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Global competition, shorter product lifecycles and increasingly demanding customers are creating significant pressures for the creation of innovative organizations. By examining eight case studies in various industry sectors in Europe, Australia, Japan and Thailand, this book provides a qualitative explanation of the complex relationships between innovation capability, e-commerce, sustainable development and new product development. The book explores how organizations develop innovation capability through the application of e-commerce, sustainable development-orientation, and new product development in order to gain competitive advantage. This knowledge will help managers, academics and policy-makers understand what works, and why and how it works? in creating innovation-driven organizations from an international perspective, thereby providing an integrated approach to innovation management.

An Introduction to Operations Management

"This book offers the latest research in IS/IT applications related to business and operations management, with contributions in the form of case studies, methodologies, best practices, frameworks, and research"--Provided by publisher.

Games in Operations Management

Describes how to build a competitive edge by developing superior operations This comprehensive, practice-oriented text illustrates how healthcare organizations can gain a competitive edge through superior operations – and demonstrates how to achieve them. Underscoring the importance of a strategic perspective, the book describes how to attain excellence in the four competitive priorities: quality, cost, delivery, and flexibility. The competitive priorities are interrelated, with excellent quality laying the foundation for performance in the other competitive priorities, and with targeted improvement initiatives having synergistic effects. The text stresses the benefits of aligning the entire operations system within the parameters of a business strategy. It equips students with a conceptual mental model of healthcare operations in which all concepts and tools fit together logically. With a hands-on approach, the book clearly demonstrates the “how-tos” of effectively managing a healthcare organization. It describes how to negotiate the different perspectives of clinicians and administrators by offering a common

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platform for building competitive advantage. To bring the cultural context of a healthcare organization to life, the book engages students with a series of short vignettes of a fictitious healthcare organization as it strives to achieve the status of a highly reliable organization. Integrated throughout are a variety of tools and quantitative techniques with step-by-step instructions to assist in problem solving and process improvements. Also included are mind maps linking competitive priorities and concepts, quick-reference icons, dashboards displaying measurement and process tracking, and boxed features. Several project ideas, team assignments, and creative thinking exercises are proposed. A comprehensive Instructor Packet and online tutorials further enhance the book's outstanding value. Key Features: Includes mind maps to connect competitive priorities, concepts, and tools Provides an extensive tool kit for problem solving and process improvements Presents icons throughout the text to emphasize competitive priorities and tool coverage Emphasizes measurement with dashboards and includes data files for statistical process control, queuing, and simulation Demonstrates human dynamics and organizational challenges through realistic vignettes Presents boxed features of frequently asked questions an real-world implementations of concepts Provides comprehensive Instructor Packet and online tutorials

Production and Operations Management Systems

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Operations Management in Agriculture bridges the knowledge gap on operations management for agricultural machinery. It complements traditional topics (cost of using and choosing machinery) with advanced engineering approaches recently applied in agricultural machinery management (area coverage planning and sequential scheduling). The book covers new technologies in bio-production systems (robotics, IoT) and environmental compliance by employing a systems engineering perspective with focuses on sub-systems, including advanced optimization, supply chain systems, sustainability, autonomous vehicles and IT-driven decision-making. It will be a valuable resource for students studying decision-making and those working to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of production through machinery choice. Covers agricultural machinery management related courses and a number of other courses within the agricultural engineering discipline Provides core tools for machine operations management, including machinery selection and cost of usage Presents current knowledge for agricultural machinery management in a science-based format

Sustainable Operations Management

This book takes a pedagogical approach that is participative and interactive, involving the case study method of learning. Chapters start with an Indian case study of a well known company. This is used as a capstone case for the chapter. The student will find

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this an easy learning experience as data and additional information for these enterprises is readily available. The selection of such cases makes classroom learning truly suited to the Indian business environment. The value driven approach to Operations Management is used in structuring the text into three modules. The first module discusses the infrastructure function of Operations Management. Infrastructure function is considered to be product, process, capacity and location. Module Two describes the structure of the operations function. This includes quality and other product transformation processes. Module Three focuses on the organization, people and processes i.e. the job, the work, and the workplace. In addition, most of the mathematical techniques have been separated into supplements attached to the relevant chapters. Software solutions for the techniques have been explained in the text. Every mathematical technique is exemplified with a number of solved problems. Unlike many Production and Operations Management texts, this book covers E-commerce, Industrial Safety, Maintenance, Environmental Management (Green Productivity) and new technological trends in the discipline. These sections should add to the significance of exploring how firms can gain competitive advantage and promote sustainable development at the same time. The last section of the book comprises of a selection of cases from The Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad. The cases encompass the entire spectrum of Indian Industry the private and the public sectors, professional and family managed business organizations, service and manufacturing industries, single industry and conglomerates. The cases relate

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to Operations Strategy, Supply Chain Management, Capacity Planning, New Products, Manufacturing Technologies, etc. The Case Studies are of world class. Prof. Tirupati, one of the authors of the case studies, according to Management Science, has penned one of the top 100 management articles in the 50 years. The book is comprehensive, lucid and easy to read and understand. It should be of great value both to students and faculty.

Building Innovation Capability in Organizations

The subject of management research methodology is enthralling and complex. A student or a practitioner of management research is beguiled by uncertainties in the search and identification of the research problem, intrigued by the ramifications of research design, and confounded by obstacles in obtaining accurate data and complexities of data analysis. Management Research Methodology: Integration of Principles, Methods and Techniques seeks a balanced treatment of all these aspects and blends problem-solving techniques, creativity aspects, mathematical modelling and qualitative approaches in order to present the subject of Management Research Methodology in a lucid and easily understandable way.

E-Commerce Operations Management

Just-in-Time Logistics

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Operations Management (OM) is a multi-faceted blend of myriad academic and practical disciplines – from engineering and economics via mathematics and marketing, to systems and psychology. To capture the state of the art, the book reviews contemporary and classic scholarship in one of the oldest business and management disciplines. To offer the reader a thought-provoking point of entry into the selected sources, the book curates its content as an imaginary exhibit, each chapter a thematic OM ‘gallery’ (process; planning and control; people; strategy and measurement; technology) introduced by a description of some extraordinary artefacts, paintings, sculptures and architecture. The content has been curated around three principles intended to benefit the casual reader and both new and established OM scholars. First, it incorporates works that build on, or help to distinguish, fundamental tenets from more transitory fads. Second, the text makes significant efforts to try and balance the gravitational pull of the factory, (even though this may not offer an accurate representation of the majority of the field) and third, to try to keep managerial rather than technical/ analytical concerns to the fore. This concise book provides a useful overview of current and classic OM research. Written by a leading authority, it is intended to be a valuable and engaging resource for both students and scholars of business.

Health Care Operations Management

This book covers advancements across business domains in knowledge and information management.

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It presents research trends in the fields of management, innovation, and technology, and is composed of research papers that show applications of IT, analytics, and business operations in industry and in educational institutions. It offers a combination of scientific research methods and concepts, with contributions from globally renowned authors; presents various management domains from a number of countries for a global perspective; and provides a unique combination of topics and methods while giving insights on the management domain using a holistic approach. The book provides scholars with a platform to derive maximum utility in the area of management, research, and technology by subscribing to the idea of managing business through performance and management technology.

Operations Management

Since the beginning of mankind on Earth, if the "business" process was successful, then some form of benefit sustained it. The fundamentals are obvious: get the right inputs (materials, labor, money, and ideas); transform them into highly demanded, quality outputs; and make it available in time to the end consumer. Illustrating how operations relate to the rest of the organization, Production and Operations Management Systems provides an understanding of the production and operations management (P/OM) functions as well as the processes of goods and service producers. The modular character of the text permits many different journeys through the materials. If you like to start with supply chain

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management (Chapter 9) and then move on to inventory management (Chapter 5) and then quality management (Chapter 8), you can do so in that order. However, if your focus is product line stability and quick response time to competition, you may prefer to begin with project management (Chapter 7) to reflect the continuous project mode required for fast redesign rapid response. Slides, lectures, Excel worksheets, and solutions to short and extended problem sets are available on the Downloads / Updates tabs. The project management component of P/OM is no longer an auxiliary aspect of the field. The entire system has to be viewed and understood. The book helps students develop a sense of managerial competence in making decisions in the design, planning, operation, and control of manufacturing, production, and operations systems through examples and case studies. The text uses analytical techniques when necessary to develop critical thinking and to sharpen decision-making skills. It makes production and operations management (P/OM) interesting, even exciting, to those who are embarking on a career that involves business of any kind.

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Creating value through Operations Management. Operations Management provides readers with a comprehensive framework for addressing operational process and supply chain issues. This text uses a

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systemized approach while focusing on issues of current interest. NOTE: This is the standalone book, if you want the book/access card order the ISBN below: 0132960559 / 9780132960557 Operations Management: Processes and Supply Chains Plus NEW MyOMLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package Package consists of 0132807394 / 9780132807395 Operations Management: Processes and Supply Chains 0132940477 / 9780132940474 NEW MyOMLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Operations Management: Processes and Supply Chains

Operations Management

A Perspective on Two Decades of Rapid Modeling It is an honor for me to be asked to write a foreword to the Proceedings of the 1st Rapid Modeling Conference. In 1987, when I coined the term "Rapid Modeling" to denote queuing modeling of manufacturing systems, I never imagined that two decades later there would be an international conference devoted to this topic! I am delighted to see that there will be around 40 presentations at the conference by leading researchers from around the world, and about half of these presentations are represented by written papers published in this book. I congratulate the conference organizers and program committee on the success of their efforts to hold the first ever conference on Rapid Modeling. Attendees at this conference might find it interesting to learn about the history of the term Rapid Modeling in the context it is used here. During the fall of 1986 I was invited to a meeting at the Headquarters of the Society of Manufacturing

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Engineers (SME) in Dearborn, Michigan. By that time I had successfully demonstrated several industry applications of queuing network models at leading manufacturers in the USA. Although in principle the use of queuing networks to model manufacturing systems was well known in the OR/MS community and many papers had been published, the actual use of such models by manufacturing professionals was almost nonexistent.

Operations Management in Agriculture

Hospitals are large and complex organizations, yet they function largely without sophistication and technology inherent in other large businesses. In a time when well over half of all hospitals report negative operating margins, driving down costs through logistics and the supply chain is one of the most important yet overlooked areas for cost improvements. Hospitals and other healthcare systems spend more time and money on their supply chain than on physicians and doctors salaries combined. This is one of the first books to focus on the core business support services typically called "logistics" in healthcare. These include: Hospital materials management and the clinical supply chain Laundry and linen management eCommerce and technology in hospital logistics Accounting for medical supplies and inventories Inventory management Healthcare vendor collaboration Demand and supply planning This is an ideal text for healthcare administrators and functional business managers responsible for purchasing, receiving, supplier

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management, business planning, accounting, and hospital administration as well as for students of hospital business services.

Multiple Criteria Decision Making Theory and Application

This text focuses on managerial issues of operations management for e-commerce businesses. The text is based on empirical evidence provided by numerous e-commerce organizations and research scholars.

Rapid Modelling for Increasing Competitiveness

Describes the key concepts of operations management, covering such topics as planning and control, the role of technology, and "just-in-time" techniques.

Trends and Tools for Operations Management

Recent news events related to quality in global supply chains have called attention to the need for more research on supply chains that operate in a global context. Indeed, it would be difficult to find a supply chain that does not cut across national boundaries at some point. The presence of global supply chains introduces a number of new management challenges. Managing Global Supply Chain Relationships: Operations, Strategies and Practices focuses on issues related to relationships among members of global

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supply chains. This comprehensive work addresses three important aspects of global supply chain relationships: supply chain integration and collaboration; outsourcing and offshoring of production; and recent growth in supplier networks.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT (Paper 1 of ICWAI Foundation) Syllabus 2012

This book presents innovative research on various aspects of sustainability in the field of operations management and illustrates the potential of sustainability thinking and practice to improve operations performance and thereby meet customer needs. Particular attention is devoted to corporate social responsibility and marketing strategy, knowledge management for sustainability, the role of culture in a sustainable built environment, sustainable manufacturing through the application of lean and green concepts, advancing sustainability through ISO standards, and the sustainable supply chain. The present decade is proving to be a time of change in terms of business strategies and operations management. Many of the trends are still subject to uncertainty, but an understanding of the need for, and benefits of, sustainability can give a clear indication of their trajectory. Consumers and markets in general believe that while implementing their business strategies, companies should also try to improve society and the environment and to exercise social responsibility toward their employees. This book provides insights into how this may be achieved,

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and it is recommended for researchers as well as all practitioners and managers dedicated to enhancing sustainability in operations.

Production and Operations Management Assignment

Innovations in Information Systems for Business Functionality and Operations Management

Designed to update executives and operations managers in trends and new software tools for their professional growth and their company's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

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Research Methods for Operations Management, second edition is a toolkit of research approaches primarily for advanced students and beginner researchers but also a reference book for any researcher in OM. Many students begin their career in research limited by the one or few approaches taken by their department. The concise, accessible overviews found here equip them with an understanding of a variety of methods and how to use them, enabling them to tailor their research project to their own strengths and goals. The more seasoned researcher will find comprehensive descriptions and analyses on a wide variety of research approaches. This updated and enhanced edition responds to the

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latest developments in OM, including the growing prominence of services and production of intangible products, and the increasing use of secondary data and of mixed approaches. Alternative research approaches are included and explored to help with the early planning of research. This edition also includes expanded literature review and analysis to guide students towards the next steps in their reading, and more detailed step-by-step advice to tie theory with the researcher's own practice. Including contributions from an impressive range of the field's leading thinkers in OM research, this is a guide that no-one embarking on an OM research project should be without.

Consumer-Driven Demand and Operations Management Models

This important book is by top scholars in supply chain management, revenue management, and e-commerce, all of which are grounded in information technologies and consumer demand research. The book looks at new selling techniques designed to reach the consumer.

Operations Management in Healthcare

Examination Thesis from the year 2009 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 78/100, The University of Surrey (Surrey University), course: Production and Operations Management MBA P/T, language: English, abstract: Operations strategy can be defined as the

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strategic decisions and tactics which set the role, objectives and activities of a firm. It derives from the firm's capabilities, resources and processes, seeking to deliver competitive advantage to winning customers through meeting their needs. Competitive factors that are significant in winning customers' business are order winners. Improvements of these factors will likely result in gaining more business to the firm. In order for a firm to have a competitive advantage, it must understand and provide products and services whose factors create order winners for its customers. As a precursor, factors which customers have a certain minimum expected level from are defined as order qualifiers that firms should conform to. Therefore business decisions should be thought of in terms of order winning and order qualifying criteria, designed to win customers and drive business growth to the firm. A firm can outperform rivals only if it can establish a difference that it can preserve. This could be delivering great value to customers or creating comparable value at a lower cost, or both. Such differentiation arises from both the choice of performance objectives activities and how they are performed, or deliberately choosing a different set of activities to deliver a unique mix of value or perform similar operational activities better than rivals. Operations managers should decide on which of the sub-dimensions of these five performance objectives (Figure 1) they wish to excel at, and how they are going to configure the operation to do so. Figure 1: The Multiple Dimensions of the Five Operations Performance Objectives The goal of this paper is to investigate and compare operations strategies of two manufacturing-based and two

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service-based companies. The paper takes an integrated evaluation approach of each firm's prioritised performance objectives from a requirements and operations capability point of view, as well as focusing on line of fit strategy and tactics to achieve competitive advantage through examining their process design, capabilities management and resources management.

Operations Management For Dummies

Retailers today are drowning in data but lacking in insight: They have huge volumes of information at their disposal. But they're unsure of how to sort through it and use it to make smart decisions. The result? They're struggling with profit-sapping supply chain problems including stock-outs, overstock, and discounting. It doesn't have to be that way. In *The New Science of Retailing*, supply chain experts Marshall Fisher and Ananth Raman explain how to use analytics to better manage your inventory for faster turns, fewer discounted offerings, and fatter profit margins. Featuring case studies of retailing exemplars from around the world, this practical new book shows you how to:

- Mine your sales data to identify "homerun" products you're missing
- Reinvent your forecasting and pricing strategies
- Build end-to-end agility into your supply chain
- Establish incentives that align your supply chain partners behind shared objectives
- Extract maximum value from technologies such as point-of-sale scanners and customer loyalty cards

Highly readable and compelling, *The New Science of Retailing* is your playbook for turning all

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that data into a wellspring for new profits and unprecedented efficiency.

The New Science of Retailing

This volume brings together important new research in decision science, capturing the crucial role of local context in a globalized, standardized world. Assembling the best work presented at the 2013 Conference of the European Decision Sciences Institute, it considers classic decision science problems from a new perspective, offering insights for improving decision-making in government, business, healthcare, education, manufacturing, the military, and beyond. The papers in *Common Disciplines that Separate Us* embrace the duality of globally determined local contexts, offering new approaches to decision-making related to:

- Strengthening national economic competitiveness
- Reforming the public sector and higher education
- Deploying information technology more effectively throughout government
- Making healthcare policy that achieves better outcomes at lower cost
- Analyzing social networks
- Improving processes via data visualization, modeling, and simulation
- Gaining more value from enterprise business intelligence
- Offshoring, nearshoring, "right shoring," and other key manufacturing decisions
- Improving supply chain performance

And much more. The papers collected here will be valuable to wide audiences of faculty, researchers, and students in diverse programs covering business, public administration, and economics; and for others interested in the frontiers of decision science.

Guide to Foodservice Operations Management II

The Theory of Constraints (TOC) has spread as a leading managerial philosophy during the last two decades. TOC is successfully implemented in thousands of companies and organizations, large and small, throughout the globe. It has been implemented in the areas of production, logistics, distribution, project management, research and development and sales and marketing. Implementation span across a multitude of sectors in all industries: the private and public sectors, flow manufacturing as well as job shop operations, start up companies as well as corporate America, for profit and not-for-profit organizations. Implemented properly, TOC leads to significant results in a relatively short time. However, contrary to the vast application of TOC in practice, TOC research published in refereed academic journals is lagging behind. TOC should be proven as a continuity of previous research rather than a stand alone new concept. TOC practitioners should seek for academic examination for the validity of the tools and the understanding of the implementation process. This book serves as a platform for TOC research and closes the gap between TOC and the academic world.

Fuzzy Information & Engineering and Operations Research & Management

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Operations management (OM) is the function concerned with the planning, design, implementation, and control of business operations in the production of goods and services. OM has expanded from its original factory-centric orientation to encompass the service industry and the respective, accompanying supply chains, with a broad, global range of applications, increasing reliance on quantitative analysis, and the development and the use of supporting computer-based information systems and technology. This book highlights some critical aspects and advances in the field of operations management. Topics covered include investigations in the area of sustainable supply chain management; the application of OM principles to the deployment of field laboratories to address epidemics; and novel approaches to applying operations management in response to increasingly diverse requirements, circumstances, and performance criteria.

Research Methods for Operations Management

Score your highest in Operations Management
Operations management is an important skill for current and aspiring business leaders to develop and master. It deals with the design and management of products, processes, services, and supply chains. Operations management is a growing field and a required course for most undergraduate business majors and MBA candidates. Now, Operations Management For Dummies serves as an extremely resourceful aid for this difficult subject. Tracks to a

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typical course in operations management or operations strategy, and covers topics such as evaluating and measuring existing systems' performance and efficiency, materials management and product development, using tools like Six Sigma and Lean production, designing new, improved processes, and defining, planning, and controlling costs of projects. Clearly organizes and explains complex topics Serves as an supplement to your Operations Management textbooks Helps you score your highest in your Operations Management course Whether your aim is to earn an undergraduate degree in business or an MBA, Operations Management For Dummies is indispensable supplemental reading for your operations management course.

Production & Operations Management

An Introduction to Operations Management: The Joy of Operations covers the core topics of operations management, including product and service design, processes, capacity planning, forecasting, inventory, quality, supply chain management, and project management. Das provides a clear, connected, and current view of operations management and how it relates to a firm's strategic goals. Students will benefit from the real-world scenarios that foster an understanding of operations management tasks. Without relying heavily on statistics and mathematical derivations, the book offers applied models and a simple, predictable chapter format to make it easy to navigate. Students of introductory operations management courses will love this practical textbook.

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A companion website features an instructor's manual with test questions, as well as additional exercises and examples for in-class use.

Factory Physics

Fuzzy Information & Engineering and Operations Research & Management is the monograph from submissions by the 6th International Conference on Fuzzy Information and Engineering (ICFIE2012, Iran) and by the 6th academic conference from Fuzzy Information Engineering Branch of Operation Research Society of China (FIEBORSC2012, Shenzhen, China). It is published by Advances in Intelligent and Soft Computing (AISC). We have received more than 300 submissions. Each paper of it has undergone a rigorous review process. Only high-quality papers are included in it containing papers as follows: I Programming and Optimization. II Lattice and Measures. III Algebras and Equation. IV Forecasting, Clustering and Recognition. V Systems and Algorithm. VI Graph and Network. VII Others.

Managing Global Supply Chain Relationships: Operations, Strategies and Practices

This book provides a comprehensive overview of how to strategically manage the movement and storage of products or materials from any point in the manufacturing process to customer fulfillment. Topics covered include important tools for strategic decision making, transport, packaging, warehousing, retailing,

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customer services and future trends. An introduction to logistics Provides practical applications Discusses trends and new strategies in major parts of the logistic industry

Management Research Methodology: Integration of Principles, Methods and Techniques

The enduring repercussions of the Asian financial crisis in 1997, the worsening global economy following the burst of the dotcom bubbles in 2001, the financial tsunami in 2008, and the incessant rise in customer demand for better services have all contributed to shrinking profit margins for businesses around the world. To cope with these challenges, firms are discovering logistics as a competitive weapon when looking for ways to strengthen and preserve their market positions. One successful solution has been the adoption of Just-in-Time manufacturing systems, which involve many functional areas of a firm such as manufacturing, engineering, marketing, and purchasing, among others. Just-in-Time Logistics extends the JIT concept in manufacturing to business logistics, an area that has been observed to account for more than 30 per cent of sales revenue for some firms. It gives you an overview and an introduction of JIT logistics, and provides managerial insights on how to achieve improved logistics performance in terms of cost and service enhancements. A discussion of the quality, implementation, and performance measurement issues related to the application of JIT in business

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logistics is also presented.

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He consider a cone dominance problem: given a "preference" cone IP and a set $n X \sim R$ of available, or feasible, alternatives, the problem is to identify the non dominated elements of X . The nonzero elements of IP are assumed to model the dominance structure of the problem so that $y \in X$ dominates $x \in X$ if $Y = x + P$ for some nonzero $p \in IP$. Consequently, $x \in X$ is nondominated if, and only if, $(\{x\} + IP) \cap X = \{x\}$ (1.1) He will also refer to nondominated points as efficient points (in X with respect to IP) and we will let $EF(X|P)$ denote the set of such efficient points. This cone dominance problem draws its roots from two separate, but related, origins. The first of these is multi-attribute decision making in which the elements of the set X are endowed with various attributes, each to be maximized or minimized.

Contemporary Issues and Research in Operations Management

Logistics Operations and Management

Our economy and future way of life depend on how well American manufacturing managers adapt to the dynamic, globally competitive landscape and evolve their firms to keep pace. A major challenge is how to structure the firms environment so that it attains the speed and low cost of high-volume flow lines while

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retaining the flexibility and customization potential of a low-volume job shop. The book's three parts are organized according to three categories of skills required by managers and engineers: basics, intuition, and synthesis. Part I reviews traditional operations management techniques and identifies the necessary components of the science of manufacturing. Part II presents the core concepts of the book, beginning with the structure of the science of manufacturing and a discussion of the systems approach to problem solving. Other topics include behavioral tendencies of manufacturing plants, push and pull production systems, the human element in operations management, and the relationship between quality and operations. Chapter conclusions include main points and observations framed as manufacturing laws. In Part III, the lessons of Part I and the laws of Part II are applied to address specific manufacturing management issues in detail. The authors compare and contrast common problems, including shop floor control, long-range aggregate planning, workforce planning and capacity management. A main focus in Part III is to help readers visualize how general concepts in Part II can be applied to specific problems. Written for both engineering and management students, the authors demonstrate the effectiveness of a rule-based and data driven approach to operations planning and control. They advance an organized framework from which to evaluate management practices and develop useful intuition about manufacturing systems.

The Theory of Constraints

Production and operations management

Advances in Management Research

Learning has become a constant state of mind for most professionals in today's organizations. However, to become a true learning enterprise, organizations cannot stop at instilling this yearning for knowledge into their collaborators. They must also capture and formalize the common know-how of the organization, as well as provide time and infrastructure to allow learning moments to happen. The aim of the Gaming Workgroup within IFIP 5.7 on Integrated Production Management Systems and the European Group of University Teachers for Industrial Management EHTB is to develop tools and formalisms to support experimental learning in these organizations. It has been proven that modelling the know-how, using visual environments such as multimedia and graphic simulations, is a first step. This in turn allows for the development of games, i.e. challenging settings that foster group interaction and problem solving. Games in Operations Management provides an excellent overview of the different game formats that have been developed and tested in past years, and includes games in a manufacturing environment, games in a services environment, and games for teaching organizational values. The book comprises the selected, revised proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Games in Production Management: Experimental Learning in Industrial

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Management, which was sponsored by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and held in November, 1998, in Ghent, Belgium. The book will be of particular interest to organizational trainers, providing a good overview of state-of-the-art game and training formats as well as hints and advice on how to organize interactive training sessions. It will also be of interest to researchers in industrial engineering, industrial management, and operations management.

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