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Aimed at both working programmers who are applying for a job where puzzles are an integral part of the interview, as well as techies who just love a good puzzle, this book offers a cache of exciting puzzles. Features a new series of puzzles, never before published, called elimination puzzles that have a pedagogical aim of helping the reader solve an entire class of Sudoku-like puzzles. Provides the tools to solve the puzzles by hand and computer. The first part of each chapter presents a puzzle; the second part shows readers how to solve several classes of puzzles algorithmically.
