

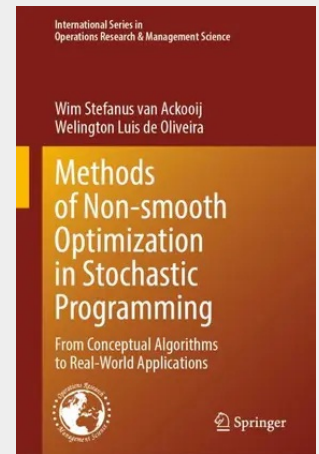
Methods of Nonsmooth Optimization in Stochastic Programming

From Conceptual Algorithms to Real-World Applications

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