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This dissertation is a collection of three essays in Operations Management and Management Science. Chapter 3 explains the empirical phenomenon that the constraint programs resulting from the real-world problems in Chapter 2 always had solutions. From the worst-case perspective this need not be the case for in most cases there exist instances with few (e.g., three) attributes where balanced groups cannot be constructed. However, via a variety of techniques (dynamic programming combined with simulation, analytical upper bound and empirical lower bound) we find that the probability that a random instance similar to those observed in practice can be partitioned into balanced groups is effectively 100 percent. Chapter 2 studies the problem of constructing balanced work groups (i.e., containing approximately equal proportion of members with different gender, age, cultural backgrounds, and other relevant attributes), based on a practical problem of assigning MBA students to study groups. We view balancing requirements as

constraints, develop efficient user-friendly software, discuss its implementation and report major improvements in all aspects of students' group work. We also discuss a problem of creating multiple lists of non-overlapping groups, which is unique to our work. Chapter 1 considers a problem where consumers learn about the possibility of "last-minute" discounts (typical of travel industries) and strategically wait for them. We present a stylized model of aggregate consumer behavior where the firm puts a number of units on sale to maximize its current and future revenue, given that the fraction of customers waiting, and, hence, the revenue in the future, changes depending on the firm's decisions. We formulate the problem as a dynamic program and develop a novel solution approach. We consider several model variations and show that the firm's optimal policy depends on the learning behavior: it is either "passive", where the firm puts some units on sale and allows consumers to "self-regulate" future waiting, or it is an "active" "bang-bang" policy, where the firm intermixes the periods with many units on sale with those with none and thus manages consumer waiting. We discuss managerial insights and show that the firm can strategically allow overbooking to increase its revenue.

**Operations Management** John Wiley & Sons

Finally, an operations management book to get excited about. Operations Management: A Supply Chain Process Approach exposes students to the exciting and ever-changing world of operations management through dynamic writing, application, and cutting-edge examples that will keep students interested and instructors inspired! Author Dr. Joel Wisner understands that today's students will be entering a highly competitive global marketplace where two things are crucial: a solid knowledge of operations management and an understanding of the importance for organizations to integrate their operations and supply chain processes. With this in mind, Wisner not only provides a clear and comprehensive introduction to operations management, but also gives attention to the important processes involved in linking firms' operations in a supply chain environment.

A Decision-Oriented Introduction to the Creation of Value McGraw Hill

Management organizations for companies and government must respond in a prompt and flexible manner to the large variety of frequently changing requirements of the modern market and society. Earlier management science methods like operations research and mathematical programming often took the approach of expressing problems in equations and solving them, but

these tend to lack variety and flexibility and have taken form in which human beings supplement them. Various methods have been developed to systematize the parts that depend on human beings, improve the use of computers and make it possible for managers with little experience to use them. The fuzzy theory focuses on the general situation and generalization of the intelligent information processing of human beings and attempts to create models that simulate these.

*A Supply Chain Process Approach* Beard Books

Strategic Operations Management, 4th Edition, shows how vital it is to have world-class operations management in any organisation. In the past, where organisations tended to be more hierarchical than today, the words, "strategy" and "operations" were almost mutually exclusive. In today's highly competitive environment, though, strategic operations capabilities must be in place for organisations to provide goods and services that meet and exceed customer requirements. Key issues such as cost, speed, quality, flexibility and constant innovation are all part of strategic operations. However, achieving such capabilities does not come by chance - instead a range of factors need to be put in place. This new edition pays equal attention to manufacturing and service sectors. It includes numerous references to, and discusses, major changes taking place in the business world, including 3-D printing; virtual organisations; Cloud - Big Data and the Internet of Things; Servitization, global markets, ongoing innovation and managing within complex supply networks. Cases are included from a range of settings across the globe. Students taking MBA, MSc and MBM classes on operations management, advanced operations management, and strategic operations management will find this textbook fulfills all their requirements whilst advanced undergraduate classes in these areas will also find the book an essential read.

**Planning, Design, and Control through Interdisciplinary Methodologies** Heinemann

Distributed service networks encompass various facilities with which we have daily contact. In the public sector they include, for instance, ambulance, fire, and police services; in the business sector they include maintenance and repair services, road services, courier services, and the like. Policy making problems in distributed service networks can be clearly classified into a number of hierarchical levels. The levels are distinguished by the time horizon of the problem, by the amount of cost involved in the implementation of a solution, and by the political implications of the solution. This top-down classification is typical of what is known as the "systems approach," advocating that the direction of the analysis of complex systems should be from the whole to the details. The top-down classification consists of the following categories of policies: 1. Zoning: How should a network be partitioned into subzones? 2. Station location: Where should service stations or service units be located? 3. Resource allocation: What amount of resources should be allocated to the stations? vii viii Preface 4. Dispatching, routing, and repositioning: What is the optimal dispatching policy, what are the optimal routes for nonbusy units, and under what circumstances is it worthwhile to reposition a certain idle unit? A top-down approach implies that each of the problems is solved separately; however, the solution of a higher-level problem sets constraints on problems at lower levels.

**Business Applications of Operations Research** IOS Press

Anybody working in sport management will be involved in the operation of a sports facility at some point in their career. It is a core professional competency at the heart of successful sport business. Sport Facility Operations Management is a comprehensive and engaging textbook which introduces cutting-edge concepts in facilities and operations management, including practical guidance from professional facility managers. Now in a fully revised and updated second edition—which introduces new chapters on capital investment and operational decision-making—the book covers all fundamental aspects of sport facility operations management from a global perspective, including: ownership structures and financing options planning, design, and construction processes organizational and human resource management financial and operations management legal concerns marketing management and event planning risk assessment and security planning benchmarking and performance management Each chapter contains newly updated real-world case studies and discussion questions, innovative 'Technology Now!' features and step-by-step guidance through every element of successful sport facilities and operations management, while an expanded companion website offers lecture slides, a sample course syllabus, a bank of multiple-choice and essay questions, glossary flashcards links to further reading, and appendices with relevant supplemental documentation. With a clear structure running from planning through to the application of core management disciplines, Sport Facility Operations Management is essential reading for any sport management course.

*Federal Register* Routledge

Learn how to protect, back up, recover, and monitor your data and infrastructure in the cloud with Microsoft's Operations Management Suite (OMS), Azure Backup, and Azure Site Recovery. Implementing Operations Management Suite starts with an overview of the Operations Management Suite, followed by an introduction to Azure virtual machines and virtual networks. Chapters cover Azure Backup and how to configure it, followed by deep dives into aspects of Azure Site Recovery (ASR): how it works, how to configure it, how to streamline your disaster recovery failover from on-premises to Azure, and so on. Learn about protection groups, how to perform planned and unplanned failover, and more. Windows IT pro consultant, trainer and MVP Peter De Tender takes you through the necessary theory and background on each topic along with hands-on step-by-step lab guides to help you implement and configure each feature for yourself. You'll also find out how to estimate your platform costs when using Azure infrastructure components, making this book your one-stop guide to the latest disaster recovery services in Microsoft Azure. What You'll Learn Understand current concepts and challenges in IT disaster recovery Get introduced to Microsoft Azure, Azure virtual networks and Azure virtual machines Protect your data in the cloud with Azure Backup, and the configuration options available Understand how to protect, recover, and monitor your environment with Azure Site Recovery Manager, and the configuration options available Extend Azure Site Recovery Manager to non-Hyper-V workloads Who This Book Is For IT professionals and IT decision makers who are interested in learning about Azure backup and Azure Site Recovery Manager in order to build and/or optimize their IT disaster recovery scenarios. CRC Press

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

*A Global Perspective* Springer Nature

This IBM® Redbooks® publication addresses topics to use the virtualization strengths of the IBM POWER8® platform to solve clients' system resource utilization challenges and maximize systems' throughput and capacity. This book addresses performance tuning topics that will help answer clients' complex analytic workload requirements, help maximize systems' resources, and provide expert-level documentation to transfer the how-to-skills to the worldwide teams. This book strengthens the position of IBM Analytics and Big Data solutions with a well-defined and documented deployment model within a POWER8 virtualized environment, offering clients a planned foundation for security, scaling, capacity, resilience, and optimization for analytics workloads. This book is targeted toward technical professionals (analytics consultants, technical support staff, IT Architects, and IT Specialists) who are responsible for providing analytics solutions and support on IBM Power Systems™.

**Enhance your management experience and capabilities across your cloud and on-premises environments with Microsoft OMS** Academic Press

Across the country ambulances are turned away from emergency departments (EDs) and patients are waiting hours and sometimes days to be admitted to a hospital room. Hospitals are finding it hard to get specialist physicians to come to treat emergency patients. Our EDs demand a new way of thinking. They are not at a tipping point; they are at a breaking point. Under current loads and

trends they are going to begin to break and these breakdowns will be painful and ultimately dangerous to society. Recognizing that the ideal in health care is presently beyond our immediate grasp, this book instead focuses on providing health care leaders with the tools they can employ to optimize the performance of EDs and thereby improve service to patients, employees, and communities. Written by 20 of the most progressive and successful health care reformers in the country, the approaches described can be utilized to quantify improvements, enhance predictability of workflow, and improve staff scheduling. The data derived using these techniques can serve as powerful evidence in support of change. While a common discussion among ED professionals is the perception that many patients are not really emergency patients and could be treated in another setting at another time, that argument is not germane until we as a nation elect to reform the way we chose to deliver healthcare to the underserved. In the meantime this book provides invaluable information to help individual hospitals to retool their ED's. It offers new approaches that think outside of the box for all stakeholders. It also provides the statistical evidence that administrators need to make their cases for changes and added resources. It will help you forecast the demand for services and give your center an approach that will allow the ED to become a source of income rather than one that continues to hemorrhage needed limited health care funding.

*Sustainable Food Supply Chains* John Wiley & Sons

The integration of eco-friendly aspects, tools and solutions into a conventional supply chain leads to environmentally friendly global processes in the manufacturing and service industry. This book offers a selection of chapters that explain the impact of green supply chain solutions on value-making chains. The aim of this book is to help students at all levels as well as managers and researchers to understand and appreciate the concept, design and implementation of green supply chain solutions in the Industry 4.0 era.

*Three Contributions to the Theory and Practice of Operations Management* Springer Science & Business Media

Operations Management in the Supply Chain: Decisions and Cases is an ideal book for the instructor seeking a short text with cases. This book employs a cross-functional perspective that emphasizes strategy and critical thinking, appealing to non-majors and practical for use in an MBA level or undergraduate course in operations management. The size and focus of the book also make the text attractive for the cross-functional curriculum where students are required to purchase more than one text. The sixteen cases offer variety in length and rigor; and several are from Ivey, Stanford, and Darden. This mix makes the book appropriate for both undergraduates and MBA students.

**Operations Management of Distributed Service Networks** McGraw Hill Professional

Operations Management in the Supply Chain Decisions and Cases McGraw-Hill Europe

**Active Operations Management** Practical Inspiration Publishing

This remarkable volume highlights the importance of Production and Operations Management (POM) as a field of study and research contributing to substantial business and social growth. The editors emphasize how POM works with a range of systems—agriculture, disaster management, e-commerce, healthcare, hospitality, military systems, not-for-profit, retail, sports, sustainability, telecommunications, and transport—and how it contributes to the growth of each. Martin K. Starr and Sushil K. Gupta gather an international team of experts to provide researchers and students with a panoramic vision of the field. Divided into eight parts, the book presents the history of POM, and establishes the foundation upon which POM has been built while also revisiting and revitalizing topics that have long been essential. It examines the significance of processes and projects to the fundamental growth of the POM field. Critical emerging themes and new research are examined with open minds and this is followed by opportunities to interface with other business functions. Finally, the next era is discussed in ways that combine practical skill with philosophy in its analysis of POM, including traditional and nontraditional applications, before concluding with the editors' thoughts on the future of the discipline. Students of POM will find this a comprehensive, definitive resource on the state of the discipline and its future directions.

*EBOOK: Operations Management* Arden Shakespeare

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*Global Supply Chain and Operations Management* CRC Press

Part of a series which aims to reflect the changing face of the economic climate and business world. The books contain the latest information and thinking in their areas and are specifically focused to the needs of AS, A level and first year undergraduate students.

*Optimizing Emergency Department Throughput* McGraw-Hill Higher Education

The third edition of this textbook comprehensively discusses global supply chain and operations management (SCOM), combining value creation networks and interacting processes. It focuses on operational roles within networks and presents the quantitative and organizational methods needed to plan and control the material, information, and financial flows in supply chains. Each chapter begins with an introductory case study, while numerous examples from various industries and services help to illustrate the key concepts. The book explains how to design operations and supply networks and how to incorporate suppliers and customers. It examines how to balance supply and demand, a core aspect of tactical planning, before turning to the allocation of resources to meet customer needs. In addition, the book presents state-of-the-art research reflecting the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, and emerging, fast-paced developments in the

digitalization of supply chain and operations management. Providing readers with a working knowledge of global supply chain and operations management, with a focus on bridging the gap between theory and practice, this textbook can be used in core, specialized, and advanced classes alike. It is intended for a broad range of students and professionals in supply chain and operations management.

**The Shortcut Guide to Virtualization and Service Automation** CRC Press

A father and son team of consultants draws from 25 years of turnaround management--helping financially troubled businesses achieve maximum value--to offer strategies to potential lenders, purchasers, consultants, and coaches of troubled businesses. Eighteen chapters set forth the author's conceptual approach, discuss the challenges and pitfalls the

[Strategic Operations Management](#) McGraw Hill

In today's global economy, operations strategy in supply chains must assume an ever-expanding and strategic role of risks. These operational and strategic facets entail a brand new set of operational problems and risks that have not always been understood or managed very well. This

book provides the means to understand, to model and to analyze these outstanding issues and problems that are the essential elements in managing supply chains today.

[An Introduction to Management Science: Quantitative Approach](#) Cengage Learning

Total Operations Solutions builds on concepts that were introduced in "Total Manufacturing Solutions", Basu and Wright (1997). It demonstrates how this holistic approach of operational excellence driven by a self-assessment methodology can be applied equally to manufacturing, service or public sectors. The text covers an implementation programme to demonstrate how to put the methodology into practice. a differentiating feature of the approach will be a critical update, impact analysis and comparison with new developments such as e-Business, outsourcing, Six Sigma, EFQM and ISO 9000:2000. It is a step-by-step guide for the application of the appropriate tools to the improvement process. Total Operations Solutions could be used as an essential handbook for all employees in a Six Sigma programme and provide a better understanding of basic tools and techniques to help them to support a quality improvement initiative and sustain a strong competitive position.

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