

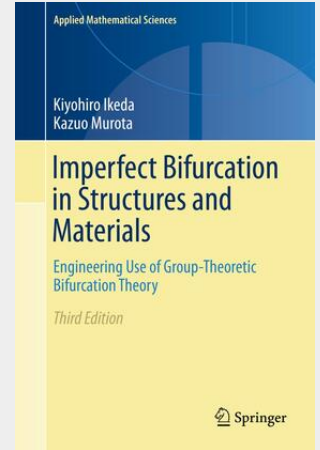
Imperfect Bifurcation in Structures and Materials

Engineering Use of Group-Theoretic Bifurcation Theory

This book provides a modern static imperfect bifurcation theory applicable to bifurcation phenomena of physical and engineering problems and fills the gap between the mathematical theory and engineering practice. Systematic methods based on asymptotic, probabilistic, and group theoretic standpoints are used to examine experimental and computational data from numerous examples, such as soil, sand, kaolin, honeycomb, and domes. For mathematicians, static bifurcation theory for finite-dimensional systems, as well as its applications for practical problems, is illuminated by numerous examples. Engineers may find this book, with its minimized mathematical formalism, to be a useful introduction to modern bifurcation theory. This third edition strengthens group representation and group-theoretic bifurcation theory. Several large scale applications have been included in association with the progress of computational powers. Problems and answers have been provided. Review of First Edition: "The book is unique in considering the experimental identification of material-dependent bifurcations in structures such as sand, Kaolin (clay), soil and concrete shells. ... These are studied statistically. ... The book is an excellent source of practical applications for mathematicians working in this field. ... A short set of exercises at the end of each chapter makes the book more useful as a text. The book is well organized and quite readable for non-specialists." Henry W. Haslach, Jr., Mathematical Reviews, 2003

The first edition of this book was published in 2002 for an audience of applied mathematicians and engineers. The response to the first edition, represented by several book reviews, has been most heartening. Accordingly, the second edition of this book maintains its major framework and serves as an expanded revision of our previous work. In the second edition, the theoretical backgrounds of group representation theory are strengthened and made self contained, in response to a request of a book reviewer and students of the authors. Based on these strengthened backgrounds, a theory and a numerical procedure on block diagonalization are presented. Among a number of methodologies, block diagonalization analysis has come to be acknowledged as a systematic and rigorous procedure for symmetry exploitation for the following two purposes:

- Gain better insight into bifurcation behaviors via blockwise singularity detection.
- Enhance the computational efficiency and accuracy of the numerical analysis.



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