

DATA 1010 Course Standards

Students will be able to...

- JULIA** 1 Write Julia code to solve simple algorithmic problems using conditionals, functions, arrays, dictionaries, and iteration.
- LINALG** 2 Use vocabulary and results from linear algebra to solve problems involving linear independence, span, and rank.
- MATALG** 3 Use matrix algebra (including matrix transposes) to solve problems involving projection and orthogonality
- EIGEN** 4 Apply knowledge of determinants, eigendecomposition, and singular value decomposition to data problems and other applications
- OPT** 5 Solve problems using the Lagrange multipliers theorem and/or the relationship between critical points of multivariable functions and Hessian eigenvalues
- MATDIFF** 6 Differentiate matrix expressions with respect to vectors and use this technique to solve optimization problems.
- MACHARITH** 7 Reason about 64-bit and 32-bit integer and floating point arithmetic
- NUMERROR** 8 Discuss the categories of numerical error and identify points of concern in applications
- PRNG** 9 Discuss basic considerations surrounding the generation of pseudorandom numbers, such as seed, period, and statistical tests
- NUMOPT** 10 Reason about gradient descent algorithms and discuss issues surrounding applied optimization
- PROBSPACE** 11 Explain the elements of a probability space and use probability spaces to model random experiments
- CONDPROB** 12 Use the conditional probability formula to translate back and forth between branching tree diagrams and their corresponding probability spaces
- BAYES** 13 Use Bayes' theorem and other properties of conditional probability to solve conditional probability problems
- IND** 14 Explain independence of random variables, construct a probability space with independent random variables, and use independence to solve probability problems
- EXP** 15 Use the definition of a random variable, the distribution of the random variable, or linearity of expectation to find the expectation of a random variable
- COV** 16 Calculate variances and covariances, recognize high or low variance and positive or negative covariance from graphical representations of distributions, and use properties of variance and covariance to solve problems about random variable distributions
- CONDEXP** 17 Calculate conditional expectations and conditional variances and apply them to expectation problems
- COMDISTD** 18 Discuss definitions and properties of common discrete distributions (Bernoulli, binomial, geometric, Poisson) and recognize circumstances under which those distributions can be expected to fit observed data well
- COMDISTC** 19 Discuss definitions and properties of common continuous distributions (exponential, uniform, multivariate normal)
- CLT** 20 State and apply the central limit theorem, and recognize when the conclusion of the central limit theorem should not be expected to hold
- POINTEST** 21 Discuss the relationship between bias and consistency, determine whether a given estimator is biased or consistent, and calculate and interpret confidence intervals
- BOOT** 22 Apply the Glivenko-Cantelli theorem and use the bootstrap method to estimate statistical functionals
- HYPTEST** 23 Perform a hypothesis test and interpret hypothesis test findings (including multiple hypothesis testing)
- MLE** 24 Calculate maximum likelihood estimators, and give examples to illustrate the shortcomings of MLE
- STATLEARN** 25 Explain the main points of statistical learning theory (regression vs classification, loss functional, target function, learner, training and test error, overfitting, inductive bias, bias-variance tradeoff)
- LRC** 26 Apply classification vocabulary (confusion matrix, detection rate, false alarm rate, precision, receiver operating characteristic) and the Neyman-Pearson lemma to reason about classification problems
- KDE** 27 Apply kernel density estimators to data problems, and explain ways of dealing with the bias-variance tradeoff in density estimation
- LINREG** 28 Explain the techniques of basic linear and polynomial regression, and discuss the advantages and disadvantages relative to nonparametric methods
- LOGIST** 29 Describe, apply, and analyze logistic regression models
- QDA** 30 Discuss the assumptions of, the estimation methods for, and facts about quadratic and linear discriminant analysis
- SVM** 31 Describe the mathematics and intuition behind support vector machines (both hard- and soft-margin, and SVM with radial basis function kernel)
- DECTREE** 32 Train and interpret decision trees for classification and regression.
- ENSEMBLE** 33 Discuss the mechanisms behind and benefits of common ensemble methods, including bagging and gradient boosting.
- DIMRED** 34 Describe and interpret dimension reduction methods, including principal component analysis and t-SNE
- NN** 35 Describe, apply, and analyze multi-layer perceptrons for regression and classification
- FREQBAYES** 36 Describe the distinction between frequentist and Bayesian approaches to statistics, and explain computational methods to Bayesian analysis
- CONJPRIOR** 37 Find posterior distributions analytically for Bayesian statistics problems with conjugate priors.
- MCMC** 38 Solve exercises about basic Markov chain Monte Carlo theory, and discuss how MCMC relates to graphical models and to Bayesian methods
- CAUSAL** 39 Apply the counterfactual model to explain the distinction between causation and association, discuss the difference between randomized and observational studies, and control for confounders
- MLCOMP** 40 Discuss relative advantages and disadvantages of different machine learning models in specific situations.