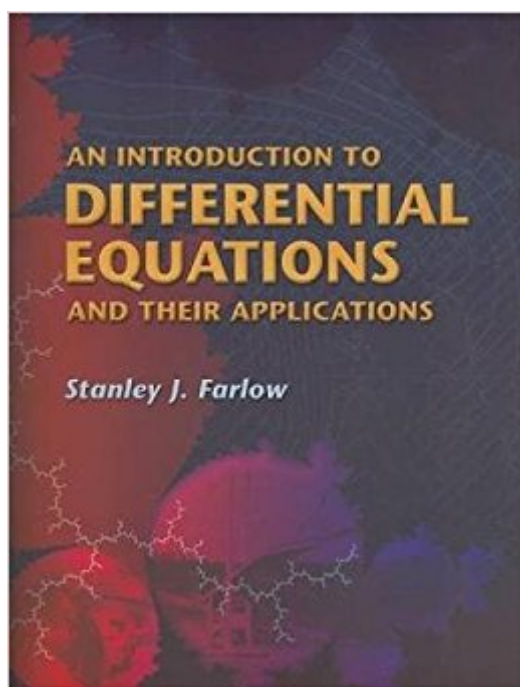


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The writing style is excellent--simple words, simple sentences. The margins are really wide--and that's an awesomely helpful thing to have, with your pencil in hand--though the examples are so detailed you might not need to add a lot. The examples even have little titles about what's going on--great for reference, when combing back through the book after a while, which I do as a physics grad student. The theorems, definitions and PROCEDURES are boxed for easy reference--that helps a hell of a lot when you're coming back for a refresher. Good big, clear diagrams. The end-of-chapter problems are doable, answers in back to all. Someone said a lotta typos ... I didn't notice. Guess I knew I was right. First used this to back-up Boyce/DiPrima, which was assigned, and got an A ... lots in common, but the writing style and highlighted procedures here were way more comfortable to learn from. Only thing is he didn't use the tabular method of integration by parts, which I picked up from another DiffEq book, by Giordano/Weir--another good book with boxed algorithms.

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Tons of mistakes in this book, make sure to look up the errata

As described.

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