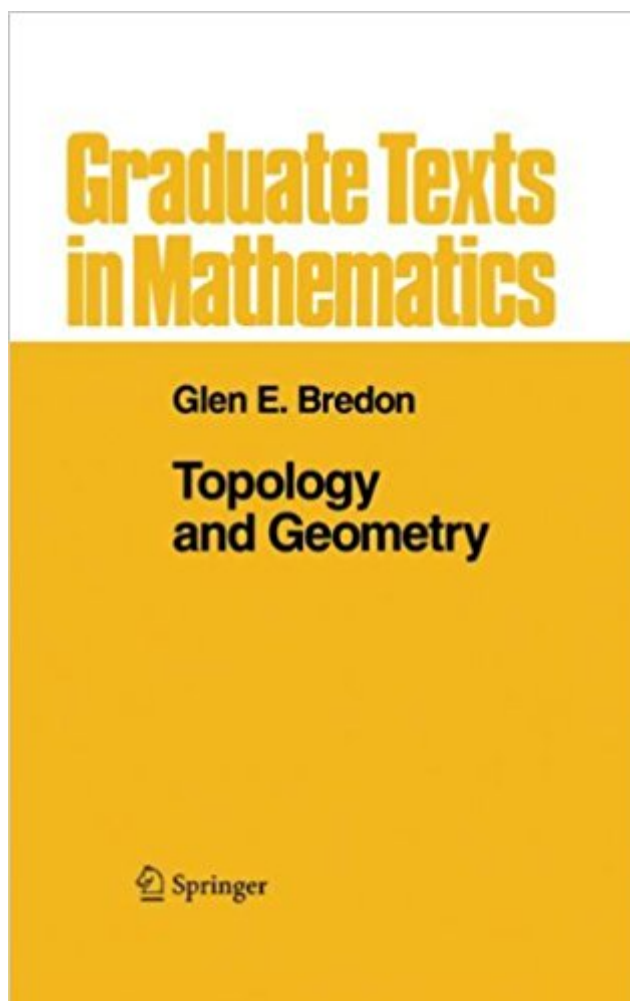


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I actually did not like this book as a first year grad student. The treatment of general topology is sufficient, but not the best (the author doesn't make any claims that it is either). I think this is a good book for those that are interested in getting into topology and also want to understand the relationship between topology and differential geometry. My research is starting to move in the

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Wide background in a lot of algebra and analysis is required just to make sense of the first chapters. More of a reference than a text.

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If you want to learn topology, this book is the place. Though this text can require some maturity, the range of topics and the clarity of exposition are outstanding. My only complaint is that an additional appendix covering the basics of category theory would have been quite useful. Bredon not infrequently uses the language of category theory (though always in a non-essential way). Since this text is aimed at 1st year graduate students, I think the tacit assumption that the student has already encountered these topics is not justified. That such a minor point is my chief complaint speaks volumes of my esteem for this text.

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