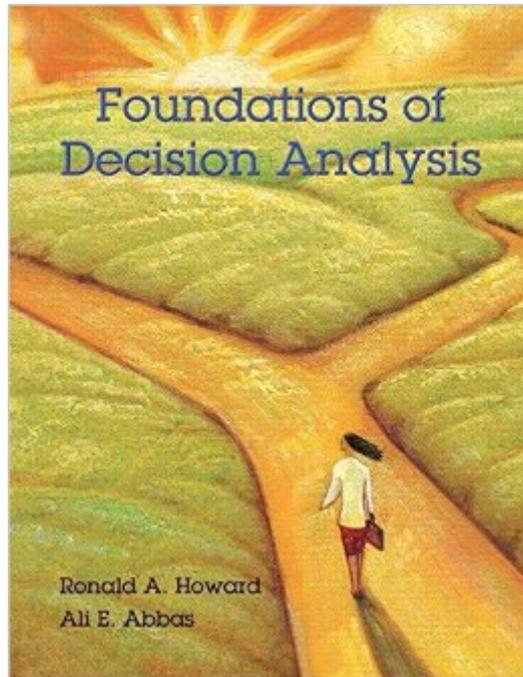


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The core decision analysis community had been waiting for this book for many years. It ran out of stock the day that they mailed the book to those who pre-ordered it. These comments are for readers who are interested in decision analysis but may be not that familiar with the authors or the book background. The list of its forty chapters is included at the end of these comments. Ronald Howard is a key founder of the discipline and his writing, teaching and application of decision analysis has shaped the discipline. In addition, he is a most clear, logical and even fun to read writer. Ali Abbas is a major decision analysis scholar and innovator, and the Director of CREATE at USC. This book is the outgrowth of the course notes that Ronald Howard developed and used for

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