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Introduction In the last few years a few monographs dedicated to the theory of topological rings have appeared [Warn27], [Warn26], [Wies 19], [Wies 20], [ArnGM]. Ring theory can be viewed as a particular case of Z -algebras. Many general results true for rings can be extended to algebras over commutative rings. In topological algebra the structure theory for two classes of topological algebras is well developed: Banach algebras; and locally compact rings. The theory of Banach algebras uses results of Banach spaces, and the theory of locally compact rings uses the theory of LCA groups. As far as the author knows, the first papers on the theory of locally compact rings were [Pontr1] [J1], [J2], [JT], [An], [Ot], [K1] [K2] [K3], [K4], [K5], [K6]. Later two papers, [GS1,GS2] appeared, which contain many results concerning locally compact rings. This book can be used in two ways. It contains all necessary elementary results from the theory of topological groups and rings. In order to read these parts of the book the reader needs to know only elementary facts from the theories of groups, rings, modules, topology. The book consists of two parts.

Prior to 1862, when the Department of Agriculture was established, the report on agriculture was prepared and published by the Commissioner of Patents, and forms volume or part of volume, of his annual reports, the first being that of 1840. Cf. Checklist of public documents ... Washington, 1895, p. 148.

From the first appearance of the classic *The Spectrum Analysis* in 1885 to the present the field of emission spectroscopy has been evolving and changing. Over the last 20 to 30 years in particular there has been an explosion of new ideas and developments. Of late, the aura of glamour has supposedly been transferred to other techniques, but, nevertheless, it is estimated that 75% or more of the analyses done by the metal industry are accomplished by emission spectroscopy. Further, the excellent sensitivity of plasma sources has created a demand for this technique in such divergent areas as direct trace element analyses in polluted waters. Developments in the replication process and advances in the art of producing ruled and holographic gratings as well as improvements in the materials from which these gratings are made have made excellent gratings available at reasonable prices. This availability and the development of plane grating mounts have contributed to the increasing popularity of grating spectrometers as compared with the large prism spectrograph and concave grating mounts. Other areas of progress include new and improved methods for excitation, the use of controlled atmospheres and the extension of spectrometry into the vacuum region, the widespread application of the techniques for analysis of nonmetals in metals, the increasing use of polychrometers with concave or echelle gratings and improved readout systems for better reading of spectrographic plates and more efficient data handling.

This book presents topics in module theory and ring theory: some, such as Goldie dimension and semiperfect rings are now considered classical and others more specialized, such as dual Goldie dimension, semilocal endomorphism rings, serial rings and modules.

The Ring Theory Conference, held at the University of Miskolc, Hungary, successfully accomplished its two goals: to reflect contemporary trends in the subject area; and to offer a meeting place for a large number of Eastern European algebraists and their colleagues from around the world. Particular emphasis was placed on recent developments in the following four areas: representation theory, group algebras, PI algebras and general ring theory. This book presents 13 of the invited lectures.

'An excellent textbook for an advanced undergraduate or introductory graduate course on polymer chemistry. ...The book is easy to read and understand. The emphasis on commercially important materials makes it a definite choice for a textbook.' -*Microchemical Journal* 'This excellent, well-written book, suitable for advanced undergraduates and graduate level classes in polymer syntheses, would also be useful as a general resource book....thoroughly referenced, and contain[s] excellent problem sets.' -*Choice* This outstanding text combines comprehensive discussions of reaction mechanisms of polymer chemistry with detailed descriptions of practical industrial applications. Intended for graduate students and professionals, this text examines topics at the forefront of today's research-including high performance materials, polymeric reagents and catalysts, and ultraviolet light curing of polymeric coatings. Each chapter contains helpful review questions reinforcing key points. The book also features useful appendixes describing two highly applicable computer programs.

The book consists of two main parts: structural synthesis methods for a precision elastic system, including effective approximations; and the application of precision functional elastic systems at reference and operating conditions. Each part provides theoretical basics and a large variety of examples of application and recommendations for parametric and structural optimization. A handbook as well as a textbook, it gives theoretical and practical tools to researchers, instrument system designers, engineers, metrologists, and also to students of college engineering courses. Special consideration is dedicated to the theory and applications of flexible helicoids, notch flexure hinges, and perforated plates whose methods of structural synthesis need development.

Advances in Cancer Research

Any book with the words percutaneous and interventional is immediately identified as one that brings to its readers a distillation of a number of new and exciting techniques. Percutaneous is not exactly a new word but it has come to take on an entirely new meaning in recent years. Interventional is a recent acquisition to medical language indicating an entirely new approach to many aspects of medical management. Exactly when is the right time to make a distillation of new thoughts and expertise requires something of the art of a master brewer. First the ingredients must be prepared, the recipe must be just right, there must be excellent quality control as well as the master brewer's touch to produce the product when the time is right. Dr. Lang has assembled just the right ingredients in the form of a very impressive team of experts in these new fields of uroradiology and urological management. Ventures into percutaneous urology may date back 30 years but the main growth in the range of procedures and the development of the technology has occurred only in the last 10 years. Relieving upper tract obstruction seemed a natural sequel to renal biopsy but the imagination to develop an effective treatment for stones was an impressive extension of the concept of minimally invasive surgery. This book is the first of a planned series of texts on pathology of the gastrointestinal tract. The authors have long thought

that texts on pathology of the gastrointestinal tract tend to cover the clinical aspects, pathophysiology, and radiology in a rather sketchy fashion. The pathologist is often left with an incomplete understanding of the problem at hand. Indeed, even the pathologic aspects of diseases of the esophagus are given relatively short shrift in textbooks on gastrointestinal pathology. In an effort to rectify this situation, the authors have culled information from a wide variety of sources to describe in greater depth than usual, the clinical presentation, diagnosis, and pathophysiology, and the morphologic aspects of esophageal disease. While the book is primarily geared for pathologists, it is expected that this volume will also be an aid to internists, gastroenterologists, surgeons, radiologists, and other clinicians who wish to gain a better understanding of the pathologic processes involved in the many clinical conditions in which esophageal dysfunction is a factor. Pathologists are being challenged by new diagnostic puzzles in the esophageal area; it is hoped that this text will assist them in meeting these challenges. The esophagus tends to be neglected in autopsy examinations despite its important contribution to human illness. Much remains to be learned.

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Handbook of Algebra

Quantum tunneling is an intriguing phenomenon arising in a multitude of physical contexts. New experiments in systems as wide ranging as superdeformed nuclei, Bose-Einstein condensed gases, and nanomagnetic systems are spurring theoretical studies into the fundamental nature of tunneling. In this volume, the articles include: (i) tunneling out of a metastable state, (ii) coherence between two wells in tunneling contact, (iii) the consequences of the nature of the underlying dynamics (i.e. regular motion, chaos or some mixture) in low-dimensional systems and its connection to newly identified tunneling phenomena such as chaos-assisted tunneling, (iv) nanomagnetic systems with focus on comparing environmental descriptions of nuclear spins and oscillators, (v) solitons in Bose condensates, (vi) tunneling out of the nuclear superdeformed well and its use as a probe of pairing and chaos in excited nuclear states, and (vii) problems linked to the Bose condensed phase of atomic alkali gases. These subjects and others are gathered in six pedagogical courses given during the spring of 1997 at the National Institute of Nuclear Physics program "Tunneling in complex systems". The purpose of the courses was to give graduate students and postdoctoral researchers exposure to a sampling of such recent theoretical advances and experimental contexts of tunneling as well as a bridge for the communication gaps between researchers in the various fields concerned with tunneling. Contents: Some General Aspects of Quantum Tunneling and Coherence: Application to the BEC Atomic Gases (A J Leggett) Tunneling in Two Dimensions (S C Creagh) Quantum Environments: Spin Baths, Oscillator Baths, and Applications to Quantum Magnetism (P C E Stamp) Coherent Magnetic Moment Reversal in Small Particles with Nuclear Spins (A Garg) Tunneling from Super- to Normal-Deformed Minima in Nuclei (T L Khoo) Solitons in the Bose Condensate (W P Reinhardt) Readership: Physicists in any domain working or interested in the theory of tunneling, BEC, superdeformation and nanomagnetic systems. Keywords: Tunneling; Coherence; Chaos; Quantum Environment; Spin Baths; Quantum Magnetism; Low-Dimensional Systems; Bose Condensates; Super-Deformed Nuclei; Non-Linear Schroedinger Equation; WKB Method; Instantons; Complex Systems; Solitons

Fresh ideas have always been a necessary ingredient for progress in chemistry. Without a continuous supply of stimulating ideas from creative researchers, there would be no new insights into the subject. But what are some of the ideas that pervade modern chemistry? The answer to this question is to be found in "Stimulating Concepts in Chemistry". In a collection of 24 essays, a group of leading researchers provides an overview of the most recent developments in their fields. Readers can find out about modern concepts in chemistry such as self-assembly, nanochemistry, and molecular machines. Moreover, many spectacular advances have been achieved from the fusion of chemistry with life and materials science - a development which is illustrated by contributions on enzyme mimics, molecular wires, and chemical sensors. Further, the essayists write about new nanomaterials, efficient methods in synthesis, and big biomolecules - indeed, many of the topics that have dominated some of the recent discussions in chemistry. This outstanding text makes use of a special layout to reflect the editors' aim of presenting concepts in the form of essays. Thus, the book is not merely another source of knowledge but is intended to stimulate readers to develop their own ideas and concepts. This format should help to make the book interesting to a wide range of scientists. Students of chemistry will benefit from the different style of presentation of their subject, while researchers in industry and academia will welcome the exciting way in which some of the most challenging concepts in modern chemistry are presented.

'Total Synthesis of Natural Products' is written and edited by some of today's leaders in organic chemistry. Eleven chapters cover a range of natural products, from steroids to alkaloids. Each chapter contains an introduction to the natural product in question, descriptions of its biological and pharmacological properties and outlines of total synthesis procedures already carried out. Particular emphasis is placed on novel methodologies developed by the respective authors and their research groups. This text is ideal for graduate and advanced undergraduate students, as well as organic chemists in academia and industry.

The "extensions" of rings and modules have yet to be explored in detail in a research monograph. This book presents state of the art research and also stimulating new and further research. Broken into three parts, Part I begins with basic notions, terminology, definitions and a description of the classes of rings and modules. Part II considers the transference of conditions between a base ring or module and its extensions. And Part III utilizes the concept of a minimal essential extension with respect to a specific class (a hull). Mathematical interdisciplinary applications appear throughout. Major applications of the ring and module theory to Functional Analysis, especially C^* -algebras, appear in Part III, make this book of interest to Algebra and Functional Analysis researchers. Notes and exercises at the end of every chapter, and open problems at the end of all three parts, lend this as an ideal textbook for graduate or advanced undergraduate students.

Dendrogeomorphology Beginnings and Futures: A Personal Reminiscence My early forays into dendrogeomorphology occurred long before I even knew what that word meant. I was working as a young geoscientist in the 1960s and early 1970s on a problem with slope movements and deformed vegetation. At the same time, unknown to me, Jouko Alestalo in Finland was doing something similar. Both of us had seen that trees which produced annual growth rings were reacting to geomorphic processes resulting in changes in their internal and external growth patterns. Dendroclimatology was an already well established field, but the reactions of trees to other environmental processes were far less well understood in the 1960s. It was Alestalo (1971) who first used the term, dendrogeomorphology. In the early 1970s, I could see that active slope-movement processes were affecting the growth of trees in diverse ways at certain localities. I wanted to learn more about those processes and try to extract a long-term chronology of movement from the highly diverse ring patterns.

Ring theorists and researchers in invariant theory and operator algebra met at Bowdoin for the 1984 AMS-IMS-SIAM Joint Summer Research Conference to exchange ideas about group actions on rings. This work discusses topics common to the three fields, including: K -theory,

dual actions, semi-invariants and crossed products.

Taxol, originally derived from the North American Yew tree in 1971, is well-known worldwide as a powerful anticancer agent. Mechanistically, it has a unique microtubule stabilizing activity, and was clinically developed as a therapeutic agent in the treatment of breast and ovarian cancers at the National Cancer Institute, Washington D.C., USA. I

Antiviral Drug Discovery gives readers a cutting-edge view of how chemical concepts are being mobilized to develop novel approaches that will effectively confront emerging diseases and biowarfare. Among the many topics discussed are smallpox, the Ebola virus, influenza, SARS, arenaviruses and flaviviruses. Each chapter discusses hypothetical strategies for the discovery of relevant antiviral agents, recent findings related to biochemistry or drug discovery, and advances in the further development of established leads in the area. Timely and informative, this book clearly delineates the efforts being made to develop new and effective broad-spectrum antiviral agents.

Brings together the best tested and proven stereoselective synthetic methods Both the chemical and pharmaceutical industries are increasingly dependent on stereoselective synthetic methods and strategies for the generation of new chiral drugs and natural products that offer specific 3-D structures. With the publication of Stereoselective Synthesis of Drugs and Natural Products, researchers can turn to this comprehensive two-volume work to guide them through all the core methods for the synthesis of chiral drugs and natural products. Stereoselective Synthesis of Drugs and Natural Products features contributions from an international team of synthetic chemists and pharmaceutical and natural product researchers. These authors have reviewed the tremendous body of literature in the field in order to compile a set of reliable, tested, and proven methods alongside step-by-step guidance. This practical resource not only explores synthetic methodology, but also reaction mechanisms and applications in medicinal chemistry and drug discovery. The publication begins with an introductory chapter covering general principles and methodologies, nomenclature, and strategies of stereoselective synthesis. Next, it is divided into three parts: Part One: General Methods and Strategies Part Two: Stereoselective Synthesis by Bond Formation including C-C bond formation C-H bond formation C-O bond formation C-N bond formation Other C-heteroatom formation and other bond formation Part Three: Methods of Analysis and Chiral Separation References in every chapter serve as a gateway to the literature in the field. With this publication as their guide, chemists involved in the stereoselective synthesis of drugs and natural products now have a single, expertly edited source for all the methods they need.

This unique book provides comprehensive coverage of monocyclic inorganic ring systems of the p-block elements and the polymers that are derived from them.

This book deals with a new class of materials, quantum rings. Innovative recent advances in experimental and theoretical physics of quantum rings are based on the most advanced state-of-the-art fabrication and characterization techniques as well as theoretical methods. The experimental efforts allow to obtain a new class of semiconductor quantum rings formed by capping self-organized quantum dots grown by molecular beam epitaxy. Novel optical and magnetic properties of quantum rings are associated with non-trivial topologies at the nanoscale. An adequate characterization of quantum rings is possible on the basis of modern characterization methods of nanostructures, such as Scanning Tunneling Microscopy. A high level of complexity is demonstrated to be needed for a dedicated theoretical model to adequately represent the specific features of quantum rings. The findings presented in this book contribute to develop low-cost high-performance electronic, spintronic, optoelectronic and information processing devices based on quantum rings.

The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds, since its inception, has been recognized as a cornerstone of heterocyclic chemistry. Each volume attempts to discuss all aspects – properties, synthesis, reactions, physiological and industrial significance – of a specific ring system. To keep the series up-to-date, supplementary volumes covering the recent literature on each individual ring system have been published. Many ring systems (such as pyridines and oxazoles) are treated in distinct books, each consisting of separate volumes or parts dealing with different individual topics. With all authors are recognized authorities, the Chemistry of Heterocyclic Chemistry is considered worldwide as the indispensable resource for organic, bioorganic, and medicinal chemists.

Over 10 years have passed since the first edition of The Mediastinum was published in 1977. I have been very gratified by the response to the first edition and determined to do a second edition as soon as possible. However, good intentions are sometimes difficult to achieve and a decade has passed. This period has been one of enormous growth in the discipline of diagnostic imaging. In the study of the mediastinum, computed tomography, and more recently magnetic resonance, have revolutionized our diagnostic capabilities. This second edition of the mediastinum is intended to emphasize the importance of these modalities to the evaluation of mediastinal disease. In addition, an attempt will be made to integrate into the text the many new and important observations relating to all aspects of mediastinal imaging which have appeared in the literature since 1977. The overall emphasis, however, will remain the same: that accurate radiologic diagnosis is based upon a thorough understanding of correlated radiographic anatomy and pathology. No matter what the imaging modality, this principle remains fundamental to each and every radiographic interpretation. I would like to express once again my deep appreciation to Dr. Stephen A. Kieffer, Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse for his continued support and encouragement.

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