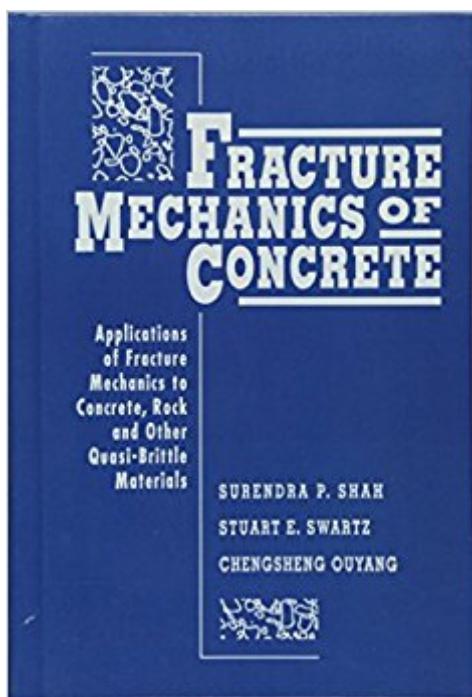


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- * The use of R-Curves to describe cracking and fracture in quasi-brittle materials
- * The application of fracture mechanics to compression failure, creep, fatigue, torsion, and other advanced topics

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