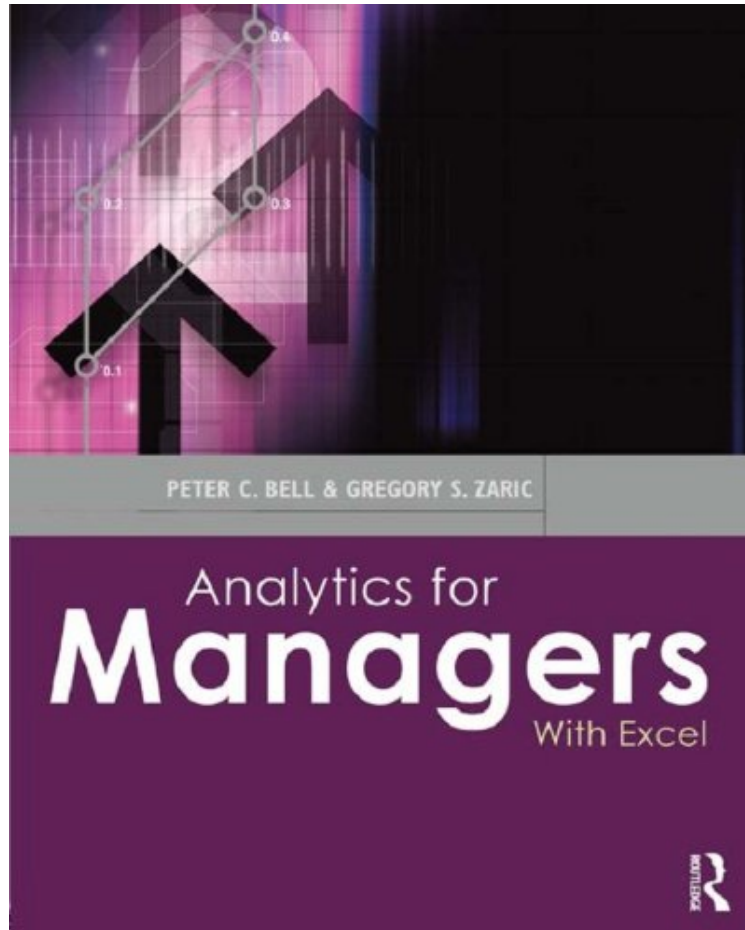


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-Graham K. Rand, Department of Management Science, Management School, Lancaster University

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