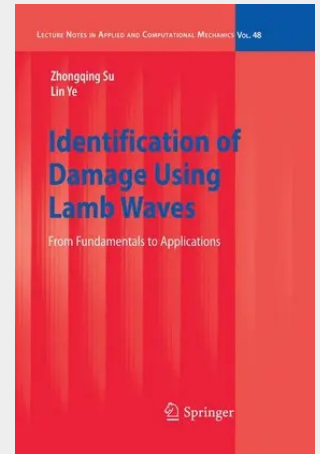


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From Fundamentals to Applications

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