BOOK REVIEWS

I. FOUNDATIONS & BASIC METHODS


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The book provides an elementary tutorial presentation on computational methods in fluid mechanics. The authors intend this book to serve as a survey of mathematical fundamentals which provide foundation for the computational fluid dynamics. As a result of this focus, the book is suitable as a textbook for a first course in CFD. The underlying philosophy of the authors is that the theory of linear algebra provides a basic mathematical framework for understanding numerical methods. Hence, the material presented emphasizes fundamental concepts of numerical methods in which the partial differential equations are reduced to ordinary differential equations, and finally to the difference equations, i.e., to the linear system of algebraic equations.

The book begins with an outline of the basic equations. The authors leading concept is to explain fundamentals of CFD on the basis of simple model equations, isolating physical characteristics of the complete set of equations. Therefore, after a brief introduction to the Euler and Navier-Stokes equations, the two basic models are discussed in more details: diffusion and convection equations. In the following chapter, the concept of finite-difference approximation to partial derivatives is explained. The basic issues in constructing differenting schemes for solving partial differential equations using matrix operators are given. The Fourier error analysis is applied to estimate the accuracy of a finite-difference scheme. An extensive discussion of the difference operators at boundaries is exemplified for two selected model equations, linear convection and diffusion. The two strategies for obtaining finite-difference approximation for time dependent problems are discussed using the basic concept of the biconvection and diffusion model equations, with fundamental analysis of properties of solutions expressed in real and eigenspace.

In Chapter 5, the reader finds the basics of finite-volume approximation and the discussion on advantages of using integral form of the model equations. The next two chapters describe, in detail, the theory and implementation of time-marching discretization methods, including their stability and the accuracy analysis. Chapter 8 gives several practical hints for applying time-marching methods to the specific problem. The concept of the numerical stiffness is used to classify stability of particular discrete approximation. This chapter can be very valuable for the end users of CFD methods, helping them to select appropriate numerical approach to the physical problem studied. In principle, the first eight chapters may appear to be sufficient to explain the basic mathematics of CFD modeling. The three chapters following them form a practical handbook of different CFD approaches, describing methodology for designing, analyzing, and choosing time-marching methods. The description of properties and applications of several classical relaxation methods gives good introduction to iterative techniques accelerating solution of large systems of equations. It is followed by a very brief description of the idea of constructing multigrid computational domain. The important problem of numerical dissipation is elucidated for few typical schemes in Chapter 11. The last two chapters present and analyze split and factored algorithms.

The book is well written and well organized. It can be easily adopted as a textbook for senior or graduate students studying numerical methods of fluid mechanics. Practice exercises are provided at the end of each chapter, some of them expecting the reader to write his own computer codes. This reviewer would regard Fundamentals of Computational Fluid Dynamics as essential to anyone planning to use CFD modeling. The emphasis of the book is on understanding basic mathematics underlying the discretization ideology. However, this book is not a practical handbook of numerical methods. The emphasis of the book is on the mathematical aspects of CFD with limited attention on the physics of the problems solved. Therefore, inexperienced readers may have difficulties in applying knowledge gained here to construct their own codes for solving practical problems of fluid mechanics.


This book can be considered as a solid reference book containing most of the concepts of static (and quasi-static) mechanics. As such, it first introduces the fundamentals of material behavior, discussing its response and providing data interpretation rules. In his “Introduction,” the author sets the stage by clearly differentiating the various loading rates and their effects on the material response. He also explains why it is preferable to use tensorial calculus when studying the mechanics of deformable media. Both Cartesian as well as curvilinear tensors are introduced in Chapter 1 and Appendix A, respectively. The reader is then exposed to the next logical topics of stress and strains, fundamental concepts in Chapters 2 and 3. Basic assumptions and conventions are clearly stated; the continuum mechanics principles such as conservation and compatibility are also introduced. It should be pointed out that at the end of each chapter, the author has given a number of example problems with their solutions as well as some additional exercises. In addition, he has provided recommended further reading lists. Chapter 3 also introduces the reader to kinematics via sequential configurations.

In Chapter 4, the author critically reviews the fundamental thermodynamics concepts, emphasizing the assumptions and limitations. In addition, Chapter 5 discusses the various material behaviors. Hence, the first five chapters, which constitutes more than 50% of this book, provide the proper foundation for the remainder of the chapters.

Elastic response material is dealt with first in Chapter 6 from a classical elasticity point of view, both linear as well as nonlinear. The book contains a few classical examples. Unfortunately, this chapter does not contain any example problems or exercises. Inelastic and time-dependent deformations...
are introduced in Chapter 7. Both strain hardening and elasto-plastic modeling are covered in detail. At the end of the chapter, the author also discusses in some detail creep and relaxation, emphasizing the time-dependent behavior of some modern man-made materials, such as high polymers and composites. Finally, Chapter 8 covers the visco- and thermovisco-elasticity.

As already mentioned earlier, the three appendices provide the reader with some mathematical background required to be able to follow some of the complex derivations. This is rather useful as the reader is not obliged to refer to other mathematical books.


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Random heterogeneous materials are those composed of randomly distributed phases or different material domains such as composites or materials with voids. The various domains forming the microstructure have macroscopic properties because they are larger than molecules. A major problem is to develop a rigorous method of characterizing the microstructure. Probability functions are used to describe the various microstructures, whether heterogeneous, homogeneous, isotropic, etc. A canonical n-point correlation function provides a unified means to describe arbitrary microstructures. The presentation is restricted to microstructures which are independent of time.

Several idealized models of the microstructure are presented. In a hard sphere model, the ill-defined idea of randomly closed packed spheres is replaced by the well-defined idea of a maximally random jammed configuration. The degree of penetrability and the distribution of radii of the spheres are adjusted to represent different types of microstructures. Anisotropy is modeled with ellipsoidal or cylindrical inclusions. Some hierarchical laminates have optimal transport properties. Foams or some biological materials are better modeled by the space-filling cell structures described. Percolation is modeled using the idea of clusters, a connected group of the random elements.

The Monte Carlo method is used to produce both equilibrium and non-equilibrium realizations of random media. The idea is to generate a random microstructure and then study its properties. An appendix lists a FORTRAN program to create an equilibrium configuration of uniform hard disks.

The second part of the book studies the relation of the bulk effective properties to the microstructure of a random heterogeneous material. The probability characterization of the microstructure given in the first part are used to compute the effective bulk properties in the four different areas of conduction, elasticity, trapping, and flow in porous media. The study is generally restricted to ergodic two-phase random media. In each case, a local linear constitutive model is assumed, as is local statistical homogeneity. The focus is on steady-state behavior. The resulting elasticity theory permits definition of linear viscoelasticity through the correspondence principle.

Processes are represented by averaged, or homogenized, partial differential equations. The averaging requires two length scales, one for the microstructure and one for the bulk material. Generally, the response is composed of a slow component due to the global scale including the applied loads and a fast component due to the microstructure. The averaging is carried out subject to conservation relations.

Variational principles are used to bound the values of the properties, which in general cannot be computed exactly. Exceptions are some periodic microstructures, the Hashin-Shtrikman isotropic dispersion of spheres, or the hierarchical laminates. Single inclusion problems are solved and used to estimate the dependence of effective properties on volume fraction and inclusion shape. Trial fields to determine bounds on the properties, using the variational principles, are developed for the four classes of example effective properties. The results of the first part of the book are used to compute the bounds in two-phase random heterogeneous materials. The book ends by examining the problem of determining one effective property from information about others.

This book is part of an Applied Mathematics series, and it primarily concerns the mathematical analysis of random structures. This work can serve as a foundation for those who wish to design random heterogeneous structures with specified bulk properties. A major contribution of the book is to clearly and rigorously explain the statistical characterization of the microstructure of these materials as a foundation for an analysis of effective properties. This theory, at least to the extent developed in this book, only produces linear models for the bulk properties of solids; nonlinear behavior is not covered.

The intended interdisciplinary audience is graduate students and researchers in fields such as applied mathematics, physics, chemistry, materials science, engineering, geology, and biology. The suggested prerequisites are the basics of probability, statistical mechanics, advanced calculus, and continuum mechanics. The author’s stated attempt to avoid technical jargon is largely successful. An extensive reference list is provided. Random Heterogeneous Materials: Microstructure and Macroscopic Properties should become a standard reference for those beginning a study of random heterogeneous media.


The Complex Variable Boundary Element Method (CVBEM) is a numerical technique useful in developing approximations of boundary value problems involving the Laplace and Poisson partial differential equations. Because the CVBEM is based upon the Cauchy integral theorem of complex variables, it has so far been limited to 2D geometry applications. In this book, the geometry barrier is removed as the author extends the CVBEM to solving 3D problems.

The text features a detailed overview of the CVBEM, as well as details of its development into three- and higher-dimensional geometries. A computer program listing and several application problems are also included.


Describing methods for the transformation of the domain integrals to the boundary, this book includes both analytical and numerical techniques. The analytical methods featured include particular solutions, Green Integrals and the Multiple Reciprocity Method, while the numerical techniques reviewed include developments in the Dual Reciprocity Method, advanced type of basis functions, and others. Applications covered range from anisotropic materials and plates to piezoelectric problems.


Provided a unified introduction to the underlying ideas of the Boundary Element Method (BEM), this book places emphasis on the principles of the method, rather than implementation. Mathematics, when used, is explained in context while mathematical details that might otherwise obscure the text are contained in appendices. The mathematically worked examples to reinforce understanding while, to aid practice, trial problems are also given in each chapter. Another feature is the algorithmic approach to the derivation of the governing equations which enables readers new to the BEM to make more rapid progress.


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II. DYNAMICS & VIBRATION


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The authors' aim is to provide a textbook giving insight about the methods used in Analytical Mechanics and which are related to abstract concepts like generalized parameters, virtual displacements, and variational principles. In contrast with other textbooks, the authors did not assume that the basic knowledge of kinematics and dynamics is familiar to the reader; the transition to this abstract presentation of the fundamental laws of mechanics is performed very gradually. The result is a book involving altogether topics related to elementary backgrounds (suitable for first-year graduate students) about dynamics of particles and rigid bodies and advanced theoretical part (useful for undergraduate senior students).

The book involves 12 chapters, each of them is followed by a list of references and a great amount of homework problems. The fundamental laws of Mechanics are presented in the first chapter. Only systems of particles or plane motions of rigid bodies are considered in this chapter. Several topics (kinematics of rigid bodies, radius of gyration, center of percussion...) are introduced, but some other basic concepts like Galilean frame, relative and absolute velocities, Coriolis acceleration... are missing and will be presented only in Chapter 4. This reviewer is not convinced that this first chapter is very suitable. For first level students, a more detailed presentation is needed, and for senior students, all these concepts are known.

Chapter 2 deals with more interesting topics such as generalized coordinates, classification of constraints, virtual works principle, and generalized forces. However, in this part, only systems of particles are considered, and the fundamental distinction between external and internal forces is not underlined. Several elementary concepts are presented in Chapters 3 and 4, like potential and kinetics energies, linear and angular momentum vectors, relative motions, and transformation of coordinates systems. The Foucault's pendulum gives an interesting example of these topics. In Chapter 5, an introduction to Kepler's laws and to orbital motion is presented.

Chapter 6 deals with Lagrange equations for holonomic and non-holonomic systems. First integrals are introduced for systems with cyclic coordinates. A great amount of examples are solved. The next two chapters are devoted to basic knowledges about inertia tensors, principal axes of inertia and dynamics of rigid bodies. As an example, the motion of the spinning top is solved.

Chapter 9 presents variational methods. Hamilton's and the least action principle are derived, together with Hamilton's equations. Canonical transformations and Hamilton-Jacobi equations are studied in Chapter 10; Lagrange and Poisson brackets are also introduced.

An interesting classification of dynamics systems is given at the beginning of Chapter 11, devoted to vibrations. Then the linear vibrations of single-degree-of-freedom systems are investigated. The forced vibrations are also considered for harmonic and arbitrary excitation forces. For multi-degree-of-freedom systems, usual modal analysis is presented for undamped and damped cases.

The last chapter provides an introduction to numerical methods. Several explicit and implicit numerical schemes are presented for the integration of linear dynamical systems. An example of a non-linear system is then solved by means of these numerical methods in order to underline the problems encountered in this case.

In conclusion, this reviewer thinks that this book is without doubt very useful at a time when many students, and even many scientists, think that Analytical Mechanics belongs to the past. Several interesting examples of the use of these methods may be found in this book. In spite of rather numerous printing mistakes in the text, the book is clearly written with a lot of good quality figures. This reviewer thinks that Advanced Dynamics can be used by senior students and also scientists involved in systems dynamics and interested in analytical methods rather than numerical methods.
parameter. He finds several basic structural conditions aiming at the existence of a well-behaved solution. If the parameter is set to zero, also, he demonstrates a first general theorem on the existence of a traveling wave solution. Zumbrun presents a comprehensive treatment of shock stability for systems including both multidimensional and regularizing effects based on the Evans function technique. No simple summary of this article is adequate for the amount of materials presented in it. The main contribution, by his own word, is to reduce the study of viscous shock stability to the study of generalized spectrum conditions: the first a purely ODE problem and the second, mainly linear algebraic. The latter, augmented with a viscous condition, is verified as a necessary condition for stability, and furnishes a myriad of examples of both multi- and one-dimensional viscous instability through the literature on inviscid shock dynamics. The former allows the numerical detection of Poincare-Hopf or other interesting bifurcations not captured by inviscid analysis.

The article by Smoller and Temple on classes of shock wave solutions to the Einstein equations is exciting and provocative. The characterization by the editors that it constitutes a whole new area of research is not far from the truth. They looked at the question that many of us pondered about, but did not (or could not) do anything about: that is, could the big bang be a shock wave? If so, what are the mathematical and physical conditions that allow such an interpretation? It is provocative, because it offers alternative views of the standard model for cosmology—that there is a shock wave present at the leading edge of the universe. It is speculative in that it assumes a state for cosmology—that there is a shock wave interpretation? It is provocative, because it of- }
pended variables with a canonical form of a system of linear and semi-linear equations, and ii) the hyperbolic system in more than two variables together with propagation of discontinuities of first order derivatives along rays is given. In Chapter 3, the results for simple wave high frequency approximation and ray theory are given. Specifically, the Huygen’s method of wavefront construction, Huygen’s method and ray theory, and Fermat’s principle are discussed in detail. The next seven chapters deal with specifics of the wave propagation of nonlinear hyperbolic systems: the derivation of weakly nonlinear ray theory (WNLRT) is given in Chapter 4.

The stability of solutions for one-dimensional weakly nonlinear wave propagation as well as waves in a multi-dimensional steady transonic flow near a sonic singularity are discussed in Chapter 5. In Chapter 6, a special case of WNLRT for polytropic gas was presented in detail for two spatial dimensions. In Chapter 7, the authors presented a single conservation law for the multidimensional steady transonic flow using a shock which is claimed as a New Theory of Shock Dynamics (NTSC). To establish this NTSC, the authors present a proof of the existence and uniqueness of the solution and make comparison of the numerical results deduced from NTSD with the exact solution which shows good agreement. Then, this NTSD is applied to a one-dimensional piston problem to illustrate its capabilities in Chapter 8. In Chapter 9, the authors presented a derivation of the compatibility conditions on a shock and shock ray theory. The final Chapter 10 includes the application of NTSD to the propagation of a curved weak shock.

Overall, the book has three parts: i) The first three chapters have given all the necessary fundamental mathematical concepts, models and methods to calculate complete solutions and the history of a curved nonlinear wave front consisting of shock fronts. ii) The detailed discussions of WNLRT and NTSD are presented in Chapters 4-8, and iii) the specific applications of shock ray theory and NTSD are given in Chapters 9 and 10, respectively.

In summary, Nonlinear Hyperbolic Waves in Multi-Dimensions includes numerical examples to illustrate theory, the quality of the graphic is good and an adequate subject index is provided. The author has achieved his goal as a textbook for advanced undergraduate applied mathematics. However, it could be used as a textbook for first year graduate students in engineering and physics if the author had presented some problems at the end of each chapter. This should be able to be remedied by the instructor. This reviewer strongly recommends that scientists and engineers who are interested in these topics read this book; it would be a useful reference book.


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This book is authored by two scientists from the Department of Applied Mechanics of the Moscow Institute of Aviation. Although the title does not render justice to the contents, it is indeed a book about problems met with the transient interaction of deformable bodies with a surrounding medium, say a fluid or another solid, in special contact conditions. This involves interfaces, some of which being part of the looked-for solution. Here, however, as indicated by the title, homogeneous bodies and composite structures considered all have spherical shapes. This obviously greatly helps the authors in their essentially analytical considerations. Due to this privileged symmetry, the exact solutions derived for both external and internal problems, depending on where are situated the elastic and acoustic (ie, fluid-like) media with respect to one another, involve series expansions in terms of Legendre polynomials. In other words, solutions are sought in the form of generalized spherical waves. This gives a somewhat anticipated look to the book with a paraphernalia of special functions and representations of all kinds compared to modern books that would necessarily consider bodies with less symmetries, but certainly attractive computer-obtained diagrams. Remarkably enough, there is no such diagram in the whole book. Transient problems obviously involve Laplace transforms in time for arbitrary functions corresponding to converging and diverging waves. An exact algorithm, in fact, is presented for the inversion of the Laplace transform for the general class of problems under consideration. This calls for high mathematics such as the theory of self-adjoint differential operators. To better grasp the aim of the authors in producing this book, one should note that it is a collection of solved problems rather than anything else, it is of interest to give a representative list of some of the problems that are studied in detail. In a non-limitative list, we note among the classics of classics: vibrations of thin-walled isotropic shells in contact with an elastic medium and the vibrations of a thick-walled sphere in an elastic medium with special cases such as a fully solid sphere embedded in an elastic medium, propagation from a cavity, reflection of elastic waves from the wall of a rigid reservoir, and vibrations of a piecewise homogeneous elastic space with concentric spherical interfaces. Other typical problems that require some space for their treatment are the diffraction of waves by elastic spherical bodies, the axially symmetric vibrations of elastic media containing a spherical cavity or an embedded stiff inclusion, and the diffraction of plane and spherical waves by a spherical barrier supported by a thin-walled shell with all possible declinations of the latter problem. Perhaps more to the point is the study of the translational motion of a sphere in an elastic or acoustic medium, and the penetration of spherical bodies into a fluid half-space. More complicated media of propagation such as Biot’s porous medium are mentioned in a last chapter.

In all, the book is extremely technical and does not make easy reading. It does not mention explicitly applications, but some can easily be guessed. Transient Aerohydrodynamics of Spherical Bodies will be of interest to those specialists who directly deal with some of the just mentioned problems. The translation from the Russian language is correct, but this is not, as anyone can guess, high literature. But the bibliography offered is tremendous, containing about 500 items of which about two thirds of the works are from the former Soviet Union and the actual Russian Federation.


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Strongly nonlinear systems are defined by the authors well into the body of their book, on page 76—while the Index has a pointer to page 34, no mention of the term is found in that page—but this definition is limited to conservative systems. Then a whole section, 4.6, is devoted to this kind of system, which, again, is limited to systems with excitation derived from a potential. Special attention is given in this section to systems of the threshold type. Briefly stated, to understand what a “strongly nonlinear mechanical system” is, the reader must be aware of what a “weakly nonlinear system” is. One thus must conclude that a strongly nonlinear system is one whose nonlinear terms cannot be neglected or approximated to a first order, without losing the essence of the system behavior. The discontinuous nature of the nonlinearity, moreover, prevents the linearization of the nonlinear term.

The book is authoritative, but of a rather limited scope. The main motivation of the authors is the study of what they call “vibro-impact systems,” ie, systems excited by impact loading, as those found in machinery for rock-crunching. However,
the authors fail to include examples of a much broader scope and modern interest. Such clear transcriptions due to the unavoidable backlash of gears. The study of impact in these systems is of current research interest, with books devoted to their study, eg, that by Pfeiffer and Glocke (1996). These systems show, in some instances, a chaotic behavior, which is a recognized source of noise in automotive transmissions. Other instances where impact loading leads to serious performance deterioration is found in mechatronic systems, where frequent velocity reversals make backlash a source of discontinuous perturbations. Moreover, systems with discontinuous characteristics have been studied for some time, within a system-theoretic context, eg, (Flügge-Lotz, 1968), but the authors appear too focused on the Russian literature to cite the rich literature in English on the topic.

The authors focus on methods developed by themselves, apparently, in the seventies. In fact, the book is admittedly the English translation of an original book in Russian, but the authors do not disclose the bibliographical information of that original. Most likely, the original book was published in the early eighties. The methods favored by the authors are of the paper-and-pencil type—some would say “analytic,” but this qualifier is, in this reviewer’s opinion, a misnomer—and hence, limited to models that are crude approximations of actual systems. These methods are of academic interest, but it is dangerous to overstate their relevance in light of contemporary tools for simulation, such as Matlab’s Simulink Toolbox. The book would have a more permanent value if it had taken into account modern software and hardware for scientific computations. Not a word is said of algorithms for simulation, which have been developed first and foremost to cope with nonlinear systems, whether with weakly or with strongly nonlinear features. In this vein, it is worth citing Strang (1988): “Solving a problem no longer means writing down an infinite series or finding a formula like Cramer’s rule, but constructing an effective algorithm.”

In coping with the periodic response of systems, the authors hint to an algorithm for solving the integral Fredholm equation thus resulting. However, they mislead the reader into believing that the solution of the underlying system of N linear equations in N unknowns, “may be solved using the [sic] Cramer’s rule.” In fact, Cramer’s rule is inapplicable in practice, by virtue of the combinatoric nature of the number of floating-point operations it requires. This number, roughly \((N+1)!\), becomes prohibitively large for even moderate values of N, like \(N=25\).

Technical issues apart, the layout of the book is unusual, to say the least. For starters, the book is divided into three chapters and 10 sections, with a continuous section numbering across chapters. Moreover, while the equation display is highly acceptable, an unusual feature of books' typeset in Word—some pages lack right justification, which makes the layout look weird. The bibliography is admittedly limited to the essential references. However, there is a discontinuity here, for the bibliography, made up of 204 references, is limited and outdated—the former because, with counted exceptions, the bibliography includes only Russian works; the latter because the most recent entry is of 1983. To compensate this, the book includes an “Additional Bibliography,” of 40 additional entries, with some works published outside of Russia. These references appear to be listed without citation, although this feature is difficult to verify, mainly because the reference list follows an awkward ordering: the first reference cited is entry [49], followed by [56], and so on. If a numbering of references is to be followed, then each reference should be numbered in order of citation!

The figures, in turn, appear without a caption, and composed figures, with parts referred to as A), B), etc, sometimes lack their appropriate label. Otherwise, the English is not standard. For example, what is known as the “impulse response” of a linear system, is referred to as the system “Green function.” This is not technically wrong, but looks unfamiliar, especially because Green functions, in the English literature, usually pertain to the solutions of boundary-value problems in a space domain, more so than to solutions of initial-value problems in the time domain. Then, what is known in English as “rational functions” are labeled in the book as “meromorphic functions.”

A search of the term in Maple, for example, under “topic,” led to a bulky number of entries, none of which bears the “meromorphic” qualifier. A few such entries bear the name “rational,” however. It would have been convenient to have the English translation proofread by a specialist with knowledge of the usual terminology in English.

All in all, it is difficult to recommend this monograph as a valuable reference of contemporary relevance.


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This textbook is intended for users of the multidisciplinary simulation code FEDEM (see also http://www.fedem.com). Parts of text have been used for some years in a course for first-year graduate students. Knowledge of finite element procedure is needed for understanding of the method presented.

In Chapter 1, the author introduces some definitions and proposes some examples of industrial simulation. Chapter 2 offers a short description of used concepts from matrix algebra, vector calculus, geometric transformations, finite element procedure, Gauss’s elimination method, and eigenvalue problem. Chapter 3 deals with the structural and kinematic modeling aspects of mechanisms, joint and link coordinate systems, super elements, joints, stiffness, masses, transmissions, dampers, and forces.

In Chapter 4, concepts of numerical simulations are presented. It contains descriptions of dynamic simulation, control in mechanism simulation, simulations results, and energy calculations. In Chapter 5, the author describes general ideas of how described algorithms may be used as a design tool. The text in the appendices describes co-rotational geometric stiffness and the cam joint.

Virtual Testing of Mechanical Systems: Theories and Techniques is clearly written and meets the expectations of this reviewer. The figures are clearly drawn and the book has a nice appearance. Although there is no subject index, this reviewer thinks the book will be useful for readers. The book is probably too specialized to justify broad acquisition by libraries, but it is certainly recommended for FEDEM users as introductory course.
brought together the leading scientists, aims to fill such a gap by assessing the current state-of-the-art and providing specific results from the different schools of thought with a focus on the trends for future research.


The 14 papers in this collection cover recent advances in materials and structures technology and computational advances. Papers reflect the general goals of advances in materials technology, modeling, and computational and complex vehicle systems. A number of highlighting papers in this proceedings provide an exchange on the latest research; formulation of design recommendations on structures; full and model-scale testing; ground substructures, whether the blast is surrounding or under ground; and researchers who are interested in the design of nonlinear controllers for underactuated mechanical systems. Underactuated systems are defined as systems with lesser number of independent control actuators than the degrees of freedom to be controlled. Readers with a background in intermediate level dynamics and control should have no trouble following the material.

After an introduction in Chapter 1, some definitions and background material are presented in Chapter 2. These include Lyapunov stability concepts, Krasovskii-Stepanov, and Lyapunov functions. After some general considerations, a simplified model is considered. It is

III. AUTOMATIC & CONTROL


This is an application-oriented book that is intended for engineers, graduate students, and researchers who are interested in the design of nonlinear controllers for underactuated mechanical systems. Underactuated systems are defined as systems with lesser number of independent control actuators than the degrees of freedom to be controlled. Readers with a background in intermediate level dynamics and control should have no trouble following the material.

After an introduction in Chapter 1, some definitions and background material are presented in Chapter 2. These include Lyapunov stability concepts, Krasovskii-LaSalle invariance principle, passivity criteria, and controllability condition. The next nine chapters deal with the development of control algorithms for a number of underactuated mechanical systems, most of which have served as academic benchmarks. In Chapter 1, an energy-based nonlinear controller is developed for the classical problem of cart-inverted pendulum. Simulations and experimental results are also included. Similar analysis is presented in Chapter 4 that deals with a convey-crane system. Using the passivity property, an energy-based control law is proposed for a pendubot system in Chapter 5.

In Chapter 6, modeling, analysis, and control of the Furuta pendulum (named after K Furuta of Tokyo Institute of Technology) is discussed. The reaction wheel pendulum is presented in Chapter 7. Chapters 8 and 9 are devoted to the design of control algorithms for planar robots. In Chapter 8, the authors present analysis and control of two as well as three link planar robots with flexible joints while in Chapter 9, the problem of a planar robot with two prismatic and one revolute (PRR) joints is considered. It is to be observed that the PPR system has four degrees of freedom and only three control inputs. The control strategy, once again, is based on an energy approach and passivity properties of the system. The ball-beam control is described in Chapter 10, and in this case, the control force is assumed to be acting on the ball rather than the beam. The controller for a simple hovercraft model is designed in Chapter 11.

Chapter 12 deals with the control problem associated with a planar vertical take-off and landing (PVTOL) aircraft. A Lyapunov function using the forwarding technique is used to obtain the control law. The last three chapters are devoted to the modeling and control of helicopters. In Chapter 13, after some general considerations, a simplified model called the helicopter-platform model is analyzed. This model has three degrees of freedom with two control inputs. The nonlinear control strategy guarantees an asymptotic tracking of the desired trajectories. A Lagrangian formulation of the helicopter dynamics is presented in Chapter 14 and a Lyapunov approach is used to design a tracking controller. The same problem is discussed in Chapter 15 via the Newtonian approach. In this case, the control algorithm was designed using the backstepping and Lyapunov techniques.

In summary, Non-linear Control for Un-
deractuated Mechanical Systems is an excellent source for the development of control strategies for an important class of problems, viz, the underactuated mechanical systems. The book is clearly written, and the ideas are conveyed well by the authors. This book is a must for engineering graduate students, researchers, teachers, as well as practicing engineers. It is strongly recommended for individuals and libraries.


System models are routinely developed in engineering and other disciplines for system analysis and simulation. They now find widespread use in industry in all phases of design and development of technological systems. Model-based trajectory optimization and optimal control are among key tools that facilitate finding better ways to operate and control complex engineering systems. They are also becoming essential in the design phase, to determine system parameters which meet stringent performance objectives and constraints.

In this regard, this book is quite timely. Its detailed treatment of methods and strategies used to solve such optimal control and trajectory optimization problems (complete with in-depth discussion of implementation, tricks, and "what can go wrong" issues) will be useful to optimization practitioners and insightful to researchers focused on various aspects of optimization. The focus of the book is a family of techniques (often referred to as direct methods) wherein the optimal control problem is converted into a finite-dimensional optimization problem using method of transcription. The finite-dimensional problem can be solved using nonlinear programming techniques. The basic idea of transcription is to treat the values of the state and control variables at discrete-time instants as free variables to which constrained, nonlinear programming optimization can then be applied. The constraints are inherited from the original optimal control problem formulation and are also induced by the discretization/integration of the differential equations governing the system dynamics. Efficient computational strategies can be developed if the nonlinear programming algorithm used in the second stage takes advantage of the structure of the problem (sparsity), which is induced as a result of integrating the dynamics equations in the first phase.

The book is very readable. In part, it is due to its theorem-free format while relying instead on a detailed discussion and illustration of how to setup numerical methods and strategies to solve optimal control problems, what can happen, and what can go wrong. Enough detail is given so that the reader also gets a good flavor of the nature of rigorous theoretical results (found in the references provided in the book).

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On a critical side, the book only covers one particular class of techniques for solving optimal control problems. Methods based on dynamic programming (which provide optimal control policy in a feedback form) and methods based on calculated gradients through the solution of adjoint equations are not covered. The latter are discussed, with an argument that the adjoint equation approach may not often be applied to the complex models anyway since they may not admit a readily available symbolic representation adequate for the development of linearized equations. The techniques described in the book are implemented in software called SOCS, commercially available from Boeing. This software is briefly described in the Appendix. A limited version of this software (trial version) or other computational codes for the reader to experiment with would amplify the appeal of this book, but are presently not available.

In summary, Practical Methods for Optimal Control using Nonlinear Programming will be useful and is recommended to researchers and engineers in industry and academia whose projects involve solving optimal control/trajectory optimization problems. The book can also be used, as a supplemental text, in graduate-level university courses on optimal control and numerical methods in optimal control. It should also be possible to develop a special topics graduate-level course based on the material in this book, supplemented with theoretical details from the reference literature.


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As both mechanical and electronic components decrease in size, the need for precision manufacturing continues to grow. The authors of this book have skillfully brought together a variety of essential ingredients for success in achieving precision motion control. Their objective is to focus on "enabling technologies in the realization of precision motion positioning systems." The book presents concepts in "a manner amenable to a broad base of readers, ranging from the academics to the practitioners, by providing detailed experimental verifications of the developed materials." The book serves as a useful reference for anyone interested in applying the latest technologies to precision motion control.

The authors set the stage by describing a
variety of processes in precision manufacturing, including nanofabrication techniques such as lithography, ultra-precision machining, and laser micromachining. They also briefly describe precision metrology devices, including the Scanning Tunneling Microscope (STM) and the Atomic Force Microscope (AFM).

After this short introduction, the book focuses on the development of motion control techniques for precision tracking. The primary actuator considered during controller development is the permanent magnet linear motor (PMLM). Its dynamic model includes the standard electrical and mechanical properties as well as force ripple and nonlinear friction effects as described by the so-called Tustin model. A composite motion control scheme is proposed, which includes feedforward compensation, proportional-integral-derivative (PID) feedback, and nonlinear compensation using Radial Basis Functions. Acceleration feedback is suggested to improve tracking, and a disturbance observer is developed to cancel unknown load disturbances. For more challenging applications, the book proposes a robust adaptive controller using sliding modes and parameter adaptation to compensate for friction and ripple effects. A feedforward iterative learning controller is also developed for those applications that are repetitive. For each control development, the authors present stability proofs as well as experimental results to demonstrate the effectiveness of each technique.

Since performance of the PID feedback controller depends heavily on the validity of the parameters used in its development, the authors devote an entire chapter to autotuning techniques for determining model parameters. They propose a novel two-channel relay auto-tuning technique that is based on a describing function analysis. This approach uses a second parallel relay signal with an integrator so that the relay auto-tuning approach can be applied to servo-mechanical systems that typically do not have the time delays found in chemical process control systems.

Another chapter is devoted to coordinated motion control of several axes. After describing classical master-slave and set-point coordinated control, they propose a fully coordinated control approach that includes inter-axis offsets deduced from a disturbance observer. Again, a complete set of experimental results is provided to compare the effectiveness of each of these approaches.

Another crucial ingredient in any precision motion control scheme is precise measurement of position. A laser measurement system, which uses a linear interferometer and retro-reflectors, is described in detail. Then the principles behind geometric error calculation are presented. Measurements from the laser system are compared to those obtained from optical linear encoders, and linear, angular, straightness, and squareness errors are computed. Finally, several approaches to geometric error compensation are described, including look-up tables and a nonlinear parametric approximation that uses Radial Basis Functions. The authors also provide a clever technique to remove bias errors when averaging several measurements that are corrupted by random errors. Since electronic interpolation is required to extract sufficient resolution out of optical encoders, another chapter provides details of several approaches to reduce interpolation errors.

The last important topic for achieving precision motion control is vibration attenuation. The authors focus on external vibration sources and propose two approaches to reduce errors caused by vibrations. One approach uses an adaptive digital notch filter to identify the resonant frequencies and to subsequently terminate any signal transmission at these frequencies. The second approach uses an accelerometer mounted on the machine to monitor vibration levels, analyzes their frequency content, and determines when these vibrations exceed the threshold of acceptable performance.

Since all of these control algorithms are implemented in software, another chapter is devoted to details of the dSPACE control platform, which includes automatic code generation using MATLAB Simulink, hardware-in-the-loop testing capability, and a virtual instrument panel as user interface. Unfortunately, the book does not mention the concept of input shaping for vibration control. In many cases, the motions themselves can cause detrimental vibrations that cannot be tolerated by precision machines. Input shaping modifies the motor commands so that these vibrations are greatly reduced.

However, besides that minor omission, Precision Motion Control: Design and Implementation nicely integrates a number of important topics in precision motion control. It also comes with a complete set of references for further information. All told, it represents a useful reference and an excellent single source of essential topics related to precision motion control.


The book is a collection of papers on electromagnetic non-destructive evaluation. Recent developments are discussed, up-to-date information is provided, and the implications of innovations for future inspection practice are also considered. Both the basic science and early engineering developments in the field are emphasized. Topics covered are: new developments in electromagnetic nondestructive testing; analytical and numerical modeling of electromagnetic NDE phenomena; solutions to NDE inverse problems; evaluation of material degradation in ferromagnetic structures; advanced sensors; industrial applications of NDE; and benchmark problems and solutions.


There are 139 full-length, peer-reviewed technical papers in this volume covering intelligent sensors; advanced automotive technologies; automated modeling; active noise control; electro-hydraulics; adaptive and optimal control; nonlinear modeling and control of manufacturing processes and systems; intelligent systems; distributed control systems; adaptive tuned vibration absorbers; structural vibration control; system identification; hybrid systems and control; modeling, control, and diagnostics of large-scaled systems; and advances in robot dynamics and control.


cases, and numerical methods, which are considered convenient and inexpensive given the abundance of user-friendly, commercially-available software and powerful, fast personal computers today. Photoelasticity is, arguably, the most favored in the pantheon of the experimental techniques. However, no revolutionary developments have occurred in the methods used for photoelastic studies for a very long time (The latest is, perhaps, the PhotoStress® photoelastic coating method, introduced in 1956.) During this same period, great strides have been made in the field of digital image processing. It was inevitable, therefore, that some intersection of these two fields would occur. Digital photoelasticity—a product of this cross-fertilization—has been the subject of a number of journal articles, but very few books. Perhaps many considered writing a book at this stage in the development of the subject rather daunting. The author of the book under review is to be applauded for being brave enough to take on this task. The result is a textbook containing 11 chapters, in which the basic principles of the various strands of the subject are explained in detail, and the salient features of various applications illustrating the use of these principles are presented.

In Chapter 1 (Transmission photoelasticity), all the rudiments and fundamental concepts of photoelasticity are described in a succinct fashion. Thus, myriad topics are covered, these being: the nature of light, polarization, the passage of light through isotropic and crystalline media, light ellipse, retardation and wave plates, the stress-optic law, the arrangements of optical elements in a plane polariscope and a circular polariscope, determination of isoclinic and isochromatic fringe order at a point, compensation techniques, calibration of photoelastic model materials, fringe ordering, determination of the sign of the boundary stresses, methods of resolving the ambiguity on the principal stress direction, the key features of three-dimensional photoelasticity and integrated photoelasticity, and model-to-prototype relations.

In Chapter 2 (Reflection photoelasticity), the focus is this technique which is a variant of transmission photoelasticity and is useful for stress analysis of opaque prototypes. The chapter begins with a clear description of the basic principle of the technique, comparing and contrasting it with the more well-known transmission photoelasticity. This is followed by an abbreviated account of the development of photoelastic coatings from their first use by Mesnager in 1930 to the derivation, by Zandman et al in 1962, of correction factors for interpreting fringe patterns. Following this, various aspects of the technique are described, with the topics covered including the optical arrangement of a reflection polariscope, stress- and strain-optic relations for a photoelastic coating, correction factors for photoelastic coatings, the Poisson’s ratio mismatch problem, the desirable properties of a photoelastic coating, considerations in selection of the coating thickness, collection of the basic data (fringe order and isoclinic coordinate) and methods of analyzing them, and examples of application of photoelastic coatings.

The concepts covered in Chapter 3 (Digital image processing) are those that are needed for understanding the role of digital image processing in photoelasticity. The chapter opens with a presentation of a number of basic ideas, such as image sampling and quantization, and then a wide array of relevant concepts are covered in more detail, among which are characteristics of video standards in use today, image sensors, a number of basic relationships and mathematical operations between pixels (such as neighbors of a pixel and arithmetic operations), the basic steps in image processing, the elements of a typical image processing system, the structure and design of software, various tools for image understanding (such as pseudo coloring and three-dimensional intensity plots), and techniques for image enhancement and segmentation (such as histogram equalization and dynamic thresholding).

The material presented in Chapter 4 (Fringe multiplicity, fringe thinning, and fringe clustering) could be divided into three parts. In the first, there are descriptions of digital techniques to effect these operations. Among the topics covered are image subtraction of bright and dark-field images and half-fringe photoelasticity. In the second part, algorithms developed for use in conjunction with the intensity-based methods of fringe processing are presented, among which are masked-based algorithms for skeleton extraction and the row-wise scanning algorithm for fringe skeletonization. In the third part of the chapter, the issues covered include applications of the algorithms, improvements to global thinning algorithms, and evaluation of the performance of various fringe thinning algorithms.

In Chapter 5 (Phase shifting, polarization stepping, and Fourier transform methods), copious details of these techniques are presented. The chapter begins with a summary of the early attempts to automate polarisopes, highlighting the contributions of people such as Zandman, Sapaly, Allison, Nurse, Redner, and Marston. Following this, the basic principles of phase shifting are described followed by expositions on a wide range of topics, such as the generic arrangement of plane and circular polarisopes, whole field evaluation of photoelastic data using these polarisopes, sources of error and methods of minimizing their impact on the results obtained. In the middle part of the chapter, there is a short description of polarization stepping for isoclinic determination, a method that was introduced by Brown and Sullivan in 1990.

Three Fourier transform methods for photoelastic data acquisition-use of carrier fringe, multiple polarization stepped images, and load stepping-are described in the later sections of the chapter. The chapter ends with comments on the relative attractions and drawbacks of the three groups of techniques covered.

All the topics treated in Chapter 6 (Phase unwrapping and optically enhanced tiling in digital photoelasticity) are related to improving the quality of the data collected. Among them are boundary detection, removal of binary noise at discrete points in a phase map, algorithms for phase unwrapping, parameters that affect phase unwrapping, digital magnification of high fringe density zones, cementing of an optically magnified tile with the original image, and optically enhanced tiling applied to a circular disc and ring subjected to diametral compression loading.

Spectral content analysis and the techniques that need color image processing hardware are the subject of Chapter 7 (Colour image processing techniques). The first part of the chapter contains a short description of the main features of the two main color models used for the image processing: the red-blue-green (RGB) and the hue-saturation-intensity (HSI) models. The second part of the chapter deals with color image processing systems, the spectral response of a color camera, the light intensity transmitted in white light for various polariscope arrangements, principles, calibration, and an application of three fringe photoelasticity, and phase shifting in color domain. The third part is dedicated to spectral content analysis and the tricolor photoelastic method.

Chapter 8 (Evaluation of contact stress and fracture parameters) deals with the use of digital photoelasticity for the determination of these characteristics, which are known to play influential roles in the service performance of a wide assortment of mechanical components and systems. Among the topics covered are the basic data required and their digital acquisition, the stress analysis for two cylindrical bodies in contact, evaluation of contact stress parameters by least squares analysis, the stress field equations in the vicinity of a crack tip, evaluation of mixed-mode stress field parameters using least squares analysis, and experimental validation of the stress field parameters for Mode I and Mixed-Mode loadings. The uses of a number of the principles described are illustrated with respect to an application problem, that of a spur gear, for which the values of a large number of parameters—such as fracture toughness and the constant stress term, contact length and friction coefficient—were obtained and are presented.

Considered in Chapter 9 (Stress separation techniques) are the auxiliary methods used to obtain the individual values of the
principal stresses or, in a more complete sense, the values of all the elements of the stress tensor. The chapter opens with a brief survey of experimental methods (the oblique incidence method, the conventional shear difference technique, and the Tesar shear difference technique), numerical methods (finite difference method, stress-difference elasticity concept, and the least squares method), and hybrid methods. Following this survey, various details (such as finite element formulation and discretization of the domain) are provided about a relatively new approach in which phase information is used to determine the location of sharp fringes in the reproduced photoelastic images.

In Chapter 10 (Fusion of digital photoelasticity, rapid prototyping, and rapid tooling technologies), the interconnectedness between these three state-of-the-art methods is explored. Thus, among the topics covered are the application of rapid prototyping processes for fabricating models to be used in photoelastic studies, illustration of this application using photoelastic models made using fused deposition modeling and then coated with a photoelastic coating, and digital photoelastic characterization of a model fabricated using a rapid tooling process.

The subjects of Chapter 11 (Recent developments and future trends) are newly emerging concepts and research ideas at various stages of maturity. Among the recent developments discussed are the methods for determining the characteristic parameters for a given length of the light path, namely the axis of the retarder, the retardation introduced by the retarder, and the rotary power of the rotator; tensorial tomography; new digital image processing hardware, such as improved frame grabbers, progressive scan cameras, and time-delay-and-integration (TDI) sensors; new digital image processing software, such as the Matrox Imaging Library and the FRN_DAT package: digital dynamic photoelasticity, using charge-coupled-devices and TDI cameras; and the use of photoelasticity for the stress analysis of components and structures fabricated from filamentary composite materials. Among the future trends identified are the potential for using Windows-based software for, for example, fringe unwrapping; use of applets; development of device-independent software; and the use of wavelet transforms for isochromatic fringe ordering.

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service is obviously a complex subject that requires thorough understanding of loading conditions, material microstructures, operating environments, and inspection technologies. The author has done an admirable job of providing the necessary background information for understanding and analyzing metal failures. The most fascinating aspect of this book is the presentation of numerous case studies that the author uses to illustrate failure mechanisms and techniques for analysis. The prevention of metal failures is addressed primarily through the conclusions reached in the case studies.

This book is intended for use in one-semester courses for senior engineering students or graduate engineers. Within mechanical engineering departments, portions of the book would definitely be useful in upper-level, core design courses. The book could be used in its entirety for a mechanical engineering, undergraduate technical elective course. Since significant portions of the book are materials science oriented, this book is also very relevant to senior capstone courses within materials science curricula. In addition, engineers involved in accident investigation and expert witness consulting would find this book useful because of its breadth and reference to relevant literature.

The book begins with 11 descriptions of structures and vehicles that failed in service due to loads and design (e.g., the 1981 Kansas City Hyatt Regency Walkways Collapse), inspection, maintenance, and repair (e.g., the 1988 Aloha Airlines Boeing 737-200 Accident), and other problems (e.g., the 2000 Air France Concorde Crash). Subsequent chapters provide theoretical background necessary to analyze stresses (Chapter 2, Elements of Elastic and Plastic Design; Chapter 3, Elements of Fracture Mechanics), microstructure and processing (Chapter 4, Alloys and Coatings; Chapter 6, Brittle and Ductile Failures; Chapter 11, Defects), and loadings and environment (Chapter 7, Thermal and Residual Stresses; Chapter 9, Creep Failure; Chapter 10, Fatigue; Chapter 12, Environmental Effects). Interspersed are chapters on Examination and Reporting Procedures (Chapter 5), Statistical Distributions (Chapter 6), Flaw Detection (Chapter 13), and Cranes Hooks, Coil Springs, Roller Bearings, Bushings, and Gears (Chapter 14). Although whole textbooks have been written on the subject matter of most of these chapters, the author has provided enough detail to enable meaningful analysis without overwhelming the reader. The reader who is interested in more detail can refer to the references.

Nearly all chapters have interwoven case studies that illustrate issues being discussed in the chapter. The higher profile case studies have quality photographs and illustrations that help the reader understand the investigation. For the most part, these case studies provided excellent connections between theory and practice. Future editions could attempt to further connect the case studies to the theoretical development through reference to the relevant equations and through worked examples. At the end of the book, the author has provided 3–4 problems for each chapter.

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"Thin plates," "thin shells," and "thin plates and shells" are classical subjects for books. Eminent scientists, such as Vlasov, Flugge, Novozhilov, Timoshenko, Washizu, Kraus, Gold‘enveizer, Cicala, Librescu, Donnell, Vekua, and Leissa among others, have written milestone books on the topic. All of these books are, with no doubt, excellent sources for the analysis of two-dimensional structures. Most of these classical books have appeared in the middle of the last century and, in the same case each book states the point of view of each scientist on plate and shell theories. A few books on plates and shells are known which have been published in the recent past. Among these the book by Ventcel and Krauthammer is one of the most useful and exhaustive. It includes both plate and shell geometries as well as theories and solutions of practical problems. Ventcel and Krauthammer present seven topics in a manner which results in a brilliant selection of different possible ways to see plates and shells as they are known by the classical books mentioned above. This book is a good synthesis of West and East Schools of knowledge on plates and shells. It is clearly written, self complete, and rich with examples as well as of applications to practical problems. The authors have shown their own ability in writing a book on plates and shells avoiding vectorial or temporal notations which could introduce difficulties to beginners. The editorial form is quite well done: figures, plots, formulas, and texts are very well balanced in each chapter and on each page.

The book has been divided in two parts which deal with thin plates and thin shells, respectively. Each part is subdivided into fundamentals, membrane and bending response, buckling, and vibrations. A brief description of the book’s layout is given below.

Part I is first considered. Chapter 1 offers a very interesting historical note on plates theories. Fundamentals of elasticity relations are recalled in a Cartesian reference system. Kirchhoff’s thin plate theory has been described in Chapter 2; governing equations are derived by using both elasticity relations and variational statements. Bending of rectangular plates are treated in Chapter 3; a large variety of practical problems have been solved by considering different geometries, boundary conditions and applied loadings. Chapter 4 has been devoted to circular plates. Polar coordinates have been preferred in this case. Other geometries, such as elliptical and triangular plates have been solved in Chapter 5. Approximated solution methods and their applications are discussed in Chapter 6 in which Finite Difference, Finite Element, and Boundary Element Methods are introduced and applied to two-dimensional flat structures. Advanced topics are addressed in Chapter 7; thermoelastic problems, stiffened plates, orthotropic behavior, refined theories accounting for transverse shear deformation effects, geometrically nonlinear behavior, layered, and sandwich plates are considered. Buckling of plates has been considered in Chapter 8; introductory concepts are first introduced, buckling of rectangular and circular plates are then solved by application of equilibrium and energy methods. Results are also given for stiffened, orthotropic, and sandwich plates. Large deflection and post-buckling response have also been treated in this chapter.

Dynamic problems are considered in Chapter 9.

Thin shells theory and analysis begin with Chapter 10. This chapter introduces shell structure and makes an historical note on main shell theory contributions and developments. Concepts related to differential geometry of surfaces are given in Chapter 11. First and second fundamental forms are derived and particularized to several geometrical shell configurations (shell of revolution, cylindrical, and conical). Linear elasticity relations in curvilinear coordinates and in the framework of Kirchhoff-Love postulates are presented in Chapter 12. Membrane shell theories and applications are considered in Chapters 13 and 14, respectively. Methods, solution techniques, and results are presented for a large variety of problems, such as roof shell structures, liquid storage facilities, and pressurized vessels. So called moment theory has been addressed in Chapter 15 for circular cylindrical cases. The asymptotic integration method has been used to solve the differential equations of cylindrical shell subjected
to general loadings. Solutions of particular cases are presented in the same chapter. Extension to shells of revolution is given in Chapter 16. Other well known approximated shell theories are discussed and applied in Chapter 17. The advanced topic already discussed in Chapter 8 for the plate cases, are extended to shells in Chapter 18. In addition, Chapter 18 gives details of the application of Newton’s Method to solve nonlinear problems. Buckling and vibration problems of shells are discussed in Chapters 19 and 20, respectively. Five Appendices close the book. The first one quotes useful data while the others detail some derivations which were not explicitly given in the previous chapters.

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Modeling of granular and porous materials is necessary to describe the behavior of natural materials. In this book, engineers, mathematicians, and experts in particulate material modeling focus on the most important techniques and models currently in use. The modeling process is presented as a critical tool for studying the analysis and experimentation of the micromechanics and behavior of granular and porous material.


This printed compilation of 105 full-length, peer-reviewed technical papers covers the following topics: engineering information management; internet-aided design, manufacturing, and commerce; embedded and ubiquitous computing; energetic systems; computers in education; computer-aided product development; virtual environments and systems; non-traditional computing; and finite element techniques and computational technologies.


This is a printed compilation of 149 full-length, peer-reviewed technical papers on the following topics: virtual reality in design; decision-based design; agent-based design; finite element modeling; product families and platforms; computer-aided design systems and frameworks; geometric modeling; and rapid manufacturing.


Thermal and mechanical fatigue leads to initiation and growth of cracks in many structures such as pressure vessels, nuclear reactors, high temperature electronic packaging, and dental materials. This book brings together state-of-the-art contributions from leading researchers in the field.


This collection of 12 papers covers recent applications of composite and composite sandwich construction in large load-bearing structures and shows a renewed interest in three-dimensional aspects of composite materials and composite sandwich structures.


V. MECHANICS OF FLUIDS


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This is a research monograph reporting on collaborative research carried out by the authors over the past 15 years in the field of free boundary problems. Specifically, the authors use energy methods as the basic tool to investigate the underlying mathematical structure of the partial differential equations (PDE) governing various field problems whose solutions lead to the formation of a free boundary. Given the definition of an energy norm, the technique results in inequalities involving ordinary differential equations whose study allows determination of the existence of a free boundary and provides a theoretical framework for the study of the solutions for the PDEs of interest. This book mainly considers application of energy methods to quasi-nonlinear equations of fluid mechanics.

The first three chapters lay the formal mathematical and theoretical framework of energy methods applied to nonlinear PDEs. The first chapter introduces energy methods to study nonlinear stationary problems giving rise to localized solutions and hence free boundaries. Second-order elliptic equations, systems of elliptic equations, and higher-order elliptic equations as well as isotropic and anisotropic diffusion problems are considered. The second chapter addresses stabilization to a stationary solution for nonlinear evolution problems. Here again, the authors progress from parabolic equations to anisotropic parabolic equations, to systems of equations of combined type and higher order parabolic equations.

The second chapter addresses space and time localization of weak solutions for nonlinear degenerate parabolic equations as well as systems of these equations. Application of energy methods to various fluid mechanics problems is provided in the fourth chapter. The chapter begins with a brief review of theoretical fluid mechanics, followed by a series of applications ranging from free boundary gas dynamics problems such as free jets and collisions of co-axial jets to filtration of immiscible fluids in porous media which finds application in recovery of oil from a reservoir and to flows of non-homogeneous non-Newtonian fluids. The authors also treat a class of problems which require the simultaneous study of surface channel flow as well as underground water flow. The final two topics studied involves the drift diffusion model for free electrons that forms quasi-linear degenerate systems of PDEs and finds application in semiconductor theory and the so-called blow-up regimes in the solution of coupled PDEs for heat conduction and electrostatic potential resulting from the model of heat diffusion problems in a conductor in the presence of Joule heating.

The book often follows mathematical exposition of statement of lemmas and theorems, followed by proofs and corollaries as well as relevant remarks. Each chapter terminates with a bibliographic review and a set of open problems that are essentially proposals for a program of research in topics not fully investigated in the literature or by the authors. There are some illustrations, all of which are of high quality. There are no illustrative computational results. There is an appendix which contains some basic definitions of function spaces and a brief review of elementary inequalities and imbedding theorems. There is a copious number of 300+ references which support the text and a detailed index.

The monograph is the 48th volume in a series entitled Progress in Nonlinear Differential Equations and Their Applications, edited by H Brezis of the Mathematics Department of both Rutgers University in New Jersey, and the Universite Pierre and Marie
Curie in Paris. The series is described as lying at the interface of pure and applied mathematics, and indeed this book falls into such a category. *Energy Methods for Free Boundary Problems: Applications to Nonlinear PDEs and Fluid Mechanics* can serve as a reference on the subject of energy methods when they are treated as part of mathematics post-graduate courses on partial differential equations; it is recommended for acquisition by university libraries as a quality addition to their mathematical collections.


Reviewed by JH Lienhard V (Dept of Mech Eng, MIT, Rm 3-162, Cambridge MA 02139-4307).

During the past 100 years, a few textbooks on the fundamental aspects of fluid dynamics have stood out. Among these are the well-known books by Lamb, by Landau and Lifshitz, and by Batchelor. The last two, in particular, are noteworthy for their focus on the essential physical phenomena and the accompanying mathematical formulations, which are presented with a minimum of distracting development of minor particular cases. Yet, research in fluid dynamics has moved on since the last of these titles appeared many years ago.

Gallavotti’s remarkable new book, *Foundations of Fluid Dynamics*, takes a fresh look at the essential formulation and phenomenology of fluid dynamics as reflected in the research of the 70s, 80s, and 90s. He devotes significant attention to the mathematical properties of the Navier-Stokes equations, to chaos in fluid flows, and to turbulence. In this sense, the book may be regarded as complementary to, say, the Landau and Lifshitz book, which deals only very briefly with these subjects. The theoretical development in the text is supplemented by 400 expository exercises that take up many important and classical results.

Gallavotti begins with a chapter that summarizes the primary features of the continuum equations of motion. A central aim here is to lay out tools for use in subsequent chapters (the Rayleigh model for thermally driven convection, vector decompositions of the flow field, and so on), but the exercises within the chapter sketch a range of topics, such as Stokes formula, tidal theory, and acoustic radiation.

Gallavotti turns directly to the question of algorithms for the construction of solutions to the equations of motion. Euler algorithms, spectral algorithms, and vorticity algorithms are each considered. Note that this development is not done in pursuit of numerical techniques—its aim is to determine how (or whether) solutions to the phenomenological (Navier-Stokes) equations can, in general, be found. It comes as no surprise then, that the third chapter deals entirely with the existence, uniqueness, and regularity of solutions to these equations.

The spectral algorithms enable the proof of such properties locally, which is to say for bounded time intervals. Global results are obtainable in two-dimensions. The three-dimensional case is more difficult. Gallavotti discusses Rayleigh’s theory in this context, eventually reaching the conclusion that existence and uniqueness are “likely.”

Two chapters on chaos and incipient turbulence follow. These include a careful development of the significance of reduced order models (such as the Lorenz equations), a discussion of bifurcation theory, and coverage of various scenarios for chaos, including the Ruelle-Takens scheme. Chapter 5, titled Ordering Chaos, considers how chaotic behavior might be quantitatively studied or measured.

Strong turbulence—that with many degrees of freedom—is considered in Chapter 6, working primarily from Kolmogorov’s theory. The final chapter of the book presents original new results on the statistical properties of turbulence built upon the foundation of Ruelle’s principle.

Professor Gallavotti is a mathematical physicist who uses concepts from analysis freely. This should pose no barrier to most graduate students in physics and applied mathematics, but many engineering students will lack the right preparation.

The book was typeset admirably by the author in LaTeX. It is attractively bound and printed, and reasonably priced as well. Few figures are included, owing to the nature of the material. The book might well have benefited from a nomenclature list, but the only real flaw in the production is an advertisement for a Springer-Verlag website that defaces the closing page of the book (which will be on shelves for years after the website has gone the way of the 8-inch floppy disk).

*Foundations of Fluid Dynamics* is strongly recommended, by this reviewer, for acquisition by academic libraries and for the use of anyone with a serious interest in the mathematical foundations of fluid dynamics.


Reviewed by R Verzicco (Dept di Ingegneria Meccanica e Gestionale, Politecnico di Bari, Via Re David 200, Bari, 70125, Italy).

This textbook addresses several basic fluid mechanics topics with a particular emphasis on mathematical aspects. The book is organized into five chapters plus six appendices and a big selection of answers to problems proposed at the end of each chapter.

Chapter 1 reviews the tensor analysis discussing covariant and contravariant vector components, derivatives, and transformations. The differing operators are then presented in their most general form with the aim of providing the reader with the tools for the derivation of the fluid mechanics equations in every coordinate system.

Chapter 2 explains, very briefly, the foundation of dimensional analysis and, as an example, applies it to the motion of the pendulum. In the successive chapter, a short description of self-similar solutions is given, starting from the combination of independent variable to reduce a partial differential equation to an ordinary differential equation. Two sections with linear and nonlinear processes discuss simple examples.

Chapter 4 is mainly concerned with flows with negligible viscous effects: a half-page introduction to hydrostatics is given with the discussion of two examples. A simple derivation of the Bernoulli equation is then presented with the solution of two additional model problems. The rest of the chapter is devoted to the discussion of potential flows treated either with standard methods and by separation of variables.

The fifth and last chapter involves viscous flows, starting from exact solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations and Stokes flows (solved by various methods) up to boundary layers and laminar flows. The book closes with a long part (about half of the book) containing problem answers and six short appendices dealing with equations on particular coordinate systems, solutions of specific differential equations, and some tabulated functions.

A very limited list of references and a subject index are given. Each chapter contains several proposed problems which help the reader in applying the explained concepts. The figure quality is sufficient; only sketches and graphs are shown. Perhaps some experimental pictures or numerical simulation plots would have helped the explanation of some concepts.

This book introduces with a particular perspective some classical topics of fluid mechanics; this reviewer has found the presentation strongly biased toward mathematical aspects while physical interpretation is sometimes lacking. Some arguments, like dimensional analysis or hydrostatics, have been described too shortly while others, like ideal and viscous exact solutions, occupy almost all of the book. Classical topics like fluid dynamics forces and turbulence are completely disregarded.

The text could be used as a reference book by the experienced researchers or graduate students involved in fluid mechanics. In contrast, this reviewer would not advise the use of this book as a text for un-

Reviewed by M Gad-el-Hak (Dept of Aerospace and Mech Eng, Univ of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN 46556).

Fluid flows in or around microdevices is the subject of the present book. Microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) refer to devices that have characteristic length of less than 1 mm, but more than 1 micron that combine electronic and mechanical components, and that are fabricated using integrated circuit batch-processing technologies. Electrostatic, magnetic, pneumatic, and thermal actuators, motors, valves, ducts, gears, and tweezers of less than 100-micron size have been fabricated. These have been used as sensors for pressure, temperature, mass flow, velocity and sound, as actuators for linear and angular motions, and as simple components for complex systems such as micro-heat-engines and micro-heat-pumps. The multidisciplinary field of MEMS has witnessed explosive growth during the last decade, and the technology is progressing at a rate that far exceeds that of our understanding of the physics involved in the operation as well as the manufacturing of those minute machines. The present book attempts to bridge this gap, focusing exclusively on flow physics within microdevices. It is perhaps the first of the genre to do so.

Microdevices often involve mass, momentum, and energy transport. Modeling gas and liquid flows through MEMS may necessitate including slip, rarefaction, compressibility, intermolecular forces, electrokinetics, dielectrophoreses, and other unconventional effects. In this book, the two authors, both renowned authorities in the modeling and numerical simulation of microflows, provide a methodical approach to flow modeling for a broad variety of microdevices. The continuum-based Navier–Stokes equations—with either the traditional no-slip or slip-flow boundary conditions—work only for a limited range of Knudsen numbers above which alternative models must be sought. These include molecular dynamics (MD), Boltzmann equation, direct simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC), and other deterministic or probabilistic molecular models. The book broadly surveys available methodologies to model and compute transport phenomena within microdevices. It includes a pretty inclusive list of numerical strategies. Considering the extensive microflow research conducted by the authors, the coverage here emphasizes their own work—including previously unpublished material—although other research is covered as well. The book’s preface indicates that the original draft was based largely on the doctoral thesis of the senior author.

The book contains 10 chapters: basic concepts and technologies; governing equations; shear-driven and separated flows; pressure-driven flows in the slip regime; pressure-driven flows in the transition and free-molecular regimes; thermal effects; prototype applications; electrokinetically driven liquid flows; numerical methods for continuum simulations; and numerical methods for atomistic simulations. It seems that the last two chapters would have been better placed right after the governing equations. The authors constantly refer to Chapters 7 and 8. Settles has written an excellent discussion of Schlieren Systems? in Chapter 3. But, he also notes that experience is an important factor in interpreting the images. The historical background of the term “Schlieren” and to its origin of the term “Schlieren” and to separate Schlieren and Shadowgraph systems from other optical techniques including Kirlian photography. The historical chapter is very interesting. Who, among most of us, knew that Hooke was the father of Schlieren Systems?

Despite the few negatives, Micro Flows: Fundamentals and Simulation has a lot to offer and is certainly recommended as a good place to start for MEMS students interested in flow physics. Every library should acquire this book, and for personal bookshelves, the price is not too excessive, at least by today’s standards.


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The title defines the contents of this book. It is printed in a small type (8 point), and is 376 pages long, including seven pages of black and white colored plates at the end of the book. It also contains 1020 cited references. To quote from the Preface, “No attempt was made to cite all of the thousands of literature references in which the subject techniques are mentioned or used.” Yet this reviewer believes Professor Settles has done an outstanding job of culling pertinent material from this richness.

The chapter titles of the book are Historical Background, Basic Concepts, Toeppler’s Schlieren Technique, Large Field and Focusing Methods, Specialized Schlieren Techniques, Shadowgraph Techniques, Practical Issues, Setting Up Your Own Simple Schlieren and Shadowgraph System, Applications, Qualitative Evaluation, Summary and Outlook. In addition, there are three Appendices: A—Optical Fundamentals, B—The Schlieren System as a Fourier Optical Processor, and C—Suppliers of Schlieren Systems and Components.

This reviewer believes that the author has met or exceeded his goal to “…fulfill the needs of the novice for basic information, as well as those of the professional for a thorough treatment of the topic.” To his credit, Settles goes to great lengths to define the origin of the term “Schlieren” and to separate Schlieren and Shadowgraph systems from other optical techniques including Kirlian photography. The historical chapter is very interesting. Who, among most of us, knew that Hooke was the father of Schlieren Systems?

As a former supersonic wind tunnel operator, this reviewer found Chapters 2 and 3 to be of top quality, indeed as are Chapters 7 and 8. Settles has written an excellent discussion of Sensitivity, Range, and Resolving Power in Chapter 3. But, he also notes that experience is an important factor in interpreting the images. The author is clearly of a practical mind recommending the use of low cost high intensity automobile headlight bulbs as light sources, and steering the new practitioner away from high cost laser light systems. However, he admits that la-
tors in fluid mechanics in scientific and engineering applications. From these viewpoints, this textbook is reviewed as follows.

In Chapter 1, Introduction to Vortex Dynamics for Incompressible Fluid Flows, the fundamental descriptions of the Euler and the Navier-Stokes equations, and the important quantities of velocity, vorticity, helicity, impulse, and moment of fluid impulse are defined. Chapter 2, entitled Vorticity-Stream Formulation of the Euler and the Navier-Stokes Equations, discusses the vorticity-stream formulations of 2D. Periodic flow, cat’s-eye flow, and also Beltrami flows are discussed with figures.

The existence of a solution to either the Euler or the Navier-Stokes equations on the same time interval, given generally smooth initial velocity fields, is examined in Chapter 3, Energy Method for the Euler and the Navier-Stokes Equations. In Chapter 4, Particle-Trajectory Method for Existence and Uniqueness of Solution to the Euler Equation, the questions of existence, uniqueness, and continuation of solution to the Euler and the Navier-Stokes equations are discussed. Search for Singular Solutions to the 3D Euler Equations, is the title for Chapter 5, where an important unsolved research problem for incompressible flow and the current attempts to make progress on this problem are the main focus. Chapter 6, Computational Vortex Methods, deals with computational methods for simulations of the Euler and the Navier-Stokes equations with high Reynolds number condition for vortex dynamics, and includes a brief historical summary. In order to study the motion of slender tubes of vorticity at high Reynolds numbers, Chapter 7, Simplified Asymptotic Equations for Slender Vortex Filaments, describes formal, but concise, asymptotic expansions to the simplified asymptotic equations; they are seen to emerge with remarkable properties. In Chapter 8, Weak Solutions to the 2D Euler Equations with Initial Vorticity in $L^2$, a flow field having elliptic vorticity, like Thomson-Rankine combined vortex model, is examined. Introduction to Vortex Sheets, Weak Solutions, and Approximate-Solution Sequences for the Euler Equation is the title of Chapter 9, which describes a vortex sheet problem occurring in the vorticity layers. The last four chapters—Weak Solutions and Solution Sequences in Two Dimensions, 2D Euler Equation: Concentrations and Weak Solutions with Consistency Sheet Initial Data (with an example constructed by Greengard and Thomann), Reduced Hausdorff Dimension, Oscillations, and Measure-Valued Solutions of the Euler Equations in Two and Three Dimensions, and Vlasov-Poisson Equations as an Analog to the Euler Equations for the Study of Weak Solutions (with an analogy between vorticity and electron density)—address the mathematical theory connected with small scale structures and dynamics in high Reynolds number and inviscid flow.

To sum up, this textbook for advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students, is aimed at mathematicians and physicists to examine mathematical theories and techniques, and to explore their applications. It appears to be a little difficult to grasp the physical phenomena involved and to apply them directly to nature and engineering. Since there is a small gap between the actual fluid flows in nature and engineering and the contents in this textbook with the examples shown, it would be better if the authors had introduced and explained the examples from W Albring, Elementarvorgange Fludier Wirbelbewegungen (Akademische-Verlag, Berlin, 1981), and L Lugi, Introduction to Vortex Theory (Vortex Flow Press, Inc 1996). However, for graduate students, mathematicians, and physicists who can understand the contents of the books by GK Batchelor, An Introduction to Fluid Dynamics (Cambridge University Press, 1999) and by LD Landau and EM Lifshitz, Fluid Mechanics (Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 1987), this peculiar textbook certainly contributes to understanding the fundamental concepts of fluid flow with vorticity, and to apply them to nature and engineering.


This volume deals with cavitation and its effects in turbines and pumps. After introducing cavitation and its relation with hydraulic machines, the invited contributors review in detail relevant cavitation subjects from fundamental phenomena to various problems and solution measures in hydraulic machines.


This proceeding is a compilation of papers presented at the conference.


Leading experts present an introduction to the study of the geometry and topology of fluid flows. From basic motions on curves and sur-
VI. HEAT TRANSFER


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This book is best suited as a textbook for students who have had two semesters of thermodynamics. Many of the topics can also be found in introductory texts, but will be somewhat lightly studied in a standard two-class series. There are a large number of topics that are not covered in the standard mechanical engineering sequence, although they come up in combustion or the chemical engineers sequence. One advantage of this book is that the material is in one text, and so it can act as a reference for practicing engineers. An extensive nomenclature list is included which is fortunate because the authors tend to use a lot of symbols and acronyms. It also makes it easier to read just the section of interest rather than starting at the beginning and reading material that is irrelevant to defining the variables. A quick outline of the book reveals:

- Multi-component, multi-phase thermodynamics,
- An introduction to statistical thermodynamics,
- First- and second-law analysis with a thorough discussion of entropy generation,
- Availability analysis and how it can be used in thermal analysis,
- Energy and entropy fundamental formulations with generalized work modes and use of the Legendre transformation,
- State relationships for real gases and liquids,
- Thermodynamics of pure liquids,
- Thermodynamics of mixtures including phase equilibrium for a mixture,
- Stability of pure fluids and mixtures, and
- Chemically reacting systems including combustion, equilibrium, and availability analysis.

Analysis of multi-component systems is introduced early in the text and carried through as needed. The introduction to statistical thermodynamics is brief due to the broad range of topics covered. The third and fourth chapters discuss first- and second-law analysis, entropy generation, and availability analysis, while Chapters 6 and 7 cover equations of state and pure fluids. Much of this is covered in undergraduate texts, but repeating it helps introduce the advanced material. The authors include numerous examples, and this material would be useful in design using entropy generation minimization. The nomenclature used in the European literature is introduced which is helpful when reviewing international texts. Chapter 5 is a short one describing thermodynamics in terms of four postulates rather than laws. It deals largely with use of the Legendre transform of the internal energy formulation of the equation of state. The remainder of the book deals with topics generally found in chemical engineering thermodynamics. Chapters 8 and 9 cover non-reacting mixtures. Chapter 11 principally introduces the thermodynamics of combustion and chapters 11–13 cover chemically reacting systems. One addition that would fit in with the aim of the text would be more coverage of psychrometrics. Another would be software to replace the tables of material property data found at the back of the text.

The main criticism this reviewer has for the text is the large number of publishing errors. This reviewer estimates there are several hundred changes that should have been made before the book was printed. It should be stated that, except for the figures, the vast majority of these changes are minor. Examples are inconsistent subscripts of variables, changes in font size, or repeated words. By far, the biggest problem is the horrendous quality of the figures. In many figures, text was left out or partially obscured or just unreadable. In a few cases, the usefulness of the figure was totally negated. The graphics were of low quality. A comparison of the figures with those in the text from this reviewer’s undergraduate thermodynamics class, which was written over 30 years ago, shows that a great deal of improvement is possible.

Writing a text is hard work, and for the authors to catch typing errors is difficult because the mind corrects for mistakes that occur. This reviewer will keep this book on his shelf and anticipates using it because the broad range of topics covered and the numerous examples given make it a good reference text. What this reviewer would really like to have is the corrected version because Advanced Thermodynamics Engineering could evolve into an excellent text.


Reviewed by WS Janna (Herff Col of Eng, Univ of Memphis, 201E Eng Admin, Memphis TN 38152).

The authors have written a text for all researchers and engineers interested in the design, production, and testing of heat exchangers. The focus in the text is on enhancing the heat transfer rate. The text was written originally in Russian and was translated into English by Arthur Bergles and William Begell.

The Preface to the first Russian edition, written by the authors, describes the areas in which thermal equipment is widely used. They go on to say that the development of efficient compact heat exchangers is a problem requiring immediate attention, and that there are many publications that address efficient heat transfer surfaces. Large economic losses can be avoided by using them. (Note that the use of the words “efficient surfaces” in the title does not refer to the traditional concept of efficiency as applied to heat transfer from extended surfaces. Rather, the meaning is that by adding extended areas to key surfaces in a heat exchanger, the overall heat transferred in the exchanger can be increased.) The authors provide much detail regarding the physical interaction between coolants and heat transfer surfaces in all problems considered.

The Preface to the English edition, written by the translators, provides a brief history of how the text came to be translated. The translators are “pleased to present the book to heat transfer engineers as it is; they have helped, at least partially, to minimize the distance between the ‘cultures,
philosophies, and methods” that exist on both sides of the Atlantic and “beyond the Urals.”

The Foreword to the English Edition was written by I Z Kopp on behalf of the authors, which contains among other things, an acknowledgment of the work done by the translators.

The first chapter is on modern concepts of heat transfer surfaces and their efficiency. Heat transfer from extended surfaces is discussed here, as is micro- and macrostructure of heat transfer surfaces. Special features of coated surfaces are also addressed, as well as other relevant topics.

The second chapter is on Efficient Surfaces of Convection Heat Transfer. The topics covered here include heat transfer enhancement in straight channels, enhancement in tubes, and enhancement in longitudinal flow past tube bundles and annular channels. Triangular and flat channels are also considered.

Chapter 3 is on Efficiency of Heat Transfer Surfaces in Boiling of Liquids. Nucleation of vapor on real surfaces is discussed as is unsteady nucleation. The chapter concludes with a section that describes an experimental study of boiling on real surfaces with enhancement.

Chapter 4 is about Efficient Heat Transfer Surfaces in Condensation. Surface modifications for which studies have been done include annular grooves on horizontal tubes and on vertical tubes. Also described is the problem of condensation of vapor-air mixtures on vertical and horizontal tubes.

Chapter 5 discusses Efficient Surfaces for Thermal Radiation. Some fundamentals of radiation heat transfer are presented as an introduction. The effect of surface structure on the efficiency of radiative heat transfer is covered, as are finned surfaces, screens, and the effect of intermediate media.

Chapter 6 is about Methods of Calculation and Design of Efficient Heat Transfer Surfaces. The chapter begins with estimating the efficiency of heat transfer enhancement. It continues with a guide to selection of a method of enhancement in channels, and in tubes. Recommendations are given for optimal parameters of turbulators for different heat exchanger types. The chapter concludes with a section on standard dimensions of turbulators on tubes.

The next section, References, is 18 pages long and contains 274 entries. Each reference is numbered and listed according to chapter. It appears as if many of the titles have been published in Russian.

The Appendix contains unit conversions, as well as conversion factors. The unit conversion tables and the conversion factor tables contain the same basic information, but they are organized differently and are from different sources.

This kind of text might be considered a bit lengthy. It is nine pages long and prepared in a single-column format. Two columns, single-spaced would reduce the amount of page turning required to find a specific topic.

The text is over 350 pages and contains numerous drawings and graphs. It is basically a literature review of papers and research that pertain to the subject stated in the title. The drawings and graphs are acceptable, although distinctive. The front of the text contains a six-page nomenclature list used in the book. (One difficulty with the nomenclature is that some of the symbols are not what is commonly used in the English literature (eg, n) for viscosity rather than u).

The text is readable and clearly written. The book is not suitable for use as a classroom textbook, however, because there are no practice problems appearing anywhere. There are no property tables in the text, and there are no calculations that would show specific examples of how to design a heat exchanger surface to enhance heat transfer.

The material would appeal to anyone working with heat exchangers in any capacity as well as to the engineer or researcher desiring to design a surface in a heat exchanger that will enhance heat transfer. Efficient Surfaces for Heat Exchangers: Fundamentals and Design would make an excellent addition to any reference library.


Heat transfer topics are commonly of a very complex nature. Often different mechanisms like heat conduction, convection, thermal radiation, and nonlinear phenomena, such as temperature-dependent thermophysical properties, and phase change occur simultaneously. Nevertheless, advanced numerical techniques such as finite-difference, finite-volume, and finite-element methods, together with partial differential equations and access to high-speed, efficient computers have led to dramatic advances in recent years.

Presenting new approaches to the numerical solution of heat transfer problems, this volume discusses well-established and efficient numerical techniques like finite differences, finite volume, and finite elements, and boundary elements. Special attention is also paid to complex thermal problems from engineering practice.


Fundamental and applied investigations of micro- and nanoscale devices have been demanded by recent developments in microelectronics, laser-based systems, micro heat exchangers, micro heat pipes, sensors, and actuators. Micro cooling technology has been developed in response to the need for thermal control in the fabrication and operation of such micro- and nanoscale devices. In addition to meeting the microscale size requirements, microcooling devices must be capable of accommodating extremely high heat flux loads. Extensive research is now taking place in this field and this book presents state-of-the-art developments in this field on the following topics: microscale energy transport in solids; energy transfer and conversion in micro- and nanoscale; heat conduction in microstructures; convective rarefied or low density gaseous flow and heat transfer; radiative energy transport on the microscale; micro heat pipes; microscale energy systems; microscale refrigeration; micro-machines; and micro-power systems.


Gas turbine engines and systems are designed to convert the energy of a fuel into some form of useful power, such as mechanical shaft power, electrical power, or the high-speed thrust of a jet. Research and development designed to perfect efficient cooling in gas turbines require fundamental and applied investigations of heat transfer.

Containing invited contributions from specialists working in this field, this title reflects current active research and covers a broad spectrum of heat transfer phenomena in gas turbines. All of the chapters follow a unified outline and presentation to aid accessibility.


This annual compilation of 73 full-length, peer-reviewed papers covers the following areas: direct thermal energy conversion/thermal management technologies and systems; heat pump and refrigeration systems design, analysis, and application; micro and mesoscale energy systems and conversion devices; and thermodynamics and design, analysis, and improvements of energy systems.


namely applied continuum mechanics, soil mechanics, and porous media, glacier and ice dynamics, and climatology and lake physics. Altogether there are 19 topics covered, and the subject matter varies widely, even within a category.

In the first part, covering applied continuum mechanics for example, the six contributions deal respectively with shock waves in a radiating gas, anisotropic fluids (in which category the author includes granular materials!), miscibility, nonlinear diffusion models, the second sound phenomenon in crystals, and electro-mechanical coupling with piezoelectric actuators. The short paper on miscibility approaches the subject from an especially unique viewpoint, i.e., by exhibiting an analogy between a population of hawks and doves who individually behave differently in the contest for a resource, and a mixture of two constituents in two phases.

The four papers that focus on soil mechanics or porous media are similarly diverse. The first deals with the problem of a heap of grains that is driven by gravity down an incline and develops the theory that allows the evolution of the shape of the heap and the depth-averaged velocity to be determined. The second investigates the nature of the boundary at the interface between a porous region and a clear fluid. The third deals with numerical techniques for solving eigenvalue problems which arise in convection driven instability problems in porous media. The final contribution in this part discusses the application of the mechanics of multiphase porous media to unsaturated soils.

Next come five articles on glacier and ice dynamics. The first two of these examine the physics of iceberg drift and the flow of glaciers and ice sheets. These are followed by two papers dealing with the shallow-ice-approximation, the first describing computational methods and algorithms, and the second an asymptotic method for the analysis of steady plane nonlinearly viscous flow in glaciers and ice sheets. This section is rounded out by an article on constitutive modeling and flow simulation of anisotropic polar ice.

Part four leads off with a discussion of the basic dynamical theory is clear and comprehensive, starting with the basic dynamical theory of ice sheets. The physical basis of the equations considered is given in enough detail to be understandable. The final paper in this grouping compares different numerical treatments of advection terms for wind-induced circulations in Lake Constance at the crossroads between Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

Continuum Mechanics and Applications in Geophysics and the Environment is primarily intended for active researchers interested in geophysical modeling. The papers are connected only broadly and in the sense that they touch in some way on Professor Hutter’s main interests. As with most collections of this type, the editing has been minimal, and there is no index. Although most of the material can be found in other places, this is a nice collection and should be a welcome addition to one’s personal library.


Reviewed by O Phillips (Dept of Earth and Planet Sci, Johns Hopkins Univ, Charles and 34th St, Baltimore MD 21218-2681).

Internal gravity waves occur in the atmosphere and oceans as a result of their internal density stratification. In the atmosphere, the flow is sometimes visualized naturally by rows of cloud bands, condensation regions near the wave crests. In the oceans, they have excited intense interest because of their strong effects on acoustic propagation. To a fluid mechanician, they offer a beautiful array of phenomena, mostly as a consequence of their anisotropy (the restoring force in the oscillation, gravity, acts only vertically). These waves can be demonstrated vividly in simple laboratory experiments; their phase and group velocities are orthogonal, their frequency range is bounded, their wavelength changes on reflection from a sloping bottom, and when the stratification varies in the vertical, there can be internal trapping and things like that.

This beautiful book, a graduate-level text and reference, is a poignant epitaph to its young author, whose premature death has saddened his many intellectual colleagues throughout the world. Its development of the basic dynamical theory is clear and comprehensive, starting with the linear theory of propagation in a horizontally homogeneous, but vertically stratified medium that is otherwise at rest. It continues by inclusion of horizontal shear with the possibility of critical layers, and proceeds to discussion of horizontal inhomogeneities. Internal waves seem to be generated ubiquitously in nature. A number of generation mechanisms are known, but as Miropl’ský freely admits, there are still a few things to be understood here. The Hamiltonian formulation for weak nonlinear fields, solitons, and resonant wave interactions lead to two short but informative chapters on ocean measurements and laboratory experiments.

The qualities of this book remind us of why the author was regarded as one of the brightest leaders in this area of fluid mechanics. It is written comprehensively and authoritatively, with clarity and grace. It is, in places, demanding of the mathematical skills of the reader, but only when necessarily so. The line diagrams are fine, but it might have been helpful to have had a few good photographs of some pivotal experiments, such as there are in JS Turner’s book, *Bouyancy Effects in Fluids*. The translation by OD Shishkina is excellent—smooth and accurate.

It is probable that here we may have a new classic in the field and, though the price is a bit steep, *Dynamics of Internal Gravity Waves in the Ocean* should be in the library of every serious fluid dynamist and dynamical oceanographer or meteorologist.


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The book is a very well-written monograph which discusses the theory and some analytic solution methods for a number of the partial differential equations (PDEs) which arise in modeling transport processes in geological situations. The book is designed to appeal to both the mathematics and applications communities, and it does a good job of presenting interesting material on both aspects. While quite readable on its own, the book could be used for a special topics course in either applications of PDEs or the mathematics of transport phenomena, respectively, for its two intended audience groups.

The transport phenomena considered here are diffusion, advection, adsorption, and reaction, usually expressed in terms of a single PDE, or occasionally a coupled system of them.

The general theory covers boundary conditions, Greens’ functions, maximum principles, wave propagation, some aspects of stability and nonlinearity, and numerous tricks which prove useful in particular situations. Numerical methods are very briefly discussed in appendices. The principal applications are to groundwater transport, flow processes, solution kinetics, and reactive fluid flows. The physical basis of the equations considered is given in enough detail to be convincing to all but the specialist, and in a way that allows the mathematical results to be interpreted physically. The motivation for the models studied, the relevant PDE theory, and the applications to specific problems are all presented in a unified fashion, rather than sequentially, and as a result one gets a feeling for the subject instead of a collection of facts.

The mathematical level is that of graduate students in mathematical sciences or engineering, meaning that the prerequisite is something along the lines of a standard graduate mathematical methods course, the basic theorems are proven in a convincing, but non-rigorous way, and some of the less trivial general results are left for the refer-


VIII. ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT


7N64. Development and Application of Computer Techniques to Environmental Problems IX, Proc of 9th Int Conf on the Modeling, Monitoring, and Management of Environmental Problems (ENVIROSOFT), - Edited by CA Brebbia (Wessex Inst of Tech, Southampton, UK) and P Zannetti (Environmetrics, WIT Press, Southampton, UK). 2002. 410 pp. ISBN 1-85312-909-7. $290.00. This book presents the recent developments and practical implementations in the theoretical, numerical, and applicable aspects of computer analysis, simulation, modeling, control, and forecasting for environmental applications. Papers cover environmental modeling, algorithms, software codes, and other topics related to the scope and application of computer programs to environmental issues.


7N66. Mesoscale Atmospheric Dispersion, Advances in Air Pollution Series, Vol 9, - Edited by Z Boybeyi (Sci Applications Int VA). WIT Press, Southampton, UK. 2001. 448 pp. ISBN 1-85312-732-9. $262.00. In the last few decades, there has been increasing recognition and interest in evaluating air pollution problems over mesoscale and synoptic-scale. This monograph presents a collection of invited reviews covering this complex phenomenon. All the contributions have been written by leading scientists in the field and provide the reader with organized and consistent discussions on different aspects of mesoscale atmospheric dispersion. The material featured will be of interest to researchers and students examining mesoscale meteorology, mesoscale dispersion, atmospheric boundary layer, and air pollution meteorology.


IX. BIOENGINEERING

7N67. 2001 Advances in Bioengineering, Proc of ASME Congress, Nov 2001, New York. - Edited by BB Lieber, ASME, New York, 2001. 360 pp. ISBN 0-7918-3547-2. ASME Book No 100515. $150.00. (ASME members $75.00). This annual collection of two-page, peer-reviewed technical papers covers the following: student paper competition (bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels); biomechanics education; spine biomechanics; joint mechanics; cardiovascular fluid/solid mechanics; cardiovascular device mechanics; micro, injury, and surgical biomechanics; cell mechanics; implant biomechanics and technology; vehicular and pedestrian; pulmonary devices; cardiovascular solid mechanics; cartilage mechanics interactions; sports and sports injuries; tissue engineering; minimally invasive surgery; medical device design; bone mechanics; biomechanics; joint biomechanics; soft tissue mechanics; cardiovascular fluid mechanics; heat and valve mechanics; and nano and micro mechanics.

7N68. Computational Modeling in Biological Fluid Dynamics, IMA Volumes Mathematics and Applications, Vol 124, - Edited by LJ Fauci (Tulane Univ, New Orleans LA) and S Gueron (Technion-Israel Inst of Tech, Haifa, Israel). Springer-Verlag, New York. 2001. 256 pp. ISBN 0-387-95233-0. $69.95. This volume contains invited and refereed papers based upon presentations given in an IMA workshop which was part of a year-long program, Mathematics in Biology.

7N69. Crashworthiness, Occupant Protection, and Biomechanics in Transportation Systems, 2001, Proc of ASME Congress, Nov 2001, New York. - Edited by HF Mahmood, ASME, New York. 2001. 184 pp. ISBN 0-7918-3581-2. ASME Book No 100549. $100.00. (ASME members $50.00). This is a collection of 23 full-length, peer-reviewed technical papers emphasizing the shape of the latest research, development, and applications in crashworthiness, occupant protection, and biomechanics by experts in the academic and industrial spheres. Topics covered include aluminum design for crashworthiness; nonlinear finite element and rigid body modeling; component and vehicle testing; composite structure; inflatable tubular structure air bag; occupant responses in frontal impact; seat system performance in rear impact; FE modeling of human thorax; traumatic brain injuries; and spinal injuries.


7N70. Handbook of Linear Partial Differential Equations for Engineers and Scientists, -
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This handbook presents brief formulations and exact solutions for more than 2,200 equations and problems in science and engineering. Topics covered include parabolic, hyperbolic, and elliptic equations with constant and variable coefficients; new exact solutions to linear equations and boundary value problems; equations and problems of general form that depend on arbitrary functions; formulas for constructing solutions to nonhomogeneous boundary value problems; and second- and higher-order equations and boundary value problems. This handbook also presents solutions to numerous problems related to heat and mass transfer, wave theory, acoustics, elasticity, hydrodynamics, electrostatics, quantum mechanics, and other fields of science and engineering.


There are 385 full-length, peer-reviewed technical papers included in this volume on the following topics: multibody dynamics and vibration; rotating structures and machinery; dynamics and control of time-varying systems and structures; friction induced vibration; active, passive, and hybrid vibration control; noise control with simulation-based design; modeling and simulation of structures with jointed interfaces; vibration of continuous systems; vibration studies on smart laminated composites; vibration of nonlinear mechanical systems; nonlinear normal modes for systems with non-smooth nonlinearities; wavelet and time-frequency analysis and applications; system identification, order reduction, and fault detection; dynamics and stability of time-varying systems; vibration and control of non-smooth dynamical systems; piezoelectric actuators; smart mechanical systems; vibration including friction and impacts; dynamics and control of moving load systems; dynamics and vibration of robotic systems; experiments with nonlinear dynamic systems; and nonlinear dynamics and control of engineering systems.

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