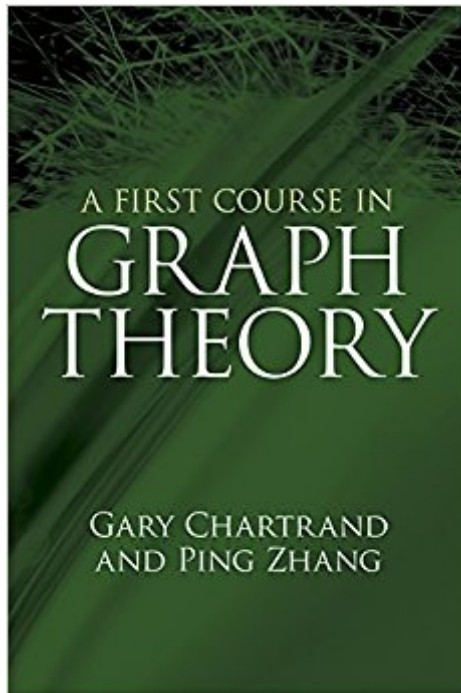




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# **A First Course In Graph Theory (Dover Books On Mathematics)**



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Gary Chartrand and Ping Zhang are Professors of Mathematics at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Gary Chartrand is the author of several books on graph theory, including Dover's bestselling *Introductory Graph Theory*. Ping Zhang is the coauthor of several college-level books on graph theory and other areas of mathematics.

I will offer a brief review from the perspective of an instructor. I like this text quite a bit. It covers all the fundamental topics one would expect to see in an intro graph theory course. In fact, there is more than enough material to fit in one semester. Also, there are enough challenging excursions for

interested and/or talented students. The exercises follow the typical order, that being relatively easy to more difficult. Overall, a good book with a clear and precise exposition.

I'm using this book as supplemental reading to another good book on Graph Theory (Gross and Yellen). I find the presentation of Professors Chartrand and Zhang very engaging, lucid and fluid. The book does a great job in making abstract theorems tangible and building the student's intuition. Finding a book of this quality at this price point is a rarity these days... And the two professors should be praised for bringing this book to market. Hopefully, it will serve to popularize this very interesting field of mathematics.

I taught a special topics undergraduate course from this book, to a class of about 10 students. One of my favorite classes ever, in a 20+ year career. The authors did a lovely job of organizing topics into chapters that form a thorough but readable sampler. There are excellent exercises also to explore each topic. I highly recommend this to anyone wanting to learn about Graph Theory through self-study, or to other instructors wanting a sound introductory textbook. I am so glad it is available from Dover too!

Simply awesome.. If you are going into high end development or you are a college kid.. It will benefit both!! I was trying to understand data mining and graph databases! Graph theory and standard results about graphs will benefit you hugely before you dive into those fields.

This book does a good job of covering the fundamentals of graph theory and should be accessible to anyone comfortable with basic set theory and linear algebra. The odd-numbered problems have solutions or hints in the back, making it handy for self-study.

I am not a Math major but this book helped me learn Graph Theory on my own. It was full of illustrations, and the organization is really good. Most of the famous theorems are accompanied by their proofs.

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