

# Re: Out-of-print math books: An Update

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On 08 Oct 2008 16:14:44 -0400, Bill Dubuque  
<[wgd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:wgd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

While you're cheerfully admiring the "beauty" of your "neat rows of books on the shelf", the rest of us will forge ahead and gladly exploit the many advantages of ebooks. While you're admiring the patterns on your bookshelf, we'll be admiring the patterns in highly complex mathematical objects that we couldn't dream of comprehending in a lifetime constrained by the inefficiencies and limitations of paper books.

That's a strong claim. Can you support it with an example?  
(Just an outline would be fine – I'd be unlikely to understand a detailed account)

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