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powers of data analysis and will prove invaluable to both students and experienced researchers across all of the social sciences. The Qualitative Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations An Introduction Courier Corporation "This is a very good book ... with many well-chosen examples and illustrations." — American Mathematical Monthly This highly regarded text presents a self-contained introduction to some important aspects of modern qualitative theory for ordinary differential equations. It is accessible to any student of physical sciences, mathematics or engineering who has a good knowledge of calculus and of the elements of linear algebra. In addition, algebraic results are stated as needed; the less familiar ones are proved either in the text or in appendixes. The topics covered in the first three chapters are the standard theorems concerning linear systems, existence and uniqueness of solutions, and dependence on parameters. The next three chapters, the heart of the book, deal with stability theory and some applications, such as oscillation phenomena, self-excited oscillations and the regulator problem of Lurie. One of the special features of this work is its abundance of exercises-routine computations, completions of mathematical arguments, extensions of theorems and applications to physical problems. Moreover, they are found in the body of the text where they naturally occur, offering students substantial aid in understanding the ideas and concepts discussed. The level is intended for students ranging from juniors to first-year graduate students in mathematics, physics or engineering; however, the book is also ideal for a one-semester undergraduate course in ordinary differential equations, or for engineers in need of a course in state space methods. Qualitative Theory in Structural Mechanics Qualitative Properties and Existence of Solutions Springer Nature This book focuses on the qualitative theory in structural mechanics, an area that remains underdeveloped. The qualitative theory mainly deals with the static deformation and vibrational modes of linear elastic structures, and cover subjects such as qualitative properties and the existence of solutions. Qualitative properties belong to one type of structure, are at the system level and of clear regularity, and often result from analytical derivation and logical reasoning. As for the existence of solutions, it addresses a fundamental issue in structural mechanics, and has far-reaching implications for engineering applications. A better understanding of qualitative properties can assist in both numerical computation and experimental studies. It also promotes the development of better dynamic designs for structures. At the same time, a sound grasp of the existence of solutions and related subjects can aid in quantitative analysis, and help researchers establish the theoretical background essential to their work. This book is among the few that is dedicated exclusively to the qualitative theory in structural mechanics and systematically introduces the important and challenging area to a wide audience, including graduate students in engineering. Introduction to the Qualitative Theory of Differential Systems Planar, Symmetric and Continuous Piecewise Linear Systems Springer Science & Business Media The book deals with

continuous piecewise linear differential systems in the plane with three pieces separated by a pair of parallel straight lines. Moreover, these differential systems are symmetric with respect to the origin of coordinates. This class of systems driven by concrete applications is of interest in engineering, in particular in control theory and the design of electric circuits. By studying these particular differential systems we will introduce the basic tools of the qualitative theory of ordinary differential equations, which allow us to describe the global dynamics of these systems including the infinity. The behavior of their solutions, their parametric stability or instability and their bifurcations are described. The book is very appropriate for a first course in the qualitative theory of differential equations or dynamical systems, mainly for engineers, mathematicians, and physicists. Basics of Qualitative Research Techniques and Procedures for Developing Grounded Theory SAGE Publications, Incorporated The Second Edition of this best-selling textbook continues to offer immensely practical advice and technical expertise that will aid researchers in analyzing and interpreting their collected data, and ultimately build theory from it. The authors provide a step-by-step guide to the research act. Full of definitions and illustrative examples, the book presents criteria for evaluating a study as well as responses to common questions posed by students of qualitative research. Qualitative Theory of Hybrid Dynamical Systems Springer Science & Business Media The emerging area of hybrid dynamical systems lies at the interface of control theory and computer science, i.e., analogue 'and' digital aspects of systems. This new monograph presents state-of-the-art concepts, methods and tools for analyzing and describing hybrid dynamical systems. Qualitative Theory of Dynamical Systems, Tools and Applications for Economic Modelling Lectures Given at the COST Training School on New Economic Complex Geography at Urbino, Italy, 17-19 September 2015 Springer The book presents the lectures delivered during a short course held at Urbino University in summer 2015 on qualitative theory of dynamical systems, included in the activities of the COST Action IS1104 “The EU in the new economic complex geography: models, tools and policy evaluation”. It provides a basic introduction to dynamical systems and optimal control both in continuous and discrete time, as well as some numerical methods and applications in economic modelling. Economic and social systems are intrinsically dynamic, characterized by interdependence, nonlinearity and complexity, and these features can only be approached using a qualitative analysis based on the study of invariant sets (equilibrium points, limit cycles and more complex attractors, together with the boundaries of their basins of attraction), which requires a trade-off between analytical, geometrical and numerical methods. Even though the early steps of the qualitative theory of dynamical systems have been in continuous time models, in economic and social modelling discrete time is often used to describe event-driven (often decision-driven) evolving systems. The book is written for Ph.D. and master’s students, post-doctoral fellows, and researchers in economics or sociology, and it only

assumes a basic knowledge of calculus. However it also suggests some more advanced topics. Qualitative Research Theory, Method and Practice SAGE Building on the global success of the First Edition of Qualitative Research: Theory, Method and Practice, the new edition has been thoroughly updated and revised. It succeeds in providing a comprehensive yet accessible guide to a variety of methodological approaches to qualitative research. Edited by David Silverman, the book brings together a team of internationally-renowned researchers to discuss the theory and practice of qualitative research. In each chapter, the contributors broaden our conception of qualitative research by drawing upon particular examples of data-analysis to advance their analytical arguments. Korteweg-de Vries and Nonlinear Schrödinger Equations: Qualitative Theory Springer Science & Business Media The emphasis of this book is on questions typical of nonlinear analysis and qualitative theory of PDEs. The selection of the material is related to the author's attempt to illuminate those particularly interesting questions not yet covered in other monographs though they have been the subject of published articles. One chapter, for example, is devoted to the construction of invariant measures for dynamical systems generated by certain equations and a result from a recent paper on basic properties of a system of eigenfunctions of a stationary problem. Also considered is an application of the method of qualitative theory of ODes to proving the existence of radial solutions of stationary problems and stability of solutions of NLSE nonvanishing as the spatial variable tends to infinity. Finally a recent result on the existence of an infinite sequence of invariant measures for the inegrable KdV equation is presented. Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations North Holland Ordinary Differential Equations Introduction and Qualitative Theory, Third Edition CRC Press Designed for a rigorous first course in ordinary differential equations, Ordinary Differential Equations: Introduction and Qualitative Theory, Third Edition includes basic material such as the existence and properties of solutions, linear equations, autonomous equations, and stability as well as more advanced topics in periodic solutions of Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations Courier Corporation Graduate-level text considers existence and continuity theorems, integral curves of a system of 2 differential equations, systems of n-differential equations, general theory of dynamical systems, systems with an integral invariant, more. 1960 edition. Qualitative Theory of Dynamical Systems CRC Press "Illuminates the most important results of the Lyapunov and Lagrange stability theory for a general class of dynamical systems by developing topics in a metric space independantly of equations, inequalities, or inclusions. Applies the general theory to specific classes of equations. Presents new and expanded material on the stability analysis of hybrid dynamical systems and dynamical systems with discontinuous dynamics." Grounded Theory for Qualitative Research A Practical Guide SAGE This book provides you with clear guidance on how to balance grounded theory and practice effectively by presenting multidisciplinary studies explained step-by-step. Methods of Qualitative Theory in Nonlinear

Dynamics World Scientific Bifurcation and Chaos has dominated research in nonlinear dynamics for over two decades and numerous introductory and advanced books have been published on this subject. There remains, however, a dire need for a textbook which provides a pedagogically appealing yet rigorous mathematical bridge between these two disparate levels of exposition. This book is written to serve the above unfulfilled need. Following the footsteps of Poincare, and the renowned Andronov school of nonlinear oscillations, this book focuses on the qualitative study of high-dimensional nonlinear dynamical systems. Many of the qualitative methods and tools presented in this book were developed only recently and have not yet appeared in a textbook form. In keeping with the self-contained nature of this book, all topics are developed with an introductory background and complete mathematical rigor. Generously illustrated and written with a high level of exposition, this book will appeal to both beginners and advanced studentsof nonlinear dynamics interested in learning a rigorous mathematical foundation of this fascinating subject. Qualitative Research and Theory Development Mystery as Method SAGE Publications Ltd Encouraging readers to take a critical approach to empirical data, the authors provide an account that helps social science researchers to develop new and interesting theories. Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods Integrating Theory and Practice SAGE Publications Drawing on more than 40 years of experience conducting applied social science research and program evaluation, author Michael Quinn Patton has crafted the most comprehensive and systematic book on qualitative research and evaluation methods, inquiry frameworks, and analysis options available today. Now offering more balance between applied research and evaluation, this Fourth Edition of Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods illuminates all aspects of qualitative inquiry through new examples, stories, and cartoons; more than a hundred new summarizing and synthesizing exhibits; and a wide range of new highlight sections/sidebars that elaborate on important and emergent issues. For the first time, full case studies are included to illustrate extended research and evaluation examples. In addition, each chapter features an extended "rumination," written in a voice and style more emphatic and engaging than traditional textbook style, about a core issue of persistent debate and controversy. Research Methods for Postgraduates John Wiley & Sons An indispensable reference for postgraduates, providing up to date guidance in all subject areas Methods for Postgraduates brings together guidance for postgraduate students on how to organise, plan and do research from an interdisciplinary perspective. In this new edition, the already wide-ranging coverage is enhanced by the addition of new chapters on social media, evaluating the research process, Kansei engineering and medical research reporting. The extensive updates also provide the latest guidance on issues relevant to postgraduates in all subject areas, from writing a proposal and securing research funds, to data analysis and the presentation of research, through to intellectual property protection and career opportunities. This thoroughly revised

new edition provides: Clear and concise advice from distinguished international researchers on how to plan, organise and conduct research. New chapters explore social media in research, evaluate the research process, Kansei engineering and discuss the reporting of medical research. Check lists and diagrams throughout. Praise for the second edition: “... the most useful book any new postgraduate could ever buy.” (New Scientist) “The book certainly merits its acceptance as essential reading for postgraduates and will be valuable to anyone associated in any way with research or with presentation of technical or scientific information of any kind.”(Robotica) Like its predecessors, the third edition of Research Methods for Postgraduates is accessible and comprehensive, and is a must-read for any postgraduate student. The Discovery of Grounded Theory Strategies for Qualitative Research Transaction Publishers Most writing on sociological method has been concerned with how accurate facts can be obtained and how theory can thereby be more rigorously tested. In The Discovery of Grounded Theory, Barney Glaser and Anselm Strauss address the equally Important enterprise of how the discovery of theory from data—systematically obtained and analyzed in social research—can be furthered. The discovery of theory from data—grounded theory—is a major task confronting sociology, for such a theory fits empirical situations, and is understandable to sociologists and laymen alike. Most important, it provides relevant predictions, explanations, interpretations, and applications. In Part I of the book, "Generation Theory by Comparative Analysis," the authors present a strategy whereby sociologists can facilitate the discovery of grounded theory, both substantive and formal. This strategy involves the systematic choice and study of several comparison groups. In Part II, The Flexible Use of Data," the generation of theory from qualitative, especially documentary, and quantitative data Is considered. In Part III, "Implications of Grounded Theory," Glaser and Strauss examine the credibility of grounded theory. The Discovery of Grounded Theory is directed toward improving social scientists' capacity for generating theory that will be relevant to their research. While aimed primarily at sociologists, it will be useful to anyone Interested In studying social phenomena—political, educational, economic, industrial—especially If their studies are based on qualitative data. Theoretical Frameworks in Qualitative Research SAGE Publications The Second Edition of Theoretical Frameworks in Qualitative Research, by Vincent A. Anfara, Jr. and Norma T. Mertz, brings together some of today’s leading qualitative researchers to discuss the frameworks behind their published qualitative studies. They share how they found and chose a theoretical framework, from what discipline the framework was drawn, what the framework posits, and how it influenced their study. Both novice and experienced qualitative researchers are able to learn first-hand from various contributors as they reflect on the process and decisions involved in completing their study. The book also provides background for beginning researchers about the nature of theoretical frameworks and their importance in qualitative research; about differences in perspective about

the role of theoretical frameworks; and about how to find and use a theoretical framework. Information Theory Structural Models for Qualitative Data SAGE The book introduces information theory and explains its application for structural modeling. Topics discussed include : analysis of multivariate qualitative data; how to confirm an information theory model; its use in exploratory research; and how it compares with other approaches such as network analysis, path analysis, chi square and analysis of variance. Advanced Qualitative Research A Guide to Using Theory SAGE This distinctive, nuanced book addresses the more complex theoretical issues embedded in the qualitative research paradigm. Adopting a reflective stance that emphasises the role of the researcher it carefully avoids a standardised 'tick box' approach to methods. Throughout each chapter, theory is powerfully and persuasively interwoven as its impact on practical topics such as data management and safety in the field is discussed. O'Reilly and Kiyimba bring an authority and clarity to the debate, taking us beyond the mechanical notions of qualitative methods and standardised approaches to research. Instead, they focus on subjects like methodological integrity, perspective driven data collection and theoretically-led analysis. This will be an important resource for anyone looking to practically engage with advanced qualitative research methods. Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations American Mathematical Soc. Subriemannian geometries, also known as Carnot-Caratheodory geometries, can be viewed as limits of Riemannian geometries. They also arise in physical phenomenon involving ""geometric phases"" or holonomy. Very roughly speaking, a subriemannian geometry consists of a manifold endowed with a distribution (meaning a k-plane field, or subbundle of the tangent bundle), called horizontal together with an inner product on that distribution. If $k=n$, the dimension of the manifold, we get the usual Riemannian geometry. Given a subriemannian geometry, we can define the distance between two points just as in the Riemannian case, except we are only allowed to travel along the horizontal lines between two points. The book is devoted to the study of subriemannian geometries, their geodesics, and their applications. It starts with the simplest nontrivial example of a subriemannian geometry: the two-dimensional isoperimetric problem reformulated as a problem of finding subriemannian geodesics.Among topics discussed in other chapters of the first part of the book the author mentions an elementary exposition of Gromov's surprising idea to use subriemannian geometry for proving a theorem in discrete group theory and Cartan's method of equivalence applied to the problem of understanding invariants (diffeomorphism types) of distributions. There is also a chapter devoted to open problems. The second part of the book is devoted to applications of subriemannian geometry. In particular, the author describes in detail the following four physical problems: Berry's phase in quantum mechanics, the problem of a falling cat righting herself, that of a microorganism swimming, and a phase problem arising in the N-body problem. He shows that all these problems can be studied using the same underlying type of subriemannian

geometry: that of a principal bundle endowed with G-invariant metrics. Reading the book requires introductory knowledge of differential geometry, and it can serve as a good introduction to this new, exciting area of mathematics. This book provides an introduction to and a comprehensive study of the qualitative theory of ordinary differential equations.It begins with fundamental theorems on existence, uniqueness, and initial conditions, and discusses basic principles in dynamical systems and Poincare-Bendixson theory. The authors present a careful analysis of solutions near critical points of linear and nonlinear planar systems and discuss indices of planar critical points. A very thorough study of limit cycles is given, including many results on quadratic systems and recent developments in China. Other topics included are: the critical point at infinity, harmonic solutions for periodic differential equations, systems of ordinary differential equations on the torus, and structural stability for systems on two-dimensional manifolds. This books is accessible to graduate students and advanced undergraduates and is also of interest to researchers in this area. Exercises are included at the end of each chapter. Qualitative Research SAGE Lecturers, click here to request an electronic inspection copy - no waiting for the post to arrive! This hugely successful textbook has been fully updated and revised to make it even more accessible and comprehensive than previous editions. New chapters have been added on a range of key topics, including grounded theory, research ethics and systematic review. This book draws on a stellar list of leading qualitative researchers, each of whom is writing on their own specialized area in qualitative research, but doing so in a way that is clear and accessible to students and those new to the field of qualitative methods. All chapters also have added features - such as internet links, questions for readers and recommended readings. Alongside its engaging and accessible style, these new features make Qualitative Research the ideal textbook for all students working within this field. This is a comprehensive and accessible first text on qualitative methods that boasts a who's who of leading qualitative methodologists and is a must-have book for any student involved in doing research. Qualitative Theory of Hybrid Dynamical Systems Springer Science & Business Media The emerging area of hybrid dynamical systems lies at the interface of control theory and computer science, i.e., analogue 'and' digital aspects of systems. This new monograph presents state-of-the-art concepts, methods and tools for analyzing and describing hybrid dynamical systems. Methods in the Qualitative Theory of Dynamical Systems in Astrophysics and Gas Dynamics Springer Verlag Methods of Qualitative Theory in Nonlinear Dynamics (Part I) World Scientific Bifurcation and Chaos has dominated research in nonlinear dynamics for over two decades and numerous introductory and advanced books have been published on this subject. There remains, however, a dire need for a textbook which provides a pedagogically appealing yet rigorous mathematical bridge between these two disparate levels of exposition. This book is written to serve the above unfulfilled need. Following the footsteps of Poincaré, and

the renowned Andronov school of nonlinear oscillations, this book focuses on the qualitative study of high-dimensional nonlinear dynamical systems. Many of the qualitative methods and tools presented in this book were developed only recently and have not yet appeared in a textbook form. In keeping with the self-contained nature of this book, all topics are developed with an introductory background and complete mathematical rigor. Generously illustrated and written with a high level of exposition, this book will appeal to both beginners and advanced students of nonlinear dynamics interested in learning a rigorous mathematical foundation of this fascinating subject. Contents:Basic ConceptsStructurally Stable Equilibrium States of Dynamical SystemsStructurally Stable Periodic Trajectories of Dynamical SystemsInvariant ToriCenter Manifold. Local CaseCenter Manifold. Non-Local Case Readership: Engineers, students, mathematicians and researchers in nonlinear dynamics and dynamical systems. Keywords:Bifurcations;Dynamical Systems;Qualitative Theory;Chaos;Strange Attractors;Nonlinear DynamicsReviews: “It is well-written and clearly organized with excellent figures … This rigorous book, with its emphasis on mathematical technique, would form an excellent basis for an engineering course if supplemented with applications.” Applied Mechanics Reviews “Short remarks concerning various, not only mathematical, aspects of the theory add an extra flavour to the text. I recommend the book for all persons interested in the qualitative theory of differential equations.” Mathematical Reviews Approaches To The Qualitative Theory Of Ordinary Differential Equations: Dynamical Systems And Nonlinear Oscillations World Scientific Publishing Company This book is an ideal text for advanced undergraduate students and graduate students with an interest in the qualitative theory of ordinary differential equations and dynamical systems. Elementary knowledge is emphasized by the detailed discussions on the fundamental theorems of the Cauchy problem, fixed-point theorems (especially the twist theorems), the principal idea of dynamical systems, the nonlinear oscillation of Duffing's equation, and some special analyses of particular differential equations. It also contains the latest research by the author as an integral part of the book. Qualitative Research Skills for Social Work Theory and Practice Routledge Malcolm Carey provides social work students, academics and practitioners with a practical guide to completion of a small-scale qualitative research project or dissertation. This clear text takes the reader through the process of beginning and developing a research problem or question, defining their objectives and undertaking empirical or literature-based research that involves data collection, analysis, writing up and dissemination. The book also highlights and details potential obstacles, essential techniques and methods, types of theory and methodology used, and presents case studies and ongoing debates involved in qualitative social work research. It suggests ways by which sometimes difficult processes (such as the literature review, interviews with practitioners, etc.) can be made easier to complete and explores traditional methods such as the focus group or

interview alongside less conventional methodologies such as participative, narrative, discourse or ICT-related approaches. Recent investigation has highlighted the lack of research skills held by many social workers in practice. This book overcomes these problems by providing an essential and easily accessible guidebook to qualitative research methods for social work students and practitioners as well as being of interest to tutors who teach research methods to social work students or supervise dissertations. Dictionary of Nursing Theory and Research Springer Publishing Company An essential reference, particularly for students who encounter nursing theory and research courses in their educational programs....In her foreword...Afaf Meleis states that it is the answer to a graduate student's prayers. I would certainly agree, and I would add that experienced researchers and theoreticians can use it as a handy reference for day-to-day scholarly activities.-- Nursing Education Perspectives. Updated terminology and the addition of many new terms with examples and references that reflect current nursing practice make this third edition of the Dictionary of Nursing Theory and Research a valuable accompaniment to the nursing student's or practitioner nurse's bookshelf. With the inclusion of research, theory, statistical, and epidemiologic definitions, as well as cross-reference notes at the end of each entry, this compilation is one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date nursing dictionaries available.;. This alphabetical dictionary of terms used in nursing research and nursing theory offers clear definitions--often in. multiple paragraphs and sometimes ending with an example that further demonstrates the meaning of the term Cross-references. are printed in boldface after the definitions with references that will lead the serious reader to delve more deeply into. contextual use of the terms and concepts.---CHOICE February 2006. What distinguishes this Dictionary from others are its attention to the diversity in inquiry and distinctively nursing. 'takes' on key concepts in theory and research. This Dictionary will be a welcome addition to the libraries of both new and. experienced researchers.. ---- Margarete Sandelowski, Cary C. Boshamer Professor, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This alphabetical dictionary of terms used in nursing research and nursing theory. offers clear definitions-often in multiple paragraphs and sometimes ending with an. example that further demonstrates the meaning of the term. Cross-references are printed. in boldface after the definitions. Powers (emer., Univ. of Rochester) and Knapp (Univ. of. Rochester/Ohio State Univ.) offer descriptive definitions with references that will lead. the serious reader to delve more deeply into the contextual use of the terms and. concepts. Given the accolades for the second edition(1995), it might be expected that the. definitions would rely on older references. Instead, the majority of the 17 pages of. references supporting the text take readers to publications newer than 1995, with a. significant number being as recent as 2004. The work, therefore, is unlikely to become. outdated for many years to come. Summing Up: Highly recommended. All Libraries. that support nurses' education and research at the lower-level undergraduate level and.

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contribute to the understanding of qualitative aspects of fluid flows, in particular those concerned with geometrical properties of flow fields such as shape and stability of its streamline patterns. It is obvious that insight into the qualitative structure of flow fields is of great importance and appears as an ultimate aim of flow research. Qualitative insight fashions our know ledge and serves as a good guide for further quantitative investigations. Moreover, quali tative information can become very useful, especially when it is applied in close corres pondence with numerical methods, in order to interpret and value numerical results. A qualitative analysis may be crucial for the investigation of the flow in the neighbourhood of singularities where a numerical method is not reliable anymore due to discretisation er rors being unacceptable. Up till now, familiar research methods -frequently based on rigorous analyses, careful nu merical procedures and sophisticated experimental techniques -have increased considera bly our qualitative knowledge of flows, albeit that the information is often obtained indirectly by a process of a careful but cumbersome examination of quantitative data. In the past decade, new methods are under development that yield the qualitative infor mation more directly. These methods, make use of the knowledge available in the qualitative theory of differen tial equations and in the theory of bifurcations. From Instrumentalism to Constructive Realism On Some Relations between Confirmation, Empirical Progress, and Truth Approximation Springer Science & Business Media Surprisingly, modified versions of the confirmation theory (Carnap and Hempel) and truth approximation theory (Popper) turn out to be smoothly sythesizable. The glue between the two appears to be the instrumentalist methodology, rather than that of the falsificationalist. The instrumentalist methodology, used in the separate, comparative evaluation of theories in terms of their successes and problems (hence, even if already falsified), provides in theory and practice the straight road to short-term empirical progress in science (à la Laudan). It is also argued that such progress is also functional for all kinds of truth approximation: observational, referential, and theoretical. This sheds new light on the long-term dynamics of science and hence on the relation between the main epistemological positions, viz., instrumentalism (Toulmin, Laudan), constructive empiricism (Van Fraassen), referential realism (Hacking, Cartwright), and theory realism of a non-essentialist nature (constructive realism à la Popper). Readership: Open minded philosophers and scientists. The book explains and justifies the scientist's intuition that the debate among philosophers about instrumentalism and realism has almost no practical consequences. Differential Equations Theory, Numerics and Applications Proceedings of the ICDE ’96 held in Bandung Indonesia Springer Science & Business Media Proceedings of the ICDE'96 held in Bandung, Indonesia