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Statistics in Genetics and in the Environmental Sciences. Edited by Luisa Turrin Fernholz, Stephan Morgenthaler, and Werner Stahel, Birkhäuser Verlag, 2001, xiv + 183 pp., $74.95

This is a volume in the series Trends in Mathematics. The 12 papers in it are based on the talks presented at the Workshop on Statistics and the Sciences, held at the Centro Stefano Franscini in Ascona, Switzerland, May 23 to 28, 1999. The articles range from human and animal genetic DNA research to carcinogens and chemical concentrations in the environment and to space debris and atmospheric chemistry, and include some on applicable general statistical methods.


This book is a comprehensive presentation of an original approach—which the authors call the Popov function approach—to the theory of the algebraic Riccati equation and its application to the robust control of linear dynamical systems. Part I outlines in two chapters some background as well as more advanced results in linear algebra. Part II embodies a comprehensive presentation of general results on the Riccati equation. Part III consists of five chapters comprising mathematical problems from the realm of systems theory and robust control. Table of Contents: Part I. General Matrix Theory and Linear Dynamic Systems. 1. Matrices, matrix pencils, and rational matrix functions; 2. Linear dynamic systems; Part II. Generalized Riccati Theory. 3. Popov triplets; 4. Riccati theory: an operator-based approach; 5. Riccati equations and matrix pencils: the regular case; 6. Riccati systems and matrix pencils: the general case; Part III. Applications to Systems Theory and Robust Control. 7. Applications to systems theory; 8. The four-block Nehari problem; 9. The optimal $H^2$-control problem; 10. The $H^\infty$-control problem; 11. Robust stabilization. There is a bibliography with about 125 items.


The conservation laws that are the subject of this work are those of physics or mechanics, when the state of the system considered is a vector-valued function of space variables $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$ and of time $t$. Chapter headings: 1. Some models; 2. Scalar equations in dimension $d = 1$; 3. Linear and quasi-linear systems; 4. Dimension $d = 1$, the Riemann problem; 5. The Glimm scheme; 6. Second order perturbations; 7. Viscosity profiles for shock waves.

Wavelets in Physics. Edited by J. C. van den Berg, Cambridge University Press, 1999, xxii + 453 pp., $95.00

This book surveys the application of the recently developed technique of the wavelet transform to a wide range of physical fields, including astrophysics, turbulence, meteorology, plasma physics, atomic and solid state physics, and multifractals occurring in physics, biophysics, and mathematical physics. There are 11 papers, preceded by a guided tour through the book by the editor: 1. Wavelet analysis: a new tool in physics; 2. The 2-D wavelet transform, physical applications and generalizations; 3. Wavelets and astrophysical applications; 4. Turbulence analysis, modelling and computing using wavelets; 5. Wavelets and detection of coherent structures in fluid turbulence; 6. Wavelets, non-linearity and turbulence in fusion plasmas; 7. Transfers and fluxes of wind kinetic energy between orthogonal wavelet components during atmospheric blocking; 8. Wavelets in atomic physics and in solid state physics; 9. The thermodynamics of fractals revisited with wavelets; 10. Wavelets in medicine and physiology; 11. Wavelet dimension and time evolution.
Physical Problems Solved by the Phase-Integral Method. By Nanny Fröman and Per Olof Fröman, Cambridge University Press, 2002, xiii + 214 pp., $75.00

This book provides a thorough introduction to the phase-integral method, an efficient approximation method for the analysis and solution of problems in theoretical physics and applied mathematics. It contains a discussion of 50 problems from quantum mechanics, with solutions, of varying degrees of difficulty, but the method has important applications in any field of science involving second-order differential equations. In addition to the description of the method (chapter 2) and problems with solutions (chapter 3), the first chapter presents a historical survey, in two sections, developments from 1817 to 1926, and after 1926, respectively.


This is a volume in the Wiley Series in Probability and Mathematical Statistics. It presents an up-to-date account of the subject and represents the most complete account at its level available, the level being appropriate for senior undergraduate students in statistics and first-year graduate students from various disciplines such as biostatistics, psychology, computer science, engineering, and forestry. For each new topic, the author presents not only a description of the problem and its solution, but also several worked examples, often drawn from real life and including the SAS code. That the book includes topics not usually presented in a text at this level, is apparent from the chapter headings: 1. Multivariate methods: an overview; 2. Multivariate normal distributions; 3. Outlier detection and normality check; 4. Inference on location—Hotelling’s $T^2$; 5. Repeated measures; 6. Multivariate analysis of variance; 7. Profile analysis; 8. Classification and discrimination; 9. Multivariate regression; 10. Growth curve models; 11. Principal component analysis; 12. Factor analysis; 13. Inference on covariance matrices; 14. Correlations; 15. Missing observations: general case; 16. Missing observations: monotone sample; 17. Bootstrapping; 18. Imputing missing data. There is an appendix with some results on matrices. The bibliography contains 382 items.