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A comprehensive book focusing on the Force Analogy Method, a novel method for nonlinear dynamic analysis and simulation This book focusses on the Force Analogy Method, a novel method for

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nonlinear dynamic analysis and simulation. A review of the current nonlinear analysis method for earthquake engineering will be summarized and explained.

Additionally, how the force analogy method can be used in nonlinear

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static analysis will be discussed through several nonlinear static examples. The emphasis of this book is to extend and develop the force analogy method to performing dynamic analysis on structures under earthquake excitations, where

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the force analogy method is incorporated in the flexural element, axial element, shearing element and so on will be exhibited. Moreover, the geometric nonlinearity into nonlinear dynamic analysis algorithm based on the force

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analogy method is included. The application of the force analogy method in seismic design for buildings and structural control area is discussed and combined with practical engineering.

Plastic Theory of Structures focuses

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on the use of plastic theory in design and shows how code requirements are related to theoretical considerations. More specifically, the effect of axial load and shear force on plastic moment capacity is examined, along with biaxial

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bending, frame and local instability, and the use of partial load factors. The significance of repeated loading in plastic design is also highlighted. Comprised of six chapters, this book begins with an overview of plastic failure and the behavior beyond the

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elastic limit (with particular emphasis on the failure loads) of structures in which resistance to bending action is the primary means by which the loads are supported. Attention is paid to how the collapse load factor of a given structure may

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be derived, that is, the structure has been analyzed in relation to plastic collapse. The reader is then introduced to methods of plastic analysis; plastic moments under shear force and axial load; and minimum weight design. The book

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also considers variable repeated loading before concluding with a chapter on stability and the influence of various structural parameters and appropriate methods for the estimation of failure loads. This monograph will be of

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interest to civil and structural engineers.

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form results for quantities that are of interest to the designer of shell structures.

This enlightening textbook for undergraduates on civil engineering degree

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courses explains structural design from its mechanical principles, showing the speed and simplicity of effective design from first principles. This text

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presents good approximate solutions to complex design problems, such as "Wembley-Arch" type structures, the design of thin-walled structures, and long-span box girder

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bridges. Other more code-based textbooks concentrate on relatively simple member design, and avoid some of the most interesting design problems because code

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compliant solutions are complex. Yet these problems can be addressed by relatively manageable techniques. The methods outlined here enable quick, early stage, "ball-

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park" design solutions to be considered, and are also useful for checking finite element analysis solutions to complex problems. The conventions used in the book are in

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accordance with the Eurocodes, especially where they provide convenient solutions that can be easily understood by students. Many of the topics, such as composite

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beam design, are straight applications of Eurocodes, but with the underlying theory fully explained.

The techniques are illustrated through a series of worked examples

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which develop in complexity, with the more advanced questions forming extended exam type questions. A comprehensive range of fully worked tutorial questions are

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provided at the end of each section for students to practice in preparation for closed book exams.

Structural reliability theory is concerned with the rational treatment of

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uncertainties in structural engineering and with the methods for assessing the safety and serviceability of civil engineering and other structures. It is a

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subject which has grown rapidly during the last decade and has evolved from being a topic for academic research to a set of well-developed or developing methodologies

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with a wide range of practical applications. Uncertainties exist in most areas of civil and structural engineering and rational design decisions cannot be made

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without modelling them and taking them into account. Many structural engineers are shielded from having to think about such problems, at least when designing simple

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structures, because of the prescriptive and essentially deterministic nature of most codes of practice. This is an undesirable situation. Most loads and other

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structural design
parameters are rarely
known with certainty and
should be regarded as
random variables or
stochastic processes, even
if in design calculations

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they are eventually treated as deterministic. Some problems such as the analysis of load combinations cannot even be formulated without recourse to probabilistic

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reasoning.

This book is one of the finest I have ever read.

To write a foreword for it is an honor, difficult to accept. Everyone knows that architects and master

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masons, long before there were mathematical theories, erected structures of astonishing originality, strength, and beauty. Many of these still stand. Were it not

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for our now acid atmosphere, we could expect them to stand for centuries more. We admire early architects' visible success in the distribution and balance

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of thrusts, and we presume that master masons had rules, perhaps held secret, that enabled them to turn architects' bold designs into reality. Everyone knows that

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rational theories of strength and elasticity, created centuries later, were influenced by the wondrous buildings that men of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and

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eighteenth centuries saw
daily. Theorists know that
when, at last, theories
began to appear,
architects distrusted
them, partly because they
often disregarded details

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of importance in actual construction, partly because nobody but a mathematician could understand the aim and function of a mathematical theory

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designed to represent an aspect of nature. This book is the first to show how statics, strength of materials, and elasticity grew alongside existing architecture with its

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millennial traditions, its host of successes, its ever-renewing styles, and its numerous problems of maintenance and repair. In connection with studies toward repair of the dome

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of St. Peter's by Poleni
in 1743, on p.

Elementary Theory of
Structures

Shell Structures in Civil
and Mechanical Engineering
Theory and Closed-form

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Analytical Solutions

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The Force Analogy Method
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Beam theories are exploited worldwide to analyze civil, mechanical, automotive, and aerospace structures. Many beam approaches have been proposed during the last centuries by eminent scientists such as Euler, Bernoulli, Navier,

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Timoshenko, Vlasov, etc. Most of these models are problem dependent: they provide reliable results for a given problem, for instance a given section and cannot be applied to a different one. Beam Structures: Classical and Advanced Theories proposes

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a new original unified approach to beam theory that includes practically all classical and advanced models for beams and which has become established and recognised globally as the most important contribution to the field in the last quarter of a

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century. The Carrera Unified Formulation (CUF) has hierarchical properties, that is, the error can be reduced by increasing the number of the unknown variables. This formulation is extremely suitable for computer implementations

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and can deal with most typical engineering challenges. It overcomes the problem of classical formulae that require different formulas for tension, bending, shear and torsion; it can be applied to any beam geometries and loading

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conditions, reaching a high level of accuracy with low computational cost, and can tackle problems that in most cases are solved by employing plate/shell and 3D formulations. Key features: compares classical and modern approaches to beam

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theory, including classical well-known results related to Euler-Bernoulli and Timoshenko beam theories pays particular attention to typical applications related to bridge structures, aircraft wings, helicopters and propeller blades provides a number of numerical

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structures and structural analysts in industry will find this book extremely insightful. It will also be of great interest to graduate and postgraduate students of mechanical, civil and aerospace engineering.

Numerical Modeling of Masonry

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numerical modeling of TRM-strengthened masonry. Each section reflects the theoretical background and current state-of-the art, providing practical guidelines for simulations and the use of input parameters. Covers important issues relating

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strengthened masonry structures*

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approach*

*This book provides the reader
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and plastic theory, and emphasizes the historical background and the relationship to practical engineering activities. This is the first comprehensive treatment of the school of structures that has evolved at the Swiss Federal

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Institute of Technology in Zurich over the last 50 years. The many worked examples and exercises make this a textbook ideal for in-depth studies. Each chapter concludes with a summary that highlights the most important aspects in concise form.

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This book analyses problems in elasticity theory, highlighting elements of structural analysis in a simple and straightforward way.

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engineering courses, Structural Stability Theory and Practice: Buckling of Columns, Beams, Plates, and Shell provides readers with detailed mathematical derivations along with thorough explanations and practical examples.

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sound foundation of structural theory. This book presents the fundamental concepts of structural behavior. Organized into 12 chapters, this book begins with an overview of the essential requirement of any structure to resist a variety of loadings without changing its shape. This text then examines the

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application of the laws of statics to structures as a means of determining the external reactions induced at supports due to loading. Other chapters consider the dependence of stress components on the choice of reference plane. This book discusses as well the method of determining the internal

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forces in the bars of a truss, which depends upon applying the conditions of equilibrium. The final chapter deals with the variety of factors affecting the strength of concrete. This book is intended to be suitable for civil engineering students. Design and civil engineers will also find this book

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cross sectional forces and corresponding stresses can be calculated and compared to the strength of the system. It contains a comprehensive coverage of elastic buckling, providing the basis for the

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good knowledge of calculus, differential equations and basic matrix operations. The finite element method for line-like systems has been covered, but not the finite element method for shells and plates.

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This book presents a comprehensive introduction to the field of structural vibration reduction control, but may also be used as a reference source for more advanced topics. The content is divided into four main

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any chosen nominal state with the least energy consumption. An introduction to the distributed parameter adaptive structures is also provided. The book follows that modern trend in research and industry striving to

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indeterminate adaptive
structures Active vibration control
for autonomous and non-
autonomous cases Active control
against wind Active control
against seismic loads Distributed

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parameter adaptive structures

The technology of adaptive structures has created an environment where the analysis, not the computation, of structural response - du

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Plastic Theory of Structures

The Theory of Structures

The book introduces the basic

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concepts of the finite element method in the static and dynamic analysis of beam, plate, shell and solid structures, discussing how the method works, the characteristics of a finite element approximation and how to avoid the pitfalls of finite element modeling. Presenting the

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finite element theory as simply as possible, the book allows readers to gain the knowledge required when applying powerful FEA software tools. Further, it describes modeling procedures, especially for reinforced concrete structures, as well as structural dynamics methods, with a

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particular focus on the seismic analysis of buildings, and explores the modeling of dynamic systems. Featuring numerous illustrative examples, the book allows readers to easily grasp the fundamentals of the finite element theory and to apply the finite element method proficiently.

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This text introduces the basic equations of the theory of structures. Conventional presentations of these equations follow the ideas of elastic analysis, introduced nearly two hundred years ago. The present book is written against the background of advances made in structural theory

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during the last fifty years, notably by the introduction of so-called plastic theory. Tests on real structures in the twentieth century revealed that structural states predicted by elastic analysis cannot in fact be observed in practice, whereas plastic ideas can be used to give accurate estimates of

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strength. Strength is discussed in the first part of this book without reference to equations of elastic deformation. However, the designer is concerned also with stiffness, for which elastic analysis is needed, and the standard equations (suitable, for example, for computer programming)

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are presented. Finally, stability is analyzed, which again is essentially an elastic phenomenon, and it is shown that a higher "factor of safety" is required to guard against buckling than that required to guarantee straightforward strength. The emphasis throughout is on the

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derivation and application of the structural equations, rather than on details of their solution (nowadays best done by computer), and the numerical examples are deliberately kept simple.

Structural Analysis, or the ‘ Theory of Structures ’ , is an important subject

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for civil engineering students who are required to analyze and design structures. It is a vast field and is largely taught at the undergraduate level. A few topics like Matrix Method and Plastic Analysis are also taught at the postgraduate level and in structural engineering electives. The

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entire course has been covered in two volumes – Structural Analysis I and II. Structural Analysis I deals with the basics of structural analysis, measurements of deflection, various types of deflection, loads and influence lines, etc.

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engineering structures, and advanced students of civil engineering, require foundational knowledge and advanced analytical and empirical tools. Mechanics in Civil Engineering Structures presents the material needed by practicing engineers engaged in the design of civil

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engineering structures, and students of civil engineering. The book covers the fundamental principles of mechanics needed to understand the responses of structures to different types of load and provides the analytical and empirical tools for design. The title presents the

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mechanics of relevant structural elements—including columns, beams, frames, plates and shells—and the use of mechanical models for assessing design code application. Eleven chapters cover topics including stresses and strains; elastic beams and columns; inelastic

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and composite beams and columns; temperature and other kinematic loads; energy principles; stability and second-order effects for beams and columns; basics of vibration; indeterminate elastic-plastic structures; plates and shells. This book is an invaluable guide for civil

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The History of the Theory of
Structures

Theory Of Strs, Vol-I

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Engineering Students

This book proposes and validates a

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number of methods and shortcuts for frugal engineers, which will allow them to significantly reduce the computational costs for analysis and reanalysis and, as a result, for structural design processes. The need for accuracy and speed in

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analyzing structural systems with ever-tighter design tolerances and larger numbers of elements has been relentlessly driving forward research into methods that are capable of analyzing structures at a reasonable computational cost. The

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methods presented are of particular value in situations where the analysis needs to be repeated hundreds or even thousands of times, as is the case with the optimal design of structures using different metaheuristic algorithms. Featuring

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methods that are not only applicable to skeletal structures, but by extension also to continuum models, this book will appeal to researchers and engineers involved in the computer-aided analysis and design of structures, and to software

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developers in this field. It also serves as a complement to previous books on the optimal analysis of large-scale structures utilizing concepts of symmetry and regularity. Further, its novel application of graph-theoretical

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*methods is of interest to
mathematicians.*

*This classic text begins with an
overview of matrix methods and
their application to the structural
design of modern aircraft and
aerospace vehicles. Subsequent*

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chapters cover basic equations of elasticity, energy theorems, structural idealization, a comparison of force and displacement methods, analysis of substructures, structural synthesis, nonlinear structural analysis, and

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essence of shell structures within the grasp of engineers. It tackles the fundamental question of how bending and stretching effects combine and interact in shell structures from a physical point of view; and shows that this approach

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Structures cannot be created without engineering theory, and design rules have existed from the earliest times for building Greek temples, Roman aqueducts and Gothic cathedrals — and later, for steel skyscrapers and the frames

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for aircraft. This book is, however, not concerned with the description of historical feats, but with the way the structural engineer sets about his business. Galileo, in the seventeenth century, was the first to introduce

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recognizably modern science into the calculation of structures; he determined the breaking strength of beams. In the eighteenth century engineers moved away from this 'ultimate load' approach, and early in the nineteenth

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century a formal philosophy of design had been established — a structure should remain elastic, with a safety factor on stress built into the analysis. This philosophy held sway for over a century, until the first tests on real structures

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showed that the stresses confidently calculated by designers could not actually be measured in practice. Structural engineering has taken a completely different path since the middle of the twentieth

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century; plastic analysis reverts to Galileo's objective of the calculation of ultimate strength, and powerful new theorems now underpin the activities of the structural engineer. This book deals with a technical subject, but

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the presentation is completely non-mathematical. It makes available to the engineer, the architect and the general reader the principles of structural design. Contents: The Civil Engineer Pre 'Scientific' Theory Arch Bridges, Domes and

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