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Based on chaos theory two very important points are clear: (1) random looking aperiodic behavior may be the product of determinism, and (2) nonlinear problems should be treated as nonlinear problems and not as simplified linear problems. The theoretical aspects of chaos have been presented in great detail in several excellent books published in the last five years or so. However, while the problems associated with applications of the theory—such as dimension and Lyapunov exponent estimation, chaos and nonlinear prediction, and noise reduction—have been discussed in workshops and articles, they have not been presented in book form. This book has been prepared to fill this gap between theory and applications and to assist students and scientists wishing to apply ideas from the theory of nonlinear dynamical systems to problems from their areas of interest. The book is intended to be used as a text for an upper-level undergraduate or graduate-level course, as well as a reference source for researchers. My philosophy behind writing this book was to keep it simple and informative without compromising accuracy. I have made an effort to present the concepts by using simple systems and step-by-step derivations. Anyone with an understanding of basic differential equations and matrix theory should follow the text without difficulty. The book was designed to be self-contained. When applicable, examples accompany the theory. The reader will notice, however, that in the later chapters specific examples become less frequent. This is purposely done in the hope that individuals will draw on their own ideas and research projects for examples. This book is for students who did not follow mathematics through to the end of their school careers, and graduates and professionals who are looking for a refresher course. This new edition contains many new problems and also has associated spreadsheets designed to improve students' understanding. These spreadsheets

can also be used to solve many of the problems students are likely to encounter during the remainder of their geological careers. The book aims to teach simple mathematics using geological examples to illustrate mathematical ideas. This approach emphasizes the relevance of mathematics to geology, helps to motivate the reader and gives examples of mathematical concepts in a context familiar to the reader. With an increasing use of computers and quantitative methods in all aspects of geology it is vital that geologists be seen as numerate as their colleagues in other physical sciences. The book begins by discussing basic tools such as the use of symbols to represent geological quantities and the use of scientific notation for expressing very large and very small numbers. Simple functional relationships between geological variables are then covered (for example, straight lines, polynomials, logarithms) followed by chapters on algebraic manipulations. The mid-part of the book is devoted to trigonometry (including an introduction to vectors) and statistics. The last two chapters give an introduction to differential and integral calculus. The book is prepared with a large number of worked examples and problems for the students to attempt themselves. Answers to all the questions are given at the end of the book.

In this new edition, Vault publishes the entire surveys of current students and alumni at more than 100 top business schools. Each 4-to 5-page entry is composed of insider comments from students and alumni, as well as the school's responses to the comments.

Network and system administration usually refers to the skill of keeping computers and networks running properly. But in truth, the skill needed is that of managing complexity. This book describes the science behind these complex systems, independent of the actual operating systems they work on. It provides a theoretical approach to systems administration that saves time in performing common system

administration tasks. allows safe utilization of untrained and trained help in maintaining mission-critical systems. allows efficient and safe centralized network administration. Managing Human-Computer Networks: Will show how to make informed analyses and decisions about systems, how to diagnose faults and weaknesses Gives advice/guidance as to how to determine optimal policies for system management Includes exercises that illustrate the key points of the book The book provides a unique approach to an old problem and will become a classic for researchers and graduate students in Networking and Computer Science, as well as practicing system managers and system administrators.

The Big Chill meets The Group in Deborah Copaken Kogan's wry, lively, and irresistible new novel about a once-close circle of friends at their twentieth college reunion. Clover, Addison, Mia, and Jane were roommates at Harvard until their graduation in 1989. Clover, homeschooled on a commune by mixed-race parents, felt woefully out of place. Addison yearned to shed the burden of her Mayflower heritage. Mia mined the depths of her suburban ennui to enact brilliant performances on the Harvard stage. Jane, an adopted Vietnamese war orphan, made sense of her fractured world through words. Twenty years later, their lives are in free fall. Clover, once a securities broker with Lehman, is out of a job and struggling to reproduce before her fertility window slams shut. Addison's marriage to a writer's-blocked novelist is as stale as her so-called career as a painter. Hollywood shut its gold-plated gates to Mia, who now stays home with her four children, renovating and acquiring faster than her director husband can pay the bills. Jane, the Paris bureau chief for a newspaper whose foreign bureaus are now shuttered, is caught in a vortex of loss. Like all Harvard grads, they've kept abreast of one another via the red book, a class report published every five years, containing brief autobiographical essays by fellow alumni. But there's the story we

tell the world, and then there's the real story, as these former classmates will learn during their twentieth reunion weekend, when they arrive with their families, their histories, their dashed dreams, and their secret yearnings to a relationship-changing, score-settling, unforgettable weekend. This book is a study of the reports of the Einsatzgruppen, the four SS extermination squads that followed in the wake of the German attack on the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941. It was the Einsatzgruppen that began the systematic massacre of Jews, communist officials, and other "undesirables" in the territories overrun by the Germans. More than one million people, mostly Jews, ultimately perished at the hands of the Einsatzgruppen Kommandos. This horrific destruction was recorded in great detail in the top-secret reports of the Einsatzgruppen, which were compiled in Berlin based on material sent in from the east by the Kommandos. No other documents discovered offer such an extensive and precise day-by-day account of mass killings written while these killings were actually taking place. The killings are the principal focus of this book and are analyzed in the central chapters from several perspectives. Included among these are descriptions of the main features of the reports and the various stages in their compilation, examples and methodology of presentation of the killings, and comparisons of reporting procedures and totals of victims shot by each of the four Einsatzgruppen. The study begins by noting the post-war discovery of the reports and then assumes a roughly chronological sequence in its overall treatment. An outline of the major National Socialist agencies and general reporting practices before the war is followed by the events of the war as reflected in the reports. Then the postwar "life" of the reports is examined with particular reference to their use as legal evidence at Nuremberg as well as a consideration of their reliability as historical source material. In addition to the descriptive and comparative information mentioned above, this study places the reports within the historical context of the reporting practices, complex rivalry, and self-aggrandizement of the leading German agencies. Certain questions of concern to historians are also explored in light of the reports. These include: the reactions of the indigenous eastern population to the German presence; the active collaboration of members of the local population and the German army in the killing operations; and the role of the Einsatzgruppen in relation to the current intentionalist-functionalist debate concerning National Socialism and Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews. Among the

wealth of Nazi material that survived the war, the Einsatzgruppen reports occupy a significant place. As a virtually complete and self-contained body of documents, the reports are a fertile source for historians of the Third Reich and the Holocaust. In what they reveal directly about the destruction and what they tell us indirectly about the men who perpetrated this destruction, the reports provide us with important insight into the process of mass murder.

bull; Demonstrates how Python is the perfect language for text-processing functions. bull; Provides practical pointers and tips that emphasize efficient, flexible, and maintainable approaches to text-processing challenges. bull; Helps programmers develop solutions for dealing with the increasing amounts of data with which we are all inundated.

Along with a review of general developments relating to bivariate distributions, this volume also covers copulas, a subject which has grown immensely in recent years. In addition, it examines conditionally specified distributions and skewed distributions.

In recent years both free-standing and geometric staircases have become quite popular. Many variations exist, such as spiral, helical, and elliptical staircases, and combinations of these. A number of researchers have come forward with different concepts in the fields of analytical and numerical design and of experimental methods and assessments. The aim of this book is to cover all these methods and to present them with greater simplicity to practising engineers. Staircases is divided into five chapters: Specifications and basic data on staircases; Structural analysis of staircases - Classical methods; Structural analysis of staircases - Modern methods; Staircases and their analysis - A comparative study; Design analysis and structural detailing. Charts and graphs are included and numerous design examples are given of free-standing and other geometric staircases and of their elements and components. These examples are related to the case studies which were based on staircases that have already been constructed. All examples are checked using various Eurocodes. The book includes bibliographical references and is supported by two appendices, which will be of particular interest to those practising engineers who wish to make a comparative study of the different practices and code requirements used by various countries; detailed drawings are included from the USA, Britain, Europe and Asia. Staircases will serve as a useful text for teachers preparing design syllabi for undergraduate and post graduate courses.

Each major section contains a full explanation which allows the book to be used by students and practising engineers, particularly those facing the formidable task of having to design/ detail complicated staircases with unusual boundary conditions. Contractors will also find this book useful in the preparation of construction drawings and manufacturers will be interested in the guidance given in the text.

"The book presents in detail several sampling schemes like simple random sampling, unequal probability sampling methods, systematic, stratified, cluster and multistage sampling. In addition to sampling schemes several estimating methods which include ratio and regression estimators are also discussed. The use of superpopulation models is also covered in detail. Some recent developments which include estimation of distribution functions, adaptive sampling schemes etc. are also presented."--BOOK JACKET.

With nearly thirty years of experience as both a public relations teacher and practitioner, Barbara Diggs-Brown has written a text based on her unwavering belief that to practice effective public relations today requires strategic thinking and audience focus, which can only be accomplished by listening and hearing audiences through formative, process, and evaluative research. In addition to highlighting audience-focused principles and techniques of audience research and recurring assessment, STRATEGIC PUBLIC RELATIONS: AN AUDIENCE-FOCUSED APPROACH is based on the premise that public relations is a management function, one coordinated with an organization's other management divisions. Intended for undergraduate courses in PR, serving both majors in the field and nonmajors, this text provides a comprehensive survey of PR's foundations, processes, tactics, and contexts. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This informative and exhaustive study gives a problem-solving approach to the difficult subject of analytic number theory. It is primarily aimed at graduate students and senior undergraduates. The goal is to provide a rapid introduction to analytic methods and the ways in which they are used to study the distribution of prime numbers. The book also includes an introduction to p-adic analytic methods. It is ideal for a first course in analytic number theory. The new edition has been completely rewritten, errors have been corrected, and there is a new chapter on the arithmetic progression of primes.

Developing and maintaining a VR system

is a very difficult task, requiring in-depth knowledge in many disciplines. The difficulty lies in the complexity of having to simultaneously consider many system goals, some of which are conflicting. This book is organized so that it follows a spiral development process for each stage, describing the problem and possible solutions for each stage. Much more hands-on than other introductory books, concrete examples and practical solutions to the technical challenges in building a VR system are provided. Part 1 covers the very basics in building a VR system and explains various technical issues in object modeling and scene organization. Part 2 deals with 3D multimodal interaction, designing for usable and natural interaction and creating realistic object simulation. Primarily written for first level graduates, advanced undergraduates and IT professionals will also find this a valuable guide.

The principle objective of this book is to help undergraduate students in the analysis of genetic problems. Many students have a great deal of difficulty doing genetic analysis, and the book will be useful regardless of which genetics text is being used. Most texts provide some kinds of problems and answers: few, if any, however, show the students how to actually solve the problem. Often the student has no idea how the answer was derived. This work emphasizes solutions, not just answers. The strategy is to provide the student with the essential steps and the reasoning involved in conducting the analysis. Throughout the book, an attempt is made to present a balanced account of genetics. Topics, therefore, center about Mendelian, cytogenetic, molecular, quantitative, and population genetics, with a few more specialized areas. Whenever possible the student is provided with the appropriate basic statistics necessary to make some the analyses. The book also builds on itself; that is, analytical methods learned in early parts of the book are subsequently revisited and used for later analyses. A deliberate attempt is made to make complex concepts simple, and sometimes to point out that apparently simple concepts are sometimes less so on further investigation. Any student taking a genetics course will find this book an invaluable aid to achieving a good understanding of genetic principles and practice.

Leading scholars look beyond the rhetoric of diversity to reveal the ongoing obstacles to professional success for traditionally disadvantaged groups.

Designed to provide comprehensive coverage of the field of digital systems in a concise but authoritative form. For ease of access the book has been divided into five

parts: fundamentals; devices for digital systems; system design and techniques; system development; and applications.

The addition of artificial neural network computing to traditional pattern recognition has given rise to a new, different, and more powerful methodology that is presented in this interesting book. This is a practical guide to the application of artificial neural networks. Geared toward the practitioner, *Pattern Recognition with Neural Networks in C++* covers pattern classification and neural network approaches within the same framework. Through the book's presentation of underlying theory and numerous practical examples, readers gain an understanding that will allow them to make judicious design choices rendering neural application predictable and effective. The book provides an intuitive explanation of each method for each network paradigm. This discussion is supported by a rigorous mathematical approach where necessary. C++ has emerged as a rich and descriptive means by which concepts, models, or algorithms can be precisely described. For many of the neural network models discussed, C++ programs are presented for the actual implementation. Pictorial diagrams and in-depth discussions explain each topic. Necessary derivative steps for the mathematical models are included so that readers can incorporate new ideas into their programs as the field advances with new developments. For each approach, the authors clearly state the known theoretical results, the known tendencies of the approach, and their recommendations for getting the best results from the method. The material covered in the book is accessible to working engineers with little or no explicit background in neural networks. However, the material is presented in sufficient depth so that those with prior knowledge will find this book beneficial. *Pattern Recognition with Neural Networks in C++* is also suitable for courses in neural networks at an advanced undergraduate or graduate level. This book is valuable for academic as well as practical research.

New to the Second Edition: offers the latest developments in standards activities (JPEG-LS, MPEG-4, MPEG-7, and H.263) provides a comprehensive review of recent activities on multimedia enhanced processors, multimedia coprocessors, and dedicated processors, including examples from industry. *Image and Video Compression Standards: Algorithms and Architectures, Second Edition* presents an introduction to the algorithms and architectures that form the underpinnings of the image and video compressions standards, including JPEG

(compression of still-images), H.261 and H.263 (video teleconferencing), and MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 (video storage and broadcasting). The next generation of audiovisual coding standards, such as MPEG-4 and MPEG-7, are also briefly described. In addition, the book covers the MPEG and Dolby AC-3 audio coding standards and emerging techniques for image and video compression, such as those based on wavelets and vector quantization. *Image and Video Compression Standards: Algorithms and Architectures, Second Edition* emphasizes the foundations of these standards; namely, techniques such as predictive coding, transform-based coding such as the discrete cosine transform (DCT), motion estimation, motion compensation, and entropy coding, as well as how they are applied in the standards. The implementation details of each standard are avoided; however, the book provides all the material necessary to understand the workings of each of the compression standards, including information that can be used by the reader to evaluate the efficiency of various software and hardware implementations conforming to these standards. Particular emphasis is placed on those algorithms and architectures that have been found to be useful in practical software or hardware implementations. *Image and Video Compression Standards: Algorithms and Architectures, Second Edition* uniquely covers all major standards (JPEG, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, H.261, H.263) in a simple and tutorial manner, while fully addressing the architectural considerations involved when implementing these standards. As such, it serves as a valuable reference for the graduate student, researcher or engineer. The book is also used frequently as a text for courses on the subject, in both academic and professional settings.

Focuses on theoretical results along with applications All the main topics covering the heart of the subject are introduced to the reader in a systematic fashion Concentration is on the probabilistic and statistical aspects of extreme values Excellent introduction to extreme value theory at the graduate level, requiring only some mathematical maturity

In this basic introduction, the author aims to help engineers and scientists to understand and use Excel in their fields. The book is interactive and designed to be used in conjunction with a computer, to provide a hands-on learning experience.

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The Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) is regarded as the best-of-the breed of

proven messaging technologies, surpassing SMS and electronic mail to offer a truly multimedia experience to mobile users. The first commercial solutions appeared on the market in 2002 and the penetration rate of MMS is now quickly approaching the required level for mass-market adoption. By leveraging accessible technologies, MMS has gained wide acceptance from major market players and provides great business opportunities for the whole telecommunications industry. Introduces usage scenarios and provides a comprehensive description of enabling technologies for MMS, from version 1.0 to version 1.2 (featuring message content classes, video support, online message boxes, digital rights management, etc.) Demystifies MMS standards by clearly illustrating technical explanations with numerous practical examples, from the design of multimedia messages to the interfacing of applications with MMS centres Sheds light on common implementation pitfalls and known interoperability issues Based on the author's own experience as a standardization expert and software architect for one of the major handset vendors, Multimedia Messaging Service provides a stimulating practical reference book for network operators, content designers, device manufacturers and developers of messaging applications, and will also appeal to researchers and students.

Tesis uses historical examples to illuminate the central role racist speech played in encouraging attitudes that led to human rights violations against German Jews, Native Americans, and African Americans, and also discusses the dangers posed by hate speech spread on the Internet today. He also offers an examination of the psychology of scapegoating."--BOOK JACKET. Critical Path Method (CPM) and Performance Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) are widely recognized as the most effective methods of keeping large, complex construction projects on schedule, under budget, and up to professional standards. But these methods remain underused because they are poorly understood and, due to a host of unfamiliar terms and applications, may seem more compli-

cated than they really are. This encyclopedia brings together, in one comprehensive volume, all terms, definitions, and applications related to the time and cost management of construction projects. While many of these terms refer to ancient and venerable building practices, others have evolved quite recently and refer specifically to modern construction and management techniques. Sources include hundreds of professional books, trade journals, and research publications, as well as planning and scheduling software vendor literature. The detailed glossary of all applicable terms includes across-referenced listing of examples that describe real-world applications for each term supplied. An extensive bibliography covers all applicable books, articles, and periodicals available on project planning, scheduling, and control using CPM and related subjects. This book is an important quick reference and desktop information resource for construction planners, schedulers, and controllers, as well as civil engineers and project managers. It is also the ultimate research tool for educators, students, or anyone who seeks to improve their understanding of the management of modern construction projects.

Stochastic Differential Equations have become increasingly important in modelling complex systems in physics, chemistry, biology, climatology and other fields. This book examines and provides systems for practitioners to use, and provides a number of case studies to show how they can work in practice.

Levenstein, a clinical psychologist, reports on an early childhood education experiment she directed from 1967 to 1982 with welfare mothers and their children on Long Island. It was later replicated in 16 states and three countries. The program involved parent-child dialogue and play with high quality toys and books; it significantly aided the children in their intellectual growth and later school performance and increased the mothers' self-esteem. This book about an inexpensive program that helps close the achievement gap has an important message for educators, social workers, and psychologists. Shirley L. Hop-

kinson, Library & Information Science Div., - California State Univ., San Jose -Library Journal.

This is a graduate textbook for econometricians and statisticians containing developments in the field. It emphasises nonparametric methods for real world problems containing the mix of discrete and continuous data found in many applications. This book will teach you the practical riches of saying it well with good words, neglected words, precise words for vocabular exaltation.

Communication Centers and Oral Communication Programs in Higher Education, edited by EunKyong L. Yook and Wendy Atkins-Sayre reveals vital information that is of theoretical and practical importance to higher education administrators, educators, and communication centers directors and staff. It is the first book to be published on communication centers.

This self-contained treatment covers all aspects of nonlinear dynamics, from fundamentals to recent developments, in a unified and comprehensive way. Numerous examples and exercises will help the student to assimilate and apply the techniques presented.

Following the chronological development of sample surveys, this book provides an analysis of the mathematical and statistical theory of the subject. The text begins with the mathematics of randomized sampling designs as well as a general treatment of estimation of population totals through the Horvits-Thompson estimator and its variants. The book then examines approximations and limit theorems for the distribution of the estimators and design-based estimation of other population quantities. It concludes with chapters concerning inference from surveys. Theory of Sample Surveys will assist in a range of applications, including: auditing quality monitoring market research wildlife surveys mining exploration agriculture and business surveys population health studies This book acts as an exceptional resource for survey methodologists in government organizations as well as lecturers and graduate students in statistics and biostatistics.