Combinatorial Search and Optimization with Constraints

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Blended-mode class section is available for this course. Please refer to the "Class Notes" of the blended-mode class section for details.

Grade Descriptor:

A

EXCELLENT - exceptionally good performance and far exceeding expectation in all or most of the course learning outcomes; demonstration of superior understanding of the subject matter, the ability to analyze problems and apply extensive knowledge, and skillful use of concepts and materials to derive proper solutions.

B

GOOD - good performance in all course learning outcomes and exceeding expectation in some of them; demonstration of good understanding of the subject matter and the ability to use proper concepts and materials to solve most of the problems encountered.

C

FAIR - adequate performance and meeting expectation in all course learning outcomes; demonstration of adequate understanding of the subject matter and the ability to solve simple problems.
有关等級說明的資料，請參閱英文版本。

D

MARGINAL – performance barely meets the expectation in the essential course learning outcomes; demonstration of partial understanding of the subject matter and the ability to solve simple problems.

F

FAILURE – performance does not meet the expectation in the essential course learning outcomes; demonstration of serious deficiencies and the need to retake the course.

Equivalent Offering:
Units: 3 (Min) / 3 (Max) / 3 (Acad Progress)
Grading Basis: Graded
Repeat for Credit: N
Multiple Enroll: N
Course Attributes: MSc Computer Science, MPhil-PhD Computer Sci & Erg, Blended-mode class available

Topics:

COURSE OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course of studies, students will have acquired the ability to
1. understand of Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSPs).
2. formulate a real-life problem into a CSP.
3. understand of various constraint solving techniques for CSPs in a particular domain.
4. understand of the tree-search techniques for solving general CSPs.
5. understand of the various local consistency notions and their associated enforcement algorithms.
6. understand of how local consistency algorithms can be combined with tree search.
7. understand of stochastic local search algorithms.
8. make use of existing constraint solving tools to solve CSPs.

Course Syllabus:

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Feedback for Evaluation:

1. Quiz and examinations
2. Course evaluation and questionnaire
3. Reflection of teachers
4. Question-and-answer sessions during class
5. Student consultation during office hours or online

Required Readings:


Recommended Readings:

OFFERINGS

1. CSCI5240  
Acad Organization=CSEG1; Acad Career=RPG

COMPONENTS

LEC : Size=30; Final Exam=Y; Contact=3

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. CSCI5240  
Enrollment Requirement Group:
For students in MSc Computer Science; or
For students in MPhil-PhD Computer Science & Engineering; or
For students in UG Computer Science; or
For students in UG Computer Engineering

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