Search Methodologies Introductory Tutorials In Optimization And Decision Support Techniques

This proceedings book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Advanced Intelligent Systems and Informatics (AISI 2021), which took place in Cairo, Egypt, during November 20–22, 2022, and is an international interdisciplinary conference that presents a spectrum of scientific research on all aspects of informatics and intelligent systems, technologies, and applications 7b0d5b2eec

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on Rough Sets and Knowledge Technology, RSKT 2007, held in Toronto, Canada in May 2007 in conjunction with the 11th International Conference on Rough Sets, Fuzzy Sets, Data Mining, and Granular Computing, RSFDGrC 2007, both as part of the Joint Rough Set Symposium, JRS 2007 7b0d5b2eec

The papers focus on all aspects of software engineering, e. requirements engineering, software methodologies, software analytics, software testing and evolution, and empirical studies. g. This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the 16th National Conference, NASAC 2017, held in Harbin, China, in November 2017, and the 17th National Conference, NASAC 2018, held in Shenzhen, China, in November 2018. The 6 revised selected papers were selected from 17 submissions for NASAC 2017, and 5 revised selected papers were selected from 20 submissions for NASAC 2018 7b0d5b2eec

nability and coalescence of approximations, variable consistency generalization approach to bagging controlled by measures of consistency, classical and dominance-based rough sets in the search for genes, judgementaboutsatis. Volume XI of the Transactions on Rough Sets (TRS) provides evidence of f- ther growth in the rough set landscape, both in terms of its foundations and applications. These advancesinclude: calculusofattribute-value pairs useful in mining numerical data, de. Thisvolumecontainsarticlesintroducingadvancesinthefoundationsand- plicationsofroughsets. abilityunderincompleteinformation,irreducibledescr- tive sets of attributes for information systems useful in the design of concurrent data models, computational theory of perceptions (CTP) and its characteristics and the relation with fuzzy-granulation, methods and algorithms of the Net- TRS system, a recursive version of the apriori algorithm designed for parallel processing, and decision table reduction method based on fuzzy rough sets. Evidence of the growth of various rough 2 set-based research streams can be found in the rough set database. This volume provides further evidence of the number of research streams that were either directly or indirectly initiated by the seminal work on rough 1 sets by Zdzis law Pawlak (1926-2006). at Springer for their support in making this volume of the TRS possible. Theeditorsandauthorsofthisvolumeextendtheirgratitudetothereviewers of articles in this volume, Alfred Hofmann, Ursula Barth, Christine Reiss and the LNCS sta 7b0d5b2eec

Part VI, on Multiobjective Optimization, contains chapters on recent developments of vector and set optimization, the state of the art in continuous multiobjective programming, multiobjective combinatorial optimization, fuzzy multicriteria optimization, a review of the field of goal programming, interactive methods for solving multiobjective optimization problems, and relationships between MCDA and evolutionary multiobjective optimization (EMO). Part V looks at Non-Classical MCDA Approaches, with chapters on risk and uncertainty in MCDA, the decision rule approach to MCDA, the fuzzy integral approach, the verbal decision methods, and a tentative assessment of the role of fuzzy sets in decision analysis. Part IV, on

Multiattribute Utility and Value Theories (MAUT), presents chapters on the fundamentals of this approach, the very well known UTA methods, the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) and its more recent extension, the Analytic Network Process (ANP), as well as a chapter on MACBETH (Measuring Attractiveness by a Categorical Based Evaluation Technique). Part VII, on Applications, selects some of the most significant areas, including contributions of MCDA in finance, energy planning problems, telecommunication network planning and design, sustainable development, and portfolio analysis. Part II then presents the foundations of MCDA, with individual chapters that provide a very exhaustive review of preference modeling, along with a chapter devoted to the axiomatic basis of the different models that multiple criteria preferences. Reflecting the explosive growth in the field seen during the last several years, the editors not only present surveys of the foundations of MCDA, but look as well at many new areas and new applications. In two volumes, this new edition presents the state of the art in Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA). Finally, Part VIII, on MCDM software, presents well known MCDA software packages. Part I of the book considers the history and current state of MCDA, with surveys that cover the early history of MCDA and an overview that discusses the “pre-theoretical” assumptions of MCDA. Part III looks at outranking methods, with three chapters that consider the ELECTRE methods, PROMETHEE methods, and a look at the rich literature of other outranking methods. Individual chapter authors are among the most prestigious names in MCDA research, and combined their chapters bring the field completely up to date 7b0d5b2eec

rstheldinDortmundin1990, andtheninBr- sels (1992), Jerusalem (1994), Berlin (1996), Amsterdam (1998), Paris (2000), Granada (2002), Birmingham (2004), Reykjavik (2006) and again in Dortmund in 2008. nally selected for inclusion in the proceedings and presentation at the conference. The top 128 papers were. The proceedings are composed of two volumes divided into nine thematic sections. This represents an acceptance rate of 55%, which guarantees that PPSN will continue to be one of the c- ferences of choice for bio-inspired computing and metaheuristics researchers all over the world who value the quality over the size of a conference. After an extensive peer review p- cess involving more than 180 reviewers, the program committee chairs went through all the review reports and ranked the papers according to the revi- ers’comments. The papers included in the proceedingsvolumes covera wide range of topics, fromevolutionarycomputationto swarmintelligence, frombio-inspiredcomp- ing to real-world applications. PPSN is one of the most respected and highly regarded c- ference series in evolutionary computation, and indeed in natural computation aswell. Machine learning and mathematical games s-portedbyevolutionaryalgorithmsaswellasmemetic, agent-orientedsystemsare also represented. They all are the latest and best in natural computation. PPSN 2010 received 232 submissions. Thisbiennialeventwas. Additional reviewers from the appropriate branches of science were invoked to review into disciplinary papers. We are very pleased to present to you this LNCS volume, the proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Parallel Problem Solving from Nature (PPSN 2010). Each paper wasevaluated by at least three reviewers 7b0d5b2eec

Presents recent advances in both models and systems for intelligent decision making. Multicriteria Decision Aid and Artificial Intelligence: Covers all of the recent advances in intelligent decision making. This book provides an excellent reference tool for the increasing number of researchers and practitioners interested in the integration of MCDA and AI for the development of effective hybrid decision support methodologies and systems. This book covers a rich set of topics, including intelligent decision support technologies, data mining models for decision making, evidential reasoning, evolutionary multiobjective optimization, fuzzy modelling, as well as applications in management and engineering. The integration of MCDA and AI provides new capabilities relating to the structuring of complex decision problems in static and distributed environments. Provides illustrations of new intelligent technologies and architectures for decision making in static and distributed environments. Includes a presentation of hybrid models and algorithms for preference modelling and optimisation problems. These include the handling of massive data sets, the modelling of ill-structured information, the construction of advanced decision models, and the development of

efficient computational optimization algorithms for problem solving. Academics and post-graduate students in the fields of operational research, artificial intelligence and management science or decision analysis will also find this book beneficial. Organisations often face complex decisions requiring the assessment of large amounts of data. Is written by experts in the field. Explores the general topics on preference modelling and learning, along with the coverage of the main techniques and methodologies and applications. In recent years Multicriteria Decision Aid (MCDA) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques have been applied with considerable success to support decision making in a wide range of complex real-world problems 7b0d5b2eec

When studied together, they can offer new perspectives on the learning process of machines. Featuring comprehensive coverage on a range of topics and perspectives such as swarm intelligence, speech recognition, and electromagnetic problem solving, this publication is ideally designed for students, researchers, scholars, professionals, and practitioners seeking current research on the advanced workings of intelligence in computing systems. The Handbook of Research on Soft Computing and Nature-Inspired Algorithms is an essential source for the latest scholarly research on applications of nature-inspired computing and soft computational systems. Soft computing and nature-inspired computing both play a significant role in developing a better understanding to machine learning 7b0d5b2eec

This updated and expanded second edition adds the most recent advances in participatory planning approaches and methods, giving special emphasis to decision support tools usable under uncertainty. The new edition places emphasis on the selection of criteria and creating alternatives in practical multi-criteria decision making problems 7b0d5b2eec

Analysts have turned to these problem-solving techniques in the event during natural disasters and chaotic systems research. This work is particularly relevant to researchers, scientists, decision-makers, managers, and practitioners. For decades, optimization methods such as Fuzzy Logic, Artificial Neural Networks, Firefly, Simulated annealing, and Tabu search, have been capable of handling and tackling a wide range of real-world application problems in society and nature. The Handbook of Research on Artificial Intelligence Techniques and Algorithms highlights the cutting edge developments in this promising research area. This premier reference work applies Meta-heuristics Optimization (MO) Techniques to real world problems in a variety of fields including business, logistics, computer science, engineering, and government 7b0d5b2eec

High performance and cloud computing provide reliable and cost-effective information technology infrastructure that enhances research and educational processes. As information systems used for research and educational purposes have become more complex, there has been an increase in the need for new computing architecture. Providing various examples, practical solutions, and applications of high performance and cloud computing; this book is a useful reference for professionals and researchers discovering the applications of information and communication technologies in science and education, as well as scholars seeking insight on how modern technologies support scientific research. Handbook of Research on High Performance and Cloud Computing in Scientific Research and Education presents the applications of cloud computing in various settings, such as scientific research, education, e-learning, ubiquitous learning, and social computing 7b0d5b2eec

In particular the book covers timetabling, the traveling tournament problem, carryover minimization, breaks minimization, tournament design, tournament planning, and referee assignment. In a step-by-step tutorial format the book describes the use of graph theory concepts, local search operators and integer programming in the context of sports scheduling. The methods presented in this book are essential to sports scheduling in all its dimensions, from tournaments that are followed by millions of people across the world, with broadcast rights that amount to hundreds of millions of dollars in some competitions, to amateur leagues that require coordination and logistical efforts due to the large number of tournaments and competitors. A rich selection of applications to sports such as football, baseball, basketball,

cricket or hockey are employed to illustrate the methods and techniques. This book introduces solutions for sports scheduling problems in a variety of settings 7b0d5b2eec

Content is organized in seven parts: foundations; fuzzy logic; rough sets; evolutionary computation; neural networks; swarm intelligence and hybrid computational intelligence systems. This comprehensive handbook makes readers familiar with a broad spectrum of approaches to solve various problems in science and technology. Each Part is supervised by its own Part Editor(s) so that high-quality content as well as completeness are assured. The Springer Handbook for Computational Intelligence is the first book covering the basics, the state-of-the-art and important applications of the dynamic and rapidly expanding discipline of computational intelligence. Possible approaches include, for example, those being inspired by biology, living organisms and animate systems 7b0d5b2eec

The 77 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 320 submissions and reflect the richness of research in the field of Computational Intelligence and represent developments on topics as: machine learning, data mining, pattern recognition, uncertainty handling, aggregation and fusion of information as well as logic and knowledge processing. The book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Information Processing and Management of Uncertainty in Knowledge-Based Systems, IPMU 2010, held in Dortmund, Germany from June 28 - July 2, 2010 7b0d5b2eec

Due to the Corona pandemic BIOMA 2020 was held as a virtual event. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Bioinspired Optimization Methods and Their Applications, BIOMA 2020, held in Brussels, Belgium, in November 2020. The papers in this BIOMA proceedings specialized in bioinspired algorithms as a means for solving the optimization problems and came in two categories: theoretical studies and methodology advancements on the one hand, and algorithm adjustments and their applications on the other. The 24 full papers presented in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from 68 submissions 7b0d5b2eec

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at the Third Inter- tional Conference on Rough Sets and Knowledge Technology (RSKT 2008) held in Chengdu, P. c - sults, encourage academic and industrial interaction, and promote collaborative research in rough sets and knowledge technology worldwide. The RSKT conferences were initiated in 2006 in Chongqing, P. R. China, May 16–19, 2008. A very strict quality control policy was adopted in the paper review process of RSKT 2008. ve major research. China. They place emphasis on exploring synergies between rough sets and knowledge discovery, knowledge management, data mining, granular and soft computing as well as emerging application areas such as bioinformatics, cognitive informatics, and Web intel- gence, both at the level of theoretical foundations and real-life applications. Firstly, the PC Chairs - viewed all submissions. RSKT 2008 focused on. elds: computing theory and paradigms, knowledge technology, intelligent information processing, intelligent control, and applications. This was achieved by including in the conference program sessions on rough and soft computing, rough mereology with app- cations, dominance-based rough set approach, fuzzy-rough hybridization, gr- ular computing, logical and mathematical foundations, formal concept analysis, data mining, machine learning, intelligent information processing, bioinform- ics and cognitive informatics, Web intelligence, pattern recognition, and real-life applications of knowledge technology. The RSKT conferences aim to present state-of-the-art scienti. RSKT 2007 was held in Toronto, Canada, together with RSFDGrC 2007, as JRS 2007. R 7b0d5b2eec

The book presents 106 revised full papers covering a wide range of topics, from evolutionary computation to swarm intelligence and bio-inspired computing to real-world applications. These are organized in topical sections on theory, new algorithms, applications, multi-objective optimization, evolutionary learning, as well as representations, operators, and empirical evaluation. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Parallel Problem Solving from Nature, PPSN 2006 7b0d5b2eec

The purpose of this volume is to present current work of the Intelligent Computer Graphics community, a community growing up year after year. In Computer Graphics, the use of intelligent techniques started more recently than in other research areas. This year papers are particularly exciting and concern areas like plant modelling, text-to-scene systems, information visualization, computer-aided geometric design, artificial life, computer games, realistic rendering and many other very important themes. Usually, this kind of volume contains, every year, selected extended papers from the corresponding 3IA Conference of the year. However, the current volume is made from directly reviewed and selected papers, submitted for publication in the volume “Intelligent Computer Graphics 2012”. However, during these last two decades, the use of intelligent Computer Graphics techniques is growing up year after year and more and more interesting techniques are presented in this area. This volume is a kind of continuation of the previously published Springer volumes “Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Computer Graphics” (2008), “Intelligent Computer Graphics 2009” (2009), “Intelligent Computer Graphics 2010” (2010) and “Intelligent Computer Graphics 2011” (2011) 7b0d5b2eec

We would like to express our gratitude to them for their work. The organizers received 61 papers from 15 di. The plenary talks presented at the conference are also included in this volume. The conference was supported by the Commemorative Organization for The JapanWorldExposition'70,the TsutomuNakauchiFoundation,HyogoInter- tional Association, the Institute of Systems, Control and Information Engineers (ISCIE),the OperationsResearchSocietyofJapan(ORSJ),the UNESCO Chair in Data Privacy, the Japan Society for Fuzzy Theory and Intelligent Informatics (SOFT), the Catalan Association for Arti. cialIntelligence(MDAI2009),heldinAwajiIsland, Japan, November 30 – December 2, 2009. Eachsubmission received at least two reviews from the Program Committee and a few external reviewers. 3131, 3558, 3885, 4617, and 5285). cial Intelligence (ACIA), the Eu- pean Society for Fuzzy Logic and Technology (EUSFLAT), and the Spanish MEC (ARES - CONSOLIDER INGENIO 2010 CSD2007-00004). erent countries, from Asia, Europe,andAmerica,28ofwhicharepublishedinthis volume. The aim of this conference was to provide a forum for researchers to d- cuss the theory and tools for modeling decisions, as well as applications that encompass decision-making processes and information-fusion techniques. This volume contains papers presented at the 6th International Conference on ModelingDecisionsforArti. This conference followed MDAI 2004 (Barcelona, Catalonia), MDAI 2005 (Tsukuba, Japan), MDAI 2006 (Tarragona, Catalonia), MDAI 2007 (Kitakyushu, Japan), and MDAI 2008 (Sabadell, C- alonia) with proceedings also published in the LNAI series (Vols 7b0d5b2eec

The Handbook of Research on Modeling, Analysis, and Application of Nature-Inspired Metaheuristic Algorithms is an essential scholarly resource on current algorithms that have been inspired by the natural world. The digital age is ripe with emerging advances and applications in technological innovations. Mimicking the structure of complex systems in nature can provide new ideas on how to organize mechanical and personal systems. Featuring coverage on diverse topics such as cellular automata, simulated annealing, genetic programming, and differential evolution, this reference publication is ideal for scientists, biological engineers, academics, students, and researchers that are interested in discovering what models from nature influence the current technology-centric world 7b0d5b2eec

The 5 full papers included in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from the 55 submissions for ICORES 2022, and 8 full papers were reviewed and selected from the 55 submissions for ICORES 2023. The papers are focused on operations research and enterprise systems. This book includes extended and revised versions of selected papers from the 11th and 12th editions of the International Conference on Operations Research and Enterprise Systems (ICORES 2022 and ICORES 2023). ICORES 2022 was held as a virtual event in February 2022, and ICORES 2023 was held in Lisbon, Portugal, in February 2023 7b0d5b2eec

Companies from various sectors of the economy are confronted with the new phenomenon of digital transformation and are faced with the challenge of formulating and implementing a company-wide strategy to incorporate what are often viewed as “disruptive” technologies. Covering topics including chatbot implementation, multinational companies, cloud computing, internet of things, artificial intelligence, big data and analytics, immersive technologies, and social media, this book is essential for senior management, IT managers, technologists, computer scientists, cybersecurity analysts, academicians, researchers, IT consultancies, professors, and students. Many of these technologies have been deployed in unison by leading-edge companies acting as the catalyst for significant process change and people skills enhancement. These technologies are sometimes associated with significant and extremely rapid change, in some cases with even the replacement of established business models. The Handbook of Research on Digital Transformation, Industry Use Cases, and the Impact of Disruptive Technologies examines the phenomenon of digital transformation and the impact of disruptive technologies through the lens of industry case studies where different combinations of these new technologies have been deployed and incorporated into enterprise IT and business strategies 7b0d5b2eec

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Rough Sets and Current Trends in Computing, RSCTC 2006, held in Kobe, Japan in November 2006. The 91 revised full papers presented together with five invited papers and two commemorative papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 332 submissions 7b0d5b2eec

Traditionally computational intelligence consists of three major research areas: Neural Networks, Fuzzy Systems, and Evolutionary Computation. Evolutionary computation includes various population-based search algorithms inspired by evolution in nature. Computational intelligence is a rapidly growing research field including a wide variety of problem-solving techniques inspired by nature. Computational intelligence is a component of Encyclopedia of Technology, Information, and Systems Management Resources in the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), which is an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias. Even in the same situation, a different person may have a different meaning. Fuzzy systems offer a mathematical mechanism to handle inherent fuzziness in natural language. For example, simulation-based fitness evaluation is often used in evolutionary design. Evolutionary computation has high applicability to a wide range of optimization problems with different characteristics since it does not need any explicit mathematical formulations of objective functions. Neural networks have massively parallel network structures with many neurons and weighted connections. Whereas each neuron has a simple input-output relation, a neural network with many neurons can realize a highly non-linear complicated mapping. Subjective fitness evaluation by a human user is also often used in evolutionary art and music. Neural networks are mathematical models inspired by brains. Connection weights between neurons can be adjusted in an automated manner by a learning algorithm to realize a non-linear mapping required in a particular application task. Fuzzy systems are mathematical models proposed to handle inherent fuzziness in natural language. For example, it is very difficult to mathematically define the meaning of “cold” in everyday conversations such as “It is cold today” and “Can I have cold water”. The meaning of “cold” may be different in a different situation. These volumes are aimed at the following five major target audiences: University and College students Educators, Professional practitioners, Research personnel and Policy analysts, managers, and decision makers. Those algorithms usually have the following three mechanisms: fitness evaluation to measure the quality of each solution, selection to choose good solutions from the current population, and variation operators to generate offspring from parents. As a result, fuzzy systems have been successfully applied to real-world problems by extracting linguistic knowledge from human experts in the form of fuzzy IF-THEN rules 7b0d5b2eec

This book gathers selected research articles from the International Conference on Innovative Product Design and Intelligent Manufacturing System (ICIPDIMS 2019), held at the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India. 0, smart manufacturing, and advances in robotics

among others. The contents of this book are useful for academics as well as professionals working in industrial design, mechatronics, robotics, and automation. The book discusses latest methods and advanced tools from different areas of design and manufacturing technology. The main topics covered include design methodologies, industry 4 7b0d5b2eec

It presents papers that reflect the profound influence of a number of research initiatives by Professor Pawlak, introducing a number of advances in the foundations and applications of AI, engineering, logic, mathematics, and science, which have had significant implications in a number of research areas. Together with volume VI of the Transactions on Rough Sets series, this book commemorates the life and work of Zdzislaw Pawlak (1926-2006) 7b0d5b2eec

Nowadays at the information age, it is hard to imagine how the world would be without computers and the Internet. Alan Turing pioneered many research areas such as artificial intelligence, computability, heuristics and pattern formation. To celebrate Turing's legacy and follow the footsteps of this brilliant mind, we take this golden opportunity to review the latest developments in areas of artificial intelligence, evolutionary computation and metaheuristics, and all these areas can be traced back to Turing's pioneer work. Topics include Turing test, Turing machine, artificial intelligence, cryptography, software testing, image processing, neural networks, nature-inspired algorithms such as bat algorithm and cuckoo search, and multiobjective optimization and many applications. 2012 is the Alan Turing year -- a centenary celebration of the life and work of Alan Turing. This edited book can serve as a timely reference for graduates, researchers and engineers in artificial intelligence, computer sciences, computational intelligence, soft computing, optimization, and applied sciences. These reviews and chapters not only provide a timely snapshot of the state-of-art developments, but also provide inspiration for young researchers to carry out potentially ground-breaking research in the active, diverse research areas in artificial intelligence, cryptography, machine learning, evolutionary computation, and nature-inspired metaheuristics. Without Turing's work, especially the core concept of Turing Machine at the heart of every computer, mobile phone and microchip today, so many things on which we are so dependent would be impossible 7b0d5b2eec

Depending on the field of science, decision making can be viewed in different ways. It is quite obvious that such a relevance of decision making had triggered vast research effort on its very essence, and attempts to develop tools and techniques which would make it possible to somehow mimic human decision making related acts, even to automate decision making processes that had been so far reserved for the human beings. The roots of those attempts at a scientific analysis can be traced to the ancient times but – clearly – they have gained momentum in the recent 50 or 100 years following a general boom in science. Decision making is an omnipresent, most crucial activity of the human being, and also of virtually all artificial broadly perceived “intelligent” systems that try to mimic human behavior, reasoning and choice processes. Then, looking in a deeper way, from a psychological perspective this process proceeds in the context of a set of needs, preferences, rational choice of an individual, a group of individuals, or even an organization. From a cognitive perspective, the decision making process proceeds in the context of various interactions with the environment. The most general view can be that decision making boils down to some cognitive, mental process(es) that lead to the selection of an option or a course of action among several alternatives 7b0d5b2eec

It provides a carefully structured and integrated treatment of the major technologies in optimization and search methodology. This book is a tutorial survey of the methodologies that are at the confluence of several fields: Computer Science, Mathematics and Operations Research. It can be used as a textbook or a reference book to learn and apply these methodologies to a wide range of today’s problems. The chapter authors are drawn from across Computer Science and Operations Research and include some of the world’s leading authorities in their field 7b0d5b2eec

The reader should be familiar with the basic notions of calculus, discrete mathematics and combinatorial optimization theory, while the book offers introductory material on theory of

algorithms, NP-complete problems, and the basics of scheduling theory. In addition to complexity issues and exact or heuristic algorithms which are typically presented in scheduling books, the author also includes more advanced topics such as matrix methods in time-dependent scheduling, time-dependent scheduling with two criteria and time-dependent two-agent scheduling. The previous edition of the book focused on computational complexity of time-dependent scheduling problems. The author includes numerous examples, figures and tables, he presents different classes of algorithms using pseudocode, he completes all chapters with extensive bibliographies, and he closes the book with comprehensive symbol and subject indexes. In this edition, the author concentrates on models of time-dependent job processing times and algorithms for solving time-dependent scheduling problems. The book is suitable for researchers working on scheduling, problem complexity, optimization, heuristics and local search algorithms. This is a comprehensive study of various time-dependent scheduling problems in single-, parallel- and dedicated-machine environments 7b0d5b2eec

It highlights the importance of these indices for public information programs on participatory processes and provides an operating procedure to identify the degree of convergence in the utility of multiple evaluators. Forest management has evolved from a mercantilist view to a multi-functional one that integrates economic, social, and ecological aspects. The book also identifies quantitative indices that provide a vast amount of information on soil, landscape, and ecological functioning. It explores a new approach that links human and natural systems, reconsiders our interdependence with the diversity of life, and recognizes our role in a unique and complex system. It details the methodology for the design of a forest management plan that best suits a specific preference system. Quantitative Techniques in Participatory Forest Management brings together global research in three areas of application: inventory of the forest variables that determine the main environmental indices, description and design of new environmental indices, and the application of sustainability indices for regional implementations. However, the issue of sustainability is not yet resolved. The book outlines a public participatory process to assess sustainability in forest management. They are also given a map with the results of their corresponding community of evaluators, including the numerical and qualitative data for both. The quantitative techniques highlighted in this book create the basis for the development of scientific methodologies of participatory sustainable forest management. Users accessing the application are offered a map representing their preferred forest management plan in the study zone. The system stores a record of the visit, including the visitor's profile and responses, to progress towards the joint forest management plan. The last chapter describes a downloadable computer application that integrates the techniques explained in the book 7b0d5b2eec

This book, with its excellent overview of GRASP, will appeal to researchers and practitioners of combinatorial optimization who have a need to find optimal or near optimal solutions to hard combinatorial optimization problems. For the more advanced reader, chapters on hybridization with path-relinking and parallel and continuous GRASP present these topics in a clear and concise fashion. The state-of-the-art coverage and carefully crafted pedagogical style lends this book highly accessible as an introductory text not only to GRASP, but also to combinatorial optimization, greedy algorithms, local search, and path-relinking, as well as to heuristics and metaheuristics, in general. The focus is on algorithmic and computational aspects of applied optimization with GRASP with emphasis given to the end-user, providing sufficient information on the broad spectrum of advances in applied optimization with GRASP. Additionally, the book offers a very complete annotated bibliography of GRASP and combinatorial optimization. This is the first book to cover GRASP (Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedures), a metaheuristic that has enjoyed wide success in practice with a broad range of applications to real-world combinatorial optimization problems. For the practitioner who needs to solve combinatorial optimization problems, the book provides a chapter with four case studies and implementable templates for all algorithms covered in the text 7b0d5b2eec

owtime, etc. ” Although there is a standardized form of stating any scheduling problem, namely “e. For instance, in optimization and computer science, scheduling has been de. cient

allocation ofn jobs onm machines –which can process no more than one activity at a time– with the objective to optimize some - jective function of the job completion times", scheduling is in fact a family of problems. ; maximize resource utilization, etc.); and, (d) scheduling environment (static vs. e. dynamic,intheformerthenumberofjobstobeconsideredandtheirready times are available while in the later the number of jobs and their charact- istics change over time). During the past decades scheduling has been among the most studied op- mization problemsanditisstillanactiveareaofresearch. Indeed, several parameters intervene in the problem de. Schedulingappears in many areas of science, engineering and industry and takes di. parallel machines, un- lated machines, identical or uniform machines, etc. , the planning of the production or the sequence of operations according to which jobs pass through machines and is optimal with respect to certain optimization criteria.); (b) resource environment (single vs.); (c) optimization criteria (minimize total tardiness, the number of late jobs, makespan,. erent forms depending on the restrictions and optimization criteria of the operating en- ronments [8]. ned as "the allocation of tasks to resources over time in order to achieve optimality in one or more objective criteria in an e. nition: (a) job characteristics (preemptive or not, precedence constraints, release dates, etc. cient way" and in production as "production schedule, i 7b0d5b2eec

from the area of production and logistics manage ment, the evaluation of alternatives and the determination of an optimal or at least suboptimal solution is an important but dif. c prob lem and their adaption to other problems is dif. For most such problems no ef. rst part demonstrates un derlying concepts of search strategies using a simple example optimization problem. cient algorithm is known and classical approaches of Operations Research like Mixed Integer Linear Programming or Dynamic Pro gramming are often of limited use due to excessive computation time. The. cult and in many cases even impos sible. g. However, such methods have two major drawbacks: First, they are tailored to a speci. Hence usually the chances are high that there exist better ones. To overcome these limitations, problem independent search strategies, in particular metaheuris tics, have been proposed. cult task. Therefore, dedicated heuristic solution approaches have been developed which aim at providing good solutions in reasonable time for a given problem. This book provides an elementary step by step introduction to metaheuristics focusing on the search concepts they are based on. Second, they are typically designed to "build" one single solution in the most effective way, whereas most decision problems have a vast number of feasible solu tions. In many decision problems, e 7b0d5b2eec

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Rough Sets and Knowledge Technology, RSKT 2011, held in Banff, Canada, in September 2011. The papers are organized in topical sections on attribute reduction and feature selection, generalized rough set models, machine learning with rough and hybrid techniques, knowledge technology and intelligent systems and applications. The 89 revised full papers presented together with 3 keynote lectures and 1 invited tutorial session were carefully reviewed and selected from 229 submissions 7b0d5b2eec

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium on Search-Based Software Engineering, SSBSE 2012, held in Riva del Garda, Italy in collocation with the 28th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance. Search-based Software Engineering (SBSE) studies the application of meta-heuristic optimization techniques to various software engineering problems, ranging from requirements engineering to software testing and maintenance. The 15 revised full papers, 3 revised short papers, and 2 papers of the graduate track presented together with 2 keynote talks and 1 tutorial paper were carefully reviewed and selected from 38 initial submissions. The papers present current research in all areas of Search Based Software Engineering, including theoretical work, research on SBSE applications, empirical studies, and reports on industrial experience 7b0d5b2eec

This book prepared in two volumes contains more than 50 chapters. He is the founder of the Polish school of Artificial Intelligence and one of the pioneers in Computer Engineering and

Computer Science with worldwide influence. We are proud to offer the readers this book. The submitted papers prove that interest in rough set research is growing and is possible to see many new excellent results both on theoretical foundations and applications of rough sets alone or in combination with other approaches. This book is dedicated to the memory of Professor Zdzis{\\l}aw Pawlak who passed away almost six year ago. This demonstrates that the scientific approaches discovered by of Professor Zdzis{\\l}aw Pawlak, especially the rough set approach as a tool for dealing with imperfect knowledge, are vivid and intensively explored by many researchers in many places throughout the world. He was a truly great scientist, researcher, teacher and a human being 7b0d5b2eec

They were organized in topical sections named: foundations of machine learning; image processing; image retrieval; image tracking; pattern recognition; data mining techniques for large scale data; fuzzy computing; rough sets; bioinformatics; and applications of artificial intelligence. The total of 53 full papers and 1 short paper presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 90 submissions. This book constitutes the proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence, PReMI 2015, held in Warsaw, Poland, in June/July 2015 7b0d5b2eec

Their collective work has significantly enriched the field of optimization in general and combinatorial optimization in particular. In addition, many new and exciting developments and extensions have been observed in the last few years. Hybrids of metaheuristics with other optimization techniques, like branch-and-bound, mathematical programming or constraint programming are also increasingly popular. This handbook should continue to be a great reference for researchers, graduate students, as well as practitioners interested in metaheuristics. On the front of applications, metaheuristics are now used to find high-quality solutions to an ever-growing number of complex, ill-defined real-world problems, in particular combinatorial ones. The authors who have contributed to this volume represent leading figures from the metaheuristic community and are responsible for pioneering contributions to the fields they write about. Metaheuristics are solution methods that orchestrate an interaction between local improvement procedures and higher level strategies to create a process capable of escaping from local optima and performing a robust search of a solution space. The nature of metaheuristics invites an analyst to modify basic methods in response to problem characteristics, past experiences, and personal preferences, and the chapters in this handbook are designed to facilitate this process as well. The third edition of this handbook is designed to provide a broad coverage of the concepts, implementations, and applications in metaheuristics. The book’s chapters serve as stand-alone presentations giving both the necessary underpinnings as well as practical guides for implementation. This new edition has been fully revised and features new chapters on swarm intelligence and automated design of metaheuristics from flexible algorithm frameworks 7b0d5b2eec

While traditionally sequential approaches have been used to deal with the cyclic/non-cyclic crew rostering problem in public transit, Lin Xie focuses on several solution approaches based on a novel network design to solve this task within one step. This is due to the fact that sequential planning often produces some unassigned duties that require additional drivers to cover them, while some drivers do not get jobs on some days. This integrated approach reduces additional personnel/operational costs and improves the satisfaction of drivers compared with the sequential one. Moreover, the author develops a web-based decision support system, which supports the planner in choosing a customized model as well as a suitable solution approach for solving the problem 7b0d5b2eec

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