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This comprehensive, encyclopedic text in four parts aims to give the reader — from the graduate student to the researcher/practitioner — a detailed understanding of modern finite semigroup theory, focusing in particular on advanced topics on the cutting edge of research. The q-theory of Finite Semigroups presents important techniques and results, many for the first time in book form, thereby updating and modernizing the semigroup theory literature.

The first edition of Quantitative Feedback Theory gained enormous popularity by successfully bridging the gap between theory and real-world engineering practice. Avoiding mathematical theorems, lemmas, proofs, and correlaries, it boiled down to the essential elements of quantitative feedback theory (QFT) necessary to readily analyze, develop, and implement robust control systems. Thoroughly updated and expanded, Quantitative Feedback Theory: Fundamentals and Applications, Second Edition continues to provide a platform for intelligent decision making and design based on knowledge of the characteristics and operating scenario of the plant. Beginning with the fundamentals, the authors build a background in analog and discrete-time multiple-input-single-output (MISO) and multiple-input-multiple-output (MIMO) feedback control systems along with the fundamentals of the QFT technique. The remainder of the book links these concepts to practical applications. Among the many enhancements to this edition are a new section on large wind turbine control system, four new chapters, and five new appendices. The new chapters cover non-diagonal compensator design for MIMO systems, QFT design involving Smith predictors for time delay systems with uncertainty, weighting matrices and control authority, and QFT design techniques applied to real-world industrial systems. Quantitative Feedback Theory: Fundamentals and Applications, Second Edition includes new and revised examples and end-of-chapter problems and offers a companion CD that supplies MIMO QFT computer-aided design (CAD) software. It is the perfect guide to effectively and intuitively implementing QFT control.

This unique volume presents the scientific achievements of Nobel laureate Philip Anderson, spanning the many years of his career. In this new edition, the author has omitted some review papers as well as added over 15 of his research papers. As in the first edition, he provides an introduction to each paper by explaining the genesis of the papers or adding some personal history. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the author's work which include significant discoveries and pioneering contributions, such as his work on the Anderson model of magnetic impurities and the concept of localization; the study of spin glasses, the fluctuating valence problem and superexchange; his prediction of the existence of superfluidity in He₃; his involvement in the discovery of the Josephson effect; his discovery of the "Higgs" mechanism in elementary particle physics; and so on. The new papers added to this edition include "Pressure Broadening in the Microwave and Infrared Regions" — a condensation of most of the author's thesis; "Ordering and Antiferromagnetism in Ferrites" — the best-known of the papers written by the author involving what are known as "frustrated" lattices; and "Localized Magnetic States in Metals" — a paper mentioned in his Nobel Prize citation along with localization and superexchange; to name a few. A Career in Theoretical Physics is an essential source of reference for physicists, chemists, materials scientists and historians of science. It is also suitable reading for graduate students. Contents: Pressure Broadening in the Microwave and Infrared Regions Absence of Diffusion in Certain Random Lattices Theory of Dirty Superconductors Localized Magnetic States in Metals Infrared Catastrophe in Fermi Gases with Local Scattering Potentials The Fermi Glass: Theory and Experiment Possible Consequences of Negative U Centers in Amorphous Materials Localization Redux Suggested Model for Prebiotic Evolution: The Use of Chaos Physics: The Opening to Complexity and other papers Readership: Physicists, chemists and materials scientists. Keywords: Theoretical Physics; Spin Glasses; Localization; High T_c Superconductivity Magnetism Key Features: Comprehensive collection of many significant topics Philip Anderson has worked on Some of the papers included are now hard to find elsewhere, and each has been embellished with commentary on how they came to be written Anderson has also provided an interesting introduction setting out his philosophy of what is important in science Fully updated to include significant new papers (around 120 more pages)

Early in his rise to enlightenment, man invented a concept that has since been variously viewed as a vice, a crime, a business, a pleasure, a type of magic, a disease, a folly, a weakness, a form of sexual substitution, an expression of the human instinct. He invented gambling. Recent advances in the field, particularly Parrondo's paradox, have triggered a surge of interest in the statistical and mathematical theory behind gambling. This interest was acknowledged in the motion picture, "21," inspired by the true story of the MIT students who mastered the art of card counting to reap millions from the Vegas casinos. Richard Epstein's classic book on gambling and its mathematical analysis covers the full range of games from penny matching to blackjack, from Tic-Tac-Toe to the stock market (including Edward Thorp's warrant-hedging analysis). He even considers whether statistical inference can shed light on the study of paranormal phenomena. Epstein is witty and insightful, a pleasure to dip into and read and rewarding to study. The book is written at a fairly sophisticated mathematical level; this is not "Gambling for Dummies" or "How To Beat The Odds Without Really Trying." A background in upper-level undergraduate mathematics is helpful for understanding this work. Comprehensive and exciting analysis of all major casino games and variants Covers a wide range of interesting topics not covered in other books on the subject Depth and breadth of its material is unique compared to other books of this nature Richard Epstein's website: www.gamblingtheory.net

Already an international bestseller, with the release of this greatly enhanced second edition, Graph Theory and Its Applications is now an even better choice as a textbook for a variety of courses -- a textbook that will continue to serve your students as a reference for years to come. The superior explanations, broad coverage, and abundance of illustrations and exercises that positioned this as the premier graph theory text remain, but are now augmented by a broad range of improvements. Nearly 200 pages have been added for this edition, including nine new sections and

hundreds of new exercises, mostly non-routine. What else is new? New chapters on measurement and analytic graph theory Supplementary exercises in each chapter - ideal for reinforcing, reviewing, and testing. Solutions and hints, often illustrated with figures, to selected exercises - nearly 50 pages worth Reorganization and extensive revisions in more than half of the existing chapters for smoother flow of the exposition Foreshadowing - the first three chapters now preview a number of concepts, mostly via the exercises, to pique the interest of reader Gross and Yellen take a comprehensive approach to graph theory that integrates careful exposition of classical developments with emerging methods, models, and practical needs. Their unparalleled treatment provides a text ideal for a two-semester course and a variety of one-semester classes, from an introductory one-semester course to courses slanted toward classical graph theory, operations research, data structures and algorithms, or algebra and topology.

This text presenting the mathematical theory of finite elements is organized into three main sections. The first part develops the theoretical basis for the finite element methods, emphasizing inf-sup conditions over the more conventional Lax-Milgrim paradigm. The second and third parts address various applications and practical implementations of the method, respectively. It contains numerous examples and exercises.

Algorithms and Theory of Computation Handbook is a comprehensive collection of algorithms and data structures that also covers many theoretical issues. It offers a balanced perspective that reflects the needs of practitioners, including emphasis on applications within discussions on theoretical issues. Chapters include information on finite precision issues as well as discussion of specific algorithms where algorithmic techniques are of special importance, including graph drawing, robotics, forming a VLSI chip, vision and image processing, data compression, and cryptography. The book also presents some advanced topics in combinatorial optimization and parallel/distributed computing.

- applications areas where algorithms and data structuring techniques are of special importance
- graph drawing
- robot algorithms
- VLSI layout
- vision and image processing algorithms
- scheduling
- electronic cash
- data compression
- dynamic graph algorithms
- on-line algorithms
- multidimensional data structures
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This second edition comprehensively presents important tools of linear systems theory, including differential and difference equations, Laplace and Z transforms, and more. Linear Systems Theory discusses: Nonlinear and linear systems in the state space form and through the transfer function method Stability, including marginal stability, asymptotical stability, global asymptotical stability, uniform stability, uniform exponential stability, and BIBO stability Controllability Observability Canonical forms System realizations and minimal realizations, including state space approach and transfer function realizations System design Kalman filters Nonnegative systems Adaptive control Neural networks The book focuses mainly on applications in electrical engineering, but it provides examples for most branches of engineering, economics, and social sciences. What's New in the Second Edition? Case studies drawn mainly from electrical and mechanical engineering applications, replacing many of the longer case studies Expanded explanations of both linear and nonlinear systems as well as new problem sets at the end of each chapter Illustrative examples in all the chapters An introduction and analysis of new stability concepts An expanded chapter on neural networks, analyzing advances that have occurred in that field since the first edition Although more mainstream than its predecessor, this revision maintains the rigorous mathematical approach of the first edition, providing fast, efficient development of the material. Linear Systems Theory enables its reader to develop his or her capabilities for modeling dynamic phenomena, examining their properties, and applying them to real-life situations.

News Professor Cheng-Few Lee ranks #1 based on his publications in the 26 core finance journals, and #163 based on publications in the 7 leading finance journals (Source: Most Prolific Authors in the Finance Literature: 1959–2008 by Jean L Heck and Philip L Cooley (Saint Joseph's University and Trinity University)). Based on the authors' extensive teaching, research and business experiences, this book reviews, discusses and integrates both theoretical and practical aspects of financial planning and forecasting. The book is divided into six parts: Information and Methodology for Financial Analysis, Alternative Finance Theories and Their Application, Capital Budgeting and Leasing Decisions, Corporate Policies and Their Interrelationships, Short-term Financial Decisions, Financial Planning and Forecasting, and Overview. The theories used in this book are pre-Modigliani–Miller Theorem, Modigliani–Miller Theorem, Capital Asset Pricing Model and Arbitrage Pricing Theory, and Option Pricing Theory. The interrelationships among these theories are carefully analyzed. Meaningful real-world examples of using these theories are discussed step-by-step, with relevant data and methodology. Alternative planning and forecasting models are also used to show how the interdisciplinary approach is helpful in making meaningful financial management decisions.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Distributed Computing, IWDC 2002, held in Calcutta, India, in December 2002. The 31 revised full papers and 3 student papers presented together with 3 keynote papers were carefully reviewed and selected from more than 90 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on Web caching, distributed computing, wireless networks, wireless mobile systems, VLSI and parallel systems, optical networks, and distributed systems.

As information systems used for research and educational purposes have become more complex, there has been an increase in the need for new computing architecture. High performance and cloud computing provide reliable and cost-effective information technology infrastructure that enhances research and educational processes. Handbook of Research on High Performance and Cloud Computing in Scientific Research and Education presents the applications of cloud computing in various settings, such as scientific research, education, e-learning, ubiquitous learning, and social computing. Providing various examples, practical solutions, and applications of high performance and cloud computing; this book is a useful reference for professionals and researchers discovering the applications of information and communication technologies in science and education, as well as scholars seeking insight on how modern technologies support scientific research.

This volume presents the contributions from the international conference held at the University of Missouri at Columbia, marking Professor Lange's 70th birthday and his retirement from the university. The principal purpose of the conference was to focus on continued fractions as a common interdisciplinary theme bridging gaps between a large number of fields - from pure mathematics

to mathematical physics and approximation theory. Evident in this work is the widespread influence of continued fractions in a broad range of areas of mathematics and physics, including number theory, elliptic functions, Pade approximations, orthogonal polynomials, moment problems, frequency analysis, and regularity properties of evolution equations. Different areas of current research are represented. The lectures at the conference and the contributions to this volume reflect the wide range of applicability of continued fractions in mathematics and the applied sciences.

Providing readers with a solid basis in dynamical systems theory, as well as explicit procedures for application of general mathematical results to particular problems, the focus here is on efficient numerical implementations of the developed techniques. The book is designed for advanced undergraduates or graduates in applied mathematics, as well as for Ph.D. students and researchers in physics, biology, engineering, and economics who use dynamical systems as model tools in their studies. A moderate mathematical background is assumed, and, whenever possible, only elementary mathematical tools are used. This new edition preserves the structure of the first while updating the context to incorporate recent theoretical developments, in particular new and improved numerical methods for bifurcation analysis. This Handbook is a collection of chapters on key issues in the design and analysis of computer simulation experiments on models of stochastic systems. The chapters are tightly focused and written by experts in each area. For the purpose of this volume "simulation refers to the analysis of stochastic processes through the generation of sample paths (realization) of the processes. Attention focuses on design and analysis issues and the goal of this volume is to survey the concepts, principles, tools and techniques that underlie the theory and practice of stochastic simulation design and analysis. Emphasis is placed on the ideas and methods that are likely to remain an intrinsic part of the foundation of the field for the foreseeable future. The chapters provide up-to-date references for both the simulation researcher and the advanced simulation user, but they do not constitute an introductory level 'how to' guide. Computer scientists, financial analysts, industrial engineers, management scientists, operations researchers and many other professionals use stochastic simulation to design, understand and improve communications, financial, manufacturing, logistics, and service systems. A theme that runs throughout these diverse applications is the need to evaluate system performance in the face of uncertainty, including uncertainty in user load, interest rates, demand for product, availability of goods, cost of transportation and equipment failures. * Tightly focused chapters written by experts * Surveys concepts, principles, tools, and techniques that underlie the theory and practice of stochastic simulation design and analysis * Provides an up-to-date reference for both simulation researchers and advanced simulation users

This book introduces the main concepts of microeconomics to upper division undergraduate students or first year graduate students who have undergone at least one elementary calculus course. The book fully integrates graphical and mathematical concepts and offers over 150 analytical examples demonstrating numerical solutions. The book has a strong theoretical basis but shows how microeconomics can be brought to bear on the real world. New Features for this edition include: an incorporation of the theory of stock externalities associated with greenhouse gases development of the section on insurance with particular reference to the new US healthcare program greater integration of game theoretic concepts throughout the book. The book's style is accessible, but also rigorous. Mathematical examples are provided throughout the book, in particular for key concepts and the result is a balanced approach in terms of prose, graphics, and mathematics.

The definitive guide to control system design Modern Control System Theory and Design, Second Edition offers the most comprehensive treatment of control systems available today. Its unique text/software combination integrates classical and modern control system theories, while promoting an interactive, computer-based approach to design solutions. The sheer volume of practical examples, as well as the hundreds of illustrations of control systems from all engineering fields, make this volume accessible to students and indispensable for professional engineers. This fully updated Second Edition features a new chapter on modern control system design, including state-space design techniques, Ackermann's formula for pole placement, estimation, robust control, and the H method for control system design. Other notable additions to this edition are: * Free MATLAB software containing problem solutions, which can be retrieved from The Mathworks, Inc., anonymous FTP server at <ftp://ftp.mathworks.com/pub/books/shinners> * Programs and tutorials on the use of MATLAB incorporated directly into the text * A complete set of working digital computer programs * Reviews of commercial software packages for control system analysis * An extensive set of new, worked-out, illustrative solutions added in dedicated sections at the end of chapters * Expanded end-of-chapter problems--one-third with answers to facilitate self-study * An updated solutions manual containing solutions to the remaining two-thirds of the problems Superbly organized and easy-to-use, Modern Control System Theory and Design, Second Edition is an ideal textbook for introductory courses in control systems and an excellent professional reference. Its interdisciplinary approach makes it invaluable for practicing engineers in electrical, mechanical, aeronautical, chemical, and nuclear engineering and related areas.

Library Services in Theory and Context provides a theoretical framework for considering the nature of library services. This book is organized into four parts encompassing 16 chapters that focus on the management of library services. The first part presents some basic problems in librarianship, along with the scope and probable nature of appropriate theory. The second part considers the five key aspects and use of library services, including inquiries, retrieval, the process of becoming informed, the demand for library services, and the allocation of resources to and within library services. The third part deals with the connection and extensions of library services, specifically the problem of achieving internal consistency and the generalizability of conceptual framework to information services. The fourth part reconsiders some of the basic conceptual problems in library services. This book will be of great value to school administrators and librarians. This 2nd edition provides an in-depth, up-to-date, unified, and comprehensive treatment of the fundamentals of the theory of active networks and its applications to feedback amplifier design. The main purpose is to discuss the topics that are of fundamental importance that transcends the advent of new devices and design tools. Intended primarily as a text

in circuit theory in electrical engineering for senior and/or first year graduate students, the book also serve as a reference for researchers and practicing engineers in industry. A special feature of the book is that it bridges the gap between theory and practice, with abundant examples showing how theory solves problems. These examples are actual practical problems, not idealized illustrations of the theory. The topic on topological analysis of active networks is also expanded to benefit more discerning readers.

This textbook comprehensively introduces students and researchers to the application of continuous symmetries and their Lie algebras to ordinary and partial differential equations. Covering all the modern techniques in detail, it relates applications to cutting-edge research fields such as Yang-Mills theory and string theory. Aimed at readers in applied mathematics and physics rather than pure mathematics, the material is ideally suited to students and researchers whose main interest lies in finding solutions to differential equations and invariants of maps. A large number of worked examples and challenging exercises help readers to work independently of teachers, and by including SymbolicC++ implementations of the techniques in each chapter, the book takes full advantage of the advancements in algebraic computation. Twelve new sections have been added in this edition, including: Haar measure, Sato's theory and sigma functions, universal algebra, anti-self dual Yang-Mills equation, and discrete Painlevé equations.

In this book the authors try to bridge the gap between the treatments of matrix theory and linear algebra. It is aimed at graduate and advanced undergraduate students seeking a foundation in mathematics, computer science, or engineering. It will also be useful as a reference book for those working on matrices and linear algebra for use in their scientific work. In the current technological world, Web services play an integral role in service computing and social networking services. This is also the case in the traditional FREG (foods, resources, energy, and goods) services because almost all traditional services are replaced fully or partially by Web services. Handbook of Research on Demand-Driven Web Services: Theory, Technologies, and Applications presents comprehensive and in-depth studies that reveal the cutting-edge theories, technologies, methodologies, and applications of demand-driven Web, mobile, and e-business services. This book provides critical perspectives for researchers and practitioners, lecturers and undergraduate/graduate students, and professionals in the fields of computing, business, service, management, and government, as well as a variety of readers from all the social strata.

“Both burgeoning game designers and devoted gamers should consider [Game Design: Theory & Practice] an essential read.” — Computer Gaming World “Ultimately, in both theory and practice, Rouse’s Game Design bible gets the job done. Let us pray.” - Next Generation magazine In the second edition to the acclaimed Game Design: Theory & Practice, designer Richard Rouse III balances a discussion of the essential concepts behind game design with an explanation of how you can implement them in your current project. Detailed analysis of successful games is interwoven with concrete examples from Rouse’s own experience. This second edition thoroughly updates the popular original with new chapters and fully revised text.

Information Systems (IS) are a nearly omnipresent aspect of the modern world, playing crucial roles in the fields of science and engineering, business and law, art and culture, politics and government, and many others. As such, identity theft and unauthorized access to these systems are serious concerns. Theory and Practice of Cryptography Solutions for Secure Information Systems explores current trends in IS security technologies, techniques, and concerns, primarily through the use of cryptographic tools to safeguard valuable information resources. This reference book serves the needs of professionals, academics, and students requiring dedicated information systems free from outside interference, as well as developers of secure IS applications. This book is part of the Advances in Information Security, Privacy, and Ethics series collection.

A detailed look at some of the more modern issues of hydrodynamic stability, including transient growth, eigenvalue spectra, secondary instability. It presents analytical results and numerical simulations, linear and selected nonlinear stability methods. By including classical results as well as recent developments in the field of hydrodynamic stability and transition, the book can be used as a textbook for an introductory, graduate-level course in stability theory or for a special-topics fluids course. It is equally of value as a reference for researchers in the field of hydrodynamic stability theory or with an interest in recent developments in fluid dynamics. Stability theory has seen a rapid development over the past decade, this book includes such new developments as direct numerical simulations of transition to turbulence and linear analysis based on the initial-value problem.

This book provides a comprehensive yet easy coverage of ad hoc and sensor networks and fills the gap of existing literature in this growing field. It emphasizes that there is a major interdependence among various layers of the network protocol stack. Contrary to wired or even one-hop cellular networks, the lack of a fixed infrastructure, the inherent mobility, the wireless channel, and the underlying routing mechanism by ad hoc and sensor networks introduce a number of technological challenges that are difficult to address within the boundaries of a single protocol layer. All existing textbooks on the subject often focus on a specific aspect of the technology, and fail to provide critical insights on cross-layer interdependencies. To fully understand these intriguing networks, one need to grasp specific solutions individually, and also the many interdependencies and cross-layer interactions.

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An understanding of statistical thermodynamic molecular theory is fundamental to the appreciation of molecular solutions. This complex subject has been simplified by the authors with down-to-earth presentations of molecular theory. Using the potential distribution theorem (PDT) as the basis, the text provides a discussion of practical theories in conjunction with simulation results. The authors discuss the field in a concise and simple manner, illustrating the text with useful models of solution thermodynamics and numerous exercises. Modern quasi-chemical theories that permit statistical thermodynamic properties to be studied on the basis of electronic structure calculations are given extended development, as is the testing of those theoretical results with ab initio

molecular dynamics simulations. The book is intended for students taking up research problems of molecular science in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, nanotechnology and biotechnology.

This completely revised and expanded second edition of SSL and TLS: Theory and Practice provides an overview and a comprehensive discussion of the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), Transport Layer Security (TLS), and Datagram TLS (DTLS) protocols that are omnipresent in today's e-commerce and e-business applications and respective security solutions. It provides complete details on the theory and practice of the protocols, offering readers a solid understanding of their design principles and modes of operation. Updates to this edition include coverage of the recent attacks against the protocols, newly specified extensions and firewall traversal, as well as recent developments related to public key certificates and respective infrastructures. This book targets software developers, security professionals, consultants, protocol designers, and chief security officers who will gain insight and perspective on the many details of the SSL, TLS, and DTLS protocols, such as cipher suites, certificate management, and alert messages. The book also comprehensively discusses the advantages and disadvantages of the protocols compared to other Internet security protocols and provides the details necessary to correctly implement the protocols while saving time on the security practitioner's side.

The Handbook of Mathematics for Engineers and Scientists covers the main fields of mathematics and focuses on the methods used for obtaining solutions of various classes of mathematical equations that underlie the mathematical modeling of numerous phenomena and processes in science and technology. To accommodate different mathematical backgrounds, the preeminent authors outline the material in a simplified, schematic manner, avoiding special terminology wherever possible. Organized in ascending order of complexity, the material is divided into two parts. The first part is a coherent survey of the most important definitions, formulas, equations, methods, and theorems. It covers arithmetic, elementary and analytic geometry, algebra, differential and integral calculus, special functions, calculus of variations, and probability theory. Numerous specific examples clarify the methods for solving problems and equations. The second part provides many in-depth mathematical tables, including those of exact solutions of various types of equations. This concise, comprehensive compendium of mathematical definitions, formulas, and theorems provides the foundation for exploring scientific and technological phenomena.

An exposition of the derivation and use of equations of motion for two-phase flow. The approach taken derives the equations of motion using ensemble averaging, and compares them with those derived from control volume methods. Closure for dispersed flows is discussed, and some fundamental solutions are given. The work focuses on the fundamental aspects of two-phase flow, and is intended to give the reader a background for understanding the dynamics as well as a system of equations that can be used in predictions of the behavior of dispersed two-phase flows. The exposition in terms of ensemble averaging is new, and combining it with modern continuum mechanics concepts makes this book unique. Intended for engineering, mathematics and physics researchers and advanced graduate students working in the field.

This significantly updated second edition of the Research Handbook on Patent Law provides comprehensive coverage of new research for patent protection in three major jurisdictions: the United States, Europe and Japan.

This book is divided into two parts. In the first part we give an elementary introduction to computational physics consisting of 21 simulations which originated from a formal course of lectures and laboratory simulations delivered since 2010 to physics students at Annaba University. The second part is much more advanced and deals with the problem of how to set up working Monte Carlo simulations of matrix field theories which involve finite dimensional matrix regularizations of noncommutative and fuzzy field theories, fuzzy spaces and matrix geometry. The study of matrix field theory in its own right has also become very important to the proper understanding of all noncommutative, fuzzy and matrix phenomena. The second part, which consists of 9 simulations, was delivered informally to doctoral students who were working on various problems in matrix field theory. Sample codes as well as sample key solutions are also provided for convenience and completeness.

This book has been written in a frankly partisan spirit—we believe that singularity theory offers an extremely useful approach to bifurcation problems and we hope to convert the reader to this view. In this preface we will discuss what we feel are the strengths of the singularity theory approach. This discussion then leads naturally into a discussion of the contents of the book and the prerequisites for reading it. Let us emphasize that our principal contribution in this area has been to apply pre-existing techniques from singularity theory, especially unfolding theory and classification theory, to bifurcation problems. Many of the ideas in this part of singularity theory were originally proposed by Rene Thom; the subject was then developed rigorously by John Mather and extended by V. I. Arnold. In applying this material to bifurcation problems, we were greatly encouraged by how well the mathematical ideas of singularity theory meshed with the questions addressed by bifurcation theory. Concerning our title, Singularities and Groups in Bifurcation Theory, it should be mentioned that the present text is the first volume in a two-volume sequence. In this volume our emphasis is on singularity theory, with group theory playing a subordinate role. In Volume II the emphasis will be more balanced. Having made these remarks, let us set the context for the discussion of the strengths of the singularity theory approach to bifurcation. As we use the term, bifurcation theory is the study of equations with multiple solutions.

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