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From its inception Linear Programming was envisioned as being applied to large detailed dynamic models of economic and industrial systems. Difficulties of obtaining input data, making use of detailed output data, and the cost of computation have in the past limited applications. Three types of approaches have been proposed for efficient computation. These are reviewed in terms of typical matrix structures to which they are applicable. A list of 128 references is appended. (Author).

Problems of the form: Find w and z satisfying w = q + Mz, w = or> 0, z = or> 0, zw = 0 play a fundamental role in mathematical programming. This paper describes the role of such problems in linear programming, quadratic programming and bimatrix game theory and reviews the computational procedures of Lemke and Howson, Lemke, and Dantzig and Cottle. (Author).

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George Dantzig is widely regarded as the founder of this subject with his invention of the simplex algorithm in the 1940's. In this second volume, the theory of the items discussed in the first volume is expanded to include such additional advanced topics as variants of the simplex method; interior point methods, GUB, decomposition, integer programming, and game theory. Graduate students in the fields of operations research, industrial engineering and applied mathematics will thus find this volume of particular interest.

In real-world problems related to finance, business, and management, mathematicians and economists frequently encounter optimization problems. In this classic book, George Dantzig looks at a wealth of examples and develops linear programming methods for their solutions. He begins by introducing the basic theory of linear inequalities and describes the powerful simplex method used to solve them. Treatments of the price concept, the transportation problem, and matrix methods are also given, and key mathematical concepts such as the properties of convex sets and linear vector spaces are covered. George Dantzig is properly acclaimed as the "father of linear programming." Linear programming is a mathematical technique used to optimize a situation. It can be used to minimize traffic congestion or to maximize the scheduling of airline flights. He formulated its basic theoretical model and discovered its underlying computational algorithm, the "simplex method," in a pathbreaking memorandum published by the United States Air Force in early 1948. Linear Programming and Extensions provides an extraordinary account of the subsequent development of his subject, including research in mathematical theory, computation, economic analysis, and applications to industrial problems. Dantzig first achieved success as a statistics graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley. One day he arrived for a class after it had begun, and assumed the two problems on the board were assigned for homework. When he handed in the solutions, he apologized to his professor, Jerzy Neyman, for their being late but explained that he had found the problems harder than usual. About six weeks later, Neyman excitedly told Dantzig, "I've just written an introduction to one of your papers. Read it so I can send it out right away for publication." Dantzig had no idea what he was talking about. He later learned that the "homework" problems had in fact been two famous unsolved problems in statistics.

Abstract: "The first algorithm for solving generalized linear programs was given by George B. Dantzig. His algorithm assumes that a basic feasible solution of the generalized linear program to be solved exists and is given. If the initial basic feasible solution is non-degenerate, then his algorithm is guaranteed to converge. The purpose of this paper is to show how to find an initial basic feasible (possibly degenerate) solution of a generalized linear program by applying the same algorithm to a 'phase-one' problem without requiring that the initial basic feasible solution to the latter be non-degenerate."

The late George B. Dantzig , widely known as the father of linear programming, was a major influence in mathematics, operations research, and economics. As Professor Emeritus at Stanford University, he continued his decades of research on linear programming and related subjects. Dantzig was awarded eight honorary doctorates, the National Medal of Science, and the John von Neumann Theory Prize from the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. The 24 chapters of this volume highlight the amazing breadth and enduring influence of Dantzig's research. Short, non-technical summaries at the opening of each major section introduce a specific research area and discuss the current significance of Dantzig's work in that field. Among the topics covered are mathematical statistics, the Simplex Method of linear programming, economic modeling, network optimization, and nonlinear programming. The book also includes a complete bibliography of Dantzig's writings.

For example, parallel processors may make it possible to come to better grips with the fundamental problems of planning, scheduling, design, and control of complex systems such as the economy, an industrial enterprise, an energy system, a water-resource system, military models for planning-and-control, decisions about investment, innovation, employment, and health-delivery systems."

Given real numbers a sub 1, a sub 2 ..., a sub n, the report discusses, the classic problem of the error in computing S = Summation from 1 to n of (a sub i) when the sum is computed by (S sub O) tilde = Summation from 1 to n of (a sub 1)* where (a sub 1)* is the nearest integer to a sub i.

A revised edition of the standard reference on the linear complementarity problem.

The relation between matrices with all principal minors positive and positive definite matrices is explored in the non-symmetric case. It is shown that simple rescaling of rows and columns is insufficient to transform the former into the latter. As a consequence it appears that the class of problems that can be solved by complementary pivot theory of mathematical programming has been non-trivially extended beyond the convex case represented by linear and quadratic programming and takes its place along with another important extension of Lemke and Howson for the matrix associated with bi-matrix games. (Author).

The optimization of large-scale dynamic systems represents a central area of research whose successful outcome could make important contributions to the analysis of crucial national and world problems. Although a great number of papers have been published on the theory of solving large-scale systems, not much in software exists that can successfully solve such systems. We believe that there has been little progress, because there has been little in the way of extensive experimentation comparing methods under laboratory-like conditions on representative models. At Stanford's Systems Optimization Laboratory (SOL), to bridge this gap between theory and application, experimental software for solving large-scale dynamic systems has been developed, proposed techniques on representative models have been systematically compared, and information regarding experimental results has been recorded and disseminated. This report gives an overview of some of the work being done at the Systems Optimization Laboratory.

Profiles in Operations Research: Pioneers and Innovators recounts the development of the field of Operations Research (OR), the science of decision making. The book traces the development of OR from its military origins to a mature discipline that is recognized worldwide for its contributions to managerial planning and complex global operations. Over the past six decades, OR analyses have impacted our daily lives: when making an airline or hotel reservation, waiting in line at a bank, getting the correctly blended fuel at the gas station, and ensuring that the book you are holding arrived at its destination on time. OR originated in the late 1930s when British scientists from various disciplines

joined Royal Air Force officers to determine the most effective way to employ new radar technology for intercepting enemy aircraft. During World War II, similar applied research groups were formed to study, test, and evaluate military operations on both sides of the Atlantic. Their work resulted in great improvements—OR helped the Allies win the war. The scientific field that emerged from these studies was called operational research in the U.K. and operations research in the U.S. Today, OR provides a broad and powerful science to aid decision making. Profiles describes the lives and contributions of 43 OR pioneers and innovators and relates how these individuals, with varying backgrounds and diverse interests, were drawn to the nascent field of OR. The profiles also describe how OR techniques and applications expanded considerably beyond the military context to find new domains in business and industry. In addition to their scientific contributions, these profiles capture the life stories of the individuals—interwoven with personal tales, vivid vignettes, family backgrounds, and views of the mission and future of OR. Collectively, the profiles recount the fascinating story of the growth and development of a field enriched by the convergence of different disciplines. The Editors: Arjang A. Assad is Dean of the School of Management, University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Saul I. Gass is Professor Emeritus, Department of Decision, Operations & Information Technologies, Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park. From the Reviews Profiles In Operations Research: Pioneers and Innovators. Book Review by Nigel Cummings: U.K. OR Society's e-journal, Inside OR., Sept 2011. "I can thoroughly recommend this book. I found it both enlighteningand undeniably gripping, so much so in fact, you may find it difficultto put it down once you have commenced reading it. Arjang A. Assad and Saul I. Gass have created a masterwork whichwill serve to immortalise [stet] the pioneers of O.R. for many years to come." *For a list of all known typos, plus further discussion on the book, please visit http://profilesinoperationsresearch.com.

The authors empirically compared ten pivot selection rules for representing the inverse of a sparse basis in triangularized product form. On examples drawn from actual applications, one of the rules yield inverses that were only slightly less sparse than the original basis. The rule was used in the M5 mathematical programming system and has resulted in substantial reduction in running time.

The model described has the same general features of the PILOT dynamic macro-economic model of U.S. designed to assess the long term impact of foreign competition, innovation, modernization, and energy needs. We derive the aggregate demand function of final consumer from individual demand functions in order to state its mathematical properties; we then estimate its parameters by a fit to empirical data. The equilibrium conditions are those of the Arrow-Debreu model, the only unusual feature is that investors calculate their rate of return using discounted normalized prices of future periods. If investors choose to normalize intra-period prices in the usual way by requiring that they sum to unity (or equivalently their average value is unity), the inverse demand functions turn out to be non-integrable. Equally satisfactory from the investors' point of view, is for them to choose instead to normalize intra-period prices. It is shown that the inverse-demand functions are integrable and derive a utility function for the economy which if maximized subject to the physical-flow constraints implies the equilibrium conditions. Keywords: economic growth.

Today we know that before 1947 that four isolated papers had been published on special cases of the linear programming problem by Fourier (1824) [5], de la Vall?ee Poussin (1911) [6], Kantorovich (1939) [7] and Hitchcock (1941) [8]. All except Kantorovich's paper proposed as a solution method descent along the outside edges of the polyhedral set which is the way we describe the simplex method today. There is no evidence that these papers had any influence on each other. Evidently the sparked zero interest on the part of other mathematicians and were unknown to me when I first proposed the simplex method. As we shall see the simplex algorithm evolved from a very different geometry, one in which it appeared to be very efficient."

Encompassing all the major topics students will encounter in courses on the subject, the authors teach both the underlying mathematical foundations and how these ideas are implemented in practice. They illustrate all the concepts with both worked examples and plenty of exercises, and, in addition, provide software so that students can try out numerical methods and so hone their skills in interpreting the results. As a result, this will make an ideal textbook for all those coming to the subject for the first time. Authors' note: A problem recently found with the software is due to a bug in Formula One, the third party commercial software package that was used for the development of the interface. It occurs when the date, currency, etc. format is set to a non-United States version. Please try setting your computer date/currency option to the United States option . The new version of Formula One, when ready, will be posted on WWW.

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Society could benefit greatly if certain total systems can be modeled and successfully solved. For example, crude economic planning models of many developing countries indicate a potential growth rate of GNP of 10% to 15% per year. To implement such a growth requires carefully worked-out detailed models and the availability of computer programs that can solve the resulting large-scale systems. The world is also faced with difficult problems related to population growth, availability of natural resources, ecological evaluation and control, urban redesign, design of large-scale engineering systems (e.g., atomic energy and recycling systems) and the modeling of man's physiological system for diagnosis and treatment. These problems are complex, are urgent and can only be solved if viewed as total systems. The paper will review progress to date, the various techniques that have been proposed, and the need to set-up large-scale system optimization laboratories where the different techniques can be tested on representative problems. (Author).

From the Preface... The preparation of this book started in 2004, when George B. Dantzig and I, following a long-standing invitation by Fred Hillier to contribute a volume to his International Series in Operations Research and Management Science, decided finally to go ahead with editing a volume on stochastic programming. The field of stochastic programming (also referred to as optimization under uncertainty or planning under uncertainty) had advanced significantly in the last two decades, both theoretically and in practice. George Dantzig and I felt that it would be valuable to showcase some of these advances and to present what one might call the state-of- the-art of the field to a broader audience. We invited researchers whom we considered to be leading experts in various specialties of the field, including a few representatives of promising developments in the making, to write a chapter for the volume. Unfortunately, to the great loss of all of us, George Dantzig passed away on May 13, 2005. Encouraged by many colleagues, I decided to continue with the book and edit it as a volume dedicated to George Dantzig. Management Science published in 2005 a special volume featuring the “Ten most Influential Papers of the first 50 Years of Management Science.” George Dantzig’s original 1955 stochastic programming paper, “Linear Programming under Uncertainty,” was featured among these ten. Hearing about this, George Dantzig suggested that his 1955 paper be the first chapter of this book. The vision expressed in that paper gives an important scientific and historical perspective to the book. Gerd Infanger

The report reviews operations research and how it may be used by mathematicians for solving new and unsolved problems and for developing new mathematical theories.

We proposed a build-up interior method for solving an m equation n variable linear program which has the same convergence properties as their well known analogues in dual affine and projective forms but requires less computational effort. The algorithm has three forms, an affine scaling form, a projective scaling form, and an exact form (that used pivot steps). In this paper, we present the first of these. It differs from Dikin's algorithm of dual affine form in that the ellipsoid chosen to generate the improving directions in dual space is constructed from only a subset of the dual constraints. Keywords: Iterations. (KR).

This is part one of a two-volume work presenting a comprehensive treatment of the finite-dimensional variational inequality and complementarity problem. It covers the basic theory of finite dimensional variational inequalities and complementarity problems. Coverage includes abundant exercises as well as an extensive bibliography. The book will be an enduring reference on the subject and provide the foundation for its sustained growth.