

ERRATA FOR

“Proofs and Fundamentals: A First Course in Abstract Mathematics”

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Below is an updated list of errata. The fault for all the errors in the book is my own, and I offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by the errors in the book.

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Page	Line/Item	Text	Comment/Should be
19	1. -3	$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P)$	Should be $(\neg(P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow (P \vee Q)$
29	Exercise 1.3.8 (5)	“give him a hug”	Should be “you should give him a hug”
34	1. 3	“Fact1.3.1”	Should be “Fact 1.3.1”
43	1. -3		Remove the quotation mark at the end of the line
54	Exercise 1.5.11 (4)	$\neg(\forall x \text{ in } W)[M(y)]$	Should be $\neg(\forall x \text{ in } W)[M(x)]$
68	1. -15	“ n^2 is even”	Should be “ n^2 is odd”
68	1. -14	“ $n^2 = 2j$ ”	Should be “ $n^2 = 2j + 1$ ”

73	l. -14	“A important proof”	Should be “An important proof”
77	l. -7	“some”	Should be “for some”
74	Exercise 2.3.6		Should be “Let c be an integer such that $c \geq 2$, and that c is not a prime number. Show that there is an integer b such that $b \geq 2$, that $b c$ and $b \leq \sqrt{c}$.”
80	Exercise 2.4.7	“Let n be an odd integer”	Should be “Let n be an integer”
81	Exercise 2.4.11 (3)		Insert “If $x, y \geq 0$, then” at the start of the line
90	l. -1	“does affect its truth”	Should be “does not affect its truth”
94	l. 20	“does get in the way”	Should be “does not get in the way”
102	l. -8	“ $10^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \neq 0$ ”	Should be “ $10^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 > 0$ ”
102	l. -6	“ $10^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \neq 0$ ”	Should be “ $10^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 > 0$ ”
102	l. -7	“equations”	Should be “equation”
105	l. -6	“the have”	Should be “the need”
114	l. -2	“Then $b \in B$ ”	Should be “Then $a \in B$ ”
114	l. -1	“Then $a \in A$ ”	Should be “Then $b \in A$ ”
116	Exercise 3.2.1 (3)	“ $\{2, 3, \dots, 11\}$ ”	Should be “ $\{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 11\}$ ”
127	Exercise 3.3.9	“that $(X - A) \cap B$ ”	Should be “that $(X - A) \cap B$ ”
131	l. -5	“(i)”	Should be “(ii)”
131	l. -3	“(i)”	Should be “(ii)”
132	Exercise 3.4.2 (6)	“ $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} E_k = \mathbb{N}$ ”	Should be “ $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} E_k = \mathbb{Z}$ ”

145	Exercise 4.1.8	$\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in X \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in X - A. \end{cases}$	Should be $\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in X - A. \end{cases}$
146	l. -1	$f^*([\sqrt{-8}, \sqrt{-7}]) = \emptyset$	Should be $f^*([-8, -7]) = \emptyset$
153	l. 12	$g \circ f: B \rightarrow C$	Should be $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$
159	Exercise 4.3.7 (1)	$f(x) = x $	Should be $h(x) = x $
159	Exercise 4.3.7 (2)	$h(x) = e^{x^2}$	Should be $k(x) = e^{x^2}$
168	Exercise 4.4.13		Change “must be” to “is” in four places
174	l. -11	$\mathcal{B}(A)B$	Should be $\mathcal{B}(A, B)$
190	Exercise 5.2.6 (1)	“Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.”	Should be “Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.”
190	Exercise 5.2.6 (2)	“Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.”	Should be “Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that c is not a multiple of n .”
190	Exercise 5.2.7	“Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ”	Should be “Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $n > 1$ ”
209	l. 14	“Let A, B be finite sets.”	Should be “Let A be a finite set.”
235	Exercise 6.3.2	$1 + 2n < 3^n$	Should be $1 + 2n \leq 3^n$
235	Exercise 6.3.11	$\prod_{i=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{i}{i^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$	Should be $\prod_{i=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{i^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$
239	l. -16	“phyllo-taxis”	Should be “phyllotaxis”
284	Exercise 7.4.10 (1)	$x \preceq y$ iff $f(x) \subseteq f(y)$	Should be $x \preceq z$ iff $f(x) \subseteq f(z)$
379	Hint 1.2.2		Delete “(though a false one)”
394	Hint 6.4.10		This hint should be placed after the hint for 6.4.8