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# Preface

The mechanics of contact between deformable bodies, so-called contact mechanics, is an important and actively developing part of continuum mechanics. Realistic boundary conditions on a surface of deformable body may be formulated only as a result of a solution of a contact problem. Therefore, the determination of the stress–strain state of a body is also connected with a contact problem.

The characteristic feature of contact problems is that they have mixed boundary conditions and may thus be reduced to integral equations. This work focuses on such integral equations, properties of their kernels, suggesting a large number of beautiful asymptotic and numerical solutions.

In this monograph a systematic treatment is given for analytical and numerical methods and results for many nonclassical three-dimensional contact problems in the linear theory of elasticity. We consider semiinfinite elastic bodies, such as half-spaces, layers, holes, cylinders, spaces with cylindrical or spherical cavities, wedges, cones, half-spaces with spherical holes; and finite elastic bodies, such as circular plates, finite cylinders, spheres and spherical segments.

The monograph includes a vast amount of material accumulated during scores of years in numerous publications by the authors and their colleagues.

Methods introduced in the book can also be applied to crack and inclusion problems in fracture mechanics as well as to other problems in the disciplines of mechanics, applied mathematics, mathematical physics and engineering with mixed boundary conditions.

For formulae, figures and tables, we use double enumeration where the first number is that for the chapter. For special mathematical functions, functional spaces and operators, we usually use gothic script.

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