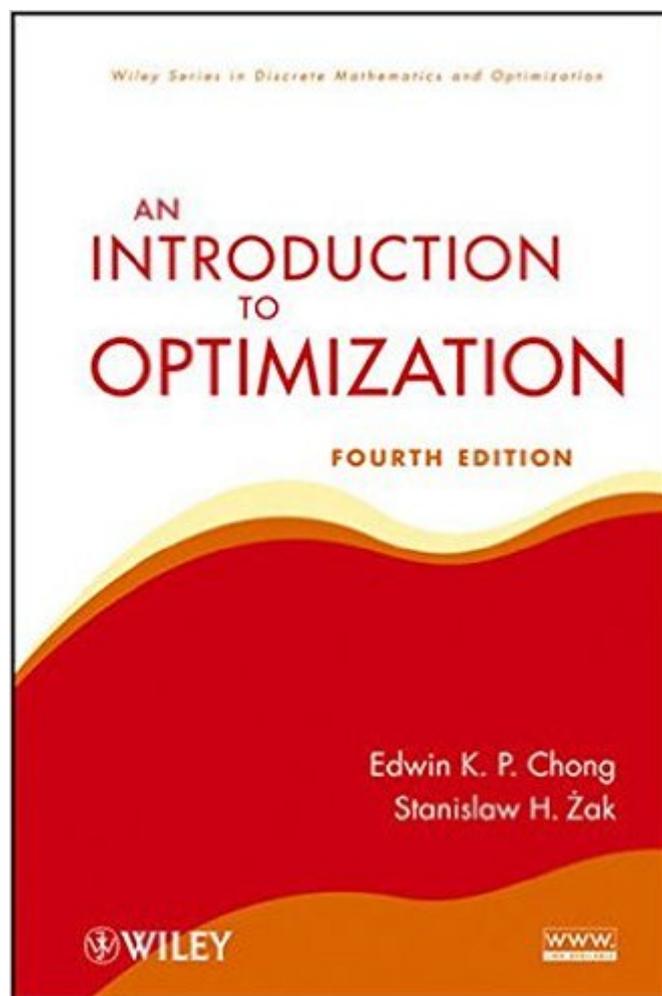


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This is the first semester I have taught from this text; previously I used the book by Nash & Sofer. I started with Part III in the Chong & Zak text (on Linear Programming). My first impression is that Chong & Zak could use more examples - the material on LP in Nash & Sofer seems better to me. I've looked at Part II in C & Z on unconstrained optimization and that might be better than the similar material in N & S, but I have not yet covered this material in class so I may change my opinion after doing so.

As a book meant to introduce optimization, I personally felt it could have used more examples. The book definitely touches on many subjects, which is great, and I understand the value of proofs. But for someone trying to pick up the material, I just feel walking through examples step by step is one of the best ways to explain how and why something works. Not just walls of text and general equations. In addition, I don't think I'm alone in being a visual person. Even if the figures were merely tables showing the probabilities of a two person game, I could have garnered so much more information from figures specific to an example problem. Also, some sections seem to skip examples completely, which I just don't find acceptable in an introductory text.

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