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Sommario/riassunto	This extended and revised second edition is intended for engineering students and researchers working with finite element methods in structural and mechanical analysis. Discussing numerical structural analysis from first mechanical and mathematical principles, it establishes the central role of influence functions (Green's functions) in linear computational mechanics. The main features of the book are mentioned below. · Introducing Green's first and second identity as the core theorems of statics and mechanics. Formulation of the variational and energy principles of mechanics with an emphasis on the computational aspects and on the qualitative features of variational solutions. · Derivation of influence functions from duality principles, the distinction between weak and strong influence functions, the difference between monopoles and dipoles and how amputated dipoles lead to singularities, and how singularities on the boundary pollute the solution inside the domain - an unavoidable effect in 2-D and 3-D. · A detailed discussion of the various features of the finite element method and the key role of the notion of "shake-equivalence" as originally

introduced by Turner et al. Establishing that in linear finite element analysis the accuracy depends on the accuracy of the influence functions. Introducing Betti extended as a core theorem of finite element analysis. · A systematic treatment of the role which Green's functions play in reanalysis, sensitivity analysis, parameter identification and in optimization. Explaining why averaging material parameters succeeds and how local stiffness changes can be identified with the action of equilibrium forces f_+ . · Presenting a new technique, one-click reanalysis, which allows to make modifications to a structure by clicking on single elements and seeing directly the new shape, bypassing the need to solve the modified system. · Four programs for the solution of the Poisson equation, 2-D elasticity, plate-bending problems and planar frames are offered for download in this second edition. These are all-purpose programs but with a particular emphasis on influence functions. The frame program also demonstrates one-click reanalysis.
