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differential equations is not still complete. In particular, operatortheoretical approaches are indispensable for some generalized categories of solutions such as weak solutions, but feasible operatortheoretic foundations for wide applications are not available in monographs. To make this monograph more readable, we are restricting it to a few fundamental types of time-fractional partial differential equations, forgoing many other important and exciting topics such as stability for nonlinear problems. However, we believe that this book works well as an introduction to mathematical research in such vast fields. <the fractional="" partial="" differential="" equations="" govern="" phenomena="" depending="" both="" on="" spatial="" and="" time="" variables="" require="" more="" subtle="" treatments.="" moreover,="" are="" highly="" demanded="" model="" for="" solving="" real-world="" problems="" such="" as="" the="" anomalous="" diffusion="" in="" heterogeneous="" media.