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## Combinatorics

### A Problem Oriented Approach

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# Combinatorics

## A Problem-Based Approach

*Springer* This text provides a theoretical background for several topics in combinatorial mathematics, such as enumerative combinatorics (including partitions and Burnside's lemma), magic and Latin squares, graph theory, extremal combinatorics, mathematical games and elementary probability. A number of examples are given with explanations while the book also provides more than 300 exercises of different levels of difficulty that are arranged at the end of each chapter, and more than 130 additional challenging problems, including problems from mathematical olympiads. Solutions or hints to all exercises and problems are included. The book can be used by secondary school students preparing for mathematical competitions, by their instructors, and by undergraduate students. The book may also be useful for graduate students and for researchers that apply combinatorial methods in different areas.

## Implementation Research on Problem Solving in School Settings

## Proceedings of the 2018 Joint Conference of ProMath and the GDM Working Group on Problem Solving

*WTM-Verlag Münster* **Content of the Book** The University of Potsdam hosted the 25th ProMath and the 5th WG Problem Solving conference. Both groups met for the second time in this constellation which contributed to profound discussions on problem solving in each country taking cultural particularities into account. The joint conference took place from 29th to 31st August 2018, with participants from Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Sweden, and Turkey. The conference revolved around the theme “Implementation research on problem solving in school settings”.

These proceedings contain 14 peer-reviewed research and practical articles including a plenary paper from our distinguished colleague Anu Laine. In addition, the proceedings include three workshop reports which likewise focused on the conference theme. As such, these proceedings provide an overview of different research approaches and methods in implementation research on problem solving in school settings which may help close the gap between research and practice, and consequently make a step forward toward making problem solving an integral part of school mathematics on a large-scale. Content PLENARY REPORT Anu Laine: How to promote learning in problem-solving? pp 3 - 18 This article is based on my plenary talk at the joint conference of ProMath and the GDM working group on problem-solving in 2018. The aim of this article is to consider teaching and learning problem-solving from different perspectives taking into account the connection between 1) teacher's actions and pupils' solutions and 2) teacher's actions and pupils' affective reactions. Safe and supportive emotional atmosphere is base for students' learning and attitudes towards mathematics. Teacher has a central role both in constructing emotional atmosphere and in offering cognitive support that pupils need in order to reach higher-level solutions. Teachers need to use activating guidance, i.e., ask good questions based on pupils' solutions. Balancing between too much and too little guidance is not easy. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.01> RESEARCH REPORTS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS Lukas Baumanns and Benjamin Rott: Is problem posing about posing "problems"? A terminological framework for researching problem posing and problem solving pp 21 - 31 In this literature review, we critically compare different problem-posing situations used in research studies. This review reveals that the term "problem posing" is used for many different situations that differ substantially from each other. For some situations, it is debatable whether they provoke a posing activity at all. For other situations, we propose a terminological differentiation between posing routine tasks and posing non-routine problems. To reinforce our terminological specification and to empirically verify our theoretical considerations, we conducted some task-based interviews with students. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.02> Kerstin Bräuning: Long-term study on the development of approaches for a combinatorial task pp 33 - 50 In a longitudinal research project over two years, we interviewed children up to 6 times individually to trace their developmental trajectories when they solve several times the same tasks from different mathematical areas. As a case study, I will present the combinatorial task and analyze how two children, a girl and a boy, over two years approached it. As a result of the case studies we can see that the analysis of the data product-oriented or process-oriented provides different results. It is also observable that the developmental trajectory of the girl is a more continuous learning process, which we cannot identify for the boy. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.03> Lars Burman: Developing students' problem-solving skills using

**problem sequences: Student perspectives on collaborative work pp 51 - 59** Using problem solving in mathematics classrooms has been the object of research for several decades. However, it is still necessary to focus on the development of problem-solving skills, and in line with the recent PISA assessment, more attention is given to collaborative problem solving. This article addresses students' collaborative work with problem sequences as a means to systematically develop students' problem-solving skills. The article offers student perspectives on challenges concerning the social atmosphere, differentiation on teaching, and learning in cooperation. In spite of the challenges, the students' experiences indicate that the use of problem sequences and group problem solving can be fruitful in mathematics education. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.04>

**Alex Friedlander: Learning algebraic procedures through problem solving pp 61 - 69** In this paper, I attempt to present several examples of tasks and some relevant findings that investigate the possibility of basing a part of the practice-oriented tasks on higher-level thinking skills, that are usually associated with processes of problem solving. The tasks presented and analysed here integrate problem solving-components - namely, reversed thinking, expressing and analysing patterns, and employing multiple solution methods, into the learning and practicing of algebraic procedures - such as creating equivalent expressions and solving equations. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.05>

**Thomas Gawlick and Gerrit Welzel: Backwards or forwards? Direction of working and success in problem solving pp 71 - 89** We pose ourselves the question: What can one infer from the direction of working when solvers work on the same task for a second time? This is discussed on the basis of 44 problem solving processes of the TIMSS task K10. A natural hypothesis is that working forwards can be taken as evidence that the task is recognized and a solution path is recalled. This can be confirmed by our analysis. A surprising observation is that when working backwards, pivotal for success is (in case of K10) to change to working forwards soon after reaching the barrier. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.06>

**Inga Gebel: Challenges in teaching problem solving: Presentation of a project in progress by using an extended tetrahedron model pp 91 - 109** In order to implement mathematical problem solving in class, it is necessary to consider many different dimensions: the students, the teacher, the theoretical demands and adequate methods and materials. In this paper, an implementation process is presented that considers the above dimensions as well as the research perspective by using an extended tetrahedron model as a structural framework. In concrete terms, the development and initial evaluation of a task format and a new teaching concept are presented that focus on differentiated problem-solving learning in primary school. The pilot results show initial tendencies towards possible core aspects that enable differentiated problem solving in mathematics teaching. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.07>

**Heike Hagelgans: Why does problem-oriented mathematics education not succeed in an eighth grade? An insight in an empirical study pp 111 - 119**

Based on current research findings on the possibilities of integration of problem solving into mathematics teaching, the difficulties of pupils with problem solving tasks and of teachers to get started in problem solving, this article would like to show which concrete difficulties delayed the start of the implementation of a generally problem-oriented mathematics lesson in an eighth grade of a grammar school. The article briefly describes the research method of this qualitative study and identifies and discusses the difficulties of problem solving in the examined school class. In a next step, the results of this study are used to conceive a precise teaching concept for this specific class for the introduction into problem-oriented mathematics teaching. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.08> Zoltán Kovács and Eszter Kónya: Implementing problem solving in mathematics classes pp 121 - 128 There is little evidence of teachers are using challenging problems in their mathematics classes in Hungary. At the University of Debrecen and University of Nyíregyháza, we elaborated a professional development program for inservice teachers in order to help them implementing problem solving in their classes. The basis of our program is the teacher and researcher collaboration in the lessonplanning and evaluation. In this paper we report some preliminary findings concerning this program. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.09> Ana Kuzle: Campus school project as an example of cooperation between the University of Potsdam and schools pp 129 - 141 The “Campus School Project” is a part of the “Qualitätsoffensive Lehrerbildung” project, whose aim is to improve and implement new structures in the university teacher training by bringing all the essential protagonists, namely university stuff, preservice teachers, and in-service teachers - together, and having them work jointly on a common goal. The department of primary mathematics education at the University of Potsdam has been a part of the Campus School Project since 2017. Thus far several cooperations emerged focusing on different aspects of problem solving in primary education. Here, I give an overview of selected cooperations, and the first results with respect to problem-solving research in different school settings. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.10> Ioannis Papadopoulos and Aikaterini Diakidou: Does collaborative problem-solving matter in primary school? The issue of control actions pp 143 - 157 In this paper we follow three Grade 6 students trying to solve (at first individually, and then in a group) arithmetical and geometrical problems. The focus of the study is to identify and compare the various types of control actions taken during individual and collaborative problem-solving to show how the collective work enhances the range of the available control actions. At the same time the analysis of the findings give evidence about the impact of the collaborative problemsolving on the way the students can benefit in terms of aspects of social metacognition. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.11> Sarina Scharnberg: Adaptive teaching interventions in collaborative problem-solving processes pp 159 - 171 Even though there exists limited knowledge on how exactly students acquire problem-solving competences, researchers

agree that adaptive teaching interventions have the potential to support students' autonomous problem-solving processes. However, most recent research aims at analyzing the characteristics of teaching interventions rather than the interventions' effects on the students' problem-solving process. The study in this paper addresses this research gap by focusing not only on the teaching interventions themselves, but also on the students' collaborative problem-solving processes just before and just after the interventions. The aim of the study is to analyze the interventions' effect on the learners' integrated problem-solving processes. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.12> Nina Sturm: Self-generated representations as heuristic tools for solving word problems pp 173 - 192 Solving non-routine word problems is a challenge for many primary school students. A training program was therefore developed to help third-grade students to find solutions to word problems by constructing external representations (e.g., sketches, tables) and to specifically use them. The objective was to find out whether the program positively influences students' problemsolving success and problem-solving skills. The findings revealed significant differences between trained and untrained classes. Therefore, it can be assumed that self-generated representations are heuristic tools that help students solve word problems. This paper presents the results on the impact of the training program on the learning outcome of students. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.13> Kinga Szűcs: Problem solving teaching with hearing and hearing-impaired students pp 193 - 203 In the last decade the concept of inclusion has become more and more prevalent in mathematics education, especially in Germany. Accordingly, teachers in mathematics classrooms have to face a wide range of heterogeneity, which includes physical, sensory and mental disabilities. At the Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena, within the framework of the project "Media in mathematics education" it is examined how new technologies can support teaching in inclusive mathematics classrooms. In the academic year 2017/18, the heterogeneity regarding hearing impairment was mainly focussed on. Based on a small case study with hearing and hearing-impaired students a problem-solving unit about tangent lines was worked out according to Pólya, which is presented in the paper. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.14> WORKSHOP REPORTS Ana Kuzle and Inga Gebel: Implementation research on problem solving in school settings: A workshop report 207 On the last day of the conference, we organized a 90-minute workshop. The workshop focused on the conference theme "Implementation research on problem solving in school settings". Throughout the conference, the participants were invited to write down their questions and/or comments as a response to held presentations. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.15> Ana Kuzle, Inga Gebel and Anu Laine: Methodology in implementation research on problem solving in school settings pp 209 - 211 In this report, a summary is given on the contents of the workshop. In particular, the methodology and some ethical questions in implementation research on problem solving in

school settings are discussed. The discussion showed how complex this theme is so that many additional questions emerged. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.16> Lukas Baumanns and Sarina Scharnberg: The role of protagonists in implementing research on problem solving in school practice pp 213 - 214 Based on seminal works of Pólya (1945) and Schoenfeld (1985), problem solving has become a major focus of mathematics education research. Even though there exists a variety of recent research on problem solving in schools, the research results do not have a direct impact on problem solving in school practice. Instead, a dissemination of research results by integrating different protagonists is necessary. Within our working group, the roles of three different protagonists involved in implementing research on problem solving in school practice were discussed, namely researchers, pre-service, and in-service teachers, by examining the following discussion question: To what extent do the different protagonists enable implementation of research findings on problem solving in school practice?

<https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.17> Benjamin Rott and Ioannis Papadopoulos: The role of problem solving in school mathematics pp 215 - 217 In this report of a workshop held at the 2018 ProMath conference, a summary is given of the contents of the workshop. In particular, the role of problem solving in regular mathematics teaching was discussed (problem solving as a goal vs. as a method of teaching), with implications regarding the selection of problems, its implementation into (written) exams as well as teacher proficiency that is needed for implementing problem solving into mathematics teaching. <https://doi.org/10.37626/GA9783959871167.0.18>

## Integration of AI and OR Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems

### First International Conference, CPAIOR 2004, Nice, France, April 20-22, 2004, Proceedings

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2004, held in Nice, France in April 2004. The 23 revised full papers and 7 revised short papers presented together with an invited talk were carefully reviewed and selected from 56 submissions. Methodological and foundational issues from AI, OR, and algorithmics are presented as well as applications to the solution of combinatorial optimization problems in various fields via constraint programming.

## Computational Combinatorial Optimization

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## Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization

### 13th European Conference, EvoCOP 2013, Vienna, Austria, April 3-5, 2013, Proceedings

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reviewed and selected from 50 submissions. The papers present the latest research and discuss current developments and applications in metaheuristics - a paradigm to effectively solve difficult combinatorial optimization problems appearing in various industrial, economic, and scientific domains. Prominent examples of metaheuristics are ant colony optimization, evolutionary algorithms, greedy randomized adaptive search procedures, iterated local search, simulated annealing, tabu search, and variable neighborhood search. Applications include scheduling, timetabling, network design, transportation and distribution, vehicle routing, the travelling salesman problem, packing and cutting, satisfiability, and general mixed integer programming.

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## Computer Literature Bibliography: 1964-1967

## Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization

## 20th European Conference, EvoCOP 2020, Held as Part

# of EvoStar 2020, Seville, Spain, April 15–17, 2020, Proceedings

*Springer Nature* This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 20th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization, EvoCOP 2020, held as part of Evo\*2020, in Seville, Spain, in April 2020, co-located with the Evo\*2020 events EuroGP, EvoMUSART and EvoApplications. The 14 full papers presented in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from 37 submissions. The papers cover a wide spectrum of topics, ranging from the foundations of evolutionary computation algorithms and other search heuristics, to their accurate design and application to combinatorial optimization problems.

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software developers, and graduate students from various disciplines will find this in-depth reader-friendly exposition of advances and applications of grouping genetic algorithms an interesting, informative and valuable resource.

## NBS Special Publication

# Integration of AI and OR Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems 6th International Conference, CPAIOR 2009 Pittsburgh, PA, USA, May 27-31, 2009 Proceedings

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## Intelligent Agents and Multi-Agent Systems

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## Combinatorial Programming: Methods and Applications

# Proceedings of the NATO Advanced Study Institute held at the Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France, 2-13 September, 1974

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estimation of distribution algorithms and ant colony optimization.

## Combinatorial Optimization

Second International Symposium, ISCO 2012, Athens, Greece, 19-21, Revised Selected Papers

*Springer* This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the Second International Symposium on Combinatorial Optimization, ISCO 2012, held in Athens, Greece, in April 2012. The 37 revised full papers presented together with 4 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 94 regular and 30 short submissions. They present original research on all aspects of combinatorial optimization, ranging from mathematical foundations and theory of algorithms to computational studies and practical applications.

## Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization

4th European Conference, EvoCOP 2004, Coimbra, Portugal, April 5-7, 2004, Proceedings

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packing, scheduling, timetabling, traveling salesman, vehicle routing, and various other real-world applications.

## Combinatorial Optimization

### Third International Symposium, ISCO 2014, Lisbon, Portugal, March 5-7, 2014, Revised Selected Papers

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geometric basic concepts of linear programming theory and network flows needed for understanding integer programming. Finally, the book concludes with classical and modern solution approaches as well as the key components for building an integrated software system capable of solving large-scale integer programming and combinatorial optimization problems. Throughout the book, the authors demonstrate essential concepts through numerous examples and figures. Each new concept or algorithm is accompanied by a numerical example, and, where applicable, graphics are used to draw together diverse problems or approaches into a unified whole. In addition, features of solution approaches found in today's commercial software are identified throughout the book. Thoroughly classroom-tested, *Applied Integer Programming* is an excellent book for integer programming courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as a well-organized reference for professionals, software developers, and analysts who work in the fields of applied mathematics, computer science, operations research, management science, and engineering and use integer-programming techniques to model and solve real-world optimization problems.

## Integration of AI and OR Techniques in Constraint Programming for Combinatorial Optimization Problems

### Third International Conference, CPAIOR 2006, Cork, Ireland, May 31 - June 2, 2006, Proceedings

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## Combinatorial Algorithms

28th International Workshop, IWOCA 2017, Newcastle, NSW, Australia, July 17-21, 2017, Revised Selected Papers

*Springer* This book constitutes the refereed post-conference proceedings of the 28th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms, IWOCA 2017, held in Newcastle, NSW, Australia, in July 2017. The 30 regular papers presented in this volume together with 5 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 55 submissions. They were organized in topical sessions named: approximation algorithms and hardness; computational complexity; computational geometry; graphs and combinatorics; graph colourings, labellings and power domination; heuristics; mixed integer programming; polynomial algorithms; privacy; and string algorithms.

## Algorithmic and Quantitative Real Algebraic Geometry

DIMACS Workshop, Algorithmic and Quantitative Aspects of Real Algebraic, Geometry in Mathematics and Computer Science, March 12-16, 2001, DIMACS Center

*American Mathematical Soc.* Algorithmic and quantitative aspects in real algebraic geometry are becoming increasingly important areas of research because of their roles in other areas of mathematics and computer science. The papers in

this volume collectively span several different areas of current research. The articles are based on talks given at the DIMACS Workshop on "Algorithmic and Quantitative Aspects of Real Algebraic Geometry". Topics include deciding basic algebraic properties of real semi-algebraic sets, application of quantitative results in real algebraic geometry towards investigating the computational complexity of various problems, algorithmic and quantitative questions in real enumerative geometry, new approaches towards solving decision problems in semi-algebraic geometry, as well as computing algebraic certificates, and applications of real algebraic geometry to concrete problems arising in robotics and computer graphics. The book is intended for researchers interested in computational methods in algebra.

## Metaheuristics and Optimization in Computer and Electrical Engineering

*Springer Nature* The use of artificial intelligence, especially in the field of optimization is increasing day by day. The purpose of this book is to explore the possibility of using different kinds of optimization algorithms to advance and enhance the tools used for computer and electrical engineering purposes.

## Parallel Combinatorial Optimization

*John Wiley & Sons* This text provides an excellent balance of theory and application that enables you to deploy powerful algorithms, frameworks, and methodologies to solve complex optimization problems in a diverse range of industries. Each chapter is written by leading experts in the fields of parallel and distributed optimization. Collectively, the contributions serve as a complete reference to the field of combinatorial optimization, including details and findings of recent and ongoing investigations.

## Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science

## 4th International Conference, LOD 2018, Volterra, Italy, September 13-16, 2018, Revised Selected Papers

*Springer* This book constitutes the post-conference proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science, LOD 2018, held in Volterra, Italy, in September 2018. The 46 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 126 submissions. The papers cover topics in the field of machine learning, artificial intelligence, reinforcement learning, computational optimization and data science presenting a substantial array of ideas, technologies, algorithms, methods and applications.

## Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization

### 7th European Conference, EvoCOP 2007, Valencia, Spain, April 11-13, 2007, Proceedings

*Springer Science & Business Media* This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization, EvoCOP 2007, held in Valencia, Spain in April 2007. The 21 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 81 submissions. The papers cover evolutionary algorithms as well as various other metaheuristics, like scatter search, tabu search, memetic algorithms, variable neighborhood search, greedy randomized adaptive search procedures, ant colony optimization, and particle swarm optimization algorithms. The papers are specifically dedicat.

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## Multi-Objective Combinatorial Optimization Problems and Solution Methods

*Academic Press* **Multi-Objective Combinatorial Optimization Problems and Solution Methods** discusses the results of a recent multi-objective combinatorial optimization achievement that considered metaheuristic, mathematical programming, heuristic, hyper heuristic and hybrid approaches. In other words, the book presents various multi-objective combinatorial optimization issues that may benefit from different methods in theory and practice. Combinatorial optimization problems appear in a wide range of applications in operations research, engineering, biological sciences and computer science, hence many optimization approaches have been developed that link the discrete universe to the continuous universe through geometric, analytic and algebraic techniques. This book covers this important topic as computational optimization has become increasingly popular as design optimization and its applications in engineering and industry have become ever more important due to more stringent design requirements in modern engineering practice. Presents a collection of the most up-to-date research, providing a complete overview of multi-objective combinatorial optimization problems and applications Introduces new approaches to handle different engineering and science problems, providing the field with a collection of related research not already covered in the primary literature Demonstrates the efficiency and power of the various algorithms, problems and solutions, including numerous examples that illustrate concepts and algorithms

## Proceedings of the Tenth International Conference on

# Soft Computing and Pattern Recognition (SoCPaR 2018)

*Springer* This book highlights recent research on Soft Computing, Pattern Recognition, Information Assurance and Security. It presents 38 selected papers from the 10th International Conference on Soft Computing and Pattern Recognition (SoCPaR 2018) and the 14th International Conference on Information Assurance and Security (IAS 2018) held at Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto (ISEP), Portugal during December 13-15, 2018. SoCPaR - IAS 2018 is a premier conference and brings together researchers, engineers and practitioners whose work involves soft computing and information assurance and their applications in industry and the real world. Including contributions by authors from over 25 countries, the book offers a valuable reference guide for all researchers, students and practitioners in the fields of Computer Science and Engineering.

# Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization

6th International IPCO Conference Houston, Texas, June 22-24, 1998 Proceedings

*Springer* This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO '98, held in Houston, Texas, USA, in June 1998. The 32 revised papers presented were carefully selected from a total of 77 submissions. The book is divided into sections on 0/1 matrices and matroids, edge connectivity, algorithms, integer Programming computation, network flows, scheduling, and quadratic assignment problems.

# Advances in Production Management Systems.

# Production Management for Data-Driven, Intelligent, Collaborative, and Sustainable Manufacturing

IFIP WG 5.7 International Conference, APMS 2018, Seoul, Korea, August 26-30, 2018, Proceedings, Part I

*Springer* The two-volume set IFIP AICT 535 and 536 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2018, held in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2018. The 129 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 149 submissions. They are organized in the following topical sections: lean and green manufacturing; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; product-service systems, customer-driven innovation and value co-creation; collaborative networks; smart production for mass customization; global supply chain management; knowledge based production planning and control; knowledge based engineering; intelligent diagnostics and maintenance solutions for smart manufacturing; service engineering based on smart manufacturing capabilities; smart city interoperability and cross-platform implementation; manufacturing performance management in smart factories; industry 4.0 - digital twin; industry 4.0 - smart factory; and industry 4.0 - collaborative cyber-physical production and human systems.

## Production Research

### Approaching the 21st Century

*Taylor & Francis Group* Contains selected and edited highlights from the 10th ICPR, held in Nottingham, from the 14th-17th August 1989. Specific themes arising from this conference include manufacturing processes, organization of production management and all aspects of automation.