230362 - DLSL - Deep Learning for Speech and Language

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Teaching unit: 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications
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Degree: MASTER’S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Teaching unit Optional)
ECTS credits: 2,5
Teaching languages: English

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Prior skills
It is advisable to have some background in machine learning and signal processing. Students will also develop their projects in Python, so previous contact with this language is recommended.

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
CE1. Ability to apply information theory methods, adaptive modulation and channel coding, as well as advanced techniques of digital signal processing to communication and audiovisual systems.

Transversal:
CT3. TEAMWORK: Being able to work in an interdisciplinary team, whether as a member or as a leader, with the aim of contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly and making commitments in view of the resources that are available.
CT4. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.
CT5. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

Teaching methodology
- Lectures
- Application classes
- Group work
- Group work (distance)

Learning objectives of the subject
The aim of this course is to train students in methods of deep learning for speech and language. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) will be presented and analyzed in detail to understand the potential of these state of the art tools for time series processing. Engineering tips and scalability issues will be addressed to solve tasks such as machine
translation, speech recognition, speech synthesis or question answering. Hands-on sessions will provide development skills so that attendees can become competent in contemporary data analytics tools.

## Study load

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## Content

### Advanced Neural Networks

**Learning time:** 16h 30m  
- Theory classes: 6h  
- Guided activities: 8h  
- Self study: 2h 30m

**Description:**  
- Architectures: LSTM, GRU, recursive, Conv-LSTM, dynamic memory networks, TDNN, highway networks...  
- Training: datasets, back-propagation, optimization, adversarial...  
- Learning: supervised/unsupervised, continual...  
- Visualization  
- Attention models  
- Embeddings: seq2seq, skip-through vectors...  
- Ensembles of models

**Specific objectives:**  
At the end of this course, students will be familiar with the state of the art techniques based on deep learning architectures.

### Applications to Speech and Language

**Learning time:** 50h  
- Theory classes: 6h  
- Guided activities: 10h  
- Self study: 34h

**Description:**  
- Natural Language Processing  
- Machine Translation  
- Speech recognition  
- Speaker recognition  
- Speech synthesis  
- Multimodal: language and vision.  
- Frameworks and tools: TensorFlow, Keras, Kaldi
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Qualification system

Lectures: 30%
Practical: 60%
Attendance: 10%

Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


Others resources:

The details of this course are available and updated online at: https://telecombcn-dl.github.io/2017-dlsl/