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Research Methods in Politics and International Relations Springer

This book provides an accessible presentation of concepts from probability theory, statistical methods, the design of experiments and statistical quality control. It is shaped by the experience of the two

teachers teaching statistical methods and concepts to engineering students, over a decade. Practical examples and end-of-chapter exercises are the highlights of the text as they are purposely selected from different fields. Statistical principles discussed in the book have great relevance in several disciplines like economics, commerce, engineering, medicine, health-care, agriculture, biochemistry, and textiles to mention a few. A large number of students with varied disciplinary backgrounds need a course in basics of statistics, the design of

experiments and statistical quality control at an introductory level to pursue their discipline of interest. No previous knowledge of probability or statistics is assumed, but an understanding of calculus is a prerequisite. The whole book serves as a master level introductory course in all the three topics, as required in textile engineering or industrial engineering. Organised into 10 chapters, the book discusses three different courses namely statistics, the design of experiments and quality control. Chapter 1 is the introductory chapter which describes the importance of statistical methods, the design of experiments and statistical quality control. Chapters 2 – 6 deal with statistical methods including basic concepts of probability theory, descriptive statistics, statistical inference, statistical test of hypothesis and analysis of correlation and regression. Chapters 7 – 9 deal with the design of experiments including factorial designs and response surface methodology, and Chap. 10 deals with statistical quality control.

Landscape Genetics World Scientific
This book addresses the question of whether or not behavioural differences between children can be most appropriately characterised by dimensions of psychological problems or by categorical diagnoses. It describes the concepts and methods that have been developed and applied within developmental psychopathology using this dimensional approach. The book reviews evidence on the interplay between genes and the environment in influencing internalising problems, externalising problems, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and on the hierarchical factor structure underlying these behavioural dimensions. It provides an appraisal of the state of knowledge on the longer-term sequelae of these

problems and on the efficacy of treatments that have been developed for them. Key areas of coverage include: Multivariate data analytic methods for investigating behavioural differences (e.g., path analysis, cluster analysis, structural equation modelling, network analysis) and their associated theoretical frameworks (e.g., hierarchical factor models). Methods to investigate the biology of behavioural differences (e.g., quantitative and molecular genetics, epigenetics, and brain imaging). The design of research studies that can test most directly for causality (i.e., randomised controlled trials) and others that can estimate plausible causal relationships from associations and correlations. Reviews of studies that have applied these methods to understand the developmental course of

internalising and externalising behaviours and the neurodevelopmental problems of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). *Developmental Psychopathology* is an essential reference for researchers, professors, and graduate students as well as clinicians and other professionals in developmental psychology, clinical child and school psychology, child and adolescent psychiatry, paediatrics, clinical social work, public health, educational psychology, and all related disciplines.

Mathematical Concepts and Methods in Modern Biology Routledge

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depth, and diversity of the work here is amazing. It attests to the growing popularity of games and the increasing importance of developing a range of theories, methods, and scales to evaluate them. This evolution is driven by the cost and complexity of games being developed today. It is also driven by the need to broaden the appeal of games. Many of the approaches described here are enabled by new tools and techniques. This book (along with a few others) represents a watershed in game evaluation and understanding. The field of game evaluation has truly “come of age”. The broader field of HCI can begin to look toward game evaluation for fresh, critical, and sophisticated things about design evaluation and product development. They can also look to games for groundbreaking case studies of evaluation of products. I’ll briefly summarize each chapter below and provide some commentary. In conclusion, I will mention a few common themes and offer some challenges. Discussion In Chapter 1, User Experience Evaluation in Entertainment, Bernhaupt gives an overview and presents a general framework on methods currently used for user experience evaluation. The methods presented in the following chapters are summarized and thus allow the reader to quickly assess the right set of methods that will help to

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Modeling with UML

Academic Press

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Handbook of Partial Least Squares John Wiley & Sons

Fluvial Geomorphology studies the biophysical processes acting in rivers, and the sediment patterns and landforms resulting from them. It is a discipline of synthesis, with roots in geology, geography, and river engineering, and with strong interactions with allied fields such as ecology, engineering and landscape architecture. This book comprehensively reviews tools used in fluvial geomorphology, at a level

suitable to guide the selection of research methods for a given question. Presenting an integrated approach to the interdisciplinary nature of the subject, it provides guidance for researchers and professionals on the tools available to answer questions on river restoration and management.

Thoroughly updated since the first edition in 2003 by experts in their subfields, the book presents state-of-the-art tools that have revolutionized fluvial geomorphology in recent decades, such as physical and numerical modelling, remote sensing and GIS, new field techniques, advances in dating, tracking and sourcing, statistical approaches as well as more traditional methods such as the systems framework, stratigraphic analysis, form

and flow characterisation and conservation and restoration. historical analysis. This book: Covers five main types of geomorphological questions and their associated tools: historical framework; spatial framework; chemical, physical and biological methods; analysis of processes and forms; and future understanding framework. Provides guidance on advantages and limitations of different tools for different applications, data sources, equipment and supplies needed, and case studies illustrating their application in an integrated perspective. It is an essential resource for researchers and professional geomorphologists, hydrologists, geologists, engineers, planners, and ecologists concerned with river management,

It is a useful supplementary textbook for upper level undergraduate and graduate courses in Geography, Geology, Environmental Science, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and interdisciplinary courses in river management and restoration.

FUNDAMENTAL OF SOFT COMPUTING BPB Publications

Updating the book since its last publication in 1985, this new edition of the landmark work on human resource accounting has been substantially revised to reflect the current state of the field through the late 1990s. The economies of many nations are increasingly dominated by knowledge- or information-based sectors driven by highly trained and specialized personnel. Whereas physical capital was of the utmost economic importance in the past, the distinctive feature of the emerging post-industrial economies is an increasing reliance on human and

intellectual capital. The growing importance of human capital as a determinant of economic success at both the macroeconomic and microeconomic levels dictates that firms need to adjust to this new economic reality. Specifically, if human capital is a key determinant for organizational success, then investment in the training and development of employees to improve performance is a critical component of this success. This broad socioeconomic shift underscores a growing need for measuring and analyzing human capital when making managerial and financial decisions. Yet important human resource decisions involving hiring, training, compensation, productivity and other matters are often made in the absence of specific information about the different costs and benefits of these particular choices. Human resource accounting is a managerial tool that can be used to gain this valuable information by measuring the costs of recruiting, hiring, compensating and training employees. It can be used to evaluate employee training programs, increase productivity, and improve managerial decision-making regarding promotions, transfers, layoffs, replacement and turnover. Case studies illustrate, for example: How an insurance company evaluated a training program for claims adjusters and found that it would return two dollars for every one dollar spent. How a human resources accounting study revealed that an electronics firm's losses from employee turnover equalled one year's new income, and how the company initiated a program to reduce turnovers. The third edition presents the current state of the art of human resource accounting by (1) examining the concepts and methods of accounting for people as human resources; (2) explaining the present and potential uses of human resource accounting for human resource managers, line managers and investors; (3) describing the research, experiments and applications of human resource accounting in organizations; (4) considering the

steps involved in developing a human resource accounting system; and (5) discussing some of the remaining aspects of human resource accounting that require further research.

Text Analytics CRC Press

Software Engineering now

occupies a central place in the development of technology and in the advancement of the economy. from

telecommunications to aerospace

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that have proven useful to the

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many industry projects over a

quarter century of research,

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meaningful concepts, ideas, and

methods in software engineering

are presented and explained. The

book covers essential topics of

the field of software engineering

with a focus on practical and

commonly used techniques along

with advanced topics useful for

extending the reader's knowledge

regarding leading edge

approaches. Building on the

industrial, research, and teaching

experiences of the author, a

dynamic treatment of the subject

is presented incorporating a wide

body of published findings and

techniques, novel organization of

material, original concepts,

contributions from specialists,

and the clear, concise writing

required to keep the attention of

readers. Using over 20 years of

lecture notes, transcripts, course

notes, view graphs, published

articles, and other materials, as

well as industry experience on

commercial software product

development a "virtual toolbox"

of software techniques are shared

in this volume.

Tools in Fluvial Geomorphology

IGI Global

Aquatic plants continue to create

problems associated with

navigation, flood control,

agriculture, irrigation and

drainage, values of lands,

conservation of wildlife and fisheries, and water resource supply. While much research is being done to find more effective and economic control measures, there is now a great need to apply known facts to achieve a measure of control by the means available. It is the purpose of this volume to provide a scientifically documented treatise of the known facts as they apply to the control of aquatic weeds in river basins and their allied waterways with particular emphasis on alligator weed and water hyacinth.

Supply Chain Management: Concepts, Techniques And Practices: Enhancing The Value Through Collaboration
CRC Press

Here is a chapter from an updated Design for Six Sigma, Second Edition, which has extensive new chapters and learning modules on innovation, lean product development, computer simulation, and critical parameter management--plus new thread-through case

studies. This updated edition provides unrivalled real-world product development experience and priceless walk-throughs that help you choose the right design tools at every stage of product and service development. The book includes detailed directions, careful comparisons, and work-out calculations that make every step of the Design for Six Sigma process easier.

Weed Control Methods for River Basin Management
Springer Science & Business Media

Careful work with concepts is a cornerstone of good social science methodology. This book, *Concepts and Method in Social Science*, demonstrates the crucial role of concepts, drawing on both the classic contributions of Giovanni Sartori and the writing of a younger generation of scholars. Part 1 includes selections from Sartori's writing on concepts and

method. These chapters discuss concept formation, conceptual stretching, the necessary logical steps in moving from conceptualization to measurement, and relationships among meanings, terms, and observations. Part II presents work of scholars who extend the Sartori tradition, including chapters on five key concepts employed political research: revolution, culture, democracy, peasants, and institutionalization. Part III offers a broader picture of Sartori and his contributions. It includes an autobiographical essay by Sartori himself -- in which he explores the role of "Chance, Luck, and Stubbornness" in his career -- as well as reflections by five former students on Sartori as a teacher and mentor. The final chapter is a comprehensive bibliography of his work.

Evaluating User Experience in Games Springer

The Art and Science of

Embodied Research Design: Concepts, Methods, and Cases offers some of the nascent perspectives that situate embodiment as a necessary element in human research. This edited volume brings together philosophical foundations of embodiment research with application of embodied methods from several disciplines. The book is divided into two sections. Part I, **Concepts in Embodied Research Design**, suggests ways that embodied epistemology may bring deeper understanding to current research theory, and describes the ways in which embodiment is an integral part of the research process. In Part II, **Methods and Cases**, chapters propose novel ways to operationalize embodied data in the research process. The section is divided into four sub-sections: **Somatic Systems of Analysis, Movement Systems of Analysis, Embodied Interviews and Observations, and Creative and Mixed Methods**. Each chapter proposes a method case; an example of a previously used research method that exemplifies

the way in which embodiment is used in a study. As such, it can be used as scaffold for designing embodied methods that suits the researcher's needs. It is suited for many fields of study such as psychology, sociology, behavioral science, anthropology, education, and arts-based research. It will be useful for graduate coursework in somatic studies or as a supplemental text for courses in traditional research design.

Interactions Springer Science & Business Media

The last 20 years have witnessed a proliferation of new approaches in archaeological data recovery, analysis, and theory building that incorporate both new forms of information and new methods for investigating them. The growing importance of survey has meant an expansion of the spatial realm of traditional archaeological data recovery and analysis from its traditional focus on specific locations on the landscape-archaeological sites-to the incorporation of data both on-site and off-site from across extensive regions. Evolving

survey methods have led to experiments with nonsite and distributional data recovery as well as the critical evaluation of the definition and role of archaeological sites in data recovery and analysis. In both survey and excavation, the geomorphological analysis of land scapes has become increasingly important in the analysis of archaeological materials. Ethnoarchaeology-the use of ethnography to sharpen archaeological understanding of cultural and natural formation processes-has concentrated study on the formation processes underlying the content and structure of archaeological deposits. These actualistic studies consider patterns of deposition at the site level and the material results of human organization at the regional scale. Ethnoarchaeological approaches have also affected research in theoretical ways by expanding investigation into the nature and organization of systems of land use per se, thus providing direction for further study of the material results of those systems.

Multiple Criteria and Multiple Constraint Levels Linear Programming CreateSpace

This book presents a variant of UML that is especially suitable for agile development of high-quality software. It adjusts the language UML profile, called UML/P, for optimal assistance for the design, implementation, and agile evolution to facilitate its use especially in agile, yet model based development methods for data intensive or control driven systems. After a general introduction to UML and the choices made in the development of UML/P in Chapter 1, Chapter 2 includes a definition of the language elements of class diagrams and their forms of use as views and representations. Next, Chapter 3 introduces the design and semantic facets of the Object Constraint Language (OCL), which is conceptually improved and syntactically adjusted to Java

for better comfort. Subsequently, Chapter 4 introduces object diagrams as an independent, exemplary notation in UML/P, and Chapter 5 offers a detailed introduction to UML/P Statecharts. Lastly, Chapter 6 presents a simplified form of sequence diagrams for exemplary descriptions of object interactions. For completeness, appendixes A–C describe the full syntax of UML/P, and appendix D explains a sample application from the E-commerce domain, which is used in all chapters. This book is ideal for introductory courses for students and practitioners alike.

The Manager's Guide to Systems Practice Springer Nature

This is the perfect guide to conducting a research project in politics and international relations. From formulating a research question and

conducting a literature review to writing up and disseminating your work, this book guides you through the research process from start to finish. The book: - Is focused specifically on research methods in politics and IR - Introduces the central methodological debates in a clear, accessible style - Considers the key questions of ethics and research design - Covers both qualitative and quantitative approaches - Shows you how to choose and implement the right methods in your own project The book features two example research projects – one from politics, one from IR – that appear periodically throughout the book to show you how real research looks at each stage of the process. Packed full of engaging examples, it provides you with all you need to know to coordinate your own research project in politics and international relations.

Human Resource Accounting
CRC Press

This book offers complete and operational methodology guidelines for the entire process of the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) thesis. It provides insights into theory and practice, both indispensable for the successful completion of the research project. The volume draws on the contributions of major reference works, and offers simplified, clear and applicable standards for DBA participants and supervisors. It illustrates a living experience, because completing a thesis is a human adventure. “Non-classic” students starting a doctoral project are facing an utterly new world with codes and methods they do not recognise. As such, this book brings together many testimonies from DBA scholars, which will help readers to find new formulations and valuable solutions in their own work.

Epidemiology Springer
Science & Business Media

This book introduces multiple criteria and multiple constraint

levels linear programming (MC2LP), which is an extension of linear programming (LP) and multiple criteria linear programming (MCLP). In the last decade, the author and a group of researchers from the USA, China, Korea, Germany, and Hungary have been working on the theory and applications of MC2LP problems. This volume integrates their main research results ranging from theoretical bases to broad areas of real world applications. The theoretical bases include the formulation of MC2LP; integer MC2LP and MC2 transportation model; fuzzy MC2LP and fuzzy duality of MC2LP; optimal system designs and contingency plans; MC2 decision support system; and MC2 computer software development. The application areas are accounting, management information systems, production planning,

and telecommunications management. The book serves as a seminar text for both undergraduates and graduates who have a linear algebra or equivalent background. For practitioners, it will help in handling LP type problems in multiple decision making environment.

**Space, Time, and
Archaeological Landscapes**

John Wiley & Sons

Data structures and algorithms is a fundamental course in Computer Science, which enables learners across any discipline to develop the much-needed foundation of efficient programming, leading to better problem solving in their respective disciplines. A Textbook of Data Structures and Algorithms is a textbook that can be used as course material in classrooms, or as self-learning material. The book targets novice learners aspiring to acquire advanced knowledge of the topic. Therefore, the content of the book has been pragmatically structured across three volumes

and kept comprehensive enough to help them in their progression from novice to expert. With this in mind, the book details concepts, techniques and applications pertaining to data structures and algorithms, independent of any programming language. It includes 181 illustrative problems and 276 review questions to reinforce a theoretical understanding and presents a suggestive list of 108 programming assignments to aid in the implementation of the methods covered.

CAD: Computational Concepts and Methods

Springer Science & Business Media

Set includes revised editions of some issues.

Introduction to Statistical Methods, Design of Experiments and Statistical Quality Control

McGraw Hill Professional

The complexity of biological systems has intrigued scientists from many disciplines and has given birth to the highly influential field of systems biology wherein a wide array of

mathematical techniques, such as flux balance analysis, and technology platforms, such as next generation sequencing, is used to understand, elucidate, and predict the functions of complex biological systems. More recently, the field of synthetic biology, i.e., de novo engineering of biological systems, has emerged. Scientists from various fields are focusing on how to render this engineering process more predictable, reliable, scalable, affordable, and easy. Systems and control theory is a branch of engineering and applied sciences that rigorously deals with the complexities and uncertainties of interconnected systems with the objective of characterising fundamental systemic properties such as stability, robustness, communication capacity, and other performance metrics. Systems and control theory also strives to offer concepts and methods that facilitate the design of systems with rigorous guarantees on these properties. Over the last 100 years, it has made stellar theoretical and

technological contributions in diverse fields such as aerospace, telecommunication, storage, automotive, power systems, and others. Can it have, or evolve to have, a similar impact in biology? The chapters in this book demonstrate that, indeed, systems and control theoretic concepts and techniques can have a significant impact in systems and synthetic biology. Volume I provides a panoramic view that illustrates the potential of such mathematical methods in systems and synthetic biology. Recent advances in systems and synthetic biology have clearly demonstrated the benefits of a rigorous and systematic approach rooted in the principles of systems and control theory - not only does it lead to exciting insights and discoveries but it also reduces the inordinately lengthy trial-and-error process of wet-lab experimentation, thereby facilitating significant savings in human and financial resources. In Volume I, some of the leading researchers in the field of systems and synthetic biology demonstrate how systems and

control theoretic concepts and techniques can be useful, or should evolve to be useful, in order to understand how biological systems function. As the eminent computer scientist Donald Knuth put it, "biology easily has 500 years of exciting problems to work on". This edited book presents but a small fraction of those for the benefit of (1) systems and control theorists interested in molecular and cellular biology and (2) biologists interested in rigorous modelling, analysis and control of biological systems.

An Introduction to Project Modeling and Planning

Bentham Science Publishers

This book is designed to introduce doctoral and graduate students to the process of conducting scientific research in the social sciences, business, education, public health, and related disciplines. It is a one-stop, comprehensive, and compact source for

foundational concepts in behavioral research, and can serve as a stand-alone text or as a supplement to research readings in any doctoral seminar or research methods class. This book is currently used as a research text at universities on six continents and will shortly be available in nine different languages.