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Research Techniques

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Department assigned to the subject: Statistics Department Coordinating teacher: MUÑOZ GARCIA, ALBERTO

Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: Semester:

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

This course assumes that the student knows the contents of

- a) Statistics I (http://www3.uc3m.es/reina/Fichas/Idioma_2/204.13154.html),
- b) Statistics II (http://www3.uc3m.es/reina/Fichas/Idioma_2/204.13160.html),

and the lesson of Properties of Matrices in

c) Mathematics for Economics II (http://www3.uc3m.es/reina/Fichas/Idioma_2/204.13156.html)

in the Business Administration degree.

Some notions in Multivariate Statistics are welcome.

OBJECTIVES

SPECIFIC COMPETENCES:

- 1. To know and use advanced statistical techniques, with last generation software support.
- 2. To extract and analyze information from large data sets.
- 3. Learning the basic Statistical skills for the analysis of multivariate socio-economical data such as those coming from a market research.
- 4. Being able to describe and analyze real data sets using the techniques mentioned above.
- 5. Being able to elaborate reports with the results of the analysis of real case studies.

CROSS COMPETENCES

- 1. Information analysis and synthesis capacity on data mining problems.
- 2. Solving real problems.
- 3. Learning and training in the use of Statistical software to solve real case studies.
- 4. Critical and selective reasoning to solve real life problems.
- 5. Presentation abilities.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. Learning the R Statistical Language.
 - 1.1 Basic commands.
 - 1.2 Graphics in R.
 - 1.3 Statistical functions in R and basic programming.
- 2. Visualization Techniques for complex business data.
 - 2.1 Principal component analysis theory.
 - 2.2 Basic examples with R code.
 - 2.3 Case studies.
- 3. Multidimensional Scaling.
 - 3.1 Metric scaling theory.
 - 3.2 Examples with R code.
 - 3.3 Perceptual mappings in R.
- 4. Cluster Analysis.
 - 4.1 Hierarchical methods.
 - 4.2 Centroid methods: k-means.
 - 4.3 Case studies.
- 5. Classification Trees.
 - 5.1 Information theory.
 - 5.2 Classification trees algorithms.
 - 5.3 Real case: credit scoring.

- 6. Real Case Studies.
 - 6.1 Comprehensive real cases involving all the studied techniques.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Theoretical lectures (4 ECTS) 1.
- 2. Computer labs (2 ECTS)
- Final project. 3.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- 50%: Final exam oriented to practice.
- 10%: Continuous evaluation (*).
- 40%: Handing a final project.
- (*) Continuous evaluation consists of handing several case studies (homework) along the course.

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

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Avril Coghlan A little book of R for multivariate analysis, Internet, 2014
- Johannes Ledolter Data Mining and Business Analytics with R, Wiley, 2013
- Paul J. Hewson Multivariate Statistics with R, Internet, 2009

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Y. Zhao R and Data Mining, Examples and Case Studies, Elsevier, 2012