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Advanced aspects of operations research 780 (BAO 780)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Industrial and Systems Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Decision makers are frequently faced with complex problem environments. The module introduces two advanced topics in the field of Operations Research that can assist in the development of more relevant decision support models. The first topic deals with multi objectivity and introduces a variety of interventions to incorporate the competing objectives into mathematical programming models. Secondly, the topic of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is introduced, a non-parametric method used to empirically measure the productive efficiency of decision-making units. This linear programming methodology allows the decision maker to measure the productivity in complex environments with multiple inputs and outputs; uncover often overlooked relationships between in- and outputs; and analyse and quantify the inefficiencies of every unit evaluated.

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