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Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) is an emerging technique for determining elemental composition. With the ability to analyse solids, liquids and gases with little or no sample preparation, it is more versatile than conventional methods and is ideal for on-site analysis. This is a comprehensive reference explaining the fundamentals of the LIBS phenomenon, its history and its fascinating applications across eighteen chapters written by recognized leaders in the field. Over 300 illustrations aid understanding. This book will be of significant interest to researchers in chemical and materials analysis within academia and industry.

The most comprehensive match to the new 2014 Chemistry syllabus, this completely revised edition gives you unrivalled support for the new concept-based approach, the Nature of science. The only DP Chemistry resource that includes support directly from the IB, focused exam practice, TOK links and real-life applications drive achievement. This concise guide provides all the content you need for the IB Diploma in Biology at both Standard and Higher Level.* Follows the structure of the IB Programme exactly and include all the options* Each topic is presented on its own page for clarity* Standard and Higher Level material clearly indicated* Plenty of practice questions* Written with an awareness that English may not be the reader's first language

Comprehensively covers the engineering aspects of corrosion and materials in hydrocarbon production This book captures the current understanding of corrosion processes in upstream operations and provides a brief overview of parameters and measures needed for optimum design of facilities. It focuses on internal corrosion occurring in hydrocarbon production environments and the key issues affecting its occurrence, including: the types and morphology of corrosion damage; principal metallic materials deployed; and mitigating measures to optimise its occurrence. The book also highlights important areas of progress and challenges, and looks toward the future of research and development to enable improved and economical design of facilities for oil and a gas production. Written for both those familiar and unfamiliar with the subject—and by two authors with more than 60 years combined industry experience—this book covers everything from Corrosion Resistant Alloys (CRAs) to internal metal loss corrosion threats, corrosion in injection systems to microbiologically influenced corrosion, corrosion risk analysis to corrosion and integrity management, and more, notably: Comprehensively covers the engineering aspects of corrosion and materials in hydrocarbon production Written by two, renowned experts in the field Offers practical guide to those unfamiliar with the subject whilst providing a focused roadmap to addressing the topics in a precise and methodical manner Covers all aspects of corrosion threat and remedial and mitigation measures in upstream hydrocarbon production applicable to sub-surface, surface, and transportation facilities Outlines technology challenges that need further research as a pre-cursor to moving the industry forward. Operational and Engineering Aspects of Corrosion and Materials in Hydrocarbon Production is an excellent guide for both practicing materials and corrosion engineers working in hydrocarbons production as well as those entering the area who may not be fully familiar with the subject.

Unlike traditional introductory math/stat textbooks, Probability and Statistics: The Science of Uncertainty brings a modern flavor based on incorporating the computer to

the course and an integrated approach to inference. From the start the book integrates simulations into its theoretical coverage, and emphasizes the use of computer-powered computation throughout.* Math and science majors with just one year of calculus can use this text and experience a refreshing blend of applications and theory that goes beyond merely mastering the technicalities. They'll get a thorough grounding in probability theory, and go beyond that to the theory of statistical inference and its applications. An integrated approach to inference is presented that includes the frequency approach as well as Bayesian methodology. Bayesian inference is developed as a logical extension of likelihood methods. A separate chapter is devoted to the important topic of model checking and this is applied in the context of the standard applied statistical techniques. Examples of data analyses using real-world data are presented throughout the text. A final chapter introduces a number of the most important stochastic process models using elementary methods. *Note: An appendix in the book contains Minitab code for more involved computations. The code can be used by students as templates for their own calculations. If a software package like Minitab is used with the course then no programming is required by the students.

This book focuses on those organic chemicals that are regulated by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), as well as organic chemical with the attributes of being persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic to ecosystem and human beings, criteria used by the Stockholm Convention for screening POP candidates. Because of the unfavourable properties of POPs, numerous research efforts have been directed toward investigating their input sources, fate, and effects, with the help of continuously improving analytical technologies. The contributors to this book provide an integrated assessment of existing data, which will benefit both the scientific and management communities in planning further research projects and/or pollution control measures. Comprehensive overview of recent advances in analyzing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) Covers input sources, fate and biological effects of POPs Contains essential information for environmental management

The need for novel antibiotics is greater now than perhaps anytime since the pre-antibiotic era. Indeed, the recent collapse of many pharmaceutical antibacterial groups, combined with the emergence of hypervirulent and pan-antibiotic-resistant bacteria has severely compromised infection treatment options and led to dramatic increases in the incidence and severity of bacterial infections. This collection of reviews and laboratory protocols gives the reader an introduction to the causes of antibiotic resistance, the bacterial strains that pose the largest danger to humans (i.e., streptococci, pneumococci and enterococci) and the antimicrobial agents used to combat infections with these organisms. Some new avenues that are being investigated for antibiotic development are also discussed. Such developments include the discovery of agents that inhibit bacterial RNA degradation, the bacterial ribosome, and structure-based approaches to antibiotic drug discovery. Two laboratory protocols are provided to illustrate different strategies for discovering new antibiotics. One is a bacterial growth inhibition assay to identify inhibitors of bacterial growth that specifically target conditionally essential enzymes in the pathway of interest. The other protocol is used to identify inhibitors of bacterial cell-to-cell signaling. This e-book — a curated collection from eLS, WIREs, and Current Protocols — offers a fantastic introduction to the field of antibiotics and antibiotic resistance for students or interdisciplinary collaborators. Table

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Thorough and engaging, this new book has been specifically developed for the 2011 English A: Literature syllabus at both SL and HL. With activities, student model answers and examiner commentaries, it offers a wealth of material to support students in every aspect of the new course.

The global fine and speciality chemicals industry is a vital segment within the chemical value chain, catering to a multitude of societal and industrial needs. Regulatory, sustainability and consumer forces have been constantly shaping the business fundamentals of this industry. Developing value creation strategies, which embed economic, environmental and social sustainability components, will need a comprehensive assessment of business, scientific and technological challenges facing the industry. Sustainable Value Creation in the Fine and Speciality Chemicals Industry assesses sustainable value creation options against the backdrop of global mega trends that are defining the present and future course of the industry. It discusses innovative strategies in feedstocks, R&D, technology, manufacturing, resource management and the supply chain as well as the significance of the bio-based chemical economy in enabling sustainable value creation in the fine and speciality chemicals industry. Topics covered include:

- Transformation in the fine and speciality chemicals business
- Sustainable management: evolution, transitions and tools
- Research and technology directions
- Resource optimization strategies
- Bio-based chemicals, specialities and polymers
- Sustainable practices in the fine and speciality chemicals industry
- Sustainable value creation strategies

Sustainable Value Creation in the Fine and Speciality Chemicals Industry presents a comprehensive overview of strategic options for sustainability management in the global fine and speciality chemicals industry. It will be a valuable resource for chemists and chemical engineers involved in the design and development of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable practices for the future.

Presents a multifaceted model of understanding, which is based on the premise that people can demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways.

"Thermodynamics of Materials" introduces the basic underlying principles of thermodynamics as well as their applicability to the behavior of all classes of materials, while providing an integrated approach from macro- (or classical)

thermodynamics to meso- and nanothermodynamics, and microscopic (or statistical) thermodynamics. The book is intended for scientists, engineers and graduate students in all fields involving materials science-related disciplines. Both Dr. Qing Jiang and Dr. Zi Wen are professors at Jilin University.

Provides information on creating Web and mobile applications based on the principles of game mechanics.

Knowledge management principles, strategies, models, tools, and techniques have been proven in government, business, and industry. More recently, knowledge management has emerged as an essential enabler for the successful pursuit of scholarly activities in higher education. Knowledge management has significant contributions to make in capturing, storing, processing, and disseminating knowledge between and across these stakeholder entities and their processes to better support these interrelated processes and activities. Given the impetus provided by the United Nations Global Knowledge Economy Policy, institutions worldwide are actively pursuing the use of knowledge management in all facets of social and economic development. The importance of knowledge management research and application in academia is a critical element of this multifaceted endeavor. The Handbook of Research on Knowledge Management Tools in Higher Education is a compendium of cutting-edge research on the use of knowledge management in higher education and provides original, theoretical, and application-oriented research within this domain. The book will also provide insights on the management of expertise, knowledge, information, and organizational development in different types of work communities and environments. By including research on global perspectives, the implementation of knowledge management at universities, current trends in the field, and the results, this book is a valuable reference work for professionals and researchers working in the field of information and knowledge management in various disciplines, and academics, analysts, developers, students, technologists, education consultants, higher education administrators, academicians, stakeholders, and practitioners seeking to learn, improve, and expand their theoretical and applied knowledge of knowledge management tools and techniques, models, processes, and systems in higher education. Praise for the previous editions "An excellent text . . . will no doubt provide the benchmark for comparative works for many years." —Journal of the American Chemical Society "An excellent state-of-the-art compilation of catalytic asymmetric chemistry . . . should be included in any chemistry reference collection." —Choice "This is a tremendous resource and an excellent read. I recommend immediate purchase." —Perkin Transactions Since this important work was first published in 1993, the field of catalytic asymmetric synthesis has grown explosively, spawning effective new methods for obtaining enantiomerically pure compounds on a large scale and stimulating new applications in diverse fields—from medicine to materials science. Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis, Third Edition addresses these rapid changes through

contributions from highly recognized world leaders in the field. This seminal text presents detailed accounts of the most important catalytic asymmetric reactions known today, and discusses recent advances and essential information on the initial development of certain processes. An excellent working resource for academic researchers and industrial chemists alike, the Third Edition features: Six entirely new chapters focusing on novel approaches to catalytic asymmetric synthesis including non-conventional media/conditions, organocatalysis, chiral Lewis and Bronsted acids, C-H activation, carbon-heteroatom bond-forming reactions, and enzyme-catalyzed asymmetric synthesis A new section focusing on the important new reaction, asymmetric metathesis, in carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions Updated chapters on hydrogenation, carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions, hydrosilylations, carbonylations, oxidations, amplifications and autocatalysis, and polymerization reactions Retaining the best of its predecessors but now thoroughly up to date, *Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis, Third Edition* serves as an excellent desktop reference and text for researchers and students from the upper-level undergraduates through experienced professionals in industry or academia.

Advanced High Strength Natural Fibre Composites in Construction provides the basic framework and knowledge required for the efficient and sustainable use of natural fiber composites as a structural and building material, along with information on the ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of use and competitiveness of these composites. Areas of particular interest include understanding the nature and behavior of raw materials and their functional contributions to the advanced architectures of high strength composites (Part 1), discussing both traditional and novel manufacturing technologies for various advanced natural fiber construction materials (Part 2), examining the parameters and performance of the composites (Part 3), and finally commenting on the associated codes, standards, and sustainable development of advanced high strength natural fiber composites for construction. This exposition will be based on well understood environmental science as it applies to construction (Part 4). The book is aimed at academics, research scholars, and engineers, and will serve as a most valuable text or reference book that challenges undergraduate and postgraduate students to think beyond standard practices when designing and creating novel construction materials. Presents the first comprehensive review on the efficient and sustainable use of natural fiber composites in construction and building materials Contains detailed information on the structure, chemical composition, and physical and mechanical properties of natural fibers Covers both traditional and novel manufacturing technologies for high strength natural fiber composites Includes material parameters and performance in use, as well as associated codes, standards, and applied case studies Presents contributions from leading international experts in the field

SHORTLISTED for the 2011 Man Booker Prize for Fiction A thrilling and powerful novel about a young boy lured to sea by the promise of adventure and reward, with echoes of *Great Expectations*, *Moby-Dick*, and *The Voyage of the Narwhal*. Jamrach's *Menagerie* tells the story of a nineteenth-century street urchin named Jaffy Brown. Following an incident with an escaped tiger, Jaffy goes to work for Mr. Charles Jamrach, the famed importer of exotic animals, alongside Tim, a good but sometimes spitefully competitive boy. Thus begins a long, close friendship fraught with ambiguity and rivalry. Mr. Jamrach recruits the two boys to capture a fabled dragon during the course of a three-year whaling expedition. Onboard, Jaffy and Tim enjoy the rough brotherhood of sailors and the brutal art of whale hunting. They even

succeed in catching the reptilian beast. But when the ship's whaling venture falls short of expectations, the crew begins to regard the dragon—seething with feral power in its cage—as bad luck, a feeling that is cruelly reinforced when a violent storm sinks the ship. Drifting across an increasingly hallucinatory ocean, the survivors, including Jaffy and Tim, are forced to confront their own place in the animal kingdom. Masterfully told, wildly atmospheric, and thundering with tension, Jamrach's *Menagerie* is a truly haunting novel about friendship, sacrifice, and survival.

For undergraduate or graduate courses that include planning, conducting, and evaluating research. A do-it-yourself, understand-it-yourself manual designed to help students understand the fundamental structure of research and the methodical process that leads to valid, reliable results. Written in uncommonly engaging and elegant prose, this text guides the reader, step-by-step, from the selection of a problem, through the process of conducting authentic research, to the preparation of a completed report, with practical suggestions based on a solid theoretical framework and sound pedagogy. Suitable as the core text in any introductory research course or even for self-instruction, this text will show students two things: 1) that quality research demands planning and design; and, 2) how their own research projects can be executed effectively and professionally.

Chemistry for the IB Diploma, Second edition, covers in full the requirements of the IB syllabus for Chemistry for first examination in 2016. This digital version of Chemistry for the IB Diploma Coursebook, Second edition, comprehensively covers all the knowledge and skills students need during the Chemistry IB Diploma course, for first examination in 2016, in a reflowable format, adapting to any screen size or device. Written by renowned experts in Chemistry teaching, the text is written in an accessible style with international learners in mind. Self-assessment questions allow learners to track their progress, and exam-style questions help learners to prepare thoroughly for their examinations. Answers to all the questions from within the Coursebook are provided.

Encyclopedia of Food Chemistry is the ideal primer for food scientists, researchers, students and young professionals who want to acquaint themselves with food chemistry. Well-organized, clearly written, and abundantly referenced, the book provides a foundation for readers to understand the principles, concepts, and techniques used in food chemistry applications. Articles are written by international experts and cover a wide range of topics, including food chemistry, food components and their interactions, properties (flavor, aroma, texture) the structure of food, functional foods, processing, storage, nanoparticles for food use, antioxidants, the Maillard and Strecker reactions, process derived contaminants, and the detection of economically-motivated food adulteration. The encyclopedia will provide readers with an introduction to specific topics within the wider context of food chemistry, as well as helping them identify the links between the various sub-topics. Offers readers a comprehensive understanding of food chemistry and the various connections between the sub-topics Provides an authoritative introduction for non-specialists and readers from undergraduate levels and upwards Meticulously organized, with articles structured logically based on the various elements of food chemistry

First-ever comprehensive introduction to the major new subject of quantum computing and quantum information.

The development of novel materials whose structure, properties or function are inspired by nature or living matter is a wide and dynamically evolving field. There is virtually no field of scientific endeavour that has not felt the touch of the 'bioinspired' ethos. *Bioinspired Inorganic Materials* provides an up-to-date review of the research, with some historical context. The emphasis throughout is on how bioinspiration is being used for cutting-edge applications. Chapters in the book cover big breakthroughs in bioinspiration for energy applications, surface technology, metamaterials and ceramics for regenerative medicine. Edited and written by world-

renowned scientists, this book will provide a comprehensive introduction for advanced undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers wishing to learn about the topic. Protein Misfolding, Volume 118, covers the wide spectrum of diseases and disorders that are attributed to protein misfolding, including degenerative and neurodegenerative, cardiovascular, renal, glaucoma, cancer, cystic fibrosis, Gaucher's disease, and many others. Specific chapters cover Mass spectrometric approaches for profiling protein folding and stability, Biomembranes, a key player in protein misfolding, how Genetic and environmental factors interact to disrupt proteostasis and trigger protein misfolding diseases, Formation of oligomers and large amorphous aggregates by intrinsically disordered proteins, Protein misfolding in ER stress with applications to cardiovascular and renal disease, and much more. Integrates methods for studying protein misfolding, factors that trigger this process and its role in a wide spectrum of diseases and disorders Contains timely chapters written by well-renowned authorities in their field Provides data that is well supported by a number of high quality illustrations, figures and tables, and targets a very wide audience of specialists, researchers and students This concise guide provides the content needed for the Chemistry IB diploma at both Standard and Higher Level. It follows the structure of the IB Programme exactly and includes all the options. Each topic is presented on its own page for clarity, Higher Level material is clearly indicated, and there are plenty of practice questions. The text is written with an awareness that English might not be the reader's first language

Developing Solid Oral Dosage Forms: Pharmaceutical Theory and Practice, Second Edition illustrates how to develop high-quality, safe, and effective pharmaceutical products by discussing the latest techniques, tools, and scientific advances in preformulation investigation, formulation, process design, characterization, scale-up, and production operations. This book covers the essential principles of physical pharmacy, biopharmaceutics, and industrial pharmacy, and their application to the research and development process of oral dosage forms. Chapters have been added, combined, deleted, and completely revised as necessary to produce a comprehensive, well-organized, valuable reference for industry professionals and academics engaged in all aspects of the development process. New and important topics include spray drying, amorphous solid dispersion using hot-melt extrusion, modeling and simulation, bioequivalence of complex modified-released dosage forms, biowaivers, and much more. Written and edited by an international team of leading experts with experience and knowledge across industry, academia, and regulatory settings Includes new chapters covering the pharmaceutical applications of surface phenomenon, predictive biopharmaceutics and pharmacokinetics, the development of formulations for drug discovery support, and much more Presents new case studies throughout, and a section completely devoted to regulatory aspects, including global product regulation and international perspectives

An authorised reissue of the long out of print classic textbook, Advanced Calculus by the late Dr Lynn Loomis and Dr Shlomo Sternberg both of Harvard University has been a revered but hard to find textbook for the advanced calculus course for decades. This book is based on an honors course in advanced calculus that the authors gave in the 1960's. The foundational material, presented in the unstarred sections of Chapters 1 through 11, was normally covered, but different applications of this basic material were stressed from year to year, and the book therefore contains more material than was

covered in any one year. It can accordingly be used (with omissions) as a text for a year's course in advanced calculus, or as a text for a three-semester introduction to analysis. The prerequisites are a good grounding in the calculus of one variable from a mathematically rigorous point of view, together with some acquaintance with linear algebra. The reader should be familiar with limit and continuity type arguments and have a certain amount of mathematical sophistication. As possible introductory texts, we mention Differential and Integral Calculus by R Courant, Calculus by T Apostol, Calculus by M Spivak, and Pure Mathematics by G Hardy. The reader should also have some experience with partial derivatives. In overall plan the book divides roughly into a first half which develops the calculus (principally the differential calculus) in the setting of normed vector spaces, and a second half which deals with the calculus of differentiable manifolds.

The book details sources of thermal energy, methods of capture, and applications. It describes the basics of thermal energy, including measuring thermal energy, laws of thermodynamics that govern its use and transformation, modes of thermal energy, conventional processes, devices and materials, and the methods by which it is transferred. It covers 8 sources of thermal energy: combustion, fusion (solar) fission (nuclear), geothermal, microwave, plasma, waste heat, and thermal energy storage. In each case, the methods of production and capture and its uses are described in detail. It also discusses novel processes and devices used to improve transfer and transformation processes.

The discovery of antibiotics represented a key milestone in the history of medicine. However, with the rise of these life-saving drugs came the awareness that bacteria deploy defence mechanisms to resist these antibiotics, and they are good at it. Today, we appear at a crossroads between discovery of new potent drugs and omni-resistant superbugs. Moreover, the misuse of antibiotics in different industries has increased the rate of resistance development by providing permanent selective pressure and, subsequently, enrichment of multidrug resistant pathogens. As a result, antimicrobial resistance has now become an urgent threat to public health worldwide (<http://www.who.int/drugresistance/documents/surveillancereport/en/>). The development of multidrug resistance (MDR) in an increasing number of pathogens, including *Pseudomonas*, *Acinetobacter*, *Klebsiella*, *Salmonella*, *Burkholderia*, and other Gram-negative bacteria is a most severe issue. Membrane efflux pump complexes of the Resistance-Nodulation-cell Division (RND) superfamily play a key role in the development of MDR in these bacteria. RND pumps, together with other transporters, contribute to intrinsic and acquired resistance to most, if not all, of the antimicrobial compounds available in our drug arsenal. Given the enormous drug polyspecificity of MDR efflux pumps, studies on their mechanism of action are extremely challenging, and this has negatively impacted both the development of new antibiotics that are able to evade these efflux pumps as well as the design of pump inhibitors. The collection of articles in this eBook, published as a Research Topic in *Frontiers in Microbiology*, section of Antimicrobials, Resistance, and Chemotherapy, aims to update the reader about the latest advances on the structure and function of RND efflux transporters, their roles in the overall multidrug resistance phenotype of Gram-negative pathogens, and on strategies to inhibit their activities. A deeper understanding of the mechanisms by which RND efflux pumps, alone or synergistically with other efflux pumps, are able to

limit the concentration of antimicrobial compounds inside the bacterial cell, may pave the way for new, more directed, inhibitor and antibiotic design to ultimately overcome antimicrobial resistance by Gram-negatives.

In order for the United States to maintain the global leadership and competitiveness in science and technology that are critical to achieving national goals, we must invest in research, encourage innovation, and grow a strong and talented science and technology workforce. Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation explores the role of diversity in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce and its value in keeping America innovative and competitive. According to the book, the U.S. labor market is projected to grow faster in science and engineering than in any other sector in the coming years, making minority participation in STEM education at all levels a national priority. Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation analyzes the rate of change and the challenges the nation currently faces in developing a strong and diverse workforce. Although minorities are the fastest growing segment of the population, they are underrepresented in the fields of science and engineering. Historically, there has been a strong connection between increasing educational attainment in the United States and the growth in and global leadership of the economy. Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation suggests that the federal government, industry, and post-secondary institutions work collaboratively with K-12 schools and school systems to increase minority access to and demand for post-secondary STEM education and technical training. The book also identifies best practices and offers a comprehensive road map for increasing involvement of underrepresented minorities and improving the quality of their education. It offers recommendations that focus on academic and social support, institutional roles, teacher preparation, affordability and program development.

Surveys the various techniques that can be used to evaluate students' learning, including summative, diagnostic, and formative approaches and the assessment of specific skills

An ideal reference guide to introducing the IB Diploma in your school.

Edible insects have always been a part of human diets, but in some societies there remains a degree of disdain and disgust for their consumption. Insects offer a significant opportunity to merge traditional knowledge and modern science to improve human food security worldwide.

This publication describes the contribution of insects to food security and examines future prospects for raising insects at a commercial scale to improve food and feed production, diversify diets, and support livelihoods in both developing and developed countries. Edible insects are a promising alternative to the conventional production of meat, either for direct human consumption or for indirect use as feedstock. This publication will boost awareness of the many valuable roles that insects play in sustaining nature and human life, and it will stimulate debate on the expansion of the use of insects as food and feed.

Following the huge success of the first edition, which has become THE reference source for everyone working in the field, this long-awaited, completely updated edition features almost 50% new content. The world-renowned chemist Prof Dennis Hall is joined by a select group of top authors to cover all modern aspects of boronic acid derivatives in one comprehensive handbook. The experimental procedures described make for extremely useful reading. From the reviews of the first edition: "...deserves to be on the bookshelf of all synthetic chemists, whether in discovery or process chemistry."

This new edition illustrates the power of linear algebra in the study of graphs. The emphasis on matrix techniques is greater than in other texts on algebraic graph theory. Important matrices associated with graphs (for example, incidence, adjacency and Laplacian matrices) are treated

in detail. Presenting a useful overview of selected topics in algebraic graph theory, early chapters of the text focus on regular graphs, algebraic connectivity, the distance matrix of a tree, and its generalized version for arbitrary graphs, known as the resistance matrix. Coverage of later topics include Laplacian eigenvalues of threshold graphs, the positive definite completion problem and matrix games based on a graph. Such an extensive coverage of the subject area provides a welcome prompt for further exploration. The inclusion of exercises enables practical learning throughout the book. In the new edition, a new chapter is added on the line graph of a tree, while some results in Chapter 6 on Perron-Frobenius theory are reorganized. Whilst this book will be invaluable to students and researchers in graph theory and combinatorial matrix theory, it will also benefit readers in the sciences and engineering.

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