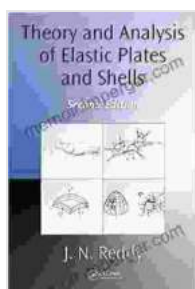


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The book covers various plate and shell theories, ranging from classical Kirchhoff theory to more advanced refined theories. Each theory is presented with its underlying assumptions and limitations, enabling readers to select the appropriate theory for specific applications.

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Beyond the theoretical foundations, the book provides a comprehensive overview of analytical techniques for solving plate and shell problems. It introduces analytical methods such as the Navier method, Galerkin method, and Rayleigh-Ritz method. These methods are elucidated through step-by-step procedures and illustrative examples, making them accessible to readers with varying levels of mathematical proficiency.

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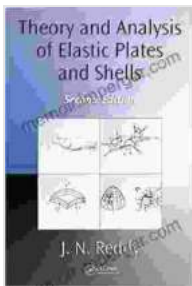
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This book is not merely an accumulation of knowledge but a comprehensive guide that empowers readers to delve into the complexities of plate and shell analysis with confidence. It provides the necessary tools and techniques to tackle real-world structural engineering problems, ensuring safe, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing structures.

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