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numerical experiments involving both artificial data from academic papers in the field and real manufacturing data to certify the appropriateness of the models proposed. The book was intended to suit the broadest possible audience, and thus all algorithmic details are given in a detailed description with multiple numerical examples and informal explanations are provided for the theoretical results. In addition to managers and industrial engineers, this book is intended for academic researchers and students. It will also be attractive to many theoreticians, since it addresses many open problems in computer science and bioinformatics.