

ENG 346

Data Structures and Algorithms for Artificial Intelligence

Course Overview

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HAVELSAN SUIT

<https://www.havelsan.com/tr/haberler/havelsan-suit-2025-2026-basvurulari-acildi>

GITHUB - TEAMS

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Quick Notes : PROGRAM – ALGORITHM – MATH RELATION

- A Computer Program is based on an Algorithm.
- Algorithm (Webster Dict.) :

An algorithm is a finite sequence of **mathematically** rigorous instructions, typically used to solve a class of specific problems or to perform a computation.

Quick Notes : MATH. > ALGO. > PROG. LANGUAGE

- Example : Fibonacci Numbers : $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$
- $a_{100000} = ?$
- **Math** : Binet's Formula (Generating Functions) $O(\log(n))$

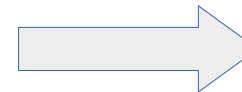
$$F(n) = \frac{\phi^n - (1-\phi)^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

- **Algorithm** : Find an algorithm that calculates faster with less resource :

```
def nth_fibonacci(n):  
    if n <= 1: return n  
    return nth_fibonacci(n - 1) + nth_fibonacci(n - 2)  
  
print(nth_fibonacci(5))
```

$O(2^n)$



```
F_n=0 ; F_n_1=2; F_n_2=1  
n=5  
for in range(n):  
    F_n = F_n_1 + F_n_2  
    F_n_2=F_n_1  
    F_n_1=F_n  
print(F_n)
```

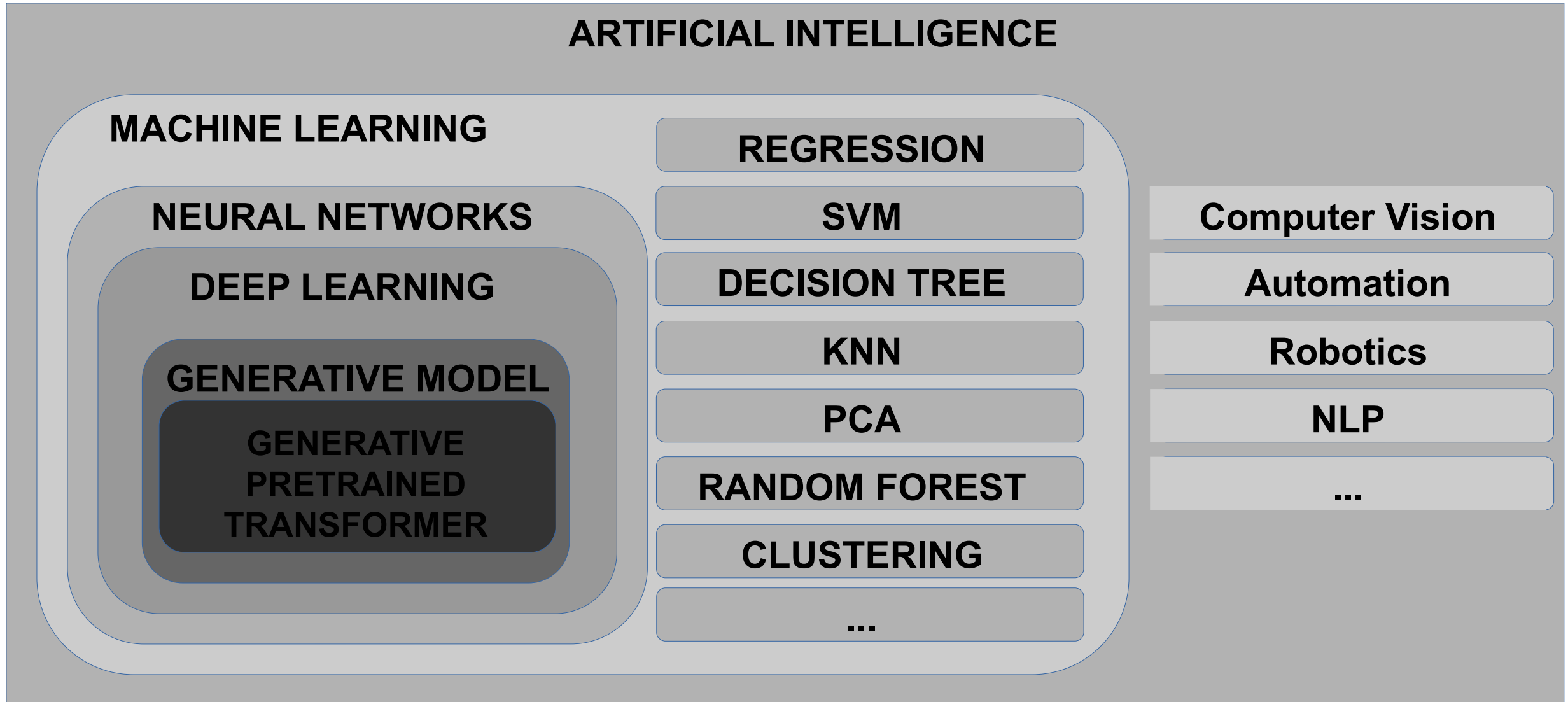
$O(n)$

- **Programming Language** : C/Rust programs run definitely faster than java/python programs **(for the same algorithm)**

Quick Notes : ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is the capability of computational systems to perform tasks typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and decision-making. (Wikipedia)

Quick Notes : ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Quick Notes : MACHINE LEARNING

PROBLEM DEFINITION

DATA COLLECTION

DATA CLEANING

FEATURE EXTRACTION

TRAINING

VALIDATION

TESTING

DATA VISUALIZATION

REPORT GENERATION

Quick Notes : IMPLEMENTATION OF AI TASKS

PYTHON

R

MATLAB

JAVA

C++

RUST

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Homework and Project will be implemented in Python.

Python has large set of Machine Learning libraries that wraps native (C) libraries.

Python is easy to learn.

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- ACADEMY :
- 2003 - BSc, Galatasaray University, Computer Engineering
- 2011 - MSc, Maltepe University, Computer Engineering
- 2025 - PhD, Gebze Technical University, Computer Engineering
- WORK :
- 2003 – 32BIT LTD. – Java Developer
- 2008 – HAVELSAN - Unix/Linux System Admin
- 2011 - HAVELSAN - Development Environment Admin
- 2017 – HAVELSAN - System Admin Team Leader
- 2019 – HAVELSAN - Infrastructure Group Leader (Sysops, Devops, Infra Teams)

Introduce yourself

- Your name
- Your department
- Your expectations from the course
- Your skill of AI knowledge

Course Overview

Why Data Structures and Algorithms

- Data structures are vital in handling and manipulating large datasets in fields like machine learning and data science.
- Algorithms are used for data analysis, pattern recognition, and more.
- Code efficiency, e.g., optimizations in searching and sorting, which is critical for software performance.
- Structural approach to problem solving.
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills: Encourages to break down complex problems into manageable components.
- Resource management, i.e., efficient use of system resources like memory and processing power.

Purpose and Outcomes

Purpose of the course This is a course designed to *enhance advanced Python programming, data structures, and algorithm skills* necessary for developing software, coding, and conducting group work in the field of data science and artificial intelligence

Learning outcomes

- Ability to perform basic data structures and algorithm design and analysis
- Ability to collaborate in software development
- Possessing skills in current software development technologies

Methodology

- Face-to-face lectures,
- Active participation expected,
- Hands-on coding,
- Homeworks: Individual work expected. **A pdf report and a python file is expected to be delivered.**
- Project: May be group project based on the project idea. **A pdf report is expected after each phase, and a python code tar ball is expected at the end of the semester.** Phases are indicated in “Project Phases” , report dates are indicated in “Schedule” pages.
- Two quizzes,
- One midterm exam,
- One final exam.

Project Phases

- Data Collection
- Data Extraction (Standardized Format)
- Data Cleaning
- Find and replace missing value
- Normalize data
- Data Visualization
- Feature Extraction
- Training
- Validation
- Testing

Project Report Templates

- <https://github.com/mehmetpekmezci/GTU-ENG-346/tree/main/Reports>

Project - Possible Receivers/Transmitters

- Receivers
 - Webcam (image receiver)
 - Microphone (sound receiver)
 - Sensors in mobile phone (Accelerometers/Gyros/GPS, ... etc.)
 - Bluetooth temperature/humidity sensors
- Transmitters
 - Loud-Speaker (sound transmitter)

Example Scenario : Transmit various sound frequencies and take photo of the leaves of a tree. Try to find a relation between the growth speed of the leaves and the sound frequencies they are applied.

Grading

Homework	20
Quiz	20
Midterm Exam	20
Project	30
Final Exam	30
Total	130

Schedule

Week #	Topic	Assessment
Week 1	Basic Python Concepts with GUI	
Week 2	Matrix Operations and Numpy	HW1
Week 3	Basic Bash Concepts	Project proposals
Week 4	Data Analysis and Visualization	HW2 / Project-Data-Collection-Report
Week 5	Object-Oriented Programming	QUIZ1 / Project-Data-Extraction-Report
Week 6	Complexity	Project-Data-Cleaning-And-Missing-Value-Report
Week 7	Arrays, Linked Lists, Maps,	HW3 / Project-Data-Normalization-Visualization-Report
Week 8	Recursion	Midterm exam
Week 9	Stacks and Queues	HW4 - Project-Feature-Extraction-And-Training-Report
Week 10	Linked Lists, Trees	Project-Validation-And-Testing-Report
Week 11	Graphs and NetworkX	HW5
Week 12	Graphs and NetworkX	QUIZ2
Week 13		HW6
Week 14	Final Projects	
Week 15	-	
Week 16	Final exam	Final project presentations

Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

```
## https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install
```

```
## https://ubuntu.com/desktop/wsl
```

```
## In powershell :
```

```
Wsl --list --online
```

```
Wsl --install Ubuntu-24.04
```

```
Wsl -d Ubuntu-24.04
```

```
## Linux Shell Starts Here
```

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install python3-pip
```

```
pip3 install matplotlib numpy pandas
```

```
## The first time you run code from Ubuntu, it will trigger a download of the necessary dependencies:
```

```
code .
```

Textbooks and Other Resources

Textbooks

- Goodrich, Michael T., Roberto Tamassia, and Michael H. Goldwasser, *Data structures and algorithms in Python*, John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2013.
- Grus, Joel, *Data science from scratch: first principles with python*, O'Reilly Media, 2019.

Recommended

- <https://www.kaggle.com/learn>
- <https://www.coursera.org/learn/python-data>
- <https://www.coursera.org/learn/python-data-analysis>

Office Hours and Communication

- No office. We can talk between and after the lectures.
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