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network analysis, social complexity theory, and social simulation modeling. The coverage of each of these approaches is supported by a discussion of the historical context and motivations, as well as by a list of recommended texts for further reading. Topics and features: Describes the scope and content of each area of CSS, covering topics on information extraction, social networks, complexity theory, and social simulations Highlights the main theories of the CSS paradigm as causal explanatory frameworks that shed new light on the nature of human and social dynamics Explains how to distinguish and analyze the different levels of analysis of social complexity using computational approaches Discusses a number of methodological tools, including extracting entities from text, computing social network indices, and building an agent-based model Presents the main classes of entities, objects, and relations common to the computational analysis of social complexity Examines the interdisciplinary integration of knowledge in the context of social phenomena This unique, clearly-written textbook is essential reading for graduate and advanced undergraduate students planning on embarking on a course on computational social science, or wishing to refresh their knowledge of the fundamental aspects of this exciting field.