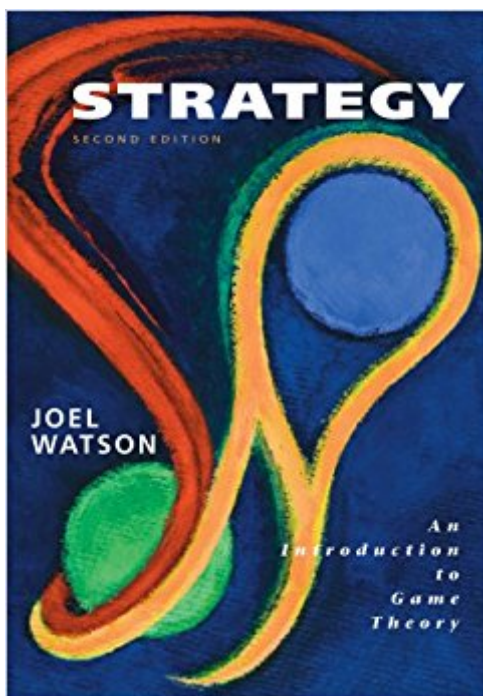


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Synopsis

Strategy, Second Edition, is a thorough revision and update of one of the most successful Game Theory texts available. Known for its accurate and simple-yet-thorough presentation, Joel Watson has refined his text to make it even more student friendly. Highlights of the revision include the addition of Guided (or Solved) Exercises and a significant expansion of the material for political economists and political scientists.

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Joel Watson is Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego. He received his BA from UCSD and his PhD from Stanford. Watson is one of the top game theorists of his generation, and his work has been published in a variety of leading journals, including The American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Economic Theory, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and Games and Economic Behavior.

This book is a great addition to anybody wishing to study game theory . It has numerous examples and gives a great idea on how interactions between people namely strategic interaction take place . How to anticipate and respond to these in interactions . What are the key factors are in the interactions and how to anticipate a proper response .

I bought this book because it was the required text for the Open Yale Course on Game Theory. I did not think it was well written and is not easy to follow. Chapter 3's Terminology and Notation section

is especially bad. The organization of the book's chapters don't seem to have any rhyme or reason, with some chapters being only two pages long. This came as a surprise to me after reading the reviews for this book. There are no answers in the book for the exercises so you can't be sure if you have correctly understood the lesson. They said that guided exercises were added, but they are really part of the lesson and there is no way you can practice or test yourself with the single guided exercise. What is most glaring is that the book doesn't even mention Evolutionary Stable Strategies. How can a text on Strategy ignore that completely? The only saving grace is that the examples are more realistic than the Open Yale Course, but who cares as long as you learn the lesson. I would not have bought the book and would have stuck with the Open Yale videos alone if I had known.

For a text book it is VERY READABLE! Great book for an extremely difficult subject!

Good paired with the less mathematical "Thinking Strategically" by Nalebuff and Dixit for broader applications. The exercises at the ends of chapters sometimes require looking outside the book, I think, especially for some three-player games.

I found this book well worth my money. It's quite accessible and has great examples. I like the guided problem sets. I just wish the exercises had an answer key. They're great practice.

This book is easy to follow. With it's example it makes the material very accessible. The exercises in the book will help you internalize the material.

Could be clearer at times, but definitely did the job. Exercises were always deliberately harder than examples to make you think. An excellent text if you have an instructor.

It's a good book.

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