The aim of this course is to train students in understanding the techniques and tools for describing social networks and www. The course will teach techniques for ranking (ex. google’s pagerank for web pages), recommender systems (ex. amazon’s recommendations of similar products), Auctions of advertisements (i.e. google’s adwords), Finding influencers in social networks, finding communities in social networks, finding text similarity between documents by meaning (i.e. similarity between posts in blogs). In addition, a web search engine will be designed in python, and then the social graph will be created and the techniques explained in theory will be applied in a practical way.
## Content

### Ranking Systems.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Learning time: 15h</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Theory classes: 6h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practical classes: 3h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self study: 6h</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Description:**
Description algorithms for sorting websites by relevance. Algorithms for graphs made of links between pages: Google’s PageRank and HITS. Practical examples.

**Related activities:**
- Individual Deliverable.
- Laboratory activities.

**Specific objectives:**
Understanding Google’s PageRank and HITS equations from different points of view; flow graph, random walk, probability of visiting a node.
Understand the application examples.

### Social Networks as graphs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Learning time: 15h</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Theory classes: 6h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practical classes: 3h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self study: 6h</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Description:**
Techniques for finding influencers and communities in graphs. Specific properties of twitter type graphs and Facebook type graphs. Practical examples.

**Related activities:**
- Individual Deliverable.
- Laboratory activities.

**Specific objectives:**
Understand the techniques to perform the partition of graphs in communities, techniques to find nodes of influence, techniques to model the effects of propagation of information in a viral manner.
Practical applications

---

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
# 230721 - SNET - Social Networks: Theory and Implementation

| **Finding text similarity between documents by meaning. Application to twitter and blogs.** | **Learning time:** 15h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Practical classes: 3h  
Self study: 6h |
|---|---|
| **Description:**  
Bag of words model for texts, stemming and word-term matrix. Latent semantic analysis. Application to twitter and blog data.  
**Related activities:**  
Individual Deliverable.  
Laboratory Practices. |
| **Recommender systems. Amazon/ Netflix cases** | **Learning time:** 10h  
Theory classes: 4h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 4h |
| **Description:**  
Description of the recommender systems based on Collaborative and content based. Description of different recommender systems; amazon, netflix.  
**Related activities:**  
Individual Deliverable.  
Laboratory activities.  
**Specific objectives:**  
Be able to adapt the general methods of recommender systems to specific situations. |
| **Auctions of web advertisements. Google Adwords case.** | **Learning time:** 10h  
Theory classes: 4h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 4h |
| **Description:**  
Description of systems for making auctions of online advertisements. Summary of the modified Vickrey auction system used by google's adwords.  
**Related activities:**  
Individual Deliverable.  
Laboratory activities. |
Qualification system

Individual assessments: 40%
Final examination: 60%

Bibliography

Basic:

