

Mathematics and its applications are amphibians that live between common sense and the irrelevance of common sense, between what is intuitive and what is counterintuitive, between the obvious and the esoteric. The tension that exists between these pairs of opposites is a source of its creative strength.

Addressed to all who are curious about mathematics and who wonder about its nature and the role it plays in society, this book provides discussions and examples from the simple to the more abstruse.

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