Experiment Design for Computer Sciences 00 - Course Intro

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"The combination of some data and an aching desire for an answer does not ensure that a reasonable answer can be extracted from a given body of data."

> John W. Tukey (1915 – 2000) American mathematician

Objectives

- To develop advanced skills in designing experiments, defining and testing hypotheses, and performing statistical data analyses within one's field of interest;
- By the end of this course, the student should be able to:
 - Plan experiments related to his/her work;
 - Perform appropriate statistical analyses of the data obtained from the experiment;
 - Develop sound conclusions based on the available data;
 - Identify the problems and limitations of his/her own experiments, and suggest improvements;
 - Perform critical interpretations of other experimental methodologies and results reported in the literature.

Course Structure

- Lectures (10 weeks): discussions about several aspects and techniques for design and analyses of experiments. Theory, application examples and computational case studies;
- One Team Project/Presentation;
- One Individual Report;
- One Case Study;

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Evaluation criteria

Item	Туре	Value
Case studies	Individual Report	40
Research Report	Individual Report	30
Research Project	Report and presentation	30

Other relevant Information

- Lectures slides, example R files, data, etc. available at https://git.io/vVpvC/
- MANABA site for submitting reports and questions.
 Code: 5718071
- Software/services used: R (http://cran.r-project.org/),
 GitHub (http://github.com/).

Course Bibliography

Main:

- Lecture Notes on Design and Analysis of Experiments. Online: http://git.io/vVpvC Version 2.11.t; Creative Commons BY-NC-SA 4.0.
- D.C. Montgomery, G.C. Runger (2010), Applied Statistics and Probability for Engineers, John Wiley & Sons.
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Additional:

- D.C. Montgomery (2012), Design and Analysis of Experiments, John Wiley & Sons.
- B. Caffo (2015), Statistical inference for data science, LeanPubhttps://leanpub.com/LittleInferenceBook/
- J.J. Faraway (2002), Practical Regression and Anova using Rhttp://goo.gl/ewMWL
- D. Wiens (2005), Introduction to Design and Analysis of Experiments http://goo.gl/hZXgl

Required / Desired background

This is a course on *applied* experimental design and analysis. As such, a large portion of the course is dedicated to case studies in which the student will design experiments, collect (simulated) data, perform inference and report his or her analysis.

It is **strongly reccomended** that the student should complete the free online course *R Programming*^b **before the end of the second week** of the semester (except if the student is already fluent with R).

It is also **strongly reccomended** that the student should complete the free online course *Reproducible Research*^c **before the end of the first month** of the semester (except if the student is already fluent with writing reports using R Markdown).

bhttps://www.coursera.org/course/rprog

chttps://www.coursera.org/course/repdata

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