Course guides
230721 - SNET - Social Networks: Theory and Implementation

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications.
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).
Academic year: 2020 ECTS Credits: 5.0 Languages: English

LECTURER
Coordinating lecturer:
Others: Enric Monte Moreno

PRIOR SKILLS
None

REQUIREMENTS
Knowledge of linear algebra and probability

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
blackboard classes, individual work and simulations in python

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT
The aim of this course is to train students in understanding the techniques and tools for describing social networks and www. The course will teach techniques for ranking (ex. google’s pagerank for web pages), recommender systems (ex. amazon’s recommendations of similar products), Auctions of advertisements (i.e. google’s adwords), Finding influencers in social networks, finding communities in social networks, finding text similarity between documents by meaning (i.e. similarity between posts in blogs). In addition, a web search engine will be designed in python, and then the social graph will be created and the techniques explained in theory will be applied in a practical way.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 125 h
## Ranking Systems

**Description:**
Description algorithms for sorting websites by relevance. Algorithms for graphs made of links between pages: Google's Pagerank and HITS. Practical examples.

**Specific objectives:**
Understanding google's Pagerank and HITS equations from different points of view; flow graph, random walk, probability of visiting a node. Understand the application examples.

**Related activities:**
Individual Deliverable. Laboratory activities.

**Full-or-part-time:** 15h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Practical classes: 3h
- Self study: 6h

## Social Networks as graphs

**Description:**
Techniques for finding influencers and communities in graphs. Specific properties of twitter type graphs and facebook type graphs. Practical examples.

**Specific objectives:**
Understand the techniques to perform the partition of graphs in communities, techniques to find nodes of influence, techniques to model the effects of propagation of information in a viral manner. Practical applications

**Related activities:**
Individual Deliverable. Laboratory activities.

**Full-or-part-time:** 15h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Practical classes: 3h
- Self study: 6h

## Finding text similarity between documents by meaning. Application to twitter and blogs

**Description:**
Bag of words model for texts, stemming and word-term matrix. Latent semantic analysis. Application to twitter and blog data.

**Related activities:**
Individual Deliverable. Laboratory Practices.

**Full-or-part-time:** 15h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Practical classes: 3h
- Self study: 6h
Recommender systems. Amazon/Netflix cases

Description:
Description of the recommender systems based on Collaborative and content based. Description of different recommender systems; amazon, netflix.

Specific objectives:
Be able to adapt the general methods of recommender systems to specific situations.

Related activities:
Individual Deliverable.
Laboratory activities.

Full-or-part-time: 10h
Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 2h
Self study : 4h

Auctions of web advertisements. Google Adwords case.

Description:
Description of systems for making auctions of online advertisements. Summary of the modified Vickrey auction system used by google's adwords.

Related activities:
Individual Deliverable.
Laboratory activities.

Full-or-part-time: 10h
Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 2h
Self study : 4h

GRADING SYSTEM

Individual assessments: 40%
Final examination: 60%

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic: