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Big Data is the biggest game-changing opportunity for marketing and sales since the Internet went mainstream almost 20 years ago. The data big bang has unleashed torrents of terabytes about everything from customer behaviors to weather patterns to demographic consumer shifts in emerging markets. This collection of articles, videos, interviews, and slideshows highlights the most important lessons for companies looking to turn data into above-market growth: Using analytics to identify valuable business opportunities from the data to drive decisions and improve marketing return on investment (MROI) Turning those insights into well-designed products and offers that delight customers Delivering those products and offers effectively to the marketplace. The goldmine of data represents a pivot-point moment for marketing and sales leaders. Companies that inject big data and analytics into their operations show productivity rates and profitability that are 5 percent to 6 percent higher than those of their peers. That's an advantage no company can afford to ignore.

Applied Insurance Analytics Addison-Wesley Professional SAS software provides many different techniques to monitor in real time and investigate your data, and several groundbreaking papers have been written to demonstrate how to use these techniques. Topics covered illustrate the power of SAS solutions that are available as tools for fraud analytics, highlighting a variety of domains, including money laundering, financial crime, and terrorism. Also available free as a PDF from: sas.com/books. *Data Smart* FT Press

Data Science gets thrown around in the press like it's magic. Major retailers are predicting everything from when their customers are pregnant to when they want a new pair of Chuck Taylors. It's a brave new world where seemingly meaningless data can be transformed into valuable insight to drive smart business decisions. But how does one exactly do data science? Do you have to hire one of these priests of the dark arts, the "data scientist," to extract this gold from your data? Nope. Data science is little more than using straight-forward steps to process raw data into actionable insight. And in *Data Smart*, author and data scientist John Foreman will show you how that's done within the familiar environment of a spreadsheet. Why a spreadsheet? It's comfortable! You get to look at the data every step of the way,

building confidence as you learn the tricks of the trade. Plus, spreadsheets are a vendor-neutral place to learn data science without the hype. But don't let the Excel sheets fool you. This is a book for those serious about learning the analytic techniques, the math and the magic, behind big data. Each chapter will cover a different technique in a spreadsheet so you can follow along: Mathematical optimization, including non-linear programming and genetic algorithms Clustering via k-means, spherical k-means, and graphmodularity Data mining in graphs, such as outlier detection Supervised AI through logistic regression, ensemble models, and bag-of-words models Forecasting, seasonal adjustments, and prediction intervals through monte carlo simulation Moving from spreadsheets into the R programming language You get your hands dirty as you work alongside John through each technique. But never fear, the topics are readily applicable and the author laces humor throughout. You'll even learn what a dead squirrel has to do with optimization modeling, which you no doubt are dying to know.

Crossing the Quality Chasm National Academies Press

This book is written in an easy-to-understand format that allows people with limited insurance experience to better understand various areas in the insurance industry. It contains just the right mix of broad and specific information.

The HR Scorecard Addison-Wesley

Make healthcare analytics work: leverage its powerful opportunities for improving outcomes, cost, and efficiency. This book gives you the practical frameworks, strategies, tactics, and case studies you need to go beyond talk to action. The contributing healthcare analytics innovators survey the field's current state, present start-to-finish guidance for planning and implementation, and help decision-makers prepare for tomorrow's advances. They present in-depth case studies revealing how leading organizations have organized and executed analytic strategies that work, and fully cover the primary applications of analytics in all three sectors of the healthcare ecosystem: Provider, Payer, and Life Sciences. Co-published with the International Institute for Analytics (IIA), this book features the combined expertise of IIA's team of leading health analytics practitioners and researchers. Each chapter is written by a member of the IIA faculty, and bridges the latest research findings with proven best practices. This book will be valuable to professionals and decision-makers throughout the healthcare ecosystem, including provider organization clinicians and managers; life sciences researchers and practitioners; and informaticists, actuaries, and managers at payer organizations. It will also be valuable in diverse analytics, operations, and IT

courses in business, engineering, and healthcare certificate programs.

Government Support to Agricultural Insurance John Wiley & Sons

"This book examines current, state-of-the-art research in the areas of data science, machine learning, data mining, optimization, artificial intelligence, statistics, and the interactions, linkages, and applications of knowledge-based business with information systems"--

Principles of Data Wrangling World Bank Publications

Detect fraud earlier to mitigate loss and prevent cascading damage Fraud Analytics Using Descriptive, Predictive, and Social Network Techniques is an authoritative guidebook for setting up a comprehensive fraud detection analytics solution. Early detection is a key factor in mitigating fraud damage, but it involves more specialized techniques than detecting fraud at the more advanced stages. This invaluable guide details both the theory and technical aspects of these techniques, and provides expert insight into streamlining implementation. Coverage includes data gathering, preprocessing, model building, and post-implementation, with comprehensive guidance on various learning techniques and the data types utilized by each. These techniques are effective for fraud detection across industry boundaries, including applications in insurance fraud, credit card fraud, anti-money laundering, healthcare fraud, telecommunications fraud, click fraud, tax evasion, and more, giving you a highly practical framework for fraud prevention. It is estimated that a typical organization loses about 5% of its revenue to fraud every year. More effective fraud detection is possible, and this book describes the various analytical techniques your organization must implement to put a stop to the revenue leak. Examine fraud patterns in historical data Utilize labeled, unlabeled, and networked data Detect fraud before the damage cascades Reduce losses, increase recovery, and tighten security The longer fraud is allowed to go on, the more harm it causes. It expands exponentially, sending ripples of damage throughout the organization, and becomes more and more complex to track, stop, and reverse. Fraud prevention relies on early and effective fraud detection, enabled by the techniques discussed here. Fraud Analytics Using Descriptive, Predictive, and Social Network Techniques helps you stop fraud in its tracks, and eliminate the opportunities for future occurrence.

Insurance Economics John Wiley & Sons

Learn from Today's Most Successful Workforce Analytics Leaders Transforming the immense potential of workforce analytics into reality isn't easy. Pioneering practitioners have learned crucial lessons that can help you succeed. *The Power of People* shares

their journeys—and their indispensable insights. Drawing on incisive case studies and vignettes, three experts help you bring purpose and clarity to any workforce analytics project, with robust research design and analysis to get reliable insights. They reveal where to start, where to find stakeholder support, and how to earn “quick wins” to build upon. You’ll learn how to sustain success through best-practice data management, technology usage, partnering, and skill building. Finally, you’ll discover how to earn even more value by establishing an analytical mindset throughout HR, and building two key skills: storytelling and visualization. The Power of People will be invaluable to HR executives establishing or leading analytics functions; HR professionals planning analytics projects; and any business executive who wants more value from HR.

Big Data, Analytics, and the Future of Marketing & Sales
International Monetary Fund

A key task that any aspiring data-driven organization needs to learn is data wrangling, the process of converting raw data into something truly useful. This practical guide provides business analysts with an overview of various data wrangling techniques and tools, and puts the practice of data wrangling into context by asking, “What are you trying to do and why?” Wrangling data consumes roughly 50-80% of an analyst’s time before any kind of analysis is possible. Written by key executives at Trifacta, this book walks you through the wrangling process by exploring several factors—time, granularity, scope, and structure—that you need to consider as you begin to work with data. You’ll learn a shared language and a comprehensive understanding of data wrangling, with an emphasis on recent agile analytic processes used by many of today’s data-driven organizations. Appreciate the importance—and the satisfaction—of wrangling data the right way. Understand what kind of data is available Choose which data to use and at what level of detail Meaningfully combine multiple sources of data Decide how to distill the results to a size and shape that can drive downstream analysis

Analytics in Healthcare and the Life Sciences Harvard Business Review Press

Insurers: use analytics to drive far more value from your most important asset -- data! Today, many insurers radically underutilize their data, leaving them vulnerable to traditional and non-traditional competitors alike. Now, drawing on 25 years of industry experience, Patricia Saporito shows how to systematically leverage analytics to improve business performance and customer satisfaction throughout any insurance business. Applied Insurance Analytics demonstrates how to use analytics to systematically improve operations ranging from underwriting and risk management to claims. Even more important: it will help you drive more value everywhere by defining a focused enterprise-wide analytics strategy, and overcoming the challenges that stand in your way. Saporito helps you assess your current analytics maturity, choose the new applications that offer the most value, and master best practices from throughout the industry and beyond. Throughout, she helps you gain more value from data assets, technologies and tools you’ve already invested in. You’ll find new case studies, practical tools, and easy templates for improving the “Analytics IQ” of your entire enterprise. For every insurance industry professional and manager concerned with analytics, including users, IT pros, sales/marketing specialists, and data scientists. This book will also be valuable to students in any MBA or other program focused on insurance or risk management, and to many students in IT or analytics-specific programs.

Communities in Action Applied Insurance Analytics

Data is the insurance industry’s single greatest asset. Yet many insurers radically underutilize their data assets, and are failing to fully leverage modern analytics. This makes them vulnerable to traditional and non-traditional competitors alike. Today, insurers largely apply analytics in important but stovepiped operational areas like underwriting, claims, marketing and risk management. By and large, they lack an enterprise analytic strategy -- or, if they have one, it is merely an architectural blueprint, inadequately business-driven or strategically aligned. Now, writing specifically for insurance industry professionals and leaders, Patricia Saporito uncovers immense new opportunities for driving competitive advantage from analytics -- and shows how to overcome the obstacles that stand in your way. Drawing on 25+ years of insurance industry experience, Saporito introduces proven best practices for developing, maturing, and profiting from your analytic capabilities. This user-friendly handbook advocates an enterprise strategy approach to analytics, presenting a common framework you can quickly adapt based on your unique business model and current capabilities. Saporito reviews common analytic applications by functional area, offering specific case studies and examples, and helping you build upon the analytics you’re already doing. She presents data governance models and models proven to help you organize and deliver trusted data far more effectively. Finally, she provides tools and frameworks for improving the analytic IQ of your entire enterprise, from IT developers to business users.

Encyclopedia of Data Science and Machine Learning IGI Global

This book explores how a range of innovative disruptive

technologies is about to combine to transform the insurance industry, the products it produces, and the way the industry is managed. It argues that unless current insurance providers react to these waves of disruption they will be swept away by new innovators. The book describes what insurers need to do to survive. The main aim is to get insurers to reimagine their industry away from the sale of a one-off product, into the sale of a series of real-time, data-based risk services. While parts of these disruptions have been discussed, this book is the first to bring all the issues together and unites them using a theoretical framework. This book is essential reading for insurance industry participants as well as to academics interested in insurance and understanding the key issues the industry currently faces.

Fraud Analytics with SAS John Wiley & Sons

Discover how graph algorithms can help you leverage the relationships within your data to develop more intelligent solutions and enhance your machine learning models. You’ll learn how graph analytics are uniquely suited to unfold complex structures and reveal difficult-to-find patterns lurking in your data. Whether you are trying to build dynamic network models or forecast real-world behavior, this book illustrates how graph algorithms deliver value—from finding vulnerabilities and bottlenecks to detecting communities and improving machine learning predictions. This practical book walks you through hands-on examples of how to use graph algorithms in Apache Spark and Neo4j—two of the most common choices for graph analytics. Also included: sample code and tips for over 20 practical graph algorithms that cover optimal pathfinding, importance through centrality, and community detection. Learn how graph analytics vary from conventional statistical analysis Understand how classic graph algorithms work, and how they are applied Get guidance on which algorithms to use for different types of questions Explore algorithm examples with working code and sample datasets from Spark and Neo4j See how connected feature extraction can increase machine learning accuracy and precision Walk through creating an ML workflow for link prediction combining Neo4j and Spark

Open Strategy National Academies Press

How smart companies are opening up strategic initiatives to involve front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. Why are some of the world’s most successful companies able to stay ahead of disruption, adopting and implementing innovative strategies, while others struggle? It’s not because they hire a new CEO or expensive consultants but rather because these pioneering companies have adopted a new way of strategizing. Instead of keeping strategic deliberations within the C-Suite, they open up strategic initiatives to a diverse group of stakeholders—front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. Open Strategy presents a new philosophy, key tools, step-by-step advice, and fascinating case studies—from companies that range from Barclays to Adidas—to guide business leaders in this groundbreaking approach to strategy. The authors—business-strategy experts from both academia and management consulting—introduce tools for each of the three stages of strategy-making: idea generation, plan formulation, and implementation. These are digital tools (including strategy contests), which allow the widest participation; hybrid digital/in-person tools (including a “nightmare competitor challenge”); a workshop tool that gamifies the business model development process; and tools that help companies implement and sustain open strategy efforts. Open strategy has an astonishing track record: a survey of 200 business leaders shows that although open-strategy techniques were deployed for only 30 percent of their initiatives, those same initiatives generated 50 percent of their revenues and profits. This book offers a roadmap for this kind of success.

John Wiley & Sons

“This book provides emerging research on the development and implementation of real-world cases in big data analytics for various industrial and public sections including healthcare, business, social media, and government by highlighting topics such as data processing, deep learning, statistical inference, data visualization, and decision support systems”--

Data Analytics in Medicine: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications Springer Science & Business Media

Now in its third edition, this classic book is widely considered the leading text on Bayesian methods, lauded for its accessible, practical approach to analyzing data and solving research problems. Bayesian Data Analysis, Third Edition continues to take an applied approach to analysis using up-to-date Bayesian methods. The authors—all leaders in the statistics community—introduce basic concepts from a data-analytic perspective before presenting advanced methods. Throughout the text, numerous worked examples drawn from real applications and research emphasize the use of Bayesian inference in practice. New to the Third Edition Four new chapters on nonparametric modeling Coverage of weakly informative priors and boundary-avoiding priors Updated discussion of cross-validation and predictive information criteria Improved convergence monitoring and effective sample size calculations for iterative simulation Presentations of Hamiltonian Monte Carlo,

variational Bayes, and expectation propagation New and revised software code The book can be used in three different ways. For undergraduate students, it introduces Bayesian inference starting from first principles. For graduate students, the text presents effective current approaches to Bayesian modeling and computation in statistics and related fields. For researchers, it provides an assortment of Bayesian methods in applied statistics. Additional materials, including data sets used in the examples, solutions to selected exercises, and software instructions, are available on the book’s web page.

Real-world Data Mining MIT Press

Using Agile methods, you can bring far greater innovation, value, and quality to any data warehousing (DW), business intelligence (BI), or analytics project. However, conventional Agile methods must be carefully adapted to address the unique characteristics of DW/BI projects. In Agile Analytics, Agile pioneer Ken Collier shows how to do just that. Collier introduces platform-agnostic Agile solutions for integrating infrastructures consisting of diverse operational, legacy, and specialty systems that mix commercial and custom code. Using working examples, he shows how to manage analytics development teams with widely diverse skill sets and how to support enormous and fast-growing data volumes. Collier’s techniques offer optimal value whether your projects involve “back-end” data management, “front-end” business analysis, or both. Part I focuses on Agile project management techniques and delivery team coordination, introducing core practices that shape the way your Agile DW/BI project community can collaborate toward success Part II presents technical methods for enabling continuous delivery of business value at production-quality levels, including evolving superior designs; test-driven DW development; version control; and project automation Collier brings together proven solutions you can apply right now--whether you’re an IT decision-maker, data warehouse professional, database administrator, business intelligence specialist, or database developer. With his help, you can mitigate project risk, improve business alignment, achieve better results--and have fun along the way.

Analytics for Insurance "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Second in a series of publications from the Institute of Medicine’s Quality of Health Care in America project Today’s health care providers have more research findings and more technology available to them than ever before. Yet recent reports have raised serious doubts about the quality of health care in America. Crossing the Quality Chasm makes an urgent call for fundamental change to close the quality gap. This book recommends a sweeping redesign of the American health care system and provides overarching principles for specific direction for policymakers, health care leaders, clinicians, regulators, purchasers, and others. In this comprehensive volume the committee offers: A set of performance expectations for the 21st century health care system. A set of 10 new rules to guide patient-clinician relationships. A suggested organizing framework to better align the incentives inherent in payment and accountability with improvements in quality. Key steps to promote evidence-based practice and strengthen clinical information systems. Analyzing health care organizations as complex systems, Crossing the Quality Chasm also documents the causes of the quality gap, identifies current practices that impede quality care, and explores how systems approaches can be used to implement change.

Cyber Risk for the Financial Sector: A Framework for Quantitative

Assessment Inside the Insurance Industry - Third Edition Governments in developing countries have been increasingly involved in the support of agricultural (crop and livestock) insurance programs in recent years. In their attempts to design and implement agricultural insurance, they have sought technical and financial assistance from the international community and particularly from the World Bank. One of the recurrent requests from governments regards international experience with agricultural insurance, not only in developed countries, where in some cases agricultural insurance has been offered for more than a century, but also in middle and low-income countries. Governments are particularly interested in the technical, operational, financial, and institutional aspects of public support to agricultural insurance. ‘Government Support to Agricultural Insurance’ informs public and private decision makers involved in agricultural insurance about recent developments, with a particular focus on middle- and low-income countries. It presents an updated picture of the spectrum of institutional frameworks and experiences with agricultural insurance, ranging from countries in which the public sector provides no support to those in which governments heavily subsidize agricultural insurance. This analysis is based on a survey conducted by the World Bank’s agricultural insurance team in 2008 in 65 developed and developing countries. Drawing on the survey results, the book identifies some key roles governments can play to support the development of sustainable, affordable, and cost-effective agricultural insurance programs.

Fundamental Aspects of Operational Risk and Insurance Analytics Pearson Education

As business becomes increasingly complex and global, decision-makers must act more rapidly and accurately, based on the best

available evidence. Modern data mining and analytics is indispensable for doing this. Real-World Data Mining demystifies current best practices, showing how to use data mining and analytics to uncover hidden patterns and correlations, and leverage these to improve all business decision-making. Drawing on extensive experience as a researcher, practitioner, and

instructor, Dr. Dursun Delen delivers an optimal balance of concepts, techniques and applications. Without compromising either simplicity or clarity, Delen provides enough technical depth to help readers truly understand how data mining technologies work. Coverage includes: data mining processes, methods, and

techniques; the role and management of data; tools and metrics; text and web mining; sentiment analysis; and integration with cutting-edge Big Data approaches. Throughout, Delen's conceptual coverage is complemented with application case studies (examples of both successes and failures), as well as simple, hands-on tutorials.