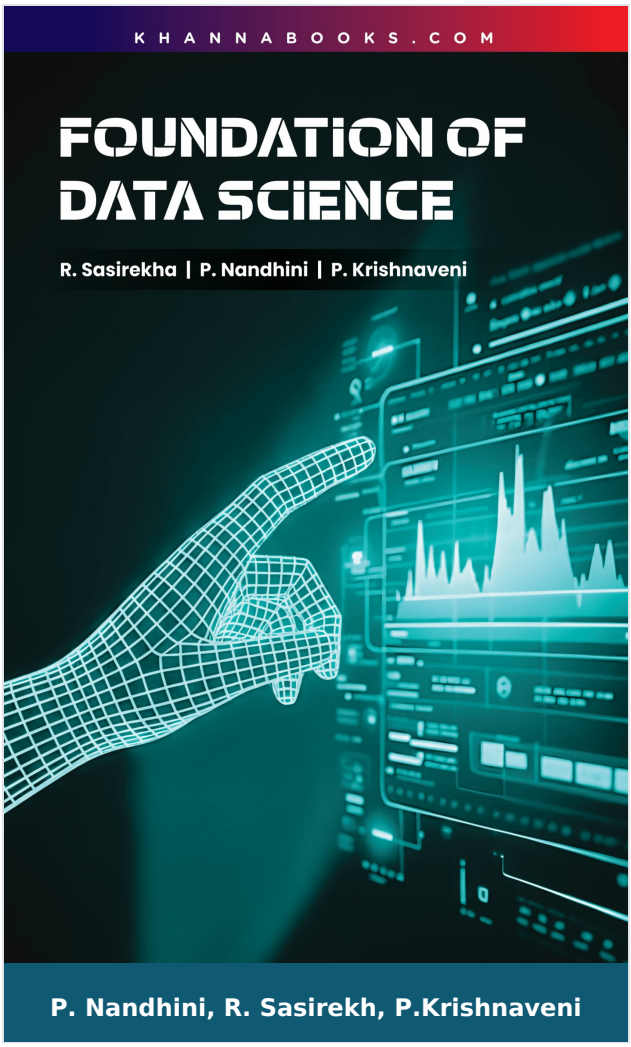

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Foundation of Data Science is a comprehensive textbook designed to provide readers with a strong foundation in modern data science concepts, techniques, and applications. In today's data-driven world, the ability to collect, process, clean, analyze, and interpret large volumes of data is essential across industries. This book serves as a structured and practical guide to the complete data analysis pipeline, with a particular emphasis on Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Big Data Analytics.

The text begins with the fundamentals of data acquisition, covering methods for collecting data from multiple sources, including internal databases, external repositories, APIs, and web scraping techniques. It then explores critical data preprocessing activities such as data cleaning, transformation, quality control, handling missing values, and noise reduction, enabling readers to prepare datasets for accurate analysis and modeling.

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