

Mathematical Modeling and Simulation

Introduction for Scientists and Engineers

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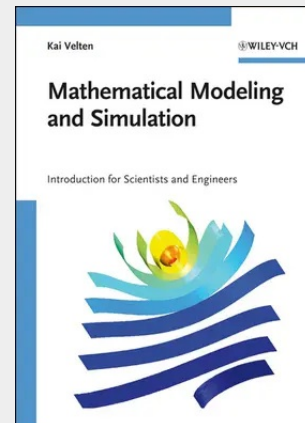
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Um dieses Buch zu verstehen, müssen Sie lediglich Grundkenntnisse der Integral- und Differenzialrechnung und der linearen Algebra mitbringen. Der Autor erklärt auch für Einsteiger und Studenten unterer Semester verständlich, wie man einfache mathematische Modelle formuliert, auswählt, anwendet und die Resultate kritisch analysiert.

Dies wird anhand von Beispielen aus vielen Disziplinen wie Biologie, Ökologie, Wirtschaft, Medizin, Landwirtschaft, Chemie, Elektrotechnik, Prozesstechnik und Maschinenbau erläutert, wobei neben elementaren statistischen Modellen, Regressionsmethoden und neuronalen Netzen auch Modelle in Form gewöhnlicher und partieller Differentialgleichungen detailliert behandelt werden. Das Buch stützt sich ausschließlich auf Open-Source-Software. Die gesamte Buchsoftware - einschließlich 3D-CFD- und 3D-Strukturmechanik-Simulationssoftware - kann auf Grundlage einer kostenlosen, im Internet erhältlichen CAELinux-Live-DVD genutzt werden.

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