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Central European Olympiad, A: The Mathematical Duel World Scientific

This 2004 book presents a fascinating collection of problems related to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and coaches readers through solutions.

**Probability and Expectation** American Mathematical Soc.  
 See also A SECOND STEP TO MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD PROBLEMS The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is an annual international mathematics competition held for pre-collegiate students. It is also the oldest of the international science olympiads, and competition for places is particularly fierce. This book is an amalgamation of the first 8 of 15 booklets originally produced to guide students intending to contend for placement on their country's IMO team. The material contained in this book provides an introduction to the main mathematical topics covered in the IMO, which are: Combinatorics, Geometry and Number Theory. In addition, there is a special emphasis on how to approach unseen questions in Mathematics, and model the writing of proofs. Full answers are given to all questions.

Though A First Step to Mathematical Olympiad Problems is written from the perspective of a mathematician, it is written in a way that makes it easily comprehensible to adolescents. This book is also a must-read for coaches and instructors of mathematical competitions.

**Problems and Solutions from Around the World** The Mathematical Association of America

Every year there is at least one combinatorics problem in each of the major international mathematical olympiads. These problems can only be solved with a very high level of wit and creativity. This book explains all the problem-solving techniques necessary to tackle these problems, with clear examples from recent contests. It also includes a large problem section for each topic, including hints and full solutions so that the reader can practice the material covered in the book. The material will be useful not only to participants in the olympiads and their coaches but also in university courses on combinatorics.

*A Decade of the Berkeley Math Circle* American Mathematical Soc.

This unique approach to combinatorics is centered around unconventional, essay-type combinatorial examples, followed by a number of carefully selected, challenging problems and extensive discussions of their solutions. Topics encompass

permutations and combinations, binomial coefficients and their applications, bijections, inclusions and exclusions, and generating functions. Each chapter features fully-worked problems, including many from Olympiads and other competitions, as well as a number of problems original to the authors; at the end of each chapter are further exercises to reinforce understanding, encourage creativity, and build a repertory of problem-solving techniques. The authors' previous text, "102 Combinatorial Problems," makes a fine companion volume to the present work, which is ideal for Olympiad participants and coaches, advanced high school students, undergraduates, and college instructors. The book's unusual problems and examples will interest seasoned mathematicians as well. "A Path to Combinatorics for Undergraduates" is a lively introduction not only to combinatorics, but to mathematical ingenuity, rigor, and the joy of solving puzzles.

A Resourceful Book for Young Math Enthusiasts, Their Parents, Teachers, and Mentors World Scientific

Problem-Solving Methods in Combinatorics An Approach to Olympiad Problems Springer Science & Business Media

1979-1992 Oxford Science Publications

Challenge And Thrill Of Pre-College Mathematics Is An Unusual Enrichment Text For Mathematics Of Classes 9, 10, 11 And 12 For Use By Students And Teachers Who Are Not Content With The Average Level That Routine Text Dare Not Transcend In View Of Their Mass Clientele. It Covers Geometry, Algebra And Trigonometry Plus A Little Of Combinatorics. Number Theory And Probability. It Is Written Specifically For The Top Half Whose Ambition Is To Excel And Rise To The Peak Without Finding The Journey A Forced Uphill Task. The Undercurrent Of The Book Is To Motivate The Student To Enjoy The Pleasures Of A Mathematical Pursuit And Of Problem Solving. More Than 300 Worked Out Problems (Several Of Them From National And International Olympiads) Share With The Student The Strategy, The Excitement, Motivation, Modeling, Manipulation, Abstraction, Notation And Ingenuity That Together Make Mathematics. This Would Be The Starting Point For The Student, Of A Life-Long Friendship With A Sound Mathematical Way Of Thinking. There Are Two Reasons Why The Book Should Be In The Hands Of Every School Or College Student, (Whether He Belongs To A Mathematics Stream Or Not) One, If He Likes Mathematics And, Two, If He Does Not Like Mathematics- The Former, So That The Cramped Robot-Type Treatment In The Classroom Does Not Make Him Into The Latter; And The Latter So That By The Time He Is Halfway Through The Book, He Will Invite Himself Into The Former.

Problem-Solving Methods in Combinatorics An Approach to Olympiad Problems

The topics contained in this book are best suited for advanced fourth and fifth graders as well as for extremely talented third graders or for anyone preparing for AMC 8 or similar mathematics contests. The concepts and problems presented could be used as an enrichment material by teachers, parents, math coaches, or in math clubs and circles.

**From the Training of the USA IMO Team** Cambridge University Press

A textbook suitable for undergraduate courses. The materials are presented very explicitly so that students will find it very easy to read. A wide range of examples, about 500 combinatorial problems taken from various mathematical competitions and exercises are also included.

**A Problem-Based Approach** Aops Incorporated

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**Introduction to Algebra** American Mathematical Soc.

In China, lots of excellent students who are good at maths takes an active part in various maths contests and the best six senior high school students will be selected to form the IMO National Team to compete in the International Mathematical Olympiad. In the past ten years China's IMO Team has achieved outstanding results -- they have won the first place almost every year. The author is one of the coaches of China's IMO National Team, whose students have won many gold medals many times in IMO. This book is part of the Mathematical Olympiad Series which discusses several aspects related to maths contests, such as algebra, number theory, combinatorics, graph theory and geometry. The book elaborates on methods of discrete extremization, such as inequality control, repeated extremum, partial adjustment, exploiting symmetry, polishing transform, space estimates, etc.

**Combinatorics** Wiley Global Education

This text provides a theoretical background for several topics in combinatorial mathematics, such as enumerative combinatorics (including partitions and Burnside's lemma), magic and Latin squares, graph theory, extremal combinatorics, mathematical games and elementary probability. A number of examples are given with explanations while the book also provides more than 300 exercises of different levels of difficulty that are arranged at the end of each chapter, and more than 130 additional challenging problems, including problems from mathematical olympiads. Solutions or hints to all exercises and problems are included. The book can be used by secondary school students preparing for mathematical competitions, by their instructors, and by undergraduate students. The book may also be useful for graduate students and for researchers that apply combinatorial methods in different areas.

**A Second Step to Mathematical Olympiad Problems** Amer Mathematical Society

Any high school student preparing for the American Mathematics Competitions should get their hands on a copy of this book! A major aspect of mathematical training and its benefit to society is the ability to use logic to solve problems. The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) have been given for more than fifty years to millions of high school students. This book considers the basic ideas behind the solutions to the majority of these problems, and presents examples and exercises from past exams to illustrate the concepts. Anyone taking the AMC exams or helping students prepare for them will find many useful ideas here. But people generally interested in logical problem solving should also find the problems and their solutions interesting. This book will promote interest in mathematics by providing students with the tools to attack problems that occur on mathematical problem-solving exams, and specifically to level the playing field for those who do not have access to the enrichment programs that are common at the top academic high schools. The book can

be used either for self-study or to give people who want to help students prepare for mathematics exams easy access to topic-oriented material and samples of problems based on that material. This is useful for teachers who want to hold special sessions for students, but it is equally valuable for parents who have children with mathematical interest and ability. As students' problem solving abilities improve, they will be able to comprehend more difficult concepts requiring greater mathematical ingenuity. They will be taking their first steps towards becoming math Olympians!

*Problems in Combinatorics, Arithmetic, and Geometry* Aops Incorporated

This challenging problem book by renowned US Olympiad coaches, mathematics teachers, and researchers develops a multitude of problem-solving skills needed to excel in mathematical contests and in mathematical research in number theory. Offering inspiration and intellectual delight, the problems throughout the book encourage students to express their ideas in writing to explain how they conceive problems, what conjectures they make, and what conclusions they reach. Applying specific techniques and strategies, readers will acquire a solid understanding of the fundamental concepts and ideas of number theory.

First Steps for Math Olympians: Using the American Mathematics Competitions World Scientific Publishing Company

Contained here are solutions to challenging problems from algebra, geometry, combinatorics and number theory featured in the earlier book, together with selected questions (without solutions) from national and regional Olympiads given during the year 2000. Intended for the serious student/problem solver, these books can help to improve performance in the Mathematical Olympiad competition. However, for those not entering the competition, there is much to challenge any mathematician, even those with advanced degrees. Different nations have different mathematical cultures, so you will find that some of the questions are extremely difficult and some rather easy. There are a wide variety of problems especially from those countries that have often done well in the IMO. Anyone interested in mathematical problem solving will encounter some beautiful mathematics in the pages of this book. If you are up to a real challenge, take some of these problems on!

**Problem-Solving Strategies** Amer Mathematical Society  
"...offer[s] a challenging exploration of problem solving mathematics and preparation for programs such as MATHCOUNTS and the American Mathematics Competition."--  
Back cover

**An Approach to Olympiad Problems** Springer Science & Business Media

Combinatorics is a subject of increasing importance, owing to its links with computer science, statistics and algebra. This is a textbook aimed at second-year undergraduates to beginning graduates. It stresses common techniques (such as generating functions and recursive construction) which underlie the great variety of subject matter and also stresses the fact that a constructive or algorithmic proof is more valuable than an existence proof. The book is divided into two parts, the second at a higher level and with a wider range than the first. Historical notes are included which give a wider perspective on the subject. More advanced topics are given as projects and there are a number of exercises, some with solutions given.

**The American Experience, Volume II** Birkhäuser

"102 Combinatorial Problems" consists of carefully selected

problems that have been used in the training and testing of the USA International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) team. Key features: \* Provides in-depth enrichment in the important areas of combinatorics by reorganizing and enhancing problem-solving tactics and strategies \* Topics include: combinatorial arguments and identities, generating functions, graph theory, recursive relations, sums and products, probability, number theory, polynomials, theory of equations, complex numbers in geometry, algorithmic proofs, combinatorial and advanced geometry, functional equations and classical inequalities The book is systematically organized, gradually building combinatorial skills and techniques and broadening the student's view of mathematics. Aside from its practical use in training teachers and students engaged in mathematical competitions, it is a source of enrichment that is bound to stimulate interest in a variety of mathematical areas that are tangential to combinatorics.

**Solving Mathematical Problems** Springer Science & Business Media

Mathematical Olympiad Treasures aims at building a bridge between ordinary high school exercises and more sophisticated, intricate and abstract concepts in undergraduate mathematics. The book contains a stimulating collection of problems in the subjects of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, number theory and combinatorics. While it may be considered a sequel to "Mathematical Olympiad Challenges," the focus is on engaging a wider audience to apply techniques and strategies to real-world problems. Throughout the book students are encouraged to express their ideas, conjectures, and conclusions in writing. The goal is to help readers develop a host of new mathematical tools that will be useful beyond the classroom and in a number of disciplines.

*A Problem-Based Approach* Springer Science & Business Media  
Annotation. This text provides basic knowledge on how to solve combinatorial problems in mathematical competitions, and also introduces important solutions to combinatorial problems and some typical problems with often-used solutions.

**U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiads, 1972-1986** OUP Oxford  
This book contains the most interesting problems from the first 24 years of the "Mathematical Duel," an annual international mathematics competition between the students of four schools: the Gymnázium Mikuláše Koperníka in Bílovec, Czech Republic, the Akademicki Zespół Szkół Ogólnokształcących in Chorzów, Poland, the Bundesrealgymnasium Kepler in Graz, Austria and the Gymnázium Jakuba Škody in Přerov, Czech Republic. The problems are presented by topic, grouped under the headings Geometry, Combinatorics, Number Theory and Algebra, which is typical for olympiad-style competitions. Above all, it is of interest to students preparing for mathematics competitions as well as teachers looking for material to prepare their students, as well as mathematically interested enthusiasts from all walks of life looking for an intellectual challenge. Contents:  
Introduction  
Number Theory  
Algebra  
Combinatorics  
Geometry  
4! Years of Problems  
Readership: General public, students and teachers preparing for olympiad-style mathematical competitions  
Keywords: Mathematics Competition; Problem Solving  
Review: Key Features: The wide selection of problems makes it especially interesting for students and teachers preparing for olympiad-style mathematical competitions  
The participants in this particular competition range in age from 13 to 18, and the problems are created with this wide range in mind  
Any interested reader is bound to find something interesting to suit their own level of experience

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