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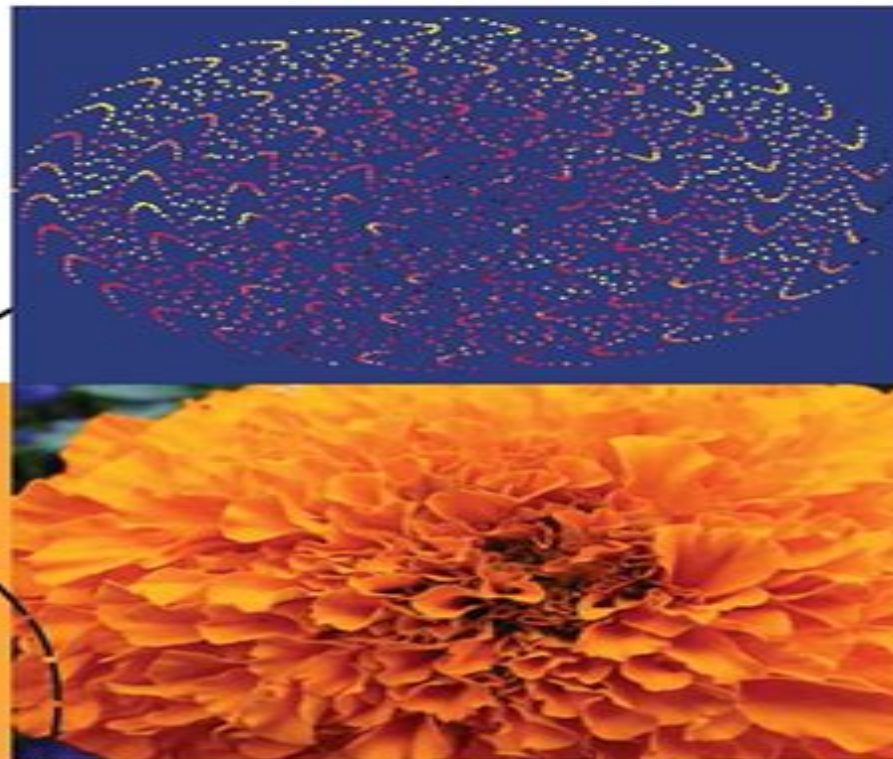
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by the axiomatic method does not account for a large number of basic features of mathematics By using the heuristic approach this book argues that mathematics is not theorem proving by the axiomatic method but is rather problem solving by the analytic method The author argues that this view can account for the main items of the mathematical process those being mathematical objects demonstrations definitions diagrams notations explanations applicability beauty and the role of mathematical knowledge <u>Computations and Computing Devices in Mathematics Education Before the Advent of Electronic Calculators</u> Alexei Volkov,Viktor Freiman,2019-01-11 This volume traces back the history of interaction between the computational or algorithmic aspects of elementary mathematics and mathematics education throughout ages More specifically the examples of mathematical practices analyzed by the historians of mathematics and mathematics education who authored the chapters in the present collection show that the development and in some cases decline of counting devices and related computational practices needs to be considered within a particular context to which they arguably belonged namely the context of mathematics instruction in their contributions the authors also explore the role that the instruments played in formation of didactical approaches in various mathematical traditions stretching from Ancient Mesopotamia to the 20th century Europe and North America **Rethinking Logic: Logic in Relation to Mathematics, Evolution, and Method** Carlo Cellucci,2013-10-09 This volume examines the limitations of mathematical logic and proposes a new approach to logic intended to overcome them To this end the book compares mathematical logic with earlier views of logic both in the ancient and in the modern age including those of Plato Aristotle Bacon Descartes Leibniz and Kant From the comparison it is apparent that a basic limitation of mathematical logic is that it narrows down the scope of logic confining it to the study of deduction without providing tools for discovering anything new As a result mathematical logic has had little impact on scientific practice Therefore this volume proposes a view of logic according to which logic is intended first of all to provide rules of discovery that is non deductive rules for finding hypotheses to solve problems This is essential if logic is to play any relevant role in mathematics science and even philosophy To comply with this view of logic this volume formulates several rules of discovery such as induction analogy generalization specialization metaphor metonymy definition and diagrams A logic based on such rules is basically a logic of discovery and involves a new view of the relation of logic to evolution language reason method and knowledge particularly mathematical knowledge It also involves a new view of the relation of philosophy to knowledge This book puts forward such new views trying to open again many doors that the founding fathers of mathematical logic had closed historically trigger *Unity and Disunity and Other Mathematical Essays* Philip J. Davis,2015 This book is a mathematical potpourri Its material originated in classroom presentations formal lectures sections of earlier books book reviews or just things written by the author for his own pleasure Written in a nontechnical fashion this book expresses the unique vision and attitude of the author towards the role of mathematics in society It contains observations or incidental remarks on mathematics its nature its impacts on education and science and technology its

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