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Presenting basic results of topology, calculus of several variables, and approximation theory which are rarely treated in a single volume, this textbook includes several beautiful, but almost forgotten, classical theorems of Descartes, Erd?s, Fejér, Stieltjes, and Turán. The exposition style of Topology, Calculus and Approximation follows the Hungarian mathematical tradition of Paul Erd?s and others. In the first part, the classical results of Alexandroff, Cantor, Hausdorff, Helly, Peano, Radon, Tietze and Urysohn illustrate the theories of metric, topological and normed spaces. Following this, the general framework of normed spaces and Carathéodory's definition of the derivative are shown to simplify the statement and proof of various theorems in calculus and ordinary differential equations. The third and final part is devoted to interpolation, orthogonal polynomials, numerical integration, asymptotic expansions and the numerical solution of algebraic and differential equations. Students of both pure and applied mathematics, as well as physics and engineering should find this textbook useful. Only basic results of one-variable calculus and linear algebra are used, and simple yet pertinent examples and exercises illustrate the usefulness of most theorems. Many of these examples are new or difficult to locate in the literature, and so the original sources of most notions and results are given to help readers understand the development of the field. This concise text offers both professionals and students an introduction to the fundamentals and standard methods of the calculus of variations. In addition to surveys of problems with fixed and movable boundaries, it explores highly practical direct methods for the solution of variational problems. Topics include the method of variation in problems with fixed boundaries; variational problems with movable boundaries and other problems; sufficiency conditions for an extremum; variational problems of constrained extrema; and direct methods of solving variational problems. Each chapter features numerous illustrative problems, and solutions appear at the end. Applications-oriented introduction to variational theory develops insight and promotes understanding of specialized books and research papers. Suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students as a primary or supplementary text. 1969 edition. From the reviews: "...the book contains a wealth of material essential to the researcher concerned with multiple integral variational problems and with elliptic partial differential equations. The book not only reports the researches of the author but also the contributions of his contemporaries in the same and related fields. The book undoubtedly will become a standard reference for researchers in these areas. ...The book is addressed mainly to mature mathematical analysts. However, any student of analysis will be greatly rewarded by a careful study of this book." M. R. Hestenes in Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications "The work intertwines in masterly fashion results of classical analysis, topology, and the theory of manifolds and thus presents a comprehensive treatise of the theory of multiple integral variational problems." L. Schmetterer in Monatshefte für Mathematik "The book is very clearly exposed and contains the last modern theory in this domain. A comprehensive bibliography ends the book." M. Coroi-Nedeleu in Revue Roumaine de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées ?The Variable-Order Fractional Calculus of Variations is devoted to the study of fractional operators with variable order and, in particular, variational problems involving variable-order operators. This brief presents a new numerical tool for the solution of differential equations involving Caputo derivatives of fractional variable order. Three Caputo-type fractional operators are considered, and for each one, an approximation formula is obtained in terms of standard (integer-order) derivatives only. Estimations for the error of the approximations are also provided. The contributors consider variational problems that may be subject to one or more constraints, where the functional depends on a combined Caputo derivative of variable fractional order. In particular, they establish necessary optimality conditions of Euler–Lagrange type. As the terminal point in the cost integral is free, as is the terminal state, transversality conditions are also obtained. The Variable-Order Fractional Calculus of Variations is a valuable source of information for researchers in mathematics, physics, engineering, control and optimization; it provides both analytical and numerical methods to deal with variational problems. It is also of interest to academics and postgraduates in these fields, as it solves multiple variational problems subject to one or more constraints in a single brief. This textbook offers a concise yet rigorous introduction to calculus of variations and optimal control theory, and is a self-contained resource for graduate students in engineering, applied mathematics, and related subjects. Designed specifically for a one-semester course, the book begins with calculus of variations, preparing the ground for optimal control. It then gives a complete proof of the maximum principle and covers key topics such as the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman theory of dynamic programming and linear-quadratic optimal control. Calculus of Variations and Optimal Control Theory also traces the historical development of the subject and features numerous exercises, notes and references at the end of each chapter, and suggestions for further study. Offers a concise yet rigorous introduction Requires limited background in control theory or advanced mathematics Provides a complete proof of the maximum principle Uses consistent notation in the exposition of classical and modern topics Traces the historical development of the subject Solutions manual (available only to teachers) Leading universities that have adopted this book include: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ECE 553: Optimum Control Systems Georgia Institute of Technology ECE 6553: Optimal Control and Optimization University of Pennsylvania ESE 680: Optimal Control Theory University of Notre Dame EE 60565: Optimal Control This two-volume treatise is a standard reference in the field. It pays special attention to the historical aspects and the origins partly in applied problems—such as those of geometric optics—of parts of the theory. It contains an introduction to each chapter, section, and subsection and an overview of the relevant literature in the footnotes and bibliography. It also includes an index of the examples used throughout the book. An accessible introduction to the fundamentals of calculusneeded to solve current problems in engineering and the physicalsciences I ntegration is an important function of calculus, andIntroduction to Integral Calculus combines fundamental conceptswith scientific problems to develop intuition and skills forsolving mathematical problems related to engineering and thephysical sciences. The authors provide a solid introduction tointegral calculus and feature applications of integration,solutions of differential equations, and evaluation methods. Withlogical organization coupled with clear, simple explanations, theauthors reinforce new concepts to progressively build skills andknowledge, and numerous real-world examples as well as intriguingapplications help readers to better understand the connectionsbetween the theory of calculus and practical problem solving. The first six chapters address the prerequisites needed tounderstand the principles of integral calculus and explore suchtopics as anti-derivatives, methods of converting integrals intostandard form, and the concept of area. Next, the authors reviewnumerous methods and applications of integral calculus,including: Mastering and applying the first and second fundamental theoremsof calculus to compute definite integrals Defining the natural logarithmic function using calculus Evaluating definite integrals Calculating plane areas bounded by curves Applying basic concepts of differential equations to solveordinary differential equations With this book as their guide, readers quickly learn to solve abroad range of current problems throughout the physical sciencesand engineering that can only be solved with calculus. Examplesthroughout provide practical guidance, and practice problems andexercises allow for further development and fine-tuning of variouscalculus skills. Introduction to Integral Calculus is an excellentbook for upper-undergraduate calculus courses and is also an idealreference for students and professionals who would like to gain afurther understanding of the use of calculus to solve problems in asimplified manner. From the contents: A. Arosio: Global solvability of second order evolution equations in Banach scales.- H. Beirao da Veiga: On the incompressible limit of the compressible Navier-Stokes equations.- A. Bove: Propagation of singularities for hyperbolic operators with double characteristics.- G. Buttazzo: Relaxation problems in control theory.- R. Finn: The inclination of an H-graph.- P.R. Garabedian: On the mathematical theory of vortex sheets.- N. Garofalo: New estimates of the fundamental solution and Wiener's criterion for parabolic equations with variable coefficients.- M.G. Garroni: Green function and invariant density for an integro-differential operator.- M. Giaquinta: Some remarks on the regularity of minimizers.- E. 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Socolescu: On the convergence at infinity of solutions with finite Dirichlet integral to the exterior Dirichlet problem for the steady plane Navier-Stokes system of equations.- J. Spruck: The elliptic Sinh Gordon equation and the construction of toroidal soap bubbles. Fresh, lively text serves as a modern introduction to the subject, with applications to the mechanics of systems with a finite number of degrees of freedom.Ideal for math and physics students. Rate of change of a function - Derivatives - Applications and derivatives - Integration - Transcendental functions - Techniques of integration - Infinite series - Vectors - Conic sections, polar coordinates - Functions of two or more variables - Multiple integrals - Differential equations. In this book, we study theoretical and practical aspects of computing methods for mathematical modelling of nonlinear systems. A number of computing techniques are considered, such as methods of operator approximation with any given accuracy; operator interpolation techniques including a non-Lagrange interpolation; methods of system representation subject to constraints associated with concepts of causality, memory and stationarity; methods of system representation with an accuracy that is the best within a given class of models; methods of covariance matrix estimation; methods for low-rank matrix approximations; hybrid methods based on a combination of iterative procedures and best operator approximation; and methods for information compression and filtering under condition that a filter model should satisfy restrictions associated with causality and different types of memory. As a result, the book represents a blend of new methods in general computational analysis, and specific, but also generic, techniques for study of systems theory ant its particular branches, such as optimal filtering and information compression. - Best operator approximation, - Non-Lagrange interpolation, - Generic Karhunen-Loeve transform - Generalised low-rank matrix approximation - Optimal data compression - Optimal nonlinear filtering Traces the development of the integral and the differential calculus and related theories since ancient times This is an intuitively motivated presentation of many topics in classical mechanics and related areas of control theory and calculus of variations. All topics throughout the book are treated with zero tolerance for unrevealing definitions and for proofs which leave the reader in the dark. Some areas of particular interest are: an extremely short derivation of the ellipticity of planetary orbits; a statement and an explanation of the "tennis racket paradox"; a heuristic explanation (and a rigorous treatment) of the gyroscopic effect; a revealing equivalence between the dynamics of a particle and statics of a spring; a short geometrical explanation of Pontryagin's Maximum Principle, and more. In the last chapter, aimed at more advanced readers, the Hamiltonian and the momentum are compared to forces in a certain static problem. This gives a palpable physical meaning to some seemingly abstract concepts and theorems. With minimal prerequisites consisting of basic calculus and basic undergraduate physics, this book is suitable for courses from an undergraduate to a beginning graduate level, and for a mixed audience of mathematics, physics and engineering students. Much of the enjoyment of the subject lies in solving almost 200 problems in this book. The Calculus of Friendship is the story of an extraordinary connection between a teacher and a student, as chronicled through more than thirty years of letters between them. What makes their relationship unique is that it is based almost entirely on a shared love of calculus. For them, calculus is more than a branch of mathematics; it is a game they love playing together, a constant when all else is in flux. The teacher goes from the prime of his career to retirement, competes in whitewater kayaking at the international level, and loses a son. The student matures from high school math whiz to Ivy League professor, suffers the sudden death of a parent, and blunders into a marriage destined to fail. Yet through it all they take refuge in the haven of calculus--until a day comes when calculus is no longer enough. Like calculus itself, The Calculus of Friendship is an exploration of change. It's about the transformation that takes place in a student's heart, as he and his teacher reverse roles, as they age, as they are buffeted by life itself. Written by a renowned teacher and communicator of mathematics, The Calculus of Friendship is warm, intimate, and deeply moving. The most inspiring ideas of calculus, differential equations, and chaos theory are explained through metaphors, images, and anecdotes in a way that all readers will find beautiful, and even poignant. Math enthusiasts, from high school students to professionals, will delight in the offbeat problems and lucid explanations in the letters. For anyone whose life has been changed by a mentor, The Calculus of Friendship will be an unforgettable journey. Contents: H. Brezis: Sk-valued Maps with Singularities.- L.A. Caffarelli: Free Boundary Problems. A Survey.- J. Moser: Minimal Foliations on a Torus.- L. Nirenberg: Variational Methods in Nonlinear Problems.- R.M. Schoen: Variational Theory for the Total Scalar Curvature Functional for Riemannian Metrics and Related Topics.- A.J. Tromba: A Classical Variational Approach to Teichmüller Theory. CALCULUS For the Practical Man by J. E. THOMPSON. Originally published in 1931. PREFACE: THIS book on simplified calculus is one of a series designed by the author and publisher for the reader with an interest in the meaning and simpler technique of mathematical science, and for those who wish to obtain a practical mastery of some of the more usual and directly useful branches of the science without the aid of a teacher. Like the other books in the series it is the outgrowth of the author's experience with students such as those mentioned and the demand experienced by the publisher for books which may be read as well as studied. One of the outstanding features of the book is the use of the method of rates instead of the method of limits. To the conven tional teacher of mathematics, whose students work for a college degree and look toward the modern theory of functions, the author hastens to say that for their purposes the limit method is the only method which can profitably be used. To the readers contem plated in the preparation of this book, however, the notion of a limit and any method of calculation based upon it always seem artificial and not hi any way connected with the familiar ideas of numbers, algebraic symbolism or natural phenomena. On the other hand, the method of rates seems a direct application of the principle which such a reader has often heard mentioned as the extension of arithmetic and algebra with which he must become acquainted before he can perform calculations which involve changing quantities. The familiarity of examples of changing quantities in every-day life also makes it a simple matter to in troduce the terminology of the calculus; teachers and readers will recall the difficulty encountered in this connection in more formal treatments. The scope and range of the book are evident from the table of contents. The topics usually found in books on the calculus but not appearing here are omitted in conformity with the plan of the book as stated in the first paragraph above. An attempt has been made to approach the several parts of the subject as naturally and directly as possible, to show as clearly as possible the unity and continuity of the subject as a whole, to show what the calculus is all about and how it is used, and to present the material in as simple, straightforward and informal a style as it will permit. It is hoped thus that the book will be of the greatest interest and usefulness to the readers mentioned above. The first edition of this book was prepared before the other volumes of the series were written and the arrangement of the material in this volume was not the same as in the others. In this revised edition the arrangement has been changed somewhat so that it is now the same in all the volumes of the series. This comprehensive text provides all information necessary for an introductory course on the calculus of variations and optimal control theory. Following a thorough discussion of the basic problem, including sufficient conditions for optimality, the theory and techniques are extended to problems with a free end point, a free boundary, auxiliary and inequality constraints, leading to a study of optimal control theory. This textbook offers a concise yet rigorous introduction to calculus of variations and optimal control theory, and is a self-contained resource for graduate students in engineering, applied mathematics, and related subjects. 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Offers a concise yet rigorous introduction Requires limited background in control theory or advanced mathematics Provides a complete proof of the maximum principle Uses consistent notation in the exposition of classical and modern topics Traces the historical development of the subject Solutions manual (available only to teachers) Leading universities that have adopted this book include: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ECE 553: Optimum Control Systems Georgia Institute of Technology ECE 6553: Optimal Control and Optimization University of Pennsylvania ESE 680: Optimal Control Theory University of Notre Dame EE 60565: Optimal Control The calculus of variations is used to find functions that optimize quantities expressed in terms of integrals. Optimal control theory seeks to find functions that minimize cost integrals for systems described by differential equations. This book is an introduction to both the classical theory of the calculus of variations and the more modern developments of optimal control theory from the perspective of an applied mathematician. It focuses on understanding concepts and how to apply them. The range of potential applications is broad: the calculus of variations and optimal control theory have been widely used in numerous ways in biology, criminology, economics, engineering, finance, management science, and physics. Applications described in this book include cancer chemotherapy, navigational control, and renewable resource harvesting. The prerequisites for the book are modest: the standard calculus sequence, a first course on ordinary differential equations, and some facility with the use of mathematical software. It is suitable for an undergraduate or beginning graduate course, or for self study. It provides excellent preparation for more advanced books and courses on the calculus of variations and optimal control theory. Enables readers to apply the fundamentals of differentialcalculus to solve real-life problems in engineering and thephysical sciences Introduction to Differential Calculus fully engages readers bypresenting the fundamental theories and methods of differentialcalculus and then showcasing how the discussed concepts can beapplied to real-world problems in engineering and the physicalsciences. With its easy-to-follow style and accessibleexplanations, the book sets a solid foundation before advancing tospecific calculus methods, demonstrating the connections betweendifferential calculus theory and its applications. The first five chapters introduce underlying concepts such asalgebra, geometry, coordinate geometry, and trigonometry.Subsequent chapters present a broad range of theories, methods, andapplications in differential calculus, including: Concepts of function, continuity, and derivative Properties of exponential and logarithmic function Inverse trigonometric functions and their properties Derivatives of higher order Methods to find maximum and minimum values of a function Hyperbolic functions and their properties Readers are equipped with the necessary tools to quickly learnhow to understand a broad range of current problems throughout thephysical sciences and engineering that can only be solved withcalculus. Examples throughout provide practical guidance, andpractice problems and exercises allow for further development andfine-tuning of various calculus skills. Introduction toDifferential Calculus is an excellent book for upper-undergraduatecalculus courses and is also an ideal reference for students andprofessionals alike who would like to gain a further understandingof the use of calculus to solve problems in a simplifiedmanner. Written by a distinguished mathematician, this classic examines the mathematical material necessary for a grasp of relativity theory. Covers introductory theories, fundamental quadratic forms, absolute differential calculus, and physical applications. 1926 edition. The purpose of the calculus of variations is to find optimal solutions to engineering problems whose optimum may be a certain quantity, shape, or function. Applied Calculus of Variations for Engineers addresses this important mathematical area applicable to many engineering disciplines. Its unique, application-oriented approach sets it apart from the theoretical treatises of most texts, as it is aimed at enhancing the engineer's understanding of the topic. This Second Edition text: Contains new chapters discussing analytic solutions of variational problems and Lagrange-Hamilton equations of motion in depth Provides new sections detailing the boundary integral and finite element methods and their calculation techniques Includes enlightening new examples, such as the compression of a beam, the optimal cross section of beam under bending force, the solution of Laplace's equation, and Poisson's equation with various methods Applied Calculus of Variations for Engineers, Second Edition extends the collection of techniques aiding the engineer in the application of the concepts of the calculus of variations. This is based on the course "Calculus of Variations" taught at Peking University from 2006 to 2010 for advanced undergraduate to graduate students majoring in mathematics. The book contains 20 lectures covering both the theoretical background material as well as an abundant collection of applications. Lectures 1–8 focus on the classical theory of calculus of variations. Lectures 9–14 introduce direct methods along with their theoretical foundations. Lectures 15–20 showcase a broad collection of applications. The book offers a panoramic view of the very important topic on calculus of variations. This is a valuable resource not only to mathematicians, but also to those students in engineering, economics, and management, etc. This book is intended for a first course in the calculus of variations, at the senior or beginning graduate level. The reader will learn methods for finding functions that maximize or minimize integrals. The text lays out important necessary and sufficient conditions for extrema in historical order, and it illustrates these conditions with numerous worked-out examples from mechanics, optics, geometry, and other fields. The exposition starts with simple integrals containing a single independent variable, a single dependent variable, and a single derivative, subject to weak variations, but steadily moves on to more advanced topics, including multivariate problems, constrained extrema, homogeneous problems, problems with variable endpoints, broken extremals, strong variations, and sufficiency conditions. Numerous line drawings clarify the mathematics. Each chapter ends with recommended readings that introduce the student to the relevant scientific literature and with exercises that consolidate understanding. Calculus for Engineering Students: Fundamentals, Real Problems, and Computers insists that mathematics cannot be separated from chemistry, mechanics, electricity, electronics, automation, and other disciplines. It emphasizes interdisciplinary problems as a way to show the importance of calculus in engineering tasks and problems. While concentrating on actual problems instead of theory, the book uses Computer Algebra Systems (CAS) to help students incorporate lessons into their own studies. Assuming a working familiarity with calculus concepts, the book provides a hands-on opportunity for students to increase their calculus and mathematics skills while also learning about engineering applications. Organized around project-based rather than traditional homework-based learning Reviews basic mathematics and theory while also introducing applications Employs uniform chapter sections that encourage the comparison and contrast of different areas of engineering The calculus of variations is one of the oldest subjects in mathematics, and it is very much alive and still evolving. Besides its mathematical importance and its links to other branches of mathematics, such as geometry or differential equations, it is widely used in physics, engineering, economics and biology. This book serves both as a guide to the expansive existing literature and as an aid to the non-specialist — mathematicians, physicists, engineers, students or researchers — in discovering the subject's most important problems, results and techniques. Despite the aim of addressing non-specialists, mathematical rigor has not been sacrificed; most of the theorems are either fully proved or proved under more stringent conditions. In this new edition, several new exercises have been added. The book, containing a total of 119 exercises with detailed solutions, is well designed for a course at both undergraduate and graduate levels. This textbook provides a comprehensive introduction to the classical and modern calculus of variations, serving as a useful reference to advanced undergraduate and graduate students as well as researchers in the field. Starting from ten motivational examples, the book begins with the most important aspects of the classical theory, including the Direct Method, the Euler-Lagrange equation, Lagrange multipliers, Noether's Theorem and some regularity theory. Based on the efficient Young measure approach, the author then discusses the vectorial theory of integral functionals, including quasiconvexity, polyconvexity, and relaxation. In the second part, more recent material such as rigidity in differential inclusions, microstructure, convex integration, singularities in measures, functionals defined on functions of bounded variation (BV), and ?-convergence for phase transitions and homogenization are explored. While predominantly designed as a textbook for lecture courses on the calculus of variations, this book can also serve as the basis for a reading seminar or as a companion for self-study. The reader is assumed to be familiar with basic vector analysis, functional analysis, Sobolev spaces, and measure theory, though most of the preliminaries are also recalled in the appendix. This is the first of two books on methods and techniques in the calculus of variations. Contemporary arguments are used throughout the text to streamline and present in a unified way classical results, and to provide novel contributions at the forefront of the theory. This book addresses fundamental questions related to lower semicontinuity and relaxation of functionals within the unconstrained setting, mainly in L^p spaces. It prepares the ground for the second volume where the variational treatment of functionals involving fields and their derivatives will be undertaken within the framework of Sobolev spaces. This book is self-contained. All the statements are fully justified and proved, with the exception of basic results in measure theory, which may be found in any good textbook on the subject. It also contains several exercises. Therefore,it may be used both as a graduate textbook as well as a reference text for researchers in the field. Irene Fonseca is the Mellon College of Science Professor of Mathematics and is currently the Director of the Center for Nonlinear Analysis in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University. Her research interests lie in the areas of continuum mechanics, calculus of variations, geometric measure theory and partial differential equations. Giovanni Leoni is also a professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University. He focuses his research on calculus of variations, partial differential equations and geometric measure theory with special emphasis on applications to problems in continuum mechanics and in materials science. An authoritative text on the calculus of variations for first-year graduate students. From a study of the simplest problem it goes on to cover Lagrangian derivatives, Jacobi's condition, and field theory. Devotes considerable attention to direct methods and the Sturm-Liouville problem in a finite interval. Contains numerous interesting and challenging exercises plus five appendices on important results, generalizations, and applications of the material, Originally published in the Soviet Union, this text is meant for students of higher schools and deals with the most important sections of mathematics - differential equations and the calculus of variations. The first part describes the theory of differential equations and reviews the methods for integrating these equations and investigating their solutions. The second part gives an idea of the calculus of variations and surveys the methods for solving variational problems. The book contains a large number of examples and problems with solutions involving applications of mathematics to physics and mechanics. Apart from its main purpose the textbook is of interest to expert mathematicians. Lev Elsgolts (deceased) was a Doctor of Physico-Mathematical Sciences, Professor at the Patrice Lumumba University of Friendship of Peoples. His research work was dedicated to the calculus of variations and differential equations. He worked out the theory of differential equations with deviating arguments and supplied methods for their solution. Lev Elsgolts was the author of many printed works. Among others, he wrote the well-known books Qualitative Methods in Mathematical Analysis and Introduction to the Theory of Differential Equations with Deviating Arguments. In addition to his research work Lev Elsgolts taught at higher schools for over twenty years. Suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students of mathematics, physics, or engineering, this introduction to the calculus of variations focuses on variational problems involving one independent variable. It also discusses more advanced topics such as the inverse problem, eigenvalue problems, and Noether's theorem. The text includes numerous examples along with problems to help students consolidate the material. A supplementary text for introductory courses in Calculus-Based Physics. Designed for students who plan to take or who are presently taking calculus-based physics courses. This book will develop necessary mathematical skills and help students gain the competence to use precalculus, calculus, vector algebra, vector calculus, and the statistical analysis of experimental data. Students taking intermediate physics, engineering, and other science courses will also find the book useful–and will be able to use the book as a mathematical resource for these intermediate level courses. The book emphasizes primarily the use of mathematical techniques and mathematical concepts in Physics and does not go into their rigorous developments. Instructors are always faced with the dilemma of too much material and too little time. Perfect for the one-term course, Precalculus with Calculus Previews, Fourth Edition provides a complete, yet manageable, introduction to precalculus concepts while focusing on important topics that will be of direct and immediate use in most calculus courses. Consistent with Professor Zill's eloquent writing style, this four-color text offers numerous exercise sets and examples to aid in students' learning and understanding, while graphs and figures throughout serve to illuminate key concepts. The exercise sets include engaging problems that focus on algebra, graphing, and function theory, the sub-text of so many calculus problems. The authors are careful to use the terminology of calculus in an informal and comprehensible way to facilitate the student's successful transition into future calculus courses. With an extensive Student Study Guide and a full Solutions Manual for instructors, Precalculus with Calculus Previews offers a complete teaching and learning package! Advanced Calculus of Several Variables provides a conceptual treatment of multivariable calculus. This book emphasizes the interplay of geometry, analysis through linear algebra, and approximation of nonlinear mappings by linear ones. The classical applications and computational methods that are responsible for much of the interest and importance of calculus are also considered. This text is organized into six chapters. Chapter I deals with linear algebra and geometry of Euclidean n-space Rn. The multivariable differential calculus is treated in Chapters II and III, while multivariable integral calculus is covered in Chapters IV and V. The last chapter is devoted to venerable problems of the calculus of variations. This publication is intended for students who have completed a standard introductory calculus sequence. - Serves as an excellent introduction to the calculus of variations - Useful to researchers in different fields of mathematics who want to get a concise but broad introduction to the subject - Includes more than 70 exercises with solutions Basic introduction covering isoperimetric problems, theory of elasticity, quantum mechanics, electrostatics, geometrical optics, particle dynamics, more. Exercises throughout. "A very useful book." — J. L. Synge, American Mathematical Monthly. Fractal calculus is the simple, constructive, and algorithmic approach to natural processes modeling, which is impossible using smooth differentiable structures and the usual modeling tools such as differential equations. It is the calculus of the future and will have many applications.This book is the first to introduce fractal calculus and provides a basis for the research and development of this framework. It is suitable for undergraduate and graduate students in mathematics and physics who have mastered general mathematics, quantum physics, and statistical mechanics, as well as researchers dealing with fractal structures in various disciplines.