Pattern Classification Duda 2nd Edition Solution

Computer Manual to Accompany Pattern Classification and its associated MATLAB software is an excellent companion to Duda: Pattern Classfication, 2nd ed, (DH&S). The code contains all algorithms described in Duda as well as supporting algorithms for data generation and visualization. The Manual uses the same terminology as the DH&S text and contains step-by-step worked examples, including many of the examples and figures in the textbook. The Manual is accompanied by software that is available electronically. The software contains all algorithms in DH&S, indexed to the textbook, and uses symbols and notation as close as possible to the textbook. The code is self-annotating so the user can easily navigate, understand and modify the code.

Observing the environment and recognising patterns for the purpose of decision making is fundamental to human nature. This book deals with the scientific discipline that enables similar perception in machines through pattern recognition (PR), which has application in diverse technology areas. This book is an exposition of principal topics in PR using an algorithmic approach. It provides a thorough introduction to the concepts of PR and a systematic account of the major topics in PR besides reviewing the vast progress made in the field in recent times. It includes basic techniques of PR, neural networks, support vector machines and decision trees. While theoretical aspects have been given due coverage, the emphasis is more on the practical. The book is replete with examples and illustrations and includes chapter-end exercises. It is designed to meet the needs of senior undergraduate and postgraduate students of computer science and allied disciplines.

The objective of Document Analysis and Recognition (DAR) is to recognize the text and graphicalcomponents of a document and to extract information. With ?rst papers dating back to the 1960's, DAR is a mature but still gr- ing research?eld with consolidated and known techniques. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) engines are some of the most widely recognized pr- ucts of the research in this ?eld, while broader DAR techniques are nowadays studied and applied to other industrial and o?ce automation systems. In the machine learning community, one of the most widely known - search problems addressed in DAR is recognition of unconstrained handwr- ten characters which has been frequently used in the past as a benchmark for evaluating machine learning algorithms, especially supervised classi?ers. However, developing a DAR system is a complex engineering task that involves the integration of multiple techniques into an organic framework. A reader may feel that the use of machine learning algorithms is not approp- ate for other DAR tasks than character recognition. On the contrary, such algorithms have been massively used for nearly all the tasks in DAR. With large emphasis being devoted to character recognition and word recognition, other tasks such as pre-processing, layout analysis, character segmentation, and signature veri?cation have also bene?ted much from machine learning algorithms.

A self-contained and coherent account of probabilistic techniques, covering: distance measures, kernel rules, nearest neighbour rules, Vapnik-Chervonenkis theory, parametric classification, and feature extraction. Each chapter concludes with problems and exercises to further the readers understanding. Both research workers and graduate students will benefit from this wide-ranging

and up-to-date account of a fast- moving field.

Introduction to Pattern Recognition: A Matlab Approach is an accompanying manual to Theodoridis/Koutroumbas' Pattern Recognition. It includes Matlab code of the most common methods and algorithms in the book, together with a descriptive summary and solved examples, and including real-life data sets in imaging and audio recognition. This text is designed for electronic engineering, computer science, computer engineering, biomedical engineering and applied mathematics students taking graduate courses on pattern recognition and machine learning as well as R&D engineers and university researchers in image and signal processing/analyisis, and computer vision. Matlab code and descriptive summary of the most common methods and algorithms in Theodoridis/Koutroumbas, Pattern Recognition, Fourth Edition Solved examples in Matlab, including real-life data sets in imaging and audio recognition Available separately or at a special package price with the main text (ISBN for package: 978-0-12-374491-3)

Master modern Six Sigma implementation with the most complete, up-to-date guide for Green Belts, Black Belts, Champions and students! Now fully updated with the latest lean and process control applications, A Guide to Lean Six Sigma and Process Improvement for Practitioners and Students, Second Edition gives you a complete executive framework for understanding quality and implementing Lean Six Sigma. Whether you're a green belt, black belt, champion, or student, Howard Gitlow and Richard Melnyck cover all you need to know. Step by step, they systematically walk you through the five-step DMAIC implementation process, with detailed examples and many real-world case studies. You'll find practical coverage of Six Sigma statistics and management techniques, from dashboards and control charts to hypothesis testing and experiment design. Drawing on their extensive experience consulting on Six Sigma and leading major Lean and quality initiatives, Gitlow and Melnyck offer up-to-date coverage of: What Six Sigma can do, and how to manage it effectively Six Sigma roles, responsibilities, and terminology Running Six Sigma programs with Dashboards and Control Charts Mastering each DMAIC phase: Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control Understanding foundational Six Sigma statistics: probability, probability distributions, sampling distributions, and interval estimation Pursuing Six Sigma Champion or Green Belt Certification, and more This guide will be an invaluable resource for everyone who is currently involved in Six Sigma implementation, or plans to be. It's ideal for students in quality programs; "Green Belts" who project manage Six Sigma implementations, "Black Belts" who lead Six Sigma teams; "Champions" who promote and coordinate Six Sigma at the executive level; and anyone seeking Six Sigma certification.

Pattern recognition is a scientific discipline that is becoming increasingly important in the age of automation and information handling and retrieval. Patter Recognition, 2e covers the entire spectrum of pattern recognition applications, from image analysis to speech recognition and communications. This book presents cutting-edge material on neural networks, - a set of linked microprocessors that can form associations and uses pattern recognition to "learn" -and enhances student motivation by approaching pattern recognition from the designer's point of view. A direct result of more than 10 years of teaching experience, the text was developed by the authors through use in their own classrooms. *Approaches pattern recognition from the designer's point

of view *New edition highlights latest developments in this growing field, including independent components and support vector machines, not available elsewhere *Supplemented by computer examples selected from applications of interest

This book is dedicated to intelligent systems of broad-spectrum application, such as personal and social biosafety or use of intelligent sensory micro-nanosystems such as "e-nose", "e-tongue" and "e-eye". In addition to that, effective acquiring information, knowledge management and improved knowledge transfer in any media, as well as modeling its information content using meta- and hyper heuristics and semantic reasoning all benefit from the systems covered in this book. Intelligent systems can also be applied in education and generating the intelligent distributed eLearning architecture, as well as in a large number of technical fields, such as industrial design, manufacturing and utilization, e.g., in precision agriculture, cartography, electric power distribution systems, intelligent building management systems, drilling operations etc. Furthermore, decision making using fuzzy logic models, computational recognition of comprehension uncertainty and the joint synthesis of goals and means of intelligent behavior biosystems, as well as diagnostic and human support in the healthcare environment have also been made easier.

Machine learning allows computers to learn and discern patterns without actually being programmed. When Statistical techniques and machine learning are combined together they are a powerful tool for analysing various kinds of data in many computer science/engineering areas including, image processing, speech processing, natural language processing, robot control, as well as in fundamental sciences such as biology, medicine, astronomy, physics, and materials. Introduction to Statistical Machine Learning provides a general introduction to machine learning that covers a wide range of topics concisely and will help you bridge the gap between theory and practice. Part I discusses the fundamental concepts of statistics and probability that are used in describing machine learning algorithms. Part II and Part III explain the two major approaches of machine learning techniques; generative methods and discriminative methods. While Part III provides an in-depth look at advanced topics that play essential roles in making machine learning algorithms more useful in practice. The accompanying MATLAB/Octave programs provide you with the necessary practical skills needed to accomplish a wide range of data analysis tasks. Provides the necessary background material to understand machine learning such as statistics, probability, linear algebra, and calculus. Complete coverage of the generative approach to statistical pattern recognition and the discriminative approach to statistical machine learning. Includes MATLAB/Octave programs so that readers can test the algorithms numerically and acquire both mathematical and practical skills in a wide range of data analysis tasks Discusses a wide range of applications in machine learning and statistics and provides examples drawn from image processing, speech processing, natural language processing, robot control, as well as biology, medicine, astronomy, physics, and materials.

This volume, written by leading researchers, presents methods of combining neural nets to improve their performance.

The techniques include ensemble-based approaches, where a variety of methods are used to create a set of different nets trained on the same task, and modular approaches, where a task is decomposed into simpler problems. The techniques are also accompanied by an evaluation of their relative effectiveness and their application to a variety of problems.

`Readers will emerge with a rigorous statistical grounding in the theory of how to construct and train neural networks in pattern recognition' New Scientist

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 12th Mexican Conference on Pattern Recognition, MCPR 2020, which was due to be held in Morelia, Mexico, in June 2020. The conference was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 31 papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 67 submissions. They were organized in the following topical sections: pattern recognition techniques; image processing and analysis; computer vision; industrial and medical applications of pattern recognition; natural language processing and recognition; artificial intelligence techniques and recognition.

Written by nationally and internationally recognised experts on the design, evaluation and application of such systems, this book examines the impact of practitioner and patient use of computer-based diagnostic tools. It serves simultaneously as a resource book on diagnostic systems for informatics specialists; a textbook for teachers or students in health or medical informatics training programs; and as a comprehensive introduction for clinicians, with or without expertise in the applications of computers in medicine, who are interested in learning about current developments in computer-based diagnostic systems. Designed for a broad range of clinicians in need of decision support.

The first edition, published in 1973, has become a classic reference in the field. Now with the second edition, readers will find information on key new topics such as neural networks and statistical pattern recognition, the theory of machine learning, and the theory of invariances. Also included are worked examples, comparisons between different methods, extensive graphics, expanded exercises and computer project topics. An Instructor's Manual presenting detailed solutions to all the problems in the book is available from the Wiley editorial department.

During the past decade there has been an explosion in computation and information technology. With it have come vast amounts of data in a variety of fields such as medicine, biology, finance, and marketing. The challenge of understanding these data has led to the development of new tools in the field of statistics, and spawned new areas such as data mining, machine learning, and bioinformatics. Many of these tools have common underpinnings but are often expressed with different terminology. This book describes the important ideas in these areas in a common conceptual framework. While the approach is statistical, the emphasis is on concepts rather than mathematics. Many examples are given, with a liberal

use of color graphics. It should be a valuable resource for statisticians and anyone interested in data mining in science or industry. The book's coverage is broad, from supervised learning (prediction) to unsupervised learning. The many topics include neural networks, support vector machines, classification trees and boosting---the first comprehensive treatment of this topic in any book. This major new edition features many topics not covered in the original, including graphical models, random forests, ensemble methods, least angle regression & path algorithms for the lasso, non-negative matrix factorization, and spectral clustering. There is also a chapter on methods for "wide" data (p bigger than n), including multiple testing and false discovery rates. Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, and Jerome Friedman are professors of statistics at Stanford University. They are prominent researchers in this area: Hastie and Tibshirani developed generalized additive models and wrote a popular book of that title. Hastie co-developed much of the statistical modeling software and environment in R/S-PLUS and invented principal curves and surfaces. Tibshirani proposed the lasso and is co-author of the very successful An Introduction to the Bootstrap. Friedman is the co-inventor of many data-mining tools including CART, MARS, projection pursuit and gradient boosting.

This book presents the state of the art of artificial intelligence techniques applied to structural engineering. The 28 revised full papers by leading scientists were solicited for presentation at a meeting held in Ascona, Switzerland, in July 1998. The recent advances in information technology, in particular decreasing hardware cost, Internet communication, faster computation, increased bandwidth, etc., allow for the application of new AI techniques to structural engineering. The papers presented deal with new aspects of information technology support for the design, analysis, monitoring, control and diagnosis of various structural engineering systems.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th International Workshop on Structural and Syntactic Pattern Recognition, SSPR 2008 and the 7th International Workshop on Statistical Techniques in Pattern Recognition, SPR 2008, held jointly in Orlando, FL, USA, in December 2008 as a satellite event of the 19th International Conference of Pattern Recognition, ICPR 2008. The 56 revised full papers and 42 revised poster papers presented together with the abstracts of 4 invited papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 175 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on graph-based methods, probabilistic and stochastic structural models for PR, image and video analysis, shape analysis, kernel methods, recognition and classification, applications, ensemble methods, feature selection, density estimation and clustering, computer vision and biometrics, pattern recognition and applications, pattern recognition, as well as feature selection and clustering.

This book is the first of its kind to discuss error estimation with a model-based approach. From the basics of classifiers and error estimators to distributional and Bayesian theory, it covers important topics and essential issues pertaining to the scientific validity of pattern classification. Error Estimation for Pattern Recognition focuses on error estimation, which is a broad and poorly understood topic that reaches all research areas using pattern classification. It includes model-based approaches and discussions

of newer error estimators such as bolstered and Bayesian estimators. This book was motivated by the application of pattern recognition to high-throughput data with limited replicates, which is a basic problem now appearing in many areas. The first two chapters cover basic issues in classification error estimation, such as definitions, test-set error estimation, and training-set error estimation. The remaining chapters in this book cover results on the performance and representation of training-set error estimators for various pattern classifiers. Additional features of the book include: • The latest results on the accuracy of error estimation • Performance analysis of re-substitution, cross-validation, and bootstrap error estimators using analytical and simulation approaches • Highly interactive computer-based exercises and end-of-chapter problems This is the first book exclusively about error estimation for pattern recognition. Ulisses M. Braga Neto is an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas A&M University, USA. He received his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Braga Neto received an NSF CAREER Award for his work on error estimation for pattern recognition with applications in genomic signal processing. He is an IEEE Senior Member. Edward R. Dougherty is a Distinguished Professor, Robert F. Kennedy '26 Chair, and Scientific Director at the Center for Bioinformatics and Genomic Systems Engineering at Texas A&M University, USA. He is a fellow of both the IEEE and SPIE, and he has received the SPIE Presidents Award. Dr. Dougherty has authored several books including Epistemology of the Cell: A Systems Perspective on Biological Knowledge and Random Processes for Image and Signal Processing (Wiley-IEEE Press).

Correlation is a robust and general technique for pattern recognition and is used in many applications, such as automatic target recognition, biometric recognition and optical character recognition. The design, analysis and use of correlation pattern recognition algorithms requires background information, including linear systems theory, random variables and processes, matrix/vector methods, detection and estimation theory, digital signal processing and optical processing. This book provides a needed review of this diverse background material and develops the signal processing theory, the pattern recognition metrics, and the practical application know-how from basic premises. It shows both digital and optical implementations. It also contains technology presented by the team that developed it and includes case studies of significant interest, such as face and fingerprint recognition. Suitable for graduate students taking courses in pattern recognition theory, whilst reaching technical levels of interest to the professional practitioner.

This is the first textbook on pattern recognition to present the Bayesian viewpoint. The book presents approximate inference algorithms that permit fast approximate answers in situations where exact answers are not feasible. It uses graphical models to describe probability distributions when no other books apply graphical models to machine learning. No previous knowledge of pattern recognition or machine learning concepts is assumed. Familiarity with multivariate calculus and basic linear algebra is required, and some experience in the use of probabilities would be helpful though not essential as the book includes a self-contained introduction to basic probability theory.

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Collects essays concerning how close we are to building computers that are as intelligent, devious, and emotional as the computer in the classic film, 2001

Statistical pattern recognition is a very active area of study and research, which has seen many advances in recent years. New and emerging applications - such as data mining, web searching, multimedia data retrieval, face recognition, and cursive handwriting recognition - require robust and efficient pattern recognition techniques. Statistical decision making and estimation are regarded as fundamental to the study of pattern recognition. Statistical Pattern Recognition, Second Edition has been fully updated with new methods, applications and references. It provides a comprehensive introduction to this vibrant area - with material drawn from engineering, statistics, computer science and the social sciences - and covers many application areas, such as database design, artificial neural networks, and decision support systems. * Provides a self-contained introduction to statistical pattern recognition. * Each technique described is illustrated by real examples. * Covers Bayesian methods, neural networks, support vector machines, and unsupervised classification. * Each section concludes with a description of the applications that have been addressed and with further developments of the theory. * Includes background material on dissimilarity, parameter estimation, data, linear algebra and probability. * Features a variety of exercises, from 'open-book' questions to more lengthy projects. The book is aimed primarily at senior undergraduate and graduate students studying statistical pattern recognition, pattern processing, neural networks, and data mining, in both statistics and engineering departments. It is also an excellent source of reference for technical professionals working in advanced information development environments.

Covering pattern classification methods, Combining Classifiers: Ideas and Methods focuses on the important and widely studied issue of how to combine several classifiers together in order to achieve improved recognition performance. It is one of the first books to provide unified, coherent, and expansive coverage of the topic and as such will be welcomed by those involved in the area. With case studies that bring the text alive and demonstrate 'real-world' applications it is destined to become essential reading.

This book adopts a detailed and methodological algorithmic approach to explain the concepts of pattern recognition. While the text provides a systematic account of its major topics such as pattern representation and nearest neighbour based classifiers, current topics — neural networks, support vector machines and decision trees — attributed to the recent vast progress in this field are also dealt with. Introduction to Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning will equip readers, especially senior computer science undergraduates, with a deeper understanding of the subject matter. Contents:IntroductionTypes of DataFeature Extraction and

Feature SelectionBayesian LearningClassificationClassification Using Soft Computing TechniquesData ClusteringSoft ClusteringApplication — Social and Information Networks Readership: Academics and working professionals in computer science. Key Features:The algorithmic approach taken and the practical issues dealt with will aid the reader in writing programs and implementing methodsCovers recent and advanced topics by providing working exercises, examples and illustrations in each chapterProvides the reader with a deeper understanding of the subject matterKeywords:Clustering;Classification;Supervised Learning;Soft Computing

This volume features key contributions from the International Conference on Pattern Recognition Applications and Methods, (ICPRAM 2012,) held in Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal from February 6th-8th, 2012. The conference provided a major point of collaboration between researchers, engineers and practitioners in the areas of Pattern Recognition, both from theoretical and applied perspectives, with a focus on mathematical methodologies. Contributions describe applications of pattern recognition techniques to real-world problems, interdisciplinary research, and experimental and theoretical studies which yield new insights that provide key advances in the field. This book will be suitable for scientists and researchers in optimization, numerical methods, computer science, statistics and for differential geometers and mathematical physicists.

Recently organized competitions have been instrumental in pushing the state-of-the-art in machine learning, establishing benchmarks to fairly evaluate methods, and identifying techniques that really work. This volume in the Challenges in Machine Learning series harvests three years of effort of hundreds of researchers who have participated in three competitions organized around five datasets from various application domains, designed to explore issues of data representation, model selection, and performance prediction.

Is Nine-Men Morris, in the hands of perfect players, a win for white or for black - or a draw? Can king, rook, and knight always defeat king and two knights in chess? What can Go players learn from economists? What are nimbers, tinies, switches and minies? This book deals with combinatorial games, that is, games not involving chance or hidden information. Their study is at once old and young: though some games, such as chess, have been analyzed for centuries, the first full analysis of a nontrivial combinatorial game (Nim) only appeared in 1902. The first part of this book will be accessible to anyone, regardless of background: it contains introductory expositions, reports of unusual tournaments, and a fascinating article by John H. Conway on the possibly everlasting contest between an angel and a devil. For those who want to delve more deeply, the book also contains combinatorial studies of chess and Go; reports on computer advances such as the solution of Nine-Men Morris and Pentominoes; and theoretical approaches to such problems as games with many players. If you have read and enjoyed Martin Gardner, or if you like to learn and analyze new games, this book is for you.

The goal of machine learning is to program computers to use example data or past experience to solve a given problem. Many successful applications of machine learning exist already, including systems that analyze past sales data to predict customer behavior, optimize robot behavior so that a task can be completed using minimum resources, and extract knowledge from

bioinformatics data. Introduction to Machine Learning is a comprehensive textbook on the subject, covering a broad array of topics not usually included in introductory machine learning texts. Subjects include supervised learning; Bayesian decision theory; parametric, semi-parametric, and nonparametric methods; multivariate analysis; hidden Markov models; reinforcement learning; kernel machines; graphical models; Bayesian estimation; and statistical testing.Machine learning is rapidly becoming a skill that computer science students must master before graduation. The third edition of Introduction to Machine Learning reflects this shift, with added support for beginners, including selected solutions for exercises and additional example data sets (with code available online). Other substantial changes include discussions of outlier detection; ranking algorithms for perceptrons and support vector machines; matrix decomposition and spectral methods; distance estimation; new kernel algorithms; deep learning in multilayered perceptrons; and the nonparametric approach to Bayesian methods. All learning algorithms are explained so that students can easily move from the equations in the book to a computer program. The book can be used by both advanced undergraduates and graduate students. It will also be of interest to professionals who are concerned with the application of machine learning methods. This completely revised second edition presents an introduction to statistical pattern recognition. Pattern recognition in general covers a wide range of problems: it is applied to engineering problems, such as character readers and wave form analysis as well as to brain modeling in biology and psychology. Statistical decision and estimation, which are the main subjects of this book, are regarded as fundamental to the study of pattern recognition. This book is appropriate as a text for introductory courses in pattern recognition and as a reference book for workers in the field. Each chapter contains computer projects as well as exercises. Sequential Methods in Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning

This book presents a remarkable collection of chapters covering a wide range of topics in the areas of Computer Vision, both from theoretical and application perspectives. It gathers the proceedings of the Computer Vision Conference (CVC 2019), held in Las Vegas, USA from May 2 to 3, 2019. The conference attracted a total of 371 submissions from pioneering researchers, scientists, industrial engineers, and students all around the world. These submissions underwent a double-blind peer review process, after which 120 (including 7 poster papers) were selected for inclusion in these proceedings. The book's goal is to reflect the intellectual breadth and depth of current research on computer vision, from classical to intelligent scope. Accordingly, its respective chapters address state-of-the-art intelligent methods and techniques for solving real-world problems, while also outlining future research directions. Topic areas covered include Machine Vision and Learning, Data Science, Image Processing, Deep Learning, and Computer Vision Applications.

1. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Document Analysis and Recognition, DAR 2018, held in Conjunction with ICVGIP 2018, in Hyderabad, India, in December 2018. The 12 revised full papers and 2 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 22 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections: document layout analysis and understanding; handwriting recognition and symbol spotting; character and word segmentation; handwriting analysis; datasets and performance evaluation.

This update of the 1981 classic on neural networks includes new commentaries by the authors that show how the original ideas are related to subsequent developments. As researchers continue to uncover ways of applying the complex information processing abilities of neural networks, they give these models an exciting future which may well involve revolutionary developments in understanding the brain and the mind -- developments that may allow researchers to build adaptive intelligent machines. The original chapters show where the ideas came from and the new commentaries show where they are going.

th This book contains papers accepted for presentation at the 4 International Conference on Computer Recognition Systems CORES'05, May 22-25, 2005, Rydzyna Castle (Poland), This conference is a continuation of a series of con ferences on similar topics (KOSYR) organized each second year, since 1999, by the Chair of Systems and Computer Networks, Wroclaw University of Tech nology. An increasing interest to those conferences paid not only by home but also by foreign participants inspired the organizers to transform them into conferences of international range. Our expectations that the community of specialists in computer recognizing systems will find CORES'05 a proper form of maintaining the tradition of the former conferences have been confirmed by a large number of submitted papers. Alas, organizational constraints caused a necessity to narrow the acceptance criteria so that only 100 papers have been finally included into the conference program. The area covered by accepted papers is still very large and it shows how vivacious is scientific activity in the domain of computer recognition methods and systems. It contains vari ous theoretical approaches to the recognition problem based on mathematical statistics, fuzzy sets, morphological methods, wavelets, syntactic methods, genetic algorithms, artificial neural networks, ontological models, etc. Most attention is still paid to visual objects recognition; however, acoustic, tex tual and other objects are also considered. Among application areas medical problems are in majority; recognition of faces, speech signals and textual in formation processing methods being also investigated.

With contributions by numerous experts

A practical introduction perfect for final-year undergraduate and graduate students without a solid background in linear algebra and calculus.

Methodologies of Pattern Recognition is a collection of papers that deals with the two approaches to pattern recognition (geometrical and structural), the Robbins-Monro procedures, and the implications of interactive graphic computers for pattern recognition methodology. Some papers describe non-supervised learning in statistical pattern recognition, parallel computation in pattern recognition, and statistical analysis as a tool to make patterns emerge from data. One paper points out the importance of cluster processing in visual perception in which proximate points of similar brightness values form clusters. At higher levels of mental activity humans are efficient in clumping complex items into clusters. Another paper suggests a recognition method which combines versatility and an efficient noise-proofness in dealing with the two main problems in the field of recognition. These difficulties are the presence of a large variety of observed signals and the presence of interference. One paper reports on a possible feature selection for pattern recognition systems employing the minimization of population entropy. Electronic engineers,

physicists, physiologists, psychologists, logicians, mathematicians, and philosophers will find great rewards in reading the above collection.

The inner architecture of a material can have an astonishing effect on its overall properties and is vital to understand when designing new materials. Nature is a master at designing hierarchical structures and so researchers are looking at biological examples for inspiration, specifically to understand how nature arranges the inner architectures for a particular function in order to apply these design principles into man-made materials. Materials Design Inspired by Nature is the first book to address the relationship between the inner architecture of natural materials and their physical properties for materials design. The book explores examples from plants, the marine world, arthropods and bacteria, where the inner architecture is exploited to obtain specific mechanical, optical or magnetic properties along with how these design principles are used in man-made products. Details of the experimental methods used to investigate hierarchical structures are also given. Written by leading experts in bio-inspired materials research, this is essential reading for anyone developing new materials.

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