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A general framework for constructing and using probabilistic models of complex systems that would enable a computer to use available information for making decisions. Most tasks require a person or an automated system to reason—to reach conclusions based on available information. The framework of probabilistic graphical models, presented in this book, provides a general approach for this task. The approach is model-based, allowing interpretable models to be constructed and then manipulated by reasoning algorithms. These models can also be learned automatically from data, allowing the approach to be used in cases where manually constructing a model is difficult or even impossible. Because uncertainty is an inescapable aspect of most real-world applications, the book focuses on probabilistic models, which make the uncertainty explicit and provide models that are more faithful to reality. Probabilistic Graphical Models discusses a variety of models, spanning Bayesian networks, undirected Markov networks, discrete and continuous models, and extensions to deal with dynamical systems and relational data. For each class of models, the text describes the three fundamental cornerstones: representation, inference, and learning, presenting both basic concepts and advanced techniques. Finally, the book considers the use of the proposed framework for causal reasoning and decision making under uncertainty. The main text in each chapter provides the detailed technical development of the key ideas. Most chapters also include boxes with additional material: skill boxes, which describe techniques; case study boxes, which discuss empirical cases related to the approach described in the text, including applications in computer vision, robotics, natural language understanding, and computational biology; and concept boxes, which present significant concepts drawn from the material in the chapter. Instructors (and readers) can group chapters in various combinations, from core topics to more technically advanced material, to suit their particular needs.

This proceedings book presents state-of-the-art research innovations in computational vision and bio-inspired techniques. Due to the rapid advances in the emerging information, communication and computing technologies, the Internet of Things, cloud and edge computing, and artificial intelligence play a significant role in the computational vision context. In recent years, computational vision has contributed to enhancing the methods of controlling the operations in biological systems, like ant colony optimization, neural networks, and immune systems. Moreover, the ability of computational vision to process a large number of data streams by implementing new computing paradigms has been demonstrated in numerous studies incorporating computational techniques in the emerging bio-inspired models. The book reveals the theoretical and practical aspects of bio-inspired computing techniques, like machine learning, sensor-based models, evolutionary optimization, and big data modeling and management, that make use of effectual computing processes in the bio-inspired systems. As such it contributes to the novel research that focuses on developing bio-inspired computing solutions for various domains, such as human–computer interaction, image processing, sensor-based single processing, recommender systems, and facial recognition, which play an indispensable part in smart agriculture, smart city, biomedical and business intelligence applications.
This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Innovations for Community Services, I4CS 2018, held in Žilina, Slovakia, in June 2018. The 14 revised full papers and the three revised short papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 38 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on architectures and management; data analytics and models; community and public collaboration; innovations and digital transformation.

Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence

This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Business Information Systems, BIS 2010, held in Berlin, Germany, in May 2010. The 25 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from more than 80 submissions. Following the theme of the conference "Future Internet Business Services", the contributions detail recent research results and experiences and were grouped in eight sections on search and knowledge sharing, data and information security, Web experience modeling, business processes and rules, services and repositories, data mining for processes, visualization in business process management, and enterprise resource planning and supply chain management.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Pervasive Computing, Pervasive 2011, held in San Francisco, USA, in June 2011. The 19 revised full papers and three short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 93 submissions. The contributions are grouped into the following topical sections: practices with smartphones; sensing at home, sensing at work; predicting the future; location sensing; augmenting mobile phone use; pervasive computing in the public arena; public displays; hands on with sensing; sensing on the body.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral Modeling, and Prediction, SBP 2010, held in Bethesda, MD, USA, in March 2010. The 26 revised full papers and 23 revised poster papers presented together with 4 invited and keynote papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 78 initial submissions. The papers cover a wide range of interesting topics such as social network analysis, modeling, machine learning and data mining, social behaviors, public health, cultural aspects, effects and search.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the International Conference for Smart Health, ICSH 2018, held in Wuhan, China, in July 2018. The 14 full papers and 21 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 49 submissions. They focus on studies on the principles, approaches, models, frameworks, new applications, and effects of using novel information technology to address healthcare problems and improve social welfare. The selected papers are organized into the following topics: smart hospital; online health community; mobile health; medical big data and healthcare machine learning; chronic disease management; and health informatics.

This volume reflects a consensus that the investigation of words in the mind offers a unique opportunity to understand both human language ability and general human cognition. It brings together key perspectives on the fundamental nature of the representation and processing of words in the mind. This thematic volume covers a wide range of views on the fundamental nature of representation and processing of words in the mind and a range of views on the investigative techniques that are most likely to
reveal that nature. It provides an overview of issues and developments in the field. It uncovers the processes of word recognition. It develops new models of lexical processing.

This volume contains the proceedings of the International Conference on Advanced Data Mining and Applications (ADMA 2009), held in Beijing, China, during August 17–19, 2009. We are pleased to have a very strong program. Acceptance into the conference proceedings was extremely competitive. From the 322 submissions from 27 countries and regions, the Program Committee selected 34 full papers and 47 short papers for presentation at the conference and inclusion in the proceedings. The contributed papers cover a wide range of data mining topics and a diverse spectrum of interesting applications. The Program Committee worked very hard to select these papers through a rigorous review process and extensive discussion, and finally posed a diverse and exciting program for ADMA 2009. An important feature of the main program was the truly outstanding keynote speakers program. Edward Y. Chang, Director of Research, Google China, gave a talk titled "Confucius and 'Its' Intelligent Disciples". Being right in the forefront of data mining applications to the world's largest knowledge and data base, the Web, Dr. Chang scribed how Google's Knowledge Search product help to improve the scalability of machine learning for Web-scale applications. Charles X. Ling, a seasoned researcher in data mining from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, talked about his in-vative applications of data mining and artificial intelligence to gifted child education.

MUSIC 2013 will be the most comprehensive text focused on the various aspects of Mobile, Ubiquitous and Intelligent computing. MUSIC 2013 provides an opportunity for academic and industry professionals to discuss the latest issues and progress in the area of intelligent technologies in mobile and ubiquitous computing environment. MUSIC 2013 is the next edition of the 3rd International Conference on Mobile, Ubiquitous, and Intelligent Computing (MUSIC-12, Vancouver, Canada, 2012) which was the next event in a series of highly successful International Workshop on Multimedia, Communication and Convergence technologies MCC-11 (Crete, Greece, June 2011), MCC-10 (Cebu, Philippines, August 2010).

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries, ICADL 2008, held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2008. The 30 revised full papers, 20 revised short papers, and extended abstracts of 13 poster papers carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The paper topics cover the spectrum of digital libraries, including multimedia digital libraries, usability and evaluation, information retrieval, ontologies, social tagging, metadata issues, multi- and cross-language retrieval, digital preservation, and scholarly publishing and commmunities.

The 32nd Annual German Conference on Artificial Intelligence, KI 2009 (KI being the German acronym for AI), was held
at the University of Paderborn, Germany on September 15–18, 2009, continuing a series of successful events. Starting back in 1975 as a national meeting, the conference now gathers - searchers and developers from academic ?elds and industries worldwide to share their research results covering all aspects of artificial intelligence. This year we received submissions from 23 countries and 4 continents. Besides the international orientation, we made a major e?ort to include as many branches of AI as possible under the roof of the KI conference. A total of 21 area chairs representing different communities within the ?eld of AI selected further members of the program committee and helped the local organizers to acquire papers. The new approach appealed to the AI community: we had 126 submissions, which constituted an increase of more than 50%, and which resulted in 14 parallel sessions on the following topics: agents and intelligent virtual environments AI and engineering automated reasoning cognition evolutionary computation Robotics experience and knowledge management history and philosophical foundations knowledge representation and reasoning machine learning and mining natural language processing planning and scheduling spatial and temporal reasoning vision and perception o?ering cutting edge presentations and discussions with leading experts. Thirty-one percent of the contributions came from outside German-speaking countries.

As online information grows dramatically, search engines such as Google are playing a more and more important role in our lives. Critical to all search engines is the problem of designing an effective retrieval model that can rank documents accurately for a given query. This has been a central research problem in information retrieval for several decades. In the past ten years, a new generation of retrieval models, often referred to as statistical language models, has been successfully applied to solve many different information retrieval problems. Compared with the traditional models such as the vector space model, these new models have a more sound statistical foundation and can leverage statistical estimation to optimize retrieval parameters. They can also be more easily adapted to model non-traditional and complex retrieval problems. Empirically, they tend to achieve comparable or better performance than a traditional model with less effort on parameter tuning. This book systematically reviews the large body of literature on applying statistical language models to information retrieval with an emphasis on the underlying principles, empirically effective language models, and language models developed for non-traditional retrieval tasks. All the relevant literature has been synthesized to make it easy for a reader to digest the research progress achieved so far and see the frontier of research in this area. The book also offers practitioners an informative introduction to a set of practically useful language models that can effectively solve a variety of retrieval problems. No prior knowledge about information retrieval is required, but some basic knowledge about probability and statistics would be useful for fully digesting all the details. Table of Contents: Introduction / Overview of Information Retrieval Models / Simple Query Likelihood Retrieval Model / Complex Query
This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th Information Retrieval Societies Conference, AIRS 2014, held in Kuching, Malaysia, in December 2014. The 42 full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 110 submissions. Seven tracks were the focus of the AIR 2014 and they were IR models and theories; IR evaluation, user study and interactive IR; web IR, scalability and IR in social media; multimedia IR; natural language processing for IR; machine learning and data mining for IR and IR applications.

How to deal with uncertainty is a subject of much controversy in Artificial Intelligence. This volume brings together a wide range of perspectives on uncertainty, many of the contributors being the principal proponents in the controversy. Some of the notable issues which emerge from these papers revolve around an interval-based calculus of uncertainty, the Dempster-Shafer Theory, and probability as the best numeric model for uncertainty. There remain strong dissenting opinions not only about probability but even about the utility of any numeric method in this context.

Future Communication Technology and Engineering is a collection of papers presented at the 2014 International Conference on Future Communication Technology and Engineering (Shenzhen, China 16-17 November 2014). Covering a wide range of topics (communication systems, automation and control engineering, electrical engineering), the book includes the

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, PAKDD 2007, held in Nanjing, China, May 2007. It covers new ideas, original research results and practical development experiences from all KDD-related areas including data mining, machine learning, data warehousing, data visualization, automatic scientific discovery, knowledge acquisition and knowledge-based systems.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Web-Age Information Management, WAIM 2013, held in Beidaihe, China, in June 2013. The 47 revised full papers presented together with 29 short papers and 5 keynotes were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 248 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on data mining; information integration and heterogeneous systems; big data; spatial and temporal databases; information extraction; new hardware and miscellaneous; query processing and optimization; social network and graphs; information retrieval; workflow systems and service computing; recommender systems; security, privacy, and trust; semantic Web and ontology.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Intelligence and Security Informatics, ISI 2006. Gathers 39 revised full papers, 30 revised short papers, and 56 extended poster abstracts,
organized in topical sections including intelligence analysis and knowledge discovery; access control, privacy, and cyber trust; surveillance and emergency response; infrastructure protection and cyber security; terrorism informatics and countermeasures; surveillance, bioterrorism, and emergency response.

The Definitive Resource on Text Mining Theory and Applications from Foremost Researchers in the Field Giving a broad perspective of the field from numerous vantage points, Text Mining: Classification, Clustering, and Applications focuses on statistical methods for text mining and analysis. It examines methods to automatically cluster and classify text documents and applies these methods in a variety of areas, including adaptive information filtering, information distillation, and text search. The book begins with chapters on the classification of documents into predefined categories. It presents state-of-the-art algorithms and their use in practice. The next chapters describe novel methods for clustering documents into groups that are not predefined. These methods seek to automatically determine topical structures that may exist in a document corpus. The book concludes by discussing various text mining applications that have significant implications for future research and industrial use. There is no doubt that text mining will continue to play a critical role in the development of future information systems and advances in research will be instrumental to their success. This book captures the technical depth and immense practical potential of text mining, guiding readers to a sound appreciation of this burgeoning field.

Lecture Notes in Computer Science.

This book is an authoritative handbook of current topics, technologies and methodological approaches that may be used for the study of scholarly impact. The included methods cover a range of fields such as statistical sciences, scientific visualization, network analysis, text mining, and information retrieval. The techniques and tools enable researchers to investigate metric phenomena and to assess scholarly impact in new ways. Each chapter offers an introduction to the selected topic and outlines how the topic, technology or methodological approach may be applied to metrics-related research. Comprehensive and up-to-date, Measuring Scholarly Impact: Methods and Practice is designed for researchers and scholars interested in informetrics, scientometrics, and text mining. The hands-on perspective is also beneficial to advanced-level students in fields from computer science and statistics to information science.

"During the last decades Computational Intelligence has emerged and showed its contributions in various broad research communities (computer science, engineering, finance, economic, decision making, etc.). This was done by proposing approaches and algorithms based either on turnkey techniques belonging to the large panoply of solutions offered by computational intelligence such as data mining, genetic algorithms, bio-inspired methods, Bayesian networks, machine learning, fuzzy logic, artificial neural networks, etc. or inspired by computational intelligence techniques to develop new
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Probabilistic topic models have proven to be an extremely versatile class of mixed-membership models for discovering the thematic structure of text collections. There are many possible applications, covering a broad range of areas of study: technology, natural science, social science and the humanities. In this thesis, a new efficient parallel Markov Chain Monte Carlo inference algorithm is proposed for Bayesian inference in large topic models. The proposed methods scale well with the corpus size and can be used for other probabilistic topic models and other natural language processing applications. The proposed methods are fast, efficient, scalable, and will converge to the true posterior distribution. In addition, in this thesis a supervised topic model for high-dimensional text classification is also proposed, with emphasis on interpretable document prediction using the horseshoe shrinkage prior in supervised topic models. Finally, we develop a model and inference algorithm that can model agenda and framing of political speeches over time with a priori defined topics. We apply the approach to analyze the evolution of immigration discourse in the Swedish parliament by combining theory from political science and communication science with a probabilistic topic model. Probabilistiska ämnesmodeller (topic models) är en mångsidig klass av modeller för att estimera ämnessammansättningar i större corpusar. Applikationer finns i ett flertal vetenskapsområden som teknik, naturvetenskap, samhällsvetenskap och humaniora. I denna avhandling föreslås nya effektiva och parallella Markov Chain Monte Carlo algoritmer för Bayesianska

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Web-Age Information Management, WAIM 2015, held in Qingdao, China, in June 2015. The 33 full research papers, 31 short research papers, and 6 demonstrations were carefully reviewed and selected from 164 submissions. The focus of the conference is on following topics: advanced database and web applications, big data analytics big data management, caching and replication, cloud computing, content management, crowdsourcing data and information quality, data management for mobile and pervasive computing, data management on new hardware, data mining, data provenance and workflow, data warehousing and OLAP, deep web, digital libraries, entity resolution and entity linking and graph data management and RDF.

Describes recent academic and industrial applications of topic models with the goal of launching a young researcher capable of building their own applications of topic models.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the joint International Conference APWeb/WAIM 2009 which was held in Suzhou, China, during April 1-4, 2009. The 42 full papers presented together with 26 short papers and the abstracts of 2 keynote speeches were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book. The topics covered are query processing, topic-based techniques, Web data processing, multidimensional data analysis, stream data processing, data mining and its applications, and data management support to advanced applications.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning, IDEAL 2011, held in Norwich, UK, in September 2011. The 59 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions for inclusion in the book and present the latest theoretical advances and real-world applications in computational intelligence.

The Handbook of Latent Semantic Analysis is the authoritative reference for the theory behind Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), a burgeoning mathematical method used to analyze how words make meaning, with the desired outcome to program machines to understand human commands via natural language rather than strict programming protocols. The first book of its kind to deliver such a comprehensive analysis, this volume explores every area of the method and combines theoretical implications as well as practical matters of LSA. Readers are introduced to a powerful new way of understanding language phenomena, as well as innovative ways to perform tasks that depend on
language or other complex systems. The Handbook clarifies misunderstandings and pre-formed objections to LSA, and provides examples of exciting new educational technologies made possible by LSA and similar techniques. It raises issues in philosophy, artificial intelligence, and linguistics, while describing how LSA has underwritten a range of educational technologies and information systems. Alternate approaches to language understanding are addressed and compared to LSA. This work is essential reading for anyone—newcomers to this area and experts alike—interested in how human language works or interested in computational analysis and uses of text. Educational technologists, cognitive scientists, philosophers, and information technologists in particular will consider this volume especially useful.

This book presents statistical models that have recently been developed within several research communities to access information contained in text collections. The problems considered are linked to applications aiming at facilitating information access: - information extraction and retrieval; - text classification and clustering; - opinion mining; - comprehension aids (automatic summarization, machine translation, visualization). In order to give the reader a complete description as possible, the focus is placed on the probability models used in the applications concerned, by highlighting the relationship between models and applications and by illustrating the behavior of each model on real collections. Textual Information Access is organized around four themes: informational retrieval and ranking models, classification and clustering (regression logistics, kernel methods, Markov fields, etc.), multilingualism and machine translation, and emerging applications such as information exploration. Contents Part 1: Information Retrieval 1. Probabilistic Models for Information Retrieval, Stéphane Clinchant and Eric Gaussier. 2. Learnable Ranking Models for Automatic Text Summarization and Information Retrieval, Massih-Réza Amini, David Buffoni, Patrick Gallinari, Tuong Vinh Truong and Nicolas Usunier. Part 2: Classification and Clustering 3. Logistic Regression and Text Classification, Sujeevan Aseervatham, Eric Gaussier, Anestis Antoniadis, Michel Burlet and Yves Denneulin. 4. Kernel Methods for Textual Information Access, Jean-Michel Renders. 5. Topic-Based Generative Models for Text Information Access, Jean-Cédric Chappelier. 6. Conditional Random Fields for Information Extraction, Isabelle Tellier and Marc Tommasi. Part 3: Multilingualism 7. Statistical Methods for Machine Translation, Alexandre Allauzen and François Yvon. Part 4: Emerging Applications 8. Information Mining: Methods and Interfaces for Accessing Complex Information, Josiane Mothe, Kurt Englemeier and Fionn Murtagh. 9. Opinion Detection as a Topic Classification Problem, Juan-Manuel Torres-Moreno, Marc El-Bèze, Patrice Bellot and Frédéric Béchet.

The First Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML 2009) was held at Nanjing, China during November 2–4, 2009. This was the first edition of a series of annual conferences which aim to provide a leading international forum for researchers in machine learning and related fields to share their new ideas and research findings. This year we received 113 submissions from 18 countries and regions in Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America. The submissions went through a rigorous double-blind reviewing process. Most submissions received four reviews, a few submissions received five reviews, while only several submissions received three reviews. Each submission was handled by an Area Chair who coordinated discussions among reviewers and made recommendation on the submission. The Program Committee Chairs examined the reviews and meta-reviews to further guarantee the reliability and integrity of the reviewing process. Twenty-nine -pers were selected after this process. To ensure that important revisions required by reviewers were incorporated into the final accepted papers, and to allow submissions which would have - tential after a careful revision, this year we launched a “revision double-check” process. In short, the above-mentioned 29 papers were conditionally accepted, and the authors were requested to incorporate the “important-and-must” revisions summarized by area chairs based on reviewers’ comments. Therevised?nal version and the revision list of each conditionally accepted paper was examined by the Area Chair and Program Committee Chairs. Papers that failed to pass the examination were ?nally
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rejected.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 30th annual European Conference on Information Retrieval Research, ECIR 2009, held in Toulouse, France in April 2009. The 42 revised full papers and 18 revised short papers presented together with the abstracts of 3 invited lectures and 25 poster papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 188 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on retrieval model, collaborative IR / filtering, learning, multimedia - metadata, expert search - advertising, evaluation, opinion detection, web IR, representation, clustering / categorization as well as distributed IR.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 33rd annual European Conference on Information Retrieval Research, ECIR 2011, held in Dublin, Ireland, in April 2010. The 45 revised full papers presented together with 24 poster papers, 17 short papers, and 6 tool demonstrations were carefully reviewed and selected from 223 full research paper submissions and 64 poster/demo submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on text categorization, recommender systems, Web IR, IR evaluation, IR for Social Networks, cross-language IR, IR theory, multimedia IR, IR applications, interactive IR, and question answering /NLP.

The two-volume proceedings of the ACIIDS 2015 conference, LNAI 9011 + 9012, constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th Asian Conference on Intelligent Information and Database Systems, held in Bali, Indonesia, in March 2015. The total of 117 full papers accepted for publication in these proceedings was carefully reviewed and selected from 332 submissions. They are organized in the following topical sections: semantic web, social networks and recommendation systems; text processing and information retrieval; intelligent database systems; intelligent information systems; decision support and control systems; machine learning and data mining; multiple model approach to machine learning; innovations in intelligent systems and applications; bio-inspired optimization techniques and their applications; machine learning in biometrics and bioinformatics with applications; advanced data mining techniques and applications; collective intelligent systems for e-market trading, technology opportunity discovery and collaborative learning; intelligent information systems in security and defense; analysis of image, video and motion data in life sciences; augmented reality and 3D media; cloud based solutions; internet of things, big data and cloud computing; and artificial intelligent techniques and their application in engineering and operational research.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th China National Conference on Computational Linguistics, CCL 2013, and of the First International Symposium on Natural Language Processing Based on Naturally Annotated Big Data, NLP-NABD 2013, held in Suzhou, China, in October 2013. The 32 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 252 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on word segmentation; open-domain question answering; discourse, coreference and pragmatics; statistical and machine learning methods in NLP; semantics; text mining, open-domain information extraction and machine reading of the Web; sentiment analysis, opinion mining and text classification; lexical semantics and ontologies; language resources and annotation; machine translation; speech recognition and synthesis; tagging and chunking; and large-scale knowledge acquisition and reasoning.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th Asia-Pacific Services Computing Conference, APSCC 2016, held in Zhangjiajie, China, in November 2016. The 38 revised full papers presented in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from 107 submissions. The papers cover a wide range of topics in the fields of cloud/utility/Web computing/big data; foundations of services computing; social/peer-to-peer/mobile/ubiquitous/pervasive computing; service-centric computing models; integration of telecommunication SOA and Web services; business process integration and management; and security in services.
Sentiment analysis research has been started long back and recently it is one of the demanding research topics. Research activities on Sentiment Analysis in natural language texts and other media are gaining ground with full swing. But, till date, no concise set of factors has been yet defined that really affects how writers’ sentiment i.e., broadly human sentiment is expressed, perceived, recognized, processed, and interpreted in natural languages. The existing reported solutions or the available systems are still far from perfect or fail to meet the satisfaction level of the end users. The reasons may be that there are dozens of conceptual rules that govern sentiment and even there are possibly unlimited clues that can convey these concepts from realization to practical implementation. Therefore, the main aim of this book is to provide a feasible research platform to our ambitious researchers towards developing the practical solutions that will be indeed beneficial for our society, business and future researches as well.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of five international workshops held in conjunction with PAKDD 2011 in Shenzhen, China, in May 2011: the International Workshop on Behavior Informatics (BI 2011), the Workshop on Quality Issues, Measures of Interestingness and Evaluation of Data Mining Models (QIMIE 2011), the Workshop on Biologically Inspired Techniques for Data Mining (BDM 2011), the Workshop on Advances and Issues in Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinical Data Mining (AI-TCM 2011), and the Second Workshop on Data Mining for Healthcare Management (DMGHM 2011). The book also includes papers from the First PAKDD Doctoral Symposium on Data Mining (DSDM 2011). The 42 papers were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers cover a wide range of topics discussing emerging techniques in the field of knowledge discovery in databases and their application domains extending to previously unexplored areas such as data mining based on optimization techniques from biological behavior of animals and applications in Traditional Chinese Medicine clinical research and health care management.

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