Record Nr. UNISALENTO991002325489707536 Autore Sirca, Simon Titolo Computational methods for physicists: compendium for students / Simon Sirca, Martin Horvat New York: Springer, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9783642324772 (hard cover : alk. paper) Descrizione fisica xx, 715 p : ill. ; 24 cm Collana Graduate texts in physics Classificazione LC QC21.3 510:53 Altri autori (Persone) Horvat, Martinauthor Disciplina 530.15 Soggetti Mathematical physics Physics - Data processing Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index Nota di contenuto Basics of numerical analysis -- Solution of nonlinear equations --Matrix methods -- Transformations of functions and signals --Statistical description and modeling of data -- Modeling and analysis of time series -- Initial-value problems for ordinary differential equations -- Boundary-value problems for ordinary differential equations --Difference methods for one-dimensional partial differential equations -- Difference methods for partial differential equations in more than one dim -- Spectral methods for partial differential equations Sommario/riassunto This book helps advanced undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students in their daily work by offering them a compendium of numerical methods. The choice of methods pays significant attention to error estimates, stability and convergence issues as well as to the ways to optimize program execution speeds. Many examples are given throughout the chapters, and each chapter is followed by at least a handful of more comprehensive problems which may be dealt with, for example, on a weekly basis in a one- or two-semester course. In these end-of-chapter problems the physics background is pronounced, and the main text preceding them is intended as an introduction or as a later reference. Less stress is given to the explanation of individual

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