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Preface

Optimization is arguably one of the most useful research disciplines. It is indispensable in solving practical problems arising in many real world applications such as traditional science and engineering, natural and human resources management, economics and financial engineering.

This Special Issue is a collection of 15 full-length papers reflecting the recent advances in theory and applications of optimization from amongst the conference presentations at the 9th International Conference on Optimization: Techniques and Applications (9th ICOTA), December 12–16, 2013, Taipei, Taiwan.

This Special Issue contains 15 original research papers covering a wide range of topics in optimization and its applications. A rigorous refereeing process involving at least two referees was arranged for each of these papers to guarantee that its quality was compatible with that of a regular paper of the journal.

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