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Preface

The Rough Sets and Knowledge Technology (RSKT) conferences serve as a major forum that brings researchers and industry practitioners together to discuss and deliberate on fundamental issues of knowledge processing and management and knowledge-intensive practical solutions in the current knowledge age. Experts from around the world meet annually to present state-of-the-art scientific results, to nurture academic and industrial interaction, and to promote collaborative research in rough sets and knowledge technology. The main theme of the RSKT conference is to explore the synergy between rough sets and advanced knowledge technology and applications, including knowledge discovery, data mining, knowledge processing and management, granular computing, evolutionary computing, biocomputing and bioinformatics, cognitive computing and cognitive informatics, natural and artificial intelligence, Web intelligence, complex systems, and many others.

The first RSKT conference was held in 2006 in Chongqing, P.R. China, followed by RSKT 2007 in Toronto, Canada and RSKT 2008 in Chengdu, P.R. China. This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at the 4th International Conference on Rough Sets and Knowledge Technology (RSKT 2009), which was held during July 14-16 on the Gold Coast, Australia.

Following the success of the previous conferences, RSKT 2009 continued the tradition of a very strict quality control policy in selecting and publishing excellent papers. A double-blind review process was adopted and each paper was evaluated by at least two reviewers. A decision of acceptance, conditional acceptance, or rejection was made for each paper. The conditionally accepted papers went through a second round and only top-quality revised papers were finally accepted. From 229 papers submitted from 29 countries/regions, the Program Committee accepted 85 papers for inclusion in this volume. The acceptance rate is 37%. We would like to thank all authors for submitting their best results and the Steering Committee members, Program Committee members, and external reviewers for their invaluable contributions in the review process.

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- Rough Sets and Computing
- Rough Sets and Data Reduction
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- Granular Computing and Cognitive Computing
- Fuzzy Sets and Computing
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- Decision-Theoretic Rough Sets
- Web Mining and Web Recommender Systems

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