Computer Science

Applied Machine Learning (COMP0081)

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- Clustering Methods for Unsupervised Learning;
- Fast Nearest Neighbours
- Matrix and Tensor Factorisation;
- Visualisation methods including tSNE;
- Ensembling, Gradient Boosting Machines;
- Data Ethics; Fairness in Machine Learning

Requisites:
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Key information

Year 2019/20
Credit value 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery PGT L7, Campus-based
Reading List View on UCL website
Tutor Dr Dmitry Adamskiy
Term Term 2
Timetable View on UCL website

Assessment

Written examination (main exam period): 70%
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