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**Judea Pearl\***, Department of Computer Science, 4732 Boelter Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095. *The Mathematics of Cause and Effect*.

I will review concepts, principles, and mathematical tools that were found useful in applications involving causal relationships (J. Pearl, *Causality*, Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition, 2009). The principles are based on structural-model semantics, in which functional (or counterfactual) relations represent autonomous physical processes. This semantical framework, enriched with a few ideas from logic and graph theory, gives rise to a complete, coherent, and friendly calculus that resolves long-standing problems involving causal and counterfactual relationships. These include questions of policy analysis, responsibility assignment and mapping the data-generating mechanisms. (Received August 06, 2010)