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Includes enhanced maps, street-by-street guides, background information on popular sights, and a traveler's survival guide providing tips on hotels, restaurants, local customs, transportation, medical services, and museums.

The third edition of Van Kampen's standard work has been revised and updated. The main difference with the second edition is that the contrived application of the quantum master equation in section 6 of chapter XVII has been replaced with a satisfactory treatment of quantum fluctuations. Apart from that throughout the text corrections have been made and a number of references to later developments have been included. From the recent textbooks the following are the most relevant. C.W.Gardiner, Quantum Optics (Springer, Berlin 1991) D.T. Gillespie, Markov Processes (Academic Press, San Diego 1992) W.T. Coffey, Yu.P.Kalmykov, and J.T.Waldron, The Langevin Equation (2nd edition, World Scientific, 2004) Comprehensive coverage of fluctuations and stochastic methods for describing them A must for students and researchers in applied mathematics, physics and physical chemistry

This book, Social Infrastructure: New York, one of a series that documents the Bass Fellowship at the Yale School of Architecture studio led by real estate developer Douglas Durst of the Durst Organization, a leading New York firm known for spearheading sustainable high-rise developments, and architect Bjarke Ingels, founder of Copenhagen- and New York-based Bjarke Ingels Group. Their students explored potential synergies between public and private programs in the design of inhabited bridges crossing major waterways in metropolitan New York. The group traveled to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway to research developments that successfully integrated the needs of numerous stake-holders. The featured projects from the studio demonstrate a diverse range of approaches for combining residential, cultural, and commercial activities on complex and dense infrastructural sites in imaginative and productive ways.

"Deeply moving...A first-rate, highly readable intellectual history." –The Wall Street Journal The drama that shaped today's Iran, from the Revolution to the present day. In 1979, seemingly overnight—moving at a clip some thirty years faster than the rest of the world—Iran became the first revolutionary theocracy in modern times. Since then, the country has been largely a black box to the West, a sinister presence looming over the horizon. But inside Iran, a breathtaking drama has unfolded since then, as religious thinkers, political operatives, poets, journalists, and activists have imagined and reimagined what Iran should be. They have drawn as deeply on the traditions of the West as of the East and have acted upon their beliefs with urgency and passion, frequently staking their lives for them. With more than a decade of experience reporting on, researching, and writing about Iran, Laura Secor narrates this unprecedented history as a story of individuals caught up in the slipstream of their time, seizing and wielding ideas powerful enough to shift its course as they wrestle with their country's apparatus of violent repression as well as its rich and often tragic history. Essential reading at this moment when the fates of our countries have never been more entwined, Children of Paradise will stand as a classic of political reporting; an indelible portrait of a nation and its people striving for change.

An essential handbook for entrepreneurs with the basic techniques to follow in creating a viable idea and startup.

Urban-Think Tank (U-TT), an interdisciplinary design practice emerging from the turbulent political environment of Chávez-era Caracas, has pursued projects in Latin America, Europe, and Africa for almost twenty years. Their diverse work positioned the firm at the forefront of a social turn in architecture in the late 1990s, with concrete urban interventions encouraging social cohesion in the megacities of the Global South and Europe's evolving metropolises. U-TT has also produced numerous media projects that harness film, theater, exhibitions, and print to create new discursive spaces and question how our cities are shaped, and for whom. Most notable is its work on the squatted skyscraper for which the firm shared the Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale of Architecture in 2012. This book looks forward as well as back, imagining new spaces for a hyper-urbanized world and gaining insight from informal settlements, spatial play, and artistic interventions in public space.

Scheduling is a resource allocation problem which exists in virtually every type of organization. Scheduling problems have produced roughly 40 years of research primarily within the OR community. This community has traditionally emphasized mathematical modeling techniques which seek exact solutions to well formulated optimization problems. While this approach produced important results, many contemporary scheduling problems are particularly difficult. Hence, over the last ten years operations researchers interested in scheduling have turned increasingly to more computer intensive and heuristic approaches. At roughly the same time, researchers in AI began to focus their methods on industrial and management science applications. The result of this confluence of fields has been a period of remarkable growth and excitement in scheduling research. Intelligent Scheduling Systems captures the results of a new wave of research at the forefront of scheduling research, of interest to researchers and practitioners alike. Presented are an array of the latest contemporary tools -- math modeling to tabu search to genetic algorithms -- that can assist in operational scheduling and solve difficult scheduling problems. The book presents the most recent research results from both operations research (OR) and artificial intelligence (AI) focusing their efforts on real scheduling problems.

Nanodroplets, the basis of complex and advanced nanostructures such as quantum rings, quantum dots and quantum dot clusters for future electronic and optoelectronic materials and devices, have attracted the interdisciplinary interest of chemists, physicists and engineers. This book combines experimental and theoretical analyses of nanosized droplets which reveal many attractive properties. Coverage includes nanodroplet synthesis, structure, unique behaviors and their nanofabrication, including chapters on focused ion beam, atomic force microscopy, molecular beam epitaxy and the "vapor-liquid- solid" route. Particular emphasis is given to the behavior of metallic nanodroplets, water nanodroplets and nanodroplets in polymer and metamaterial nanocomposites. The contributions of leading scientists and their research groups will provide readers with deeper insight into the chemical and physical mechanisms, properties, and potential applications of various nanodroplets.

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The ultimate guide to Revit Architecture just got even better Mastering Autodesk Revit 2017 for Architecture is the bestselling guide for Revit Architecture users of all levels, with focused discussions, detailed exercises, and compelling real-world examples. This new edition has been completely revamped based on reader and Revit Architecture instructor feedback to be more useful, more complete, and more approachable than ever. Organized by real-world workflow, practical tutorials guide you through each phase of a project to help you understand BIM concepts and quickly start accomplishing vital Revit Architecture tasks. From templates, work-sharing, and project management, to modeling, documentation, annotation, and complex structures, this book provides full coverage of essential Revit Architecture tools and processes. The companion website features before-and-after tutorials, additional advanced content, and an hour of video instruction to help you quickly master crucial techniques. Learn up-to-date Revit Architecture workflows and

processes Master modeling, massing, and other visualization techniques Work with complex structural elements and advanced detailing Prepare for Autodesk certification exams Building information modeling pairs the visual design representation with a parametric database that stores all geometry, spatial relationships, materials, and other data generated by the design process. Design changes instantly update all documentation, and it's this efficiency that makes BIM the new permanent paradigm. Whether you're studying for a certification exam or navigating the switch from CAD, Mastering Autodesk Revit 2017 for Architecture is your number-one guide to getting up and running quickly.

This invaluable reference teaches effective and practical techniques to improve the overall performance and outcome of design projects in various industries. Value Engineering highlights the application of value methodology to streamline current day operations, strategic planning in company or business segments, and everyday business decisions in the private sector. The book shows how to maximize budgets, reduce life cycle costs, improve project understanding, and create better working relationships. It explains how to gather information for the creation, evaluation, development, and presentation of new project ideas and shows how to design an appropriate task agenda and timeline.

Middle East Economic DigestMEED.Value Engineering in the Construction IndustryVan Nostrand Reinhold CompanyQuality Management in Oil and Gas ProjectsCRC Press

This book asks how modern universities are organized and managed, and questions whether 30 years of university reforms have resulted in stronger managerial structures and leadership control. It further asks whether current organisational and decision-making structures can be explained by public reform policies. The book offers a coherent, empirically grounded and theoretically driven presentation of data and core ideas behind a large scale comparative study of 26 universities across eight European countries. It focuses on the strength of university managerial structures, the role of academics, and how universities relate to and depend on their environment: to governments and other actors; to funders; to evaluators; and to external stakeholders. It further explores how higher education policies are shaped by and affect universities. Written by a cross-disciplinary team of European scholars, this book is unique both in its wide coverage and the depth of its analyses. It will be of great interest to scholars, graduate students and advanced undergraduates in the fields of organisation theory and sociology, policy studies, comparative public policy and administration, and higher education studies. It will also be of interest to higher education policy makers and administrators.

This Dictionary covers information and communication technology (ICT), including hardware and software; information networks, including the Internet and the World Wide Web; automatic control; and ICT-related computer-aided fields. The Dictionary also lists abbreviated names of relevant organizations, conferences, symposia and workshops. This reference is important for all practitioners and users in the areas mentioned above, and those who consult or write technical material. This Second Edition contains 10,000 new entries, for a total of 33,000.

This book provides construction professionals, designers, contractors and quality auditors involved in construction projects with the auditing skills and processes required to improve construction quality and make their projects more competitive and economical. The processes within the book focus on auditing compliance to ISO, corporate quality management systems, project specific quality management systems, contract management, regulatory authorities' requirements, safety, and environmental considerations. The book is divided into seven chapters and each chapter is divided into numbered sections covering auditing-related topics that have importance or relevance for understanding quality auditing concepts for construction projects. No other book covers construction quality auditing in such detail and with this level of practical application. It is an essential guide for construction and quality professionals, but also for students and academics interested in learning about quality auditing in construction projects.

The first edition published in 2010. The response was encouraging and many people appreciated a book that was dedicated to quality management in construction projects. Since it published, ISO 9000: 2008 has been revised and ISO 9000: 2015 has published. The new edition will focus on risk-based thinking which must be considered from the beginning and throughout the project life cycle. There are quality-related topics such as Customer Relationship, Supplier Management, Risk Management, Quality Audits, Tools for Construction Projects, and Quality Management that were not covered in the first edition. Furthermore, some figures and tables needed to be updated to make the book more comprehensive.

This book provides the tools and techniques, management principles, procedures, concepts, and methods to ensure the successful completion of an oil and gas project while also ensuring the proper design, procurement, and construction for making the project most qualitative, competitive, and economical for safer operational optimized performance. It discusses quality during design, FEED, detailed engineering, selection of project teams, procurement procedure of EPC contract, managing quality during mobilization, procurement, execution, planning, scheduling, monitoring, control, quality, and testing to achieve the desired results for an oil and gas project. This book provides all the related information to professional practitioners, designers, consultants, contractors, quality managers, project managers, construction managers, and academics/instructors involved in oil and gas projects and related industries. Features Provides information on the various quality tools used to manage construction projects from inception to handover Discusses the life cycle phases, developed on systems engineering approach, and how it is divided into manageable activity/element/components segments to manage and control the project Includes a wide range of tools, techniques, principles, and procedures used to address quality management Covers quality management systems and development of quality management systems manuals Discusses quality and risk management, and health, safety, and environmental management during the design and construction process

The book is developed to provide significant information and guidelines to construction and project management professionals (owners, designers, consultants, construction managers, project managers, supervisors, contractors,

builders, developers, and many others from the construction-related industry) involved in construction projects (mainly civil construction projects, commercial-A/E projects) and construction-related industries. It covers the importance of construction management principles, procedures, concepts, methods, and tools, and their applications to various activities/components/subsystems of different phases of the life cycle of a construction project. These applications will improve the construction process in order to conveniently manage the project and make the project most qualitative, competitive, and economical. It also discuss the interaction and/or combination among some of the activities/elements of management functions, management processes, and their effective implementation and applications that are essential throughout the life cycle of project to conveniently manage the project. This handbook will: Focus on the construction management system to manage construction projects Include a number of figures and tables which will enhance reader comprehension Provide all related topics/areas of construction management Be of interest to all those involved in construction management and project management Provide information about Building Information Modeling (BIM), and ISO Certification in Construction Industry Offer a chapter on Lean construction The construction project life cycle phases and its activities/elements/subsystems are comprehensively developed and take into consideration Henri Fayol's Management Function concept which was subsequently modified by Koontz and O'Donnel and Management Processes Knowledge Areas described in PMBOK® published by Project Management Institute (PMI). The information available in the book will also prove valuable for academics/instructors to provide construction management/project management students with in-depth knowledge and guidelines followed in the construction projects and familiarize them with construction management practices.

The wave of anti-government protests that swept through the Arab world from December 2010 on transformed the face of the whole Middle East. The protests came as a surprise to many observers-- but not to Rami Zurayk, a very experienced Lebanese agronomist and social activist who had been charting the collapse of traditional agricultural livelihoods in the Middle East for more than quarter of a century and had watched the successive spikes in food prices that rocked the low-income portions of the world economy from 2007 on with great concern. In 2007, Zurayk started writing the "Land and People" blog, as an adjunct to a project he had founded the previous year, to provide agricultural extension and support services to some of the South Lebanese communities that had been hardest hit by the widespread Israeli attacks of July-August 2006. Now, with the publication of *Food, Farming, and Freedom: Sowing the Arab Spring*, Zurayk presents his choice of the best of the posts in the blog, along with some of his other writings, grouped into five chapters that address: 1. Issues of food sovereignty and politics, 2. The food-price crisis of 2007-2008 and how it affected Arab countries, 3. Issues at the nexus of environment, resources, and people, including phenomena such as the "Slow Food" movement with which Zurayk has long been affiliated, 4. A critique of many Western-dominated development efforts, and 5. The story of the Arab Spring, from December 2010 through mid-April, 2011. Interleaved between these five chapters is a series of travel reports, illustrated with Zurayk's own photos, from trips he took in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Morocco, during which he sought to learn more about (and enjoy) these countries' land and people-- and their food.

This revised second edition of the standard reference for design professionals supplies an arsenal of economic weapons for constructing, operating, and managing buildings at the lowest cost possible. Everything professionals need to put the latest construction-related strategies to work is right here in one convenient, quick reference guide.

A complete guide to planning, writing and designing documentation for distribution to an international audience. Shows publication departments and design teams how to create one document for world-wide distribution; covers all forms of documentation; carefully describes the do's and taboos of page layout, color, example choices and much more.

Master all the core concepts and functionality of Revit MEP Revit MEP has finally come into its own, and this perfectly paced reference covers all the core concepts and functionality of this fast-growing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing software. The authors collate all their years of experience to develop this exhaustive tutorial that shows you how to design using a versatile model. You'll discover tips, tricks, and real-world exercises that only authors who use the software daily in a professional environment can know and explain. Explores the basics of the interface, how to create and use project templates, how to generate schedules that show quantities, materials, design dependencies, and more Examines the mechanical side of Revit MEP, including chapters on creating logical air, water, and fire protection systems and evaluating building loads Delves into how to best generate and model content, including solid modeling, creating symbols, using parameters, creating equipment, and more Featuring real-world sidebars, hands-on tutorials, and a supporting Web site, this reference allows you to jump into any tutorial and compare your finished work to the pros.

The Aubin Academy Master Series: Revit® MEP is the ideal book to help readers successfully use Revit MEP. It is a concise manual focused squarely on the rationale and practicality of the Revit MEP Building Information Model (BIM) process. The book emphasizes the process of creating projects in MEP rather than a series of independent commands and tools. The goal of each lesson is to help the reader complete their projects successfully. Tools are introduced together in a focused process with a strong emphasis on "why" as well as "how." The text and exercises seek to give the reader a clear sense of the value of the tools, and a clear indication of each tool's potential. The Aubin Academy Master Series: Revit MEP is a resource designed to shorten your learning curve, raise your comfort level, and, most importantly, give you real-life tested practical advice on the usage of the software to create mechanical, electrical, and plumbing designs, and calculations. Empowered with the information within this book, you will have insight into how to use Revit MEP to create coordinated BIM project models and documentation. Revised and updated to the latest release of the software Includes practical project focused how-to exercises where readers learn by "doing". Focused on MEP Production so readers can learn to create a coordinated BIM model and documentation set. Written by authors with over 75 years of combined real-World architectural and MEP industry experience. Provides "Power User/BIM Manager" tips throughout. Includes free online download of complete dataset of project files to follow along in the exercises.

The best tutorial and reference to provide extensive coverage of Revit MEP This perfectly paced Autodesk Official Training Guide covers all the core concepts and functionality of Revit MEP, Autodesk's hot mechanical, engineering, and plumbing software. Hands-on, real-world tutorials reinforce the detailed discussions on a variety of Revit MEP topics, including interface, project setup and templates, worksharing, as well as such mechanical concerns as building loads and ductwork, such electrical concerns as lighting and communications outlets, and such plumbing concerns as fixtures and water systems. Serves as the only hands-on reference and tutorial to cover Autodesk Revit MEP in exhaustive detail Explores the interface and walks you through creating and using project templates Devotes extensive coverage to each aspect of Revit MEP: mechanical, electrical, and plumbing Includes chapters on solid modeling, creating symbols, using parameters, creating equipment, and more Shares tips, tricks, and real-world exercises that only professionals who use the software every day can provide To strengthen the learning experience, readers can download before-and-after tutorial files from the supporting web site so they can jump into any tutorial and immediately compare their work to that of the professionals.

The Bourj in central Beirut is one of the world's oldest and most vibrant public squares. Named after the mediaeval

lookout tower that once soared above the city's imposing ramparts, the square has also been known as Place des Canons (after a Russian artillery build-up in 1773) and Martyrs' Square (after the Ottoman execution of nationalists in 1916). As an open museum of civilizations, it resonates with influences from ancient Phoenician to colonial, post-colonial and, as of late, postmodern elements. Over the centuries it has come to embody pluralism and tolerance. During the Lebanese civil war (1975-90), this ebullient entertainment district, transport hub and melting-pot of cultures was ruptured by the notorious Green Line, which split the city into belligerent warring factions. Fractious infighting and punishing Israeli air raids compounded the damage, turning the Bourj into a no-man's-land. In the wake of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri's assassination (14 February 2005), the Bourj witnessed extraordinary scenes of popular, multi-faith and cross-generational protest. Once again, Samir Khalaf argues, the heart of Beirut was poised to re-invent itself as an open space in which diverse groups can celebrate their differences without indifference to the other. By revisiting earlier episodes in the Bourj's numerous transformations of its collective identity, Khalaf explores prospects for neutralizing the disheartening symptoms of reawakened religiosity and commodified consumerism. 'A timely and informative study on Beirut's pre-eminent patch of public space.' The Daily Star 'Khalaf has arguably contributed more fine studies on the history and sociology of modern Lebanon than has any other scholar alive.' Foreign Affairs 'A spirited guide to Beirut's (re)development, lively in style, rich in illustration and perceptive in analysis.' Frederick Anscombe, Birkbeck College, University of London

The AACE International CCP Certification Study Guide, 2nd Edition is designed as a companion workbook to the Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering, 6th Edition (S&K 6). In conjunction with S&K 6, this study guide will assist individuals in their preparation for the CCP Certification examination as well as develop the general knowledge a cost engineering professional is expected to have. This study guide offers insight into the key topics found in each chapter of S&K 6 and provides practice questions and exercises to better develop knowledge in individual areas.

Dealing with such a multi-layered and fungible intangible as quality during the design and construction process is difficult for all parties involved. To the architect, quality means an appealing and enduring design, but to the builder, it means understandable documents that, when acted upon, lead to an enduring, well-made structure. To the owner,

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