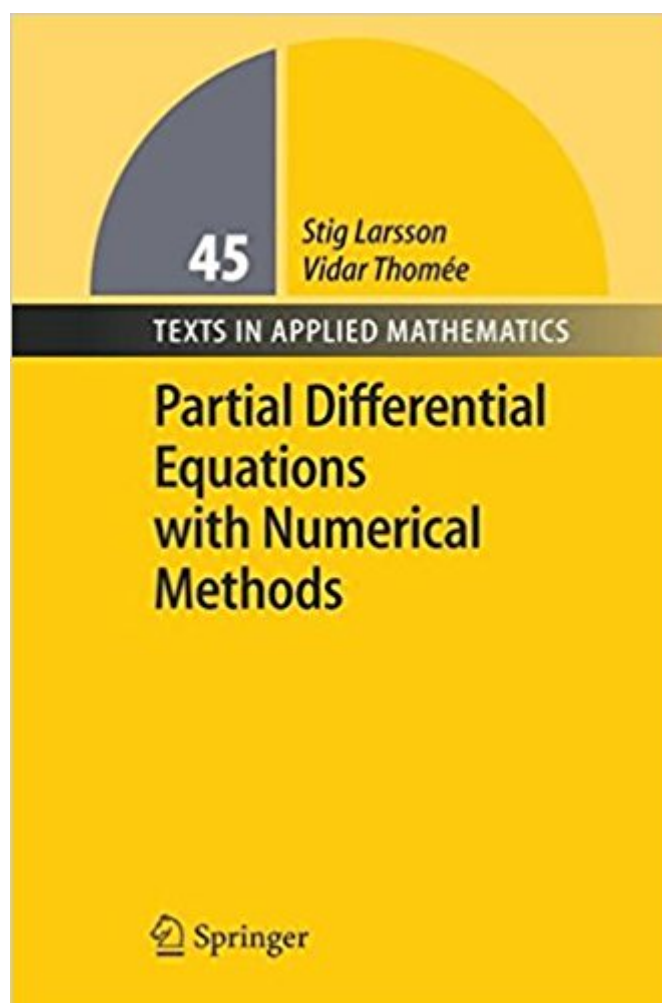


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chapters. There is also one chapter on the elliptic eigenvalue problem and eigenfunction expansion. The presentation does not presume a deep knowledge of mathematical and functional analysis. Some background on linear functional analysis and Sobolev spaces, and also on numerical linear algebra, is reviewed in two appendices.

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I've found this book to be an excellent refresher, and I think that folks who don't have much experience in this field may find it to be an excellent introduction. It offers a theoretical overview of partial differential equations with examples of numerical methods for solving these equations. Sadly I must warn anyone thinking of buying the Kindle version: download the sample first and examine the formatting. You will find that the equations, while effectively readable, are not well produced on the Kindle. From time to time you will have to guess what a character is, and infer what is meant when, for example, we are told the length is " $a$ |" when in fact it should read " $|a|$ ". Another example, the subscript " $i$ " looks like an " $l$ " which is definitely not a good thing for mathematical text. This doesn't make the book impossible to read, but it does slow down the reading flow in a very annoying way. If you are planning on purchasing this book, you may want to consider buying the paperback for just a few dollars (or cents, if you go from other sellers) more, and not have to waste your time and money paying for a poor 1980s xerox-copy quality overpriced version. To be 100% clear, though, I loved the book, but did not appreciate its quality in the Kindle version and feel a bit cheated.

A very nice introduction to numerical methods for solving partial differential equations. The book discusses the essential equations and methods with both clarity and rigor. This is probably the only rigorous numerical PDE book at this level.

This book covers all of the important points in solving numerical partial differential equations numerically and is a pretty good reference if you are already familiar with the material. The organization, index, and formatting of the text make it difficult to learn from, so I would not recommend either teaching from it or learning from it.

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