

Module title		Abbreviation
Statistical Network Analysis		10-I=SNA-222-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Computer Science XV		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		
<p>Networks matter! This holds for technical infrastructures like communication or transportation networks, for information systems and social media in the World Wide Web, but also for various social, economic and biological systems. What can we learn from data that capture the interaction topology of such complex systems? What is the role of individual nodes and how can we discover significant patterns in the structure of networks? How do these structures influence dynamical process like diffusion or the spreading of epidemics? Which are the most influential actors in a social network? And how can we analyze time series data on systems with dynamic network topologies?</p> <p>Addressing those questions, the course combines a series of lectures -- which introduce fundamental concepts for the statistical modelling of complex networks -- with weekly exercises that show how we can apply them to practical network analysis tasks. Topics covered include foundations of graph theory, centrality and modularity measures, aggregate statistical characteristics of large networks, random graphs and statistical ensembles of complex networks, generating function analysis of expected graph properties, scale-free networks, stochastic dynamics in networks, spectral analysis, as well as the modelling of time-varying networks. The course material consists of annotated slides for lectures as well as a accompanying git-Repository of jupyter notebooks, which implement and validate the theoretical concepts covered in the lectures. Students can test and deepen their knowledge through weekly exercise sheets. The successful completion of the course requires to pass a final written exam.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The course will equip participants with statistical network analysis techniques that are needed for the data-driven modelling of complex technical, social, and biological systems. Students will understand how we can quantitatively model the topology of networked systems and how we can detect and characterize topological patterns. Participants will learn how to use analytical methods to make statements about the expected properties of very large networks that are generated based on different stochastic models. They further gain an analytical understanding of how the structure of networks shapes dynamical processes, how statistical fluctuations in degree distributions influence the robustness of systems, and how emergent network features emerge from simple random processes.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (2) + Ü (2) Module taught in: English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>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</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload

150 h

Teaching cycle

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

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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2022)

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