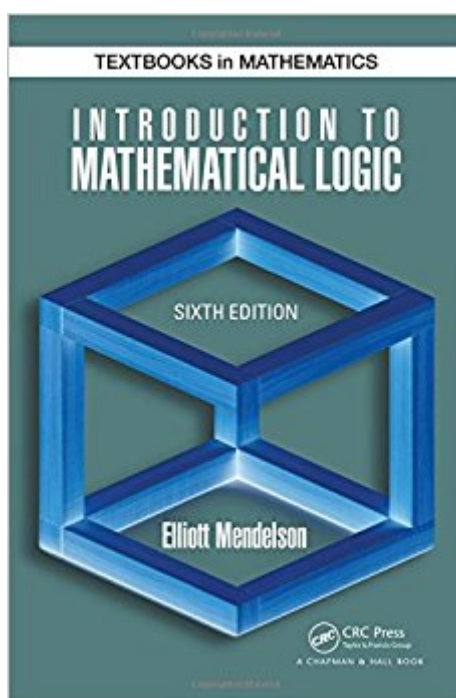


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An excellent book in every way! I heartily recommend it for its clear coverage of main topics and its breadth!

I don't like this book. Here are the reasons:1) How could the subscript font still be so unreadable - this is the 6th edition. The "i" and "j" subscripts are nearly impossible to decipher.2) The material in this book is dense and each page requires several re-reads to gain a clear understanding. This is true in most advanced Mathematics, but it seems unnecessarily complicated. A much clearer book is Hamilton's "Logic for

Mathematicians".<https://www..com/Logic-Mathematicians-G-Hamilton/dp/05213686503>) The book has plenty of problems, and provides some complete answers in the back of the book. But, it doesn't have enough examples, which makes it difficult to decide how to even begin some problems.4) The book doesn't do a good job of introducing major sections, i.e. providing the reasons and motivation for the next section. Hamilton is much better in this regard.You're probably stuck with this book because, like me, it is required for a course. It's apparently the gold standard. Another source may or may not help. For example, there are different approaches and terminology between this book and Hamilton.

This edition has some publication annoyances, not the content. First, script fonts are unreadable

with faint letters, and it should not be allowed in this high price book. Second, headers are written as "Introduction to Mathematical Logic" in all even pages of the book, so it's useless to catch which section I am reading. Third, the "Appendix C" uses logic symbols of the first edition, so it's inconsistent to the notations given in the main body.

This book certainly has breadth. It's ok as a reference book, but it's very poor as an introductory text. The guy who gave it 5 stars obviously knew the material before he read it here. A far better introduction is "A Profile of Mathematical Logic" by the philosopher Howard DeLong.

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