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*differentiation, and integration of  
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manifolds and integration  
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tensors, group theory, and their applications in classical and quantum physics. Both intuitive and rigorous, it aims to demystify tensors by giving the slightly more abstract but conceptually much

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“invitation” sections that  
provide accessible  
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material, offer increased  
visual engagement, clarity,  
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Part I begins with linear algebraic foundations, follows with the modern component-free definition of tensors, and concludes with applications to physics through the use of tensor products. Part II introduces

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vectors and tensors in plain  
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vector calculus before  
transitioning through contra  
and covariant components to  
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calculus, and comes near  
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in any coordinate system by  
an array of numbers called  
its components. The  
components change from  
coordinate system to  
coordinate in a systematic**

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**way described by rules. The arrays of numbers are not the tensor; they are only the representation of the tensor in a particular coordinate system. The special properties of tensors are**

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set of coordinates when  
that set is subjected to a  
rotation about its origin.  
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concept of irreducible**

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**tensor operators,  
particularly, as regards the  
transformation properties  
of operators under  
coordinate transformations,  
and, in a special way, the  
group of rotations. The**

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**book examines the systematic construction of compound tensor operators from simple operators to classify the behavior of any operator under coordinate rotations. This**

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**classification is a  
significant component of  
the irreducible tensor  
method. The text explains  
the use of the 6-j and 9-j  
symbols to complete  
theoretical concepts that**

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**are applied in irreducible  
tensor methods dealing  
with problems of atomic  
and molecular physics. The  
book describes the matrix  
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systems, as well as the**

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**reduced matrix elements  
found in these systems. The  
book is suitable for nuclear  
physicists, molecular  
physicists, scientists, and  
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**advanced chemistry.**

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on one hand, and the  
treatment of linear  
transformations within**



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the other. This book  
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mathematical formalism is**

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*framework is mastered, the student is introduced to new material which includes differential geometry on manifolds, shape optimization, boundary perturbation and dynamic fluid film equations. The*

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*language of tensors, originally championed by Einstein, is as fundamental as the languages of calculus and linear algebra and is one that every technical scientist ought to speak. The tensor technique, invented at the turn of*

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*and a plethora of exercises. A great deal of material is devoted to the geometric fundamentals, the mechanics of change of variables, the proper use of the tensor notation and the discussion of the interplay*

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*between algebra and geometry.  
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words and few equations. The  
definition of a tensor comes only  
in Chapter 6 – when the reader is  
ready for it. While this text  
maintains a consistent level of*

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*rigor, it takes great care to avoid formalizing the subject. The last part of the textbook is devoted to the Calculus of Moving Surfaces. It is the first textbook exposition of this important technique and is one of the gems of this text. A*



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*number of exciting applications of  
the calculus are presented  
including shape optimization,  
boundary perturbation of  
boundary value problems and  
dynamic fluid film equations  
developed by the author in recent*

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**1923. For instance densities,  
quantities of the second kind,  
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Coordinates, the symbolism of  
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the theory of variation and  
deformation and the theory of**

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**subprojective connexions were included. Now since 1938 there have been many new developments and so a book on RICCI calculus and its applications has to cover quite different ground from the book of**

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**1923. Though the purpose remains to make the reader acquainted with RICCI's famous instrument in its modern form, the book must have quite a different methodical structure and quite different applications**

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**have to be chosen. The first chapter contains algebraical preliminaries but the whole text is modernized and there is a section on hybrid quantities (quantities with indices of the first and of the second kind) and**

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**one on the many abridged notations that have been developed by several authors. In the second chapter the most important analytical notions that come before the introduction of a connexion are dealt with in full.**

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**notation traditionally used, and helped us to see how this rhythm plays its way throughout the various formalisms. Prior to taking that class, I had spent many years "playing" on my own with tensors. I found the going to**

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**be tremendously difficult but was able, over time, to back out some physical and geometrical considerations that helped to make the subject a little more transparent. Today, it is sometimes hard not to think in**



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**terms of tensors and their associated concepts. This article, prompted and greatly enhanced by Marlos Jacob, whom I've met only by e-mail, is an attempt to record those early notions concerning tensors. It is**

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**intended to serve as a bridge from the point where most undergraduate students "leave off" in their studies of mathematics to the place where most texts on tensor analysis begin. A basic knowledge of**

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**vectors, matrices, and physics is assumed. A semi-intuitive approach to those notions underlying tensor analysis is given via scalars, vectors, dyads, triads, and higher vector products. The reader must be**

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**prepared to do some  
mathematics and to think. For  
those students who wish to go  
beyond this humble start, I can  
only recommend my professor's  
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of tensors in a didactic way. The  
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**tensors, multipole potential  
tensors, spin tensors, integration  
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viscous properties of anisotropic**

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**media are dealt with. The anisotropic media include crystals, liquid crystals and isotropic fluids, rendered anisotropic by external orienting fields. The dynamics of tensors deals with phenomena of current**

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Multilinear Algebra, and Algebraic Geometry. The primary purpose is to describe a bridge between the three theories, so that results and problems in one theory find a natural translation to the others. This task requires, from the statistical point of view, a rather unusual, but algebraically natural,

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The book can be used for a graduate computational physics course. After successfully completing such a course, a student should be able to write a tensor network program and can begin to explore the physics of many-body quantum systems. The book can also serve as a reference for

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researchers working or starting out in the field.

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which leads to a  
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differentiable manifolds.  
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included a chapter on  
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**In preparing this two-  
volume work, our  
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have emphasized  
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the systematic  
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**As a result, it is possible  
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**understanding further.  
Understanding tensors is  
essential for any physics  
student dealing with  
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**electric field producing  
vertical polarization in  
dielectrics; an  
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**an electrostatic field on  
Earth observed to be a  
magnetic field by orbiting  
astronauts—these are  
some situations where  
physicists employ  
tensors. But the true**

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**beauty of tensors lies in  
this fact: When  
coordinates are  
transformed from one  
system to another,  
tensors change according  
to the same rules as the**

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**coordinates. Tensors,  
therefore, allow for the  
convenience of  
coordinates while also  
transcending them. This  
makes tensors the gold  
standard for expressing**



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**physical relationships in  
physics and geometry.  
Undergraduate physics  
majors are typically  
introduced to tensors in  
special-case applications.  
For example, in a**

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**classical mechanics  
course, they meet the  
"inertia tensor," and in  
electricity and  
magnetism, they  
encounter the  
"polarization tensor."**

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**However, this piecemeal  
approach can set  
students up for  
misconceptions when  
they have to learn about  
tensors in more advanced  
physics and mathematics**

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**studies (e.g., while  
enrolled in a graduate-  
level general relativity  
course or when studying  
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**Neuenschwander's  
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