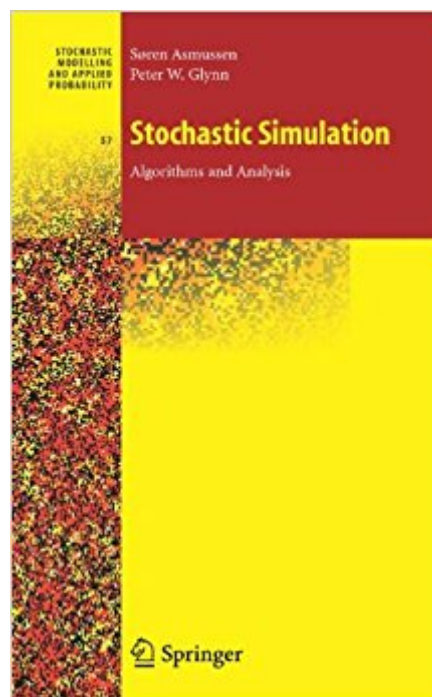


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I've never bothered to review any book on prior to this note, but I felt the book was unduly trashed in the "grad student" review and I wanted to even the score a bit. I purchased the book and have used it along side Glasserman's (very useful) book for financial applications. I found the book to be a nice companion to the Glasserman book, generally going into greater mathematical detail.

purchased them for my son when he was doing his ph,d

The introduction states the book will be useful for "readers with backgrounds ranging from an exposure to introductory probability to a much more advanced knowledge of the area." Try reading the first two pages with an "exposure" to "introductory" probability. Not likely. The book then goes on to list 2 full pages of notation explanations. This is completely separate from the ad-hoc notation explanations that appear in the text. It goes without saying that the notation the authors chose is confusing, tedious and distracting. The book is basically a horribly-explained tutorial on simulation experiment design. Most of all, it's undeniably dense, and the material is made much more complicated than necessary.

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