

Preface to the second edition

The present edition of this book, five years after the first edition, has been spiced with several recent results which fit naturally in the point of view that had been adapted in the original text and with some new examples and constructions that will help the reader to appreciate better our approach to integrable systems.

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