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BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND OPTIMIZATION

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Learning Objectives:

1. Conduct analysis on building energy management systems data
2. Perform optimization for decision making
3. Perform model selection and validation
4. Understand and develop inverse models
5. Understand classification and clustering techniques
6. Use coding to perform energy management tasks

Supplementary textbook: Reddy, A., 2011. Applied data analysis and modeling for energy engineers and scientists. Springer.

Software: Matlab; Python

Course Plan:

Week 1: Building Energy Management Systems

- Energy sector landscape
- Classification of HVAC systems
- Architecture of BEMSs
- Sequences of operation

Week 2: Inverse modelling - part 1

- Multiple linear regression models
- Change point models
- Coding exercise (estimating retrofit energy savings through multiple linear regression and change point model-based baselines)

Week 3: Inverse modelling - part 2

- Neural network models
- Regression trees
- Coding exercise (estimating retrofit energy savings through neural net and regression tree model-based baselines)

Week 4: Remote envelope characterization

- Estimating building envelope properties through inverse modelling
- Coding exercise (estimating R value and air permeance)

Week 5: Fault detection and diagnostics - hard faults

- Detecting hard faults affecting HVAC systems
- Coding exercise (detecting hard faults in VAV AHU systems)

Week 6: Fault detection and diagnostics - soft faults

- ASHRAE Guideline 36 and best practice sequences of operation
- Approaches to detect and interpret sequencing logic faults
- Coding exercise (detecting soft faults in VAV AHU systems)

Week 7: Virtual metering and end-use disaggregation

- Inverse modelling applications to complement existing submetering network
- Coding exercise (disaggregating end-uses in VAV AHU systems)

Week 8: Load forecasting

- Time-series modelling and decomposition approaches
- Coding exercise (arima models for short-term electricity demand forecasting)

Week 9: Optimization

- Optimization algorithms for data-driven building energy management
- Coding exercise (boiler plant equipment sequencing optimization)

Week 10: Model-based predictive controls

- Controls-oriented modelling, RC thermal networks
- Real-time optimization of control decisions
- Coding exercise (optimal start time optimization)

Week 11: Demand response

- Critical and coincident system electricity demand
- Sequences of operation for demand management
- Comfort and rebound considerations in demand management
- Coding exercise (Precooling and global temperature adjustment to reduce demand charges)

Week 12: Occupant-centric controls

- Occupancy and occupant behaviour
- Statistical modelling of occupant behaviour
- Occupancy-centric controls
- Coding exercise (Modelling occupancy and occupant behaviour)

Week 13: Final exam

Grade Distribution:

Assignment 1 – Change point models 12%

Assignment 2 – Envelope characterization 12%

Assignment 3 – Fault detection and diagnostics 12%

Assignment 4 – Load forecasting and demand response 12%

Assignment 5 – Optimization 12%

Final exam – 40%

Letter Grade Distribution:

≥ 90.00 A+

85.00 - 89.99 A

80.00 - 84.99 A-

77.00 - 79.99 B+

73.00 - 76.99 B

70.00 - 72.99 B-

67.00 - 69.99 C+

63.00 - 66.99 C

60.00 - 62.99 C-

57.00 - 59.99 D+

53.00 - 56.99 D

50.00 - 52.99 D-

≤ 49.99 F

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Student Mental Health and Wellness

As a university student you may experience a range of mental health challenges that can significantly impact your academic success and overall well-being. Carleton's Wellness Services Navigator is designed to help students connect with mental health and wellness resources. If you need to talk to someone from the department for more information and support with connecting to resources, you can contact the following faculty members, depending on your program.

Here is a list of on-campus and off-campus resources:

1. Carleton's Wellness Desk: Located at 204A MacOdrum Library, is a space for students to learn about resources, connect with our Wellness Coordinator, and decompress during stressful times of the year. You can pop into the Wellness Desk any time during its hours of operation – no appointments necessary! <https://wellness.carleton.ca/mental-health/wellness-desk/>
2. Carleton's Health and Counselling Services: To book an appointment contact the main clinic by calling (613) 520-6674. If urgent, let the Patient Care Coordinator know or go in person to the main clinic (2500 Carleton Technology and Training Centre Building) and indicate that they are in crisis and need to speak to someone right away. <https://carleton.ca/health/>
3. Residence Counselling and Wellness Service: Counselling services specifically for students in residence. <https://carleton.ca/health/residence-counselling/>
4. Therapy Dogs: Carleton's therapy dogs are around campus with their owners (who are Carleton University staff and faculty) to comfort and provide support to help you thrive as a university student. <https://carleton.ca/wellness/dogs/>
5. Emergencies and Crisis and Emergency Numbers
6. Good2Talk (1-866-925-5454): Good2Talk is a free, confidential helpline providing professional counselling and information and referrals for mental health, addictions and well-being to post-secondary students in Ontario, 24/7/36 <https://good2talk.ca/>
7. Empower Me: Undergraduate students have access to free counselling services in the community through Empower Me, either in person, by telephone, video-counselling or e-counselling. This free

service is accessible 24/7, 365 days per year. Call 1-844-741-6389 (toll free) to make an appointment with a counsellor in the community. More information is available <https://students.carleton.ca/services/empower-me-counselling-services/>

8. The Walk-In Counselling Clinic (off-campus community resource): The walk-in Counselling Clinic have offices in various locations across Ottawa and the greater Champlain region that are open 7 days a week. Individuals will be assisted, with no appointment, on a first-come, first-serve basis during the Walk-in Counselling Clinic hours. The Walk-in Counselling Clinic offers services in many languages and is free and confidential. More information can be found at: <https://walkincounselling.com/>

9. Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region: Available 10am-11pm, 7 days/week, 365 days/year. Distress Line: 613-238-3311, Crisis Line: 613-722-6914 or 1-866-996-0991, Text: 343-306-5550. <https://www.dcottawa.on.ca/>

10. Distress and Crisis Ontario, Available for chat 2 pm – 2 am EST. <https://www.dcontario.org/>

11. BounceBack Ontario (Toll-Free: 1-866-345-0224) is a free skill-building program managed by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). It is designed to help adults and youth 15+ manage low mood, mild to moderate depression and anxiety, stress or worry. Delivered over the phone with a coach and through online videos, you will get access to tools that will support you on your path to mental wellness. <https://bouncebackontario.ca/>.
