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Learn how to plan for success with this hands-on guide to conducting high-quality engineering research. Plan and implement your next project for maximum impact: step-by-step instructions cover every stage in engineering research, from the identification of an appropriate research topic through to the successful presentation of results. Improve your research outcomes: discover essential tools and methods for producing high-quality, rigorous research, including statistical analysis, survey design, and optimisation techniques. Research with purpose and direction: clear explanations, real-world examples, and over 50 customisable end-of-chapter exercises, all written with the practical and ethical considerations of engineering in mind. A unique engineering perspective: written especially for engineers, and relevant across all engineering disciplines, this is the ideal book for graduate students, undergraduates, and new academics looking to launch their research careers.

The aim of this book is to present the latest applications, trends, and developments of computer-aided technologies (CAx). Computer-aided technologies are the core of product lifecycle management (PLM) and human lifecycle management (HUM). This book has seven chapters, organized in two sections: "Computer-Aided Technologies in Engineering" and "Computer-Aided Technologies in Medicine." The first section treats the different aspects of PLM, including design, simulations and analysis, manufacturing, production planning, and quality assurance. In the second part of the book are presented CAx applications in medicine focused on clinical decision, diagnosis, and biosensor design. CAx plays a key role in a variety of engineering and medical applications, bringing a lot of benefits in product life cycle, extending and improving human life.

Optical probes, particularly the fluorescent varieties, enable researchers to observe cellular events in real time and with great spatial resolution. Optical Probes in Biology explores the diverse capabilities of these powerful and versatile tools and presents various approaches used to design, develop, and implement them. The book examines the use of optical probes to detect and track numerous molecular processes in living cells, including GTPase and kinase activities, membrane lipids, voltage, metal ions, metabolic signals, RNA, and histone modifications. It critically reviews the different probe designs and delves into the strategies for developing new fluorescent protein varieties with enhanced capabilities. It also covers sophisticated imaging techniques and equipment, such as intensity and lifetime-based fluorescence microscopy methods, used to visualize and track optical probes. In addition, the book goes beyond live-cell tracking to discuss the growing application of activity-based probes for performing pharmacological drug screening and probing molecular processes in living animals. It also discusses emerging techniques that are expanding optical probe-based approaches into new biological frontiers. With contributions from top international scientists, this book offers a thorough overview of the latest optical probes in cell biology and biochemistry. Both newcomers and established researchers will discover how to incorporate state-of-the-art optical probes and fluorescence imaging into their research.

The rise in population and the concurrently growing consumption rate necessitates the evolution of agriculture to adopt current computational technologies to increase production at a faster and smoother scale. While existing technologies may help in crop processing, there is a need for studies that seek to understand how modern approaches like artificial intelligence, fuzzy logic, and hybrid algorithms can aid the agricultural process while utilizing energy sources efficiently. The Handbook of Research on Smart Computing for Renewable Energy and Agro-Engineering is an essential publication that examines the benefits and barriers of implementing computational models to agricultural production and energy sources as well as how these models can produce more cost-effective and sustainable solutions. Featuring coverage on a wide range of topics such as bacterial foraging, swarm intelligence, and combinatorial optimization, this book is ideally designed for agricultural engineers, farmers, municipal union leaders, computer scientists, information technologists, sustainable developers, managers, environmentalists, industry professionals, academicians, researchers, and students.

Handbook of Footwear Design and Manufacture, Second Edition, is a fully updated, expanded guide on the theories, processes, methodologies and technologies surrounding the footwear supply chain. Topics discussed include engineering design methodology, reducing manufacturing waste, footwear advertisement, emerging imaging technology, advice on the optimization of manufacturing processes for productivity, and summaries of the latest advances from researchers around the globe. This updated edition also includes coverage of sizing and grading based on different footwear styles and methods, AI based personalization and customization, emerging models for online footwear shopping (involving data mining), and new methods for foot data analysis and representation. Covers many exciting new developments, such as AR/VR, additive manufacturing, customization of footwear, new last design methods, and green footwear Addresses the entire footwear design and manufacture supply chain Explains new methods for foot data analysis and representation

The book covers all the important aspects of research methodology, and addresses the specific requirements of engineering students, such as methods and tools, in detail. It also discusses effective research in engineering today, which requires the ability to undertake literature reviews utilizing different online databases, to attribute credit for any prior work mentioned, to respect intellectual property rights while simultaneously maintaining ethics in research, and much more. Further, the book also considers soft skills like research management and planning, dealing with criticism in research and presentation skills, which are all equally important and need to include in research methodology education. Lastly, it provides the technical knowhow needed to file patents in academia, an important area that is often ignored in research methodology books. The book is a particularly valuable resource for PhD students in India and South East Asia, as research methodology is a part of their coursework.

In this book, the following three approaches to data analysis are presented: - Test Theory, founded by Sergei V. Yablonskii (1924-1998); the first publications appeared in 1955 and 1958, - Rough Sets, founded by Zdzisław I. Pawlak (1926-2006); the first

publications appeared in 1981 and 1982, - Logical Analysis of Data, founded by Peter L. Hammer (1936-2006); the first publications appeared in 1986 and 1988. These three approaches have much in common, but researchers active in one of these areas often have a limited knowledge about the results and methods developed in the other two. On the other hand, each of the approaches shows some originality and we believe that the exchange of knowledge can stimulate further development of each of them. This can lead to new theoretical results and real-life applications and, in particular, new results based on combination of these three data analysis approaches can be expected. - Logical Analysis of Data, founded by Peter L. Hammer (1936-2006); the first publications appeared in 1986 and 1988. These three approaches have much in common, but researchers active in one of these areas often have a limited knowledge about the results and methods developed in the other two. On the other hand, each of the approaches shows some originality and we believe that the exchange of knowledge can stimulate further development of each of them. This can lead to new theoretical results and real-life applications and, in particular, new results based on combination of these three data analysis approaches can be expected. These three approaches have much in common, but researchers active in one of these areas often have a limited knowledge about the results and methods developed in the other two. On the other hand, each of the approaches shows some originality and we believe that the exchange of knowledge can stimulate further development of each of them. This can lead to new theoretical results and real-life applications and, in particular, new results based on combination of these three data analysis approaches can be expected.

This book aims to provide a broad conceptual and theoretical perspective of apparel manufacturing process starting from raw material selection to packaging and dispatch of goods. Further, engineering practices followed in an apparel industry for production planning and control, line balancing, implementation of industrial engineering concepts in apparel manufacturing, merchandising activities and garment costing have been included, and they will serve as a foundation for future apparel professionals. The book addresses the technical aspects in each section of garment manufacturing process with considered quality aspects. This book also covers the production planning process and production balancing activities. It addresses the technical aspects in each section of garment manufacturing process and quality aspects to be considered in each process. Garment engineering questions each process/operation of the total work content and can reduce the work content and increase profitability by using innovative methods of construction and technology. This book covers the production planning process, production balancing activities, and application of industrial engineering concepts in garment engineering. Further, the merchandising activities and garment costing procedures will deal with some practical examples. This book is primarily intended for textile technology and fashion technology students in universities and colleges, researchers, industrialists and academicians, as well as professionals in the apparel and textile industry.

About the Book: This second edition has been thoroughly revised and updated and efforts have been made to enhance the usefulness of the book. In this edition a new chapter The Computer: Its Role in Research have been added keeping in view of the fact tha

The Oxford Handbook of Qualitative Research presents a comprehensive overview of the field of qualitative research. It is intended for students of all levels, faculty, and researchers across the social sciences. The contributors represent some of the most influential and innovative researchers in the field as well as emerging scholars. This handbook provides a broad introduction to the field of qualitative research to those with little to no background in the subject, while simultaneously providing substantive contributions to the field that will be of interest to even the most experienced researchers. It serves as a user-friendly teaching tool suitable for a range of undergraduate or graduate courses, as well as individuals working on their thesis or other research projects. With a focus on methodological instruction, this volume offers both a retrospective and prospective view of the field. The first two sections explore the history of the field, ethics, and philosophical/theoretical approaches. The next three sections focus on the major methods of qualitative practice as well as newer approaches (such as arts-based research and internet research); area studies often excluded (such as museum studies and disaster studies); and mixed methods and participatory methods (such as community-based research). The next section covers key issues including data analysis, interpretation, writing and assessment. The final section offers a commentary about politics and research and the move towards public scholarship.

Swarm Intelligence has recently emerged as a next-generation methodology belonging to the class of evolutionary computing. As a result, scientists have been able to explain and understand real-life processes and practices that previously remained unexplored. The Handbook of Research on Swarm Intelligence in Engineering presents the latest research being conducted on diverse topics in intelligence technologies such as Swarm Intelligence, Machine Intelligence, Optical Engineering, and Signal Processing with the goal of advancing knowledge and applications in this rapidly evolving field. The enriched interdisciplinary contents of this book will be a subject of interest to the widest forum of faculties, existing research communities, and new research aspirants from a multitude of disciplines and trades. Written specifically for students with no previous experience of research and research methodology, the Third Edition of Research Methodology breaks the process of designing and doing a research project into eight manageable steps and provides plenty of examples throughout to link theory to the practice of doing research. The book contains straightforward, practical guidance on: - Formulating a research question - Ethical considerations - Carrying out a literature review - Choosing a research design - Selecting a sample - Collecting and analysing qualitative and quantitative data - Writing a research report The third edition has been revised and updated to include extended coverage of qualitative research methods in addition to the existing comprehensive coverage of quantitative methods. There are also brand new learning features such as reflective questions throughout the text to help students consolidate their knowledge. The book is essential reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students in the social sciences embarking on qualitative or quantitative research projects.

Research Methodology for Engineers Research Methodology A Practical and Scientific Approach CRC Press

As the field of environmental management moves into the future, its focus will be on reducing or eliminating waste

pollution streams. Engineers, technicians, and maintenance personnel must develop proficiency and improved understanding of pollution prevention and waste control to cope with the challenges of this important area. Pollution Prevention

This proceedings book features volumes gathered selected contributions from the International Conference on Engineering Research and Applications (ICERA 2020) organized at Thai Nguyen University of Technology on December 1-2, 2020. The conference focused on the original researches in a broad range of areas, such as Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Mechanics of Materials, Mechatronics and Micromechatronics, Automotive Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Information and Communication Technology. Therefore, the book provides the research community with authoritative reports on developments in the most exciting areas in these fields.

Many approaches have sprouted from artificial intelligence (AI) and produced major breakthroughs in the computer science and engineering industries. Deep learning is a method that is transforming the world of data and analytics. Optimization of this new approach is still unclear, however, and there's a need for research on the various applications and techniques of deep learning in the field of computing. Deep Learning Techniques and Optimization Strategies in Big Data Analytics is a collection of innovative research on the methods and applications of deep learning strategies in the fields of computer science and information systems. While highlighting topics including data integration, computational modeling, and scheduling systems, this book is ideally designed for engineers, IT specialists, data analysts, data scientists, engineers, researchers, academicians, and students seeking current research on deep learning methods and its application in the digital industry.

Computational methods are playing an ever increasing role in cell biology. This volume of Methods in Cell Biology focuses on Computational Methods in Cell Biology and consists of two parts: (1) data extraction and analysis to distill models and mechanisms, and (2) developing and simulating models to make predictions and testable hypotheses. Focuses on computational methods in cell biology Split into 2 parts--data extraction and analysis to distill models and mechanisms, and developing and simulating models to make predictions and testable hypotheses Emphasizes the intimate and necessary connection with interpreting experimental data and proposing the next hypothesis and experiment

To plan, build, monitor, maintain, and dispose of products and assets properly, maintenance and safety requirements must be implemented and followed. A lack of maintenance and safety protocols leads to accidents and environmental disasters as well as unexpected downtime that costs businesses money and time. With the arrival of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and evolving technological tools, it is imperative that safety and maintenance practices be reexamined. Applications and Challenges of Maintenance and Safety Engineering in Industry 4.0 is a collection of innovative research that addresses safety and design for maintenance and reducing the factors that influence and degrade human performance and that provides technological advancements and emergent technologies that reduce the dependence on operator capabilities. Highlighting a wide range of topics including management analytics, internet of things (IoT), and maintenance, this book is ideally designed for engineers, software designers, technology developers, managers, safety officials, researchers, academicians, and students.

This book presents selected papers from the 1st International Conference on Industry 4.0 and Advanced Manufacturing held at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and includes deliberations from stakeholders in manufacturing and Industry 4.0 on the nature, needs, challenges, opportunities, problems, and solutions in these transformational areas. Special emphasis is placed on exploring avenues for creating a vision of, and enablers for, sustainable, affordable, and human-centric Industry 4.0. The book showcases cutting edge practice, research, and educational innovation in this crucial and rapidly evolving area. This book will be useful to researchers in academia and industry, and will also be useful to policymakers involved in creating ecosystems for implementation of Industry 4.0.

This timely new workbook is the result of a year-long effort by a group of university professors who first met at Montana Tech during the summer of 1994 for a college faculty workshop. The workshop was funded by the National Science Foundation's support for those faculty developing courses in the newly emerging field of air toxics. Part I of the book contains over 100 problems dealing with a variety of topics in this area. Part II provides detailed solutions. The problems and solutions provided will become a useful resource for the training of engineers and scientists who are or soon will be working in the field.

Quantitative models and computer-based tools are essential for making decisions in today's business environment. These tools are of particular importance in the rapidly growing area of supply chain management. This volume is a unified effort to provide a systematic summary of the large variety of new issues being considered, the new set of models being developed, the new techniques for analysis, and the computational methods that have become available recently. The volume's objective is to provide a self-contained, sophisticated research summary - a snapshot at this point of time - in the area of Quantitative Models for Supply Chain Management. While there are some multi-disciplinary aspects of supply chain management not covered here, the Editors and their contributors have captured many important developments in this rapidly expanding field. The 26 chapters can be divided into six categories. Basic Concepts and Technical Material (Chapters 1-6). The chapters in this category focus on introducing basic concepts, providing mathematical background and validating algorithmic tools to solve operational problems in supply chains. Supply Contracts (Chapters 7-10). In this category, the primary focus is on design and evaluation of supply contracts between independent agents in the supply chain. Value of Information (Chapters 11-13). The chapters in this category explicitly model the effect of information on decision-making and on supply chain performance. Managing Product Variety (Chapters 16-19). The chapters in this category analyze the effects of product variety and the different strategies to manage it. International Operations (Chapters 20-22). The three chapters in this category provide an overview of research in the emerging area of International Operations. Conceptual Issues and New Challenges (Chapters 23-27). These chapters outline a variety of frameworks that can be explored and used in future research efforts. This volume can serve as a graduate text, as a reference for researchers and as a guide for further development of this field.

"This book explores the recent steps forward for smart applications in sustainability"--

Modern optimization approaches have attracted an increasing number of scientists, decision makers, and researchers. As new issues in this field emerge, different optimization methodologies must be developed and implemented. The Handbook of Research on Emergent Applications of Optimization Algorithms is an authoritative reference source for the latest scholarly research on modern optimization techniques for solving complex problems of global optimization and their applications in economics and engineering. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics and perspectives such as hybrid systems, non-cooperative games,

and cryptography, this publication is ideally designed for students, researchers, and engineers interested in emerging developments in optimization algorithms.

Researchers in the field of engineering or physical sciences resort to experimental methods and/or simulation approaches as a part of their work. This book provides the relevant concepts and methods in a cohesive manner. Organized into eighteen chapters, the book covers the basic concepts of research and the research process, and guides researchers to develop adequate skills and capabilities to prepare papers for publication in refereed journals, to write synopses of their research work and to face the oral examination and defend their theses confidently.

The first book on the subject written by a practitioner for practitioners. Geotechnical Instrumentation for Monitoring Field Performance Geotechnical Instrumentation for Monitoring Field Performance goes far beyond a mere summary of the technical literature and manufacturers' brochures: it guides reader through the entire geotechnical instrumentation process, showing them when to monitor safety and performance, and how to do it well. This comprehensive guide: * Describes the critical steps of planning monitoring programs using geotechnical instrumentation, including what benefits can be achieved and how construction specifications should be written * Describes and evaluates monitoring methods and recommends instruments for monitoring groundwater pressure, deformations, total stress in soil, stress change in rock, temperature, and load and strain in structural members * Offers detailed practical guidelines on instrument calibrations, installation and maintenance, and on the collection, processing, and interpretation of instrumentation data * Describes the role of geotechnical instrumentation during the construction and operation phases of civil engineering projects, including braced excavations, embankments on soft ground, embankment dams, excavated and natural slopes, underground excavations, driving piles, and drilled shafts * Provides guidelines throughout the book on the best practices

Computational science is a rapidly growing multidisciplinary field concerned with the design, implementation, and use of mathematical models to analyze and solve real-world problems. It is an area of science that spans many disciplines and which involves the development of models and allows the use of computers to perform simulations or numerical analysis to understand problems that are computational and theoretical. Computational Science and its Applications provides an opportunity for readers to develop abilities to pose and solve problems that combine insights from one or more disciplines from the natural sciences with mathematical tools and computational skills. This requires a unique combination of applied and theoretical knowledge and skills. The topics covered in this edited book are applications of wavelet and fractals, modeling by partial differential equations on flat structure as well as on graphs and networks, computational linguistics, prediction of natural calamities and diseases like epilepsy seizure, heart attack, stroke, biometrics, modeling through inverse problems, interdisciplinary topics of physics, mathematics, and medical science, and modeling of terrorist attacks and human behavior. The focus of this book is not to educate computer specialists, but to provide readers with a solid understanding of basic science as well as an integrated knowledge on how to use essential methods from computational science. Features: Modeling of complex systems Cognitive computing systems for real-world problems Presentation of inverse problems in medical science and their numerical solutions Challenging research problems in many areas of computational science This book could be used as a reference book for researchers working in theoretical research as well as those who are doing modeling and simulation in such disciplines as physics, biology, geoscience, and mathematics, and those who have a background in computational science.

The increased complexity of the economy in recent years has led to the advancement of energy generation systems. Engineers in this industrial sector have been compelled to seek contemporary methods to keep pace with the rapid development of these systems. Computational intelligence has risen as a capable method that can effectively resolve complex scenarios within the power generation sector. In-depth research on the various applications of this technology is lacking, as engineering professionals need up-to-date information on how to successfully utilize computational intelligence in industrial systems. Multi-Objective Optimization of Industrial Power Generation Systems: Emerging Research and Opportunities provides emerging research exploring the theoretical and practical aspects of the application of intelligent optimization techniques within industrial energy systems. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as swarm intelligence, renewable energy, and predictive modeling, this book is ideally designed for industrialists, engineers, industry professionals, researchers, students, and academics seeking current research on computational intelligence frameworks within the power generation sector.

This open access book offers an overview of the beautiful, powerful, and dynamic array of opportunities to promote health through the arts from theoretical, methodological, pedagogical, and critical perspectives. This is the first-known text to connect the disparate inter-disciplinary literatures into a coherent volume for health promotion practitioners, researchers, and teachers. It provides a one-stop depository for using the arts as tools for health promotion in many settings and as bridges across communities, cultures, and sectors. The diverse applications of the arts in health promotion transcend the multiple contexts within which health is created, i.e., individual, community, and societal levels, and has a number of potential health, aesthetic, and social outcomes. Topics covered within the chapters include: Exploring the Potential of the Arts to Promote Health and Social Justice Drawing as a Salutogenic Therapy Aid for Grieving Adolescents in Botswana Community Theater for Health Promotion in Japan From Arts to Action: Project SHINE as a Case Study of Engaging Youth in Efforts to Develop Sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Strategies in Rural Tanzania and India Movimiento Ventana: An Alternative Proposal to Mental Health in Nicaragua Using Art to Bridge Research and Policy: An Initiative of the United States National Academy of Medicine Arts and Health Promotion is an innovative and engaging resource for a broad audience including practitioners, researchers, university instructors, and artists. It is an important text for undergraduate- and graduate-level courses, particularly in program planning, research methods (especially qualitative methodology), community health, and applied art classes. The book also is useful for professional development among current health promotion practitioners, community nurses, community psychologists, public health professionals, and social workers.

Supramolecular chemistry, "the chemistry beyond the molecule", is a fascinating realm of modern science. The design of novel supramolecular structures, surfaces, and techniques are at the forefront of research in different application areas, including corrosion and biofouling protection. A team of international experts provide a comprehensive view of the applications and potential of supramolecular chemistry in corrosion and biofouling prevention. Chapter topics include types and fundamentals of supramolecules, supramolecular polymers and gels, host-guest inclusion compounds, organic-inorganic hybrid materials, metallo-assemblies, cyclodextrins, crown ethers, mesoporous silica and supramolecular structures of graphene and other advances. Additional Features include: Focuses on different aspects of supramolecular chemistry in corrosion and biofouling prevention.

Comprehensively covers supramolecular interactions that can provide better corrosion and biofouling protection. Provides the latest developments in self-healing coatings. Explores recent research advancements in the suggested area. Includes case studies specific to industries. The different supramolecular approaches being investigated to control corrosion and biofouling are gathered in one well-organized reference to serve senior undergraduate and graduate students, research students, engineers, and researchers in the fields of corrosion science & engineering, biofouling, and protective coatings.

This book is a comprehensive overview of methods of characterizing the mechanical properties of engineering materials using specimen sizes in the micro-scale regime (0.3-5.0 mm). A range of issues associated with miniature specimen testing like correlation methodologies for data transferability between different specimen sizes, use of numerical simulation/analysis for data inversion, application to actual structures using scooped out samples or by in-situ testing, and more importantly developing a common code of practice are discussed and presented in a concise manner.

Modern optimization approaches have attracted many research scientists, decision makers and practicing researchers in recent years as powerful intelligent computational techniques for solving several complex real-world problems. The Handbook of Research on Modern Optimization Algorithms and Applications in Engineering and Economics highlights the latest research innovations and applications of algorithms designed for optimization applications within the fields of engineering, IT, and economics. Focusing on a variety of methods and systems as well as practical examples, this book is a significant resource for graduate-level students, decision makers, and researchers in both public and private sectors who are seeking research-based methods for modeling uncertain real-world problems. .

This comprehensive text designed for MBA, MCom, MA (Economics), MA (Sociology) and PhD (Management, Commerce, Economics, and Engineering) courses continues to give complete account of concepts and statistical tools of research methodology in its Second Edition. The textbook also serves as a reference for consultants to carryout projects/consultancies in industries or service organizations. **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE BOOK** • Written in an easy to read style • Each technique is illustrated with sufficient number of numerical examples • Gives complete account of statistics and aspects of research methodology • Chapter 8 gives complete account of testing of hypotheses • Design and analysis of experiments, advanced multivariate analysis, multidimensional scaling and conjoint analysis, algorithmic research, models for industries and public systems, simulation are unique to this text. • Graded chapter-end questions **NEW TO THIS EDITION** Introduction of a chapter on SPSS (Chapter 17), is new to this edition which gives readers an idea to obtain statistics for different techniques presented in this text. The different screenshots for different modules of SPSS applied to suitable example problems on sample session for data creation, reports, descriptive statistics, tables, compare means, general linear model, correlation, simple regression, nonparametric tests, classify, data reduction and graphs help readers to understand the features of SPSS. **AUDIENCE** • MBA • MCom • MA (Economics) • MA (Sociology) and • PhD (Management, Commerce, Economics, and Engineering)

This book offers a design research methodology intended to improve the quality of design research- its academic credibility, industrial significance and societal contribution by enabling more thorough, efficient and effective procedures.

In the past, practical applications motivated the development of mathematical theories, which then became the subject of study in pure mathematics where abstract concepts are studied for their own sake. The activity of applied mathematics is thus intimately connected with research in pure mathematics, which is also referred to as theoretical mathematics. Theoretical and Applied Mathematics in International Business is an essential research publication that explores the importance and implications of applied and theoretical mathematics within international business, including areas such as finance, general management, sales and marketing, and supply chain management. Highlighting topics such as data mining, global economics, and general management, this publication is ideal for scholars, specialists, managers, corporate professionals, researchers, and academicians.

Modern materials science builds on knowledge from physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, computer and data science, and engineering sciences to enable us to understand, control, and expand the material world. Although it is anchored in inquiry-based fundamental science, materials research is strongly focused on discovering and producing reliable and economically viable materials, from super alloys to polymer composites, that are used in a vast array of products essential to today's societies and economies. *Frontiers of Materials Research: A Decadal Survey* is aimed at documenting the status and promising future directions of materials research in the United States in the context of similar efforts worldwide. This third decadal survey in materials research reviews the progress and achievements in materials research and changes in the materials research landscape over the last decade; research opportunities for investment for the period 2020-2030; impacts that materials research has had and is expected to have on emerging technologies, national needs, and science; and challenges the enterprise may face over the next decade.

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This book covers the fundamentals and significance of 2-D materials and related semiconductor transistor technologies for the next-generation ultra low power applications. It provides comprehensive coverage on advanced low power transistors such as NCFETs, FinFETs, TFETs, and flexible transistors for future ultra low power applications owing to their better subthreshold swing and scalability. In addition, the text examines the use of field-effect transistors for biosensing applications and covers design considerations and compact modeling of advanced low power transistors such as NCFETs, FinFETs, and TFETs. TCAD simulation examples are also provided. **FEATURES** Discusses the latest updates in the field of ultra low power semiconductor transistors Provides both experimental and analytical solutions for TFETs and NCFETs Presents synthesis and fabrication processes for FinFETs Reviews details on 2-D materials and 2-D transistors Explores the application of FETs for biosensing in the healthcare field This book is aimed at researchers, professionals, and graduate students in electrical engineering, electronics and communication engineering, electron devices, nanoelectronics and nanotechnology, microelectronics, and solid-state circuits.

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. Analysts have turned to these problem-solving techniques in the event during natural disasters and chaotic systems research. 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. This work is particularly relevant to researchers, scientists, decision-makers, managers, and practitioners.

Smaller companies are abundant in the business realm and outnumber large companies by a wide margin. Understanding the inner workings of small businesses offers benefits to the consumers and the economy. The Handbook of Research on Small and Medium Enterprises in Developing Countries is an essential handbook for the latest research on the intentions, performance, and application models of independent firms. Featuring exhaustive coverage on a broad range of topics such as green IT, entrepreneurial ventures, and social capital, this publication is ideally designed for researchers, academicians, and practitioners seeking current research on the different opportunities and challenges in relation to this specific sector of business around the globe.

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