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The subject for this book is my life work on the enterprise modeling and integration by a stochastic/queuing form, and the book plan was conceived before my stay in the USA in 1996-97 as a visiting scholar. The first title was “Stochastic Management and Design of

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**Manufacturing Systems.” The
rst version was attempted in
2001; however, this version
was inappropriate and was not
revised till now. It is 40 years
since I attempted a stochastic
approach to manufacturing
and management due to the
limitations of statistical
approaches. The century in
which industrial engineering
and management rose to the
forefront was one in which a
static/statistical approach was
applied to the development of
classical models and
general/average theory. This
book presents a stochastic
management approach to the
manufacturing and service**

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**enterprise with risks by a
game/strategic view, and is
based on many papers in
production/queueing studies
that have appeared in famous
journals. The book's objective
is to discuss and show the
goals and constraints on
manufacturing and service
enterprises, and to provide a
strategic/collaborative solution
for management with risks in
heterogeneity. This book
mainly focuses on the three
manufacturing classes:
continuous, poi- wise, and
exible stream types under
risks. These manufacturing
streams are rst studied using
the respective stochastic**

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processes, and are characterized and developed as a queueing/strategic control problem of look-ahead/buffer, selection/swit- over, and arrangement/routings.

Moreover, the behaviors of some design/control variables are shown and useful theories for design are established.

The U.S. intelligence community (IC) is a complex human enterprise whose success depends on how well the people in it perform their work. Although often aided by sophisticated technologies, these people ultimately rely on their own intellect to identify, synthesize, and communicate

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the information on which the
nation's security depends. The

IC's success depends on

having trained, motivated, and
thoughtful people working

within organizations able to
understand, value, and
coordinate their capabilities.

Intelligence Analysis provides
up-to-date scientific guidance
for the intelligence community

(IC) so that it might improve
individual and group

judgments, communication

between analysts, and analytic
processes. The papers in this

volume provide the detailed
evidentiary base for the

National Research Council's
report, Intelligence Analysis

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**for Tomorrow: Advances from
the Behavioral and Social
Sciences. The opening chapter
focuses on the structure,
missions, operations, and
characteristics of the IC while
the following 12 papers
provide in-depth reviews of
key topics in three areas:
analytic methods, analysts,
and organizations. Informed
by the IC's unique missions
and constraints, each paper
documents the latest
advancements of the relevant
science and is a stand-alone
resource for the IC's
leadership and workforce. The
collection allows readers to
focus on one area of interest**

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(analytic methods, analysts, or organizations) or even one particular aspect of a category. As a collection, the volume provides a broad perspective of the issues involved in making difficult decisions, which is at the heart of intelligence analysis.

Around the world, liberalization and privatization in the electricity industry have lead to increased competition among utilities. At the same time, utilities are now exposed more than ever to risk and uncertainties, which they cannot pass on to their customers through price increases as in a regulated

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environment. Especially electricity-generating companies have to face volatile wholesale prices, fuel price uncertainty, limited long-term hedging possibilities and huge, to a large extent, sunk investments. In this context, Uncertainty in the Electric Power Industry: Methods and Models for Decision Support aims at an integrative view on the decision problems that power companies have to tackle. It systematically examines the uncertainties power companies are facing and develops models to describe them - including an innovative approach

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**combining fundamental and
finance models for price
modeling. The optimization of
generation and trading
portfolios under uncertainty is
discussed with particular focus
on CHP and is linked to risk
management. Here the
concept of integral earnings at
risk is developed to provide a
theoretically sound
combination of value at risk
and profit at risk approaches,
adapted to real market
structures and market
liquidity. Also methods for
supporting long-term
investment decisions are
presented: technology
assessment based on**

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**experience curves and
operation simulation for fuel
cells and a real options
approach with endogenous
electricity prices.**

**REAL-TIME MANAGEMENT OF
RESOURCE ALLOCATION
SYSTEMS** focuses on the
problem of managing the
resource allocation taking
place within the operational
context of many contemporary
technological applications,
including flexibly automated
production systems,
automated railway and/or
monorail transportation
systems, electronic workflow
management systems, and
business transaction

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supporting systems. A distinct trait of all these applications is that they limit the role of the human element to remote high-level supervision, while placing the burden of the real-time monitoring and coordination of the ongoing activity upon a computerized control system. Hence, any applicable control paradigm must address not only the issues of throughput maximization, work-in-process inventory reduction, and delay and cost minimization, that have been the typical concerns for past studies on resource allocation, but it must also guarantee the operational

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correctness and the behavioral consistency of the underlying automated system. The resulting problem is rather novel for the developers of these systems, since, in the past, many of its facets were left to the jurisdiction of the present human intelligence. It is also complex, due to the high levels of choice - otherwise known as flexibility - inherent in the operation of these environments. This book proposes a control paradigm that offers a comprehensive and integrated solution to, both, the behavioral / logical and the performance-oriented control problems underlying

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the management of the resource allocation taking place in the aforementioned highly automated technological applications. Building upon a series of fairly recent results from Discrete Event Systems theory, the proposed paradigm is distinguished by: (i) its robustness to the experienced stochasticities and operational contingencies; (ii) its scalability to the large-scale nature of the target technological applications; and (iii) its operational efficiency. These three properties are supported through the adoption of a "closed-loop"

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structure for the proposed control scheme, and also, through a pertinent decomposition of the overall control function to a logical and a performance-oriented controller for the underlying resource allocation. REAL-TIME MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION SYSTEMS provides a rigorous study of the control problems addressed by each of these two controllers, and of their integration to a unified control function. A notion of optimal control is formulated for each of these problems, but it turns out that the corresponding optimal policies are

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computationally intractable.

Hence, a large part of the book
is devoted to the development
of effective and

computationally efficient
approximations for these
optimal control policies,
especially for those that
correspond to the more novel
logical control problem.

Intelligence Analysis

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A Discrete Event Systems
Approach

The Sciences of Policy in
Britain and America,
1940-1960

From Early History to the 21st
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Just-in-Time Scheduling

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This third edition of the classic textbook in Optimization has been fully revised and updated. It comprehensively covers modern theoretical insights in this crucial computing area, and will be required reading for analysts and operations researchers in a variety of fields. The book connects the purely analytical character of an optimization problem, and the behavior of algorithms used to solve it. Now, the third edition has been completely updated with recent Optimization Methods. The book also has a new co-author, Yinyu Ye of California's Stanford University, who has written lots of extra material including some on

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Interior Point Methods.

"Combat Modeling" is a systematic learning resource and reference text for the quantitative analysis of combat. After a brief overview, authors Washburn and Kress present individual chapters on shooting without feedback; shooting with feedback; target defense; attrition models; game theory and wargames; search; unmanned aerial vehicles; and terror and insurgency. Three appendices provide a review of basic probability concepts, probability distributions, and Markov models; an introduction to optimization models; and a discussion of Monte-Carlo

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simulations. Drawing on their many years of experience at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, Washburn and Kress have created a reference that will provide the tools and techniques for analysts involved in the underpinnings of combat decisions. This is a book that can be used as a military manual, reference book, and textbook for military courses on this vital subject.

Operations Research: 1934-1941," 35, 1, 143-152; "British The goal of the Encyclopedia of Operations Research and Operational Research in World War II," 35, 3, 453-470; Management Science is to

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provide to decision makers and "U. S. Operations Research in World War II," 35, 6, 910-925; problem solvers in business, industry, government and and the 1984 article by Harold Lardner that appeared in academia a comprehensive overview of the wide range of Operations Research: "The Origin of Operational Research," ideas, methodologies, and synergistic forces that combine to 32, 2, 465-475. form the preeminent decision-aiding fields of operations re search and management science (OR/MS). To this end, we The Encyclopedia contains no entries that define the fields enlisted a distinguished

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international group of academics of operations research and management science. OR and MS and practitioners to contribute articles on subjects for are often equated to one another. If one defines them by the which they are renowned. methodologies they employ, the equation would probably The editors, working with the Encyclopedia's Editorial stand inspection. If one defines them by their historical Advisory Board, surveyed and divided OR/MS into specific developments and the classes of problems they encompass, topics that collectively encompass the foundations, applica the equation becomes fuzzy. The

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formalism OR grew out of tions, and emerging elements of this ever-changing field. We the operational problems of the British and U. s. military also wanted to establish the close associations that OR/MS efforts in World War II.

This book covers several bases at once. It is useful as a textbook for a second course in experimental optimization techniques for industrial production processes. In addition, it is a superb reference volume for use by professors and graduate students in Industrial Engineering and Statistics departments. It will also be of huge interest to applied statisticians, process engineers, and quality

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engineers working in the electronics and biotech manufacturing industries. In all, it provides an in-depth presentation of the statistical issues that arise in optimization problems, including confidence regions on the optimal settings of a process, stopping rules in experimental optimization, and more.

OR/MS Today

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The Strategic Role of Operational
Research

Models, Theory, And Computation

Economic, Political, Social and

Technological Applications with

Benefits, Opportunities, Costs and
Risks

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Game Theoretic Risk Analysis of Security Threats

Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) is all about making choices in the presence of multiple conflicting criteria. MCDM has become one of the most important and fastest growing subfields of Operations Research/Management Science. As modern MCDM started to emerge about 50 years ago, it is now a good time to take stock of developments. This book aims to present an informal, nontechnical history of MCDM, supplemented with many pictures. It covers the

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major developments in MCDM,
from early history until
now. It also covers
fascinating discoveries by
Nobel Laureates and other
prominent scholars. The book
begins with the early
history of MCDM, which
covers the roots of MCDM
through the 1960s. It
proceeds to give a decade-by-
decade account of major
developments in the field
starting from the 1970s
until now. Written in a
simple and accessible
manner, this book will be of
interest to students,
academics, and professionals
in the field of decision
sciences. Contents: The Early
History of MCDM

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Developments in the
1970sMCDM Developments in
the 1980sMCDM Developments
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PresidentsBiographies of

Leading MCDM

ScholarsConclusion

Readership: Graduate-level

students in business

administration or operations

management; engineers

involved in decision making

and policy implementation;

business analysts, financial

planners. Keywords:Multiple

Criteria Decision Making;Mul

tiattribute;Multiple

Objectives;Multiple

CriteriaKey Features:First

book to cover an informal

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*history of Multiple Criteria
Decision Making Covers decade-
by-decade developments in
MCDM, from early history
until now Contains brief
biographies and pictures of
major contributors in the
field Reviews: "Our ability
to analyze and resolve
complex decision problems is
one of the most important
developments of the last
half of the 20th century.
But, like all such
endeavors, advances were
often based on earlier ideas
from a multitude of fields,
ideas that encouraged and
gave impetus to new
generations of researchers.
All readers of Multiple
Criteria Decision Making:*

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*From Early History to the
21st Century will find that
the authors have woven the
early and modern histories
of MCDM into a scientific
adventure story, one that
helps us to understand
better how advances in a
field of research are the
result of many, many
seemingly unrelated
activities.” Saul I Gass
Professor Emeritus
Department of Decision,
Operations and Information
Technologies Robert H Smith
School of Business,
University of Maryland,
College Park “Rarely do we
get to understand the
evolution of a scientific
field told with such care*

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and understanding. And a handy guide to the MCDM literature as well! I'll have all of my students read it!" Mark H Karwan Praxair Professor in Operations Research, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University at Buffalo (SUNY)

"I really enjoyed reading this book. It was written by three experts who have lived with MCDM and its history for a long time (two of them for over 40 years!). Now our community has a useful and valuable book that can be used by students and researchers to learn about MCDM and its history. I

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particularly like the photos
which bring the history and
its people to life.” Pekka

Korhonen Professor of
Statistics Aalto University,
School of Economics “This
book brings to life –
contributors, contributions,
activities – the evolution,
growth, and future
directions of MCDM, a
multidiscipline that
embraces all facets of
decision making. Kudos to
three highly distinguished
MCDM scholars who have
written a classic, which
should be essential reading
and serve as a resource for
scholars in all academic and
professional disciplines.”

Herb Moskowitz Purdue

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"Köksalan and his co-authors provide us with a better understanding of the history of an important area in OR to which many top researchers have contributed especially over the last twenty to thirty years ... As one of the first such publications covering a specific subfield, this book has certainly set a very high standard." IFORS Newsletter

History of Mathematics is a component of Encyclopedia of Mathematical Sciences in the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), which is an integrated compendium of twenty one

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Encyclopedias. The Theme on
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The Mathematization of The
Physical Sciences-
Differential Equations of
Nature; A Short History of
Dynamical Systems
Theory:1885-2007; Measure
Theories and Ergodicity
Problems; The Number Concept
and Number Systems;
Operations Research and
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Joint Venture; Elementary
Mathematics From An Advanced
Standpoint; The History and
Concept of Mathematical*

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*Proof; Geometry in The 20th
Century; Bourbaki: An
Epiphenomenon in The History
of Mathematics* This volume
is aimed at the following
five major target audiences:
University and College
Students Educators,
Professional Practitioners,
Research Personnel and
Policy Analysts, Managers,
and Decision Makers, NGOs
and GOs.

*This textbook presents
methodologies and
applications associated with
multiple criteria decision
analysis (MCDA), especially
for those students with an
interest in industrial
engineering. With respect to
methodology, the book covers*

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(1) problem structuring methods; (2) methods for ranking multi-dimensional deterministic outcomes including multiattribute value theory, the analytic hierarchy process, the Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS), and outranking techniques; (3) goal programming,; (4) methods for describing preference structures over single and multi-dimensional probabilistic outcomes (e.g., utility functions); (5) decision trees and influence diagrams; (6) methods for determining input probability distributions for decision

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trees, influence diagrams,
and general simulation
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models; and (7) the use of
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simulation modeling for
decision analysis. This
textbook also offers: · Easy
to follow descriptions of
how to apply a wide variety
of MCDA techniques ·
Specific examples involving
multiple objectives and/or
uncertainty/risk of interest
to industrial engineers · A
section on outranking
techniques ; this group of
techniques, which is popular
in Europe, is very rarely
mentioned as a methodology
for MCDA in the United
States · A chapter on
simulation as a useful tool
for MCDA, including ranking

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& selection procedures. Such material is rarely covered in courses in decision analysis. Both material review questions and problems at the end of each chapter. Solutions to the exercises are found in the Solutions Manual which will be provided along with PowerPoint slides for each chapter. The methodologies are demonstrated through the use of applications of interest to industrial engineers, including those involving product mix optimization, supplier selection, distribution center location and transportation planning, resource allocation and

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scheduling of a medical clinic, staffing of a call center, quality control, project management, production and inventory control, and so on.

Specifically, industrial engineering problems are structured as classical problems in multiple criteria decision analysis, and the relevant methodologies are demonstrated.

Game Theoretic Risk Analysis of Security Threats introduces reliability and risk analysis in the face of threats by intelligent agents. More specifically, game-theoretic models are developed for identifying

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optimal and/or equilibrium
defense and attack
strategies in systems of
varying degrees of
complexity. The book covers
applications to networks,
including problems in both
telecommunications and
transportation. However, the
book's primary focus is to
integrate game theory and
reliability methodologies
into a set of techniques to
predict, detect, diminish,
and stop intentional attacks
at targets that vary in
complexity. In this book,
Bier and Azaiez highlight
work by researchers who
combine reliability and risk
analysis with game theory
methods to create a set of

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*functional tools that can be
used to offset intentional,
intelligent threats*

*(including threats of
terrorism and war). These
tools will help to address
problems of global security
and facilitate more cost-
effective defensive
investments.*

*Quantitative Health Risk
Analysis Methods*

*Real-Time Management of
Resource Allocation Systems*

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Decision Support*

*Multiple Criteria Decision
Analysis: State of the Art
Surveys*

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Real problems are formulated into tractable mathematical models, which allow for an analysis of various approaches. Attention is focused on solutions. Provides a unified treatment of the models discussed, presents a critique of the existing results, and points out potential research directions.

An Annotated Timeline of Operations Research: An informal history recounts the evolution of Operations Research (OR) as a new science - the science of decision making. Arising from the urgent operational issues of World War II, the philosophy and methodology of OR has permeated the resolution of

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decision problems in business, industry, and government. The Timeline chronicles the history of OR in the form of self-contained, expository entries. Each entry presents a concise explanation of the events and people under discussion, and provides key sources where further relevant information can be obtained. In addition, books and papers that have influenced the development of OR or helped to educate the first generations of OR academics and practitioners are cited throughout the book. Starting in 1564 with seminal ideas that form the precursors of OR, the Timeline traces the key ideas and events of OR through 2004.

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Operations Research: A Practical Introduction is just that: a hands-on approach to the field of operations research (OR) and a useful guide for using OR techniques in scientific decision making, design, analysis and management. The text accomplishes two goals. First, it provides readers with an introduction to standard mathematical models and algorithms. Second, it is a thorough examination of practical issues relevant to the development and use of computational methods for problem solving. Highlights: All chapters contain up-to-date topics and summaries A succinct presentation to fit a one-term course Each chapter has references,

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readings, and list of key terms
Includes illustrative and current
applications New exercises are
added throughout the text Software
tools have been updated with the
newest and most popular software
Many students of various disciplines
such as mathematics, economics,
industrial engineering and computer
science often take one course in
operations research. This book is
written to provide a succinct and
efficient introduction to the subject
for these students, while offering a
sound and fundamental preparation
for more advanced courses in linear
and nonlinear optimization, and
many stochastic models and
analyses. It provides relevant
analytical tools for this varied

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audience and will also serve
professionals, corporate managers,
and technical consultants.

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functions, Value at Risk - Models
based on expectation - Models built
with deviation measures - Modeling
risk and opportunity - Risk measures
- Multi-stage SLP models - The
general SLP with recourse - The two-
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Single-stage models with joint
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legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship

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between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.

As supply chain management has matured, maintaining the precise flow of goods to manage schedules (and minimize inventories) on a just-in-time basis still presents major challenges. This has inspired an array of models and algorithms to help ensure the precise flow of components and final products into inventories to meet just-in-time requirements. This is the first survey of the theoretical work on computer systems models and algorithms utilized in just-in-time scheduling.

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Managers are often under great pressure to improve the performance of their organizations. To improve performance, one needs to constantly evaluate operations or processes related to producing products, providing services, and marketing and selling products.

Performance evaluation and benchmarking are a widely used method to identify and adopt best practices as a means to improve performance and increase productivity, and are particularly valuable when no objective or engineered standard is available to define efficient and effective

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performance. For this reason, benchmarking is often used in managing service operations, because service standards (benchmarks) are more difficult to define than manufacturing standards. Benchmarks can be established but they are somewhat limited as they work with single measurements one at a time. It is difficult to evaluate an organization's performance when there are multiple inputs and outputs to the system. The difficulties are further enhanced when the relationships between the inputs and the outputs are

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complex and involve unknown tradeoffs. It is critical to show benchmarks where multiple measurements exist. The current book introduces the methodology of data envelopment analysis (DEA) and its uses in performance evaluation and benchmarking under the context of multiple performance measures.

The subject of this book is the nested partitions method (NP), a relatively new optimization method that has been found to be very effective solving discrete optimization problems. Such discrete problems are common in many practical applications and the NP

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method is thus useful in
diverse application areas.

It can be applied to both
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operational and planning
problems and has been
demonstrated to effectively
solve complex problems in
both manufacturing and
service industries. To
illustrate its broad
applicability and
effectiveness, in this book
we will show how the NP
method has been successful
in solving complex problems
in planning and scheduling,
logistics and
transportation, supply chain
design, data mining, and
health care. All of these
diverse applications have one
characteristic in common: they al

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lead to complex large-scale discrete optimization problems that are intractable using traditional optimization methods.

1.1 Large-Scale Optimization

In developing the NP method we will consider optimization problems that can be stated mathematically in the following generic form:

$$\min f(x), \quad (1.1) \quad x \in X$$
 where the solution space or feasible region X is either a discrete or bounded set of feasible solutions. We denote a solution to this problem x^* and the objective function value $f^* = f(x^*)$.

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Enterprise with Risks
Papers in Honor of Saul
Gass' 80th Birthday

Quantitative Models for
Performance Evaluation and
Benchmarking

This note from Prof. Vargas regarding a competitive title by Prof. Saaty with an almost identical title (THEORY AND APPLICATIONS OF THE ANALYTIC NETWORK PROCESS: Decision Making with Benefits, Opportunities, Costs, and Risks. RWS Publications, 2005): "The other book is theoretical with passing mention of examples to show how the subject is used. In our book (the one you have) the applications are different and given in full detail relevance and originality. They have never appeared in print as they are here and most users would

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prefer them to the theoretical book. In addition chapter 1 summarizes the theory given in four chapters on the book showing the important parts without going into too much detail. I would rather read this book than the other one definitely and this could not have been done so elegantly had not the other been written before.

Therefore this book has the cream of the ideas and the best published applications so far."

Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) is all about making choices in the presence of multiple conflicting criteria. MCDM has become one of the most important and fastest growing subfields of Operations

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This book aims to present an informal, nontechnical history of MCDM, supplemented with many pictures. It covers the major developments in MCDM, from early history until now. It also covers fascinating discoveries by Nobel Laureates and other prominent scholars. The book begins with the early history of MCDM, which covers the roots of MCDM through the 1960s. It proceeds to give a decade-by-decade account of major developments in the field starting from the 1970s until now. Written in a simple and accessible manner, this book will be of interest to students, academics, and professionals in the field of decision sciences.

The evolution of a set of fields—including operations research and systems analysis—intended to improve policymaking and explore the

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nature of rational decision-making. During World War II, the Allied military forces faced severe problems integrating equipment, tactics, and logistics into successful combat operations. To help confront these problems, scientists and engineers developed new means of studying which equipment designs would best meet the military's requirements and how the military could best use the equipment it had on hand. By 1941 they had also begun to gather and analyze data from combat operations to improve military leaders' ordinary planning activities. In *Rational Action*, William Thomas details these developments, and how they gave rise during the 1950s to a constellation of influential new fields—which he terms the “sciences of policy”—that included operations research, management

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science, systems analysis, and decision theory. Proponents of these new sciences embraced a variety of agendas. Some aimed to improve policymaking directly, while others theorized about how one decision could be considered more rational than another. Their work spanned systems engineering, applied mathematics, nuclear strategy, and the philosophy of science, and it found new niches in universities, in businesses, and at think tanks such as the RAND Corporation. The sciences of policy also took a prominent place in epic narratives told about the relationships among science, state, and society in an intellectual culture preoccupied with how technology and reason would shape the future. Thomas follows all these threads to illuminate and make new sense of the

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Pioneers and Innovators recounts the development of the field of Operations Research (OR), the

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science of decision making. The book traces the development of OR from its military origins to a mature discipline that is recognized worldwide for its contributions to managerial planning and complex global operations. Over the past six decades, OR analyses have impacted our daily lives: when making an airline or hotel reservation, waiting in line at a bank, getting the correctly blended fuel at the gas station, and ensuring that the book you are holding arrived at its destination on time. OR originated in the late 1930s when British scientists from various disciplines joined Royal Air Force officers to determine the most effective way to employ new

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radar technology for intercepting enemy aircraft. During World War II, similar applied research groups were formed to study, test, and evaluate military operations on both sides of the Atlantic. Their work resulted in great improvements—OR helped the Allies win the war. The scientific field that emerged from these studies was called operational research in the U.K. and operations research in the U.S. Today, OR provides a broad and powerful science to aid decision making. Profiles describes the lives and contributions of 43 OR pioneers and innovators and relates how these individuals, with varying backgrounds and diverse interests,

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were drawn to the nascent field of OR. The profiles also describe how OR techniques and applications expanded considerably beyond the military context to find new domains in business and industry. In addition to their scientific contributions, these profiles capture the life stories of the individuals—interwoven with personal tales, vivid vignettes, family backgrounds, and views of the mission and future of OR. Collectively, the profiles recount the fascinating story of the growth and development of a field enriched by the convergence of different disciplines. The Editors: Arjang A. Assad is Dean of the School of Management, University

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[stet] the pioneers of O.R. for many years to come." *For a list of all known typos, plus further discussion on the book, please visit <http://profilesinoperationsresearch.com>.

This book grew out of an effort to salvage a potentially useful idea for greatly simplifying traditional quantitative risk assessments of the human health consequences of using antibiotics in food animals. In 2001, the United States FDA ' s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) (FDA-CVM, 2001) published a risk assessment model for potential adverse human health consequences of using a certain class of antibiotics, fluoroquinolones, to treat flocks of

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chickens with fatal respiratory disease caused by infectious bacteria. CVM's concern was that fluoroquinolones are also used in human medicine, raising the possibility that fluoroquinolone-resistant strains of bacteria selected by use of fluoroquinolones in chickens might infect humans and then prove resistant to treatment with human medicines in the same class of antibiotics, such as ciprofloxacin. As a foundation for its risk assessment model, CVM proposed a dramatically simple approach that skipped many of the steps in traditional risk assessment. The basic idea was to assume that human health risks were directly proportional to some suitably

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defined exposure metric. In symbols: Risk = $K \times$ Exposure, where “Exposure” would be defined in terms of a metric such as total production of chicken contaminated with fluoroquinolone-resistant bacteria that might cause human illnesses, and “Risk” would describe the expected number of cases per year of human illness due to fluoroquinolone-resistant bacterial infections caused by chicken and treated with fluoroquinolones.

In Risk Analysis of Complex and Uncertain Systems acknowledged risk authority Tony Cox shows all risk practitioners how Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) can be used to improve risk management

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decisions and policies. It develops and illustrates QRA methods for complex and uncertain biological, engineering, and social systems – systems that have behaviors that are just too complex to be modeled accurately in detail with high confidence – and shows how they can be applied to applications including assessing and managing risks from chemical carcinogens, antibiotic resistance, mad cow disease, terrorist attacks, and accidental or deliberate failures in telecommunications network infrastructure. This book was written for a broad range of practitioners, including decision risk analysts, operations researchers and management

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scientists, quantitative policy analysts, economists, health and safety risk assessors, engineers, and modelers.

Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis: State of the Art Surveys provides survey articles and references of the seminal or state-of-the-art research on MCDA. The material covered ranges from the foundations of MCDA, over various MCDA methodologies (outranking methods, multiattribute utility and value theories, non-classical approaches) to multiobjective mathematical programming, MCDA applications, and software. This vast amount of material is organized in 8 parts, with a total of 25 chapters. More than 2000

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Proportional Optimization and Fairness is a long-needed attempt to reconcile optimization with apportionment in just-in-time (JIT) sequences and find the common ground in solving problems ranging from sequencing mixed-model just-in-time assembly lines through just-in-time batch production, balancing workloads in event graphs to bandwidth allocation internet gateways and resource allocation in computer operating systems. The book argues that apportionment

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theory and optimization based on deviation functions provide natural benchmarks for a process, and then looks at the recent research and developments in the field. Individual chapters look at the theory of apportionment and just-in-time sequences; minimization of just-in-time sequence deviation; optimality of cyclic sequences and the oneness bottleneck minimization; competition-free instances, Fraenkel's Conjecture, and optimal admission sequences; response time variability; applications to the Liu-Layland Problem and pinwheel scheduling; temporal capacity constraints and supply chain balancing; fair queuing and stride

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scheduling; and smoothing and batching.

An Annotated Timeline of Operations Research: An Informal History recounts the evolution of Operations Research (OR) as a new science - the science of decision making. Arising from the urgent operational issues of World War II, the philosophy and methodology of OR has permeated the resolution of decision problems in business, industry, and government. The Timeline chronicles the history of OR in the form of self-contained, expository entries. Each entry presents a concise explanation of the events and people under discussion, and provides key sources

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where further relevant information can be obtained. In addition, books and papers that have influenced the development of OR or helped to educate the first generations of OR academics and practitioners are cited throughout the book. Starting in 1564 with seminal ideas that form the precursors of OR, the Timeline traces the key ideas and events of OR through 2004. The Timeline should interest anyone involved in OR - researchers, practitioners, academics, and, especially, students - who wish to learn how OR came into being. Further, the scope and expository style of the Timeline should make it of value to the general reader interested in the

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