

# Soft Computing Techniques And Its Applications In Electrical Engineering

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This book discusses the applications of different soft computing techniques for the web-based systems and services. The respective chapters highlight recent developments in the field of soft computing applications, from web-based information retrieval to online marketing and online healthcare. In each chapter author endeavor to explain the basic ideas behind the proposed applications in an accessible format for readers who may not possess a background in these fields. This carefully edited book covers a wide range of new applications of soft computing techniques in Web recommender systems, Online documents classification, Online documents summarization, Online document clustering, Online market intelligence, Web usage profiling, Web data extraction, Social network extraction, Question answering systems, Online health care, Web knowledge management, Multimedia information retrieval, Navigation guides, User profiles extraction, Web-based distributed information systems, Web security applications, Internet of Things Applications and so on. The book is aimed for researchers and practitioner who are engaged in developing and applying intelligent systems principles for solving real-life problems. Further, it has been structured so that each chapter can be read independently of the others.

Interval computing combined with fuzzy logic has become an emerging tool in studying artificial intelligence and knowledge processing (AIKP) applications since it models uncertainties frequently raised in the field. This book provides introductions for both interval and fuzzy computing in a very accessible style. Application algorithms covered in this book include quantitative and qualitative data mining with interval valued datasets, decision making systems with interval valued parameters, interval valued Nash games and interval weighted graphs. Successful applications in studying finance and economics, etc are also included. This book can serve as a handbook or a text for readers interested in applying interval and soft computing for AIKP.

This book is an introduction to some new fields in soft computing with its principal components of fuzzy logic, ANN and EA. The approach in this book is to provide an understanding of the soft computing field and to work through soft computing using examples. It also aims to integrate pseudo-code operational summaries and Matlab codes, to present computer simulation, to include real world applications and to highlight the distinctive work of human consciousness in machine.

Soft computing techniques have reached a significant level of recognition and acceptance from both the academic and industrial communities. The papers collected in this volume illustrate the depth of the current theoretical research trends and the breadth of the application areas in which soft computing methods are making contributions. This volume consists of forty six selected papers presented at the Fourth International Conference on Recent Advances in Soft Computing, which was held in Nottingham, United Kingdom on 12 and 13 December 2002 at Nottingham Trent University. This volume is organized in five parts. The first four parts address mainly the fundamental and theoretical advances in soft computing, namely Artificial Neural

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Networks, Evolutionary Computing, Fuzzy Systems and Hybrid Systems. The fifth part of this volume presents papers that deal with practical issues and industrial applications of soft computing techniques. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the authors who submitted contributions for inclusion. We are also indebted to Janusz Kacprzyk for his services related to this volume. We hope you find the volume an interesting reflection of current theoretical and application based soft computing research.

The Soft Computing techniques, which are based on the information processing of biological systems are now massively used in the area of pattern recognition, making prediction & planning, as well as acting on the environment. Ideally speaking, soft computing is not a subject of homogeneous concepts and techniques; rather, it is an amalgamation of distinct methods that confirms to its guiding principle. At present, the main aim of soft computing is to exploit the tolerance for imprecision and uncertainty to achieve tractability, robustness and low solutions cost. The principal constituents of soft computing techniques are probabilistic reasoning, fuzzy logic, neuro-computing, genetic algorithms, belief networks, chaotic systems, as well as learning theory. This book covers contributions from various authors to demonstrate the use of soft computing techniques in various applications of engineering.

This book focuses on soft computing techniques for enhancing voltage security in electrical power networks. Artificial neural networks (ANNs) have been chosen as a soft computing tool, since such networks are eminently suitable for the study of voltage security. The different architectures of the ANNs used in this book are selected on the basis of intelligent criteria rather than by a "brute force" method of trial and error. The fundamental aim of this book is to present a comprehensive treatise on power system security and the simulation of power system security. The core concepts are substantiated by suitable illustrations and computer methods. The book describes analytical aspects of operation and characteristics of power systems from the viewpoint of voltage security. The text is self-contained and thorough. It is intended for senior undergraduate students and postgraduate students in electrical engineering. Practicing engineers, Electrical Control Center (ECC) operators and researchers will also find the book useful.

We describe in this book, new methods for intelligent manufacturing using soft computing techniques and fractal theory. Soft Computing (SC) consists of several computing paradigms, including fuzzy logic, neural networks, and genetic algorithms, which can be used to produce powerful hybrid intelligent systems. Fractal theory provides us with the mathematical tools to understand the geometrical complexity of natural objects and can be used for identification and modeling purposes. Combining SC techniques with fractal theory, we can take advantage of the "intelligence" provided by the computer methods and also take advantage of the descriptive power of the fractal mathematical tools. Industrial manufacturing systems can be considered as non-linear dynamical systems, and as a consequence can have highly complex dynamic behaviors. For this reason, the need for computational intelligence in these manufacturing systems has now been well recognized. We consider in this book the concept of "intelligent manufacturing" as the application of soft computing techniques and fractal theory for achieving the goals of manufacturing, which are production planning and control, monitoring and diagnosis of faults, and automated quality control.

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As a prelude, we provide a brief overview of the existing methodologies in Soft Computing. We then describe our own approach in dealing with the problems in achieving intelligent manufacturing. Our particular point of view is that to really achieve intelligent manufacturing in real-world applications we need to use SC techniques and fractal theory.

The evolution of soft computing applications has offered a multitude of methodologies and techniques that are useful in facilitating new ways to address practical and real scenarios in a variety of fields. In particular, these concepts have created significant developments in the engineering field. *Soft Computing Techniques and Applications in Mechanical Engineering* is a pivotal reference source for the latest research findings on a comprehensive range of soft computing techniques applied in various fields of mechanical engineering. Featuring extensive coverage on relevant areas such as thermodynamics, fuzzy computing, and computational intelligence, this publication is an ideal resource for students, engineers, research scientists, and academicians involved in soft computing techniques and applications in mechanical engineering areas.

This book offers a comprehensive overview of cutting-edge approaches for decision-making in hierarchical organizations. It presents soft-computing-based techniques, including fuzzy sets, neural networks, genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization, and shows how these approaches can be effectively used to deal with problems typical of this kind of organization. After introducing the main classical approaches applied to multiple-level programming, the book describes a set of soft-computing techniques, demonstrating their advantages in providing more efficient solutions to hierarchical decision-making problems compared to the classical methods. Based on the book *Fuzzy and Multi-Level Decision Making* (Springer, 2001) by Lee E.S and Shih, H., this second edition has been expanded to include the most recent findings and methods and a broader spectrum of soft computing approaches. All the algorithms are presented in detail, together with a wealth of practical examples and solutions to real-world problems, providing students, researchers and professionals with a timely, practice-oriented reference guide to the area of interactive fuzzy decision making, multi-level programming and hierarchical optimization.

Science has made great progress in the twentieth century, with the establishment of proper disciplines in the fields of physics, computer science, molecular biology, and many others. At the same time, there have also emerged many engineering ideas that are interdisciplinary in nature, beyond the realm of such orthodox disciplines. These include, for example, artificial intelligence, fuzzy logic, artificial neural networks, evolutionary computation, data mining, and so on. In order to generate new technology that is truly human-friendly in the twenty-first century, integration of various methods beyond specific disciplines is required. Soft computing is a key concept for the creation of such human friendly technology in our modern information society. Professor Rutkowski is a pioneer in this field, having devoted himself for many years to publishing a large variety of original work. The present volume, based mostly on his own work, is a milestone in the development of soft computing, integrating various disciplines from the fields of information science and engineering. The book consists of three parts, the first of which is devoted to probabilistic neural networks. Neural excitation is stochastic, so it is natural to investigate the Bayesian properties of connectionist structures developed by Professor Rutkowski. This new approach has proven to be particularly

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useful for handling regression and classification problems vi Preface in time-varying environments. Throughout this book, major themes are selected from theoretical subjects that are tightly connected with challenging applications.

This book plays a significant role in improvising human life to a great extent. The new applications of soft computing can be regarded as an emerging field in computer science, automatic control engineering, medicine, biology application, natural environmental engineering, and pattern recognition. Now, the exemplar model for soft computing is human brain. The use of various techniques of soft computing is nowadays successfully implemented in many domestic, commercial, and industrial applications due to the low-cost and very high-performance digital processors and also the decline price of the memory chips. This is the main reason behind the wider expansion of soft computing techniques and its application areas. These computing methods also play a significant role in the design and optimization in diverse engineering disciplines. With the influence and the development of the Internet of things (IoT) concept, the need for using soft computing techniques has become more significant than ever. In general, soft computing methods are closely similar to biological processes than traditional techniques, which are mostly based on formal logical systems, such as sentential logic and predicate logic, or rely heavily on computer-aided numerical analysis. Soft computing techniques are anticipated to complement each other. The aim of these techniques is to accept imprecision, uncertainties, and approximations to get a rapid solution. However, recent advancements in representation soft computing algorithms (fuzzy logic, evolutionary computation, machine learning, and probabilistic reasoning) generate a more intelligent and robust system providing a human interpretable, low-cost, approximate solution. Soft computing-based algorithms have demonstrated great performance to a variety of areas including multimedia retrieval, fault tolerance, system modelling, network architecture, Web semantics, big data analytics, time series, biomedical and health informatics, etc. Soft computing approaches such as genetic programming (GP), support vector machine–firefly algorithm (SVM-FFA), artificial neural network (ANN), and support vector machine–wavelet (SVM–Wavelet) have emerged as powerful computational models. These have also shown significant success in dealing with massive data analysis for large number of applications. All the researchers and practitioners will be highly benefited those who are working in field of computer engineering, medicine, biology application, signal processing, and mechanical engineering. This book is a good collection of state-of-the-art approaches for soft computing-based applications to various engineering fields. It is very beneficial for the new researchers and practitioners working in the field to quickly know the best performing methods. They would be able to compare different approaches and can carry forward their research in the most important area of research which has direct impact on betterment of the human life and health. This book is very useful because there is no book in the market which provides a good collection of state-of-the-art methods of soft computing-based models for multimedia retrieval, fault tolerance, system modelling, network architecture, Web semantics, big data analytics, time series, and biomedical and health informatics.

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Sivanandam has published 12 books. He has delivered around 150 special lectures of different specialization in Summer/Winter school and also in various Engineering colleges. He has guided and co guided 30 PhD research works and at present 9 PhD research scholars are working under him. The total number of technical publications in International/National Journals/Conferences is around 700. He has also received Certificate of Merit 2005-2006 for his paper from The Institution of Engineers (India). He has chaired 7 International Conferences and 30 National Conferences. He is a member of various professional bodies like IE (India), ISTE, CSI, ACS and SSI. He is a technical advisor for various reputed industries and engineering institutions. His research areas include Modeling and Simulation, Neural Networks, Fuzzy Systems and Genetic Algorithm, Pattern Recognition, Multidimensional system analysis, Linear and Nonlinear control system, Signal and Image processing, Control System, Power system, Numerical methods, Parallel Computing, Data Mining and Database Security

**About The Book:** This book is meant for a wide range of readers who wish to learn the basic concepts of soft computing. It can also be helpful for programmers, researchers and management experts who use soft computing techniques. The basic concepts of soft computing are dealt in detail with the relevant information and knowledge available for understanding the computing process. The various neural network concepts are explained with examples, highlighting the difference between various architectures. Fuzzy logic techniques have been clearly dealt with suitable examples. Genetic algorithm operators and the various classifications have been discussed in lucid manner, so that a beginner can understand the concepts with minimal effort. Proper analysis of image and multimedia data requires efficient extraction and segmentation techniques. Among the many computational intelligence approaches, the soft computing paradigm is best equipped with several tools and techniques that incorporate intelligent concepts and principles. This book is dedicated to object extraction, image segmentation, and edge detection using soft computing techniques with extensive real-life application to image and multimedia data. The authors start with a comprehensive tutorial on the basics of brain structure and learning, and then the key soft computing techniques, including evolutionary computation, neural networks, fuzzy sets and fuzzy logic, and rough sets. They then present seven chapters that detail the application of representative techniques to complex image processing tasks such as image recognition, lighting control, target tracking, object extraction, and edge detection. These chapters follow a structured approach with detailed explanations of the problems, solutions, results, and conclusions. This is both a standalone textbook for graduates in computer science, electrical engineering, system science, and information technology, and a reference for researchers and engineers engaged with pattern recognition, image processing, and soft computing.

**Soft Computing in Green and Renewable Energy Systems** provides a practical introduction to the application of soft computing techniques and hybrid intelligent systems for designing, modeling, characterizing, optimizing, forecasting, and performance prediction of green and renewable energy systems. Research is proceeding at jet speed on renewable energy (energy derived from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, tides, rain, geothermal heat, biomass, hydrogen, etc.) as policy makers, researchers, economists, and world agencies have joined forces in finding alternative sustainable energy solutions to current critical environmental, economic, and

social issues. The innovative models, environmentally benign processes, data analytics, etc. employed in renewable energy systems are computationally-intensive, non-linear and complex as well as involve a high degree of uncertainty. Soft computing technologies, such as fuzzy sets and systems, neural science and systems, evolutionary algorithms and genetic programming, and machine learning, are ideal in handling the noise, imprecision, and uncertainty in the data, and yet achieve robust, low-cost solutions. As a result, intelligent and soft computing paradigms are finding increasing applications in the study of renewable energy systems. Researchers, practitioners, undergraduate and graduate students engaged in the study of renewable energy systems will find this book very useful.

The two-volume set LNAI 9119 and LNAI 9120 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing, ICAISC 2015, held in Zakopane, Poland in June 2015. The 142 revised full papers presented in the volumes, were carefully reviewed and selected from 322 submissions. These proceedings present both traditional artificial intelligence methods and soft computing techniques. The goal is to bring together scientists representing both areas of research. The first volume covers topics as follows neural networks and their applications, fuzzy systems and their applications, evolutionary algorithms and their applications, classification and estimation, computer vision, image and speech analysis and the workshop: large-scale visual recognition and machine learning. The second volume has the focus on the following subjects: data mining, bioinformatics, biometrics and medical applications, concurrent and parallel processing, agent systems, robotics and control, artificial intelligence in modeling and simulation and various problems of artificial intelligence.

Single and Multi-Objective Evolutionary Computation (MOEA), Genetic Algorithms (GAs), Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), Fuzzy Controllers (FCs), Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Ant colony Optimization (ACO) are becoming omnipresent in almost every intelligent system design. Unfortunately, the application of the majority of these techniques is complex and so requires a huge computational effort to yield useful and practical results. Therefore, dedicated hardware for evolutionary, neural and fuzzy computation is a key issue for designers. With the spread of reconfigurable hardware such as FPGAs, digital as well as analog hardware implementations of such computation become cost-effective. The idea behind this book is to offer a variety of hardware designs for soft computing techniques that can be embedded in any final product. Also, to introduce the successful application of soft computing technique to solve many hard problems encountered during the design of embedded hardware designs. Reconfigurable embedded designs for GAs, ANNs, FCs and PSO are presented and evaluated. Also, the application of quantum-based evolutionary computation and multi-objective evolutionary computation as well as ACO are applied to solve hard problems related to circuit synthesis, IP assignment, mapping and routing of applications on Network-On-Chip infrastructures.

The main objective of ICSCTEA 2013 is to provide a platform for researchers, engineers and academicians from all over the world to present their research

results and development activities in soft computing techniques and engineering application. This conference provides opportunities for them to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.

This monograph describes new methods for intelligent pattern recognition using soft computing techniques including neural networks, fuzzy logic, and genetic algorithms. Hybrid intelligent systems that combine several soft computing techniques are needed due to the complexity of pattern recognition problems. Hybrid intelligent systems can have different architectures, which have an impact on the efficiency and accuracy of pattern recognition systems, to achieve the ultimate goal of pattern recognition. This book also shows results of the application of hybrid intelligent systems to real-world problems of face, fingerprint, and voice recognition. This monograph is intended to be a major reference for scientists and engineers applying new computational and mathematical tools to intelligent pattern recognition and can be also used as a textbook for graduate courses in soft computing, intelligent pattern recognition, computer vision, or applied artificial intelligence.

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Special Features: · Detailed explanation of soft computing concepts· Study on various artificial neural network architecture· Description on fuzzy logic techniques· Introduction to genetic algorithm and its types for solving optimization problems· Numerous artificial neural network, fuzzy logic and genetic algorithm problems· Implementation of soft computing techniques using C and C++· Simulated solutions for soft computing concepts using MATLAB package· Application case studies on soft computing techniques on emerging fields· Various hybrid soft computing techniques.  
New in this edition· Certain topics have been added such as:ü Fundamentals of Genetic Algorithmsü Genetic Modelingü Integration of Neural Networks, Fuzzy Logic, and Genetic Algorithms· A new chapter Hybrid Soft Computing Techniques has been added bringing the advantages of combining individual techniques· 5 Sample Question Papers have been added at the end of the book. Accompanying CD contains · Power point presentations· Source Codes for Soft Computing Techniques in C· MATLAB Source Code Programs  
About The Book: In this book the basic concepts of soft computing are dealt in detail with the relevant information and knowledge available for understanding the computing process. The various neural network concepts are explained with examples, highlighting the difference between various architectures. Fuzzy logic techniques have been clearly dealt with suitable examples. Genetic algorithm operators and the various classifications have been discussed in lucid manner, so that a beginner can understand the concepts with minimal effort. The book can be used as a handbook as well as a guide for students of all engineering disciplines, soft computing research scholars, management sector, operational research area, computer applications and for

various professionals who work in this area.

This volume contains the Proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Soft Computing Applications (SOFA 2012). The book covers a broad spectrum of soft computing techniques, theoretical and practical applications employing knowledge and intelligence to find solutions for world industrial, economic and medical problems. The combination of such intelligent systems tools and a large number of applications introduce a need for a synergy of scientific and technological disciplines in order to show the great potential of Soft Computing in all domains. The conference papers included in these proceedings, published post conference, were grouped into the following area of research: · Soft Computing and Fusion Algorithms in Biometrics, · Fuzzy Theory, Control and Applications, · Modelling and Control Applications, · Steps towards Intelligent Circuits, · Knowledge-Based Technologies for Web Applications, Cloud Computing and Security Algorithms, · Computational Intelligence for Biomedical Applications, · Neural Networks and Applications, · Intelligent Systems for Image Processing, · Knowledge Management for Business Process and Enterprise Modelling. The combination of intelligent systems tools and a large number of applications introduce a need for a synergy of scientific and technological disciplines in order to show the great potential of Soft Computing in all domains. The 15th Online World Conference on Soft Computing in Industrial Applications, held on the Internet, constitutes a distinctive opportunity to present and discuss high quality papers, making use of sophisticated Internet tools and without incurring in high cost and, thus, facilitating the participation of people from the entire world. The book contains a collection of papers covering outstanding research and developments in the field of Soft Computing including, evolutionary computation, fuzzy control and neuro-fuzzy systems, bio-inspired systems, optimization techniques and application of Soft Computing techniques in modeling, control, optimization, data mining, pattern recognition and traffic and transportation systems.

The term “soft computing” applies to variants of and combinations under the four broad categories of evolutionary computing, neural networks, fuzzy logic, and Bayesian statistics. Although each one has its separate strengths, the complementary nature of these techniques when used in combination (hybrid) makes them a powerful alternative for solving complex problems where conventional mathematical methods fail. The use of intelligent and soft computing techniques in the field of geo- mechanical and pavement engineering has steadily increased over the past decade owing to their ability to admit approximate reasoning, imprecision, uncertainty and partial truth. Since real-life infrastructure engineering decisions are made in ambiguous environments that require human expertise, the application of soft computing techniques has been an attractive option in pavement and geomechanical modeling. The objective of this carefully edited book is to highlight key recent advances made in the application of soft computing techniques in pavement and geo- mechanical systems. Soft computing

techniques discussed in this book include, but are not limited to: neural networks, evolutionary computing, swarm intelligence, probabilistic modeling, kernel machines, knowledge discovery and data mining, neuro-fuzzy systems and hybrid approaches. Highlighted application areas include infrastructure materials modeling, pavement analysis and design, rapid interpretation of nondestructive testing results, porous asphalt concrete distress modeling, model parameter identification, pavement engineering inversion problems, s-grade soils characterization, and backcalculation of pavement layer thickness and moduli. We describe in this book, new methods and applications of hybrid intelligent systems using soft computing techniques. Soft Computing (SC) consists of several intelligent computing paradigms, including fuzzy logic, neural networks, and evolutionary algorithms, which can be used to produce powerful hybrid intelligent systems. The book is organized in five main parts, which contain a group of papers around a similar subject. The first part consists of papers with the main theme of intelligent control, which are basically papers that use hybrid systems to solve particular problems of control. The second part contains papers with the main theme of pattern recognition, which are basically papers using soft computing techniques for achieving pattern recognition in different applications. The third part contains papers with the themes of intelligent agents and social systems, which are papers that apply the ideas of agents and social behavior to solve real-world problems. The fourth part contains papers that deal with the hardware implementation of intelligent systems for solving particular problems. The fifth part contains papers that deal with modeling, simulation and optimization for real-world applications.

These volumes constitute the Proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Soft Computing Applications, or SOFA 2014, held on 24-26 July 2014 in Timisoara, Romania. This edition was organized by the University of Belgrade, Serbia in conjunction with Romanian Society of Control Engineering and Technical Informatics (SRAIT) - Arad Section, The General Association of Engineers in Romania - Arad Section, Institute of Computer Science, Iasi Branch of the Romanian Academy and IEEE Romanian Section. The Soft Computing concept was introduced by Lotfi Zadeh in 1991 and serves to highlight the emergence of computing methodologies in which the accent is on exploiting the tolerance for imprecision and uncertainty to achieve tractability, robustness and low solution cost. Soft computing facilitates the use of fuzzy logic, neurocomputing, evolutionary computing and probabilistic computing in combination, leading to the concept of hybrid intelligent systems. The combination of such intelligent systems tools and a large number of applications introduce a need for a synergy of scientific and technological disciplines in order to show the great potential of Soft Computing in all domains. The conference papers included in these proceedings, published post conference, were grouped into the following area of research:

- Image, Text and Signal Processing
- Intelligent Transportation Modeling and Applications
- Biomedical Applications
- Neural Network and Applications
- Knowledge-Based Technologies for Web Applications, Cloud Computing, Security, Algorithms and Computer Networks
- Knowledge-Based Technologies
- Soft Computing Techniques for

Time Series Analysis Soft Computing and Fuzzy Logic in Biometrics Fuzzy Applications Theory and Fuzzy Control Business Process Management Methods and Applications in Electrical Engineering The volumes provide useful information to professors, researchers and graduated students in area of soft computing techniques and applications, as they report new research work on challenging issues.

This book provides a reference guide for researchers, scientists and industrialists working in the area of soft computing, and highlights the latest advances in and applications of soft computing techniques in multidisciplinary areas. Gathering papers presented at the International Conference on Soft Computing: Theories and Applications (SoCTA 2016), which was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, on December 28–30, 2016, it focuses on applying soft computing to solve real-life problems arising in various domains, from medical and healthcare to supply chain management, image processing and cryptanalysis. The term soft computing represents an umbrella term for computational techniques like fuzzy logic, neural networks and nature inspired algorithms. In the past few decades, there has been an exponential rise in the application of soft computing techniques to address complex and intricate problems in diverse spheres of life. The versatility of these techniques has made them a favourite among scientists and researchers alike.

The papers collected in this book are concerned with the application of the so-called "soft-computing" techniques to the aim of defining flexible systems. The topics covered witness the actual research trend towards an integration of distinct formal techniques for defining flexible systems. The contributions in this volume mainly concern the definition of systems in several application fields, such as image processing, control, asset allocation, medicine, time series forecasting, qualitative modeling, support to design, reliability analysis, diagnosis, filtering, data analysis, land mines detection and so forth. The papers presented in this volume are organized into three main thematic sections: Fuzzy Systems, Neural Networks and Genetic and Evolutionary Algorithms, although, as outlined before, some works employ more than one technique from these fields.

Admittedly, the notion "intelligence or intelligent computing" has been around us for several decades, implicitly indicating any non-conventional methods of solving complex system problems such as expert systems and intelligent control techniques that mimic human skill and replace human operators for automation. Various kinds of intelligent methods have been suggested, phenomenological or ontological, and we have been witnessing quite successful applications. On the other hand, "Soft Computing Techniques" is the concept coined by Lotfi Zadeh, referring to "a set of approaches of computing which parallels the remarkable ability of the human mind to reason and learn in an environment of uncertainty, imprecision and partial truth." Such a notion is well contrasted with the conventional binary logic based hard computing and has been effectively utilized with the guiding principle of "exploiting the tolerance for uncertainty, imprecision and partial truth to achieve tractability, robustness and low solution cost." The soft computing techniques are often employed as the technical entities in a tool box with tools being FL, ANN, Rough Set, GA etc. Based on one's intuition and experience, an engineer can build and realize human-like systems by smartly mixing proper technical tools effectively and efficiently in a wide range of fields. For some time, the soft computing techniques are also referred to as intelligent

computing tools.

This book comprises a selection of papers on new methods for analysis and design of hybrid intelligent systems using soft computing techniques from the IFSA 2007 World Congress, held in Cancun, Mexico, June 2007.

The book is a collection of papers presented in the United Kingdom at an international two day workshop on Soft Computing held at the De Montfort University. It consists of 38 papers representing the current interests in the fields of fuzzy logic, artificial neural networks and genetic algorithms. In particular there is a strong emphasis on the use of these techniques for applications that tackle real problems faced in industry. The strength of the work is that it is a snapshot of current important research interests in these areas, both from a research and application point of view. It will be of interest to researchers (both academic and from industry) as well as post graduate students who wish to see some of the more recent developments in the soft computing field.

This book focuses on soft computing and its applications to solve real-life problems occurring in different domains ranging from medical and health care, supply chain management and image processing to cryptanalysis. It presents the proceedings of International Conference on Soft Computing: Theories and Applications (SoCTA 2016), offering significant insights into soft computing for teachers and researchers and inspiring more and more researchers to work in the field of soft computing. The term soft computing represents an umbrella term for computational techniques like fuzzy logic, neural networks, and nature inspired algorithms. In the past few decades, there has been an exponential rise in the application of soft computing techniques for solving complex and intricate problems arising in different spheres of life. The versatility of these techniques has made them a favorite among scientists and researchers working in diverse areas. SoCTA is the first international conference being organized at Amity University Rajasthan (AUR), Jaipur. The objective of SoCTA 2016 is to provide a common platform to researchers, academicians, scientists, and industrialists working in the area of soft computing to share and exchange their views and ideas on the theory and application of soft computing techniques in multi-disciplinary areas. The aim of the conference is to bring together young and experienced researchers, academicians, scientists, and industrialists for the exchange of knowledge. SoCTA especially encourages the young researchers at the beginning of their career to participate in this conference and present their work on this platform.

Here is a collection of papers presented at the 11th On-line World Conference on Soft Computing in Industrial Applications, held in September-October 2006. This carefully edited book provides a comprehensive overview of recent advances in the industrial applications of soft computing and covers a wide range of application areas, including data analysis and data mining, computer graphics, intelligent control, systems, pattern recognition, classifiers, as well as modeling optimization.

Soft computing is playing an increasing role in the study of complex systems in science and engineering. There is a large spectrum of successful applications of soft computing in very different applications domains such as aerospace, communication, consumer appliances, electric power systems, process engineering, transportation, and manufacturing automation and robotics. It has taken a while to bring the early ideas of soft computing to an area and a discipline that seems to be more than appropriate for that. Here it is! This book

studies SOFT computing in SOFTware engineering environment. The book is HARD in terms of its results. It covers a range of core topics from software engineering that are soft from its very nature: selection of components, software design, software reuse, software cost estimation and software processes. Soft computing differs from conventional (hard) computing in its ability to be tolerant of imprecision, uncertainty, partial truth, and approximation. The guiding principle of soft computing is: Exploit the tolerance for imprecision, uncertainty, partial truth, and approximation to achieve tractability, robustness and low solution cost. The role model for soft computing is the human mind. This seems to be a natural fit with software engineering, a human-based development activity based on sound engineering principles. A recent survey by researchers reveals that "Software Engineering research tends to be quite self-contained, not relying on other disciplines for its thinking".

Information retrieval (IR) aims at defining systems able to provide a fast and effective content-based access to a large amount of stored information. The aim of an IR system is to estimate the relevance of documents to users' information needs, expressed by means of a query. This is a very difficult and complex task, since it is pervaded with imprecision and uncertainty. Most of the existing IR systems offer a very simple model of IR, which privileges efficiency at the expense of effectiveness. A promising direction to increase the effectiveness of IR is to model the concept of "partially intrinsic" in the IR process and to make the systems adaptive, i.e. able to "learn" the user's concept of relevance. To this aim, the application of soft computing techniques can be of help to obtain greater flexibility in IR systems.

The series of Online World Conferences on Soft Computing (WSC) is organized by the World Federation of Soft Computing (WFSC) and has become an established annual event in the academic calendar and was already held for the 8th time in 2003. Starting as a small workshop held at Nagoya University, Japan in 1994 it has - tured to the premier online event on soft computing in industrial applications. It has been hosted by the universities of Granada, Spain, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Berlin, Cran?eld University, Helsinki University of Technology and Nagoya University. The goal of WFSC is to promote soft computing across the world, by using the internet as a forum for virtual technical discussion and publishing at no cost to authors and participants. The of?cial journal of the World Federation on Soft Computing is the journal Applied Soft Computing. The 8th WSC Conference (WSC8) took place from September 29th to October 10th, 2003. Registered participants had the opportunity to follow and discuss the online presentations of authors from all over the world. Out of more than 60 subm- sions the program committee had accepted 27 papers for ?nal presentation at WSC8.

The present volume collects selected papers arising from lectures delivered by the authors at the School on Fuzzy Logic and Soft Computing held during the years 1996/97/98/99 and sponsored by the Salerno University. The authors

contributing to this volume agreed with editors to write down, to enlarge and, in many cases, to rethink their original lectures, in order to offer to readership, a more compact presentation of the proposed topics. The aim of the volume is to offer a picture, as a job in progress, of the effort that is coming in founding and developing soft computing's techniques. The volume contains papers aimed to report on recent results containing genuinely logical aspects of fuzzy logic. The topics treated in this area cover algebraic aspects of Lukasiewicz Logic, Fuzzy Logic as the logic of continuous t-norms, Intuitionistic Fuzzy Logic. Aspects of fuzzy logic based on similarity relation are presented in connection with the problem of flexible querying in deductive database. Departing from fuzzy logic, some papers present results in Probability Logic treating computational aspects, results based on indistinguishability relation and a non commutative version of generalized effect algebras. Several strict applications of soft computing are presented in the book. Indeed we find applications ranging among pattern recognition, image and signal processing, evolutionary agents, fuzzy cellular networks, classification in fuzzy environments. The volume is then intended to serve as a reference work for foundational logico-algebraic aspect of Soft Computing and for concrete applications of soft computing technologies. The book "Soft Computing Based Modeling in Intelligent Systems" contains the intended works originally presented at the IEEE International Workshop SOFA 2005 and additional papers. SOFA, an acronym for SOFT computing and Applications, is an international workshop intended to advance the theory and applications of intelligent systems and soft computing. Lotfi Zadeh, the inventor of fuzzy logic, has suggested the term "Soft Computing." He created the Berkeley Initiative of Soft Computing (BISC) to connect researchers working in these new areas of AI. Professor Zadeh participated actively in our workshop. Soft Computing techniques are tolerant to imprecision, uncertainty and partial truth. Due to the large variety and complexity of the domain, the constituting methods of Soft Computing are not competing for a comprehensive ultimate solution. Instead they are complementing each other, for dedicated solutions adapted to each specific problem. Hundreds of concrete applications are already available in many domains. Model based approaches offer a very challenging way to integrate a priori knowledge into procedures. Due to their flexibility, robustness, and easy interpretability, the soft computing applications will continue to have an exceptional role in our technologies. The applications of Soft Computing techniques in emerging research areas show its maturity and usefulness. The IEEE International Workshop SOFA 2005 held Szeged-Hungary and Arad-Romania in 2005 has led to the publication of these two edited volumes. This volume contains Soft Computing methods and applications in modeling, optimisation and prediction.

Focusing on soft computing techniques and application in various engineering research domains, this book presents the state-of-the-art outcomes from ongoing research works being conducted in various research laboratories and educational

institutions. The included research works deal with estimated models and give resolutions to complex real-life issues. In the field of evolutionary computing and other domains of applications, such as, data mining and fuzzy logic, soft computing techniques play an incomparable role, where it successfully handles contemporary computationally intensive and complex problems that have usually appeared to be inflexible to traditional mathematical methods. Comprising the concepts and applications of soft computing with other emerging research domains, this book cherishes varieties of modern applications in the fields of natural language processing, image processing, biomedical engineering, communication, control systems, circuit design etc.

This is a comprehensive textbook on fundamentals of methodologies and practices in soft computing domain for students of undergraduate and postgraduate engineering and allied courses who have opted for this course. Experts on the subject have deftly explained the concepts with help of examples and pseudo algorithms for various methods. Since computational intelligence and machine intelligence are backbone and foundation for smart systems, soft computing provides basis for building such systems. This book will equip readers to provide soft computing techniques with low cost and reasonably good solutions to hard problems.

Fuzzy systems and soft computing are new computing techniques that are tolerant to imprecision, uncertainty and partial truths. Applications of these techniques in nuclear engineering present a tremendous challenge due to its strict nuclear safety regulation. The fields of nuclear engineering, fuzzy systems and soft computing have nevertheless matured considerably during the last decade. This book presents new application potentials for Fuzzy Systems and Soft Computing in Nuclear Engineering. The root of this book can be traced back to the series of the first, second and third international workshops on Fuzzy Logic and Intelligent Technologies in Nuclear Science (FUNS), which were successfully held in Mol, September 14-16, 1994 (FLINS'94), in Mol, September 25-27, 1996 (FLINS'96), and in Antwerp, September 14-16, 1998 (FLINS'98). The conferences were organised by the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre (SCKeCEN) and aimed at bringing together scientists, researchers, and engineers from academia and industry, at introducing the principles of fuzzy logic, neural networks, genetic algorithms and other soft computing methodologies, to the field of nuclear engineering, and at applying these techniques to complex problem solving within nuclear industry and related research fields. This book, as its title suggests, consists of nuclear engineering applications of fuzzy systems (Chapters 1-10) and soft computing (Chapters 11-21). Nine pertinent chapters are based on the extended version of papers at FLINS'98 and the other 12 chapters are original contributions with up-to-date coverage of fuzzy and soft computing applications by leading researchers written exclusively for this book.

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