Topic Lists for Data Science MSc Final Exam January 2024 Introduction to Data Science – Machine Learning – Advanced Deep Network Development / Advanced Machine Learning – Stream Mining – Open Source Technologies

Introduction to Data Science:

- CRISP-DM methodology, data types and attributes, the similarity of instances (binary, numerical, nominal, ordinal, and mixed instances),
- Clustering and unsupervised learning: definition, hierarchical agglomerative clustering, K-means, DBSCAN, external and internal evaluation of clusters,
- Frequent-pattern mining (itemset, frequent itemset, monotonicity, Apriori, Eclat, FP-Tree, FP-Growth, association rules, quality of a rule),
- Supervised learning: classification, regression, regularization, quality of a supervised model, cross-validation, linear classifiers,
- Recommender systems: types of recommender systems, factorization models, coldstart problem, evaluating recommender systems,
- Data preprocessing: value editing, feature selection, sampling, dimensionality reduction.

Machine Learning:

- Probabilistic methods;
- Bayesian methods;
- Discriminant Functions;
- Parametric models; Probabilistic Graphical models;
- Naive Bayes' Classifier; Cross-validation;
- Hidden Markov models:
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo; Latent Dirichlet Allocation;
- Non-Parametric models;
- Lazy learners (Adaptive Nearest Neighbor Methods, Condensed Nearest Neighbor, Prototype methods, Learning Vector Optimization, Hashing, Locality-sensitive Hashing, k-d trees);
- Decision Trees (Classification trees, Regression trees, Pruning, Multivariate trees, Random Forest);
- Support Vector Machines and Kernel Methods; Regularization; Ensemble techniques, Voting, Stacking, Cascading, Bagging, Boosting;

Advanced Deep Network Development (former name: Advanced Machine Learning):

- Artificial Neural Networks (Artificial neuron, layers, activation functions, learning rate, batch, weights)
- Convolutional Neural Networks (Padding, Stride, Filters, Pooling layer)
- Deep Neural Networks (VGG, AlexNet, R-CNN, U-Net, YOLO, SAM, ResNet, DenseNet, other CNN architectures)
- Embeddings
- Transfer learning
- AutoEncoders (Encoder, Latent Space, Decoder)
- Semantic Segmentation (R-CNN, Fast R-CNN, Faster R-CNN)
- Metrics (IoU, NMS, mAP)
- Recurrent Neural Networks (LSTM, GRU, Seq2Seq, Bidirectional, Attention mechanism)
- Transformers

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Stream mining:

- Part I: Stream mining 101
 - Querying streams
 - The use of hashing in stream mining
 - Repeated search
 - Sampling
 - Filtering
 - Hash functions
 - The Bloom filter
 - Frequency of elements
 - Frequency moments
 - Clustering types in data streams
 - Hierarchical clustering
 - o Naïve bayes in data streams
 - o Decisions trees in data stream classification
 - Hoeffding tree
- Part II: Stream mining 202
 - Sketch creation process
 - o Sketches in counting elements and frequency problems
 - Sketch mergeability
 - Frequent patterns in data streams
 - Sub- & super-patterns + closed & maximal patterns
 - Coresets
 - Sequential pattern mining
 - o Time series categorization
 - o Trends, seasonality and similarity
 - Clustering, classification and anomaly detection in data streams
 - The change management process
 - Rate of change
 - o Blind vs adaptive change management
- Part III: Streaming systems
 - Non-grouping and grouping operations
 - o The Lambda architecture
 - Event and processing time windowing
 - o Watermarks, allowed lateness
 - Windowing & sessions
 - Triggers
 - o At-most-once, at-least-once & exactly-once guarantees
 - Checkpoints and message logging in streaming systems
 - o Stream processing platforms (Kafka, Flink, etc) and consistency

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Open-source technologies:

- Data storage solutions: MongoDB, Logstash, Cassandra, HDFS, HBase
- Data analysis solutions: MapReduce, Spark, Elasticsearch
- Streaming systems: Kafka, Storm, Spark Streaming, Flink
- Data visualization: viz types, Tableau, Datawrapper, Plotly
- Other topics: Docker