Data Analytics for Operations Research

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**Data Analytics for Operations Research**

**Overview**

Data Analytics is the scientific process of transforming data so that we can develop insights for making enhanced and prudent decisions. Operations Research (OR) is concerned with developing modeling and analysis tools to help make better decisions. OR modeling was always informed by statistical methodologies, and the new data analytics techniques are having a similar impact. This advanced course on Data Analytics for Operations Research is focused on exploring the synergy between these two domains of knowledge: tools for efficiently solving optimization problems that arise in data analytics, and understanding how to use insights from modern data analytics to design improved decision making models. We will survey a range of data analytics techniques including regression, classification, clustering, and Bayesian models, and a range of optimization techniques, including linear, integer and non-linear optimization, large scale optimization, and optimization under uncertainty.

**Objectives**

Today, the data underlying many practical decision making problems is in tera and peta bytes, and in order to develop good decision making methodologies, one needs an excellent background in three different areas: modern statistical and machine learning techniques for data analysis, optimization modeling and methods, and large scale computing and data base management. This course titled Data Analytics for Operations Research is envisioned to give the students an in-depth and rigorous grounding in modern methods in large-scale optimization and data analytics. Participants of this course will be given the theoretical rigour and practical experience necessary for solving data-driven decision problems in a wide variety of application areas, e.g. business analytics, data science, project management, and portfolio management.
Course details

Regression, Logistic regression, LASSO, Classification, Support vector machines (SVMs), Clustering, Bayesian Models, Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods, Linear and convex optimization, integer optimization, stochastic and robust optimization.

Intended Audience

01) Academically oriented good post graduate and doctoral students, well trained faculty members, who have an aptitude and interest in Statistics, Mathematics, Engineering, Social Science, Quantitative and Operations Research, Data Sciences, etc., and are keen to utilize the advanced topics of Data Analysis and Operations Research to further their knowledge in their respective academic and professional fields.

02) Dynamic professionals from government organization, private sectors, related industries, working in areas related to data analytics, data science, etc., who wish to gain extensive knowledge in fields, related to mathematical modeling, statistical techniques, optimization, operations research, machine learning, etc.

03) People in academia and industry (e.g., health, logistics, social networking, government organization, airline, computing, ICT firms, etc..) or anyone keen to gain expertise in areas of Big Data usage, through development of statistical software, application of quantitative methods, etc., in their respective sphere of functioning in order to contribute more fruitfully.

Benefits for the intended audience

01) Equip the participants with innovative problem solving capabilities in different areas of data analysis using existing and new tools from Operations Research through interactive class lectures and discussions through advanced course materials.

02) Make the participants/students well versed in different theoretical as well as practical nuances of data analysis using concepts of operations research, statistical techniques and machine learning through hands on tutorials.

03) Build as well as enhance the existing ambit of knowledge and skill sets of the participants/students through rigorous theoretical as well as problem solving methods.
## Workshop/Class Schedule

Instructors: (i) Garud IYENGAR (GI), Columbia University, USA; (ii) Kalyanmoy DEB (KD), MSU, USA; (iii) Sandeep JUNEJA (SJ), TIFR, INDIA and Raghu N. SENGUPTA (RNS), IIT Kanpur, INDIA

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<td>Regression</td>
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<td>Shrinkage methods, e.g. ridge regression and LASSO: Convex quadratic programs with constraints. Convex optimization problems and global optimality</td>
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<td>Regression with a Gaussian process prior. Logistic regression and Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)</td>
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<td>Classification</td>
<td>k-nearest neighbors, Optimal Bayes classifier, Naive Bayes, Empirical risk minimization (ERM), Gradient descent and stochastic gradient descent algorithms for large scale ERM</td>
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<td>Support Vector Machines (SVMs)</td>
<td>Classification and regression using SVMs, Kernel methods and the kernel “trick”; Hilbert spaces and Representing Kernel Hilbert Spaces (RKHS), Constrained convex programs and Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM)</td>
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<td>Clustering Algorithms</td>
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<td>Empirical likelihood methods</td>
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**Garud IYENGAR** is a Professor in the Industrial Engineering and Operations Research Department at Columbia University, USA. He completed his B.Tech from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, INDIA in 1993. He has an M.S. (1995) and PhD (1998) from Stanford University. His research interests are broadly in information theory, control and optimization. His published works span a diverse range of fields, including information theory, applied mathematics, computer science, operations research, economics and financing engineering. His current projects focus on the areas of large scale portfolio selection, systemic risk management, quantitative marketing, smart grids, sports analytics, and systems biology.

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Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) is one of the premier technical institutions established in 1959 by the Government of India with the collaboration of a consortium of nine universities from the USA. IIT Kanpur goal and mission is to provide meaningful education, to conduct original research of the highest standard and to provide leadership for the growth of this country. At present IIT Kanpur has a sprawling residential campus of 1055 acres with about 3500 undergraduate and 1500 postgraduate students, 400 faculty members and more than 1500 supporting staff. The institute has a well designed faculty building, fully equipped classrooms, seminar and conference rooms, computer science building, biological sciences building, residential quarters for the faculty & staff members, hostels for the students, an excellent library, etc. The presence of lush green trees, manicured lawns, wide roads make the campus picturesque and well endowed. IIT Kanpur has always strived to develop itself into an institution of excellence in education and research in consonance with the contemporary and future needs of India. The institute has made special efforts to recruit talented faculty on a worldwide basis and admits students in the different programs from all over the country by a very careful selection process. In addition to offering formal undergraduate, post-graduate and Ph.D. programs, the institute has also been involved in continuing education and research & development in areas of value to both the industry and the society. The vision of the institute is to emerge as an international centre of excellence in all facets of technical and management education by being a melting pot of academia, industry and research, but at the same time being rooted in Indian ethos and societal values. For ease of navigation one can find a detailed map of the campus at Map of the campus: <https://www.iitk.ac.in/tkic/MAP/IITK_Map.pdf>.
The Department of Industrial & Management Engineering (IME) at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur), INDIA was established with the aim of synergizing technology with management in a comprehensive manner so that the knowledge gained may be used for the benefit of the society at large. The journey started in 1988 with the Ph.d and M.Tech programmes, and in 2001 the department introduced the MBA programme. IME department also has the BTech-MTech/BS-MTech/BTech-MBA/BS-MBA programs. Another flag ship program of the department is the VLFM program which is jointly run by IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras and IIM Calcutta. The focus of the department is to develop techniques and the skills sets relevant to students with diverse backgrounds, and who may wish to subsequently pursue a career in academics or in different technical and managerial positions in Industrial & Management Engineering related industries. The department covers a whole gamut of areas in Industrial & Management Engineering, that includes Operations Research, Operations Management, Production & Supply Chain Management, Quantitative Methods & Decision Making, Marketing/Services Management, Business/Social Media Analytics, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Organizational/Human Resource Management, Business Economics, Infrastructure & Public Systems, Financial Markets and Models, Enterprise Information and Knowledge Systems, etc.

One can look at the map of the campus: <https://www.iitk.ac.in/tkic/MAP/IITK_Map.pdf> to find where we are located.
The campus of IIT Kanpur is located off the Grand Trunk Road (NH-91) near Kalyanpur, about 16 km west of Kanpur city one of the biggest in the state of Uttar Pradesh of INDIA.

**From New Delhi to Kanpur:** To reach Kanpur one can avail either train from New Delhi station (NDLS) to Kanpur Central Railway station (CNB) or take a flight from Indira Gandhi International Airport/New Delhi Airport (DEL) to Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (LKO).

**From Kanpur Central Railway station (CNB):** Kanpur Central Railway station (CNB) is well connected to most cities in North, East and Central India. It is located on the Delhi-Kolkata train route and all major trains between these cities usually pass through Kanpur. The campus is located at a distance of about 20 kilometers from the Kanpur Central Railway Station (CNB), hence participants (one should always exit from platform # 01) can pre-book the taxi <https://www.iitk.ac.in/estateoffice/data/taxi-details.pdf>. Typical cost for campus taxis will be Rs. 400 (+35 Parking ). It is also possible to hire taxis (about Rs. 350)/Ola (about Rs. 250)/Autorickshaws (about Rs. 250) to IIT Kanpur campus from the Kanpur Central Railway Station (CNB). It takes about 40 minutes to drive from Kanpur Central Railway Station (CNB) to IIT Kanpur <https://www.google.co.in/maps>.

**From Lucknow Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (LKO):** Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (LKO) is located about 80 kms from IIT Kanpur. Participants can pre-book the taxi <https://www.iitk.ac.in/estateoffice/data/taxi-details.pdf> . Typical cost will be Rs. 1800. Once can also book pre-paid (about 1700)/Ola (about 1700). It takes about 2 hours to drive from Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (LKO) to IIT Kanpur <https://www.google.co.in/maps>.

**Important for Participants (Especially Foreigners)**

01) Check the weather during your visit.

02) Drink bottled water, do not take any food/fruits/eatables offered to you or which is not clean.

03) Carry you personal belongings/money/passport carefully.
How to Apply, Payment Details, Important dates

01) Please check the blank format of ONLINE application first (sample give below) and be ready with the following, (i) Amount paid via NEFT; (ii) Bank details from where NEFT payment has been made; (iii) NEFT payment ID; (iv) NEFT payment date; (v) Passport size photograph (.jpg format); (vi) ID/bona fide letter of institute/university/organization.

02) NEFT payment details

Bank A/C: 10426002126
Name of A/C Holder: Registrar, IIT Kanpur
GSTIN Number: 09AAAJI0169A3ZL
Bank Name: State Bank of India (SBI) <https://www.sbi.co.in/>
Branch: IIT Kanpur, Kanpur – 208016, INDIA
Ph: +91-512-333/392/679-0592
Email: sbi.01161@sbi.co.in
Branch Code: 01161
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03) Important Dates

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04) For any further information and any queries, you are welcome and also advised to get in touch with faculty co-ordinator:

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Seats for the workshop are limited. Hence the applicants are advised to do their online registration along with workshop registration fee payment at their earliest convenience.

**Details about payment/accommodation/etc.**

- The **workshop registration fee** includes course materials, notes, reading material, kit for the workshop, access to net facilities, snacks and lunch (in between the workshop for ALL the five (05) days of the workshop). The details of **workshop registration fee (inclusive of GST charges as per norm)** are as follows:

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<td>USD 500 (five hundred only)</td>
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<td>Industry Professionals</td>
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<td>Faculty members</td>
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<td>Students (MSc/MTech/Phd/MPhil,MBA etc.)</td>
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- Participants are required to bring their own laptops for the hands-on sessions.

- Accommodation is available on a payment basis (this amount is not included under **workshop registration fee**) and information about types of stay is available below:

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- Breakfast and dinner costs has to be borne by the participants during the duration of stay at IIT Kanpur for the workshop and rates are very nominal (e.g.: [http://www.iitk.ac.in/vh/Rate-Revision-of-Catering-Charges-of-VH.pdf](http://www.iitk.ac.in/vh/Rate-Revision-of-Catering-Charges-of-VH.pdf), or Hostel food (which is a maximum of Rs. 100/- per meal)).
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Sample registration form (information has to be filled ONLINE)

Name (Ms./Mrs./Mr./Dr./Prof.):______________________________________
Sex (Male/Female/Others):________________________________________
DoB (dd/mm/yyyy):_______________________________________________
ID Card No.*:___________________________________________________
Position/Designation:____________________________________________
Official Address:_________________________________________________
City: __________ Pin Code: __________ State: __________ Country: _____________
Ph: ______________________ (with ISD/STD code) Cell: _______________ (with ISD)
E-mail: __________________________________________________________
NEFT/SWIFT Amount: (INR/USD)**________________________________
NEFT/SWIFT Ref. No.: ___________________ NEFT/SWIFT date (dd/mm/yyyy): ___________
Payee Bank: _______________________ Payee bank branch code: _________________
Payee bank address with phone/email, etc.: _____________________________
City: _____________ Pin Code: __________ State: __________ Country: __________
Signature: ______________________ Date (dd/mm/yyyy): ____________________

Passport details for foreign participants
Passport Number: _________________________ Issuing country: _______________________
Issue date (dd/mm/yyyy): __________________ Expiry date (dd/mm/yyyy): __________________

Note**:*(i) For ID Card No. add institute/university/organization/etc., or ANY relevant authentic proof.
(ii) Bank/transfer surcharge/commission/foreign exchange conversion, etc., for the NEFT/SWIFT to be paid by the participant ONLY.

Latest passport size photograph would come here