

PRE-PH.D. COURSE WORK LIST

Paper 1:

RCS001 - Research Methodology

Paper 2 & Papers 3:

Two papers out of the followings:

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➤ RCS002 - COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION

- **Introduction:** Optimization problems, neighborhoods, local and global optima, convex sets and functions, simplex method, degeneracy; duality.
- **Graph Algorithms:** Primal-Dual algorithm and its application to shortest path, Max-flow problems (Ford and Fulkerson labeling algorithms, Dijkstra's algorithm, Ford-Warshall algorithms), bipartite matching algorithm, spanning tree algorithms.

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ RCS003 - APPROXIMATION ALGORITHMS

- NP-Hardness and Approximation Algorithms.
- TSP
- Linear Programming and Duality (Vertex Cover and Matching).
- LP Rounding (Set Cover/Vertex cover)
- Dual Fitting (Greedy Set Cover)
- Local Search Technique (Facility Location)
- Primal-Dual Approximation Algorithms in Graph Connectivity and Network Design
- Iterative Rounding

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ RCS004 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE

- (NP-Completeness and Approximation)
- **Introduction** to NP-Completeness and Approximation.
- **Problems from first principle:** Satisfiability SAT, 3SAT.
- **Graphs:** Clique, Covering, Graph Partitioning, Subgraph problem, Graph Isomorphism, Graph Coloring, Hamiltonian Cycle Problem, TSP.
- **Network Design Problems:** Steiner tree, Spanning Trees, Cuts and Connectivity, Routing and Flow Problems.
- **Sets and Partitions:** Set partition and Covering, Subset sum.
- **NP-Hard problems:** Clustering Problems like k-means clustering, co-clustering, connected k-means clustering. More new problems as they are added to the class of NPC or NPH.
- **Approximation Algorithms** for the above problems.

Readings:

1. M. R. Garey and D. S. Johnson, **Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness (Series of Books in the Mathematical Sciences)**, 1979.

2. Teofilo F. Gonzalez, **Handbook of NP-Completeness: Theory and Applications** 2009.
3. Vijay V. Vazirani, Springer-Verlag, **Approximation Algorithms**, France, 2006.
4. Teofilo F. Gonzalez, **Handbook of Approximation Algorithms and Metaheuristics (Chapman & Hall/CRC Computer and Information Science Series)** 2007.
5. Mokhtar S. Bazaraa, John J. Jarvis, and Hanif D. Sherali, **Linear Programming and Network Flows** by 2004.
6. Part of the course will be covered by research papers.

➤ **RCS005 - ADHOC NETWORKS**

➤ **RCS006 - ALGORITHMIC GRAPH THEORY**

- Introduction to Graphs, Paths, Cycles and Trails.
- Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem, Computing Max S-T flows and Min-Cut
- Edge and Vertex Connectivity and Menger's Theorem
- Maximum matching, Hall's Theorem, algorithms for computing maximum matching in weighted and unweighted graphs.
- Edge and Vertex coloring of graphs. Independent sets.
- Planar graphs and algorithms for checking for planarity.

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ **RCS007 - BIOMETRICS**

➤ **RCS008 - COMPUTER SECURITY**

➤ **RCS009 - CUDA PROGRAMMING**

➤ **RCS010 - DEEP LEARNING**

➤ **RCS011 - DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING**

➤ **RCS012 - HUMAN COMPUTER INTERACTION (HCI)**

The course needs to focus on survey of work on interactive systems, explore the current and future research areas in interaction techniques and the design, prototyping, and evaluation of user interfaces. Topics include user interface toolkits; design methods; evaluation methods; ubiquitous and context-aware computing; tangible interfaces;

Research papers on these topics need to be discussed with the background that the student is registered in Ph.D. and needs to understand the way papers present the work, conduct the experimental studies and prepare summary on these followed by presentations.

Goals of HCI, Basic Interaction Design Cognitive Psychology of HCI, Graphic design and Human Interaction: Design for social Inclusion, Human Computer Interaction methods, Usability Evaluation.

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ **RCS013 - INFORMATION HIDING TECHNIQUES**

- Principals of Steganography and Watermarking.
- Information Hiding-Data hiding in images-LSB encoding, BPCS Steganography, Lossless data hiding, data hiding by quantization, Patchwork, Transform domain method, Robust data hiding in JPEG image, DCT based watermarking, Robust welvet based watermarking, Data hiding in binary image, The Zhao-Koch method, The Wu lee method, The CPT method, The TP method, Data hiding in Fax image, Spread Spectrum model
- Steganalysis - Steganalysis introduction and terminology, Detecting hiding information, Extracting hiding information, Disabling hidden information

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ **RCS014 - INFORMATION SECURITY**

- Symmetric Key Cryptography-Classical Encryption Techniques, Block Ciphers, Data Encryption Standard(DES), Triple DES, Modes of DES, Advanced Encryption Standard, Stream Cipher and RC4
- Public key cryptography-DH key exchanged, RSA, Elliptic Curve Cryptography, Message Authentication and Hash Function, Cryptographic hash function, Non Cryptographic Hash function, Birthday problem, birthday attack, tiger hash, HMAC, CMAC
- Digital Signatures
- Cryptanalysis-Enigma, RC4 as used in WEP, Linear and Differential Cryptanalysis attacks on RSA
- Security Protocols-SSH, SSL, IPsec, Kerberos, WEP, GSM
- Firewalls

Readings:

- The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ **RCS015 - LINEAR INTEGER PROGRAMMING**

➤ **RCS016 - MACHINE LEARNING**

➤ **RCS017 - MODERN APPROACH TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

➤ **RCS018 - NEURAL NETWORK**

➤ **RCS019 - PROBABILISTIC GRAPHICAL MODELS**

➤ **RCS020 - SCALABLE MACHINE LEARNING**

➤ **RCS021 - SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE**

➤ **RCS022 - SOFTWARE TESTING**

➤ **RCS023 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (MULTI-AGENT SYSTEMS)**

- **Intelligent Agents:** Environments, Intelligent Agents, Agents and Objects, Agents and Expert Systems, Agents as Intentional Systems, Abstract Architectures for Intelligent Agents, Purely Reactive Agents, Perception, Agents with State, How to Tell an Agent What to Do, Utility Functions.
- **Practical Reasoning Agents:** Practical Reasoning, Means-Ends Reasoning, The Blocks World, Implementing a Practical Reasoning Agent, Commitment to Ends and Means, The Procedural Reasoning System.
- **Reactive and Hybrid Agents:** Brooks and the Subsumption Architecture. The Limitations of Reactive Agents, Hybrid Agents.
- **Multi-agent Interactions:** Utilities and Preferences, Multi-agent Encounters, Dominant Strategies and Nash Equilibria, Competitive and Zero-Sum Interactions, The Prisoner's Dilemma.
- **Reaching Agreements:** Mechanism Design, Auctions, Negotiation, Task-Oriented Domains, Worth-Oriented Domains, Argumentation.
- **Communication:** Speech Acts, Agent Communication Languages, KIF, KQML, The FIPA Agent Communication Languages, Ontologies for Agent Communication, Coordination Languages.
- **Working Together:** Cooperative Distributed Problem Solving, Coherence and Coordination, Task Sharing and Result Sharing, Task Sharing in the Contract Net, Result Sharing, Handling Inconsistency, Coordination, Multi-agent Planning and Synchronization.

Readings:

1. Michael Wooldridge, **An Introduction to Multi-agent Systems**, Wiley Series in Agent Technology, 2002.
2. G. Weiss. **Multi-agent Systems--A Modern Approach to Distributed Artificial Intelligence**. MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 3rd edition, 2001.
3. S. Russell and P. Norvig, **Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach** (2nd ed.), Pearson Education, 2006.
4. Rafael H. Bordini, Jomi Fred Hübner, Michael Wooldridge, **Programming Multi-Agent Systems in AgentSpeak using Jason**, Wiley Series in Agent Technology, 2007.
5. Lin Padgham, Michael Winikoff, **Developing Intelligent Agent Systems: A Practical Guide**, Wiley Series in Agent Technology, 2004.
6. Fabio Luigi Bellifemine, Giovanni Caire, Dominic Greenwood, **Developing Multi-Agent Systems with JADE**, Wiley Series in Agent Technology, 2007.

➤ **RCS024 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

- (Rough Granular Computing)
- **Rough Sets in Approximation:** Parameterized approximation space, uncertainty function, rough inclusion function, lower and upper approximations, properties of approximations such as accuracy and quality of approximation, learning approximation space from data discretization

and approximation spaces, Distances and approximation spaces; concept approximation.

- **Data Reduction:** Reducts in the context of information systems and decision tables, significance of attributes and stability of reducts, representatives in information systems and decision tables.
- **Classification and Clustering Methods:** Information granulation, decision rules in rough set models, evaluation of decision rules, nearest neighbor algorithms; self-organizing system for information granulation, rough clustering and its evaluation.

Readings:

1. J. Stepaniuk, **Rough-Granular Computing in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining**, Springer, 2008.
2. P. Doherty, W. Lukaszewicz, A. Skowron, A. Szalas: **Knowledge Engineering: A Rough Sets Approach**, Springer, 2006.
3. Duntsch, G. Gediga, **Rough Set Data Analysis: A Road to Non-invasive Knowledge Discovery**, Methodos Publishers, Bangor, 2000.
4. T. Y. Lin, N. Cercone, **Rough Sets and Data Mining - Analysis of Imperfect Data**, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, 1997.
5. L. Polkowski, A. Skowron (eds.), **Rough Sets in Knowledge Discovery 1: Methodology and Applications**, Studies in Fuzziness and Soft Computing, vol. 18, Physica Verlag, Heidelberg, 1998.
6. L. Polkowski, A. Skowron(eds.), **Rough Sets in Knowledge Discovery 2: Methodology and Applications**, Studies in Fuzziness and Soft Computing, vol. 19, Physica Verlag, Heidelberg, 1998.
7. S. K. Pal, P. Mitra, **Pattern Recognition Algorithms for Data Mining - Scalability**

➤ **RCS025 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN COMPUTER NETWORKS**

- Real-time and non-real-time applications: Quality of Service (QoS) requirements of real-time applications – bandwidth, delay and delay variation parameters, Quality of service metrics, guaranteed and best-effort services.
- IEEE Wireless LAN (WLAN) standard: 802.11 and 802.11e standards, WLAN services-association, disassociation, re-association, distribution, integration, authentication, de authentication and data delivery services.
- WLAN centralized protocol functions: Point Coordination Functions (PCF), Hybrid
- Coordination Function (HCF), HCF Controlled Channel Access (HCCA); HCCA admission control mechanisms, HCCA parameterized QoS.
- WLAN distributed protocol functions: Distributed Coordination Functions (DCF), Enhanced Distributed Channel Access (EDCA), EDCA priority based QoS.
- Performance analysis of WLAN distributed protocol functions: Random variables and random process, Markov chain model of DCF and EDCA protocols, Throughput and delay analysis.

Readings:

1. Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications IEEE Std. 802.11™-2007.
2. G., Bianchi, **IEEE 802.11-saturation throughput analysis**, IEEE Communication. Letters, vol. 2, pp. 318–320, Dec. 1998.
3. G., Bianchi, **Performance analysis of the IEEE 802.11 distributed coordination function**, IEEE J. Selected Areas in Communication, vol. 18, 535-547, Mar. 2000.
4. S., Choi, J.D., Prado, S., Shankar, and S., Mangold, **IEEE 802.11e contention-Based channel access (EDCF) performance evaluation**, in Proc. IEEE ICC'03, vol. 2, May 2003, pp. 1151–1156.
5. S., Mangold, S., Choi, G.R., Hiertz, O., Klein, and B., Walke, **Analysis of IEEE 802.11e for QoS support in wireless LANs**, IEEE Wireless Communications , December 2003, pp.40-50.
6. Y., Xiao, **A Simple and Effective Priority Scheme for IEEE 802.11**, IEEE Communications Letters, vol. 7, no. 2, February 2003.
7. X., Chen, H., Zhai, X., Tian, and Y, Fang, **Supporting QoS in IEEE 802.11e Wireless LANS**, IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, Vol.5, No. 8, August 2006 pp-2217-2227.

➤ **RCS026 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN DATA MINING**

- **Classification Techniques:** Models and Patterns, Performance Measures, Forms of Knowledge, Decision Trees, Linear Regression, Neural Networks, k-Nearest Neighbors, Naïve Bayesian Classifiers, Support Vectors Machines, Ensemble Methods.
- **Clustering Techniques:** Clustering Concepts, Clustering Vs Classification, Clustering Techniques, Partitioning Methods, Comparing k-Means and k-Medoids, Expectation-Maximization, Hierarchical Methods, Density-Based Methods, Grid-Based Methods, Dealing with Large Data.
- Use of the techniques for web usage mining, user tracking and profiling, web content and structure mining, web personalization, text mining, spatial mining, bioinformatics and other scientific applications.

Readings:

1. D.J.Hand, Heikki Mannila, Padhraic Smyth, **Principles of Data Mining**, MIT Press 2001, 22
2. Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome H. Friedman, **The Elements of Statistical Learning**, Springer, 2001.
3. Soumen Chakrabarti, **Mining the Web**, Morgan Kaufmann, 2002.
4. Sushmita Mitra, Tinku Acharya, **Data Mining: Multimedia, Soft Computing, and Bioinformatics**, Wiley, 2003, ISBN: 978-0-471-46054-1.
5. Ronen Feldman, James Sanger, **The Text Mining Handbook**, Cambridge University Press, 2006.
6. John Wang, **Encyclopedia of Data Mining**, IGI Global, 2008.

➤ **RCS027 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN DATABASE SYSTEM**

- Introduction to Web Data Management and XML.
- A Survey of Web Data Management Systems: Web Query Systems; Web Information Integration Systems; Web Data Restructuring.
- XML Basics: Semi-structured Data, XML Schemas, XML indexing, XSLT, XHTML, DOM and SAX parsers.
- XML Query Languages: Xquery, Xpath, XsLT, XSQL.
- Node and Link Objects: Representing Metadata of Web Documents and Hyperlinks, Metadata Associated with HTML and XML Documents, Representing
- Structure and Content of Web Documents, Representing Structure and Content of Hyperlinks, Node and Link Objects, Node and Link Structure Trees.
- Databases Modeling: Recent Approaches in Modeling Web Data, Storage of XML data in databases, publishing data from databases in XML. Use of Tools for storing and retrieving data from XML Databases.

Readings:

1. Sourav Bhowmick, Sanjay Madria, and Wee Keong Ng, **Web Data Management A Warehouse Approach**, Springer.
2. Kevin William, **Professional XML Databases**, Wrox publications.

➤ **RCS028 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN INFORMATION SECURITY**

- **Information Hiding:** Introduction, Background, and Applications of Information hiding: Data hiding, applications of data hiding.
- **Steganography:** Frameworks of secret communication, Security of steganography systems, Information hiding in noisy data, Adaptive & non-adaptive algorithms, Active and malicious attackers, Information hiding in written text, Invisible communication.
- **Data hiding in still images:** LSB encoding, BPCS steganography, Lossless data hiding, Data hiding by quantization, Patchwork, Transform domain methods, Robust data hiding in JPEG images, frequency domain watermarking Detecting malicious tempering, Robust wavelet based watermarking, Kundur-Hatzinakos watermarking, Data hiding in binary images, Zhao-kochmethod, Wu-Lee method, CPT method, TP method, Data hiding in fax images.
- **Watermarking:** Introduction, Watermarking principals, Applications, Requirements and algorithmic design issues, Evaluation and standards of watermarking. **Fingerprinting:** Introduction, Terminology and requirements, Classifications, Research history, fingerprinting schemes, Statistical fingerprinting, and Collusion-secure fingerprinting.

Readings:

1. I.J.Cox, M.L.Miller, J.A.Bloom, J.Fridrich, T.Kalker, **Digital Watermarking and Steganography**, Morgan Kaufman 2008.

2. F.Y.Shih, **Digital Watermarking and Stegonagraphy Fundamentals and Techniques**, CRC press 2008.
3. Stefon Katzeubeisser, F.A.Petitolos, **Information Hiding Techniques for Stegonagraphy and Digital Watermarking**, Aatech House London 2008.

➤ **RCS029 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOFT COMPUTING**

- **Rough Sets:** Information Systems, decision tables, indiscernibly relation, set approximation, approximation of family of sets, analysis of decision tables.
- **Type-2 Fuzzy Sets:** Notion of uncertainty of membership in a fuzzy set, foot print of uncertainty, embedded fuzzy sets, operations on type-2 fuzzy sets, type-2 fuzzy relations, type reduction, type-2 fuzzy inference system.
- **Fuzzy Clustering:** Limitations of hard partitioning and need for fuzzy clustering, FCM, PCM,GK, and FMLE algorithms, cluster validity measures
- **Projected Clustering:** The problem of high dimensionality in clustering, use of projected clustering methods to address the problem of high dimensionality-grid based, density based, centroid based, and hierarchical approaches.
- **Rough Set Based Methods:** Information granulation using rough sets, decision rules in rough set models, classification, and clustering methods based on rough sets.
- **Neuro Fuzzy Systems:** Neuro fuzzy systems of Mamdani, logical, and Takagi-Sugeno type, flexible neuro fuzzy systems.

Readings:

1. L. Rutkowski, **Computational Intelligence, Methods and Techniques**, Springer, 2008.
2. J. Valente de Oliveira, W. Pedrycz, **Advances in Fuzzy Clustering and its Applications**, John Wiley & Sons, 2007.
3. J. Stepaniuk, **Rough-Granular Computing in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining**, Springer, 2008.
4. F. Hopner, F. Hoppner, F. Klawonn, **Fuzzy Cluster Analysis: Methods for Classification, Data Analysis and Image Recognition**, John Wiley & Sons, 1999.

➤ **RCS030 - SWARM INTELLIGENCE**

- Introduction to Swarm Intelligence
- Particle Swarm Optimization
- Ant Colony Optimization
- Job Scheduling on Computational Grid (PSO Application)
- PSO for Data Mining
- ACO for Data Mining
- Solving the Traveling Salesman Problem using Ant Colonies
- Swarm-based Network Management
- Multi-Objective Optimization
- Swarm-Bots

Bibliography:

- Eric Bonabeau, Marco Dorigo and Guy Theraulaz, *Swarm Intelligence: From Natural to Artificial Systems*, Oxford University Press, 1999
- Proceedings of various recent conferences can be referred to

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.

➤ **RCS031 - THEORY OF NP COMPLETENESS**

- Introduction to Theory of NP-Completeness.
- Cook's Theorem, CSP
- Clique Problem.
- Vertex Cover and Independent Set
- Sequencing Problems: Hamiltonian cycle Problem and TSP
- Subset-Set Problem
- Graph Coloring
- Scheduling Problems

Readings:

1. The course will be taught by Research Papers.