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**SEMESTER - 5**

**Paper Code: BDS501**

**Paper Name: *Discrete Mathematics***

**Credits: 5**

**MODULE 1: Introduction to Discrete Mathematics**

- - Basic terminologies and concepts in discrete mathematics
- - Sets, set operations, and set theory
- - Functions and relations

**MODULE 2: Logic and Proof Techniques**

- - Propositional logic: syntax, semantics, and truth tables
- - Logical connectives and truth functions
- - Predicates and quantifiers
- - Proofs: direct proofs, proof by contradiction, and proof by contrapositive

**MODULE 3: Methods of Proof**

- - Mathematical induction
- - Strong induction
- - Recursive definitions and structural induction

**MODULE 4: Combinatorics**

- - Basic counting principles: multiplication rule, addition rule, and inclusion-exclusion principle
- - Permutations and combinations
- - Binomial coefficients and Pascal's triangle
- - The pigeonhole principle

**MODULE 5: Relations and Functions**

- - Relations: properties, equivalence relations, and partial orders
- - Functions: injective, surjective, and bijective functions
- - Composition of functions and inverse functions

**MODULE 6: Graph Theory**

- - Basic terminologies: vertices, edges, paths, and cycles
- - Graph representations: adjacency matrix and adjacency list
- - Connectivity: connected graphs, components, and bridges
- - Eulerian and Hamiltonian paths and cycles

**MODULE 7: Trees**

- - Definitions and properties of trees
- - Tree traversal algorithms: depth-first search and breadth-first search
- - Spanning trees and minimum spanning trees
- - Applications of trees in computer science

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**MODULE 8: Boolean Algebra**

- - Boolean functions and Boolean expressions
- - Logic gates and Boolean circuits
- - Simplification of Boolean expressions: Karnaugh maps and Quine-McCluskey method
- - Boolean algebra theorems and applications

**MODULE 9: Discrete Probability**

- - Sample spaces, events, and probability axioms
- - Conditional probability and independence
- - Counting techniques in probability
- - Discrete probability distributions: binomial and geometric distributions

**MODULE 10: Recurrence Relations**

- - Introduction to recurrence relations
- - Solving linear homogeneous recurrence relations with constant coefficients
- - Solving linear non-homogeneous recurrence relations
- - Generating functions and solving recurrence relations using generating functions

**References:**

1. *Discrete Mathematical Structures*, Bernard Kolman, Robert C. Busby, Sharon Cutler Ross, Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2009
2. *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications*, Kenneth Rosen, McGrawhill Education, 2017

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**Paper Code: BDS502& BDS592**

**Paper Name: *Natural Language Processing***

**Credits: 3+2**

**1. Introduction to Natural Language Processing**

- - Definition and scope of NLP
- - Applications of NLP
- - NLP challenges and limitations

**2. Text Preprocessing**

- - Tokenization
- - Stop word removal
- - Stemming and lemmatization
- - Text normalization

**3. Language Modeling**

- - N-gram models
- - Hidden Markov Models (HMM)
- - Neural language models

**4. Syntactic Analysis**

- - Part-of-speech tagging
- - Phrase structure parsing
- - Dependency parsing

**5. Semantic Analysis**

- - Word sense disambiguation
- - Named entity recognition
- - Semantic role labeling

**6. Sentiment Analysis**

- - Opinion mining
- - Sentiment classification techniques
- - Aspect-based sentiment analysis

**7. Machine Translation**

- - Rule-based machine translation
- - Statistical machine translation
- - Neural machine translation

**8. Information Extraction**

- - Named entity recognition
- - Relation extraction
- - Event extraction

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**9. Question Answering**

- - Question classification
- - Passage retrieval
- - Answer extraction

**10. Advanced Topics**

- - Deep learning for NLP
- - Neural network architectures (e.g., recurrent and convolutional models)
- - Transfer learning in NLP

**11. NLP Applications and Research Trends**

- - Chatbots and virtual assistants
- - Text summarization
- - Dialogue systems
- - Recent developments and future directions in NLP

**12. Project Work and Presentations**

- - Students will work on a hands-on NLP project and present their findings to the class.

**References:**

1. "Natural Language Processing: Basic Techniques and Emerging Trends" by Nitin Indurkha and Fred J. Damerau, CRC Press.
2. "Natural Language Processing: A Paninian Perspective" by Amba Kulkarni, Rajeev Sangal, and Vineet Chaitanya, Prentice-Hall of India.
3. "Foundations of Natural Language Processing" by Pushpak Bhattacharyya, Pearson Education India.

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**SEMESTER - 6**

**Paper Code: BDS601 & BDS691**

**Paper Name: *Big Data Analysis***

**Credits: 3+2**

**Module 1: Introduction to Big Data Analysis**

- - Overview of big data and its characteristics
- - Introduction to Hadoop and MapReduce
- - Introduction to Apache Spark

**Module 2: Data Preprocessing and Cleaning**

- - Data quality assessment and data cleaning techniques
- - Handling missing data and outliers
- - Feature selection and dimensionality reduction

**Module 3: Data Transformation and Integration**

- - Data normalization and standardization
- - Encoding categorical variables
- - Data integration techniques

**Module 4: Exploratory Data Analysis**

- - Descriptive statistics and data visualization
- - Univariate and multivariate analysis
- - Outlier detection and handling

**Module 5: Big Data Processing Frameworks**

- - Introduction to Apache Hadoop ecosystem (HDFS, Hive, Pig)
- - Introduction to Apache Spark (RDDs, DataFrames, Spark SQL)

**Module 6: Big Data Processing with Spark**

- - Data processing with Spark RDDs
- - Data processing with Spark DataFrames and Spark SQL
- - Introduction to Spark MLlib for machine learning

**Module 7: Machine Learning with Big Data**

- - Supervised learning techniques for big data
- - Unsupervised learning techniques for big data
- - Model evaluation and validation

**Module 8: Advanced Topics in Big Data Analysis**

- - Time series analysis with big data
- - Text mining and natural language processing
- - Graph analysis and social network analysis

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**Module 9: Ethical Considerations in Big Data Analysis**

- - Privacy issues and data anonymization
- - Bias and fairness in big data analysis
- - Ethical frameworks and guidelines

**Module 10: Case Studies and Project**

- - Analysis of real-world big data datasets
- - Application of big data analysis techniques
- - Presentation of project findings

**References:**

1. Pyne, S., & Agrawal, P. (2016). Big Data Analytics: Methods and Applications. CRC Press.
2. White, T. (2015). Hadoop: The Definitive Guide. O'Reilly Media.
3. Zaharia, M., Karau, H., Konwinski, A., & Wendell, P. (2021). Learning Spark: Lightning-Fast Big Data Analysis. O'Reilly Media.

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**Paper Code: BDS602 & BDS692**

**Paper Name: *Time Series Analysis***

**Credits: 3+2**

**Module 1: Introduction to Time Series Analysis**

- - Definition of time series
- - Components of a time series
- - Time series data visualization
- - Applications of time series analysis

**Module 2: Descriptive Analysis of Time Series**

- - Measures of central tendency and dispersion
- - Time series plots and patterns
- - Seasonality and trend analysis

**Module 3: Autocorrelation and Partial Autocorrelation**

- - Autocorrelation function (ACF)
- - Partial autocorrelation function (PACF)
- - Identification of autoregressive (AR), moving average (MA), and autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models

**Module 4: Stationarity and Non-Stationarity**

- - Definition and characteristics of stationarity
- - Unit root tests (e.g., Augmented Dickey-Fuller test)
- - Transformations and differencing for achieving stationarity
- - Trend and seasonality decomposition

**Module 5: Time Series Forecasting**

- - Simple moving average and weighted moving average
- - Exponential smoothing methods (e.g., Holt-Winters method)
- - ARIMA models for forecasting
- - Evaluation and accuracy measures for forecasting models

**Module 6: Time Series Regression**

- - Simple and multiple linear regression models
- - Incorporating lagged variables in regression models
- - Testing and interpreting the regression coefficients
- - Model diagnostics and residuals analysis

**Module 7: Advanced Topics in Time Series Analysis (choose a subset)**

- - ARCH and GARCH models for volatility modeling
- - Vector Autoregressive (VAR) models
- - Seasonal ARIMA models (SARIMA)
- - State-space models and Kalman filtering
- - Spectral analysis and periodogram

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**Module 8: Applications of Time Series Analysis**

- - Economic and financial time series analysis
- - Environmental and climate data analysis
- - Engineering and industrial applications
- - Social and health-related time series analysis

**Module 9: Software Tools for Time Series Analysis**

- - Introduction to R or Python programming for time series analysis
- - Hands-on exercises using statistical software packages
- - Implementing forecasting models and analyzing real-world data

**Module 10: Case Studies and Project**

- - Review of case studies from various domains
- - Student projects involving data analysis and modeling
- - Presentation and discussion of project results

**References:**

1. Box, G. E. P., Jenkins, G. M., & Reinsel, G. C. (2008). Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control. Wiley-Interscience. ISBN: 978-0470272848.
2. Chatfield, C. (2019). Introduction to Time Series Analysis and Forecasting. Chapman and Hall/CRC. ISBN: 978-0367352090.
3. Pandit, A., & Wu, W. B. (2019). Applied Time Series Analysis. CRC Press. ISBN: 978-0367242483.



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**Paper Code: BDS603 & BDS693**

**Paper Name: *Data Visualization***

**Credits: 2+2**

**Module 1: Introduction to Data Visualization**

- - Understanding the importance of data visualization
- - Principles and guidelines for effective data visualization
- - Overview of data visualization process
- - Introduction to data visualization tools

**Module 2: Data Types and Visualization Techniques**

- - Types of data and their visual representations
- - Categorical data visualization
- - Numerical data visualization
- - Time-series data visualization
- - Geospatial data visualization

**Module 3: Visualization Tools and Technologies**

- - Introduction to popular data visualization tools (e.g., Tableau, Power BI, D3.js)
- - Exploring features and capabilities of visualization tools
- - Hands-on exercises with visualization tools

**Module 4: Data Visualization Design Principles**

- - Understanding human perception and cognition in visualization
- - Color theory and effective use of colors in visualization
- - Designing visually appealing and informative visualizations
- - Interaction and user experience design in visualization

**Module 5: Advanced Data Visualization Techniques**

- - Multivariate data visualization
- - Network visualization
- - Hierarchical visualization
- - 3D and interactive visualizations

**Module 6: Storytelling with Data Visualization**

- - Creating compelling narratives through visualizations
- - Techniques for presenting data stories effectively
- - Ethical considerations in data visualization
- - Case studies and examples of data storytelling

**Module 7: Data Visualization Applications**

- - Visualizing data for exploratory analysis
- - Visual analytics and decision support systems
- - Data visualization for business intelligence
- - Data visualization in scientific research

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**Module 8: Data Visualization Project**

- - Working on a data visualization project from conception to execution
- - Data collection and preprocessing
- - Designing and implementing visualizations
- - Presenting and documenting the project

**References:**

1. *Data Visualization: Storytelling Using Data* by Sharada Sringswara; Purvi Tiwari & U. Dinesh Kumar , Wiley
2. "Storytelling with Data: A Data Visualization Guide for Business Professionals" by Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

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**SEMESTER - 7**

**Paper Code: BDS701A**

**Paper Name: *Research Methodology***

**Credits: 5**

**Module 1: Introduction to Research Methodology**

- - Definition, significance, and characteristics of research
- - Objectives and types of research
- - Research process and steps
- - Research ethics and plagiarism

**Module 2: Formulating Research Questions and Objectives**

- - Identification of research problem
- - Review of literature
- - Research questions and hypotheses
- - Research objectives and significance

**Module 3: Research Design**

- - Experimental, descriptive, and exploratory research designs
- - Longitudinal, cross-sectional, and case study designs
- - Sampling techniques and sample size determination

**Module 4: Data Collection Methods**

- - Primary and secondary data
- - Questionnaire design and administration
- - Interview methods
- - Observation techniques

**Module 5: Data Analysis and Interpretation**

- - Qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- - Descriptive and inferential statistics
- - Statistical software (e.g., SPSS, Excel) for data analysis
- - Interpretation of research findings

**Module 6: Reporting and Presentation of Research**

- - Research report writing
- - Organization and structure of research reports
- - Referencing and citation styles
- - Presentation skills and effective communication of research findings

**Module 7: Research Ethics and Validity**

- - Ethical considerations in research
- - Validity and reliability in research
- - Limitations and challenges in research
- - Strategies for enhancing research validity

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**Paper Code: BDS701B**

**Paper Name: *Project Management***

**Credits: 5**

**Module 1: Introduction to Project Management**

- - Definition and characteristics of projects
- - Importance of project management
- - Project life cycle
- - Project stakeholders

**Module 2: Project Initiation**

- - Project selection and feasibility analysis
- - Project charter

**Module 3: Project Scope Management**

- - Project scope definition
- - Work breakdown structure (WBS)

**Module 4: Project Planning**

- - Project objectives and deliverables
- - Activity sequencing and network diagrams

**Module 5: Project Scheduling**

- - Critical path method (CPM)
- - Resource allocation and leveling
- - Gantt charts

**Module 6: Project Cost Management**

- - Project cost estimation
- - Budgeting and cost control

**Module 7: Project Risk Management**

- - Identification, analysis, and response planning for project risks
- - Risk assessment techniques
- - Risk monitoring and control

**Module 8: Project Quality Management**

- - Quality planning and assurance
- - Quality control and improvement
- - Six Sigma and lean principles in project management

**Module 9: Project Procurement Management**

- - Make-or-buy decisions
- - Contracting and vendor selection
- - Contract management and administration

**Module 10: Project Communication Management**

- - Communication planning
- - Effective communication techniques
- - Stakeholder engagement and management

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**Module 11: Project Team Management**

- - Team formation and development
- - Team roles and responsibilities
- - Conflict resolution and team motivation

**Module 12: Project Monitoring and Control**

- - Performance measurement and reporting
- - Earned value management (EVM)
- - Change control and configuration management

**Module 13: Project Closure**

- - Project review and lessons learned
- - Project documentation and archiving
- - Project handover and transition

**Module 14: Project Management Software and Tools**

- - Introduction to project management software (e.g., Microsoft Project)
- - Collaborative tools for project teams
- - Project management best practices and emerging trends

**References:**

1. "Project Management: Planning, Scheduling, and Control" by K. Nagarajan and B. S. Sahay, Tata McGraw-Hill Education, 2014
2. "Project Management: A Managerial Approach" by R. K. Singh, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., 2012

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**Paper Code: BDS702 & BDS 792**

**Paper Name: *Deep Learning***

**Credits: 3+2**

**1. Introduction to Deep Learning**

- - Overview of neural networks
- - History and evolution of deep learning
- - Applications of deep learning

**2. Neural Networks Basics**

- - Perceptrons and activation functions
- - Forward propagation and backpropagation
- - Loss functions and optimization algorithms

**3. Feedforward Neural Networks**

- - Architecture and components
- - Training and optimization
- - Regularization techniques

**4. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**

- - Introduction to CNNs
- - Convolutional and pooling layers
- - Image classification and object detection

**5. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)**

- - Introduction to RNNs
- - Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)
- - Sequence modeling and language processing

**6. Deep Generative Models**

- - Autoencoders
- - Variational Autoencoders (VAEs)
- - Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

**7. Transfer Learning and Fine-Tuning**

- - Pretrained models and feature extraction
- - Fine-tuning for specific tasks
- - Domain adaptation

**8. Deployment and Optimization**

- - Model deployment considerations
- - Quantization and compression
- - Hardware acceleration techniques

**9. Ethical Considerations in Deep Learning**

- - Bias and fairness in AI
- - Privacy and security concerns
- - Ethical guidelines and best practices

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**10. Applications of Deep Learning**

- - Computer vision applications
- - Natural language processing tasks
- - Recommender systems

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1. Goodfellow, I., Bengio, Y., & Courville, A. (2016). *Deep Learning*. MIT Press.
2. Chollet, F. (2017). *Deep Learning with Python*. Manning Publications.
3. Buduma, N. (2017). *Fundamentals of Deep Learning: Designing Next-Generation Machine Intelligence Algorithms*. O'Reilly Media.

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**Paper Code: BDS703**

**Paper Name: *Data Security***

**Credits: 4**

**Module 1: Introduction to Data Security**

- Overview of data security concepts and principles
- Importance of data security in various domains
- Legal and ethical considerations

**Module 2: Threats and Vulnerabilities**

- Types of threats and attacks on data systems
- Common vulnerabilities and their exploitation
- Risk assessment and management

**Module 3: Cryptography**

- Symmetric and asymmetric encryption algorithms
- Hash functions and digital signatures
- Key management and distribution

**Module 4: Network Security**

- Secure network architecture and protocols
- Firewalls and intrusion detection/prevention systems
- Virtual private networks (VPNs) and secure remote access

**Module 5: Access Controls**

- Identification, authentication, and authorization
- Access control models and mechanisms
- Role-based access control (RBAC)

**Module 6: Secure Coding Practices**

- Common software vulnerabilities and attacks
- Secure coding principles and techniques
- Code review and testing for security

**Module 7: Incident Response**

- Incident response process and procedures
- Detection and analysis of security incidents
- Incident containment and recovery

**Module 8: Streaming Data Security**

- Introduction to streaming data and its unique security challenges
- Security considerations for real-time data processing
- Stream encryption and secure communication protocols

**Module 9: Steganography and Watermarking**

- Concealing data within other media for secure communication
- Digital watermarking for data integrity and ownership verification

**Module 10: Data Anonymization and Privacy Preservation**

- Techniques for anonymizing sensitive data



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- Privacy-preserving algorithms and protocols

**Module 11: Cloud Security**

- Security considerations for cloud-based data storage and processing
- Cloud security controls and best practices

**Module 12: Mobile Device Security**

- Security challenges in mobile device environments
- Mobile device encryption and secure application development

**Module 13: Internet of Things (IoT) Security**

- Security challenges in IoT ecosystems
- Securing IoT devices and communication channels

**References:**

1. "Data and Application Security: Developments and Directions" by Sushil Jajodia and Vijayalakshmi Atluri, Springer, Published in 2011
2. "A Comparative Study of Cryptographic Algorithms for Data Security" by D Samanta and N Dey, International Journal of Computer Applications, 2014
3. "Streaming Data Security: Challenges and Solutions" by D Garg, G Sharma, and V Singh, International Conference on Inventive Systems and Control (ICISC) 2017

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**SEMESTER - 8**

**Paper Code: BDS801**

**Paper Name: *IOT & Sensor Data Analysis***

**Credits: 5**

**Module 1: Introduction to IoT and Sensor Data Analysis**

- Introduction to the Internet of Things (IoT) and its applications
- Overview of sensor technologies and their role in IoT
- Understanding data collection and communication in IoT systems
- Introduction to sensor data analysis and its importance

**Module 2: Sensor Technologies and Data Acquisition**

- Overview of different types of sensors used in IoT systems
- Principles of data acquisition from sensors
- Techniques for sensor data preprocessing and cleaning
- Hands-on exercises on sensor data acquisition using popular IoT platforms or development boards

**Module 3: Data Storage and Management for IoT**

- Introduction to data storage options for IoT applications
- Database management systems for sensor data storage
- Data retrieval and querying techniques for sensor data
- Exploring cloud-based storage and IoT platforms for data management

**Module 4: Sensor Data Processing and Analytics**

- Techniques for processing and analyzing sensor data
- Exploring statistical methods for sensor data analysis
- Introduction to machine learning algorithms for sensor data analysis
- Hands-on exercises on sensor data processing and analytics using Python libraries

**Module 5: Visualization and Reporting of Sensor Data**

- Importance of data visualization in IoT and sensor data analysis
- Overview of visualization techniques and tools for sensor data
- Creating interactive dashboards for sensor data monitoring
- Generating reports and insights from sensor data analysis results

**Module 6: Security and Privacy in IoT and Sensor Data Analysis**

- Understanding security challenges in IoT systems
- Techniques for securing sensor data transmission and storage
- Privacy considerations in sensor data analysis
- Introduction to encryption and authentication methods for IoT systems

**Module 7: Real-world Applications and Case Studies**

- Exploring real-world applications of IoT and sensor data analysis
- Case studies on smart cities, industrial IoT, healthcare, etc.
- Understanding the challenges and opportunities in implementing IoT systems
- Guest lectures from industry experts sharing their experiences and insights

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**Module 8: Project Work**

- Students work on a semester-long project related to IoT and sensor data analysis
- Project includes data acquisition, preprocessing, analysis, and visualization
- Regular project reviews and guidance from the instructor
- Final project presentation and documentation

**References:**

1. *Introduction to IoT* by Sudip Misra, Anandarup Mukherjee and Arijit Roy; Cambridge University Press.
2. *Internet of Things* by Jeeva Jose, Khanna Publishing House

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**Paper Code: BDS802**

**Paper Name: *Social Network Analysis***

**Credits: 5**

**Module 1: Introduction to Social Network Analysis**

- What is social network analysis?
- Basic concepts: nodes, ties, networks, and graphs
- Historical development of social network analysis
- Different types of social networks
- Software tools for network analysis

**Module 2: Social Network Data Collection and Representation**

- Methods for collecting social network data (surveys, interviews, observation)
- Types of network data: ego-centric vs. whole network
- Data representation: adjacency matrices, edge lists, and node attribute files
- Visualization of networks

**Module 3: Measures of Centrality and Prestige**

- Degree centrality
- Betweenness centrality
- Closeness centrality
- Eigenvector centrality
- Prestige centrality

**Module 4: Structural Holes and Brokerage**

- Structural holes theory
- Brokerage and structural equivalence
- Closure and structural cohesion
- The strength of weak ties

**Module 5: Subgroups and Clustering in Networks**

- Clustering coefficient
- Triadic closure
- Community detection algorithms (e.g., modularity, hierarchical clustering)
- Role analysis and structural equivalence

**Module 6: Diffusion and Contagion in Networks**

- Diffusion processes in networks
- The spread of information and innovations
- Contagion models (e.g., epidemic models, influence maximization)
- Network cascades and tipping points

**Module 7: Social Influence and Opinion Dynamics**

- Social influence models (e.g., social learning, social comparison)
- Opinion dynamics models (e.g., bounded confidence, compromise)
- Polarization and echo chambers

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- Computational modeling of social influence

**Module 8: Network Visualization and Analysis Tools**

- Network visualization techniques (e.g., node-link diagrams, matrix plots)
- Introduction to network analysis software (e.g., Gephi, NetworkX, R packages)
- Hands-on exercises and projects using network analysis tools

**Module 9: Advanced Topics in Social Network Analysis**

- Multiplex networks and multidimensional networks
- Longitudinal network analysis
- Dynamic network models
- Big data and online social networks
- Ethical considerations in social network analysis

**Module 10: Applications of Social Network Analysis**

- Organizational networks and collaboration
- Social network analysis in healthcare
- Political networks and opinion formation
- Online social networks and social media analysis
- Crime and terrorism networks

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1. Scott, J. (2017). Social network analysis (4th ed.). SAGE Publications.
2. Wasserman, S., & Faust, K. (1994). Social network analysis: Methods and applications. Cambridge University Press.
3. Borgatti, S. P., Everett, M. G., & Johnson, J. C. (2018). Analyzing social networks. SAGE Publications.

**Note: Honors with Research track shall be notified in advance along with the evaluation rubric for Capstone/ Research project, 12 credits, Sessional.**