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Preface

Computational intelligence (CI) techniques have garnered considerable interest in recent decades within the earth and environmental science research communities because of its capacity to solve and understand various complex problems achieving a sustainable planet. This book is a collection of recent developments and applications of the computational intelligence techniques in earth and environmental sciences. Topics addressed in this volume include meteorology, atmospheric modeling, climate change, environmental engineering, water resources, and hydrological modeling. The editors hope that this volume will promote increased collaboration of scientists with backgrounds in computer sciences with earth and environmental scientists.

The main focus of the contents are divided into three broad categories—classical intelligence techniques, probabilistic and transforms intelligence techniques, and hybrid intelligence techniques. Part I of the volume serves as an overview of computational intelligence techniques and their application in earth and environmental sciences. In Part II, which covers classical intelligence techniques, the contributions related to the classical methods applied to earth and environmental sciences are gathered. Part III concerns probabilistic and transforms intelligence techniques, more specifically, the application of Markov analysis and wavelet transforms to the earth and environmental sciences. Lastly, the analyses of problems that cannot be adequately solved with traditional techniques are addressed in Part IV. Hybrid approaches are highlighted.

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