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Topics Covered

1. **Review of Basics**: Basic probability concepts, probability spaces and events, independence and conditional independence, Bayes rule, discrete and continuous probability distributions, joint, conditional, and marginal distributions.

2. **Probabilistic Models**: IID models, Mixture models, Markov Chains and Processes. Hidden Markov Models (HMMs), Stochastic Context


4. **Dynamic Programming and Belief Propagation**: Dynamic programming and Belief Propagation as generalized abstractions for common algorithms, Implementation issues: scaling and computational scheduling options.

5. **Applications and Approximation**: Decoding of Convolutional, Low Density Parity-Check (LDPC), & Turbo Codes as an instance of Belief Propagation, Natural language processing and biomolecular sequence and structure modeling using HMMs and SCFGs.

Who Should Attend the Course?

1. Research scholars, graduate students, researchers from different organization across the country working in the field of machine learning, computer vision, image analysis and coding theory.

2. Young researchers working in R & D laboratories related to machine learning, computer vision, image analysis, and coding theory across the country.

3. Faculty members and academicians interested in research in the field of machine learning, computer vision, image analysis, pattern recognition and coding theory

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A probabilistic model (also sometimes referred as graphical model), provides a statistical analysis tool in which a graph expresses the conditional dependence structure between random variables. It has the ability to estimate the probability of an event occurring again on the basis of past data. Belief propagation deals with performing inference on probabilistic models, such as Bayesian networks and Markov random fields. Probabilistic models and Belief propagation are commonly used in artificial intelligence, machine learning and information theory. It has been successfully applied in the development of numerous applications in the field of computer vision, artificial intelligence, machine learning, statistical physics and coding theory.

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