



PREFACE

Scientific research journals and scientific research periodicals usually encourage publication of special issues on specific and popular topics of current research interests. Each of these Special Issues of the *Journal of Nonlinear and Convex Analysis* contains invited and peer-reviewed papers which present comprehensive accounts of the new and state-of-the-art developments on the specific topic: *Fuzzy Systems and Data Mining* (FSDM).

These Special Issues on *Fuzzy Systems and Data Mining* contain a carefully-selected, duly-refereed and peer-reviewed collection of articles which provide notable advances in the subjects covered therein.

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