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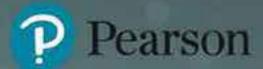
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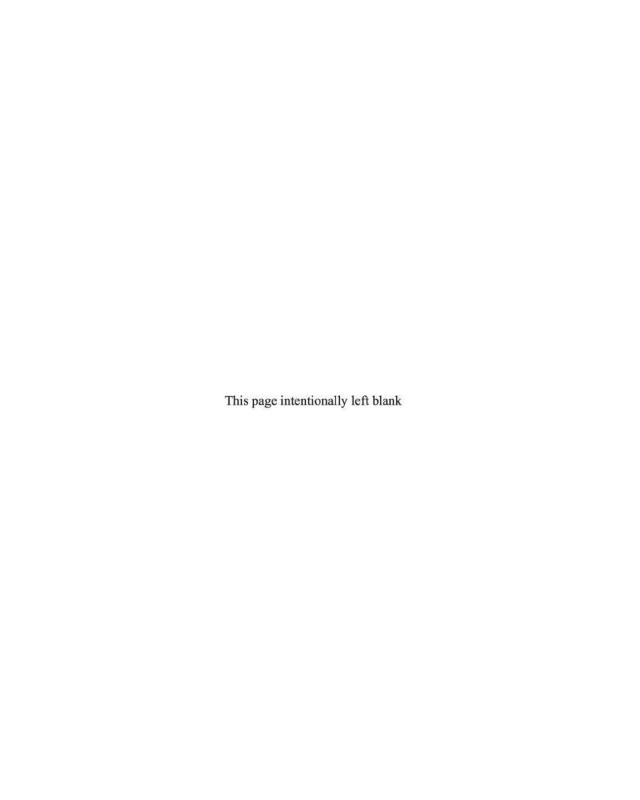
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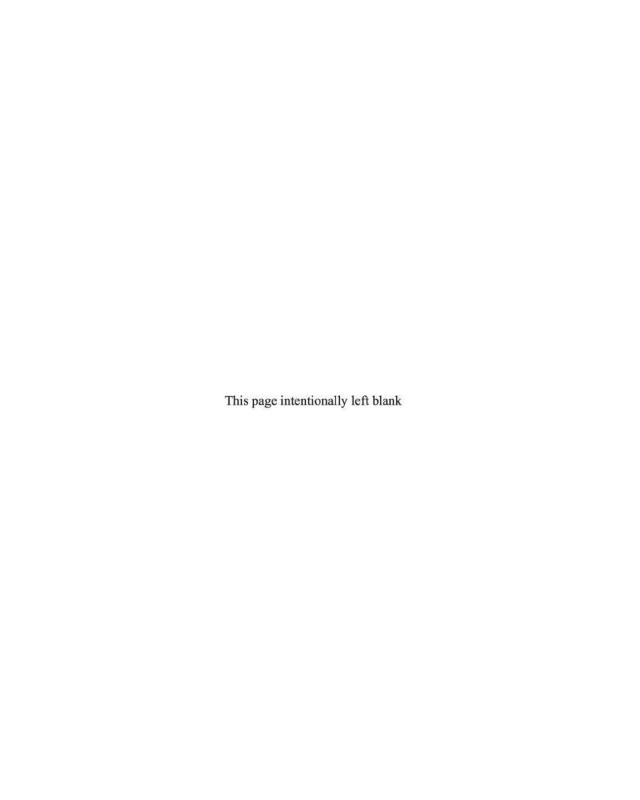
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Preface

Analytics has become the technology driver of this decade. Companies such as IBM, SAP, IBM, SAS, Teradata, SAP, Oracle, Microsoft, Dell and others are creating new organizational units focused on analytics that help businesses become more effective and efficient in their operations. Decision makers are using more computerized tools to support their work. Even consumers are using analytics tools, either directly or indirectly, to make decisions on routine activities such as shopping, health/healthcare, travel, and entertainment. The field of business intelligence and business analytics (BI & BA) has evolved rapidly to become more focused on innovative applications for extracting knowledge and insight from data streams that were not even captured some time back, much less analyzed in any significant way. New applications turn up daily in healthcare, sports, travel, entertainment, supply-chain management, utilities, and virtually every industry imaginable. The term *analytics* has become mainstream. Indeed, it has already evolved into other terms such as data science, and the latest incarnation is deep learning and Internet of Things.

This edition of the text provides a managerial perspective to business analytics continuum beginning with descriptive analytics (e.g., the nature of data, statistical modeling, data visualization, and business intelligence), moving on to predictive analytics (e.g., data mining, text/web mining, social media mining), and then to prescriptive analytics (e.g., optimization and simulation), and finally finishing with Big Data, and future trends, privacy, and managerial considerations. The book is supported by a Web site (pearsonhighered.com/sharda) and also by an independent site at dssbibook.com. We will also provide links to software tutorials through a special section of the Web sites.

The purpose of this book is to introduce the reader to these technologies that are generally called business analytics or data science but have been known by other names. This book presents the fundamentals of the techniques and the manner in which these systems are constructed and used. We follow an EEE approach to introducing these topics: Exposure, Experience, and Exploration. The book primarily provides exposure to various analytics techniques and their applications. The idea is that a student will be inspired to learn from how other organizations have employed analytics to make decisions or to gain a competitive edge. We believe that such exposure to what is being done with analytics and how it can be achieved is the key component of learning about analytics. In describing the techniques, we also introduce specific software tools that can be used for developing such applications. The book is not limited to any one software tool, so the students can experience these techniques using any number of available software tools. Specific suggestions are given in each chapter, but the student and the professor are able to use this book with many different software tools. Our book's companion Web site will include specific software guides, but students can gain experience with these techniques in many different ways. Finally, we hope that this **exposure** and **experience** enable and motivate readers to **explore** the potential of these techniques in their own domain. To facilitate such exploration, we include exercises that direct them to Teradata University Network and other sites as well that include team-oriented exercises where appropriate. We will also highlight new and innovative applications that we learn about on the book's Web site.

Most of the specific improvements made in this fourth edition concentrate on four areas: reorganization, new chapters, content update, and a sharper focus. Despite the many changes, we have preserved the comprehensiveness and user friendliness that have made the text a market leader. Finally, we present accurate and updated material that is not available in any other text. We next describe the changes in the fourth edition.

What's New in the Fourth Edition?

With the goal of improving the text, this edition marks a major reorganization of the text to reflect the focus on business analytics. This edition is now organized around three major types of business analytics (i.e., descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive). The new edition has many timely additions, and the dated content has been deleted. The following major specific changes have been made.

- New organization. The book recognizes three types of analytics: descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive, a classification promoted by INFORMS. Chapter 1 introduces BI and analytics with an application focus in many industries. This chapter also includes an overview of the analytics ecosystem to help the user explore all the different ways one can participate and grow in the analytics environment. It is followed by an overview of statistics, importance of data, and descriptive analytics/visualization in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 covers data warehousing and data foundations including updated content, specifically data lakes. Chapter 4 covers predictive analytics. Chapter 5 extends the application of analytics to text, Web, and social media. Chapter 6 covers prescriptive analytics, specifically linear programming and simulation. It is totally new content for this book. Chapter 7 introduces Big Data tools and platforms. The book concludes with Chapter 8, emerging trends and topics in business analytics including location analytics, Internet of Things, cloud-based analytics, and privacy/ethical considerations in analytics. The discussion of an analytics ecosystem recognizes prescriptive analytics as well.
- New chapters. The following chapters have been added:

Chapter 2. Descriptive Analytics I: Nature of Data, Statistical Modeling, and Visualization This chapter aims to set the stage with a thorough understanding of the nature of data, which is the main ingredient for any analytics study. Next, statistical modeling is introduced as part of the descriptive analytics. Data visualization has become a popular part of any business reporting and/or descriptive analytics project; therefore, it is explained in detail in this chapter. The chapter is enhanced with several real-world cases and examples (75% new material).

Chapter 6. Prescriptive Analytics: Optimization and Simulation

This chapter introduces prescriptive analytics material to this book. The chapter focuses on optimization modeling in Excel using linear programming techniques. It also introduces the concept of simulation. The chapter is an updated version of material from two chapters in our DSS book, 10th edition. For this book it is an entirely new chapter (99% new material).

Chapter 8. Future Trends, Privacy and Managerial Considerations in Analytics This chapter examines several new phenomena that are already changing or are likely to change analytics. It includes coverage of geospatial analytics, Internet of Things, and a significant update of the material on cloud-based analytics. It also updates some coverage from the last edition on ethical and privacy considerations (70% new material).

Revised Chapters. All the other chapters have been revised and updated as well.
 Here is a summary of the chapters in these other chapters:

Chapter 1. An Overview of Business Intelligence, Analytics, and Data Science This chapter has been rewritten and significantly expanded. It opens with a new vignette covering multiple applications of analytics in sports. It introduces the three types of analytics as proposed by INFORMS: descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics. A noted earlier, this classification is used in

guiding the complete reorganization of the book itself (earlier content but with a new figure). Then it includes several new examples of analytics in healthcare and in the retail industry. Finally, it concludes with significantly expanded and updated coverage of the analytics ecosystem to give the students a sense of the vastness of the analytics and data science industry (about 60% new material).

Chapter 3. Descriptive Analytics II: Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing This is an old chapter with some new subsections (e.g., data lakes) and new cases (about 30% new material).

Chapter 4. Predictive Analytics I: Data Mining Process, Methods, and Algorithms This is an old chapter with some new content organization/ flow and some new cases (about 20% new material).

Chapter 5. Predictive Analytics II: Text, Web, and Social Media Analytics This is an old chapter with some new content organization/flow and some new cases (about 25% new material).

Chapter 7. Big Data Concepts and Analysis This was Chapter 6 in the last edition. It has been updated with a new opening vignette and cases, coverage of Teradata Aster, and new material on alternative data (about 25% new material).

- Revamped author team. Building on the excellent content that has been prepared by the authors of the previous editions (Turban, Sharda, Delen, and King), this edition was revised primarily by Ramesh Sharda and Dursun Delen. Both Ramesh and Dursun have worked extensively in analytics and have industry as well as research experience.
- Color print! We are truly excited to have this book appear in color. Even the figures from previous editions have been redrawn to take advantage of color. Use of color enhances many visualization examples and also the other material.
- A live, updated Web site. Adopters of the textbook will have access to a Web site that will include links to news stories, software, tutorials, and even YouTube videos related to topics covered in the book. This site will be accessible at dssbibook.com.
- · Revised and updated content. Almost all the chapters have new opening vignettes that are based on recent stories and events. In addition, application cases throughout the book have been updated to include recent examples of applications of a specific technique/model. New Web site links have been added throughout the book. We also deleted many older product links and references. Finally, most chapters have new exercises, Internet assignments, and discussion questions throughout.
- Links to Teradata University Network (TUN). Most chapters include new links to TUN (teradatauniversitynetwork.com).
- Book title. As is already evident, the book's title and focus have changed substantially.
- Software support. The TUN Web site provides software support at no charge. It also provides links to free data mining and other software. In addition, the site provides exercises in the use of such software.

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- PowerPoint slides. PowerPoint slides are available that illuminate and build on key concepts in the text. Faculty can download the PowerPoint slides from pearsonhighered.com/sharda.

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This book deals with a collection of computer technologies that support managerial work—essentially, decision making. These technologies have had a profound impact on corporate strategy, performance, and competitiveness. Collectively, these technologies are called *business intelligence*, *business analytics*, and *data science*. Although the evolution of the terms is discussed, these names are also used interchangeably. This book tells stories of how smart people are employing these techniques to improve performance, service, and relationships in business, government, and non-profit worlds.

