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Preface

These proceedings contain refereed papers presented at the 7th WSOM held at the Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, June 8–10, 2009. We designed the workshop to serve as a regular forum for researchers in academia and industry who are interested in the exciting field of self-organizing maps (SOM). The program includes excellent examples of the use of SOM in many areas of social sciences, economics, computational biology, engineering, time series analysis, data visualization and computer science as well a vibrant set of theoretical papers that keep pushing the envelope of the original SOM.

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