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Preface

Many advanced mathematical disciplines, such as global differential geometry, the calculus of variations, dynamical systems and the theory of Lie groups, have a common foundation in general topology and analysis in normed vector spaces. The purpose of this book is to introduce students to basic parts of this foundation and to give them a firm basis for further studies of mathematics.

This book derives from a course at the advanced undergraduate or beginning graduate level offered to engineering students at the Technical University of Denmark. The intention of the course is to give the mathematically inclined and interested engineering students an opportunity to go into some depth with fundamental mathematical notions from analysis that are important not only from a mathematical point of view but also occur frequently in theoretical parts of the engineering sciences, and to introduce them to proofs in mathematics and to mathematical reasoning. It is my hope that the book will also appeal to university students in mathematics and in the physical sciences.

The book opens with a study of fundamental concepts from general topology: metric spaces, topological spaces, compactness, connectedness, function spaces. Then follows a study of fundamental concepts in analysis: normed vector spaces, differentiability in normed vector spaces, and the Inverse Function Theorem in Banach spaces. The theory developed is applied to lay the foundations of differentiable manifolds with a view towards global analysis and differential geometry. In the last two chapters we offer elementary introductions to singularity theory in finite dimensions, respectively Morse theory in infinite dimension.

Major parts of the book are a translation and revision of the lecture notes “Grundbegreber i den Moderne Analyse” for the above mentioned course, published in 1986 by the Department of Mathematics, Technical University of Denmark. The English translation of the first three chapters has been prepared with the very efficient help of Dan Erik Krarup Sørensen. The figures were drawn by Beth Beyerholm.

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