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COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF NONLINEAR PROGRAMMING THEORY AND ALGORITHMS, THOROUGHLY REVISED AND EXPANDED Nonlinear Programming: Theory and Algorithms—now in an extensively updated Third Edition—addresses the problem of optimizing an objective function in the presence of equality and inequality constraints. Many realistic problems cannot be adequately represented as a linear program owing to the nature of the nonlinearity of the objective function and/or the nonlinearity of any constraints. The Third Edition begins with a general introduction to nonlinear programming with illustrative examples and guidelines for model construction. Concentration on the three major parts of nonlinear programming is provided: Convex analysis with discussion of topological properties of convex sets, separation and support of convex sets, polyhedral sets, extreme points and extreme directions of polyhedral sets, and linear programming Optimality conditions and duality with coverage of the nature, interpretation, and value of the classical Fritz John (FJ) and the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) optimality conditions; the interrelationships between various proposed constraint qualifications; and Lagrangian duality and saddle point optimality conditions Algorithms and their convergence, with a presentation of algorithms for solving both unconstrained and constrained nonlinear programming problems Important features of the Third Edition include: New topics such as second interior point methods, nonconvex optimization, nondifferentiable optimization, and more Updated discussion and new applications in each chapter Detailed numerical examples and graphical illustrations Essential coverage of modeling and formulating nonlinear programs Simple numerical problems Advanced theoretical exercises The book is a solid reference for professionals as well as a useful text for students in the fields of operations research, management science, industrial engineering, applied mathematics, and also in engineering disciplines that deal with analytical optimization techniques. The logical and self-contained format uniquely covers nonlinear programming techniques with a great depth of information and an abundance of valuable examples and illustrations that showcase the most current advances in nonlinear problems.

This book presents the state-of-the-art methods in Linear Integer Programming, including some new algorithms and heuristic methods developed by the authors in recent years. Topics as Characteristic equation (CE), application of CE to bi-objective and multi-objective problems, Binary integer problems, Mixed-integer models, Knapsack models, Complexity reduction, Feasible-space reduction, Random search, Connected graph are also treated.

Applied Linear Programming for the Socioeconomic and Environmental Sciences discusses applications of linear and related programming to help in the transformation of the student or reader from book learning to computer use. The author reviews the theory, methods and applications of linear programming. The author also presents some programming codes that can be used in solving linear programming problems. He describes processes such as parametric programming, sensitivity analysis, and postoptimal analysis. The author lists five possible applications of linear programming, as follows: 1) estimates involving supply of

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and demand for services; 2) transport and schedule planning; 3) scale, technologies, and optimal site selection; (4) evaluation of impact of activities; and 5) evaluation of alternative options. The author cites a case study of solid-waste management in New Jersey that is common to other areas: availability of disposal sites, increasing amounts of garbage, and stricter environmental regulations. This book can be appreciated by environmentalists, sociologists, economists, civil engineers, and students and professors of advanced mathematics and linear programming.

Potential Function Methods For Approximately Solving Linear Programming Problems breaks new ground in linear programming theory. The book draws on the research developments in three broad areas: linear and integer programming, numerical analysis, and the computational architectures which enable speedy, high-level algorithm design. During the last ten years, a new body of research within the field of optimization research has emerged, which seeks to develop good approximation algorithms for classes of linear programming problems. This work both has roots in fundamental areas of mathematical programming and is also framed in the context of the modern theory of algorithms. The result of this work, in which Daniel Bienstock has been very much involved, has been a family of algorithms with solid theoretical foundations and with growing experimental success. This book will examine these algorithms, starting with some of the very earliest examples, and through the latest theoretical and computational developments.

This book covers all aspects of linear programming from the two-dimensional LPs and their extension to higher dimensional LPs, through duality and sensitivity analysis and finally to the examination of commented software outputs. The book is organized into three distinct parts: the first part studies the concepts of linear programming and presents its founding theorems complete with proofs and applications; the second part presents linear programming in the diversity of its variants (Integer Programming, Game Theory, Transportation Problem, Assignment Model), and highlights the modelling problems that are involved in network optimisation; the final part furthers the discussion on selected topics and presents an opening to nonlinear programming through quadratic programming.

Interest in constrained optimization originated with the simple linear programming model since it was practical and perhaps the only computationally tractable model at the time. Constrained linear optimization models were soon adopted in numerous application areas and are perhaps the most widely used mathematical models in operations research and management science at the time of this writing. Modelers have, however, found the assumption of linearity to be overly restrictive in expressing the real-world phenomena and problems in economics, finance, business, communication, engineering design, computational biology, and other areas that frequently demand the use of nonlinear expressions and discrete variables in optimization models. Both of these extensions of the linear programming model are NP-hard, thus representing very challenging problems. On the brighter side, recent advances in algorithmic and computing technology make it possible to re-visit these problems with the hope of solving practically relevant problems in reasonable amounts of computational time. Initial attempts at solving nonlinear programs concentrated on the development of local optimization methods guaranteeing globality under the assumption of convexity. On the

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other hand, the integer programming literature has concentrated on the development of methods that ensure global optima. The aim of this book is to marry the advancements in solving nonlinear and integer programming models and to develop new results in the more general framework of mixed-integer nonlinear programs (MINLPs) with the goal of devising practically efficient global optimization algorithms for MINLPs.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2013, held in Valparaíso, Chile, in March 2013. The 33 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 98 submissions. The conference is a forum for researchers and practitioners working on various aspects of integer programming and combinatorial optimization with the aim to present recent developments in theory, computation, and applications. The scope of IPCO is viewed in a broad sense, to include algorithmic and structural results in integer programming and combinatorial optimization as well as revealing computational studies and novel applications of discrete optimization to practical problems.

This text is based on a course of about 16 hours lectures to students of mathematics, statistics, and/or operational research. It is intended to introduce readers to the very wide range of applicability of linear programming, covering problems of management, administration, transportation and a number of other uses which are mentioned in their context. The emphasis is on numerical algorithms, which are illustrated by examples of such modest size that the solutions can be obtained using pen and paper. It is clear that these methods, if applied to larger problems, can also be carried out on automatic (electronic) computers. Commercially available computer packages are, in fact, mainly based on algorithms explained in this book. The author is convinced that the user of these algorithms ought to be knowledgeable about the underlying theory. Therefore this volume is not merely addressed to the practitioner, but also to the mathematician who is interested in relatively new developments in algebraic theory and in some combinatorial theory as well. The chapters on duality, and on flow in networks, are particularly directed towards this aim and they contain theorems which might not be directly relevant to methods of computation. The application of the concept of duality to the theory of games is of historical interest. It is hoped that the figures, which illustrate the results, will be found illuminating by readers with active geometrical imagination.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2014, held in Bonn, Germany, in June 2014. The 34 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 143 submissions. The conference is a forum for researchers and practitioners working on various aspects of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. The aim is to present recent developments in theory, computation, and applications in these areas. The scope of IPCO is viewed in a broad sense, to

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An accessible treatment of the modeling and solution of integer programming problems, featuring modern applications and software. In order to fully comprehend the algorithms associated with integer programming, it is important to understand not only how algorithms work, but also why they work. Applied Integer Programming features a unique emphasis on this point, focusing on problem modeling and solution using commercial software. Taking an application-oriented approach, this book addresses the art and science of mathematical modeling related to the mixed integer programming (MIP) framework and discusses the algorithms and associated practices that enable those models to be solved most efficiently. The book begins with coverage of successful applications, systematic modeling procedures, typical model types, transformation of non-MIP models, combinatorial optimization problem models, and automatic preprocessing to obtain a better formulation. Subsequent chapters present algebraic and geometric basic concepts of linear programming theory and network flows needed for understanding integer programming. Finally, the book concludes with classical and modern solution approaches as well as the key components for building an integrated software system capable of solving large-scale integer programming and combinatorial optimization problems.

Throughout the book, the authors demonstrate essential concepts through numerous examples and figures. Each new concept or algorithm is accompanied by a numerical example, and, where applicable, graphics are used to draw together diverse problems or approaches into a unified whole. In addition, features of solution approaches found in today's commercial software are identified throughout the book. Thoroughly classroom-tested, Applied Integer Programming is an excellent book for integer programming courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as a well-organized reference for professionals, software developers, and analysts who work in the fields of applied mathematics, computer science, operations research, management science, and engineering and use integer-programming techniques to model and solve real-world optimization problems.

This is a book on Linear-Fractional Programming (here and in what follows we will refer to it as "LFP"). The field of LFP, largely developed by Hungarian mathematician B. Martos and his associates in the 1960's, is concerned with problems of optimization. LFP problems deal with determining the best possible allocation of available resources to meet certain specifications. In particular, they may deal with situations where a number of resources, such as people, materials, machines, and land, are available and are to be combined to yield several products. In linear-fractional programming, the goal is to determine a permissible allocation of resources that will maximize or minimize some specific showing, such as profit gained per unit of cost, or cost of unit of product produced, etc. Strictly speaking, linear-fractional programming is a

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special case of the broader field of Mathematical Programming. LFP deals with that class of mathematical programming problems in which the relations among the variables are linear: the constraint relations (i.e. the restrictions) must be in linear form and the function to be optimized (i.e. the objective function) must be a ratio of two linear functions.

This Third Edition introduces the latest theory and applications in optimization. It emphasizes constrained optimization, beginning with linear programming and then proceeding to convex analysis, network flows, integer programming, quadratic programming, and convex optimization. You'll discover a host of practical business applications as well as non-business applications. With its focus on solving practical problems, the book features free C programs to implement the major algorithms covered. The book's accompanying website includes the C programs, JAVA tools, and new online instructional tools and exercises.

System analysis and operations research. Applications of linear programming. Integer programming. Response surface techniques. Production control. Inventory control and budgeting. Transportation optimization management. Break-even analysis. Game theory. Applications of linear programming II.

A. Planning Company Operations: The General Problem At more or less regular intervals, the management of an industrial enterprise is confronted with the problem of planning operations for a coming period. Within this category of management problems falls not only the overall planning of the company's aggregate production but problems of a more limited nature such as, for example, figuring the least-cost combination of raw materials for given output or the optimal transportation schedule. Any such problem of production planning is most rationally solved in two stages: (i) The first stage is to determine the feasible alternatives. For example, what alternative production schedules are at all compatible with the given capacity limitations? What combinations of raw materials satisfy the given quality specifications for the products? etc. The data required for solving this part of the problem are largely of a technological nature. (ii) The second is to select from among these alternatives one which is economically optimal: for example, the aggregate production programme which will lead to maximum profit, or the least-cost combination of raw materials. This is where the economist comes in; indeed, any economic problem is concerned with making a choice between alternatives, using some criterion of optimal utilization of resources.

Includes one IBM/PC floppy disk. System Requirements: Monochrome monitors, IBM-compatible machines, minimum: 286 IBM, DOS 2.0 or higher. This book gives a complete, concise introduction to the theory and applications of linear programming. It emphasizes the practical applications of mathematics, and makes the subject more accessible to individuals with varying mathematical abilities. It is one of the first rigorous linear programming texts that does not require linear algebra as a prerequisite. In addition, this text contains a floppy disk containing the program SIMPLEX, designed to help students solve problems using the

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computer. Key Features * Less rigorous mathematically - will appeal to individuals with varying mathematical abilities * Includes a floppy disk containing the program SIMPLEX and an appendix to help students solve problems using the computer * Includes chapters on network analysis and dynamic programming - topics of great interest to business majors and industrial engineers * Includes modem applications - selected computer programs for solving various max/min applications

'Et moi, ... , so j'avait su comment en revenir, One service mathematics has rendered the je n'y serais point alle.' human race. It has put common sense back Jules Verne where it belongs, on the topmost shelf next to the dusty canister labelled 'discarded non The series is divergent; therefore we may be sense'. able to do something with it. Eric T. Bell 0. Heaviside Mathematics is a tool for thought. A highly necessary tool in a world where both feedback and nonlinearities abound. Similarly, all kinds of parts of mathematics serve as tools for other parts and for other sciences. Applying a simple rewriting rule to the quote on the right above one finds such statements as: 'One service topology has rendered mathematical physics ... '; 'One service logic has rendered computer science .. .'; 'One service category theory has rendered mathematics ... '. All armably true. And all statements obtainable this way form part of the raison d'etre of this series.

Integer Programming: Theory and Practice contains refereed articles that explore both theoretical aspects of integer programming as well as major applications. This volume begins with a description of new constructive and iterative search methods for solving the Boolean optimization problem (BOOP). Following a review of recent developments on convergent Lagrangian techniques that use objective level-cut and domain-cut methods to solve separable nonlinear integer-programming problems, the book discusses the generalized assignment problem (GAP). The final theoretical chapter analyzes the use of decomposition methods to obtain bounds on the optimal value of solutions to integer linear-programming problems. The first application article contains models and solution algorithms for the rescheduling of airlines following the temporary closure of airports. The next chapters deal with the determination of an optimal mix of chartered and self-owned vessels needed to transport a product. The book then presents an application of integer programming that involves the capture, storage, and transmission of large quantities of data collected during testing scenarios involving military applications related to vehicles, medicine, equipment, missiles, and aircraft. The next article develops an integer linear-programming model to determine the assortment of products that must be carried by stores within a retail chain to maximize profit, and the final article contains an overview of noncommercial software tools for the solution of mixed-integer linear programs (MILP). The authors purposefully include applications and theory that are usually not found in contributed books in order to appeal to a wide variety of researchers and practitioners.

The book helps readers in understanding problem-solving methods based on a careful discussion of model formulation, solution procedures and analysis. It is intended to serve as a core textbook for students of BBA, B Com, CA and ICWA courses who need to

This book introduces multiple criteria and multiple constraint levels linear programming (MC2LP), which is an extension of linear programming (LP) and multiple criteria linear programming (MCLP). In the last decade, the author and a group of researchers from

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the USA, China, Korea, Germany, and Hungary have been working on the theory and applications of MC2LP problems. This volume integrates their main research results ranging from theoretical bases to broad areas of real world applications. The theoretical bases include the formulation of MC2LP; integer MC2LP and MC2 transportation model; fuzzy MC2LP and fuzzy duality of MC2LP; optimal system designs and contingency plans; MC2 decision support system; and MC2 computer software development. The application areas are accounting, management information systems, production planning, and telecommunications management. The book serves as a seminar text for both undergraduates and graduates who have a linear algebra or equivalent background. For practitioners, it will help in handling LP type problems in multiple decision making environment.

The book presents a snapshot of the state of the art in the field of fully fuzzy linear programming. The main focus is on showing current methods for finding the fuzzy optimal solution of fully fuzzy linear programming problems in which all the parameters and decision variables are represented by non-negative fuzzy numbers. It presents new methods developed by the authors, as well as existing methods developed by others, and their application to real-world problems, including fuzzy transportation problems. Moreover, it compares the outcomes of the different methods and discusses their advantages/disadvantages. As the first work to collect at one place the most important methods for solving fuzzy linear programming problems, the book represents a useful reference guide for students and researchers, providing them with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to deal with linear programming problems under uncertainty.

Infinite-dimensional linear programs; Algebraic fundamentals; Topology and duality. Semi-infinite linear programs; The mass-transfer problem; Maximal flow in a dynamic network; Continuous linear programs; Other infinite linear programs; Index.

Technology/Engineering/Mechanical Helps you move from theory to optimizing engineering systems in almost any industry Now in its Fourth Edition, Professor Singiresu Rao's acclaimed text Engineering Optimization enables readers to quickly master and apply all the important optimization methods in use today across a broad range of industries.

Covering both the latest and classical optimization methods, the text starts off with the basics and then progressively builds to advanced principles and applications. This comprehensive text covers nonlinear, linear, geometric, dynamic, and stochastic programming techniques as well as more specialized methods such as multiobjective, genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, neural networks, particle swarm optimization, ant colony optimization, and fuzzy optimization. Each method is presented in clear, straightforward language, making even the more sophisticated techniques easy to grasp. Moreover, the author provides: Case examples that show how each method is applied to solve real-world problems across a variety of industries Review questions and problems at the end of each chapter to engage readers in applying their newfound skills and knowledge Examples that demonstrate the use of MATLAB® for the solution of different types of practical optimization problems References and bibliography at the end of each chapter for exploring topics in greater

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depth Answers to Review Questions available on the author's Web site to help readers to test their understanding of the basic concepts With its emphasis on problem-solving and applications, Engineering Optimization is ideal for upper-level undergraduates and graduate students in mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical, and aerospace engineering. In addition, the text helps practicing engineers in almost any industry design improved, more efficient systems at less cost.

A practical, accessible guide to optimization problems with discrete or integer variables Integer Programming stands out from other textbooks by explaining in clear and simple terms how to construct custom-made algorithms or use existing commercial software to obtain optimal or near-optimal solutions for a variety of real-world problems, such as airline timetables, production line schedules, or electricity production on a regional or national scale. Incorporating recent developments that have made it possible to solve difficult optimization problems with greater accuracy, author Laurence A. Wolsey presents a number of state-of-the-art topics not covered in any other textbook. These include improved modeling, cutting plane theory and algorithms, heuristic methods, and branch-and-cut and integer programming decomposition algorithms. This self-contained text:

- * Distinguishes between good and bad formulations in integer programming problems
- * Applies lessons learned from easy integer programs to more difficult problems
- * Demonstrates with applications theoretical and practical aspects of problem solving
- * Includes useful notes and end-of-chapter exercises
- * Offers tremendous flexibility for tailoring material to different needs

Integer Programming is an ideal text for courses in integer/mathematical programming-whether in operations research, mathematics, engineering, or computer science departments. It is also a valuable reference for industrial users of integer programming and researchers who would like to keep up with advances in the field.

This book is an elegant and rigorous presentation of integer programming, exposing the subject's mathematical depth and broad applicability. Special attention is given to the theory behind the algorithms used in state-of-the-art solvers. An abundance of concrete examples and exercises of both theoretical and real-world interest explore the wide range of applications and ramifications of the theory. Each chapter is accompanied by an expertly informed guide to the literature and special topics, rounding out the reader's understanding and serving as a gateway to deeper study. Key topics include: formulations polyhedral theory cutting planes decomposition enumeration semidefinite relaxations Written by renowned experts in integer programming and combinatorial optimization, Integer Programming is destined to become an essential text in the field.

Disk contains: linear programming code SMPX.

A combination of both Integer Programming and Nonlinear Optimization, this is a powerful book that surveys the field and provides a state-of-the-art treatment of Nonlinear Integer Programming. It is the first book available on the subject. The

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book aims to bring the theoretical foundation and solution methods for nonlinear integer programming to students and researchers in optimization, operations research, and computer science.

Integer and Mixed Programming: Theory and Applications

Praise for the Second Edition: "This is quite a well-done book: very tightly organized, better-than-average exposition, and numerous examples, illustrations, and applications." —Mathematical Reviews of the American Mathematical Society

An Introduction to Linear Programming and Game Theory, Third Edition presents a rigorous, yet accessible, introduction to the theoretical concepts and computational techniques of linear programming and game theory. Now with more extensive modeling exercises and detailed integer programming examples, this book uniquely illustrates how mathematics can be used in real-world applications in the social, life, and managerial sciences, providing readers with the opportunity to develop and apply their analytical abilities when solving realistic problems. This Third Edition addresses various new topics and improvements in the field of mathematical programming, and it also presents two software programs, LP Assistant and the Solver add-in for Microsoft Office Excel, for solving linear programming problems. LP Assistant, developed by coauthor Gerard Keough, allows readers to perform the basic steps of the algorithms provided in the book and is freely available via the book's related Web site. The use of the sensitivity analysis report and integer programming algorithm from the Solver add-in for Microsoft Office Excel is introduced so readers can solve the book's linear and integer programming problems. A detailed appendix contains instructions for the use of both applications. Additional features of the Third Edition include: A discussion of sensitivity analysis for the two-variable problem, along with new examples demonstrating integer programming, non-linear programming, and make vs. buy models Revised proofs and a discussion on the relevance and solution of the dual problem A section on developing an example in Data Envelopment Analysis An outline of the proof of John Nash's theorem on the existence of equilibrium strategy pairs for non-cooperative, non-zero-sum games Providing a complete mathematical development of all presented concepts and examples, Introduction to Linear Programming and Game Theory, Third Edition is an ideal text for linear programming and mathematical modeling courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as a valuable reference for professionals who use game theory in business, economics, and management science.

This volume constitutes the proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Multi-Objective Programming and Goal programming held in Nara Japan 2002. The book is dedicated to multi-objective methods in decision making. One half of the book is devoted to theoretical aspects, covering a broad range of multi-objective methods such as multiple linear programming, fuzzy goal programming, data envelopment analysis, game theory, and dynamic programming. Readers interested in practical applications, will find in the remaining parts a variety of approaches applied in numerous fields

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including production planning, logistics, marketing, and finance.

Theory of Linear and Integer Programming Alexander Schrijver Centrum voor Wiskunde en Informatica, Amsterdam, The Netherlands This book describes the theory of linear and integer programming and surveys the algorithms for linear and integer programming problems, focusing on complexity analysis. It aims at complementing the more practically oriented books in this field. A special feature is the author's coverage of important recent developments in linear and integer programming. Applications to combinatorial optimization are given, and the author also includes extensive historical surveys and bibliographies. The book is intended for graduate students and researchers in operations research, mathematics and computer science. It will also be of interest to mathematical historians. Contents 1 Introduction and preliminaries; 2 Problems, algorithms, and complexity; 3 Linear algebra and complexity; 4 Theory of lattices and linear diophantine equations; 5 Algorithms for linear diophantine equations; 6 Diophantine approximation and basis reduction; 7 Fundamental concepts and results on polyhedra, linear inequalities, and linear programming; 8 The structure of polyhedra; 9 Polarity, and blocking and anti-blocking polyhedra; 10 Sizes and the theoretical complexity of linear inequalities and linear programming; 11 The simplex method; 12 Primal-dual, elimination, and relaxation methods; 13 Khachiyan's method for linear programming; 14 The ellipsoid method for polyhedra more generally; 15 Further polynomiality results in linear programming; 16 Introduction to integer linear programming; 17 Estimates in integer linear programming; 18 The complexity of integer linear programming; 19 Totally unimodular matrices: fundamental properties and examples; 20 Recognizing total unimodularity; 21 Further theory related to total unimodularity; 22 Integral polyhedra and total dual integrality; 23 Cutting planes; 24 Further methods in integer linear programming; Historical and further notes on integer linear programming; References; Notation index; Author index; Subject index

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2017, held in Waterloo, IN, Canada, in June 2017. The 36 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 125 submissions. The conference is a forum for researchers and practitioners working on various aspects of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. The aim is to present recent developments in theory, computation, and applications in these areas. The scope of IPCO is viewed in a broad sense, to include algorithmic and structural results in integer programming and combinatorial optimization as well as revealing computational studies and novel applications of discrete optimization to practical problems.

Without mathematics no science would survive. This especially applies to the engineering sciences which highly depend on the applications of mathematics and mathematical tools such as optimization techniques, finite element methods, differential equations, fluid dynamics, mathematical modelling, and simulation. Neither optimization in engineering, nor

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the performance of safety-critical system and system security; nor high assurance software architecture and design would be possible without the development of mathematical applications. De Gruyter Series on the Applications of Mathematics in Engineering and Information Sciences (AMEIS) focusses on the latest applications of engineering and information technology that are possible only with the use of mathematical methods. By identifying the gaps in knowledge of engineering applications the AMEIS series fosters the international interchange between the sciences and keeps the reader informed about the latest developments.

This volume presents the proceedings of the Fifth Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization Conference, IPCO V, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in June 1996. The 36 revised papers included in the book were selected from a total of 99 submissions; they highlight recent developments in theory, computation, and applications of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. The volume is organized in sections on integer programming theory and models, network flow algorithms, approximation algorithms, semi-definite methods, matrix models, set systems and submodularity, scheduling, probabilistic methods, polyhedral methods, and the traveling salesman problem.

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