

CS201

MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE I

LECTURE 1

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# REFERENCE BOOKS

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- Discrete mathematics, by Norman Biggs.
- Introduction to combinatorial mathematics, by Chung Liu.
- Elementary number theory, by David Burton.



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  - ▶ Every mathematical statement can be expressed as properties of a set.
  - ▶ For example:

Every integer can be uniquely expressed as product of prime numbers  
can be restated as:  
No element repeats in the set of products of prime numbers and the  
set equals the set of integers.

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