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This volume contains five fully revised selected regular papers, covering a wide range of very hot topics in the fields of data anonymization, quasi-identifier discovery methods, symbolic time series representation, detection of anomalies in time series, data quality management in biobanks, and multi-agent technology in the design of intelligent systems for maritime transport.

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