

Graphical Models

Discrete Inference and Learning

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Lecturers



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Organization

- 7 lectures of 3 hours each
 - Today + 28/1, 4/2, 25/2, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3
- 13:45 – 17:00 with a short break or two
- Last lecture: 25th March
- Subscribe to the mailing list:
<https://sympa.inria.fr/sympa/subscribe/grmdil>

Requirements

- Solid understanding of mathematical models
 - Linear algebra
 - Integral transforms
 - Differential equations
- Ideally, a basic course in discrete optimization

Topics covered

- Basic concepts, Bayesian networks, Markov random fields
- Inference algorithms: belief propagation, tree-reweighted message passing, graph cuts, move-making algorithms, Parameter learning
- Deep learning in graphical models, graph neural networks, other recent advances
- Causality

Evaluation

- Projects
- In groups of at most 3 people
- Report and presentation – Dates TBD (last week of March)
- Topics: your own or see list next week

What you will learn?

- Fundamental methods
- Real-world applications
- Also, pointers to using these methods in your work

Your tasks

- Following the lectures and participating actively
- Reading the literature
- Doing well in the project