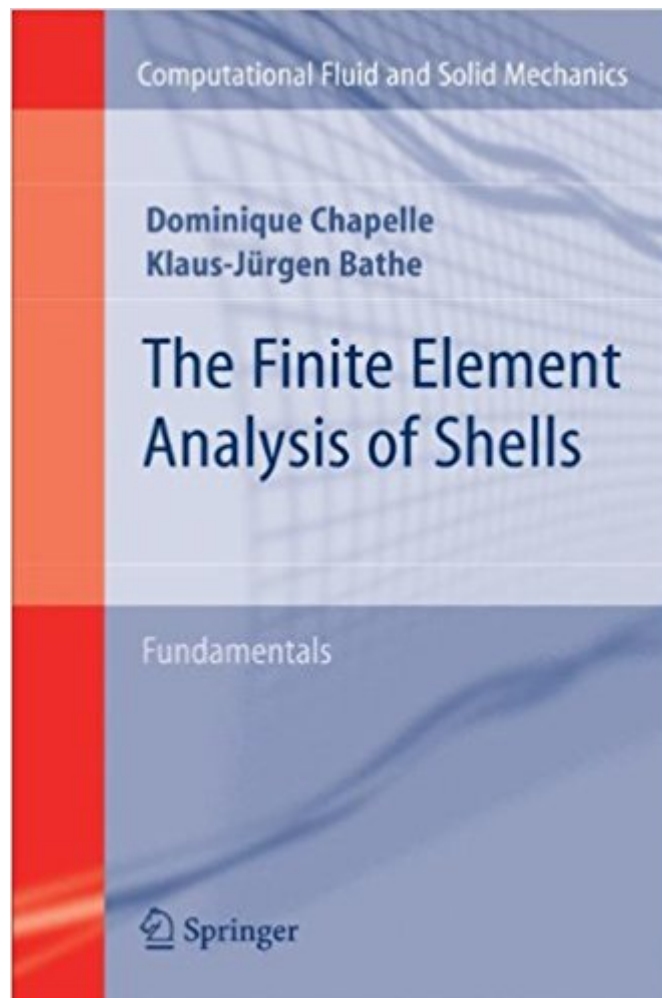




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This is the first (and only) book I have come across which gives a deep and comprehensive analysis of finite element methods for shell structures. The authors take a mathematical approach to the problem, and do a very nice job. Traditionally, finite element procedures for shells have been formulated intuitively hence resulting in mixed success. Mathematical analyses of finite element formulations give a deeper and meaningful insight into the underlying mathematical theory and the reasons why some formulations perform much better than others. This deeper mathematical understanding in turn gives better insight into the physical behaviour of shells as limiting cases are approached (i.e thin shells etc.). Research in finite element analysis, including shells, is very much alive and still has a lot of potential. This book is very valuable for people who want to dig further into mathematical aspects of finite element formulations, and are not just content with "coding" an existing formulation. This is not a "recipe" book, but a book which teaches you how to come up with new, mathematically consistent and meaningful formulations.

The book "The Finite Element Analysis of Shells - Fundamentals" represents a unique contribution to the field. While the literature on finite element analysis of shells is vast, there is not a single work

like this which successfully treats this topic with a broad perspective without sacrificing either physical understanding or mathematical rigor. Undoubtedly, shell mathematical and numerical analyses represent a very difficult and evolving subject, integrating advanced knowledge from engineering and applied mathematics. In this context, this book is an invaluable source to whomever wants do serious work in the fascinating field of shell finite element analysis and modeling.

It is an understatement to call this book excellent! Development of robust and reliable computational techniques for shell analysis continues to be a most challenging task. The level of profundity offered by this book on this traditional topic is truly astounding. Mathematical analysis has been wonderfully intertwined with engineering judgement. The presentation is brief and compact with an emphasis on mathematical rigor.

This book clearly explains shell structure mechanics from a mathematical and practical perspective. As a practicing engineer and finite element user, I found it extremely useful and easy to understand. This is also an invaluable reference for graduate students in applied mechanics. I think it will be a classic reference in that field.

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