

## Operations Research Problems And Solutions By V K Kapoor

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.

This revised edition elucidates the key concepts and methods of operations research. It aims to supplement textbooks on Operations Research (OR) and upgrade student's knowledge and skills in the subject. Salient features " Updated and suffused with numerous Using a wide range of operational research (OR) optimization examples, Applied Operational Research with SAS demonstrates how the OR procedures in SAS work. The book is one of the first to extensively cover the application of SAS procedures to OR problems, such as single criterion optimization, project management decisions, printed circuit board assembly, and multiple criteria decision making. The text begins with the algorithms and methods for linear programming, integer linear programming, and goal programming models. It then describes the principles of several OR procedures in SAS. Subsequent chapters explain how to use these procedures to solve various types of OR problems. Each of these chapters describes the concept of an OR problem, presents an example of the problem, and discusses the specific procedure and its macros for the optimal solution of the problem. The macros include data handling, model building, and report writing. While primarily designed for SAS users in OR and marketing analytics, the book can also be used by readers interested in mathematical modeling techniques. By formulating the OR problems as mathematical models, the authors show how SAS can solve a variety of optimization problems.

Operations Research (OR) began as an interdisciplinary activity to solve complex military problems during World War II. Utilizing principles from mathematics, engineering, business, computer science, economics, and statistics, OR has developed into a full fledged academic discipline with practical application in business, industry, government and military. Currently regarded as a body of established mathematical models and methods essential to solving complicated management issues, OR provides quantitative analysis of problems from which managers can make objective decisions. Operations Research and Management Science (OR/MS) methodologies continue to flourish in numerous decision making fields. Featuring a mix of international authors, Operations Research and Management Science Handbook combines OR/MS models, methods, and applications into one comprehensive, yet concise volume. The first resource to reach for when confronting OR/MS difficulties, this text – Provides a single source guide in OR/MS Bridges theory and practice Covers all topics relevant to OR/MS Offers a quick reference guide for students, researchers and practitioners Contains unified and up-to-date coverage designed and edited with non-experts in mind Discusses software availability for all OR/MS techniques Includes contributions from a mix of domestic and international experts The 26 chapters in the handbook are divided into two parts. Part I contains 14 chapters that cover the fundamental OR/MS models and methods. Each chapter gives an overview of a particular OR/MS model, its solution methods and illustrates successful applications. Part II of the handbook contains 11 chapters discussing the OR/MS applications in specific areas. They include airlines, e-commerce, energy systems, finance, military, production systems, project management, quality control, reliability, supply chain management and water resources. Part II ends with a chapter on the future of OR/MS applications.

This edited volume is an introduction to diverse methods and applications in operations research focused on local populations and community-based organizations that have the potential to improve the lives of individuals and communities in tangible ways. The book's themes include: space, place and community; disadvantaged, underrepresented or underserved populations; international and transnational applications; multimethod, cross-disciplinary and comparative approaches and appropriate technology; and analytics. The book is comprised of eleven original submissions, a re-print of a 2007 article by Johnson and Smilowitz that introduces CBOR, and an introductory chapter that provides policy motivation, antecedents to CBOR in OR/MS, a theory of CBOR and a comprehensive review of the chapters. It is hoped that this book will provide a resource to academics and practitioners who seek to develop methods and applications that bridge the divide between traditional OR/MS rooted in mathematical models and newer streams in 'soft OR' that emphasize problem structuring methods, critical approaches to OR/MS and community engagement and capacity-building.

This book elucidates the key concepts and methods of operations research. It supplements textbooks on operations research and upgrades students knowledge and skills in the subject. This book has been written particularly for those whose primary interest is the application of operations research techniques, hence mathematical derivations have been omitted.

The objective of this book is to provide a valuable compendium of problems as a reference for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, researchers and practitioners of operations research and management science. These problems can serve as a basis for the development or study of assignments and exams. Also, they can be useful as a guide for the first stage of the model formulation, i.e. the definition of a problem. The book is divided into 11 chapters that address the following topics: Linear programming, integer programming, non linear programming, network modeling, inventory theory, queue theory, tree decision, game theory, dynamic programming and markov processes. Readers are going to find a considerable number of statements of operations research applications for management decision-making. The solutions of these problems are provided in a concise way although all topics start with a more developed resolution. The proposed problems are based on the research experience of the authors in real-world companies so much as on the teaching experience of the authors in order to develop exam problems for industrial engineering and business administration studies.

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

Economics and Operational Research explores the possible connections of the organization of human and material resources by concentrating on the interpretations of management decisions at various levels in the economy. This book

discusses economics and mathematics as an analytical tool. Organized into 10 chapters, this book begins with an overview of how consumers manage their own budgets and how manufacturers select their production processes. This text then described generally how consumers and producers react to each other. Other chapters consider the problem of the transportation of goods through busy road networks and the efficiency attained through central planning. This book discusses as well the control of congestion that arises through decentralization and the construction of an overall planning model. The final chapter discusses the important aspects of national planning, wherein the collection of all consumers and producers makes up one large economic system. This book is a valuable resource for management and engineering personnel.

Thoroughly classroom-tested over the past eight years, this book focuses on the study of linear optimization (both continuous and discrete), and it also emphasizes the modeling of real problems as linear optimization problems and designs algorithms to solve them. Topics in linear programming, network optimization, and integer programming are discussed, and three aspects of deterministic operations research are emphasized: modeling real-world problems as linear optimization problems; designing algorithms (both heuristic and exact methods) to solve these problems; and using mathematical theory to improve the understanding of the problem, to improve existing algorithms, and to design new algorithms. These three aspects are important for both researchers and practitioners of operations research. Such topics are not always in the forefront of operations research textbooks, and while it is true that many books highlight optimization modeling and algorithms to solve these problems, very few, if any, explicitly discuss the algorithm design process used to solve problems. This book successfully fills this gap in the literature and incorporates these components into the study of linear and integer programming, currently the two most-used optimization models in business and industry. Each chapter of the book is designed to be the continuation of the "story" of how to both model and solve optimization problems by using the specific problems (linear and integer programs) as guides. This enables the reader (and instructors) to see how solution methods can be derived instead of just seeing the final product (the algorithms themselves). Numerous examples and problems as well as relevant historical summaries can be found throughout the text. Each chapter contains at least 20 problems per chapter, with some chapters having many more problems.

The Mathematical Aspects Of Operations Research And Systems Analysis Concerned With Optimization Of Objectives Form The Subject Of This Book. In Its Revised, Updated And Enlarged Third Edition, Discussion On Linear Programming Has Been Expanded And Recast With Greater Emphasis On Duality Theory, Sensitivity Analysis, Parametric Programming, Multiobjective And Goal Programming And Formulation And Solution Of Practical Problems. Chapters On Nonlinear Programming Include Integer Programming, Kuhn-Tucker Theory, Separable And Quadratic Programming, Dynamic Programming, Geometric Programming And Direct Search And Gradient Methods. A Chapter On Theory Of Games Is Also Included. A Short Note On Karmarkars Projective Algorithm Is Given In The Appendix. The Book Keeps In View The Needs Of The Student Taking A Regular Course In Operations Research Or Mathematical Programming, And Also Of Research Scholars In Other Disciplines Who Have A Limited Objective Of Learning The Practical Aspects Of Various Optimization Methods To Solve Their Special Problems. For The Former, Illustrative Solved Examples And Unsolved Examples At The End Of Each Chapter, Small Enough To Be Solved By Hand, Would Be Of Greater Interest, While For The Latter, Summaries Of Computational Algorithms For Various Methods Which Would Help Him To Write Computer Programmes To Solve Larger Problems Would Be More Helpful. A Few Computer Programmes In Fortran Iv Have Also Been Given In The Appendix.

The field of operations research provides a scientific approach to managerial decision making. In a contemporary, hypercompetitive ever-changing business world, a manager needs quantitative and factual ways of solving problems related to optimal allocation of resources, profit/loss, maximization/minimization etc. In this endeavor, the subject of doing research on how to manage and make operations efficient is termed as Operations Research. The reference text provides conceptual and analytical knowledge for various operations research techniques. Readers, especially students of this subject, are skeptic in dealing with the subject because of its emphasis on mathematics. However, this book has tried to remove such doubts by focusing on the application part of OR techniques with minimal usage of mathematics. The attempt was to make students comfortable with some complicated topics of the subject. It covers important concepts including sensitivity analysis, duality theory, transportation solution method, Hungarian algorithm, program evaluation and review technique and periodic review system. Aimed at senior undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of mechanical engineering, civil engineering, industrial engineering and production engineering, this book:

- Discusses extensive use of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and formulas in solving operations research problems
- Provides case studies and unsolved exercises at the end of each chapter
- Covers industrial applications of various operations research techniques in a comprehensive manner
- Discusses creating spreadsheets and using different Excel formulas in an easy-to-understand manner
- Covers problem-solving procedures for techniques including linear programming, transportation model and game theory

"New to the tenth edition : a chapter on linear programming under uncertainty that includes topics such as robust optimization, chance constraints, and stochastic programming with recourse ; a section on the recent rise of analytics together with operations research ; analytic solver platform for education, exciting new software that provides an all-in-one package for formulating and solving many OR models in spreadsheets."--Page 4 de la couverture.

The breadth of information about operations research and the overwhelming size of previous sources on the subject make it a difficult topic for non-specialists to grasp. Fortunately, Introduction to the Mathematics of Operations Research with Mathematica®, Second Edition delivers a concise analysis that benefits professionals in operations research and related fields in statistics, management, applied mathematics, and finance. The second edition retains the character of the earlier version, while incorporating developments in the sphere of operations research, technology, and mathematics

pedagogy. Covering the topics crucial to applied mathematics, it examines graph theory, linear programming, stochastic processes, and dynamic programming. This self-contained text includes an accompanying electronic version and a package of useful commands. The electronic version is in the form of Mathematica notebooks, enabling you to devise, edit, and execute/reexecute commands, increasing your level of comprehension and problem-solving. Mathematica sharpens the impact of this book by allowing you to conveniently carry out graph algorithms, experiment with large powers of adjacency matrices in order to check the path counting theorem and Markov chains, construct feasible regions of linear programming problems, and use the "dictionary" method to solve these problems. You can also create simulators for Markov chains, Poisson processes, and Brownian motions in Mathematica, increasing your understanding of the defining conditions of these processes. Among many other benefits, Mathematica also promotes recursive solutions for problems related to first passage times and absorption probabilities.

Operations research, 2e is the study of optimization techniques. Designed to cater to the syllabi requirements of Indian universities, this book on operations research reinforces the concepts discussed in each chapter with solved problems. A unique feature of this book is that with its focus on coherence and clarity, it hand-holds students through the solutions, each step of the way.

The Student Solutions Manual contains solutions to selected problems in the book.

This text, now in the Third Edition, aims to provide students with a clear, well-structured and comprehensive treatment of the theory and applications of operations research. The methodology used is to first introduce the students to the fundamental concepts through numerical illustrations and then explain the underlying theory, wherever required. Inclusion of case studies in the existing chapters makes learning easier and more effective. The book introduces the readers to various models of Operations Research (OR), such as transportation model, assignment model, inventory models, queueing theory and integer programming models. Various techniques to solve OR problems' faced by managers are also discussed. Separate chapters are devoted to Linear Programming, Dynamic Programming and Quadratic Programming which greatly help in the decision-making process. The text facilitates easy comprehension of topics by the students due to inclusion of:

- Examples and situations from the Indian context.
- Numerous exercise problems arranged in a graded manner.
- A large number of illustrative examples.

The text is primarily intended for the postgraduate students of management, computer applications, commerce, mathematics and statistics. Besides, the undergraduate students of mechanical engineering and industrial engineering will find this book extremely useful. In addition, this text can also be used as a reference by OR analysts and operations managers. NEW TO THE THIRD EDITION

- Includes two new chapters: – Chapter 14: Project Management—PERT and CPM – Chapter 15: Miscellaneous Topics (Game Theory, Sequencing and Scheduling, Simulation, and Replacement Models)
- Incorporates more examples in the existing chapters to illustrate new models, algorithms and concepts
- Provides short questions and additional numerical problems for practice in each chapter

We take great pleasure in presenting to the readers the second thoroughly revised edition of the book after a number of reprints. The suggestions received from the readers have been carefully incorporated in this edition and almost the entire subject matter has been reorganised, revised and rewritten.

Mathematical methods and theories with interdisciplinary applications are presented in this book. The eighteen contributions presented in this Work have been written by eminent scientists; a few papers are based on talks which took place at the International Conference at the Hellenic Artillery School in May 2015. Each paper evaluates possible solutions to long-standing problems such as the solvability of the direct electromagnetic scattering problem, geometric approaches to cyber security, ellipsoid targeting with overlap, non-equilibrium solutions of dynamic networks, measuring ballistic dispersion, elliptic regularity theory for the numerical solution of variational problems, approximation theory for polynomials on the real line and the unit circle, complementarity and variational inequalities in electronics, new two-slope parameterized achievement scalarizing functions for nonlinear multiobjective optimization, and strong and weak convexity of closed sets in a Hilbert space. /divGraduate students, scientists, engineers and researchers in pure and applied mathematical sciences, operations research, engineering, and cyber security will find the interdisciplinary scientific perspectives useful to their overall understanding and further research.

The Subject Operations Research Is A Branch Of Mathematics. Many Authors Have Written Books On Operations Research. Most Of Them Have Mathematical Approach Rather Than Decision-Making Approach. Actually The Subject Deals With Applied Decision Theory, So I Have Dealt With The Subject With Decision-Theory Approach. The Book Has Fifteen Chapters. The First Five Chapters Deal With Linear Programming Problems, Such As Resource Allocation Problem, Transportation Problem And Assignment Problem Both Maximization And Minimization Versions. In The First Chapter, The Historical Background Of Operations Research (O.R.) And Definition And Objective Of The Subject Matter Along With Model Building Is Discussed To Help The Learners To Have Basic Knowledge Of O.R. Typical Problems Of Mathematical Orientation And Decision Making Orientation Have Been Solved. In Transportation Model And In Assignment Model, Problems Useful To Production And Operations Management Have Been Solved To Make The Students To Know The Application Part Of The Subject. The Sixth Chapter Deals With Sequencing Model, Where The Importance And Application Of The Models Is Dealt In Detail. The Problem Of Replacement Is Discussed In Chapter-7. Inventory Model With Certain Topics Like Abc, Ved, Fsn, P-System And Q-System Is Discussed To Make The Students Aware Of The Importance Of Inventory Model. Chapter-9 Deals With Waiting Line Model And Its Application With Certain Useful Problems And Their Solutions. Game Theory Or Competitive Theory Is Discussed In Chapter-10 With Certain Problems, Which Have Their Application In Real World Situation. Dynamic Programming Is Dealt In Chapter-11. The Problems Worked Out Have Practical Significance. Chapter-12 Deals With Decision Theory Where The Usefulness Of Decision Tree Is Discussed. Non-Linear Programming Is Briefly Discussed In Chapter-14 With Certain Useful Problems.

In Chapter -15, The Two Network Techniques I.E. Pert And Cpm Have Been Discussed With Typical Worked Out Examples. At The End Of The Book, Objective Type Questions, Which Are Helpful For Competitive Examinations Are Given To Help The Students To Prepare For Such Examinations.

Computer Methods in Operations Research focuses on the computational methods used in operations research. Topics covered range from list processing to sorting and searching, networks, and critical path methods. Resource-constrained scheduling methods and linear programming methods are also discussed, along with the branch and bound concept. Comprised of 11 chapters, this book begins with a review of some of the basic principles that make a software development effort successful, emphasizing the need to keep things simple and understandable. The reader is then introduced to the basic principles of list processing, searching, and sorting; the concept of networks and several matrix- and list-oriented methods for representing networks in the computer; and the critical path method. Subsequent chapters deal with more complex programs and algorithms to handle scheduling of activities under precedence and resource restrictions; the resource-constrained scheduling problem, formulated both in an exact (using integer programming) and in a heuristic manner; the design of algorithms for the solution of large linear programming problems; and the application of list processing concepts to the development of branch and bound algorithms for solution of combinatorial optimization problems. The book also considers the design of random number generators and discrete event simulation programming before concluding with a description of two programming languages, GPSS and WIDES, for use in simulation modeling. This monograph will be of value to students and practitioners of operations research and industrial engineering.

This comprehensive book provides the students with the basic knowledge of the processes involved in operations research and discusses the techniques of solutions to problems and their applications in daily life. Beginning with an overview of the operations research models and decision-making, the book describes in detail the various optimization techniques such as linear and non-linear programming, integer linear programming, dynamic programming, genetic programming, and network techniques such as PERT (program evaluation review technique) and CPM (critical path method). It also explains the transportation and assignment problems, queuing theory, games theory, sequencing, replacement and capital investment decisions and inventory. Besides, the book discusses the Monte Carlo simulation techniques for solving queuing, demand forecasting, inventory and scheduling problems and elaborates on genetic algorithms. Each mathematical technique is dealt with in two parts. The first part explains the theory underlying the methodology of solution to problems. The second part illustrates how the theory is applied to solve different kinds of problems. This book is designed as a textbook for the undergraduate students of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, production and industrial engineering, computer science and engineering and information technology. Besides, the book will also be useful to the postgraduate students of production and industrial engineering, computer applications, business administration, commerce, mathematics and statistics. **KEY FEATURES :** Includes a large number of solved problems to help students comprehend the concepts with ease. Gives step-by-step explanation of algorithms by taking problems. Provides chapter-end exercises to drill the students in self-study.

In a rapidly developing field like Operations Research, it's easy to get overwhelmed by the variety of topics and analytic techniques. Paul Jensen and Jonathan Bard help you master the expensive field by focusing on the fundamental models and methodologies underlying the practice of Operations Research. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, the author presents the quantitative tools and models most important to understanding modern operations research. You'll come to appreciate the power of OR techniques in solving real-world problems and applications in your own field. You'll learn how to translate complex situations into mathematical models, solve models and turn models into solutions. This text is designed to bridge the gap between theory and practice by presenting the quantitative tools and models most suited for modern operations research. The principal goal is to give analysts, engineers, and decision makers a larger appreciation of their roles by defining a common terminology and by explaining the interfaces between the underlying methodologies. Features Divides each subject into methods and models, giving you greater flexibility in how you approach the material. Concise and focused presentation highlights central ideas. Many examples throughout the text will help you better understand mathematical material.

Operations Research: Problems & Solutions Macmillan

This book presents fundamental concepts of optimization problems and its real-world applications in various fields. The core concepts of optimization, formulations and solution procedures of various real-world problems are provided in an easy-to-read manner. The unique feature of this book is that it presents unified knowledge of the modelling of real-world decision-making problems and provides the solution procedure using the appropriate optimization techniques. The book will help students, researchers, and faculty members to understand the need for optimization techniques for obtaining optimal solution for the decision-making problems. It provides a sound knowledge of modelling of real-world problems using optimization techniques. It is a valuable compendium of several optimization techniques for solving real-world application problems using optimization software LINGO. The book is useful for academicians, practitioners, students and researchers in the field of OR. It is written in simple language with a detailed explanation of the core concepts of optimization techniques. Readers of this book will understand the formulation of real-world problems and their solution procedures obtained using the appropriate optimization techniques.

For first courses in operations research, operations management Optimization in Operations Research, Second Edition covers a broad range of optimization techniques, including linear programming, network flows, integer/combinational optimization, and nonlinear programming. This dynamic text emphasizes the importance of modeling and problem formulation and how to apply algorithms to real-world problems to arrive at optimal solutions. Use a program that presents a better teaching and learning experience-for you and your students. Prepare students for real-world problems: Students learn how to apply algorithms to problems that get them ready for their field. Use strong pedagogy tools to teach: Key concepts are easy to follow with the text's clear and continually reinforced learning path. Enjoy the text's flexibility: The text features varying amounts of coverage, so that instructors can choose how in-depth they want to go into different topics.

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gives you Practice problems with full explanations that reinforce knowledge Coverage of the most up-to-date developments in your course field In-depth review of practices and applications Fully compatible with your classroom text, Schaum's highlights all the important facts you need to know. Use Schaum's to shorten your study time-and get your best test scores! Schaum's Outlines-Problem Solved.

Operations Research is a bouquet of mathematical techniques which have evolved over the last six decades, to improve the process of business decision making. Operations Research offers tools to optimize and find the best solutions to myriad decisions that managers have to take in their day to day operations or while carrying out strategic planning. Today, with the advent of operations research software, these tools can be applied by managers even without any knowledge of the mathematical techniques that underlie the solution procedures. The book starts with a brief introduction to various tools of operations research, such as linear programming, integer programming, multi-objective programming, queuing theory and network theory together with simple examples in each of the areas. Another introductory chapter on handling the operations research software, along with examples is also provided. The book intends to make the readers aware of the power and potential of operations research in addressing decision making in areas of operations, supply chain, financial and marketing management. The approach of this book is to demonstrate the solution to specific problems in these areas using operations research techniques and software. The reader is encouraged to use the accompanying software models to solve these problems, using detailed do-it-yourself instructions. The intended outcome for readers of this book will be gaining familiarity and an intuitive understanding of the various tools of operations research and their applications to various business situations. It is expected that this will give the reader the ability and confidence to devise models for their own business needs.

This book 'Operations Research: Theory and Practice' provides various concepts, theoretical and practical knowledge and develops the techno-managerial skills in the field of engineering. All the angles and approaches of operations applicable to both industrial and institutional needs are presented. It also provides an insight into the historical development of Operations Research. Examples and problems from usual situations that occur in industries are presented wherever necessary. Please note: Taylor & Francis does not sell or distribute the Hardback in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

"Available July 31, 2004" The 8th edition of "Introduction to Operations Research" remains the classic operations research text while incorporating a wealth of state-of-the-art, user-friendly software and more coverage of business applications than ever before. The hallmark features of this edition include clear and comprehensive coverage of fundamentals, an extensive set of interesting problems and cases, and state-of-the-practice operations research software used in conjunction with examples from the text. This edition will also feature the latest developments in OR, such as metaheuristics, simulation, and spreadsheet modeling.

This introductory text provides undergraduate and graduate students with a concise and practical introduction to the primary concepts and techniques of optimization. Practicing engineers and managers will also find useful its concentration on problems and examples relevant to them. With a strong emphasis on basic concepts and techniques throughout, the book explains the theory behind each technique as simply as possible, along with illustrations and worked examples. It gives a balanced treatment of both the linear and nonlinear programming, plus search techniques, geometric programming, and game theory. Some typical problems varying in difficulty level are solved so readers can appreciate intricacies of the underlying concepts useful for practical problem solving. Suitable for individual or group learning, the book also includes numerous end-of-chapter problems for study and review.

The purpose of this book is to introduce and explain research at the boundary between two fields that view problem solving from different perspectives. Researchers in operations research and artificial intelligence have traditionally remained separate in their activities. Recently, there has been an explosion of work at the border of the two fields, as members of both communities seek to leverage their activities and resolve problems that remain intractable to pure operations research or artificial intelligence techniques. This book presents representative results from this current flurry of activity and provides insights into promising directions for continued exploration. This book should be of special interest to researchers in artificial intelligence and operations research because it exposes a number of applications and techniques, which have benefited from the integration of problem solving strategies. Even researchers working on different applications or with different techniques can benefit from the descriptions contained here, because they provide insight into effective methods for combining approaches from the two fields. Additionally, researchers in both communities will find a wealth of pointers to challenging new problems and potential opportunities that exist at the interface between operations research and artificial intelligence. In addition to the obvious interest the book should have for members of the operations research and artificial intelligence communities, the papers here are also relevant to members of other research communities and development activities that can benefit from improvements to fundamental problem solving approaches. An exceptionally comprehensive treatment of this subject aimed at students in business, management, science, and engineering. Topics include linear, non-linear, integer, and dynamic programming, network analysis, quadratic and separable programming, inventory control, probabilistic methods, and many other topics. Numerous applications.

This volume reflects the theme of the INFORMS 2004 Meeting in Denver: Back to OR Roots. Emerging as a quantitative approach to problem-solving in World War II, our founders were physicists, mathematicians, and engineers who quickly found peace-time uses. It is fair to say that Operations Research (OR) was born in the same incubator as computer science, and it has spawned many new disciplines, such as systems engineering, health care management, and transportation science. Although people from many disciplines routinely use OR methods, many scientific researchers, engineers, and others do not understand basic OR tools and how they can help them. Disciplines ranging from finance to bioengineering are the beneficiaries of what we do — we take an interdisciplinary approach to problem-solving. Our strengths are modeling, analysis, and algorithm design. We provide a quantitative foundation for a broad spectrum of problems, from economics to medicine, from environmental control to sports, from e-commerce to computational geometry. We are both producers and consumers because the mainstream of OR is in the interfaces. As part of this effort to recognize and extend OR roots in future problem-solving, we organized a set of tutorials designed for people who heard of the topic and want to decide whether to learn it. The 90 minutes was spent addressing the questions: What is this about, in a nutshell? Why is it important? Where can I learn more? In total, we had 14 tutorials, and eight of them are published here.

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