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Pullulan is a polysaccharide produced by the fungus *Aureobasidium pullulans* and possesses some distinct properties such as excellent transparent film-forming ability, moisture absorptivity, water solubility, non-toxicity, and adhesivity. These properties allow pullulan to find potential applications in various industries such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food, and health care. This book presents the chemistry and properties of pullulan, along with the method of its production at the laboratory level. It discusses the structural engineering, processing methods, and versatile applications of pullulan, as well as highlights the challenges that still have to be overcome for its large-scale production. This unique book comprehensively summarizes many of the recent research findings on pullulan, contributed by leading experts in this research domain. It is a useful reference book for scientists, academicians, researchers, chemists, technologists, graduate and postgraduate students, and general readers who are interested in pullulan.

Thirty carefully selected, peer-reviewed contributions from the International Conference on Pure and Applied Chemistry (ICPAC 2016) are featured in this edited book of proceedings. ICPAC 2016, a biennial meeting, was held in Mauritius in July 2016. The chapters in this book reflect a wide range of fundamental and applied research in the chemical sciences and interdisciplinary subjects. This is a unique collection of full research papers as well as reviews.

Pullulan Processing, Properties, and Applications CRC Press

This book is a multi-faceted exploration and critique of the human condition as it is presently manifested. It addresses science and philosophy, explores the underlying nature of reality, the state of our society and culture, the influence of the mainstream media, the nature of free will and a number of other topics. Each of these examinations contributes an angle to an emerging idea gestalt that challenges present mainstream views and behaviors and offers a sane alternative. The book is organized as a series of short and self-contained essays, most of which can be read in under one hour.

Assessment dominates our lives but its good intentions often produce negative consequences. An example that is central to this book is how current forms of assessment encourage shallow 'for-the-test' learning. It is true to say that as the volume of assessment increases, confidence in what it represents is diminishing. This book seeks to reclaim assessment as a constructive activity which can encourage deeper learning. To do this the purpose, and fitness-for-purpose, of assessments have to be clear. Gordon Stobart critically examines five issues that currently have high-profile status: intelligence testing learning skills accountability the 'diploma disease' formative assessment Stobart explains that these form the basis for the argument that we must generate assessments which, in turn, encourage deep and lifelong learning. This book raises controversial questions about current uses of assessment and provides a framework for understanding them. It will be of great interest to teaching professionals involved in further study, and to academics and researchers in the field.

Now in its third edition, this text has been thoroughly revised to include new material on object-oriented systems, distributed systems and SQL. It also covers advanced topics such as: spatial and geographic databases; information retrieval systems; and distributed information systems.

Management today has become a strategic function in view of frequently occurring economic cycle changes on a global scale resulting in loss of millions of customers and jobs. The recessionary trend also has become a prolonged one which has necessitated the application of more mind to these problems. Although some argue that recession is an opportunity and it should be properly exploited, we cannot agree with this argument and lead our ears to those people.

This textbook, now in its Second Edition, addresses the rapid advancements to the area of mobile computing. Almost every chapter has been revised to make the book up to date with the latest developments. It covers the main topics associated with mobile computing and wireless networking at a level that enables the students to develop a fundamental understanding of the technical issues involved in this new and fast emerging discipline. This book first examines the basics of wireless technologies and computer communications that form the essential infrastructure required for building knowledge in the area of mobile computations involving the study of invocation mechanisms at the client end, the underlying wireless communication, and the corresponding server-side technologies. It includes coverage of development of mobile cellular systems, protocol design for mobile networks, special issues involved in the mobility management of cellular system users, realization and applications of mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), design and operation of sensor networks, special constraints and requirements of mobile operating systems, and development of mobile computing applications. Finally, an example application of the mobile computing infrastructure to M-commerce is described in the concluding chapter of the book. The book is suitable for a one-semester course in mobile computing for the undergraduate students of Computer Science and Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Master of Computer Applications (MCA), and the undergraduate and postgraduate science courses in computer science and Information Technology. Key Features • Provides unified coverage of mobile computing and communication aspects • Discusses the mobile application development, mobile operating systems and mobile databases as part of the material devoted to mobile computing • Incorporates a survey of mobile operating systems and the latest developments

In the past few decades, marine organisms, including macroalgae and microalgae, have been extensively explored as potential sources of bioactive compounds with applications in various fields such as pharmaceuticals, biomedicine, cosmetics and foodstuffs. Marine polysaccharides, such as chitin/chitosan, ulvans, fucans, alginates and carrageenans, are biochemical compounds with several important properties such as anticoagulant and/or antithrombotic, immunomodulatory, antitumor, antilipidemic, hypoglycemic, antibiotic, anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Due to their biocompatible, nontoxic and biodegradable nature, marine polysaccharides offer a better alternative to be used in advancement of the biomedical field. This book focuses on marine polysaccharides; their derivatives, blends, composites and hydrogels; and their multifaceted applications in various fields. The book also discusses the various aspects of marine polysaccharides from the point of view of chemistry and related applications. It is an important reference for marine biotechnologists, natural product scientists, students, researchers and academicians working in the area of materials science, marine science and polymer chemistry.

This 24-page article is perfect for leaders with limited time and budget. It provides a concise overview of Kouzes and Posner's model and overall thoughts on leadership in Asia. Ideal for orienting readers to the Five Practices® model at the beginning of a workshop or coaching session, the piece contains two Leadership Challenge case studies drawn from Asian nationals, a short description of the Five Practices®, a section on "Learning to Lead", and background information on the Leadership Practices

Inventory (LPI).

Industrial Applications of Marine Biopolymers presents different classes of marine biopolymers and their industrial applications, demonstrating the precious value of ocean resources to society. This timely volume discusses the exceedingly useful polymers derived from these materials that are biodegradable, biocompatible, and at times water soluble. Direct use or chemically modified forms of such biomaterials have many chemical sites, making them suitable for varied types of industrial applications. In addition, this book also addresses current global challenges of conservation, including extended drought conditions and the need for improved agricultural methods, together with new bio-medical developments. It is suitable for anyone who has an interest in the industrial applications of biopolymers.

A comprehensive and authentic Text Book on ADVANCED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (Cost Management) * An authentic, simple and crisp presentation of the subject matter. * Theoretical questions are given at the end of respective chapters in chronological order. * Fully solved problems are given at the end of respective chapters. This will help students in self-preparation. * The Book takes accounts of recent developments on the subject with special emphasis on Responsibility Accounting, Transfer Pricing, Total Quality Management, Activity Based Costing, Life Cycle Costing, Capacity Management, Just in Time, Target Costing etc. * Point-wise presentation of Text portion with bullets to understand and memorise the subject matter. * Examination orientation makes the book more student friendly. * Concepts are explained with number of illustrations and also number of diagrams are given for clear understanding of subject matter. * The language of the Book is simple and treatment of the subject lucid. Both theory and practice are given equal importance. * All topics, illustrations, problems, tables and diagrams are distinctively numbered for easy location. * The Book will also be of interest to Practising Professionals, Business and Government officials for efficient discharge of their functions.

The debut of small, inexpensive, yet powerful portable computers has coincided with the exponential growth of the Internet, making it possible to access computing resources and information at nearly any location at almost any time. This new trend, mobile computing, is poised to become the main technology driver for a decade to come. There are many

The authors draw on an international sample of people from different doctoral systems, disciplines and elapsed time since completion, in the hope of discovering those features of the experience of doctoral study which might be universal and those which are more contextual and personal.

This text, now in the Third Edition, aims to provide students with a clear, well-structured and comprehensive treatment of the theory and applications of operations research. The methodology used is to first introduce the students to the fundamental concepts through numerical illustrations and then explain the underlying theory, wherever required. Inclusion of case studies in the existing chapters makes learning easier and more effective. The book introduces the readers to various models of Operations Research (OR), such as transportation model, assignment model, inventory models, queueing theory and integer programming models. Various techniques to solve OR problems' faced by managers are also discussed. Separate chapters are devoted to Linear Programming, Dynamic Programming and Quadratic Programming which greatly help in the decision-making process. The text facilitates easy comprehension of topics by the students due to inclusion of: • Examples and situations from the Indian context. • Numerous exercise problems arranged in a graded manner. • A large number of illustrative examples. The text is primarily intended for the postgraduate students of management, computer applications, commerce, mathematics and statistics. Besides, the undergraduate students of mechanical engineering and industrial engineering will find this book extremely useful. In addition, this text can also be used as a reference by OR analysts and operations managers. NEW TO THE THIRD EDITION • Includes two new chapters: – Chapter 14: Project Management—PERT and CPM – Chapter 15: Miscellaneous Topics (Game Theory, Sequencing and Scheduling, Simulation, and Replacement Models) • Incorporates more examples in the existing chapters to illustrate new models, algorithms and concepts • Provides short questions and additional numerical problems for practice in each chapter

Marine Bioenergy: Trends and Developments features the latest findings of leading scientists from around the world. Addressing the key aspects of marine bioenergy, this state-of-the-art text: Offers an introduction to marine bioenergy Explores marine algae as a source of bioenergy Describes biotechnological techniques for biofuel production Explains the production of bioenergy, including bioethanol, biomethane, biomethanol, biohydrogen, and biodiesel Covers bioelectricity and marine microbial fuel cell (MFC) production from marine algae and microbes Discusses marine waste for bioenergy Considers commercialization and the global market Marine Bioenergy: Trends and Developments provides a valuable springboard for marine bioenergy research and development, making the book a must-have reference for scientists, engineers, and students.

First published between 1985 and 1992, this set of books analyses social welfare in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, highly developed economies and socialist countries at the time. Each title considers the ideological framework underlying the social welfare system for each country and describes the historical development of both the system and the political and socio-economic context. Each chapter looks at the structure and administration of the systems in place and how these are financed. Contributions examine the nature of the different parts of the welfare system, surveying social security, personal social services, and the treatment of the following key target groups: the aged; those with disabilities and handicaps; children and youth; disadvantaged families; the unemployed; and the sick and injured. Each chapter concludes with an assessment of the effectiveness of the system considered. This set will be of interest to those studying international social welfare and development.

Original text, modern Tamil, and English translations of Tirukkur^a?, ancient Tamil didactic verse work, by Tiruva^uvar, Tamil poet.

Ontology Learning for the Semantic Web explores techniques for applying knowledge discovery techniques to different web data sources (such as HTML documents, dictionaries, etc.), in order to support the task of engineering and

maintaining ontologies. The approach of ontology learning proposed in *Ontology Learning for the Semantic Web* includes a number of complementary disciplines that feed in different types of unstructured and semi-structured data. This data is necessary in order to support a semi-automatic ontology engineering process. *Ontology Learning for the Semantic Web* is designed for researchers and developers of semantic web applications. It also serves as an excellent supplemental reference to advanced level courses in ontologies and the semantic web.

This accessible textbook is the only introduction to linguistics in which each chapter is written by an expert who teaches courses on that topic, ensuring balanced and uniformly excellent coverage of the full range of modern linguistics. Assuming no prior knowledge the text offers a clear introduction to the traditional topics of structural linguistics (theories of sound, form, meaning, and language change), and in addition provides full coverage of contextual linguistics, including separate chapters on discourse, dialect variation, language and culture, and the politics of language. There are also up-to-date separate chapters on language and the brain, computational linguistics, writing, child language acquisition, and second-language learning. The breadth of the textbook makes it ideal for introductory courses on language and linguistics offered by departments of English, sociology, anthropology, and communications, as well as by linguistics departments.

Data Mining: Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques, Fourth Edition, offers a thorough grounding in machine learning concepts, along with practical advice on applying these tools and techniques in real-world data mining situations. This highly anticipated fourth edition of the most acclaimed work on data mining and machine learning teaches readers everything they need to know to get going, from preparing inputs, interpreting outputs, evaluating results, to the algorithmic methods at the heart of successful data mining approaches. Extensive updates reflect the technical changes and modernizations that have taken place in the field since the last edition, including substantial new chapters on probabilistic methods and on deep learning. Accompanying the book is a new version of the popular WEKA machine learning software from the University of Waikato. Authors Witten, Frank, Hall, and Pal include today's techniques coupled with the methods at the leading edge of contemporary research. Please visit the book companion website at <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/book.html> It contains Powerpoint slides for Chapters 1-12. This is a very comprehensive teaching resource, with many PPT slides covering each chapter of the book Online Appendix on the Weka workbench; again a very comprehensive learning aid for the open source software that goes with the book Table of contents, highlighting the many new sections in the 4th edition, along with reviews of the 1st edition, errata, etc. Provides a thorough grounding in machine learning concepts, as well as practical advice on applying the tools and techniques to data mining projects Presents concrete tips and techniques for performance improvement that work by transforming the input or output in machine learning methods Includes a downloadable WEKA software toolkit, a comprehensive collection of machine learning algorithms for data mining tasks-in an easy-to-use interactive interface Includes open-access online courses that introduce practical applications of the material in the book

This unique book describes, analyses, and improves various approaches and techniques for the numerical solution of delay differential equations. It includes a list of available codes and also aids the reader in writing his or her own. Since the early 1990s hundreds of thousands of Tamil villagers in southern India have participated in literacy lessons, science demonstrations, and other events designed to transform them into active citizens with access to state power. These efforts to spread enlightenment among the oppressed are part of a movement known as the Arivoli Iyakkam (the Enlightenment Movement), considered to be among the most successful mass literacy movements in recent history. In *The Light of Knowledge*, Francis Cody's ethnography of the Arivoli Iyakkam highlights the paradoxes inherent in such movements that seek to emancipate people through literacy when literacy is a power-laden social practice in its own right. *The Light of Knowledge* is set primarily in the rural district of Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu, and it is about activism among laboring women from marginalized castes who have been particularly active as learners and volunteers in the movement. In their endeavors to remake the Tamil countryside through literacy activism, workers in the movement found that their own understanding of the politics of writing and Enlightenment was often transformed as they encountered vastly different notions of language and imaginations of social order. Indeed, while activists of the movement successfully mobilized large numbers of rural women, they did so through logics that often pushed against the very Enlightenment rationality they hoped to foster. Offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at an increasingly important area of social and political activism, *The Light of Knowledge* brings tools of linguistic anthropology to engage with critical social theories of the postcolonial state.

Aflatoxins - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is a book that has been thought to present the most significant advances in these disciplines focused on the knowledge of such toxins. All authors, who supported the excellent work showed in every chapter of this book, are placed at the frontier of knowledge on this subject, thus, this book will be obligated reference to issue upon its publication. Finally, this book has been published in an attempt to present a written forum for researchers and teachers interested in the subject, having a current picture in this field of research about these interesting and intriguing toxins.

This volume provides an introduction to medicinal chemistry. It covers basic principles and background, and describes the general tactics and strategies involved in developing an effective drug.

Joseph Nye coined the term "soft power" in the late 1980s. It is now used frequently—and often incorrectly—by political leaders, editorial writers, and academics around the world. So what is soft power? Soft power lies in the ability to attract and persuade. Whereas hard power—the ability to coerce—grows out of a country's military or economic might, soft power arises from the attractiveness of a country's culture, political ideals, and policies. Hard power remains crucial in a world of states trying to guard their independence and of non-state groups willing to turn to violence. It forms the core of the Bush administration's new national security strategy. But according to Nye, the neo-conservatives who advise the president are

making a major miscalculation: They focus too heavily on using America's military power to force other nations to do our will, and they pay too little heed to our soft power. It is soft power that will help prevent terrorists from recruiting supporters from among the moderate majority. And it is soft power that will help us deal with critical global issues that require multilateral cooperation among states. That is why it is so essential that America better understands and applies our soft power. This book is our guide.

This book offers a thorough grounding in machine learning concepts combined with practical advice on applying machine learning tools and techniques in real-world data mining situations. Clearly written and effectively illustrated, this book is ideal for anyone involved at any level in the work of extracting usable knowledge from large collections of data.

Complementing the book's instruction is fully functional machine learning software.

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