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- [1] Brebbia, C.A., Telles, J.C.F. & Wrobel, L.C., *Boundary Element Techniques*, Springer-Verlag: Berlin and New York, pp. 11–13, 1984.
- [2] Nardini, D. & Brebbia, C.A., Boundary element integral formulation of mass matrices for dynamic analysis. *Topics in Boundary Elements Research*, ed. C.A. Brebbia, Springer-Verlag: Berlin and New York, pp. 191–207, 1995.
- [3] Brebbia, C.A. & Aliabadi, M.H., (eds), *Industrial Applications of the Boundary Element Method*, Computational Mechanics Publications: Southampton and Boston, 1993.
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- [5] Garcia, J. Cerdeira, R., Tavares, N. & Coelho, L.M.R., Personal exposure to particle concentration in a busy street. *WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment*, vol. 157, WIT Press: Southampton and Boston, pp. 35–47, 2012.
- [6] Osifchin, N. & Vau, G., Power considerations for the modernization of telecommunications in Central and Eastern European and Former Soviet Union (CEE/FSU) countries. *Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Portable Design Conference*, pp. 137–142, 1997.
- [7] Nimr, H.A., Defuzzification of the outputs of fuzzy controllers. Presented at *5th International Conference on Fuzzy Systems*, Cairo, Egypt, 1996.
- [8] Person, A.B. Personal communication, 27 January 1998, Head of Mech. Engineering, Another University, London, UK.
- [9] Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Wastes, SW-846 Online. www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwastes/test/main.htm. Accessed on: 23 Jun. 2015.

www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwastes/test/main.htm. Accessed on: 23 Jun. 2015.

- [10] United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Web Site, Washington DC, www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf. Accessed on: 13 Feb. 2014.
- [11] CEDRE, www.cedre.ifremer.fr

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- [1] Pawlak, Z., AI and intelligent industrial applications: the rough set perspective. *Cybernetics and Systems*, 31, pp. 227–252, 2000.
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