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This volume is the second edition of the first-ever elementary book on
 the Langevin equation method for the solution of problems involving
 the Brownian motion in a potential, with emphasis on modern
 applications in the natural sciences, electrical engineering and so on. It
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