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Preface

This textbook was specifically compiled for postgraduate students either for Master Degree or for Phd Degree. It consists of the research projects funded either by the Natural Science Foundation of the United States or by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council of the United Kingdom. The objectives are to help them to learn about the state of the art research and the new trends in civil and mining engineering, to choose their research topics for their theses for Master Degree or Phd Degree and to improve their written English.

All the materials included in this book fall into the following parts: (1) dynamic problems, (2) theory and techniques for soil reinforcement, (3) theory and techniques for numerical modeling, (4) risk assessment and reliability analysis, (5) theory for soil deformation, (6) measurement systems and techniques, (7) fundamental theory for soils, (8) seepage problems, (9) environmental problems, (10) unsaturated soil mechanics, (11) optimization of structures, (12) nonlinear mechanics, (13) new materials and theories. This classification is not strict since some materials may be put into this part or that one.

It is believed that this textbook will be of great help to the postgraduate students in choosing research topics for their theses and learning about the state of the art research in civil and mining engineering.

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