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"Featuring an introduction to stochastic calculus, this book uniquely blends diffusion equations and random walk theory and provides an interdisciplinary approach by including numerous practical examples and exercises with real-world applications in operations research, economics, engineering, and physics. It covers standard methods and applications of Brownian motion and discusses Levy motion; addresses fractional calculus; introduces percolation theory and its relationship to diffusion processes; and more"--
