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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

There has been a long history of interaction between mathematics and physiology. This book looks in detail at a wide selection of mathematical models in physiology, showing how physiological problems can be formulated and studied mathematically, and how such models give rise to interesting and challenging mathematical questions. With its coverage of many recent models it gives an overview of the field, while many older models are also discussed, to put the modern work in context.

In this second edition the coverage of basic principles has been expanded to include such topics as stochastic differential equations, Markov models and Gibbs free energy, and the selection of models has also been expanded to include some of the basic models of fluid transport, respiration/perfusion, blood diseases, molecular motors, smooth muscle, neuroendocrine cells, the baroreceptor loop, turboglomerular oscillations, blood clotting and the retina.

Owing to this extensive coverage, the second edition is published in two volumes. This first volume deals with the fundamental principles of cell physiology and the second with the physiology of systems.

The book includes detailed illustrations and numerous exercises with selected solutions. The emphasis throughout is on the applications; because of this interdisciplinary approach, this book will be of interest to students and researchers, not only in mathematics, but also in bioengineering, physics, chemistry, biology, statistics and medicine.

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James Sneyd is the Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, where he has worked for the past six years. He lives with his wife and three children beside a beach, and would rather be swimming.

Reviews of the first edition:

...probably the best book ever written on the interdisciplinary field of mathematical physiology.
Mathematical Reviews, 2000

In addition to being good reading, excellent pedagogy, and appealing science, the exposition is lucid and clear, and there are many good problem sets to choose from... Highly recommended. Mathematical Biosciences, 1999

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The first edition was the winner of the 1998 Association of American Publishers "Best New Title in Mathematics."

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"Probably the best book ever written on the subject of mathematical physiology ... It contains numerous exercises, enough to keep even the most diligent student busy, and a comprehensive list of approximately 600 references ... highly recommended to anybody interested in mathematical or theoretical physiology." *Mathematical Reviews*

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"Most of the chapters, especially those outlined in the second part of the book, can constitute whole monographs by themselves, and Keener and Sneyd have attempted to cover some of the fundamental modeling concepts within the respective areas." *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, 2000

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"This massive new edition ... offers an introduction to mathematical physiology that emphasizes work conducted by Keener (Univ. of Utah), Sneyd (Univ. of Auckland, New Zealand), and others over the past 20 years. It is designed as a course resource for beginning graduate students who have ... some mathematical background. ... Keener and Sneyd have made very reasonable choices in their subject selections. This work is an admirable resource for students with the appropriate prerequisites. Chapters include exercises Summing Up: Recommended. Graduate students." (P. Cull, Choice, Vol. 46 (10), June, 2009)

"The texts provide a comprehensive summary of the important concepts in mathematical physiology. ... For those actively working in the field of mathematical physiology ... is a must have. The new edition includes updated descriptions, new models, and new figures adding to the breadth of the first edition. One of the most beneficial aspects ... is the addition of about a decade's worth of work and references (over 350!). ... more advanced questions were added giving more flexibility when used as a course textbook." (Joe Latulippe, The Mathematical Association of America, July, 2009)

"This second edition of Mathematical physiology, ten years after the first one ... provides information on recent works in mathematical physiology. ... It is a very interesting book dealing with the interdisciplinary field of mathematical physiology. ... Mathematical physiology, with the consequent number of exercises given at the end of each chapter, could be used in particular for a full-year course in mathematical physiology. It is also suitable for researchers and graduate students in applied mathematics, bioengineering and physiology." (Fabien Crauste, Mathematical Reviews, Issue 2010 b)

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