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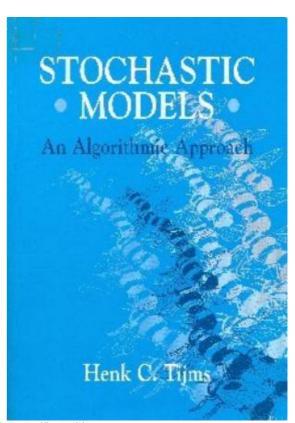
Wiley Series in Probability and Mathematical Statistics Editors Stochastic Models: An Algorithmic Approach Henk C. Tijms, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.

Stochastic Models: An Algorithmic Approach fulfils the widely perceived need for an introductory text which demonstrates the effective use of simple stochastic models to gain insight into the behaviour of complex stochastic systems.

The author's earlier book, Stochastic Modeling and Analysis: A Computational Approach (1986) has become a leading text in the fields of applied probability and stochastic optimization. White this new book retains the features of providing theory, realistic examples and practically useful algorithms it is written with a wider readership in mind and is more student-oriented.

Covering renewal and regenerative processes, discrete-time and continuous-time

Markov chains, Markovian decision processes, inventory and



queuing theory the book will enable students to perform algorithmic analysis for specific problems.

Chosen to illustrate the basic models and their associated solution methods, the examples are drawn from a variety of applications fields, such as inventory control, reliability, maintenance, insurance and teletraffic. Each chapter concludes with a range of interesting and thought-provoking exercises, some of which require the use of computer software.

The accessible yet rigorous exposition ensures that the book will be an invaluable resource for senior undergraduate and graduate students of operations research, statistics and engineering.

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Abstract This paper proposes a stochastic programming model and solution algorithm for solving sup-ply chain network design problems of a realistic scale. Existing approaches for these problems are either restricted to deterministic environments or can only address a modest number of scenarios for the uncertain problem parameters. This approach seeks network congurations that are good (nearly optimal) for a variety of scenarios of the design parameters at the expense of being sub-optimal for any one scenario. In this section, we detail an algorithmic strategy for solving the stochastic supply chain network design problem (2.15)-(2.16). Our method integrates a sampling strategy with an accelerated Benders decomposition scheme. 3.1 Sample Average Approximation. 2 The traditional stochastic approach. 3 Apparent randomness in financial markets. 4 An information-theoretic approach. 5 The study of the real time series vs. the simulation of an algorithmic market. 6 Experiments and Results. 7 Further considerations. stochastic models. We think that the study of frequency distributions and the application of algorithmic probability could constitute a tool for estimating and eventually understanding the information assimilation process in the market, making it possible to characterise the information content of prices. The paper is organised as follows: In 2 a simplied overview of the basics of the stochastic approach to the behaviour of nancial markets is introduced, followed by a section discussing the apparent randomness of the market.