CS 789: Mining Internet of Things Data
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS
Department of Computer Science
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Course Description

Explores the basic methods and techniques in data mining and its applications to mining Internet of Things (IoT) data. The course covers five applications of IoT and mining those data. Those five application topics include smart environment, smart healthcare, agriculture and climate, and sports and other industry. Each topic includes five parts: introduction, data properties, state-of-the-art algorithms, coding, and a guest lecture. The state-of-art algorithms in those five topics resolve the following research questions: pre-processing data, fusing multi-modal data, handling small sample problems, learning with feedback based on reinforcement learning, and transferring learned knowledge. The coding parts offer hand-on experience and each guest lecture will be given based on well-known experts in the field (e.g., fellows).

Textbook Recommended:

- Internet of Medical Things (Paradigm of Wearable Devices) - Manuel Cardona, Vijender Kumar Solanki, Cecilia E. García Cena
- From Machine-to-Machine to the Internet of Things - Jan Holler, Vlasios Tsiatsis, Catherine Mulligan, Stamatis Karnouskos, Stefan Avesand, David Boyle
- Learning from Data: A Short Course - Yaser Abu Mostafa, Malik Magdon-Ismail, and Hsuan-Tien Lin
- Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning - Christopher M. Bishop
- The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction - Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, and Jerome Friedman

Course Rationale

This course gives advanced algorithms for the analysis of IoT data. After taking this course the student will have a thorough grasp of both algorithmic and application foundations in data mining and IoT data.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Develop an appreciation for capabilities and limitations of IoT data and data mining techniques
- Understand the mathematical, statistical, and theoretical foundations of a wide variety of data mining, machine learning, and artificial intelligence algorithms
- Implement data mining algorithms to analyze data in multiple domains
- Evaluate the model performance

Prerequisites

CS 302 and Math 251

Grading

Grades will be based on following:
Homework (3), 30%
Project Report (1), 35%
Project Presentation, 15%
Critical Questions (9), 10%
Guest Speaker Summary (4), 8%
Extra Credits, 2%

Grades will be posted throughout the semester.
Grading scale is as follows:

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Graded assignments will be returned to you as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to check the grade summaries for posting errors.
- Any score issues must be identified to the instructor within a week after grade releases.
- If you fixed the problems in the assignment within a week, I would restore half of the points in order to encourage you to keep practicing.
- Scores are final after that.
- Late work will take 10% off for 24 hour period and 30% off for 48 hour period.

Critical Questions and Summaries of Guest Speakers

Critical Questions:

You will have one required reading for almost all class periods.
Prior to the beginning of those class periods labeled as critical question due, you are to submit to Blackboard with three sentences as below which demonstrates that you have thoughtfully read and evaluated the paper for the class period. We will use the questions to enrich classroom discussion about the material. The submission page is under the Assignments tab in Blackboard.

Critical questions:

i. one sentence to summarize the paper;
ii. one sentence to highlight the innovative part of the paper;
iii. one question to suggest the improvement of the paper.

Summaries:

We will bring in 5 experts this semester who will talk about state-of-the-art research in data mining and machine learning as well as its applications. You will be required to write a one-page discussion of 4 of the 5 invited talks. The summaries are due prior to the beginning of the next class period and are to be submitted to Blackboard. The submission page is under the Assignments tab in Blackboard. The write-up will include:

i. a summary of the talk and paper (if provided)
ii. a discussion of how the work fits within the context of the materials being discussed in class
iii. your ideas about how the speaker’s work could be improved or extended in the future

Department of Computer Science Academic Integrity Policy

Each student enrolled in a course offered by the Department of Computer Science is expected to do his/her own work when preparing written or programming assignments, as well as, examinations. He/she must adhere to the academic integrity policy provided by his/her instructor and the university. It is also each student's responsibility to notify the instructor if he/she becomes aware of any activities that would violate the academic integrity policy of the class.

Academic Integrity Policy

Each student is required to do his/her own work on examinations, written and programming assignments and exercises without outside assistance except as noted below. It is also each student's responsibility to notify the instructor if he/she becomes aware of any activities that would violate the academic integrity policy of the class.

Consequences of violating the academic policy:

• an Alleged Academic Misconduct Report will be completed, and a copy sent to the Office of Student Conduct
• 1st violation - student(s) will receive a grade of zero on the assignment/examination
• 2nd violation - a grade of F will be issued for the course; no further assignments/labs/exams can be completed for credit

University Policies
Public Health Directives

Face coverings are currently mandatory for all faculty and students in the classroom. Students must follow all active UNLV public health directives while enrolled in this class. UNLV public health directives are found at Health Requirements for Returning to Campus, https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/health-requirements. Students who do not comply with these directives may be asked to leave the classroom. Refusal to follow the guidelines may result in further disciplinary action according to the UNLV Student Conduct Code, https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/StudentConduct-Code.pdf, including being administratively withdrawn from the course.

Academic Misconduct

Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the University community. We all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility, and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, and are encouraged to always take the ethical path whenever faced with choices. Students enrolling at UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s educational mission. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another person, from the Internet or any other source without proper citation of the source(s). See the Student Conduct Code, https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct.

Auditing a Course

Auditing a course allows a student to continue attending the lectures and/or laboratories and discussion sessions associated with the course, but the student will not earn a grade for any component of the course. Students who audit a course receive the same educational experience as students taking the course for a grade, but will be excused from exams, assessments, and other evaluative measures that serve the primary purpose of assigning a grade.

Classroom Conduct

Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class and in the libraries in ways that do not interfere with the rights of other students to learn, or of instructors to teach. Use of devices such as cellular phones and pagers, or other potentially disruptive activities are only permitted with the prior explicit consent of the instructor. Students are specifically prohibited to record classes without instructor authorization, including online/remote classes (either audio only, or video and audio). The instructor may rescind permission at any time during the class. If a student does not comply with established requirements or obstructs the functioning of the class, the instructor may initiate an administrative withdrawal of the student from the course.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic forced some instruction to be delivered remotely starting in Spring 2020, numerous students have asked instructors to record their synchronous classes, so that they can access them at their convenience. Instructors who agree to record their classes (audio only, or video and audio) should inform students in advance. Recorded lectures may not be broadly released to anyone, but made available exclusively to those students enrolled in the class during the particular academic term. Recorded lectures must be stored securely, and are subject to the Nevada System of Higher Education’s Records Retention Policy, meaning that the recordings can only be deleted 120 days after
the end of class (i.e., after grades are posted). Once this requirement is met, the recordings should be deleted. Class recordings are protected from disclosure, as they are deemed part of an educational record under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Copyright

The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves with, and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you, nor assume any responsibility for student or employee violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional copyright policy information is available at https://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The UNLV Disability Resource Center (Student Services Complex, SSC-A, Room 143, https://www.unlv.edu/drc, telephone 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. Students who believe that they may need academic accommodations due to a permanent disability, temporary or permanent medical need, or academic support due to pregnancy are encouraged to contact the DRC as early as possible in the academic term. A Disabilities Specialist will discuss what options may be available to you. Students who are already registered with the DRC should request their accommodations online each semester, and make an appointment to discuss their accommodations with their instructors.

Final Examinations

The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur on the date and at the time specified in the Final Exam schedule. The Final Exam schedule is typically available at the start of the semester, and the classroom locations are available approximately one month before the end of the semester. See the Final Exam Schedule, https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars.

Identity Verification in Online Courses

All UNLV students must use their Campus-issued ACE ID and password to log in to WebCampus-Canvas.

UNLV students enrolled in online or hybrid courses are expected to read and adhere to the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy, which states that “acting or attempting to act as a substitute for another, or using or attempting to use a substitute, in any academic evaluation or assignment” is a form of academic misconduct. Intentionally sharing ACE login credentials with another person may be considered an attempt to use a substitute, and could result in investigation and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Academic Misconduct Policy.

UNLV students enrolled in online courses are also expected to read and adhere to the Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Technology Resources Policy, https://www.it.unlv.edu/policies/acceptable-use-computing-and-information-technology-resources-policy, which prohibits sharing university accounts with other persons without authorization. To the greatest extent possible, all graded assignments and assessments in UNLV online courses should
Incomplete Grades

The grade of “I” (Incomplete) may be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session, but cannot complete the last part of the course for reason(s) beyond the student’s control and acceptable to the instructor, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. For undergraduate courses, the incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the period indicated, a grade of “F” will be recorded, and the student’s GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete grade do not register for the course, but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the “I” grade.

Library Resources

Librarians are available to consult with students on research needs, including developing research topics, finding information, and evaluating sources. To make an appointment with a subject expert for this class, please visit the Libraries’ Research Consultation website, https://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian. You can also ask the library staff questions via chat and text message at https://ask.library.unlv.edu/.

Missed Classwork

Any student missing class, quizzes, examinations, or any other class or laboratory work because of observance of religious holidays will be given an opportunity during that semester to make up the missed work. The make-up opportunity will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for Fall and Spring courses (except for modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for Summer and modular courses, of their intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit the Missed Classwork policy, under Registration Policies, on the Academic Policies webpage.

In accordance with the policy approved by the Faculty Senate regarding missed class time and assignments, students who represent UNLV in any official extracurricular activity will also have the opportunity to make up assignments, provided that the student submits official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

The spirit and intent of the policy for missed classwork is to offer fair and equitable assessment opportunities to all students, including those representing the University in extracurricular activities. Instructors should consider, for example, that in courses which offer a “Drop one” option for the lowest assignment, quiz, or exam, assigning the student a grade of zero for an excused absence for extracurricular activity is both contrary to the intent of the Faculty Senate’s policy, and an infringement on the student’s right to complete all work for the course.

This policy will not apply in the event that completing the assignment or administering the examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the University that could be
reasonably avoided. There should be a good faith effort by both the instructor and the student to agree
to a reasonable resolution. When disagreements regarding this policy arise, decisions can be appealed
to the Department Chair/School Director, College/School Dean, and/or the Faculty Senate Academic
Standards Committee.

For purposes of definition, extracurricular activities may include, but are not limited to academic
recruitment activities, competitive intercollegiate athletics, fine arts activities, liberal arts competitions,
science and engineering competitions, and any other event or activity sanctioned by a College/School
Dean, and/or by the Executive Vice President and Provost.

Rebelmail

Rebelmail is UNLV’s official email system for students and by University policy, instructors and staff
should only send emails to students’ Rebelmail accounts. Rebelmail is one of the primary ways in
which students receive official University communications, information about deadlines, major
Campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have
been admitted to the University. Sending emails within WebCampus-Canvas is also acceptable.

Tutoring and Coaching

The Academic Success Center (ASC), at the Claude I. Howard Building, provides tutoring, academic
success coaching, and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information
regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, please visit the ASC
website, https://www.unlv.edu/asc, or call 702-895-3177. The ASC is located across from the Student
Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of SSC A,
Room 254. Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library, and on the second floor
of the College of Engineering building (TBE A 207).

UNLV Writing Center

One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the
Writing Center, https://writingcenter.unlv.edu/, located in the Central Desert Complex, Building 3,
Room 301 (CDC 3–301). Walk-in consultations are sometimes available, but students with
appointments receive priority assistance. Students may make appointments in person or by calling the
Center, telephone 702-895-3908. Students are requested to bring to their appointments their Rebel ID
Card, a copy of the instructions for their assignment, and two copies of any writing they have
completed on their assignment.