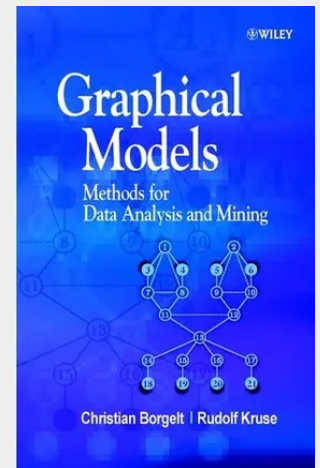


Graphical Models: Methods for Data Analysis and Mining

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Relationale, probabilistische und possibilistische Netzwerke: Methoden zur graphischen Datenanalyse stehen im Mittelpunkt dieses Bandes. Jedes der Konzepte wird sorgfältig und exakt erklärt und anschließend durch viele Beispiele veranschaulicht. Zu dem breiten Spektrum an Hintergrundinformationen, das hier geboten wird, gehören Angaben zur Ableitung von Ergebnissen aus ungenauen Daten, zur Zerlegung von Verteilungen und zur graphischen Darstellung dieser Zerlegungen. Ein Ausblick auf noch ungelöste Probleme gibt Anregungen für eigene Forschungstätigkeit. Mit einer umfangreichen Bibliographie!

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