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Dear reader,

Thank you for taking the time to read this draft of a portion of my book. My spacemonkeys are still hard at work, although they are starting to get hungry. Donations of spacemonkey food are welcome.

I would also greatly appreciate any feedback you care to give me, whether mathematical, stylistic, grammatical, typographical, historical, or hysterical; anything at all from “this chapter makes no sense” to “you used the subjunctive incorrectly on page 68.” I’m no Don Knuth, but if you send me feedback I can at least promise you immortal glory in a list of acknowledgments. Some general questions you may wish to consider include: are there parts you find particularly interesting/funny/stupid/boring/confusing? Do you have a suggestion for making something better? Are the problems (and solutions) helpful/too hard/too easy? Did you learn anything?

In addition, if you are _____, I would be especially interested to know . . .

- **A student:** is it interesting? Is it motivating? Are there any parts you find confusing or uninteresting?
- **An educator:** would you use any portions of the book in your classes? Do you know any students who would appreciate it? Are there any particular changes or additions which would make it more useful to you?
- **A trapeze artist:** don’t you get scared? What is it like being a trapeze artist?

I am also particularly looking for additional problems; coming up with interesting and instructive problems can be quite difficult and I don’t yet have enough. If you know of or invent any problems which you think would work well in a particular chapter, I would love to include them (with proper attribution, of course!).

You’re welcome to email me your comments (byorgey@gmail.com), or print out a chapter and give it back to me with the addition of your scribbled comments (the former may be more convenient, whereas the latter may be more fun). Scribbled comments may be sent to 610 North Carolina Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Thanks again—happy reading!
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