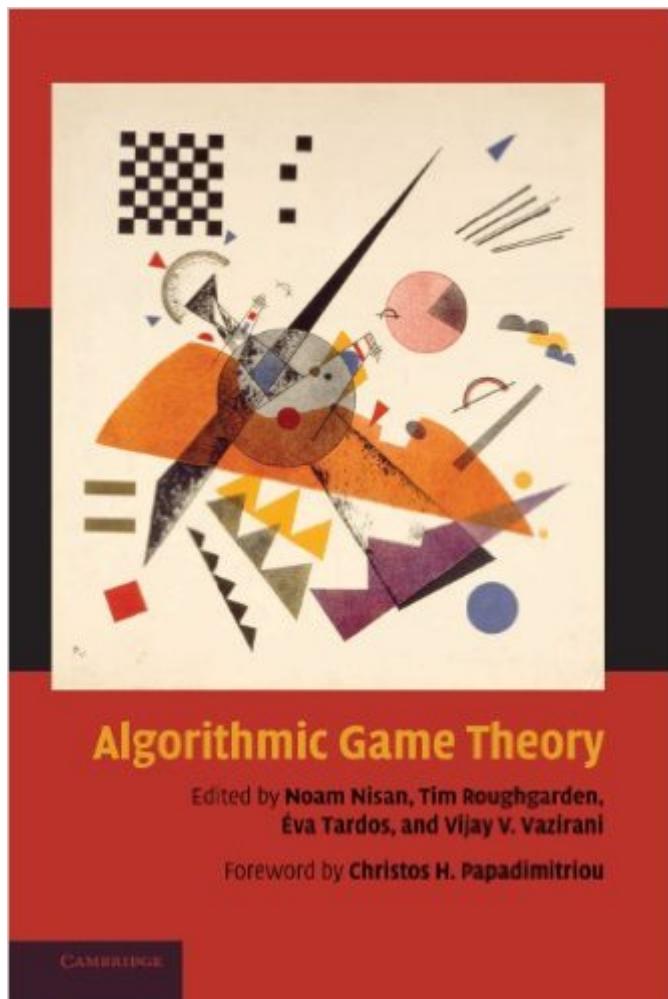


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If you are looking for a gentle introduction to Game Theory, then look elsewhere. If, on the other hand, you need a fairly comprehensive overview of this complex subject, then this book offers a pretty good shotgun blast that is likely to address your specific areas of interest to some degree. As another reviewer pointed out, the theorems are not exhaustively proven (the authors seem to assume that you can fill-in the blanks they leave). The list of references for each chapter should be sufficient to help the more ignorant among us fill those gaps that are left. Readability is not excellent, but this is an otherwise fine addition to the library of any graduate level student or researcher in the field.

This book talks with several informations about the importance of an efficient calculation for the game theory. The applications of this theory are explicated with particular view about the modern developpement of economy. The proofs are no hard, founded on the method of finite differences, but it need to know the informatics for the calculation.

This is not a book for those who want to learn game theory. This is the book for those who have some knowledge of game theory and want to do computation of equilibria or are interested in CS-related topics. Personally, I'm an economic major student but interested in tech related economic topics. before I read this book, I wrote a theoretical model popping out of my mind, which of course didnt reflect the real world. this book gives me clear ideas what cs scientists are doing, then I can

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