

PREFACE

Bruce Craven and Bert Mond have been active researchers in many areas of pure and applied mathematics. Their publications have been constant sources of inspiration to many researchers in mathematics. It was our great honour that we were given the opportunity to edit this Special Issue in honour of Bruce and Bert in the Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society, Series B. We express our deep gratitude to the Editor-in-Chief, Professor Charles Pearce, for his encouragement, enthusiasm and cooperation without which this Special Issue would not have been possible.

Although Bruce and Bert have retired since the end of 1996, their scientific lives remain strong as ever. They continue to make significant scientific contributions, both through publication in various international journals as well as presentation in various international meetings.

The contributors of this Special Issue are from among their friends and students who have been inspired by them in their research careers. With our affection and respect, we dedicate this Special Issue to Bruce and Bert on the occasion of their retirement.

The subject matter of the papers cover topics in mathematical programming, non-smooth analysis, optimal control and variational inequalities. These are the areas for which Bruce and Bert have made major contributions.

We hope that both Bruce and Bert and others would have as much pleasure reading this issue as we had editing it.

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