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**Download and Read**

1. "A Definition of Soft Computing"  
<http://www.soft-computing.de/def.html>
2. "Soft Computing: The Convergence of Emerging Reasoning Technologies"  
J. of SoftComputing, Vol.1 (1997), pp. 6-18.
3. "Preface" by L.A. Zadeh  
Fuzzy Optimization and Decision Making (FODM), Vol.1 (2002), pp. 11-12.
4. "Toward Fuzzy Optimization without Mathematical Ambiguity"  
FODM, Vol. 1 (2002), pp. 43-63.
5. Use less than 500 words to tell me (in your own words):
  - (a) What is soft computing?
  - (b) What do you expect to learn from this course?

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