

not-for-profit organizations, government, and IT professionals. Authors are experts in information management, big data, and a variety of solutions. Explains big data in detail and discusses how to select and implement a solution, security concerns to consider, data storage and presentation issues, analytics, and much more. Provides essential information in a non-sensational, easy-to-understand style that is empowering. Big Data For Dummies cuts through the confusion and helps you take charge of big data solutions for your organization.

Over the past decade, Big Data has become ubiquitous in all economic sectors, scientific disciplines, and human activities. They have led to striking technological advances, affecting all human experiences. Our ability to manage, understand, interrogate, and interpret such extremely large, multisource, heterogeneous, incomplete, multiscale, and incongruent data has not kept pace with the rapid increase of the volume, complexity, and proliferation of the deluge of digital information. There are three reasons for this shortfall. First, the volume of data is increasing much faster than the corresponding rise of our computational processing power (Kryder's law > Moore's law). Second, traditional discipline-bound inhibit expeditious progress. Third, our education and training activities have fallen behind the accelerated trend of scientific, information, and communication advances. There are very few rigorous instructional resources, interactive learning materials, and dynamic training environments that support active data science learning. The textbook balances the mathematical foundations with dexterous demonstrations and examples of data, tools, modules and workflows that serve as pillars for the urgently needed bridge to close that supply and demand predictive analytic skills gap. Exposing the enormous opportunities presented by the tsunami of Big data, this textbook aims to identify specific knowledge gaps, educational barriers, and workforce readiness deficiencies. Specifically, it focuses on the development of a transdisciplinary curriculum integrating modern computational methods, advanced data science techniques, innovative biomedical applications, and impactful health analytics. The content of this graduate-level textbook fills a substantial gap in integrating modern engineering concepts, computational algorithms, mathematical optimization, statistical computing and biomedical inference. Big data analytic techniques and predictive scientific methods demand broad transdisciplinary knowledge, appeal to an extremely wide spectrum of readers/learners, and provide incredible opportunities for engagement throughout the academy, industry, regulatory and funding agencies. The two examples below demonstrate the powerful need for scientific knowledge, computational abilities, interdisciplinary expertise, and modern technologies necessary to achieve desired outcomes (improving human health and optimizing future return on investment). This can only be achieved by appropriately trained teams of researchers who can develop robust decision support systems using modern techniques and effective end-to-end protocols, like the ones described in this textbook.

- A geriatric neurologist is examining a patient complaining of gait imbalance and posture instability. To determine if the patient may suffer from Parkinson's disease, the physician acquires clinical, cognitive, phenotypic, imaging, and genetics data (Big Data). Most clinics and healthcare centers are not equipped with skilled data analytic teams that can wrangle, harmonize and interpret such complex datasets. A learner that completes a course of study using this textbook will have the competency and ability to manage the data, generate a protocol for deriving biomarkers, and provide an actionable decision support system. The results of this protocol will help the physician understand the entire patient dataset and assist in making a holistic evidence-based, data-driven, clinical diagnosis.
- To improve the return on investment for their shareholders, a healthcare manufacturer needs to forecast the demand for their product subject to environmental, demographic, economic, and bio-social sentiment data (Big Data). The organization's data-analytics team is tasked with developing a protocol that identifies, aggregates, harmonizes, models and analyzes these heterogeneous data elements to generate a trend forecast. This system needs to provide an automated, adaptive, scalable, and reliable prediction of the optimal investment, e.g., R&D allocation, that maximizes the company's bottom line. A reader that complete a course of study using this textbook will be able to ingest the observed structured and unstructured data, mathematically represent the data as a computable object, apply appropriate model-based and model-free prediction techniques. The results of these techniques may be used to forecast the expected relation between the company's investment, product supply, general demand of healthcare (providers and patients), and estimate the return on initial investments.

Predictive analytics has revolutionized marketing practice. It involves using many techniques from data mining, statistics, modelling, machine learning and artificial intelligence, to analyse current data and make predictions about unknown future events. In business terms, this enables companies to forecast consumer behaviour and much more. Predictive Analytics for Marketers will guide marketing professionals on how to apply predictive analytical tools to streamline business practices. Including comprehensive coverage of an array of predictive analytic tools and techniques, this book enables readers to harness patterns from past data, to make accurate and useful predictions that can be converted to business success. Truly global in its approach, the insights these techniques offer can be used to manage resources more effectively across all industries and sectors. Written in clear, non-technical language, Predictive Analytics for Marketers contains case studies from the author's more than 25 years of experience and articles from guest contributors, demonstrating how predictive analytics has been used to successfully achieve a range of business purposes.

Data Mining For Dummies
Data Science and Predictive Analytics
Parametric Models for Regression and Classification Using R
Finding Value in Data
Business Problems and Solutions with R, Revised and Expanded Edition

This book presents a selection of the latest and representative developments in predictive analytics using big data technologies. It focuses on some critical aspects of big data and machine learning and provides studies for readers. The chapters address a comprehensive range of advanced data technologies used for statistical modelling towards predictive analytics. Topics included in this book include - Categorized machine learning algorithms - Player monopoly in cricket teams - Chain type estimators - Log type estimators - Bivariate survival data using shared inverse Gaussian frailty models - Weblog analysis - COVID-19 epidemiology This reference book will be of significant benefit to the predictive analytics community as a useful guide of the latest research in this emerging field.

Make personalized marketing a reality with this practical guide to predictive analytics. Predictive Marketing is a predictive analytics primer for organizations large and small, offering practical tips and actionable strategies for implementing more personalized marketing immediately. The marketing paradigm is changing, and this book provides a blueprint for navigating the transition from creative- to data-driven marketing, from one-size-fits-all to one-on-one, and from marketing campaigns to real-time customer experiences. You'll learn how to use machine-learning technologies to improve customer acquisition and customer growth, and how to identify and re-engage at-risk or lapsed customers by implementing an easy, automated approach to predictive analytics. Much more than just theory and testament to the power of personalized marketing, this book focuses on action, helping you understand and actually begin using this revolutionary approach to the customer experience. Predictive analytics can finally make personalized marketing a reality. For the first time, predictive marketing is accessible to all marketers, not just those at large corporations – in fact, many smaller organizations are leapfrogging their larger counterparts with innovative programs. This book shows you how to bring predictive analytics to your organization, with actionable guidance that get you started today. Implement predictive marketing at any size organization. Deliver a more personalized marketing experience. Automate predictive analytics with machine learning technology. Base marketing decisions on concrete data rather than unproven ideas. Marketers have long been talking about delivering personalized experiences across channels. All marketers want to deliver happiness, but most still employ a one-size-fits-all approach. Predictive Marketing provides the information and insight you need to lift your organization out of the campaign rut and into the rarefied atmosphere of a truly personalized customer experience.

Delve into your data for the key to success. Data mining is quickly becoming integral to creating value and business momentum. The ability to detect unseen patterns hidden in the numbers exhaustively generated by day-to-day operations allow savvy decision-makers to exploit every tool at their disposal in the pursuit of better business. By creating models and testing whether patterns hold up, it is possible to discover new intelligence that could change your business's entire paradigm for a more successful outcome. Data Mining for Dummies shows you why it doesn't take a data scientist to gain this advantage, and empowers average business people to start shaping a process relevant to their business's needs. In this book, you'll learn the hows and whys of mining to the depths of your data, and how to make the case for heavier investment into data mining capabilities. The book explains the details of the knowledge discovery process including: Model creation, validity testing, and interpretation. Effective communication of findings. Available tools, both paid and open-source. Data selection, transformation, and evaluation. Data Mining for Dummies takes you step-by-step through a real-world data-mining project using open-source tools that allow you to get immediate hands-on experience working with large amounts of data. You'll gain the confidence you need to start making data mining practices a routine part of your successful business. If you're serious about doing everything you can to push your company to the top, Data Mining for Dummies is your ticket to effective data mining.

Provides a foundation in classical parametric methods of regression and classification essential for pursuing advanced topics in predictive analytics and statistical learning. This book covers a broad range of topics in parametric regression and classification including multiple regression, logistic regression (binary and multinomial), discriminant analysis, Bayesian classification, generalized linear models and Cox regression for survival data. The book also gives brief introductions to some modern computer-intensive methods such as classification and regression trees (CART), neural networks and support vector machines. The book is organized so that it can be used by both advanced undergraduate or masters students with applied interests and by doctoral students who also want to learn the underlying theory. This is done by devoting the main body of the text of each chapter with basic statistical methodology illustrated by real data examples. Derivations, proofs and extensions are relegated to the Technical Notes section of each chapter. Exercises are also divided into theoretical and applied. Answers to selected exercises are provided. A solution manual is available to instructors who adopt the text. Data sets of moderate to large sizes are used in examples and exercises. They come from a variety of disciplines including business (finance, marketing and sales), economics, education, engineering and sciences (biological, health, physical and social). All data sets are available at the book's web site. Open source software R is used for all data analyses. R codes and outputs are provided for most examples. R codes are also available at the book's web site. Predictive Analytics: Parametric Models for Regression and Classification Using R is ideal for a one-semester upper-level undergraduate and/or beginning level graduate course in regression for students in business, economics, finance, marketing, engineering, and computer science. It is also an excellent resource for practitioners in these fields.