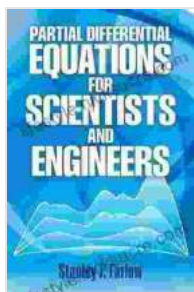


Partial Differential Equations for Scientists and Engineers

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What is a partial differential equation?

A partial differential equation is an equation that involves the partial derivatives of a function. Partial derivatives are derivatives with respect to one or more of the independent variables in the function. For example, the following equation is a partial differential equation in two variables:

$$\partial u / \partial x + \partial u / \partial y = 0$$

This equation says that the partial derivative of u with respect to x plus the partial derivative of u with respect to y is equal to zero.

Why are partial differential equations important?

PDEs are important because they can be used to model a wide variety of physical phenomena. For example, the following PDE can be used to model the flow of heat in a solid:

$$\partial u / \partial t = k \nabla^2 u$$

In this equation, u is the temperature of the solid, t is time, and k is the thermal conductivity of the solid. The Laplacian operator, ∇^2 , is a second-order partial differential operator that measures the curvature of a function.

How are partial differential equations solved?

There are a variety of methods for solving PDEs. Some of the most common methods include the separation of variables, the Fourier series, the Laplace transform, and the method of characteristics. The method of separation of variables involves finding a solution to the PDE that can be written as a product of functions of each of the independent variables. The Fourier series involves expanding the solution to the PDE as a series of trigonometric functions. The Laplace transform involves transforming the

PDE into a simpler equation in the Laplace domain. The method of characteristics involves finding a set of curves along which the solution to the PDE is constant.

What are some applications of partial differential equations?

PDEs are used in a wide range of scientific and engineering disciplines, including physics, engineering, mathematics, and biology. Some of the most common applications of PDEs include:

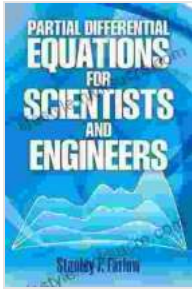
- Modeling the flow of fluids
- Modeling the propagation of waves
- Solving heat transfer problems
- Solving elasticity problems
- Solving electromagnetism problems

Summary

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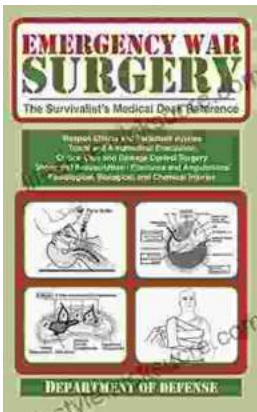


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