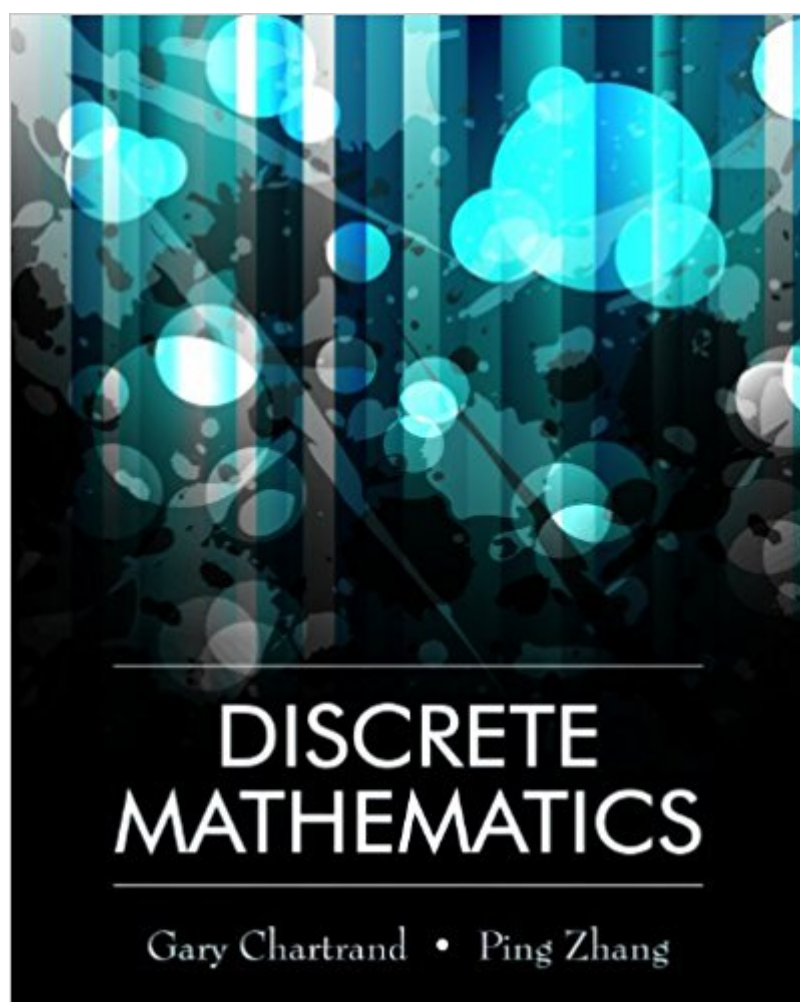


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I don't know why, but most text books on discrete math are pure garbage. This book seems very readable, I am using it to supplant the text currently being used in our class. I feel a lot more confident now that I have some real words that describe the lesson we're working on. I have not fully picked over this book yet, so it may have some gotcha I have not seen yet, but so far I really am happy I picked this up. I spent most of the semester in a panic. The only thing that might approach a complaint, is that it is missing many of the algorithms we're covering in class. Not a huge deal, but maybe room for improvement?

In my former career as a Research Physicist, I was very comfortable with continuous mathematics i.e. real numbers, calculus, PDE etc. In my current career as a software engineer / computer scientist I wanted a deeper appreciation for the algorithms, I was developing and reading about, a better feel for the mathematics underlying computer science. After surveying a number of texts - I was extremely fortunate to have found Gary Chartrand's Discrete Mathematics. Over the course of 4 months I consistently (~750 pomodoros) worked through this book, making notes, doing exercises and applying the insights into my own work. The book itself is fun to read, Chartrand, has done an excellent job, in explaining sometimes complex concepts and making them accessible to the reader. The book is extremely well written - I found myself saying wow! a few times whilst reading the book. Most importantly the book has given me such a solid foundation in my career as a software engineer, helped me breeze through various Coursera courses, and increased my appreciation for such a beautiful subject. I'm a long time out of University, but learning is a life long endeavor - to all those students looking for a gateway to Discrete Mathematics - this book makes Discrete Mathematics come alive - I highly recommend this book by Gary Chartrand.

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Very satisfied with this book, I really recommend it.

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