

# Re: Bringing out-of-print math books into print

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On Apr 21, 11:32 am, "Timothy Y. Chow" <[tc...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:tc...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

In article <[fu7m6e\\$4r...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:fu7m6e$4r...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,

That may be, but I don't believe you can make such a judgment a priori. Potentially, the site could become a reliable source of information. It would then take only one enlightened publisher to use that information and profit from it, and then other publishers would sit up and take notice.

Have you tried suggesting to the authors of the books you are interested in that they

- retrieve the copyright from the publisher;
- make a scan available online (eg., by giving GoogleBooks or its rival permission to do this);
- send the files to a print-on-demand publisher so that everyone can buy a copy.

It seems to me that this will achieve essentially the same thing as going through Dover or AMS but will be vastly easier.

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