

PLACE AND TIME: Room DIA004, Mondays 11:15-13:00 (part A) and 14:15-16:00 (part B)

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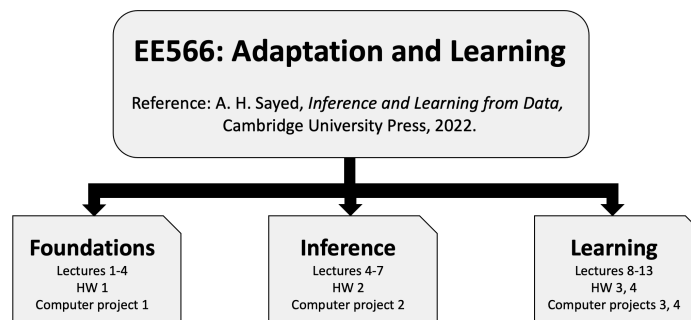
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COURSE MATERIAL: Lecture notes distributed by the instructor for exclusive use by the students enrolled in this class: A. H. Sayed, *Inference and Learning from Data*, Cambridge University Press, 2022.

PRE-REQUISITES: Some familiarity with matrix theory, linear algebra, and probability. Review handouts on these topics will be provided by the instructor.

GRADING: 4 homework assignments including computer projects (50%) and two exams worth 25% each.

TOPICS: Core concepts on inference and learning from data. Emphasis is on foundations and statistical limits of learning.



LECTURE	TASK	DATE	TENTATIVE TOPICS
1A		Feb. 21	Vector Differentiation.
1B			Convex Functions.
2A		Feb. 28	Proximal Operator.
2B			Gradient-Descent Algorithms.
3A	HW1 due	Mar. 7	Stochastic Optimization.
3B			Recommender Systems.
4A		Mar. 14	Adaptive Gradient Methods.
4B			Gradient Noise.
5A		Mar. 21	Convergence Analysis.
5B			Mean-Square-Error Inference.
6A	HW2 due	Mar. 28	Bayesian Inference I.
6B			Bayesian Inference II.
7A	EXAM OUT	Apr. 4	Linear Regression.
7B			Maximum Likelihood.
8A	EXAM IN	Apr. 11	Least-Squares.
8B			L2-Regularization.
	NO CLASS	Apr. 18	EASTER HOLIDAY (NO CLASS).
9A		Apr. 25	L1-Regularization.
9B			Nearest-Neighbor Rule. K-means Clustering.
10A	HW3 due	May 2	Naïve Bayes.
10B			Principal Component Analysis.
11A		May 9	Logistic Regression.
11B			Perceptron. Support Vector Machines.
12A		May 16	Kernel Methods.
12B			Generalization.
13A, B		May 23	Neural Networks I.
14A, B	HW4 due	May 30	Neural Networks II.
	FINAL EXAM		EXAMINATION WEEK: JUNE 20-JULY 9, 2022

