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Language of instruction: English

Learning outcomes:

This course gives a general introduction to Machine Learning, from applications to theoretical aspects in Statistical Learning Theory.

Expected prior-knowledge: basic mathematics and statistics

Course outline:

- General Introduction to Machine Learning (learning settings, curse of dimensionality, overfitting/underfitting, etc.)
- Overview of Supervised Learning: True risk/Empirical risk, loss functions, regularization, sparsity, norms, bias/variance trade-off, generalization bounds, model selection.
- Ensemble methods (homogeneous/heterogeneous methods, Boosting/Adaboost, theoretical guarantees)
- Non-parametric Methods (K-NN)

Teaching methods:

- Lectures

Literature and study materials:

Basic textbooks:

- Statistical Learning Theory, V. Vapnik, 1989
- Machine Learning, Tom Mitchell, MacGraw Hill, 1997
- Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, M. Bishop, 2013
- Convex Optimization, Stephen Boyd & Lieven Vandenberghe, Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- On-line Machine Learning courses: <https://www.coursera.org/>

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Evaluation criteria

written exam (100%)