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A series of closely interrelated essays on game theory, this book deals with an area in which progress has been least satisfactory—the situations where there is a common interest as well as conflict between adversaries: negotiations, war and threats of war, criminal deterrence, extortion, tacit bargaining. It proposes enlightening similarities between, for instance, maneuvering in limited war and in a traffic jam; deterring the Russians and one's own children; the modern strategy of terror and the ancient institution of hostages.

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This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. Autism Spectrum Disorders 2/e, provides teachers of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other developmental disabilities with important background information, historical context, etiological underpinnings, and characteristics of ASD that may impact learning. Written in an easy-to-follow format, the book focuses on evidence-based practices and approaches that have empirical bases for use. The book identifies current trends in research and practice and includes special Research, Diversity, and Trends and Issues boxes to clarify the concepts. Each chapter begins with real life scenarios depicting key information and concepts found in that chapter and include key terms, chapter objectives, end-of-chapter questions, and web resources to enhance learning and expand beyond the text. Significant changes to this edition include a chapter focusing on play, a chapter on motor development, and a chapter on sexuality. Updates and changes to the functional academics, functional life skills, environmental supports, and transition chapters add currency and further clarification to those topics. Throughout, the book focuses on real world practice that promotes lifespan success.

Teachers are learners too, and for the past ten years, Gail Boushey and Allison Behne work with hundreds of teachers and students nationwide, gaining insight into best practices for reading instruction.

Using those insights, they developed The CAFE Book, Expanded Second Edition: Engaging All Students in Daily Literacy Assessment and Instruction to help teachers apply what their research has shown—that reading instruction is not about the setting, the basal, or the book level. Rather, effective reading instruction is based on what that student needs in that moment. With the release of The CAFE Book in 2009, the CAFE system has been implemented in classrooms all over the world. It has changed the way teachers assess, teach, and track student information, and positively impacted the way students learn, practice, and talk about reading. The CAFE Book, Expanded Second Edition builds on the same research-based, student-centered foundations, but now includes A new process of planning data-driven instruction using the Seven Steps from Assessment to Instruction; The Instruction Protocol - a framework to guide your instruction and planning; Significant resources to help with lesson planning, assessment, goal setting, and parent involvement; A revised CAFE menu and a checklist of skills for emerging readers; New and improved forms for both the online conferring notebook and a pencil/paper notebook to support more effective conferring with students; The addition of CAFE's Essential Elements, a resource to guide your understanding of student-focused instruction; And new and revised Ready Reference Guides that include when to teach the strategy, options differentiating instruction, and partner strategies. The CAFE Book, Expanded Second Edition gives you a variety of tools to structure your literacy block and create an environment where your students are engaged readers and writers with resources that set them up for success. This CAFE system is all you need to support, guide, and coach your students toward the strategies that will move them forward.

Foundations of Design by Jeff Davis provides a straightforward examination of the basic principles of two-dimensional design. Written in a clear and concise style, this textbook presents the elements of design in a logical order, with each chapter building on the next. The book employs a highly visual design with numerous diagrams that elegantly illustrate the fundamental design concepts. The diagrams are paired with relevant examples of contemporary art that connect theory to application. Foundations of Design has been written to be accessible by anyone with an interest in art or design. The efficient, practical approach provides useful guidance for beginning students and practicing professionals alike. The universal ideas on visual communication are appropriate for any creative field, including fine art, graphic design, advertising, illustration, web design, and photography. Foundations of Design is an essential addition to any art and design library. TABLE OF CONTENTS Chapter 1 - Design Chapter 2 - Format Chapter 3 - Line Chapter 4 - Shape Chapter 5 - Size Chapter 6 - Color Chapter 7 - Texture Chapter 8 - Composition Chapter 9 - Space Chapter 10 - Grouping Chapter 11 - Contrast Chapter 12 - Balance Chapter 13 - Emphasis Chapter 14 - Movement Chapter 15 - Unity

The challenges faced by diversified corporations—firms that operate in more than one industry or market—have changed over the years. In this new edition, Olivier Furrer helps students of corporate strategy to consider the impact of critical changes in resources, businesses and headquarters roles on the firm's ability for establishing and sustaining corporate advantage. New to this edition are stimulating pedagogical features and additional material such as a new chapter on the theoretical foundations of multibusiness firms, along with a host of new examples from across the world. A companion website supplements the book, providing PowerPoint slides, a test bank of questions, and lists of suggested case studies.

War demands that scholars and policy makers use victory in precise and coherent terms to communicate what the state seeks to achieve in war. The failure historically to define victory in consistent terms has contributed to confused debates when societies consider whether to wage war. This volume explores the development of a theoretical narrative or language of victory to help scholars and policy makers define carefully and precisely what they mean by victory in war in order to achieve a deeper understanding of victory as the foundation of strategy in the modern world.

First published in 2004. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

"Teaches art and design principles with references to contemporary digital art alongside basic digital tools in Adobe Creative Cloud"--Cover, page [4].

Biblical Foundations of Spirituality offers seekers guidance on what to read, how to read, and why to read the Bible as a source of spiritual nourishment. Informed by the latest scholarship, this book makes the Bible more intelligible and "user friendly" for contemporary audiences by stressing the spiritual dimension of the search for God evident in our biblical ancestors and showing how the Bible can be a friend and companion in our search for God today.

7 Powers details a strategy toolset that enables you to build an enduringly valuable company. It was developed by Hamilton Helmer drawing on his decades of experience as a strategy advisor, equity investor and Stanford University teacher. This is must reading for any business person and applies to all businesses, new or mature, large or small.

Introduce the most important theories and views in strategic management today with this concise, yet fully complete, text. Harrison/St. John's FOUNDATIONS IN STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT, Sixth Edition, addresses the most recent changes in today's business environment, including many topics that other strategic management texts often miss. The book thoroughly addresses the traditional economic process model and the resource-based model, as well as the stakeholder theory. This valuable text builds on a traditional theoretical foundation

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by using engaging examples from many of today's leading firms to demonstrate principles and applications. This edition continues to highlight strategizing in the global arena as well as more focused coverage of stakeholder management. This brief, well-rounded text functions as an indispensable resource for your immediate and long-term success in strategic management. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections <http://goengage.com/infotrac>. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This book is the complete guide to understanding the structure of homeland security – its underlying law and policy. Created from a broad and in depth, yet edited collection of statutes, policy papers, presidential directives, and other documents, it cultivates a detailed understanding of the foundations of homeland security. It is arranged in a topic-by-topic format structured to include only the documents and statues that affect a particular subject, making for much easier understanding. Thus, the chapter on FEMA contains only the portions of the statutes and other documents that relate to FEMA. There are twenty-five topic areas. It contains hundreds of end notes, references, and suggestions for further study. This book offers important legal guidance that students, law enforcement officers, lawyers, and other homeland security professionals need to accurately interpret, understand, and apply homeland security policy. The Introduction provides an in-depth overview of the subject of homeland security and includes a discussion of what is homeland security, definitions of homeland security and terrorism, what is homeland security law, its development, and what is a homeland security curriculum. There are contributing chapters about homeland security in Europe, and homeland security in China and Japan. With more than 200 real-world cases and critical-thinking exercises, FOUNDATIONS OF THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS, 3E helps readers define their ethical compass within the business world. Authored by a renowned scholar of business ethics, it uses an integrated approach to thoroughly explore the intersection of law, business strategy, and ethics. A concise legal environment text, it covers all core topics and features intriguing examples of legal and ethical issues pulled straight from the news and pop culture. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Thoroughly updated and revised—with half of the chapters new to the second edition—Missiology equips the reader with a vast resource on contemporary missions. This graduate-level introduction is divided into five sections (Introduction to the Study of Missiology, Biblical Basis of Missions, Theology of Missions, and Applied Missiology) and offers essays on modern missions issues and methods such as contextualization, spiritual warfare, and orality, as well as chapters on major world religions and cults in North America. A retired missionary and long-time professor of missions, editor John Mark Terry enlists a wide range of evangelical authors, most with significant experience in international or North American missions. Pastors will find helpful information on church planting in North America and on developing a missions-minded church. Students will benefit from the chapters on understanding the call to missions and the current status of world evangelization. All readers will profit from a valuable one-volume reference work on missions.

"There are many textbooks available for a so-called transition course from calculus to abstract mathematics. I have taught this course several times and always find it problematic. The Foundations of Mathematics (Stewart and Tall) is a horse of a different color. The writing is excellent and there is actually some useful mathematics. I definitely like this book."--The Bulletin of Mathematics Books

Winner of the 2019 Textbook & Academic Authors Association's The Most Promising New Textbook Award How can public relations play a more active role in the betterment of society? Introduction to Strategic Public Relations: Digital, Global, and Socially Responsible Communication prepares you for success in today's fast-changing PR environment. Recognizing that developments in technology, business, and culture require a fresh approach, Janis T. Page and Lawrence Parnell have written a practical introductory text that aligns these shifts with the body of knowledge from which the discipline of public relations was built. Because the practice of public relations is rooted in credibility, the authors believe that you must become ethical and socially responsible communicators more concerned with building trust and respect with diverse communities than with creating throwaway content. The authors balance this approach with a focus on communication theory, history, process, and practice and on understanding how these apply to strategic public relations planning, as well as on learning how to create a believable and persuasive message. Key Features Chapter-opening Scenarios capture your attention by discussing current PR challenges—such as the Wells Fargo cross-selling, VW emissions cover-up, and P&G's "Like a Girl" campaign—and thus frame the chapter content and encourage active reading. At the end of the chapter, you explore various aspects of socially responsible communication to "solve" the PR challenge. Socially Responsible Case Studies in each chapter illustrate the key responsibilities of a modern public relations professional such as media relations, crisis communications, employee communications, applied communications research, and corporate and government-specific communications. Each case features problem-solving questions to encourage critical thinking. Social Responsibility in Action boxes feature short, specific social responsibility cases—such as Universals' #NoFoodWasted, Nespresso in South Sudan, and Merck's collaboration with AIDS activists—to highlight best practices and effective tactics, showing the link between sound public relations strategy and meaningful social responsibility programs. Insight boxes spark classroom discussion on particularly important or unique topics in each chapter. Personality Profile boxes will inspire you with stories from PR veterans and rising stars such as the U.S. CEO of Burson-Marsteller, the Chief Communication Officer of the United Nations Foundation, and the Executive VP at HavasPR.

This book argues persuasively that a behavioral perspective offers the best foundation for strategic management scholarship. This book presents a focused approach to strategic management theory. Outlines the basics of a behavioral approach to strategic management. Examines assumptions of rationality and equilibrium and the problems they create. Considers how a behavioral approach relates to a number of conventional approaches.

Foundations of Real Estate Financial Modelling is specifically designed to provide an overview of pro forma modelling for real estate projects. The book introduces students and professionals to the basics of real estate finance theory before providing a step-by-step guide for financial model construction using Excel. The idea that real estate is an asset

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with unique characteristics which can be transformed, both physically and financially, forms the basis of discussion. Individual chapters are separated by functional unit and build upon themselves to include information on: Amortization Single-Family Unit Multi-Family Unit Development/Construction Addition(s) Waterfall (Equity Bifurcation) Accounting Statements Additional Asset Classes Further chapters are dedicated to risk quantification and include scenario, stochastic and Monte Carlo simulations, waterfalls and securitized products. This book is the ideal companion to core real estate finance textbooks and will boost students Excel modelling skills before they enter the workplace. The book provides individuals with a step-by-step instruction on how to construct a real estate financial model that is both scalable and modular. A companion website provides the pro forma models to give readers a basic financial model for each asset class as well as methods to quantify performance and understand how and why each model is constructed and the best practices for repositioning these assets.

One million students and business executives have used the market-leading text *Exploring Strategy* to boost their academic and professional careers. The expert authors now transfer the essence of *Exploring Strategy* into *The Fundamentals of Strategy*. This book is particularly suited for those engaged in short courses.

Presenting the foundations of an integrated theory of organizations, Jensen argues that the cost of transferring information necessitates decentralization of some decision rights in organizations and economies. This in turn requires organizations to solve the control problem that results when self-interested persons do not behave as perfect agents.

With over one million copies sold worldwide, *Exploring Strategy* has long been the essential strategy text for managers of today and tomorrow. From entrepreneurial start-ups to multinationals, charities to government agencies, this book raises the big questions about organisations- how they grow, how they innovate and how they change. *Texts and Cases* also provides a wealth of extra case studies written by experts in the subject to aid and enrich your understanding. Examples are taken from events and organisations as diverse as Glastonbury, Mondelez and Formula 1 racing.

Verbeke provides a new perspective on international business strategy by combining analytical rigour and true managerial insight on the functioning of large multinational enterprises (MNEs). With unique commentary on 48 seminal articles published in the *Harvard Business Review*, the *Sloan Management Review* and the *California Management Review* over the past three decades, Verbeke shows how these can be applied to real businesses engaged in international expansion programmes, especially as they venture into high-distance markets. The second edition has been thoroughly updated and features greater coverage of emerging markets with a new chapter and seven new cases.

Suited for advanced undergraduates and graduate courses, students will benefit from updated case studies and improved learning features, including 'management takeaways', key lessons that can be applied to MNEs and a wide range of online resources.

Foundations of Strategy, Canadian Edition is a concise text aimed at both undergraduate and MBA students. With the needs of these students in mind, the authors made sure that the text was written in an accessible style, with a clear, comprehensive approach and sound theoretical depth. An excellent set of current and in-depth Canadian and global cases will show students how to apply the strategy concepts in real-world scenarios. Today's strategy modules are delivered in a wide variety of different formats to a wide range of audiences. Instructors frequently find themselves faced with the challenge of delivering their modules in relatively short time frames to student groups with very diverse educational and employment backgrounds. This text is designed to assist instructors in meeting this challenge by covering the core aspects of strategy as concisely as possible without losing academic depth.

Winner of the 2009 Skystone Ryan Prize for Research, Association of Fundraising Professionals Research Council "All outstanding philanthropic successes have one thing in common: They started with a smart strategic plan," say authors Paul Brest, president of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and Hal Harvey, president of ClimateWorks.

Money Well Spent explains how to create and implement a strategy that ensures meaningful results. Components of a smart strategy include: Achieving great clarity about one's philanthropic goals Specifying indicators of success before beginning a project Designing and implementing a plan commensurate with available resources Evidence-based understanding of the world in which the plan will operate Paying careful attention to milestones to determine if you are on the path to success or if midcourse corrections are necessary Drawing on examples from over 100 foundations and non-profits, *Money Well Spent* gives readers the framework they need to design a smart strategy, addressing such key issues as: Effective use of tools—education, science, direct services, advocacy—that can achieve your objectives. How to choose the forms of funding to achieve stated goals How to measure the impact of grants or programs When to be patient and stick with a winning strategy and when to abandon a strategy that isn't working This is a book for everyone who wants to get the most from a philanthropic dollar: donors, foundations, and non-profits.

Economic Foundations of Strategy helps clarify the theoretical foundations of management strategy. It identifies five theories of particular importance to the strategy field, and outlines the contributions of particularly influential works in each area. The book helps find answers for five questions regarding key issues in strategy using economic theory: How can organizations operate efficiently? How can firms minimize costs? How can firms create and allocate wealth? How can firms align individual self-interest? How can resources be acquired, developed and deployed to improve the likelihood of survival and profitable growth?

A famed political scientist's classic argument for a more cooperative world We assume that, in a world ruled by natural selection, selfishness pays. So why cooperate? In *The Evolution of Cooperation*, political scientist Robert Axelrod seeks to answer this question. In 1980, he organized the famed Computer Prisoners Dilemma Tournament, which sought to find the optimal strategy for survival in a particular game. Over and over, the simplest strategy, a cooperative program called Tit for Tat, shut out the competition. In

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other words, cooperation, not unfettered competition, turns out to be our best chance for survival. A vital book for leaders and decision makers, *The Evolution of Cooperation* reveals how cooperative principles help us think better about everything from military strategy, to political elections, to family dynamics.

This book provides an introduction to the mathematical and algorithmic foundations of data science, including machine learning, high-dimensional geometry, and analysis of large networks. Topics include the counterintuitive nature of data in high dimensions, important linear algebraic techniques such as singular value decomposition, the theory of random walks and Markov chains, the fundamentals of and important algorithms for machine learning, algorithms and analysis for clustering, probabilistic models for large networks, representation learning including topic modelling and non-negative matrix factorization, wavelets and compressed sensing. Important probabilistic techniques are developed including the law of large numbers, tail inequalities, analysis of random projections, generalization guarantees in machine learning, and moment methods for analysis of phase transitions in large random graphs. Additionally, important structural and complexity measures are discussed such as matrix norms and VC-dimension. This book is suitable for both undergraduate and graduate courses in the design and analysis of algorithms for data.

This inspirational book provides the philosophical backbone to countless courses for health professionals. It poses two fundamental questions - "What is health?" and "How can more health be achieved?" - and answers them at a depth unmatched by any other text in this field. David Seedhouse shows that these questions lie at the heart of health practice, and explains why all health workers should ponder them deeply. This second edition retains the freshness and enthusiasm of the first, while making the foundations theory and its practical applications clearer and more accessible than ever. The book includes additional material and discussion, new case studies and revised illustrations.

- * Describes and explores competing theories of health
- * Establishes a practical and ethical foundation for health promotion and education
- * Explains the foundations theory - a novel and comprehensive way to understand health
- * Shows how the foundations theory might be used to create more humane health services

One of the true classics in Marketing is now thoroughly revised and updated. "Marketing Theory" is both evolutionary and revolutionary. As in earlier editions, Shelby Hunt focuses on the marketing discipline's multiple stakeholders. He articulates a philosophy of science-based 'tool kit' for developing and analyzing theories, law-like generalizations, and explanations in marketing science. Hunt adds a new dimension to the book, however, by developing arguments for the position that Resource-Advantage Theory provides the foundation for a general theory of marketing and a theoretical foundation for business and marketing strategy. Also new to this edition are four chapters adapted and updated from Hunt's "Controversy in Marketing Theory" that analyze the 'philosophy debates' within the field, including controversies with respect to scientific realism, qualitative methods, truth, and objectivity.

Written by two experts in the field who deal with QoS predicaments every day and now in this 2nd edition give special attention to the realm of Data Centers, *QoS Enabled Networks: Tools and Foundations, 2nd Edition* provides a lucid understanding of modern QoS theory mechanisms in packet networks and how to apply them in practice. This book focuses on the tools and foundations of QoS providing the knowledge to understand what benefits QoS offers and what can be built on top of it.

SHORTLISTED: CMI Management Book of the Year 2017 - Management Futures Category Data is changing the nature of competition. Making sense of it is tough; taking advantage of it is even tougher. There is a clear business opportunity for organizations to use data and analytics to transform business performance. *Data-driven Organization Design* provides a practical framework for HR and organization design practitioners to build a baseline of data, set objectives, carry out fixed and dynamic process design, map competencies, and right-size the organization so everyone performs to their potential and organizations have a hope of getting and sustaining a competitive edge. *Data-driven Organization Design* shows how to collect the right data on organizations, present it meaningfully and ask the right questions of it to help complex, fluid organizations constantly evolve and meet moving objectives. Through the use of case studies, practical tips, and sample exercises, it explains in detail how to use data and analytics to connect all the elements of the system so you can design an environment for people to perform, an organization which has the right people, in the right place, doing the right things, at the right time. Whether you are looking to implement a long-term transformation, large redesign, or a one-off small scale project, *Data-driven Organization Design* will guide you through making the most of organizational data and analytics to drive business performance.

Foundations for Community Health Workers is a training resource for client- and community-centered public health practitioners, with an emphasis on promoting health equality. Based on City College of San Francisco's CHW Certificate Program, it begins with an overview of the historic and political context informing the practice of community health workers. The second section of the book addresses core competencies for working with individual clients, such as behavior change counseling and case management, and practitioner development topics such as ethics, stress management, and conflict resolution. The book's final section covers skills for practice at the group and community levels, such as conducting health outreach and facilitating community organizing and advocacy. Praise for *Foundations for Community Health Workers* "This book is the first of its kind: a manual of core competencies and curricula for training community health workers. Covering topics from health inequalities to patient-centered counseling, this book is a tremendous resource for both scholars and practitioners in the field of community-based medicine. It also marks a great step forward in any setting, rich or poor, in which it is imperative to reduce health disparities and promote genuine health and well-being." —Paul E. Farmer, MD., PhD, Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Social Medicine in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; founding director, Partners In Health. "This book is based on the contributions of experienced CHWs and advocates of the field. I am confident that it will serve as an

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inspiration for many CHW training programs." —Yvonne Lacey, CHW, former coordinator, Black Infant Health Program, City of Berkeley Health Department; former chair, CHW Special Interest Group for the APHA. "This book masterfully integrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a CHW through storytelling and real life case examples. This simple and elegant approach brings to life the intricacies of the work and espouses the spirit of the role that is so critical to eliminating disparities—a true model educational approach to emulate." —Gayle Tang, MSN, RN., director, National Linguistic and Cultural Programs, National Diversity, Kaiser Permanente "Finally, we have a competency-based textbook for community health worker education—well informed by seasoned CHWs themselves as well as expert contributors." —Donald E. Proulx, CHW National Education Collaborative, University of Arizona

The second edition of Sustainable Business prepares future business leaders to tackle the most crucial social and environmental issues of our time. This engaging textbook provides students with a comprehensive, balanced introduction to integrating sustainable business policies into all core business functions and processes. The text employs a qualitative-based learning process to help students understand how leadership, finance, accounting, risk management, marketing, supply chain management, and operations can be adapted to meet the sustainability goals of the 21st century. Looking at sustainable business from the managerial viewpoint, the fully-updated new edition explains how and why business is evolving due to increased consumer and regulatory pressure for sustainable performance. Business topics are first introduced in the same manner as traditional MBA programs, and then examined through the lens of sustainability. The text incorporates real-life examples of social and environmental leadership to demonstrate the efficacy of good sustainable business decisions, and illustrates the negative ramifications of outdated, purely economic-driven managerial decision-making. Influential concepts based on interdisciplinary research in sustainability are discussed in detail, and practical insights address how to turn policy into practice in the workplace.

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Foundations of Strategy, Second Edition is a concise text aimed at both undergraduate and Masters students. Written in an accessible style with the needs of these students in mind, the latest edition has a clear, comprehensive approach, underlined by sound theoretical depth. The content has been fully revised and updated to reflect recent developments in the business environment and strategy research. Features of the text include: 10 chapters covering all the topics in a typical one-semester course. Concise and integrated treatment of strategy implementation focusing on strategy in practice. Integration of the not-for-profit sector. Opening and closing chapter case studies covering a range of real-world, global examples. Featured Example and Case Insight boxes throughout chapters to give an additional dimension to the subject matter. An extensive range of learning and teaching materials accompany this text including instructor manual, case teaching notes, test bank and PowerPoint slides, for instructors. Resources for students include self-test quizzes and glossary flashcards to check understanding. Access the full resources online at www.foundationsofstrategy.com.

This text develops a comprehensive theory of programming languages based on type systems and structural operational semantics. Language concepts are precisely defined by their static and dynamic semantics, presenting the essential tools both intuitively and rigorously while relying on only elementary mathematics. These tools are used to analyze and prove properties of languages and provide the framework for combining and comparing language features. The broad range of concepts includes fundamental data types such as sums and products, polymorphic and abstract types, dynamic typing, dynamic dispatch, subtyping and refinement types, symbols and dynamic classification, parallelism and cost semantics, and concurrency and distribution. The methods are directly applicable to language implementation, to the development of logics for reasoning about programs, and to the formal verification language properties such as type safety. This thoroughly revised second edition includes exercises at the end of nearly every chapter and a new chapter on type refinements.

A new edition of a graduate-level machine learning textbook that focuses on the analysis and theory of algorithms. This book is a general introduction to machine learning that can serve as a textbook for graduate students and a reference for researchers. It covers fundamental modern topics in machine learning while providing the theoretical basis and conceptual tools needed for the discussion and justification of algorithms. It also describes several key aspects of the application of these algorithms. The authors aim to present novel theoretical tools and concepts while giving concise proofs even for relatively advanced topics. Foundations of Machine Learning is unique in its focus on the analysis and theory of algorithms. The first four chapters lay the theoretical foundation for what follows; subsequent chapters are mostly self-contained. Topics covered include the Probably Approximately Correct (PAC) learning framework; generalization bounds based on Rademacher complexity and VC-dimension; Support Vector Machines (SVMs); kernel methods; boosting; on-line learning; multi-class classification; ranking; regression; algorithmic stability; dimensionality reduction; learning automata and languages; and reinforcement learning. Each chapter ends with a set of exercises. Appendixes provide additional material including concise probability review. This second edition offers three new chapters, on model selection, maximum entropy models, and conditional entropy models. New material in the appendixes includes a major section on Fenchel duality, expanded coverage of concentration inequalities, and an entirely new entry on information theory. More than half of the exercises are new to this edition.

Now in its second edition, this popular textbook on game theory is unrivalled in the breadth of its coverage, the thoroughness of technical explanations and the number of worked examples included. Covering non-cooperative and cooperative games, this introduction to game theory includes advanced chapters on auctions, games with incomplete information, games with vector payoffs, stable matchings and the bargaining set. This edition contains new material on stochastic games, rationalizability, and the continuity of the set of equilibrium points with respect to the data of the game. The material is presented clearly and every concept is illustrated with concrete examples from a range of disciplines. With numerous exercises, and the addition of a solution manual with this edition, the book is an extensive guide to game theory for undergraduate through graduate courses in economics, mathematics, computer science, engineering and life sciences, and will also serve as useful reference for researchers.

Knowledge Management has evolved into one of the most important streams of management research, affecting organizations of all types at many different levels. The Encyclopedia of Knowledge Management, Second Edition provides a compendium of terms, definitions and explanations of concepts, processes and acronyms addressing the challenges of knowledge management. This two-volume collection covers all aspects of this critical discipline, which range from knowledge identification and representation, to the impact of Knowledge Management

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Systems on organizational culture, to the significant integration and cost issues being faced by Human Resources, MIS/IT, and production departments.

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