

Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Math 5376: Introduction to Machine Learning
Online

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COURSE INFORMATION

1.0 Course overview and description:

This class is designed to prepare the student to master the mathematical and statistical basis for machine learning algorithms, and apply these algorithms to real-world tasks. Students will be required to finish one or more projects using machine learning techniques applied to a data set, and to create appropriate visualizations that display the results of the analysis.

The material has an important hands-on component and student should have a computer running R 4.0.5 or later. Student should also have the Shiny package installed in RStudio.

2.0 Course prerequisites:

Undergraduate linear algebra, probability, and Calculus III, or instructor permission. Programming experience in R or Python will be helpful.

3.0 Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Explain the mathematical foundations of statistical and algorithmic modeling;
- Evaluate practical situations from a statistical point of view, and identify machine learning approaches and practices appropriate to each situation;
- Understand statistically-motivated practices in input data preparation and feature selection, and apply these practices;
- Understand and apply statistical and machine learning methods selected from among the following:
 - regression (linear, nonlinear, parametric, nonparametric, generalized additive models),
 - supervised and unsupervised learning (classification, tree-based methods, Support Vector Machine, multi-layer networks), and
 - some industry-standard algorithms;
- build high performance predictive models and improve using techniques such as bagging, boosting, and regularization;
- complete one or more projects with real-world data, implement statistical and machine learning models, present the results using appropriate data visualizations.

4.0 Required Reading and Textbook:

Marc Peter Deisenroth, Aldo Faisal, Cheng Soon Ong, “Mathematics for Machine Learning”
Cambridge University Press ISBN: 9781108569323

Students will complete the Imperial College (London) “Mathematics for Machine Learning Specialization”: <https://www.coursera.org/specializations/mathematics-machine-learning>
This specialization follows the first part of the textbook.

To ensure sufficient programming background, the students will also complete the following courses on Datacamp:

1. **Introduction to R by J. Cornelissen**
2. **Introduction to Machine Learning by Vincent VanKrunkelven**
3. **Unsupervised Learning in R by Hank Roark**

5.0 Course Requirements:

Project 1: Mathematics for machine learning (Coursera)	200 points
Quiz 1 (Linear Algebra)	50 points
Quiz 2 (Multivariate Calculus)	50 points
Project 2: Introduction to R (Datacamp)	50 points
Project 3: Introduction to Machine Learning (Datacamp)	100 points
Project 4: Unsupervised Learning in R (datacamp course)	100 points
Readings and discussion (textbook)	150 points
Project 5: Principal Component Analysis	100 points

Project 6: K-means 100 points

Project 7: Gaussian mixture 100 points

Total: 1000 points

Projects 2, 3, and 4:

1. Student needs to complete courses on datacamp.com and submit a certificate of completion.
2. Student needs to submit a screen recording demonstrating the code and output from the assignments covered on the course covered on Datacamp. No credit will be given if the recording does not include audio and explanation of the concepts.

Rubric for Projects 5,6,7:

	Excellent	Average	Poor	Score
Understanding of mathematical concepts (30%)				
Understanding of coding concepts (50%)				
Professional decorum (Presentation/Audio/Quality of video, etc.) (20%)				

Readings/Discussions:

Readings should be completed in the online courses and the textbook. Discussions will be posted on the Canvas LMS.

Rubric for online discussions:

	Excellent	Average	Poor	Score
Understanding of mathematical concept (50%)				
Grammar (25%)				
Spelling (25%)				

Technology requirements:

Every student is required to have access to a laptop/desktop and download the webex application in order to have online meetings with the instructor. Students are also required to have the R/RStudio software downloaded to their laptops/computers. Students are required to have access to internet in order to sign up

for two Datacamp courses.

Weekly Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Week 1	June 7 th Introductions due	June 8 th	June 9 th	June 10 th	
Week 2	June 14 th Quiz 1 due Reading 1 due Discussion 1 due	June 15 th	June 16 th	June 17 th	
Week 3	June 21 st Quiz 2 due Reading 2 due Discussion 2 due Project 1 due	June 22 nd	June 23 rd	June 24 th	
Week 4	June 28 th Project 2 due Reading 3 due Discussion 3 due	June 29 th	June 30 th	July 1 st	
Week 5	July 5 th Project 3 due	July 6 th	July 7 th	July 8 th	
Week 6	July 12 th Project 4 due	July 13 th	July 14 th	July 15 th	
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Week 8	July 26 th Project 7 due	July 27 th	July 28 th	July 29 th	

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