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New Optimization Algorithms and Applications: Atom-Based, Ecosystem-Based and Economics-Based presents the development of three new optimization algorithms - an Atom Search Optimization (ASO) algorithm, an Artificial Ecosystem-Based Optimization algorithm (AEO), a Supply Demand Based Optimization (SDO), and their applications within engineering. These algorithms are based on benchmark functions and typical engineering cases. The book describes the algorithms in detail and demonstrates how to use them in engineering. The title verifies the performance of the algorithms presented, simulation results are given, and MATLAB® codes are provided for the methods described. Over seven chapters, the book introduces ASO, AEO and SDO, and presents benchmark functions, engineering problems, and coding. This volume offers technicians and researchers engaged in computer and intelligent algorithm work and engineering with one source of information on novel optimization algorithms. Presents three novel optimization algorithms for engineering Gives various applications and design examples for each algorithm Provides simulation results to verify algorithm performance Includes MATLAB® codes for optimization methods Describes the mathematical models needed Many physicists are not aware of the fact that they can solve their problems by applying optimization algorithms. Since the number of such algorithms is steadily increasing, many new algorithms have not been presented comprehensively until now. This presentation of recently developed algorithms applied in physics, including demonstrations of how they work and related results, aims to encourage their application, and as such the algorithms selected cover concepts and methods from statistical physics to optimization problems emerging in theoretical computer science. I’m not usually a fan of edited volumes. Too often they are an incoherent hodgepodge of remnants, renegades, or rejects foisted upon an unsuspecting reading public under a misleading or fraudulent title. The volume Scalable Optimization via Probabilistic Modeling: From Algorithms to Applications is a worthy addition to your library because it succeeds on exactly those dimensions where so many edited volumes fail. For example, take the title, Scalable Optimization via Probabilistic M- eling: From Algorithms to Applications. You need not worry that you’re going to pick up this book and ?nd stray articles about anything else. This book focuseslikealaserbeamononeofthehottesttopicsinevolutionary compu- tion over the last decade or so: estimation of distribution algorithms (EDAs). EDAs borrow evolutionary computation’s population orientation and sel- tionism and throw out the genetics to give us a hybrid of substantial power, elegance, and extensibility. The article sequencing in most edited volumes is hard to understand, but from the get go the editors of this volume have assembled a set of articles sequenced in a logical fashion. The book moves from design to e?ciency enhancement and then concludes with relevant applications. The emphasis on e?ciency enhancement is particularly important, because the data-mining perspectiveimplicitinEDAsopensuptheworldofoptimizationtonewme- ods of data-guided adaptation that can further speed solutions through the construction and utilization of e?ective surrogates, hybrids, and parallel and temporal decompositions. Sixteen chapters explore the mathematics of multilevel programming in decision procedures. Hierarchy structures are found in governmental decision making with regard to land-use and economic planning, as well as a number of scientific disciplines, including environmental studies, ecology, biology, mechanics, and classification theory. The majority of the papers were selected form the November, 1995 Bilevel Programming Workshop, and treat such topics as: the relationship between linear optimization over the efficient set and the bilevel linear programming problem; characterizations of globally and locally optimal solutions in parametric convex lexicographic optimization, and a number of other issues. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR Since the publication of the first edition of our book, geometric algorithms and combinatorial optimization have kept growing at the same fast pace as before. Nevertheless, we do not feel that the ongoing research has made this book outdated. Rather, it seems that many of the new results build on the models, algorithms, and theorems presented here. For instance, the celebrated Dyer-Frieze-Kannan algorithm for approximating the volume of a convex body is based on the oracle model of convex bodies and uses the ellipsoid method as a preprocessing technique. The polynomial time equivalence of optimization, separation, and membership has become a commonly

employed tool in the study of the complexity of combinatorial optimization problems and in the newly developing field of computational convexity. Implementations of the basis reduction algorithm can be found in various computer algebra software systems. On the other hand, several of the open problems discussed in the first edition are still unsolved. For example, there are still no combinatorial polynomial time algorithms known for minimizing a submodular function or finding a maximum clique in a perfect graph. Moreover, despite the success of the interior point methods for the solution of explicitly given linear programs there is still no method known that solves implicitly given linear programs, such as those described in this book, and that is both practically and theoretically efficient. In particular, it is not known how to adapt interior point methods to such linear programs. Presenting the concept and design and implementation of configurable intelligent optimization algorithms in manufacturing systems, this book provides a new configuration method to optimize manufacturing processes. It provides a comprehensive elaboration of basic intelligent optimization algorithms, and demonstrates how their improvement, hybridization and parallelization can be applied to manufacturing. Furthermore, various applications of these intelligent optimization algorithms are exemplified in detail, chapter by chapter. The intelligent optimization algorithm is not just a single algorithm; instead it is a general advanced optimization mechanism which is highly scalable with robustness and randomness. Therefore, this book demonstrates the flexibility of these algorithms, as well as their robustness and reusability in order to solve mass complicated problems in manufacturing. Since the genetic algorithm was presented decades ago, a large number of intelligent optimization algorithms and their improvements have been developed. However, little work has been done to extend their applications and verify their competence in solving complicated problems in manufacturing. This book will provide an invaluable resource to students, researchers, consultants and industry professionals interested in engineering optimization. It will also be particularly useful to three groups of readers: algorithm beginners, optimization engineers and senior algorithm designers. It offers a detailed description of intelligent optimization algorithms to algorithm beginners; recommends new configurable design methods for optimization engineers, and provides future trends and challenges of the new configuration mechanism to senior algorithm designers. This monograph presents the main complexity theorems in convex optimization and their corresponding algorithms. It begins with the fundamental theory of black-box optimization and proceeds to guide the reader through recent advances in structural optimization and stochastic optimization. The presentation of black-box optimization, strongly influenced by the seminal book by Nesterov, includes the analysis of cutting plane methods, as well as (accelerated) gradient descent schemes. Special attention is also given to non-Euclidean settings (relevant algorithms include Frank-Wolfe, mirror descent, and dual averaging), and discussing their relevance in machine learning. The text provides a gentle introduction to structural optimization with FISTA (to optimize a sum of a smooth and a simple non-smooth term), saddle-point mirror prox (Nemirovski's alternative to Nesterov's smoothing), and a concise description of interior point methods. In stochastic optimization it discusses stochastic gradient descent, mini-batches, random coordinate descent, and sublinear algorithms. It also briefly touches upon convex relaxation of combinatorial problems and the use of randomness to round solutions, as well as random walks based methods. Das umfassende Lehrbuch zur Kombinatorischen Optimierung beruht auf Vorlesungen, die die Autoren an der Universität Bonn gehalten haben. Sie geben den neuesten Stand des Fachgebiets wieder – mit Schwerpunkt auf theoretischen Resultaten und Algorithmen mit guten Laufzeiten und Ergebnissen. Der Band enthält vollständige Beweise, einige davon wurden bisher nicht in der Lehrbuchliteratur publiziert. Die deutschsprachige Neuauflage enthält alle Ergänzungen und Aktualisierungen der 5. englischsprachigen Auflage, darunter mehr als 60 neue Übungsaufgaben. This book constitutes the proceedings of the 16th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2013, and the 17th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2013, held in August 2013 in the USA. The total of 48 carefully reviewed and selected papers presented in this volume consist of 23 APPROX papers selected out of 46 submissions, and 25 RANDOM papers selected out of 52 submissions. APPROX 2013 focuses on algorithmic and complexity theoretic issues relevant to the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems, while RANDOM 2013 focuses on applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2007 and the 11th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2007, held in Princeton, NJ, USA, in August 2007. The 44 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 99 submissions. Topics of interest covered by the papers are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, hardness of approximation, small space and data streaming algorithms, sub-linear time algorithms, embeddings and metric space methods, mathematical programming methods, coloring and partitioning, cuts and connectivity, geometric problems, game theory and applications, network design and routing, packing and covering, scheduling, design and analysis of randomized algorithms, randomized complexity theory, pseudorandomness and derandomization, random combinatorial structures, random walks/Markov chains, expander graphs and randomness extractors, probabilistic proof systems, random projections and embeddings, error-correcting codes, average-case analysis, property testing, computational learning theory, and other applications of approximation and randomness. Linear Network Optimization presents a thorough treatment of classical approaches to network problems such as shortest path, max-flow, assignment, transportation, and minimum cost flow problems. This book deals with optimality conditions, algorithms, and discretization tech niques for nonlinear programming, semi-infinite optimization, and optimal con trol problems. The unifying thread in the presentation consists of an abstract theory, within which optimality conditions are expressed in the form of zeros of optimality junctions, algorithms are characterized by point-to-set iteration maps, and all the numerical approximations required in the solution of semi-infinite optimization and optimal control problems are treated within the context of con sistent approximations and algorithm implementation techniques. Traditionally, necessary optimality conditions for optimization problems are presented in Lagrange, F. John, or Karush-Kuhn-Tucker multiplier forms, with gradients used for smooth problems and subgradients for nonsmooth prob lems. We present these classical optimality conditions and show that they are satisfied at a point if and only if this point is a zero of an upper semicontinuous optimality junction. The use of optimality functions has several advantages. First, optimality functions can be used in an abstract study of optimization algo rithms. Second, many optimization algorithms can be shown to use search directions that are obtained in evaluating optimality functions, thus establishing a clear relationship between optimality conditions and algorithms. Third, estab lishing optimality conditions for highly complex problems, such as optimal con trol problems with control and trajectory constraints, is much easier in terms of optimality functions than in the classical manner. In addition, the relationship between optimality conditions for finite-dimensional problems and semi-infinite optimization and optimal control problems becomes transparent. Brain Storm Optimization

(BSO) algorithms are a new kind of swarm intelligence method, which is based on the collective behavior of human beings, i.e., on the brainstorming process. Since the introduction of BSO algorithms in 2011, many studies on them have been conducted. They not only offer an optimization method, but could also be viewed as a framework of optimization techniques. The process employed in the algorithms could be simplified as a framework with two basic operations: the converging operation and the diverging operation. A “good enough” optimum could be obtained through recursive solution divergence and convergence. The resulting optimization algorithm would naturally have the capability of both convergence and divergence. This book is primarily intended for researchers, engineers, and graduate students with an interest in BSO algorithms and their applications. The chapters cover various aspects of BSO algorithms, and collectively provide broad insights into what these algorithms have to offer. The book is ideally suited as a graduate-level textbook, whereby students may be tasked with the study of the rich variants of BSO algorithms that involves a hands-on implementation to demonstrate the utility and applicability of BSO algorithms in solving optimization problems. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Optimization Problems, APPROX 2003 and of the 7th International Workshop on Randomization and Approximation Techniques in Computer Science, RANDOM 2003, held in Princeton, NY, USA in August 2003. The 33 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 74 submissions. Among the issues addressed are design and analysis of randomized and approximation algorithms, online algorithms, complexity theory, combinatorial structures, error-correcting codes, pseudorandomness, derandomization, network algorithms, random walks, Markov chains, probabilistic proof systems, computational learning, randomness in cryptography, and various applications. Optimization techniques have developed into a significant area concerning industrial, economics, business, and financial systems. With the development of engineering and financial systems, modern optimization has played an important role in service-centered operations and as such has attracted more attention to this field. Meta-heuristic hybrid optimization is a newly development mathematical framework based optimization technique. Designed by logicians, engineers, analysts, and many more, this technique aims to study the complexity of algorithms and problems. Meta-Heuristics Optimization Algorithms in Engineering, Business, Economics, and Finance explores the emerging study of meta-heuristics optimization algorithms and methods and their role in innovated real world practical applications. This book is a collection of research on the areas of meta-heuristics optimization algorithms in engineering, business, economics, and finance and aims to be a comprehensive reference for decision makers, managers, engineers, researchers, scientists, financiers, and economists as well as industrialists. This is the joint refereed proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2006 and the 10th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2006. The book presents 44 carefully reviewed and revised full papers. Among the topics covered are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, hardness of approximation problems, small spaces and data streaming algorithms, embeddings and metric space methods, and more. This book provides a comprehensive and accessible presentation of algorithms for solving convex optimization problems. It relies on rigorous mathematical analysis, but also aims at an intuitive exposition that makes use of visualization where possible. This is facilitated by the extensive use of analytical and algorithmic concepts of duality, which by nature lend themselves to geometrical interpretation. The book places particular emphasis on modern developments, and their widespread applications in fields such as large-scale resource allocation problems, signal processing, and machine learning. The book is aimed at students, researchers, and practitioners, roughly at the first year graduate level. It is similar in style to the author's 2009"Convex Optimization Theory" book, but can be read independently. The latter book focuses on convexity theory and optimization duality, while the present book focuses on algorithmic issues. The two books share notation, and together cover the entire finite-dimensional convex optimization methodology. To facilitate readability, the statements of definitions and results of the "theory book" are reproduced without proofs in Appendix B. This book introduces readers to the background, general framework, main operators, and other basic characteristics of biogeography-based optimization (BBO), which is an emerging branch of bio-inspired computation. In particular, the book presents the authors’ recent work on improved variants of BBO, hybridization of BBO with other algorithms, and the application of BBO to a variety of domains including transportation, image processing, and neural network learning. The content will help to advance research into and application of not only BBO but also the whole field of bio-inspired computation. The algorithms and applications are organized in a step-by-step manner and clearly described with the help of pseudo-codes and flowcharts. The readers will learn not only the basic concepts of BBO but also how to apply and adapt the algorithms to the engineering optimization problems they actually encounter. This graduate-level text considers the Soviet ellipsoid algorithm for linear programming; efficient algorithms for network flow, matching, spanning trees, and matroids; the theory of NP-complete problems; local search heuristics for NP-complete problems, more. 1982 edition. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Optimization Problems, APPROX 2001 and of the 5th International Workshop on Ranomization and Approximation Techniques in Computer Science, RANDOM 2001, held in Berkeley, California, USA in August 2001. The 26 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 54 submissions. Among the issues addressed are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, inapproximability results, on-line problems, randomization, de-randomization, average-case analysis, approximation classes, randomized complexity theory, scheduling, routing, coloring, partitioning, packing, covering, computational geometry, network design, and applications in various fields. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Workshop on Randomization and Approximation Techniques in Computer Science, RANDOM'99, held jointly with the Second International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX'99, in Berkeley, California in August 1999. The volume presents 24 revised full papers selected from 44 submissions and four invited contributions. The papers present a wealth of new results and document the state-of-the-art in the areas covered by the workshop. Many problems in the sciences and engineering can be rephrased as optimization problems on matrix search spaces endowed with a so-called manifold structure. This book shows how to exploit the special structure of such problems to develop efficient numerical algorithms. It places careful emphasis on both the numerical formulation of the algorithm and its differential geometric abstraction--illustrating how good algorithms draw equally from the insights of differential geometry, optimization, and numerical analysis. Two more theoretical chapters provide readers with the background in differential geometry necessary to algorithmic development. In the other chapters, several well-known optimization methods such as steepest descent and conjugate gradients are generalized to abstract manifolds. The book provides a generic development of each of these methods, building upon the material of the geometric chapters. It then guides readers through the calculations that turn these geometrically formulated

methods into concrete numerical algorithms. The state-of-the-art algorithms given as examples are competitive with the best existing algorithms for a selection of eigenspace problems in numerical linear algebra. Optimization Algorithms on Matrix Manifolds offers techniques with broad applications in linear algebra, signal processing, data mining, computer vision, and statistical analysis. It can serve as a graduate-level textbook and will be of interest to applied mathematicians, engineers, and computer scientists. A comprehensive introduction to optimization with a focus on practical algorithms for the design of engineering systems. This book offers a comprehensive introduction to optimization with a focus on practical algorithms. The book approaches optimization from an engineering perspective, where the objective is to design a system that optimizes a set of metrics subject to constraints. Readers will learn about computational approaches for a range of challenges, including searching high-dimensional spaces, handling problems where there are multiple competing objectives, and accommodating uncertainty in the metrics. Figures, examples, and exercises convey the intuition behind the mathematical approaches. The text provides concrete implementations in the Julia programming language. Topics covered include derivatives and their generalization to multiple dimensions; local descent and first- and second-order methods that inform local descent; stochastic methods, which introduce randomness into the optimization process; linear constrained optimization, when both the objective function and the constraints are linear; surrogate models, probabilistic surrogate models, and using probabilistic surrogate models to guide optimization; optimization under uncertainty; uncertainty propagation; expression optimization; and multidisciplinary design optimization. Appendixes offer an introduction to the Julia language, test functions for evaluating algorithm performance, and mathematical concepts used in the derivation and analysis of the optimization methods discussed in the text. The book can be used by advanced undergraduates and graduate students in mathematics, statistics, computer science, any engineering field, (including electrical engineering and aerospace engineering), and operations research, and as a reference for professionals. Modern optimization approaches have attracted many research scientists, decision makers and practicing researchers in recent years as powerful intelligent computational techniques for solving several complex real-world problems. The Handbook of Research on Modern Optimization Algorithms and Applications in Engineering and Economics highlights the latest research innovations and applications of algorithms designed for optimization applications within the fields of engineering, IT, and economics. Focusing on a variety of methods and systems as well as practical examples, this book is a significant resource for graduate-level students, decision makers, and researchers in both public and private sectors who are seeking research-based methods for modeling uncertain real-world problems. . Significant research activity has occurred in the area of global optimization in recent years. Many new theoretical, algorithmic, and computational contributions have resulted. Despite the major importance of test problems for researchers, there has been a lack of representative nonconvex test problems for constrained global optimization algorithms. This book is motivated by the scarcity of global optimization test problems and represents the first systematic collection of test problems for evaluating and testing constrained global optimization algorithms. This collection includes problems arising in a variety of engineering applications, and test problems from published computational reports. Gain insight into the world of nature-inspired optimization techniques and algorithms. This book will prepare you to apply different nature-inspired optimization techniques to solve problems using Java. You'll start with an introduction to the hidden algorithms that nature uses and find the approximate solutions to optimization problems. You'll then see how living creatures such as fish and birds are able to perform computation to solve specific optimization tasks. This book also covers various nature-inspired algorithms by reviewing code examples for each one followed by crisp and clear explanations of the algorithm using Java code. You'll examine the use of each algorithm in specific industry scenarios such as fleet scheduling in supply chain management, and shop floor management in industrial and manufacturing applications. Nature-Inspired Optimization Algorithms with Java is your pathway to understanding a variety of optimization problems that exist in various industries and domains and it will develop an ability to apply nature-inspired algorithms to find approximate solutions to them. What You'll Learn Study optimization and its problems Examine nature-inspired algorithms such as Particle Swarm, Gray wolf, etc. See how nature-inspired algorithms are being used to solve optimization problems Use Java for solving the different nature-inspired algorithms with real-world examples Who This Book Is For Software developers/architects who are looking to hone their skills in area of problem solving related to optimization with Java. This book focuses on the development of approximation-related algorithms and their relevant applications. Individual contributions are written by leading experts and reflect emerging directions and connections in data approximation and optimization. Chapters discuss state of the art topics with highly relevant applications throughout science, engineering, technology and social sciences. Academics, researchers, data science practitioners, business analysts, social sciences investigators and graduate students will find the number of illustrations, applications, and examples provided useful. This volume is based on the conference Approximation and Optimization: Algorithms, Complexity, and Applications, which was held in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, June 29–30, 2017. The mix of survey and research content includes topics in approximations to discrete noisy data; binary sequences; design of networks and energy systems; fuzzy control; large scale optimization; noisy data; data-dependent approximation; networked control systems; machine learning ; optimal design; no free lunch theorem; non-linearly constrained optimization; spectroscopy. Practical Optimization: Algorithms and Engineering Applications is a hands-on treatment of the subject of optimization. A comprehensive set of problems and exercises makes the book suitable for use in one or two semesters of a first-year graduate course or an advanced undergraduate course. Each half of the book contains a full semester’s worth of complementary yet stand-alone material. The practical orientation of the topics chosen and a wealth of useful examples also make the book suitable for practitioners in the field. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 12th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2009, and the 13th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2009, held in Berkeley, CA, USA, in August 2009. The 25 revised full papers of the APPROX 2009 workshop and the 28 revised full papers of the RANDOM 2009 workshop included in this volume, were carefully reviewed and selected from 56 and 58 submissions, respectively. APPROX focuses on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems. A clear and lucid bottom-up approach to the basic principlesof evolutionary algorithms Evolutionary algorithms (EAs) are a type of artificialintelligence. EAs are motivated by optimization processes that weobserve in nature, such as natural selection, species migration,bird swarms, human culture, and ant colonies. This book discusses the theory, history, mathematics, andprogramming of evolutionary optimization algorithms. Featuredalgorithms include genetic algorithms, genetic programming, antcolony optimization, particle swarm optimization, differentialevolution, biogeography-based

optimization, and many others. Evolutionary Optimization Algorithms: Provides a straightforward, bottom-up approach that assists thereader in obtaining a clear—but theoreticallyrigorous—understanding of evolutionary algorithms, with anemphasis on implementation Gives a careful treatment of recently developedEAs—including opposition-based learning, artificial fishswarms, bacterial foraging, and many others— and discussestheir similarities and differences from more well-establishedEAs Includes chapter-end problems plus a solutions manual availableonline for instructors Offers simple examples that provide the reader with anintuitive understanding of the theory Features source code for the examples available on the author'swebsite Provides advanced mathematical techniques for analyzing EAs,including Markov modeling and dynamic system modeling Evolutionary Optimization Algorithms: Biologically Inspiredand Population-Based Approaches to Computer Intelligence is anideal text for advanced undergraduate students, graduate students,and professionals involved in engineering and computer science. MM Optimization Algorithms?offers an overview of the MM principle, a device for deriving optimization algorithms satisfying the ascent or descent property. These algorithms can separate the variables of a problem, avoid large matrix inversions, linearize a problem, restore symmetry, deal with equality and inequality constraints gracefully, and turn a nondifferentiable problem into a smooth problem.? The author presents the first extended treatment of MM algorithms, which are ideal for high-dimensional optimization problems in data mining, imaging, and genomics; derives numerous algorithms from a broad diversity of application areas, with a particular emphasis on statistics, biology, and data mining; and summarizes a large amount of literature that has not reached book form before.? This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 13th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2010, and the 14th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2010, held in Barcelona, Spain, in September 2010. The 28 revised full papers of the APPROX 2010 workshop and the 29 revised full papers of the RANDOM 2010 workshop included in this volume, were carefully reviewed and selected from 66 and 61 submissions, respectively. APPROX focuses on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2004 and the 8th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2004, held in Cambridge, MA, USA in August 2004. The 37 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 87 submissions. Among the issues addressed are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, inapproximability results, approximation classes, online problems, graph algorithms, cuts, geometric computations, network design and routing, packing and covering, scheduling, game theory, design and analysis of randomised algorithms, randomized complexity theory, pseudorandomness, derandomization, probabilistic proof systems, error-correcting codes, and other applications of approximation and randomness. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 11th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2008 and the 12th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2008, held in Boston, MA, USA, in August 2008. The 20 revised full papers of the APPROX 2008 workshop were carefully reviewed and selected from 42 submissions and focus on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM 2008 is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems and accounts for 27 revised full papers, also diligently reviewed and selected out of 52 workshop submissions. This well-received book, now in its second edition, continues to provide a number of optimization algorithms which are commonly used in computer-aided engineering design. The book begins with simple single-variable optimization techniques, and then goes on to give unconstrained and constrained optimization techniques in a step-by-step format so that they can be coded in any user-specific computer language. In addition to classical optimization methods, the book also discusses Genetic Algorithms and Simulated Annealing, which are widely used in engineering design problems because of their ability to find global optimum solutions. The second edition adds several new topics of optimization such as design and manufacturing, data fitting and regression, inverse problems, scheduling and routing, data mining, intelligent system design, Lagrangian duality theory, and quadratic programming and its extension to sequential quadratic programming. It also extensively revises the linear programming algorithms section in the Appendix. This edition also includes more number of exercise problems. The book is suitable for senior undergraduate/postgraduate students of mechanical, production and chemical engineering. Students in other branches of engineering offering optimization courses as well as designers and decision-makers will also find the book useful. Key Features Algorithms are presented in a step-by-step format to facilitate coding in a computer language. Sample computer programs in FORTRAN are appended for better comprehension. Worked-out examples are illustrated for easy understanding. The same example problems are solved with most algorithms for a comparative evaluation of the algorithms. The focus of this book is on bilevel programming which combines elements of hierarchical optimization and game theory. The basic model addresses the problem where two decision-makers, each with their individual objectives, act and react in a noncooperative manner. The actions of one affect the choices and payoffs available to the other but neither player can completely dominate the other in the traditional sense. Over the last 20 years there has been a steady growth in research related to theory and solution methodologies for bilevel programming. This interest stems from the inherent complexity and consequent challenge of the underlying mathematics, as well as the applicability of the bilevel model to many real-world situations. The primary aim of this book is to provide a historical perspective on algorithmic development and to highlight those implementations that have proved to be the most efficient in their class. A corollary aim is to provide a sampling of applications in order to demonstrate the versatility of the basic model and the limitations of current technology. What is unique about this book is its comprehensive and integrated treatment of theory, algorithms and implementation issues. It is the first text that offers researchers and practitioners an elementary understanding of how to solve bilevel programs and a perspective on what success has been achieved in the field. Audience: Includes management scientists, operations researchers, industrial engineers, mathematicians and economists. An accessible introduction to metaheuristics and optimization, featuring powerful and modern algorithms for application across engineering and the sciences From engineering and computer science to economics and management science, optimization is a core component for problem solving. Highlighting the latest developments that have evolved in recent years, Engineering Optimization: An Introduction with Metaheuristic Applications outlines popular metaheuristic algorithms and equips readers with the skills needed to apply these techniques to their own optimization problems. With insightful examples from various fields of study, the author highlights key concepts and techniques for the successful application of commonly-used metaheuristc algorithms, including simulated annealing,

particle swarm optimization, harmony search, and genetic algorithms. The author introduces all major metaheuristic algorithms and their applications in optimization through a presentation that is organized into three succinct parts: Foundations of Optimization and Algorithms provides a brief introduction to the underlying nature of optimization and the common approaches to optimization problems, random number generation, the Monte Carlo method, and the Markov chain Monte Carlo method Metaheuristic Algorithms presents common metaheuristic algorithms in detail, including genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, ant algorithms, bee algorithms, particle swarm optimization, firefly algorithms, and harmony search Applications outlines a wide range of applications that use metaheuristic algorithms to solve challenging optimization problems with detailed implementation while also introducing various modifications used for multi-objective optimization Throughout the book, the author presents worked-out examples and real-world applications that illustrate the modern relevance of the topic. A detailed appendix features important and popular algorithms using MATLAB® and Octave software packages, and a related FTP site houses MATLAB code and programs for easy implementation of the discussed techniques. In addition, references to the current literature enable readers to investigate individual algorithms and methods in greater detail. Engineering Optimization: An Introduction with Metaheuristic Applications is an excellent book for courses on optimization and computer simulation at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners working in the fields of mathematics, engineering, computer science, operations research, and management science who use metaheuristic algorithms to solve problems in their everyday work. This book gathers together a set of chapters covering recent development in optimization methods that are inspired by nature. The first group of chapters describes in detail different meta-heuristic algorithms, and shows their applicability using some test or real-world problems. The second part of the book is especially focused on advanced applications and case studies. They span different engineering fields, including mechanical, electrical and civil engineering, and earth/environmental science, and covers topics such as robotics, water management, process optimization, among others. The book covers both basic concepts and advanced issues, offering a timely introduction to nature-inspired optimization method for newcomers and students, and a source of inspiration as well as important practical insights to engineers and researchers. This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 14th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2011, and the 15th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2011, held in Princeton, New Jersey, USA, in August 2011. The volume presents 29 revised full papers of the APPROX 2011 workshop, selected from 66 submissions, and 29 revised full papers of the RANDOM 2011 workshop, selected from 64 submissions. They were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book. In addition two abstracts of invited talks are included. APPROX focuses on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems.