



TRANSFORMATIVE WORKSHOP ON "QUALITY PROCESSES AND CMMI STANDARDS"

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# 75th Republic Day Celebration at DUK



DUK commemorated the 75th Republic Day with a spirited celebration on January 26th at 9:00 AM. Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Saji Gopinath proudly unfurled the national flag, followed by a security staff parade. Student Council Secretary Mr. Nithin K.S. guided everyone present in the solemn recitation of the national pledge. The occasion resonated with insightful speeches from Honourable Registrar Dr. A. Mujeeb, Prof. K. Pradeep Kumar, and Student Council representative Miss Meenakshi A.K. Prof. Md. Meraj Uddin, Chairman of Student Affairs, expressed heartfelt gratitude before the joyous distribution of sweets to students, staff, and faculty, concluding a day filled with national pride and unity.





## Workshop on Quality Processes and CMMI Standards



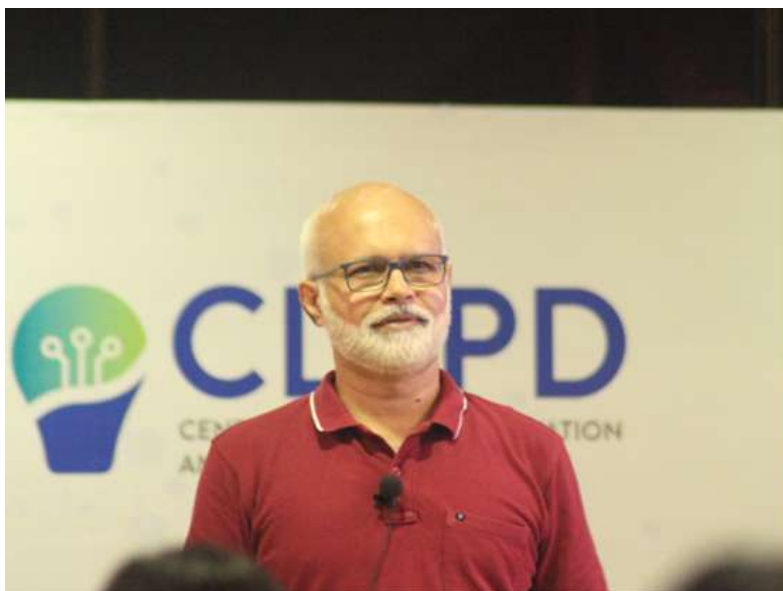
Centre for Digital Innovations and Product Development (CDIPD), a Centre of Excellence under DUK, conducted a transformative workshop on "Quality Processes and CMMI Standards" from January 11th to 13th, 2024, at Hotel Lake Palace. The theme of the workshop was to sensitize the team on the significance of adopting quality processes in achieving organizational goals. The workshop also focused on fostering team collaboration, improving communication, and thereby enhancing the overall team effectiveness.

The first day commenced with an enriching Session on Agile Project Management taken by Brajesh C. Kaimal, Co-founder, and Director, Experion Technologies (P) Ltd, followed by a power-packed session by Ms. Fincy Yousuff, Vice President for Growth, Equipo Health, who took the participants to the realm of Agile Methodologies through Gamification.

Second day, the sessions delved into the aspects of Quality Processes and CMMI Standards which were taken by experts Mr. Santhosh Kurup, Professor of Practice, School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts, DUK and Mr. Balamurali L, MR & Head Quality and Testing, SFO Technologies (P) Ltd. Session providing an overview on CI/CD Pipeline Integration Process was handled by Mr. Amal K J, QC and Delivery Manager, Data Analytics Wing, DUK.

The third day started off with an enriching session on "AI & Gen AI in Action: Potential Opportunities" by the Respected Dean of Research, Dr. Manoj Kumar T. K. To invoke the path towards creative thinking and fostering an environment of innovation, the session on "Design Thinking" was taken by our esteemed Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof.SajiGopinath.

A formal concluding session followed, which was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saji Gopinath, Registrar Prof. Mujeeb A., Dean Research Prof. Manoj T. K., and Director CDIPD Prof. Ajith Kumar R.



## Day 1 Workshop on Quality Processes and CMMI Standards





## Day 2

### Workshop on Quality Processes and CMMI Standards



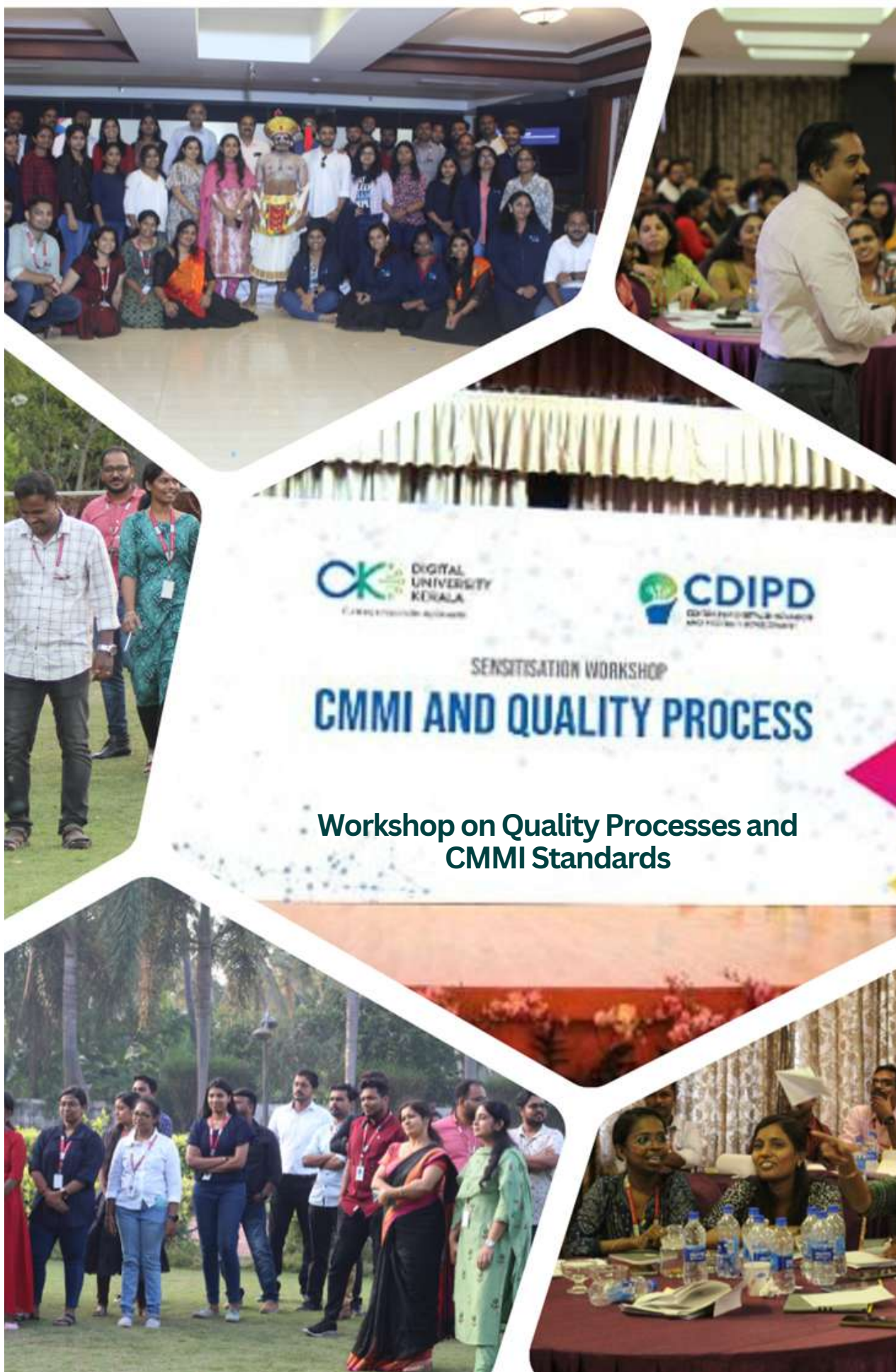


## Day 3

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## Workshop on Quality Processes and CMMI Standards

# Dr Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor of Digital University Kerala in his recent conversation with The New Indian Express

In a recent conversation with The New Indian Express, Dr Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor delved into the inception and remarkable journey of the university in transforming the digital ecosystem. Also sheds light on the transformative impact and the milestones achieved in establishing the Digital University Kerala dedicated to digital education.



## 'VARSITIES HAVE TO PLAY VARIED ROLES.. STANFORD CREATED SILICON VALLEY'

**How did the concept of Digital University come up?**  
When we looked around, we found that Indian Institutes of Information Technology in other states had been converted into public-private universities. In Kerala, we could not do so. We realised that if we sought to scale up the ecosystem, especially while looking at the knowledge economy, it was important to have a social institution/university to drive that. That's how the concept of the Digital University emerged, and IITM-K was transformed into the Digital University. The ordinance came in 2020, and the Act was passed in 2021.

**Is Digital University the first of its kind in India... could you elaborate on the model?**  
The Digital University is not a virtual one. It primarily focuses on creating talents to work in the digital space. There is going to be a substantial change from the physical-cum-industrial world to the digital world. Everyone has started applying AI in their work. In the current system, the digital aspects are handled only by people who are from a technology background. But, people from other educational backgrounds also require this digital technology.



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The concept is to take people from conventional domains to

be developers or programmers. Similarly, we take the students from chemistry and teach them about computational drug designing, the pharma sector requires those who know about computational drug designing. This transition is what the university is looking for. That is why we have only postgraduate courses. We are straggling courses like media-tech and judiciary tech, too.

**What about research?**  
Yes, the other vertical of the university is research. We believe there is a need for a substantial amount of research in the emerging domains. People do research in technology per se. However, a fundamental shift is happening, as there are sociological aspects related to technology. We need to study that as well.

**Any other areas?**  
We believe in the new world, universities have to play different roles. Conventional universities will be creating talents who go on to create an economy. However, universities can play a direct role in creating an economy by being a point that attracts industries. Like how Stanford University created Silicon Valley. We think that good faculty who are doing applied research can work with an industry. We create an infrastructure where industries can come to us and create products by working with academia. In this concept, we have set up a graphene park or ecosystem. We are setting up an Internet of Things ecosystem as well.

**Is the Digital University looking at tie-ups with industries?**

The largest industrial association is in the graphene park, where we have three stages. The first stage was the applied research side, where Tata Steel is the partner. The second stage is moving from applied research to products, in which we have partnered with Carbon8 (Chennai-based company Carbon8 and Unilever). The third stage relates to upgrading to other industries, for which we are associating with the state industrial department. In the Digital Science Park, we are looking for those companies and startups that seek research and development, and are interested in working with us. We have a startup-company spin-off from the University of Leeds. We have companies from Russia and the UK working in



**Saji Gopinath, the first vice-chancellor of the path-breaking Digital University Kerala, has been one of the key drivers of the state's renewed push in the knowledge economy. He served as a member of the Chief Minister's High-Power IT Committee from 2017 to 2019, and as CEO of Kerala Startup Mission from 2017 to 2020, before taking up his current pioneering role. In a wide-ranging discussion with TNIE, he outlines the plans and strategies at the Digital University, including tie-ups with foreign varsities, strategic alliances in areas such as graphene, and plans to attract global talents. Excerpts**

ital University is that we are able to attract global talents. Indians, not necessarily Malaysians, from outside India have joined us. For instance, we have a person who joined from Edinburgh. He works in the robotics area. We have a professor from Manchester... the faculty good internally strong.

**Where is the graphene development coming up?**  
The first phase is happening in Kalamassery, in our space... the digital hub area. This is jointly done by the government of India, the government of Kerala, and Tata Steel. The funding came from them. The operation is managed by Digital University C-MET, which is a national institution, and

**Former IT secretary M Sivasankar played a key role in the development of the state's IT sector. I had worked closely with him, and found him to be a very bright person who made quick decisions.**

**with foreign universities?**  
We have tied up with those top universities - Oxford, Edinburgh, Manchester. We also have groups with the University of Southampton. We are exploring similar tie-ups with other universities. We are looking at areas where we can have mutual collaboration.

**Coming to the startup space, there is a perception that Kerala is a good place for hardware, and not software units. What are your views? It is not exactly correct. Software startups have comparatively foot-loose staffers. They easily migrate from one place to another. They go to places where easy money is available. Similarly, it is state because in**

People from other educational backgrounds also require digital technology. Our concept is to take people from conventional domains to digital technology

cause very few startups in the country have become profitable and achieved value growth in such a short period. So high-tech, deep-tech and hard-tech are the areas Kerala has the strength. This whole concept of Digital Science Park that we are speaking about aims to take them to the next level.

### Dialogues

**There is a perception that the Kerala government is using the glitz of the startup culture to cover up unemployment woes in the state. What's your take?**  
As far as I see, startups and employment are two different things. This is because startups create a lot of value, and employ most general job seekers later. We have around 6,000 startups, and they must have jointly created a little less than 1,00,000 jobs. However, the SME sector might create much more jobs. That way, it is not only job creation. Job-creation is one aspect of it, but it is more of a value creation.

**You pointed out that people good at coding are migrating to Bengaluru, as there are better chances of getting investments and jobs there... I didn't say that people migrate for jobs. I said that if one is looking at creating an asset like a startup, the funding ecosystem available in some of the growth centres in the country is different. That makes some of the startups move out. But that doesn't mean that they are leaving and going. They have their back-end and development offices here. This happens even outside the country. Some of the big success don't have funding coming from India. What we have done is that we have taken this as a metric and said, 'Let us see how many startups we can retain here and also bring from outside'. So we developed support systems and infrastructure. I don't think too many states provide such things. However, we have not marketed it well, when compared with other places.**

**You spoke about a blend of digital and hardware expertise. Keralites are reasonably skilled in programming. But for the hardware, how do you demonstrate the**

er. I don't know whether it is the right place for the course we may not have sort of resources. But we look at the packaging, which is an important element. At Digital University, we are training students in the entire process, including its market packaging in a major industrial opportunity.

**Considering the major developments here, do you people who had gone abt returning?**  
Well, when we talk to in

**Though we have created an excellent infrastructure, I believe we have not marketed it well, when compared with other states**



professors working abt about the developments getting here, they are actually happy to hear it, and they I been recommending some their spin-offs to come to state. They want our sort of infrastructure. The C8S (An can multinational C8S AI ty) started a centre Kollam. It should be noted that employees given the same salary a their Bengaluru centre. It shows that they know the have the necessary infrastructure and the talent pool!

**It is said former IT secretary M Sivasankar played a role in the development of the state's IT sector... Yes, he did. Not only in IT played a key role in many as. When he handled such posts, like tourism director director of the Directorate**

<https://epaper.newindianexpress.com/c/74284152>

## Hosted a Science Lecture at Digital University as a part of Global Science Festival 2024

Global Science Festival Kerala, a comprehensive science event featuring not only the main exhibition but also a series of science lectures, seminars, and other programs, seeks collaboration with Digital University to enhance its impact in the city.

An enlightening talk by\_ Dr. Robert Potts, an educator and researcher in Creative Digital Design at The School of Digital Arts at Manchester Metropolitan University. The date for the programme was 16th January 2024.



Dr Robert Potts is an educator and researcher in Creative Digital Design at The School of Digital Arts at Manchester Metropolitan University. Working with many pioneering learning institutes and organizations, Rob contributes to applied research into design processes concerning education, technology, and place with a specific interest in design leadership, research through design and collaborative innovation. He applies design-led approaches in across-domain way, sometimes as creative director, consultant, ethnographer, or documentarian to explore issues of learning, leading, and organising.

As part of the Global Science Festival Kerala, scheduled from January 15th, 2024, his talk will be of great value to the academic community at Digital University.



## DUK Outreach Program with 19 Arts and Science Colleges, Kerala

Digital University Kerala conducted an outreach program, a symposium in collaboration with 19 Arts and Sciences Colleges across different districts in Kerala in the month of January 2024, led by Dr. Christie Thomas Cherian, Admission Chair at Digital University Kerala. Members of the admission committee from five schools participated in the symposium and delivered talks on various topics related to digital technologies and data analytics.

The committee members included Dr. Christie Thomas Cherian (Admission chair), (School of Electronics), Dr. Sooraj N P (School of Informatics), Dr. Aswin V S (School of Digital Science), Dr. Shanujas V, (School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts), and Dr. Abhishek Kaushik (School of Computer Science).



Faculties from different schools included Prof. Satheesh Kumar and Dr. Sini V Pillai (School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts), Prof. Anoop V S (School of Computer Science), Dr. Shamjid P (School of Digital Science), and Mr. Nikhil P also participated and delivered talks.



## DUK outreach program at EMEA Arts and Science College Kondotty, Malappuram

Dr. Shanujas V delivered a session on 'Building a Successful Career in the Digital Era' at EMEA Arts and Science College, Kondotty, Malappuram district, as part of the DUK outreach program on January 25, 2024.



## Dr. Anoop V. S. has been awarded Responsible Computing Challenge Research Grant by Mozilla Foundation and United States Agency for International Development

Dr. Anoop V. S. (Research Officer - School of Digital Sciences) has been awarded \$25,000 USD (INR 2,000,000) for the Responsible Computing Challenge by Mozilla Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development. The initiative blends Computer Science curricula with other disciplines, like the Humanities, Law, Policy, and Social Sciences, that address social context, critical thinking in technology design, inequality in technology, and equitable systems. Dr. Anoop's proposal titled "Integration of Modules on Responsible NLP into Existing Natural Language Processing Course for Computing Students using Flipped Classroom Strategies and Outreach Components" has been selected from a pool of 43 applications.



**Dr. Anoop V. S**  
Research Officer  
School of Digital Sciences

## PGCSBM Batch 3 Final Networking Session and Examination

Third Physical Networking Session and Final Examination of Certificate Program in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management- Batch 3 was successfully conducted on January 8th 2024 at DUK campus. 110 eligible participants attended the networking session and final examination. A final project Review and Evaluation was overseed by Dr. Sini V Pillai, Assistant Professor, School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts.



School of Digital Humanities and Liberal Arts conducted Certificate Program in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management for the Executives of the Directorate of Industries and Commerce .This comprehensive program organized by Digital University Kerala was conducted in three batches, benefiting about 1000 executives. The program has not only equipped them with essential skills but has also played a pivotal role in catalyzing business growth within their respective panchayats. Each batch underwent 228 hours of sessions, providing valuable insights and practical tools to navigate the dynamic business landscape.



## Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Regional Meet @ Kochi

Digital University Kerala Participated in the regional meet of IICs, organized by MoE's Innovation Cell & AICTE, hosted by School of Engineering, CUSAT on 16th January 2024. The Innovation Initiatives of IIC established in the DUK, during the last one year was showcased during the event.



## COCONET'23 Conference

The research paper titled "Computational Models and Neural Insights in Music Neuroscience" by Satchithanathi Aruljothi and Malu G. was presented at the Fifth International Conference on Computing and Network Communications (CoCoNet'23), held from December 18 to 20, 2023, in Bangalore, India. The work delved into the complexities of understanding the relationship between the human brain and music. The paper explored various computational models, including Rule-Based Interactions, Agent-Based Models, Generative Models, and more, shedding light on different aspects of music cognition. By integrating these models, researchers aim to unravel the intricate mechanisms underlying our perception of music, offering valuable insights into this captivating field.



## Project Revision for Jalsuraksha by Pothencode Panchayat

The Social Engagement Centre was approached by Pothencode Panchayat to contribute towards its 'Jalsurakha' to ensure self sufficiency in water. Considering the fact that the Social Engagement Centre, DUK was able to bring together various stakeholders for discussions and coordinated action plan for the purpose. The Panchayat has requested the Centre to submit a report summarising the various efforts already outlined by agencies like MGNREGA, Departments like Minor Irrigation and Underground Water. The Panchayat has included this proposal in its project revision.



Pothencode Thettiayar Thalakkulam

## SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has organized and conducted The South Zone Inter University Chess (Woman) and Football tournaments, 2023-2024 from 25th to 30th December 2023 at their campus.

These events provided an excellent platform for DUK students to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.



SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL MEN TOURNAMENT 2023-2024



SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY CHESS WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023-2024

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## Invited Talk

Dr. Sinnu Susan Thomas gave an invited talk on Can Robots Learn at the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology in Pune on January 12, 2024.

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- Dr. Sini V. Pillai, presented a paper at the POMS India International Conference 2023, hosted by the Production and Operations Management Society POMS India chapter at XLRI Jamshedpur from December 4th to 6th. The presentation, titled "Humanitarian and Crisis Management" delved into the complexities of electric vehicle incidents within the Indian context.
- Leena G Pillai, D. Muhammad Noorul Mubarak, and Elizabeth Sherly, "BiLSTM-CNN with Fixed Weight Approach for Tracking Speech Articulatory Features", Seventh International Symposium on Intelligent Systems Technologies and Applications (ISTA'23), Bengaluru, India on 18th – 20th December, 2023. The paper in the conference was presented by Leena G Pillai, Research Scientist, Centre for Excellence in Brain Computing, Digital University Kerala.
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- The research paper titled "EEG-based Imagined Word Recognition using CNN-Bi-GRU," authored by Ms. Sabitha Rani and Dr. Elizabeth Sherly, has been accepted for presentation at the IEEE conference RAAI 2023. Ms. Sabitha Rani presented the paper at the 3rd International Conference on Robotics, Automation, and Artificial Intelligence (RAAI 2023) held at the prestigious National University of Singapore from December 14 to 16.
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- Dr. Sini V. Pillai participated in Katastasi: International Case Writing Competition as part of the Research Conference and was shortlisted to present a case study on Fire in the EV Market: Case on Electric Vehicle Explosions in India on February 24 at the Fortune Institute of International Business (FIIB), New Delhi, India.
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## Software of the month

### Pytorch

(<https://pytorch.org/>)

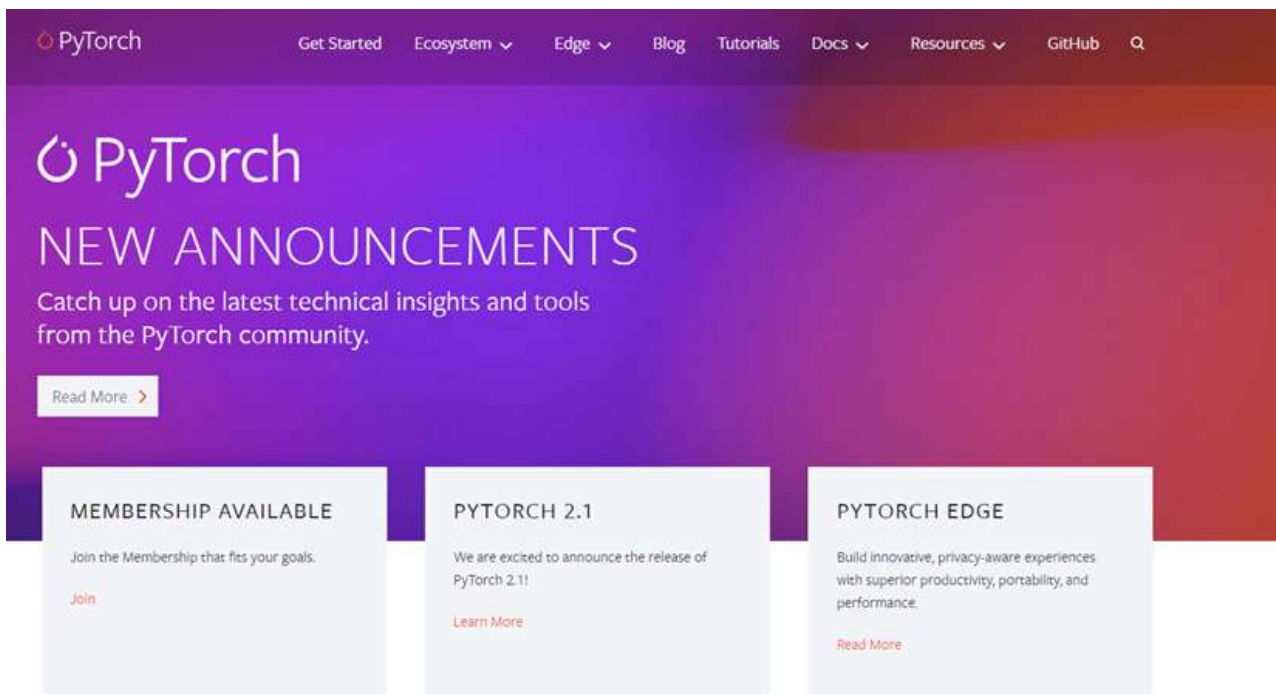
Pytorch is an open-source machine-learning framework based on the Torch library. It was developed by Facebook's AI Research lab (FAIR) and is used for applications such as computer vision and NLP.



It also gives a Python package specifically for advanced-level features like tensor computation and TorchScript. Various deep learning software is built on Pytorch like Tesla Autopilot, PyTorch Lightning, and Catalyst.

Features –

- Provides a rich ecosystem of tools and libraries.
- It is well supported on a majority of the cloud platforms.
- C++ interface is also available.
- Provides high-level features like Tensor Computing and Deep Neural Networks.
- Provides ease of use and flexibility in eager mode with the help of TorchScript.



The screenshot shows the PyTorch website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Get Started', 'Ecosystem', 'Edge', 'Blog', 'Tutorials', 'Docs', 'Resources', 'GitHub', and a search icon. The main header features the PyTorch logo and the text 'NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS'. Below this, a sub-header reads 'Catch up on the latest technical insights and tools from the PyTorch community.' with a 'Read More' button. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE' with a 'Join' link, 'PYTORCH 2.1' with a 'Learn More' link, and 'PYTORCH EDGE' with a 'Read More' link.

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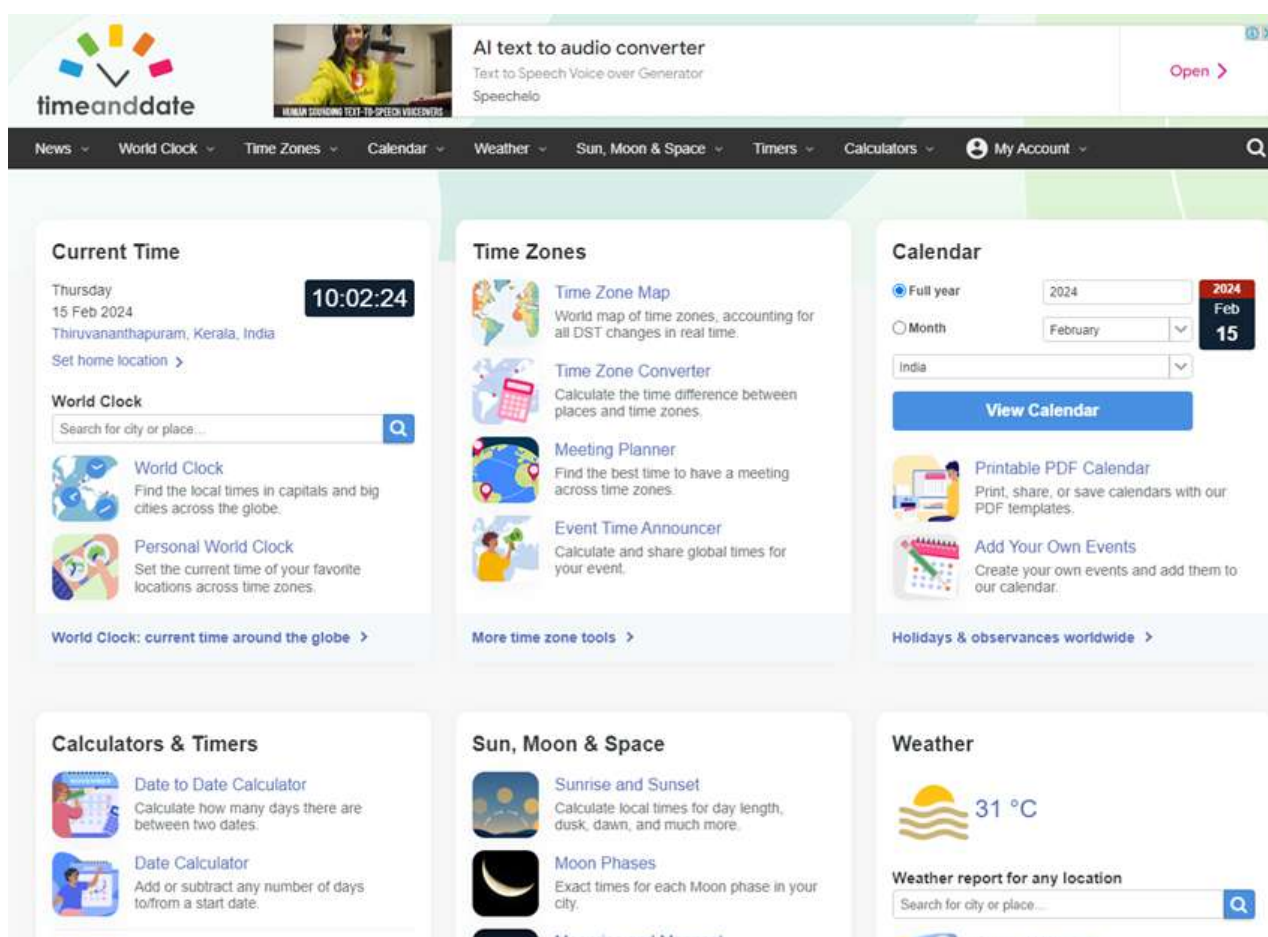
## Time & Date

([www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com))

Time and Date offers many quick and easy tools to identify current times in other time zones. The website also features articles about various time/date topics such as daylight savings time and international holidays and festivals. It also provides diverse types of calendars such as “on this day in history” trivia, world-wide weather, phases of the moon, and sky maps.



The site provides tools to easily calculate dates of future natural events such as solar and lunar eclipses. Additional features include a countdown to future dates, a timer, a stopwatch, an alarm, a calendar creator, and a distance calculator.



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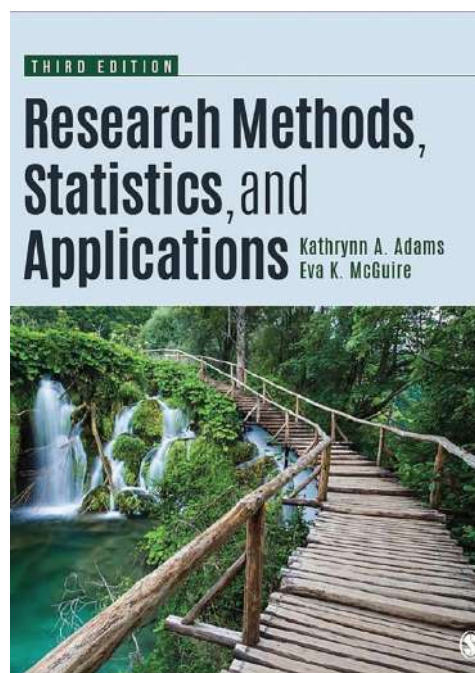
### Research Methods, Statistics, and Applications

RESEARCH METHODS, STATISTICS, AND APPLICATIONS BY KATHRYNN A. ADAMS AND EVA K. MCGUIRE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE STUDENTS THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING A RESEARCHER BY COMBINING THE INTERRELATED CONCEPTS OF RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS TO BETTER EXPLAIN HOW THE RESEARCH PROCESS INCORPORATES BOTH ELEMENTS. EMPLOYING A CONVERSATIONAL TONE THROUGHOUT, COUPLED WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DECISION-MAKING, THIS BEST-SELLING TEXT WILL SPARK STUDENTS' INTEREST IN CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO CRITICALLY ANALYZE RESEARCH IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. THE THIRD EDITION INCLUDES A NEW CHAPTER ON MEASUREMENT TO BETTER HIGHLIGHT ITS CRITICAL IMPORTANCE, UPDATES FOR THE 7TH EDITION OF THE PUBLICATION MANUAL OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, NEW EXAMPLES RELATED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADDITIONAL SECTIONS ON QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS, AND MORE THOROUGH INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH ETHICS INFORMATION AND TIPS THROUGHOUT EACH CHAPTER.

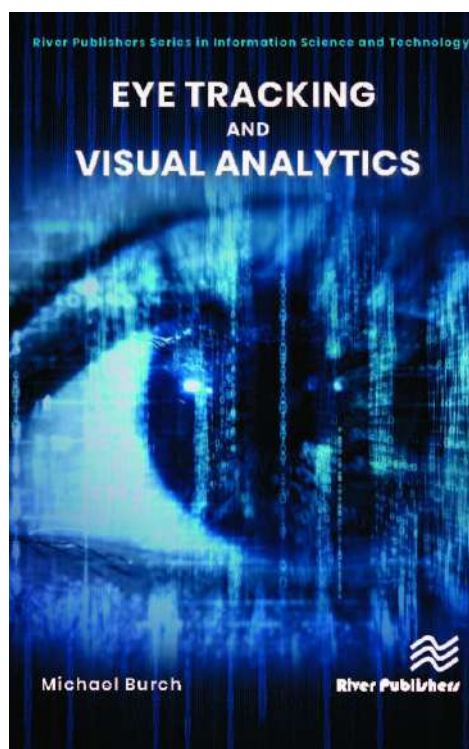
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Adams, Kathryn Ann -McGuire, Eva K (2023)

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### Eye Tracking and Visual Analytics



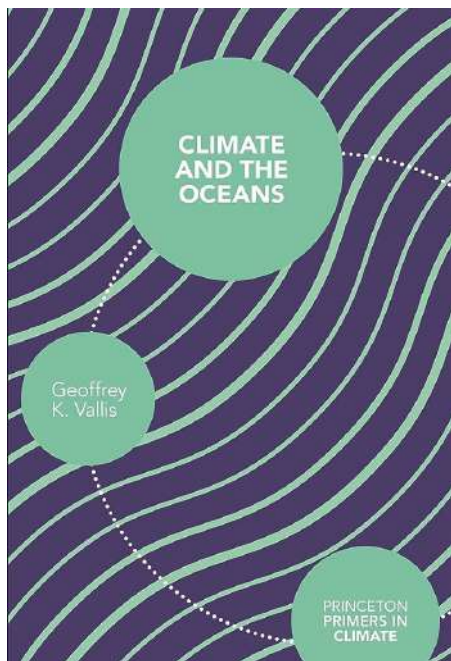
VISUALIZATION AND VISUAL ANALYTICS ARE POWERFUL CONCEPTS FOR EXPLORING DATA FROM VARIOUS APPLICATION DOMAINS. THE ENDLESS NUMBER OF POSSIBLE PARAMETERS AND THE MANY WAYS TO COMBINE VISUAL VARIABLES AS WELL AS ALGORITHMS AND INTERACTION TECHNIQUES CREATE LOTS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR BUILDING SUCH TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS.

THIS BOOK DESCRIBES ASPECTS FROM THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELD OF VISUAL ANALYTICS, BUT ALSO DISCUSSES MORE GENERAL APPROACHES FROM THE FIELD OF VISUALIZATION AS WELL AS ALGORITHMS AND DATA HANDLING. A MAJOR PART OF THE BOOK COVERS RESEARCH ON THOSE ASPECTS UNDER THE LIGHT AND PERSPECTIVE OF EYE TRACKING, BUILDING SYNERGY EFFECTS BETWEEN BOTH FIELDS – EYE TRACKING AND VISUAL ANALYTICS – IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, I.E. EYE TRACKING APPLIED TO VISUAL ANALYTICS AND VISUAL ANALYTICS APPLIED TO EYE TRACKING DATA.

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Burch, Michael (2021) Eye Tracking and Visual Analytics. Denmark, River Publishers

## Climate and the Oceans



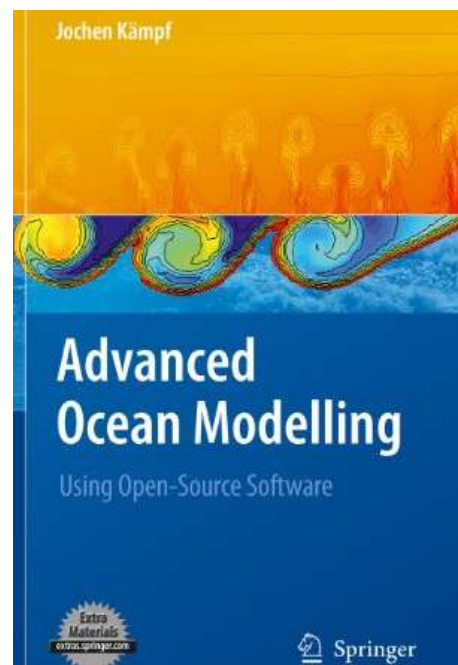
THE OCEANS EXERT A VITAL MODERATING INFLUENCE ON THE EARTH'S CLIMATE SYSTEM. THEY PROVIDE INERTIA TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE, ESSENTIALLY ACTING AS THE PACEMAKER OF CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CHANGE, AND THEY PROVIDE HEAT TO HIGH LATITUDES, KEEPING THEM HABITABLE. CLIMATE AND THE OCEANS OFFERS A SHORT, SELF-CONTAINED INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT. THIS ILLUSTRATED PRIMER BEGINS BY BRIEFLY DESCRIBING THE WORLD'S CLIMATE SYSTEM AND OCEAN CIRCULATION AND GOES ON TO EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANT WAYS THAT THE OCEANS INFLUENCE CLIMATE. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE THE OCEANS' EFFECTS ON THE SEASONS, HEAT TRANSPORT BETWEEN EQUATOR AND POLE, CLIMATE VARIABILITY, AND GLOBAL WARMING. THE BOOK ALSO FEATURES A GLOSSARY OF TERMS, SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER READING, AND EASY-TO-FOLLOW MATHEMATICAL TREATMENTS. CLIMATE AND THE OCEANS IS THE FIRST PLACE TO TURN TO GET THE ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT THIS CRUCIAL ASPECT OF THE EARTH'S CLIMATE SYSTEM.

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## Advanced Ocean Modelling: Using Open-Source Software

THIS BOOK INTRODUCES THE READER TO ADVANCED METHODS USED IN THE COMPUTER-BASED MODELLING OF FLUID PROCESSES. THIS INCLUDES NONHYDROSTATIC PROCESSES SUCH AS BREAKING INTERNAL WAVES AND DENSITY-DRIVEN CONVECTION, BUT THE MODEL CODE IS ALSO USED TO SIMULATE AN EL-NIO EVENT! IN THIS BOOK, THE ART OF HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING IS MADE AVAILABLE AND TRANSPARENT TO A WIDER READERSHIP. AN ATTRACTIVE BYPRODUCT OF THE BOOK IS THAT RESULTS ARE ANIMATIONS RATHER THAN STILL IMAGES. MODEL CODES AND ANIMATION SCRIPTS FOR ALL EXERCISES ARE SUPPLIED. THIS BOOK INTRODUCES THE READER TO ADVANCED METHODS USED IN THE COMPUTER-BASED MODELLING OF FLUID PROCESSES. IN THIS BOOK, THE ART OF HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING IS MADE AVAILABLE AND TRANSPARENT TO A WIDER READERSHIP. AN ATTRACTIVE BYPRODUCT OF THE BOOK IS THAT RESULTS ARE ANIMATIONS RATHER THAN STILL IMAGES. MODEL CODES AND ANIMATION SCRIPTS FOR ALL EXERCISES ARE SUPPLIED ON A WEBSITE. THE READER CAN ADOPT MODEL CODES FOR OWN INDEPENDENT STUDIES

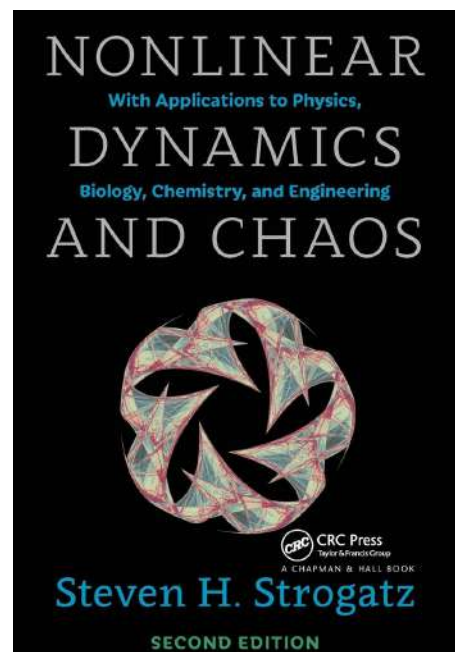


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## NONLINEAR DYNAMICS AND CHAOS : with Applications to Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Engineering

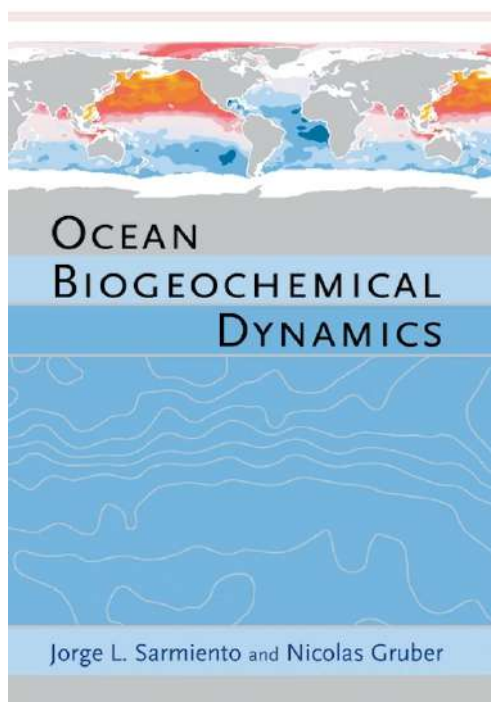
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## Ocean Biogeochemical Dynamics

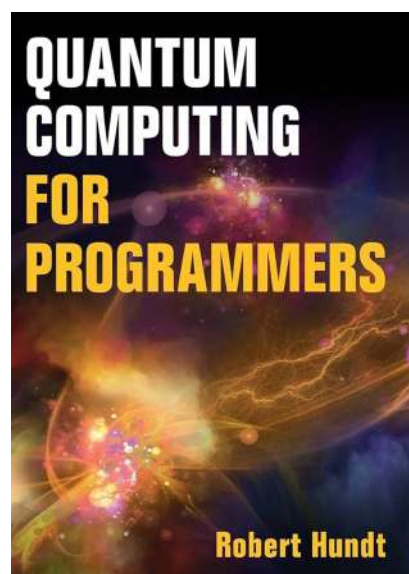
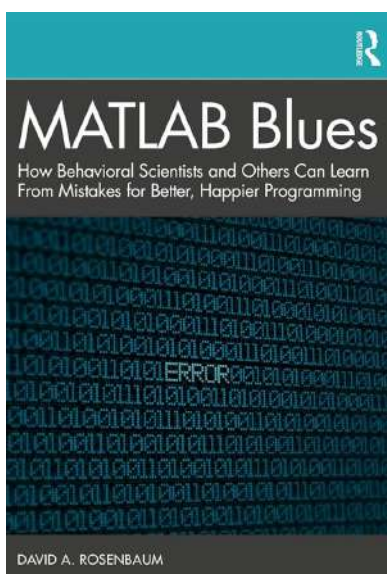
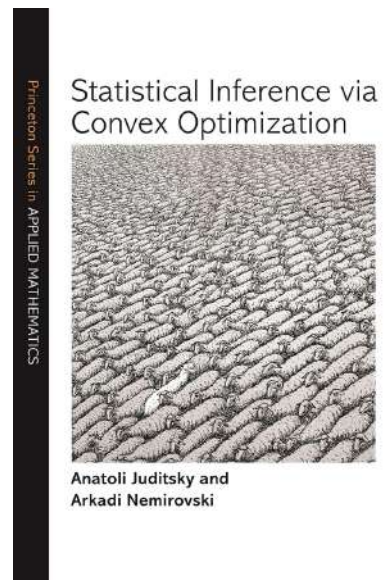
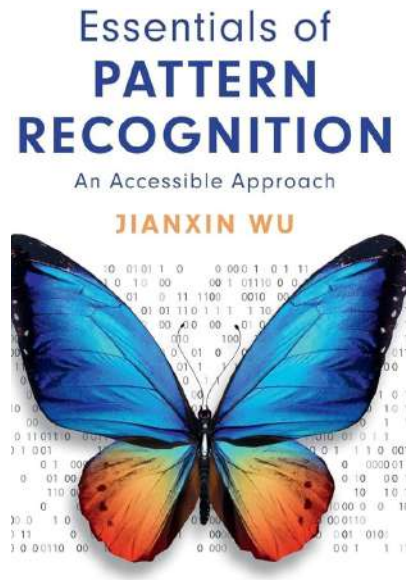
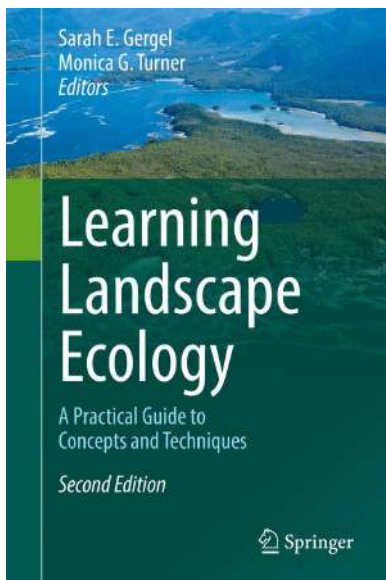
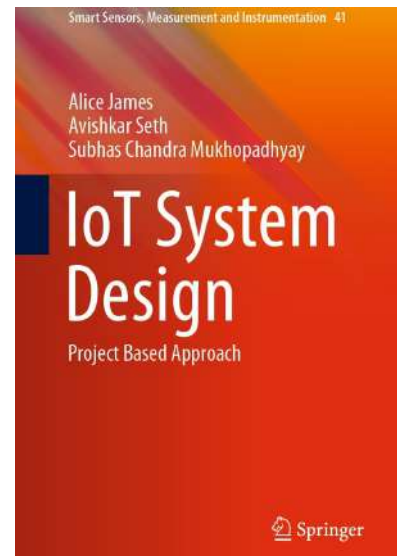
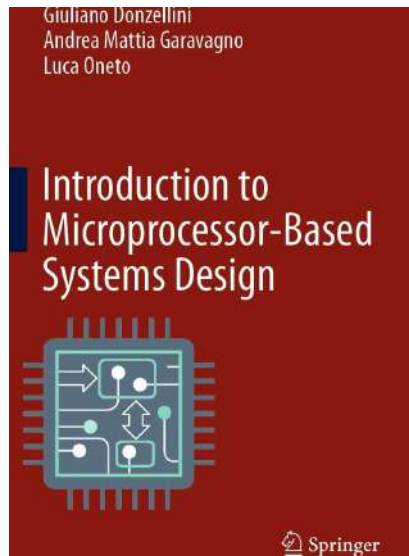
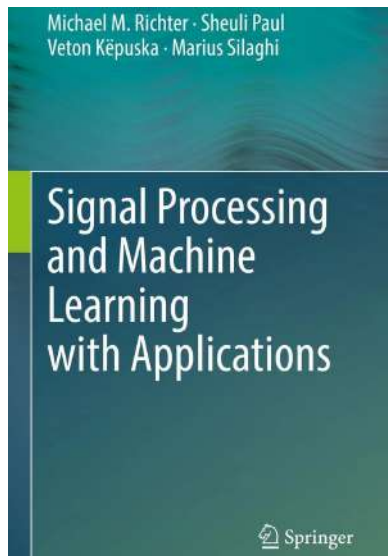


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