

A high-resolution satellite image of Earth's surface, showing swirling cloud formations over the oceans and green landmasses. The image is partially cut off on the right side.

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**26 degrees x 40 students =1040 graduates per year**

# Your skills

- **Strong mathematical background**
  - Trained in calculus, linear algebra, probability, and mathematical modeling—essential for building robust AI systems and analyzing complex datasets.
- **Computational mastery**
  - Skilled in programming, machine learning, data structures, and large-scale data processing—ready to tackle real-world challenges in AI and data-driven industries.

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# The gap

Climatology and meteorology remain vast, underexplored frontiers—waiting for data and AI engineers to unlock their full potential.

# Your contribution to climate intelligence

- Handling large-scale weather/climate datasets
- Data cleaning and quality control (QC)
- Integration of heterogeneous data sources (data fusion)
- Advanced analysis, visualization and dashboarding
- Time series analysis and anomaly detection

# Real World applications



# Predicting Tropical Cyclone Rapid Intensification From Satellite Microwave Data and Neural Networks

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**Abstract**—A new method to analyze the potential for rapid intensity change in tropical cyclones (TC) is presented. The method is based on satellite observations of precipitation derived from microwave (MW) radiometers. The approach is intended to condense the information in the environment and in the vortex using a low wavenumber representation of the rain index (RaIn, a multichannel nonlinear combination of passive MW observations), and train a deep-learning, multilayer neural network (NN) with the RaIn and the changes in the wind over the next 24 h. The resulting NN exhibits a near-perfect ability to identify rapid intensification (RI: changes in the hurricane wind speed in excess of 30 knots within a 24-h period). It is found that the spatial structure and amounts of the columnar water condensate within the extended environment is necessary to capture the most important information regarding the RI process. Analyses of the NN structure provide new insight into the physics of TC and can help improve model forecasting. Environmental conditions as far as 1050 km from the TC center might affect the process of RI by at least three physical processes: absolute angular momentum inflow, wind shear stabilization, and steering the outflow jets in the upper troposphere. The findings can be used to build a RI discriminant (RID) for real-time operations.

**Index Terms**—Hurricanes, microwave (MW), radiometers, rapid intensification (RI), tropical cyclones (TC).

model to forecast the evolution over the following 24 h, and calculate the resulting intensity of the storm. The problem with this proposition is threefold: 1) first, it is impossible to know the exact state of the atmosphere at the initial time. Even knowledge of the joint distribution of the portion of the state variables that would be most important to forecast the intensity would necessarily entail a large amount of uncertainty; 2) the evolution equations are highly nonlinear, implying that any initial uncertainty will inevitable grow and produce a forecast that can be wide of the mark; and 3) last, current knowledge of the evolution equations is still imperfect, especially when the dynamics of hydrometeors is involved [1].

The indirect approach to forecast TC intensification is to infer TC characteristics from synoptic data, but the approach can only provide a statistical-based answer, which is by definition tied to a particular set of conditions. Attempts to identify hurricanes in the outputs of Regional Climate Models (RCM) or—even better—high-resolution Earth System Models (ESM) or Global Climate/Circulation Models (GCMs) from present climate suffer from the same shortcomings, and preclude following such an approach for the future climates

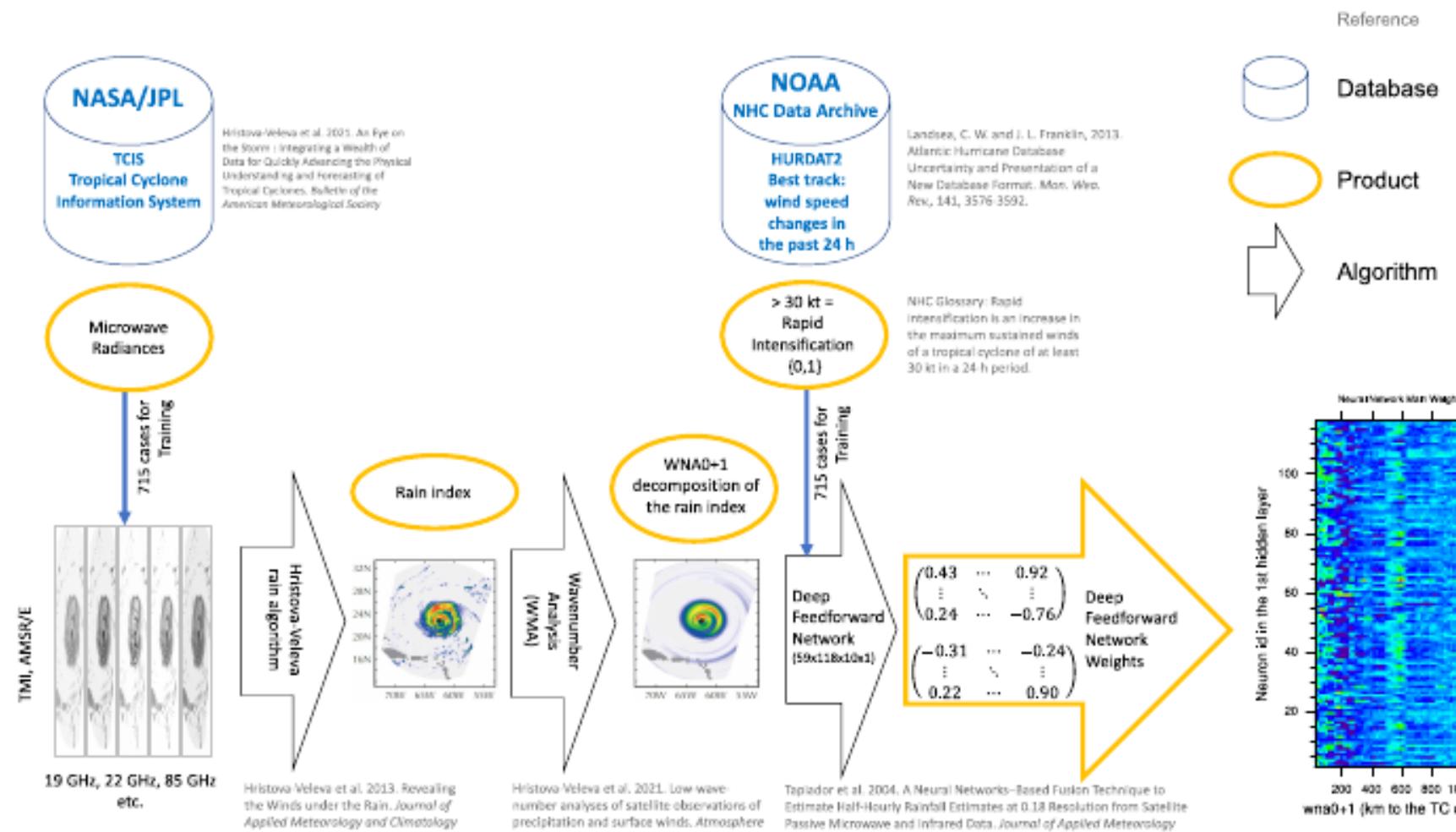


Fig. 6. Scheme of the data processing using NN no. 2 (NN2).

## Article

# A foundation model for the Earth system

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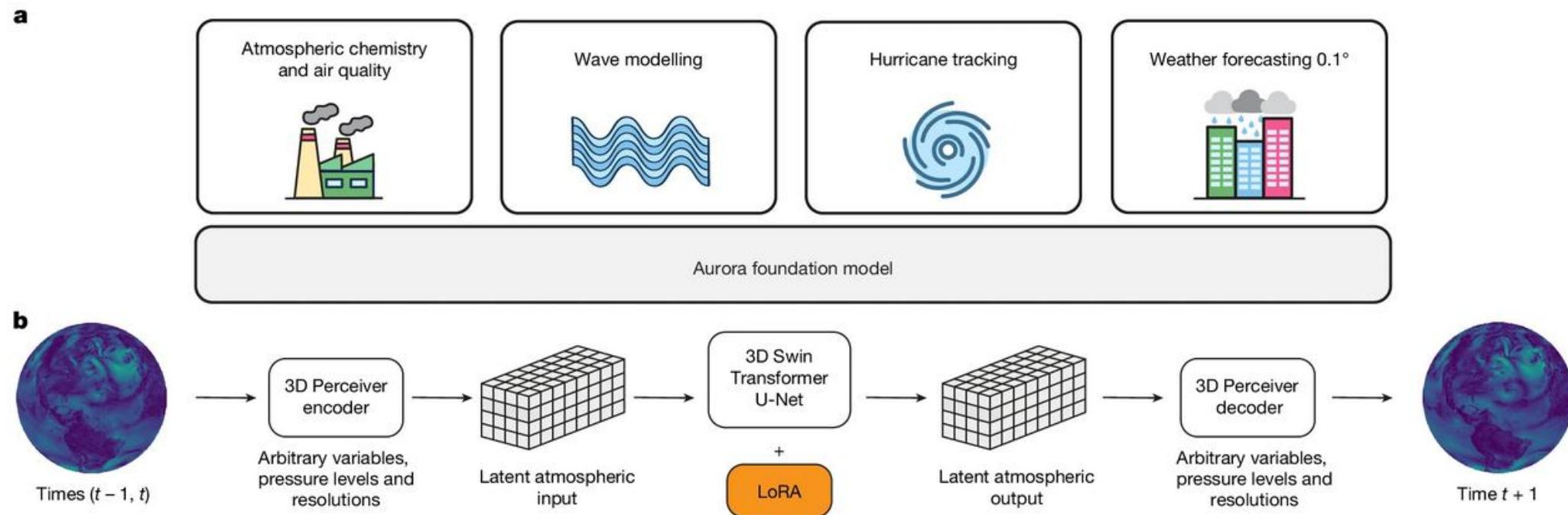


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Reliable forecasting of the Earth system is essential for mitigating natural disasters and supporting human progress. Traditional numerical models, although powerful, are extremely computationally expensive<sup>1</sup>. Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) have shown promise in improving both predictive performance and efficiency<sup>2,3</sup>, yet their potential remains underexplored in many Earth system domains. Here we introduce Aurora, a large-scale foundation model trained on more than one million hours of diverse geophysical data. Aurora outperforms operational forecasts in predicting air quality, ocean waves, tropical cyclone tracks and high-resolution weather, all at orders of magnitude lower computational cost. With the ability to be fine-tuned for diverse applications at modest expense, Aurora represents a notable step towards democratizing accurate and efficient Earth system predictions. These results highlight the transformative potential of AI in environmental forecasting and pave the way for broader accessibility to high-quality climate and weather information.

# Fig. 1: Aurora is a 1.3-billion-parameter foundation model for the Earth system.

From: [A foundation model for the Earth system](#)



Icons are for illustrative purposes only. **a**, Aurora is pretrained on several heterogeneous datasets with different resolutions, variables and pressure levels. The model is then fine-tuned for several operational forecasting scenarios at different resolutions: atmospheric chemistry and air quality at  $0.4^\circ$ , wave modelling at  $0.25^\circ$ , hurricane tracking at  $0.25^\circ$  and weather forecasting at  $0.1^\circ$ . **b**, Aurora is a flexible 3D Swin Transformer<sup>19</sup> with 3D Perceiver-based<sup>21</sup> atmospheric encoders and decoders. The model is able to ingest inputs with different spatial resolutions, numbers of pressure levels and variables.



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# Schedule

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
WELCOME & TOOLS	2
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ANOMALIES	2
CCS (THEORY)	2
CCS (PRACTICE)	4
CCS (PRESENTATIONS)	2
NLP (THEORY)	2
NLP (PRACTICE)	4
NLP (PRESENTATIONS)	2

# Schedule

TOPIC	HOURS	
WELCOME & TOOLS	2	Climate fundamentals
DATA PRODUCTS	4	
CLIMATOLOGIES	2	
ENSEMBLE	2	
ANOMALIES	2	
CCS (THEORY)	2	Project #01
CCS (PRACTICE)	4	
CCS (PRESENTATIONS)	2	
NLP (THEORY)	2	Project #02
NLP (PRACTICE)	4	
NLP (PRESENTATIONS)	2	

# Deliverables

TOPIC	DELIVERABLE
WELCOME & TOOLS	
DATA PRODUCTS	
CLIMATOLOGIES	YES (single)
ENSEMBLE	YES (single)
ANOMALIES	YES (single)
CCS (THEORY)	
CCS (PRACTICE)	
CCS (PRESENTATIONS)	YES (group)
NLP (THEORY)	
NLP (PRACTICE)	
NLP (PRESENTATIONS)	YES (group)

# Assignment: Regional Climate Normals Analysis Using Data Science

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## 1 Introduction

This assignment focuses on the analysis of regional climate normals using real-world precipitation data. Students will investigate the typical monthly precipitation patterns over Europe by computing climatological means for a defined reference period. The goal is to understand what constitutes “normal” climate conditions and how these can serve as a baseline for future anomaly detection and climate trend analysis.

The core objective is to compute monthly climate normals for the period **January 1979 to December 2008**, and to visualize these normals **over Europe**. Additionally, students will compare these normals with observed precipitation for a specific month—**June 2022**—to illustrate how deviations from the norm can be identified.

This project provides hands-on experience with climate data formats such as NetCDF and reinforces essential data science skills including data wrangling, spatial analysis, and scientific visualization.

## 2 Objectives

- Explore and understand the structure of climate data in NetCDF format.
- Understand the concept of climate normals and their scientific relevance.
- Calculate monthly climate normals for a defined baseline period.
- Visualize climate normals using spatial maps.
- Compare climate normals with observed data to identify deviations.
- Develop and communicate insights using data science tools and techniques.

## 3 Dataset Description

- **Source:** Global Precipitation Climatology Project (GPCP) Monthly Analysis Product.
- **URL:** <https://psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/data.gpcp.html>
- **Variable:** Monthly mean precipitation (`precip`)
- **Units:** mm/day (to be converted to mm/month)
- **Temporal coverage:** 1979–present
- **Spatial resolution:**  $2.5^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$
- **Format:** NetCDF

## 4 Study Region and Period

- **Geographic focus:** Europe
- **Baseline period for climate normals:** January 1979 – December 2008
- **Comparison month and year:** June 2022

## 5 Workflow

1. Load and explore the provided NetCDF dataset.
2. Convert precipitation units from mm/day to mm/month.
3. Extract data for the baseline period (1979–2008).
4. Compute monthly climate normals (mean for each calendar month).
5. Extract observed data for June 2022.
6. Visualize:
  - A map of the climate normal for June.
  - A map of observed precipitation for June 2022.
7. Optionally, compute and visualize the anomaly (difference between 2022 and the normal).

## 6 Suggested Tools

- Python libraries: `xarray`, `numpy`, `matplotlib`, `cartopy`
- Optional: Climate Data Operators (CDO) for command-line processing of NetCDF files

## 7 Deliverables

- Python script(s) used for data processing and visualization.
- Two maps:
  - Climate normal for June (1979–2008)
  - Observed precipitation for June 2022
- A brief report summarizing the methodology and key insights.

## 8 Optional Extensions

- Compute and visualize the anomaly (difference between 2022 and the normal).
- Compare climate normals across different baseline periods (e.g., 1991–2020).

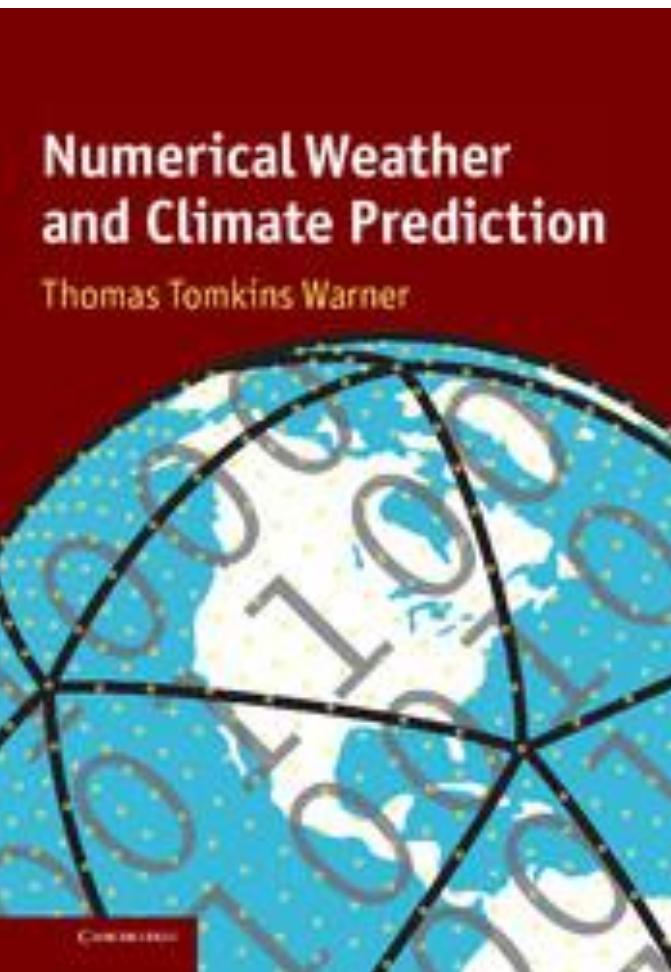
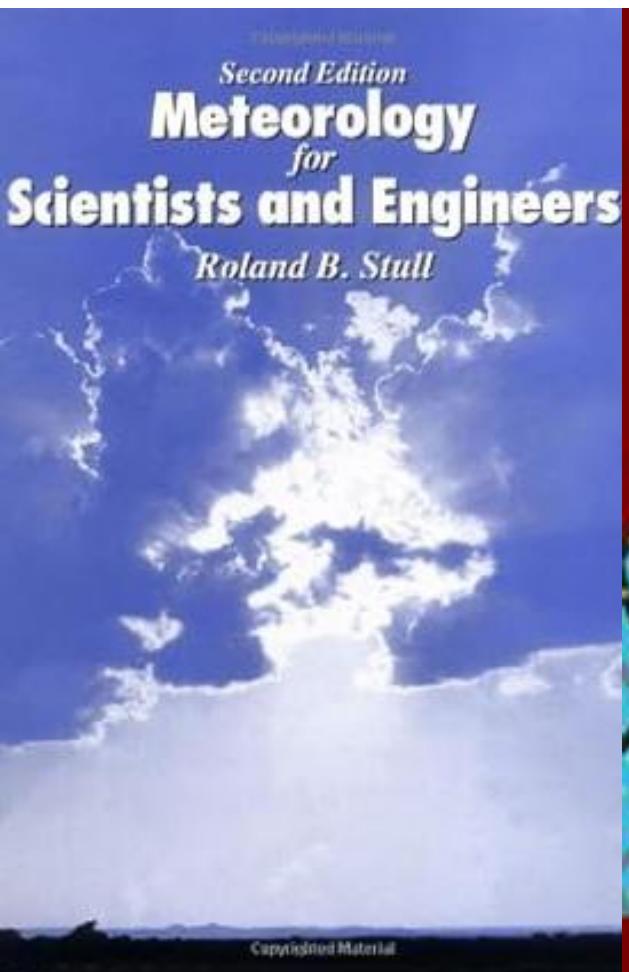
# Evaluation

## Evaluación



Estrategia de evaluación	Descripción	Porcentaje
Trabajos	Evaluación de las actividades correspondientes a las sesiones de prácticas	70%
Pruebas mixtas	Pruebas que combinan preguntas de desarrollo, preguntas objetivas de preguntas cortas y / o pruebas objetivas tipo test.	10%
Evaluación continua	Asistencia activa, participación en dinámicas, debates y tareas de evaluación continua.	20%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

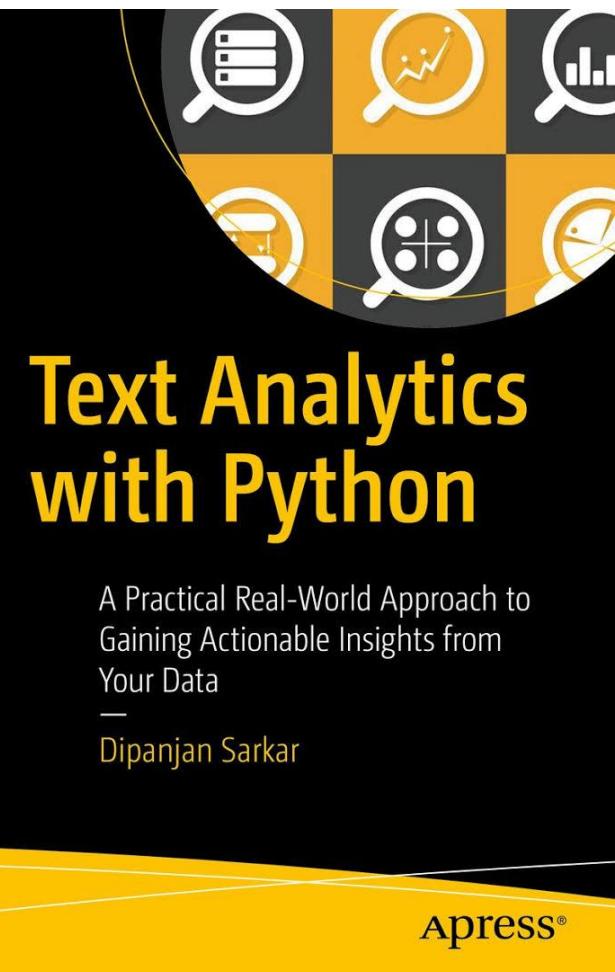
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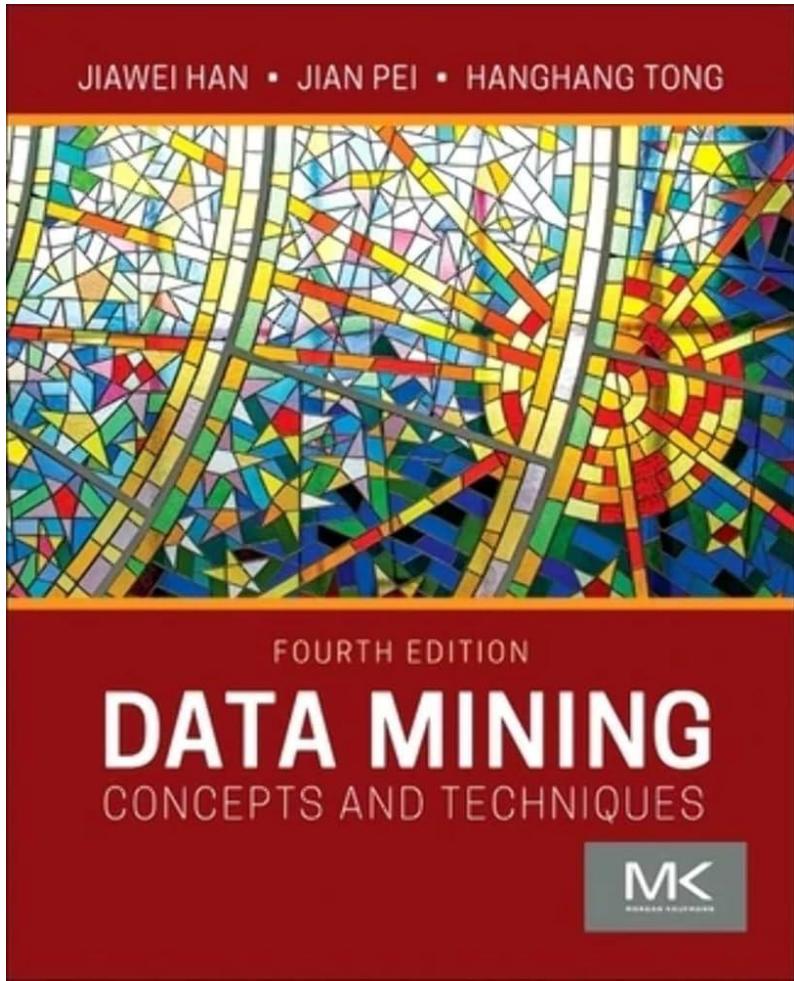
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