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# **An Introduction To Management Science: Quantitative Approaches To Decision Making**



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Reflecting the latest developments in Microsoft Office Excel 2013, Anderson/Sweeney/Williams/Camm/Cochran/Fry/Ohlmann's AN INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT SCIENCE: QUANTITATIVE APPROACHES TO DECISION MAKING, 14E equips readers with a sound conceptual understanding of the role that management science plays in the decision-making process. The trusted market leader for more than two decades, the book uses a proven problem-scenario approach to introduce each quantitative technique within an applications setting. All data sets, applications, and screen visuals reflect the details of Excel 2013 to effectively prepare you to work with the latest spreadsheet tools. In addition, readers can get a copy of LINGO software and Excel add-ins with the book's online content.

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This book was a required textbook for my Operations Management and Information Systems course in an MBA program. The book reads well, the material is clearly explained and chapters are well-organized. In each chapter, the authors describe the use of these techniques in real life cases in actual companies. There are a lot of problems and self-tests at the end of each chapter which help to learn the material in depth.

This was the textbook for my quantitative analysis class. Expensive, but by far, one of the best management science books I have read. I will be using this as a reference book for years.

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