

Course guide

240615 - 240615 - An Introduction to Data Science

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 715 - EIO - Department of Statistics and Operations Research.
Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Optional subject).
Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 4.5 **Languages:** English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: JOSEP GINEBRA
Others: JOSEP GINEBRA

PRIOR SKILLS

To have passed Estadística.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

1. Basic knowledge on the use and programming of computers, operative systems, data bases and computer software with an engineering application.
2. Knowledge and capacities to organise and manage projects. Knowing the organisational structure and functions of a project office.

Transversal:

3. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION. Communicating verbally and in writing about learning outcomes, thought-building and decision-making. Taking part in debates about issues related to the own field of specialization.
4. TEAMWORK. Being able to work as a team player, either as a member or as a leader. Contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly, by reaching commitments in accordance to the resources that are available.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

All classes will be taught in a computer lab. The data analysis will be done with MINITAB and with R. Every week there will be small data analysis assignments to be done at home. Students will have to do a final project.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

At the end of the course the student should be able to identify situations where it is useful to analyze data, to identify the model and/or method of analysis that is best for his data, to build a model that summarizes the information in the data and allows to make predictions, to reduce the dimensionality and visualize multivariate data, to implement supervised and unsupervised classification algorithms, and to evaluate the quality of the results obtained.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	67,5	60.00
Hours medium group	45,0	40.00

Total learning time: 112.5 h



CONTENTS

Chapter 1: Introduction

Description:

(ENG) 1.- Statistical modeling. 2.- Multivariate analysis.

Full-or-part-time: 3h 30m

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Guided activities: 1h

Self study : 1h

Chapter 2: Linear models

Description:

(ENG) 1.- Normal linear model. 2.- Estimation by least squares and other criteria. 3.- ANOVA decomposition and goodness of fit. 4.- Confidence intervals and tests for the coefficients. 5.- Prediction. 6.- Model checking through residual analysis. 7.- Model selection and cross validation. 8.- Use of categorical explanatory variables. 9.- Model interpretation; Colinearity, bias and causality.

Full-or-part-time: 30h

Theory classes: 6h

Laboratory classes: 6h

Guided activities: 6h

Self study : 12h

Chapter 3: Non-linear models

Description:

1.- Normal non-linear model. 2.- Model fit. 3.- Confidence intervals and tests. 4.- Model checking.

Full-or-part-time: 6h

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Laboratory classes: 1h 30m

Self study : 3h

Chapter 4: Categorical and count response models

Description:

(ENG) 1.- Binary response model. 2.- Model fit. 3.- Confidence intervals and tests for the coefficients. 4.- Model checking. 5.- Model selection and cross validation. 6.- Model interpretation. 7.- Nominal logistic model. 8.- Contingency tables and logistic model. 9.- Count response model.

Full-or-part-time: 22h 30m

Theory classes: 4h 30m

Laboratory classes: 4h 30m

Guided activities: 4h 30m

Self study : 9h

Chapter 5: Time series models

Description:

1.- Description of a time series; Stationarity and seasonality. 2.- AR models. 3.- MA models. 4.- ARIMA models. 5.- Seasonal ARIMA models.

Full-or-part-time: 13h

Theory classes: 3h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Guided activities: 3h

Self study : 4h

Chapter 6: Visualization of multivariate data (Dimensionality reduction)

Description:

(ENG) 1.- Principal components analysis. 2.- Correspondence analysis.

Full-or-part-time: 6h

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Laboratory classes: 1h 30m

Self study : 3h

Chapter 7: Cluster analysis (Unsupervised classification)

Description:

1.- Hierarchical methods. 2.- Partition methods (k-means algorithm). 3.- Variable cluster analysis.

Full-or-part-time: 6h 30m

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Laboratory classes: 1h 30m

Guided activities: 1h 30m

Self study : 2h

Chapter 8: Discriminant analysis (Supervised classification)

Description:

1.- Linear discriminant analysis. 2.- Assessment of the performance of a classifier. 3.- Quadratic discriminant analysis. 4.- Logistic discriminant analysis. 5.- Classification tree methods. 6.- Nearest neighbor classifier. 7.- Sensitivity, specificity and the ROC curve.

Full-or-part-time: 13h

Theory classes: 3h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Guided activities: 3h

Self study : 4h

GRADING SYSTEM

There will be a take home midterm exam and an in class final exam.

Grade = 0,1 Assignments + 0,3 Final Project + 0,1 Midterm + 0,5 Final Exam

During the 2019-20 spring semester, as a consequence of the covid19 crisis, the qualification method will be the same one, with the only difference that the final exam will not be in class, but a take home exam.

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