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In the introduction to his lecture notes on *Methods of mathematical physics*, K. O. Friedrichs observes that most of the fundamental problems of analysis have their origins in physics and that, of these problems, a high percentage are concerned with differential equations. As he points out, the fundamental laws on which problems in the sciences are based are formulated in terms of partial