

Course unit: Data and Decisions

Course metadata

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- Course code: tba
- ECTS credits: 4
- Type: advanced course
- Semester 9 (Fall-Winter)
- Teaching period: Mid-November to Mid-February
- Teaching hours: 100h
- Language of instruction: French
- Coordinator: tba
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Brief description

This course unit is divided into four parts:

- **Statistical learning** (30 hours) taught by Christophe Pouet.
- **Python for data science** (18 hours) taught by François Brucker and Emmanuel Daucé.
- **Advising using data** (24 hours) taught by Michaël Chalamel and Franck Chevalier.
- **Data Project: data sources and preprocessing** (24 hours) taught by Sitraka Forler and Lirone Samoun.

Learning outcomes

- Know how to model and program an estimation problem
- Know how to model and program a classification problem
- Know how to acquire and aggregate data
- Know how to use data to take decisions
- Understand the importance of data governance and data quality

Course content

Statistical learning

1. Introduction
 1. Classical problems: regression, classification
 2. Supervised, unsupervised and semi-supervised learning
 3. Curse of dimensionality
2. Regression
 1. Multiple linear regression, OLS method
 2. Shrinkage-type methods (LASSO, Ridge)

3. k-nearest neighbors
3. Classification
 1. Logistic regression
 2. k-nearest neighbors
 3. SVM
 4. Rosenblatt perceptron and neuronal networks

Python for data science

1. Dataframe: data exploration and data description
2. Recommendation systems (including KNN, PCA and SVD)
3. Data visualization (including maps, geopandas, ...)

Data-driven decision making

1. What is data?
2. How do we take decision?
3. Data governance and data quality
4. How to develop data-based decision making?
5. Data platform and data architecture

Data Project: data sources and preprocessing

1. Starting a data science project
2. The constraints of data science projects
3. Finding data
4. Acquiring information
5. Playing with data

Bibliography

You can check the availability of the books below at [Centrale Méditerranée library](#).

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