# AI 6102: Machine Learning Methodologies & Applications

## Term Paper Instructions

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## **General Information**

- The term paper can be group-based or individual
- Each group consists of <u>at most 3</u> members
- The topic of the term paper is flexible, 4 options to choose:
  - Participate an ongoing Kaggle competition (has bonus marks based on some conditions)
  - Participate a completed Kaggle competition
  - Conduct a research project on machine learning (has bonus marks based on some conditions)
  - Survey an advanced topic of machine learning
- Submission: a report in PDF

## Kaggle Competition Candidates (Completed)

• Zillow Prize: Zillow's Home Value Prediction (Zestimate)

url: <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/c/zillow-prize-1">https://www.kaggle.com/c/zillow-prize-1</a>

• Sberbank Russian Housing Market

**url**: <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/c/sberbank-russian-housing-market/">https://www.kaggle.com/c/sberbank-russian-housing-market/</a>

Costa Rican Household Poverty Level Prediction

url: <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/c/costa-rican-household-poverty-prediction/">https://www.kaggle.com/c/costa-rican-household-poverty-prediction/</a>

• Store Item Demand Forecasting Challenge

url: https://www.kaggle.com/c/demand-forecasting-kernels-only/

Nomad2018 Predicting Transparent Conductors

url: https://www.kaggle.com/c/nomad2018-predict-transparent-conductors/

• New York City Taxi Fare Prediction

url: https://www.kaggle.com/c/new-york-city-taxi-fare-prediction/

• Womxn in Big Data South Africa: Female-Headed Households in South Africa

**url:** <a href="https://zindi.africa/competitions/womxn-in-big-data-south-africa-female-headed-households-in-south-africa">https://zindi.africa/competitions/womxn-in-big-data-south-africa-female-headed-households-in-south-africa</a>

• Plant Seedlings Classification

url: https://www.kaggle.com/c/plant-seedlings-classification

Elo Merchant Category Recommendation

url: https://www.kaggle.com/c/elo-merchant-category-recommendation/

 Northeastern SMILE Lab - Recognizing Faces in the Wild https://www.kaggle.com/c/recognizing-faces-in-the-wild/

## **Brief Description**

- Ongoing Kaggle Competition
  - Any ongoing Kaggle Competition which will end in Apr. or May 2022
- Completed Kaggle Competition
  - Pick one from the candidate list on the next slide
- Research Project
  - Any research project related to machine learning: either fundamental research (ML methods) or application
- Research Survey
  - Conduct a comprehensive survey on an advanced topic of machine learning

## Report – Kaggle Competition including both completed & ongoing

#### Recommended content

- Problem statement of the task in your own words
- Challenges of the problem
- Your proposed solution
  - Motivation (feature engineering, ML methods, etc)
  - Detailed steps with explanations

## Experiment

- Conduct experiments to verify your motivations
- Conduct experiments to show the performance of your proposed solution (both cross-validation results and the leaderboard results)

### Conclusion

What you have learned from the competition

## Report – Research Paper

#### Recommended content

- Problem statement of the research topic
- Related work limitations of existing methods
- Your proposed method
  - Motivation
  - Detailed steps with explanations
- Experiment
  - Conduct experiments to verify your motivations
  - Conduct comparison experiments with SOTA methods
- Conclusion
  - Limitation of your proposed method, future work

## Report – Research Survey

#### Recommended content

- Problem statement of the research topic
- Categorize existing methods based on your own insights
- Describe some representatives in each category
  - Motivation, high-level idea, detailed methodology
- Experiment
  - Conduct comparison experiments between SOTA methods
  - Analyze advantages and disadvantages of SOTA methods
- Conclusion
  - Potential new directions of the topic

## **Evaluation**

### Writing

- Whether the organization is logically clear
- Whether the descriptions on the proposed solution / proposed method / existing SOTA methods are clear
- Whether there are many typos

### • Experiments

 Whether the experiments are extensive to verify the proposed solution / proposed method or to analyze the disadvantages or advantages between SOTA methods

### Bonus

- For ongoing Kaggle competition, if the ranking in leaderboard is top 10% (cutoff date: by 25<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2022)
- For research paper: if a novel idea is proposed compared with existing methods

## **Key Dates**

- Send me group information and topic of the term paper via email
  - by 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2022
- Submit the final report to NTULearn
  - by 11:59pm, 25<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2022

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# Thank you!