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## **Elements of Numerical Mathematical Economics with Excel -**

Giovanni Romeo 2019-11-28

Elements of Numerical Mathematical Economics with Excel: Static and Dynamic Optimization shows readers how to apply static and dynamic optimization theory in an easy and practical manner, without requiring the mastery of specific programming languages that are often difficult and expensive to learn. Featuring user-friendly numerical discrete calculations developed within the Excel worksheets, the book includes key examples and economic applications solved step-by-step and then replicated in Excel. After introducing the fundamental tools of mathematical economics, the book explores the classical static optimization theory of linear and nonlinear programming, applying the core concepts of microeconomics and some portfolio theory. This provides a background for the more challenging worksheet applications of the dynamic optimization theory. The book also covers special complementary topics such as inventory modelling, data analysis for business and economics, and the essential elements of Monte Carlo analysis. Practical and accessible, Elements of Numerical Mathematical Economics with Excel: Static and Dynamic Optimization increases the computing power of economists worldwide. This book is accompanied by a companion website that includes Excel examples presented in the book, exercises, and other supplementary materials that will further assist in understanding this useful framework. Explains how Excel provides a practical numerical approach to optimization theory and analytics. Increases access to the economic applications of this universally-available, relatively simple software program. Encourages readers to go to the core of theoretical continuous calculations and learn more about optimization processes.

## **Approximation, Optimization and Mathematical Economics -**

Marc Lassonde 2011-09-27

The articles in this proceedings volume reflect the current trends in the theory of approximation, optimization and mathematical economics, and include numerous applications. The book will be of interest to researchers and graduate students involved in functional analysis, approximation theory, mathematical programming and optimization, game theory, mathematical finance and economics.

## **Finite Dimensional Convexity and Optimization -**

Monique Florenzano 2012-12-06

This book discusses convex analysis, the basic underlying structure of argumentation in economic theory. Convex analysis is also common to the optimization of problems encountered in many applications. The text is aimed at senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and specialists of mathematical programming who are undertaking research into applied mathematics and economics. The text consists of a systematic development in eight chapters, and contains exercises. The book is appropriate as a class text or for self-study.

## **Mathematical Programming -**

Michel Minoux 1986

This comprehensive work covers the whole field of mathematical programming, including linear programming, unconstrained and constrained nonlinear programming, nondifferentiable (or nonsmooth) optimization, integer programming, large scale systems optimization, dynamic programming, and optimization in infinite dimensions. Special emphasis is placed on unifying concepts such as point-to-set maps, saddle points and perturbations functions, duality theory and its extensions.

## *An Introduction to Mathematical Analysis for Economic Theory and*

*Econometrics -* Dean Corbae 2009-02-17

Providing an introduction to mathematical analysis as it applies to economic theory and econometrics, this book bridges the gap that has separated the teaching of basic mathematics for economics and the increasingly advanced mathematics demanded in economics research today. Dean Corbae, Maxwell B. Stinchcombe, and Juraj Zeman equip

students with the knowledge of real and functional analysis and measure theory they need to read and do research in economic and econometric theory. Unlike other mathematics textbooks for economics, An Introduction to Mathematical Analysis for Economic Theory and Econometrics takes a unified approach to understanding basic and advanced spaces through the application of the Metric Completion Theorem. This is the concept by which, for example, the real numbers complete the rational numbers and measure spaces complete fields of measurable sets. Another of the book's unique features is its concentration on the mathematical foundations of econometrics. To illustrate difficult concepts, the authors use simple examples drawn from economic theory and econometrics. Accessible and rigorous, the book is self-contained, providing proofs of theorems and assuming only an undergraduate background in calculus and linear algebra. Begins with mathematical analysis and economic examples accessible to advanced undergraduates in order to build intuition for more complex analysis used by graduate students and researchers. Takes a unified approach to understanding basic and advanced spaces of numbers through application of the Metric Completion Theorem. Focuses on examples from econometrics to explain topics in measure theory.

## *Mathematical Methods in Economics -* Norman Schofield 2018-03-05

Originally published in 1984. Since the logic underlying economic theory can only be grasped fully by a thorough understanding of the mathematics, this book will be invaluable to economists wishing to understand vast areas of important research. It provides a basic introduction to the fundamental mathematical ideas of topology and calculus, and uses these to present modern singularity theory and recent results on the generic existence of isolated price equilibria in exchange economies.

## **Dynamic Optimization and Mathematical Economics -**

Pan-Tai Liu 2013-03-09

As an outgrowth of the advancement in modern control theory during the past 20 years, dynamic modeling and analysis of economic systems has become an important subject in the study of economic theory. Recent developments in dynamic utility, economic planning, and profit optimization, for example, have been greatly influenced by results in optimal control, stabilization, estimation, optimization under conflicts, multi criteria optimization, control of large-scale systems, etc. The great success that has been achieved so far in utilizing modern control theory in economic systems should be attributed to the effort of control theorists as well as economists. Collaboration between the two groups of researchers has proven to be most successful in many instances; nevertheless, the gap between them has existed for some time. Whereas a control theorist frequently sets up a mathematically feasible model to obtain results that permit economic interpretations, an economist is concerned more with the fidelity of the model in representing a real world problem, and results that are obtained (through possibly less mathematical analysis) are due largely to economic insight. The papers appearing in this volume are divided into three parts. In Part I there are five papers on the application of control theory to economic planning. Part II contains five papers on exploration, exploitation, and pricing of extractive natural resources. Finally, in Part III, some recent advances in large-scale systems and decentralized control appear.

## Mathematical Optimization and Economic Theory - M. D. Interligator

1991

## *Optimisation and Stability Theory for Economic Analysis -* Brian Beavis

1990-02-22

This book presents a coherent and systematic exposition of the mathematical theory of the problems of optimization and stability. Both of these are topics central to economic analysis since the latter is so much concerned with the optimizing behaviour of economic agents and

the stability of the interaction processes to which this gives rise. The topics covered include convexity, mathematical programming, fixed point theorems, comparative static analysis and duality, the stability of dynamic systems, the calculus of variations and optimal control theory. The authors present a more detailed and wide-ranging discussion of these topics than is to be found in the few books which attempt a similar coverage. Although the text deals with fairly advanced material, the mathematical prerequisites are minimised by the inclusion of an integrated mathematical review designed to make the text self-contained and accessible to the reader with only an elementary knowledge of calculus and linear algebra. A novel feature of the book is that it provides the reader with an understanding and feel for the kinds of mathematical techniques most useful for dealing with particular economic problems. This is achieved through an extensive use of a broad range of economic examples (rather than the numerical/algebraic examples so often found). This is suitable for use in advanced undergraduate and postgraduate courses in economic analysis and should in addition prove a useful reference work for practising economists.

*Mathematical Analysis and Optimization for Economists* - Michael J. Panik 2021-09-30

In *Mathematical Analysis and Optimization for Economists*, the author aims to introduce students of economics to the power and versatility of traditional as well as contemporary methodologies in mathematics and optimization theory; and, illustrates how these techniques can be applied in solving microeconomic problems. This book combines the areas of intermediate to advanced mathematics, optimization, and microeconomic decision making, and is suitable for advanced undergraduates and first-year graduate students. This text is highly readable, with all concepts fully defined, and contains numerous detailed example problems in both mathematics and microeconomic applications. Each section contains some standard, as well as more thoughtful and challenging, exercises. Solutions can be downloaded from the CRC Press website. All solutions are detailed and complete. Features Contains a whole spectrum of modern applicable mathematical techniques, many of which are not found in other books of this type. Comprehensive and contains numerous and detailed example problems in both mathematics and economic analysis. Suitable for economists and economics students with only a minimal mathematical background. Classroom-tested over the years when the author was actively teaching at the University of Hartford. Serves as a beginner text in optimization for applied mathematics students. Accompanied by several electronic chapters on linear algebra and matrix theory, nonsmooth optimization, economic efficiency, and distance functions available for free on [www.routledge.com/9780367759018](http://www.routledge.com/9780367759018).

*Mathematics for Stability and Optimization of Economic Systems* - Yasuo Murata 2014-05-10

*Economic Theory and Mathematical Economics: Mathematics for Stability and Optimization of Economic Systems* provides information pertinent to the stability aspects and optimization methods relevant to various economic systems. This book presents relevant mathematical theorems sufficient to develop important economic systems, including Leontief input-output systems, Keynesian dynamic models, the Ramsey optimal accumulation systems, and von Neumann expanding economic systems. Organized into two parts encompassing nine chapters, this book begins with an overview of useful theorems on matrices, eigenvalue problems, and matrices with dominant diagonals and P-matrices. This text then explores the linear transformations on vector spaces. Other chapters consider the Hawkins-Simon theorem concerning non-negative linear systems. This book discusses as well the dual linear relations and optimization methods applicable to inequality economic systems. The final chapter deals with powerful optimal control method for dynamical systems. This book is a valuable resource for mathematicians, economists, research workers, and graduate students.

*Linear Programming and Economic Analysis* - Robert Dorfman 1987-01-01

Designed primarily for economists and those interested in management economics who are not necessarily accomplished mathematicians, this text offers a clear, concise exposition of the relationship of linear programming to standard economic analysis. The research and writing were supported by The RAND Corporation in the late 1950s. Linear programming has been one of the most important postwar developments in economic theory, but until publication of the present volume, no text offered a comprehensive treatment of the many facets of the relationship of linear programming to traditional economic theory. This book was the first to provide a wide-ranging survey of such important aspects of the

topic as the interrelations between the celebrated von Neumann theory of games and linear programming, and the relationship between game theory and the traditional economic theories of duopoly and bilateral monopoly. Modern economists will especially appreciate the treatment of the connection between linear programming and modern welfare economics and the insights that linear programming gives into the determinateness of Walrasian equilibrium. The book also offers an excellent introduction to the important Leontief theory of input-output as well as extensive treatment of the problems of dynamic linear programming. Successfully used for three decades in graduate economics courses, this book stresses practical problems and specifies important concrete applications.

*Mathematical Optimisation in Economics* - Bruno de Finetti 2011-06-01

Preface by B. de Finetti.- G.Th. Guilbaud: Les équilibres dans les modèles économiques.- H.W. Kuhn: Locational problems and mathematical programming.- M. Morishima: The multi-sectoral theory of economic growth.- B. Martos, J. Kornai: Experiments in Hungary with industry-wide and economy wide programming.- A. Prekopa: Probability distribution problems concerning stochastic programming problems.- R. Frisch: General principles and mathematical techniques of macroeconomic programming.

*Mathematics for Economists* - William Novshek 1993

Focuses on two key components of microeconomics - optimization subject to constraints and the development of comparative statics. The book assumes familiarity with calculus of one variable and basic linear algebra, allowing coverage of additional topics like the chain rule and Taylor's theorem.

*Dynamic Optimization and Mathematical Economics* - Pan-Tai Liu 1980-03-01

*Mathematical Economics of Multi-Level Optimisation* - Sardar M.N. Islam 2012-12-06

Since there exists a multi-level policy making system in the market economies, choices of decision makers at different levels should be considered explicitly in the formulation of sectoral plans and policies. To support the hypothesis, a theoretical energy planning approach is developed within the framework of the theory of economic policy planning, policy systems analysis and multi-level programming. The Parametric Programming Search Algorithm has been developed. On the basis of this theoretical model, an Australian Energy Policy System Optimisation Model (AEP-SOM) has been developed and is used to formulate an Australian multi-level energy plan.

*Approximation, Optimization and Mathematical Economics* - Marc Lassonde 2001-01-26

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*Mathematical Methods in Economics and Social Choice* - Norman Schofield 2004-03-15

In recent years, the usual optimisation techniques have been extended to incorporate more powerful topological and differential methods, and these methods have led to new results on the qualitative behaviour of general economic and political systems. The progression of ideas presented in this book will familiarize the student with the geometric concepts underlying these topological methods, and, as a result, make mathematical economics, general equilibrium theory, and social choice theory more accessible.

*Mathematical Optimization and Economic Theory* - Michael David Intriligator 2013

*Optimization of Stochastic Systems* - Masanao Aoki 1989

From the Preface The first edition of this book was written mainly for audiences with physical science and engineering backgrounds. Nevertheless, it reached some readers with economic and management science training. Analytical training of graduate students in economics and management sciences had progressed much in the last 20 years, and many new research results and optimization algorithms have also become available. My own interest in the meantime has shifted to the analysis of dynamics and optimization problems of economic and management science origin. With these developments and changes, I decided to rewrite much of the first edition to make it more accessible to

graduate students and professionals in social sciences. I have also incorporated some new analytic tools that I deem useful in analyzing the dynamic and stochastic problems which confront these readers. I hope that my efforts successfully bring intertemporal optimization problems closer to economics professionals. New topics introduced into this second edition appear mostly in Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Martingales and martingale differences are introduced early in Chapter 2. Some limit theorems and asymptotic properties of linear state space models driven by martingale differences are presented. Because many excellent books are available on martingales and their limit theorems, derivations and proofs are mostly sketchy, and readers are referred to these sources. The results in Chapter 2 are applied in Chapters 5, 6, and 8, among other places. The notion of dynamic aggregation and its relation to cointegration and error-correction models are developed in Chapter 4. Some recursive parameter estimation schemes and their statistical properties are included in Chapters 5 and 6. Here again, books devoted entirely to these topics are available in the literature, and much had to be omitted to keep the second edition to a manageable size. In an appendix to Chapter 7, a potentially very powerful tool in proving convergence of adaptive schemes is outlined. Rational expectations models and their solution methods are developed in Chapter 8 because of their wide-spread interest to economists. A very important class of problems in sequential decision problems revolves around questions of approximating nonlinear dynamics or more generally complex situations with a sequence of less complex ones. Chapter 9 does not begin to do justice to this class of problems but is included as being suggestive of works to be done. When I first started contemplating the revision of the first edition, I benefited from a list of excellent suggestions from Rick van der Ploeg, though I did not necessarily incorporate all of his suggestions. Conversations with Thomas Sargent and Victor Solo were useful in organizing the material into the form of the second edition. I also benefited from discussions with Hashem Pesaran and correspondences with L. Broze in finalizing Chapter 8. Some material in this book was used as lecture notes in a graduate course in the Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, the winter quarter of 1987. I thank the participants in the course for many useful comments.

**Key Features** \* This major revision of the First Edition addresses optimization problems stated in stochastic difference equations, which often contain uncertain or randomly varying parameters \* Presents a set of concepts and techniques useful in analyzing or controlling stochastic dynamic processes, with possible incompletely specified characteristics \* It discusses basic system properties such as: \* Stability and observability \* Dynamic programming formulations of optimal and adaptive control problems \* Parameter estimation schemes and their convergence behavior \* Solution methods for rational expectations models using martingale differences

Optimization in Economic Theory - Avinash K. Dixit 1990

Building on a base of simple economic theory and elementary linear algebra and calculus, this broad treatment of static and dynamic optimization methods discusses the importance of shadow prices, and reviews functions defined by solutions of optimization problems. Recently revised and expanded, the second edition will be a valuable resource for upper level undergraduate and graduate students.

**Mathematical Methods of Game and Economic Theory** - Jean-Pierre Aubin 2007-01-01

Mathematical economics and game theory approached with the fundamental mathematical toolbox of nonlinear functional analysis are the central themes of this text. Both optimization and equilibrium theories are covered in full detail. The book's central application is the fundamental economic problem of allocating scarce resources among competing agents, which leads to considerations of the interrelated applications in game theory and the theory of optimization.

Mathematicians, mathematical economists, and operations research specialists will find that it provides a solid foundation in nonlinear functional analysis. This text begins by developing linear and convex analysis in the context of optimization theory. The treatment includes results on the existence and stability of solutions to optimization problems as well as an introduction to duality theory. The second part explores a number of topics in game theory and mathematical economics, including two-person games, which provide the framework to study theorems of nonlinear analysis. The text concludes with an introduction to non-linear analysis and optimal control theory, including an array of fixed point and subjectivity theorems that offer powerful tools in proving existence theorems.

Combinatorial Optimization - Mustafa Akgül 2012-12-06

There have been significant developments in the theory and practice of combinatorial optimization in the last 15 years. This progress has been evidenced by a continuously increasing number of international and local conferences, books and papers in this area. This book is also another contribution to this burgeoning area of operations research and optimization. This volume contains the contributions of the participants of the recent NATO Advanced Study Institute, New Frontiers in the Theory and Practice of Combinatorial Optimization, which was held at the campus of Bilkent University, in Ankara, Turkey, July 16-29, 1990. In this conference, we brought many prominent researchers and young and promising scientists together to discuss current and future trends in the theory and practice of combinatorial optimization. The Bilkent campus was an excellent environment for such an undertaking. Being outside of Ankara, the capital of Turkey, Bilkent University gave the participants a great opportunity for exchanging ideas and discussing new theories and applications without much distraction. One of the primary goals of NATO ASIs is to bring together a group of scientists and research scientists primarily from the NATO countries for the dissemination of advanced scientific knowledge and the promotion of international contacts among scientists. We believe that we accomplished this mission very successfully by bringing together 15 prominent lecturers and 45 promising young scientists from 12 countries, in a university environment for 14 days of intense lectures, presentations and discussions.

Economists' Mathematical Manual - Peter Berck 2013-04-17

The practice of economics requires a wide ranging knowledge of formulas from mathematics and mathematical economics. The selection of results from mathematics included in handbooks for chemistry and physics ill suits economists. There is no concise reporting of results in economics. With this volume, we hope to present a formulary, targeted to the needs of students as well as the working economist. It grew out of a collection of mathematical formulas for economists originally made by Professor B. Thalberg and used for many years by Scandinavian students and economists. The formulary has 32 chapters, covering calculus and other often used mathematics; programming and optimization theory; economic theory of the consumer and the firm; risk, finance, and growth theory; non-cooperative game theory; and elementary statistical theory. The book contains just the formulas and the minimum commentary needed to re-learn the mathematics involved. We have endeavored to state theorems at the level of generality economists might find useful. By and large, we state results for n-dimensional Euclidean space, even when the results are more generally true. In contrast to the economic maxim, "everything is twice more continuously differentiable than it needs to be", we have listed the regularity conditions for theorems to be true. We hope that we have achieved a level of explication that is accurate and useful without being pedantic.

Mathematical Optimization and Economic Analysis - Mikuláš Luptáčík 2009-10-03

"Mathematical Optimization and Economic Analysis" is a self-contained introduction to various optimization techniques used in economic modeling and analysis such as geometric, linear, and convex programming and data envelopment analysis. Through a systematic approach, this book demonstrates the usefulness of these mathematical tools in quantitative and qualitative economic analysis. The book presents specific examples to demonstrate each technique's advantages and applicability as well as numerous applications of these techniques to industrial economics, regulatory economics, trade policy, economic sustainability, production planning, and environmental policy. Key Features include: - A detailed presentation of both single-objective and multiobjective optimization; - An in-depth exposition of various applied optimization problems; - Implementation of optimization tools to improve the accuracy of various economic models; - Extensive resources suggested for further reading. This book is intended for graduate and postgraduate students studying quantitative economics, as well as economics researchers and applied mathematicians. Requirements include a basic knowledge of calculus and linear algebra, and a familiarity with economic modeling.

Algorithms and Model Formulations in Mathematical Programming - Stein W. Wallace 2012-12-06

The NATO Advanced Research Workshop (ARW) "Algorithms and Model Formulations in Mathematical Programming" was held at Chr. Michelsen Institute in Bergen, Norway, from June 15 to June 19, 1987. The ARW was organized on behalf of the Committee on Algorithms (COAL) of the Mathematical Programming Society (MPS). Co-directors were Jan Telgen (Van Dien+Co Organisatie, Utrecht, The Netherlands) and Roger J-B

Wets (The University of California at Davis, USA). 43 participants from 11 countries attended the ARW. The workshop was organized such that each day started with a 15-minute keynote presentation, followed by a 45-minute plenary discussion. The first part of this book contains the contributions of the five keynote speakers. The plenary discussions were taped, and the transcripts given to the keynote speakers. They have treated the transcripts differently, some by working the discussions into their papers, others by adding a section which sums up the discussions. The plenary discussions were very interesting and stimulating due to active participation of the audience. The five keynote speakers were asked to view the topic of the workshop, the interaction between algorithms and model formulations, from different perspectives. On the first day of the workshop Professor Alexander H.G. Rinnooy Kan (Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands) put the theme into a larger context by his talk "Mathematical programming as an intellectual activity". This is an article of importance to any mathematical programmer who is interested in his field's history and present state.

Extrema of Smooth Functions - Mohamed A. El-Hodiri 2012-12-06

It is not an exaggeration to state that most problems dealt with in economic theory can be formulated as problems in optimization theory. This holds true for the paradigm of "behavioral" optimization in the pursuit of individual self interests and societally efficient resource allocation, as well as for equilibrium paradigms where existence and stability problems in dynamics can often be stated as "potential" problems in optimization. For this reason, books in mathematical economics and in mathematics for economists devote considerable attention to optimization theory. However, with very few exceptions, the reader who is interested in further study is left with the impression that there is no further place to go to and that what is in these second hand sources is all these is available as far as the subject of optimization theory is concerned. On the other hand the main results from mathematics are often carelessly stated or, more often than not, they do not get to be formally stated at all. Furthermore, it should be well understood that economic theory in general and, mathematical economics in particular, must be classified as special types of applied mathematics or, more precisely, of motivated mathematics since tools of mathematical analysis are used to prove theorems in an economics context in the manner in which probability theory may be classified. Hence, rigor and correct scholarship are of utmost importance and can not be subject to compromise.

*Optimisation in Economic Analysis* - Gordon Mills 2014-04-04

One of the fundamental economic problems is one of making the best use of limited resources. As a result, mathematical optimisation methods play a crucial role in economic theory. Covering the use of such methods in applied and policy contexts, this book deals not only with the main techniques (linear programming, nonlinear optimisation and dynamic programming), but also emphasizes the art of model-building and discusses fields such as optimisation over time.

**Degeneracy Graphs and Simplex Cycling** - Peter Zörnig 2012-12-06

Many problems in economics can be formulated as linearly constrained mathematical optimization problems, where the feasible solution set  $X$  represents a convex polyhedral set. In practice, the set  $X$  frequently contains degenerate vertices, yielding diverse problems in the determination of an optimal solution as well as in postoptimal analysis. The so-called degeneracy graphs represent a useful tool for describing and solving degeneracy problems. The study of degeneracy graphs opens a new field of research with many theoretical aspects and practical applications. The present publication pursues two aims. On the one hand the theory of degeneracy graphs is developed generally, which will serve as a basis for further applications. On the other hand degeneracy graphs will be used to explain simplex cycling, i.e. necessary and sufficient conditions for cycling will be derived.

Stochastic Optimization Models in Finance - W. T. Ziemba 2014-05-12

Stochastic Optimization Models in Finance focuses on the applications of stochastic optimization models in finance, with emphasis on results and methods that can and have been utilized in the analysis of real financial problems. The discussions are organized around five themes: mathematical tools; qualitative economic results; static portfolio selection models; dynamic models that are reducible to static models; and dynamic models. This volume consists of five parts and begins with an overview of expected utility theory, followed by an analysis of convexity and the Kuhn-Tucker conditions. The reader is then introduced to dynamic programming; stochastic dominance; and measures of risk aversion. Subsequent chapters deal with separation theorems; existence and diversification of optimal portfolio policies; effects of taxes on risk

taking; and two-period consumption models and portfolio revision. The book also describes models of optimal capital accumulation and portfolio selection. This monograph will be of value to mathematicians and economists as well as to those interested in economic theory and mathematical economics.

Mathematical Optimization and Economic Theory - Michael D. Intriligator 2002-01-01

A classic account of mathematical programming and control techniques and their applications to static and dynamic problems in economics.

*Mathematical Methods of Game and Economic Theory* - Jean-Pierre Aubin 2013-12-23

This text begins with optimization theory and convex analysis, followed by topics in game theory and mathematical economics, and concluding with an introduction to nonlinear analysis and control theory. 1982 edition.

**Mathematical Economics of Multi-Level Optimisation** - Sardar M N Islam 1997-11-06

Constrained Extrema Introduction to the Differentiable Case with Economic Applications - M.A. El-Hodiri 2012-12-06

These notes are the result of an interrupted sequence of seminars on optimization theory with economic applications starting in 1964-1965. This is mentioned by way of explaining the uneven style that pervades them. Lately I have been using the notes for a two semester course on the subject for graduate students in economics. Except for the introductory survey, the notes are intended to provide an appetizer to more sophisticated aspects of optimization theory and economic theory. The notes are divided into three parts. Part I collects most of the results on constrained extrema of differentiable functionals on finite and not so finite dimensional spaces. It is to be used as a reference and as a place to find credits to various authors whose ideas we report. Part II is concerned with finite dimensional problems and is written in detail. Needless to say, my contributions are marginal. The economic examples are well known and are presented by way of illustrating the theory. Part III is devoted to variational problems leading to a discussion of some optimal control problems. There is a vast amount of literature on these problems and I tried to limit my intrusions to explaining some of the obvious steps that are usually left out. I have borrowed heavily from Akhiezer [1], Berkovitz [7], Bliss [10] and Pars [40]. The economic applications represent some of my work and are presented in the spirit of illustration.

**Hierarchical Optimization and Mathematical Physics** - Vladimir Tsurkov 2000-01-31

This book should be considered as an introduction to a special class of hierarchical systems of optimal control, where subsystems are described by partial differential equations of various types. Optimization is carried out by means of a two-level scheme, where the center optimizes coordination for the upper level and subsystems find the optimal solutions for independent local problems. The main algorithm is a method of iterative aggregation. The coordinator solves the problem with macrovariables, whose number is less than the number of initial variables. This problem is often very simple. On the lower level, we have the usual optimal control problems of mathematical physics, which are far simpler than the initial statements. Thus, the decomposition (or reduction to problems of less dimensions) is obtained. The algorithm constructs a sequence of so-called disaggregated solutions that are feasible for the main problem and converge to its optimal solution under certain assumptions (e.g., under strict convexity of the input functions). Thus, we bridge the gap between two disciplines: optimization theory of large-scale systems and mathematical physics. The first motivation was a special model of branch planning, where the final product obeys a preset assortment relation. The ratio coefficient is maximized. Constraints are given in the form of linear inequalities with block diagonal structure of the part of a matrix that corresponds to subsystems. The central coordinator assembles the final production from the components produced by the subsystems.

**Time and Money** - Jean-Pierre Aubin 2013-08-26

This authored monograph presents an unconventional approach to an important topic in economic theory. The author is an expert in the field of viability theory and applies this theory to analyze how an economy should be dynamically endowed so that it is economically viable. Economic viability requires an assumption on the joint evolution of transactions, fluctuations of prices and units of numeraire goods: the sum of the "transactions values" and the "impact of price fluctuations" should be negative or equal to zero. The book presents a computation of

the minimum endowment which restores economic viability and derives the dynamic laws that regulate both transactions and price fluctuations. The target audience primarily comprises open-minded and mathematically interested economists but the book may also be beneficial for graduate students.

**Stochastic Optimization and Economic Models** - Jati Sengupta  
2013-03-09

This book presents the main applied aspects of stochastic optimization in economic models. Stochastic processes and control theory are used under optimization to illustrate the various economic implications of optimal decision rules. Unlike econometrics which deals with estimation, this book emphasizes the decision-theoretic basis of uncertainty specified by the stochastic point of view. Methods of applied stochastic control using stochastic processes have now reached an exciting phase, where several disciplines like systems engineering, operations research and natural resources interact along with the conventional fields such as mathematical economics, finance and control systems. Our objective is to present a critical overview of this broad terrain from a multidisciplinary viewpoint. In this attempt we have at times stressed viewpoints other than the purely economic one. We believe that the economist would find it most profitable to learn from the other disciplines where stochastic optimization has been successfully applied. It is in this spirit that we have discussed in some detail the following major areas: A. Portfolio models in finance, B. Differential games under uncertainty, C. Self-tuning regulators, D. Models of renewable resources under uncertainty, and ix x PREFACE E. Nonparametric methods of efficiency measurement. Stochastic processes are now increasingly used in economic models to understand the various adaptive behavior implicit in the formulation of expectation and its application in decision rules which are optimum in some sense.

**Mathematical Theory of Optimization** - Ding-Zhu Du 2013-03-14

This book provides an introduction to the mathematical theory of optimization. It emphasizes the convergence theory of nonlinear optimization algorithms and applications of nonlinear optimization to combinatorial optimization. Mathematical Theory of Optimization includes recent developments in global convergence, the Powell conjecture, semidefinite programming, and relaxation techniques for designs of approximation solutions of combinatorial optimization

problems.

**Optimization and Chaos** - Mukul Majumdar 2013-06-29

This collection of essays brings together some articles on dynamic optimization models that exhibit chaotic behavior. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 appeared in a Symposium on Chaotic Dynamical Systems in Economic Theory (Volume 4, Number 5, 1994). Also, Chapters 10, 11, and 12 appeared in the Journal of Economic Theory. We would like to thank the authors, and Academic Press for permission to reprint. We are grateful to Professor C.D. Aliprantis for suggesting the idea of a book structured around the Economic Theory Symposium, and without the support and patience of Dr. Mueller this project could not have been completed. We would like to thank Ms. Amy Gowan who cheerfully performed the arduous task of typing the manuscript. Thanks are also due to Xiao Qing Yu, Tridip Ray and Malabika Majumdar for their help at various stages in the preparation of the manuscript. For a course on dynamic optimization addressed to students with a good background in economic theory and real analysis, one can assign Chapter 2 as a partial introduction to the basic techniques. Chapters 3 and 4 can be assigned to provide examples of simple optimization models generating complicated behavior.

**Optima and Equilibria** - Jean-Pierre Aubin 2013-03-09

Progress in the theory of economic equilibria and in game theory has proceeded hand in hand with that of the mathematical tools used in the field, namely nonlinear analysis and, in particular, convex analysis. Jean-Pierre Aubin, one of the leading specialists in nonlinear analysis and its application to economics, has written a rigorous and concise - yet still elementary and self-contained - textbook providing the mathematical tools needed to study optima and equilibria, as solutions to problems, arising in economics, management sciences, operations research, cooperative and non-cooperative games, fuzzy games etc. It begins with the foundations of optimization theory, and mathematical programming, and in particular convex and nonsmooth analysis. Nonlinear analysis is then presented, first game-theoretically, then in the framework of set valued analysis. These results are then applied to the main classes of economic equilibria. The book contains numerous exercises and problems: the latter allow the reader to venture into areas of nonlinear analysis that lie beyond the scope of the book and of most graduate courses.