Northeastern University
College of Engineering

INFO 6105 Data Science Engineering Methods and Tools

Course Information
Course Title: Data Science Engineeing Methods and Tools
Course Number: INFO 6105
Term and Year: Spring 2024
Credit Hour: 4
Course Format: On-Ground

Course Prerequisites
Graduate Level CSYE 6200 Minimum Grade of B- or Undergraduate Level INFO 5100 Minimum Grade of B- or Graduate Level INFO 5100 Minimum Grade of B-

Course Description
Introduces the fundamental techniques for machine learning and data science engineering. Discusses a variety of machine learning algorithms, along with examples of their implementation, evaluation, and best practices. Lays the foundation of how learning models are derived from complex data pipelines, both algorithmically and practically. Topics include supervised learning (parametric/nonparametric algorithms, support vector machines, kernels, neural networks, deep learning) and unsupervised learning (clustering, dimensionality reduction, recommender systems). Based on numerous real-world case studies.

Standard Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course, you will have a basic understanding of machine learning techniques and know how to apply basic machine learning tools in practical situations. Students will complete several assignments and a project using supervised or unsupervised learning algorithms.
- Students should have learned about machine learning techniques,
- Understood how various machine learning algorithms work,
- Apply appropriate tools for various tasks such as prediction, regression , grouping, etc.

Course Detail

Module 1: Introduction

- What is Machine Learning and Data Mining?
- Concepts in Machine Learning an Predictive analytics using simple problems
- What is Predictive Analytics and Machine Learning

- Various Paradigms in Machine Learning
- Steps in developing ML application
- Application of ML
- Introduction to Python and various packages

Module 2: data Preprocessing/Feature Engineering

- Introduction to Data preprocessing and why it is needed
- Various steps/techniques involved.
- Measure of Data Quality
- Major task involved in data preparation
- Dealing with missing values, outliers, data transformation etc.

Module 3: Linear Classifiers

- Linear Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Linear classifiers – common straight forward classifiers with practical applications

Module 4 : Baysian Classifiers

- Histograms classifiers (Naïve Bayes)
- Probability density functions
- Bayesian classifiers
- Class-conditional density, priors and posteriors

Module 5: Classifiers Contd.

- K-nearest neighbor algorithm

Module 6: Decision tree and Ensemble methods

- Decision Tree methods
- Random Forest

Module 7: Unsupervised Learning

- Clustering
- K-means, Hierarchical Methods)
- Expectation maximization algorithm
- Outlier and anomaly detection

Module 8: Feature Selection/Reduction

- Dimension Reduction
- Covariance Matrix
- Feature selection and Principal component analysis
- Regularization

Module 9: Performance Evaluation of Algorithms and Practical Issues

- Evaluating and Improving Model Performance
- Classifier performance evaluation
- Accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value
- Receiver operating characteristic
- Cross validation Training, testing and validation
- Applying Machine Learning Guidance and Practical Issues

Session 10

- Individual/Group Project Presentation

* May cover brief introduction to Neural Networks/Deep learning.

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