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Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems World Scientific

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Foundations of Radiation Hydrodynamics Springer

This book is divided into fourteen chapters, with 18 appendices as introduction to prerequisite topological and algebraic knowledge, etc. The first seven chapters focus on local analysis. This part can be used as a fundamental textbook for graduate students of theoretical physics. Chapters 8 – 10 discuss geometry on fibre bundles, which facilitates further reference for researchers. The last four chapters deal

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with the Atiyah-Singer index theorem, its generalization and its application, quantum anomaly, cohomology field theory and noncommutative geometry, giving the reader a glimpse of the frontier of current research in theoretical physics.

*A Festschrift in Honor of Fritz Gesztesy's 60th Birthday* American Mathematical Soc.

As in the previous volume on the topic, the authors close the gap between abstract mathematical approaches, such as applied methods of modern algebra and analysis, fundamental and computational mechanics, nonautonomous and stochastic dynamical systems, on the one hand and practical applications in nonlinear mechanics, optimization, decision making theory and control theory on the other. Readers will also benefit from the presentation of modern mathematical modeling methods for the numerical solution of complicated engineering problems in biochemistry, geophysics, biology and climatology. This compilation will be of interest to mathematicians and engineers working at the interface of these fields. It presents selected works of the joint seminar series of Lomonosov Moscow State University and the Institute for Applied System Analysis at National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute". The authors come from Brazil, Germany, France, Mexico, Spain, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and the USA.

**From Early History to the 21st Century Springer Science & Business Media**

Approach your problems from the right end It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is and begin with the

answers. Then one day, that they can't see the problem. perhaps you will find the final question. G. K. Chesterton. The Scandal of Father 'The Hermit Clad in Crane Feathers' in R. Brown 'The point of a Pin'. van Gulik's The Chinese Maze Murders. Growing specialization and diversification have brought a host of monographs and textbooks on increasingly specialized topics. However, the "tree" of knowledge of mathematics and related fields does not grow only by putting forth new branches. It also happens, quite often in fact, that branches which were thought to be completely disparate are suddenly seen to be related. Further, the kind and level of sophistication of mathematics applied in various sciences has changed drastically in recent years: measure theory is used (non-trivially) in regional and theoretical economics; algebraic geometry interacts with physics; the Minkowsky lemma, coding theory and the structure of water meet one another in packing and covering theory; quantum fields, crystal defects and mathematical programming profit from homotopy theory; Lie algebras are relevant to filtering; and prediction and electrical engineering can use Stein spaces. And in addition to this there are such new emerging subdisciplines as "experimental mathematics", "CFD", "completely integrable systems", "chaos, synergetics and large-scale order", which are almost impossible to fit into the existing classification schemes. They draw upon widely different sections of mathematics.

Mean Field Games Springer

This volume presents several important and recent contributions to the emerging field of fractional differential equations in a self-

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contained manner. It deals with new results on existence, uniqueness and multiplicity, smoothness, asymptotic development, and stability of solutions. The new topics in the field of fractional calculus include also the Mittag-Leffler and Razumikhin stability, stability of a class of discrete fractional non-autonomous systems, asymptotic integration with a priori given coefficients, intervals of disconjugacy (non-oscillation), existence of  $L_p$  solutions for various linear, and nonlinear fractional differential equations.

#### Multiple Criteria Decision Making CRC Press

At the end of June 1993, a Conference in Harmonic Analysis was held at the University of Paris-Sud to celebrate the role played by Jean-Pierre Kahane. The large variety of topics ranging from classical Harmonic Analysis to Probability Theory, reflects the intense mathematical curiosity and the broad mathematical interest of Kahane.

#### Mathematics, Logic, Philosophy CRC Press

Die in diesem Band zusammengefassten Beiträge stellen die wesentlichen Forschungsergebnisse der internationalen Münchner Konferenz "100 Jahre Russell-Paradoxon" im Jahr 2001 dar, auf der an die Entdeckung des berühmtesten Russell Paradoxons vor 100 Jahren erinnert wurde. Die 31 Beiträge und der Einführungssatz des Herausgebers wurden alle - bis auf zwei Ausnahmen - ursprünglich für diesen Band verfasst.

#### (1897-1898) Multicriteria Analysis Proceedings of the XIth

International Conference on MCDM, 1 – 6 August 1994, Coimbra, Portugal

A cohesive and comprehensive account of the modern theory of iterative functional equations. Many of the results included have appeared before only in research literature, making this an essential volume for all those working in functional equations and in such areas

as dynamical systems and chaos, to which the theory is closely related. The authors introduce the reader to the theory and then explore the most recent developments and general results. Fundamental notions such as the existence and uniqueness of solutions to the equations are stressed throughout, as are applications of the theory to such areas as branching processes, differential equations, ergodic theory, functional analysis and geometry. Other topics covered include systems of linear and nonlinear equations of finite and infinite order various function classes, conjugate and commutable functions, linearization, iterative roots of functions, and special functional equations.

Proceedings of the XIth International Conference on MCDM, 1 – 6 August 1994, Coimbra, Portugal Cambridge University Press

"Dynamics of Information Systems" presents state-of-the-art research explaining the importance of information in the evolution of a distributed or networked system. This book presents techniques for measuring the value or significance of information within the context of a system. Each chapter reveals a unique topic or perspective from experts in this exciting area of research. This volume is intended for graduate students and researchers interested in the most recent developments in information theory and dynamical systems, as well as scientists in other fields interested in the application of these principles to their own area of study.

#### Iterative Functional Equations BoD – Books on Demand

Among the topics covered in this classic treatment are linear differential equations; solution in an infinite form; solution by definite integrals; algebraic theory; Sturmian theory and its later developments; much more. "Highly recommended" — Electronics Industries.

#### Continuous and Distributed Systems II American Mathematical Soc.

The pioneering study by Bowman [1980] reawakened interest in risk and return relations in the strategic management literature. We do not examine this literature here because we have elsewhere reviewed it in detail 1 and

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because, for the most part, these studies have been confined to ex post data. Discussions of the strategies which subjects used to direct their ex ante evaluations of risks and returns have either been omitted or else have been only indirectly inferred from ex post data. In addition, with few exceptions, this literature does not attempt to ascertain the meanings that might have been assigned by subjects to terms like "risk" and/or the "returns" with which they have been concerned. Even fewer of these studies have attempted to ascertain how the subjects implemented their definitions en of prospective strategies. Thus, this literature may route to arriving at evaluations best be regarded as bearing only indirect relations to the present study which is concerned not only with the meanings assigned to terms like "risk" and "return" but also with how these terms are used in arriving at risk and return evaluations of proposed strategies as well as how they are measured and used, on an ex ante basis en route to seeing how these evaluations match with ex post performance. In a sense, one part of this study--i. e.

#### Cooperative and Noncooperative Multi-Level Programming American Mathematical Soc.

An essentially self-contained treatment ideal for mathematicians, physicists or engineers whose research is connected with inverse problems.

#### Symmetries and Integrability of Difference Equations American Mathematical Soc.

To derive rational and convincing solutions to practical decision making problems in complex and hierarchical human organizations, the decision making problems are formulated as relevant mathematical programming problems which are solved by developing optimization techniques so as to exploit characteristics or structural features of the formulated problems. In particular, for resolving conflict in decision making in hierarchical managerial or public organizations, the multi level formulation of the mathematical programming problems has been often employed together with the solution concept of Stackelberg equilibrium.

However, we conceive that a pair of the conventional formulation and the solution

concept is not always sufficient to cope with a large variety of decision making situations in actual hierarchical organizations. The following issues should be taken into consideration in expression and formulation of decision making problems.

In formulation of mathematical programming problems, it is tacitly supposed that decisions are made by a single person while game theory deals with economic behavior of multiple decision makers with fully rational judgment. Because two level mathematical programming problems are interpreted as static Stackelberg games, multi level mathematical programming is relevant to noncooperative game theory; in conventional multi level mathematical programming models employing the solution concept of Stackelberg equilibrium, it is assumed that there is no communication among decision makers, or they do not make any binding agreement even if there exists such communication. However, for decision making problems in such as decentralized large firms with divisional independence, it is quite natural to suppose that there exists communication and some cooperative relationship among the decision makers.

#### Ant Colony Optimization Springer

This book opens the door to multiobjective optimization for students in fields such as engineering, management, economics and applied mathematics. It offers a comprehensive introduction to multiobjective optimization, with a primary emphasis on multiobjective linear programming and multiobjective integer/mixed integer programming. A didactic book, it is mainly intended for undergraduate and graduate students, but can also be useful for researchers and practitioners.

Further, it is accompanied by an interactive software package - developed by the authors for Windows platforms - which can be used for teaching and decision-making support purposes in multiobjective linear programming problems. Thus, besides the textbook's coverage of the essential concepts, theory and methods, complemented with illustrative examples and exercises, the computational tool enables

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students to experiment and enhance their technical skills, as well as to capture the essential characteristics of real-world problems.

**Multiple Objective and Goal Programming** CRC Press

This work should serve as an introductory text for graduate students and researchers working in the important area of partial differential equations with a focus on problems involving conservation laws. The only requisite for the reader is a knowledge of the elementary theory of partial differential equations. Key features of this work include: \* broad range of topics, from the classical treatment to recent results, dealing with solutions to 2D compressible Euler equations \* good review of basic concepts (1-D Riemann problems) \* concrete solutions presented, with many examples, over 100 illustrations, open problems, and numerical schemes \* numerous exercises, comprehensive bibliography and index \* appeal to a wide audience of applied mathematicians, graduate students, physicists, and engineers

Written in a clear, accessible style, the book emphasizes more recent results that will prepare readers to meet modern challenges in the subject, that is, to carry out theoretical, numerical, and asymptotical analysis.

Differential Geometry for Physicists Cambridge University Press

Multicriteria Analysis Proceedings of the XIth International Conference on MCDM, 1 – 6 August 1994, Coimbra, Portugal Springer Science & Business Media

Spectral Analysis, Differential Equations and Mathematical Physics: A Festschrift in Honor of Fritz Gesztesy's 60th Birthday Springer Science & Business Media

The book is dedicated to multi-objective methods in decision making. The first part which is devoted to theoretical aspects, covers a broad range of

multi-objective methods such as multiple linear programming, vector optimisation, fuzzy goal programming, data envelopment analysis, game theory, and dynamic programming. The reader who is interested in practical applications, will find in the remaining parts a variety of approaches applied in numerous fields including production planning, logistics, marketing, and finance.

**Applications in Astrophysics and Related Fields** Springer Science & Business Media

"Illuminates the most important results of the Lyapunov and Lagrange stability theory for a general class of dynamical systems by developing topics in a metric space independantly of equations, inequalities, or inclusions. Applies the general theory to specific classes of equations. Presents new and expanded material on the stability analysis of hybrid dynamical systems and dynamical systems with discontinuous dynamics."

Qualitative Theory of Dynamical Systems Springer Science & Business Media

This monograph presents recent developments in spectral conditions for the existence of periodic and almost periodic solutions of inhomogenous equations in Banach Spaces. Many of the results represent significant advances in this area. In particular, the authors systematically present a new approach based on the so-called evolution semigroups with an original decomposition technique. The book also extends classical techniques, such as fixed points and stability methods, to abstract functional differential equations with applications to partial functional differential equations. Almost Periodic Solutions of Differential Equations in Banach Spaces will appeal to anyone working in mathematical analysis.

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MCDM Developments in the 1970s  
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MCDM Developments in the 1990s and Beyond  
MCDM Conferences  
MCDM Society Traditions  
Awards and Presidents  
Biographies of Leading MCDM Scholars  
Conclusion

**Readership:** Graduate-level students in business administration or operations management; engineers involved in decision making and policy implementation; business analysts, financial planners.

**Keywords:**Multiple Criteria Decision Making; Multiattribute; Multiple Objectives; Multiple Criteria

**Key Features:**First book to cover an informal history of Multiple Criteria Decision Making  
Covers decade-by-decade developments in MCDM, from early history until now  
Contains brief biographies and pictures of major contributors in the field

**Reviews:**  
“ Our ability to analyze and resolve complex decision problems is one of the most important developments of the last half of the 20th century. But, like all such endeavors, advances were often based on earlier ideas from a multitude of fields, ideas that encouraged and gave impetus to new generations of researchers. All readers of Multiple Criteria Decision Making: From Early History to the 21st Century will find that

the authors have woven the early and modern histories of MCDM into a scientific adventure story, one that helps us to understand better how advances in a field of research are the result of many, many seemingly unrelated activities. ” Saul I Gass Professor Emeritus Department of Decision, Operations and Information Technologies Robert H Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park “ Rarely do we get to understand the evolution of a scientific field told with such care and understanding. And a handy guide to the MCDM literature as well! I'll have all of my students read it! ” Mark H Karwan Praxair Professor in Operations Research, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University at Buffalo (SUNY) “ I really enjoyed reading this book. It was written by three experts who have lived with MCDM and its history for a long time (two of them for over 40 years!). Now our community has a useful and valuable book that can be used by students and researchers to learn about MCDM and its history. I particularly like the photos which bring the history and its people to life. ” Pekka Korhonen Professor of Statistics Aalto University, School of Economics “ This book brings to life — contributors, contributions, activities — the evolution, growth, and future directions of MCDM, a multidiscipline that embraces all facets of decision making. Kudos to three highly distinguished MCDM scholars who have written a classic, which should be essential reading and serve as a resource for scholars in all academic and professional disciplines. ” Herb Moskowitz Purdue University Retired Professor “ K ö ksalan and his co-authors provide us with a better understanding of the history of an important area in OR to which many top researchers have contributed especially over the last twenty to thirty years ... As one of the first such publications covering a specific subfield, this book has certainly set a very high standard. ” IFORS Newsletter