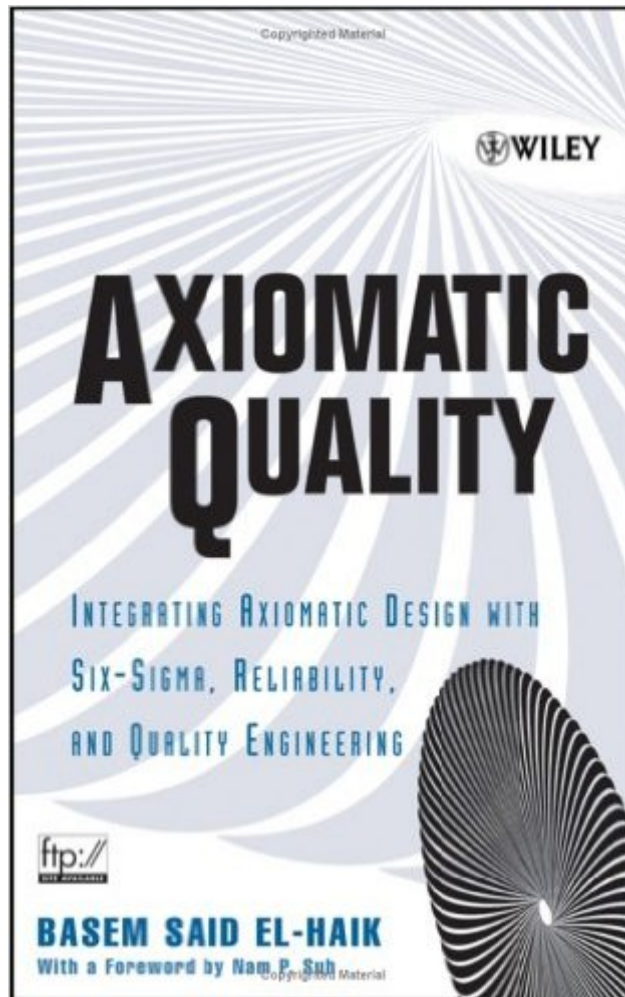


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Axiomatic Quality: Integrating Axiomatic Design With Six-Sigma, Reliability, And Quality Engineering



Synopsis

The first book to integrate axiomatic design and robust design for a comprehensive quality approach. As the adoption of quality methods grows across various industries, its implementation is challenged by situations where statistical tools are inadequate, yet the earlier a proactive quality system is introduced into a given process, the greater the payback these methods will yield. Axiomatic Quality brings together two well-established theories, axiomatic design and robust design, to eliminate or reduce both conceptual and operational weaknesses. Providing a complete framework for immediate implementation, this book guides design teams in producing systems that operate at high-quality levels for each of their design requirements. And it shows the way towards achieving the Six-Sigma target--six times the standard deviation contained between the target and each side of the specification limits--for each requirement. This book develops an aggressive axiomatic quality approach that:

- * Provides the tools to reduce conceptual weaknesses of systems using a framework called the conceptual design for capability
- * Reduces operational weaknesses of systems in terms of quality losses and control costs
- * Uses mathematical relationships to bridge the gap between science-based engineering and quality methods

Acclaro DFSS Light, a Java-based software package that implements axiomatic design processes, is available for download from a Wiley ftp site. Acclaro DFSS Light is a software product of Axiomatic Design Solutions, Inc. Laying out a comprehensive approach while working through each aspect of its implementation, Axiomatic Quality is an essential resource for managers, engineers, and other professionals who want to successfully deploy the most advanced methodology to tackle system weaknesses and improve quality.

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Customer Reviews

Given "Voice of Customer", the job of engineers is to develop design concept and to perfect the design concept. Their challenge is to win in "Cost", "Quality" and "Time-to-Market". Stuart Pugh said "The wrong choice of concept in a given design situation can rarely, if ever, be recouped by brilliant detailed design." He also said "One thing is certain. It is extremely easy to select the wrong concept and very difficult to select the best one." This book integrates Axiomatic Design (by Nam Suh) and Robust Design both at the theoretical and the mathematical level. The concept of axiomatic design is extremely important in generating a winning concept, while robust design optimize its performance for robustness against various noise factors such as customers' usage environment and aging. Also, there is a good chapter about reliability from axiomatic design perspective. The book contains a lot of examples that help the reader really grasp the concept. It provides an in-depth and clear coverage of all the important, philosophical, theoretical, implementation and technical aspects of the integration of axiomatic design and robust design (the so called axiomatic quality) to readers. In addition, the book discusses and illustrates very clearly the whole axiomatic quality deployment and execution process, which is an integral part of Design For Six Sigma approach. I am sure that this book will any reader develop skills in applying axiomatic design and robust design as an integrated quality approach in industrial or service implementation. Shin Taguchi, President, American Supplier Institute, Inc. Livonia, Michigan

"Axiomatic Quality" provides a thorough and chronological description of the axiomatic design and quality process. Dr. Basem El-Haik provides a detailed roadmap for the design and launch of mistake-free products, processes, and services. Mistake-free means satisfying the Customers requirements at product launch and throughout the products service life. Basem integrates the design and quality process through the use of axiomatic design. He provides a thorough description of the axiomatic design theorems (independence and information) and their many corollaries. Basem provides a thorough description of the requirements flowdown process using Quality Function Deployment (QFD) and the "zigzagging" process to develop products that satisfy the axiomatic design theorems. Best of all, he provides excellent product and process examples that span the entire design development and launch phases. The step-by-step examples can be used as

templates for the implementation and integration of the various Six Sigma tools (QFD, Axiomatic Design, Morphological Matrix, Robust Design, etc.) within any product development program. "Axiomatic Quality" strengthened my understanding of the Design for Six Sigma process and its relationship to the development of superior products, processes and services. Axiomatic Quality also serves as a "how to" reference for use in the design development process. I keep a copy of Axiomatic Quality on the corner of my desk for reference and review.

Basem El-Haik has made a significant contribution to the evolving field of Design-for-Six-Sigma (DFSS). Axiomatic Design has long been a compelling methodology, but as a discrete design methodology it did not have the leverage that Basem has created by integrating it with other Six Sigma methods. This integration is particularly apparent with his work combining the design axioms developed by Nam Suh with Robust Design optimization. The application relevant introduction of Design Domains, Functional Requirements, Domain Mapping, and Decomposition (Zig-zagging) creates an effective foundation for the 'effective' implementation of Taguchi's Parameter Design. This book is a must for the professional implementer of DFSS or anyone interested in demystifying the fundamentals of system design. As a Six Sigma professional, I have included "Axiomatic Quality" as part of my evolving DFSS tool box.

With so many books advocating single methodologies as if they were a single "silver bullet", Dr. El-Haik integrates many of the leading contemporary approaches in a complementary manner. The first third of the book does a creditable job of explaining the two axioms and many of the correlaries. It then goes on to show the relationship to Quality Function Deployment, Robust Engineering, the Quality Loss Function, Concept Development, TRIZ and reliability. This book is quite comprehensive, but not at all a quick read, as there are many mathematical illustrations that need to be studied to appreciate. A added plus for those who are anxious to get right into Axiomatic Design is a software download that can make the relationships easier to handle.

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