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This reference on current VB theory and applications presents a practical system that can be applied to a variety of chemical problems in a uniform manner. After explaining basic VB theory, it discusses VB applications to bonding problems, aromaticity and antiaromaticity, the dioxygen molecule, polyradicals, excited states, organic reactions, inorganic/organometallic reactions, photochemical reactions, and catalytic reactions. With a guide for performing VB calculations, exercises and answers, and numerous solved problems, this is the premier reference for practitioners and upper-level student
