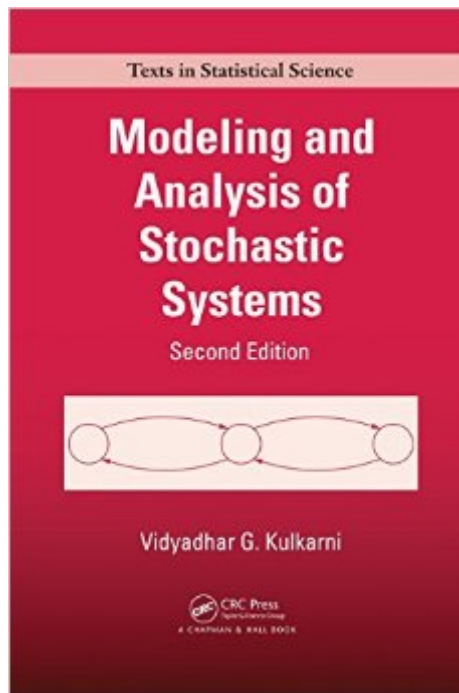


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The book arises from lectures at UNC-CH in a two-semester course on stochastic models. The author has exceptional precision and organization in the classroom, and this comes through in the book. Great book for teaching from, as well as learning from. This book also takes a step which more venerable texts, such as the Trivedi book or the Ross series could not -- it has computational exercises suitable for math packages like Mathematica. Thus, the student can be introduced to scientific computer literacy as well as stochastic processes. I recommend this book to anyone interested in teaching today's student, or for preparing themselves for challenges in Operations Research. The book would make an above-average reference as well. Mike Bailey Associate Professor, Naval Postgraduate School

I used this book in a graduate course on Stochastic processes. The book would rate as average or just above that as I found it to be insufficient for a start in the subject unless you were in a classroom course. It does assume some background in probability. Also, the explanations, while complete, are not as easy to understand as the Ross book. I also found that the examples were extremely easy as compared to the exercise problems. This makes it tougher to 'extrapolate' and understand. It has one nice feature though- solutions to half the problems are there at the end of the book making it better for students while giving faculty leeway too. The exercises are quite comprehensive too. I'd say this is an excellent book for someone with some prior knowledge of Stochastic Processes. For a beginner, this may not be the best start.

I notice a lot of the reviewers here are professors. As a student, my opinion of this book is that it is very difficult to understand without a mentor to guide you through it. The book consists of derivations of theorems and then examples. I don't find the derivations or examples particularly satisfying because there is very little illustration with why the math means. It takes a little imagination and a lot of patience to work through every page. The problems after each chapter are much more complex than the examples worked throughout the chapter and can be quite frustrating especially when you consider the numerous typos and errors. Not all of the problems have solutions provided in the back and the solutions that do exist are just the answers--no analyses or explanations. You would have to get the solutions manual if you wanted to tackle this on your own. Bottom line, it is not a beginner text and is fairly difficult to get through.

This text book isn't great but it isn't awful either. There are numerous typos and mistakes in the book. The author has a list of errata on his webpage that is 7 pages long and that is only a partial

list. The explanation in the book is okay and the exercises are pretty good. If you have a choice I recommend using the text by Ross for learning the material or Karlin and Taylor for reference.

This is a good book. It has concentrated on the modeling aspect a lot. But if you lack a little basics or aren't comfortable with the Probability & Statistics, you would have to study them first and then acquire this. This book takes it for granted that you are thorough with your basics. Therefore for students who performed average in prob& statistics, get your basics done before taking this up. But trust me, this is a good book about Stochastic processes.

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