

Data Mining Course: Introduction

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Prerequisites

- Basic Databases
- Algorithms:
 - Dynamic Programming, basic data structures
- Basic statistics
 - Fundamental distributions (Gaussian, Bernoulli distributions, etc)
 - Regression
- Programming
 - Your choice, but Java/Python will be very useful.

Course Outline

- Fundamental:
 - Data Exploration & Preparation
 - Classification
 - Basic Algorithms: Decision Trees, KNN, Linear Models
 - Evaluation: Cross-validation
 - Clustering
 - Basic Algorithms: K-means, Hierarchical Clustering; Example of Hierarchical Clustering; Incremental Clustering
 - Evaluation
- Association rules, Frequent items

Course Outline (2)

- Special Topics
 - Recommendation Systems
 - Information Retrieval & PageRank
 - Text Mining & Topic Analysis
 - Introduction to Representation Learning
 - Neural network & Deep Learning
 - Large Scale Data mining on Map-Reduce and/or Spark

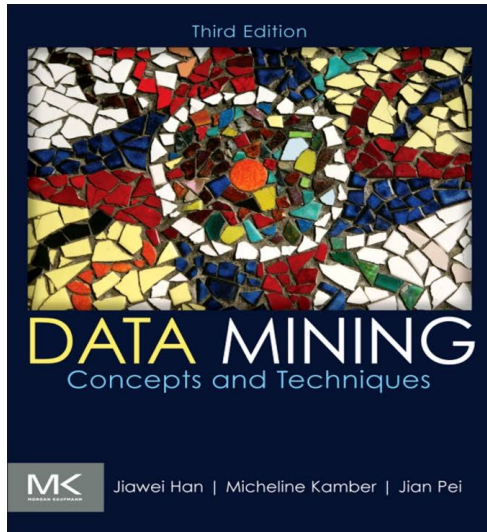
Possible Projects (10% credit bonus)

- **Document Management Application**
 - Browsing documents by predefined classes
 - Discover the most dominant cluster in a corpus of document
 - Data set: Wikipedia pages
- **Word association discoveries**
 - Given a word, find words that are frequently associated with it.
 - Make a word game, that given associated words as hints and we need to guess a hidden word.
 - Data set: Wikipedia pages
- Other topics are possible ...
- Reports
 - A report describing data mining & evaluation methods
 - A demo application/website

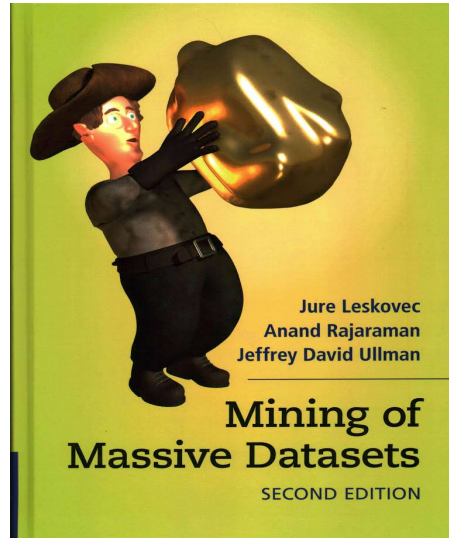
Possible Projects

- Team work:
 - It is possible to work in team of 3-4 students
 - Each student needs to have clear role in the project.
- Registering for teams and projects
 - Need to send out by October 1st .
- Project report Due
 - Possible dates: November 15th

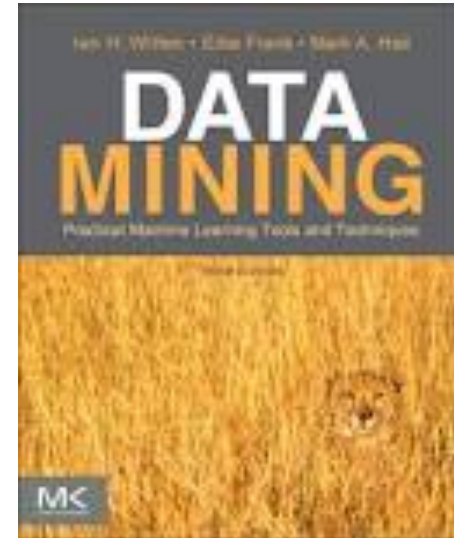
Text Books



Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques



Mining of Massive Datasets



Data Mining: Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques.