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Here's Looking at Euclid

Groups

Too often math gets a bad rap, characterized as dry and difficult. But, Alex Bellos says, "math can be inspiring and brilliantly creative. Mathematical thought is one of the great achievements of the human race, and arguably the foundation of all human progress. The world of mathematics is a remarkable place." Bellos has traveled all around the globe and has plunged into history to uncover fascinating stories of mathematical achievement, from the breakthroughs of Euclid, the greatest mathematician of all time, to the creations of the Zen master of origami, one of the hottest areas of mathematical work today. Taking us into the wilds of the Amazon, he tells the story of a tribe there who can count only to five and reports on the latest findings about the math instinct—including the revelation that ants can actually count how many steps they've taken. Journeying to the Bay of Bengal, he interviews a Hindu sage about the brilliant mathematical insights of the Buddha, while in Japan he visits the godfather of Sudoku and introduces the brainteasing delights of mathematical games. Exploring the mysteries of randomness, he explains why it is impossible for our iPods to truly randomly select songs. In probing the many intrigues of that most beloved of numbers, pi, he visits with two brothers so obsessed with the elusive number that they built a supercomputer in their Manhattan apartment to study it. Throughout, the journey is enhanced with a wealth of intriguing illustrations, such as of the clever puzzles known as tangrams and the crochet creation of an American math professor who suddenly realized one day that she could knit a representation of higher dimensional space that no one had

been able to visualize. Whether writing about how algebra solved Swedish traffic problems, visiting the Mental Calculation World Cup to disclose the secrets of lightning calculation, or exploring the links between pineapples and beautiful teeth, Bellos is a wonderfully engaging guide who never fails to delight even as he edifies. Here's Looking at Euclid is a rare gem that brings the beauty of math to life.

Understanding Topology

"Topology can present significant challenges for undergraduate students of mathematics and the sciences. 'Understanding topology' aims to change that. The perfect introductory topology textbook, 'Understanding topology' requires only a knowledge of calculus and a general familiarity with set theory and logic. Equally approachable and rigorous, the book's clear organization, worked examples, and concise writing style support a thorough understanding of basic topological principles. Professor Shaun V. Ault's unique emphasis on fascinating applications, from chemical dynamics to determining the shape of the universe, will engage students in a way traditional topology textbooks do not"--Back cover.

Mathematical Expeditions

Featuring strategies for solving the puzzles and computations illustrated using the SAGE open-source computer algebra system, the second edition of Adventures in Group Theory is perfect for mathematics enthusiasts and for use as a supplementary textbook.

The Art of Game Design

Secondary mathematics teachers are frequently required to take a large number of mathematics courses – including advanced mathematics courses such as abstract algebra – as part of their initial teacher preparation program and/or their continuing professional development. The content areas of advanced and secondary mathematics are closely connected. Yet, despite this connection many secondary teachers insist that such advanced mathematics is unrelated to their future professional work in the classroom. This edited volume elaborates on some of the connections between abstract algebra and secondary mathematics, including why and in what ways they may be important for secondary teachers. Notably, the volume disseminates research findings about how secondary teachers engage with, and make sense of, abstract algebra ideas, both in general and in relation to their own teaching, as well as offers itself as a place to share practical ideas and resources for secondary mathematics teacher preparation and professional development. Contributors to the book are scholars who have both experience in the mathematical preparation of secondary teachers, especially in relation to abstract algebra, as well as those who have engaged in related educational research. The volume addresses some of the persistent

issues in secondary mathematics teacher education in connection to advanced mathematics courses, as well as situates and conceptualizes different ways in which abstract algebra might be influential for teachers of algebra. Connecting Abstract Algebra to Secondary Mathematics, for Secondary Mathematics Teachers is a productive resource for mathematics teacher educators who teach capstone courses or content-focused methods courses, as well as for abstract algebra instructors interested in making connections to secondary mathematics.

Introduction to Differential Equations Using Sage

Beaten Rubik's Cube? Test your wits against 60 mind-bending logic problems set by puzzle experts, from Sudoku and Hanjie to mazes and pattern-matching. Train your brain and take up Rubik's next challenge!

Dare Me

How do the world's greatest golfers improve their game? Practice, sure, but Roland Minton says mathematics and statistics are also key to their success. *Golf by the Numbers* analyzes the mathematical strategies behind the sport, giving fans a behind-the-scenes look at how numbers drive the game. Computers, GPS trackers, swing simulators, and high-speed cameras have introduced new and exciting ways of seeing and understanding the complicated and endlessly fascinating game of golf. Players like Phil Mickelson are so good because they review the results of every swing they take. Minton's comprehensive analysis of statistics taken from the PGA Tour's ShotLink system walks readers through the mountains of data that pros use to inform and refine their play. The result is an insider's perspective of how the world's greatest golfers apply mathematics to the sport. Minton discusses randomness in golf (especially how much luck is involved in putting) as well as aggressive and cautious strategies both on and off the greens, and he explains, by the numbers, just how Tiger Woods was so dominant from 2004 to 2009. Here is a book that tells some truly engaging stories of modern golf, featuring famous players and memorable tournaments, all through the lens of elementary probability theory. Minton's informal style and clear and direct explanations make even the most detailed discussions accessible to all curious-minded golfers. His mathematical morsels are not only enjoyable to read—they may even help you improve your game.

Sandlot Stats

· Group Theory · Ring Theory · Modules and Vector Spaces · Field Theory and Galois Theory · An Introduction to Commutative Rings, Algebraic Geometry, and Homological Algebra · Introduction to the Representation Theory of Finite Groups

Symmetry and the Monster

This book presents interesting applications of abstract algebra to practical real-world problems. Especially for those whose interest in algebra is not confined to abstract theory, the text makes the study of abstract algebra more exciting and meaningful. The book is appropriate as either a text for an applied abstract algebra course or as a supplemental text for a standard course in abstract algebra. While fully developed, the algebraic theory presented is just what is required for the applications discussed in the book. This book is included in the Brooks/Cole Series in Advanced Mathematics (Series Editor: Paul Sally, Jr.).

Connecting Abstract Algebra to Secondary Mathematics, for Secondary Mathematics Teachers

"Exciting adventure into the future" Turner and Weston are brothers who constantly bicker and fight with each other, but they can agree on one thing: they both enjoy games that challenge Turner to speed-solve the Rubik's Cube. During a visit to a small country town in Tennessee, the boys discover a mysterious gemstone puzzle cube. Like any respectable cuber, Turner figures out the puzzle's solution and performs the algorithms to solve it. The boys suddenly find themselves trapped one hundred years in a future world, stranded amidst crumbling buildings with scorched walls, and surrounded by technologies that are amazing, but dangerous. With the assistance of new friends, they must work together to escape a monstrous threat they never thought possible on a journey across the exciting land in search of the one who can help them fix the cube and get back home. A wild, gripping tale full of action and mystery that's fun for all ages.

Handbook of Cubik Math

The first book by the reclusive inventor of the world's most iconic puzzle THE RUBIK'S CUBE. Erno Rubik inspires us with what he's learned in a lifetime of creating, curiosity, and discovery. Erno Rubik was a child when he first became obsessed with puzzles of all kinds. "Puzzles," he writes, "bring out important qualities in each of us: concentration, curiosity, a sense of play, the eagerness to discover a solution." To Rubik puzzles aren't just games—they're creativity machines. He encourages us to embrace our inner curiosity and find the puzzles that surround us in our everyday lives. "If you are determined, you will solve them," he writes. Rubik's own puzzle, the Cube, went on to be solved by millions worldwide for over forty years, become one of the bestselling toys of all time, and to be featured as a global symbol of intelligence and ingenuity. In Cubed, Rubik covers more than just his journey to inventing his eponymous cube. He makes a case for always being an amateur—something he has always considered himself to be. He discusses the inevitability of problems during any act of invention. He reveals what it was like to experience the astonishing worldwide success of an object he made purely for his own play. And he offers what he thinks it means to be a true creator (hint: anyone can do it). Steeped in the wisdom

and also the humility of a born inventor, Cubed offers a unique look at the imperfect science of creation.

Rubik

Alex's Adventures in Numberland

The modern classic that inspired the beloved movie starring Tom Hanks. Six foot six, 242 pounds, and possessed of a scant IQ of 70, Forrest Gump is the lovable, surprisingly savvy hero of this classic comic tale. His early life may seem inauspicious, but when the University of Alabama's football team drafts Forrest and makes him a star, it sets him on an unbelievable path that will transform him from Vietnam hero to world-class Ping-Pong player, from wrestler to entrepreneur. With a voice all his own, Forrest is telling all in a madcap romp through three decades of American history.

Applications of Abstract Algebra with MAPLE

Demonstrates how to solve math problems more quickly in one's head than with a calculator, and describes mathematical tricks and shortcuts

The Divine Proportion

David Joyner, Richard Kreminski, and Joann Turisco introduce a wide range of abstract algebra with relevant and interesting applications, from error-correcting codes to cryptography to the group theory of Rubik's cube. Each chapter includes exercises in GAP (a free computer algebra system) and MAGMA (a noncommercial computer algebra system), which are especially helpful in giving students a grasp of practical examples.

Constitutional Calculus

"Recognition of Mary Shelley's systemic dual focus on public and domestic power as the means to interrogate traditional norms and propose alternatives materially alters parochial perceptions of her objectives and her achievements. Her novels, outside of Frankenstein, and recently, The Last Man, have been dismissed as simple, mutual dissociated "romances" or experiments in genre solely to intersect with a market niche; they are neither. Rather, they and all of Mary Shelley's major works voice a cosmopolitan, socio-political reformist ideology that evolved as their author's acute awareness of world events enabled her to calibrate her literary voice to deal with unfolding rather than past societal issues. Her

multidisciplinary fusion of literature, political philosophy, and history calls for a commensurate multidisciplinary reading in order to understand the complexities of both the author and her works." —Betty T. Bennett In this book, Betty T. Bennett offers an extensively expanded version of the introduction she wrote for Pickering and Chatto's eight volume set, *The Novels and Selected Works of Mary Shelley*. Along with her insightful retelling of Mary Shelley's eventful life story, Bennett gives us a fresh reading of *Frankenstein* in the context of its author's full career. She also discusses a variety of Mary Shelley's lesser known works, including *Matilda*, *Valperga*, *The Last Man*, *Perkin Warbeck*, *Lodore*, *Falkner*, and her travel books. The result is a compelling portrait of Mary Shelley as she saw herself—an inventive, irreverent writer whose desire for political and social reform was at the heart of her literary expression for three decades.

Topics in Group Theory

Explores the aesthetic, emotional, artistic and philosophical significance of geometric figures, scientific patterns and mathematical formulas

Cubed

Imagine a giant snowflake in 196,884 dimensions This is the story of a mathematical quest that began two hundred years ago in revolutionary France, which led to the biggest collaboration ever between mathematicians across the world, and revealed the 'Monster' - a structure of beauty and complexity. And it is a story that is not yet over, for we have yet to understand the deep significance of the Monster - and its tantalising hints of connections with the physical structure of spacetime. Once we understand the full nature of the Monster, we may well have revealed a whole new and deeper understanding of the nature of our Universe.

Computational Group Theory and the Theory of Groups

Twists, Turns, and Yellow Brick Roads exposes humanity's reckless addiction to separatism and self-entitlement. Just like a Rubik's Cube, each chapter represents a precious piece within a connected puzzle. Each story reveals a twisted pursuit of one-sided outcomes and sponsors a courageous turn towards empathy, reciprocity, and self-control. Consumption Economics Common Core Education Industrialized Ecology Fundamentalist Religion Militaristic Governance What is the way home?

Twists, Turns, and Yellow Brick Roads

Text for advanced courses in group theory focuses on finite groups, with emphasis on group actions. Explores normal and arithmetical structures of groups as well as applications. 679 exercises. 1978 edition.

Federated Learning

Following the same successful approach as Dr. Burn's previous book on number theory, this text consists of a carefully constructed sequence of questions that will enable the reader, through participation, to study all the group theory covered by a conventional first university course. An introduction to vector spaces, leading to the study of linear groups, and an introduction to complex numbers, leading to the study of Möbius transformations and stereographic projection, are also included. Quaternions and their relationships to 3-dimensional isometries are covered, and the climax of the book is a study of the crystallographic groups, with a complete analysis of these groups in two dimensions.

Rubik's Brainteasers

On January 30, 1975 Ernd Rubik j r., professor of architecture and design in Budapest, was granted the Hungarian patent number 170062 for a "terbeli logikai jatek"--A game of spatial logic. Between 1978 and March 1981 this object-Bt1vos Kocka in Hungary, der Magische Wiirfel or Zauberwiirfel in Germany, le Cube Hongrois in France and the Magic Cube or Rubik' s Cube in Great Britain and the USA-has sold more than ten million copies. And they were not merely sold! A highly contagious "twist mania" has been spreading throughout families, offices and waiting rooms. Many classrooms sound as if an army of mice were hard at work behind the desks. What is so fascinating about this cube, which competes with Hungarian salami and the famous Tokajer wine in the currency-winning export market? For one thing, it is an amazing technical tool. How does it work? Moreover, the contrast between its innocent, innocuous appearance and the hidden difficulty of its solution offers a serious challenge to all puzzle fans, but especially to those mathematicians who are profeSSionally concerned with logical deduction.

Applied Abstract Algebra

Hofstadter's collection of quirky essays is unified by its primary concern: to examine the way people perceive and think.

Rubik's Cubic Compendium

"A collection of over 500 culturally and historically diverse mathematical problems carefully chosen to enrich mathematics teaching from middle school through the college level."--Provided by publisher.

Adventures in Group Theory

"Tense, dark, and beautifully written" (Gillian Flynn), this novel of friendship and betrayal from an Edgar Award-winning author is a harrowing glimpse into the dark heart of the all-American girl. Addy Hanlon has always been Beth Cassidy's best friend and trusted lieutenant. Beth calls the shots and Addy carries them out, a long-established order of things that has brought them to the pinnacle of their high-school careers. Now they're seniors who rule the intensely competitive cheer squad, feared and followed by the other girls -- until the young new coach arrives. Cool and commanding, an emissary from the adult world just beyond their reach, Coach Colette French draws Addy and the other cheerleaders into her life. Only Beth, unsettled by the new regime, remains outside Coach's golden circle, waging a subtle but vicious campaign to regain her position as "top girl" -- both with the team and with Addy herself. Then a suicide focuses a police investigation on Coach and her squad. After the first wave of shock and grief, Addy tries to uncover the truth behind the death -- and learns that the boundary between loyalty and love can be dangerous terrain. The raw passions of girlhood are brought to life in this taut, unflinching exploration of friendship, ambition, and power. Writing with "total authority and an almost desperate intensity" (Tom Perrotta), award-winning novelist Megan Abbott delivers a story as unnerving and thrilling as adolescence itself. "Spectacular . . . It's Heathers meets Fight Club good." -- Chelsea Cain, the New York Times Book Review

Golf by the Numbers

The power of general purpose computational algebra systems running on personal computers has increased rapidly in recent years. For mathematicians doing research in group theory, this means a growing set of sophisticated computational tools are now available for their use in developing new theoretical results. This volume consists of contributions by researchers invited to the AMS Special Session on Computational Group Theory held in March 2007. The main focus of the session was on the application of Computational Group Theory (CGT) to a wide range of theoretical aspects of group theory. The articles in this volume provide a variety of examples of how these computer systems helped to solve interesting theoretical problems within the discipline, such as constructions of finite simple groups, classification of p -groups via coclass, representation theory and constructions involving free nilpotent groups. The volume also includes an article by R. F. Morse highlighting applications of CGT in group theory and two survey articles. Graduate students and researchers interested in various aspects of group theory will find many examples of Computational Group Theory helping research and will recognize it as yet another tool at their disposal.

Abstract Algebra, 2Nd Ed

The mathematical concepts of abstract algebra may indeed be considered abstract, but its utility is quite concrete and

continues to grow in importance. Unfortunately, the practical application of abstract algebra typically involves extensive and cumbersome calculations-often frustrating even the most dedicated attempts to appreciate and employ its intricacies. Now, however, sophisticated mathematical software packages help obviate the need for heavy number-crunching and make fields dependent on the algebra more interesting-and more accessible. Applications of Abstract Algebra with Maple opens the door to cryptography, coding, Polya counting theory, and the many other areas dependent on abstract algebra. The authors have carefully integrated Maple V throughout the text, enabling readers to see realistic examples of the topics discussed without struggling with the computations. But the book stands well on its own if the reader does not have access to the software. The text includes a first-chapter review of the mathematics required-groups, rings, and finite fields-and a Maple tutorial in the appendix along with detailed treatments of coding, cryptography, and Polya theory applications. Applications of Abstract Algebra with Maple packs a double punch for those interested in beginning-or advancing-careers related to the applications of abstract algebra. It not only provides an in-depth introduction to the fascinating, real-world problems to which the algebra applies, it offers readers the opportunity to gain experience in using one of the leading and most respected mathematical software packages available.

Inside Rubik's Cube and Beyond

How should we count the population of the United States? What would happen if we replaced the electoral college with a direct popular vote? What are the consequences of allowing unlimited partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts? Can six-person juries yield verdicts consistent with the needs of justice? Is it racist to stop and frisk minorities at a higher rate than non-minorities? These and other questions have long been the subject of legal and political debate and are routinely decided by lawyers, politicians, judges, and voters, mostly through an appeal to common sense and tradition. But mathematician Jeff Suzuki asserts that common sense is not so common, and traditions developed long ago in what was a mostly rural, mostly agricultural, mostly isolated nation of three million might not apply to a mostly urban, mostly industrial, mostly global nation of three hundred million. In Constitutional Calculus, Suzuki guides us through the U.S. Constitution and American history to show how mathematics reveals our flaws, finds the answers we need, and moves us closer to our ideals. From the first presidential veto to the debate over mandatory drug testing, the National Security Agency's surveillance program, and the fate of death row inmates, Suzuki draws us into real-world debates and then reveals how math offers a superior compass for decision-making. Relying on iconic cases, including the convictions of the Scottsboro boys, League of United Latin American Citizens v. Perry, and Floyd v. City of New York, Suzuki shows that more math can lead to better justice, greater fairness, and a more stable democracy. Whether you are fascinated by history, math, social justice, or government, your interest will be piqued and satisfied by the convincing case Suzuki makes.

Challenging Mathematics In and Beyond the Classroom

As Derek Jeter strolls toward the plate, the announcer tosses out a smattering of statistics—from hitting streaks to batting averages. But what do the numbers mean? And how can America's favorite pastime be a model for learning about statistics? Sandlot Stats is an innovative textbook that explains the mathematical underpinnings of baseball so that students can understand the world of statistics and probability. Carefully illustrated and filled with exercises and examples, this book teaches the fundamentals of probability and statistics through the feats of baseball legends such as Hank Aaron, Joe DiMaggio, and Ted Williams—and more recent players such as Barry Bonds, Albert Pujols, and Alex Rodriguez. Exercises require only pen-and-paper or Microsoft Excel to perform the analyses. Sandlot Stats covers all the bases, including• descriptive and inferential statistics• linear regression and correlation• probability• sports betting• probability distribution functions• sampling distributions• hypothesis testing• confidence intervals• chi-square distribution Sandlot Stats offers information covered in most introductory statistics books, yet is peppered with interesting facts from the history of baseball to enhance the interest of the student and make learning fun.

Forrest Gump

The book provides a holistic approach to wine destination management and marketing by bringing together wine tourism research with research in wine and destination management. Chapters are contributed by numerous international authors offering an international and multidisciplinary perspective. The book combines fresh research approaches with international industry examples and case studies in the following key topics: understanding demand of wine destinations; New approaches and practices of wine destination marketing; innovation and design of wine destination experiences and wine routes; planning and development of wine destinations. The book analyses wine destination management and marketing issues from the perspectives of the various stakeholders of wine destinations (e.g. tourists, cellar doors, wine tourism firms, destination managers, wine associations and networks). The book is equally valuable to researchers and industry professionals alike.

Handbook of Cubic Math

A hugely enjoyable, brilliantly researched explanation of the basic principles of maths.

The Century Cube

Millions of people were -- and still are -- simultaneously bewildered, frustrated, and amazed by the problems posed by Rubik's cube. Co-written by the cube's inventor, this book serves as a comprehensive guide to the cube for both the puzzler and the mathematician. The book reveals the wealth of fascinating mathematics concealed within the cube's apparently

simple operation, and even those who have solved the cube will discover a vast number of new ideas and possibilities.

Metamagical Themas

Anyone can master the fundamentals of game design - no technological expertise is necessary. The Art of Game Design: A Book of Lenses shows that the same basic principles of psychology that work for board games, card games and athletic games also are the keys to making top-quality videogames. Good game design happens when you view your game from many different perspectives, or lenses. While touring through the unusual territory that is game design, this book gives the reader one hundred of these lenses - one hundred sets of insightful questions to ask yourself that will help make your game better. These lenses are gathered from fields as diverse as psychology, architecture, music, visual design, film, software engineering, theme park design, mathematics, writing, puzzle design, and anthropology. Anyone who reads this book will be inspired to become a better game designer - and will understand how to do it.

Topics in Applied Abstract Algebra

The theory of groups is simultaneously a branch of abstract algebra and the study of symmetry. Designed for readers approaching the subject for the first time, this book reviews all the essentials. It recaps the basic definitions and results, including Lagranges Theorem, the isomorphism theorems and group actions. Later chapters include material on chain conditions and finiteness conditions, free groups and the theory of presentations. In addition, a novel chapter of "entertainments" demonstrates an assortment of results that can be achieved with the theoretical machinery.

A Course on Finite Groups

Explains the mathematical theory of groups and how it can be used to solve Rubik's Cube and similar puzzles

A Course on Group Theory

Introduces the richness of group theory to advanced undergraduate and graduate students, concentrating on the finite aspects. Provides a wealth of exercises and problems to support self-study. Additional online resources on more challenging and more specialised topics can be used as extension material for courses, or for further independent study.

Puzzle It Out

David Joyner and Marshall Hampton's lucid textbook explains differential equations using the free and open-source mathematical software Sage. Since its release in 2005, Sage has acquired a substantial following among mathematicians, but its first user was Joyner, who is credited with helping famed mathematician William Stein turn the program into a usable and popular choice. Introduction to Differential Equations Using Sage extends Stein's work by creating a classroom tool that allows both differential equations and Sage to be taught concurrently. It's a creative and forward-thinking approach to math instruction. Topics include:

- First-Order Differential Equations
- Incorporation of Newtonian Mechanics
- Second-Order Differential Equations
- The Annihilator Method
- Using Linear Algebra with Differential Equations
- Nonlinear Systems
- Partial Differential Equations
- Romeo and Juliet

Wine Tourism Destination Management and Marketing

In the mid 1980s, the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) inaugurated a series of studies in mathematics education by commissioning one on the influence of technology and informatics on mathematics and its teaching. These studies are designed to thoroughly explore topics of c- temporary interest, by gathering together a group of experts who prepare a Study Volume that provides a considered assessment of the current state and a guide to further developments. Studies have embraced a range of issues, some central, such as the teaching of algebra, some closely related, such as the impact of history and psychology, and some looking at mathematics education from a particular perspective, such as cultural differences between East and West. These studies have been commissioned at the rate of about one per year. Once the ICMI Executive decides on the topic, one or two chairs are selected and then, in consultation with them, an International Program Committee (IPC) of about 12 experts is formed. The IPC then meets and prepares a Discussion Document that sets forth the issues and invites interested parties to submit papers. These papers are the basis for invitations to a Study Conference, at which the various dimensions of the topic are explored and a book, the Study Volume, is sketched out. The book is then put together in collaboration, mainly using electronic communication. The entire process typically takes about six years.

Mathemagics

The Handbook of Cubic Math unveils the theory involved in Rubik's Cube's solution, the potential applications of that theory to other similar puzzles, and how the cube provides a physical example for many concepts in mathematics where such examples are difficult to find. Nonetheless, the authors have been able to cover and explain these topics in a way which is easily understandable to the layman, suitable for a junior-high-school or high-school course in math, and appropriate for a college course in modern algebra. This manual will satisfy the experts' curiosity about the moves that lead to the solution of the cube and will offer a useful supplementary teaching aid to the beginners.

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Thousand of persons now are able to solve Rubik's Cube, but the solution manuals they have been using do not give them a comprehension of what they have been doing. This book supplies such a comprehension. The handbook proceeds from topics easily understandable to the layman, to topics suitable for a junior-high-school or high-school course in math, and on to subjects appropriate for a college course in modern algebra. Chapter Tree is a solution manual for those who do not yet know how to solve the cube. This solution is an intuitive one that does not require memorisation of the formulas. It may be among the fastest solutions published, since the authors retain an open 'working space' to avoid having only a restricted area for the last pieces to move in. Movements of the cube exemplify a fascinating but abstract field of mathematics known as group theory. Manipulation of the cube makes the hard-to-understand ideas of this field concrete and understandable in the manner of no other device yet invented.

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