Record Nr. UNINA9910136808803321 Autore Wegner Franz **Titolo** Supermathematics and its Applications in Statistical Physics: Grassmann Variables and the Method of Supersymmetry / / by Franz Wegner Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin, Heidelberg:,: Springer Berlin Heidelberg:,: Imprint: Springer, 2016 **ISBN** 3-662-49170-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XVII, 374 p. 15 illus., 12 illus. in color.) Collana Lecture Notes in Physics, , 0075-8450 ; ; 920 Disciplina 514.224 Soggetti **Physics** Mathematical physics Statistical physics Dynamical systems Mathematical Methods in Physics Mathematical Physics Complex Systems Mathematical Applications in the Physical Sciences Statistical Physics and Dynamical Systems Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Part I Grassmann Variables and Applications -- Part II Supermathematics -- Part III Supersymmetry in Statistical Physics --Summary and Additional Remarks -- References -- Solutions -- Index. This text presents the mathematical concepts of Grassmann variables Sommario/riassunto and the method of supersymmetry to a broad audience of physicists interested in applying these tools to disordered and critical systems, as well as related topics in statistical physics. Based on many courses and seminars held by the author, one of the pioneers in this field, the reader is given a systematic and tutorial introduction to the subject matter. The algebra and analysis of Grassmann variables is presented in part I. The mathematics of these variables is applied to a random matrix model, path integrals for fermions, dimer models and the Ising

model in two dimensions. Supermathematics - the use of commuting

and anticommuting variables on an equal footing - is the subject of part II. The properties of supervectors and supermatrices, which contain both commuting and Grassmann components, are treated in great detail, including the derivation of integral theorems. In part III, supersymmetric physical models are considered. While supersymmetry was first introduced in elementary particle physics as exact symmetry between bosons and fermions, the formal introduction of anticommuting spacetime components, can be extended to problems of statistical physics, and, since it connects states with equal energies, has also found its way into quantum mechanics. Several models are considered in the applications, after which the representation of the random matrix model by the nonlinear sigma-model, the determination of the density of states and the level correlation are derived. Eventually, the mobility edge behavior is discussed and a short account of the ten symmetry classes of disorder, two-dimensional disordered models, and superbosonization is given.