
Data Analytics

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- Topics in This Class
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Who am I

Yong Zheng, PhD

2018 – Present, Assistant Professor at IIT, USA

2016 – 2018, Senior Lecturer at IIT, USA

2017 – Present, Consultant at NPAW, Barcelona, Spain

2016 – 2017, Adjunct Lecturer at DePaul University

2016, PhD in CIS, DePaul University, Chicago, USA

2015, Data Scientist at Pandora, Inc., Oakland, USA

Research: Data Science for Web Intelligence

Particular: Recommender Systems (RecSys)

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Research Projects

Research Projects

- Recommender Systems and Personalizations
- Data Science for Technology-Enhanced Learning
- Data Science in CyberSecurity/MobileSecurity

Development Projects

- Java-Based Web information system for educations



Research Assistants

Qualifications

- Must: Good in math and data analytics
- Must: Good in programming for algorithm implementations
- Must complete ITMD 527 and ITMD 525 classes; or, you already have practical knowledge and skills in data mining and machine learning

How to be RA

- We do not have funded RA positions in ITM department
- You can take ITMD/ITMT 597 – Independent Study, and work with me on research projects (no stipend, 1-3 credits)
- Or, you can work when you are available anytime



Self-Introduction

1st-year or 2nd year student?

Any experience in statistics or data analytics?

Can you program in Java?

How about R or Python?

Career goals? Software engineer, DBA, Data analyst?

What are you expected to learn?

Self-Introduction

- You do not need to have background in statistics
- Most of the students do not have experience in data analytics or statistics. Note: data warehousing is not counted as data analytics
- We will teach you from the very beginning

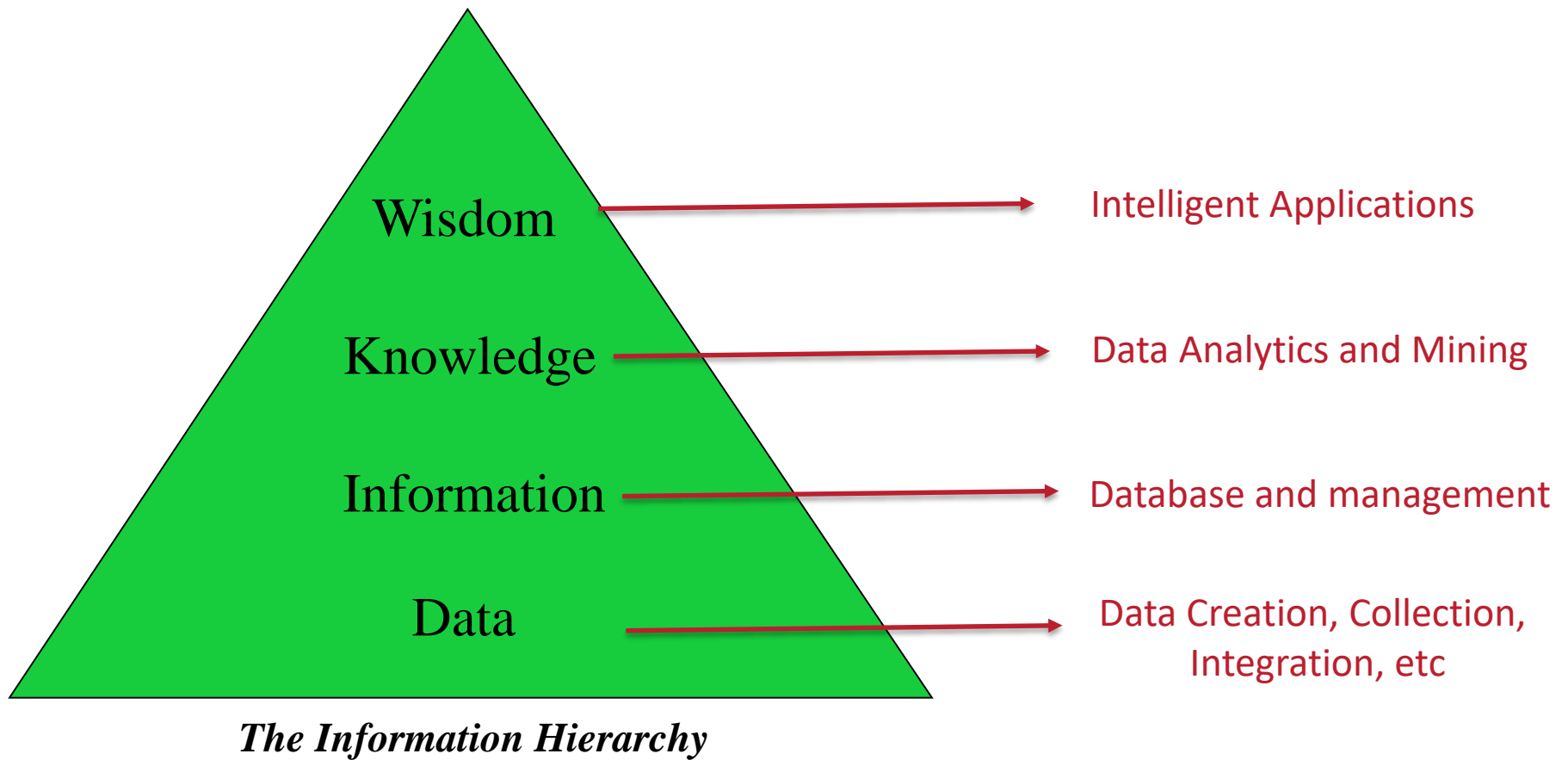


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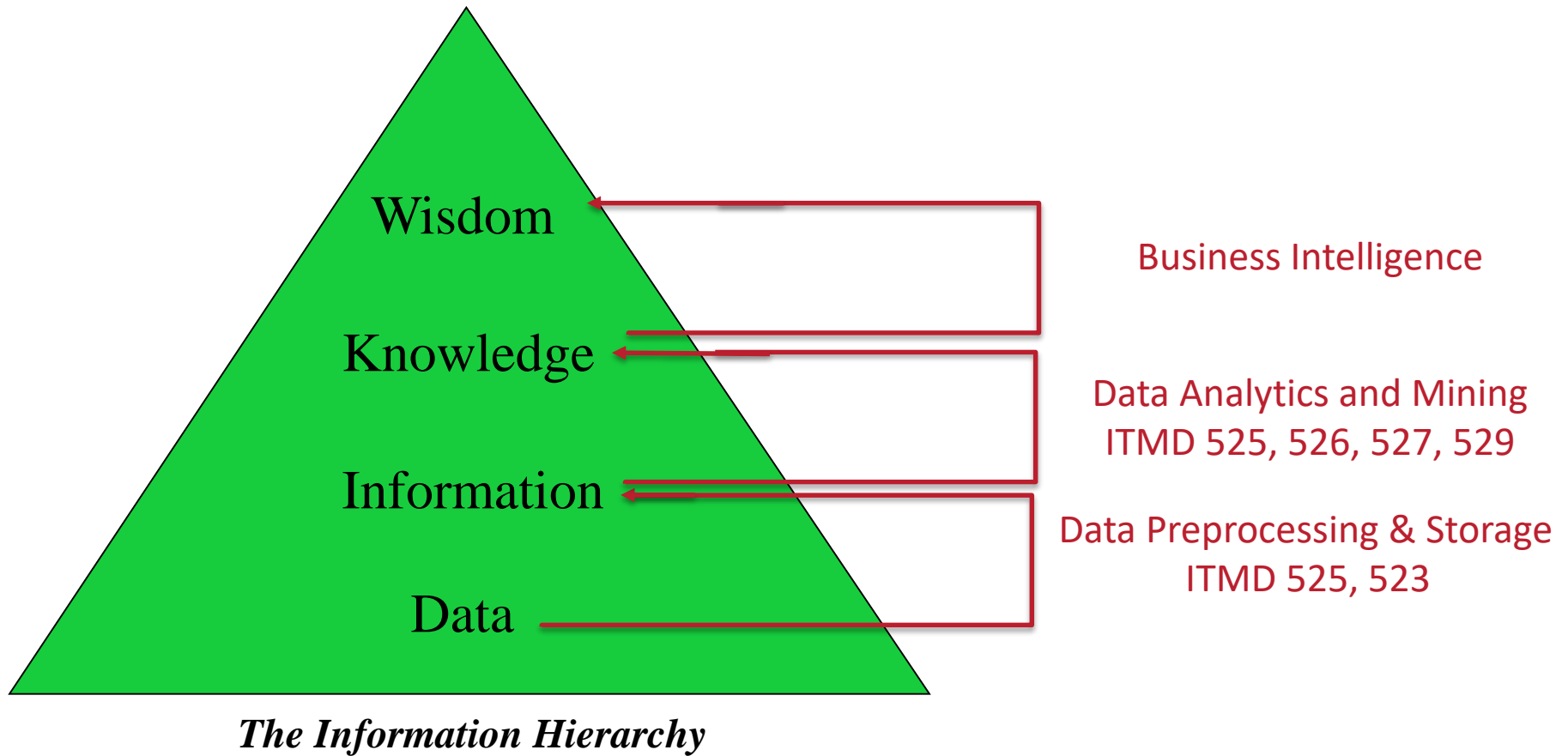
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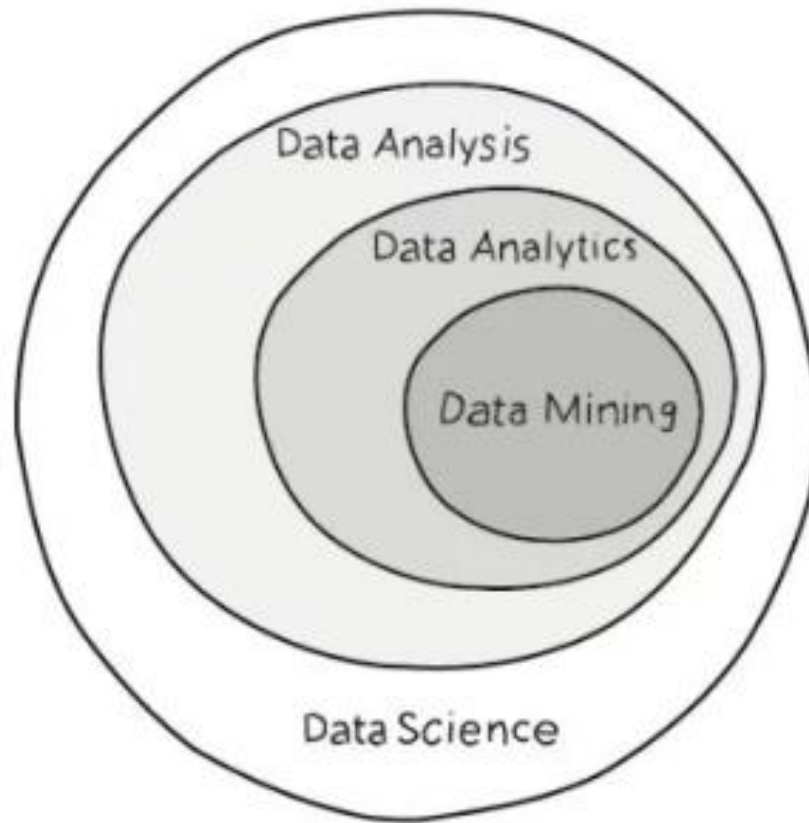
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What is Data Analytics



What is Data Analytics

- Generally, Data Analytics is a general term. It is involved with broader scope of topics than data mining.
- Data mining is related to explorations, knowledge discovery and predictive models.
- Practically, data analytics focus more on data statistics, distributions and visualizations, hypothesis testing, statistical inference and predictive analytics
→ statistical and predictive analysis

Job Market

Traditional Positions in IT/CS/CIS

- Software Engineer
- Database Manager
- Network Architect
- UX Designer
- etc

Popular Data-related Job Positions

- Data Analyst
- Data Engineer
- Data Scientist
- etc



Job Market

Traditional Positions in IT/CS/CIS

- Software Engineer, \$50K-\$100K
- Senior Software Engineer, \$70K-\$160K
- DBA, \$50K-\$80K
- Senior DBA, \$70K-\$ 120K

Popular Data-related Job Positions

- Data Analyst, \$50K- \$70K
- Senior Data Analyst, \$65K- \$110K
- Data Engineer, \$70K- \$115K
- Senior Data Engineer, \$100K- \$165K
- Data Scientist, \$85K- \$170K
- Senior Data Scientist, \$120K- Secret



Data Science



- Data Science = Statistics + DM + ML + App/Domain

Popular Jobs in Data Science

Data Analyst

- Statistics, Data processing, analytics, visualizations
- Tools: R, SAS, SPSS, Matlab, Excel, etc

Data Engineer

- Database, data management, big data
- Tools: Hadoop, Hive, Pig, Spark, Oracle, SAP, etc

Data Scientist

- Statistics, data mining, machine learning, AI, etc
- Tools: R, Python, Hadoop, Spark, Weka, etc

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Why Data Analytics

- Take jobs and salaries for example. Assume you got multiple job offers
 - Chicago, Data Analyst, \$70K
 - San Francisco, Soft Engineer, \$92K
 - Los Angeles, Data Analyst, \$80K
 - And so forth
- So, which job you should take? Let's ignore other factors, and only consider the salary level

Why Data Analytics

- You may have several questions. For example
 - \$70K as a data analyst in Chicago is good?
 - But I can get \$80K in Los Angeles for the same title
 - How about soft engineer? It seems the salary is better
 - It seems that it is easier to compare the position of data analyst between Chicago and Los Angeles, since they are the offers with the same title but different salary. However, is it comparable for the offer of soft engineer in SF vs the data analyst in Chicago?

ITMD 527: Data Analytics

- There are three major topics covered in this class
 - Statistic Basics
 - Data and data types
 - Describe your data numerically
 - Describe your data by visualizations
 - Hypothesis Testing
 - Validate your assumptions by statistical methods
 - Predictive Models
 - Make predictions on numerical or categorical variables



ITMD 527: Data Analytics

Basics in Data Analytics

- Descriptive Statistics
- Hypothesis Testing
- Linear Regressions by R
- ANOVA

} data statistics, distributions and visualizations, hypothesis testing, statistical inference, predictive models

----- Midterm Exam -----

More Topics in Data Analytics

- Linear Regressions by SAS
- Classification Models
- Advanced Topics
 - Data mining vs machine learning
 - Other regression models, etc

} More predictive models



Learning Objectives

- Understand and be familiar with statistical basics
- Be able to analyze real-world data, and use statistical basics (including hypothesis testing) to perform basic analytical tasks. For example, the questions given in the example of job offers
- Understand and be able to build predictive models
- Be able to use tools (R or SAS) for real-world practice
- Foster analytical mind and skills → understand techniques, know how to use them, can identify problems in the models, and fix these issues, finally, be able to interpret the outputs/results, and derive meaningful findings or conclusions

Misunderstandings, Mistakes or Problems

- **This is a math class**

We do learn statistics, but they are easier than math if you can understand the concepts well

- **This is a coding class**

- We do use R or SAS for analytical tasks, but they are not complicated as programming languages
- Several students focus too much on codings, and ignore the underlying theories, analytical minds and skills

- **This is a theory class**

- We learn concepts which are not complicated
- We actually use real-world data for analysis
- We have many practice in class and assignments



Teaching Style

- We use case-study learning style
 - We introduce a case/data before the discussions or the learnings of a specific technique
 - Most of the data are real-world data sets
 - We use the case as example to analyze step by step, and use other cases/data as practice
- We need in-class communications
 - You need to think together with the class
 - You need to actively interact with the class
 - You need to answer my questions in the class



How to Learn Data Science/Analytics

- First of all, you must focus on understandings
Ask the following questions frequently
 - Do you know and understand this method works? Try to remember how it works by closing notes/books
 - Do you know a method/technique should be used in which situations? And its pros & cons?
 - Do you know the potential issues and corresponding solutions?
- Moreover, practical skills are also important
 - Use tools (R, SAS, Python) for analytics
 - Be able to analyze, debug, explain or interpret the outputs



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ITMD 527 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

The following policies and introductions are applied to the sections below:

- IT-D 827-01 and ITMD 527-01, Live Section
- IT-D 827-02 and ITMD 527-02, Online Section
- ITMD 527-03, Remote Students from India

Students in Live Section are expected to come to the classroom. We will randomly issue roster sheets

Ultimate Goals

- You can identify research problems
- You can figure out appropriate solutions to solve specific research problems
- You can use data analytics tools to apply the approaches on real-world data set, and evaluate how good your solutions are
- You can **analyze and interpret** the experimental results
- You can use SAS and R to perform analytical tasks



ITMD 527 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

- Time and Place

Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 08:35 AM to 09:50 AM

Location: Stuart Building (SB), IIT Main Campus

- Office Hours

Tuesdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Location: Room 221, Perlstein Hall

It's better to reserve for office hours by sending emails;

You can only stand by if you did not reserve;



Syllabus and Blackboard

- **Advising Rules**

Questions on lectures and assignments

Questions on class projects

Questions on research projects & assistants

Questions on jobs and careers

Usually, I do not help you on debugging...

You can also seek for helps on Discussion Forums

- **TA**

TA will grade your assignments and answer your questions

TA also have office hours for QAs



Syllabus and Blackboard

- Important Dates

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Jan 14 | Spring Classes Begin |
| Jan 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Classes |
| Feb 6 | Spring Final Exam Schedule Published Online |
| Mar 18-23 | Spring Break Week, No Classes |
| Mar 25 | Fall Class Schedule Published Online |
| Apr 1 | Last Day to Withdraw from Full Semester Classes |
| Apr 8 | Fall Registration Begins |
| May 6-11 | Final Exam Week |
| May 15 | Final Grades Due |

- Jan 26, Last Day to Add/Drop for Full Semester Classes with No Tuition Charges



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Laptops

- From Fall, 2016, ITM requires students to bring their own laptops to attend the classes.
- We only one Lab in ITM and the lab is usually reserved for undergraduate classes or limited graduate classes
- We may have in-class lab practice, and you should bring your laptop to the class



Blackboard



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My Announcements

No Course or Organization Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.

[more announcements...](#)


My Tasks


My Tasks:


No tasks due.

[more tasks...](#)

What's New



Actions 

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Blackboard


The screenshot displays the Blackboard LMS interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with a list of navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Overview & Syllabus' and contains a document icon next to the text '2019 Spring ITMD 527 Syllabus YZheng.pdf'. A red arrow originates from the 'Overview & Syllabus' link in the sidebar and points to the document icon in the main content area.

Navigation Links (Left Sidebar):

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- Discussion Board

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Discussion Board

Discussions are a good way to encourage students to think critically about your coursework and interact with each others' ideas. You can create discussions, reply to discussions, and create new topics.

Create Forum

| <input type="checkbox"/> FORUM | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Questions | Post any questions here. They could be questions related to anything related to this course, such as assignments, projects, TA, learning, career, and so forth |

Cannot share assignment/exam results on board

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- Email Rules

- 1) Clear title

ITMD527 – I want to ...

- 2) Clear descriptions

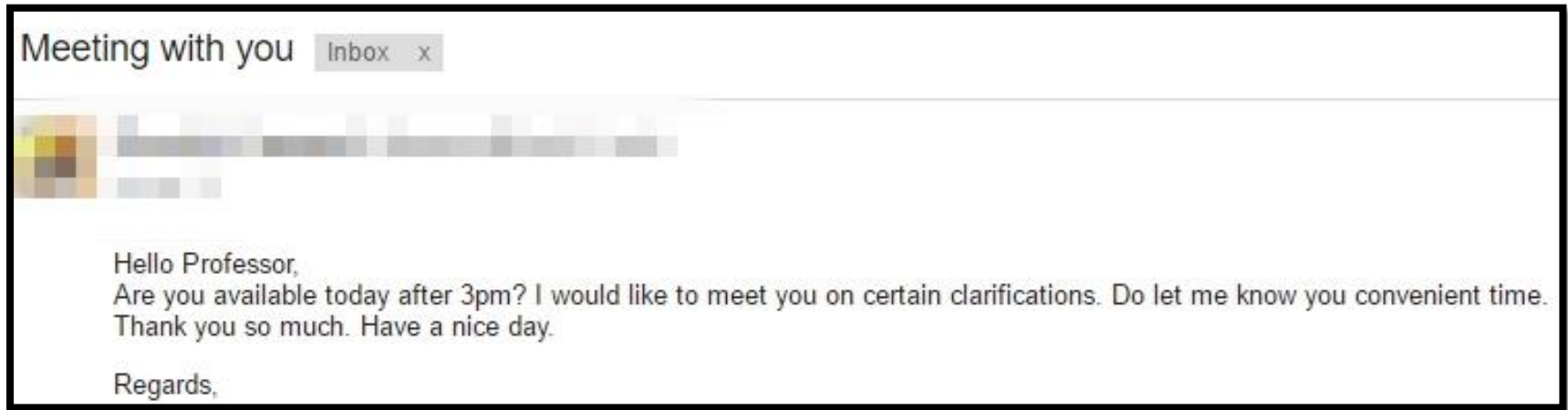
tell me which class are you in (MW or Tu/Th)
clearly describe what questions you have.

For office hour reservations, you should estimate
how many minutes you need for our talk



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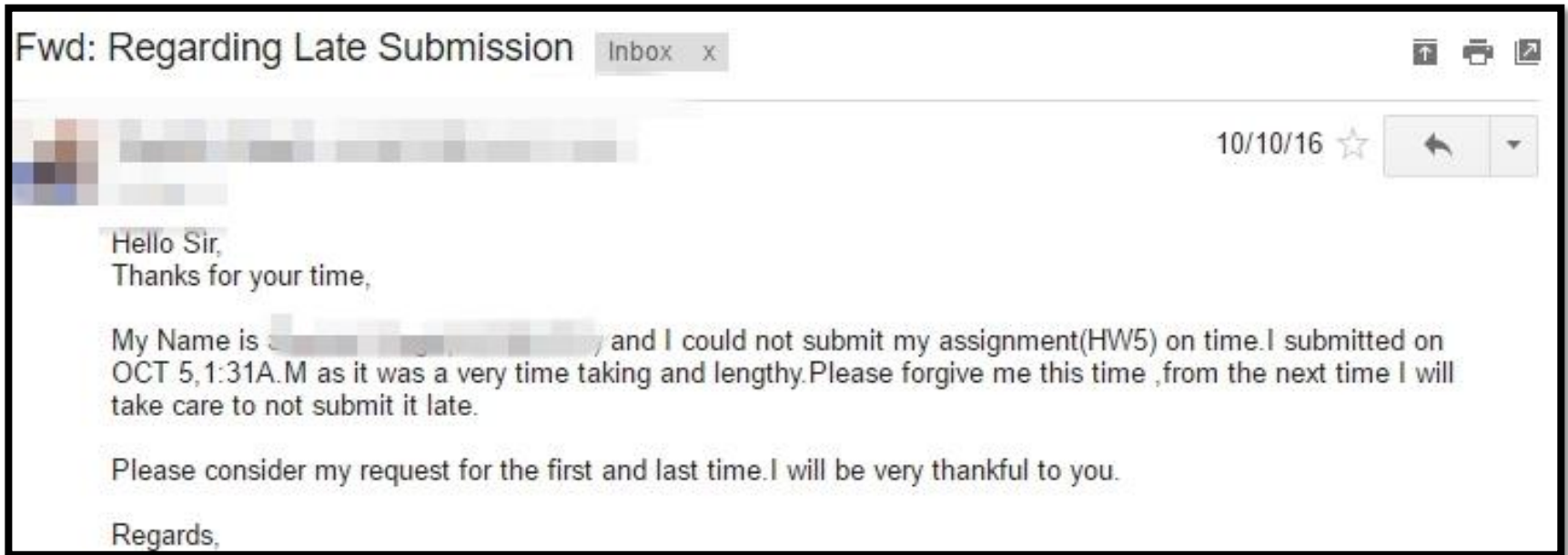
- Example of Bad Emails



- Which course/class?
- What are your questions?
- Which pieces of work (lectures or assignments) you need clarifications?

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- Example of Bad Emails



- Which course/class are you in?

Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 7:59 AM

To: yzheng66@iit.edu

Subject: ITM 523 Project -- Abstract

Hi Professor,

I have re-submitted the abstract, please validate it and confirm.

Thanks and regards,



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Textbooks

- William Mendenhall, Terry Sincich. "A Second Course In Statistics: Regression Analysis (7th Edition)". Pearson Education, ISBN: 9780321691699; Note: You can also use the 6th Edition
- Alvin C. Rencher and G. Bruce Schaalje. "Linear Models in Statistics (2nd Edition)". John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2008; ISBN 978-0-471-75498-5;
- Geoff Der and Brian S. Everitt. "A Handbook of Statistical Analyses using SAS (2nd Edition)". Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2002; **You may find an eBook online.**
- Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani. "An Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R"; Springer; **You may find an eBook online.**



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Supplemental Textbooks

- W. N. Venables, D. M. Smith and the R Core Team. "An Introduction to R";
- SAS Team. "Step-by-Step Programming with Base SAS 9.4";
- John W. Foreman. "Data Smart: Using Data Science to Transform Information into Insight". John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2013; ISBN: 978-1-118-66146-8;
[This is related to Excel]



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Online Resources

- KDnuggets, Data Mining Community's Top Resource for Data Mining and Analytics info.
<http://www.kdnuggets.com/>
- **Statistics Concepts**,
<http://www.statsoft.com/Textbook/Elementary-Statistics-Concepts>
- R tutorial, <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/r/>
- SAS tutorial, <http://support.sas.com/training/tutorial/>
- Excel, <http://www.excel-easy.com/data-analysis.html>



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Assignments

- **Written Assignments**

Examine your understanding and skills in analytics

May ask you to process real-world data sets

May ask you to use tools to perform data analytics

- **Final Project:** could be team project; more details will be given after midterm exam



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About Final Project

- Write a project proposal [after midterm exam]
Introduce your research problems, which data you will use, what are the solutions and evaluations, what are the expected outcomes
- Work on the experiments
- Present your work and submit final project reports
For remote student from India, you can record a video of your presentation and send it to me



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Examinations

- **Exam-Regression:** closed books/notes/laptops/mobile devices, and written exam
- **Exam-Classification:** closed books/notes/laptops/mobile devices, and written exam
- **Final Project and presentations:** could be team project; you should present your project and submit project reports eventually. More details will be given after midterm exam

Note: you can bring a calculator (without communication functions) to exams



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Rules in Assignments and Examinations

- Assignments

Usually, no late submission is allowed
15% penalty will be applied for late submission (in 1 week). Late submission will be ignored if later than 1 week

e.g., due date is March 1st 11:59 PM

No penalty if submitted before due

15% penalty if between due time and Mar 8th 11:59 PM. A zero score if submitted later than Mar 8th 11:59 PM

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Rules in Assignments and Examinations

- Grading criteria

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Regular assignments | 27% |
| Exam1 | 25% |
| Exam2 | 20% |
| Final Projects | 25% |
| Attendance | 3% |

Note: the attendance for live students will be examined by signature on the roster sheets. The roster sheets will be distributed randomly.

The attendance for online/remote students will be evaluated by filling a google form. I will ask TA to prepare a google form every week, you have the chance to sign it by Friday. After Friday, the form will be closed, and you cannot sign it again.



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Scales for your final grades

Grading: Grading criteria for this course will be as follows:

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|----------|--|-----------|
| A | <i>Outstanding work reflecting substantial effort</i> | 90-100% |
| B | <i>Adequate work fully meeting that expected of a graduate student</i> | 80-89.99% |
| C | <i>Satisfactory work meeting minimum expectations</i> | 60-79.99% |
| F | <i>Unsatisfactory work</i> | 0-59.99% |

The final grade for the class will be calculated as follows:

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| Exam 2 | 20% |
| Final Project and Presentations | 25% |
| Class Participation | 3% |



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Academic Honesty

- Plagiarism is a very serious problem, and it is forbidden in all submissions, including assignments, paper reviews, midterm exams and final projects, as well codings/reports in these submissions.
- New rules from Fall, 2018 → you cannot share assignments/exams online

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So, what is plagiarism?

- Cheating in the exams or final projects
- Cheating or copying answers from other students or other resources (such as online materials) in assignments, exams or final projects
- Cheating or copying texts from other resources without references in paper writing or reviews

Blackboard system has a special function to indicate percentage of similar texts from online resources



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Example of plagiarism in assignments

- For any concept questions in the assignments, such as “what is statistics?”. You can learn by searching answers from Internet, but you cannot simply copy the original texts online in your assignments. You should use your own language/texts as answers based on your understandings.

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Policies of plagiarism

- 1st Time, you will get a zero score and warning
- 2nd Time, you will get a zero score, and a fail (E) in this class, and an Academic Honesty Violation Report (AHVR) will be filed
- You will be expelled from the school if you get two AHVR

Note: only the final project could be a team project.
Other assignments are individual home work

Examples of Unreasonable Requests

Reasonable requests can be accepted in some situations. Unreasonable requests will be ignored.

- Can you give me a second chance on the exam or the assignments?
- Can you give me extra practice or assignments so that I can improve my grade?
- Can you accept my super-late submissions (more than 1 week), because I have a medical issue this semester?

Important Notes

Syllabus and Blackboard

- It is your responsibility to read syllabus online and be familiar with the Blackboard system

Medical Issues and Disabilities

- You must introduce your medical situation as early as possible. You cannot use it as an excuse at the end of the semester
- Your medical issues or disabilities must be verified by the center for disability resources (CDR); telephone 312.567.5744 or disabilities@iit.edu



Next Class

Data and Statistic Basics

Case Study 1 has been uploaded to Blackboard, you can take a look at it and start thinking about relevant questions or concerns

