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## **BAUTISTA NEWTON**

Measuring Productivity of Labour-Intensive Work Practices in Road Construction in Africa Routledge

The second edition of a comprehensive state-of-the-art graduate level text on microeconomic methods, substantially revised and updated. The second edition of this acclaimed graduate text provides a unified treatment of two methods used in contemporary econometric research, cross section and data panel methods. By focusing on assumptions that can be given behavioral content, the book maintains an appropriate level of rigor while emphasizing intuitive thinking. The analysis covers both linear and nonlinear models, including models with dynamics and/or individual heterogeneity. In addition to general estimation frameworks (particular methods of moments and maximum likelihood), specific linear and nonlinear methods are covered in detail, including probit and logit models and their multivariate, Tobit models, models for count data, censored and missing data schemes, causal (or treatment) effects, and duration analysis. *Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data* was the first graduate econometrics text to focus on microeconomic data structures, allowing assumptions to be separated into population and sampling assumptions. This second edition has been substantially updated and revised. Improvements include a broader class of models for missing data problems; more detailed treatment of cluster problems, an important topic for empirical researchers; expanded discussion of "generalized instrumental variables" (GIV) estimation; new coverage (based on the author's own recent research) of inverse probability weighting; a more complete framework for estimating treatment effects with panel data, and a firmly established link between econometric approaches to nonlinear panel data and the "generalized estimating equation" literature popular in statistics and other fields. New attention is given to explaining when particular

econometric methods can be applied; the goal is not only to tell readers what does work, but why certain "obvious" procedures do not. The numerous included exercises, both theoretical and computer-based, allow the reader to extend methods covered in the text and discover new insights.

### **Spon's Construction Resource Handbook** John Wiley & Sons

Estimators need to understand the consequences of entering into a contract, often defined by complex conditions and documents, as well as to appreciate the technical requirements of the project. *Estimating and Tendering for Construction Work*, 5th edition, explains the job of the estimator through every stage, from early cost studies to the creation of budgets for successful tenders. This new edition reflects recent developments in the field and covers: new tendering and procurement methods the move from basic estimating to cost-planning and the greater emphasis placed on partnering and collaborative working the New Rules of Measurement (NRM1 and 2), and examines ways in which practicing estimators are implementing the guidance emerging technologies such as BIM (Building Information Modelling) and estimating systems which can interact with 3D design models With the majority of projects procured using design-and-build contracts, this edition explains the contractor's role in setting costs, and design statements, to inform and control the development of a project's design. Clearly-written and illustrated with examples, notes and technical documentation, this book is ideal for students on construction-related courses at HNC/HND and Degree levels. It is also an important source for associated professions and estimators at the outset of their careers. *Ant Colony Optimization* John Wiley & Sons Covers aspects of work measurement, method study as well as work study as applied to the construction industry and deals with incentives. The book is based largely on Danish, Norwegian and Swedish experience, but is also intended to be applicable in any country.

### **Measuring Productivity in the Construction Industry** Routledge

Construction prices rose over the last year by 5%, according to AECOM's tender price index, with construction price inflation continuing to run above the long-run average. The main drivers are rising input costs. Producer price indices have moved up at a clip in recent quarters, with sharp increases in prices for materials and fuels consumed by UK manufacturers. Demand- and supply-side factors make the probability of short-term price falls very slim. SPON'S ARCHITECTS' AND BUILDERS' PRICE BOOK 2018, compiled by AECOM, still provides the most accurate, detailed and professionally relevant construction price information for the UK. Its unique Tender Index, updated through the year, gives an ongoing reality check and allows you to adjust for changing market conditions. Although it suits a wide range of project sizes, this is the only price book which sets out a detailed cost base for contracts exceeding £4,000,000 in value. Use the access code inside the front cover of the book to get set up with a VitalSource® ebook of this 2018 edition. This versatile and powerful online data viewing package is available for use until the end of December 2018. Major changes have been made to this 143rd edition: New Cost Models for a retail distribution unit, a palliative care unit, and a cinema As well as an overhaul of prices, several new items have been added, including: An expanded range of beam & block flooring Rainwater harvesting - with a precast concrete tank A precast concrete flow attenuation system Precast concrete communication boxes ... along with the standard features you have come to expect from SPON'S ARCHITECTS' AND BUILDERS' PRICE BOOK: 20,000 prices for the most frequently specified items, the majority with labour constants and detailed build-ups. Hundreds of alternative materials prices for the more unusual items. Detailed guidance on wage rates, daywork, cost limits and allowances, property insurance and professional fees, plus useful formulae, design criteria and trade association addresses. Updates, free of charge, two or three times a year - see

inside for registration details. Updates are available online at [www.pricebooks.co.uk](http://www.pricebooks.co.uk)  
Construction Quantity Surveying Canadian Scholars' Press

Chemical Engineering Design, Second Edition, deals with the application of chemical engineering principles to the design of chemical processes and equipment. Revised throughout, this edition has been specifically developed for the U.S. market. It provides the latest US codes and standards, including API, ASME and ISA design codes and ANSI standards. It contains new discussions of conceptual plant design, flowsheet development, and revamp design; extended coverage of capital cost estimation, process costing, and economics; and new chapters on equipment selection, reactor design, and solids handling processes. A rigorous pedagogy assists learning, with detailed worked examples, end of chapter exercises, plus supporting data, and Excel spreadsheet calculations, plus over 150 Patent References for downloading from the companion website. Extensive instructor resources, including 1170 lecture slides and a fully worked solutions manual are available to adopting instructors. This text is designed for chemical and biochemical engineering students (senior undergraduate year, plus appropriate for capstone design courses where taken, plus graduates) and lecturers/tutors, and professionals in industry (chemical process, biochemical, pharmaceutical, petrochemical sectors). New to this edition: Revised organization into Part I: Process Design, and Part II: Plant Design. The broad themes of Part I are flowsheet development, economic analysis, safety and environmental impact and optimization. Part II contains chapters on equipment design and selection that can be used as supplements to a lecture course or as essential references for students or practicing engineers working on design projects. New discussion of conceptual plant design, flowsheet development and revamp design Significantly increased coverage of capital cost estimation, process costing and economics New chapters on equipment selection, reactor design and solids handling processes New sections on fermentation, adsorption, membrane separations, ion exchange and chromatography Increased coverage of batch processing, food, pharmaceutical and biological processes All equipment chapters in Part II revised and updated with current information Updated throughout for latest US codes and standards, including API, ASME and ISA design codes and ANSI standards

Additional worked examples and homework problems The most complete and up to date coverage of equipment selection 108 realistic commercial design projects from diverse industries A rigorous pedagogy assists learning, with detailed worked examples, end of chapter exercises, plus supporting data and Excel spreadsheet calculations plus over 150 Patent References, for downloading from the companion website Extensive instructor resources: 1170 lecture slides plus fully worked solutions manual available to adopting instructors  
Labor Demand Routledge

Spon's Construction Resource Handbook is the first book to present critical information about materials, labour and plant constants required for the estimating process under one cover. It covers all areas of the construction industry and will provide all those involved in the preparation of tenders, cost estimates and first-stage estimates with the information they need to work with greater confidence and prepare more accurate estimates and tenders. With a unique style of presentation, it includes thousands of item descriptions and a comprehensive collection of data, including labour and plant outputs, materials, elemental breakdowns and lists of relevant organizations. Up-to-date and comprehensive, Spon's Construction Resource Handbook will be an indispensable reference for estimators, quantity surveyors, engineers and architects working in local government and professional practices, government agencies, and contractors in all fields of construction. It will provide an invaluable reference base for negotiation of new rates where variations occur on a contract.  
*An Introduction to Stochastic Modeling* CRC Press

Cash is king, not least in the construction industry. Recent government-commissioned reports have highlighted the importance of better financial management in the construction industry. This professional text provides a considered analysis of the tools and techniques of project financial management in construction; notably it covers cash flow modelling and provides the first detailed investigation of the contentious issue of cash farming. Through use of case studies, worked examples and questions this book will appeal to practitioners and students alike.

#### **Science And Human Behavior**

Routledge  
 Based on participant observation and in-depth interviews, this book describes the work women do in their homes, caring for

children and partners, and maintaining the house. It shows how their lives are shaped by domestic responsibilities and challenges the ways in which their work is neither recognized nor valued. Arguing that the work they do is socially necessary and central to the economy, it calls for a transformation of current social and economic relations.

Estimating Building Costs Simon and Schuster

After an examination of fundamental theories as applied to civil engineering, authoritative coverage is included on design practice for certain materials and specific structures and applications. A particular feature is the incorporation of chapters on construction and site practice, including contract management and control.

Spon's Architects' and Builders' Price Princeton University Press

Companies live or die on the basis of estimating their costs. Preparing estimates and bidding for new jobs is a complex and often costly process. There is no substitute for on the job training -- until now. Drawing on the authors' combined experience of more than 70 years, *Estimating Building Costs* presents state-of-the-art principles, practices, and techniques for assessing these expenditures that can be applied regardless of changes in the costs of materials, equipment, and labor. The book is an efficient and practical tool for developing contracts or controlling project costs. The authors cover the major components of the direct cost: estimating procedures and cost trends related to materials, construction equipment, and skilled and unskilled labor. They describe various types of building estimates encountered during the lifecycle of a project, as well as the role and accuracy of each. The book provides an overview of the industry, cost indexes in use, approaches to preparing a detailed estimate, and an in-depth description of the organization and function of the estimating group. Including CSI Master Format and UniFormat codes, estimating forms, a list of available estimating software packages, a detailed construction site and investigation report, the book provides a cost estimating methodology that readers can tailor to their own organizational needs.

*The Book of R* Princeton University Press

The essential, authoritative guide to providing accurate, systematic, and reliable estimating for construction projects—newly revised Pricing and bidding for construction work is at the heart of every construction business, and

in the minds of construction consultants' poor bids lead to poor performance and nobody wins. *New Code of Estimating Practice* examines the processes of estimating and pricing, providing best practice guidelines for those involved in procuring and pricing construction works, both in the public and private sectors. It embodies principles that are applicable to any project regardless of size or complexity. This authoritative guide has been completely rewritten to include much more contextual and educational material as well as the code of practice. It covers changes in estimating practice; the bidding process; the fundamentals in formulating a bid; the pre-qualification process; procurement options; contractual arrangements and legal issues; preliminaries; temporary works; cost estimating techniques; risk management; logistics; resource and production planning; computer-aided estimating; information and time planning; resource planning and pricing; preparation of an estimator's report; bid assembly and adjudication; pre-production planning and processes; and site production. Established standard for the construction industry, providing the only code of practice on construction estimating Prepared under the auspices of the Chartered Institute of Building and endorsed by a range of other professional bodies Completely rewritten since the 7th edition, to include much more contextual and educational material, as well as the core code of practice *New Code of Estimating Practice* is an important book for construction contractors, specialist contractors, quantity surveyors/cost consultants, and for students of construction and quantity surveying. *Concrete Costs* John Wiley & Sons First published in 2006. Clear, practical and comprehensive, this mechanical estimating manual provides an indispensable resource for contractors, estimators, owners and anyone involved with estimating mechanical costs on construction projects, including a wealth of labor and price data, formulas, charts and graphs. Covering timeproven methodologies and procedures, it offers the user a full range of readytouse forms, detailed estimating guidelines, and numerous completed examples. You'll learn from leading experts how to produce complete and accurate sheet metal, piping and plumbing estimates both quickly and easily. The manual will also be of value to supervisors, mechanics, builders, general contractors, engineers and architects for use in planning and scheduling work, budget estimating, cost control, cost

accounting, checking change orders and various other aspects of mechanical estimating.

*Financing Construction* International Labour Organization

It deals in a practical and reasonable way with many of the estimating problems which can arise where building and civil engineering works are carried out and to include comprehensive estimating data within the guidelines of good practice. The early part of the book has been completely rewritten to contain chapters useful to students and practitioners alike for the development of the estimating process resulting in the presentation of a tender for construction works. The second and major part of the book contains estimating data fully updated for the major elements in building and civil engineering work, including a new chapter on piling, and a wealth of constants for practical use in estimating. The estimating examples are based on the current edition of the *Standard Method of Measurement for Building Works (SMM7)*. The comprehensive information on basic principles of estimating found in 'Spence Geddes' are still as valid today as the first edition. In this edition the prevailing rates of labour and costs of materials are taken whenever possible as a round figure. Readers will appreciate in the construction industry that prices are continually changing, rise and fall, and that worked examples should therefore be used as a guide to method of calculation substituting in any specific case the current rates applicable to it. In the case of plant output dramatic increases have been experienced in productivity over recent years and again estimators with their own records should substitute values appropriate to their work.

*Introduction to Small Area Estimation Techniques* CRC Press

*Labor Markets and Business Cycles* integrates search and matching theory with the neoclassical growth model to better understand labor market outcomes. Robert Shimer shows analytically and quantitatively that rigid wages are important for explaining the volatile behavior of the unemployment rate in business cycles. The book focuses on the labor wedge that arises when the marginal rate of substitution between consumption and leisure does not equal the marginal product of labor. According to competitive models of the labor market, the labor wedge should be constant and equal to the labor income tax rate. But in U.S. data, the wedge is strongly countercyclical, making it seem as if recessions are periods when workers are dissuaded from

working and firms are dissuaded from hiring because of an increase in the labor income tax rate. When job searches are time consuming and wages are flexible, search frictions--the cost of a job search--act like labor adjustment costs, further exacerbating inconsistencies between the competitive model and data. The book shows that wage rigidities can reconcile the search model with the data, providing a quantitatively more accurate depiction of labor markets, consumption, and investment dynamics. Developing detailed search and matching models, *Labor Markets and Business Cycles* will be the main reference for those interested in the intersection of labor market dynamics and business cycle research.

*Chemical Engineering Design* CRC Press

An overview of the rapidly growing field of ant colony optimization that describes theoretical findings, the major algorithms, and current applications. The complex social behaviors of ants have been much studied by science, and computer scientists are now finding that these behavior patterns can provide models for solving difficult combinatorial optimization problems. The attempt to develop algorithms inspired by one aspect of ant behavior, the ability to find what computer scientists would call shortest paths, has become the field of ant colony optimization (ACO), the most successful and widely recognized algorithmic technique based on ant behavior. This book presents an overview of this rapidly growing field, from its theoretical inception to practical applications, including descriptions of many available ACO algorithms and their uses. The book first describes the translation of observed ant behavior into working optimization algorithms. The ant colony metaheuristic is then introduced and viewed in the general context of combinatorial optimization. This is followed by a detailed description and guide to all major ACO algorithms and a report on current theoretical findings. The book surveys ACO applications now in use, including routing, assignment, scheduling, subset, machine learning, and bioinformatics problems. AntNet, an ACO algorithm designed for the network routing problem, is described in detail. The authors conclude by summarizing the progress in the field and outlining future research directions. Each chapter ends with bibliographic material, bullet points setting out important ideas covered in the chapter, and exercises. Ant Colony Optimization will be of interest to academic and industry researchers, graduate students, and practitioners who wish to learn how to implement ACO

algorithms.

*Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data, second edition* Routledge

This book provides a comprehensive guide to the design of foundations for tall buildings. After a general review of the characteristics of tall buildings, various foundation options are discussed followed by the general principles of foundation design as applied to tall buildings. Considerable attention is paid to the methods of assessment of the geotechnical design parameters, as this is a critical component of the design process. A detailed treatment is then given to foundation design for various conditions, including ultimate stability, serviceability, ground movements, dynamic loadings and seismic loadings. Basement wall design is also addressed. The last part of the book deals with pile load testing and foundation performance measurement, and finally, the description of a number of case histories. A feature of the book is the emphasis it places on the various stages of foundation design: preliminary, detailed and final, and the presentation of a number of relevant methods of design associated with each stage.

#### **Civil Engineer's Reference Book**

Routledge

The revised and updated comprehensive resource for Quantity Surveyors working with a construction contractor. The second edition of *Construction Quantity Surveying* offers a practical guide to quantity surveying from a main contractor's perspective. This indispensable resource covers measurement methodology (including samples using NRM2 as a guide), highlights the complex aspects of a contractor's business, reviews the commercial and contractual management of a construction project and provides detailed and practical information on running a project from commencement through to completion. Today's Quantity Surveyor (QS) plays an essential role in

the management of construction projects, although the exact nature of the role depends on who employs the QS. The QS engaged by the client and the contractor's QS have different parts to play in any construction project, with the contractor's QS role extending beyond traditional measurement activities, to encompass day-to-day tasks of commercial building activities including estimating, contract administration, and construction planning, as well as cost and project management. This updated and practical guide: Focuses on the application, knowledge and training required of a modern Quantity Surveyor. Clearly shows how Quantity Surveying plays an essential central role within the overall management of construction projects. Covers measurement methodology, the key elements of the contractor's business and the commercial and contractual management of a construction project. The construction industry changes at fast pace meaning the quantity surveyor has a key role to play in the successful execution of construction projects by providing essential commercial input. *Construction Quantity Surveying* meets this demand as an up-to-date practical guide that includes the information needed for a Quantity Surveyor to perform at the highest level. It clearly demonstrates that quantity surveying is not limited to quantifying trade works and shows it as an important aspect of commercial and project management of construction projects. *Mechanical Estimating Manual* Elsevier. This book examines an issue of constant concern in the construction industry, that of productivity. Using data from Ghana and South Africa, it presents research into the productivity of local contractors in these countries whilst examining the predominance of labour-intensive production methods. The book begins by considering the theoretical and conceptual

perspectives on labour productivity in the construction industry in the existing literature, before reviewing current productivity measurement frameworks. The book then explores the productivity of labour-intensive public works projects in South Africa and Ghana alongside a general discussion of key factors affecting construction productivity in these countries. Whilst the focus is on road construction, the framework developed can be applied to any number of construction projects to measure, and ultimately improve productivity. This book is useful reading for researchers and practitioners looking to understand the factors influencing labour productivity in construction at both the industry and the project level, including construction managers, quantity surveyors, cost engineers and project managers. *Productivity in Construction* No Starch Press

\* British Standards Edition, as a companion to the more recent Eurocode third edition \*Time-saving, affordable, first-point-of-reference for structural and civil engineers \* Brings together data from many sources into a compact, easy-to-use format \* On-the-job rules of thumb to design specifications

*Labor Rates for the Construction Industry* Princeton University Press

This work is part of a series designed to suit the specific needs of small building and public works contractors, and the problems that arise from bidding for and carrying out varied and dispersed projects in a context of highly cyclical demand.; This handbook covers pricing and bidding to obtain new projects. Too many contractors produce "guesstimates"--Not estimates - of project costs, so they either bid too high and lose the contract, or - often even worse - get the work at a price which is below cost. Besides taking the reader step-by-step through the preparation of the bid on a small b.