

Structural Reliability Analysis And Prediction

This book presents a unique collection of contributions from some of the foremost scholars in the field of risk and reliability analysis. Combining the most advanced analysis techniques with practical applications, it is one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date books available on risk-based engineering. All the fundamental concepts needed to conduct risk and reliability assessments are covered in detail, providing readers with a sound understanding of the field and making the book a powerful tool for students and researchers alike. This book was prepared in honor of Professor Armen Der Kiureghian, one of the fathers of modern risk and reliability analysis.

Structural Reliability Analysis and Prediction, Third Edition is a textbook which addresses the important issue of predicting the safety of structures at the design stage and also the safety of existing, perhaps deteriorating structures. Attention is focused on the development and definition of limit states such as serviceability and ultimate strength, the definition of failure and the various models which might be used to describe strength and loading. This book emphasises concepts and applications, built up from basic principles and avoids undue mathematical rigour. It presents an accessible and unified account of the theory and techniques for the analysis of the reliability of engineering structures using probability theory. This new edition has been updated to cover new developments and applications and a new chapter is included which covers structural optimization in the context of reliability analysis. New examples and end of chapter problems are also now included.

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Buildings and Urban Habitat of the Structural Engineering Institute of ASCE. This report uses an international perspective to look at structural safety problems from basic concept to design and construction. The report examines the overall concept of safety, including how to ensure safety and can assist engineers in explaining safety concepts to a client or the public. Topics include: Øsafety concepts, Ørole of regulation and standards, Øload modeling, Øreliability analysis, Øreliability-based design, Ødurability in structural safety assessment, Øsoils and foundations, Øassessment of existing structures, Øquality management of structural design, Øquality management in construction, and Øhuman error. Practicing structural engineers and students in the field of structural engineering will find this report useful.

International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability documents the proceedings of a conference of the same name, which focuses mainly on the integration of all aspects of structural design (load-analysis, stability and strength analysis, and stress and deformation analysis) by the safety and reliability analysis of the structure of necessity. This text is divided into five sessions, reflecting the manner each topic is presented in the symposium. The general aspects of structural reliability are first presented, and then the methods of safety and reliability analysis and the Bayesian statistical decision theory and reliability-based design are examined. This book then considers the problems regarding the extreme values of stochastic processes, as well as other statistical theories of extremes. A part in this text is devoted to the random excitation of structures. The last two parts examine the development of modern aircraft design and structure as well as special reliability problems to evaluate and apply the theories examined. This book will be valuable to engineering students and engineers interested in structural safety and reliability.

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This book provides readers with an understanding of the fundamentals and applications of structural reliability, stochastic finite element method, reliability analysis via stochastic expansion, and optimization under uncertainty. It examines the use of stochastic expansions, including polynomial chaos expansion and Karhunen-Loeve expansion for the reliability analysis of practical engineering problems. Bringing together business and engineering to reliability analysis With manufactured products exploding in numbers and complexity, reliability studies play an increasingly critical role throughout a product's entire life cycle—from design to post-sale support. Reliability: Modeling, Prediction, and Optimization presents a remarkably broad framework for the analysis of the technical and commercial aspects of product reliability, integrating concepts and methodologies from such diverse areas as engineering, materials science, statistics, probability, operations research, and management. Written in plain language by two highly respected experts in the field, this practical work provides engineers, operations managers, and applied statisticians with both qualitative and quantitative tools for solving a variety of complex, real-world reliability problems. A wealth of examples and case studies accompanies:

- * Comprehensive coverage of assessment, prediction, and improvement at each stage of a product's life cycle
- * Clear explanations of modeling and analysis for hardware ranging from a single part to whole systems
- * Thorough coverage of test design and statistical analysis of reliability data
- * A special chapter on software reliability
- * Coverage of effective management of reliability, product support, testing, pricing, and related topics
- * Lists of sources for technical information, data, and computer programs
- * Hundreds of graphs, charts, and tables, as well as over 500 references
- * PowerPoint slides are available from the Wiley editorial department.

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Featuring aerospace examples and applications, Reliability Analysis of Dynamic Systems presents the very latest probabilistic techniques for accurate and efficient dynamic system reliability analysis. While other books cover more broadly the reliability techniques and challenges related to large systems, Dr Bin Wu presents a focused discussion of new methods particularly relevant to the reliability analysis of large aerospace systems under harmonic loads in the low frequency range. Developed and written to help you respond to challenges such as non-linearity of the failure surface, intensive computational costs and complexity in your dynamic system, Reliability Analysis of Dynamic Systems is a specific, detailed and application-focused reference for engineers, researchers and graduate students looking for the latest modeling solutions. The Shanghai Jiao Tong University Press Aerospace Series publishes titles that cover the latest advances in research and development in aerospace. Its scope includes theoretical studies, design methods, and real-world implementations and applications. The readership for the series is broad, reflecting the wide range of aerospace interest and application, but focuses on engineering.

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approach to structural reliability from two authoritative and accomplished authors The subject of structural reliability, which deals with the problems of evaluating the safety and risk posed by a wide variety of structures, has grown rapidly over the last four decades. And while the First-Order Reliability Method is principally used by most textbooks on this subject, other approaches have identified some of the limitations of that method. In Structural Reliability:

Approaches from Perspectives of Statistical Moments, accomplished engineers and authors Yan-Gang Zhao and Dr. Zhao-Hui Lu, deliver a concise and insightful exploration of an alternative and innovative approach to structural reliability. Called the Methods of Moment, the authors' approach is based on the information of statistical moments of basic random variables and the performance function. The Methods of Moment approach facilitates structural reliability analysis and reliability-based design and can be extended to other engineering disciplines, yielding further insights into challenging problems involving randomness. Readers will also benefit from the inclusion of:

A thorough introduction to the measures of structural safety, including uncertainties in structural design, deterministic measures of safety, and probabilistic measures of safety An exploration of the fundamentals of structural reliability theory, including the performance function and failure probability A practical discussion of moment evaluation for performance functions, including moment computation for both explicit and implicit performance functions A concise treatment of direct methods of moment, including the third- and fourth-moment reliability methods Perfect for professors, researchers, and graduate students in civil engineering, Structural Reliability:

Approaches from Perspectives of Statistical Moments will also earn a place in the libraries of professionals and students working or studying in mechanical engineering,

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aerospace and aeronautics engineering, marine and offshore engineering, ship engineering, and applied mechanics.

Proceedings of the June, 1998 conference. Seventy contributions discuss Monte Carlo and signal processing methods, random vibrations, safety and reliability, control/optimization and modeling of nonlinearity, earthquake engineering, random processes and fields, damage/fatigue materials, applied prob

Offers a modern, rigorous and comprehensive treatment of the subject using numerous well-designed examples and end-of-chapter problems. This book addresses probabilistic methods for the evaluation of structural reliability, including the theoretical basis of these methods. Partial safety factor codes under current practice are briefly introduced and discussed. A probabilistic code format for obtaining a formal reliability evaluation system that catches the most essential features of the nature of the uncertainties and their interplay is then gradually developed. The concepts presented are illustrated by numerous examples throughout the text. The modular approach of the book allows the reader to navigate through the different stages of the methods.

This book summarizes advances in a number of fundamental areas of optimization with application in engineering design. The selection of the 'best' or 'optimum' design has long been a major concern of

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designers and in recent years interest has grown in applying mathematical optimization techniques to design of large engineering and industrial systems, and in using the computer-aided design packages with optimization capabilities which are now available.

Structural engineers must focus on a structure's continued safety throughout its service life.

Reinforced Concrete Structural Reliability covers the methods that enable engineers to keep structures reliable during all project phases, and presents a practical exploration of up-to-date techniques for predicting the lifetime of a structure. The book a First published in 1995, the award-winning Civil Engineering Handbook soon became known as the field's definitive reference. To retain its standing as a complete, authoritative resource, the editors have incorporated into this edition the many changes in techniques, tools, and materials that over the last seven years have found their way into civil engineering research and practice. The Civil Engineering Handbook, Second Edition is more comprehensive than ever. You'll find new, updated, and expanded coverage in every section. In fact, more than 1/3 of the handbook is new or substantially revised. In particular you'll find increased focus on computing reflecting the rapid advances in computer technology that has revolutionized many aspects of civil engineering.

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You'll use it as a survey of the field, you'll use it to explore a particular subject, but most of all you'll use The Civil Engineering Handbook to answer the problems, questions, and conundrums you encounter in practice.

From Materials to Structures: Advancement through Innovation is a collection of peer-reviewed papers presented at the 22nd Australasian Conference on the Mechanics of Structures and Materials (ACMSM22) held in Sydney Australia, from 11-14 December 2012 by academics, researchers and practising engineers mainly from Australasia and the Asia-Pacific r

Reliability of Structures enables both students and practising engineers to appreciate how to value and handle reliability as an important dimension of structural design. It discusses the concepts of limit states and limit state functions, and presents methodologies for calculating reliability indices and calibrating partial safety factors. It also Emphasizing concepts and applications, this thorough resource addresses the important issue of predicting the safety of structures at the design stage and also the safety of existing, perhaps deteriorating structures. --

This book contains state-of-the-art review articles on specific research areas in the civil engineering discipline-the areas include geotechnical engineering, hydraulics and water resources engineering, and structural engineering. The articles are written by invited authors who are currently active at the international level in their respective research fields.

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Reliability analysis for structural design provides an effective and consistent introduction of the theory of structural reliability. The wide involvement of the author in the development of such design standards at various levels results in his ability to introduce advanced concepts in a clear and practical manner. The book consequently not only provides an appreciation for the way in which reliability-based partial factor limit states design procedures are formulated in design standards, but also for ways in which these principles can be applied in design practice, particularly where high demands are placed on structural performance.

A probabilistic finite element approach to life analysis can be used to assess the structural reliability of a multitude of engineering structures, including medical devices. The framework to this approach, as outlined in this paper, may be useful in cases where quantification of the probability of fracture is of interest. In fatigue life prediction, structural reliability is assessed by combining the stresses developed in a device during component manufacturing with those experienced in the functional or in vivo environment and comparing that total fatigue stress with the fatigue strength of the material as processed in manufacturing the device.

Probabilistic finite element analysis for fatigue life prediction is an extension of the deterministic finite element approach, whereby the input control variables are represented with specified probability distributions rather than single values. The input control variables represented by uncertainties require many finite element simulations, which can be created using a design-of-experiments approach. With the probabilistic finite element analysis approach, the probability of fracture is specifically bounded by the statistical distribution of the input control variables. In the present study, a framework is presented for the fatigue reliability analysis of medical devices using the probabilistic finite element

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approach. This framework is illustrated by a generic design example that includes a response surface model developed to capture fatigue stress distributions in the device with respect to input control variables. Monte Carlo simulations are used to generate the fatigue stress distribution in the device. The resultant fatigue stress distribution is compared with the materials fatigue strength distribution to estimate the structural reliability against fatigue.

Increasing demand on improving the resiliency of modern structures and infrastructure requires ever more critical and complex designs. Therefore, the need for accurate and efficient approaches to assess uncertainties in loads, geometry, material properties, manufacturing processes, and operational environments has increased significantly.

Reliability-based techniques help develop more accurate initial guidance for robust design and help to identify the sources of significant uncertainty in structural systems.

Reliability-Based Analysis and Design of Structures and Infrastructure presents an overview of the methods of classical reliability analysis and design most associated with structural reliability. It also introduces more modern methods and advancements, and emphasizes the most useful

methods and techniques used in reliability and risk studies, while elaborating their practical applications and limitations rather than detailed derivations. Features: Provides a practical and comprehensive overview of reliability and risk analysis and design techniques. Introduces resilient and smart structures/infrastructure that will lead to more reliable and sustainable societies. Considers loss elimination, risk management and life-cycle asset management as related to infrastructure projects. Introduces probability theory, statistical methods, and reliability analysis methods. Reliability-Based Analysis and Design of Structures and Infrastructure is suitable for researchers and practicing engineers, as well as

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upper-level students taking related courses in structural reliability analysis and design.

The International Conference on Intelligent Computing (ICIC) was set up as an annual forum dedicated to emerging and challenging topics in the various aspects of advances in computational intelligence fields, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, bioinformatics, and computational biology, etc. The goal of this conference was to bring together researchers from academia and industry as well as practitioners to share ideas, problems and solutions related to the multifaceted aspects of intelligent computing. This book constitutes the proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Computing (ICIC 2005), held in Hefei, Anhui, China, during August 23–26, 2005. ICIC 2005 received over 2000 submissions from authors in 39 countries and regions. Based on rigorous peer reviews, the Program Committee selected 563 high-quality papers for presentation at ICIC 2005; of these, 215 papers were published in this book organized into 9 categories, and the other 348 papers were published in five international journals. The organizers of ICIC 2005 made great efforts to ensure the success of this conference. We here thank the members of the ICIC 2005 Advisory Committee for their guidance and advice, the members of the Program Committee and the referees for reviewing the papers, and the members of the Publication Committee for checking and compiling the papers. We would also like to thank the publisher, Springer, for their support in publishing the proceedings in the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series. Particularly, we would like to thank all the authors for contributing their papers.

Safety, Reliability, Risk and Life-Cycle Performance of Structures and Infrastructures contains the plenary lectures and papers presented at the 11th International Conference on STRUCTURAL SAFETY AND RELIABILITY (ICOSSAR2013,

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New York, NY, USA, 16-20 June 2013), and covers major aspects of safety, reliability, risk and life-cycle performance of str

This book provides structural reliability and design students with fundamental knowledge in structural reliability, as well as an overview of the latest developments in the field of reliability engineering. It addresses the mathematical formulation of analytical tools for structural reliability assessment. This book offers an accessible introduction to structural reliability assessment and a solid foundation for problem-solving. It introduces the topic and background, before dealing with probability models for random variables. It then explores simulation techniques for single random variables, random vectors consisting of different variables, and stochastic processes. The book addresses analytical approaches for structural reliability assessment, including the reliability models for a single structure and those for multiple structures, as well as discussing the approaches for structural time-dependent reliability assessment in the presence of discrete and continuous load processes. This book delivers a timely and pedagogical textbook, including over 170 worked-through examples, detailed solutions, and analytical tools, making it of interest to a wide range of graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in the field of reliability engineering. This book describes the main methods used in the reliability of structures and their use in the design process leading to reliable products. This title provides the understanding needed to implement the variety of new reliability software programs.

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A quarter of the century has elapsed since I gave my first course in structural reliability to graduate students at the

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University of Waterloo in Canada. Since that time on I have given many courses and seminars to students, researchers, designers, and site engineers interested in reliability. I also participated in and was responsible for numerous projects where reliability solutions were required. During that period, the scope of structural reliability gradually enlarged to become a substantial part of the general reliability theory. First, it is apparent that bearing structures should not be isolated objectives of interest, and, consequently, that constntCted facilities should be studied. Second, a new engineering branch has emerged -reliability engineering. These two facts have highlighted new aspects and asked for new approaches to the theory and applications. I always state in my lectures that the reliability theory is nothing more than mathematized engineering judgment. In fact, thanks mainly to probability and statistics, and also to computers, the empirical knowledge gained by Humankind's construction experience could have been transposed into a pattern of logic thinking, able to produce conclusions and to forecast the behavior of engineering entities. This manner of thinking has developed into an intricate network linked by certain rules, which, in a way, can be considered a type of reliability grammar. We can discern many grammatical concepts in the general structure of the reliability theory. Launched in May 2000, the aims of the COST C12 cooperative action were: to develop, combine and disseminate new technical engineering technologies to improve the quality of urban buildings to propose new technical solutions to architects and planners to reduce

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the disturbance caused by construction in urban areas and improve urban quality of life. This volume contains the proceedings of the COST C12 final conference held in Innsbruck, Austria from January 20-22 2005. The book reflects not only the outcome of the four years' work of the cooperative, but also the contributions made by other international experts at the conference, focused on three broad themes: mixed building technology; structural integrity under exceptional actions; and urban design. As the emphasis in construction moves from building new bridges to maintenance and rehabilitation of existing stock, bridge management is becoming an increasingly important subject. 'Bridge Management' is a comprehensive, single volume book for professionals and postgraduates on bridge management. It focuses on inspection, assessment, testing, evaluation, repair, as well as financial aspects such as whole life costing. Highly illustrated with colour, and including examples of practice and techniques drawn from around the world, the book will be invaluable to the bridge engineer. GIVES comprehensive coverage of this important subject COVERS not only testing, assessment etc but also the financial/management issues HIGHLY illustrated with line drawings and photographs including colour Structural reliability theory is concerned with the rational treatment of uncertainties in structural engineering and with the methods for assessing the safety and serviceability of civil engineering and other structures. It is a subject which has grown rapidly during the last decade and has evolved from being a topic for academic research to a set of well-developed or developing

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methodologies with a wide range of practical applications. Uncertainties exist in most areas of civil and structural engineering and rational design decisions cannot be made without modelling them and taking them into account. Many structural engineers are shielded from having to think about such problems, at least when designing simple structures, because of the prescriptive and essentially deterministic nature of most codes of practice. This is an undesirable situation. Most loads and other structural design parameters are rarely known with certainty and should be regarded as random variables or stochastic processes, even if in design calculations they are eventually treated as deterministic. Some problems such as the analysis of load combinations cannot even be formulated without recourse to probabilistic reasoning.

The book addresses the topic of on-line implementation of structural and mechanical design criteria as an explicit part of optimal control schemes. The intention of the present research monograph is to reflect recent developments within this area. Examples of application of relevant control algorithms are included to illustrate their practical implementation. These examples are mainly taken from the area of marine technology with the multi-component external loading being represented as both varying in time and with magnitudes that are represented as statistical quantities. The relevant target group will be mechanical and structural engineers that are concerned with “smart components and structures” where optimal design principles and control actuators are combined. The book is also relevant for engineers e.g.

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involved in mechatronics and control applications. Successfully estimate risk and reliability, and produce innovative, yet reliable designs using the approaches outlined in *Offshore Structural Engineering: Reliability and Risk Assessment*. A hands-on guide for practicing professionals, this book covers the reliability of offshore structures with an emphasis on the safety and reliability of offshore facilities during analysis, design, inspection, and planning. Since risk assessment and reliability estimates are often based on probability, the author utilizes concepts of probability and statistical analysis to address the risks and uncertainties involved in design. He explains the concepts with clear illustrations and tutorials, provides a chapter on probability theory, and covers various stages of the process that include data collection, analysis, design and construction, and commissioning. In addition, the author discusses advances in geometric structural forms for deep-water oil exploration, the rational treatment of uncertainties in structural engineering, and the safety and serviceability of civil engineering and other offshore structures. An invaluable guide to innovative and reliable structural design, this book:

- Defines the structural reliability theory
- Explains the reliability analysis of structures
- Examines the reliability of offshore structures
- Describes the probabilistic distribution for important loading variables
- Includes methods of reliability analysis
- Addresses risk assessment and more

Offshore Structural Engineering: Reliability and Risk Assessment provides an in-depth analysis of risk analysis and assessment and highlights important aspects of offshore structural reliability. The

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book serves as a practical reference to engineers and students involved in naval architecture, ocean engineering, civil/structural, and petroleum engineering. Multistate System Reliability with Dependencies explains how to select a model of load sharing that best describes the impact of changes in reliability states of components. This is mainly achieved via a generalization of two-state system reliability analysis, where equal load sharing and local load sharing rules are commonly used. The material covers basic concepts of traditional reliability theory, including the concept of probability, failures, series and parallel systems, k-out-of-n systems, and more. It features cutting-edge theorems on the reliability analysis of multistate systems that take into account component degradation and dependencies between subsystems and components in subsystems. Other themes addressed include renewable systems and the availability analysis of multistate systems. Combining results of the reliability analysis of multistate systems with dependent components and the results of the classical renewal theory, the availability analysis of multistate systems under the assumption of imperfect renovation is also provided. Uncertainties play a dominant role in the design and optimization of structures and infrastructures. In optimum design of structural systems due to variations of the material, manufacturing variations, variations of the external loads and modelling uncertainty, the parameters of a structure, a structural system and its environment are not given, fi Given that for centuries, the standard tool to understand diseases in tissues was the microscope and that its major limitation was that only excised tissue could be used, recent technology now permits the examination of diseased tissue in vivo. Optical coherence tomography (OCT) has promising potential when applied to coronary artery disease. OCT has

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the capability to identify coronary plaque and to distinguish between plaques that are stable and unstable. If the plaques are stable then OCT can direct percutaneous intervention (angioplasty or stenting). Optical coherence tomography is a light-based imaging technology that allows for very high resolution imaging in biological tissues. It has been first applied in ophthalmology, where it soon became the golden standard for the assessment of (epi-) retinal processes. The unique imaging capabilities have raised the interest of researchers and clinicians in the field of cardiovascular disease, since OCT offers unique possibilities to study atherosclerosis pathophysiology in vivo. With over 1.1M Americans having a heart attack this year because of unstable plaque rupture, OCT may have an increasingly important role in the early diagnosis of coronary artery disease. This unique publication offers the reader the basic background to OCT and its role in the diagnosis and management of coronary artery disease. The Handbook of Optical Coherence Tomography in Cardiovascular Research introduces the cardiovascular application of this technology. Clinicians, biologists, engineers and physicist are discussing different aspects of cardiovascular OCT application in a multidisciplinary approach. The handbook offers the readership a concise overview on the current state of the art of vascular OCT imaging and sheds light on a variety of exciting new developments. The physics, technical principles of OCT and its application in a broad spectrum of cardiovascular research areas are summarized by highly recognized specialists. The potential of OCT in peripheral and coronary arteries and in developmental cardiology are described. Each research area is introduced by a clinical expert in the field followed by discussion of different aspects from an engineering, biomedical and clinical perspective. Specifically, the current capabilities for plaque

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characterization, detection of vulnerable plaque, guidance of interventional procedures, Doppler-assessment, and molecular contrast imaging are being described. The Handbook of Optical Coherence Tomography in Cardiovascular Research targets researchers and clinicians involved in the field of atherosclerosis. The summary of basic physics, engineering solutions, pre-clinical and clinical application covers all relevant aspects and will be a valuable reference source.

An understanding of dynamic effects on structures is critical to minimize losses from earthquakes and other hazards. These three books provide an overview of essential topics in structural and geotechnical engineering with an additional focus on related topics in earthquake engineering to enable readers gain such an understanding. One of the ultimate objectives of these books is to provide readers with insights into seismic analysis and design. However, in order to accomplish that objective, background material on structural and geotechnical engineering is necessary. Hence the first two sections of the book provide this background material followed by selected topics in earthquake engineering. The material is organized into three major parts. The first section covers topics in structural engineering. Beginning with fundamental mechanics of materials, the book includes chapters on linear and nonlinear analysis as well as topics on modeling of structures from different perspectives. In addition to traditional design of structural systems, introductions to important concepts in structural reliability and structural stability are discussed. Also covered are subjects of recent interest, viz., blast and impact effects on structures as well as the use of fiber reinforced polymer composites in structural applications. Given the growing interest in urban renewal, an interesting chapter on restoration of historic cities is also included. The second part of the book covers topics in

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geotechnical engineering, covering both shallow and deep foundations and issues and procedures for geotechnical modeling. The final part of the book focuses on earthquake engineering with emphasis on both structures and foundations. Here again, the material covered includes both traditional seismic design and innovative seismic protection. And more importantly, concepts in modeling for seismic analysis are highlighted.

Structural mechanics in Australasia is the focus of the some 100 papers, but among them are also contributions from North America, Japan, Britain, Asia, and southeast Asia.

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