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In 2011 the World Bank—with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation—launched the Global Findex database, the world's most comprehensive data set on how adults save, borrow, make payments, and manage risk. Drawing on survey data collected in collaboration with Gallup, Inc., the Global Findex database covers more than 140 economies around the world. The initial survey round was followed by a second one in 2014 and by a third in 2017. Compiled using nationally representative surveys of more than 150,000 adults age 15 and above in over 140 economies, *The Global Findex Database 2017: Measuring Financial Inclusion and the Fintech Revolution* includes updated indicators on access to and use of formal and informal financial services. It has additional data on the use of financial technology (or fintech), including the use of mobile phones and the Internet to conduct financial transactions. The data reveal opportunities to expand access to financial services among people who do not have an account—the unbanked—as well as to promote greater use of digital financial services among those who do have an account. The Global Findex database has become a mainstay of global efforts to promote financial inclusion. In addition to being widely cited by scholars and development practitioners,

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Global Index data are used to track progress toward the World Bank goal of Universal Financial Access by 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The database, the full text of the report, and the underlying country-level data for all figures—along with the questionnaire, the survey methodology, and other relevant materials—are available at www.worldbank.org/globalindex.

One of the hardest problems in science is the symbol grounding problem, a question that has intrigued philosophers and linguists for more than a century. With the rise of artificial intelligence, the question has become very actual, especially within the field of robotics. The problem is that an agent, be it a robot or a human, perceives the world in analogue signals. Yet humans have the ability to categorise the world in symbols that they, for instance, may use for language. This book presents a series of experiments in which two robots try to solve the symbol grounding problem. The experiments are based on the language game paradigm, and involve real mobile robots that are able to develop a grounded lexicon about the objects that they can detect in their world. Crucially, neither the lexicon nor the ontology of the robots has been preprogrammed, so the experiments demonstrate how a population of embodied language users can develop their own vocabularies from scratch.

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Earth Negotiations develops a phased-process model that can enable greater understanding of the process by which international environmental agreements are negotiated. By breaking down the negotiating process into a series of phases and turning points, it is easier to analyze the roles of the different actors, the management of issues, the formation of groups and coalitions, and the art of consensus building. Six discernible phases and five associated turning points within the process of multilateral environmental negotiation are identified and explained. The model is then used to see if there is anything that occurs in the earlier phases of negotiation that affects subsequent phases and if there is anything in the process that may have an effect on the outcome. The overall goal is to determine what lessons can be learned from past cases of multilateral environmental negotiation in order to help both practitioners and scholars strengthen the negotiating process and the quality of its results.

Introductory Business Statistics is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the one-semester statistics course for business, economics, and related majors. Core statistical concepts and skills have been augmented with practical business examples, scenarios, and exercises. The result is a meaningful understanding of the discipline, which will serve students in their business careers and real-world experiences.

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The second edition of Digital and Social Media Marketing is an up-to-date, industry-led results-driven guide to digital marketing. Mixing academic theory with practical examples from a range of different organisations worldwide, it provides insight into, and techniques to enable, the creation, development and maintenance of a successful digital presence. This highly regarded textbook has been fully revised to bring the content up-to-date with the newest digital technologies. With topics including developing an effective digital presence, search engine optimization, and measuring brand awareness, the new edition also looks at digital ethics, General Data Protection Regulation and privacy, artificial intelligence and machine learning, and voice strategies. New international case studies are explored, including Alibaba and Amazon, as well as revised practical exercises in each chapter, enabling students to see how the concepts underpinning digital and social media marketing support business success. The book's customisable Digital Business Maturity Model, and the Buyer Persona Spring, offer organisations a clear road map for understanding their own levels of technology adoption and digital strategy development. This accessible textbook provides a hands-on, user-friendly platform to turn skills and knowledge into strategic advantage. It is ideal for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students of digital marketing and marketing strategy and for

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practitioners aiming to be at the cutting edge of digital and social media marketing. Alongside electronic resources for each chapter, this new edition also includes digital learning materials, case studies and exercises available in a supporting online learning environment. The online materials further enhance learners' experience and support a worldwide learning community.

"The book provides analyses and explains some of the contradictions and apparent paradoxes of many information systems quality perspectives"--Provided by publisher.

International Financial Statistics, September 1966

A step-by-step introduction to modeling, training, and forecasting using wavelet networks Wavelet Neural Networks: With Applications in Financial Engineering, Chaos, and Classification presents the statistical model identification framework that is needed to successfully apply wavelet networks as well as extensive comparisons of alternate methods. Providing a concise and rigorous treatment for constructing optimal wavelet networks, the book links mathematical aspects of wavelet network construction to statistical modeling and forecasting applications in areas such as finance, chaos, and classification. The authors ensure that readers obtain a complete understanding of model identification by providing in-depth coverage of both model selection and variable significance testing.

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Featuring an accessible approach with introductory coverage of the basic principles of wavelet analysis, *Wavelet Neural Networks: With Applications in Financial Engineering, Chaos, and Classification* also includes:

- Methods that can be easily implemented or adapted by researchers, academics, and professionals in identification and modeling for complex nonlinear systems and artificial intelligence
- Multiple examples and thoroughly explained procedures with numerous applications ranging from financial modeling and financial engineering, time series prediction and construction of confidence and prediction intervals, and classification and chaotic time series prediction
- An extensive introduction to neural networks that begins with regression models and builds to more complex frameworks
- Coverage of both the variable selection algorithm and the model selection algorithm for wavelet networks in addition to methods for constructing confidence and prediction intervals

Ideal as a textbook for MBA and graduate-level courses in applied neural network modeling, artificial intelligence, advanced data analysis, time series, and forecasting in financial engineering, the book is also useful as a supplement for courses in informatics, identification and modeling for complex nonlinear systems, and computational finance. In addition, the book serves as a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners in the fields of mathematical modeling, engineering, artificial intelligence, decision

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science, neural networks, and finance and economics.

This book is about using business intelligence as a management information system for supporting managerial decision making. It concentrates primarily on practical business issues and demonstrates how to apply data warehousing and data analytics to support business decision making. This book progresses through a logical sequence, starting with data model infrastructure, then data preparation, followed by data analysis, integration, knowledge discovery, and finally the actual use of discovered knowledge. All examples are based on the most recent achievements in business intelligence. Finally this book outlines an overview of a methodology that takes into account the complexity of developing applications in an integrated business intelligence environment. This book is written for managers, business consultants, and undergraduate and postgraduates students in business administration.

The book focuses on the cultural aspect of the author's published PhD thesis entitled "The Role of Multinational Companies in the Middle East: The Case of Saudi Arabia", which he has carried out at the University of Westminster. It explores the success of multinational enterprises doing business in Saudi Arabia vis-à-vis their cultural awareness and responsiveness. The empirical findings discussed in this book reveal that international business success in a strange

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cultural environment depends partly on the ability of multinational managers to understand the local culture. The cultural subject in this book pertains to Islam in its entirety. The findings may seem strange to many readers who are not familiar with Islamic culture, in its purest form. Many newcomers to Saudi Arabia -- especially non-Muslim foreign investors, businessmen and workers -- often find many things "strange" about the Kingdom, its people and cultural values. Some feel it odd that many Muslims give more importance to prayer than business. Some are disappointed when they find commercial establishments like shopping centres closed as Muslim workers go to the mosques to attend to their daily prayers. Business visitors find strange the fact that in the midst of their meetings with their Saudi or Muslim counterparts, the latter excuse themselves for prayer. They have these "strange" feelings due to their lack of understanding of true Islamic culture. The cultural aspect of this book will help businessmen and concerned institutions worldwide gain understanding of Islam and reconcile their cultural differences with the Muslim world. Through this book, international companies will be able to have a better understanding of authentic Islamic culture, which will help them gain greater competitive advantages in the Saudi marketplace.

Advancements in technology have paved the way for innovative developments in

geographic information systems. This has led to the creation of new platforms for spatial analysis applications and strategies. Spatial Analysis Techniques Using MyGeoffice® is an information reference source for the latest academic material on emerging software developments for the exploration of spatial data and its various applications. Including a range of topics such as digital image processing, spatial autocorrelation, and system functionality, this book is ideally designed for researchers, engineers, academics, students, and practitioners seeking information on new technological progress in spatial analysis.

Businesses are collecting massive amounts of data every day as a way to better understand their processes, competition, and the markets they serve. This data can be used to increase organizational productivity and performance; however, it is essential that organizations collecting large data sets have the tools available to them to fully understand the data they are collecting. Organizational Productivity and Performance Measurements Using Predictive Modeling and Analytics takes a critical look at methods for enhancing an organization's operations and day-to-day activities through the effective use of data. Focusing on a variety of applications of predictive analytics within organizations of all types, this critical publication is an essential resource for business managers, data scientists, graduate-level students, and researchers.

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This book provides readers with an insight into the development of a novel method for regriding gridded spatial data, an operation required to perform the map overlay operation and apply map algebra when processing spatial data. It introduces the necessary concepts from spatial data processing and fuzzy rulebase systems and describes the issues experienced when using current regriding algorithms. The main focus of the book is on describing the different modifications needed to make the problem compatible with fuzzy rulebases. It offers a number of examples of out-of-the box thinking to handle aspects such as rulebase construction, defuzzification, spatial data comparison, etc. At first, the emphasis is put on the newly developed method, and additional datasets containing information on the underlying spatial distribution of the data are identified. After this, an artificial intelligent system (in the form of a fuzzy inference system) is constructed using this knowledge and then applied on the input data to perform the regriding. The book offers an example of how an apparently simple problem can pose many different challenges, even when trying to solve it with existing soft computing technologies. The workflow and solutions to solve these challenges are universal and may therefore be broadly applied into other contexts.

Highly praised for its clarity and great examples, Weiers' INTRODUCTION TO

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BUSINESS STATISTICS, 6E introduces fundamental statistical concepts in a conversational language that connects with today's students. Even those intimidated by statistics quickly discover success with the book's proven learning aids, outstanding illustrations, non-technical terminology, and hundreds of current examples drawn from real-life experiences familiar to students. A continuing case and contemporary applications combine with more than 100 new or revised exercises and problems that reflect the latest changes in business today with an accuracy you can trust. You can easily introduce today's leading statistical software and teach not only how to complete calculations by hand and using Excel, but also how to determine which method is best for a particular task. The book's student-oriented approach is supported with a wealth of resources, including the innovative new CengageNOW online course management and learning system that saves you time while helping students master the statistical skills most important for business success.

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The 21st International Conference on Industrial, Engineering and Other Applications of Applied Intelligent Systems (IEA-AIE 2008) held in Wroclaw, Poland was an international scientific forum for researchers in the field of applied artificial intelligence. The presentations of the invited speakers and the authors focused on developing and employing methods and systems to solve real-life problems in all applied intelligence areas. The IEA-AIE conference series, chaired by Moonis Ali, has a very long tradition, and it is the first time it was hosted in Poland.

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We received 302 papers from 52 countries. Each paper was sent to at least three Program Committee members for review. Although the general quality of the submissions was very high, only 90 best papers were selected for oral presentation and publication in the LNAI proceedings. The papers in the proceedings cover the following topics: computer vision, fuzzy system applications, robot, manufacturing, data mining and knowledge discovery, neural network, machine learning, natural language processing, Internet application, e-learning, heuristic search, application systems, agent-based system, evolutionary and genetic algorithms, knowledge management, and other applications. These papers highlight new trends and frontiers of applied artificial intelligence and show how new research could lead to new and innovative applications. We hope you will find these works useful and inspiring for your own research. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Program Committee members and all the reviewers for their hard work, which helped us to select the highest quality papers for the conference.

Business Statistics, Abridged Fifth Edition offers an introduction to the key concepts essential to an introductory business statistics course. Based on market research, this abridgement has removed six chapters considered to be superfluous leaving a text that more accurately reflects market needs. This abridged edition continues to provide the student with a clear understanding of the core statistical concepts and rich problems to stimulate learning.

For many years up until 1997, Korea was widely seen in economic and financial circles as something of a miracle. The financial crisis that Korea experienced then did much to set its economy back, but by 2001 it was still the 13th largest economy in terms of GDP in the world. This enticing collection, with contributions from experts with an impressive knowledge of Korea

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and its economy, charts not only the well documented causes of the crisis, but more importantly, its response and recovery from it. With an admirable scholarly rigour, the book covers such topics as: *the origin and evolution of the Korean economic system and its special factors including chaebols *Korean industries since the crisis *What happened to the money after the capital flight of the crisis and did the USA benefit? "The Korean Economy at the "Crossroads" is intended and recommended not only for students and academics involved in international finance, economics and Asian studies, but also for the business leaders and policy makers who can draw lessons from the books important analyses.

Addresses the impact on international marketing of major trends in the external and internal environment of the firm: technology-enabled international marketing research, global account management, procurement and international supplier networks, internationalization of small and entrepreneurial firms, and outsourcing and offshoring.

The book presents topics in discrete biomathematics. Mathematics has been widely used in modeling biological phenomena. However, the molecular and discrete nature of basic life processes suggests that their logic follow principles that are intrinsically based on discrete and informational mechanisms. The ultimate reason of polymers, as key element of life, is directly based on the computational power of strings, and the intrinsic necessity of metabolism is related to the mathematical notion of multiset. The switch of the two roots of bioinformatics suggests a change of perspective. In bioinformatics, the biologists ask computer scientists to assist them in processing biological data. Conversely, in infobiotics mathematicians and computer scientists investigate principles and theories yielding new interpretation keys of biological phenomena. Life is too important to be investigated by biologists alone, and though

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computers are essential to process data from biological laboratories, many fundamental questions about life can be appropriately answered by a perspicacious intervention of mathematicians, computer scientists, and physicists, who will complement the work of chemists, biochemists, biologists, and medical investigators. The volume is organized in seven chapters. The first part is devoted to research topics (Discrete information and life, Strings and genomes, Algorithms and Biorhythms, Life Strategies), the second one to mathematical backgrounds (Numbers and Measures, Languages and Grammars, Combinations and Chances).

The primary objective of this text is to help students to think clearly and critically and apply the knowledge of Business Statistics in decision making when solving business problems. The book introduces the need for quantitative analysis in business and the basic procedures in problem solving. Following an application-based theory approach, the book focuses on data collection, data presentation, summarizing and describing data, basic probability, and statistical inference. A separate chapter is devoted to show how Microsoft Excel can be used to solve problems and to make statistical analyses. It contains specimen Excel Worksheets illustrating how the problems of each chapter are solved using Excel functions and formulas. A large number of real-world business problems from various business professions such as finance, medical, psychology, sociology, and education are also included. This textbook is primarily intended for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of management and postgraduate students of commerce. The text helps students to:

- Understand the meaning and use of statistical terms used in business statistics
- Use graphical and descriptive statistics to identify the need for statistical inference techniques
- Perform statistical analyses
- Interpret the

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results of statistical analyses • Apply statistical inference techniques in business situations • Use computer spreadsheet software to perform statistical analysis on data • Choose the appropriate statistical tool from the collection of standard analytic methods

Statistical integrity with a complete Excel solution. The seventh edition retains its global emphasis, maintaining its position of being at the vanguard of international issues in business. There are a myriad of mathematical problems that cannot be solved using traditional methods. The development of fuzzy expert systems has provided new opportunities for problem-solving amidst uncertainties. Fuzzy Systems: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a comprehensive reference source on the latest scholarly research and developments in fuzzy rule-based methods and examines both theoretical foundations and real-world utilization of these logic sets. Featuring a range of extensive coverage across innovative topics, such as fuzzy logic, rule-based systems, and fuzzy analysis, this is an essential publication for scientists, doctors, engineers, physicians, and researchers interested in emerging perspectives and uses of fuzzy systems in various sectors.

The complexity, diversity, and random nature of transportation problems necessitates a broad analytical toolbox. Describing tools commonly used in the field, Statistical and Econometric Methods for Transportation Data Analysis, Second Edition provides an understanding of a broad range of analytical tools required to solve transportation problems. It includes a wide breadth of examples and case studies covering applications in various aspects of transportation planning, engineering, safety, and economics. After a solid refresher on statistical fundamentals, the book focuses on continuous dependent variable models and count and discrete dependent variable models. Along with an entirely new section on other statistical

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methods, this edition offers a wealth of new material. New to the Second Edition A subsection on Tobit and censored regressions An explicit treatment of frequency domain time series analysis, including Fourier and wavelets analysis methods New chapter that presents logistic regression commonly used to model binary outcomes New chapter on ordered probability models New chapters on random-parameter models and Bayesian statistical modeling New examples and data sets Each chapter clearly presents fundamental concepts and principles and includes numerous references for those seeking additional technical details and applications. To reinforce a practical understanding of the modeling techniques, the data sets used in the text are offered on the book's CRC Press web page. PowerPoint and Word presentations for each chapter are also available for download.

MODERN BUSINESS STATISTICS, 5E allows students to gain a strong conceptual understanding of statistics with a balance of real-world applications and a focus on the integrated strengths of Microsoft Excel 2013. To ensure student understanding, this best-selling, comprehensive text carefully discusses and clearly develops each statistical technique in a solid application setting. Microsoft Excel 2013 instruction, which is integrated in each chapter, plays an integral part in strengthening this edition's applications orientation. Immediately after each easy-to-follow presentation of a statistical procedure, a subsection discusses how to use Excel to perform the procedure. This integrated approach emphasizes the applications of Excel while focusing on the statistical methodology. Step-by-step instructions and screen captures further clarify student learning. A wealth of timely business examples, proven methods, and additional exercises throughout this edition demonstrate how statistical results provide insights into business decisions and present solutions to

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contemporary business problems. High-quality problems noted for their unwavering accuracy and the authors' signature problem-scenario approach clearly show how to apply statistical methods to practical business situations. New case problems and self-tests allow students to challenge their personal understanding. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Business Statistics of the United States is a comprehensive and practical collection of data from as early as 1913 that reflects the nation's economic performance. It provides over 80 years of annual, quarterly, and monthly data in industrial and demographic detail including key indicators such as: gross domestic product, personal income, spending, saving, employment, unemployment, the capital stock, and more. Business Statistics of the United States is the best place to find historical perspectives on the U.S. economy. Of equal importance to the data are the introductory highlights, extensive notes, and figures for each chapter that help users to understand the data, use them appropriately, and, if desired, seek additional information from the source agencies. Business Statistics of the United States provides a rich and deep picture of the American economy and contains approximately 3,500 time series in all. The data are predominately from federal government sources including: Board of Governors of The Federal Reserve System Bureau of Economic Analysis Bureau of Labor Statistics Census Bureau Employment and Training Administration Energy Information Administration Federal Housing Finance Agency U.S. Department of the Treasury

The book's website (with databases and other support materials) can be accessed [here](#). Praise for the Second Edition: The second edition introduces an especially broad set of statistical methods ... As a lecturer in both transportation and marketing research, I find this book an

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excellent textbook for advanced undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students, covering topics from simple descriptive statistics to complex Bayesian models. ... It is one of the few books that cover an extensive set of statistical methods needed for data analysis in transportation. The book offers a wealth of examples from the transportation field. —The American Statistician

Statistical and Econometric Methods for Transportation Data Analysis, Third Edition offers an expansion over the first and second editions in response to the recent methodological advancements in the fields of econometrics and statistics and to provide an increasing range of examples and corresponding data sets. It describes and illustrates some of the statistical and econometric tools commonly used in transportation data analysis. It provides a wide breadth of examples and case studies, covering applications in various aspects of transportation planning, engineering, safety, and economics. Ample analytical rigor is provided in each chapter so that fundamental concepts and principles are clear and numerous references are provided for those seeking additional technical details and applications. New to the Third Edition Updated references and improved examples throughout. New sections on random parameters linear regression and ordered probability models including the hierarchical ordered probit model. A new section on random parameters models with heterogeneity in the means and variances of parameter estimates. Multiple new sections on correlated random parameters and correlated grouped random parameters in probit, logit and hazard-based models. A new section discussing the practical aspects of random parameters model estimation. A new chapter on Latent Class Models. A new chapter on Bivariate and Multivariate Dependent Variable Models. Statistical and Econometric Methods for Transportation Data Analysis, Third Edition can serve as a textbook for advanced undergraduate, Masters, and Ph.D. students in

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transportation-related disciplines including engineering, economics, urban and regional planning, and sociology. The book also serves as a technical reference for researchers and practitioners wishing to examine and understand a broad range of statistical and econometric tools required to study transportation problems.

Although there are countless books on statistics, few are dedicated to the application of statistical methods to software engineering. *Simple Statistical Methods for Software Engineering: Data and Patterns* fills that void. Instead of delving into overly complex statistics, the book details simpler solutions that are just as effective and connect with the intuition of problem solvers. Sharing valuable insights into software engineering problems and solutions, the book not only explains the required statistical methods, but also provides many examples, review questions, and case studies that provide the understanding required to apply those methods to real-world problems. After reading this book, practitioners will possess the confidence and understanding to solve day-to-day problems in quality, measurement, performance, and benchmarking. By following the examples and case studies, students will be better prepared able to achieve seamless transition from academic study to industry practices. Includes boxed stories, case studies, and illustrations that demonstrate the nuances behind proper application Supplies historical anecdotes and traces statistical methods to inventors and gurus Applies basic statistical laws in their simplest forms to resolve engineering problems Provides simple techniques for addressing the issues software engineers face The book starts off by reviewing the essential facts about data. Next, it supplies a detailed review and summary of metrics, including development, maintenance, test, and agile metrics. The third section covers the fundamental laws of probability and statistics and the final section presents special

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data patterns in the form of tailed mathematical distributions. In addition to selecting simpler and more flexible tools, the authors have also simplified several standard techniques to provide you with the set of intellectual tools all software engineers and managers require.

Neural networks have had considerable success in a variety of disciplines including engineering, control, and financial modelling. However a major weakness is the lack of established procedures for testing mis-specified models and the statistical significance of the various parameters which have been estimated. This is particularly important in the majority of financial applications where the data generating processes are dominantly stochastic and only partially deterministic. Based on the latest, most significant developments in estimation theory, model selection and the theory of mis-specified models, this volume develops neural networks into an advanced financial econometrics tool for non-parametric modelling. It provides the theoretical framework required, and displays the efficient use of neural networks for modelling complex financial phenomena. Unlike most other books in this area, this one treats neural networks as statistical devices for non-linear, non-parametric regression analysis.

Advanced Topics in End User Computing features the latest research findings dealing with end user computing concepts, issues, and trends. It provides a forum to both academics and information technology practitioners to advance the practice and understanding of end user computing in organizations. Empirical and theoretical research concerned with all aspects of end user computing including development, utilization and management are included.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing, ICAISC 2006, held in Zakopane, Poland, in June 2006. The 128 revised contributed papers presented are organized in topical sections on neural networks

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and their applications, fuzzy systems and their applications, evolutionary algorithms and their applications, rough sets, classification and clustering, image analysis and robotics, bioinformatics and medical applications, various problems of artificial intelligence.

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