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Convex Analysis and Nonlinear Optimization

Covers developments in bilinear systems theory Focuses on the control of open physical processes functioning in a non-equilibrium mode Emphasis is on three primary disciplines: modern differential geometry, control of dynamical systems, and optimization theory Includes applications to the fields of quantum and molecular computing, control of physical processes, biophysics, superconducting magnetism, and physical information science

Computational Intelligence for Missing Data Imputation,

Estimation, and Management: Knowledge Optimization Techniques

Optimization and Control of Bilinear Systems

This monograph defines the notion of a ?system? by reference to those systems which exhibit goal-oriented behavior and utilize the notion of decision making and controls. Such systems allow for phenomenological description and fix the nature of causal transformations of input effects into output quantities. The study of consequences of the fact that the systems possess some properties constitutes the content of systems optimization methodology which goes beyond the scope of descriptive classification of systems.Chapter 1 deals with philosophical problems of systems methodology. An attempt is made to systematize and analyze the problems of scientific methodology as applied to systems modeling methodology which is viewed as the most general concept utilized in modern science.Chapter 2 focuses on problems of qualitative analysis in natural and social sciences. Attention is drawn to problems of measurement theory and quantitative analysis of systems.Approaches and methods of systems analysis and synthesis form the central portion of the book. Much study is given to the methods of systems decomposition, an integration using both discrete and continuous descriptions of objects, processes, and phenomena. Examples of complex goal-oriented systems are also provided.The remaining part of the book is largely centered around the methodology of multiobjective systems optimization.

Handbook of Research on Natural Computing for Optimization Problems

Uncertainties play a dominant role in the design and optimization of structures and infrastructures. In optimum design of structural systems due to variations of the material, manufacturing variations, variations of the external loads and modelling uncertainty, the parameters of a structure, a structural system and its environment are not given, fi

Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization

This book constitutes the reviewed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2001, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands in June 2001. The 32 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 108 submissions. The proceedings reflect most current directions in integer programming and optimization research. Among the topics covered are approximation algorithms, branch and bound algorithms, computational biology, computational complexity, algorithmic geometry, cutting plane algorithms, diophantine equations, geometry of members, graph and network algorithms, online algorithms, polyhedral combinatorics, scheduling theory and algorithms, and semidefinite programs.

Calculus and Techniques of Optimization with Microeconomic Applications

Nature-inspired algorithms have a great popularity in the current scientific community, being the focused scope of many research contributions in the literature year by year. The rationale behind the acquired momentum by this broad family of methods lies on their outstanding performance evinced in hundreds of research fields and problem instances. This book gravitates on the development of nature-inspired methods and their application to stochastic, dynamic and robust optimization. Topics covered by this book include the design and development of evolutionary algorithms, bio-inspired metaheuristics, or memetic methods, with empirical, innovative findings when used in different subfields of mathematical optimization, such as stochastic, dynamic, multimodal and robust optimization, as well as noisy optimization and dynamic and constraint satisfaction problems.

System Modeling and Optimization

This volume contains the edited texts of the lectures presented at the Workshop on Nonlinear Optimization held in Erice, Sicily, at the "G. Stampacchia" School of Mathematics of the "E. Majorana" Centre for Scientific Culture, June 23 -July 2, 1998. In the tradition of these meetings, the main purpose was to review and discuss recent advances and promising research trends concerning theory, algorithms and innovative applications in the field of Nonlinear Optimization, and of related topics such as Convex Optimization, Nonsmooth Optimization, Variational Inequalities and Complementarity Problems. The meeting was attended by 83 people from 21 countries. Besides the lectures, several formal and informal discussions took place. The result was a wide and deep knowledge of the present research tendencies in the field. We wish to express our appreciation for the active contribution of all the par ticipants in the meeting. Our gratitude is due to the Ettore Majorana Centre in Erice, which offered its facilities and rewarding environment: its staff was certainly instrumental for the success of the meeting. Our gratitude is also due to Francisco Facchinei and Massimo Roma for the effort and time devoted as members of the Organising Committee. We are indebted to the Italian National Research Council, and in particular to the Group on Functional Analysis and its Applications and to the Committees on Engineering Sciences and on Information Sciences and Technolo gies for their financial support. Finally, we address our thanks to Kluwer Academic Publishers for having offered to publish this volume.

Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization

"This book is for those who use data analysis to build decision support systems, particularly engineers, scientists and statisticians"--Provided by publisher.

Studies in Optimization 1

We are rarely asked to. make decisions based on only one criterion; most often, decisions are based on several usually conflicting, criteria. In nature, if the design of a system evolves to some final, optimal state, then it must include a balance for the interaction of the system with its surroundings certainly a design based on a variety of criteria. Furthermore, the diversity of nature's designs suggests an infinity of such optimal states. In another sense, decisions simultaneously optimize

a finite number of criteria, while there is usually an infinity of optimal solutions. Multicriteria optimization provides the mathematical framework to accommodate these demands. Multicriteria optimization has its roots in mathematical economics, in particular, in consumer economics as considered by Edgeworth and Pareto. The critical question in an exchange economy concerns the "equilibrium point" at which each of N consumers has achieved the best possible deal for hirnself or herself. Ultimately, this is a collective decision in which any further gain by one consumer can occur only at the expense of at least one other consumer. Such an equilibrium concept was first introduced by Edgeworth in 1881 in his book on mathematical psychics. Today, such an optimum is variously called "Pareto optimum" (after the Italian-French welfare economist who continued and expanded Edgeworth's work), "effi. cient," "nondominated," and so on.

Polyhedral and Semidefinite Programming Methods in Combinatorial Optimization

TheThirdAnnualInternationalConferenceonCombinatorialOptimizationand Applications, COCOA2009, tookplace in Huangshan, China, June 10 12,2009. Past COCOA conferences were held in Xi an, China (2007) and Newfoundland, Canada (2008). COCOA2009providedaforumforresearchersworkingintheareasofcom-natorial optimization and its applications. In addition to theoretical results, the conference is particularly focused on recent works on experimental and applied research of general algorithmic interest. The Program Committee received 103 submissions from 17 countries and regions: Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Poland, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, and USA. Among the 103 submissions, 50 papers were selected for presentation at the conference and are included in this volume. Some of these will be selected for publicationinaspecialissueofJournalof Combinatorial Optimization, aspecial issue of Theoretical Computer Science, and a special issue of Discrete Mat- matics, Algorithms and Applications under the standard refereeing procedure. In addition to the selected papers, the conference also included one invited p- sentation by Panos M. Pardalos (University of Florida, USA). We thank the authors for submitting their papers to the conference. We are grateful to the members of the Program Committee and the external referees for their work within demanding time constraints. We thank the Organizing Committee for their contribution to make the conference a success. We also thank Donghyun Kim for helping us create and update the conference website and maintain the Springer Online Conference Service system."

Nature Inspired Cooperative Strategies for Optimization (NICSO 2010)

This book is a collection of thoroughly refereed papers presented at the 26th IFIP TC 7 Conference on System Modeling and Optimization, held in Klagenfurt, Austria, in September 2013. The 34 revised papers were carefully selected from numerous submissions. They cover the latest progress in a wide range of topics such as optimal control of ordinary and partial differential equations, modeling and simulation, inverse problems, nonlinear, discrete, and stochastic optimization as well as industrial applications.

Surveys in Combinatorial Optimization

Noise is a common factor in most real-world optimization problems. Sources of noise can include physical measurement limitations, stochastic simulation models, incomplete sampling of large spaces, and human-computer interaction. Evolutionary algorithms are general, nature-inspired heuristics for numerical search and optimization that are frequently observed to be particularly robust with regard to the effects of noise. Noisy Optimization with Evolution Strategies contributes to the understanding of evolutionary optimization in the presence of noise by investigating the performance of evolution strategies, a type of evolutionary algorithm frequently employed for solving real-valued optimization problems. By considering simple noisy environments, results are obtained that describe how the performance of the strategies scales with both parameters of the problem and of the strategies considered. Such scaling laws allow for comparisons of different strategy variants, for tuning evolution strategies for maximum performance, and they offer insights and an understanding of the behavior of the strategies that go beyond what can be learned from mere experimentation. This first comprehensive work on noisy optimization with evolution strategies investigates the effects of systematic fitness overvaluation, the benefits of distributed populations, and the potential of genetic repair for optimization in the presence of noise. The relative robustness of evolution strategies is confirmed in a comparison with other direct search algorithms. Noisy Optimization with Evolution Strategies is an invaluable resource for researchers and practitioners of evolutionary algorithms.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 30th Euro Mini-Conference, EmC-ONS 2014, held in Aveiro, Portugal, in February 2014. The 13 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 70 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on dynamical systems; optimization and applications; modeling and statistical techniques for data analysis.

Operations Research in Medicine-computing and Optimization in Medicine and Life Sciences

Concepts, methods and techniques of statistical physics in the study of correlated, as well as uncorrelated, phenomena are being applied ever increasingly in the natural sciences, biology and economics in an attempt to understand and model the large variability and risks of phenomena. This is the first textbook written by a well-known expert that provides a modern up-to-date introduction for workers outside statistical physics. The emphasis of the book is on a clear understanding of concepts and methods, while it also provides the tools that can be of immediate use in applications. Although this book evolved out of a course for graduate students, it will be of great interest to researchers and engineers, as well as to post-docs in geophysics and meteorology.

Optimization and Regularization for Computational Inverse Problems and Applications

Metaheuristic Optimization: Nature-Inspired Algorithms Swarm and Computational Intelligence, Theory and Applications

Nature-inspired computation is an interdisciplinary topic area that connects the natural sciences to computer science. Since natural computing is utilized in a variety of disciplines, it is imperative to research its capabilities in solving optimization issues. The Handbook of Research on Natural Computing for Optimization Problems discusses nascent optimization procedures in nature-inspired computation and the innovative tools and techniques being utilized in the field. Highlighting empirical research and best practices concerning various optimization issues, this publication is a comprehensive reference for researchers, academicians, students, scientists, and technology developers interested in a multidisciplinary perspective on natural computational systems.

Optimization

Although the last decade has witnessed significant advances in control theory for finite and infinite dimensional systems, the stability and control of time-delay systems have not been fully investigated. Many problems exist in this field that are still unresolved, and there is a tendency for the numerical methods available either to be too general or too specific to be applied accurately across a range of problems. This monograph brings together the latest trends and new results in this field, with the aim of presenting methods covering a large range of techniques. Particular emphasis is placed on methods that can be directly applied to specific problems. The resulting book is one that will be of value to both researchers and practitioners.

Applied Parallel Computing. Industrial Computation and Optimization

Nonlinear Optimization and Related Topics

Nature-inspired Methods for Stochastic, Robust and Dynamic Optimization

The purpose of this book is to present the main metaheuristicsand approximate and stochastic methods for optimization of complexsystems in Engineering Sciences. It has been written within theframework of the European Union project ERRIC (Empowering RomanianResearch on Intelligent Information Technologies), which is fundedby the EU's FP7 Research Potential program and has beendeveloped in co-operation between French and Romanian teachingresearchers. Through the principles of various proposed algorithms(with additional references) this book allows the reader to explorevarious methods of implementation such as metaheuristics, localsearch and populationbased methods. It examines multi-objective andstochastic optimization, as well as methods and

tools forcomputer-aided decision-making and simulation fordecision-making.

Critical Phenomena in Natural Sciences

"Optimization and Regularization for Computational Inverse Problems and Applications" focuses on advances in inversion theory and recent developments with practical applications, particularly emphasizing the combination of optimization and regularization for solving inverse problems. This book covers both the methods, including standard regularization theory, Fejer processes for linear and nonlinear problems, the balancing principle, extrapolated regularization, nonstandard regularization, nonlinear gradient method, the nonmonotone gradient method, subspace method and Lie group method; and the practical applications, such as the reconstruction problem for inverse scattering, molecular spectra data processing, quantitative remote sensing inversion, seismic inversion using the Lie group method, and the gravitational lensing problem. Scientists, researchers and engineers, as well as graduate students engaged in applied mathematics, engineering, geophysics, medical science, image processing, remote sensing and atmospheric science will benefit from this book. Dr. Yanfei Wang is a Professor at the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China. Dr. Sc. Anatoly G. Yagola is a Professor and Assistant Dean of the Physical Faculty, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia. Dr. Changchun Yang is a Professor and Vice Director of the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China.

Computational and Optimization Approaches to Medical and Life Sciences Applications

The optimistic predictions of a number of microbiologists notwithstanding, the past decade has not signaled the end of infectious disease, but rather an introduction to a host of new and complex microorganisms and their resulting depredations on humanity. The identification of new pathogens, such as the causative agent of Lyme disease and the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV), as well as the Hepatitis Delta Virus (HDV) has not only revealed new forms of clinical pathology, but new and unexpected variations on the life cycle and the molecular biology of the pathogens. In this volume a number of the leaders in the field of Hepatitis Delta virus research, ranging from clinicians and virologists to molecular biologists and biochemists describe what in their experience typifies some of these unique features.

Optimization in Engineering Sciences

This textbook is designed as a guide for students of mathematical economics, with the aim of providing them with a firm foundation for further studies in economics. A substantial portion of the mathematical tools required for the study of microeconomics at the graduate level is covered, in addition to the standard elements of microeconomics and various applications. Theorems and definitions are clearly explained with numerous exercises to complement the text and to help the student better understand and master the principles of mathematical economics.

Computational Methods in Engineering & Science

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference, COCOA 2012, held in Banff, Alberta, Canada, in August 2012. The 33 revised papers including one invited talk and one keynote talk were carefully reviewed and selected from 57 submissions. The papers are focused to theoretical results and also on recent works on experimental and applied research of general algorithmic interest.

Modeling Languages in Mathematical Optimization

This volume presents a unique combination of modeling and solving real world optimization problems. It is the only book which treats systematically the major modeling languages and systems used to solve mathematical optimization problems, and it also provides a useful overview and orientation of today's modeling languages in mathematical optimization. It demonstrates the strengths and characteristic features of such languages and provides a bridge for researchers, practitioners and students into a new world: solving real optimization problems with the most advances modeling systems.

Noisy Optimization With Evolution Strategies

Optimization is a rich and thriving mathematical discipline, and the underlying theory of current computational optimization techniques grows ever more sophisticated. This book aims to provide a concise, accessible account of convex analysis and its applications and extensions, for a broad audience. Each section concludes with an often extensive set of optional exercises. This new edition adds material on semismooth optimization, as well as several new proofs.

Computer-based Modelling and Optimization in Transportation

This volume brings together works resulting from research carried out by members of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT) and presented during meetings and workshops organized by the Group under the patronage of the Association of European Operational Research Societies in 2012 and 2013. The main targets of the EWGT include providing a forum to share research information and experience, encouraging joint research and the development of both theoretical methods and applications, and promoting cooperation among the many institutions and organizations which are leaders at national level in the field of transportation and logistics. The primary fields of interest concern operational research methods, mathematical models and computation algorithms, to solve and sustain solutions to problems mainly faced by public administrations, city authorities, public transport companies, service providers and logistic operators. Related areas of interest are: land use and transportation planning, traffic control and simulation models, traffic network equilibrium models, public transport planning and management, applications of combinatorial optimization, vehicle routing and scheduling, intelligent transport systems, logistics and freight transport, environment problems, transport safety, and impact evaluation methods. In this volume, attention focuses on the following topics of interest: ·

Decision-making and decision support · Energy and Environmental Impacts · Urban network design · Optimization and simulation · Traffic Modelling, Control and Network Traffic Management · Transportation Planning · Mobility, Accessibility and Travel Behavior · Vehicle Routing

Combinatorial Optimization and Applications

A collection of papers surveying recent progress in the field of Combinatorial Optimization. Topics examined include theoretical and computational aspects (Boolean Programming, Probabilistic Analysis of Algorithms, Parallel Computer Models and Combinatorial Algorithms), well-known combinatorial problems (such as the Linear Assignment Problem, the Quadratic Assignment Problem, the Knapsack Problem and Steiner Problems in Graphs) and more applied problems (such as Network Synthesis and Dynamic Network Optimization, Single Facility Location Problems on Networks, the Vehicle Routing Problem and Scheduling Problems).

Nature-Inspired Optimization Algorithms

A thorough and highly accessible resource for analysts in a broadrange of social sciences. Optimization: Foundations and Applications presents a series ofapproaches to the challenges faced by analysts who must find thebest way to accomplish particular objectives, usually with theadded complication of constraints on the available choices.Award-winning educator Ronald E. Miller provides detailed coverageof both classical, calculus-based approaches and newer,computer-based iterative methods. Dr. Miller lays a solid foundation for both linear and nonlinearmodels and quickly moves on to discuss applications, includingiterative methods for root-finding and for unconstrainedmaximization, approaches to the inequality constrained linearprogramming problem, and the complexities of inequality constrainedmaximization and minimization in nonlinear problems. Otherimportant features include: * More than 200 geometric interpretations of algebraic results,emphasizing the intuitive appeal of mathematics * Classic results mixed with modern numerical methods to aidusers of computer programs * Extensive appendices containing mathematical details importantfor a thorough understanding of the topic With special emphasis on questions most frequently asked by thoseencountering this material for the first time, Optimization:Foundations and Applications is an extremely useful resource forprofessionals in such areas as mathematics, engineering, economicsand business, regional science, geography, sociology, politicalscience, management and decision sciences, public policy analysis,and numerous other social sciences. An Instructor's Manual presenting detailed solutions to all theproblems in the book is available upon request from the Wileyeditorial department.

Multicriteria Optimization in Engineering and in the Sciences

"This book offers new ideas and recent developments in Natural Computing, especially on artificial immune systems"--Provided by publisher.

System Modeling and Optimization

The authors stress the relative simplicity, efficiency, flexibility of use, and suitability of various approaches used to solve difficult optimization problems. The authors are experienced, interdisciplinary lecturers and researchers and in their explanations they demonstrate many shared foundational concepts among the key methodologies. This textbook is a suitable introduction for undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and professionals in computer science, engineering, and logistics.

Combinatorial Optimization and Applications

This book presents an in-depth study and a solution technique for an important class of optimization problems. This class is characterized by special constraints: parameter-dependent convex programs, variational inequalities or complementarity problems. All these so-called equilibrium constraints are mostly treated in a convenient form of generalized equations. The book begins with a chapter on auxiliary results followed by a description of the main numerical tools: a bundle method of nonsmooth optimization and a nonsmooth variant of Newton's method. Following this, stability and sensitivity theory for generalized equations is presented, based on the concept of strong regularity. This enables one to apply the generalized differential calculus for Lipschitz maps to derive optimality conditions and to arrive at a solution method. A large part of the book focuses on applications coming from continuum mechanics and mathematical economy. A series of nonacademic problems is introduced and analyzed in detail. Each problem is accompanied with examples that show the efficiency of the solution method. This book is addressed to applied mathematicians and engineers working in continuum mechanics, operations research and economic modelling. Students interested in optimization will also find the book useful.

A Direct Method for Parabolic PDE Constrained Optimization Problems

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.

Nonsmooth Approach to Optimization Problems with Equilibrium Constraints

Here are the printed proceedings of EPMESC X, held on August 21-23, 2006 in Sanya, Hainan Island of China. It includes 14 full papers of plenary and semi-plenary lectures and approximately 166 one-page summaries. The accompanying CD-ROM includes all 180 full papers presented at the conference.

Optimization in the Natural Sciences

Many aspects of Nature, Biology or even from Society have become part of the techniques and algorithms used in computer science or they have been used to enhance or hybridize several techniques through the inclusion of advanced evolution, cooperation or biologically based additions. The previous NICSO workshops were held in Granada, Spain, 2006, Acireale, Italy, 2007, and in Tenerife, Spain, 2008. As in the previous editions, NICSO 2010, held in Granada, Spain, was conceived as a forum for the latest ideas and the state of the art research related to nature inspired cooperative strategies. The contributions collected in this book cover topics including nature-inspired techniques like Genetic Algorithms, Evolutionary Algorithms, Ant and Bee Colonies, Swarm Intelligence approaches, Neural Networks, several Cooperation Models, Structures and Strategies, Agents Models, Social Interactions, as well as new algorithms based on the behaviour of fireflies or bats.

Combinatorial Optimization and Applications

Proceedings -- Computer Arithmetic, Algebra, OOP.

Structural Design Optimization Considering Uncertainties

Andreas Potschka discusses a direct multiple shooting method for dynamic optimization problems constrained by nonlinear, possibly time-periodic, parabolic partial differential equations. In contrast to indirect methods, this approach automatically computes adjoint derivatives without requiring the user to formulate adjoint equations, which can be time-consuming and error-prone. The author describes and analyzes in detail a globalized inexact Sequential Quadratic Programming method that exploits the mathematical structures of this approach and problem class for fast numerical performance. The book features applications, including results for a real-world chemical engineering separation problem.

Handbook of Research on Artificial Immune Systems and Natural Computing: Applying Complex Adaptive Technologies

Nature-Inspired Optimization Algorithms provides a systematic introduction to all major nature-inspired algorithms for optimization. The book's unified approach, balancing algorithm introduction, theoretical background and practical implementation, complements extensive literature with well-chosen case studies to illustrate how these algorithms work. Topics include particle swarm optimization, ant and bee algorithms, simulated annealing, cuckoo search, firefly algorithm, bat algorithm, flower algorithm, harmony search, algorithm analysis, constraint handling, hybrid methods, parameter tuning and control, as well as multi-objective optimization. This book can serve as an introductory book for graduates, doctoral students and lecturers in computer science, engineering and natural sciences. It can also serve a source of inspiration for new applications. Researchers and engineers as well as experienced experts will also find it a handy reference. Discusses and summarizes the latest developments in nature-inspired algorithms with comprehensive, timely literature Provides a theoretical understanding as well as practical implementation hints Provides a step-by-step introduction to each algorithm

Systems Optimization Methodology

This book exemplifies how algorithms are developed by mimicking nature. Classical techniques for solving day-to-day problems is time-consuming and cannot address complex problems. Metaheuristic algorithms are nature-inspired optimization techniques for solving real-life complex problems. This book emphasizes the social behaviour of insects, animals and other natural entities, in terms of converging power and benefits. Major nature-inspired algorithms discussed in this book include the bee colony algorithm, ant colony algorithm, grey wolf optimization algorithm, whale optimization algorithm, firefly algorithm, bat algorithm, ant lion optimization algorithm, grasshopper optimization algorithm, butterfly optimization algorithm and others. The algorithms have been arranged in chapters to help readers gain better insight into nature-inspired systems and swarm intelligence. All the MATLAB codes have been provided in the appendices of the book to enable readers practice how to solve examples included in all sections. This book is for experts in Engineering and Applied Sciences, Natural and Formal Sciences, Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences.

An Introduction to Metaheuristics for Optimization

The 4th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications (COCOA 2010) took place in Big Island, Hawaii, USA, December 18–20, 2010. Past COCOA conferences were held in Xi'an, China (2007), Newfoundland, Canada (2008)and Huangshan, China (2009). COCOA2010providedaforumforresearchersworkingintheareasofcom- natorial optimization and its applications. In addition to theoretical results, the conference also included recent works on experimental and applied research of general algorithmic interest. The Program Committee received 108 submissions from more than 23 countries and regions, including Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, USA, Vietnam, etc. Among the 108 submissions, 49 regular papers were selected for presentation at the conference and are included in this volume. Some of these papers will be selected for publication in a special issue of the Journal of Combinatorial Optimization, a special issue of Theoretical Computer Science, a special issue of Optimization Letters, and a special issue of Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms and Applications under the standard refereeing procedure.

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