

Distributed Information Systems Spring Semester - 2020

CS-423

Time and Place

Lecture: Monday 10:15-12:00 Room INF1

Exercise: Monday 12:15-13:00 Room INF1

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Distributed Information Systems Laboratory

Goals of the Course

Understand what is a "**Distributed Information System**"?

- e.g. Web Search Engines, Online Social Networks, etc.

Understand which are **key problems** relevant for DIS?

- e.g. modeling, storage, indexing, retrieval, mining, recommending, integration, etc.

Master **common techniques** used to solve these problems

- e.g. vector space retrieval, association rule mining, schema mapping etc.

Assumption: basic knowledge in databases, e.g. from CS-422 Database Systems

Focus of the Course

Master important **Models and Algorithms** for representing and processing information:

Data Science

Conceptual foundations to practically use tools and platforms for Data Science

- Complementary to *Applied Data Analysis* by Bob West

Other Related Courses

In synergy with

- Applied Data Analysis

Complementary to

- Introduction to database systems
- Database systems

Some overlaps possible with

- Introduction to machine learning
- Machine learning
- Introduction to natural language processing
- Internet analytics

The Course - Lecture

Lecture

- standard ex cathedra lecture
- but feel free to interrupt, ask questions ...

Web platform: Moodle

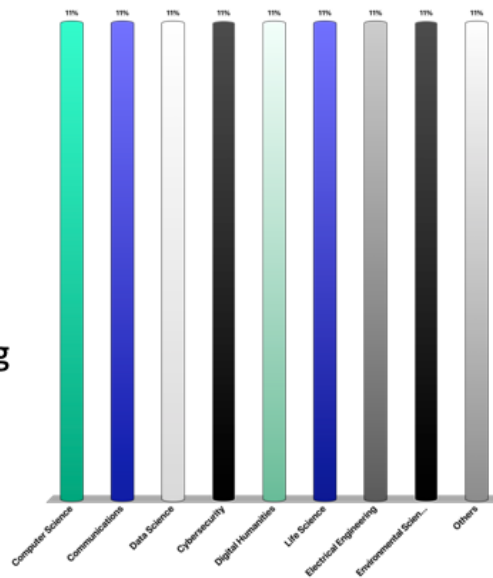
- Course notes and exercises will be published on the Web in advance

Questions using TurningPoint

- Session ID: **DIS2020**
- **Messaging is enabled**

Which masters program are you from?

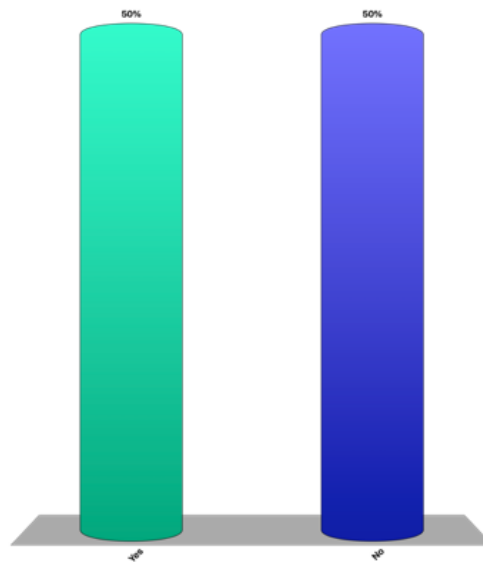
1. Computer Science
2. Communications
3. Data Science
4. Cybersecurity
5. Digital Humanities
6. Life Science
7. Electrical Engineering
8. Environmental Science
9. Others



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Did you take Applied Data Analysis

1. Yes
2. No



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Exercises

Weekly exercises

- 2-3 problems to solve

Most problems will be (simple) programming exercises

- Uses Python
- Focus on understanding the techniques (not programming skills etc)

Exercises and exam questions from previous years will be made available as well

Continuous Control

1 programming midterm: March 16

- Evaluate your programming skills (for yourself)

2 quizzes: April 20 and May 18

- Multiple choice questions on the content covered during the previous weeks

All during exercise session

Grading

Results of continuous control will be part of grade: 25%

- When you are excused (e.g. illness) the session is not counted

Final Exam: 75%

- Questions similar to the question in exercises and quizzes
- will assume you attended the lecture
- will assume you did the exercises
- examples from earlier years (exercises, exams) provided for preparation

Exam Support: Your computer will be admitted to the exam, not the Internet! Also your notes.

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Schedule

Week	Date	Cont. Eval.	Area	Topic
1	17 February 2020		Introduction	Distributed Information Systems - An Overview
2	24 February 2020		Information Retrieval	Basic Text Retrieval Models
3	02 March 2020			Indexing and Probabilistic Retrieval
4	09 March 2020			Advanced Retrieval Methods
5	16 March 2020	Prog. Midterm		Relevance Feedback and Link-based Retrieval
6	23 March 2020		Data Mining	Frequent Itemset Mining
7	30 March 2020			Clustering and Classification
8	06 April 2020			Classification Methodology
9	13 April 2020			<i>Holiday</i>
10	20 April 2020	Quiz		Document Classification and Recommender
11	27 April 2020			Social network mining
12	04 May 2020		From Documents to Knowledge	Semantic Web
13	11 May 2020			Entity and Information Extraction
14	18 May 2020	Quiz		Data Integration
15	25 May 2020			Knowledge Graphs

Organizational Info

Moodle

- <http://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=4051>

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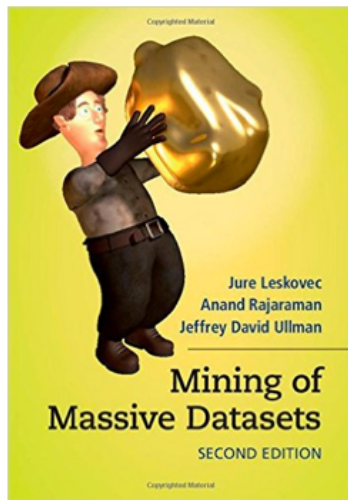
References

Parts of the course are based on the following text books

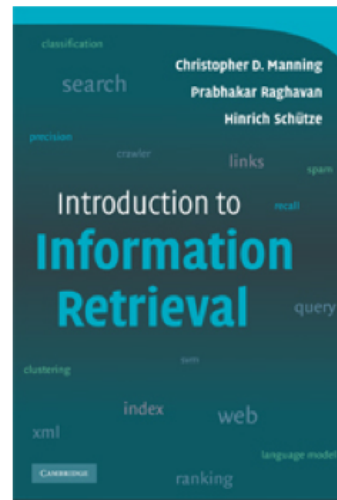
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Further references to the literature will be given during the lecture

Free books



mmds.org



<http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/>

Exam Date