EDITORIAL

Dear *Crux* readers,

Summer is conference time for us academic types. So I have been meeting lots of new people and catching up with many old friends. And I’ve been talking to people about *Crux*, about what they think the journal is and what they think it should be: there indeed are as many opinions as there are people! But one thing is for certain – with the departure of Mayhem, the publication has lost some of its younger audiences, younger whether in age or problem solving savvy. So I would like to open the *Crux* door just a little wider to invite more people into the world of mathematical problem solving.

I have also gotten great response on the recent *Crux* materials and I am happy to continue to include articles on the introduction to various research areas through problem solving. As I mentioned before, I will also be featuring a “From the Archives” section that will include materials published in Russian in *Kvant*. If you know any other non-English journals that you feel the *Crux* audience would benefit from, please let me know. Finally, I am looking forward to publishing historical notes that highlight mathematical development through the years and expose us to new (or, rather, quite old!) ways of looking at familiar objects.

As always, I’m happy to hear from you, so drop me a line at crux-editors@cms.math.ca.

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Math Quotes

Perhaps the most surprising thing about mathematics is that it is so surprising. The rules which we make up at the beginning seem ordinary and inevitable, but it is impossible to foresee their consequences. These have only been found out by long study, extending over many centuries. Much of our knowledge is due to a comparatively few great mathematicians such as Newton, Euler, Gauss, or Riemann; few careers can have been more satisfying than theirs. They have contributed something to human thought even more lasting than great literature, since it is independent of language.


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