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*Elements of a Theory of Problems and Problem Solving* Springer

This book shows how problems can be the vehicle for learning mathematics itself, and presents a comprehensive pedagogy based on classroom discourse, assessment, critical and creative thinking.

*Mathematics as Problem Solving* Princeton University Press

This book is a rare resource consisting of problems and solutions similar to those seen in mathematics contests from around the world. It is an excellent training

resource for high school students who plan to participate in mathematics contests, and a wonderful collection of problems that can be used by teachers who wish to offer their advanced students some challenging nontraditional problems to work on to build their problem solving skills. It is also an excellent source of problems for the mathematical hobbyist who enjoys solving problems on various levels. Problems are organized by topic and level of difficulty and are cross-referenced by type, making finding many problems of a similar genre easy. An appendix with the mathematical formulas needed to solve the problems has been

included for the reader's convenience. We expect that this book will expand the mathematical knowledge and help sharpen the skills of students in high schools, universities and beyond. Contents: Arithmetic and Logic Algebra Geometry Trigonometry Logarithms Counting Number Theory Probability Functional Equations Readership: High school students, teachers and general public interested in exciting mathematics problems. [Solving Mathematical Problems](#) Springer A unique collection of competition problems from over twenty major national and international mathematical competitions for high school students. Written

for trainers and participants of contests of all levels up to the highest level, this will appeal to high school teachers conducting a mathematics club who need a range of simple to complex problems and to those instructors wishing to pose a "problem of the week", thus bringing a creative atmosphere into the classrooms. Equally, this is a must-have for individuals interested in solving difficult and challenging problems. Each chapter starts with typical examples illustrating the central concepts and is followed by a number of carefully selected problems and their solutions. Most of the solutions are complete, but some merely point to the road leading to the final solution. In addition to being a valuable resource of mathematical problems and solution strategies, this is the most complete training book on the market.

An Introduction to Mathematical Thinking  
OUP Oxford

This book is intended to help candidates prepare for entrance examinations in mathematics and scientific subjects, including STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper).

STEP is an examination used by Cambridge colleges as the basis for conditional offers. They are also used by Warwick University, and many other mathematics departments recommend that their applicants practice on the past papers even if they do not take the examination. *Advanced Problems in Mathematics* is recommended as preparation for any undergraduate mathematics course, even for students who do not plan to take the Sixth Term Examination Paper. The questions analysed in this book are all based on recent STEP questions selected to address the syllabus for Papers I and II, which is the A-level core (i.e. C1 to C4) with a few additions. Each question is followed by a comment and a full solution. The comments direct the reader's attention to key points and put the question in its true mathematical context. The solutions point students to the methodology required to address advanced mathematical problems critically and independently. This book is a must read for any student wishing to apply to scientific subjects at

university level and for anybody interested in advanced mathematics. Youngsters Solving Mathematical Problems with Technology Rowman & Littlefield

A Classroom-Tested, Alternative Approach to Teaching Math for Liberal Arts Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Problem Solving: An Introduction to Mathematical Thinking uses puzzles and paradoxes to introduce basic principles of mathematical thought. The text is designed for students in liberal arts mathematics courses. Decision-making situations that progress *Mathematics as Problem Solving* Mathematical Problem Solving The art or skill of problem solving in mathematics is mostly relegated to the strategies one can use to solve problems in the field. Although this book addresses that issue, it delves deeply into the psychological aspects that affect successful problem-solving. Such topics as decision-making, judgment, and reasoning as well as using memory effectively and a discussion of the thought processes that could help address certain problem-solving situations. Most books that address

problem-solving and mathematics focus on the various skills. This book goes beyond that and investigates the psychological aspects to solving problems in mathematics.

*Discovering Mathematics*  
World Scientific

Seven problem-solving techniques include inference, classification of action sequences, subgoals, contradiction, working backward, relations between problems, and mathematical representation. Also, problems from mathematics, science, and engineering with complete solutions.

**High school** Lawrence Erlbaum Associates  
Fascinating approach to mathematical teaching stresses use of recreational problems, puzzles, and games to teach critical thinking. Logic, number and graph theory, games of strategy, much more. Includes answers to selected problems. Free solutions manual available for download at the Dover website.

*Mathematics Problem-Solving Challenges for Secondary School Students and Beyond*  
American Mathematical Soc.

A perennial bestseller by eminent mathematician G. Polya, *How to Solve It* will show anyone in any field how to think straight. In lucid and appealing prose, Polya reveals how the mathematical method of demonstrating a proof or finding an unknown can be of help in attacking any problem that can be "reasoned" out—from building a bridge to winning a game of anagrams. Generations of readers have relished Polya's deft—indeed, brilliant—instructions on stripping away irrelevancies and going straight to the heart of the problem.

*Street-Fighting Mathematics*  
World Scientific

A provocative collection of papers containing comprehensive reviews of previous research, teaching techniques, and pointers for direction of future study. Provides both a comprehensive assessment of the latest research on mathematical problem solving, with special emphasis on its teaching, and an attempt to increase communication across the active disciplines in this area.

**Ready-to-Use Activities Based on Real-Life Situations, Grades 6-12**

Routledge  
Authored by a leading name in mathematics, this engaging and clearly presented text leads the reader through the tactics involved in solving mathematical problems at the Mathematical Olympiad level. With numerous exercises and assuming only basic mathematics, this text is ideal for students of 14 years and above in pure mathematics.

*Activities for Sense Making with the Mathematical Practices*  
Springer Science & Business Media

This second edition of the popular math teaching resource book *Math Stories for Problem Solving Success* offers updated true-to-life situations designed to motivate teenagers to use math skills for solving everyday problems. The book features intriguing short stories followed by sets of problems related to the stories that are correlated to the standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Each of the easy-to-read stories is followed by three increasingly difficult groups of problem sets. This makes it simple for teachers to select the appropriate problem set

for students of different abilities and at different grade levels. To further enhance student involvement, the stories feature recurring characters and can be used either sequentially or out of order. The problems in the book cover many basic math topics, including decimals, fractions, and percents; measurement; geometry; data, statistics, and probability; algebra; and problem solving. In addition to having all the answers, an Answer Key at the end of the book offers explanations and background information about the problems that can be helpful to both teachers and students. *Math Stories for Problem Solving Success* will help you show students that math is something they are already using every day.

*Advances and New Perspectives* CRC Press  
Various elementary techniques for solving problems in algebra, geometry, and combinatorics are explored in this second edition of *Mathematics as Problem Solving*. Each new chapter builds on the previous one, allowing the reader to uncover new methods for using logic to solve problems. Topics

are presented in self-contained chapters, with classical solutions as well as Soifer's own discoveries. With roughly 200 different problems, the reader is challenged to approach problems from different angles. *Mathematics as Problem Solving* is aimed at students from high school through undergraduate levels and beyond, educators, and the general reader interested in the methods of mathematical problem solving.

[Problem-Solving Strategies](#) Open Book Publishers

This book contributes to the field of mathematical problem solving by exploring current themes, trends and research perspectives. It does so by addressing five broad and related dimensions: problem solving heuristics, problem solving and technology, inquiry and problem posing in mathematics education, assessment of and through problem solving, and the problem solving environment. Mathematical problem solving has long been recognized as an important aspect of mathematics, teaching mathematics, and learning mathematics. It

has influenced mathematics curricula around the world, with calls for the teaching of problem solving as well as the teaching of mathematics through problem solving. And as such, it has been of interest to mathematics education researchers for as long as the field has existed. Research in this area has generally aimed at understanding and relating the processes involved in solving problems to students' development of mathematical knowledge and problem solving skills. The accumulated knowledge and field developments have included conceptual frameworks for characterizing learners' success in problem solving activities, cognitive, metacognitive, social and affective analysis, curriculum proposals, and ways to promote problem solving approaches.

[A Pedagogical Approach from Japan](#) Elsevier

Examples help explain the seven basic mathematical problem-solving methods, including inference, classification of action sequences, working backward, and contradiction

**Problem Solving in**

### Primary Mathematics

Springer Science & Business Media  
 Mathematics educators have long recognised the importance of helping students to develop problem-solving skills. More recently, they have searched for the best ways to provide their students with the knowledge encompassed in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This volume is one in a series from NCTM that equips classroom teachers with targeted, highly effective problems for achieving both goals at once. The 44 problems and tasks for students in this book are organised into the major areas of the high school Common Core: algebra, functions, geometry, statistics and probability, and number and quantity. Examples of modelling, the other main CCSS area, are incorporated throughout. Every domain that is required of all mathematics students is represented. For each task, teachers will find a rich, engaging problem or set of problems to use as a lesson starting point. An accompanying discussion ties these tasks to the specific Common Core domains and clusters they help to explore. Follow-up sections highlight the

relevant CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice that students will engage in as they work on these problems. This book provides high school mathematics teachers with dozens of problems they can use as is, adapt for their classrooms, or be inspired by while creating related problems on other topics. For every mathematics educator, the books in this series will help to illuminate a crucial link between problem solving and the Common Core State Standards.

*Exploring Mathematics*  
 Wiley Global Education  
 Are you having trouble in finding Tier II intervention materials for elementary students who are struggling in math? Are you hungry for effective instructional strategies that will address students' conceptual gap in additive and multiplicative math problem solving? Are you searching for a powerful and generalizable problem solving approach that will help those who are left behind in meeting the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (CCSSM)? If so, this book is the answer for you. • The conceptual model-based problem solving (COMPS) program emphasizes mathematical

modeling and algebraic representation of mathematical relations in equations, which are in line with the new Common Core. •  
 "Through building most fundamental concepts pertinent to additive and multiplicative reasoning and making the connection between concrete and abstract modeling, students were prepared to go above and beyond concrete level of operation and be able to use mathematical models to solve more complex real-world problems. As the connection is made between the concrete model (or students' existing knowledge scheme) and the symbolic mathematical algorithm, the abstract mathematical models are no longer "alien" to the students." As Ms. Karen Combs, Director of Elementary Education of Lafayette School Corporation in Indiana, testified: "It really worked with our kids!" • "One hallmark of mathematical understanding is the ability to justify,... why a particular mathematical statement is true or where a mathematical rule comes from" (<http://illustrativemathematics.org/standards>). Through making

connections between mathematical ideas, the COMPS program makes explicit the reasoning behind math, which has the potential to promote a powerful transfer of knowledge by applying the learned conception to solve other problems in new contexts. • Dr. Yan Ping Xin's book contains essential tools for teachers to help students with learning disabilities or difficulties close the gap in mathematics word problem solving. I have witnessed many struggling students use these strategies to solve word problems and gain confidence as learners of mathematics. This book is a valuable resource for general and special education teachers of mathematics. - Casey Hord, PhD, University of Cincinnati  
Mathematical Problem Solving Springer  
 Have you ever faced a mathematical problem and had no idea how to approach it? Or perhaps you had an idea but got stuck halfway through? This book guides you in developing your creativity, as it takes you on a voyage of discovery into mathematics. Readers will not only learn strategies for solving problems and logical

reasoning, but they will also learn about the importance of proofs and various proof techniques. Other topics covered include recursion, mathematical induction, graphs, counting, elementary number theory, and the pigeonhole, extremal and invariance principles. Designed to help students make the transition from secondary school to university level, this book provides readers with a refreshing look at mathematics and deep insights into universal principles that are valuable far beyond the scope of this book. Aimed especially at undergraduate and secondary school students as well as teachers, this book will appeal to anyone interested in mathematics. Only basic secondary school mathematics is required, including an understanding of numbers and elementary geometry, but no calculus. Including numerous exercises, with hints provided, this textbook is suitable for self-study and use alongside lecture courses.  
Math Stories For Problem Solving Success W.H. Freeman

This book features mathematical problems and results that would be of interest to all mathematicians, but especially undergraduates (and even high school students) who participate in mathematical competitions such as the International Math Olympiads and Putnam Competition. The format is a dialogue between a professor and eight students in a summer problem solving camp and allows for a conversational approach to the problems as well as some mathematical humor and a few nonmathematical digressions. The problems have been selected for their entertainment value, elegance, trickiness, and unexpectedness, and have a wide range of difficulty, from trivial to horrendous. They range over a wide variety of topics including combinatorics, algebra, probability, geometry, and set theory. Most of the problems have not appeared before in a problem or expository format. A Notes section at the end of the book gives historical information and references.  
Problem Solving in Mathematics Education John Wiley & Sons

Appealing to everyone from college-level majors to independent learners, *The Art and Craft of Problem Solving*, 3rd Edition introduces a problem-solving approach to mathematics, as opposed to the traditional

exercises approach. The goal of *The Art and Craft of Problem Solving* is to develop strong problem solving skills, which it achieves by encouraging students to do math rather than just study it.

Paul Zeitz draws upon his experience as a coach for the international mathematics Olympiad to give students an enhanced sense of mathematics and the ability to investigate and solve problems.