

STAT 1294/2293: Topics in Applied Statistics 4

Data Science with Python (Summer 2022)

Basic Information

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Prerequisites

- Statistics knowledge at the level of STAT 1000 or above.
- Students who have had STAT 1221, STAT 1151, and STAT 1152 will be better prepared for the topics about machine learning.
- No prior knowledge of programming is required.

Course Overview

This course is a gentle introduction to the field of data science and machine learning. You will learn how to import data, tidy and transform it, visualize it, and how to join data sets. You will also learn about training, tuning, and testing various machine learning models, and ultimately generating reproducible reports.

Python as well as a collection of powerful, open-source tools will be explored and experienced within the context of solving data science problems:

- Jupyter notebook (creating reports)
- numpy (data structure)
- pandas (data wrangling)
- matplotlib (data visualization)
- scikit-learn (machine learning)

Learning Objectives

- Workflow of Data Science
- Data Wrangling and Visualization
- Machine Learning Models
- Python and Jupyter Notebook

By the end of the course, you should be able to get the data, explore it, formulate a research question, use tools and techniques in data science to explore the answer to the question, and share your findings.

Course Outline

The course material will be organized as follows:

- Module 1: Python Basics (1st week)
 - The Very Basics
 - Basic Python Semantics
 - Data structure: Vectors, Matrices, and Arrays
 - Data Import
 - Conditionals, Loops, and Functions
- Module 2: Data Management (2nd week)
 - Data Wrangling (1 and 2)
 - Handling Numerical Data
 - Handling Categorical Data
- Module 3: Data Visualization (3rd week)
 - Graphing Basics
 - Scatterplots, Density Plots, and Histograms
 - More Graphing Details
 - 3D Plotting and Maps
- Module 4: Supervised Learning (4th and 5th weeks)
 - Introduction and Primer
 - Linear Models for Regression
 - Linear Models for Classification
 - K-Nearest Neighbors
 - Decision Trees
 - Random Forests and Ensemble Learning
 - Naive Bayes
 - Support Vector Machines
 - Neural Networks
- Module 5: Unsupervised Learning (6th week)
 - Dimension Reduction
 - Clustering (1 and 2)

- Module 6: End-to-End Machine Learning Project (6th week)
 - Working with Real Data
 - Discover and Visualize the Data
 - Prepare the Data for Machine Learning Algorithms
 - Select and Train a Model
 - Fine Tune Your Model
 - Present the Solution

Textbooks

- *A Whirlwind Tour of Python* by Jake Vanderplas
- *Python Data Science Handbook* by Jake VanderPlas
- *Machine Learning with Python Cookbook* by Chris Albon
- *Introduction to Machine Learning with Python* by Andreas C. Müller and Sarah Guido
- *Hands-on Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow* by Aurelien Geron

These books are either free or available in our Pitt library system.

Course Management System: Canvas

- Lecture notes
- Reading material
- Homework assignments, quizzes, and exams
- Data sets

Grading Components

1. Homework Assignments (50%)

- Homework will be assigned weekly.
- Homework questions require coding in Python.

2. Quizzes (20%)

- Four quizzes throughout the semester.
- Check class schedule for dates and topics

3. Exams (30%)

- Exam I: 15%
- Exam II: 15%

Course Grades:

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A+	[97%,100%]	C+	[77%,80%)
A	[93%,97%)	C	[73%,77%)

A-	[90%,93%)	C-	[70%,73%)
B+	[87%,90%)	D+	[67%,70%)
B	[83%,87%)	D	[63%,67%)
B-	[80%,83%)	D-	[60%,63%)
		F	[0,60%)

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