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- for forecasting specific outcomes such as sales or prices: predictive analysis;
- for evaluating the causal impact of specific actions such as offering discounts or running marketing campaigns: causal analysis.

This permits improving the quality of decision making and thus increasing efficiency and competitiveness.

The "Fribourg Winter School in Data Analytics and Machine Learning" provides training in state-of-the-art quantitative tools for predictive and causal analysis. The one- to three-days-courses cover both introductory and more advanced topics, using the open source software packages "Python", "R", and "Knime". "Python" and "R" are among the most popular programming languages in data science and statistics, while "Knime" is a user-friendly, flow-chart based graphical interface that does not require any programming skills. Among the topics covered in the various courses are

- regression techniques for multivariate statistical analysis;
- machine and deep learning algorithms like lasso, decision trees, random forests, and neural nets;
- text analysis to extract and statistically analyze text information from websites, like sentiments about products.

The working language will be English. The courses will take place in spacious lecture halls at the Pérolles Campus (Boulevard de Pérolles 90, CH-1700 Fribourg) to meet COVID-19 distancing requirements.

Participants are free to attend all courses or to select a subset of courses offered in the winter school. The fees for the "Fribourg Winter School in Data Analytics and Machine Learning" are:

BA/MA/PhD students at the University of Fribourg	BA/MA/PhD students at other universities or academic researchers (e.g. post-docs and professors) at any university/research institution	Private companies or public sector employees
Flat rate for all courses: CHF 90	Block 1: Python courses (8-10 Feb) CHF 500	Block 1: Python courses (8-10 Feb) CHF 800
	Block 2: Knime course (11 Feb) CHF 200	Block 2: Knime course (11 Feb) CHF 300
	Block 3: R courses (12-19 Feb) CHF 600	Block 3: R courses (12-19 Feb) CHF 900
	All courses: (8-19 Feb) CHF 950	All courses: (8-19 Feb) CHF 1500

The fee includes tuition, course materials, access to the faculty's library, and internet access.

Online registration deadline: Jan 31st 2021

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