



ISE 529 Predictive Analytics
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Catalog description

Analytics for supervised and unsupervised statistical learning. Generalized linear models, discriminant analysis, support vector machines. Nonparametric classification, trees, ensemble methods, k-nearest neighbors. Principal components, clustering.

Course Description

This course focus on building models for prediction, classification, and clustering. For the first two cases the objective is to predict a numeric value or a category. For clustering the objective is to group observations in clusters that share some common attributes.

The standard multiple linear regression model is the basic prediction model. This model is extended to shrinkage models (ridge and lasso regression) for improved accuracy and dimension reduction. Overfitting, bias, cross validation, and AIC are reviewed to help evaluate the performance of these models.

The course also focuses on regression models for a categorical response. Trees and ensembled trees (random forests, bagging, and boosting), discriminant analysis, and support vector machines. For these models the prediction is a category.

Clustering focuses on discovering relationships between variables when a response is not available. Principal components analysis and clustering (K-means clustering and hierarchical clustering) are reviewed.

Learning Objectives and Outcomes

- To understand the Data Analytics levels: Descriptive, Predictive, and Prescriptive Analytics.
- To understand the difference between supervised and unsupervised learning methods.
- To learn the most common data aggregation operations.
- To build regression models for prediction and classification
- To understand key concepts for predictive analytics (overfitting, shrinkage, regularization, R^2 , adjusted R^2 , VIF, mean square prediction error, Cross-validation).
- To compare the performance of different prediction and classification models.
- To build models to classify observations into two or more classes
- To understand what a principal component is and how can it be used for clustering and prediction.
- To be able to explain the difference between different clustering methods

Prerequisite(s): An undergraduate course on Statistics.

Recommended Preparation: ISE 225 (Engineering Statistics I) or equivalent, working knowledge of a programming language.

Course Notes

The course material is available on Blackboard.

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required

Required software: Python programming language is used throughout the course. Jupyter Notebook is used as the main interface for documenting the scripts and results.

Supplementary Materials (for reference)

- Heydt M., *Learning Pandas, Packt*, 2017, ISBN 978-1-78712-313-7 (LP)
- VanderPlas, *Python Data Science Handbook*, O'Reilly, 2017 (PDS)
- McKinney, *Python for Data Analysis, 2nd Ed.*, O'Reilly, 2018 (DSA)
- Muller, *Introduction to Machine Learning with Python*, O'Reilly, 2017 (MLP)

Description and Assessment of Assignments

All assignments and examinations are on-line. Unless otherwise noted the assignments are individual. All homework assignments are released and distributed one-week in advanced. Dates are shown in the Course schedule on page 4. Submit on to Blackboard by the due date. No late homework will be accepted.

Grading Policy

Assignment	Points	% of Grade
Homework	100 each (6 homework assignments)	30
Midterm	100	30
Final	100	40
TOTAL		100

Grading Scale (Course final grades will be determined using the following scale)

A	95-100	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-94	C+	77-79	D	63-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	D-	60-62
B	83-86	C-	70-72	F	59 and below

Assignment Submission Policy

Assignments should be typewritten and clean. Email submissions and late submissions are not allowed. No make-up exams are considered.

Timeline and Rules for submission

Assignments are to be returned the week after submission. Solutions will be released soon after the homework submission date.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

Week	Date	Topics/Daily Activities	Deliverables	Reference
1	Aug 28	Introduction to Analytics Descriptive, Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics. Python and Jupyter Notebook (JN) setup. Python review, Numpy library.	None	Notes on JN and Numpy
2	Sep 4	Pandas library. Pandas data structures. Most Common Data Operations. Pivot tables and cross tabulation.	HW1 MS Excel	PDA Ch9 Ch10.4
3	Sep 11	Data Visualization and Web scraping with the Pandas library.	HW2 Pandas	MLP p134, p233.
4	Sep 18	Linear Regression I. OLS vs. linear regression. Targets (labels) and features in dataframes. Categorical variables. Interaction terms.. Library statsmodels.		MLP p17, Ch5.1
5	Sep 25	Linear Regression II. Overfitting and Cross validation. Training, test sets, MSPE.	HW3 Forecasting	MLP Ch2.3
6	Oct 2	Classification Problems. Logistic Regression vs KNN.		Notes
7	Oct 9	Midterm Exam		
8	Oct 16	Shrinkage Methods and Regularization. Ridge regression and the LASSO.		DSA p421
9	Oct 23	Classification and Regression Trees (CART) Examples	HW4 Regularization	
10	Oct 30	Ensemble Methods. Random Forest, Bagging, and Boosting.		DSA p426
11	Nov 6	Support Vector Machines. Maximal Classifier, Support Vector Classifier, Support Vector Machine.	HW5 Ensemble Methods	DSA p405
12	Nov 13	Unsupervised Learning Principal Components, K-Means clustering		MLP Ch4.7, Ch6
13	Nov 20	Introduction to Neural Networks (NN). Data representations for NN, tensors. Layers, Loss functions, optimizers. Introduction to Keras.	HW6 Clustering	Notes
	Dec (TBD)	Final Exam		

Date and time of the final for this class shown in the USC *Schedule of Classes* at classes.usc.edu/.

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