

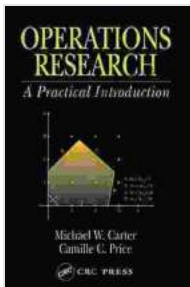
# Master the Art of Decision-Making with "Operations Research: A Practical Introduction"

## Overview

In today's competitive business landscape, organizations face a plethora of complex decisions that can significantly impact their success. "Operations Research: A Practical " empowers readers with the analytical tools and techniques necessary to navigate these challenges effectively. Written by renowned operations research experts, this comprehensive volume offers a foundational understanding of the discipline and its applications across various industries.

## Exploration of Key Concepts

The book delves into the core concepts of operations research, including:



## Operations Research: A Practical Introduction (Operations Research Series) by Michael W. Carter

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## Linear Programming:



Linear programming is a mathematical technique used to optimize decision-making in situations where a linear objective function is present. The book explains the simplex method and graphical techniques for solving linear programming problems.

**Integer Programming:**

## 4 Integer Programming

Natural occurrences of integer variables (e.g., the number of buses allocated to a route, the number of boxes of hardwood flooring purchased, etc. But also: *logical variables*).

1950s: Gomory's cutting plane techniques

Early 1960s: Land & Doig's Branch-&-Bound method.

### 4.1 Basic concepts.

$$\begin{aligned} P_1: \text{Max } z &= 7x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t. } & 3x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 15 \\ & 5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 10 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, some or all variables must be integers. These are additional requirements.

**MILP:** *mixed-integer linear programming problems*

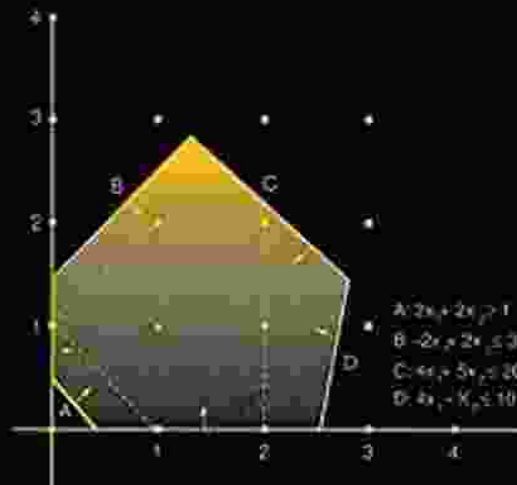
**AILP:** *all-integer linear programming problems.*

Integer programming is a more specialized form of linear programming where some or all variables must be integers. The book discusses branch-and-bound algorithms and other heuristics for solving integer programming problems.

**Simulation:**

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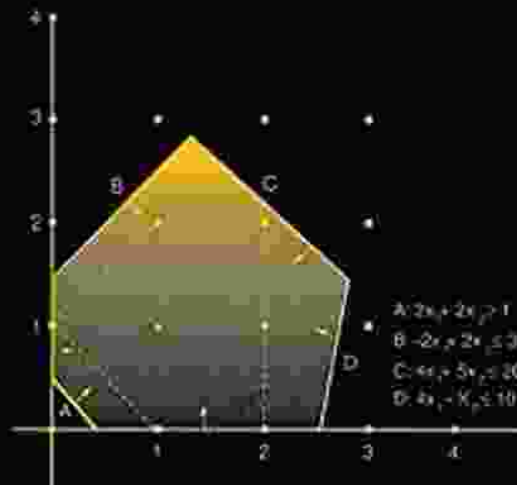
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Simulation is a powerful tool for modeling and analyzing complex systems. The book covers techniques such as Monte Carlo simulation and discrete-event simulation.

**Queueing Theory:**

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Queueing theory helps analyze systems where customers wait for service. The book introduces concepts such as Poisson arrivals, exponential service, and Little's law.

**Applications in Diverse Fields**

"Operations Research: A Practical " showcases the versatility of operations research in a wide range of industries, including:

**Manufacturing:**

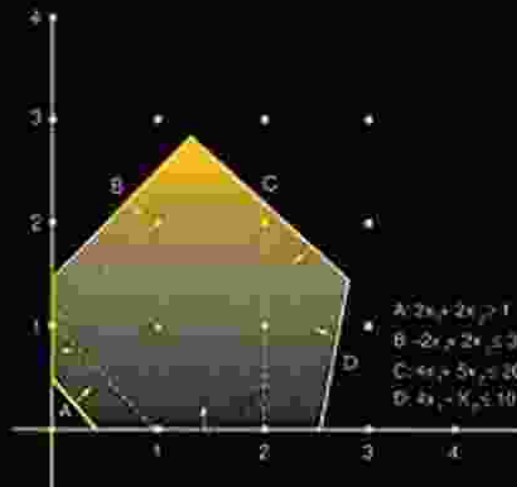


Operations research helps optimize production schedules, reduce waste, and improve efficiency.

**Transportation:**

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Operations research can aid in route planning, fleet management, and traffic flow analysis.

**Healthcare:**



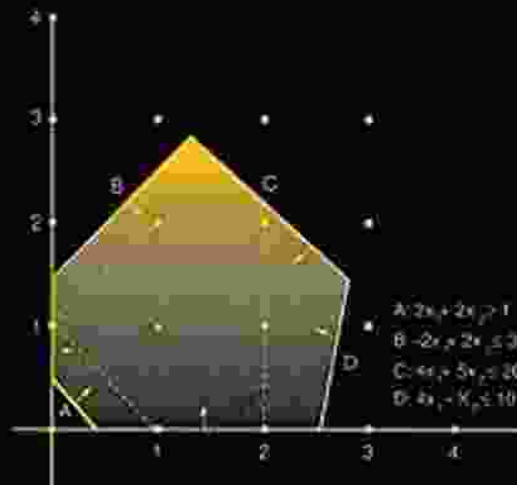
Operations research can optimize patient scheduling, resource allocation, and healthcare delivery.

**Finance:**



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Operations research assists in portfolio optimization, risk management, and investment decision-making.

## **Pedagogical Features**

To enhance learning and comprehension, the book includes a wealth of pedagogical features, such as:

\* **Real-world case studies:** Provides practical insights into how operations research is applied in various industries. \* **Solved examples:** Demonstrates the step-by-step process of solving complex operations research problems. \* **Practice problems:** Challenges readers to test their understanding and apply concepts effectively. \* **Chapter summaries:** Condenses key points and facilitates review. \* **Glossary:** Defines important terms and concepts.

## Target Audience

"Operations Research: A Practical " is an invaluable resource for:

\* Students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in operations research, management science, or related fields \* Professionals in industries such as manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, finance, and more \* Decision-makers seeking to enhance their analytical skills and optimize organizational performance

"Operations Research: A Practical " is an indispensable guide for anyone looking to master the art of decision-making. Its comprehensive coverage of concepts, applications, and pedagogical features empowers readers with the tools they need to solve complex problems and drive organizational success. Whether you're a student, a professional, or a decision-maker, this book will equip you with the knowledge and skills to transform your decision-making process.

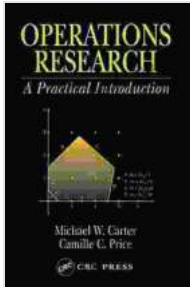
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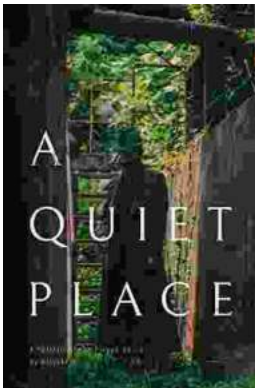
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