

Optimisation Techniques (E004120)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>			
Credits 6.0	Study time 180 h	Contact hrs	60.0 h	

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	lecture	30.0 h
			seminar: coached exercises	30.0 h
B (semester 2)	English		guided self-study	60.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Philips, Wilfried	TW07	lecturer-in-charge
Jovanov, Ljubomir	TW07	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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Bridging Programme Master of Science in Bioinformatics (main subject Engineering)	6	B
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (main subject Communication and Information Technology)	6	A
Master of Science in Bioinformatics (main subject Engineering)	6	B
Master of Science in Computer Science Engineering	6	A
Master of Science in Computer Science Engineering	6	A
Exchange Programme in Bioinformatics (master's level)	6	B

Teaching languages

Dutch, English

Keywords

linear programming, optimisation, integer and binary programs, network flows

Position of the course

To familiarize the students with the most important optimization problems with discrete and continuous variables: to teach the students to formulate these problems mathematically starting from a practical problem definition, and to solve them with appropriate algorithms.

Contents

- Introduction: Overview
- Graph algorithms: spanning trees, shortest paths, dynamic programming
- Linear programs: basic principles, simplex algorithm, internal search, duality and sensitivity, multi-objective problems
- Discrete optimisation: lumpy linear programs, methods, assignment problems, routing problems
- Non-linear programs with continuous variables: principles, improving search, constrained programs, important special cases
- Network flows: flow-improving paths and cycle-cancelling, network simplex

Initial competences

Working knowledge of Dutch.

Final competences

- 1 Understanding concepts such as relaxation, dualisation of constraints, partial solutions...
- 2 Being able to develop an algorithm starting from basic principles.

- 3 Having insight into algorithms and the conditions under which they can be applied.
- 4 Having insight into the possible solutions and the possible locations of optima.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, lecture, project, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

Classroom lectures; Classroom problem solving sessions; Project

Learning materials and price

Robert J. Vanderbei. Linear Programming Foundations and Extensions. International Series in Operations Research and Management Science, Vol. 37, 2nd ed., 2001, 472 p., Hardcover ISBN: 0-7923-7342-1. <http://www.princeton.edu/~rvdb/LPbook/online.html>

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Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination, open book examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination, open book examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

During examination period: written open-book exam; written closed-book exam

During semester: graded project reports. Second chance: Not possible
Frequency: 1x

Calculation of the examination mark

Evaluation throughout semester as well as during examination period