Inaugural Editorial: The Dawn of *Organized Rubbish (OR)*

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Abstract. For decades, the operations research and management science (OR/MS) communities have been burdened by the oppressive demand for "relevance," "real-world impact," and "managerial insights." *Organized Rubbish (OR)* emerges today as a beacon of hope for scholars exhausted by reality. We proudly inaugurate a journal dedicated exclusively to models that solve non-existent problems, proofs of painfully obvious lemmas, and algorithms that achieve state-of-the-art computational inefficiency. In this editorial, we outline the philosophy, aims, and scope of our journal, establishing a new paradigm where academic productivity is measured not by utility, but by the sheer volume of Greek letters deployed.

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1. The Crisis of Practicality

For decades, the field of Operations Research has suffered from a debilitating condition known as "Real-World Motivation." Leading journals routinely force authors to pretend that their $O(n^{n!})$ algorithms will somehow optimize a pizza delivery route or a hospital's nurse scheduling (see [1]).

This obsession with utility has created a toxic environment where an elegant proof is discarded simply because it requires a quantum computer the size of a galaxy to execute. We ask: Why must the sublime purity of a hyper-parameterized stochastic non-convex manifold be sullied by the constraints of a warehouse manager named Dave? *Organized Rubbish (OR)* is the answer to this indignity.

2. The *OR* Philosophy

Our philosophy is built upon the rejection of the "Impact Factor" in favor of the "Abstraction Factor."

Definition 1 (The Abstraction Factor, α). *Let M be a mathematical model and U be its practical utility. The Abstraction Factor α is defined as:*

$$\alpha = \lim_{U \to 0^+} \frac{\text{Number of Greek Indices in } M}{U}$$

A paper is only eligible for publication if $\alpha \to \infty$.

Assumption 1 (The Axiom of Irrelevance). *Let $\mathcal{P}$ be the set of all problems solvable within the current age of the universe. For any paper addressing a problem p, we require $p \notin \mathcal{P}$.*

3. Key Methodological Pillars

We seek manuscripts that push the boundaries of unnecessary complexity in the following areas:

3.1. Aggressive Over-Optimization

We encourage taking perfectly linear problems and reformulating them as Mixed-Integer Nonlinear Programs (MINLP) with nested chance-constraints. The goal is not to find the optimum, but to demonstrate that you can define a feasible region so small it violates the Planck length.

3.2. Robustness to Reality

While traditional OR seeks models robust to data uncertainty, we seek models **robust to reality itself**. A model is considered "*OR*-Robust" if it remains unsolvable even if all input parameters are replaced by constants, zeros, or emojis.

3.3. Recursive Heuristic Obfuscation

If a simple greedy algorithm works, you must wrap it in a Meta-Heuristic, then a Hyper-Heuristic, and finally a Self-Aware Evolutionary Fractal Search. Any algorithm that can be explained in fewer than five Greek letters will be summarily rejected.

4. Experimental Standards

We recognize that some authors feel compelled to include a "Computational Results" section. In *Organized Rubbish (OR)*, we have strict standards for such displays of vanity:

- **Synthetically Useless Data:** All experiments must use data generated by a random process that has been proven to have no correlation with any physical phe-

nomenon.

- **Comparative Failure:** You must compare your algorithm against a "Straw Man" baseline—ideally a random number generator that has been intentionally slowed down by a `sleep()` command.
- **Infinite Run-times:** We prioritize papers where the "Average CPU Time" is reported in units of "Geological Epochs."

5. The Reviewer 2 Singularity

Our editorial process utilizes the **Double-Blind Rejection** (DBR) system. In this framework, the reviewers do not know who the authors are, the authors do not know who the reviewers are, and the Associate Editor does not know what the paper is about.

Lemma 1 (Reviewer 2's Paradox). *The more mathematically sound a paper is, the more Reviewer 2 will complain about the font size of the labels in Figure 4.*

Theorem 1 (The Certainty of Rejection). *Let t be the time spent in the review cycle. As $t \to \infty$, the probability of an unconditional acceptance $P(A)$ behaves as:*

$$P(A) \approx e^{-(\text{Ego of Reviewer 2})^2}$$

In all observed cases, $P(A)$ is indistinguishable from zero.

6. Submission Guidelines

To maintain our standard of elitist obscurity, all submissions must:

1. Use at least four different fonts for variables (Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and ideally Elvish).

2. Include a 15-page Literature Review that cites everyone on the Editorial Board, regardless of relevance.

3. Be formatted in a way that is readable only at a 45-degree angle.

7. Conclusion

The era of "Applied Science" is over. The era of "Purely Theoretical Redundancy" has begun. Join us in our quest to reach the absolute zero of productivity. Welcome to *Organized Rubbish (OR)*.

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