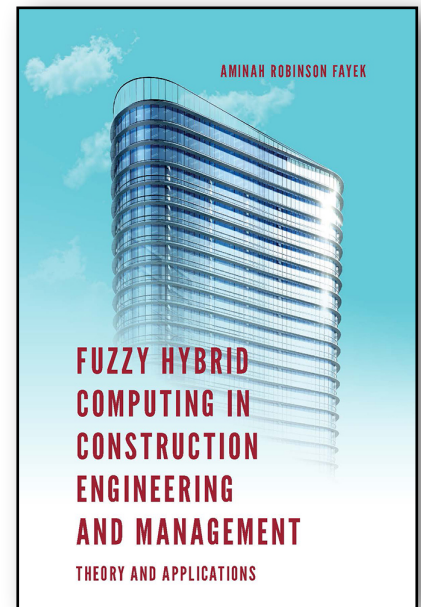


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The completion of effectively planned, executed and controlled construction projects is dependent on numerous interacting factors and human activities, both of which introduce vagueness and subjective uncertainty into already complex processes. While expert knowledge is an essential component of effective decision-making, analysis and consideration of expert knowledge expressed in linguistic terms remains a challenging aspect of construction engineering and management.

Fuzzy logic, which has applications in many disciplines, has the potential to address certain challenges inherent in construction engineering and management, in part because of its strengths in modelling human reasoning, dealing with subjective uncertainty and computing with linguistic terms. However, fuzzy logic alone has a number of limitations that can only be overcome by its integration with other, complementary methodologies, together leading to advanced and powerful fuzzy hybrid computing techniques.

This book is of particular interest to students, researchers and practitioners who want to learn about the latest developments in fuzzy hybrid computing in construction engineering and management.

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