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rather than computation by the simplex method. Emphasis is also placed on risk aversion and risk measures, and the author illustrates portfolio management as a main motivator. Part IV builds on Part II and discusses a few multivariate analysis models. To help less mathematically inclined readers, each chapter in Part IV contains an initial section that illustrates and motivates each approach without delving into too many details. These readers may wish to skip the remainder of each chapter. The book's companion Web site includes Microsoft Office Excel workbooks to illustrate concepts. In addition, MATLAB files, additional excercises with solutions are provided online"

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