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Strategic Organizational Learning Springer

This unique book is a collection of seven interdisciplinary surveys on modeling tumor dynamics and interactions between tumors and immune system. The goal is to provide an accessible, comprehensive report on the field and to help define a framework for future interdisciplinary research activity. Modeling and simulation of general behaviors of immune systems are also discussed. Each survey carefully covers a specialized field and provides a detailed description of the present state-of-the-art in research. The reader will be able to obtain essential information on the methodological approach used and on the models that are categorized and used. The book is an excellent resource and survey for applied mathematicians, mathematical biologists and biologists interested in modeling methods in immunology and related sciences.

Social and Ecological System Dynamics Springer-Verlag

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Improvement of Complex System Decision Making Using System Dynamics & Zachman Framework Techniques Diplomica Verlag

Concerns the problem of economic development through an experimental framework using system dynamics modelling and computer simulation. The book focuses on the design and implementation of the transitional processes.

Moving Beyond "the Model" EOLSS Publications

(Now available from Productivity Press, Cambridge, Mass.) Useful as both a text and a working resource, this volume contains 36 chapters (and 4 appendixes) illustrating the application of system dynamics to overall strategic planning and managerial problem-solving in the corporate functional areas of manufacturing, marketing and distribution, research and development, and finance and control. In addition, a final section treats the systems analysis of societal problems that impinge on a manager's social responsibilities. Many of the chapters provide full descriptions of the modeling processes and implemented results, and in nine cases the computer models are completely documented with listings of the model equations. This book is the first attempt to compile real managerial uses of the system dynamics approach, and the first volume since Forrester's Industrial Dynamics (MIT Press, 1961) to focus upon corporate system dynamics models. In draft form the book has been used as the basis for teaching system dynamics in the Sloan School's regular graduate programs and its middle-management executive development programs. In his introductory chapter on the concepts, philosophy, and methodology of system dynamics, the editor clearly identifies the underlying premises: "The system dynamics philosophy rests on a belief that the behavior (or time history) of an organization is principally caused by the organization's structure. The structure includes not only the physical aspects of plant and production process but, more importantly, the policies and traditions, both tangible and intangible, that dominate decision-making in the organization. Such a structural framework contains sources of amplification, time lags, and information feedback similar to those found in complex engineering systems. Engineering and management systems containing these characteristics display complicated response patterns to relatively simple system or input changes.... The subtleties and complexities in the management area make these problems even more severe. Here the structural orientation of system dynamics provides a beginning for replacing confusion with order. A second aspect of the system dynamics philosophy is the concept that organizations are viewed most effectively in terms of their common underlying flows instead of in terms of separate functions.... A meaningful system framework results from tracing cause-and-effect chains through the relevant flow paths." The book is included in the MIT Press/Wright-Allen Series in System Dynamics, of which Jay W. Forrester is general editor.

System dynamics as a methodology was largely devised by Forrester, Roberts, and other MIT faculty and staff. It employs computers to predict short- and long-term consequences of social, economic, and corporate policies, and has been used variously to chart the growth of new products in business, to study environmental change, and to examine the impact of public policies at scales ranging from the urban to the global. Professor Roberts' four prior books on system dynamics cover a similar range of theory and application of systems and computer modeling concepts.

Analysing Health System Dynamics Springer Science & Business Media

Supply Chain Simulation allows readers to practice modeling and simulating a multi-level supply chain. The chapters are a combination of the practical and the theoretical, covering: knowledge of simulation methods and techniques, the conceptual framework of a typical supply chain, the main concepts of system dynamics, and a set of practice problems with their corresponding solutions. The problem set includes illustrations and graphs relating to the simulation results of the Vensim® program, the main code of which is also provided. The examples used are a valuable simulation tool that can be modified and extended according to user requirements. The objective of Supply Chain Simulation is to meet the demands of supply chain simulation or similar courses taught at the

postgraduate level. The "what if" analysis recreates different simulation scenarios to improve the decision-making process in terms of supply chain performance, making the book useful not only for postgraduate students, but also for industrial practitioners.

The Essentials of Power System Dynamics and Control Springer-Verlag

Based on a structured approach to diversity, notably inspired by various forms of diversity of natural origins, Diversity and Non-integer Derivation Applied to System Dynamics provides a study framework to the introduction of the non-integer derivative as a modeling tool. Modeling tools that highlight unsuspected dynamical performances (notably damping performances) in an "integer" approach of mechanics and automation are also included. Written to enable a two-tier reading, this is an essential resource for scientists, researchers, and industrial engineers interested in this subject area. Table of Contents: 1. From Diversity to Unexpected Dynamic Performance. 2. The Robustness of Damping. 3. Fractional Differentiation and its Memory. 4. CRONE Suspension Idea. 5. CRONE Control Idea

System Dynamics in der strategischen Planung EOLSS Publications

This book approaches economic problems from a systems thinking and feedback perspective. By introducing system dynamics methods (including qualitative and quantitative techniques) and computer simulation models, the respective contributions apply feedback analysis and dynamic simulation modeling to important local, national, and global economics issues and concerns. Topics covered include: an introduction to macro modeling using a system dynamics framework; a system dynamics translation of the Phillips machine; a re-examination of classical economic theories from a feedback perspective; analyses of important social, ecological, and resource issues; the development of a biophysical economics module for global modelling; contributions to monetary and financial economics; analyses of macroeconomic growth, income distribution and alternative theories of well-being; and a re-examination of scenario macro modeling. The contributions also examine the philosophical differences between the economics and system dynamics communities in an effort to bridge existing gaps and compare methods. Many models and other supporting information are provided as online supplementary files. Consequently, the book appeals to students and scholars in economics, as well as to practitioners and policy analysts interested in using systems thinking and system dynamics modeling to understand and improve economic systems around the world. "Clearly, there is much space for more collaboration between the advocates of post-Keynesian economics and system dynamics! More generally, I would like to recommend this book to all scholars and practitioners interested in exploring the interface and synergies between economics, system dynamics, and feedback thinking." Comments in the Foreword by Marc Lavoie, Emeritus Professor, University of Ottawa and University of Sorbonne Paris Nord.

Development Planning and Policy Design MIT Press (MA)

As engineering systems become more increasingly interdisciplinary, knowledge of both mechanical and electrical systems has become an asset within the field of engineering. All engineers should have general facility with modeling of dynamic systems and determining their response and it is the objective of this book to provide a framework for that understanding.

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System Dynamics This paper begins with a history of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It discusses some of the prominent other nation actors and their impact upon the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This paper identifies the key nodes to nation building specific to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and it models these nodes using system dynamics. It uses the nation building approach offered by the Beginners guide to nation building by the Rand Corporation. It uses their methodology and the model to determine the critical nodes that should receive emphasis in funding and support to help improve the overall situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to ensure the state continues on the path to good governance and democracy.

Developing Modular-Oriented Simulation Models Using System Dynamics Libraries Springer

This book is a social—ecological system description and feedback analysis of the Lake Tana Basin, the headwater catchment of the Upper Blue Nile River. This basin is an important local, national, and international resource, and concern about its sustainable development is growing at many levels. Lake Tana Basin outflows of water, sediments, nutrients, and contaminants affect water that flows downstream in the Blue Nile across international boundaries into the Nile River; the lake and surrounding land have recently been proposed as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve; the basin has been designated as a key national economic growth corridor in the Ethiopian Growth and Transformation Plan. In spite of the Lake Tana Basin's importance, there is no comprehensive, integrated, system-wide description of its characteristics and dynamics that can serve as a basis for its sustainable development. This book presents both the social and ecological characteristics of the region and an integrated, system-wide perspective of the feedback links that shape social and ecological change in the basin. Finally, it summarizes key research needs for sustainable development.

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This book discusses the successes and challenges of leveraging organizational learning in effective strategy development and execution. The authors introduce a framework that helps organizations develop core capabilities to enable them to shift direction rapidly and proactively shape future environments. They also offer a wide selection of cases to illustrate this framework. While some cases highlight fundamental strategic change over time, others are snapshots of mechanisms gradually put in place to jointly optimize learning and performance. There is no one best or right way to leverage strategic organizational learning; different practices may lead to the same outcome and similar practices may lead to different outcomes. The system dynamics underlying such learning — not the simple adoption of one or other practice — are key to success in institutionalizing a performance-based learning approach.

Residential and Commercial Energy Demand John Wiley & Sons

This book presents a general framework for modelling power system devices to develop complete electromechanical models for synchronous machines, induction machines, and power electronic devices. It also presents linear system analysis tools that are specific to power systems and which are not generally taught in undergraduate linear system courses. Lastly, the book covers the application of the models, analysis and tools to the design of automatic voltage controllers and power system stabilisers, both for single-machine-infinite-bus systems and multi-machine interconnected systems. In most textbooks modelling, dynamic analysis, and control are closely linked to the computation methods used for analysis and design. In contrast, this book separates the essential principles and the computational methods used for power system dynamics and control. The clear distinction between principles and methods makes the potentially daunting task of designing controllers for power systems much easier to approach. A rich set of exercises is also included, and represents an integral part of the book. Students can immediately apply—using any computational tool or software—the essential principles discussed here to practical problems, helping them master the essentials.

Improving System Dynamics Teaching Using Online Surveys and Exercises New Age International

Decisions about Modeling and Simulation (M & S) of Complex Systems (CS) need to be evaluated prior to implementation. Discrete Event (DE), System Dynamics (SD), and Agent Based (AB) are three different M & S approaches widely applied to enhance decision-making of complex systems. However, single type M & S approaches can face serious challenges in representing the overall multidimensional nature of CS and may result in the design of oversimplified models excluding important factors. Conceptual frameworks are necessary to offer useful guidance for combining and/or integrating different M & S approaches. Although several hybrid M & S frameworks have been described and are currently deployed, there is limited guidance on when, why and how to combine, and/or integrate DE, SD, and AB approaches. The existing hybrid frameworks focus more on how to deal with specific problems rather than to provide a generic way of applicability to various problem situations.

A Generic Framework for Multi-method Modeling and Simulation of Complex Systems Using Discrete Event, System Dynamics and Agent Based Approaches

The effect of an increase of the education level of the population on innovation and economic growth is an important topic in current political discussions. This publication describes the results of a PhD-dissertation which quantifies the effect of education. The SEGESD model- Sectoral Endogenous Growth driven by Education in System Dynamics - was developed distinguishing 30 economic sectors in Germany. Increasing the spending for education is likely to result in a positive net effect. Women profit more than men from an increase in education spending. The higher the knowledge intensity of a sector, the higher the gains in additional gross output. In order to optimize growth effects, spending increases have to be introduced simultaneously in both medium and high level education programs. The Fraunhofer ISI analyzes the framework conditions for innovations. We explore the short- and long-term developments of innovation processes and the societal impacts of new technologies and services. On this basis, we provide our clients from industry, politics and science with policy recommendations and perspectives for key decisions. Our expertise lies in a broad scientific competence as well as an inter-disciplinary and systemic research approach.

An Analytical Framework and a System Dynamics Modeling Extension for Policy Development in the Presence of Variable Demand

This SpringerBrief introduces the development and practical application of a module-oriented development framework for domain specific system-dynamic libraries (SDL approach), which can be used in the simulation of multi-causal and dynamic relationships on different levels of an industry, as an example the construction industry. Multidisciplinary research and development teams, scientists from different domains as well as practitioners can develop SDL units from varying perspectives based on this approach. For example, the explanation of the risk situation of a company, the identification and evaluation of project risks, endangered operational procedures on various functional levels, or to improve the understanding of the decision making process in detail. This book is an excellent source for researchers, programmers and practitioners. It enables the development of suitable simulation systems from the beginning and demonstrates that it is possible to connect

the development of simulation models and daily work. It provides advanced-level students from different domains with a comprehensive overview and clear understanding of a new and valuable modeling technique.

Open Modeling Environment

The model applies a SD approach for the modeling of macro-political aggregate behavior. Therefore, the deep analysis of the SD portion of ForPol is modeled and calibrated in Vensim, using empirical data from the 1967 Arab-Israeli Six Day War as a pilot. Interactions within the model actualize Choucri, et. al. (2006), definition of state stability and agent behavior aspects of Cioffi-Revilla's (2009) SimPol polity model. Following calibration results discussion, the present work closes with consideration of future research directions.

System Dynamics

As legislations have become stricter and the competition on markets is getting stronger, companies facing return flows strive for the implementation of efficient and cost-effective reverse logistic procedures. At the same time, when managing reverse logistics, they are not only confronted with a high degree of uncertainties concerning the quality, quantity and timing of the product returns, but also with a dynamically changing environment. Various aspects, such the increasing amount of return flows, shorter repair and lead times as well as increasing disposal costs, affect the reverse logistic system and need to be managed proficiently. Additionally, handling product returns requires

supportive computer aided modelling tools that are capable of handling the dynamic and complex characteristics of the reverse logistic system and allow an improved estimation of the impact of a changing environment and management decisions. For the purpose of this study, the system dynamics modelling approach has been identified as particularly suitable for illustrating the system in question with a special focus on understanding the dynamic behaviour over time. A generic system dynamics model has been exemplarily created and simulated using the program iThink. The model comprises end-to-end processes of the main reverse logistic activities related to customer returns and has been used for studying the strategic design and optimization of the reverse logistic system. In order to consider relevant uncertainties as well as environmental concerns and economic efficiency, representative policies have been applied where, inter alia, with the help of the graphical illustration of the processes, effective strategies could be implemented. A general evaluation of the system dynamics methodology has revealed the significant advantages of using supportive modelling techniques for strategic decision making. Particularly for complex systems that change over time, such as reverse logistics, applying appropriate computer aided modelling tools in order to anticipate the overall effect on processes caused by varying surroundings has proven essential. An effective utilization of system dynamics may significantly reduce the forecasting and planning risks within individual frameworks, such as capacity planning. Moreover, the generic approach allows the application of the model to any other industry that is characterized by uncertain capacity utilization and varying technical, economical and legal conditions.

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