

COURSE DESCRIPTION 2009-2010

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Statistical Learning

Objectives

- To learn some of the traditional as well as the more recent tools for classification and regression
- To understand these concepts from within a statistical decision theoretic framework
- To learn some of the statistical inference tools for model selection and inference.
- To get hands-on experience in using some of these techniques, through the homework assignments

Contents

- 1. Overview of supervised learning
- 2. Linear regression and related methods
- 3. Linear methods for classification
- 4. Basis expansions and regularization
- 5. Generalized additive models
- 6. Kernel smoothing
- 7. Gaussian mixtures and EM algorithm
- 8. Model assessment and selection

Evaluation

- CC: Continuous assessment that include either a 2-hour written within-semester test or a final project, homeworks, smaller projects, class participation. The final grade is determined according to the following weighting system: 60% exam/final project, 20% smaller projects and homeworks, 20% class participation.
- Reexamination session (September) : 2h written test

Textbooks

- T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani, J. Friedman, *The Elements of Statistical Learning*, Springer, 2001
- C. Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, Springer, 2006.

Characteristics

- 3 ECTS credits
- Compulsory course for the master in statistics
- Spring Semester
- Learning activities: 2 hours of lectures/presentations per week. The students will actively participate in the presentation and explanation of the concepts involved.
- Prerequisite: knowledge of probability and statistical inference, regression, linear algebra.

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