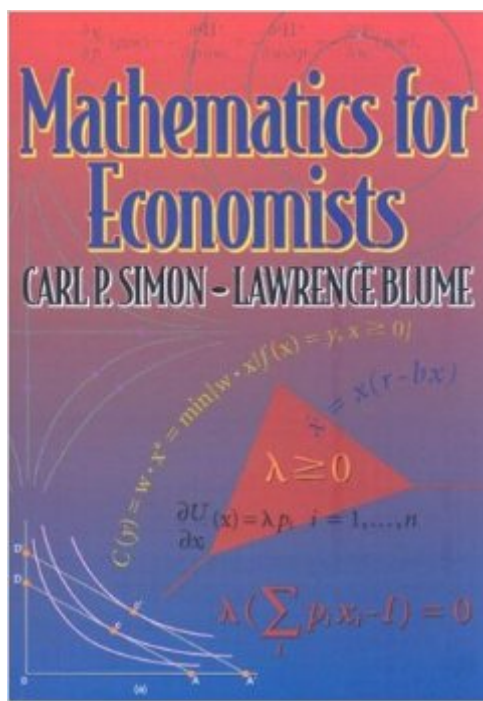


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This is a marvellous introduction to many of the important areas of applied mathematics. The authors do a truly spectacular job of conveying the intuitive principles and pragmatic relevance of each topic, without falling into the "cookbook" trap to which many applied math texts succumb. But my real point is that it is almost a shame that the title specifies "for economists" - because this book will be extremely useful to people looking to improve their applied mathematics background for use in any number of fields. I'm a population biologist myself, and I turn to this book first when I need to brush up on a vaguely familiar subject or delve in to a new topic. Many of the examples are indeed drawn from economics, but this is not hindrance - they are well-enough explained and defined that no economics background is required. The economics examples are so well-presented, in fact, that the relevance to problems in other fields will be very clear to even a moderately careful reader. I cannot recommend this book highly enough!

This book is beautiful. clear simple explanations built up in a clear way. 1) explicitly defined

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