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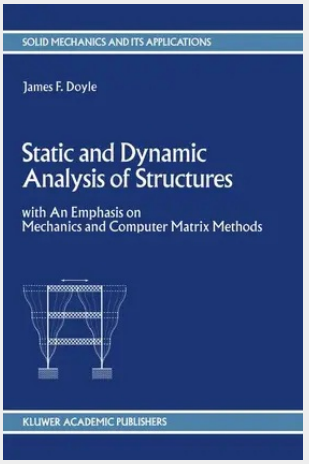
Static and Dynamic Analysis of Structures

with An Emphasis on Mechanics and Computer Matrix Methods



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