Record Nr. UNINA9910437874903321 Autore Pisanski Tomaz Titolo Configurations from a Graphical Viewpoint / / by Tomaz Pisanski, **Brigitte Servatius** Boston, MA:,: Birkhäuser Boston:,: Imprint: Birkhäuser,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8176-8364-X Edizione [1st ed. 2013.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (288 p.) Collana Birkhäuser Advanced Texts Basler Lehrbücher, , 2296-4894 Disciplina 511.5 Soggetti Graph theory Geometry Discrete mathematics **Topology** Geometry, Algebraic Graph Theory Discrete Mathematics Algebraic Geometry Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 265-269) and index. Nota di contenuto Preface -- Introduction -- Graphs -- Groups, Actions, and Symmetry -- Maps -- Combinatorial Configurations -- Geometric Configurations -- Index -- Bibliography. Configurations can be studied from a graph-theoretical viewpoint via Sommario/riassunto the so-called Levi graphs and lie at the heart of graphs, groups, surfaces, and geometries, all of which are very active areas of mathematical exploration. In this self-contained textbook, algebraic graph theory is used to introduce groups; topological graph theory is used to explore surfaces; and geometric graph theory is implemented to analyze incidence geometries. After a preview of configurations in Chapter 1, a concise introduction to graph theory is presented in

Chapter 2, followed by a geometric introduction to groups in Chapter 3. Maps and surfaces are combinatorially treated in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 introduces the concept of incidence structure through vertex colored graphs, and the combinatorial aspects of classical configurations are studied. Geometric aspects, some historical remarks, references, and

applications of classical configurations appear in the last chapter. With over two hundred illustrations, challenging exercises at the end of each chapter, a comprehensive bibliography, and a set of open problems, Configurations from a Graphical Viewpoint is well suited for a graduate graph theory course, an advanced undergraduate seminar, or a self-contained reference for mathematicians and researchers.