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With crisp and insightful contributions from 47 of the world's leading experts in various facets of retailing, Retailing in the 21st Century offers in one book a compendium of state-of-the-art, cutting-edge knowledge to guide successful retailing in the new millennium. In our competitive world, retailing is an exciting, complex and critical sector of business in most developed as well as emerging economies. Today, the retailing industry is being buffeted by a number of forces simultaneously, for example the growth of online retailing and the advent of 'radio frequency identification' (RFID) technology. Making sense of it all is not easy but of vital importance to retailing practitioners, analysts and policymakers.

Though based on an economic transition, retailer-consumer relationship is also influenced by non-economic factors and is a context of social interaction. With the emergence of modern merchandising techniques and a rise in large retail companies, consumers have become increasingly vigilant of practice within the retail industry. Handbook of Research on Retailer-Consumer Relationship Development offers a complete and updated overview of various perspectives relating to customer relationship management within the retail industry and stimulates the search for greater integration of these views in further research. Offering different angles to analyze the exchange between the retailer and the consumer, this handbook is a valuable tool for professionals and scholars seeking to upgrade their knowledge, as well as for upper-level students.

Fibre2Fashion magazine—the print venture of Fibre2Fashion.com since 2011—is circulated among a carefully-chosen target audience globally, and reaches the desks of top management and decision-makers in the textiles, apparel and fashion industry. As one of India's leading industry magazines for the entire textile value chain, Fibre2Fashion Magazine takes the reader beyond the mundane headlines, and analyses issues in-depth.

The Circle of Management that addresses corporations' facilities maintenance needs faces the deferred maintenance, emergency needs, and life cycle building component replacements that occur with the properties they do business out of. The facilities maintenance manager and staff dictate the application practices to be utilized for themselves and the vendors and contractors performing the required maintenance improvements. The processes and tools developed over my thirty years of experience are stated and explained. What is the purpose of facilities maintenance? When do you need to get bids? When should you repair or replace a building component? How detailed do you need to be? What are the life cycles of the building components, and why does it matter? What reporting is required? What different type of maintenance programs are there? What is the best type of maintenance program and why? Is facilities maintenance a necessary evil or good? What do facilities maintenance project managers concern themselves with? What practices enable a vendor or contractor to be successful? How does the Operations Department initiate their needs for and respond to the results of facilities maintenance?

Written by a leading expert in the field, this is the first thorough critical review of retail planning policy in Britain (including Scotland and Wales). It covers recent changes in government policy and guidance, and examines retail policy within a broader economic and social context.

Planning for Retail Development explains key events and debates in the evolution of retail planning policy, at central and local government levels, since the 1960s and draws contrasts between the 1980s, a period in which retail developers were encouraged by central government to expand away from town centres, and the more recent emphasis on protection and promotion of town centres as the most appropriate location for new development. The book develops a critical evaluation of past and present retail planning policies, based upon

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analyses of retailers' objectives and of typical consumer shopping behaviour. Relationships between retail planning and wider societal concerns, including sustainable development, social inclusion and urban regeneration are also examined and analysed and guidelines for future policy objectives and content are drawn.

The rapid evolution of computer science, communication, and information technology has enabled the application of control techniques to systems beyond the possibilities of control theory just a decade ago. Critical infrastructures such as electricity, water, traffic and intermodal transport networks are now in the scope of control engineers. The sheer size of such large-scale systems requires the adoption of advanced distributed control approaches. Distributed model predictive control (MPC) is one of the promising control methodologies for control of such systems. This book provides a state-of-the-art overview of distributed MPC approaches, while at the same time making clear directions of research that deserve more attention. The core and rationale of 35 approaches are carefully explained. Moreover, detailed step-by-step algorithmic descriptions of each approach are provided. These features make the book a comprehensive guide both for those seeking an introduction to distributed MPC as well as for those who want to gain a deeper insight in the wide range of distributed MPC techniques available.

Learn the art and science of predictive analytics — techniques that get results Predictive analytics is what translates big data into meaningful, usable business information. Written by a leading expert in the field, this guide examines the science of the underlying algorithms as well as the principles and best practices that govern the art of predictive analytics. It clearly explains the theory behind predictive analytics, teaches the methods, principles, and techniques for conducting predictive analytics projects, and offers tips and tricks that are essential for successful predictive modeling. Hands-on examples and case studies are included. The ability to successfully apply predictive analytics enables businesses to effectively interpret big data; essential for competition today This guide teaches not only the principles of predictive analytics, but also how to apply them to achieve real, pragmatic solutions Explains methods, principles, and techniques for conducting predictive analytics projects from start to finish Illustrates each technique with hands-on examples and includes as series of in-depth case studies that apply predictive analytics to common business scenarios A companion website provides all the data sets used to generate the examples as well as a free trial version of software Applied Predictive Analytics arms data and business analysts and business managers with the tools they need to interpret and capitalize on big data.

To succeed with predictive analytics, you must understand it on three levels: Strategy and management Methods and models Technology and code This up-to-the-minute reference thoroughly covers all three categories. Now fully updated, this uniquely accessible book will help you use predictive analytics to solve real business problems and drive real competitive advantage. If you're new to the discipline, it will give you the strong foundation you need to get accurate, actionable results. If you're already a modeler, programmer, or manager, it will teach you crucial skills you don't yet have. Unlike competitive books, this guide illuminates the discipline through realistic vignettes and intuitive data visualizations—not complex math. Thomas W. Miller, leader of Northwestern University's pioneering program in predictive analytics, guides you through defining problems, identifying data, crafting and optimizing models, writing effective R code, interpreting results, and more. Every chapter focuses on one of today's key applications for predictive analytics, delivering skills and knowledge to put models to work—and maximize their value. Reflecting extensive student and instructor feedback, this edition adds five classroom-tested case studies, updates all code for new versions of R, explains code behavior more clearly and completely, and covers modern data science methods even more effectively. All data sets, extensive R code, and additional examples available for download at <http://www.ftpress.com/miller> If you want to make the most

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of predictive analytics, data science, and big data, this is the book for you. Thomas W. Miller's unique balanced approach combines business context and quantitative tools, appealing to managers, analysts, programmers, and students alike. Miller addresses multiple business cases and challenges, including segmentation, brand positioning, product choice modeling, pricing research, finance, sports, text analytics, sentiment analysis, and social network analysis. He illuminates the use of cross-sectional data, time series, spatial, and spatio-temporal data. You'll learn why each problem matters, what data are relevant, and how to explore the data you've identified. Miller guides you through conceptually modeling each data set with words and figures; and then modeling it again with realistic R programs that deliver actionable insights. You'll walk through model construction, explanatory variable subset selection, and validation, mastering best practices for improving out-of-sample predictive performance. Throughout, Miller employs data visualization and statistical graphics to help you explore data, present models, and evaluate performance. This edition adds five new case studies, updates all code for the newest versions of R, adds more commenting to clarify how the code works, and offers a more detailed and up-to-date primer on data science methods. Gain powerful, actionable, profitable insights about:

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This Handbook explores and critically examines current research in economics and marketing science on key issues in retailing and distribution. Providing a rich perspective for the discussion of public policy, contributions from several disciplines and continents range from the history of chains and the impact of multinational retailers on international trade patterns to US merger policy in the retail context, the rise of the Internet, and consumer-to-consumer sales. The chapters address methodological issues such as the structural estimation of entry games between retailers, productivity measurement when both inputs and output are not fully observable, and demand estimation with variable assortment. Policy issues explored include mergers, zoning, and the regulation of buyer power, while other chapters address some of the recent exciting developments in technology, retail formats, and data availability. The book goes on to study the changes in online retailing and 'big data', and to examine competition in specific retail sectors including gasoline stations, automobile dealerships, supermarkets, and 'big box' retail. This state-of-the-art Handbook is an essential reference for students and academics of economics and marketing science, and offers an outsider's perspective to specialists in operations research, data analytics, geography, and sociology.

The papers in this volume are the refereed application papers presented at AI-2007, the Twenty-seventh SGAI International Conference on Innovative Techniques and Applications of Artificial Intelligence, held in Cambridge in December 2007. The papers present new and innovative developments in the field, divided into sections on Synthesis and Prediction, Scheduling and Search, Diagnosis and Monitoring, Classification and Design, and Analysis and Evaluation. This is the fifteenth volume in the Applications and Innovations series. The series serves as a key reference on the use of AI Technology to enable organisations to solve complex problems and gain significant business benefits. The Technical Stream papers are published as a companion volume under the title Research and Development in Intelligent Systems XXIV.

This book includes high-quality research papers presented at the Third International Conference on Innovative Computing and Communication (ICICC 2020), which is held at the Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, on 21–23 February, 2020. Introducing the innovative works of scientists, professors, research scholars, students and industrial experts in the field of computing and communication, the book promotes the transformation of fundamental research into institutional and industrialized

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research and the conversion of applied exploration into real-time applications.

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The proper understanding and managing of project risks and uncertainties is crucial to any organization. It is paramount that all phases of project development and execution are monitored to avoid poor project results from meager economics, overspending, and reputation.

Supply Chain Management Strategies and Risk Assessment in Retail Environments is a comprehensive reference source for the latest scholarly material on effectively managing risk factors and implementing the latest supply management strategies in retail environments.

Featuring coverage on relevant topics such as omni-channel retail, green supply chain, and customer loyalty, this book is geared toward academicians, researchers, and students seeking current research on the challenges and opportunities available in the realm of retail and the flow of materials, information, and finances between companies and consumers.

This comprehensive edited volume is the first of its kind, designed to serve as a textbook for long-duration business analytics programs. It can also be used as a guide to the field by practitioners. The book has contributions from experts in top universities and industry. The editors have taken extreme care to ensure continuity across the chapters. The material is organized into three parts: A) Tools, B) Models and C) Applications. In Part A, the tools used by business analysts are described in detail. In Part B, these tools are applied to construct models used to solve business problems. Part C contains detailed applications in various functional areas of business and several case studies. Supporting material can be found in the appendices that develop the pre-requisites for the main text. Every chapter has a business orientation. Typically, each chapter begins with the description of business problems that are transformed into data questions; and methodology is developed to solve these questions. Data analysis is conducted using widely used software, the output and results are clearly explained at each stage of development. These are finally transformed into a business solution. The companion website provides examples, data sets and sample code for each chapter.

This innovative book exemplifies the importance of sophisticated and intelligent spatial analysis techniques in dealing with the range of location, distribution and channel management issues which face today's retail and service businesses.

Explores some of the trends taking place within the broad consumer-retailing sector, drawing on research undertaken in grocery, supermarket retailing, financial services, travel and leisure in Europe, North America and Australasia Numerous global case studies are used to show keys issues Details how retailers can begin to develop information and analytical frameworks to better understand what is happening in the retail environment Describes how retailers can plan their cross channel network strategy for the future

Master predictive analytics, from start to finish Start with strategy and management Master methods and build models Transform your models into highly-effective code—in both Python and R This one-of-a-kind book will help you use predictive analytics, Python, and R to solve real business problems and drive

real competitive advantage. You'll master predictive analytics through realistic case studies, intuitive data visualizations, and up-to-date code for both Python and R—not complex math. Step by step, you'll walk through defining problems, identifying data, crafting and optimizing models, writing effective Python and R code, interpreting results, and more. Each chapter focuses on one of today's key applications for predictive analytics, delivering skills and knowledge to put models to work—and maximize their value. Thomas W. Miller, leader of Northwestern University's pioneering program in predictive analytics, addresses everything you need to succeed: strategy and management, methods and models, and technology and code. If you're new to predictive analytics, you'll gain a strong foundation for achieving accurate, actionable results. If you're already working in the field, you'll master powerful new skills. If you're familiar with either Python or R, you'll discover how these languages complement each other, enabling you to do even more. All data sets, extensive Python and R code, and additional examples available for download at <http://www.ftpress.com/miller/> Python and R offer immense power in predictive analytics, data science, and big data. This book will help you leverage that power to solve real business problems, and drive real competitive advantage. Thomas W. Miller's unique balanced approach combines business context and quantitative tools, illuminating each technique with carefully explained code for the latest versions of Python and R. If you're new to predictive analytics, Miller gives you a strong foundation for achieving accurate, actionable results. If you're already a modeler, programmer, or manager, you'll learn crucial skills you don't already have. Using Python and R, Miller addresses multiple business challenges, including segmentation, brand positioning, product choice modeling, pricing research, finance, sports, text analytics, sentiment analysis, and social network analysis. He illuminates the use of cross-sectional data, time series, spatial, and spatio-temporal data. You'll learn why each problem matters, what data are relevant, and how to explore the data you've identified. Miller guides you through conceptually modeling each data set with words and figures; and then modeling it again with realistic code that delivers actionable insights. You'll walk through model construction, explanatory variable subset selection, and validation, mastering best practices for improving out-of-sample predictive performance. Miller employs data visualization and statistical graphics to help you explore data, present models, and evaluate performance. Appendices include five complete case studies, and a detailed primer on modern data science methods. Use Python and R to gain powerful, actionable, profitable insights about:

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This book is a detailed, empirical investigation into the question of whether academic social research can compete with the commercial sector, with its new technologies and big data, in order to classify, profile, and understand us.

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A comprehensive introduction to the most important machine learning approaches used in predictive data analytics, covering both theoretical concepts and practical applications. Machine learning is often used to build predictive models by extracting patterns from large datasets. These models are used in predictive data analytics applications including price prediction, risk assessment, predicting customer behavior, and document classification. This introductory textbook offers a detailed and focused treatment of the most important machine learning approaches used in predictive data analytics, covering both theoretical concepts and practical applications. Technical and mathematical material is augmented with explanatory worked examples, and case studies illustrate the application of these models in the broader business context. After discussing the trajectory from data to insight to decision, the book describes four approaches to machine learning: information-based learning, similarity-based learning, probability-based learning, and error-based learning. Each of these approaches is introduced by a nontechnical explanation of the underlying concept, followed by mathematical models and algorithms illustrated by detailed worked examples. Finally, the book considers techniques for evaluating prediction models and offers two case studies that describe specific data analytics projects through each phase of development, from formulating the business problem to implementation of the analytics solution. The book, informed by the authors' many years of teaching machine learning, and working on predictive data analytics projects, is suitable for use by undergraduates in computer science, engineering, mathematics, or statistics; by graduate students in disciplines with applications for predictive data analytics; and as a reference for professionals. Marketers have long been talking about delivering personalized experiences across channels. All marketers want to deliver happiness. In reality most marketers still practice one-size-fits-all marketing. Predictive analytics can finally make personalized marketing a reality – by making it easy and automated. Predictive marketing is for the first time accessible to all marketers, not just to those at large corporations. In fact, many smaller organizations are leap-frogging their larger counterparts with innovative programs. This book will offer marketers in organizations large and small a great primer of “predictive analytics for marketers” as well as practical tips and strategies to get started immediately. The book will feature many success stories from across the customer lifecycle: how to use machine-learning technologies to improve customer acquisition, customer growth and how to identify and re-engage customers at risk or lapsed customers. A definitive reference to the theory and practice of pricing across industries, environments, and methodologies. It covers all major areas of pricing including, pricing fundamentals, pricing tactics, and pricing management. First published in 2013. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

The Predictive Retailer is a retail company that utilizes the latest technological developments to deliver an exceptional personalized experience to each and

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every customer. Today, technology such as AI, Machine Learning, Augmented Reality, IoT, Real-time stream processing, social media, and wearables are altering the Customer Experience (CX) landscape and retailers need to jump aboard this fast moving technology or run the risk of being left out in the cold. The Predictive Retailer reveals how these and other technologies can help shape the customer journey. The book details how the five types of analytics--descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, prescriptive, and edge analytics--affect not only the customer journey, but also just about every operating function of the retailer. An IoT connected retailer can make its operations smart. Connected devices can help with inventory optimization, supply chain management, labor management, waste management, as well as keep the retailer's data centers green and its energy use smart. Social media is no longer a vanity platform, but rather it is a place to both connect with current customers as well as court new ones. It is also a powerful branding channel that can be utilized to both understand a retailer's position in the market, as well as a place to benchmark its position against its competitors. Today, technology moves at break-neck speed and it can offer the potential of anticipatory capabilities, but it also comes with a confusing variety of technological terms--Big Data, Cognitive Computing, CX, Data Lakes, Hadoop, Kafka, Personalization, Spark, etc., etc. The Predictive Retailer will help make sense of it all, so that a retail executive can cut through the confusing technological jargon and understand why a Spark-based real-time stream processing data stream might be preferable to a TIBCO Streambase one, or an IBM Streaming Analytics one. This book will help retail executives break through the technological clutter so that they can deliver an unrivaled customer experience to each and every patron that comes through their doors. This textbook presents a practical approach to predictive analytics for classroom learning. It focuses on using analytics to solve business problems and compares several different modeling techniques, all explained from examples using the SAS Enterprise Miner software. The authors demystify complex algorithms to show how they can be utilized and explained within the context of enhancing business opportunities. Each chapter includes an opening vignette that provides real-life example of how business analytics have been used in various aspects of organizations to solve issue or improve their results. A running case provides an example of a how to build and analyze a complex analytics model and utilize it to predict future outcomes.

Psychology of Learning and Motivation

This IBM® Redpaper™ publication updated technical overview provides essential details about the data processing steps, message flows, and analytical models that power IBM Predictive Maintenance and Quality (PMQ) Version 2.0. The new version of PMQ builds on the first one, released in 2013, to help companies efficiently monitor and maintain production assets and improve their overall availability, utilization, and performance. It analyzes various types of data to detect failure patterns and poor quality parts earlier than traditional quality

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control methods, with the goal of reducing unscheduled asset downtime and improving quality metrics. Version 2.0 includes an improved method of interacting with the solution's analytic data store using an API from the new Analytics Solution Foundation, a reusable, configurable, and extensible component that supports a number of the solution's analytic functions. The new version also changes the calculation of profiles and KPIs, which is now done using orchestrations that are defined in XML. This updated technical overview provides details about these new orchestration definitions.

Geared to IT professionals eager to get into the all-important field of data warehousing, this book explores all topics needed by those who design and implement data warehouses. Readers will learn about planning requirements, architecture, infrastructure, data preparation, information delivery, implementation, and maintenance. They'll also find a wealth of industry examples garnered from the author's 25 years of experience in designing and implementing databases and data warehouse applications for major corporations. Market: IT Professionals, Consultants.

Mesmerizing & fascinating. . . The Seattle Post-Intelligencer The Freakonomics of big data. Stein Kretsinger, founding executive of Advertising.com ??? Winner of the Nonfiction Book and Small Business Book Awards ??? ?? Used in courses at more than 30 universities ?? ? Translated into 9 languages? An introduction for everyone In this rich, fascinating surprisingly accessible introduction, leading expert Eric Siegel reveals how predictive analytics works, and how it affects everyone every day. Rather than a how to for hands-on techies, the book serves lay readers and experts alike by covering new case studies and the latest state-of-the-art techniques. Prediction is booming. It reinvents industries and runs the world. Companies, governments, law enforcement, hospitals, and universities are seizing upon the power. These institutions predict whether you're going to click, buy, lie, or die. Why? For good reason: predicting human behavior combats risk, boosts sales, fortifies healthcare, streamlines manufacturing, conquers spam, optimizes social networks, toughens crime fighting, and wins elections. How? Prediction is powered by the world's most potent, flourishing unnatural resource: data. Accumulated in large part as the by-product of routine tasks, data is the unsalted, flavorless residue deposited en masse as organizations churn away. Surprise! This heap of refuse is a gold mine. Big data embodies an extraordinary wealth of experience from which to learn. Predictive analytics unleashes the power of data. With this technology, the computer literally learns from data how to predict the future behavior of individuals. Perfect prediction is not possible, but putting odds on the future drives millions of decisions more effectively, determining whom to call, mail, investigate, incarcerate, set up on a date, or medicate. In this lucid, captivating introduction now in its Revised and Updated edition former Columbia University professor and Predictive Analytics World founder Eric Siegel reveals the power and perils of prediction: What type of mortgage risk Chase Bank predicted before the

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recession Predicting which people will drop out of school, cancel a subscription, or get divorced before they even know it themselves Why early retirement predicts a shorter life expectancy and vegetarians miss fewer flights Five reasons why organizations predict death including one health insurance company How U.S. Bank and Obama for America calculated and Hillary for America 2016 plans to calculate the way to most strongly persuade each individual Why the NSA wants all your data: machine learning supercomputers to fight terrorism How IBM's Watson computer used predictive modeling to answer questions and beat the human champs on TV's Jeopardy! How companies ascertain untold, private truths how Target figures out you're pregnant and Hewlett-Packard deduces you're about to quit your job How judges and parole boards rely on crime-predicting computers to decide how long convicts remain in prison 183 examples from Airbnb, the BBC, Citibank, ConEd, Facebook, Ford, Google, the IRS, LinkedIn, Match.com, MTV, Netflix, PayPal, Pfizer, Spotify, Uber, UPS, Wikipedia, and more How does predictive analytics work? This jam-packed book satisfies by demystifying the intriguing science under the hood. For future hands-on practitioners pursuing a career in the field, it sets a strong foundation, delivers the prerequisite knowledge, and whets your appetite for more. A truly omnipresent science, predictive analytics constantly affects our daily lives. Whether you are a consumer of it or consumed by it get a handle on the power of Predictive Analytics.

With the recent growth of big data and the internet of things (IoT), individuals can now upload, retrieve, store, and collect massive amounts of information to help drive decisions and optimize processes. Due to this, a new age of predictive computing is taking place, and data can now be harnessed to predict unknown occurrences or probabilities based on data collected in real time. Predictive Intelligence Using Big Data and the Internet of Things highlights state-of-the-art research on predictive intelligence using big data, the IoT, and related areas to ensure quality assurance and compatible IoT systems. Featuring coverage on predictive application scenarios to discuss these breakthroughs in real-world settings and various methods, frameworks, algorithms, and security concerns for predictive intelligence, this book is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, advanced-level students, and technology developers.

Retailer's buying power has significantly increased in recent years as a result of a process of market concentration. As vertical relationships in marketing channels have strengthened their influence over the shape of the industry, the producer-distributor relationship has become more central to an understanding of both marketing practice and the conduct and performance of consumer goods industries. This comprehensive and detailed book covers the theory and practice of national and international retail and marketing channels. It provides a structural overview of the producer-distributor relationship as well as analyses of specific aspects of channel control and management. Finally, the book assesses the implications of new developments in the evolution of marketing channels. First

published 1989.

A step-by-step guide to data mining applications in CRM. Following a handbook approach, this book bridges the gap between analytics and their use in everyday marketing, providing guidance on solving real business problems using data mining techniques. The book is organized into three parts. Part one provides a methodological roadmap, covering both the business and the technical aspects. The data mining process is presented in detail along with specific guidelines for the development of optimized acquisition, cross/ deep/ up selling and retention campaigns, as well as effective customer segmentation schemes. In part two, some of the most useful data mining algorithms are explained in a simple and comprehensive way for business users with no technical expertise. Part three is packed with real world case studies which employ the use of three leading data mining tools: IBM SPSS Modeler, RapidMiner and Data Mining for Excel. Case studies from industries including banking, retail and telecommunications are presented in detail so as to serve as templates for developing similar applications. Key Features: Includes numerous real-world case studies which are presented step by step, demystifying the usage of data mining models and clarifying all the methodological issues. Topics are presented with the use of three leading data mining tools: IBM SPSS Modeler, RapidMiner and Data Mining for Excel. Accompanied by a website featuring material from each case study, including datasets and relevant code. Combining data mining and business knowledge, this practical book provides all the necessary information for designing, setting up, executing and deploying data mining techniques in CRM. Effective CRM using Predictive Analytics will benefit data mining practitioners and consultants, data analysts, statisticians, and CRM officers. The book will also be useful to academics and students interested in applied data mining.

What is the value of a bricks-and-mortar store? As retailers move to a multichannel world where the winners must overcome the challenges of pricing transparency, personalized marketing, and supply chain controls, most sales still occur in the physical site. Behavior Analytics is the science of studying the behavior of people. Schedule to Demand is a subset of Behavior Analytics, a method that correlates between traffic, sales and labor data, in order to optimize the productivity of employees and position them where they matter most. In Behavior Analytics for Retail, we will introduce the core metrics of Schedule to Demand; design the requirements for a Customer Service Model of the store, inside the store, and at the checkout; present technology options and accuracy requirements; and offer insights through case studies. Regardless of how the future will shape retail, the physical store will continue to exist, and thrive. We propose a framework for retailers, and others, on how to optimize store operations and profitability, and enhance the shopping experience by measuring, monitoring and predicting the behavior of employees and customers.

Take a deep dive into the concepts of machine learning as they apply to contemporary business and management. You will learn how machine learning

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techniques are used to solve fundamental and complex problems in society and industry. Machine Learning for Decision Makers serves as an excellent resource for establishing the relationship of machine learning with IoT, big data, and cognitive and cloud computing to give you an overview of how these modern areas of computing relate to each other. This book introduces a collection of the most important concepts of machine learning and sets them in context with other vital technologies that decision makers need to know about. These concepts span the process from envisioning the problem to applying machine-learning techniques to your particular situation. This discussion also provides an insight to help deploy the results to improve decision-making. The book uses case studies and jargon busting to help you grasp the theory of machine learning quickly. You'll soon gain the big picture of machine learning and how it fits with other cutting-edge IT services. This knowledge will give you confidence in your decisions for the future of your business. What You Will Learn Discover the machine learning, big data, and cloud and cognitive computing technology stack Gain insights into machine learning concepts and practices Understand business and enterprise decision-making using machine learning Absorb machine-learning best practices Who This Book Is For Managers tasked with making key decisions who want to learn how and when machine learning and related technologies can help them.

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