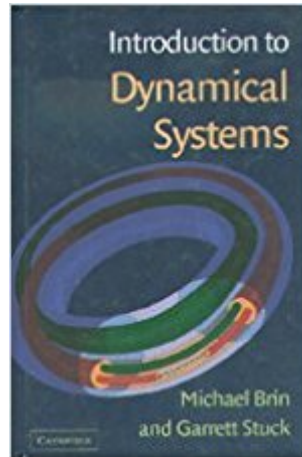




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I can understand the disparaging reviews of this book, but this book is a graduate textbook requiring significant mathematical maturity. Consequently, the author, in my opinion, is right to expect students of higher maths to fill in the blanks and mentally construct their own example. This book is my favorite as a comprehensive introduction to dynamical systems since it supplies enough details to help with pursuing research on the subject.

The author is a very good mathematician (and a grandfather of Google) so I was expecting a short and lucid introduction to dynamical system. Imagine my sadness when I found the book barely comprehensible. Apparently, the author learned his writing skills in Russian in the 60s, where paper was scarce, and any sort of explanation was viewed a waste thereof. If you actually want to understand dynamics, Katok/Hasselblatt's Introduction to the Modern Theory of Dynamical Systems (Encyclopedia of Mathematics and its Applications) is vastly superior.

So far I have found this book to include many of the classic and meaningful examples of Dynamical Systems, and has appropriate exercise for a graduate level course. So, I'll give it a good rating based solely on its use for researchers and advanced math students. However, it is very terse. Do not pick this up expecting a lot of discussion about the topics. Most of the time it is basically a list of definitions and theorem/proof's with exercises. Because of that it is great for use in a class, but might be a little difficult for independent learning. It could use a few more pictures, too.

This book was mostly our lecture notes for a year long course at University of Maryland. We helped find typos in it and I have read most of this material very carefully. It is exceedingly concise. It is a good introduction if you have access to classes themselves; otherwise, it is a rather quick way for an advanced reader to learn about some major topics in Dynamical systems. If you have time,

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