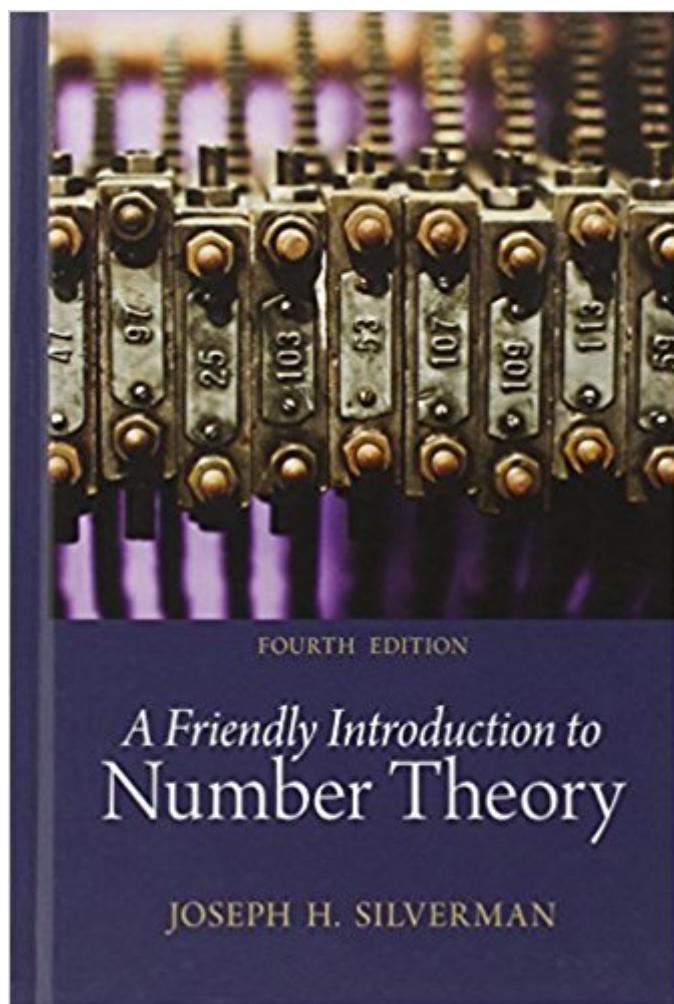


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Needed it for a text in a number theory course. Not bad

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