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Preface

The twenty-first century is marked by both extraordinary technological innovation and unprecedented environmental challenges. As climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion reshape our planet, humanity stands at a crossroads where science and sustainability must converge. Artificial Intelligence (AI), once viewed primarily as a tool for business and industry, has now emerged as a transformative force in environmental science. The concept of Green Algorithms reflects this convergence—emphasizing not only the capacity of AI to advance environmental research but also the responsibility to minimize its ecological footprint.

This book, Green Algorithms: The Role of AI in Environmental Science, explores the dynamic intersection between technology and sustainability. It aims to shed light on how AI is being harnessed to optimize renewable energy systems, enhance climate modeling, monitor biodiversity, and revolutionize agriculture, while also critically examining the energy costs and ethical implications of its deployment. By drawing upon diverse case studies and interdisciplinary insights, the book underscores the dual role of AI: as a powerful ally in addressing ecological crises and as a system that must itself be designed with sustainability in mind.

The intention of this work is twofold: first, to provide readers—students, researchers, and practitioners—with a comprehensive understanding of the applications of AI in environmental science; and second, to encourage critical reflection on how algorithms can be made "green" in their conception, development, and application. In doing so, this book aspires to contribute to a growing discourse on responsible innovation.

As you turn the pages, I invite you to engage with the promise and paradox of AI in the Anthropocene. May this exploration inspire new pathways where technological progress and ecological stewardship move hand in hand toward a more sustainable future.

Acknowledgement

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As four co-authors, this book represents not only an academic collaboration but also a shared vision of contributing meaningfully to the discourse on sustainability and technology. We sincerely hope that this work sparks further dialogue, research, and innovation for a greener future.

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