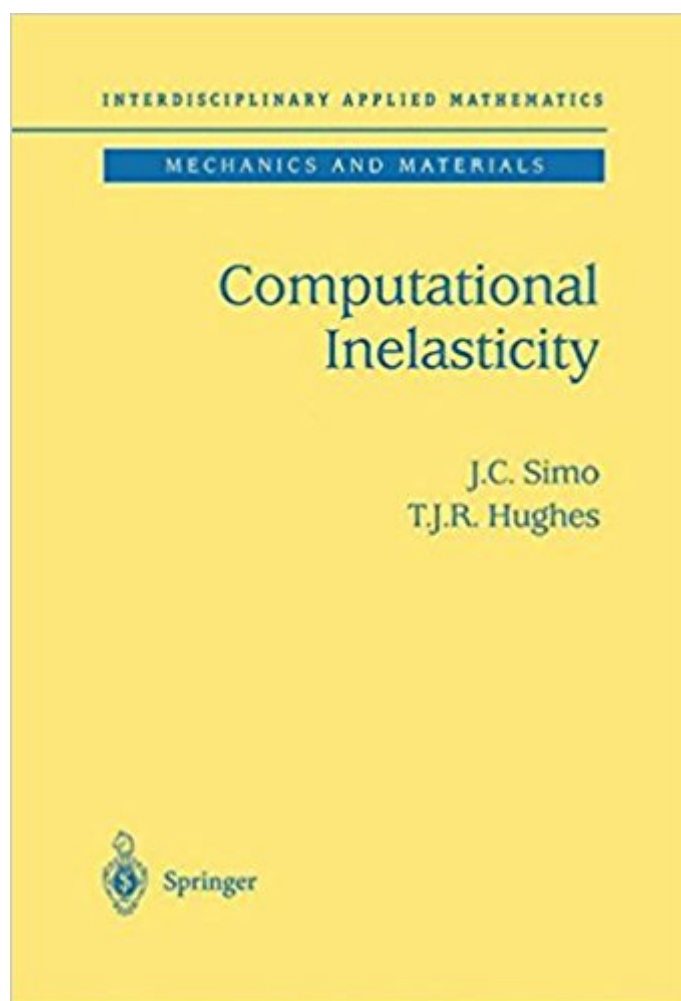


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yield surfaces makes sense. It's a real mystery buster. Another thing that makes this book very useful are the boxes: detailed algorithms, neatly printed, that actually work if you turn them into computer code. In general, this book is not for total beginners, but if you understand the very basic mathematical underpinnings for continuum mechanics, this will bring you to the next level. If you get stuck, read around in other books, but go back to this one, because that's where you will understand.

The book had been in the making at Stanford for some time. I happened to use a manuscript of it in 1991 at Virginia Tech. I was pleasantly surprised how quickly a student could pick up relevant aspects of computational plasticity from this book; the book has a style of its own. We have successfully used the book in programming the integral (or endochronic) hardening rule with the incremental theory of plasticity. The book surely makes a useful companion to a plasticity textbook. It is disheartening to see that the numerical schemes for the integration of the constitutive equations of the endochronic theory are missing from the book.

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