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Designing algorithms to recommend items such as news articles and movies to users is a challenging task in numerous web applications. The crux of the problem is to rank items based on users' responses to different items to optimize for multiple objectives. Major technical challenges are high dimensional prediction with sparse data and constructing high dimensional sequential designs to collect data for user modeling and system design. This comprehensive treatment of the statistical issues that arise in recommender systems includes detailed, in-depth discussions of current state-of-the-art methods such as adaptive sequential designs (multi-armed bandit methods), bilinear random-effects models (matrix factorization) and scalable model fitting using modern computing paradigms like MapReduce. The authors draw upon their vast experience working with such large-scale systems at Yahoo! and LinkedIn, and bridge the gap between theory and practice by illustrating complex concepts with examples from applications they are directly involved with.

This volume, developed by the Observatory together with OECD, provides an overall conceptual framework for understanding and applying strategies aimed at improving quality of care. Crucially, it summarizes available evidence on different quality strategies and provides recommendations for their implementation. This book is intended to help policy-makers to understand concepts of quality and to support them to evaluate single strategies and combinations of strategies.

Cambridge English for Job-huntingErnst Klett Sprachen

Often, while preparing for competitive examinations, students face the dilemma of consulting

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the right book for the preparation of the English section of various competitive exams. They end up investing on a book that doesn't serve them right. General English for Competitive Examinations, with its fine balance of theory and practice, will make the aspirants stand in a good stead. The book covers many important aspects which are necessary to learn English language properly and wholeheartedly.

"An ingenious simplicity and grace mark the first-person telling of the story of eleven-year-old Rinko and her Japanese family in Berkeley, California. Times are hard for everyone in 1935, but being Japanese is for Rinko an added burden. . . . Compared with the many worldly-wise contemporary book heroines, Rinko in her guilelessness is genuine and refreshing, and her worries and concerns seem wholly natural, honest and convincing".--The Horn Book.

Agile is an iterative approach to software development that has rapidly gained popularity in the wider IT industry. For software testers, Agile testing brings many advantages to teams, from increasing overall product quality to providing greater scope for flexibility. Building on the ISTQB Foundation Level Agile Tester syllabus, this book covers Agile principles, methods, techniques and tools in the context of software testing. The book is perfect for software testers interested in the benefits of Agile testing, working in an Agile environment or undertaking the ISTQB Foundation Level Agile Tester exam.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A special 20th anniversary edition of the beloved book that changed millions of lives—with a new afterword by the author Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, helped you see the world as

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a more profound place, gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago. Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded, and the world seemed colder. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you, receive wisdom for your busy life today the way you once did when you were younger? Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live. Tuesdays with Morrie is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift with the world.

Integrates the statistical computing package MINITAB(tm) into an Introductory Statistics course, using Statistics by McClave/Sincich, 9/e.

Note: This is the 3rd edition. If you need the 2nd edition for a course you are taking, it can be found as a "other format" on amazon, or by searching its isbn: 1534970746 This gentle introduction to discrete mathematics is written for first and second year math majors, especially those who intend to teach. The text began as a set of lecture notes for the discrete mathematics course at the University of Northern Colorado. This course serves both as an introduction to topics in discrete math and as the "introduction to proof" course for math majors. The course is usually taught with a large amount of

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student inquiry, and this text is written to help facilitate this. Four main topics are covered: counting, sequences, logic, and graph theory. Along the way proofs are introduced, including proofs by contradiction, proofs by induction, and combinatorial proofs. The book contains over 470 exercises, including 275 with solutions and over 100 with hints. There are also Investigate! activities throughout the text to support active, inquiry based learning. While there are many fine discrete math textbooks available, this text has the following advantages: It is written to be used in an inquiry rich course. It is written to be used in a course for future math teachers. It is open source, with low cost print editions and free electronic editions. This third edition brings improved exposition, a new section on trees, and a bunch of new and improved exercises. For a complete list of changes, and to view the free electronic version of the text, visit the book's website at discrete.openmathbooks.org

Vol. 1 includes proceedings of the organizing convention, New York, Jan. 24, 1913. This is the second edition of the now definitive text on partial differential equations (PDE). It offers a comprehensive survey of modern techniques in the theoretical study of PDE with particular emphasis on nonlinear equations. Its wide scope and clear exposition make it a great text for a graduate course in PDE. For this edition, the author has made numerous changes, including a new chapter on nonlinear wave equations, more than 80 new exercises, several new sections, a significantly expanded bibliography. About the First Edition: I have used this book for both regular PDE and

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topics courses. It has a wonderful combination of insight and technical detail. ... Evans' book is evidence of his mastering of the field and the clarity of presentation. --Luis Caffarelli, University of Texas It is fun to teach from Evans' book. It explains many of the essential ideas and techniques of partial differential equations ... Every graduate student in analysis should read it. --David Jerison, MIT I use Partial Differential Equations to prepare my students for their Topic exam, which is a requirement before starting working on their dissertation. The book provides an excellent account of PDE's ... I am very happy with the preparation it provides my students. --Carlos Kenig, University of Chicago Evans' book has already attained the status of a classic. It is a clear choice for students just learning the subject, as well as for experts who wish to broaden their knowledge ... An outstanding reference for many aspects of the field. --Rafe Mazzeo, Stanford University

Resources for teaching and learning are posted at tinyurl.com/Glanz4e and www.med.upenn.edu/hbhe4. This fourth edition of the classic book, Health Behavior and Health Education: Theory, Research, and Practice provides a comprehensive, highly accessible, and in-depth analysis of health behavior theories that are most relevant to health education. This essential resource includes the most current information on theory, research, and practice at individual, interpersonal, and community and group levels. This edition includes substantial new content on current and emerging theories of health communication, e-health, culturally diverse

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communities, health promotion, the impact of stress, the importance of networks and community, social marketing, and evaluation.

This volume presents the proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Applications and Theory of Petri Nets held in Paris in 1991. It contains the Bibliography of Petri Nets 1990, with over 4000 entries.

An introduction to American colloquialisms through the use of explanatory dialogue or narrative.

Designed by Edurise panel of authors, RRB NTPC 2019 CBT Stage 1 Exam PRACTICE SETS is here to act as the backbone for planning and implementation of your Stage-1 exam preparation strategy. The book contains 23 Practice Sets with highly probable questions for maximum chance of success. All 2300 questions are explained in detail from typical student point of view with well illustrated short tricks that save time. You can optimize the use of this valuable resource by practicing newly revised pattern of CBT stage 1 by solving 23 NTPC exam oriented practice sets in a time bound manner. The book is thoroughly prepared for RRB CEN 01/2019. **** Important Note**** The question types and difficulty level would be different from Banking, SSC, UPSC similar government exams. The RRB NTPC Recruitment exam will be conducted in 2 stages: CBT Stage 1: Stage 1 exam will only contain questions from Non -Technical Subjects:

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General Awareness ,Mathematics and General Intelligence & Reasoning and will be common for all post categories.

This comprehensive exam guide offers 100% coverage of every topic on the CompTIA PenTest+ exam This effective self-study guide fully prepares candidates for the challenging CompTIA PenTest+ exam and offers complete coverage of all exam subjects. You will learn to improve your overall IT security using assessment frameworks and penetration tests. CompTIA PenTest+ Certification All-in-One Exam Guide (Exam PT0-001) features hands-on exercises as well as “Notes,” “Tips,” and “Cautions” that provide real-world insight and call out potentially harmful situations. Each chapter features learning objectives, exam tips, and practice questions with in-depth answer explanations. Beyond exam prep, the guide also serves as an ideal on-the-job reference for IT security professionals. •Features online access to test engine with more than 200 accurate practice exam questions and simulated performance-based questions •Written by an experienced information security professional

Partial Differential Equations presents a balanced and comprehensive introduction to the concepts and techniques required to solve problems containing unknown functions of multiple variables. While focusing on the three most classical partial differential equations (PDEs)—the wave, heat, and Laplace

equations—this detailed text also presents a broad practical perspective that merges mathematical concepts with real-world application in diverse areas including molecular structure, photon and electron interactions, radiation of electromagnetic waves, vibrations of a solid, and many more. Rigorous pedagogical tools aid in student comprehension; advanced topics are introduced frequently, with minimal technical jargon, and a wealth of exercises reinforce vital skills and invite additional self-study. Topics are presented in a logical progression, with major concepts such as wave propagation, heat and diffusion, electrostatics, and quantum mechanics placed in contexts familiar to students of various fields in science and engineering. By understanding the properties and applications of PDEs, students will be equipped to better analyze and interpret central processes of the natural world.

A groundbreaking introduction to vectors, matrices, and least squares for engineering applications, offering a wealth of practical examples.

The concept of nation building is a multi-dimensional process, addressing various components simultaneously. It takes into account the various historical and geographical perspectives of the country in question, noting the peculiarities and diversity of its cultural ethos, including its social, economic and political structures. This volume addresses these inter-linked aspects, and the innovative development of these structures and institutions. However, such changes

and development must be directed to create a more culturally homogenous and productive society, so that basic human needs like food, shelter, healthcare and education are fulfilled at the optimum level. All-round development and growth for the nation can be achieved only with a robust economy and political stability. As such, the process of nation building and development is a multifaceted phenomenon. In the context of India, this process is associated with the central values embodied in the preamble of the country's constitution, which advocates for the establishment of secular, socialist and democratic society based on well-defined fundamental rights. This anthology reflects these academic spirits and vistas.

Popular Science gives our readers the information and tools to improve their technology and their world. The core belief that Popular Science and our readers share: The future is going to be better, and science and technology are the driving forces that will help make it better.

Now in its second edition, this book focuses on practical algorithms for mining data from even the largest datasets.

After completing the final version of his general theory of relativity in November 1915, Albert Einstein wrote a book about relativity for a popular audience. His intention was 'to give an exact insight into the theory of relativity to those readers who, from a general scientific and philosophical point of view, are interested in the theory, but who are not conversant with the mathematical apparatus of theoretical physics.' The book remains one of the most lucid explanations of the special and general theories ever written. In the early 1920s alone, it was translated into ten languages, and fifteen editions in the original German appeared over the course of Einstein's lifetime. The theory of relativity enriched physics and astronomy during the 20th century.

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Both Calculus AB and Calculus BC are covered in this comprehensive AP test preparation manual. Prospective test takers will find four practice exams in Calculus AB and four more in Calculus BC, with all questions answered and solutions explained. The manual also provides a detailed 10-chapter review covering topics for both exams. The authors also offer an overview of the AP Calculus exams, which includes advice to students on making best use of their graphing calculators.

She's a romantic at heart, living in the most unromantic of worlds . . . Nicknamed Sweet Abelli for her docile nature, Elena smiles on cue and has a charming response for everything. She's the favored daughter, the perfect mafia principessa . . . or was. Now, all she can see in the mirror's reflection is blood staining her hands like crimson paint. They say first impressions are everything . . . In the murky waters of New York's underworld, Elena's sister is arranged to marry Nicolas Russo. A Made Man, a boss, a cheat-even measured against mafia standards. His reputation stretches far and wide and is darker than his black suits and ties. After his and Elena's first encounter ends with an accidental glare on her part, she realizes he's just as rude as he is handsome. She doesn't like the man or anything he stands for, though that doesn't stop her heart from pattering like rain against glass when he's near, nor the shiver that ghosts down her spine at the sound of his voice. And he's always near. Telling her what to do. Making her feel hotter than any future brother-in-law should. Elena may be the Sweet Abelli on the outside, but she's beginning to learn she has a taste for the darkness, for rough hands, cigarettes, and whiskey-colored eyes. Having already escaped one scandal, however, she can hardly afford to be swept up in another. Besides, even if he were hers, everyone knows you don't fall in love with a Made Man . . . right? This is a standalone forbidden romance.

Tuberculosis is characterized as a social disease and few have been more inextricably linked with human history. There is evidence from the archaeological record that *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and its human hosts have been together for a very long time. The very mention of tuberculosis brings to mind romantic images of great literary figures pouring out their souls in creative works as their bodies were being decimated by consumption. It is a disease that at various times has had a certain glamour associated with it. From the medieval period to the modern day, Helen Bynum explores the history and development of tuberculosis throughout the world, touching on the various discoveries that have emerged about the disease over time, and focussing on the experimental approaches of Jean-Antoine Villemin (1827-92) and Robert Koch (1842-1910). Bynum also examines the place tuberculosis holds in the popular imagination and its role in various forms of the dramatic arts. The story of tuberculosis since the 1950s is complex, and Bynum describes the picture emerging from the World Health Organization of the difficulties that attended the management of the disease in the developing world. In the meantime, tuberculosis has emerged again in the West, both among the urban underclass and in association with a new infection - HIV. The disease has returned with a vengeance - in drug-resistant form. The story of tuberculosis is far from over.

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Unlike traditional introductory math/stat textbooks, *Probability and Statistics: The Science of Uncertainty* brings a modern flavor based on incorporating the computer to the course and an integrated approach to inference. From the start the book integrates simulations into its theoretical coverage, and emphasizes the use of computer-powered computation throughout.* Math and science majors with just one year of calculus can use this text and experience a refreshing blend of applications and theory that goes beyond merely mastering the technicalities. They'll get a thorough grounding in probability theory, and go beyond that to the theory of statistical inference and its applications. An integrated approach to inference is presented that includes the frequency approach as well as Bayesian methodology. Bayesian inference is developed as a logical extension of likelihood methods. A separate chapter is devoted to the important topic of model checking and this is applied in the context of the standard applied statistical techniques. Examples of data analyses using real-world data are presented throughout the text. A final chapter introduces a number of the most important stochastic process models using elementary methods. *Note: An appendix in the book contains Minitab code for more involved computations. The code can be used by students as templates for their own calculations. If a software package like Minitab is used with the course then no programming is required by the

students.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER • NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER Dig deep in this award-winning, modern classic that will remind readers that adventure is right around the corner--or just under your feet! Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption. "A smart jigsaw puzzle of a novel." —New York Times *Includes a double bonus: an excerpt from *Small Steps*, the follow-up to *Holes*, as well as an excerpt from the New York Times bestseller *Fuzzy Mud*. Aims to help develop the specialist English language knowledge and communication skills for job-seeking, including job interviews, and successful

techniques for dealing with difficult questions. Practice exercises, audioscripts, answer key, and common interview questions are provided. For self-study and developing listening, speaking, reading, writing and vocabulary skills.

No author has gone as far as Doerfler in covering methods of mental calculation beyond simple arithmetic. Even if you have no interest in competing with computers you'll learn a great deal about number theory and the art of efficient computer programming. —Martin Gardner

"Mastering the Requirements Process: Getting Requirements Right" sets out an industry-proven process for gathering and verifying requirements, regardless of whether you work in a traditional or agile development environment. In this sweeping update of the bestselling guide, the authors show how to discover precisely what the customer wants and needs, in the most efficient manner possible.

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