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Markov Models for Pattern Recognition - Gernot A. Fink 2014-01-14

This thoroughly revised and expanded new edition now includes a more detailed treatment of the EM algorithm, a description of an efficient approximate Viterbi-training procedure, a theoretical derivation of the perplexity measure and coverage of multi-pass decoding based on n-best search. Supporting the discussion of the theoretical foundations of Markov modeling, special emphasis is also placed on practical algorithmic solutions. Features: introduces the formal framework for Markov models; covers the robust handling of probability quantities; presents methods for the configuration of hidden Markov models for specific application areas; describes important methods for efficient processing of Markov models, and the adaptation of the models to different tasks; examines algorithms for searching within the complex solution spaces that result from the joint application of Markov chain and hidden Markov models; reviews key applications of Markov models.

Management accounting - Richard Malcolm Sano Wilson 1997

The Future of FinTech - Bernardo Nicoletti 2017-03-02

This book provides an introduction to the state of the art in financial technology (FinTech) and the current applications of FinTech in digital banking. It is a comprehensive guide to the various technologies, products, processes, and business models integral to the FinTech environment. Covering key definitions and characteristics, models and best practice, as well as presenting relevant case studies related to FinTech and e-Business, this book helps build a theoretical framework for future discussion.

Hydrology and Water Resources of India - Sharad K. Jain 2007-05-16

India is endowed with varied topographical features, such as high mountains, extensive plateaus, and wide plains traversed by mighty rivers. Divided into four sections this book provides a comprehensive overview of water resources of India. A detailed treatment of all major river basins is provided. This is followed by a discussion on major uses of water in India. Finally, the closing chapters discuss views on water management policy for India.

Captain Swing - Eric Hobsbawm 2014-08-05

The classic social history of the Great English Agricultural Uprising of 1839 by two of the greatest historians of our age. In our increasingly mechanized age, the Swing revolts are a timely record of the relationship between technological advance, labour and poverty. With the onset of the Industrial Revolution, capitalism swept from the cities into the countryside, and tensions mounted between agricultural workers and employers. From 1830 on, a series of revolts, known as the 'Swing' shook England to its core. Landowners wanting to make their land more profitable started to use machinery to harvest crops, causing widespread misery among rural communities. Captain Swing reveals the background to that upheaval, from its rise to its fall, and shines a light on the people who tried to change the world and save their livelihoods.

Malware Detection - Mihai Christodorescu 2007-03-06

This book captures the state of the art research in the area of malicious code detection, prevention and mitigation. It contains cutting-edge behavior-based techniques to analyze and detect obfuscated malware. The book analyzes current trends in malware activity online, including botnets and malicious code for profit, and it proposes effective models for detection and prevention of attacks using. Furthermore, the book introduces novel techniques for creating services that protect their own integrity and safety, plus the

data they manage.

UMTS Networks - Heikki Kaaranen 2005-07-08

Building on the success of the first edition, UMTS Networks second edition allows readers to continue their journey through UMTS up to the latest 3GPP standardization phase, Release 5. Containing revised, updated and brand new material, it provides a comprehensive view on the UMTS network architecture and its latest developments. Accompanied by numerous illustrations, the practical approach of the book benefits from the authors' pioneering research and training in this field. Provides a broad yet detailed overview of the latest worldwide developments in UMTS technology. Includes brand new sections on the IP Multimedia Subsystem and High Speed Downlink Packet Access according to 3GPP Release 5 specifications. Contains heavily revised sections on the evolution from GSM to UMTS Multi-access, the UMTS Radio Access Network, the UMTS Core Network and services. Includes updated versions on services in the UMTS environment, security in the UMTS environment and UMTS protocols. Illustrates all points with cutting-edge practical examples gleaned from the authors' research and training at the forefront of UMTS. The illustrative, hands-on approach will appeal to operators, equipment vendors, systems designers, developers and marketing professionals who require comprehensive, practical information on the latest developments in UMTS. This second edition will also benefit students and researchers in the field of mobile networking.

The China Challenge - Huhua Cao 2011-05-28

With the exception of Canada's relationship with the United States, Canada's relationship with China will likely be its most significant foreign connection in the twenty-first century. As China's role in world politics becomes more central, understanding China becomes essential for Canadian policymakers and policy analysts in a variety of areas. Responding to this need, The China Challenge brings together perspectives from both Chinese and Canadian experts on the evolving Sino-Canadian relationship. It traces the history and looks into the future of Canada-China bilateral relations. It also examines how China has affected a number of Canadian foreign and domestic policy issues, including education, economics, immigration, labour and language. Recently, Canada-China relations have suffered from inadequate policymaking and misunderstandings on the part of both governments. Establishing a good dialogue with China must be a Canadian priority in order to build and maintain mutually beneficial relations with this emerging power, which will last into the future.

The Many Faces of Corruption - J. Edgardo Campos 2007-04-04

Corruption... How can policymakers and practitioners better comprehend the many forms and shapes that this socialpandemic takes? From the delivery of essential drugs, the reduction in teacher absenteeism, the containment of illegal logging, the construction of roads, the provision of water and electricity, the international trade in oil and gas, the conduct of public budgeting and procurement, and the management of public revenues, corruption shows its many faces. 'The Many Faces of Corruption' attempts to bring greater clarity to the often murky manifestations of this virulent and debilitating social disease. It explores the use of prototype road maps to identify corruption vulnerabilities, suggests corresponding 'warning signals,' and proposes operationally useful remedial measures in each of several selected sectors and for a selected sample of cross cutting public sector functions that are particularly prone to corruption and that are critical to sector performance. Numerous technical experts have come together in this effort to develop an operationally useful approach to diagnosing and tackling corruption. 'The Many Faces of Corruption' is an

invaluable reference for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers engaged in the business of development.

Complex Science for a Complex World - Pascal Perez 2006-08-01

It is well known that human activities are endangering the stability and sustainability of many fragile ecosystems. This title looks at the science that addresses the frontiers of interactions between human behavior and environmental responses.

Science of Space Environment - Tadanori Ondoh 2001

Technology Trends - Miguel Botto-Tobar 2018-12-29

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Technology Trends, CITT 2018, held in Babahoyo, Ecuador, in August 2018. The 53 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 204 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on communications; security and privacy; computer and software engineering; computational intelligence; e-government and e-participation.

The FFT in the 21st Century - James K. Beard 2013-03-09

This book was undertaken to provide a text and reference on the theory and practice of the FFT and its common usage. This book is organized in only four chapters, and is intended as a tutorial on the use of the FFT and its trade space. The trade space of the FFT is the parameters in its usage and the relationships between them - the sample rate, the total number of points or the interval over which processing occurs in a single FFT, the selectivity of tuning to a given frequency over signals out-of-band, and the bandwidth over which a signal appears. The examples given in this text are in FORTRAN 95/2003. FORTRAN 2003 was frozen as a standard while this work was in progress. The listings given here are intended as an aid in understanding the FFT and associated algorithms such as spectral window weightings, with the goal of making the best of them more accessible to the reader. The code I use here provides a simple bridge between the material in the text and implementation in FORTRAN 2003, C++, Java, MATLAB ©, and other modern languages. The examples are sufficiently simple to be translated into older languages such as C and FORTRAN 77 if desired.

Brain Source Localization Using EEG Signal Analysis - Munsif Ali Jatoti 2017-12-14

Of the research areas devoted to biomedical sciences, the study of the brain remains a field that continually attracts interest due to the vast range of people afflicted with debilitating brain disorders and those interested in ameliorating its effects. To discover the roots of maladies and grasp the dynamics of brain functions, researchers and practitioners often turn to a process known as brain source localization, which assists in determining the source of electromagnetic signals from the brain. Aiming to promote both treatments and understanding of brain ailments, ranging from epilepsy and depression to schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease, the authors of this book provide a comprehensive account of current developments in the use of neuroimaging techniques for brain analysis. Their book addresses a wide array of topics, including EEG forward and inverse problems, the application of classical MNE, LORETA, Bayesian based MSP, and its modified version, M-MSP. Within the ten chapters that comprise this book, clinicians, researchers, and field experts concerned with the state of brain source localization will find a store of information that can assist them in the quest to enhance the quality of life for people living with brain disorders.

Web-based Support Systems - JingTao Yao 2010-03-02

Web-based Support Systems (WSS) are an emerging multidisciplinary research area in which one studies the support of human activities with the Web as the common platform, medium and interface. The Internet affects every aspect of our modern life. Moving support systems to online is an increasing trend in many research domains. One of the goals of WSS research is to extend the human physical limitation of information processing in the information age. Research on WSS is motivated by the challenges and opportunities arising from the Internet. The availability, accessibility and flexibility of information as well as the tools to access this information lead to a vast amount of opportunities. However, there are also many challenges we face. For instance, we have to deal with more complex tasks, as there are increasing demands for quality and productivity. WSS research is a natural evolution of the studies on

various computerized support systems such as Decision Support Systems (DSS), Computer Aided Design (CAD), and Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE). The recent advancement of computer and Web technologies make the implementation of more feasible WSS. Nowadays, it is rare to see a system without some type of Web interaction. The research of WSS is classified into four groups. • WSS for specific domains.

Sathya Sai Speaks -

Enterprise Information Portals and Knowledge Management - Joseph M. Firestone 2007-08-15

Is the Enterprise Information Portal (EIP) knowledge management's killer app? Leading expert Joseph M. Firestone, the first author to formulate the idea of the Enterprise Knowledge Portal, breaks new ground and looks to the future with a practical, but comprehensive approach to enterprise portals and their relationship to knowledge management. Providing a clear and novel overview, Firestone tackles a wide range of topics ranging from functional EIP applications, estimating costs and benefits of EIPs, variations in EIP technical architecture, the role of intelligent agents, the nature of knowledge management, portal product/solution segmentation, portal product case studies, to the future of the EIP space. 'Enterprise Information Portals and Knowledge Management' is the book on portals you've been waiting for. It is the only book that thoroughly considers, explores, and analyzes: * The EIP orientation, outlook and evolution * A new methodology for estimating EIP benefits and costs * EIP and Enterprise Knowledge Portals (EKP) architecture * The approaching role of software agents in EIPs and EKPs * The current and future contribution of EIP and EKP solutions to Knowledge Management * The role of XML in portal architecture * A comprehensive, multi-dimensional, and forward-looking segmentation of EIP products accompanied by portal product case studies * Where EIP sector companies are headed and the pathways they will follow to get there

A Survey of Staffordshire - Sampson Erdeswicke 1820

Key Principles of Public Sector Reforms - Joan Nwasike 2018-08-01

Key Principles of Public Sector Reforms contains case studies from Cameroon, Ghana, Grenada, India, Kenya, Rwanda, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania and Trinidad and Tobago on the policy reforms, strategies and methodologies that support national priorities and greater policy coherence for sustained development and growth.

Opportunistic Networks - Anshul Verma 2021-08-19

The opportunistic network is an emerging and recent area of research. To make this research area more adaptable for practical and industrial use, there is a need to further investigate several research challenges in all aspects of opportunistic networks. Therefore, *Opportunistic Networks: Fundamentals, Applications and Emerging Trends* provides theoretical, algorithmic, simulation, and implementation-based research developments related to fundamentals, applications, and emerging research trends in opportunistic networks. The book follows a theoretical approach to describe fundamentals to beginners and incorporates a practical approach depicting the implementation of real-life applications to intermediate and advanced readers. This book is beneficial for academicians, researchers, developers, and engineers who work in or are interested in the fields related to opportunistic networks, delay tolerant networks, and intermittently connected ad hoc networks. This book also serves as a reference book for graduate and postgraduate courses in computer science, computer engineering, and information technology streams.

The Spell of Japan - Isabel Anderson 1914

The Economic Security of Business Transactions - Professor Konrad Raczkowski 2013-10-15

Summary 'The Economic Security of Business Transactions' covers such aspects as: management in the economic system; commercial risk in domestic and international transactions; an assessment of partners; unofficial economy and the state budget; economic security business; the role and importance of law in business. The book looks at the threats and risks arising from international trade and operating leading businesses, plus the role of the State. It examines the required new forms, methods and approaches for management. This has significant implications for the businesses concerned and the State's role. 'The

Economic Security of Business Transactions' includes coverage of internal company factors, tax evasion and tax avoidance; the book also looks at the level of involvement of the State (especially the EU's Common Market). This leads to abuses and distortions in the area of the competitiveness of enterprises and countries' competitiveness; it also changes the perception of contemporary economic security. This book is an attempt to point to the example of single countries, the European Community, and on a global scale - what is the efficiency of national economic systems and how the associated risks impact upon economic trade disorders. Key Features Contains contributions from some of the world's leading researchers. Has an interdisciplinary character - based on economics, management and law. Shows and defines real threats and risks which occur in economic trade. The Authors Konrad Raczkowski is Professor of Management, who specializes in the unofficial economy, public finances and management in the economic system. He is a Director of Economic Institute in University of Social Sciences in Warsaw; he was Head of the Department of the Economic Security Management. Between 2003 and 2013 he worked in the finance department. He was also the advisor and consultant to governmental institutions, entrepreneurs and the European Anti-Fraud Office in Brussels (OLAF). He has qualifications as an internal auditor of integrated management systems. Professor Raczkowski is a member of British Academy of Management and since 2008 he has been an associate of the Institute for Security and Development Policy in Stockholm. Friedrich Schneider is Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics at the Johannes Kepler University of Linz in Austria. He is recognized as a leading authority in the field of studies on the shadow world economy. He has conducted research and lectures, among institutions such as the Universities of Yale, Princeton, Virginia, Stockholm, Zurich, Carnegie Mellon and Aarhus. In the years 1997-1999 he was the President of the Austrian Economic Association and in 2005-2008 the President of the German Economic Association. He has advised many governments, entrepreneurs and the European Commission. He is the author or co-author of hundreds of publications, including 62 books published in many languages. Professor Schneider's research interests focus on the theory of economic policy, finance and the analysis of economic consequences of government intervention. Readership Scientists and researchers of national economy and unofficial economy; people experienced in the management (public and business); entrepreneurs; and students Contents PART I. 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ECONOMY AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS CHAPTER 6 The idea of homo oeconomicus and the role of culture in the economy (Marian Noga) CHAPTER 7 The implications of tax competition and "race to the bottom" for economic growth (Jolanta Szolno-Koguc and Malgorzata Twarowska) CHAPTER 8 Correct planning of budget revenue as an essential condition for secure business transactions (Eugeniusz Ruskowski) CHAPTER 9 The effects of public transfers on an economic system (Marta Postula) CHAPTER 10 The role of marketing information in the assessment of a contractor's credibility in business negotiations (Bogdan Gregor and Magdalena Kalinska-Kula) CHAPTER 11 Implementation of the business counterintelligence branch in enterprise structure (Miroslaw Kwieci_ski and Krzysztof Passella) CHAPTER 12 Systematization of risk in internal and international markets (Katarzyna Zukrowska) CHAPTER 13 The role of the supreme audit office in tackling corruption and other types of organisational pathologies (Zbyslaw Dobrowolski) CHAPTER 14 Analysis of state bank guarantees offered to enterprises by national bank holdings and system solutions in selected countries (Dorota Ostrowska) CHAPTER 15 Common banking supervision within the financial safety net (Beata Domanska-Szaruga) CHAPTER 16 Crisis management in the global economy (Robert Dygas) PART III. 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economic security (Agnieszka Glodowska) CHAPTER 20 The impact of non-military threats to economic security (Andrzej Limanski, Zbigniew Grzywna and Ireneusz Drabik)

Software Architecture - Carlos E. Cuesta 2018

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th European Conference on Software Architecture, ECSA 2018, held in Madrid, Spain, in September 2018. The 17 full papers presented together with 7 short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 96 submissions. They are organized in topical sections as follows: Self-Adaptive Architectures, IoT Architectures, Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems, Microservices Architectures, Service-Oriented Architectures, Architectural Design Decisions, Software Architecture in Practice.

Confronting Corruption - Jeremy Pope 2000

The first version of this Source Book argued the case for a "National Integrity System", an holistic approach to transparency and accountability and embracing a range of accountability "pillars", democratic, judicial, media and civil society. The expression has since passed into common usage in development circles, and the argument for an holistic approach to anti-corruption efforts has similarly achieved a widespread consensus. The fight against corruption is not wholly a moral one, in the sense that it is a struggle against the intrinsic "evil" of corruption. Certainly there is a moral element - and one which cuts across all major religions and societies throughout the world. But the compelling reason for the struggle is the suffering and deprivation corruption brings to whole societies, and to the world's most poor. It is concern for the latter, rather than a distaste for the corrupt and their deeds, that rightly drives the global movement against corruption.

Intelligent Communication, Control and Devices - Sushabhan Choudhury 2019-08-28

The book focuses on the integration of intelligent communication systems, control systems, and devices related to all aspects of engineering and sciences. It includes high-quality research papers from the 3rd international conference, ICICCD 2018, organized by the Department of Electronics, Instrumentation and Control Engineering at the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun on 21-22 December 2018. Covering a range of recent advances in intelligent communication, intelligent control and intelligent devices., the book presents original research and findings as well as researchers' and industrial practitioners' practical development experiences of.

Trade and Transport Corridor Management Toolkit - Charles Kunaka 2014-05-07

Trade and transport corridors are fundamental to the overland movement of international trade, particularly for landlocked countries. This book provides tools and techniques for the design of trade and transport corridor projects. It is meant for task managers, policy makers, and corridor service providers.

The Princeton Encyclopedia of the World Economy. (Two volume set) - Kenneth A. Reinert 2010-08-02

Increasing economic globalization has made understanding the world economy more important than ever. From trade agreements to offshore outsourcing to foreign aid, this two-volume encyclopedia explains the key elements of the world economy and provides a first step to further research for students and scholars in public policy, international studies, business, and the broader social sciences, as well as for economic policy professionals. Written by an international team of contributors, this comprehensive reference includes more than 300 up-to-date entries covering a wide range of topics in international trade, finance, production, and economic development. These topics include concepts and principles, models and theory, institutions and agreements, policies and instruments, analysis and tools, and sectors and special issues. Each entry includes cross-references and a list of sources for further reading and research. Complete with an index and a table of contents that groups entries by topic, *The Princeton Encyclopedia of the World Economy* is an essential resource for anyone who needs to better understand the global economy. Features: ? More than 300 alphabetically arranged articles on topics in international trade, finance, production, and economic development International team of contributors Annotated list of further reading with each article Topical list of entries Full index and cross-references Entry categories and sample topics: ? Concepts and principles: globalization, anti-globalization, fair trade, foreign direct investment, international migration, economic development, multinational enterprises Models and theory: Heckscher-Ohlin model, internalization theory, New Trade Theory, North-South trade, Triffin dilemma Institutions and agreements: European Union, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, World Bank, Doha Round,

international investment agreements Policies and instruments: dollar standard, international aid, sanctions, tariffs Analysis and tools: exchange rate forecasting, effective protection, monetary policy rules Sectors and special issues: child labor, corporate governance, the digital divide, health and globalization, illegal drugs trade, petroleum, steel

Banking 5.0 - Bernardo Nicoletti 2021-07-06

Bill Gates' quote, "Banking is necessary, but banks are not," showcases the opportunity for financial services digital transformation. The next transition from industry 4.0 to 5.0 will impact all sectors, including banking. It will combine information technology and automation, based on artificial intelligence, person-robot collaboration, and sustainability. It is time to analyze this transformation in banking deeply, so that the sector can adequately change to the 'New Normal' and a wholly modified banking model can be properly embedded in the business. This book presents a conceptual model of banking 5.0, detailing its implementation in processes, platforms, people, and partnerships of financial services organizations companies. The last part of the book is then dedicated to future developments. Of interest to academics, researchers, and professionals in banking, financial technology, and financial services, this book also includes business cases in financial services.

Cross-Cultural Marketing - Dawn Burton 2008-11-21

Cross-cultural marketing is an important element of the contemporary business environment. Many conventional accounts of the topic have conflated cross-cultural and cross-national marketing, but in this groundbreaking, new book, Burton argues that these generalizations have little meaning given the extent of multi-culturalism in many societies. Given the importance of new emerging markets in the Far East, Middle East, Asia and Latin America, this book raises important questions about the applicability of existing marketing theory and practice, which was originally developed using the model of Western society. An extensive range of cross-cultural marketing issues is addressed, including: Cross-cultural consumer behaviour Cross-cultural management practice Promotional strategies Product development Distribution Marketing research methods Cross-cultural Marketing offers a new, more complex and sophisticated approach to the important challenges for existing marketing theory and practice and their continued relevance for stakeholders. As such, it is an invaluable text for students of international and cross-cultural marketing, as well as for practitioners who wish to assess new developments in the field.

Lear - Edward Bond 2013-11-12

Edward Bond's version of Lear's story embraces myth and reality, war and politics, to reveal the violence endemic in all unjust societies. He exposes corrupted innocence as the core of social morality, and this false morality as a source of the aggressive tension which must ultimately destroy that society. In a play in which blindness becomes a dramatic metaphor for insight, Bond warns that 'it is so easy to subordinate justice to power, but when this happens power takes on the dynamics and dialectics of aggression, and then nothing is really changed'.

The Internet of Things - Daniel Giusto 2010-03-10

This book constitutes the proceedings from the 20th Tyrrhenian Workshop on Digital Communications, held September 2009 in Pula, Sardinia, Italy and focused on the "Internet of Things."

Advances in Computational and Bio-Engineering - S. Jyothi 2020-10-23

This book gathers state-of-the-art research in computational engineering and bioengineering to facilitate knowledge exchange between various scientific communities. Computational engineering (CE) is a relatively new discipline that addresses the development and application of computational models and simulations often coupled with high-performance computing to solve complex physical problems arising in engineering analysis and design in the context of natural phenomena. Bioengineering (BE) is an important aspect of computational biology, which aims to develop and use efficient algorithms, data structures, and visualization and communication tools to model biological systems. Today, engineering approaches are essential for biologists, enabling them to analyse complex physiological processes, as well as for the pharmaceutical industry to support drug discovery and development programmes.

Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning - IDEAL 2020 - Cesar Analide 2020-10-29

This two-volume set of LNCS 12489 and 12490 constitutes the thoroughly refereed conference proceedings of the 21th International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning, IDEAL

2020, held in Guimaraes, Portugal, in November 2020.* The 93 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 134 submissions. These papers provided a timely sample of the latest advances in data engineering and machine learning, from methodologies, frameworks, and algorithms to applications. The core themes of IDEAL 2020 include big data challenges, machine learning, data mining, information retrieval and management, bio-/neuro-informatics, bio-inspired models, agents and hybrid intelligent systems, real-world applications of intelligent techniques and AI. * The conference was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Design and Management of Sustainable Projects to Alleviate Poverty in South Asia - Economic Development Institute (Washington, D.C.) 1993

Faith Movements and Social Transformation - Samta P. Pandya 2018-12-11

This book examines the role of Hindu-inspired faith movements (HIFMs) in contemporary India as actors in social transformation. It further situates these movements in the context of the global political economy where such movements cross national boundaries to locate believers among the Hindu diaspora and others. In contemporary neoliberal India, HIFMs have become important actors, and they realize themselves by making public assertions through service. The four pillars of the contemporary presence of such movements are: gurus, sociality, hegemony and social transformation. Gurus, who spearhead these movements, create a matrix of possible meanings in their public discourses which their followers pick up to create messages of personal and social change. Sociality is a core strategy of proliferation across such movements and implies social service, which is qualified by memories of the guru and what they are believed to embody. Hegemony is reflected in the fact that social service in such movements often ominously imbibes right-wing or far-right Hinduism. They propose a model of Hindu-inspired social transformation, involving faith building into and transforming the civil society. The book discusses in a nuanced way several Hindu-inspired faith movements of various hues which have made national and international impact. This topical book is of interest to students and researchers in the fields of sociology, anthropology, social work, and social psychology, with a special interest in the study of religious movements.

Hong Kong Then - Brian Wilson 2000-01-01

Masters Theses in the Pure and Applied Sciences - W. H. Shafer 2013-03-14

Masters Theses in the Pure and Applied Sciences was first conceived, published, and disseminated by the Center for Information and Numerical Data Analysis and Synthesis (CINDAS) * at Purdue University in 1957, starting its coverage of theses with the academic year 1955. Beginning with Volume 13, the printing and dissemination phases of the activity were transferred to University Microfilms/Xerox of Ann Arbor, Michigan, with the thought that such an arrangement would be more beneficial to the academic and general scientific and technical community. After five years of this joint undertaking we had concluded that it was in the interest of all concerned if the printing and distribution of the volume were handled by an international publishing house to assure improved service and broader dissemination. Hence, starting with Volume 18, Masters Theses in the Pure and Applied Sciences has been disseminated on a worldwide basis by Plenum Publishing Corporation of New York, and in the same year the coverage was broadened to include Canadian universities. All back issues can also be ordered from Plenum. We have reported in Volume 24 (thesis year 1979) a total of 10,033 theses titles from 26 Canadian and 215 United States universities. We are sure that this broader base for theses titles reported will greatly enhance the value of this important annual reference work. While Volume 24 reports these submitted in 1979, on occasion, certain universities do report theses submitted in previous years but not reported at the time.

Electronic Governance and Open Society: Challenges in Eurasia - Andrei Chugunov 2020-01-22

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th Conference on Electronic Governance and Open Society: Challenges in Eurasia, EGOSE 2019, held in St. Petersburg, Russia, in November 2019. The 32 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 82 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on smart city; digital government, society and economy; digital intelligence, data science and cybercrime; social networking and media.

Spatio-Temporal Database Management - Michael H. Böhlen 1999-08-25

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International Workshop on Spatio-Temporal Database Management Systems, STDBM'99, held in Edinburgh, UK, in September 1999 as a satellite event of VLDB'99. The 13 revised full papers presented were carefully selected from 30 papers submitted. The book offers topical sections on understanding and manipulating spatio-temporal data; integration, exchange, and visualization; query processing; index evaluation; and constraints and dependencies.

Big in Asia - M. Backman 2002-10-10

Companies operating in post-crisis Asia find themselves confronted by obstacles that hinder development and progress. Written by two leading analysts, this book identifies the transformation of the competitive landscape in Asia. By focusing on the main difficulties faced by companies it provides a series of strategies for business success and show how to avoid failure in Asia. This is an essential guide for companies who wish to make it big in Asia.