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Issue 5 contains a variety of topics ranging from transactional databases and parallel architectures for traditional data processing and for machine learning, advanced indexing including range indices and R-trees, storage, and privacy. We hope that the selected papers will provide insight to the readers and create impact by inspiring additional novel contributions.

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