Course guide
240318 - 240NR025 - Neuroimage

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 707 - ESAII - Department of Automatic Control.

Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN NEUROENGINEERING AND REHABILITATION (Syllabus 2020). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2023 ECTS Credits: 4.5 Languages: English

LECTURER
Coordinating lecturer: Benitez Iglesias, Raul
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PRIOR SKILLS
Ability with python programming, basic signal and image processing, mathematical and statistical theory.

REQUIREMENTS
The student must have passed the subjects "Medical Images" and "Biomedical Signals". The student must also pass or take simultaneously the subject "Data Analysis in Rehabilitation".

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
The course is divided into three parts:
- Theory classes
- Laboratory guided activities class
- Self-study for doing exercises and activities.

In the theory sessions at the classroom, students will learn the theoretical basis of the concepts, methods and results which will be illustrated with examples appropriate to facilitate their understanding.
In the laboratory guided classes, students will review the concepts covered in the theory sessions. Teachers guide students in applying theoretical concepts to solve problems, always using critical reasoning.
Finally, several self-study activities to be developed in groups will be proposed in where teachers will introduce a clinical issue and students will revise the state-of-the-art, will propose a methodology, will apply it and will extract results. Students will present orally to the rest of their partners, will discuss their results and will answer several questions from the teacher and/or their partners.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT
The subject of "Neuroimage" covers the fundamental physical principles underlying various brain imaging techniques. Students will acquire theoretical and practical experience with common analysis approaches and software packages used for the analysis of different kind of neuroimages (including MRI, fMRI, DTI, EEG or MEG). They also investigate the role of neuroimaging as biomarkers in the clinical diagnosis of neurodegenerative disorders, in disease progression and in drug development.
Other complementary-specific objectives includes:
- To understand the utility of neuroimage information neurorehabilitation
- To know basic clinical applications of neuroimage in neurorehabilitation
- To learn how to apply mathematical algorithms oriented to neuroimage analysis.
- To present results in an attractive way to extract conclusions.
- To learn the most relevant neuroimage techniques to evaluate the brain activity and neurorehabilitation
STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 112.5 h

CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION TO NEUROIMAGING

Description:
- What is neuroimaging?
- Structural neuroimaging (MRI, CT, DTI/DWI, others)
- Functional neuroimaging (EEG, MEG, fMRI, PET, fNIRS)
- Neuroimaging in neurorehabilitation

Specific objectives:
- To explain the different modalities of structural and functional neuroimaging
- To understand the role of neuroimaging in neurorehabilitation in recent studies

Related activities:
Lectures of theoretical explanations and Laboratory

Full-or-part-time: 9h
Theory classes: 1h 30m
Laboratory classes: 1h 30m
Self study: 6h

STRUCTURAL NEUROIMAGE I: MRI

Description:
- Introduction to brain anatomy
- Preprocessing: Conversion, anonymization (deface)
- Segmentation & brain atlases
- Template registration
- Anatomical measurements
- Hands-on lab

Specific objectives:
- To understand the brain anatomy and the ways to obtain anatomical measures
- To depict the obtained measures on representations of the human brain

Related activities:
- Lectures of theoretical explanations and Laboratory

Full-or-part-time: 9h
Theory classes: 1h 30m
Laboratory classes: 1h 30m
Self study: 6h
STRUCTURAL NEUROIMAGE II: DWI

Description:
- Diffusion modelling (DTI, etc)
- Tractography
- Connectivity measures
- Graph analysis
- Hands-on lab

Specific objectives:
- To obtain a basic knowledge of magnetic fields and their application to neuroimaging
- To calculate and to assess connectivity and graph theory based measures

Related activities:
- Lectures of theoretical explanations and Laboratory

**Full-or-part-time:** 9h
Theory classes: 1h 30m
Laboratory classes: 1h 30m
Self study : 6h

FUNCTIONAL NEUROIMAGE I: fMRI

Description:
- Preprocessing: artifact reduction techniques for fMRI
- Resting state (rsfMRI)
- Task fMRI
- Hands-on lab

Specific objectives:
- To identify the differences between structural and functional MRI
- To explore relevant tools for the representation of functional MRI

Related activities:
- Lectures of theoretical explanations and Laboratory

**Full-or-part-time:** 13h 30m
Theory classes: 2h 15m
Laboratory classes: 2h 15m
Self study : 9h
**FUNCTIONAL NEUROIMAGE II: EEG, MEG**

**Description:**
- Preprocessing: artifact reduction techniques for EEG/MEG source localization
- Forward modelling
- Source modelling
- Source analysis
- Hands-on lab

**Specific objectives:**
- To explore the most common artifacts on electrophysiological signal and the main strategies to reduce their effect.
- To compare different algorithms and methodologies for forward and source modelling

**Related activities:**
- Lectures of theoretical explanations and Laboratory

**Full-or-part-time:** 13h 30m
 Theory classes: 2h 15m
 Laboratory classes: 2h 15m
 Self study: 9h

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**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN NEUROIMAGING**

**Description:**
Application of pattern recognition, image processing and artificial intelligence in neuroimaging

**Specific objectives:**
- Segmentation methods
- Feature extraction and selection
- Supervised classification of images

**Related activities:**
- Practical exercises and hands-on project

**Full-or-part-time:** 27h
 Theory classes: 4h 30m
 Laboratory classes: 4h 30m
 Self study: 18h

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**FINAL PROJECT**

**Description:**
In groups, the students choose one of the open neuroimaging databases proposed by the professors of the subject, that include one or two image modalities. They analyze them and extract some conclusions. They will present these conclusions in a research paper and an oral presentation.

**Specific objectives:**
- To apply the knowledge obtained in the whole course in a real application
- To explore the combination of different algorithms to obtain the better representation of neural images
- To develop work-in-group and oral communication skills

**Related activities:**
- Group work with the teachers supervision.

**Full-or-part-time:** 30h
 Theory classes: 6h
 Laboratory classes: 6h
 Self study: 18h
GRADING SYSTEM

The final mark is the weighted sum of the following marks:
Nfe: Final exam mark
Ncw: Mark of the continuous working. It includes theory and laboratory sessions (attendance, participation, reports, short proposed exercises ...)
NpNI: Mark obtained in the group project (work and oral dissemination).
Nfinal = 0.4 Nfe + 0.2 Ncw + 0.4 NpNI

Students who do not submit the final exam or do not perform the Neuroimaging project will be denoted as "Not taken".
The reevaluation mark will replace the mark Nfe.

EXAMINATION RULES.

The final exam will evaluate the theoretical aspects of the subject. The laboratory sessions will be evaluated with short reports or questions delivered at the end of the sessions. The final group project will be different for each one of the groups. The students will present their methodology and results to the rest of the class and teachers.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

Complementary:

RESOURCES

Computer material: