Web Intelligence

Course code: 2DV515

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What is web intelligence?

- Today, we have huge amounts of data generated by lots of users available on the web:
 - Movie and song recommendations
 - Wikipedia
 - Web page recommendations
 - Product recommendations
 - **–** ...
- The basic idea is:
 - How can we learn from and draw conclusions about data to create new products or services?



Example: Netflix

- Netflix recommends movies and TV shows that you might like based on what you previously have looked at
- In 2006, Netflix announced a prize of \$1 million to the first team that improved the accuracy of their recommendation system by 10%
- In 2007, the best team managed to improved the system by 7%
- In September 2009, the prize was awarded to the BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos team
- Clearly, there are huge benefits for better recommendation systems



Example: Google

- Before Google started, search engines only looked at the contents of a web page when presenting search results to users
- The founders of Google, Larry Page and Sergei Brin, took a completely new approach
- They ranked the search results based on contents and also on how popular a web site is
- This greatly increased the relevance of search results, and Google quickly became the number one search engine



Web intelligence

- These examples are exactly what web intelligence is
- We use data available on the web to create new products or services
- Web intelligence covers many fields:
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Machine learning
 - Visualization
 - Information technology
 - Statistics
 - **—** ...



The course



Lectures

- The course consists of 7 pre-recorded lectures:
 - 1. Introduction (this)
 - 2. Recommendation systems
 - 3. Clustering
 - 4. Search Engines
 - 5. What is Machine Learning?
 - 6. Data and Learning
 - 7. Naïve Bayes algorithm



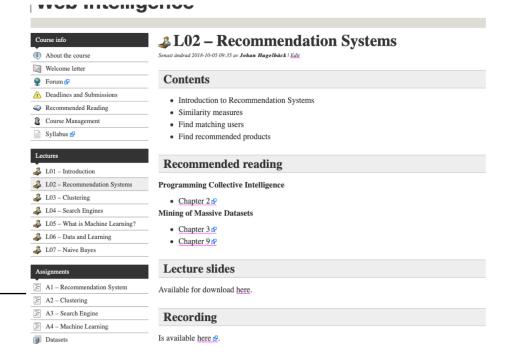
Lectures

Watch the lectures at your own pace

Read the literature to get a deeper understanding of things

Don't hesitate to ask questions about the contents, preferably

on Slack

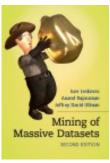


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Literature



- Programming Collective Intelligence
- Seagaran, Toby (2008)
- Quite old and some examples are outdated, but it gives a good overview of the field and the algorithms are very well explained.



- Mining of Massive Datasets
- Leskovec, Jure & Rajaraman, Anand & Ullman, Jeffrey David (2014)
- Free e-book. Explains concepts in an easy way with lots of examples.

... and some online resources

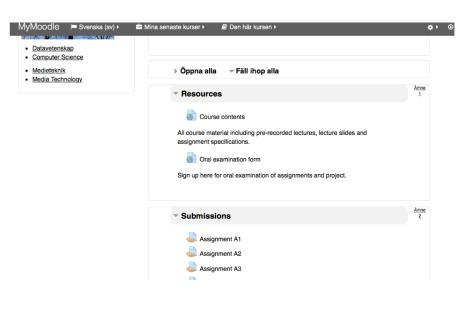


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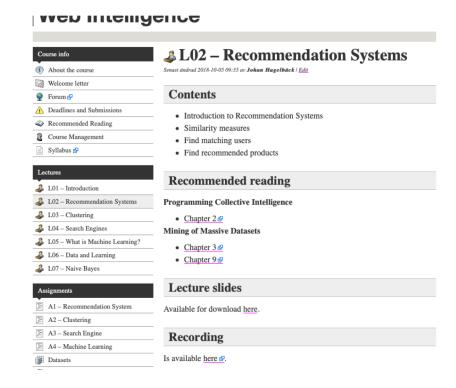
- There are four assignments and a project in the course
- For each assignment you have to:
 - Submit a link to the source code at GitHub (or similar)
 - Do an oral examination (physically or online)
- The assignments have goals for different grades you choose what grade you aim for
- Submit at MyMoodle and sign up for an examination slot



Course pages



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Assignments

- Assignment 1:
 - Recommendation system for a small movie ratings data set
 - Implemented as a web application using a RESTful web service
- Assignment 2:
 - Clustering a dataset of blogs
 - Implemented as a web application using a RESTful web service
- Assignment 3:
 - Search engine for Wikipedia pages
 - Implemented as a web application using a RESTful web service
- Assignment 4:
 - Naïve Bayes machine learning algorithm for classification tasks

You can choose any programming language you like, and any REST framework



Project

- There are four different projects you can choose from:
 - Recommendation System
 - Clustering
 - Web scraping and Search Engine
 - Machine Learning
- The projects build upon what you have done in the assignments
- Choose the project you find most interesting!



Grading

The final grade on the course is calculated as follows:

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Score_F = (Score_{A1} + Score_{A2} + Score_{A3} + Score_{A4} + 3.5 * Score_{Project}) / 7.5
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- The final score is rounded to nearest integer
- Grades are converted to scores using the following conversion:

Grade	Α	В	C	D	E	
Score	5	4	3	2	1	

Grading

Example:

- You receive the following grades:
 A1: C, A2: A, A3: B, A4:A, Project: B
- Your final grade is then: $(3 + 5 + 4 + 5 + 3.5 * 4) / 7.5 = 4.13 \approx 4$
- According to the table, a score of 4 is a B

Communication

- Questions, discussions, etc. shall be on the Slack channel #2DV515
- Also use Slack for private messages with the course manager
- We will also use Slack for online oral examinations





What to do next?

- Watch lecture 2, read recommended reading and start working on the first assignment
- Keep track of the deadlines so you don't miss any submission
- Post questions and join discussions on Slack
- ... continue on the other lectures, assignments and the project!
- Give me a shout if you need help!





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