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This paper presents Jamaica's Third Review Under the Extended Arrangement Under the Extended Fund Facility and Request for Modification of Performance Criteria report. The IMF staff report highlights that recent data is in-line with GDP growth of some 1 percent in 2013–2014. Inflation has increased since 2012 due to the depreciation of the exchange rate as well as higher administered prices, but has moderated in recent months. The policy agenda under the program is now shifting to reforms in several areas including tax and customs administration, public financial management, securities dealers, the framework for monetary policy, and the business environment. Analytics and artificial intelligence (AI), what are they good for? The bandwagon keeps answering, absolutely everything! Analytics and artificial intelligence have captured the attention of everyone from top executives to the person in the street. While these disciplines have a relatively long history, within the last ten or so years they have exploded into corporate business and public consciousness. Organizations have rushed to embrace data-driven decision making. Companies everywhere are turning out products boasting that "artificial intelligence is included." We are indeed living in exciting times. The question we need to ask is, do we really know how to get business value from these exciting tools? Unfortunately, both the analytics and AI communities have not done a great job in collaborating and communicating with each other to build the necessary synergies. This book bridges the gap between these two critical fields. The book begins by explaining the commonalities and differences in the fields of data science, artificial intelligence, and autonomy by giving a historical perspective for each of these fields, followed by exploration of common technologies and current trends in each field. The book also readers introduces to applications of deep learning in industry with an overview of deep learning and its key architectures, as well as a survey and discussion of the main applications of deep learning. The book also presents case studies to illustrate applications of AI and analytics. These include a case study from the healthcare industry and an investigation of a digital transformation enabled by AI and analytics transforming a product-oriented company into one delivering solutions and services. The book concludes with a proposed AI-informed data analytics life cycle to be applied to unstructured data. *The SAGE Handbook of Social Media Research Methods* spans the entire research process, from data collection to analysis and interpretation. This second edition has been comprehensively updated and expanded, from 39 to 49 chapters. In addition to a new section of chapters focussing on ethics, privacy and the politics of social media data, the new edition provides broader coverage of topics such as: Data sources Scraping and spidering data Locative data, video data and linked data Platform-specific analysis Analytical tools Critical social media analysis Written by leading scholars from across the globe, the chapters provide a mix of theoretical and applied assessments of topics, and include a range of new case studies and data sets that exemplify the methodological approaches. This Handbook is an essential resource for any researcher or postgraduate student embarking on a social media research project. PART 1: Conceptualising and Designing Social Media Research PART 2: Collecting Data PART 3: Qualitative Approaches to Social Media Data PART 4: Quantitative Approaches to Social Media Data PART 5: Diverse Approaches to Social Media Data PART 6: Research & Analytical Tools PART 7: Social Media Platforms PART 8: Privacy, Ethics and Inequalities These proceedings gather outstanding papers presented at the China SAE Congress 2021, held on Oct. 19-21, Shanghai, China. Featuring contributions mainly from China, the biggest carmaker as well as most dynamic car market in the world, the book covers a wide range of automotive-related topics and the latest technical advances in the industry. Many of the approaches in the book will help technicians to solve practical problems that affect their daily work. In addition, the book offers valuable technical support to engineers, researchers and postgraduate students in the field of automotive engineering. This book constitutes the revised selected papers from the 4th International Workshop on Machine Learning and Interpretation in Neuroimaging, MLINI 2014, held in Montreal, QC, Canada, in December 2014 as a satellite event of the 11th annual conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, NIPS 2014. The 10 MLINI 2014 papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 17 submissions. They were organized in topical sections named: networks and decoding; speech; clinics and cognition; and causality and time-series. In addition, the book contains the 3 best papers presented at MLINI 2013. Since its inaugural issue November 2020, through diligent effort and teamwork by our editors, our New York-based Contemporary China Review has published four issues in Chinese, and now the second issue in English. Contemporary China Review has established itself with a growing reputation, attracted attention from scholars and libraries (including Library of Congress) among the academia, drew recognition from experts in think tanks specialized in U.S.-China relations, and received praises among the community of Chinese-language publication worldwide. Contemporary China Review has been fulfilling its mission to provide independent Chinese intellectuals and scholars around the world with an open and free platform to discuss their research findings and express their opinions, especially now that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) totalitarian regime has almost completely suppressed the freedom of speech and freedom of press in the most parts of

Chinese-speaking world. We are very excited to include in this issue many in-depth commentaries by various scholars and experts on current affairs in China and America. This third volume in the "Formation Testing" series further develops new methods and processes that are being developed in the oil and gas industry. In the 1990s through 2000s, the author co-developed Halliburton's commercially successful GeoTap™ real-time LWD/MWD method for formation testing, and also a parallel method used by China Oilfield Services, which enabled the use of data taken at early times, in low mobility and large flowline volume environments, to support the important estimation of mobility, compressibility and pore pressure, which are necessary for flow economics and fluid contact boundaries analyses (this work was later extended through two Department of Energy Small Business Innovation Research awards). While extremely significant, the effect of high pressures in the borehole could not be fully accounted for – the formation tester measures a combination of reservoir and mud pressure and cannot ascertain how much is attributed to unimportant borehole effects. The usual approach is "simply wait" until the effects dissipate, which may require hours – which imply high drilling and logging costs, plus increased risks in safety and tool loss. The author has now modeled this "supercharge" effect and developed a powerful mathematical algorithm that fully accounts to mud interactions. In short, accurate predictions for mobility, compressibility and pore pressure can now be undertaken immediately after an interval is drilled without waiting. This groundbreaking new work is a must-have for any petroleum, reservoir, or mud engineer working in the industry, solving day-to-day problems that he or she encounters in the field. In an ever-changing economy, market specialists strive to find new ways to evaluate the risks and potential reward of economic ventures. They start by assessing the importance of human reaction during the economic planning process and put together systems to measure financial markets and their longevity. *Fractal Approaches for Modeling Financial Assets and Predicting Crises* is a critical scholarly resource that examines the fractal structure and long-term memory of the financial markets in order to predict prices of financial assets and financial crises. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics, such as computational process models, chaos theory, and game theory, this book is geared towards academicians, researchers, and students seeking current research on pricing and predicting financial crises. Publisher's note: In this 2nd edition: The following article has been added: Jiao H, He Q and Veldkamp BP (2021) Editorial: Process Data in Educational and Psychological Measurement. *Front. Psychol.* 12:793399. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.793399 The following article has been added: Reis Costa D, Bolsinova M, Tijmstra J and Andersson B (2021) Improving the Precision of Ability Estimates Using Time-On-Task Variables: Insights From the PISA 2012 Computer-Based Assessment of Mathematics. *Front. Psychol.* 12:579128. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.579128 The following article has been removed: Minghui L, Lei H, Xiaomeng C and Potmšilc M (2018) Teacher Efficacy, Work Engagement, and Social Support Among Chinese Special Education School Teachers. *Front. Psychol.* 9:648. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00648 This 2014 Article IV Consultation highlights that the Uruguayan economy continues to decelerate gradually. Real GDP growth is estimated to have softened to a still robust 3.25 percent in 2014 from 4.5 percent in 2013, mostly reflecting the moderation in domestic demand growth amid a less favorable external environment. Weak economic conditions abroad have continued to weigh on Uruguay's current account, particularly on the services side. Economic activity is projected to decelerate further but remain solid. The pass-through of lower global oil prices to end-user prices will be gradual, as part of the windfall from lower oil prices will initially be used to shore up the operating balance of the state-owned petroleum enterprise. *Women's Gynecologic Health, Third Edition* is a trusted, comprehensive, and evidence-based text that presents women's gynecologic health from a woman-centered and holistic viewpoint. Encompassing both health promotion and management of gynecologic conditions, it provides clinicians and students with a strong foundation in gynecologic care and the knowledge necessary to apply it in clinical practice. With an emphasis on the importance of respecting the normalcy of female physiology, it is an essential reference for all women's healthcare providers. The Third Edition includes four new chapters on prenatal and postpartum care, including anatomy and physiologic adaptations of normal pregnancy, diagnosis of pregnancy and overview of prenatal care, common complications of pregnancy, and postpartum care. The book emphasizes the predictive models of Big Data, Genetic Algorithm, and IoT with a case study. The book illustrates the predictive models with integrated fuel consumption models for smart and safe traveling. The text is a coordinated amalgamation of research contributions and industrial applications in the field of Intelligent Transportation Systems. The advanced predictive models and research results were achieved with the case studies, deployed in real transportation environments. Features: Provides a smart traffic congestion avoidance system with an integrated fuel consumption model. Predicts traffic in short-term and regular. This is illustrated with a case study. Efficient Traffic light controller and deviation system in accordance with the traffic scenario. IoT based Intelligent Transport Systems in a Global perspective. Intelligent Traffic Light Control System and Ambulance Control System. Provides a predictive framework that can handle the traffic on abnormal days, such as weekends, festival holidays. Bunch of solutions and ideas for smart traffic development in smart cities. This book focuses on advanced predictive models along with offering an efficient solution for smart traffic management system. This book will give a brief idea of the available algorithms/techniques of big data, IoT, and genetic algorithm and guides in developing a solution for smart city applications. This book will be a complete framework for ITS domain with the advanced concepts of Big Data Analytics, Genetic Algorithm and IoT. This book is primarily aimed at IT professionals. Undergraduates, graduates and researchers in the area of computer science and information technology will also find this book useful. *Structural Reliability Analysis and Prediction, Third Edition* is a textbook which addresses the important issue of predicting the safety of structures at the design stage and also the safety of existing, perhaps deteriorating structures. Attention is focused on the development and definition of limit states such as serviceability and ultimate strength, the definition of failure and the various models which might be used to describe strength and loading. This book emphasises concepts and applications, built up from basic principles and avoids undue mathematical rigour. It presents an accessible and unified account of the theory and techniques for the analysis of the reliability of engineering structures using probability theory. This new edition has been updated to cover new developments and applications and a new chapter is included which covers structural optimization in the context of reliability analysis. New examples and end of chapter problems are also now included. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, and Prediction, SBP 2015, held in Washington, DC, USA, in March/April 2015. The 24 full papers presented together with 36 poster papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 118 submissions. The goal of the conference was to advance our understanding of human behavior through the development and application of mathematical, computational, statistical, simulation, predictive and other models that provide fundamental insights into factors contributing to human socio-cultural dynamics. The topical areas addressed by the papers are social and behavioral sciences, health sciences, engineering, computer and information science. Many central banks in emerging and advanced economies have adopted an inflation-forecast targeting (IFT) approach to monetary policy, in order to successfully establish a stable, low-inflation environment. To support policy making, each has developed a structured system of forecasting and policy analysis appropriate to its needs. A common component is a model-based forecast with an endogenous policy interest rate path. The approach is characterized, among other things, by transparent communications—some IFT central banks go so far as to publish their policy interest rate projection. Some elements of this regime, although a work still in progress, are worthy of consideration by central banks that have not yet officially adopted full-fledged inflation targeting. Seminar paper from the year 2018 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 2,7, University of Cologne, course: Bachelorseminar Corporate Finance, language: English, abstract: This paper seeks to examine different models to forecast revenue of companies. This is being achieved by

examining costs of capital, which are a good representative thereof. The models examined in this paper can be divided into two sections. First, there are mechanical models, second there is one characteristic-based model. The models stand in contrast to analysts' forecasts. This paper sums up different authors who illustrate, that mechanical models outperform analysts' forecasts in terms of revenue forecasting. First, the HVZ mode is introduced which is due to outperform analysts' forecasts. Second, the EP and RI model are introduced, next to a random walk model (RW model) as a benchmark. Objective of this paper is to find out which advantages go along with mechanical models, and whether the quality of forecast could be influenced positively. The topic of revenue forecast is highly relevant for different stakeholders in the financial industry. Based on revenue forecasts investment decisions are met by investors. One advantage of mechanical models therefore, is the greater feasibility due to the greater coverage. Mechanical models rely on firm fundamentals and are hence available for much more companies. Analysts' forecasts are only available for firms of a certain size upwards. Costs of capital are a topic of focus not only for investment decisions but also for internal application. Apart from the use as a financial ratio it is negatively associated with customer satisfaction. The paper finds out, that the HVZ model outperforms analysts' forecasts in terms of forecast bias and earnings response coefficient. However, the HVZ model does not outperform analysts' forecasts in terms of accuracy. The EP and RI model both outperform the HVZ model in terms of all three criteria: forecast bias, earnings response coefficient and accuracy. The characteristic-based model sets up a linear function solely by firm fundamentals, that avoids including unobservable future covariances. Besides, it concludes certain key findings about abnormal earnings volatility and economy-wide risk. This book presents selected articles from the workshop on "Challenges in Petrophysical Evaluation and Rock Physics Modeling of Carbonate Reservoirs" held at IIT Bombay in November 2017. The articles included explore the challenges associated with using well-log data, core data analysis, and their integration in the qualitative and quantitative assessment of petrophysical and elastic properties in carbonate reservoirs. The book also discusses the recent trends and advances in the area of research and development of carbonate reservoir characterization, both in industry and academia. Further, it addresses the challenging concept of porosity partitioning, which has huge implications for exploration and development success in these complex reservoirs, enabling readers to understand the varying orders of deposition and diagenesis and also to model the flow and elastic properties. Safety tests were conducted on fourteen fuel compacts from AGR-1, the first irradiation experiment of the Advanced Gas Reactor (AGR) Fuel Development and Qualification program, at temperatures ranging from 1600 to 1800°C to determine fission product release at temperatures that bound reactor accident conditions. The PARFUME (PARTicle FUel Model) code was used to predict the release of fission products silver, cesium, strontium, and krypton from fuel compacts containing tristructural isotropic (TRISO) coated particles during the safety tests, and the predicted values were compared with experimental results. Preliminary comparisons between PARFUME predictions and post-irradiation examination (PIE) results of the safety tests show an overall over-prediction of the fractional release of these fission products, which is largely attributed to an over-estimation of the diffusivities used in the modeling of fission product transport in TRISO-coated particles. Correction factors to these diffusivities were assessed for silver and cesium in order to enable a better match between the modeling predictions and the safety testing results. In the case of strontium, correction factors could not be assessed because potential release during the safety tests could not be distinguished from matrix content released during irradiation. In the case of krypton, all the coating layers are partly retentive and the available data did not allow to determine their respective retention powers, hence preventing to derive any correction factors. Co-written by a world-renowned petroleum engineer, this breakthrough new volume teaches engineers how to configure, place and produce horizontal and multilateral wells in geologically complicated reservoirs, select optimal well spacings and fracture separations, and how to manage factors influencing well productivity using proven cost-effective and user-friendly simulation methods. Charged in the 1990s with solving some of petroleum engineering's biggest problems that the industry deemed "unsolvable," the authors of this innovative new volume solved those problems, not just using a well-published math model, but one optimized to run rapidly, the first time, every time. This not only provides numerical output, but production curves and color pressure plots automatically. And each in a single hour of desk time. Using their Multisim software that is featured in this volume, secondary school students at the Aldine Independent School District delivered professional quality simulations in a training program funded by some of the largest energy companies in the world. Think what you, as a professional engineer, could do in your daily work. Valuable with or without the software, this volume is the cutting-edge of reservoir engineering today, prefacing each chapter with a "trade journal summary" followed by hands-on details, allowing readers to replicate and extend results for their own applications. This volume covers parent-child, multilateral well, and fracture flow interactions, reservoir flow analysis, many other issues involving fluid flow, fracturing, and many other common "unsolvable" problems that engineers encounter every day. It is a must-have for every engineer's bookshelf. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, and Prediction, SBP 2014, held in Washington, DC, USA, in April 2014. The 51 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 101 submissions. The SBP conference provides a forum for researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, and government agencies to exchange ideas on current challenges in social computing, behavioral-cultural modeling and prediction, and on state-of-the-art methods and best practices being adopted to tackle these challenges. The topical areas addressed by the papers are social and behavioral sciences, health sciences, military science, and information science. This FAO Technical Paper synthesizes current knowledge on the impact of El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events on fisheries and aquaculture in the context of a changing climate. It describes the diversity of ENSO events (Chapter 2), ENSO forecasting (Chapter 3) and ENSO in the context of climate change (Chapter 4). It includes a global overview and regional assessment of ENSO impact (Chapters 5 and 6) and a focus on coral bleaching and damage to reefs and related fisheries (Chapter 7). Finally, it synthesizes the lessons learned and the perspectives for ENSO and preparedness in a warmer ocean (Chapter 10). Decision support systems (DSS) are widely touted for their effectiveness in aiding decision making, particularly across a wide and diverse range of industries including healthcare, business, and engineering applications. The concepts, principles, and theories of enhanced decision making are essential points of research as well as the exact methods, tools, and technologies being implemented in these industries. From both a standpoint of DSS interfaces, namely the design and development of these technologies, along with the implementations, including experiences and utilization of these tools, one can get a better sense of how exactly DSS has changed the face of decision making and management in multi-industry applications. Furthermore, the evaluation of the impact of these technologies is essential in moving forward in the future. The Research Anthology on Decision Support Systems and Decision Management in Healthcare, Business, and Engineering explores how decision support systems have been developed and implemented across diverse industries through perspectives on the technology, the utilizations of these tools, and from a decision management standpoint. The chapters will cover not only the interfaces, implementations, and functionality of these tools, but also the overall impacts they have had on the specific industries mentioned. This book also evaluates the effectiveness along with benefits and challenges of using DSS as well as the outlook for the future. This book is ideal for decision makers, IT consultants and specialists, software developers, design professionals, academicians, policymakers, researchers, professionals, and students interested in how DSS is being used in different industries. Machine learning continues to have myriad applications across industries and fields. To ensure this technology is utilized appropriately and to its full potential, organizations must better understand exactly how and where it can be adapted. Further study on the applications of machine learning is required to discover its best practices,

challenges, and strategies. The Research Anthology on Machine Learning Techniques, Methods, and Applications provides a thorough consideration of the innovative and emerging research within the area of machine learning. The book discusses how the technology has been used in the past as well as potential ways it can be used in the future to ensure industries continue to develop and grow. Covering a range of topics such as artificial intelligence, deep learning, cybersecurity, and robotics, this major reference work is ideal for computer scientists, managers, researchers, scholars, practitioners, academicians, instructors, and students.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA ANALYTICS FOR ENERGY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION This groundbreaking new book is written by some of the foremost authorities on the application of data science and artificial intelligence techniques in exploration and production in the energy industry, covering the most comprehensive and updated new processes, concepts, and practical applications in the field. The book provides an in-depth treatment of the foundations of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Machine Learning, and Data Analytics (DA). It also includes many of AI-DA applications in oil and gas reservoirs exploration, development, and production. The book covers the basic technical details on many tools used in "smart oil fields". This includes topics such as pattern recognition, neural networks, fuzzy logic, evolutionary computing, expert systems, artificial intelligence machine learning, human-computer interface, natural language processing, data analytics and next-generation visualization. While theoretical details will be kept to the minimum, these topics are introduced from oil and gas applications viewpoints. In this volume, many case histories from the recent applications of intelligent data to a number of different oil and gas problems are highlighted. The applications cover a wide spectrum of practical problems from exploration to drilling and field development to production optimization, artificial lift, and secondary recovery. Also, the authors demonstrate the effectiveness of intelligent data analysis methods in dealing with many oil and gas problems requiring combining machine and human intelligence as well as dealing with linguistic and imprecise data and rules. The Model-Free Prediction Principle expounded upon in this monograph is based on the simple notion of transforming a complex dataset to one that is easier to work with, e.g., i.i.d. or Gaussian. As such, it restores the emphasis on observable quantities, i.e., current and future data, as opposed to unobservable model parameters and estimates thereof, and yields optimal predictors in diverse settings such as regression and time series. Furthermore, the Model-Free Bootstrap takes us beyond point prediction in order to construct frequentist prediction intervals without resort to unrealistic assumptions such as normality. Prediction has been traditionally approached via a model-based paradigm, i.e., (a) fit a model to the data at hand, and (b) use the fitted model to extrapolate/predict future data. Due to both mathematical and computational constraints, 20th century statistical practice focused mostly on parametric models. Fortunately, with the advent of widely accessible powerful computing in the late 1970s, computer-intensive methods such as the bootstrap and cross-validation freed practitioners from the limitations of parametric models, and paved the way towards the 'big data' era of the 21st century. Nonetheless, there is a further step one may take, i.e., going beyond even nonparametric models; this is where the Model-Free Prediction Principle is useful. Interestingly, being able to predict a response variable Y associated with a regressor variable X taking on any possible value seems to inadvertently also achieve the main goal of modeling, i.e., trying to describe how Y depends on X . Hence, as prediction can be treated as a by-product of model-fitting, key estimation problems can be addressed as a by-product of being able to perform prediction. In other words, a practitioner can use Model-Free Prediction ideas in order to additionally obtain point estimates and confidence intervals for relevant parameters leading to an alternative, transformation-based approach to statistical inference. This book presents an up-to-date, systematic and scientific analysis of water resource problems in India and suggests measures to overcome them through effective water management. In addition, the book provides an overview of how changes in legislation, policies, institutional responsibilities, science, technology, practical techniques and public perception have influenced the ways of river management over the past years. River water conservation is a planned activity connected with various habitat features and outlines how to conserve all river water spread across the world. The restoration and conservation of river water must be of the highest priority for sustaining humanity and ecology for the present and future generations. In order to solve the water problems, conservation and recycling of water should be made mandatory for all domestic, industrial and agricultural projects. Apart from the priority to watershed development, rainwater harvesting and other appropriate conservation measures should be adopted to create awareness among the public so that their mind-set, attitudes and habits change proactively and they adopt sustainable practices rather than wait for legislation and regulations. The book augments the knowledge base of behaviour of rivers and evaluates the issues related to rivers so as to develop river system management techniques emerging from in-depth scientific analyses. It is useful for students, researchers, water resource managers, hydrologists and all those who are engaged or interested in any aspect of river water conservation and management of water resources in the country.

The global energy scenario is undergoing an unprecedented transition. In the wake of enormous challenges—such as increased population, higher energy demands, increasing greenhouse gas emissions, depleting fossil fuel reserves, volatile energy prices, geopolitical concerns, and energy insecurity issues—the energy sector is experiencing a transition in terms of energy resources and their utilization. This modern transition is historically more dynamic and multidimensional compared to the past considering the vast technological advancements, socioeconomic implications and political responses, and ever-evolving global policies and regulations. Energy insecurity in terms of its critical dimensions—access, affordability, and reliability—remains a major problem hindering the socioeconomic progress in developing countries. The Handbook of Energy Transitions presents a holistic account of the 21st-century energy transition away from fossil fuels. It provides an overview of the unfolding transition in terms of overall dimensions, drivers, trends, barriers, policies, and geopolitics, and then discusses transition in terms of particular resources or technologies, such as renewable energy systems, solar energy, hydropower, hydrogen and fuel cells, electric vehicles, energy storage systems, batteries, digitalization, smart grids, blockchain, and machine learning. It also discusses the present energy transition in terms of broader policy and developmental perspectives. Further, it examines sustainable development, the economics of energy and green growth, and the role of various technologies and initiatives like renewables, nuclear power, and electrification in promoting energy security and energy transition worldwide.

Key Features Includes technical, economic, social, and policy perspectives of energy transitions
Features practical case studies and comparative assessments
Examines the latest renewable energy and low-carbon technologies
Explains the connection between energy transition and global climate change

This volume covers the proceedings of the ZAFIN Finance and Sustainability conference, organized by the Wroclaw University of Economics in cooperation with the Corvinus University of Budapest and the University of Economics in Prague. The authors analyze a variety of issues related to recent finance problems, including corporate finance, public finance, monetary and fiscal policy issues, and risk management. The book also discusses topics related to sustainable finance, the transition to green economies, corporate sustainability and sustainable development. The target audience for this book includes researchers at universities and research and policy institutions, graduate students, and practitioners in economics, finance and international economics working for private or government institutions.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Communications - Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, Social Media, grade: 1.3, University of Heidelberg (Computer Science), course: Seminar - Social Media Network Analysis, language: English, abstract: With a predicted volume of €439.7Bn in 2014 in Germany alone, the retail market bears large potential for generating additional revenues from marketing. With the decreasing effectiveness of classical marketing and even relatively new phenomena like online ads it becomes more and more important to find new ways to recommend products to customers. In e-commerce it is generally easier to target specific audiences by for example selecting ad spaces according to thematically fitting web pages. The

fundamental difference to classical marketing approaches is the availability of data about the respective customer. Currently the most common approach is to mine frequent item sets from the purchase history of the customer population and recommend products to customers based on what other customers bought. In order to obtain more specific product predictions for a particular customer, more data about the respective customer is needed. It seems like a natural choice to dig for data in the rich pool of data generated by each customer himself by assessing their respective actions and content generated, especially on social media websites. The available data there is much more user specific than general purchasing behaviors of user groups and can potentially lead to very precise predictions about what the user is interested in and will buy. This paper first gives a brief overview over the development and research conducted on social media recommendation and behavior of online shoppers in general. Then the work of Y. Zhang and M. Pennacchiotti is presented. Finally, several possibilities for subsequent research based on previous work and the work of Zhang and Pennacchiotti are presented. Since the work presented in this paper is very foundational, some emphasis is put on the outlook in order to underline the relevance of Zhang's and Pennacchiotti's work.

Cereal grain safety from farm to table
Mycotoxin Reduction in Grain Chains examines the ways in which food producers, inspectors, and processors can keep our food supply safe. Providing guidance on identification, eradication, and prevention at each stop on the "grain chain, this book is an invaluable resource for anyone who works with cereal grains. Discussions include breeding and crop management, chemical control, contamination prediction, and more for maize, wheat, sorghum, rice, and other major grains. Relevant and practical in the field, the lab, and on the production floor, this book features critical guidance for every point from farm to table. With the increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration and the resulting environmental consequences for plants, it is necessary to consider the future of rubber plantations, an important source of latex for rubber production. In this volume, the authors explore the ecology of rubber plantations in the context of carbon management under a scenario of our changing climate. The authors provide an in-depth study of the carbon stock and sequestration potentiality of rubber plantations. The volume also provides information on a biomass estimating model that can be used in the future study of non-harvesting biomass estimation for a variety of plants. Key features:

- Provides an understanding of the role of rubber plantations in carbon management
- Presents biomass models and biomass carbon stocks
- Explores the impact of land use changes on soil organic carbon
- Looks at ecosystem carbon sequestration
- Explores methods of allometric model development for different growth ages of rubber plantations
- Advances our knowledge of the global carbon cycle that will be helpful in studying changing environmental effects on other crops and plant products.

This book brings together papers presented at the 4th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in China (ChinaAI), Changbaishan, China, on July 23-24, 2022, which provides a venue to disseminate the latest developments and to discuss the interactions and links between these multidisciplinary fields. Spanning topics covering all topics in Artificial Intelligence with new development in China, this book is aimed at undergraduate and graduate students in Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics, researchers and engineers from academia and industry as well as government employees (such as NSF, DOD, DOE, etc). When the objectives of public policy programmes have been formulated and decided upon, implementation seems just a matter of following instructions. However, it is underway to the realization of those objectives that public policies get their final substance and form. Crucial is what happens in and around the encounter between public officials and individual citizens at the street level of government bureaucracy. This Research Handbook addresses the state of the art while providing a systematic exploration of the theoretical and methodological issues apparent in the study of street-level bureaucracy and how to deal with them.

Frontiers in Offshore Geotechnics III comprises the contributions presented at the Third International Symposium on Frontiers in Offshore Geotechnics (ISFOG, Oslo, Norway, 10-12 June 2015), organised by the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI). The papers address current and emerging geotechnical engineering challenges facing those working in off

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