



Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations in Geometry and Physics

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Birkhäuser Okt 2012, 2012. Taschenbuch. Book Condition: Neu. 235x155x9 mm. Neuware - This volume presents the proceedings of a series of lectures hosted by the Mathematics Department of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 22-24, 1995, under the title 'Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations in Geometry and Physics'. While the relevance of partial differential equations to problems in differential geometry has been recognized since the early days of the latter subject, the idea that differential equations of differential-geometric origin can be useful in the formulation of physical theories is a much more recent one. Perhaps the earliest emergence of systems of nonlinear partial differential equations having deep geometric and physical importance were the Einstein equations of general relativity (1915). Several basic aspects of the initial value problem for the Einstein equations, such as existence, regularity and stability of solutions remain prime research areas today. eighty years after Einstein's work. An even more recent development is the realization that structures originally the context of models in theoretical physics may turn out to have introduced in important geometric or topological applications. Perhaps its emergence can be traced back to 1954, with the introduction of a non-abelian version of...

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