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Syllabus

High dimensional statistics - 80629

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HU Credits: 3

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Mathematics

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

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Course/Module description:

The course will serve as an introduction to the methods of analyzing high dimensional statistical models. The first part will deal with the basic of tail and concentration bounds, sub-Gaussian random variables, entropic methods and uniform laws of large numbers.
After that we aim to apply these methods to some problems such as covariance estimators, sparse-linear regression and the Lasso algorithm.

Course/Module aims:

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

Be familiar with the mathematical foundations and methods underlying modern research in the rapidly evolving field of high-dimensional statistics.

Attendance requirements(%):

0

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures

Course/Module Content:

0) Introduction and some nice examples.
1) Basic tail bounds (Chernoff, Hoeffelding inequalities and martingale difference methods).
2) SubGaussian random variables, equivalent definitions and the sub-Gaussian norm.
3) Uniform laws of large numbers, Rademacher complexity and Vapnik-Chernovakis dimension.
4) Metric entropy and its uses: Covering, Packing, chainning and Dudley's integral.
5) Random matrices and covariance estimation.
6) Sparse linear regression.

Required Reading:

none

Additional Reading Material:

a) M.J. Wainwright. High-Dimensional Statistics, A Non-Asymptotic Viewpoint. Cambridge university press.

b) R. Vershynin, Introduction to the non-asymptotic analysis of random matrices. Cambridge University Press,

c) A New Look at Independence – Special Invited Paper, by M. Talagrand, the Annals of Applied
Probability, 24(1),1–34, 1996.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 50 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 50 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

The interested students must have completed the course "introduction to probability theory and statistics. Knowledge in measure theory and continuous probability is an advantage.