

This text explores how Clifford algebras and spinors have been sparking a collaboration and bridging a gap between **Physics** and **Mathematics**. This collaboration has been the consequence of a growing awareness of the importance of algebraic and geometric properties in many physical phenomena, and of the discovery of common ground through various touch points: relating Clifford algebras and the arising geometry to so-called spinors, and to their three definitions [both from the mathematical and physical viewpoint]. The main points of contact are the representations of Clifford algebras and the periodicity theorems. Clifford algebras also constitute a highly intuitive formalism, having an intimate relationship to quantum field theory. The text strives to seamlessly combine these various viewpoints and is devoted to a wider audience of both physicists and mathematicians.

Among the existing approaches to Clifford algebras and spinors this book is unique in that it provides a didactical presentation of the topic and is accessible to both students and researchers. It **emphasizes** the formal character and the deep algebraic and geometric completeness, and merges them with the physical applications. The style is clear and precise, but not pedantic. The sole pre-requisite is a course in **Linear Algebra** which most students of **Physics, Mathematics, or Engineering** will have covered as part of their undergraduate studies.

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'**An Introduction to Clifford Algebras and Spinors** is really an essential book to any student **that** wants to understand and grasp the several different (but under certain conditions equivalent) concepts of spinors appearing in the literature (algebraic, classical, and operator spinors)'.

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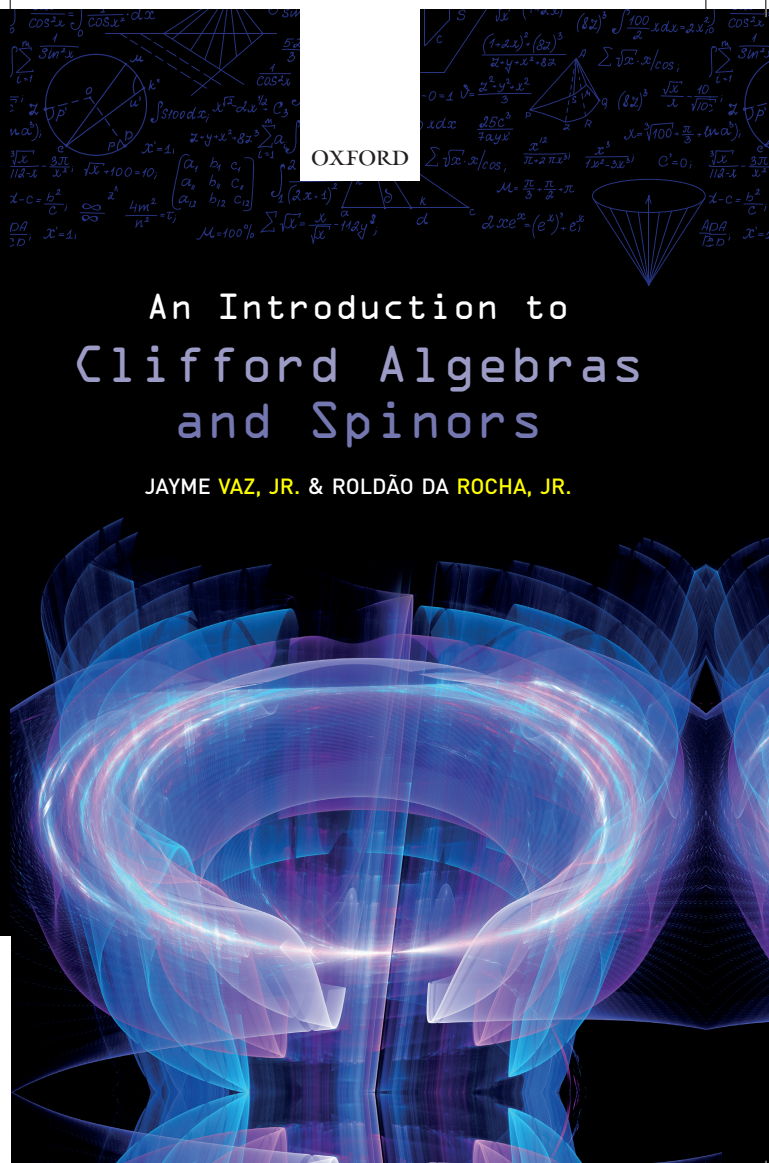
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