Module title			Abbreviation
Approximation Algorithms			10-I=APA-161-m01
Module coordinator		**Module offered by**	
holder of the Chair of Computer Science I		Institute of Computer Science	
ECTS	**Method of grading**	**Only after succ. compl. of module(s)**	
5	numerical grade	--	
Duration	**Module level**	**Other prerequisites**	
1 semester	graduate	--	

Contents

The task of finding the optimal solution for a given problem is omnipresent in computer science. Unfortunately, there are many problems without an efficient algorithm for an optimal solution. As a result, in practice, methods are used which do not always give the optimal solution but always give good solutions. This lecture will discuss drafting and analysing techniques for algorithms which have a proven approximation quality. With the help of practical optimisation problems, the lecture will introduce students to important drafting techniques such as greedy, local search, scaling as well as methods based on linear programming.

Intended learning outcomes

The students are able to analyse easy approximation methods in terms of their quality. They understand fundamental drafting techniques such as greedy, local search and scaling as well as methods based on linear programming and are able to apply these to new problems.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 to 120 minutes).
If announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the course, the written examination may be replaced by an oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes) or an oral examination in groups of 2 candidates (approx. 15 minutes per candidate).
Language of assessment: German and/or English
creditable for bonus

Allocation of places

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Additional information

Focuses available for students of the Master's programme Informatik (Computer Science, 120 ECTS credits): AT,IT,GE

Workload

150 h

Teaching cycle

Teaching cycle: every year, winter semester

Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2016)
Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)
Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2017)

Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2018)
Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2019)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2019)
Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2020)
Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2021)
Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2022)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2022)
Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2024)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2024)
Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2025)
Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2025)
Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2025)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematical Data Science (2025)
First state examination for the teaching degree Gymnasium Computer Science (2025)
Teaching degree Gymnasium Erweiterung Computer Science (2025)
Exchange Program Computer Science (2025)