Next Classes and Conclusion

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Announcements/Reminders

- HW4 due today at 11:59pm
 - Using up to 3 late days is allowed
- Section on Tuesday, May 6, 3:30-4:20 in DMC100: Final review
- Final exam Tuesday, May 13, 2-4pm
 - Please use pen! (For scanning/grading purposes)
 - Do not write on the back of the exam, we added overflow space at the end (backs are OK for ungraded scratch work)
- Final project due May 8
- Office hours by request next week

Next classes to take next semester

- Natural Language
 Processing
- Deep Learning
- Robotics
- Sustainability
- Theory of Machine Learning



Natural Language Processing

CSCI 444: Natural Language Processing (Swabha Swayamdipta)

- Undergraduate NLP class, focused on language models
- CSCI 544: Applied NLP (Jieyu Zhao)
 - General NLP class, recently updated to focus more on language models
- CSCI 626: Text as Data (Morteza Dehghani)
 - Applications of natural language processing to psychology research
- CSCI 662: Advanced NLP (Jon May)
 - Research-focused class, covering machine translation, dialogue, question answering, information extraction, etc.

Deep Learning

CSCI 566: Deep Learning and its Applications (Yan Liu)

- Masters level class focused on deep learning
- Previous editions covered image generation models, variants of Transformers, graph neural networks, etc.

Robotics & Cyber-Physical Systems

- (Not exactly ML topics but highly related)
- CSCI 445L: Introduction to Robotics (Heather Culbertson)
 - Hands-on introduction to robotics, will work with real physical robots

CSCI 545: Robotics (Daniel Seita)

- More advanced course covering control theory, kinematics, dynamics, sensor processing
- Seems to get more into the math, which involves a lot of linear algebra

CSCI 513: Autonomous Cyber-Physical Systems (Jyo Deshmukh)

- Controlling autonomous vehicles, drones, etc.
- Includes reinforcement learning as well as non-ML techniques

Sustainability

- CSCI 461: Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development (Bistra Dilkina)
 - Project-based class focusing on AI for social good (e.g., sustainability, poverty, homelessness, health)
 - Includes discussions of research papers

Math & Machine Learning

Math 447: Mathematics of Machine Learning

- Math-focused class on machine learning
- More detail on some topics like kernels/SVMs
- Also will discuss ways to prove good test accuracy

CSCI 458: Numerical Methods

• More on methods like Newton's method, computing eigenvectors/eigenvalues, etc.

CSCI 611: Mathematics of High-Dimensional Data

• Includes discussion of clustering, imaging and neuroscience applications

CSCI 612: Optimization for the Information and Data Sciences

- Class on advanced optimization methods for convex problems
- Goes beyond gradient descent to methods with faster convergence (e.g., how SVM's actually work)
- How to handle constraints during optimization

Thank you!

• Thank you for a wonderful semester!



















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