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#### **Preface**

Knowledge management involves the application of human knowledge (epistemology) with the technological advances of our current society (computer systems) and big data, both in terms of collecting data and in analyzing it. We see three types of analytic tools. **Descriptive** analytics focus on the reports of what has happened. **Predictive** analytics extend statistical and/or artificial intelligence to provide forecasting capability. It also includes classification modeling. **Diagnostic** analytics can apply analysis to sensor input to direct control systems automatically. **Prescriptive** analytics applies quantitative models to optimize systems, or at least to identify improved systems. Data mining includes descriptive and predictive modeling. Operations research includes all the three. This book focuses on descriptive analytics.

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### **Book Concept**

The book seeks to provide simple explanations and demonstration of some descriptive tools. This second edition provides more examples of big data impact, updates the content on visualization, clarifies some points, and expands coverage of association rules and cluster analysis. Chapter 1 gives an overview of the context of knowledge management. Chapter 2 discusses some basic software support to data visualization. Chapter 3 covers fundamentals of market basket analysis, and Chap. 4 provides a demonstration of RFM modeling, a basic marketing data mining tool. Chapter 5 demonstrates association rule mining. Chapter 6 has more in-depth coverage of cluster analysis. Chapter 7 discusses link analysis.

Models are demonstrated using business-related data. The style of the book is intended to be descriptive, seeking to explain how methods work, with some citations, but without deep scholarly references. The data sets and software are all selected for widespread availability and access by any reader with computer links.

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