

Introduction/Survey of Woodard's Mathematics

In the following discussion of Woodard's mathematics, I will discuss the Jordan-curve theorem: what it states, how it is applied, and what Woodard did to prove it. This theorem was the basis of one of Woodard's three papers, On two dimensional analysis situs with special reference to the Jordan-curve theorem. Woodard was able to develop a concrete proof of this theorem after much hard work and time. He was also one of the first mathematicians to call this concept by the name Jordan-curve theorem.