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Reinforcement Learning and Stochastic Optimization - Warren B. Powell 2022-03-15
REINFORCEMENT LEARNING AND STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION Clearing the jungle of stochastic optimization Sequential decision problems, which consist of “decision, information, decision, information,” are ubiquitous, spanning virtually every human activity ranging from business applications, health (personal and public health, and medical decision making), energy, the sciences, all fields of engineering, finance, and e-commerce. The diversity of applications attracted the attention of at least 15 distinct fields of research, using eight distinct notational systems which produced a vast array of analytical tools. A byproduct is that powerful tools developed in one community may be unknown to other communities. Reinforcement Learning and Stochastic Optimization offers a single canonical framework that can model any sequential decision problem using five core components: state variables, decision variables, exogenous information variables, transition function, and objective function. This book highlights twelve types of uncertainty that might enter any model and pulls together the diverse set of methods for making decisions, known as policies, into four fundamental classes that span every method suggested in the academic literature or used in practice. Reinforcement Learning and Stochastic Optimization is the first book to provide a balanced treatment of the different methods for modeling and solving sequential decision problems, following the style used by most books on machine learning, optimization, and

simulation. The presentation is designed for readers with a course in probability and statistics, and an interest in modeling and applications. Linear programming is occasionally used for specific problem classes. The book is designed for readers who are new to the field, as well as those with some background in optimization under uncertainty. Throughout this book, readers will find references to over 100 different applications, spanning pure learning problems, dynamic resource allocation problems, general state-dependent problems, and hybrid learning/resource allocation problems such as those that arose in the COVID pandemic. There are 370 exercises, organized into seven groups, ranging from review questions, modeling, computation, problem solving, theory, programming exercises and a “diary problem” that a reader chooses at the beginning of the book, and which is used as a basis for questions throughout the rest of the book.

The British National Bibliography - Arthur James Wells 2009

Handbook of Simulation - Jerry Banks 1998-09-14

The only complete guide to all aspects and uses of simulation-from the international leaders in the field There has never been a single definitive source of key information on all facets of discrete-event simulation and its applications to major industries. The Handbook of Simulation brings together the contributions of leading academics, practitioners, and software developers to offer authoritative coverage of the

principles, techniques, and uses of discrete-event simulation. Comprehensive in scope and thorough in approach, the Handbook is the one reference on discrete-event simulation that every industrial engineer, management scientist, computer scientist, operations manager, or operations researcher involved in problem-solving should own, with an in-depth examination of: * Simulation methodology, from experimental design to data analysis and more * Recent advances, such as object-oriented simulation, on-line simulation, and parallel and distributed simulation * Applications across a full range of manufacturing and service industries * Guidelines for successful simulations and sound simulation project management * Simulation software and simulation industry vendors

Statistical Inference as Severe Testing -

Deborah G. Mayo 2018-09-20

Unlock today's statistical controversies and irreproducible results by viewing statistics as probing and controlling errors.

CSCMP Certification Collection - CSCMP
2014-06-25

Complete best practices for running high-value supply chains and earning elite CSCMP certification... 8 authoritative books, in convenient e-format, at a great price! 8 authoritative books help you plan, manage, and optimize any supply chain -- and systematically prepare for CSCMP's industry-leading certification Master crucial knowledge for earning industry-leading CSCMP Level One SCPro™ certification: demonstrate your skills in planning and managing world-class supply chains! This unique 8 eBook package will be an indispensable resource for supply chain professionals and students in any organization or environment. It contains 7 complete books commissioned by Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), the preeminent worldwide professional association dedicated to advancing and disseminating SCM research and knowledge. CSCMP's Definitive Guide to Integrated Supply Chain Management is your definitive reference to managing supply chains that improve customer service, reduce costs, and enhance business performance. Clearly and concisely, it introduces modern best practices for organizations of all sizes, types,

and industries. Next, this package contains six eBooks fully addressing core areas of CSCMP Level One SCPro™ certification: manufacturing/service operations; warehousing; supply management/procurement; transportation; order fulfillment/customer service, and inventory management. All six offer focused coverage of essential technical and behavioral skills, addressing principles, elements, strategies, tactics, processes, business interactions/linkages, technologies, planning, management, measurement, global operations, and more. The Definitive Guide to Manufacturing and Service Operations introduces complete best practices for planning, organizing, and managing the production of products and services. It introduces key terminology, roles, and goals; techniques for planning and scheduling facilities, material, and labor; continuous process and quality improvement methods; sustainability; MRP II, DRP, and other technologies; and more. Next, The Definitive Guide to Warehousing helps you optimize all facets of warehousing, step by step. It explains each warehousing option, storage and handling operations, strategic planning, and the effects of warehousing decisions on total logistics costs and customer service. It covers product and materials handling, labor management, warehouse support, extended value chain processes, facility ownership, planning, strategy decisions, warehouse management systems, Auto-ID, AGVs, and more. The Definitive Guide to Supply Management and Procurement helps you drive sustainable competitive advantage via better supplier management and procurement. It covers transactional and long-term activities; category analysis, supplier selection, contract negotiation, relationship management, performance evaluation/management; sustainability; spend analysis, competitive bidding, eProcurement, eSourcing, auctions/reverse auctions, contract compliance, global sourcing, and more. The Definitive Guide to Transportation is today's most authoritative guide to world-class supply chain transportation. Its coverage includes: transportation modes, execution, and control; outsourcing, modal and carrier selection, and 3PLs; TMS technologies; ocean shipping, international air, customs, and regulation; and

more. The Definitive Guide to Order Fulfillment and Customer Service covers all facets of building and operating world-class supply chain order fulfillment and customer service processes, from initial customer inquiry through post sales service and support. It introduces crucial concepts ranging from order cycles to available-to-promise, supply chain RFID to global order capture networks, guiding you in optimizing every customer contact you make. CSCMP's The Definitive Guide to Inventory Management addresses all the technical and behavioral skills needed for success in any inventory management role. It illuminates planning, organizing, controlling, directing, motivating and coordinating every activity required to efficiently control product flow. You'll find best-practice coverage for making long-term strategic decisions; mid-term tactical decisions; and short-term operational decisions. Topics discussed range from VMI and inventory reduction to new challenges in global inventory management. Finally, in Demand and Supply Integration: The Key to World-Class Demand Forecasting, Mark A. Moon helps you effectively integrate demand forecasting within a comprehensive, world-class Demand and Supply Integration (DSI) process. Moon shows how to approach demand forecasting as a management process; choose and apply the best qualitative and quantitative techniques; and create demand forecasts that are far more accurate and useful. If you're tasked with driving more value from your supply chain, this collection offers you extraordinary resources -- and unsurpassed opportunities. From world-renowned supply chain experts Brian J. Gibson, Joe B. Hanna, C. Clifford Defee, Haozhe Chen, Nada Sanders, Scott B. Keller, Brian C. Keller, Wendy L. Tate, Thomas J. Goldsby, Deepak Iyengar, Shashank Rao, Stanley E. Fawcett, Amydee M. Fawcett, Matthew A. Waller, Terry L. Esper and Mark A. Moon

Handbook of Hedge Funds - François-Serge Lhabitant 2011-03-23

A comprehensive guide to the burgeoning hedge fund industry. Intended as a comprehensive reference for investors and fund and portfolio managers, Handbook of Hedge Funds combines new material with updated information from François-Serge L'habitant's two other successful

hedge fund books. This book features up-to-date regulatory and historical information, new case studies and trade examples, detailed analyses of investment strategies, discussions of hedge fund indices and databases, and tips on portfolio construction. François-Serge L'habitant (Geneva, Switzerland) is the Head of Investment Research at Kedge Capital. He is Professor of Finance at the University of Lausanne and at EDHEC Business School, as well as the author of five books, including Hedge Funds: Quantitative Insights (0-470-85667-X) and Hedge Funds: Myths & Limits (0-470-84477-9), both from Wiley.

Green Separation Processes - Carlos A. M. Afonso 2006-05-12

This timely book is the first to provide a comprehensive overview of all important aspects of this modern technology with the focus on the "green aspect". The expert authors present everything from reactions without solvents to nanostructures for separation methods, from combinatorial chemistry on solid phase to dendrimers. The result is a ready reference packed full of valuable facts on the latest developments in the field - high-quality information otherwise widely spread throughout articles and reviews. From the contents: * Green chemistry for sustainable development * New synthetic methodologies and the demand for adequate separation processes * New developments in separation processes * Future trends and needs. It is a "must-have" for every researcher in the field.

Fundamentals of Performance Evaluation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems - Mohammed S. Obaidat 2010-01-26

The only singular, all-encompassing textbook on state-of-the-art technical performance evaluation. Fundamentals of Performance Evaluation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems uniquely presents all techniques of performance evaluation of computers systems, communication networks, and telecommunications in a balanced manner. Written by the renowned Professor Mohammad S. Obaidat and his coauthor Professor Nouredine Boudriga, it is also the only resource to treat computer and telecommunication systems as inseparable issues. The authors explain the basic concepts of performance evaluation, applications,

performance evaluation metrics, workload types, benchmarking, and characterization of workload. This is followed by a review of the basics of probability theory, and then, the main techniques for performance evaluation—namely measurement, simulation, and analytic modeling—with case studies and examples. Contains the practical and applicable knowledge necessary for a successful performance evaluation in a balanced approach Reviews measurement tools, benchmark programs, design of experiments, traffic models, basics of queueing theory, and operational and mean value analysis Covers the techniques for validation and verification of simulation as well as random number generation, random variate generation, and testing with examples Features numerous examples and case studies, as well as exercises and problems for use as homework or programming assignments Fundamentals of Performance Evaluation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems is an ideal textbook for graduate students in computer science, electrical engineering, computer engineering, and information sciences, technology, and systems. It is also an excellent reference for practicing engineers and scientists.

Big Data and Smart Digital Environment - Yousef Farhaoui 2019-02-21

This book reviews the state of the art of big data analysis and smart city. It includes issues which pertain to signal processing, probability models, machine learning, data mining, database, data engineering, pattern recognition, visualisation, predictive analytics, data warehousing, data compression, computer programming, smart city, etc. Data is becoming an increasingly decisive resource in modern societies, economies, and governmental organizations. Data science inspires novel techniques and theories drawn from mathematics, statistics, information theory, computer science, and social science. Papers in this book were the outcome of research conducted in this field of study. The latter makes use of applications and techniques related to data analysis in general and big data and smart city in particular. The book appeals to advanced undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, lecturers and industrial researchers, as well as anyone interested in big data analysis and smart city.

Handbook of Healthcare System Scheduling - Randolph Hall 2011-11-25

This edited volume captures and communicates the best thinking on how to improve healthcare by improving the delivery of services -- providing care when and where it is needed most -- through application of state-of-the-art scheduling systems. Over 12 chapters, the authors cover aspects of setting appointments, allocating healthcare resources, and planning to ensure that capacity matches needs for care. A central theme of the book is increasing healthcare efficiency so that both the cost of care is reduced and more patients have access to care. This can be accomplished through reduction of idle time, lessening the time needed to provide services and matching resources to the needs where they can have the greatest possible impact on health. Within their chapters, authors address: (1) Use of scheduling to improve healthcare efficiency. (2) Objectives, constraints and mathematical formulations. (3) Key methods and techniques for creating schedules. (4) Recent developments that improve the available problem solving methods. (5) Actual applications, demonstrating how the methods can be used. (6) Future directions in which the field of research is heading. Collectively, the chapters provide a comprehensive state-of-the-art review of models and methods for scheduling the delivery of patient care for all parts of the healthcare system. Chapter topics include setting appointments for ambulatory care and outpatient procedures, surgical scheduling, nurse scheduling, bed management and allocation, medical supply logistics and routing and scheduling for home healthcare.

A First Course in Probability - Sheldon M. Ross 2002

This market-leading introduction to probability features exceptionally clear explanations of the mathematics of probability theory and explores its many diverse applications through numerous interesting and motivational examples. The outstanding problem sets are a hallmark feature of this book. Provides clear, complete explanations to fully explain mathematical concepts. Features subsections on the probabilistic method and the maximum-minimums identity. Includes many new examples relating to DNA matching, utility, finance, and

applications of the probabilistic method. Features an intuitive treatment of probability—intuitive explanations follow many examples. The Probability Models Disk included with each copy of the book, contains six probability models that are referenced in the book and allow readers to quickly and easily perform calculations and simulations.

Simulation Modeling and Arena - Manuel D. Rossetti 2015-06-22

Emphasizes a hands-on approach to learning statistical analysis and model building through the use of comprehensive examples, problems sets, and software applications. With a unique blend of theory and applications, *Simulation Modeling and Arena®*, Second Edition integrates coverage of statistical analysis and model building to emphasize the importance of both topics in simulation. Featuring introductory coverage on how simulation works and why it matters, the Second Edition expands coverage on static simulation and the applications of spreadsheets to perform simulation. The new edition also introduces the use of the open source statistical package, R, for both performing statistical testing and fitting distributions. In addition, the models are presented in a clear and precise pseudo-code form, which aids in understanding and model communication. *Simulation Modeling and Arena*, Second Edition also features: Updated coverage of necessary statistical modeling concepts such as confidence interval construction, hypothesis testing, and parameter estimation. Additional examples of the simulation clock within discrete event simulation modeling involving the mechanics of time advancement by hand simulation. A guide to the Arena Run Controller, which features a debugging scenario. New homework problems that cover a wider range of engineering applications in transportation, logistics, healthcare, and computer science. A related website with an Instructor's Solutions Manual, PowerPoint® slides, test bank questions, and data sets for each chapter. *Simulation Modeling and Arena*, Second Edition is an ideal textbook for upper-undergraduate and graduate courses in modeling and simulation within statistics, mathematics, industrial and civil engineering, construction management, business, computer science, and

other departments where simulation is practiced. The book is also an excellent reference for professionals interested in mathematical modeling, simulation, and Arena.

Character Strengths and Virtues -

Christopher Peterson 2004-04-08

"Character" has become a front-and-center topic in contemporary discourse, but this term does not have a fixed meaning. Character may be simply defined by what someone does not do, but a more active and thorough definition is necessary, one that addresses certain vital questions. Is character a singular characteristic of an individual, or is it composed of different aspects? Does character--however we define it--exist in degrees, or is it simply something one happens to have? How can character be developed? Can it be learned? Relatedly, can it be taught, and who might be the most effective teacher? What roles are played by family, schools, the media, religion, and the larger culture? This groundbreaking handbook of character strengths and virtues is the first progress report from a prestigious group of researchers who have undertaken the systematic classification and measurement of widely valued positive traits. They approach good character in terms of separate strengths--authenticity, persistence, kindness, gratitude, hope, humor, and so on--each of which exists in degrees. *Character Strengths and Virtues* classifies twenty-four specific strengths under six broad virtues that consistently emerge across history and culture: wisdom, courage, humanity, justice, temperance, and transcendence. Each strength is thoroughly examined in its own chapter, with special attention to its meaning, explanation, measurement, causes, correlates, consequences, and development across the life span, as well as to strategies for its deliberate cultivation. This book demands the attention of anyone interested in psychology and what it can teach about the good life.

An Engine, Not a Camera - Donald MacKenzie 2008-08-29

In *An Engine, Not a Camera*, Donald MacKenzie argues that the emergence of modern economic theories of finance affected financial markets in fundamental ways. These new, Nobel Prize-winning theories, based on elegant mathematical models of markets, were not simply external

analyses but intrinsic parts of economic processes. Paraphrasing Milton Friedman, MacKenzie says that economic models are an engine of inquiry rather than a camera to reproduce empirical facts. More than that, the emergence of an authoritative theory of financial markets altered those markets fundamentally. For example, in 1970, there was almost no trading in financial derivatives such as "futures." By June of 2004, derivatives contracts totaling \$273 trillion were outstanding worldwide. MacKenzie suggests that this growth could never have happened without the development of theories that gave derivatives legitimacy and explained their complexities. MacKenzie examines the role played by finance theory in the two most serious crises to hit the world's financial markets in recent years: the stock market crash of 1987 and the market turmoil that engulfed the hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management in 1998. He also looks at finance theory that is somewhat beyond the mainstream—chaos theorist Benoit Mandelbrot's model of "wild" randomness. MacKenzie's pioneering work in the social studies of finance will interest anyone who wants to understand how America's financial markets have grown into their current form.

Handbook of Sports Medicine and Science, The Paralympic Athlete - Yves Vanlandewijck
2011-01-31

This brand new Handbook addresses Paralympic sports and athletes, providing practical information on the medical issues, biological factors in the performance of the sports and physical conditioning. The book begins with a comprehensive introduction of the Paralympic athlete, followed by discipline-specific reviews from leading authorities in disability sport science, each covering the biomechanics, physiology, medicine, philosophy, sociology and psychology of the discipline. The Paralympic Athlete also addresses recent assessment and training tools to enhance the performance of athletes, particularly useful for trainers and coaches, and examples of best practice on athletes' scientific counseling are also presented. This new title sits in a series of specialist reference volumes, ideal for the use of professionals working directly with competitive athletes.

Business Process Modeling, Simulation and Design - Laguna Manuel 2011

This book covers the design of business processes from a broad quantitative modeling perspective. The text presents a multitude of analytical tools that can be used to model, analyze, understand and ultimately, to design business processes. The range of topics in this text include graphical flowcharting tools, deterministic models for cycle time analysis and capacity decisions, analytical queuing methods, as well as the use of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) for benchmarking purposes. And a major portion of the book is devoted to simulation modeling using a state of the art discrete-event simulation package.

Encyclopedia of Communication Theory - Stephen W. Littlejohn 2009-08-18

With more than 300 entries, these two volumes provide a one-stop source for a comprehensive overview of communication theory, offering current descriptions of theories as well as the background issues and concepts that comprise these theories. This is the first resource to summarize, in one place, the diversity of theory in the communication field. Key Themes Applications and Contexts Critical Orientations Cultural Orientations Cybernetic and Systems Orientations Feminist Orientations Group and Organizational Concepts Information, Media, and Communication Technology International and Global Concepts Interpersonal Concepts Non-Western Orientations Paradigms, Traditions, and Schools Philosophical Orientations Psycho-Cognitive Orientations Rhetorical Orientations Semiotic, Linguistic, and Discursive Orientations Social/Interactional Orientations Theory, Metatheory, Methodology, and Inquiry

Therapies and Rehabilitation in Down Syndrome - Jean-Adolphe Rondal, PhD 2007-04-04

Therapies and Rehabilitation in Down Syndrome covers the entire lifespan of a DS patient, from infancy to 60 years and beyond, focusing not simply on identifying problems, but providing a detailed look at major therapeutic approaches. Discussion includes future genetic therapy, questions of quality of life, hormone and other therapies for medical problems, prevention and treatment of normal and pathological aging, as well as psychomotoric rehabilitation. This is an

important book not only for scientists concerned with various facets of DS, but practitioners looking for guidelines for therapies and clinical application of research findings.

Case Studies in Project, Program, and Organizational Project Management - Dragan Z. Milosevic 2011-08-17

The ever expanding market need for information on how to apply project management principles and the PMBOK® contents to day-to-day business situations has been met by our case studies book by Harold Kerzner. That book was a spin-off from and ancillary to his best selling text but has gained a life of its own beyond adopters of that textbook. All indications are that the market is hungry for more cases while our own need to expand the content we control, both in-print and online would benefit from such an expansion of project management "case content". The authors propose to produce a book of cases that compliment Kerzner's book. A book that offers cases beyond the general project management areas and into PMI®'s growth areas of program management and organizational project management. The book will be structured to follow the PMBOK in coverage so that it can not only be used to supplement project management courses, but also for self study and training courses for the PMP® Exam. (PMI, PMBOK, PMP, and Project Management Professional are registered marks of the Project Management Institute, Inc.)

Parallel Computing - Christian Bischof 2008

ParCo2007 marks a quarter of a century of the international conferences on parallel computing that started in Berlin in 1983. The aim of the conference is to give an overview of the developments, applications and future trends in high-performance computing for various platforms.

Handbook on Constructing Composite Indicators: Methodology and User Guide - OECD 2008-08-22

A guide for constructing and using composite indicators for policy makers, academics, the media and other interested parties. In particular, this handbook is concerned with indicators which compare and rank country performance.

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Handbook - Shayne Cox Gad 2008-03-21

This handbook features contributions from a

team of expert authors representing the many disciplines within science, engineering, and technology that are involved in pharmaceutical manufacturing. They provide the information and tools you need to design, implement, operate, and troubleshoot a pharmaceutical manufacturing system. The editor, with more than thirty years' experience working with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, carefully reviewed all the chapters to ensure that each one is thorough, accurate, and clear.

Simulation with Arena - W. David Kelton 2004
The first edition of this book was the first text to be written on the Arena software, which is a very popular simulation modeling software.

What makes this text the authoritative source on Arena is that it was written by the creators of Arena themselves. The new third edition follows in the tradition of the successful first and second editions in its tutorial style (via a sequence of carefully crafted examples) and an accessible writing style. The updates include thorough coverage of the new version of the Arena software (Arena 7.01), enhanced support for Excel and Access, and updated examples to reflect the new version of software. The CD-ROM that accompanies the book contains the Academic version of the Arena software. The software features new capabilities such as model documentation, enhanced plots, file reading and writing, printing and animation symbols.

New Realities in Foreign Affairs - Volker Stanzel 2019-07-08

Moderne Diplomatie wirkt heute in viele Bereiche des modernen Lebens hinein. Sie ist zugleich selbst neuen Einflüssen ausgesetzt. Faktoren, die unsere Gesellschaften verändern, verändern auch unser Regierungshandeln, auch in der Außenpolitik, seien es Digitalisierung, emotionalisierte Sensibilitäten unserer Öffentlichkeiten oder nicht-staatliche internationale Akteure. Derartige Entwicklungen müssen von der Diplomatie aufgenommen werden, damit sie weiter als Instrument einer Regierung funktionieren kann. Regierungen sollten Wege finden, zwischen den neuen Bedürfnissen der Gesellschaft und den Notwendigkeiten legitimen Regierungshandelns zu vermitteln. Das Ziel sollte sein, als souveräner Staat handeln zu können und zugleich das Potential der tiefgreifenden

gesellschaftlichen Veränderungen zu nutzen. Mit Beiträgen von Volker Stanzel, Sascha Lohmann, Andrew Cooper, Christer Jönsson, Corneliu Bjola, Emillie V. de Keulenaar, Jan Melissen, Karsten D. Voigt, Kim B. Olsen, Hanns W. Maull und R. S. Zaharna

The Water Footprint Assessment Manual -

Maite M. Aldaya 2012-08-21

People use lots of water for drinking, cooking and washing, but significantly more for producing things such as food, paper and cotton clothes. The water footprint is an indicator of water use that looks at both direct and indirect water use of a consumer or producer. Indirect use refers to the 'virtual water' embedded in tradable goods and commodities, such as cereals, sugar or cotton. The water footprint of an individual, community or business is defined as the total volume of freshwater that is used to produce the goods and services consumed by the individual or community or produced by the business. This book offers a complete and up-to-date overview of the global standard on water footprint assessment as developed by the Water Footprint Network. More specifically it:

- o Provides a comprehensive set of methods for water footprint assessment
- o Shows how water footprints can be calculated for individual processes and products, as well as for consumers, nations and businesses
- o Contains detailed worked examples of how to calculate green, blue and grey water footprints
- o Describes how to assess the sustainability of the aggregated water footprint within a river basin or the water footprint of a specific product
- o Includes an extensive library of possible measures that can contribute to water footprint reduction

The Monfort Plan - Jaime Pozuelo-Monfort

2010-03-18

The Monfort Plan is a five-year, forward looking plan to eradicate extreme poverty from the developing world, and details how microfinance has made a difference to developing countries. This book proposes a new institution based in the developing world with the potential to provide a basic, free, and universal service in the areas of water, sanitation, healthcare, and education to the extreme poor worldwide. The provision will be subject to a certain degree of conditionality in areas ranging from corruption

to legal environment. The new institution will be established in a new international territory based within a specific country in Sub-Saharan Africa and will emerge in 2015. In The Monfort Plan author Jaime Pozuelo-Monfort engineers and designs a solution to lessen the burden of poverty. In order to do so he relies on the social sciences to bring about innovation and forward looking economic policies and financial instruments in the context of a paradigm shift. This book presents a multidisciplinary approach to policymaking that combines a range of fields in the social sciences, looking at the history behind the Marshall Plan, the formation of the European Union, and the Bretton Woods Institutions, in order to determine how a Marshall Plan for Africa-and the creation of New Institutions in the developing world-could work. We live a moment of crisis in which creative policymaking might prove useful when proposing outcomes for a revitalized framework for capitalism to thrive and better serve the world. Walks you through the technicalities of the new architecture of capitalism in a straightforward manner Provides a holistic view of how microfinance combined with the right economic policies and financial instruments could help change the world for the poor Contains sweeping and detailed recommendations on how to build a new capitalist paradigm that helps elevate the poor and improve the human condition Incorporating commentary from some of the top minds in the field of microfinance, this book puts the method of microfinance in perspective.

The Cybernetics Moment - Ronald R. Kline

2015-07-15

Choice Outstanding Academic Title

Cybernetics—the science of communication and control as it applies to machines and to humans—originates from efforts during World War II to build automatic anti-aircraft systems. Following the war, this science extended beyond military needs to examine all systems that rely on information and feedback, from the level of the cell to that of society. In The Cybernetics Moment, Ronald R. Kline, a senior historian of technology, examines the intellectual and cultural history of cybernetics and information theory, whose language of “information,” “feedback,” and “control” transformed the idiom

of the sciences, hastened the development of information technologies, and laid the conceptual foundation for what we now call the Information Age. Kline argues that, for about twenty years after 1950, the growth of cybernetics and information theory and ever-more-powerful computers produced a utopian information narrative—an enthusiasm for information science that influenced natural scientists, social scientists, engineers, humanists, policymakers, public intellectuals, and journalists, all of whom struggled to come to grips with new relationships between humans and intelligent machines. Kline traces the relationship between the invention of computers and communication systems and the rise, decline, and transformation of cybernetics by analyzing the lives and work of such notables as Norbert Wiener, Claude Shannon, Warren McCulloch, Margaret Mead, Gregory Bateson, and Herbert Simon. Ultimately, he reveals the crucial role played by the cybernetics moment—when cybernetics and information theory were seen as universal sciences—in setting the stage for our current preoccupation with information technologies. "Nowhere in the burgeoning secondary literature on cybernetics in the last two decades is there a concise history of cybernetics, the science of communication and control that helped usher in the current information age in America. Nowhere, that is, until now . . . Readers have in *The Cybernetics Moment* the first authoritative history of American cybernetics."—*Information & Culture* "[A]n extremely interesting and stimulating history of the concepts of cybernetics . . . This is a book for everyone to read, relish, and think about."—*Choice* "As a whole, the book presents a comprehensive in-depth retrospective analysis of the contribution of the American scientific school to the making, formation, and development of cybernetics and information theory. An unquestionable advantage of the book is the skillful use of numerous bibliographic sources by the author that reflect the scientific, engineering, and social significance of the questions being considered, competition of ideas and developments, and also interrelations between scientists."—*Cybernetics and System Analysis* "Dr. Kline is perhaps uniquely situated to take on so large and complicated [a] topic as

cybernetics . . . Readers unfamiliar with Wiener and his work are well advised to start with this well-written and thorough book. Those who are already familiar will still find much that is new and informative in the thorough research and reasoned interpretations."—IEEE History Center "The most comprehensive intellectual history of cybernetics in Cold War America."—*Journal of American History* "The book will be most valuable as historical background for the large number of disciplines that were involved in the cybernetics moment: computer science, communications engineering, information theory, and the social sciences of sociology and anthropology."—*IEEE Technology and Society Magazine* "Ronald Kline's chronicle of cybernetics certainly does what an excellent history of science should do. It takes you there—to the golden age of a new, exciting field. You will almost smell that cigar."—*Second-Order Cybernetics* "Kline's *The Cybernetics Moment* tracks the rise and fall of the cybernetics movement in more detail than any historical account to date."—*Los Angeles Review of Books* [Computer Simulations in Science and Engineering](#) - Juan Manuel Durán 2018-09-20 This book addresses key conceptual issues relating to the modern scientific and engineering use of computer simulations. It analyses a broad set of questions, from the nature of computer simulations to their epistemological power, including the many scientific, social and ethics implications of using computer simulations. The book is written in an easily accessible narrative, one that weaves together philosophical questions and scientific technicalities. It will thus appeal equally to all academic scientists, engineers, and researchers in industry interested in questions (and conceivable answers) related to the general practice of computer simulations.

The Startup Owner's Manual - Steve Blank
2020-03-17

More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book for detailed, step-by-step instructions on building successful, scalable, profitable startups. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The

Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you:

- Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success
- Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life
- Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses
- Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably
- Compute how you'll drive your startup to repeatable, scalable profits.

The Startup Owner's Manual was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

The Valuation Handbook - Rawley Thomas 2010

The definitive guide to valuation written by a who's who of today's top practitioners The Valuation Handbook differs significantly from other related books on this topic because the contributors are practitioners, academics, and investment firms that explain how they value companies and other assets. It concentrates on specific and innovative valuation techniques, rather than the theoretical approaches more generally accepted and discussed. Given the extreme volatility of the stock market, valuation is a critical issue for analysts, investors, and businesses. Here, various professional contributors explain how their firms approach the valuation process, while academic contributors share their valuation consulting and research experience. Examines how to value assets in today's dynamic market setting Offers a broad spectrum of ideas from some of the top practitioners and academics in this field Highlights state-of-the-art approaches to company valuation Filled with in-depth insights and expert advice, The Valuation Handbook puts this difficult discipline in perspective.

Unsolvable Contemporary - Paul Rabinow 2017-10-19

In Unsolvable Contemporary Paul Rabinow continues his explorations of "a philosophic anthropology of the contemporary." Defining the contemporary as a moving ratio in which the modern becomes historical, Rabinow shows how an anthropological ethos of the contemporary can be realized by drawing on the work of art historians, cultural critics, social theorists, and others, thereby inventing a methodology he calls anthropological assemblage. He focuses on the work and persona of German painter Gerhard Richter, demonstrating how reflecting on Richter's work provides rich insights into the practices and stylization of what, following Aby Warburg, one might call "the afterlife of the modern." Rabinow opens with analyses of Richter's recent Birkenau exhibit: both the artwork and its critical framing. He then chronicles Richter's experiments in image-making as well as his subtle inclusion of art historical and critical discourses about the modern. This, Rabinow contends, enables Richter to signal his awareness of the stakes of such theorizing while refusing the positioning of his work by modernist critical theorists. In this innovative work, Rabinow elucidates the ways meaning is created within the contemporary.

Introduction to Discrete Event Simulation and Agent-based Modeling - Theodore T. Allen 2011-01-12

Discrete event simulation and agent-based modeling are increasingly recognized as critical for diagnosing and solving process issues in complex systems. Introduction to Discrete Event Simulation and Agent-based Modeling covers the techniques needed for success in all phases of simulation projects. These include:

- Definition - The reader will learn how to plan a project and communicate using a charter.
- Input analysis - The reader will discover how to determine defensible sample sizes for all needed data collections. They will also learn how to fit distributions to that data.
- Simulation - The reader will understand how simulation controllers work, the Monte Carlo (MC) theory behind them, modern verification and validation, and ways to speed up simulation using variation reduction techniques and other methods.
- Output analysis - The reader will be able to

establish simultaneous intervals on key responses and apply selection and ranking, design of experiments (DOE), and black box optimization to develop defensible improvement recommendations. • Decision support – Methods to inspire creative alternatives are presented, including lean production. Also, over one hundred solved problems are provided and two full case studies, including one on voting machines that received international attention. Introduction to Discrete Event Simulation and Agent-based Modeling demonstrates how simulation can facilitate improvements on the job and in local communities. It allows readers to competently apply technology considered key in many industries and branches of government. It is suitable for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as researchers and other professionals.

Information Technology for Balanced Manufacturing Systems - Weiming Shen

2007-03-07

BASYS conferences were initially organized to promote the development of balanced automation systems. The first BASYS conference was successfully launched in Victoria, Brazil, in 1995. BASYS'06 is the 7th edition in this series. This book comprises three invited keynote papers and forty-nine regular papers accepted for presentation at the conference. All together, these papers will make significant contributions to the literature of Intelligent Technology for Balanced Manufacturing Systems.

Chronic Liver Failure - Pere Ginès 2010-11-03

Chronic liver failure is a frequent condition in clinical practice that encompasses all manifestations of patients with end-stage liver diseases. Chronic liver failure is a multiorgan syndrome that affects the liver, kidneys, brain, heart, lungs, adrenal glands, and vascular, coagulation, and immune systems. *Chronic Liver Failure: Mechanisms and Management* covers for the first time all aspects of chronic liver failure in a single book, from pathogenesis to current management. Each chapter is written by a worldwide known expert in their area and all provide the latest state-of-the-art knowledge. This volume is specifically designed to provide answers to clinical questions to all doctors dealing with patients with liver diseases, not only clinical gastroenterologists and

hepatologists, but also to internists, nephrologists, intensive care physicians, and transplant surgeons.

Definitive Guides for Supply Chain Management Professionals (Collection) - CSCMP 2014-02-11

A brand new collection of best practices for planning, organizing, and managing high-value supply chains... 8 authoritative books, now in a convenient e-format, at a great price! 8 authoritative books help you systematically plan, manage, and optimize any supply chain, in any environment or industry Master all the knowledge and best practices you need to design, implement, and manage world-class supply chains! This unique 8 eBook package will be an indispensable resource for supply chain professionals and students in any organization or environment. It contains 7 complete books commissioned by Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), the preeminent worldwide professional association dedicated to advancing and disseminating SCM research and knowledge. CSCMP's The Definitive Guide to Supply Chain Best Practices brings together state-of-the-art case studies to help you identify challenges, evaluate solutions, plan implementation, and prepare for the future. These realistic, fact-based cases reflect the full complexity of modern supply chain management. You're challenged to evaluate each scenario, identify the best available responses, and successfully integrate functional activities ranging from forecasting through post-sales service. CSCMP's Definitive Guide to Integrated Supply Chain Management is your definitive reference to managing supply chains that improve customer service, reduce costs, and enhance business performance. Clearly and concisely, it introduces modern best practices for organizations of all sizes, types, and industries. Next, this eBook package contains five books fully addressing core areas of CSCMP Level One SCPro™ certification: manufacturing/service operations; warehousing; supply management/procurement; transportation; and order fulfillment/customer service. All five offer focused coverage of essential technical and behavioral skills, addressing principles, elements, strategies, tactics, processes, business

interactions/linkages, technologies, planning, management, measurement, global operations, and more. The Definitive Guide to Manufacturing and Service Operations introduces complete best practices for planning, organizing, and managing the production of products and services. It introduces key terminology, roles, and goals; techniques for planning and scheduling facilities, material, and labor; continuous process and quality improvement methods; sustainability; MRP II, DRP, and other technologies; and more. Next, The Definitive Guide to Warehousing helps you optimize all facets of warehousing, step by step. It explains each warehousing option, storage and handling operations, strategic planning, and the effects of warehousing decisions on total logistics costs and customer service. It covers product and materials handling, labor management, warehouse support, extended value chain processes, facility ownership, planning, strategy decisions, warehouse management systems, Auto-ID, AGVs, and more. The Definitive Guide to Supply Management and Procurement helps you drive sustainable competitive advantage via better supplier management and procurement. It covers transactional and long-term activities; category analysis, supplier selection, contract negotiation, relationship management, performance evaluation/management; sustainability; spend analysis, competitive bidding, eProcurement, eSourcing, auctions/reverse auctions, contract compliance, global sourcing, and more. The Definitive Guide to Transportation is today's most authoritative guide to world-class supply chain transportation. Its coverage includes: transportation modes, execution, and control; outsourcing, modal and carrier selection, and 3PLs; TMS technologies; ocean shipping, international air, customs, and regulation; and more. CSCMP's The Definitive Guide to Order Fulfillment and Customer Service covers all facets of building and operating world-class supply chain order fulfillment and customer service processes, from initial customer inquiry through post sales service and support. It introduces crucial concepts ranging from order cycles to available-to-promise, supply chain RFID to global order capture networks, guiding you in optimizing every customer contact you

make. Finally, in Demand and Supply Integration: The Key to World-Class Demand Forecasting, Mark A. Moon helps you effectively integrate demand forecasting within a comprehensive, world-class Demand and Supply Integration (DSI) process. Moon shows how to approach demand forecasting as a management process; choose and apply the best qualitative and quantitative techniques; and create demand forecasts that are far more accurate and useful. If you're tasked with driving more value from your supply chain, this collection offers you extraordinary resources -- and unsurpassed opportunities. From world-renowned supply chain experts Robert Frankel, Brian J. Gibson, Joe B. Hanna, C. Clifford Defee, Haozhe Chen, Nada Sanders, Scott B. Keller, Brian C. Keller, Wendy L. Tate, Thomas J. Goldsby, Deepak Iyengar, Shashank Rao, Stanley E. Fawcett, Amydee M. Fawcett, and Mark A. Moon

BIM Handbook - Rafael Sacks 2018-07-03
Discover BIM: A better way to build better buildings Building Information Modeling (BIM) offers a novel approach to design, construction, and facility management in which a digital representation of the building product and process is used to facilitate the exchange and interoperability of information in digital format. BIM is beginning to change the way buildings look, the way they function, and the ways in which they are designed and built. The BIM Handbook, Third Edition provides an in-depth understanding of BIM technologies, the business and organizational issues associated with its implementation, and the profound advantages that effective use of BIM can provide to all members of a project team. Updates to this edition include: Information on the ways in which professionals should use BIM to gain maximum value New topics such as collaborative working, national and major construction clients, BIM standards and guides A discussion on how various professional roles have expanded through the widespread use and the new avenues of BIM practices and services A wealth of new case studies that clearly illustrate exactly how BIM is applied in a wide variety of conditions Painting a colorful and thorough picture of the state of the art in building information modeling, the BIM Handbook, Third Edition guides readers to successful

implementations, helping them to avoid needless frustration and costs and take full advantage of this paradigm-shifting approach to construct better buildings that consume fewer materials and require less time, labor, and capital resources.

The Definitive Guide to Inventory Management - CSCMP 2014-03-19

Master and apply both the technical and behavioral skills you need to succeed in any inventory management role or function! Now, there's an authoritative and comprehensive guide to best-practice inventory management in any organization. Authored by world-class experts in collaboration with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), this text illuminates planning, organizing, controlling, directing, motivating and coordinating all the activities used to efficiently control product flow. The Definitive Guide to Inventory Management covers long-term strategic decisions; mid-term tactical decisions; and even short-term operational decisions. Topics discussed include: Basic inventory management goals, roles, concepts, purposes, and terminology Key inventory management elements, processes, and interactions Principles/strategies for establishing efficient and effective inventory flows Using technology in inventory planning and management New approaches to inventory reduction: postponement, vendor-managed inventories, cross-docking, and quick response systems Trade-offs between inventory and transportation costs, including carrying costs Requirements and challenges of global inventory management Best practices, metrics, and frameworks for assessing inventory management performance

Active Materials - Peter Fratzl 2021-12-20

What are active materials? This book aims to introduce and redefine conceptions of matter by considering materials as entities that 'sense' and respond to their environment. By examining the modeling of, the experiments on, and the construction of these materials, and by developing a theory of their structure, their collective activity, and their functionality, this volume identifies and develops a novel scientific approach to active materials. Moreover, essays on the history and philosophy of metallurgy,

chemistry, biology, and materials science provide these various approaches to active materials with a historical and cultural context. The interviews with experts from the natural sciences included in this volume develop new understandings of 'active matter' and active materials in relation to a range of research objects and from the perspective of different scientific disciplines, including biology, physics, chemistry, and materials science. These insights are complemented by contributions on the activity of matter and materials from the humanities and the design field. Discusses the mechanisms of active materials and their various conceptualizations in materials science. Redefines conceptions of active materials through interviews with experts from the natural sciences. Contextualizes, historicizes, and reflects on different notions of matter/materials and activity through contributions from the humanities. A highly interdisciplinary approach to a cutting-edge research topic, with contributions from both the sciences and the humanities.

Narrative Justice - Rafe McGregor 2018-09-16

This important new book provides an original and compelling argument for a new theory of aesthetic education. Rafe McGregor proposes a model of interdisciplinary inquiry, applying a combined philosophical and critical approach to illuminate issues in a social science. The book makes an original contribution to the field of narrative criminology.

Simulation Modeling and Analysis with ARENA - Tayfur Altioek 2010-07-26

Simulation Modeling and Analysis with Arena is a highly readable textbook which treats the essentials of the Monte Carlo discrete-event simulation methodology, and does so in the context of a popular Arena simulation environment. It treats simulation modeling as an in-vitro laboratory that facilitates the understanding of complex systems and experimentation with what-if scenarios in order to estimate their performance metrics. The book contains chapters on the simulation modeling methodology and the underpinnings of discrete-event systems, as well as the relevant underlying probability, statistics, stochastic processes, input analysis, model validation and output analysis. All simulation-related concepts are illustrated in

numerous Arena examples, encompassing production lines, manufacturing and inventory systems, transportation systems, and computer information systems in networked settings. · Introduces the concept of discrete event Monte Carlo simulation, the most commonly used methodology for modeling and analysis of complex systems · Covers essential workings of the popular animated simulation language,

ARENA, including set-up, design parameters, input data, and output analysis, along with a wide variety of sample model applications from production lines to transportation systems · Reviews elements of statistics, probability, and stochastic processes relevant to simulation modeling * Ample end-of-chapter problems and full Solutions Manual * Includes CD with sample ARENA modeling programs