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Springer. Paperback. Condition: New. 234 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. The algebra of square matrices of size $n \times n$ over the field of complex numbers is, evidently, the best-known example of a non-commutative algebra. Subalgebras and subrings of this algebra (for example, the ring of $n \times n$ matrices with integral entries) arise naturally in many areas of mathematics. Historically however, the study of matrix algebras was preceded by the discovery of quaternions which, introduced in 1843 by Hamilton, found applications in the classical mechanics of the past century. Later it turned out that quaternion analysis had important applications in field theory. The algebra of quaternions has become one of the classical mathematical objects; it is used, for instance, in algebra, geometry and topology. We will briefly focus on other examples of non-commutative rings and algebras which arise naturally in mathematics and in mathematical physics. The exterior algebra (or Grassmann algebra) is widely used in differential geometry - for example, in geometric theory of integration. Clifford algebras, which include exterior algebras as a special case, have applications in representation theory and in algebraic topology. The Weyl algebra (Le. algebra of differential operators with...



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