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OBJECTIVES

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- 1.5. Skills related to making oral and written presentations.

2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1. To understand the fundamentals of audio-visual data analysis and its applications.
- 2.2. To understand the basic methods of representation and description of speech, audio, image and video.
- 2.3. To understand the methods and technologies used for classification, detection, indexing, recovery, filtering, personalization or recognition of voice, audio, image or video.
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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The modern information overload problem caused by the availability of enormous amounts of information through internet makes it necessary to design systems that allow us to find the information we search and filter or personalize the information according to our needs.

For this, it is essential to be able to automatically index not only textual content but also audio, voice, image or video, using methods based on the content itself or collaborative labeling such as that which takes place on social networks.

Topic 0. Overview of audiovisual data analysis.

Topic 1. Audiovisual data descriptors

Topic 2. Methods for the analysis of audiovisual data

Topic 3. Audiovisual data retrieval and filtering systems

Topic 4. Applications

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Several types of learning activities are proposed: theoretical and practical lessons, lab assignments and final project.

Several methodologies will be adopted: theoretical lessons and problem-based learning (with different levels of supervision and guidance).

The following learning activities and methodologies are employed: Combined master and lab classes, flipped classes and final project.

Combined master and lab classes (3 ECTS):

Master classes provide an overview of the main theoretical & mathematical concepts of the representation and processing of audiovisual data along with the analytic tools employed for indexing and accessing audiovisual contents and for their profiling and automatic recommendation.

In these classes, lab examples will be introduced as part of the theoretical expositions: all the formative sessions (lab availability provided) will take place in the lab to imbricate practical examples within the explanations to add dynamism to the class. This is also beneficial to solve different background issues given the possibility to access this subject from all the degrees from the Telecommunications family.

Moreover, every unit will begin with a debate of its technological implications. For this purpose, flipped classroom methodologies will be employed. In particular, students will be provided with some selected videos in advance to motivate the debate together with a list of questions (sometimes controversial) that the instructor will not answer categorically to encourage discussions. In this way, we expect to awake the curiosity of the student on the materials that will be subsequently explained.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (1 ECTS)

A practical example of the use of collaborative methods learned in theory classes for content labeling will be built, to establish connections between applications and commercial services that benefit from the analysis of audiovisual data, as well as the milestones and failures of learned technologies. For this, collaborative concept mapping tools will be used.

FINAL PROJECT (2 ECTS)

Students will work on a project in which they will program a complete modular system of one of the tools explained in class. The students will be provided with some guidelines and some preparatory sessions by using problem-based learning.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination:	0
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	100
Lab assignments and questionnaires (40%)	
Final Project (60%)	

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