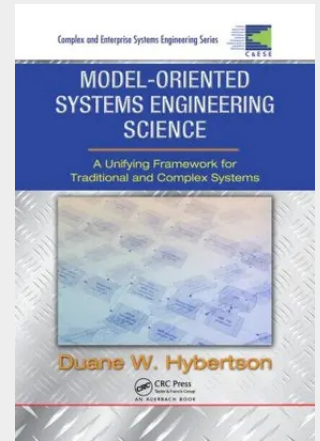


Model-oriented Systems Engineering Science

A Unifying Framework for Traditional and Complex Systems

Systems engineering (SE) is experiencing a significant expansion that encompasses increasingly complex systems. However, a common body of knowledge on how to apply complex systems engineering (CSE) has yet to be developed. A combination of people and other autonomous agents, crossing organization boundaries and continually changing, these hybrid systems are less predictable while being more self-organizing and adaptive than traditional systems. The growing pains of this evolution and the ever-widening reach of SE technology require an effective foundation for integrating traditional and complex engineering methods, addressing machine and human interaction, as well as scaling up and down, from nano scale to the macro system-of-systems level. Model-oriented Systems Engineering Science: A Unifying Framework for Traditional and Complex Systems addresses solutions to that expansion and integration problem. This text takes advantage of better-understood systems science (SS) to support the transition, identifying and using commonalities between complex systems and other sciences, such as biology, sociology, cognitive science, organizational theory, and computational science. The author defines Model-oriented Systems Engineering Science (MOSES), an organized system that selects appropriate information from these disciplines and unifies it into a coherent framework. The result is a seamless approach to the class of systems across the extended scope of the new SE—a foundation upon which to develop an enhanced and unified SE. Modeling orientation (MO) provides a common perspective on the entire SES/SE enterprise, including all supporting sciences, engineering for the full range of traditional, complex, and hybrid systems, and their management. This book extends existing modeling approaches into an MO that views all science artifacts and engineering artifacts as models of systems. It organizes them into a virtual structured repository called the "SE model space"—effectively a container for the accumulating body of SE and SES knowledge in the form of models and patterns. By organizing and integrating all these elements into a common framework, the author makes the material not only easily accessible but also immediately applicable, and provides a well-grounded basis for future growth and evolution of the SE discipline.

The field of systems engineering (SE) is at a juncture in its history where it needs to strengthen and extend its methods to support its expanding scope. This book addresses the issue, lays out a recommended direction for the future, and provides a unified basis for moving toward a mature discipline with the expanded scope. The author's approach is to build on the strengths of traditional SE, remedy the weaknesses, add elements that address the expanded scope, and unify all elements on a common foundation. The book addresses the systems that will be most prevalent from this point on, namely, systems characterized as a combination of traditional and complex, mechanistic and organic, natural and artificial.



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