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This book uses an informative style to present the concepts of algorithms, data and computation and discuss the role of algorithms and computers in ruling and shaping the world in which we live and work. The main goal is to help readers to clearly understand the power and impact of pervasive use of algorithms on human lives. The book combines a popular approach with a well-founded scientific description aiming at discussing both principles and applications of algorithms, Big Data, and machine intelligence.

This book demonstrates the need for and the value of interdisciplinary research in addressing important societal challenges associated with the widespread use of algorithmic decision-making. Algorithms are increasingly being used to make decisions in various domains such as criminal justice, medicine, and employment. While algorithmic tools have the potential to make decision-making more accurate and transparent, they pose serious challenges to societal interests. For example, they can perpetuate discrimination, cause representational harm, and deny opportunities.
Spatial Gems, Volume 2

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Spatial gems are computational techniques for processing spatial data. This book, a follow-up to the first *Spatial Gems* volume, is a further collection of techniques contributed by leading research experts. Although these approaches were developed as part of larger research projects, the gems represent fundamental solutions that are generically applicable to many different problems. Our goal is to expose these useful techniques that are not yet in textbooks and often buried inside technical research papers.

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“A remarkable accomplishment and contribution from a thoughtful participant in the design revolution that made computing technology such a global success.” - Ben Shneiderman, Retired Emeritus Professor, Computer Science, University of Maryland

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Digital technologies have made amazing progress over the past 80 years, especially in the health sector, communications, commerce, community and recent advances in AI. However, there are side effects, nightmares that now threaten all of us. If humankind risks painting itself into a new-age technological holocaust, how can we act to mitigate the damages through ethical career decisions, careful analysis, thoughtful design, consideration of how bad actors may use technology, research, citizen engagement, legislation, and regulation?
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The book provides insights on the level of assurance that can be provided by formal methods to today’s autonomous systems. Autonomous systems are often safety-critical and are expected to work in uncertain environments. Ensuring design correctness and safety of autonomous systems has significant financial and legal implications. Existing design and test methodologies are inadequate so we introduce new verification and synthesis algorithms to provide certifiable trusts for products with the vagaries of realworld autonomous systems.

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