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Uses detailed examples to drive the presentation

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Provides excellent grounding and inspiration for future research contributions to the field of ODEs and related areas

This book is ideal for a senior undergraduate or a graduate-level course on ordinary differential equations. Prerequisites include a course in calculus.

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