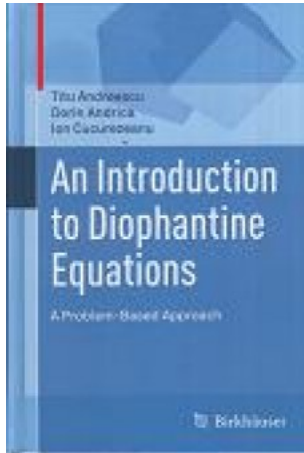


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An Introduction to Diophantine Equations: A Problem-Based Approach is intended for undergraduates, advanced high school students and teachers, mathematical contest participants _ including Olympiad and Putnam competitors _ as well as readers interested in essential mathematics. The work uniquely presents unconventional and non-routine examples, ideas, and techniques.