



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION THEORY - 67561

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Computer Sciences

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

Course/Module Coordinator: Or Ordentlich

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Course/Module description:

The course introduces the basic information measures: entropy, mutual information and divergence, and illustrates how to use those quantities for developing and analyzing performance of compression, communication and statistical inference systems.

Course/Module aims:

To form a gentle introduction to the fascinating field of information theory

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Explain the basic ideas underlying lossless compression and design low-complexity lossless compression systems.
- Explain the basic ideas underlying reliable communication over a noisy channel.
- Compute the fundamental limits for basic problems in statistical inference, communication and compression.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture + recitation

Course/Module Content:

- Information measures
- Lossless compression for sources with a known/unknown statistical model
- Fano's inequality and its application
- Applications of information theory in statistics
- Communication over a noisy channel and the channel capacity theorem

Required Reading:

Lecture note that will be uploaded to the course's website

Additional Reading Material:

Cover, T. M., and Joy A. Thomas. "Elements of information theory." (2006).

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 90 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 10 %

Additional information: