Analysis Of Symbolic Data Exploratory Methods For Extracting Statistical Information From Complex Data Studies In Classification Data Analysis And Knowledge Organization

Data science unifies statistics, data analysis and machine learning to achieve a better understanding of the masses of data which are produced today, and to improve prediction. Special kinds of data (symbolic, network, complex, compositional) are increasingly frequent in data science. These data require specific methodologies, but there is a lack of reference work in this field. Advances in Data Science fills this gap. It presents a collection of up-to-date contributions by eminent scholars following two international workshops held in Beijing and Paris. The 10 chapters are organized into four parts: Symbolic Data, Complex Data, Network Data and Clustering. They include fundamental contributions, as well as applications to several domains, including business and the social sciences.

The volume presents new developments in data analysis and classification and gives an overview of the state of the art in these scientific fields and relevant applications. Areas that receive considerable attention in the book are clustering, discrimination, data analysis, and statistics, as well as applications in economics, biology, and medicine it provides recent technical and methodological developments and a large number of application papers demonstrating the usefulness of the newly developed techniques.

The growing capabilities in generating and collecting data has risen an urgent need of new techniques and tools in order to analyze, classify and summarize statistical information, as well as to discover and characterize trends, and to automatically bag anomalies. This volume provides the latest advances in data analysis methods for multidimensional data which can present a complex structure: The book offers a selection of papers presented at the first Joint Meeting of the Société Francophone de Classification and the Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society. Special attention is paid to new methodological contributions from both the theoretical and the applicative point of views, in the fields of Clustering, Classification, Time Series Analysis, Multidimensional Data Analysis, Knowledge Discovery from Large Datasets, Spatial Statistics.

This book presents a unique collection of contributions on modern topics in statistics and econometrics, written by leading experts in the respective disciplines and their intersections. It addresses nonparametric statistics and econometrics, quantiles and expectiles, and advanced methods for complex data, including spatial and compositional data, as well as tools for empirical studies in economics and the social sciences. The book was written in honor of Christine Thomas-Agnan on the occasion of her 65th birthday. Given its scope, it will appeal to researchers and PhD students in statistics and econometrics alike who are interested in the latest developments in their field.

This series of books collects a diverse array of work that provides the reader with theoretical and applied information on data analysis methods, models, and techniques, along with appropriate applications. Volume 1 begins with an introductory chapter by Gilbert Saporta, a leading expert in the field, who summarizes the developments in data analysis over the last 50 years. The book is then divided into three parts: Part 1 presents clustering and regression cases; Part 2 examines grouping and decomposition, GARCH and threshold models, structural equations, and SME modeling; and Part 3 presents symbolic data analysis, time series and multiple choice models, modeling in demography, and data mining.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Pattern Recognition, IWAIPR 2018, held in Havana, Cuba, in September 2018. The 42 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 101 submissions. The papers promote and disseminate ongoing research on mathematical methods and computing techniques for artificial intelligence and pattern recognition, in particular in bioinformatics, cognitive and humanoid vision, computer vision, image analysis and intelligent data analysis, as well as their application in a number of diverse areas such as industry, health, robotics, data mining, opinion mining and sentiment analysis, telecommunications, document analysis, and natural language processing and recognition.

With the advent of computers, very large datasets have become routine. Standard statistical methods don't have the power or flexibility to analyse these efficiently, and extract the required knowledge. An alternative approach is to summarize a large dataset in such a way that the resulting summary dataset is of a manageable size and yet retains as much of the knowledge in the original dataset as possible. One consequence of this is that the data may no longer be formatted as single values, but be represented by lists, intervals, distributions, etc. The summarized data have their own internal structure, which must be taken into account in any analysis. This text presents a unified account of symbolic data, how they arise, and how they are structured. The reader is introduced to symbolic analytic methods described in the consistent statistical framework required to carry out such a summary and subsequent analysis. Presents a detailed overview of the methods and applications of symbolic data analysis. Includes numerous real examples, taken from a variety of application areas, ranging from health and social sciences, to economics and computing. Features exercises at the end of each chapter, enabling the reader to develop their understanding of the theory. Provides a supplementary website featuring links to download the SODAS software developed exclusively for symbolic data analysis, data sets, and further material. Primarily aimed at statisticians and data analysts, Symbolic Data Analysis is also ideal for scientists working on problems involving large volumes of data from a range of disciplines, including computer science, health and the social sciences. There is also much of use to graduate students of statistical data analysis courses.

The three volume set LNCS 4232, LNCS 4233, and LNCS 4234 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Neural Information Processing,

ICONIP 2006, held in Hong Kong, China in October 2006. The 386 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 1175 submissions. This volume describes new methods with special emphasis on classification and cluster analysis. These methods are applied to problems in information retrieval, phylogeny, medical diagnosis, microarrays, and other active research areas.

Data-Driven and Model-Based Methods for Fault Detection and Diagnosis covers techniques that improve the quality of fault detection and enhance monitoring through chemical and environmental processes. The book provides both the theoretical framework and technical solutions. It starts with a review of relevant literature, proceeds with a detailed description of developed methodologies, and then discusses the results of developed methodologies, and ends with major conclusions reached from the analysis of simulation and experimental studies. The book is an indispensable resource for researchers in academia and industry and practitioners working in chemical and environmental engineering to do their work safely. Outlines latent variable based hypothesis testing fault detection techniques to enhance monitoring processes represented by linear or nonlinear input-space models (such as PCA) or input-output models (such as PLS) Explains multiscale latent variable based hypothesis testing fault detection techniques using multiscale representation to help deal with uncertainty in the data and minimize its effect on fault detection Includes interval PCA (IPCA) and interval PLS (IPLS) fault detection methods to enhance the quality of fault detection Provides model-based detection techniques for the improvement of monitoring processes using state estimation-based fault detection approaches Demonstrates the effectiveness of the proposed strategies by conducting simulation and experimental studies on synthetic data

This volume contains revised versions of selected papers presented during the biannual meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group of SocietA Italiana di Statistica, which was held in Bologna, September 22-24, 2003. The scientific program of the conference included 80 contributed papers. Moreover it was possible to recruit six internationally renowned invited spe- ers for plenary talks on their current research works regarding the core topics of IFCS (the International Federation of Classification Societies) and Wo- gang Gaul and the colleagues of the GfKl organized a session. Thus, the conference provided a large number of scientists and experts from home and abroad with an attractive forum for discussions and mutual exchange of knowledge. The talks in the different sessions focused on methodological developments in supervised and unsupervised classification and in data analysis, also p- viding relevant contributions in the context of applications. This suggested the presentation of the 43 selected papers in three parts as follows: CLASSIFICATION AND CLUSTERING Non parametric classification Clustering and dissimilarities MULTIVARIATE STATISTICS AND DATA ANALYSIS APPLIED MULTIVARIATE STATISTICS Environmental data Microarray data Behavioural and text data Financial data We wish to express our gratitude to the authors whose enthusiastic p- ticipation made the meeting possible. We are very grateful to the reviewers for the time spent in their professional reviewing work. We would also like to extend our thanks to the chairpersons and discussants of the sessions: their comments and suggestions proved very stimulating both for the authors and the audience.

The papers in this book cover issues related to the development of novel statistical models for the analysis of data. They offer solutions for relevant problems in statistical data analysis and contain the explicit derivation of the proposed models as well as their implementation. The book assembles the selected and refereed proceedings of the biannual conference of the Italian Classification and Data Analysis Group (CLADAG), a section of the Italian Statistical Society. ?

Handbook of Cluster Analysis provides a comprehensive and unified account of the main research developments in cluster analysis. Written by active, distinguished researchers in this area, the book helps readers make informed choices of the most suitable clustering approach for their problem and make better use of existing cluster analysis tools. The book is organized according to the traditional core approaches to cluster analysis, from the origins to recent developments. After an overview of approaches and a quick journey through the history of cluster analysis, the book focuses on the four major approaches to cluster analysis. These approaches include methods for optimizing an objective function that describes how well data is grouped around centroids, dissimilarity-based methods, mixture models and partitioning models, and clustering methods inspired by nonparametric density estimation. The book also describes additional approaches to cluster analysis, including constrained and semi-supervised clustering, and explores other relevant issues, such as evaluating the quality of a cluster. This handbook is accessible to readers from various disciplines, reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of cluster analysis. For those already experienced with cluster analysis, the book offers a broad and structured overview. For newcomers to the field, it presents an introduction to key issues. For researchers who are temporarily or marginally involved with cluster analysis problems, the book gives enough algorithmic and practical details to facilitate working knowledge of specific clustering areas.

Geostatistical Functional Data Analysis Explore the intersection between geostatistics and functional data analysis with this insightful new reference Geostatistical Functional Data Analysis presents a unified approach to modelling functional data when spatial and spatio-temporal correlations are present. The Editors link together the wide research areas of geostatistics and functional data analysis to provide the reader with a new area called geostatistical functional data analysis that will bring new insights and new open questions to researchers coming from both scientific fields. This book provides a complete and up-to-date account to deal with functional data that is spatially correlated, but also includes the most innovative developments in different open avenues in this field. Containing contributions from leading experts in the field, this practical guide provides readers with the necessary tools to employ and adapt classic statistical techniques to handle spatial regression. The book also includes: A thorough introduction to the spatial kriging methodology when working with functions A detailed exposition of more classical statistical techniques adapted to the functional case and extended to handle spatial correlations Practical discussions of ANOVA, regression, and clustering methods to explore spatial correlation in a collection of curves sampled in a region In-depth explorations of the

similarities and differences between spatio-temporal data analysis and functional data analysis Aimed at mathematicians, statisticians, postgraduate students, and researchers involved in the analysis of functional and spatial data, Geostatistical Functional Data Analysis will also prove to be a powerful addition to the libraries of geoscientists, environmental scientists, and economists seeking insightful new knowledge and questions at the interface of geostatistics and functional data analysis.

This book presents the most recent methods for analyzing and visualizing symbolic data. It generalizes classical methods of exploratory, statistical and graphical data analysis to the case of complex data. Several benchmark examples from National Statistical Offices illustrate the usefulness of the methods. The book contains an extensive bibliography and a subject index.

Intelligent Decision Technologies (IDT) seeks an interchange of research on intelligent systems and intelligent technologies which enhance or improve decision making in industry, government and academia. The focus is interdisciplinary in nature, and includes research on all aspects of intelligent decision technologies, from fundamental development to the applied system. This volume represents leading research from the Third KES International Symposium on Intelligent Decision Technologies (KES IDT'11), hosted and organized by the University of Piraeus, Greece, in conjunction with KES International. The symposium was concerned with theory, design, development, implementation, testing and evaluation of intelligent decision systems. Topics include decision making theory, intelligent agents, fuzzy logic, multi-agent systems, Bayesian networks, optimization, artificial neural networks, genetic algorithms, expert systems, decision support systems, geographic information systems, case-based reasoning, time series, knowledge management systems, rough sets, spatial decision analysis, and multi-criteria decision analysis. These technologies have the potential to revolutionize decision making in many areas of management, healthcare, international business, finance, accounting, marketing, military applications, ecommerce, network management, crisis response, building design, information retrieval, and disaster recovery for a better future. The symposium was concerned with theory, design, development, implementation, testing and evaluation of intelligent decision systems. Topics include decision making theory, intelligent agents, fuzzy logic, multi-agent systems, Bayesian networks, optimization, artificial neural networks, genetic algorithms, expert systems, decision support systems, geographic information systems, case-based reasoning, time series, knowledge management systems, rough sets, spatial decision analysis, and multi-criteria decision analysis. These technologies have the potential to revolutionize decision making in many areas of management, healthcare, international business, finance, accounting, marketing, military applications, ecommerce, network management, crisis response, building design, information retrieval, and disaster recovery for a better future.

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The 31st European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering: ESCAPE-31, Volume 50 contains the papers presented at the 31st European Symposium of Computer Aided Process Engineering (ESCAPE) event held in Istanbul, Turkey. It is a valuable resource for chemical engineers, chemical process engineers, researchers in industry and academia, students and consultants in the chemical industries. Presents findings and discussions from the 31st European Symposium of Computer Aided Process Engineering (ESCAPE) event

There are more than one billion documents on the Web, with the count continually rising at a pace of over one million new documents per day. As information increases, the motivation and interest in data warehousing and mining research and practice remains high in organizational interest. The Encyclopedia of Data Warehousing and Mining, Second Edition, offers thorough exposure to the issues of importance in the rapidly changing field of data warehousing and mining. This essential reference source informs decision makers, problem solvers, and data mining specialists in business, academia, government, and other settings with over 300 entries on theories, methodologies, functionalities, and applications.

This volume presents recent methodological developments in data analysis and classification. It covers a wide range of topics, including methods for classification and clustering, dissimilarity analysis, consensus methods, conceptual analysis of data, and data mining and knowledge discovery in databases. The book also presents a wide variety of applications, in fields such as biology, micro-array analysis, cyber traffic, and bank fraud detection.

This volume contains a selection of papers presented at the Seven~h Confer ence of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS-2000), which was held in Namur, Belgium, July 11-14,2000. From the originally sub mitted papers, a careful review process involving two reviewers per paper, led to the selection of 65 papers that were considered suitable for publication in this book. The present book contains original research contributions, innovative ap plications and overview papers in various fields within data analysis, classifi cation, and related methods. Given the fast publication process, the research results are still up-to-date and coincide with their actual presentation at the IFCS-2000 conference. The topics captured are: • Cluster analysis • Comparison of clusterings • Fuzzy clustering • Discriminant analysis • Mixture models • Analysis of relationships data • Symbolic data analysis • Regression trees • Data mining and neural networks • Pattern recognition • Multivariate data analysis • Robust data analysis • Data science and sampling The IFCS (International Federation of Classification Societies) The IFCS promotes the dissemination of technical and scientific information data analysis, classification, related methods, and their applica concerning tions.

International Association for Statistical Computing The International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) is a Section of the International Statistical Institute. The objectives of the Association are to foster world-wide interest in e?ective statistical computing and to - change technical knowledge through international contacts and meetings - tween statisticians, computing professionals, organizations, institutions, g- ernments and the general public. The IASC organises its own Conferences, IASC World Conferences, and COMPSTAT in Europe. The 17th Conference of ERS-IASC, the biennial meeting of European - gional Section of the IASC was held in Rome August 28 - September 1, 2006. This conference took place in Rome exactly 20 years after the 7th COMP- STAT symposium which was held in Rome, in 1986. Previous COMPSTAT conferences were held in: Vienna (Austria, 1974); West-Berlin (Germany, 1976); Leiden (The Netherlands, 1978); Edimbourgh (UK, 1980); Toulouse (France, 1982); Prague (Czechoslovakia, 1984); Rome (Italy, 1986); Copenhagen (Denmark, 1988); Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia, 1990); Neuchˆatel (Switzerland, 1992); Vienna (Austria,1994); Barcelona (Spain, 1996);Bristol(UK,1998);Utrecht(TheNetherlands,2000);Berlin(Germany, 2002); Prague (Czech Republic, 2004).

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fields. Leading experts in the field, the Editors have put together a collection of chapters covering state-of-the-art methods in this area. The individual chapters combine formal statements of the results including mathematical proofs with informal and naïve statements of classical and new results.This book serves the scientific community to know what has been done so far, and to know what type of open questions need of future answers. After an introduction and brief overview, the book includes the following: A detailed exposition of the spatial kriging methodology when dealing with functions. A detailed exposition of more classical statistical techniques already adapted to the functional case and now extended in the right way to handle spatial correlations. Learning ANOVA, regression, clustering methods is crucial for a correct use of the statistical methods when the spatial correlation is present among a collection of curves sampled in a region. A thorough guide to understanding similarities and differences between spatio-temporal data analysis and functional data analysis. The reader will be guided in terms of modelling and computational issues. The information here allows the reader not only to fully understand kriging methods, but to use the most innovative functional methods adapted to spatially correlated functions, to deal with spatio-temporal datasets from a functional perspective, and to being able to handle massive databases from a more computational perspective. This book provides a complete an up-to-date account to deal with functional data that is spatially correlated, but also includes the most innovative developments in different open avenues in this field.

Covers everything readers need to know about clustering methodology for symbolic data—including new methods and headings—while providing a focus on multi-valued list data, interval data and histogram data This book presents all of the latest developments in the field of clustering methodology for symbolic data—paying special attention to the classification methodology for multi-valued list, interval-valued and histogram-valued data methodology, along with numerous worked examples. The book also offers an expansive discussion of data management techniques showing how to manage the large complex dataset into more manageable datasets ready for analyses. Filled with examples, tables, figures, and case studies, Clustering Methodology for Symbolic Data begins by offering chapters on data management, distance measures, general clustering techniques, partitioning, divisive clustering, and agglomerative and pyramid clustering. Provides new classification methodologies for histogram valued data reaching across many fields in data science Demonstrates how to manage a large complex dataset into manageable datasets ready for analysis Features very large contemporary datasets such as multi-valued list data, interval-valued data, and histogram-valued data Considers classification models by dynamical clustering Features a supporting website hosting relevant data sets Clustering Methodology for Symbolic Data will appeal to practitioners of symbolic data analysis, such as statisticians and economists within the public sectors. It will also be of interest to postgraduate students of, and researchers within, web mining, text mining and bioengineering.

This volume provides approaches and solutions to challenges occurring at the interface of research fields such as data analysis, computer science, operations research, and statistics. It includes theoretically oriented contributions as well as papers from various application areas, where knowledge from different research directions is needed to find the best possible interpretation of data for the underlying problem situations. Beside traditional classification research, the book focuses on current interests in fields such as the analysis of social relationships as well as statistical musicology.

"Data Analysis" in the broadest sense is the general term for a field of activities of ever-increasing importance in a time called the information age. It covers new areas with such trendy labels as, e.g., data mining or web mining as well as traditional directions emphazising, e.g., classification or knowledge organization. Leading researchers in data analysis have contributed to this volume and delivered papers on aspects ranging from scientific modeling to practical application. They have devoted their latest contributions to a book edited to honor a colleague and friend, Hans-Hermann Bock, who has been active in this field for nearly thirty years.

This two-volume set, LNAI 9651 and 9652, constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the 20th Pacific-Asia Conference on Advances in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, PAKDD 2016, held in Auckland, New Zealand, in April 2016. The 91 full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 307 submissions. They are organized in topical sections named: classification; machine learning; applications; novel methods and algorithms; opinion mining and sentiment analysis; clustering; feature extraction and pattern mining; graph and network data; spatiotemporal and image data; anomaly detection and clustering; novel models and algorithms; and text mining and recommender systems.

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Data Science and Classification provides new methodological developments in data analysis and classification. The broad and comprehensive coverage includes the measurement of similarity and dissimilarity, methods for classification and clustering, network and graph analyses, analysis of symbolic data, and web mining. Beyond structural and theoretical results, the book offers application advice for a variety of problems, in medicine, microarray analysis, social network structures, and music.

Symbolic data analysis is a relatively new field that provides a range of methods for analyzing complex datasets. Standard statistical methods do not have the power or flexibility to make sense of very large datasets, and symbolic data analysis techniques have been developed in order to extract knowledge from such data. Symbolic data methods differ from that of data mining, for example, because rather than identifying points of interest in the data, symbolic data methods allow the user to build models of the data and make predictions about future events. This book is the result of the work f a pan-European project team led by Edwin Diday following 3 years work sponsored by EUROSTAT. It includes a full explanation of the new SODAS software developed as a result of this project. The software and methods described highlight the crossover between statistics and computer science, with a particular emphasis on data mining.

Annotation The three volume set LNCS 4491/4492/4493 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Symposium on Neural Networks, ISNN 2007, held in Nanjing, China in June 2007. The 262 revised long papers and 192 revised short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 1.975 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on neural fuzzy control, neural networks for control applications, adaptive dynamic programming and reinforcement learning, neural networks for nonlinear systems modeling, robotics, stability analysis of neural networks, learning and approximation, data mining and feature extraction, chaos and synchronization, neural fuzzy systems, training and learning algorithms for neural networks, neural network structures, neural networks for pattern recognition, SOMs, ICA/PCA, biomedical applications, feedforward neural networks, recurrent neural networks, neural networks for optimization, support vector machines, fault diagnosis/detection, communications and signal processing, image/video processing, and applications of neural networks.

Risk is the main source of uncertainty for investors, debtholders, corporate managers and other stakeholders. For all these actors, it is vital to focus on identifying and managing risk before

making decisions. The success of their businesses depends on the relevance of their decisions and consequently, on their ability to manage and deal with the different types of risk. Accordingly, the main objective of this book is to promote scientific research in the different areas of risk management, aiming at being transversal and dealing with different aspects of risk management related to corporate finance as well as market finance. Thus, this book should provide useful insights for academics as well as professionals to better understand and assess the different types of risk.

This volume presents theories, models, algorithms, and applications in clustering, classification, and visualization. It also includes applications of clustering, classification, and visualization in various fields such as marketing, recommendation system, biology, sociology, and social survey. The contributions give insight into new models and concepts and show the variety of research in clustering, classification, and visualization.

Visualization and Verbalization of Data shows how correspondence analysis and related techniques enable the display of data in graphical form, which results in the verbalization of the structures in data. Renowned researchers in the field trace the history of these techniques and cover their current applications. The first part of the book explains the historical origins of correspondence analysis and associated methods. The second part concentrates on the contributions made by the school of Jean-Paul Benzécri and related movements, such as social space and geometric data analysis. Although these topics are viewed from a French perspective, the book makes them understandable to an international audience. Throughout the text, well-known experts illustrate the use of the methods in practice. Examples include the spatial visualization of multivariate data, cluster analysis in computer science, the transformation of a textual data set into numerical data, the use of quantitative and qualitative variables in multiple factor analysis, different possibilities of recoding data prior to visualization, and the application of duality diagram theory to the analysis of a contingency table.

It is a great privilege and pleasure to write a foreword for a book honor ing Wolfgang Gaul on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. Wolfgang Gaul is currently Professor of Business Administration and Management Science and the Head of the Institute of Decision Theory and Management Science, Faculty of Economics, University of Karlsruhe (TH), Germany. He is, by any measure, one of the most distinguished and eminent scholars in the world today. Wolfgang Gaul has been instrumental in numerous leading research initia tives and has achieved an unprecedented level of success in facilitating com munication among researchers in diverse disciplines from around the world. A particularly remarkable and unique aspect of his work is that he has been a leading scholar in such diverse areas of research as graph theory and net work models, reliability theory, stochastic optimization, operations research, probability theory, sampling theory, cluster analysis, scaling and multivariate data analysis. His activities have been directed not only at these and other theoretical topics, but also at applications of statistical and mathematical tools to a multitude of important problems in computer science (e.g., w- mining), business research (e.g., market segmentation), management science (e.g., decision support systems) and behavioral sciences (e.g., preference mea surement and data mining). All of his endeavors have been accomplished at the highest level of professional excellence.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems, ISMIS 2005, held in Saratoga Springs, NY, USA in May 2005. The 69 revised full papers presented together with 2 invited papers were carefully reviewed and selected from close to 200 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on knowledge discovery and data mining, intelligent information systems, information and knowledge integration, soft computing, clustering, Web data processing, AI logics, applications, intelligent information retrieval, and knowledge representation.

Data Mining Applications in Engineering and Medicine targets to help data miners who wish to apply different data mining techniques. Data mining generally covers areas of statistics, machine learning, data management and databases, pattern recognition, artificial intelligence, etc. In this book, most of the areas are covered by describing different applications. This is why you will find here why and how Data Mining can also be applied to the improvement of project management. Since Data Mining has been widely used in a medical field, this book contains different chapters reffering to some aspects and importance of its use in the mentioned field: Incorporating Domain Knowledge into Medical Image Mining, Data Mining Techniques in Pharmacovigilance, Electronic Documentation of Clinical Pharmacy Interventions in Hospitals etc. We hope that this book will inspire readers to pursue education and research in this emerging field.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the 29th Annual German Conference on Artificial Intelligence, KI 2006, held in Bremen, Germany, in June 2006. This was co-located with RoboCup 2006, the innovative robot soccer world championship, and with ACTUATOR 2006, the 10th International Conference on New Actuators. The 29 revised full papers presented together with two invited contributions were carefully reviewed and selected from 112 submissions.

This volume presents a selection of new methods and approaches in the field of Exploratory Data Analysis. The reader will find numerous ideas and examples for cross disciplinary applications of classification and data analysis methods in fields such as data and web mining, medicine and biological sciences as well as marketing, finance and management sciences.