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Acyclic Models Apr 22 2020 Acyclic models is a method heavily used to analyze and compare various homology and cohomology theories appearing in topology and algebra. This book is the first attempt to put together in a concise form this important technique and to include all the necessary background. It presents a brief introduction to category theory and homological algebra. The author then gives the background of the theory of differential modules and chain complexes over an abelian category to state the main acyclic models theorem, generalizing and systemizing the earlier material. This is then applied to various cohomology theories in algebra and topology. The volume could be used as a text for a course that combines homological algebra and algebraic topology. Required background includes a standard course in abstract algebra and some knowledge of topology. The volume contains many exercises. It is also suitable as a reference work for researchers.

***Behavioral Predictive Modeling in Economics* Jan 20 2020** This book presents both methodological papers on and examples of applying behavioral predictive models to specific economic problems, with a focus on how to take into account people's behavior when making economic predictions. This is an important issue, since traditional economic models assumed that people make wise economic decisions based on a detailed rational analysis of all the relevant aspects. However, in reality - as Nobel Prize-winning research has shown - people have a limited ability to process information and, as a result, their decisions are not always optimal. Discussing the need for prediction-oriented statistical techniques, since many statistical methods currently used in economics focus more on model fitting and do not always lead to good predictions, the book is a valuable resource for researchers and students interested in the latest results and challenges and for practitioners wanting to learn how to use state-of-the-art techniques.

Models for Mental Disorder Jul 18 2022 Written by distinguished academic and Editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry, and a now retired NHS consultant psychiatrist, this latest edition of Models for Mental Disorders reflects the significant changes in clinical practice and understanding in the last four years. With increased emphasis on the multidisciplinary approach

now being used in all mental health facilities in Europe, the two new chapters on application of models in multidisciplinary teams and how understanding of models improves communication are particularly timely and relevant. The book also features an easy-to-read new appendix providing a glossary of commonly-used terms in psychiatry for the interested lay-reader. An adopted title on many psychology courses throughout the UK, this fourth edition continues to provide an invaluable introduction to the different models used in evaluating mental health, and is recommended reading for all those interested in mental health and illness.

Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models Jul 26 2020 This book, first published in 2007, is for the applied researcher performing data analysis using linear and nonlinear regression and multilevel models.

Computing Characterizations of Drugs for Ion Channels and Receptors Using Markov Models Feb 13 2022 Flow of ions through voltage gated channels can be represented theoretically using stochastic differential equations where the gating mechanism is represented by a Markov model. The flow through a channel can be manipulated using various drugs, and the effect of a given drug can be reflected by changing the Markov model. These lecture notes provide an accessible introduction to the mathematical methods needed to deal with these models. They emphasize the use of numerical methods and provide sufficient details for the reader to implement the models and thereby study the effect of various drugs. Examples in the text include stochastic calcium release from internal storage systems in cells, as well as stochastic models of the transmembrane potential. Well known Markov models are studied and a systematic approach to including the effect of mutations is presented. Lastly, the book shows how to derive the optimal properties of a theoretical model of a drug for a given mutation defined in terms of a Markov model.

Camera Models and Fundamental Concepts Used in Geometric Computer Vision Feb 25 2023 Camera Models and Fundamental Concepts Used in Geometric Computer Vision surveys the image acquisition methods used in computer vision and especially, of the vast number of camera models that have been proposed and investigated over the years, and points out similarities between different models.

Selection Criteria for Mathematical Models Used in Exposure Assessments Mar 26 2023

***Logistics and Benefits of Using Mathematical Models of Hydrologic and Water Resource Systems* Mar 02 2021** Logistics and Benefits of Using Mathematical Models of Hydrologic and Water Resource Systems is a collection of paper that details the experiences in the operational and

logistical aspects of utilizing water resource models. The title provides the general report on model structure and classification; experiences of the hydrologic engineering center in maintaining widely used hydrologic and water resource computer models; and the operational experience of on-line hydrological simulation. The selection also covers the implementation and application of a suite for the simulation of complex water resource systems in evaluation and planning studies; and the use of a groundwater model in the design, performance; and the assessment, and operation of a river regulation scheme. The book will be of great use to researchers and practitioners of hydrological sciences.

Simulation-Driven Aerodynamic Design Using Variable-Fidelity Models May 04 2021 Computer simulations is a fundamental tool of the design process in many engineering disciplines including aerospace engineering. However, although high-fidelity numerical models are accurate, they can be computationally expensive with evaluation time for a single design as long as hours, days or even weeks. Simulation-driven design using conventional optimization techniques may be therefore prohibitive. This book explores the alternative: performing computationally efficient design using surrogate-based optimization, where the high-fidelity model is replaced by its computationally cheap but still reasonably accurate representation: a surrogate. The emphasis is on physics-based surrogates. Application-wise, the focus is on aerodynamics and the methods and techniques described in the book are demonstrated using aerodynamic shape optimization cases. Applications in other engineering fields are also demonstrated. State-of-the-art techniques and a depth of coverage never published before make this a unique and essential book for all researchers working in aerospace and other engineering areas and dealing with optimization, computationally expensive design problems, and simulation-driven design.

Contents:Motivation and Problem Formulation:IntroductionAerodynamic Shape OptimizationOptimization Techniques:Simulation-Driven Design: Direct MethodsSurrogate-Based OptimizationSBO with Approximation-Based SurrogatesSBO with Physics-Based SurrogatesAerodynamics Modeling:Geometry ParameterizationHigh-Fidelity Aerodynamic ModelsLow-Fidelity Aerodynamics ModelsApplications:Transonic Airfoil Shape DesignTransonic Wing Shape DesignSubsonic Shape DesignSelected Applications of Surrogate-Based Optimization in Other AreasSurrogate-Based Optimization with MATLABConclusion:Practical Aspects of Variable-Fidelity Design **Readership:** Graduate students and researchers in the field of engineering, in particular, aerospace engineering. **Key Features:**Gathers a number of relevant techniques that were never compiled in one publication before, and certain state-of-the-art techniques have never been published in book formCompact and self-contained introduction to the area

of surrogate-based optimization and variable-fidelity optimization. At present, this is the only book available on the market that offers coverage of variable-fidelity optimization methods. **Keywords:** Aerodynamic Shape Optimization; Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD); Surrogate Modeling; Surrogate-based Optimization; Variable-fidelity Simulations; Simulation-driven Design

Regression Models for Categorical Dependent Variables Using Stata, Second Edition Oct 29 2020 The goal of the book is to make easier to carry out the computations necessary for the full interpretation of regression nonlinear models for categorical outcomes using Stata.

Applied Biomechatronics Using Mathematical Models Oct 21 2022 Applied Biomechatronics Using Mathematical Models provides an appropriate methodology to detect and measure diseases and injuries relating to human kinematics and kinetics. It features mathematical models that, when applied to engineering principles and techniques in the medical field, can be used in assistive devices that work with bodily signals. The use of data in the kinematics and kinetics analysis of the human body, including musculoskeletal kinetics and joints and their relationship to the central nervous system (CNS) is covered, helping users understand how the complex network of symbiotic systems in the skeletal and muscular system work together to allow movement controlled by the CNS. With the use of appropriate electronic sensors at specific areas connected to bio-instruments, we can obtain enough information to create a mathematical model for assistive devices by analyzing the kinematics and kinetics of the human body. The mathematical models developed in this book can provide more effective devices for use in aiding and improving the function of the body in relation to a variety of injuries and diseases. Focuses on the mathematical modeling of human kinematics and kinetics Teaches users how to obtain faster results with these mathematical models Includes a companion website with additional content that presents MATLAB examples

Nonlinear Predictive Control Using Wiener Models Mar 14 2022 This book presents computationally efficient MPC solutions. The classical model predictive control (MPC) approach to control dynamical systems described by the Wiener model uses an inverse static block to cancel the influence of process nonlinearity. Unfortunately, the model's structure is limited, and it gives poor control quality in the case of an imperfect model and disturbances. An alternative is to use the computationally demanding MPC scheme with on-line nonlinear optimisation repeated at each sampling instant. A linear approximation of the Wiener model or the predicted trajectory is found on-line. As a result, quadratic optimisation tasks are obtained. Furthermore, parameterisation using Laguerre functions is possible to reduce the number of decision variables. Simulation results for

ten benchmark processes show that the discussed MPC algorithms lead to excellent control quality. For a neutralisation reactor and a fuel cell, essential advantages of neural Wiener models are demonstrated.

Modeling Cities and Regions as Complex Systems Nov 22 2022 The theory and practice of modeling cities and regions as complex, self-organizing systems, presenting widely used cellular automata-based models, theoretical discussions, and applications. Cities and regions grow (or occasionally decline), and continuously transform themselves as they do so. This book describes the theory and practice of modeling the spatial dynamics of urban growth and transformation. As cities are complex, adaptive, self-organizing systems, the most appropriate modeling framework is one based on the theory of self-organizing systems—an approach already used in such fields as physics and ecology. The book presents a series of models, most of them developed using cellular automata (CA), which are inherently spatial and computationally efficient. It also provides discussions of the theoretical, methodological, and philosophical issues that arise from the models. A case study illustrates the use of these models in urban and regional planning. Finally, the book presents a new, dynamic theory of urban spatial structure that emerges from the models and their applications. The models are primarily land use models, but the more advanced ones also show the dynamics of population and economic activities, and are integrated with models in other domains such as economics, demography, and transportation. The result is a rich and realistic representation of the spatial dynamics of a variety of urban phenomena. The book is unique in its coverage of both the general issues associated with complex self-organizing systems and the specifics of designing and implementing models of such systems.

***The Interval Market Model in Mathematical Finance* Jan 12 2022** Toward the late 1990s, several research groups independently began developing new, related theories in mathematical finance. These theories did away with the standard stochastic geometric diffusion “Samuelson” market model (also known as the Black-Scholes model because it is used in that most famous theory), instead opting for models that allowed minimax approaches to complement or replace stochastic methods. Among the most fruitful models were those utilizing game-theoretic tools and the so-called interval market model. Over time, these models have slowly but steadily gained influence in the financial community, providing a useful alternative to classical methods. A self-contained monograph, *The Interval Market Model in Mathematical Finance: Game-Theoretic Methods* assembles some of the most important results, old and new, in this area of research. Written by seven of the most prominent pioneers of the interval market model and game-theoretic finance, the work provides a detailed account of

several closely related modeling techniques for an array of problems in mathematical economics. The book is divided into five parts, which successively address topics including: · probability-free Black-Scholes theory; · fair-price interval of an option; · representation formulas and fast algorithms for option pricing; · rainbow options; · stochastic approach of mathematical finance based upon viability theory. This book provides a welcome addition to the literature, complementing myriad titles on the market that take a classical approach to mathematical finance. It is a worthwhile resource for researchers in applied mathematics and quantitative finance, and has also been written in a manner accessible to financially-inclined readers with a limited technical background.

Bio-Economic Models applied to Agricultural Systems Jul 06 2021 This book has the purpose of providing the "state of the arts" concerning bio-economic modelling dealing with agricultural systems. In most cases, the contributions use a methodology combining the use of biophysical and economic models, in all cases, an engineering production function approach is totally or partially applied. This practice is being developed in the last years as a response to concrete policy matters: agricultural policies are increasingly combined with environmental and natural resources policies, and this reality involves the need of an integrated assessment, that current economic models are not able to provide.

Analyzing Financial Data and Implementing Financial Models Using R Sep 08 2021 This advanced undergraduate/graduate textbook teaches students in finance and economics how to use R to analyse financial data and implement financial models. It demonstrates how to take publically available data and manipulate, implement models and generate outputs typical for particular analyses. A wide spectrum of timely and practical issues in financial modelling are covered including return and risk measurement, portfolio management, option pricing and fixed income analysis. This new edition updates and expands upon the existing material providing updated examples and new chapters on equities, simulation and trading strategies, including machine learnings techniques. Select data sets are available online.

Identification and Control Using Volterra Models Aug 07 2021 This book covers recent results in the analysis, identification and control of systems described by Volterra models. Topics covered include: qualitative behavior of finite Volterra models compared and contrasted with other nonlinear model classes, structural restrictions and extensions to Volterra model class, least squares and stochastic identification approaches, model inversion issues, and direct synthesis and model predictive control design, guidelines for practical applications. Examples are drawn from Chemical, Biological and Electrical Engineering. The book is suitable as a text for a

graduate control course, or as a reference for both research and practice.

Simulation and Similarity Jan 24 2023 This book is an account of modeling and idealization in modern scientific practice, focusing on concrete, mathematical, and computational models. The main topics of this book are the nature of models, the practice of modeling, and the nature of the relationship between models and real-world phenomena. In order to elucidate the model/world relationship, Weisberg develops a novel account of similarity called weighted feature matching.

Multivariate Generalized Linear Mixed Models Using R Nov 10 2021

Multivariate Generalized Linear Mixed Models Using R presents robust and methodologically sound models for analyzing large and complex data sets, enabling readers to answer increasingly complex research questions. The book applies the principles of modeling to longitudinal data from panel and related studies via the Sabre software package in R. A Un

Big Data Analytics Using Multiple Criteria Decision-Making Models Dec 11 2021 Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) is a subfield of Operations Research, dealing with decision making problems. A decision-making problem is characterized by the need to choose one or a few among a number of alternatives. The field of MCDM assumes special importance in this era of Big Data and Business Analytics. In this volume, the focus will be on modelling-based tools for Business Analytics (BA), with exclusive focus on the sub-field of MCDM within the domain of operations research. The book will include an Introduction to Big Data and Business Analytics, and challenges and opportunities for developing MCDM models in the era of Big Data.

An Empirical Assessment of Three Types of Simulation Models Used in Developing Decision Support Systems [microform] Nov 29 2020 This research made three important contributions: first, the work provided management science/operations research (MS/OR) researchers with the first empirical comparison of three different types of simulation-based DSS, and the results of the study provided the first strong empirical case for the use of VIS. Second, the research rigorously tested two claims in the literature by proponents of VIS. Third, the results of this research provided MS/OR practitioners with new insight on the development of simulation-based DSS.

Categorical Data Analysis and Multilevel Modeling Using R Jun 17 2022

Categorical Data Analysis and Multilevel Modeling Using R provides a practical guide to regression techniques for analyzing binary, ordinal, nominal, and count response variables using the R software. Author Xing Liu offers a unified framework for both single-level and multilevel modeling of categorical and count response variables with both frequentist and Bayesian approaches. Each chapter demonstrates how to conduct the

analysis using R, how to interpret the models, and how to present the results for publication. A companion website for this book at <https://edge.sagepub.com/liu1e> contains datasets and R commands used in the book for students, and solutions for the end-of-chapter exercises on the instructor site.

Using R for Item Response Theory Model Applications Dec 31 2020 Item response theory (IRT) is widely used in education and psychology and is expanding its applications to other social science areas, medical research, and business as well. **Using R for Item Response Theory Model Applications** is a practical guide for students, instructors, practitioners, and applied researchers who want to learn how to properly use R IRT packages to perform IRT model calibrations with their own data. This book provides practical line-by-line descriptions of how to use R IRT packages for various IRT models. The scope and coverage of the modeling in the book covers almost all models used in practice and in popular research, including: dichotomous response modeling polytomous response modeling mixed format data modeling concurrent multiple group modeling fixed item parameter calibration modelling with latent regression to include person-level covariate(s) simple structure, or between-item, multidimensional modeling cross-loading, or within-item, multidimensional modeling high-dimensional modeling bifactor modeling testlet modeling two-tier modeling For beginners, this book provides a straightforward guide to learn how to use R for IRT applications. For more intermediate learners of IRT or users of R, this book will serve as a great time-saving tool for learning how to create the proper syntax, fit the various models, evaluate the models, and interpret the output using popular R IRT packages.

Using Guinea Pig Models to Examine the Relation Between Psychophysical and Neural Responses to Electrical Stimulation of Cochlear Implants Jun 24 2020

Using Ecological Models to Support and Shape Environmental Policy Decisions Feb 01 2021

Demystifying Climate Models Dec 23 2022 This book demystifies the models we use to simulate present and future climates, allowing readers to better understand how to use climate model results. In order to predict the future trajectory of the Earth's climate, climate-system simulation models are necessary. When and how do we trust climate model predictions? The book offers a framework for answering this question. It provides readers with a basic primer on climate and climate change, and offers non-technical explanations for how climate models are constructed, why they are uncertain, and what level of confidence we should place in them. It presents current results and the key uncertainties concerning them. Uncertainty is not a weakness but understanding uncertainty is a strength

and a key part of using any model, including climate models. Case studies of how climate model output has been used and how it might be used in the future are provided. The ultimate goal of this book is to promote a better understanding of the structure and uncertainties of climate models among users, including scientists, engineers and policymakers.

Stochastic Model for Earthquake Ground Motion Using Wavelet Packets
Dec 19 2019 For performance-based design, nonlinear dynamic structural analysis for various types of input ground motions is required. Stochastic (simulated) ground motions are sometimes useful as input motions, because unlike recorded motions they are not limited in number and because their properties can be varied systematically to study the impact of ground motion properties on structural response. This dissertation describes an approach by which the wavelet packet transform can be used to characterize complex time-varying earthquake ground motions, and it illustrates the potential benefits of such an approach in a variety of earthquake engineering applications. The proposed model is based on Thraínsson and Kiremidjian (2002), which use Fourier amplitudes and phase differences to simulate ground motions and attenuation models to their model parameters. We extend their model using wavelet packet transform since it can control the time and frequency characteristic of time series. The time- and frequency-varying properties of real ground motions can be captured using wavelet packets, so a model is developed that requires only 13 parameters to describe a given ground motion. These 13 parameters are then related to seismological variables such as earthquake magnitude, distance, and site condition, through regression analysis that captures trends in mean values, standard deviations and correlations of these parameters observed in a large database of recorded strong ground motions. The resulting regression equations then form a model that can be used to predict ground motions for a future earthquake scenario; this model is analogous to widely used empirical ground motion prediction models (formerly called "attenuation models") except that this model predicts entire time series rather than only response spectra. The ground motions produced using this predictive model are explored in detail, and are shown to have elastic response spectra, inelastic response spectra, durations, mean periods, etc., that are consistent in both mean and variability to existing published predictive models for those properties. That consistency allows the proposed model to be used in place of existing models for probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) calculations. This new way to calculate PSHA is termed "simulation-based probabilistic seismic hazard analysis" and it allows a deeper understanding of ground motion hazard and hazard deaggregation than is possible with traditional PSHA because it produces a suite of potential ground motion time histories

rather than simply a distribution of response spectra. The potential benefits of this approach are demonstrated and explored in detail. Taking this analysis even further, this suite of time histories can be used as input for nonlinear dynamic analysis of structures, to perform a risk analysis (i.e., "probabilistic seismic demand analysis") that allows computation of the probability of the structure exceeding some level of response in a future earthquake. These risk calculations are often performed today using small sets of scaled recorded ground motions, but that approach requires a variety of assumptions regarding important properties of ground motions, the impacts of ground motion scaling, etc. The approach proposed here facilitates examination of those assumptions, and provides a variety of other relevant information not obtainable by that traditional approach.

An introduction to ecological modelling Sep 20 2022

Estimating Merchantable Tree Volume in Oregon and Washington Using Stem Profile Models May 24 2020 The profile model of Max and Burkhart was fit to eight tree species in the Pacific Northwest Region (Oregon and Washington) of the Forest Service. Most estimates of merchantable volume had an average error less than 10% when applied to independent test data for three national forests.

Model-Based Reasoning in Scientific Discovery Jun 05 2021 The volume is based on the papers that were presented at the International Conference Model-Based Reasoning in Scientific Discovery (MBR'98), held at the Collegio Ghislieri, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy, in December 1998. The papers explore how scientific thinking uses models and explanatory reasoning to produce creative changes in theories and concepts. The study of diagnostic, visual, spatial, analogical, and temporal reasoning has demonstrated that there are many ways of performing intelligent and creative reasoning that cannot be described with the help only of traditional notions of reasoning such as classical logic. Traditional accounts of scientific reasoning have restricted the notion of reasoning primarily to deductive and inductive arguments. Understanding the contribution of modeling practices to discovery and conceptual change in science requires expanding scientific reasoning to include complex forms of creative reasoning that are not always successful and can lead to incorrect solutions. The study of these heuristic ways of reasoning is situated at the crossroads of philosophy, artificial intelligence, cognitive psychology, and logic; that is, at the heart of cognitive science. There are several key ingredients common to the various forms of model based reasoning to be considered in this book. The models are intended as interpretations of target physical systems, processes, phenomena, or situations. The models are retrieved or constructed on the basis of potentially satisfying salient constraints of the target domain.

Modeling the Environment Sep 27 2020 Simulating material flows. The modeling process. Simulating cyclical systems. Management flight simulators.

Procedures for Adjusting Regional Regression Models of Urban-runoff Quality Using Local Data Mar 22 2020

Compartmental Modeling with Networks Apr 15 2022 This new advanced text/reference book presents compartmental models or flow models from an applications perspective. Essential topics and methods are introduced in an accessible style with many examples, providing a thorough and comprehensive presentation of compartmental models, model construction and applications.

A Fire Management Simulation Model Using Stochastic Arrival Times Aug 27 2020 Fire management simulation models are used to predict the impact of changes in the fire management program on fire outcomes. As with all models, the goal is to abstract reality without seriously distorting relationships between variables of interest. One important variable of fire organization performance is the length of time it takes to get suppression units to the fire. Because the location of the fires cannot be predicted and because suppression units are not always available at a particular base location, the types of units sent and their arrival times vary This aspect of fire modeling, which is especially important in representing simultaneous fires and in choosing base locations, has not previously been examined.

***Using Animal Models In Biomedical Research: A Primer For The Investigator Apr 03 2021* Animal models play crucial roles in the continuum of experimental activities that make up biomedical research. Such in vivo modes are especially important in proof-of-principle experiments and in establishing the preclinical safety and efficacy data required for progressing to human clinical trials. A practical understanding of the choice, care and use of animal models is thus expected and required of all biomedical researchers. However, while both legislations and the practice of laboratory animal science have made great advances in the last decade and have impacted significantly on the use of animal models, this corpus of knowledge is not readily available in formats easily digestible to the average biomedical researcher. This book fills this gap in knowledge and provides material not easily sourced by the average biomedical researcher, such as current information on bioimaging, occupational health and biosafety, animal protocol design and histological-pathological support.**

Estimating Ore Grade Using Evolutionary Machine Learning Models Feb 19 2020 This book examines the abilities of new machine learning models for predicting ore grade in mining engineering. A variety of case studies are examined in this book. A motivation for preparing this book was the absence of robust models for estimating ore grade. Models of current

books can also be used for the different sciences because they have high capabilities for estimating different variables. Mining engineers can use the book to determine the ore grade accurately. This book helps identify mineral-rich regions for exploration and exploitation. Exploration costs can be decreased by using the models in the current book. In this book, the author discusses the new concepts in mining engineering, such as uncertainty in ore grade modeling. Ensemble models are presented in this book to estimate ore grade. In the book, readers learn how to construct advanced machine learning models for estimating ore grade. The authors of this book present advanced and hybrid models used to estimate ore grade instead of the classic methods such as kriging. The current book can be used as a comprehensive handbook for estimating ore grades. Industrial managers and modelers can use the models of the current books. Each level of ore grade modeling is explained in the book. In this book, advanced optimizers are presented to train machine learning models. Therefore, the book can also be used by modelers in other fields. The main motivation of this book is to address previous shortcomings in the modeling process of ore grades. The scope of this book includes mining engineering, soft computing models, and artificial intelligence.

Handbook of Ecological Models used in Ecosystem and Environmental Management Apr 27 2023 It is estimated that roughly 1000 new ecological and environmental models join the ranks of the scientific literature each year. The international peer-reviewed literature reports some 20,000 new models spanning the period from 1970-2010. Just to keep abreast of the field it is necessary to design a handbook of models that doesn't merely list them,

Modeling the Durability of Aggregate Used in Concrete Pavement Construction Aug 19 2022 In this report, backpropagation neural networks are developed from a large database containing data pertinent to 750 different experimental investigations on concrete durability. The database was acquired from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The networks are designed to enable determination of the durability factor and percent expansion from five basic physical properties of the aggregate. The developed neural models were found to classify the aggregates with regard to their durability with a relatively high degree of accuracy. The experimental data and predictions were used to produce reliability factors that indicate the probability that tested aggregate will meet specifications. In a second phase, the developed neural models were also validated against 778 new experimental durability data sets.

Scientific Models May 16 2022 A zebrafish, the hull of a miniature ship, a mathematical equation and a food chain - what do these things have in common? They are examples of models used by scientists to isolate and

study particular aspects of the world around us. This book begins by introducing the concept of a scientific model from an intuitive perspective, drawing parallels to mental models and artistic representations. It then recounts the history of modelling from the 16th century up until the present day. The iterative process of model building is described and discussed in the context of complex models with high predictive accuracy versus simpler models that provide more of a conceptual understanding. To illustrate the diversity of opinions within the scientific community, we also present the results of an interview study, in which ten scientists from different disciplines describe their views on modelling and how models feature in their work. Lastly, it includes a number of worked examples that span different modelling approaches and techniques. It provides a comprehensive introduction to scientific models and shows how models are constructed and used in modern science. It also addresses the approach to, and the culture surrounding modelling in different scientific disciplines. It serves as an inspiration for model building and also facilitates interdisciplinary collaborations by showing how models are used in different scientific fields. The book is aimed primarily at students in the sciences and engineering, as well as students at teacher training colleges but will also appeal to interested readers wanting to get an overview of scientific modelling in general and different modelling approaches in particular.

Linear Models with Python Oct 09 2021 Praise for Linear Models with R:
This book is a must-have tool for anyone interested in understanding and applying linear models. The logical ordering of the chapters is well thought out and portrays Faraway's wealth of experience in teaching and using linear models. ... It lays down the material in a logical and intricate manner and makes linear modeling appealing to researchers from virtually all fields of study. -Biometrical Journal Throughout, it gives plenty of insight ... with comments that even the seasoned practitioner will appreciate. Interspersed with R code and the output that it produces one can find many little gems of what I think is sound statistical advice, well epitomized with the examples chosen...I read it with delight and think that the same will be true with anyone who is engaged in the use or teaching of linear models. -Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Like its widely praised, best-selling companion version, Linear Models with R, this book replaces R with Python to seamlessly give a coherent exposition of the practice of linear modeling. Linear Models with Python offers up-to-date insight on essential data analysis topics, from estimation, inference and prediction to missing data, factorial models and block designs. Numerous examples illustrate how to apply the different methods using Python. Features: Python is a powerful, open source programming language increasingly being used in data

science, machine learning and computer science. Python and R are similar, but R was designed for statistics, while Python is multi-talented. This version replaces R with Python to make it accessible to a greater number of users outside of statistics, including those from Machine Learning. A reader coming to this book from an ML background will learn new statistical perspectives on learning from data. Topics include Model Selection, Shrinkage, Experiments with Blocks and Missing Data. Includes an Appendix on Python for beginners. Linear Models with Python explains how to use linear models in physical science, engineering, social science and business applications. It is ideal as a textbook for linear models or linear regression courses.

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