Bejan Thermal Design Optimization

This book is an update of a successful first edition that has been extremely well received by the experts in the chemical process industries. The authors explain both the theory and the practice of optimization, with the focus on the techniques and software that offer the most potential for success and give reliable results. Applications case studies in optimization are presented with new examples taken from the areas of microelectronics processing and molecular modeling. Ample references are cited for those who wish to explore the theoretical concepts in more detail.

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This book presents a wide-ranging review of the latest research and development directions in thermal systems optimization using population-based metaheuristic methods. It helps readers to identify the best methods for their own systems, providing details of mathematical models and algorithms suitable for implementation. To reduce mathematical complexity, the authors focus on optimization of individual components rather than taking on systems as a whole. They employ numerous case studies: heat exchangers; cooling towers; power generators; refrigeration systems; and others. The importance of these subsystems to real-world situations from internal combustion to air-conditioning is made clear. The thermal systems under discussion are analysed using various metaheuristic techniques, with comparative results for different systems. The inclusion of detailed MATLAB® codes in the text will assist readers—researchers, practitioners or students—to assess these techniques for different real-world systems. Thermal System Optimization is a useful tool for thermal design researchers and engineers in academia and industry, wishing to perform thermal system identification with properly optimized parameters. It will be of interest for researchers, practitioners and
graduate students with backgrounds in mechanical, chemical and power engineering.
The proposed is written as a senior undergraduate or the first-year graduate textbook, covering modern thermal devices such as heat sinks, thermoelectric generators and coolers, heat pipes, and heat exchangers as design components in larger systems. These devices are becoming increasingly important and fundamental in thermal design across such diverse areas as microelectronic cooling, green or thermal energy conversion, and thermal control and management in space, etc. However, there is no textbook available covering this range of topics. The proposed book may be used as a capstone design course after the fundamental courses such as thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer. The underlying concepts in this book cover the, 1) understanding of the physical mechanisms of the thermal devices with the essential formulas and detailed derivations, and 2) designing the thermal devices in conjunction with mathematical modeling, graphical optimization, and occasionally computational-fluid-dynamic (CFD) simulation. Important design examples are developed using the commercial software, MathCAD, which allows the students to easily reach the graphical solutions even with highly detailed processes. In other words, the design concept is embodied through the example problems. The graphical presentation generally provides designers or students with the rich and flexible solutions toward achieving the optimal design. A solutions manual will be provided.

A comprehensive and rigorous introduction to thermal system design from a contemporary perspective Thermal Design and Optimization offers readers a lucid introduction to the latest methodologies for the design of thermal systems and emphasizes engineering economics, system simulation, and optimization methods. The methods of exergy analysis, entropy generation minimization, and thermoeconomics are incorporated in an evolutionary manner. This book is one of the few sources available that addresses the recommendations of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology for new courses in design engineering. Intended for classroom use as well as self-study, the text provides a review of fundamental concepts, extensive reference lists, end-of-chapter problem sets, helpful appendices, and a comprehensive case study that is followed throughout the text. Contents include: * Introduction to Thermal System Design * Thermodynamics, Modeling, and Design Analysis * Exergy Analysis * Heat Transfer, Modeling, and Design Analysis * Applications with Heat and Fluid Flow * Applications with Thermodynamics and Heat and Fluid Flow * Economic Analysis * Thermoeconomic Analysis and Evaluation * Thermoeconomic Optimization Thermal Design and Optimization offers engineering students, practicing engineers, and technical managers a comprehensive and rigorous introduction to thermal system design and optimization from a distinctly contemporary perspective. Unlike traditional books that are largely oriented toward design analysis and components, this forward-thinking book aligns itself with an increasing number of active designers who believe that more effective, system-oriented design methods are needed. Thermal Design and Optimization offers a lucid presentation of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid mechanics as they are applied to the design of thermal systems. This book broadens the scope of engineering design by placing a strong emphasis on engineering economics, system simulation, and optimization techniques. Opening with a concise review of fundamentals, it develops design methods within a framework of industrial applications that gradually increase in complexity. These applications include, among others, power generation by large
and small systems, and cryogenic systems for the manufacturing, chemical, and food processing industries. This unique book draws on the best contemporary thinking about design and design methodology, including discussions of concurrent design and quality function deployment. Recent developments based on the second law of thermodynamics are also included, especially the use of exergy analysis, entropy generation minimization, and thermoeconomics. To demonstrate the application of important design principles introduced, a single case study involving the design of a cogeneration system is followed throughout the book. In addition, Thermal Design and Optimization is one of the best new sources available for meeting the recommendations of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology for more design emphasis in engineering curricula. Supported by extensive reference lists, end-of-chapter problem sets, and helpful appendices, this is a superb text for both the classroom and self-study, and for use in industrial design, development, and research. A detailed solutions manual is available from the publisher.

Since its publication almost a decade ago, Adrian Bejan's Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics has established itself as the definitive modern treatment of this challenging subject. Now the Second Edition brings this important work fully up to date with current analyses and practices, and explores uncharted territory along the promising frontier of contemporary research. Grounded in the axiomatic formulation and Gibbsian analytical structure of classical thermodynamics, this revised volume offers an incisive examination of the history, concepts, and language of thermodynamics. Readers will find a clear review of the first and second laws of thermodynamics, along with enhanced material on exergy analysis methods, entropy generation minimization, and related design applications. The Second Edition takes an in-depth look at the latest developments in the field in areas such as power generation, solar energy, low-temperature refrigeration, air conditioning, and thermal design. Bridging the gap between physics and biology, this book, for the first time, provides a fascinating introduction to the constructal theory of macroscopic organization in nature, extending thermodynamics into the realm of naturally organized systems. Geometric shape and structure are deduced from a single principle of thermodynamic optimization. Complete with original problems, worked-out examples, exceptional graphics, and hundreds of references throughout, Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics, Second Edition is the ideal cutting-edge reference for today's professional engineers and researchers as well as a superb resource for advanced engineering students. Praise for the First Edition: "Demonstrates that engineering thermodynamics is still an active research field . . . will be valuable to all those seeking a deeper understanding of thermodynamic systems." —ASLIB Book List "Strikes a balance between the latest developments in the field and the 'classical' approach to the study of thermodynamics." —Engineering Societies Library Incomparable coverage of engineering thermodynamics—in a brand-new, up-to-date edition . . . The first edition of Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics broke fresh ground with its engaging treatment of key topics in thermal engineering. Now, building on the success of its predecessor, this Second Edition balances a detailed examination of the history, concepts, and language of classical thermodynamics with state-of-the-art coverage of the latest developments in analysis and practice. In addition to cutting-edge material on contemporary research areas such as entropy generation minimization and the constructal theory of organization in nature, readers of the Second Edition will find: A solid review of the first and second laws of thermodynamics, with an emphasis
on problem-solving Separate chapters devoted to single-phase systems, multiphase systems, chemically reactive systems, exergy analysis, thermodynamic optimization, and irreversible thermodynamics Thermodynamics applied to specific areas, including power generation, solar energy, refrigeration, air conditioning, and thermal design More problems and worked-out examples throughout the text High-quality original graphics, plus hundreds of classical and contemporary references Moving effortlessly between analysis and essay, this revised edition of Adrian Bejan's trailblazing work will inspire a new generation of researchers and students in all areas of engineering.

Thermal energy is present in all aspects of our lives, including when cooking, driving, or turning on the heat or air conditioning. Sometimes this thermal management is not evident, but it is essential for our comfort and lifestyle. In addition, heat transfer is vital in many industrial processes. Thermal energy analysis is a complex task that usually requires different approaches. With five sections, this book provides information on heat transfer problems and using experimental techniques and computational models to analyse them.

Thermal systems play an increasingly symbiotic role alongside mechanical systems in varied applications spanning materials processing, energy conversion, pollution, aerospace, and automobiles. Responding to the need for a flexible, yet systematic approach to designing thermal systems across such diverse fields, Design and Optimization of Thermal

This book describes the state of the art at the interface between energy and environmental research. The contributing authors are some of the world leaders in research and education on energy and environmental topics. The coverage is worth noting for its breadth and depth. Written by leaders in research and education, this book is an excellent text or supplement for undergraduate and graduate courses on energy engineering and environmental science.

The Physics of Life explores the roots of the big question by examining the deepest urges and properties of living things, both animate and inanimate: how to live longer, with food, warmth, power, movement and free access to other people and surroundings. Bejan explores controversial and relevant issues such as sustainability, water and food supply, fuel, and economy, to critique the state in which the world understands positions of power and freedom. Breaking down concepts such as desire and power, sports health and culture, the state of economy, water and energy, politics and distribution, Bejan uses the language of physics to explain how each system works in order to clarify the meaning of evolution in its broadest scientific sense, moving the reader towards a better understanding of the world's systems and the natural evolution of cultural and political development. The Physics of Life argues that the evolution phenomenon is much broader and older than the evolutionary designs that constitute the biosphere, empowering readers with a new view of the globe and the future, revealing that the urge to have better ideas has the same physical effect as the urge to have better laws and better government. This is evolution explained loudly but also elegantly, forging a path that flows sustainability.

The vital concept of optimization has been largely neglected in thermal sciences. Keeping this in mind, Essentials of Thermal System Design and Optimizationintroduces the general principles involved in system design and optimization as applicable to thermal systems, followed by the methods to implement them. The book features several surprising examples and uses a conversational style to, for the first time, introduce contemporary techniques and concepts, such as genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, ANN, and Bayesian Inference in the context of thermal system optimization. An independent chapter is devoted to inverse problems in thermal systems. Examples and problems
in every chapter clarify presented concepts and methods, and supplemental end-of-chapter problems enhance the learning process. Constructal theory has been extensively used to analyze and optimize many different shapes and structures in both living and non-living systems. It is generally considered to be a law that could govern the evolutions of shapes and structures in biology, physics, technology, and social organization. Accordingly, it seems that the constructal method is suitable for designing and analyzing all kinds of shapes and structures in the world. However, in most cases, the details for its applications were not carefully checked, meaning that it was often incorrectly applied, and that many unreasonable or inaccurate results were provided. This book systematically reviews and checks the applications of constructal theory in street design, economics, heat transfer optimization, flow systems, and explanations of natural structures and social phenomena. Every detail of the models, methods, optimizations, applications, results and conclusions is analysed, with careful consideration of theoretical derivations and typical examples. Accordingly, the problems and mistakes in the applications of the theory are directly pointed out and discussed in detail. The abuse and limitation of the constructal approach are also discussed. In many cases, it is shown that the theory has significant flaws and is even not applicable in certain circumstances. As constructal theory is widely used in the analysis and design of shapes and structures, this book will be essential for scientists, researchers, engineers, teachers, postgraduates and undergraduates in the fields of structure analysis, design and optimization in physics, biology, flow dynamics, heat transfer and thermodynamics.

A practical and accessible introductory textbook that enables engineering students to design and optimize typical thermofluid systems. Engineering Design and Optimization of Thermofluid Systems is designed to help students and professionals alike understand the design and optimization techniques used to create complex engineering systems that incorporate heat transfer, thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, and mass transfer. Designed for thermal systems design courses, this comprehensive textbook covers thermofluid theory, practical applications, and established techniques for improved performance, efficiency, and economy of thermofluid systems. Students gain a solid understanding of best practices for the design of pumps, compressors, heat exchangers, HVAC systems, power generation systems, and more. Covering the material using a pragmatic, student-friendly approach, the text begins by introducing design, optimization, and engineering economics—with emphasis on the importance of engineering optimization in maximizing efficiency and minimizing cost. Subsequent chapters review representative thermofluid systems and devices and discuss basic mathematical models for describing thermofluid systems. Moving on to system simulation, students work with the classical calculus method, the Lagrange multiplier, canonical search methods, and geometric programming. Throughout the text, examples and practice problems integrate emerging industry technologies to show students how key concepts are applied in the real world. This well-balanced textbook: Integrates underlying thermofluid principles, the fundamentals of engineering design, and a variety of optimization methods Covers optimization techniques alongside thermofluid system theory Provides readers best practices to follow on-the-job when designing thermofluid systems Contains numerous tables, figures, examples, and problem sets Emphasizing optimization techniques more than any other thermofluid system textbook available, Engineering Design and Optimization of Thermofluid Systems is the ideal textbook for upper-level undergraduate and graduate students and instructors in thermal systems design courses, and a valuable reference for professional mechanical engineers and researchers in the field.

Questions and answers explore various aspects of astronomy, including the solar system, stars, planets, moons, asteroids, and comets. Full-color illustrations.
This book presents the diverse and rapidly expanding field of Entropy Generation Minimization (EGM), the method of thermodynamic optimization of real devices. The underlying principles of the EGM method - also referred to as "thermodynamic optimization," "thermodynamic design," and "finite time thermodynamics" - are thoroughly discussed, and the method's applications to real devices are clearly illustrated. The EGM field has experienced tremendous growth during the 1980s and 1990s. This book places EGM's growth in perspective by reviewing both sides of the field - engineering and physics. Special emphasis is given to chronology and to the relationship between the more recent work and the pioneering work that outlined the method and the field. Entropy Generation Minimization combines the fundamental principles of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid mechanics. EGM applies these principles to the modeling and optimization of real systems and processes that are characterized by finite size and finite time constraints, and are limited by heat and mass transfer and fluid flow irreversibilities. Entropy Generation Minimization provides a straightforward presentation of the principles of the EGM method, and features examples that elucidate concepts and identify recent EGM advances in engineering and physics. Modern advances include the optimization of storage by melting and solidification; heat exchanger design; power from hot-dry-rock deposits; the on & off operation of defrosting refrigerators and power plants with fouled heat exchangers; the production of ice and other solids; the maximization of power output in simple power plant models with heat transfer irreversibilities; the minimization of refrigerator power input in simple models; and the optimal collection and use of solar energy. Seemingly universal geometric forms unite the flow systems of engineering and nature. For example, tree-shaped flows can be seen in computers, lungs, dendritic crystals, urban street patterns, and communication links. In this groundbreaking book, Adrian Bejan considers the design and optimization of engineered systems and discovers a deterministic principle of the generation of geometric form in natural systems. Shape and structure spring from the struggle for better performance in both engineering and nature. This idea is the basis of the new constructal theory: the objective and constraints principle used in engineering is the same mechanism from which the geometry in natural flow systems emerges. From heat exchangers to river channels, the book draws many parallels between the engineered and the natural world. Among the topics covered are mechanical structure, thermal structure, heat trees, ducts and rivers, turbulent structure, and structure in transportation and economics. The numerous illustrations, examples, and homework problems in every chapter make this an ideal text for engineering design courses. Its provocative ideas will also appeal to a broad range of readers in engineering, natural sciences, economics, and business. The CRC Handbook of Thermal Engineering, Second Edition, is a fully updated version of this respected reference work, with chapters written by leading experts. Its first part covers basic concepts, equations and principles of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid dynamics. Following that is detailed coverage of major application areas, such as bioengineering, energy-efficient building systems, traditional and renewable energy sources, food processing, and aerospace heat transfer topics. The latest numerical and computational tools, microscale and nanoscale engineering, and new complex-structured materials are also presented. Designed for easy reference, this new edition is a must-have volume for engineers and researchers around the globe.
A comprehensive assessment of the methodologies of thermodynamic optimization, exergy analysis and thermoeconomics, and their application to the design of efficient and environmentally sound energy systems. The chapters are organized in a sequence that begins with pure thermodynamics and progresses towards the blending of thermodynamics with other disciplines, such as heat transfer and cost accounting. Three methods of analysis stand out: entropy generation minimization, exergy (or availability) analysis, and thermoeconomics. The book reviews current directions in a field that is both extremely important and intellectually alive. Additionally, new directions for research on thermodynamics and optimization are revealed.

A new edition of the bestseller on convection heat transfer A revised edition of the industry classic, Convection Heat Transfer, Fourth Edition, chronicles how the field of heat transfer has grown and prospered over the last two decades. This new edition is more accessible, while not sacrificing its thorough treatment of the most up-to-date information on current research and applications in the field. One of the foremost leaders in the field, Adrian Bejan has pioneered and taught many of the methods and practices commonly used in the industry today. He continues this book's long-standing role as an inspiring, optimal study tool by providing:

Coverage of how convection affects performance, and how convective flows can be configured so that performance is enhanced

How convective configurations have been evolving, from the flat plates, smooth pipes, and single-dimension fins of the earlier editions to new populations of configurations: tapered ducts, plates with multiscale features, dendritic fins, duct and plate assemblies (packages) for heat transfer density and compactness, etc. New, updated, and enhanced examples and problems that reflect the author's research and advances in the field since the last edition A solutions manual Complete with hundreds of informative and original illustrations, Convection Heat Transfer, Fourth Edition is the most comprehensive and approachable text for students in schools of mechanical engineering.

An advanced, practical approach to the first and second laws of thermodynamics Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics bridges the gap between engineering applications and the first and second laws of thermodynamics. Going beyond the basic coverage offered by most textbooks, this authoritative treatment delves into the advanced topics of energy and work as they relate to various engineering fields. This practical approach describes real-world applications of thermodynamics concepts, including solar energy, refrigeration, air conditioning, thermofluid design, chemical design, constructal design, and more. This new fourth edition has been updated and expanded to include current developments in energy storage, distributed energy systems, entropy minimization, and industrial applications, linking new technologies in sustainability to fundamental thermodynamics concepts. Worked problems have been added to help students follow the thought processes behind various applications, and additional homework problems give them the opportunity to gauge their knowledge. The growing demand for sustainability and energy efficiency has shined a spotlight on the real-world applications of thermodynamics. This book helps future engineers make the fundamental connections, and develop a clear understanding of this complex subject. Delve deeper into the engineering applications of thermodynamics Work
problems directly applicable to engineering fields. Integrate thermodynamics concepts into sustainability design and policy.
Understand the thermodynamics of emerging energy technologies. Condensed introductory chapters allow students to quickly
review the fundamentals before diving right into practical applications. Designed expressly for engineering students, this book
offers a clear, targeted treatment of thermodynamics topics with detailed discussion and authoritative guidance toward even the
most complex concepts. Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics is the definitive modern treatment of energy and work for today's
newest engineers.
Design and Optimization of Thermal Systems, Third Edition: with MATLAB® Applications provides systematic and efficient
approaches to the design of thermal systems, which are of interest in a wide range of applications. It presents basic concepts and
procedures for conceptual design, problem formulation, modeling, simulation, design evaluation, achieving feasible design, and
optimization. Emphasizing modeling and simulation, with experimentation for physical insight and model validation, the third edition
covers the areas of material selection, manufacturability, economic aspects, sensitivity, genetic and gradient search methods,
knowledge-based design methodology, uncertainty, and other aspects that arise in practical situations. This edition features many
new and revised examples and problems from diverse application areas and more extensive coverage of analysis and simulation
with MATLAB®.
The book begins with familiar designs found all around and inside us (such as the ‘trees’ of river basins, human lungs, blood and
city traffic). It then shows how all flow systems are driven by power from natural engines everywhere, and how they are endlessly
shaped because of freedom. Finally, Professor Bejan explains how people, like everything else that moves on earth, are driven by
power derived from our “engines” that consume fuel and food, and that our movement dissipates the power completely and
changes constantly for greater access, economies of scale, efficiency, innovation and life. Written for wide audiences of all ages,
including readers interested in science, patterns in nature, similarity and non-uniformity, history and the future, and those just
interested in having fun with ideas, the book shows how many “design change” concepts acquire a solid scientific footing and how
they exist with the evolution of nature, society, technology and science.
Chapters contributed by thirty world-renown experts. * Covers all aspects of heat transfer, including micro-scale and heat transfer
in electronic equipment. * An associated Web site offers computer formulations on thermophysical properties that provide the most
up-to-date values.
This text explains the concepts behind process design. It uses a case study approach, guiding readers through realistic design
problems, and referring back to these cases at the end of each chapter. Throughout, the author uses shortcut techniques that
allow engineers to obtain the whole focus for a design in a very short period (generally less than two days).
The Exergy Method of Thermal Plant Analysis aims to discuss the history, related concepts, applications, and development of the
Exergy Method - analysis technique that uses the Second Law of Thermodynamics as the basis of evaluation of thermodynamic
loss. The book, after an introduction to thermodynamics and its related concepts, covers concepts related to exergy, such as
physical and chemical exergy, exergy concepts for a control method and a closed-system analysis, the exergy analysis of simple processes, and the thermocentric applications of exergy. A seven-part appendix is also included. Appendices A-D covers miscellaneous information on exergy, and Appendix E features charts of thermodynamic properties. Appendix F is a glossary of terms, and Appendix G contains the list of references. The text is recommended for physicists who would like to know more about the Exergy Method, its underlying principles, and its applications not only in thermal plant analysis but also in certain areas. The book contains research results obtained by applying Bejan’s Constructal Theory to the study and therefore the optimization of fins, focusing on T-shaped and Y-shaped ones. Heat transfer from finned surfaces is an example of combined heat transfer natural or forced convection on the external parts of the fin, and conducting along the fin. Fin’s heat exchange is rather complex, because of variation of both temperature along the fin and convective heat transfer coefficient. Furthermore possible presence of more fins invested by the same fluid flow has to be considered. Classical fin theory tried to reduce the coupled heat transfer problem to a one-dimensional problem by defining an average temperature of the fin and writing equations using this parameter. However, it was shown that this approach cannot be used because of the effects of two-dimensional heat transfer, especially in the presence of short fins. CFD codes offer the possibility to consider bi-dimensional (and more generally, three-dimensional) effects and then a more real approach to the physical phenomena of finned surface’s heat exchange. A commercial CFD code was used to analyse the case of heat exchange in presence of T-shaped fins, following an approach suggested by Bejan’s Constructal Theory. The comparative results showed a significant agreement with previous research taken as a reference, and this result allows for the application of this approach to a wider range of systems. T-shaped optimized fin geometry is the starting point for further research. Starting from the optimal results (T-shape optimized fins), we show the trend of the assessment parameter (the dimensionless conductance) in function of the angle $\theta$ between the two horizontal arms of the fin. A value for $\theta$, 90° Exergy, Energy System Analysis, and Optimization theme is a component of the Encyclopedia of Energy Sciences, Engineering and Technology Resources which is part of the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias. These three volumes are organized into five different topics which represent the main scientific areas of the theme: 1. Exergy and Thermodynamic Analysis; 2. Thermoeconomic Analysis; 3. Modeling, Simulation and Optimization in Energy Systems; 4. Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems in Energy Systems Analysis; 5. Sustainability Considerations in the Modeling of Energy Systems. Fundamentals and applications of characteristic methods are presented in these volumes. These three volumes are aimed at the following five major target audiences: University and College Students, Educators, Professional Practitioners, Research Personnel and Policy Analysts, Managers, and Decision Makers and NGOs. This highly informative and carefully presented textbook introduces the general principles involved in system design and optimization as applicable to thermal systems, followed by the methods to accomplish them. It introduces contemporary techniques like Genetic Algorithms, Simulated Annealing, and Bayesian Inference in the context of optimization of thermal systems. There is a separate chapter devoted to inverse problems in thermal systems. It also contains sections on Integer Programming and Multi-Objective optimization. The linear
programming chapter is fortified by a detailed presentation of the Simplex method. A major highlight of the textbook is the inclusion of workable MATLAB codes for examples of key algorithms discussed in the book. Examples in each chapter clarify the concepts and methods presented and end-of-chapter problems supplement the material presented and enhance the learning process.

This book is a unique, multidisciplinary effort to apply rigorous thermodynamics fundamentals, a disciplined scholarly approach, to problems of sustainability, energy, and resource uses. Applying thermodynamic thinking to problems of sustainable behavior is a significant advantage in bringing order to ill-defined questions with a great variety of proposed solutions, some of which are more destructive than the original problem. The articles are pitched at a level accessible to advanced undergraduates and graduate students in courses on sustainability, sustainable engineering, industrial ecology, sustainable manufacturing, and green engineering. The timeliness of the topic, and the urgent need for solutions make this book attractive to general readers and specialist researchers as well. Top international figures from many disciplines, including engineers, ecologists, economists, physicists, chemists, policy experts and industrial ecologists among others make up the impressive list of contributors.

Heat and fluid flow in fluid-saturated porous media has become increasingly more attractive to researchers and thus it has become a very productive field for many researchers and practical engineers in very diverse range of fields. The great interest in the topic stems from its widespread number of different practical applications in modern industries and in many environmental issues, such as nuclear waste management, building thermal insulators, geothermal power plants, grain storage, etc. In building sciences and thermal insulation engineering, an appreciable insulating effect has been derived by placing porous material in the gap between the cavity walls and multishield structures of nuclear reactors between the pressure vessel and the reactor. Geophysical applications include modeling of the spread of pollutants (e.g. radioactive material), water movements in geothermal reservoirs, enhanced recovery of petroleum reservoirs, etc. These, and many other, important practical applications have resulted in a rapid expansion of research in the general area of porous media and thus generated a vast amount of both theoretical and experimental research work. It has attracted the attention of industrialists, engineers and scientists from many varying disciplines, such as applied mathematics, chemical, civil, environmental, mechanical and nuclear engineering, geothermal physics, food science, medicine, etc. This book contains some of the contributions to the NATO Advanced Study Institute on Emerging Technologies and Techniques in Porous Media that was held in Neptun-Olimp, Constanta, Black Sea, Romania on 9-20 June, 2003.

Reveals how recurring patterns in nature are accounted for by a single governing principle of physics, explaining how all designs in the world from biological life to inanimate systems evolve in a sequence of ever-improving designs that facilitate flow.

A powerful methodology for producing superior thermal performance at low cost with minimum added mass... Here is the only available comprehensive treatment of the design and analysis of heat sinks. It provides all the theoretical and practical information necessary to successfully design and/or select cost-effective heat sinks for electronic equipment. The presentation includes detailed explanations of the governing heat transfer phenomena, complete coverage of thermal modeling tools for geometrically complex fin structures, and extensive discussion on recognizing thermal optimization opportunities. Other topics covered include: * Fundamentals of heat transfer * Thermal modeling of electronic packages * Mathematical tools for heat-sink analysis and design * Prevailing thermal transport processes * Models for a variety of fin geometries * Simple "transfer function" relations for single fin, cascaded fin, and fin array heat sinks * Thermal characterization and optimization of plate-fin heatsinks Completely self-contained and filled with valuable information not available from any other single
source, Design and Analysis of HeatSinks is both a superior reference for accomplished thermalspecialists and an excellent textbook for graduate courses in advanced thermal applications for mechanical engineering students. This book can also serve as a text in thermal science for students of electrical engineering.

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