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Employing state-of-the art quantitative models and case studies, Location Theory and Decision Analysis provides the methodologies behind the siting of such facilities as transportation terminals, warehouses, housing, landfills, state parks and industrial plants. Through its extensive methodological review, the book serves as a primer for more advanced texts on spatial analysis, including the monograph on Location, Transport and Land-Use by the same author. Given the rapid changes over the last decade, the Second Edition includes new analytic contributions as well as software survey of analytics and spatial information technology. While the First Edition served the professional community well, the Second Edition has substantially expanded its emphasis for classroom use of the volume. Extensive pedagogic materials have been added, going from the fundamental principles to open-ended exercises, including solutions to selected problems. The text is of value to engineering and business programs that offer courses in Decision and Risk Analysis, Muticriteria Decision-Making, and Facility Location and Layout. It should also be of interest to public policy programs that use geographic Information Systems and satellite imagery to support their analyses.

Cellular manufacturing (CM) is the grouping of similar products for manufacture in discrete multi-machine cells. It has been proven to yield faster production cycles, lower in-process inventory levels, and enhanced product quality. Pioneered on a large scale by Russian, British, and German manufacturers, interest in CM methods has grown steadily over the past decade. However, there continues to be a dearth of practical guides for industrial engineers and production managers interested in implementing CM techniques in their plants. Bringing together contributions by an international team of CM experts, the Handbook of Cellular Manufacturing Systems bridges this gap in the engineering literature.

The purpose of this book is to provide readers with an introduction to the fields of decision making, location analysis, and project and machine scheduling. The combination of these topics is not an accident: decision analysis can be used to investigate decision seenarios in general, location analysis is one of the prime examples of decision making on the strategic level, project scheduling is typically concemed with decision making on the tactical level, and machine scheduling deals with decision making on the operational level. Some of the chapters were originally contributed by different authors, and we have made every attempt to unify the notation, style, and, most importantly, the level of the exposition. Similar to our book on Integer Programming and Network Models (Eiselt and Sandblom, 2000), the emphasis of this volume is on models rather than solution methods. This is particularly important in a book that purports to promote the science of decision making. As such, advanced undergraduate and graduate students, as weil as practitioners, will find this volume beneficial. While different authors prefer different degrees of mathematical sophistication, we have made every possible attempt to unify the approaches, provide clear explanations, and make this volume accessible to as many readers as possible.

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 references are listed.

This volume is a selection of refereed papers based on talks presented at a conference on "Combinatorial and Global Optimization" held at Crete, Greece." "Readership: Researchers in numerical & computational mathematics, optimization, combinatorics & graph theory, networking and materials engineering."--BOOK JACKET.

Location analysis has matured from an area of theoretical inquiry that was designed to explain observed phenomena to a vibrant field which can be and has been used to locate items as diverse as landfills, fast food outlets, gas stations, as well as politicians and products in issue and feature spaces. Modern location science is dealt with by a diverse group of researchers and practitioners in geography, economics, operations research, industrial engineering, and computer science. Given the tremendous advances location science has seen from its humble beginnings, it is time to look back. The contributions in this volume were written by eminent experts in the field, each surveying the original contributions that created the field, and then providing an up-to-date review of the latest contributions. Specific areas that are covered in this volume include: • The three main fields of inquiry: minisum and minimax problems and covering models • Nonstandard location models, including those with competitive components, models that locate undesirable facilities, models with probabilistic features, and problems that allow interactions between facilities • Descriptions and detailed examinations of exact techniques including the famed Weiszfeld method, and heuristic methods ranging from Lagrangean techniques to Greedy algorithms • A look at the spheres of influence that the facilities generate and that attract customers to them, a topic crucial in planning retail facilities • The theory of central places, which, other than in mathematical games, where location science was born

La localización de servicios ("Facility location" en inglés) pretende encontrar el emplazamiento de uno o más centros (servicios) de modo que se optimice una determinada función objetivo. Dicha función objetivo puede, por ejemplo, tratar de minimizar el coste de transporte, proporcionar a los clientes un servicio de forma equitativa, capturar la mayor cuota de mercado posible, etc. La localización de servicios abarca muchos campos, como la investigación operativa, la ingeniería industrial, la geografía, la economía, las matemáticas, el marketing, el planning urbanístico, además de otros muchos campos relacionados. Existen muchos problemas de localización en la vida real, como por ejemplo,

la localización de hospitales, de colegios o vertederos, por nombrar algunos. Para ser capaces de obtener soluciones a los problemas de localización, es necesario desarrollar/diseñar un modelo que represente la realidad lo más fielmente posible. Dichos modelos pueden llegar a ser realmente difíciles de tratar. Muchos algoritmos de optimización global, exactos y heurísticos han sido propuestos para resolver problemas de localización. Los algoritmos exactos se caracterizan por ser capaces de obtener el óptimo global con una cierta precisión. Sin embargo, suelen ser altamente costosos desde el punto de vista computacional, lo que implica que, en determinados casos, sea imposible aplicarlos para resolver un problema. Los algoritmos heurísticos se alzan entonces como una buena alternativa. No obstante, en determinadas circunstancias, los requerimientos computacionales son tan elevados, que el uso de algoritmos heurísticos ejecutándose en procesadores estándares no es suficiente. En tales situaciones, la computación de altas prestaciones es necesaria. Esta tesis, "Solving competitive location problems via memetic algorithms. High performance computing approaches" (Algoritmos meméticos para problemas de localización competitiva. Computación de altas prestaciones), proporciona, por un lado, algoritmos heurísticos capaces de resolver problemas de localización, tanto en el dominio continuo como en el discreto y, por otro lado, técnicas paralelas que permiten reducir el tiempo de ejecución, resolver problemas más grandes, e incluso en ocasiones mejorar la calidad de las soluciones. Esta tesis incluye tres partes bien diferenciadas, cada una de las cuales se divide en varios capítulos. La primera parte Preliminaries (Preliminares), está compuesta por tres capítulos que revisan el estado actual de la optimización global, de la computación de altas prestaciones y de la ciencia de la localización, respectivamente. El Capítulo 1 comienza con la definición de los problemas de optimización, y continúa con la introducción de diferentes métodos heurísticos para tratar con ellos. El Capítulo 2 describe brevemente algunas de las arquitecturas paralelas y de los modelos de programación paralelos. Finalmente, en el Capítulo 3, se describen y analizan los principales ingredientes de la localización de servicios, y se presenta una revisión sobre problemas de localización continuos y discretos. La segunda parte de la tesis, Solving continuous location problems (Resolviendo problemas de localización continua), comienza en el Capítulo 4, donde se presenta un problema de localización competitiva en el plano y se revisan dos técnicas previamente propuestas en la literatura para resolverlo. Posteriormente, se describe un nuevo algoritmo evolutivo para resolver óptimamente el problema, llamado UEGO, y se comparan todas las alternativas. Finalmente, varias estrategias paralelas basadas en el algoritmo UEGO son analizadas y evaluadas. En el Capítulo 5, el problema de localizar un solo centro en el plano, se extiende al caso en el que la cadena o empresa quiere emplazar más de un servicio. Para abordar este problema, se adapta el algoritmo UEGO presentado en el Capítulo 4, además de otras técnicas descritas en la literatura. A través de un extenso estudio computacional, todos los algoritmos son comparados y se concluye que UEGO es el mejor de todos ellos, tanto por su eficiencia como por su efectividad. UEGO es usado para realizar un estudio de sensibilidad con el fin de chequear los cambios de diseño/localización óptima cuando los parámetros del modelo cambian. Finalmente, se presentan y evalúan varias técnicas paralelas para tratar el problema de localización de varios centros. El Capítulo 6 está dedicado al problema de líder-seguidor. En dicho problema, tras la localización del líder, el competidor reacciona localizando otro nuevo centro en el lugar que maximice su propio beneficio. El objetivo del líder es encontrar la solución que maximice su beneficio, sabiendo que posteriormente, la competencia localizará un nuevo centro. Por tanto, hay que resolver dos problemas simultáneamente: el problema del seguidor, también denominado medianoide, y el problema del líder o centroide. El modelo del problema del líder-seguidor se describe al principio del capítulo. Posteriormente, se proponen y evalúan varios algoritmos para resolver tanto el problema del medianoide como el del centroide. El capítulo finaliza con la paralelización de uno de los algoritmos propuestos. La tercera parte de la tesis, Solving discrete location problems (Resolviendo problemas de localización discreta), comienza en el Capítulo 7 con una introducción sobre algunos problemas de localización discreta. Este capítulo analiza aquellos casos en los que dichos problemas podrían presentar varias soluciones óptimas. Además, se muestra cómo un usuario experimentado podría obtenerlas, y se establecen algunos criterios para seleccionar una solución óptima entre diferentes alternativas. El capítulo finaliza con la descripción del algoritmo MSH, un heurístico ampliamente usado en la literatura para la resolución de problemas de localización discreta. El Capítulo 8 describe un algoritmo genético multimodal, GASUB, capaz de resolver varios problemas de localización discreta. El algoritmo tiene diferentes parámetros de entrada que pueden ser ajustados para alcanzar diferentes metas. En este capítulo, el objetivo es obtener al menos una solución óptima, pero invirtiendo el menor esfuerzo (tiempo) computacional posible. Para tal fin, se lleva a cabo un estudio previo y se determina el conjunto de parámetros adecuado. GASUB, con este conjunto de parámetros, es comparado con el optimizador Xpress-MP y con la heurística MSH, los cuales son capaces de obtener un único óptimo global (de manera directa). Sin embargo, teniendo en cuenta que los problemas de localización discreta considerados en esta tesis pueden tener más de una solución óptima, en el Capítulo 9 se analiza la posibilidad de explotar las propiedades multimodales de GASUB. Con este fin, se propone un nuevo conjunto de parámetros, con el que GASUB es nuevamente evaluado. Finalmente, se da una paralelización de GASUB y se estudian algunas de las soluciones globales encontradas por los algoritmos. La tesis finaliza con un resumen sobre los principales resultados obtenidos y sobre las líneas de investigación futura.

Every one relies on some kind of transportation system nearly every day. Going to work, shopping, dropping children at school and many other cultural or social activities imply leaving home, and using some form of transportation, which we expect to be efficient and reliable. Of course, efficiency and reliability do not occur by chance, but require careful and often relatively complex planning by transportation system managers, both in the public and private sectors. It has long been recognized that mathematics, and, more specifically, operations research is an important tool of this planning process. However, the range of skills required to cover both fields, even partially, is very large, and the opportunities to gather people with this very diverse expertise are too few. The organization of the NATO Advanced Studies Institute on "Operations Research and Decision Aid

Methodologies in Traffic and Transportation Management" in March 1997 in Balatonfüred, Hungary, was therefore more than welcome and the group of people that gathered for a very studious two weeks on the shores of the beautiful lake Balaton did really enjoy the truly multidisciplinary and high scientific level of the meeting. The purpose of the present volume is to report, in a chronological order, the various questions that were considered by the lecturers and the' students at the institute. After a general introduction to the topic, the first week focused on issues related to traffic modeling, mostly in an urban context.

This book's aim is to provide several different kinds of information: a delineation of general metaheuristics methods, a number of state-of-the-art articles from a variety of well-known classical application areas as well as an outlook to modern computational methods in promising new areas. Therefore, this book may equally serve as a textbook in graduate courses for students, as a reference book for people interested in engineering or social sciences, and as a collection of new and promising avenues for researchers working in this field.

While being an experiment within itself to teach normative design theory, this comprehensive book treats engineering design as a decision-making process, which it is, from a quantitative point of view. This opens a host of well-developed methods to application, including a mathematically rigorous treatment of risk and uncertainty in design. The book is designed to assist the reader by defining the boundaries of a discipline, providing order for the learning process, and assisting the reader in self testing. Provides a number of new methods and aids to engineering design: Cartoons for identifying system options; Scenario Diagrams for system simulation; an approach to the measurement of information relating to specific decisions; an overall and general approach to engineering design; a rigorous treatment of risk and uncertainty in engineering design, including measures of system value that are valid under risk and uncertainty; and an explanation of the principles of game theory as applied to engineering design.

1. Theme and focus Few books are available to integrate the models for facilities siting, transportation, and land-use. Employing state-of-the-art quantitative-models and case-studies, this book would guide the siting of such facilities as transportation terminals, warehouses, nuclear power plants, military bases, landfills, emergency shelters, state parks, and industrial plants. The book also shows the use of statistical tools for forecasting and analyzing implications of land-use decisions. The idea is that land-use on a map is necessarily a consequence of individual, and often conflicting, siting decisions over time. Since facilities often develop to form a community, these decisions are interrelated spatially—i. e. , they need to be accessible to one another via the transportation system. It is our thesis that a common methodological procedure exists to analyze all these spatial-temporal constructs. While there are several monographs and texts on subjects related to this book's, this volume is unique in that it integrates existing practical and theoretical works on facility-location, transportation, and land-use. Instead of dealing with individual facility-location, transportation, or the resulting land-use pattern individually, it provides the underlying principles that are behind these types of models. Particularly of interest is the emphasis on counter-intuitive decisions that often escape our minds unless deliberate steps of analysis are taken. Oriented toward the fundamental principles of infrastructure management, the book transcends the traditional engineering and planning disciplines, where the main concerns are often exclusively either physical design, fiscal, socioeconomic or political considerations. This comprehensive and clearly structured book presents essential information on modern Location Science. The book is divided into three parts: basic concepts, advanced concepts and applications. Written by the most respected specialists in the field and thoroughly reviewed by the editors, it first lays out the fundamental problems in Location Science and provides the reader with basic background information on location theory. Part II covers advanced models and concepts, broadening and expanding on the content presented in Part I. It provides the reader with important tools to help them understand and solve real-world location problems. Part III is dedicated to linking Location Science with other areas like GIS, telecommunications, healthcare, rapid transit networks, districting problems and disaster events, presenting a wide range of applications. This part enables the reader to understand the role of facility location in such areas, as well as to learn how to handle realistic location problems. The book is intended for researchers working on theory and applications involving location problems and models. It is also suitable as a textbook for graduate courses on facility location.

First published in 1999, this volume consists of selected papers presented at the North American Meetings of the RSAI along with invited contributions from scholars active in the field of spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis. It is meant to present diverse lines of research in spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis under the multidisciplinary umbrella of Geographic Information Science. The first part explores selected theoretical and conceptual aspects of spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis not confined to any specific application domain. Part 2 consists of six chapters focusing on various forms of location decision and analysis problems. Finally, part 3 contains five chapters on various spatial decision problems whose systemic scope sets them apart from locational decision problems.

When it comes to facilities planning, engineers turn to this book to explore the most current practices. The new edition continues to guide them through each step in the planning process. The updated material includes more discussions on economics, the supply chain, and ports of entry. It takes a more global perspective while incorporating new case studies to show how the information is applied in the field. Many of the chapters have been streamlined as well to focus on the most relevant topics. All of this will help engineers approach facilities planning with creativity and precision.

The focus of Supply Chain Engineering is the engineering design and planning of supply chain systems. There exists a very large variety of supply chain system types, all with different goals, constraints, and decisions, but a systematic approach for the design and planning of any supply chain can be based on the principles and methods of system engineering. In this book, author Marc Goetschalckx presents material developed at the Georgia Tech Supply Chain and Logistics Institute, the largest supply chain and logistics research and education program in the world. The book can be roughly divided into four sections. The first section focuses on data management. Since most of planning and design requires making decisions today so that supply chain functions can be executed efficiently in the future, this section introduces forecasting principles and techniques. The second section of the book focuses on transportation systems. First, the characteristics of transportation assets and infrastructure are shown. Then four chapters focus on the planning of transportation activities depending on who controls the transportation assets. The third section of the book is focused on storing goods, and the last section of the book is focused on supply chain systems that consider simultaneously procurement, production, and transportation and inventory as well as the design of the supply chain infrastructure or network design. In each chapter, first a model of the process being studied is developed followed by a

description of practical solution algorithms. More advanced material is typically described in appendices. This makes it possible to use an integrated, breath-first treatment of supply chain systems by using the initial material in each chapter. A more in depth treatment of a specific topic or process can be found towards the end of each chapter. End-of-chapter exercises are included throughout. This text is suitable for several target audiences. The first target is a course for upper-level undergraduate students on supply chains. The second target is the use in a capstone senior design project in the supply chain area. The third target is an introductory course on supply chains either in a master of engineering or a master of business administration program, and the final audience consists of students attending logistics or supply chain post-graduate or continuing education courses.

An introduction to pragmatic methods for solving complex problems in facilities location: choosing from among known feasible sites or a broad range described as an area, placing facilities, and assigning customers. It emphasizes careful location and customer allocation to determine optimum use of time and cost - improving flow of materials and services and reducing the need for duplication or construction redundancies.

The book covers both theory and applications of locational analysis (LocAn). The reader will see the power of LocAn models in various real-world contexts, varying from communication design to robotics and mail delivery. It is divided into two parts. The first part contains an overview of some of the LocAn methodologies. The second part describes in thorough detail some selected applications. The text provides researchers with an excellent and well thought-out review of available location models.

This book deals with location problems. Location problems establish a set of facilities (resources) to minimize the cost of satisfying a set of demands (customers) with respect to a set of constraints. There are four components that describe location problems: customers, who are assumed to be already located at points or on routes, facilities that will be located, a space in which customers and facilities are located, and a metric that indicates geographical and chronological distances between customers and facilities. This book describes these parts in each specific location model. Location models are used in a variety of applications such as locating warehouses within a supply chain to minimize the average time to market, locating noxious material to maximize its distance to the public, etc. In this book, readers can find these applications exemplified by real-world cases for each particular model. The relationship between location problems and other areas such as supply chains is also considered here.

This book gives readers the tools they need to achieve work design that is ergonomically effective while remaining economically feasible. Whether studying work design/ergonomics in a college classroom, preparing for the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics (BCPE) exam, or working as a professional in the field, readers can depend on this book to provide them with the information they need. Work Design is a single source for ergonomics, work design, and work measurement. Its engineering orientation equips readers with practical design information and procedures; its explicit organization, conversational style, and clear explanations make it easy to read and understand. The book's many charts and graphics dynamically illustrate important concepts and principles, and its extensive references give readers confidence in the material.

Discrete and computational geometry are two fields which in recent years have benefitted from the interaction between mathematics and computer science. The results are applicable in areas such as motion planning, robotics, scene analysis, and computer aided design. The book consists of twelve chapters summarizing the most recent results and methods in discrete and computational geometry. All authors are well-known experts in these fields. They give concise and self-contained surveys of the most efficient combinatorial, probabilistic and topological methods that can be used to design effective geometric algorithms for the applications mentioned above. Most of the methods and results discussed in the book have not appeared in any previously published monograph. In particular, this book contains the first systematic treatment of epsilon-nets, geometric transversal theory, partitions of Euclidean spaces and a general method for the analysis of randomized geometric algorithms. Apart from mathematicians working in discrete and computational geometry this book will also be of great use to computer scientists and engineers, who would like to learn about the most recent results.

This book presents recent research in intelligent and fuzzy techniques. Emerging conditions such as pandemic, wars, natural disasters and various high technologies force people for significant changes in business and social life. The adoption of digital technologies to transform services or businesses, through replacing non-digital or manual processes with digital processes or replacing older digital technology with newer digital technologies through intelligent systems is the main scope of this book. It focuses on revealing the reflection of digital transformation in our business and social life under emerging conditions through intelligent and fuzzy systems. The latest intelligent and fuzzy methods and techniques on digital transformation are introduced by theory and applications. The intended readers are intelligent and fuzzy systems researchers, lecturers, M.Sc. and Ph.D. students studying digital transformation. Usage of ordinary fuzzy sets and their extensions, heuristics and metaheuristics from optimization to machine learning, from quality management to risk management makes the book an excellent source for researchers.

Efficient assembly line design is a problem of considerable industrial importance. Assembly Line Design will be bought by technical personnel working in design, planning and production departments in industry as well as managers in industry who want to learn more about concurrent engineering. This book will also be purchased by researchers and postgraduate students in mechanical, manufacturing or micro-engineering.

Batch manufacturing is a dominant manufacturing activity in the world, generating a great deal of industrial output. In the coming years, we are going to witness an era of mass customization of products. The major problems in batch manufacturing are a high level of product variety and small manufacturing lot sizes. The product variations present design engineers with the problem of designing many different parts. The decisions made in the design stage significantly affect manufacturing cost, quality and delivery lead times. The impacts of these product variations in manufacturing are high investment in equipment, high tooling costs, complex scheduling and loading, lengthy setup time and costs, excessive scrap and high quality control costs. However, to compete in a global market, it is essential to improve the productivity in small batch manufacturing industries. For this purpose, some innovative methods are needed to reduce product cost, lead time and enhance product quality to help increase market share and profitability. What is also needed is a higher level of integration of the design and manufacturing activities in a company. Group technology provides such a link between design and manufacturing. The adoption of group technology concepts, which allow for small batch production to gain economic advantages similar to mass production while retaining the flexibility of job shop methods, will help address some of the problems.

The study of operations research arose during World War II to enhance the effectiveness of weapons and equipment used on the battlefield. Since then, operations research techniques have also been used to solve several sophisticated and complex defense-related problems. Operations Research for Military Organizations is a critical scholarly resource that examines the issues that have an impact on aspects of contemporary quantitative applications of operations research methods in the military. It also addresses innovative applications, techniques, and methodologies to assist in solving defense and military-related problems. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as combat planning, tactical decision aids, and weapon system simulations, this book is geared towards defense contractors, military consultants, military personnel, policy makers, and government departments seeking current research on defense methodologies.

Computational Issues in High Performance Software for Nonlinear Research brings together in one place important contributions and up-to-date research results in this important area. Computational Issues in High Performance Software for Nonlinear Research serves as an excellent reference, providing insight into some of the most important research issues in the field. Facility location theory develops the idea of locating one or more facilities by optimizing suitable criteria such as minimizing transportation cost, or capturing the largest market share. The contributions in this book focus an approach to facility location theory through game theoretical tools highlighting situations where a location decision is faced by several decision makers and leading to a game theoretical framework in non-cooperative and cooperative methods. Models and methods regarding the facility location via game theory are explored and applications are illustrated through economics, engineering, and physics. Mathematicians, engineers, economists and computer scientists working in theory, applications and computational aspects of facility location problems using game theory will find this book useful.

This volume introduces the latest popular methods for conducting business research. The goal of each chapter author--a leading authority in a particular subject area--is to provide an understanding of each method with a minimum of mathematical derivations. The chapters are organized within three general interrelated topics--Measurement, Decision Analysis, and Modeling. The chapters on measurement discuss generalizability theory, latent trait and latent class models, and multi-faceted Rasch modeling. The chapters on decision analysis feature applied location theory models, data envelopment analysis, and heuristic search procedures. The chapters on modeling examine exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, dynamic factor analysis, partial least squares and structural equation modeling, multilevel data analysis, modeling of longitudinal data by latent growth curve methods and structures, and configural models of longitudinal categorical data.

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VII Preface In many fields of mathematics, geometry has established itself as a fruitful method and common language for describing basic phenomena and problems as well as suggesting ways of solutions. Especially in pure mathematics this is obvious and well-known (examples are the much discussed interplay between linear algebra and analytical geometry and several problems in multidimensional analysis). On the other hand, many specialists from applied mathematics seem to prefer more formal analytical and numerical methods and representations. Nevertheless, very often the internal development of disciplines from applied mathematics led to geometric models, and occasionally breakthroughs were based on geometric insights. An excellent example is the Klee-Minty cube, solving a problem of linear programming by transforming it into a geometric problem. Also the development of convex programming in recent decades demonstrated the power of methods that evolved within the field of convex geometry. The present book focuses on three applied disciplines: control theory, location science and computational geometry. It is our aim to demonstrate how methods and topics from convex geometry in a wider sense (separation theory of convex cones, Minkowski geometry, convex partitionings, etc.) can help to solve various problems from these disciplines.

Practitioners in process industry have to increasingly adapt their global production networks to changes in the competitive environment. A majority of the supply network design models proposed by academia do not sufficiently capture the questions that have to be resolved. This book provides the necessary operations research decision support tools. It builds on an example of the specialty chemicals industry.

This book presents a comprehensive approach towards the industrialization of building. It argues that only industrialization and automation can bring radical changes necessary to the building industry.

This book, companion to Foundations of Location Analysis (Springer, 2011), highlights some of the applications of location analysis within the spheres of businesses, those that deal with public services and applications that deal with law enforcement and first responders. While the Foundations book reviewed the theory and first contributions, this book describes how different location techniques have been used to solve real problems. Since many real problems comprise multiple objectives, in this book there is more presence of tools from multicriteria decision making and multiple-objective optimization. The section on business applications looks at such problems as locating bank branches, the potential location of a logistics park, sustainable forest management and layout problems in a hospital, a much more difficult type of problem than mere location problems. The section on public services presents chapters on the design of habitats for wildlife, control of forest fires, the location of intelligent sensors along highways for timely emergency response, locating breast cancer screening centers, an economic analysis for the locations of post offices and school location. The final section of the book includes chapters on the well-known problem of locating fire stations, a model for the location of sensors for travel time information, the problem of police districting, locations of jails, location of Coast Guard vessels and finally, a survey of military applications of location analysis throughout different periods of recent history.

Providing a comprehensive introduction to quantitative methods for facility layout and location, this text is directed at senior and graduate level students in industrial engineering, manufacturing systems, management science, and operations research curricula. Problems of facility layout and location are treated together because of the similarity between arranging the space in a single facility and arranging a systems of facilities. An introduction to the field's issues and literature is included, along with the basic tools and methodologies. The second edition revises over half of the text to provide material reflecting the most current developments. Chapters contain explanations of what layout and location problems are, how to collect data, and show how to model and solve such problems.

This book is a collection of research papers in optimization and approximation dedicated to Professor Minyi Yue of the Institute of Applied Mathematics, Beijing, China. The papers provide a broad spectrum of research on optimization problems, including scheduling, location, assignment, linear and nonlinear programming problems as well as problems in molecular biology. The emphasis of the book is on algorithmic aspects of research work in optimization. Special attention is paid to approximation algorithms, including heuristics for combinatorial approximation problems, approximation algorithms for global optimization problems, and applications of approximations in real problems. The work provides the state of the art for researchers in mathematical programming, operations research, theoretical computer science and applied mathematics.

About the Handbook of Industrial Robotics, Second Edition: "Once again, the Handbook of Industrial Robotics, in its Second Edition, explains the good ideas and knowledge that are needed for solutions."
-Christopher B. Galvin, Chief Executive Officer, Motorola, Inc. "The material covered in this Handbook reflects the new generation of robotics developments. It is a powerful educational resource for students,

engineers, and managers, written by a leading team of robotics experts." - Yukio Hasegawa, Professor Emeritus, Waseda University, Japan. "The Second Edition of the Handbook of Industrial Robotics organizes and systematizes the current expertise of industrial robotics and its forthcoming capabilities. These efforts are critical to solve the underlying problems of industry. This continuation is a source of power. I believe this Handbook will stimulate those who are concerned with industrial robots, and motivate them to be great contributors to the progress of industrial robotics." -Hiroshi Okuda, President, Toyota Motor Corporation. "This Handbook describes very well the available and emerging robotics capabilities. It is a most comprehensive guide, including valuable information for both the providers and consumers of creative robotics applications." -Donald A. Vincent, Executive Vice President, Robotic Industries Association 120 leading experts from twelve countries have participated in creating this Second Edition of the Handbook of Industrial Robotics. Of its 66 chapters, 33 are new, covering important new topics in the theory, design, control, and applications of robotics. Other key features include a larger glossary of robotics terminology with over 800 terms and a CD-ROM that vividly conveys the colorful motions and intelligence of robotics. With contributions from the most prominent names in robotics worldwide, the Handbook remains the essential resource on all aspects of this complex subject.

"Facilities Design" covers modeling and analysis of the design, layout and location of facilities. It also covers design and analysis of materials handling.

Distribution logistics have been strongly affected by recent economic trends: globalization of markets, deregulation of the European freight traffic, a growing part of just-in-time deliveries and both increased competition and strategic cooperation between all parties involved. The book covers in a systematic way the strategic, tactical and operational planning of distribution systems and processes. It gives an overview of the relevant quantitative models and techniques as well as of applications in industry presented through numerous case studies. Researchers and practitioners will thus equally benefit from this volume.

The 5th International Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems (HAIS 2010) has become a unique, established and broad interdisciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners who are involved in developing and applying symbolic and sub-symbolic techniques aimed at the construction of highly robust and reliable problem-solving techniques, and bringing the most relevant achievements in this field. Overcoming the rigid encasing imposed by the arising orthodoxy in the field of artificial intelligence, which has led to the partition of researchers into so-called areas or fields, interest in hybrid intelligent systems is growing because they give freedom to design innovative solutions to the ever-increasing complexities of real-world problems. Noise and uncertainty call for probabilistic (often Bayesian) methods, while the huge amount of data in some cases asks for fast heuristic (in the sense of suboptimal and ad-hoc) algorithms able to give answers in acceptable time frames. High dimensionality demands linear and non-linear dimensionality reduction and feature extraction algorithms, while the imprecision and vagueness call for fuzzy reasoning and linguistic variable formalization. Nothing impedes real-life problems to mix difficulties, presenting huge quantities of noisy, vague and high-dimensional data; therefore, the design of solutions must be able to resort to any tool of the trade to attack the problem. Combining diverse paradigms poses challenging problems of computational and methodological interfacing of several previously incompatible approaches. This is, thus, the setting of HAIS conference series, and its increasing success is the proof of the vitality of this exciting field.

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