UCLouvainIstat2450Statistical learning. Estimation,
selection and inference

5.00 credits

30.0 h + 7.5 h

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Teacher(s)	Pircalabelu Eugen ;				
Language :	English				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	LSTAT2011 Éléments de mathématiques pour la statistique LSTAT2013 - Concepts de base en statistique inférentielle LSTAT2120 Linear models LSTAT2020 Logiciels et programmation statistique de base				
Main themes	The course focuses on high-dimensional settings and on techniques to that allow for parameter estimation, model selection and valid inferential procedures for high-dimensional models in statistics.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : With regard to the AA reference framework of the Master's programme in Statistics, general orientation, this activity contributes to the development and acquisition of the following AAs, as a matter of priority : 1.4, 1.5, 2.4, 4.3, 6.1, 6.2				
Evaluation methods	 The evaluation for this course consists of three parts: During the semester, the student must hand-in 2 compulsory assignments (short, 1 to 2 pages maximum per assignment), counting for 20% of the final grade. The homework is to be solved individually or in groups of 2. A grade will be awarded per group. A project (written in French / English in min 5 and max 9 pages in the template on Moodle, annexes not included) which will illustrate statistical learning methods in a concrete case (30% of the points). The project is evaluated on the basis of the written report. The project is to be solved individually or in groups of 2. A score will be awarded per group. An oral exam (~ 45 min.) at which the lecturer will assess the knowledge of the student with respect to the materials covered during the class (50% of the points). If necessary the lecturer will also ask questions about the results and the methodology used for the report and for the homework. The exact evaluation methods could be adapted according to the constraints linked to the sanitary conditions in force at the time of the exam sessions. 				
Teaching methods	The class consists of lectures (30h) and exercises sessions (7.5h). The classes and the TP are intended to be face to face. Teaching language: English.				
Content	 The class is focused on the presentation of key concepts of statistical learning and high-dimensional models such as: Statistical learning Challenges concerning high-dimensional models and differences from low-dimensional models Classical variable selection techniques for linear regression models: R2, adj.R2, Cp Information criteria selection: KL divergence, AIC/TIC/BIC derivation Cross-validation based selection: Leave-one-out and K-fold Under- and overfitting or the bias-variance trade-off Ridge shrinkage: theoretical properties, bias/variance trade-off, GCV Lasso shrinkage: regularization paths, LARS, coordinate descent algorithm, prediction error bounds, degrees of freedom for lasso, support recovery, stability selection, knock-offs; inference by debiasing, post-selection inference, Bayesian inference Extensions of Lasso: elastic net, group lasso, adaptive lasso, fused lasso Other techniques: sparse graphical models, sparse PCA, sparse Disriminant Analysis 				
Inline resources	Moodle website of the class : LSTAT2450 - Statistical learning. Estimation, selection and inference. https://moodleucl.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=14890				

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Faculty or entity in charge	LSBA

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Statistics: General	STAT2M	5		ھ		
Certificat d'université : Statistique et sciences des données (15/30 crédits)	STAT2FC	5		٩		
Master [120] in Data Science : Statistic	DATS2M	5		٩		