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## **Solution Focused Group Therapy**

John Wiley & Sons

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Hybrid Metaheuristics, HM 2014, held in Hamburg, Germany, in June 2014. The 14 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 22 submissions. The selected papers cover both theoretical and experimental results, including new paradigmatic hybrid solvers and automatic design approaches as well as applications to logistics and public transport.

The Tidal Model Springer Science & Business

## **Media**

Today, Web search is treated as a solitary experience. Web browsers and search engines are typically designed to support a single user, working alone. However, collaboration on information-seeking tasks is actually commonplace. Students work together to complete homework assignments, friends seek information about joint entertainment opportunities, family members jointly plan vacation travel, and colleagues jointly conduct research for their projects. As improved networking technologies and the rise of social media simplify the process of remote collaboration, and large, novel display form-factors simplify the process of co-located group work, researchers have begun to explore ways to facilitate collaboration on search tasks. This lecture investigates the who, what, where, when

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and why of collaborative search, and gives insight in how emerging solutions can address collaborators' needs. Table of Contents: Introduction / Who? / What? / Where? / When? / Why? / Conclusion: How?

Artificial Intelligence Through Search  
Springer Science & Business Media

The book covers different aspects of real-world applications of optimization algorithms. It provides insights from the Fourth International Conference on Harmony Search, Soft Computing and Applications held at BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, India on February 7 – 9, 2018. It consists of research articles on novel and newly proposed optimization algorithms; the theoretical study of nature-inspired optimization algorithms; numerically established

results of nature-inspired optimization algorithms; and real-world applications of optimization algorithms and synthetic benchmarking of optimization algorithms.

Journal of Management Information Systems  
Springer

The Tidal Model  
Psychology Press

*In Search of Synergy in Small Group Performance*  
Psychology Press

O'Connell presents a comprehensive introduction to Solution-focused therapy (SFT). His writing is accessible making this an easy book to read. The way in which the material is organized and presented is appealing. The tone of the writing is down to earth and I imagine that few readers would feel alienated by the language regardless of training or theoretical background. This book provides not only an in-depth introduction to SFT but also provides the more experienced therapist with

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further ideas and principles. O'Connell manages to keep an air of hope and optimism in his writing which left me with a renewed sense of enthusiasm for working with clients in a SFT way. Having read a substantial amount of literature in brief therapy, I found this book to be one of the best I have come across. O'Connell communicates his ideas in a clear and rational way and most importantly with an essential dose of humanity. I would recommend this book to almost everyone regardless of their professional background as it instills a sense of hope and change' - Counselling Psychology Review

'A thoroughly enjoyable read about an inspiring approach to facilitating others without pathologising them, this book not only offers practical guidelines for beginners and validating supportive ideas for the more experienced, it could also inspire those who are simply interested in efficient and effective ways of empowering people via reminders of their potential to live zestful, creative, fruitful, connected lives' - Nurturing Potential

'Solution-Focused

Therapy is a comfortable introduction to SFT, which is best suited for students or those new to the model, or to professionals in other fields. It supports the novice practitioner in feeling that providing good therapy is within their grasp. Bill O'Connell's presentation of solution-focused therapy encourages theoretical integration, practicality, and trust in the abilities of the client over purity. Hopefully, such an approach would appeal to all therapists' - The Brief Therapy Networks Solution-Focused Therapy, Second Edition

a is a popular introduction to the theory, practice and skills of an approach which is increasingly used by a variety of professionals including counsellors, psychologists, mental health workers, and social workers. Its popularity lies in the fact that it is both time-limited and cost-effective, which are key considerations for many practitioners nowadays. For this, the Second Edition, the book has been fully revised and updated and now includes new sections on solution-focused supervision and running a solution-focused

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reflecting team. Most chapters include brief practice points for counsellors. This book will be of great interest to trainees of solution-focused therapy, as well as practitioners who work in a range of contexts where the emphasis is on providing effective brief interventions. Bill O'Connell is Director of Training for Focus on Solutions Limited in Birmingham. He was previously Head of the Counselling Department at Westhill College of Higher Education, Birmingham, and is co-editor of *Handbook of Solution-Focused Therapy* (Sage, 2003).

**Hybrid Metaheuristics** Springer Science & Business Media

• New York Times bestseller • The 100 most substantive solutions to reverse global warming, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world “At this point in time, the Drawdown book is exactly what is needed;

a credible, conservative solution-by-solution narrative that we can do it. Reading it is an effective inoculation against the widespread perception of doom that humanity cannot and will not solve the climate crisis.

Reported by-effects include increased determination and a sense of grounded hope.” —Per Espen Stoknes, Author, *What We Think About When We Try Not To Think About Global Warming* “There’s been no real way for ordinary people to get an understanding of what they can do and what impact it can have. There remains no single, comprehensive, reliable compendium of carbon-reduction solutions across sectors. At least until now. . . . The public is hungry for this kind of practical wisdom.” —David Roberts, *Vox* “This is the ideal

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environmental sciences textbook—only it is too interesting and inspiring to be called a textbook.” —Peter Kareiva, Director of the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, UCLA In the face of widespread fear and apathy, an international coalition of researchers, professionals, and scientists have come together to offer a set of realistic and bold solutions to climate change. One hundred techniques and practices are described here—some are well known; some you may have never heard of. They range from clean energy to educating girls in lower-income countries to land use practices that pull carbon out of the air. The solutions exist, are economically viable, and communities throughout the world are currently enacting them with skill and

determination. If deployed collectively on a global scale over the next thirty years, they represent a credible path forward, not just to slow the earth’s warming but to reach drawdown, that point in time when greenhouse gases in the atmosphere peak and begin to decline. These measures promise cascading benefits to human health, security, prosperity, and well-being—giving us every reason to see this planetary crisis as an opportunity to create a just and livable world.

Recent Advances in Knowledge-based Paradigms and Applications Psychology Press

The Radial Basis Function (RBF) neural network has gained in popularity over recent years because of its rapid training and its desirable properties in classification and functional approximation applications. RBF network research has focused on

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enhanced training algorithms and variations on the basic architecture to improve the performance of the network. In addition, the RBF network is proving to be a valuable tool in a diverse range of application areas, for example, robotics, biomedical engineering, and the financial sector. The two volumes provide a comprehensive survey of the latest developments in this area. Volume 1 covers advances in training algorithms, variations on the architecture and function of the basis neurons, and hybrid paradigms, for example RBF learning using genetic algorithms. Both volumes will prove extremely useful to practitioners in the field, engineers, researchers and technically accomplished managers.

### *Creativity in Groups* Springer

This book presents recent research work and results in the area of communication and information technologies. The book includes the main results of the 11th International Conference on Computing and Information Technology (IC2IT) held during

July 2nd-3rd, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The book is divided into the two main parts Data Mining and Machine Learning as well as Data Network and Communications. New algorithms and methods of data mining asr discussed as well as innovative applications and state-of-the-art technologies on data mining, machine learning and data networking. Recent Advances in Information and Communication Technology 2015 CRC Press

This is an important textbook on artificial intelligence that uses the unifying thread of search to bring together most of the major techniques used in symbolic artificial intelligence. The authors, aware of the pitfalls of being too general or too academic, have taken a practical approach in that they include program code to illustrate their ideas. Furthermore, code is offered in both POP-11 and Prolog, thereby giving a dual perspective, highlighting the merits of these languages. Each chapter covers one technique and divides up into three sections: a section which introduces the

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technique (and its usual applications) and suggests how it can be understood as a variant/generalisation of search; a section which developed a 'low'-level (POP-11) implementation; a section which develops a high-level (Prolog) implementation of the technique. The authors also include useful notes on alternative treatments to the material, further reading and exercises. As a practical book it will be welcomed by a wide audience including, those already experienced in AI, students with some background in programming who are taking an introductory course in AI, and lecturers looking for a precise, professional and practical text book to use in their AI courses. About the authors: Dr Christopher Thornton has a BA in Economics, an Sc in Computer Science and a DPhil in Artificial Intelligence. Formerly a lecturer in the Department of AI at the University of Edinburgh, he is now a lecturer in AI in the School of Cognitive and Computing Sciences at the University of Sussex. Professor Benedict du Boulay has a BSc in Physics

and a PhD in Artificial Intelligence. Previously a lecturer in the Department of Computing Science at the University of Aberdeen he is currently Professor of Artificial Intelligence, also in the School of Cognitive and Computing Sciences, University of Sussex.

**Windows PowerShell Cookbook** Springer  
This six-volume-set (CCIS 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236) constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International Conference on Computing, Information and Control, ICCIC 2011, held in Wuhan, China, in September 2011. The papers are organized in two volumes on Innovative Computing and Information (CCIS 231 and 232), two volumes on Computing and Intelligent Systems (CCIS 233 and 234), and in two volumes on Information and Management Engineering (CCIS 235 and 236).  
*The Canadian Hidden Job Market Directory* The Stationery Office



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Decision support systems (DSS) are widely touted for their effectiveness in aiding decision making, particularly across a wide and diverse range of industries including healthcare, business, and engineering applications. The concepts, principles, and theories of enhanced decision making are essential points of research as well as the exact methods, tools, and technologies being implemented in these industries. From both a standpoint of DSS interfaces, namely the design and development of these technologies, along with the implementations, including experiences and utilization of these tools, one can get a better sense of how exactly DSS has changed the face of decision making and management in multi-industry applications. Furthermore, the evaluation of the impact of these technologies is essential in moving forward in the future. The Research Anthology on Decision Support Systems and Decision Management in Healthcare, Business, and Engineering explores how decision support systems

have been developed and implemented across diverse industries through perspectives on the technology, the utilizations of these tools, and from a decision management standpoint. The chapters will cover not only the interfaces, implementations, and functionality of these tools, but also the overall impacts they have had on the specific industries mentioned. This book also evaluates the effectiveness along with benefits and challenges of using DSS as well as the outlook for the future. This book is ideal for decision makers, IT consultants and specialists, software developers, design professionals, academicians, policymakers, researchers, professionals, and students interested in how DSS is being used in different industries.

*An Intelligent System for Engine Tribological Design* Springer

This volume critically evaluates more than a century of empirical research on the effectiveness of small, task-performing groups,

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and offers a fresh look at the costs and benefits of collaborative work arrangements. The central question taken up by this book is whether -- and under what conditions -- interaction among group members leads to better performance than would otherwise be achieved simply by combining the separate efforts of an equal number of people who work independently. This question is considered with respect to a range of tasks (idea-generation, problem solving, judgment, and decision-making) and from several different process perspectives (learning and memory, motivation, and member diversity). As a framework for assessing the empirical literature, the book introduces the concept of 'synergy.' Synergy refers to an objective gain in performance that is attributable to group interaction. Further, it distinguishes between weak and strong synergy, which are performance gains of different magnitude. The book highlights the currently available empirical evidence for both weak and strong synergy, identifies the conditions that seem necessary to produce each, and suggests where the search for synergy might best be directed in the future. The book is at once a high-level introduction to the field, a review of the field's history, and a scholarly critique of the current state-of-the-art. As such, it is essential reading for graduate students, advanced undergraduate students, and researchers interested in group dynamics generally -- and small group performance in particular.

**Soft Computing: Theories and Applications**  
Microsoft Press

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th Pacific Rim International Workshop on Multi-Agents,

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PRIMA 2006, held in Guilin, China, in August 2006. The book presents 39 revised full papers and 57 revised short papers together with 4 invited talks, addressing subjects from theoretical and methodological issues to applications. Topics include agent models, agent architectures, agent-oriented software engineering, semantic Web service, collaboration, coordination and negotiation, and more.

Lampo

Bringing together the expertise of worldwide authorities in the field, Design for X is the first comprehensive book to offer systematic and structured coverage of contemporary and concurrent product development techniques. It features over fifteen techniques, including: design for manufacture and assembly; design for

distribution; design for quality; and design for the environment. Alternative approaches and common elements are discussed and critical issues such as integration and tradeoff are explored.

### **Performance Feedback in Hierarchical Business Groups** Elsevier

The two-volume set LNICST 209-210 constitutes the post-conference proceedings of the 11th EAI International Conference on Communications and Networking, ChinaCom 2016, held in Chongqing, China, in September 2016. The total of 107 contributions presented in these volumes are carefully reviewed and selected from 181 submissions. The book is organized in topical sections on MAC schemes, traffic algorithms and routing algorithms, security, coding schemes, relay systems, optical systems and networks, signal detection and estimation, energy harvesting systems, resource allocation schemes, network architecture and

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SDM, heterogeneous networks, IoT (Internet of Things), hardware design and implementation, mobility management, SDN and clouds, navigation, tracking and localization, future mobile networks.

**Radial Basis Function Networks 1** Springer Science & Business Media

This Festschrift volume contains the proceedings of the conference Mathematical Methods in Computer Science, MMICS 2008, held December 2008, in Karlsruhe, Germany, in memory of Thomas Beth. The themes of the conference reflect his many interests.

**18th European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering** Springer Nature

Under current proposals the Maritime & Coastguard Agency plans to close ten of the existing 14 Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres

and to leave three that remain open on a 24-hour basis and five that will operate in "daylight" hours only. The Transport Committee found little support for the measures and has no confidence that, under these proposals, the Coastguard will in future be able to respond to emergencies at sea as well as they do now, let alone in a more effective way. The Committee is not convinced by the Government's claim that technology can, at present, replace local knowledge. Serious concerns were raised that the safety of people at sea, on cliffs and beaches will be jeopardised if the proposals proceed in their current form. Ministers must issue revised proposals for further consultation. The Committee also strongly condemns the Government's cost-cutting decision to withdraw funding for the four Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) stationed around the UK coast - large tugs that intercept disabled ships to prevent environmental pollution disasters. The Transport Committee also criticises proposals to completely remove government funding for the Maritime

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Incident Response group (MIRG), a national fire-fighting-at-sea capability. Ministers should instead adopt a slimmed-down MIRG which is more cost-effective than the present arrangement. Lastly, the Committee records its disappointment that Mike Penning MP, Minister for Shipping, instructed regular coastguards not to give oral evidence to the committee on the basis that they were junior civil servants.

*Operations Research Proceedings 2016*

Emerald Group Publishing

This study examines the cross-level effect of group-level managers on member firms' problemistic search in hierarchical business groups. Using multi-level data from Korean business groups, we propose that the effects of failure to meet an aspiration level on R&D search intensity increase when member firm performance and R&D investments are more cognitively accessible to group-level managers.

Specifically, we find, first, that when underperforming firms are widespread in a business group, a focal member firm intensifies R&D search in response performance below an aspiration level because member firm performance, as a group-level problem, becomes cognitively accessible to group-level managers. Second, as member firms operating in R&D intensive industries are more prevalent in a business group, R&D investments, as a search solution, become more cognitively accessible to group-level managers. Thus, a focal member firm reinforces R&D search in response to the performance shortfall. We discuss the implications of these findings for research on the behavioral theory of the firm and performance feedback.

*PowerShell Cookbook* IGI Global

Research on small groups is highly diverse

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because investigators who study such groups vary in their disciplinary identifications, theoretical interests, and methodological preferences. The goal of this volume is to capture that diversity, and thereby convey the breadth and excitement of small group research by acquainting students with work on five fundamental aspects of groups. The volume also includes an introductory chapter by the editors which provides an overview of the history of and current state-of-the-art in the field. Together with introductions to each section, discussion questions and suggestions for further reading, make the volume ideal reading for senior undergraduate and graduate students interested in group dynamics.

### Communications and Networking Springer

How do you use Windows PowerShell to navigate the filesystem, manage files and

folders, or retrieve a web page? This introduction to the PowerShell language and scripting environment provides more than 400 task-oriented recipes to help you solve all kinds of problems. Intermediate to advanced system administrators will find more than 100 tried-and-tested scripts they can copy and use immediately. Updated for PowerShell 3.0, this comprehensive cookbook includes hands-on recipes for common tasks and administrative jobs that you can apply whether you're on the client or server version of Windows. You also get quick references to technologies used in conjunction with PowerShell, including format specifiers and frequently referenced registry keys to selected .NET, COM, and WMI classes. Learn how to use PowerShell

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on Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012  
Tour PowerShell's core features, including  
the command model, object-based pipeline,  
and ubiquitous scripting Master  
fundamentals such as the interactive shell,  
pipeline, and object concepts Perform  
common tasks that involve working with  
files, Internet-connected scripts, user  
interaction, and more Solve tasks in systems  
and enterprise management, such as working  
with Active Directory and the filesystem