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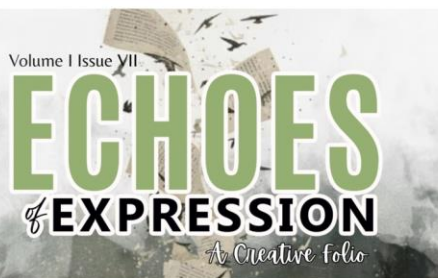
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THE QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN DRIVING DATA-CENTRIC DECISION MAKING AND IT EDUCATION

Data-oriented decision making in modern Information Technology (IT) landscape has become a vital strategy for enterprises' operations and technology growth. This paradigm also includes quantitative methods, which provide exact and regular systems for collecting, analyzing and interpreting numerical data. For faculty teaching and conducting research in IT related disciplines, this is an essential tools for achieving analytical rigor and empirical analysis.

Quantitative methods refer to a variety of statistical and mathematical procedures used to determine magnitude of phenomena and degree to which these are associated with changes in numeric values. These approaches enable interpretation of patterns, discrimination of system performance for diagnostic purposes, prediction of future behavior and optimization to direct pathways. For example, descriptive statistics allow researchers and practitioners to summarize raw data using measures of central tendency (mean) and measures of dispersion, thus providing a better understanding of user behavior or system metric. Inferential methods for example, regression are used to reveal causal effects, and one common example is studying the effect of device usage pattern on app retention. Predictive analytics leverages historical data to predict system needs and drive resource investments/capacity planning. Secondly, prescriptive analytics combines insights in order to suggest action, such as rescaling of computational infrastructure at a projected peak usage.

Quantitative methods are used in IT for a wide range of purposes including user experience improvement, evaluation of software performance, and business intelligence analysis and risk assessment in cybersecurity. Time series algorithms offer insights into temporal system dynamics, while clustering procedures segment the user population to improve service provision. The evidence-based paradigm supported by quantification offers a buffer against heuristic/anecdotal practice and encourages informed, replicable, or deployable results.

For university teachers, the opportunity to involve quantitative analysis in IT education and academic projects provide students valuable skills in data literacy and analytical thinking. To master these techniques offers not only an increase in scholarly rigor, but also connects skillsets required from industry by education programs for data-centric decision models.

In conclusion, quantitative methods are one of the cornerstones for promoting evidential or data-based practice in IT. Their implementation helps turn raw data into valuable insights to promote innovative strategies, efficient operations, and user-friendly design. Therefore, faculty involvement in these analytics tools is crucial to the advancement of IT scholarship both academically and practically.