EEL 6825, Section 026A

Pattern Recognition and Intelligent Systems

Spring 2020

Course Description

This is a 3-credit course.

The objective of this course is to impart a working knowledge of several important and widely used pattern recognition topics to the students through a mixture of motivational applications and theory.

Course Prerequisites

- EEL 3135 (Discrete-Time Signals and Systems) or undergraduate-level signals and systems
- EEL 4516 (Noise in Devices and communication Systems) or undergraduate-level probability theory/stochastic processes
- Some exposure to MATLAB and C programming language
- Knowledge of basic matrix theory (linear algebra) would be helpful, but not necessary

Required Textbook

- Richard O. Duda, Peter E. Hart, David G. Stork, ``Pattern Classification," 2nd Edition, Wiley-Interscience, October 2000. ISBN-10: 0471056693 | ISBN-13: 978-0471056690.

Recommended Readings

- David G. Stork, Elad Yom-Tov, ``Computer Manual in MATLAB to accompany Pattern Classification," 2nd Edition, Wiley-Interscience, April 2004. ISBN: 978-0-471-42977-7
- Christopher M. Bishop, "Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning", 1st Edition, Springer, October 1, 2007. ISBN-10: 0387310738 | ISBN-13: 978-0387310732.
- Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome Friedman, "The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction," Second

Edition, Springer, February 9, 2009. ISBN-10: 0387848576 | ISBN-13: 978-0387848570.

- Kevin Patrick Murphy, "Machine Learning: a Probabilistic Perspective," the MIT Press, August 24, 2012. ISBN-10: 0262018020 | ISBN-13: 978-0262018029.
- Eugene Charniak, "Introduction to Deep Learning," the MIT Press, January 2019. ISBN: 9780262039512 (This book is a project-based guide to the basics of deep learning)

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Meeting Time

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, period 8 (3:00 pm - 3:50 pm)

Meeting Room

NEB 100

Office Hours

- Dr. Wu: Monday, Wednesday, period 9 (4:05 pm - 4:55 pm), and by appointment via email.

Structure of the Course

The course consists of lectures, 4 homework assignments, and 1 project.

This course is primarily a lecture course. I cover all important material in lectures. Since EEL 3135 and EEL 4516 are prerequisites, I assume some previous knowledge about DSP, probability theory and stochastic processes, and hence I will cover some material very quickly. Thus, depending on what and how much you recall from earlier study, varying amounts of reading in introductory books on DSP, probability theory and stochastic processes (other than the course textbook) may be necessary; these readings are up to the student. I will only give reading assignments from the course textbook.

Attending lecture is quite important as I may cover material not available in any book easily accessible to you. I use Powerpoint presentation during lecture. Lecture notes will be posted on the course website before the class. The lecture is to engage the students in independent thinking, critical thinking, and creative thinking, help the students organize the knowledge around essential concepts and fundamental principles, and develop conditionalized knowledge which tells them when, where and why a certain method is applicable to solving the problem they encounter.

I do not intend for the WWW material to be a substitute for attending lecture since engaging the students in active thinking, making logical connections between the old knowledge and the new knowledge, and providing insights are the objectives of my lecture. The lecture notes are posted on the web so that you can miss an occasional lecture and still catch up, and it makes taking notes easier. To reward those who attend regularly, there will be some lecture-based material in the exam which is not available via the web.

The class project is described here.

Course Outline

- Bayesian decision theory
- Parametric estimation and supervised learning
- Nonparametric methods
- Linear discriminant functions
- Unsupervised learning and clustering
- Nonmetric methods

- Feature extraction and feature selection
- Applications

Course Objectives

Upon the completion of the course, the student should be able to

- use the fundamental techniques for pattern recognition
- understand the basics of statistical learning theory
- acquire the basic skill of designing machine learning algorithms and systems

Handouts

Please find handouts here.

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Requirements

Course Policies

- **Attendance:**
  - Perfect class attendance is not required, but regular attendance is expected.
  - It is the student's responsibility to independently obtain any missed material (including handouts) from lecture.
- **During lecture, cell phones should be turned off.**
- **No late submissions of your homework solution, and project proposal/report, are allowed unless U.F. approved reasons are supplied and advance permission is granted by the instructor. Excused late submissions are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx) and require appropriate documentation.**
- **Software use**
  - All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the

University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

- **Announcements:**
  - All students are responsible for announcements made in lecture, on the student access website, or via the class email list.
  - It is expected that you will check your email several times per week for possible course announcements.
- **Students with disabilities:**
  - Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.
- **University Honesty Policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Students are encouraged to discuss class material in order to better understand concepts. All homework answers must be the author's own work. However, students are encouraged to discuss homework to promote better understanding. What this means in practice is that students are welcome to discuss problems and solution approaches, and in fact can communally work solutions at a board. However, the material handed in must be prepared starting with a clean sheet of paper (and the author's recollection of any solution session), but not refer to any written notes or existing code from other students during the writing of the solution. In other words, writing the homework report shall be an exercise in demonstrating the student understands the materials on his/her own, whether or not help was provided in attaining that understanding.

All work submitted in this course must be your own and produced exclusively for this course. The use of sources (ideas, quotations, paraphrases) must be properly acknowledged and documented. For the copy of the UF Honor Code and consequences of academic dishonesty, please refer to http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php. Violations will be taken seriously and are noted on student disciplinary records. If you are in doubt regarding the requirements, please consult with the instructor before you complete any requirement of the course.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/.

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Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or http://www.police.ufl.edu/.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. https://www.crc.ufl.edu/.

Library Support, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/.

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process.

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Grading:

Grades	Percentage	Dates
Homework	30%	see calendar
Project proposal	10%	4pm, March 13
Project report	60%	4pm, April 29

The project report consists of

1. (50%) A written report for your project
2. (25%) Computer programs that you develop for your project
3. (10%) Powerpoint file of your presentation
4. (15%) Your presentation/demo video on YouTube

Grading scale:

Top 25% students will receive A. Average score will be at least B+.

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Homework:

- Due dates of assignments are specified in the course calendar.
- **No late submissions** are allowed unless U.F. approved reasons are supplied and advance permission is granted by the instructor.
- If you wish to dispute a homework grade, you must return the assignment along with a succinct written argument within one week after the graded materials have been returned to the class. Simple arithmetic errors in adding up grade totals are an exception, and can normally be handled verbally on-the-spot during office hours of the TA. For all other disputes, the entire homework may be (non-maliciously) re-graded, which may result in increase or decrease of points.

Class Project:

The class project will be done individually. Each project requires a proposal and a final report. The final report is expected to be in the format of a conference paper plus computer programs, a Powerpoint file, and a video. On March 13, the project proposal (up to 2 pages) is due. On April 29, the final report (up to 10 pages) is due. For details about the project, please read here.

Suggested topics for projects are listed here.