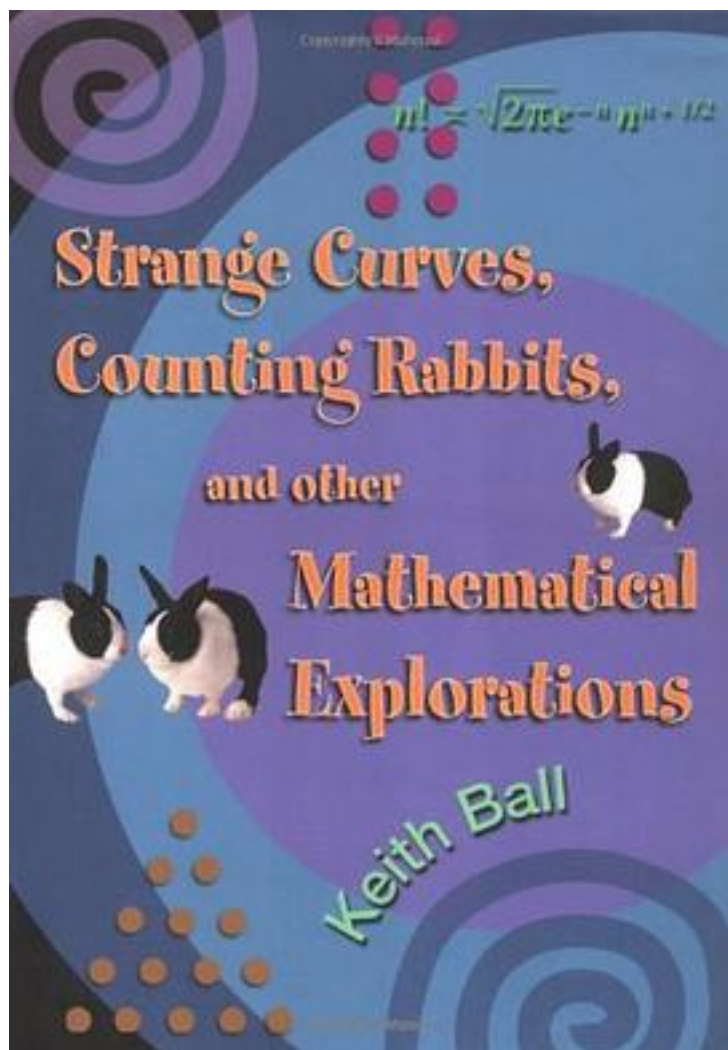# Strange Curves, Counting Rabbits, and Other Mathematical Explorations

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