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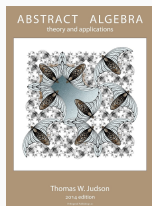
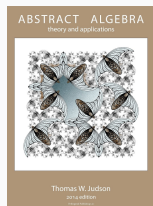
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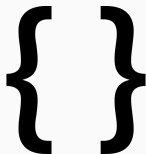
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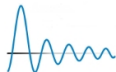


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- Accessibility features
- MathJax for math, Google for fonts
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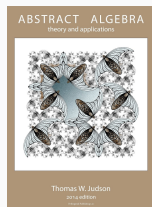


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Abstract Algebra Demonstration

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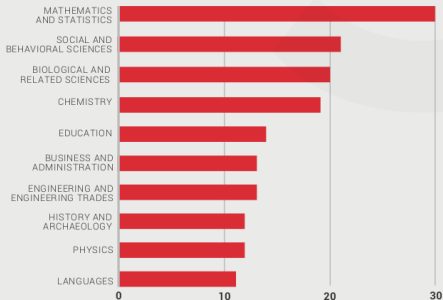
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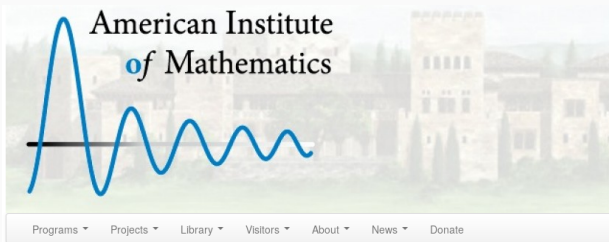
KEY INSIGHT #3: MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS IS THE ACADEMIC SUBJECT WITH THE MOST OER TRACTION

Institutions were asked to note which academic subjects had the greatest OER traction. Amongst the 65 institutions that answered this question, mathematics and statistics ranked the highest with nearly half (30) indicating it had traction, followed by social and behavioural sciences (22), biological and related sciences (21), and chemistry (20). Figure 6 depicts the top 10 academic subjects with the most OER traction.

Figure 6. Top 10 academic subjects with the most OER traction.



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^ Combinatorics

[Applied Combinatorics](#)

Mitchel T. Keller and William T. Trotter

[Combinatorics Through Guided Discovery](#)

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[Foundations of Combinatorics with Applications](#)

Edward A. Bender and S. Gill Williamson

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Bogart's Combinatorics Through Guided Discovery

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Combinatorics Through Guided Discovery

Kenneth P. Bogart

Digital versions	PDF and HTML
PreTeXt source	Yes
Exercises	Yes
Solutions	Solution manual available to instructors
License	GNU Free Documentation License

- Text for a first course in combinatorics
- Copyright 2004 by author
- 200 pages, 6 chapters, 3 supplemental sections
- Over 400 exercises, many with hints
- Paperback version available for about \$9
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As the title suggests this book is designed for a "discovery method" course. The heart of the book is the hundreds of exercises that guide the student through the key ideas of enumerative combinatorics and a brief introduction to graph theory. The exercises are marked with special symbols to indicate their role in the course, for example, whether they are essential or motivational. The chapter titles are

1. What is Combinatorics?
2. Applications of Induction and Recursion in Combinatorics and Graphy Theory
3. Distribution Problems
4. Generating Functions
5. The Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion
6. Groups Acting on Sets

The three supplemental sections deal with relations, mathematical induction, and exponential generating functions.

This book is the result of an NSF project led by Ken Bogart and is currently maintained by the Mathematics Department of Dartmouth College.



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 - theorem: title, statement, proof
- Sensible abbreviations
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 - m, me, md/mrow
- Consistent element use
 - title
 - introduction
 - xref, xml:id
- Only three dangerous characters: &, <, >
- Simple rules for special (escaped) characters
- Schema for element relationships, validation



PreTeXt Example

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    is <m> $f'(x)=nx^{n-1}$ </m>.</p>
  </statement>

  <proof>
    <p>Apply induction to the product
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    using <xref ref="product-rule"/>.</p>
  </proof>
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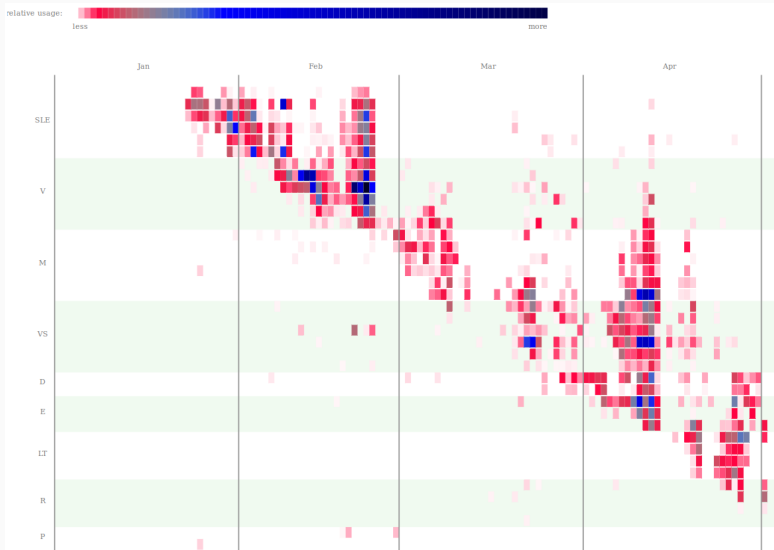
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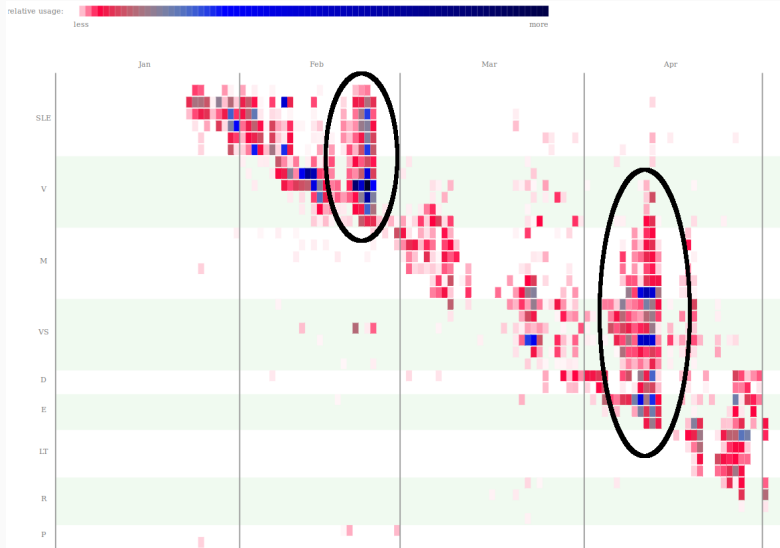
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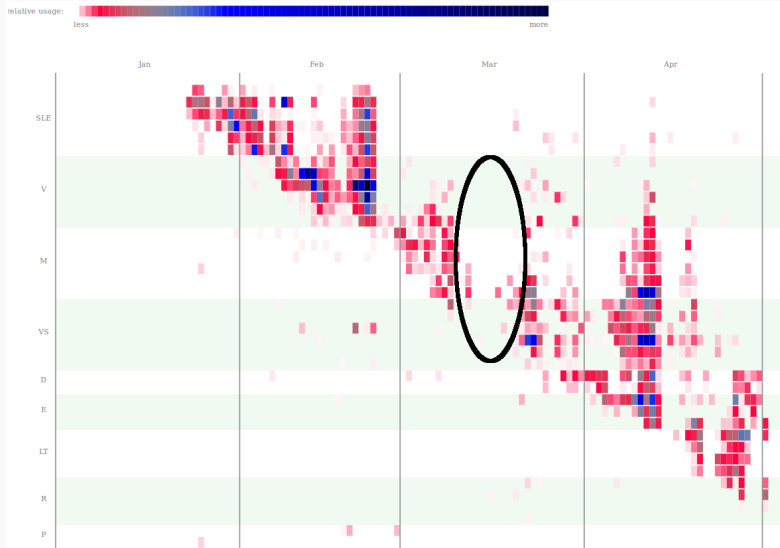
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