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optimization of an airfoil, and shape optimization of a dividing tube. By presenting sizing and shape optimization in an abstract way, the authors are able to use a unified approach in the mathematical analysis for a large class of optimization problems in various fields of physics. Audience: the book is written primarily for students of applied mathematics, scientific computing, and mechanics. Most of the material is directed toward graduate students, although a portion of it is suitable for senior undergraduate students. Readers are assumed to have some knowledge of partial differential equations and their numerical solution, as well as modern programming language such as C++ Fortran 90.