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This book provides a brief yet rigorous introduction to various quantitative methods used in economic decision-making. It has no prerequisites other than high school algebra. The book begins with matrix algebra and calculus, which are then used in the book's core modes. Once the reader grasps matrix theory and calculus, the quantitative models can be understood easily, and for each model there are many solved examples related to business and economic applications.

This book is especially relevant to undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers studying quanti-

tative techniques as part of business, management and finance. It is an interdisciplinary book that covers all major topics involved at the interface between business and management on the one hand and mathematics and statistics on the other. Managers and others in industry and commerce who wish to obtain a working knowledge of quantitative techniques will also find this book useful.

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please ask your instructor for the correct ISBN and course ID. MyLab Math Global should only be purchased when required by an instructor. Instructors, contact your Pearson representative for more information. There's no doubt that a manager's job is getting tougher. Do it better, do it faster, do it cheaper are the pressures every manager faces. And at the heart of every manager's job is decision-making: deciding what to do and how to do it. This well-respected text looks at how quantitative analysis techniques can be used effectively to support such decision making. As a manager, developing a good understanding of the quantitative analysis tech-

niques at your disposal is crucial. Knowing how, and when, to use them and what their results really mean can be the difference between making a good or bad decision and, ultimately, between business success and failure. Appealing both to students on introductory-level courses and to MBA and postgraduate students, this internationally successful text provides an accessible introduction to a subject area that students often find difficult. Quantitative Analysis for Decision Makers (formerly known as Quantitative Methods for Decision Makers) helps students to understand the relevance of quantitative methods of analysis to management decision-making by relating techniques directly to real-life business decisions in public and private sector organisations and focuses on developing appropriate skills and understanding of how the techniques fit into the wider management process. Key features: The use of real data sets to show how analytical techniques are used in practice "QADM in Action" case studies illustrating how organisations benefit from the use of analytical techniques Articles from the Financial Times illustrating

the use of such techniques in a variety of business settings Fully worked examples and exercises supported by Excel data sets Student Progress Check activities in each chapter with solutions A 300+ page Tutors Solutions Manual

Sport Industry Research & Analysis offers a no-nonsense, straightforward approach to the study of research design and statistical analysis in the sport enterprise. Each chapter outlines real-world instances in which research and statistics contribute to bottom-line decisions. The book includes clear, progressive instructions, using spreadsheets for statistical computations and analyses. The explanations and analyses are presented in the context of sport industry scenarios with sample data. Additional scenarios with sample data provide hands-on practice with each statistical test. "In Practice" contributions from sport industry professionals demonstrate how these practitioners use research and statistical analysis in their everyday tasks. This book's succinct, applied approach to research design and statistical analyses provides readers with es-

sential skills to help them understand the importance of an information-based approach to decision making in the sport enterprise.

Quantitative Methods for Business: The A-Z of QM will enable readers to: *Appreciate the significance of quantitative methods for businesses and the study of business *Understand and apply a wide range of quantitative techniques *Select appropriate quantitative techniques for data analysis, problem solving and decision making *Interpret and communicate the results of quantitative analysis

Appealing both to students on introductory courses for quantitative methods and MBA and post-experience students, this respected text provides an accessible, practical introduction to an area that students often find difficult. Concentrating on helping students to understand the relevance of quantitative methods of analysis to managers' decision-making, it focuses on the development of appropriate skills and understanding of how the techniques fit into the wider management process.

An accessible introduction to the essential quantita-

tive methods for making valuable business decisions. Quantitative methods—research techniques used to analyze quantitative data—enable professionals to organize and understand numbers and, in turn, to make good decisions. *Quantitative Methods: An Introduction for Business Management* presents the application of quantitative mathematical modeling to decision making in a business management context and emphasizes not only the role of data in drawing conclusions, but also the pitfalls of undiscerning reliance of software packages that implement standard statistical procedures. With hands-on applications and explanations that are accessible to readers at various levels, the book successfully outlines the necessary tools to make smart and successful business decisions. Progressing from beginner to more advanced material at an easy-to-follow pace, the author utilizes motivating examples throughout to aid readers interested in decision making and also provides critical remarks, intuitive traps, and counterexamples when appropriate. The book begins with a discussion of motivations and foundations related to the topic, with

introductory presentations of concepts from calculus to linear algebra. Next, the core ideas of quantitative methods are presented in chapters that explore introductory topics in probability, descriptive and inferential statistics, linear regression, and a discussion of time series that includes both classical topics and more challenging models. The author also discusses linear programming models and decision making under risk as well as less standard topics in the field such as game theory and Bayesian statistics. Finally, the book concludes with a focus on selected tools from multivariate statistics, including advanced regression models and data reduction methods such as principal component analysis, factor analysis, and cluster analysis. The book promotes the importance of an analytical approach, particularly when dealing with a complex system where multiple individuals are involved and have conflicting incentives. A related website features Microsoft Excel® workbooks and MATLAB® scripts to illustrate concepts as well as additional exercises with solutions. *Quantitative Methods* is an excellent book for courses on the

topic at the graduate level. The book also serves as an authoritative reference and self-study guide for financial and business professionals, as well as readers looking to reinforce their analytical skills.

This monograph is intended for an advanced undergraduate or graduate course as well as for the researchers who want a compilation of developments in this rapidly growing field of operations research. This is a sequel to our previous work entitled "Multiple Objective Decision Making—Methods and Applications: A State-of-the-Art Survey," (No. 164 of the Lecture Notes). The literature on methods and applications of Multiple Attribute Decision Making (MADM) has been reviewed and classified systematically. This study provides readers with a capsule look into the existing methods, their characteristics, and applicability to analysis of MADM problems. The basic MADM concepts are defined and a standard notation is introduced in Part 11. Also introduced are foundations such as models for MADM, transformation of attributes, fuzzy decision rules, and methods for assessing weight. A system of classifying sev-

enteen major MADM methods is presented. These methods have been proposed by researchers in diversified disciplines; half of them are classical ones, but the other half have appeared recently. The basic concept, the computational procedure, and the characteristics of each of these methods are presented concisely in Part III. The computational procedure of each method is illustrated by solving a simple numerical example. Part IV of the survey deals with the applications of these MADM methods.

Quantitative Methods in Transportation provides the most useful, simple, and advanced quantitative techniques for solving real-life transportation engineering problems. It aims to help transportation engineers and analysts to predict travel and freight demand, plan new transportation networks, and develop various traffic control strategies that are safer, more cost effective, and greener. Transportation networks can be exceptionally large, and this makes many transportation problems combinatorial, and the challenges are compounded by the stochastic and independent nature of trip-plann-

ers decision making. Methods outlined in this book range from linear programming, multi-attribute decision making, data envelopment analysis, probability theory, and simulation to computer techniques such as genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, tabu search, ant colony optimization, and bee colony optimization. The book is supported with problems and has a solutions manual to aid course instructors.

Develop a strong conceptual understanding of the role that quantitative methods play in today's decision-making process. Written for the non-mathematician, this application-oriented text introduces today's many quantitative methods, how they work, and how decision makers can most effectively apply and interpret data. A strong managerial orientation motivates while actual examples illustrate situations where quantitative methods make a difference in decision making. A strong Problem-Scenario Approach helps you understand and apply mathematical concepts. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook ver-

sion.

The importance of property as an investment medium continues to grow. Investors in property or those involved with the provision of expert advice to investors have had to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their decision making. The aim of this book is to lay down the theoretical foundations of investment decision making, incorporating the techniques and procedures of modern management science, so that particular decisions regarding property investment can be made efficiently and rationally.

Quantitative Methods for Decision Making is a comprehensive guide that provides students with the key techniques and methodology they will need to successfully engage with all aspects of quantitative analysis and decision making; both on their undergraduate course, and in the larger context of their future business environments. Organized in accordance with the enterprise functional structure where the decision making takes place, the textbook encompasses a broad range of functions, each detailed with clear examples illustrated through the single application tool Microsoft Excel. The authors ap-

proach a range of methods which are divided into major enterprise functions such as marketing, sales, business development, manufacturing, quality control and finance; illustrating how the methods can be applied in practice and translated into a working environment. Each chapter is packed with short case studies to exemplify the practical use of techniques, and contains a wealth of exercises after key sections and concepts, giving students the opportunity to monitor their own progress using the solutions at the back of the book. An Online Resource Centre accompanies the text and includes:

For students: - Numerical skills workbook with additional exercises, questions and content - Data from the examples and exercises in the book - Online glossary of terms - Revision tips - Visual walk-through videos covering the application of a range of quantitative methods - Appendices to the book

For lecturers: - Instructor's manual including solutions from the text and a guide to structuring lectures and seminars - PowerPoint presentations - Test bank with questions for each chapter - Suggested assignment and examination questions

Master data analysis, modeling, and spreadsheet use with BUSINESS ANALYTICS: DATA ANALYSIS AND DECISION MAKING, 6E! Popular with students, instructors, and practitioners, this quantitative methods text delivers the tools to succeed with its proven teach-by-example approach, user-friendly writing style, and complete Excel 2016 integration. It is also compatible with Excel 2013, 2010, and 2007. Completely rewritten, Chapter 17, Data Mining, and Chapter 18, Importing Data into Excel, include increased emphasis on the tools commonly included under the Business Analytics umbrella -- including Microsoft Excel's "Power BI" suite. In addition, up-to-date problem sets and cases provide realistic examples to show the relevance of the material. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

A comprehensive, class-tested text covering all aspects of operations research/management science. Designed for students pursuing business careers requiring managerial ability and decision-making skills, it strongly emphasizes applications

through numerous real-life examples and illustrations, chapter outlines, discussion questions, problem sets, and "application reviews" which describe scenarios involving actual companies that have benefited from each method discussed. The material is presented in a concise, straightforward manner at a suitable mathematical level, i.e., that of finite mathematics and basic algebra. The mathematical foundation for each quantitative method is clearly set forth and illustrated by means of examples. Appendixes contain brief reviews of calculus and matrix algebra. In addition, the text describes how to apply several well-known and readily available micro-computer software packages to operations research/management science problems. Also includes end-of-chapter glossaries, lists of references, tables, and diagrams.

This is a text book as well as a reference book for decision making in construction. The book is written to serve undergraduates of construction-related programmes and postgraduate students undertaking construction management bridging courses. It contains mainly quantitative techniques used to as-

sist, decision making. Plenty of real life examples are used to illustrate the theories, arguments and calculations.

The most difficult part of making decisions in the health care field on all levels (national, regional, institutional, patient) is linked to the very complexity of the system itself, to the intrinsic uncertainty involved and its dynamic nature. This requires not only the ability to analyze and interpret a large amount of information but also arrange it so that it becomes a cognitive base for appropriate decision-making. Moreover, decisions in the health care field are subjected to many challenges and constraints: fast change and uncertain outcomes, aging population, increasing citizen expectations, equity considerations and limited resources. Operations research, statistical and economic-related quantitative methods supply these decisions making tools and methodology. The contributed book presents a collection of applications to concrete situations detailing the problem area, the methodology employed, the implementation and results. Each topic addressed in the book

will be structured in such a way that an interdisciplinary and wide audience will be able to use the materials presented. As an example the book chapters will address health policies issues, planning health services, epidemiology and disease modelling, home-care modelling, logistics in health care, capacity planning, quality and appropriateness.

Quantitative Techniques: Theory and Problems adopts a fresh and novel approach to the study of quantitative techniques, and provides a comprehensive coverage of the subject. Essentially designed for extensive practice and self-study, this book will serve as a tutor at home. Chapters contain theory in brief, numerous solved examples and exercises with exhibits and tables.

A Practical, Strategic Approach to Managerial Communication Managerial Communication: Strategies and Applications focuses on communication skills and strategies that managers need to be successful in today's workplace. Known for its holistic overview of communication, solid research base, and focus on managerial competencies, this text continues to be the

market leader in the field. In the Seventh Edition, author Geraldine E. Hynes and new co-author Jennifer R. Veltsos preserve the book's strategic perspective and include new updates to reflect the modern workplace. The new edition adds a chapter on visual communication that explains how to design documents, memorable presentations, and impactful graphics. New coverage of virtual teams, virtual presentations, and online communication help students avoid common pitfalls when using technology.

This book has been developed with a focus on the need to demystify the subject and make it easy for students to grasp the principles and details involved, and make it easily understandable to beginners exposed to the subject for the first time. An attempt has been made to explain things in a logical progression, in the simplest possible way so that neophytes may quickly grasp the concepts and methodology. A novel approach in the book is the illustrative use of computers with TORA package, as a problem-solving tool. In actual practice, situations arise with large and complex problems that

are difficult to solve. At such times, using computers to solve problems gives fast and more accurate results. The chapters are arranged so as to progressively explain the workings of various models in actual practice through step-by-step procedures that so simplify and solve them, that even students from a non-mathematics academic background will grasp them quickly. Linear programming, the most powerful tool for managerial decision-making is covered elaborately, including thorough discussion of various LP methods and LP solutions, Duality in LP problems, sensitivity analysis, etc. Models in the book also use Linear Programming to reach solutions including those relating to transportation and transshipment, assignment, and Game Theory & illustrated with screenshots of a computer with a TORA package. Readers whether students, business executives, managers, researchers and academicians will find that the insights and knowledge obtained from the book will stand them in good stead in both academic as well as occupational pursuits. Quantitative Methods for Decision Makers covers ev-

erything you need to know for an introductory quantitative methods course. Relating techniques directly to real-life business decisions in private and public sector organisations, it is particularly well-suited to MBA students who will be applying quantitative methods in day-to-day managerial decision-making.

In real-life scenarios, service management involves complex decision-making processes usually affected by random or stochastic variables. Under such uncertain conditions, the development and use of robust and flexible strategies, algorithms, and methods can provide the quantitative information necessary to make better business decisions. Decision Making in Service Industries: A Practical Approach explores the challenges that must be faced to provide intelligent strategies for efficient management and decision making that will increase your organization's competitiveness and profitability. The book provides insight and understanding into practical and methodological issues related to decision-making processes under uncertainty in service industries. It examines current and future trends regarding how

these decision-making processes can be efficiently performed for better design of service systems by using probabilistic algorithms as well as hybrid and simulation-based approaches. Traditionally, many quantitative tools have been developed to make decisions in production companies. This book explores how to use these tools for making decisions inside service industries. Thus, the authors tackle strategic, tactical, and operational problems in service companies with the help of suitable quantitative models such as heuristic and metaheuristic algorithms, simulation, or queuing theory. Generally speaking, decision making is a hard task in business fields. Making the issue more complex, most service companies' problems are related to the uncertainty of the service demand. This book sheds light on these types of decision problems. It provides studies that demonstrate the suitability of quantitative methods to make the right decisions. Consequently, this book presents the business analytics needed to make strategic decisions in service industries.

This volume introduces the theory, method, and

applications of one type of conjoint analysis technique. These techniques are used to study individual judgement and decision processes and forecast the chosen behavior of individuals or the populations they represent.

Quantitative Analysis for Management, 12e, is a textbook aimed at helping undergraduate and graduate students develop an in-depth understanding of business analytics, quantitative methods, and management science. To enable students connect how the techniques presented in this book apply in the real world, computer-based applications and examples are a major focus of this edition. Mathematical models, with all the necessary assumptions, are presented in a clear and jargon-free language. The solution procedures are then applied to example problems alongside step-by-step how-to instructions."

Thoroughly revised and updated for Excel®, this second edition of Quantitative Methods in Health Care Management offers a comprehensive introduction to quantitative methods and techniques for the student or new administrator. Its broad range of practical methods and analysis spans operation-

al, tactical, and strategic decisions. Users will find techniques for forecasting, decision-making, facility location, facility layout, reengineering, staffing, scheduling, productivity, resource allocation, supply chain and inventory management, quality control, project management, queuing models for capacity, and simulation. The book's step-by-step approach, use of Excel, and downloadable Excel templates make the text highly practical. Praise for the Second Edition "The second edition of Dr. Ozcan's textbook is comprehensive and well-written with useful illustrative examples that give students and health care professionals a perfect toolkit for quantitative decision making in health care on the road for the twenty-first century. The text helps to explain the complex health care management problems and offer support for decision makers in this field." —Marion Rauner, associate professor, School of Business, Economics, and Statistics, University of Vienna. "Quantitative Methods in Health Care Administration, Second Edition covers a broad set of necessary and important topics. It is a valuable text that is easy to teach and learn

from." —David Belson, professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California.

This open access book is based on "Spatonomy - Spatial Exploration of Economic Data", an interdisciplinary and international project in the frame of ERASMUS+ funded by the European Union. The project aims to exchange interdisciplinary knowledge in the fields of economics and geomatics. For the newly introduced courses, interdisciplinary learning materials have been developed by a team of lecturers from four different universities in three countries. In a first study block, students were taught methods from the two main research fields. Afterwards, the knowledge gained had to be applied in a project. For this international project, teams were formed, consisting of one student from each university participating in the project. The achieved results were presented in a summer school a few months later. At this event, more methodological knowledge was imparted to prepare students for a final simulation game about spatial and economic decision making. In a

broader sense, the chapters will present the methodological background of the project, give case studies and show how visualisation and the simulation game works. This work was published by Saint Philip Street Press pursuant to a Creative Commons license permitting commercial use. All rights not granted by the work's license are retained by the author or authors.

Singh introduces valuable techniques for weighing and evaluating alternatives in decision making with a focus on risk analysis for identifying, quantifying, and mitigating risks associated with construction projects.

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This book focuses on the use of quantitative methods for both business and management, helping readers understand the most relevant quantitative methods for managerial decision-making. Pursuing a highly practical approach, the book reduces the theoretical information to a minimum, so as to give full prominence to the analysis of real business problems. Each chapter includes a brief theoretical explanation, followed by a real-life managerial case that needs to be solved, which is accom-

panied by a corresponding Microsoft Excel® dataset. The practical cases and exercises are solved using Excel, and for each problem, the authors provide an Excel file with the complete solution and corresponding calculations, which can be downloaded easily from the book's

website. Further, in an appendix, readers can find solutions to the same problems, but using the R statistical language. The book represents a valuable reference guide for postgraduate, MBA and executive education students, as it offers a hand-

s-on, practical approach to learning quantitative methods in a managerial context. It will also be of interest to managers looking for a practical and straightforward way to learn about quantitative methods and improve their decision-making processes.