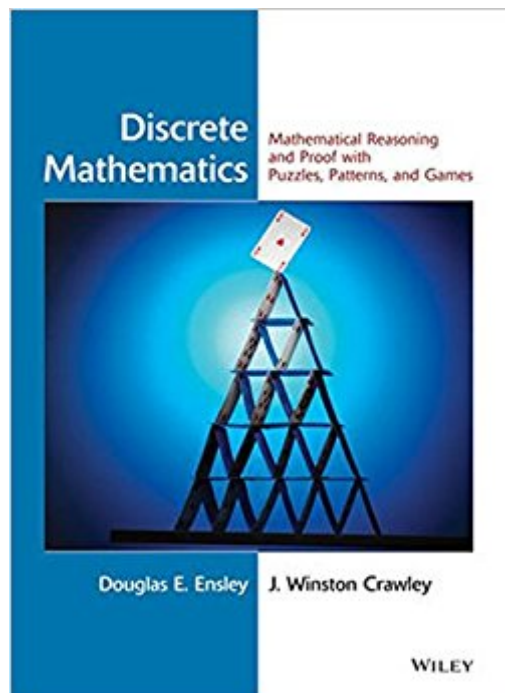




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This was purported to be a complete solutions manual. Rather, it's just the answers in the back of the book gussied up in fancy packaging and sold as a stand alone. Deceptive and deceitful.

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This is a great book. The authors present things very clearly and it's easy to follow. The authors put quite a lot of personality into the text as well, this made it pretty enjoyable to read through before/after lectures.

This student solutions manual only includes the solutions that are already in the back of the book. Some of them give more explanation, but some of the confusing solutions only give the same answer as the textbook. It doesn't seem worth the expense if there isn't a lot to help me understand the process, how to solve problems.

This book is a reminder to me of the fun in math. The explanations are clear and the examples are sufficient to cover the material.

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