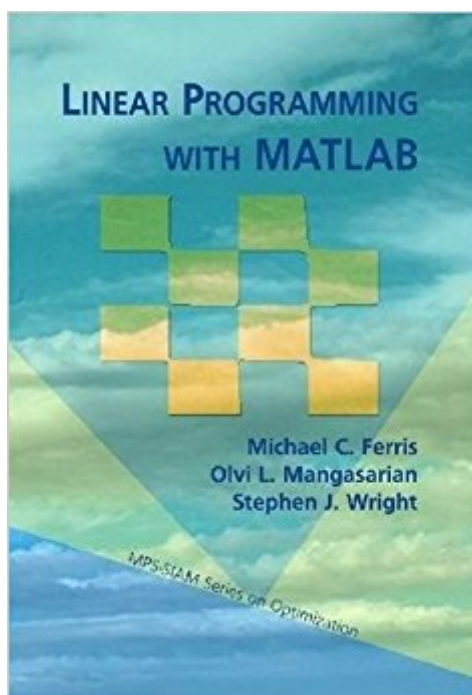


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Not a good choice for learning graduate level LP

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