Causality Theory: Computational Complexity, Algorithms and Applications

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Message from the Guest Editors

Causal inference has recently become a rapidly growing field of interdisciplinary research that involves mathematical statistics, machine learning, and some sub-fields of artificial intelligence and computer science. The goal is to explore, from observed data and phenomena, the causal dependencies between different objects and actions, e.g., between medical treatment and recovery. The theory of causality being developed over the past decades provides an intuitive and sound model of causal relationships as partially directed graphs and allows for a mathematical description of real experiments with observational data. This approach is gaining increasing attention in epidemiology, sociology, and other empirical disciplines. The focus of this Special Issue is on the algorithmic and complexity aspects of causality: Despite the significant achievements made in causal theory, several key challenges of an algorithmic nature remain open.

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