STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED
Statistics I
Statistics II
Data analytical techniques for business
Introduction to data mining for business intelligence

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.
1. Understand the importance of transforming large volumes of data into relevant information for decision making and business development in organizations, companies and individuals.

2. Learn the basic techniques of preprocessing and visualization of data. Gain knowledge on methods to work with missing and atypical data. Acquire the ability to use of dimension reduction techniques.

3. Gain knowledge on the main methods of supervised learning in regression and their usefulness in prediction problems. Distinguish between linear and non-linear models and understand the importance of model selection methods.

4. Become familiar with the usual supervised learning procedures for classification. Understand the most common classifiers and their limitations. Gain knowledge in advanced methods for classification and their benefits in business.

5. Be able to identify the appropriate Big Data techniques in real business problems: customer classification, scoring, risk management, fraud detection, bankruptcy prediction, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME
1. Introduction.

2. Data collection, sampling and preprocessing.
2.1. Types of data.
2.2. Sampling.
2.3. Data visualization tools.
2.4. Missing values.
2.5. Outlier detection and treatment.
2.6. Data transformations.
2.7. Dimension reduction.

3.1. Linear and polynomial regression.
3.2. Cross-validation.
3.3. Model selection and regularization methods (ridge and lasso).
3.4. Nonlinear models, splines and generalized additive models.
3.5. Application: credit-scoring prediction.

4.1. Bayes classifiers
4.2. Logistic regression.
4.4. Random forest.
4.5. Support-vector machines.
4.7. Application: Credit risk.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY
Theory (2 ECTS). Lectures with available material posted in internet. Problems (4 ECTS) Problem Solving classes. Computational exercises at computer room. Work assignments in groups. Weekly office hours to assist students on an individual and group basis.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
Written test (50%). Exercises and computational work (5%). Work in class (10%). Group project (10%) Quiz 1 (15%). Group quiz (10%). A minimum mark of 4 points out of 10 is required.

% end-of-term-examination: 60
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

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