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Quantitative Methods for Business: The A-Z of QM will enable readers to: *Appreciate the significance of quantitative methods for businesses and the study of business *Understand and apply a wide range of quantitative techniques *Select appropriate quantitative techniques for data analysis, problem solving and decision making *Interpret and communicate the results of quantitative analysis

This book provides a manual on quantitative financial analysis. Focusing on advanced methods for modelling financial markets in the context of practical financial applications, it will cover data, software and techniques that will

enable the reader to implement and interpret quantitative methodologies, specifically for trading and investment. Includes contributions from an international team of academics and quantitative asset managers from Morgan Stanley, Barclays Global Investors, ABN AMRO and Credit Suisse First Boston. Fills the gap for a book on applied quantitative investment & trading models Provides details of how to combine various models to manage and trade a portfolio

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tion and operations management, and economics. This engaging introduction shows how quantitative techniques can be used to analyse the internal and external environments in which businesses and organisations operate, with a contemporary focus on business start-up, enterprise and entrepreneurial skills. Each chapter: Applies a range of quantitative techniques to business decisions at all stages of the product life cycle Focuses upon a particular business sector or sectors, including IT, retail sales, financial services, tourism, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, leisure, entertainment and other sectors of a modern economy Explores numerous real world applications, providing many opportunities for student interaction with the topic Quantitative Methods for Business and Management is perfect for any business and management undergraduate taking a first course in quantitative methods or its equivalent. It will also be ideal for those seeking to develop quantitative skills in a range of taught master's degrees. The full text downloaded to your computer With eBooks you can: search for key concepts, words and phrases

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An innovative approach to post-crash credit portfolio management Credit portfolio managers traditionally rely on fundamental research for decisions on issuer selection and sector rotation. Quantitative researchers tend to use more mathematical techniques for pricing models and to quantify credit risk and relative value. The information found here bridges these two approaches. In an intuitive and readable style, this book illustrates how quantitative techniques can help address specific questions facing today's credit managers and risk analysts. A targeted volume in the area of credit, this reliable resource contains some of the most recent

and original research in this field, which addresses among other things important questions raised by the credit crisis of 2008-2009. Divided into two comprehensive parts, Quantitative Credit Portfolio Management offers essential insights into understanding the risks of corporate bonds—spread, liquidity, and Treasury yield curve risk—as well as managing corporate bond portfolios. Presents comprehensive coverage of everything from duration time spread and liquidity cost scores to capturing the credit spread premium Written by the number one ranked quantitative research group for four consecutive years by Institutional Investor Provides practical answers to difficult question, including: What diversification guidelines should you adopt to protect portfolios from issuer-specific risk? Are you well-advised to sell securities downgraded below investment grade? Credit portfolio management continues to evolve, but with this book as your guide, you can gain a solid understanding of how to manage complex portfolios under dynamic events. This book has been developed with a focus on the need to demystify the sub-

ject and make it easy for students to grasp the principles and details involved, and make it easily understandable to beginners exposed to the subject for the first time. An attempt has been made to explain things in a logical progression, in the simplest possible way so that neophytes may quickly grasp the concepts and methodology. A novel approach in the book is the illustrative use of computers with TORA package, as a problem-solving tool. In actual practice, situations arise with large and complex problems that are difficult to solve. At such times, using computers to solve problems gives fast and more accurate results. The chapters are arranged so as to progressively explain the workings of various models in actual practice through step-by-step procedures that so simplify and solve them, that even students from a non-mathematics academic background will grasp them quickly. Linear programming, the most powerful tool for managerial decision-making is covered elaborately, including thorough discussion of various LP methods and LP solutions, Duality in LP problems, sensitivity analysis, etc. Models in the

book also use Linear Programming to reach solutions including those relating to transportation and transshipment, assignment, and Game Theory&illustrated with screenshots of a computer with a TORA package. Readers whether students, business executives, managers, researchers and academicians will find that the insights and knowledge obtained from the book will stand them in good stead in both academic as well as occupational pursuits.

Using real-world examples, the authors clearly demonstrate how quantitative techniques can be applied to business and economics situations. The text is supported by a teacher resource pack that includes a data disk.

This book is especially relevant to undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers studying quantitative techniques as part of business, management and finance. It is an interdisciplinary book that covers all major topics involved at the interface between business and management on the one hand and mathematics and statistics on the other. Managers and others in industry and commerce who wish to obtain a working knowledge of quantita-

tive techniques will also find this book useful.

Appealing both to students on introductory courses for quantitative methods and MBA and post-experience students, this respected text provides an accessible, practical introduction to an area that students often find difficult. Concentrating on helping students to understand the relevance of quantitative methods of analysis to managers' decision-making, it focuses on the development of appropriate skills and understanding of how the techniques fit into the wider management process.

Quantitative Techniques: Theory and Problems adopts a fresh and novel approach to the study of quantitative techniques, and provides a comprehensive coverage of the subject. Essentially designed for extensive practice and self-study, this book will serve as a tutor at home. Chapters contain theory in brief, numerous solved examples and exercises with exhibits and tables.

Management is the 'science' used for the application of quantitative techniques (those involving making measurements) to business decision-making. Business Management

and its science cover the whole range of decision-making by management, for example, information technology, operations research, production management, marketing, personnel management, and cost accounting. Management methods operate by forming a quantitative representation of a business problem that is by putting a numerical value on the factors involved. This modelling process enables the major elements of the decision to be identified and considered in relation to the whole problem. Alternative solutions can be put forward, evaluated and an optimum solution found. There is always a need to balance the quantitative approach with behavioural considerations, keeping in mind that business decisions involve people. Whilst experience can be used to suggest how people might react in the future, conditions change and consequently people's future reactions are not always predictable. Thus management science techniques should be used as an aid to business decision-making not as a substitute for it.

1.2 Operational Research (OR)

Operational Research (OR) is concerned with the application of mathematical, scientific, and engi-

neering techniques to model and improve the operation of complex systems involving people, machines, and information. OR thus has much in common with systems engineering. Operational research emerged in the UK during World War II as an inter-disciplinary attempt to solve wartime logistical problems. Since then it has been applied to many planning and scheduling problems in industrial, commercial, and public sectors, often using the mathematical technique known as linear programming. OR provides a set of techniques which can be applied to business problems using some form of quantitative representation as an aid to (but not as a substitute for) decision-making. The aim of operational research is to find optimal courses of action using available resources, using methods such as project management and simulation techniques. One example of OR is queuing theory, which can be applied to service situations such as banks (or supermarkets) and used to determine how many service tills (or checkouts) are needed to provide a given level of service speed or cost. Another concern is the routing of delivery sched-

ules in a distribution operation. Scientifically devised routing can increase the number of 'drops' undertaken by one van and decrease the total number of vans and drivers needed. Other typical OR problems might include the control of traffic flow within a city; and optimization of industrial production and distribution.

This book is the first of its kind focusing on Application of Operations Research Techniques (Mathematics) in Project Management. It will be of immense help for Project Management Professionals in any industry verticals including Info technology program managers, engineering and construction managers and various operations' managers. This book includes real industry examples and methods on how to use Operations Research (OR) techniques to help project management decision making. It will be a guide in the implementation of OR in project management. It includes 'Algorithms for various OR techniques'. It also includes Code in C++ for important OR models. The book deals with project management numerical illustrations on the use of various copyrighted software applications like Microsoft Math, SAP,

SPSS, Matlab (Mathworks Inc.), Microsoft Project, Primavera, OpenPlan, C++. Most importantly, it provides an insight into building of interfaces between Enterprise Applications/business data warehouse to analytical applications like Matlab. Another important topic in this book is Metrics for Project Management and Progress Analysis (Earned Value Analysis) Methods. This is invaluable to monitor projects also serving as inputs for your project management balanced score cards and strategic program management and cost control. Besides various Statistical Methods and Operations Research Techniques, the book has a compilation of various Project Management Topics viz. Software Engineering Institute's Estimation Methods, various Claims Formulae with examples, Project Managerial Economics and Project Accounting & Controlling Methods. About the Author Retty Velayoudam holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and a Master's Degree in Management. He was a PMI(c) (USA) Certified (2000-2003) Project Management Professional. He is a SAP (Germany) Certified Project System Solution Consultant. He is a

Sr. SAP PS Consultant working in USA with 13 years of SAP PS (Project System) Consulting Experience. He has rich experience in Project Management Concepts, practices and in a wide range of Software Tools used for managing large multi-million complex projects in the Oil and Gas, Hi-Tech, IT industry, Engineering, Services, Manufacturing, US Public Sector, etc. He has experience in Enterprise level Project Management Information Systems.

This book provides the most comprehensive treatment of the theoretical concepts and modelling techniques of quantitative risk management. Whether you are a financial risk analyst, actuary, regulator or student of quantitative finance, Quantitative Risk Management gives you the practical tools you need to solve real-world problems. Describing the latest advances in the field, Quantitative Risk Management covers the methods for market, credit and operational risk modelling. It places standard industry approaches on a more formal footing and explores key concepts such as loss distributions, risk measures and risk aggrega-

tion and allocation principles. The book's methodology draws on diverse quantitative disciplines, from mathematical finance and statistics to econometrics and actuarial mathematics. A primary theme throughout is the need to satisfactorily address extreme outcomes and the dependence of key risk drivers. Proven in the classroom, the book also covers advanced topics like credit derivatives. Fully revised and expanded to reflect developments in the field since the financial crisis Features shorter chapters to facilitate teaching and learning Provides enhanced coverage of Solvency II and insurance risk management and extended treatment of credit risk, including counterparty credit risk and CDO pricing Includes a new chapter on market risk and new material on risk measures and risk aggregation

Quantitative Methods and Applications in GIS integrates GIS, spatial analysis, and quantitative methods to address various issues in socioeconomic studies and public policy. Methods range from basic regression analysis to advanced topics such as linear programming and system of equations. Applica-

tions vary from typical themes in urban and regional

Written with the non-mathematician in mind, **QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BUSINESS, 13E** by award-winning authors Anderson, Sweeney, Williams, Camm, Cochran, Fry, and Ohlmann equips your students with a strong conceptual understanding of the critical role that quantitative methods play in today's decision-making process. This applications-oriented text clearly introduces current quantitative methods, how they work, and how savvy decision makers can most effectively apply and interpret data. A strong managerial orientation motivates learning by weaving relevant, real-world examples throughout. The authors' hallmark Problem-Scenario Approach helps readers understand and apply mathematical concepts and techniques. The 13th Edition includes a more holistic description of how variable activity times affect the probability of a project meeting a deadline. In addition, numerous all-new Q.M. in Action vignettes, homework problems, and end-of-chapter cases are included. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product descrip-

tion or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Contemporary economists, when analyzing economic behavior of people, need to use the diversity of research methods and modern ways of discovering knowledge. The increasing popularity of using economic experiments requires the use of IT tools and quantitative methods that facilitate the analysis of the research material obtained as a result of the experiments and the formulation of correct conclusions. This proceedings volume presents problems in contemporary economics and provides innovative solutions using a range of quantitative and experimental tools. Featuring selected contributions presented at the 2018 Computational Methods in Experimental Economics Conference (CMEE 2018), this book provides a modern economic perspective on such important issues as: sustainable development, consumption, production, national wealth, the silver economy, behavioral finance, economic and non-economic factors determining the behavior of household members, consumer preferences, social campaigns, and neuromarketing. Inter-

national case studies are also offered.

This Book Is Designed To Serve As A Text For Management, Economics, Accountancy (Chartered And Cost Accountancy), And Commerce Students. The Book Covers Concepts, Illustrations And Problems In Statistics And Operations Research. Part I Deals With Statistical Techniques For Decision Making. Part Ii Studies Various Operations Research Techniques For Managerial Decisions. The Book Contains Illustrations And Problems, Drawn Extensively From Various Functional Areas Of Management, Viz., Production, Finance, Marketing And Personnel, Which Are Designed To Understand Real Life Decision Making Situations. In Order To Make The Book Self-Contained, All Relevant Mathematical Concepts And Their Applications Have Been Included. To Enhance The Understanding Of The Subject Matter By The Students Belonging To Different Disciplines, The Approach Adopted In This Book, Both In Statistics And Operations Research, Is Conceptual Rather Than Mathematical. Hence Complicated Mathematical Proofs Have Been Avoided. This Book Would Be An

Ideal Reference To Executives, Computer Professionals, Industrial Engineers, Economic Planners And Social Scientists. The Other Books By The Same Authors Are: Operations Research For Management And Business Statistics.

This book goes beyond the methods usually covered in introductory textbooks on quantitative methods in tourism. It considers key issues in data selection, approaches to factor and cluster analysis and regression before covering advanced topics including structural equation modelling, maximum likelihood estimation, simulation and agent-based modelling. The result is a guide to quantitative methods in tourism that de-mystifies both simple and apparently complex techniques and makes them more accessible to tourism researchers.

Taking a non-threatening, non-theoretical approach to a subject students often find difficult, this book avoids rigorous mathematics and concentrates on applying quantitative ideas to the work situation.

This book focuses on the use of quantitative methods for both business and management, helping readers understand the most relevant quantitative

methods for managerial decision-making. Pursuing a highly practical approach, the book reduces the theoretical information to a minimum, so as to give full prominence to the analysis of real business problems. Each chapter includes a brief theoretical explanation, followed by a real-life managerial case that needs to be solved, which is accompanied by a corresponding Microsoft Excel® dataset. The practical cases and exercises are solved using Excel, and for each problem, the authors provide an Excel file with the complete solution and corresponding calculations, which can be downloaded easily from the book's website. Further, in an appendix, readers can find solutions to the same problems, but using the R statistical language. The book represents a valuable reference guide for postgraduate, MBA and executive education students, as it offers a hands-on, practical approach to learning quantitative methods in a managerial context. It will also be of interest to managers looking for a practical and straightforward way to learn about quantitative methods and improve their decision-making processes.

An accessible introduction to the essential quantitative methods for making valuable business decisions. Quantitative methods-research techniques used to analyze quantitative data-enable professionals to organize and understand numbers and, in turn, to make good decisions. *Quantitative Methods: An Introduction for Business Management* presents the application of quantitative mathematical modeling to decision making in a business management context and emphasizes not only the role of data in drawing conclusions, but also the pitfalls of undiscerning reliance of software packages that implement standard statistical procedures. With hands-on applications and explanations that are accessible to readers at various levels, the book successfully outlines the necessary tools to make smart and successful business decisions. Progressing from beginner to more advanced material at an easy-to-follow pace, the author utilizes motivating examples throughout to aid readers interested in decision making and also provides critical remarks, intuitive traps, and counterexamples when appropriate. The book begins with a discussion of moti-

vations and foundations related to the topic, with introductory presentations of concepts from calculus to linear algebra. Next, the core ideas of quantitative methods are presented in chapters that explore introductory topics in probability, descriptive and inferential statistics, linear regression, and a discussion of time series that includes both classical topics and more challenging models. The author also discusses linear programming models and decision making under risk as well as less standard topics in the field such as game theory and Bayesian statistics. Finally, the book concludes with a focus on selected tools from multivariate statistics, including advanced regression models and data reduction methods such as principal component analysis, factor analysis, and cluster analysis. The book promotes the importance of an analytical approach, particularly when dealing with a complex system where multiple individuals are involved and have conflicting incentives. A related website features Microsoft Excel® workbooks and MATLAB® scripts to illustrate concepts as well as additional exercises with solutions. Quantitative

Methods is an excellent book for courses on the topic at the graduate level. The book also serves as an authoritative reference and self-study guide for financial and business professionals, as well as readers looking to reinforce their analytical skills.

Readers don't need to be a mathematician to understand and maximize the power of quantitative methods! Written for the future or current business professional, *QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BUSINESS, 12E*, International Edition by a powerhouse, award-winning author team makes it easy for readers to understand how to most effectively use quantitative methods to make intelligent successful decisions. The book's hallmark problem-scenario approach guides readers through the application of mathematical concepts and techniques, while memorable examples illustrate how and when to use the methods. Readers discover everything needed for success in working with quantitative methods, from a strong managerial orientation to instant online access to Excel worksheets for text examples; The Management Scientist v6.0 and TreePlan; Crystal Ball;

Premium Solver for Excel, and LINGO.

The new edition of *Quantitative Methods for Business and Management* offers a complete introductory course in *Quantitative Methods*, providing students with basic practical experience in quantitative approaches in modelling and analysis for business and management. The book features sections on foundation topics, models for business and management, and modelling and analyzing decisions. In particular, the new edition features greater coverage of statistics to reflect teaching in this area, with chapters on Elementary Statistics, Summary Statistics and Inferential Statistics. Other new areas of coverage in the second edition include Network Models and Non-linear Models. The book retains its popular style which offers students numerous examples accompanied by clear and straightforward explanations. Excel examples are also integrated throughout to help students to understand how this software tool is used by managers, and frequent questions and exercises enable students to test their understanding. A free CD contains Excel applications and solutions to the

exercises in the textbook, and a full online learning centre completes an excellent learning package for business students.

Forest management has evolved from a mercantilist view to a multi-functional one that integrates economic, social, and ecological aspects. However, the issue of sustainability is not yet resolved. Quantitative Techniques in Participatory Forest Management brings together global research in three areas of application: inventory of the forest variables that determine the main environmental indices, description and design of new environmental indices, and the application of sustainability indices for regional implementations. All these quantitative techniques create the basis for the development of scientific methodologies of participatory sustainable forest management.

The new edition of this highly successful and popular textbook is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide to using and interpreting all the quantitative techniques that students will encounter in their later business and financial careers; from fundamental principles through to more advanced applications. Top-

ics are explained in a clear, friendly step-by-step style, accompanied by examples, exercises and activities, making the text ideal for self-tuition or for the student with no experience or confidence in working with numbers. This highly successful learning-by-doing approach, coupled with the book's clear structure, will enable even the most maths-phobic student to understand these essential mathematical skills. Comprehensive in both its scope of coverage and the range of abilities it caters for, this remains a core textbook for undergraduate students of business, management and finance, for whom Quantitative Methods modules will be a key component. It will also appeal to those on related MBA and postgraduate courses. New to this Edition: - Business Modelling 'Moving on...' feature with integrated web and book activities to promote student engagement with the application of mathematical techniques in real-life workplaces - Extensive revamp of two Statistics chapters based on student and lecturer feedback - Crucial updated practical guides to using Excel and SPSS - Integrated companion website resources helps

relate theory to real world examples Accompanying online resources for this title can be found at bloomsburyonlineresources.com/quantitative-methods-4e. These resources are designed to support teaching and learning when using this textbook and are available at no extra cost.

A concise, accessible, comprehensive introduction to quantitative techniques emphasizing business relevance and discussing the challenges of problem-solving in the real world. Written for a diverse range of abilities, coverage includes chapters on revision mathematics, investment appraisal, decision-making and simulation. Excel and SPSS are integrated throughout.

Quantitative Methods for Business and Management Students takes you on a journey through the techniques required to succeed in business and management. With a user-friendly and accessible writing style, John Buglear presents these techniques simply and provides numerous examples to enable you to relate the theory to real-life applications.

A practical introduction to epidemiology, biostatistics, and research methodology for the whole health

care community This comprehensive text, which has been extensively revised with new material and additional topics, utilizes a practical slant to introduce health professionals and students to epidemiology, biostatistics, and research methodology. It draws examples from a wide range of topics, covering all of the main contemporary health research methods, including survival analysis, Cox regression, and systematic reviews and meta-analysis—the explanation of which go beyond introductory concepts. This second edition of *Quantitative Methods for Health Research: A Practical Interactive Guide to Epidemiology and Statistics* also helps develop critical skills that will prepare students to move on to more advanced and specialized methods. A clear distinction is made between knowledge and concepts that all students should ensure they understand, and those that can be pursued further by those who wish to do so. Self-assessment exercises throughout the text help students explore and reflect on their understanding. A program of practical exercises in SPSS (using a prepared data set) helps to consolidate the theory

and develop skills and confidence in data handling, analysis, and interpretation. Highlights of the book include: Combining epidemiology and biostatistics to demonstrate the relevance and strength of statistical methods Emphasis on the interpretation of statistics using examples from a variety of public health and health care situations to stress relevance and application Use of concepts related to examples of published research to show the application of methods and balance between ideals and the realities of research in practice Integration of practical data analysis exercises to develop skills and confidence Supplementation by a student companion website which provides guidance on data handling in SPSS and study data sets as referred to in the text *Quantitative Methods for Health Research, Second Edition* is a practical learning resource for students, practitioners and researchers in public health, health care and related disciplines, providing both a course book and a useful introductory reference.

This is a reformatted version of Prof C R Kothari's all-time great book *Quantitative*

Techniques (Third Revised Edition). Students and teachers will find the readability in the new version much enhanced and thus comprehension greatly improved. All the diagrams have been freshly drawn for clarity. The book does not need much introduction as it has been known for years for its simplicity of approach which explains the tedious concepts of quantitative techniques in a most reader-friendly manner through practical examples. The style is so lucid that even a reader having no formal training of mathematics and statistics will not find it difficult to understand and to apply these techniques. The book is meant for MCom, CA, ICWA and degree diploma students of business administration.

Thoroughly revised and updated for Excel®, this second edition of *Quantitative Methods in Health Care Management* offers a comprehensive introduction to quantitative methods and techniques for the student or new administrator. Its broad range of practical methods and analysis spans operational, tactical, and strategic decisions. Users will find techniques for forecasting, decision-making, facility location, facility layout,

reengineering, staffing, scheduling, productivity, resource allocation, supply chain and inventory management, quality control, project management, queuing models for capacity, and simulation. The book's step-by-step approach, use of Excel, and downloadable Excel templates make the text highly practical. Praise for the Second Edition "The second edition of Dr. Ozcan's textbook is comprehensive and well-written with useful illustrative examples that give students and health care professionals a perfect toolkit for quantitative decision making in health care on the road for the twenty-first century. The text helps to explain the complex health care management problems and offer support for decision makers in this field." Marion Rauner, associate professor, School of Business, Economics, and Statistics, University of Vienna. "Quantitative Methods in Health Care Administration, Second Edition covers a broad set of necessary and important topics. It is a valuable text that is easy to teach and learn from." David Belson, professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern Cal-

ifornia.

Quantitative marketing has been gaining importance during the last decade. This is indicated by the growing number of model- and method-oriented studies published in leading journals as well as by the many successful applications of quantitative approaches in pricing, advertising, new product planning, and market segmentation decisions. In addition, market research has clearly benefitted from applying advanced quantitative models and methods in practice. Some 60 researchers – among them worldwide leading scholars – offer a broad overview of quantitative approaches in marketing. They not only highlight diverse mathematical and methodological perspectives, but also demonstrate the relevance and practical consequences of applying quantitative approaches to marketing problems.

The purpose of the Special Issue "Quantitative Methods in Economics and Finance" of the journal *Risks* was to provide a collection of papers that reflect the latest research and problems of pricing complex derivatives, simulation pricing, analysis of financial markets, and volatility of exchange rates

in the international context. This book can be used as a reference for academicians and researchers who would like to discuss and introduce new developments in the field of quantitative methods in economics and finance and explore applications of quantitative methods in other business areas.

Quantitative Methods in Supply Chain Management presents some of the most important methods and tools available for modeling and solving problems arising in the context of supply chain management. In the context of this book, "solving problems" usually means designing efficient algorithms for obtaining high-quality solutions. The first chapter is an extensive optimization review covering continuous unconstrained and constrained linear and nonlinear optimization algorithms, as well as dynamic programming and discrete optimization exact methods and heuristics. The second chapter presents time-series forecasting methods together with prediction market techniques for demand forecasting of new products and services. The third chapter details models and algorithms for

planning and scheduling with an emphasis on production planning and personnel scheduling. The fourth chapter presents deterministic and stochastic models for inventory control with a detailed analysis on periodic review systems and algorithmic development for optimal control of such systems. The fifth chapter discusses models and algorithms for location/allocation problems arising in supply chain manage-

ment, and transportation problems arising in distribution management in particular, such as the vehicle routing problem and others. The sixth and final chapter presents a short list of new trends in supply chain management with a discussion of the related challenges that each new trend might bring along in the immediate to near future. Overall, Quantitative Methods in Supply Chain Management may be of particular interest to stu-

dents and researchers in the fields of supply chain management, operations management, operations research, industrial engineering, and computer science.

This text is a short essential guide to quantitative methods for courses in business, management, and finance. Oakshott covers all the relevant subject areas and includes activities and questions, making it suitable for self study.