Machine Learning for Domain Specialists (COMP0142)

Description

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Learning outcomes:
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Content:
General theory and mathematical foundations are presented in lectures while practical applications are presented in classes. The module includes:
- An introduction to machine learning tasks (unsupervised, supervised, reinforcement);
- Mathematical foundations (linear algebra, calculus, probability, statistics);
- Supervised Learning: including an exploration of some of the following: linear and polynomial regression, logistic regression, Naive Bayes, kernel methods, SVMs, decision trees, ensemble learning, neural networks, Gaussian processes;
- Unsupervised Learning: including an exploration of some of the following: PCA, manifold learning, k-means, Gaussian mixture models, EM algorithm.

Requisites:
In order to be eligible to select this module, a student must be registered on a programme for which it is a formally-approved option or elective choice AND should have experience of rudimentary programming and an awareness of standard results in fundamentals of linear algebra (vectors, matrices, eigenvectors /eigenvalues etc.), elements of probability theory (random variables, expectation, variance, conditional probabilities, Bayes rule.

Key information

Year 2019/20
Credit value 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery UG L6, Campus-based
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Tutor Mr Dariush Hosseini
Term Term 1
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Assessment

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Self-Assessment Test:
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