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Recent Advances in Data Envelopment Analysis

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In manufacturing and service organizations, it is intrinsically reasonable to critically monitor, analyze and review the performance of the operations, processes and firms. Frontier analysis enables to assess each activity or firm by estimating the reference technology. Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) has been known as a widely used non-parametric technique in frontier analysis to evaluate relative efficiency of peer units such as hospitals, R&D active firms and schools. The beauty of DEA is to deploy mathematical programming models to establish a production frontier for the sake of detecting inefficiency in the use of any input and/or output. Within the last three decades, DEA has received significant attention from operational research, economics and management science researchers.

Contributions of this special issue (SI) are expected to (i) cover the important research areas of DEA (e.g., network DEA, uncertainty and big data), (ii) explore novel practical applications by means of DEA models, and (iii) extend the influence of current research boundaries in other topics in operations management as listed below:

- Energy, Environment, Natural Resources
- Supply Chain Management
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Important Dates
- **September 30, 2017:** Paper submission
- **December 31, 2017:** First Notification
- **March 31, 2018:** Revised Manuscript
- **May 31, 2018:** Notification of Acceptance
- **By the end of 2018:** Anticipated publication

Remarks for Prospective Authors:
- Early submission is strongly recommended due to the fact that the review process will start as soon as we receive the paper. The online format of any accepted paper will be provided sooner than its print.
- Manuscripts submitted to the SI should not have been already published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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Manuscripts submitted to the SI will be peer-reviewed and will necessarily need to show quality by following ways:
- *For research topics:* originality of topic and developed DEA models, quality of results, considerable contributions to the ancillary field.
- *For application topics:* initiatives, novel and untouched applications, managerial implications, environmental and social impacts.