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*Feature Engineering and Selection* Springer Science & Business Media

These notes are based on a series of lectures given in the Lefschetz Center for Dynamical Systems in the Division of Applied Mathematics at Brown University during the academic year 1978-79. The purpose of the lectures was to give an introduction to the applications of centre manifold theory to differential equations. Most of the material is presented in an informal fashion, by means of worked examples in the hope that this clarifies the use of centre manifold theory. The main application of centre manifold theory given in these notes is to dynamic bifurcation theory. Dynamic bifurcation theory is concerned with topological changes in the nature of the solutions of differential equations as parameters are varied. Such an example is the creation of periodic orbits from an equilibrium point as a parameter crosses a critical value. In certain circumstances, the application of centre manifold theory reduces the dimension of the system under investigation. In this respect the centre manifold theory plays the same role for dynamic problems as the Liapunov-Schmitt procedure plays for the analysis of static solutions. Our use of centre manifold theory in bifurcation problems follows that of Ruelle and Takens [57] and of Marsden and McCracken [51].

*Spline Functions: Basic Theory* Springer Science & Business Media

A Practical Guide to Understanding, Managing and Reviewing Environmental Risk Assessment Reports provides team leaders and team members with a strategy for developing the elements of risk assessment into a readable and beneficial report. The authors believe that successful management of the risk assessment team is a key factor in quality reporting.

*Finite Element Methods for Computational Fluid Dynamics* SIAM

Now in widespread use, generalized additive models (GAMs) have evolved into a standard statistical methodology of considerable flexibility. While Hastie and Tibshirani's outstanding 1990 research monograph on GAMs is largely responsible for this, there has been a long-standing need for an accessible introductory treatment of the subject that also emphasizes recent penalized regression spline approaches to GAMs and the mixed model extensions of these models. Generalized Additive Models: An Introduction with R imparts a thorough understanding of the theory and practical applications of GAMs and related advanced models, enabling informed use of these very flexible tools. The author bases his approach on a framework of penalized regression splines, and builds a well-grounded foundation through

motivating chapters on linear and generalized linear models. While firmly focused on the practical aspects of GAMs, discussions include fairly full explanations of the theory underlying the methods. Use of the freely available R software helps explain the theory and illustrates the practicalities of linear, generalized linear, and generalized additive models, as well as their mixed effect extensions. The treatment is rich with practical examples, and it includes an entire chapter on the analysis of real data sets using R and the author's add-on package mgcv. Each chapter includes exercises, for which complete solutions are provided in an appendix. Concise, comprehensive, and essentially self-contained, *Generalized Additive Models: An Introduction with R* prepares readers with the practical skills and the theoretical background needed to use and understand GAMs and to move on to other GAM-related methods and models, such as SS-ANOVA, P-splines, backfitting and Bayesian approaches to smoothing and additive modelling.

*Dynamics in Infinite Dimensions* SIAM

This book provides an introduction to the theory and numerical developments of the homogenization method. Its main features are: a comprehensive presentation of homogenization theory; an introduction to the theory of two-phase composite materials; a detailed treatment of structural optimization by using homogenization; a complete discussion of the resulting numerical algorithms with many documented test problems. It will be of interest to researchers, engineers, and advanced graduate students in applied mathematics, mechanical engineering, and structural optimization.

*Shape Optimization by the Homogenization Method* Oxford University Press

In the end of the last century, Oliver Heaviside inaugurated an operational calculus in connection with his researches in electromagnetic theory. In his operational calculus, the operator of differentiation was denoted by the symbol "p". The explanation of this operator p as given by him was difficult to understand and to use, and the range of the validity of his calculus remains unclear still now, although it was widely noticed that his calculus gives correct results in general. In the 1930s, Gustav Doetsch and many other mathematicians began to strive for the mathematical foundation of Heaviside's operational calculus by virtue of the Laplace transform  $\int_0^\infty e^{-pt} f(t) dt$ . (However, the use of such integrals naturally confronts restrictions concerning the growth behavior of the numerical function  $f(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . At about the midcentury, Jan Mikusinski invented the theory of convolution quotients, based upon the Titchmarsh convolution theorem: If  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are continuous functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$  such that the convolution  $\int_0^\infty f(t-u)g(u)du = 0$ , then either  $f(t) = 0$  or  $g(t) = 0$  must hold. The convolution quotients include the operator of differentiation "s"

and related operators. Mikusinski's operational calculus gives a satisfactory basis of Heaviside's operational calculus; it can be applied successfully to linear ordinary differential equations with constant coefficients as well as to the telegraph equation which includes both the wave and heat equations with constant coefficients.

*Practical Smoothing* Springer Science & Business Media

Courant and Friedrich's classical treatise was first published in 1948 and the basic research for it took place during World War II. However, many aspects make the book just as interesting as a text and a reference today. It treats the dynamics of compressible fluids in mathematical form, and attempts to present a systematic theory of nonlinear wave propagation, particularly in relation to gas dynamics. Written in the form of an advanced textbook, it should appeal to engineers, physicists and mathematicians alike.

**The NURBS Book** Elsevier

State-of-the-art in qualitative theory of functional differential equations; Most of the new material has never appeared in book form and some not even in papers; Second edition updated with new topics and results; Methods discussed will apply to other equations and applications

*Bézier and B-Spline Techniques* Springer Science & Business Media

This book is a revised and updated version, including a substantial portion of new material, of J. D. Cole's text *Perturbation Methods in Applied Mathematics*, Ginn-Blaisdell, 1968. We present the material at a level which assumes some familiarity with the basics of ordinary and partial differential equations. Some of the more advanced ideas are reviewed as needed; therefore this book can serve as a text in either an advanced undergraduate course or a graduate level course on the subject. The applied mathematician, attempting to understand or solve a physical problem, very often uses a perturbation procedure. In doing this, he usually draws on a backlog of experience gained from the solution of similar examples rather than on some general theory of perturbations. The aim of this book is to survey these perturbation methods, especially in connection with differential equations, in order to illustrate certain general features common to many examples. The basic ideas, however, are also applicable to integral equations, integrodifferential equations, and even to difference equations. In essence, a perturbation procedure consists of constructing the solution for a problem involving a small parameter  $B$ , either in the differential equation or the boundary conditions or both, when the solution for the limiting case  $B = 0$  is known. The main mathematical tool used is asymptotic expansion with respect to a suitable asymptotic sequence of functions of  $B$ .

*The Science of Navigation* CRC Press

This book deals with various image processing and machine vision problems efficiently with splines and includes: the significance of Bernstein Polynomial in splines, detailed coverage of Beta-splines applications which are relatively new, Splines in motion tracking, various deformative models and their uses. Finally the book covers wavelet splines which are efficient and effective in different image applications.

[Modern Regression Techniques Using R](#) Springer Science & Business Media

The process of developing predictive models includes many stages. Most resources focus on the modeling algorithms but neglect other critical aspects of the modeling process. This book describes techniques for finding the best representations of predictors for modeling and for finding the best subset of predictors for improving model performance. A variety of example data sets are used to illustrate the techniques along with R programs for reproducing the results.

**Perturbation Methods in Applied Mathematics** Springer Science & Business Media

This book is based on the author's experience with calculations involving polynomial splines, presenting those parts of the theory especially useful in calculations and stressing the representation of splines as weighted sums of B-splines. The B-spline theory is developed directly from the recurrence relations without recourse to divided differences. This reprint includes redrawn figures, and most formal statements are accompanied by proofs.

[Finite Element Methods with B-Splines](#) Springer Science & Business Media

The purpose of this book is to give a comprehensive introduction to the theory of spline functions, together with some applications to various fields, emphasizing the significance of the relationship between the general theory and its applications. At the same time, the goal of the book is also to provide new material on spline function theory, as well as a fresh look at old results, being written for people interested in research, as well as for those who are interested in applications. The theory of spline functions and their applications is a relatively recent field of applied mathematics. In the last 50 years, spline function theory has undergone a wonderful development with many new directions appearing during this time. This book has its origins in the wish to adequately describe this development from the notion of 'spline' introduced by I. J. Schoenberg (1901-1990) in 1946, to the newest recent theories of 'spline wavelets' or 'spline fractals'. Isolated facts about the functions now called 'splines' can be found in the papers of L. Euler, A. Lebesgue, G. Birkhoff, J.

**Practical Guide To Splines** Springer Science & Business Media

Until recently B-spline curves and surfaces (NURBS) were principally of interest to the computer aided design community, where they have become the standard for curve and surface description. Today we are seeing expanded use of NURBS in modeling objects for the visual arts, including the film and entertainment industries, art, and sculpture. NURBS are now also being used for modeling scenes for virtual reality applications. These applications are expected to increase. Consequently, it is quite appropriate for The NURBS Book to be part of the Monographs in Visual Communication Series. B-spline curves and surfaces have been an enduring element throughout my professional life. The first edition of *Mathematical Elements for Computer Graphics*, published in 1972, was the first computer

aided design/interactive computer graphics textbook to contain material on B-splines. That material was obtained through the good graces of Bill Gordon and Louie Knapp while they were at Syracuse University. A paper of mine, presented during the Summer of 1977 at a Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers meeting on computer aided ship surface design, was arguably the first to examine the use of B-spline curves for ship design. For many, B-splines, rational B-splines, and NURBS have been a bit mysterious.

**Handbook of Splines** Springer Science & Business Media  
Statistics is the language of modern empirical social and behavioural science and the varieties of regression form the basis of this language. Statistical and computing advances have led to new and exciting regressions that have become the necessary tools for any researcher in these fields. In a way that is refreshingly engaging and readable, Wright and London describe the most useful of these techniques and provide step-by-step instructions, using the freeware R, to analyze datasets that can be located on the books' webpage:

[www.sagepub.co.uk/wrightandlondon](#). Techniques covered in this book include multilevel modeling, ANOVA and ANCOVA, path analysis, mediation and moderation, logistic regression (generalized linear models), generalized additive models, and robust methods. These are all tested out using a range of real research examples conducted by the authors in every chapter. Given the wide coverage of techniques, this book will be essential reading for any advanced undergraduate and graduate student (particularly in psychology) and for more experienced researchers wanting to learn how to apply some of the more recent statistical techniques to their datasets. The Authors are donating all royalties from the book to the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders.

**Supersonic Flow and Shock Waves** Springer Science & Business Media

This book develops methods for describing random dynamical systems, and it illustrates how the methods can be used in a variety of applications. Appeals to researchers and graduate students who require tools to investigate stochastic systems.

[Linear Operator Theory in Engineering and Science](#) CRC Press

This book provides a solid and uniform derivation of the various properties B-spline and B-spline representations have, and shows the beauty of the underlying rich mathematical structure. The book focuses on the core concepts of Computer Aided Geometric Design and provides a clear and illustrative presentation of the basic principles, as well as a treatment of advanced material including multivariate splines, some subdivision techniques and constructions of free form surfaces with arbitrary smoothness. The text is beautifully illustrated with many excellent figures to emphasize the geometric constructive approach of this book.

[A Practical Guide to Splines](#) Springer

This book is based on the author's experience with calculations involving polynomial splines, presenting those parts of the theory especially useful in calculations and stressing the representation of splines as weighted sums of B-splines. The B-spline theory is developed directly from the recurrence relations without recourse to divided differences. This reprint includes redrawn figures, and most formal statements are accompanied by proofs.

[Weakly Connected Neural Networks](#) Elsevier

This classic work continues to offer a comprehensive treatment of the theory of univariate and tensor-product splines. It will be of interest to researchers and students working in applied analysis, numerical analysis, computer science, and engineering. The material covered provides the reader with the necessary tools for understanding the many applications of splines in such diverse areas as approximation theory, computer-aided geometric design, curve and surface design and fitting, image processing, numerical solution of differential equations, and increasingly in business and the biosciences. This new edition includes a supplement outlining some of the major advances in the theory since 1981, and some 250 new references. It can be used as the main or supplementary text for courses in splines, approximation theory or numerical analysis.

[A Practical Guide to Splines](#) Springer

In today's world of online maps and travel directions delivered wirelessly to hand-held devices, getting from place to place requires little thought from most of us—which is a good thing, since accurate navigation can be tricky. Get your bearings with Mark Denny—an expert at explaining scientific concepts in non-technical language—in this all-encompassing look at the history and science of navigation. Denny's tour kicks off with key facts about the earth and how its physical properties affect travel. He discusses cartography and early mapmakers, revealing fascinating tidbits such as how changes over time of the direction of true north, as well as of magnetic north, impacted navigation. Denny details the evolution of navigation from the days of coastal piloting to GPS and other modern-day technologies. He explains the scientific breakthroughs in accessible, amusing terms and provides an insightful look at their effects on societies, cultures, and human advancement. Throughout, Denny frames the long history of navigation with amazing tales of such people as Pytheas, an ancient Greek navigator, and Sir Francis Drake and of such discoveries as the magnetic compass and radio direction finding. Whether you have an interest in orienteering and geocaching or want to know more about the critical role navigation has played in human survival and progress since ancient people learned to use lodestones, *The Science of Navigation* is for you. With it you'll finally understand the why of wayfinding.

**A Practical Guide to Splines** Springer

Splines find ever increasing application in the numerical methods, computer-aided design, and computer graphics areas. The Handbook on Splines for the User not only provides an excellent introduction to basic concepts and methods but also includes the SplineGuide—a computer diskette that allows the reader to practice using important programs. These programs help the user to build interpolating and smoothing cubic and bicubic splines of all classes. Programs are described in Fortran for spline functions and C for geometric splines. The Handbook describes spline functions and geometric splines and provides simple, but effective algorithms. It covers virtually all of the important types of cubic and bicubic splines, functions, variables, curves, and surfaces. The book is written in a straightforward manner and requires little mathematical background. When necessary, the authors give theoretical treatments in an easy-to-use form. Through the Handbook on Splines for the User, introduce yourself to the exciting world of splines and learn to use them in practical applications and computer graphics.

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