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What good are the facts and figures of managerial accounting if the people who need them can't use them? More and more organizations are realizing that activity based costing is a superior method for both identifying improvement opportunities and measuring the realized benefits of performance initiatives. ABC data helps you see that time, quality, capacity, flexibility, and cost are interconnected and also allows you to navigate through management fads and into the faster currents of high-payback performance. ABC offers a superior product and service costing technique with substantially more realistic cost assignments and much greater accuracy. It gives you better insights to manage your product design and manage costs. It can even be used for performance measurements. ABC represents a significant change in corporate systems and can be challenging to implement. Activity-Based Cost Management: Making It Work will walk you through the process so you can overcome barriers and successfully implement ABC. Activity-Based Cost Management: Making It Work doesn't just explain what ABC is, it shows you the mathematical calculations that support ABC and how you can implement ABC into your organization.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 21st IFIP WG 5.5 Working Conference on Virtual Enterprises, PRO-VE 2020, held in Valencia, Spain, in November 2020. The conference was held virtually. The 53 full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 135 submissions. They provide a comprehensive overview of major challenges and recent advances in various domains related to the digital transformation and collaborative networks and their applications with a strong focus on the following areas related to the main theme of the conference: collaborative business ecosystems; collaborative business models; collaboration platform; data and knowledge services; blockchain and knowledge graphs; maintenance, compliance and liability; digital transformation; skills for organizations of the future; collaboration in open innovation; collaboration in supply chain; simulation and analysis in collaborative systems; product and service systems; collaboration impacts; boosting sustainability through collaboration in Agri-food 4.0; digital innovation hubs for digitalizing European industry; and collaborative networks for health and wellness data management.

We are overstressed, overworked and overtired – and things aren't getting any easier. The days are getting shorter while our to-do lists are getting longer. The pace of life gets faster and the demands increase. We attempt to fight back with caffeinated drinks and candy bars hoping to get it all done before we crash. This is false energy...but Jon Gordon gives us the real thing. Gordon encourages us to become Energy Addicts using a few or all of the simple, effective physical, mental, and spiritual strategies in this book, including: Eat early and well, hydrate, exercise, nap, connect with nature Neutralize energy vampires, master the flow of money, embrace the energy of silence Connect (with others and yourself), lead with your heart, learn to love and challenge life Practical, common-sense, sometimes counterintuitive, Jon Gordon shows how we can become addicted to positive energy and habits, making small changes in our lives that will produce big results.

Approaching the subject from a truly managerial perspective, this brand new text provides clear and concise coverage, whilst the fully updated accompanying CD provides an opportunity to practice and further explore the concepts and techniques introduced.-- Publisher description.

Encompassing Amazonian rainforests, Andean peaks, coastal lowlands, and the Galápagos Islands, Ecuador's geography is notably diverse. So too are its history, culture, and politics, all of which are examined from many perspectives in *The Ecuador Reader*. Spanning the years before the arrival of the Spanish in the early 1500s to the present, this rich anthology addresses colonialism, independence, the nation's integration into the world economy, and its tumultuous twentieth century. Interspersed among forty-eight written selections are more than three dozen images. The voices and creations of Ecuadorian politicians, writers, artists, scholars, activists, and journalists fill the Reader, from José María Velasco Ibarra, the nation's ultimate populist and five-time president, to Pancho Jaime, a political satirist; from Julio Jaramillo, a popular twentieth-century singer, to anonymous indigenous women artists who produced ceramics in the 1500s; and from the poems of Afro-Ecuadorians, to the fiction of the vanguardist Pablo Palacio, to a recipe for traditional Quiteño-style shrimp. The Reader includes an interview with Nina Pacari, the first indigenous woman elected to Ecuador's national assembly, and a reflection on how to balance tourism with the protection of the Galápagos Islands' mag-

nificent ecosystem. Complementing selections by Ecuadorians, many never published in English, are samples of some of the best writing on Ecuador by outsiders, including an account of how an indigenous group with non-Inca origins came to see themselves as definitively Inca, an exploration of the fascination with the Andes from the 1700s to the present, chronicles of the less-than-exemplary behavior of U.S. corporations in Ecuador, an examination of Ecuadorians' overseas migration, and a look at the controversy surrounding the selection of the first black Miss Ecuador.

Reinforcement learning encompasses both a science of adaptive behavior of rational beings in uncertain environments and a computational methodology for finding optimal behaviors for challenging problems in control, optimization and adaptive behavior of intelligent agents. As a field, reinforcement learning has progressed tremendously in the past decade. The main goal of this book is to present an up-to-date series of survey articles on the main contemporary sub-fields of reinforcement learning. This includes surveys on partially observable environments, hierarchical task decompositions, relational knowledge representation and predictive state representations. Furthermore, topics such as transfer, evolutionary methods and continuous spaces in reinforcement learning are surveyed. In addition, several chapters review reinforcement learning methods in robotics, in games, and in computational neuroscience. In total seventeen different subfields are presented by mostly young experts in those areas, and together they truly represent a state-of-the-art of current reinforcement learning research. Marco Wiering works at the artificial intelligence department of the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He has published extensively on various reinforcement learning topics. Martijn van Otterlo works in the cognitive artificial intelligence group at the Radboud University Nijmegen in The Netherlands. He has mainly focused on expressive knowledge representation in reinforcement learning settings.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th IFIP WG 5.5/SOCOLNET Doctoral Conference on Computing, Electrical and Industrial Systems, DoCEIS 2015, held in Costa de Caparica, Portugal, in April 2015. The 54 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 119 submissions. The papers present selected results produced in engineering doctoral programs and focus on development and application of cloud-based engineering systems. Research results and ongoing work are presented, illustrated and discussed in the following areas: collaborative networks; cloud-based manufacturing; reconfigurable manufacturing; distributed computing and embedded systems; perception and signal processing; healthcare; smart monitoring systems; and renewable energy and energy-related management, decision support, simulation and power conversion.

The practice of supply chain management has become widespread in most industries. It is now included in the curriculum of many business schools in the United States and in many countries around the world. A number of professional associations, such as the American Production and Inventory Control Society and the Supply Chain Management Society, offer Erotic memoir

For courses in Materials Management, Production and Inventory Control, and Logistics taught out of business and industrial technology departments. This is the only text listed in the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) DPIM Exam Content Manual as the text reference for the Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) CPIM certification examination. Written in a simple and user-friendly style, it covers all the basics of supply chain management and production and inventory control.

When work began on the first volume of this text in 1992, the science of distribution management was still very much a backwater of general management and academic thought. While most of the body of knowledge associated with calculating EOQs, fair-shares inventory deployment, productivity curves, and other operations management techniques had long been solidly established, new thinking about distribution management had taken a definite back-seat to the then dominant interest in Lean thinking, quality management, and business process reengineering and their impact on manufacturing and service organizations. For the most part, discussion relating to the distribution function centered on a fairly recent concept called Logistics Management. But, despite talk of how logistics could be used to integrate internal and external business functions and even be considered a source of competitive advantage on its own, most of the focus remained on how companies could utilize operations management techniques to optimize the traditional day-to-day shipping and receiving functions in order to achieve cost containment and customer fulfillment objectives. In the end, distribution management was, for the most

part, still considered a dreary science, concerned with transportation rates and cost trade-offs. expediting and the tedious calculus Today, the science of distribution has become perhaps one of the most important and exciting disciplines in the management of business.

Superstar singer, bestselling cookbook author, and cooking show host Patti LaBelle shares her favorite dessert recipes and kitchen memories. Her New York Times bestseller *LaBelle Cuisine: Recipes to Sing About*, which sold more than 300,000 copies, established her as a cooking star. Today, Patti's baking skills have the country buzzing. In Fall 2015, a fan's YouTube review of her sweet potato pie became a viral sensation, with over 20 million views. In just one weekend, her pies were completely sold out at Wal-Mart stores across the country. Now, for the first time, fans of Patti's pie can make their own, as well as other amazing sweets! Filled with her favorite recipes for pies, cakes, cookies, and puddings, as well as a chapter on diabetic-friendly recipes, moving personal stories from her career and life, this is the most personal cookbook LaBelle has written. Every fan of soul and sweets will want to own it.

A series of six books for Classes IX and X according to the CBSE syllabus

Most of the familiar headache drugs are used to stop a headache attack that is already in progress, or about to begin. However, there is now a growing body of research aimed at developing medications that can be taken on a regular basis to prevent headaches from starting. These drugs will be targeted at patients whose headaches are frequent or who get their headaches at predictable times. This book reviews the potential for prophylactic treatment of headache. It provides most of the existing evidence in the field of pharmaco-prophylaxis of migraine and other chronic headaches and may thus, serve as a platform for new initiatives in the field. The book reviews the research into the pharmacological mechanisms involved, the classes of drugs in development and the clinical trials methodology. The editors have gathered together the leading international experts to produce a book that will appeal to neurologists caring for headache patients, researchers in the field and those based in the pharmaceutical industry. In this work, the authors present a global perspective on the methods available for analysis and design of non-linear control systems and detail specific applications. They provide a tutorial exposition of the major non-linear systems analysis techniques followed by a discussion of available non-linear design methods.

Perspectives in Lung Cancer compiles basic and advanced topics on lung cancer pathology and treatment in a single volume. Chapters introduce the reader to chest and lung anatomy followed by the biology of lung cancer. Subsequent chapters delve into diagnostic methods for lung cancer while progressing into treatment options. The book culminates into an explanation of the concept of the Lung Cancer Centre, which is a representation of the editors' vision for organizing a lung cancer treatment unit. Key features: *Organises key topics covering both standard and avant-garde topics related to lung cancer *All contributions are presented by experts in lung cancer treatment *Addresses basic biology of lung cancer *Provides information about 3D surgical planning, a relatively new concept in the field of thoracic surgery *Addresses the standard method of resection, VATS and Mini VATS *Covers the role of radiation and systemic anti-cancer therapies in lung cancer treatment *Provides a glimpse of modern methods such as image guided surgery and therapy, laser therapy, and photodynamic therapy *Covers the role of palliative care for lung cancer *Presents information about a visionary organization of a lung cancer unit and treatment centre. The combination of carefully organised chapters covering a wide array of topics makes this reference an essential reference for healthcare professionals interested in acquiring a broad perspective on lung cancer treatment with the goal of improving patient outcomes.

Winner of a Shingo Research and Professional Publication Award *Lean Production Simplified, Second Edition* is a plain language guide to the lean production system written for the practitioner by a practitioner. It delivers a comprehensive insider's view of lean manufacturing. The author helps the reader to grasp the system as a whole and the factors that animate it by organizing the book around an image of a house of lean production. Highlights include: A comprehensive view of Toyota's lean manufacturing system A look at the origins and underlying principles of lean Identifying the goals of lean production Practical problem solving for lean production Activities that support involvement - Kaizen circles, suggestion systems, and problem solving This second edition has been updated with expanded information on the Lean Improvement Process; Production Physics and Little's Law - the fundamen-

tal equation for both manufacturing and service industries (cycle time = work in process/throughput); Value Stream Thinking - combining processes required to bring the product or service to the customer; Hoshin Planning -- using the Planning and Execution Tree diagram and Problem Solving -- including the "Five Why" method and how to use it. Lean Production Simplified, Second Edition covers each of the components of lean within the context of the entire lean production system. The author's straightforward common sense approach makes this book an easily accessible on-the-floor resource for every operator.

This book is a collection of thoroughly refereed papers presented at the 25th IFIP TC 7 Conference on System Modeling and Optimization, held in Dresden, Germany, in September 2011. The 55 revised papers were carefully selected from numerous submissions. They are organized in the following topical sections: control of distributed parameter systems; stochastic optimization and control; stabilization, feedback, and model predictive control; flow control; shape and structural optimization; and applications and control of lumped parameter systems.

This volume presents the revised and peer reviewed contributions of the "ERP Future 2012" conference held in Salzburg/Austria on November 11th - 12th, 2012. The conference is a platform for research in ERP systems and closely related topics like business processes, business intelligence, and enterprise information systems in general. To master the challenges of ERP comprehensively, the ERP Future 2012 Research conference accepted contributions both with a business focus as well as with an IT focus to consider enterprise resource planning from various viewpoints. This combination of business and IT aspects is a unique characteristic of the conference and of this volume that resulted in valuable contributions with high practical impact.

For all courses in Materials Management, Production, Inventory Control, and Logistics taught in business and industrial technology departments of community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities. Introduction to Materials Management, Seventh Edition covers all the essentials of modern supply chain management, manufacturing planning and control systems, purchasing, and physical distribution. Clearly written and exceptionally user-friendly, its content, examples, questions, and problems lead students step-by-step to mastery. This edition's extensive updates include: new techniques, technology, and case studies; reorganized and expanded coverage of lean production and JIT manufacturing; new information on sustainability and "green" production; use of INCOTERMS for global supply chains; revised end-of-chapter problems, and more. Widely adopted by colleges and universities worldwide, this is the only APICS-listed reference text for the Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) CPIM certification examination.

LIKE CLASS NOTES—ONLY BETTER. The Princeton Review's ASAP World History is designed to help you zero in on just the information you need to know to successfully grapple with the AP test. Advanced Placement exams require students to have a firm grasp of content—you can't bluff or even logic your way to a 5. Like a set of class notes borrowed from the smartest student in your grade, this book gives you exactly that. No tricks or crazy stratagems, no sample essays or practice sets: Just the facts, presented with lots of helpful visuals. Inside ASAP World History, you'll find: • Essential concepts, people, events, dates, and ideas for AP World History—all explained clearly & concisely • Lists, charts, tables, and maps for quick visual reference • A three-pass icon system designed to help you prioritize learning what you MUST, SHOULD, and COULD know in the time you have available • "Ask Yourself" questions to help identify areas where you might need extra attention • A resource that's perfect for last-minute exam prep or as a handy resource for daily class work Topics covered in ASAP World History include: • All six time periods featured on the exam • Major ancient & classical civilizations, states, and empires • Globalization & exploration • Imperialism & capitalism • Revolutions & the formation of nations • 20th-century developments such as World War I and II and Communism • Independence movements in Asia & Africa ... and more! Looking for sample exams, practice questions, and test-taking strategies? Check out our extended, in-depth prep guide, *Cracking the AP World History Exam!*

'Blew my mind... so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book... I loved every moment of it... immersive, heart-wrenching, I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars *Wanted: Company Daughters*. Virtuous young ladies to become the brides of industrious settlers in a foreign land. The Company will pay the cost of the lady's dowry and travel. Returns not permitted, orphans preferred. Amsterdam, 1620. Jana Beil has learned that life rarely provides moments of joy. Having run away from a violent father, her days are spent searching for work in an effort to stay out of the city brothels, where desperate women trade their bodies for a mouthful of bread. But when Jana is hired as a servant for the wealthy and kind Master Reynst and his beautiful daughter Sontje, Jana's future begins to look brighter. Then Master Reynst loses his fortune on a bad investment, and everything changes. The house is sold to creditors, leaving Jana back on the street and Sontje without a future. With no other choice, Jana and Sontje are forced to sign with the East India Company as Com-

pany Daughters: sailing to a colonial Dutch outpost to become the brides of male settlers they know nothing about. With fear in their hearts, the girls begin their journey - but what awaits them on the other side of the world is nothing like what they've been promised... Based on true history, this is a gripping and unput-downable historical novel, perfect for fans of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Miniaturist* and *The Indigo Girl*. WINNER OF THE 2021 GOLDEN CROWN LITERARY SOCIETY AWARD FOR DEBUT FICTION. FINALIST FOR THE 2021 BISEXUAL BOOK AWARDS. LONGLISTED FOR THE 2021 HWA DEBUT CROWN AWARD. What readers are saying about *The Company Daughters*: 'Blew my mind... a book I've told so many people about purely because I'm still in disbelief that it exists, that it's so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book of a woman's struggle to survive... I loved every moment of it. Breathlessly, and in a way that took up my entire brain... immersive, heart-wrenching, and I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'From the moment I started reading *The Company Daughters*, I was captivated by this historical tale. Although it does contain a love story, it's not a romance... This was a gripping read.' Goodreads reviewer 'This book is so stunningly tender and beautiful, all mixed in with some seriously tragic and heart-wrenching events... Rajaram is an extremely skilled writer, and I love her writing style... The themes of sisterhood and female love were so present in this book and I found it very moving.' Goodreads reviewer 'I was enchanted by this book! It's a delightful read that will have your emotions all over the place.' Goodreads reviewer 'I love historical fiction, and this book touched on a topic and time I knew nearly nothing about... There's love, there's loss, there's surviving, there's thriving... It was a very beautiful book.' Goodreads reviewer 'The *Company Daughters* is a beautifully written love story... a perfect example of the power of human will and the endurance and hope that love can give a person.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book has a beauty and grace to it. The author's writing just flows off the page, and although there are struggles and upsets by the time you close the book over you are filled with a warm glow.' Goodreads reviewer 'A powerful and insightful read. I look forward to reading more historical work by Samantha Rajaram!' Goodreads reviewer 'Heartbreaking... a moving book... vivid, with amazing characters... This is a great read.' Goodreads reviewer

Created by world-renowned programming instructors Paul and Harvey Deitel, *Visual Basic 2008 How to Program*, Fourth Edition introduces all facets of the Visual Basic 2008 language hands-on, through hundreds of working programs. This book has been thoroughly updated to reflect the major innovations Microsoft has incorporated in Visual Basic 2008 and .NET 3.5; all discussions and sample code have been carefully audited against the newest Visual Basic language specification. The many new platform features covered in depth in this edition include: LINQ data queries, Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF), ASP.NET Ajax and the Microsoft Ajax Library, Silverlight-based rich Internet application development, and creating Web services with Windows Communication Foundation (WCF). New language features introduced in this edition: object anonymous types, object initializers, implicitly typed local variables and arrays, delegates, lambda expressions, and extension methods. A series of appendices provide essential programming reference material on topics ranging from number systems to the Visual Studio Debugger, UML 2 to Unicode and ASCII. AUDIENCE: Appropriate for anyone interested in learning programming with Visual Basic 2008.

An introduction to Public Relations that focuses on ethical, productive relationships with strategic constituencies REVEL™ for Public Relations: A Values-Driven Approach introduces students to public relations, defined as the management of relationships between an organization and the publics important to its success. Authors David Guth and Charles Marsh outline the profession's common issues, trends, and techniques, and help students to place the profession within the context of its role in the conduct of a civil society. In order to help students understand the contemporary state of the field, REVEL for the Sixth Edition offers the most up-to-date statistics, the latest research, and the most current examples of public relations practice. REVEL is Pearson's newest way of delivering our respected content. Fully digital and highly engaging, REVEL replaces the textbook and gives students everything they need for the course. Informed by extensive research on how people read, think, and learn, REVEL is an interactive learning environment that enables students to read, practice, and study in one continuous experience — for less than the cost of a traditional textbook. NOTE: REVEL is a fully digital delivery of Pearson content. This ISBN is for the standalone REVEL access card. In addition to this access card, you will need a course invite link, provided by your instructor, to register for and use REVEL.

Manufacturing Planning and Control Systems for Supply Chain Management is both the classic field handbook for manufacturing professionals in virtually any industry and the standard preparatory text for APICS certification courses. This essential reference has been totally revised and updated to give professionals the knowledge they need.

Embrace and revel in the stories of the toughest cyclists of all time, told by The Velominati, originators of *The Rules*. Read and get ready to ride . . . In cycling, suffering brings glory: a rider's val-

ue can be judged by their results, but also by their panache and heroism. Prepared to be awed and inspired by Chris Froome riding on at the Tour de France with a broken wrist or Geraint Thomas finishing it with a broken pelvis. In *The Hardmen* the writers behind cycling superblog *Velominati.com* and *The Rules* will tell the stories and illuminate the myths of not just the greatest cyclists ever, but the toughest. From Eddy Merckx to Beryl Burton, and from Marianne Vos to Edwig Van Hooydonk, the book will lay bare the secrets of their extraordinary and inspirational endurance in the face of pain, danger and disaster. After all, suffering is one of the joys of being a cyclist. Embrace climbs, relish the descents, and get ready to harden up. . .

This guide enables engineers and engineering managers to communicate effectively with financial professionals, while offering a balanced presentation of the basics of engineering economic analysis. KEY TOPICS: Focuses on real management situations. Provides accounting/cost accounting fundamentals to measure results. Introduces the concept of "options analysis" applied to capital investment decisions. Aids in conducting economic analyses with liberal use of spreadsheets. Introduces tax considerations and their consequences. MARKET: For those interested in learning more about capital investment decision methodologies, particularly engineers and engineering managers.

The New York Times bestselling novel by the critically acclaimed author of *Native Speaker*, *A Gesture Life* and *My Year Abroad*. At 59, Jerry Battle is coasting through life. His favorite pastime is flying his small plane high above Long Island. Aloft, he can escape from the troubles that plague his family, neighbors, and loved ones on the ground. But he can't stay in the air forever. Only months before his 60th birthday, a culmination of family crises finally pull Jerry down from his emotionally distant course. Jerry learns that his family's stability is in jeopardy. His father, Hank, is growing increasingly unhappy in his assisted living facility. His son, Jack, has taken over the family landscaping business but is running it into bankruptcy. His daughter, Theresa, has become pregnant and has been diagnosed with cancer. His longtime girlfriend, Rita, who helped raise his children, has now moved in with another man. And Jerry still has unanswered questions that he must face regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of his late wife. Since the day his wife died, Jerry has turned avoiding conflict into an art form—the perfect expression being his solitary flights from which he can look down on a world that appears serene and unscathed. From his comfortable distance, he can't see the messy details, let alone begin to confront them. But Jerry is learning that in avoiding conflict, he is also avoiding contact with the people he loves most.

Large format edition The most famous sports book in the world, *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* has been published every year since 1864. Home to some of the finest sports writing of the year or from the likes of Lawrence Booth, Gideon Haigh, Rob Smyth, Patrick Collins, Simon Wilde, Osman Samiuddin, Tony Cozier, Ben Moorehead, Raf Nicholson and Dileep Premachandran o it includes the eagerly awaited Notes by the Editor, the Cricketers of the Year awards, and the famous obituaries. As always, it contains coverage of every first-class game in every cricket nation, and reports and scorecards for all Tests and ODIs, together with trenchant opinion, compelling features and comprehensive records. A perennial bestseller in the UK, yet again this year's edition o the 157th, *Wisden 2020* o is truly a "must-have" for every cricket fan. "There can't really be any doubt about the cricket book of the year, any year- it's obviously *Wisden*" Andrew Baker in the *Daily Telegraph* @WisdenAlmanack

Do you wonder how movies - sequences of static frames - appear to move, or why 3-D films look different from traditional movies? Why does ventriloquism work, and why can airliner flights make you feel disoriented? The answers to these and other questions about the human senses can be found within the pages of *Foundations of Sensation and Perception*. This third edition maintains the standard for clarity and accessibility combined with rigor which was set in previous editions, making it suitable for a wide range of students. As in the previous editions, the early chapters allow students to grasp fundamental principles in relation to the relatively simple sensory systems (smell, taste, touch and balance) before moving on to more complex material in hearing and vision. The text has been extensively updated, and this new edition includes: a new chapter devoted to attention and perception over 200 new references over 30 new figures and improved, more colorful, visual presentation a new companion website with a range of resources for students and lecturers The book contains a range of pedagogical features, including tutorial sections at the end of each chapter. This distinctive feature introduces areas of the subject which are rarely included in student texts, but are crucial for establishing a firm foundation of knowledge. Some tutorials are devoted to more advanced and technical topics (optics, light measurement, Bayesian inference), but treated in an accessible manner, while others cover topics a little outside of the mainstream (music perception, consciousness, visual art). *Foundations of Sensation and Perception* will enable the reader to achieve a firm grasp of current knowledge concerning the processes that underlie our perception of the world and will be an invaluable resource for those studying psychology, neuroscience, and related disciplines.