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The names "support vector machines", "k-nearest neighbors" and "clustering" appear many times, but the concrete examples of their application are to be found in the references. The book can be considered as a useful survey for the reader specifically interested in MIR.