Record Nr. UNINA9910254341603321 Autore Rothwell Alan Titolo Optimization Methods in Structural Design / / by Alan Rothwell Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2017 3-319-55197-3 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XVI, 314 p. 113 illus.) Collana Solid Mechanics and Its Applications, , 0925-0042;; 242 Disciplina 624.17713 Soggetti Engineering design Mechanics Mechanics, Applied Aerospace engineering **Astronautics** Computer mathematics **Engineering Design** Solid Mechanics Aerospace Technology and Astronautics Computational Science and Engineering Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preface -- 1 The Conventional Design Process -- 2 Optimality Criteria -- 3 The General Optimization Problem -- 4 Numerical Methods for Unconstrained Optimization -- 5 Numerical Methods for Constrained Optimization -- 6 Optimization of Beams -- 7 Reinforced Shell Structures -- 8 Composite Laminates -- 9 Laminate Optimization -- 10 Optimization with Finite Element Analysis. Final Word -- Appendix --Index. Sommario/riassunto This book offers an introduction to numerical optimization methods in structural design. Employing a readily accessible and compact format, the book presents an overview of optimization methods, and equips readers to properly set up optimization problems and interpret the results. A 'how-to-do-it' approach is followed throughout, with less

emphasis at this stage on mathematical derivations. The book features

spreadsheet programs provided in Microsoft Excel, which allow readers to experience optimization 'hands-on.' Examples covered include truss structures, columns, beams, reinforced shell structures, stiffened panels and composite laminates. For the last three, a review of relevant analysis methods is included. Exercises, with solutions where appropriate, are also included with each chapter. The book offers a valuable resource for engineering students at the upper undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as others in the industry and elsewhere who are new to these highly practical techniques. While the specific application is to structural design, the principles involved can be applied far more widely.