Course Description

This is a 3-credit course.

The objective of this course is to impart a working knowledge of several important and widely used pattern recognition topics to the students through a mixture of motivational applications and theory.

Course Prerequisites

- EEL 3135 (Discrete-Time Signals and Systems) or undergraduate-level signals and systems
- EEL 4516 (Noise in Devices and communication Systems) or undergraduate-level probability theory/stochastic processes
- Some exposure to computer programming
- Knowledge of basic matrix theory (linear algebra) would be helpful, but not necessary

Required Textbook


Recommended Readings

Christopher M. Bishop, “Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning”,
Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome Friedman, "The Elements of
Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction," Second
Kevin Patrick Murphy, "Machine Learning: a Probabilistic Perspective," the
Eugene Charniak, "Introduction to Deep Learning," the MIT Press, January
2019. ISBN: 9780262039512 (This book is a project-based guide to the basics
of deep learning)

Course Information

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Meeting Time

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, period 9 (4:05 pm - 4:55 pm)
Meeting Room

NEB 100

Office Hours

- Dr. Wu: Monday, Wednesday, period 8 (3:00 pm - 3:50 pm), and by appointment via email.

Structure of the Course

The course consists of lectures, 4 homework assignments, a quiz, and 1 project.

This course is primarily a lecture course. I cover all important material in lectures. Since EEL 3135 and EEL 4516 are prerequisites, I assume some previous knowledge about DSP, probability theory and stochastic processes, and hence I will cover some material very quickly. Thus, depending on what and how much you recall from earlier study, varying amounts of reading in introductory books on DSP, probability theory and stochastic processes (other than the course textbook) may be necessary; these readings are up to the student. I will only give reading assignments from the course textbook.

Attending lecture is quite important as I may cover material not available in any book easily accessible to you. I use Powerpoint presentation during lecture. Lecture notes will be posted on the course website before the class. The lecture is to engage the students in independent thinking, critical thinking, and creative thinking, help the students organize the knowledge around essential concepts and fundamental principles, and develop conditionalized knowledge which tells them when, where and why a certain method is applicable to solving the problem they encounter.

I do not intend for the WWW material to be a substitute for attending lecture since engaging the students in active thinking, making logical connections between the old knowledge and the new knowledge, and providing insights are the objectives of my lecture. The lecture notes are posted on the web so that you can miss an occasional lecture and still catch up, and it makes taking notes easier. To reward those who attend regularly, there will be some lecture-based material in the exam which is not available via the web.

The class project is described here.

Course Outline
- MoCA principle for AI
- Bayesian decision theory
- Parametric estimation and supervised learning
- Nonparametric methods
- Linear discriminant functions
- Unsupervised learning and clustering
- Feature extraction and feature selection
- Deep learning
- Support vector machines
- Graphical models
- Causal inference
- Applications

Course Objectives

Upon the completion of the course, the student should be able to

- use the fundamental techniques for pattern recognition
- understand the basics of statistical learning theory
- acquire the basic skill of designing machine learning algorithms and systems

Handouts

Please find handouts here.

Requirements

Course Policies

- Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy
  - Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found here: https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations/
  - Perfect class attendance is not required, but regular attendance is expected.
  - It is the student's responsibility to independently obtain any missed material (including handouts) from lecture.
• During lecture, cell phones should be turned off.
• No late submissions of your homework solution, and project proposal/report, are allowed unless U.F. approved reasons are supplied and advance permission is granted by the instructor. Excused late submissions are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx) and require appropriate documentation.
• Software use
  o All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
• Announcements:
  o All students are responsible for announcements made in lecture, on the student access website, or via the class email list.
  o It is expected that you will check your email several times per week for possible course announcements.
• Students Requiring Accommodations
  o Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.
• University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code (https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.
Students are encouraged to discuss class material in order to better understand concepts. All homework answers must be the author's own work. However, students are encouraged to discuss homework to promote better understanding. What this means in practice is that students are welcome to discuss problems and solution approaches, and in fact can communally work solutions at a board. However, the material handed in must be prepared starting with a clean sheet of paper (and the author's recollection of any solution session), but not refer to any written notes or existing code from other students during the writing of the solution. In other words, writing the homework report shall be an exercise in demonstrating the student understands the materials on his/her own, whether or not help was provided in attaining that understanding.

All work submitted in this course must be your own and produced exclusively for this course. The use of sources (ideas, quotations, paraphrases) must be properly acknowledged and documented. For the copy of the UF Honor Code and consequences of academic dishonesty, please refer to http://www.dso.ufl.edu/scer/honorcodes/honorcode.php. Violations will be taken seriously and are noted on student disciplinary records. If you are in doubt regarding the requirements, please consult with the instructor before you complete any requirement of the course.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.
If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Nappo, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0904, jpenacc@ufl.edu
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, nishida@eng.ufl.edu

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html

In-Class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the
University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

Covid-19 Protocols:

• You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.

• If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.

• If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect, you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.

• UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website for more information.
• Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

U Matter, We Care:

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1. Counseling and Wellness Center: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

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Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the Office of Title IX Compliance, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, title-ix@ufl.edu

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or http://www.police.ufl.edu/. 

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.


Library Support, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. [https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/](https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/).

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. [https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/](https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/).


Grading:

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The project report consists of

1. (50%) A written report for your project
2. (25%) Computer programs that you develop for your project
3. (10%) Powerpoint file of your presentation
4. (15%) Your presentation/demo video on [YouTube](https://youtube.com)

Grading scale:

Top 25% students will receive A. Average score will be at least B+.

More information on UF grading policy may be found at: [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx)

Homework:
Due dates of assignments are specified in the course calendar.

No late submissions are allowed unless U.F. approved reasons are supplied and advance permission is granted by the instructor.

If you wish to dispute a homework grade, you must return the assignment along with a succinct written argument within one week after the graded materials have been returned to the class. Simple arithmetic errors in adding up grade totals are an exception, and can normally be handled verbally on-the-spot during office hours of the TA. For all other disputes, the entire homework may be (non-maliciously) re-graded, which may result in increase or decrease of points.

Class Project:

The class project will be done individually. Each project requires a proposal and a final report. The final report is expected to be in the format of a conference paper plus computer programs, a Powerpoint file, and a video. On March 18, the project proposal (up to 2 pages) is due. On April 27, the final report (up to 10 pages) is due. For details about the project, please read here.

Suggested topics for projects are listed here.

Useful links

- Anaconda: Anaconda is the leading open data science platform powered by Python.
- Theano: Theano is a Python library that lets you to define, optimize, and evaluate mathematical expressions, especially ones with multi-dimensional arrays (numpy.ndarray).
• **TensorFlow**: TensorFlow is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs. Nodes in the graph represent mathematical operations, while the graph edges represent the multidimensional data arrays (tensors) communicated between them. The flexible architecture allows you to deploy computation to one or more CPUs or GPUs in a desktop, server, or mobile device with a single API.

• **Keras**: Keras is a minimalist, highly modular neural networks library, written in Python and capable of running on top of either TensorFlow or Theano. It was developed with a focus on enabling fast experimentation. Being able to go from idea to result with the least possible delay is key to doing good research.

• **PyTorch**: PyTorch is a deep learning framework for fast, flexible experimentation.

• A curated list of resources dedicated to **recurrent neural networks**

• **Source code** in Python for handwritten digit recognition, using deep neural networks: [another link]

• **Source code** in PyTorch for handwritten digit recognition, using deep neural networks

• **Source code** in Python for TF-mRNN: a TensorFlow library for image captioning

• Source code in Python for the following work on image captioning:
    ▪ Implementation

• Image captioning:
    ▪ Implementation Source code in Python (Theano)
  - Bottom-Up and Top-Down Attention for Image Captioning and Visual Question Answering: source codes (Caffe) and source codes (PyTorch)

• **Microsoft COCO datasets**

• **Visual Question Answering**:
  - Bottom-Up and Top-Down Attention for Image Captioning and Visual Question Answering: source codes (Caffe) and VQA source code (PyTorch)

• **Semantic Propositional Image Caption Evaluation (SPICE)**
  - Source code in JAVA to calculate SPICE

• **Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks (R-CNN)**
  - References:
    ▪ Ren, Shaoqing, Kaiming He, Ross Girshick, and Jian Sun. "Faster R-CNN: Towards real-time object detection with region proposal


  - Source codes:
    - A Faster Pytorch Implementation of Faster R-CNN (PyTorch)
    - Bottom-Up and Top-Down Attention for Image Captioning and Visual Question Answering: source codes (Caffe)

- Source code in Python for end-to-end training of LSTM
  - Implementation
- Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT)
  - Implementation in TensorFlow
  - Implementation in PyTorch
- Source code in Python for sequence-to-sequence learning (language translation, chatbot)
  - TensorFlow seq2seq library
  - Implementation 1 on Tensorflow with separable encoder and decoder
  - Implementation 2 on Keras
- Visual Storytelling Dataset (VIST)
  - Visual storytelling algorithms:
    - No Metrics Are Perfect: Adversarial REward Learning for Visual Storytelling: source codes (TensorFlow)
- Visual Genome is a dataset, a knowledge base, an ongoing effort to connect structured image concepts to language.
- MPII Movie & Description dataset for automatic video description, video summary, video storytelling
- Bidirectional recurrent neural networks (B-RNN):
  - Graves, Alan, Navdeep Jaitly, and Abdel-rahman Mohamed. "Hybrid speech recognition with deep bidirectional LSTM." IEEE Workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU), 2013. [pdf]
- Deep reinforcement learning
  - UCL Course on reinforcement learning: [ppt] [video]
References:
- How to Study Reinforcement Learning

Source codes:
- Implementation of Reinforcement Learning Algorithms. Python, OpenAI Gym, Tensorflow. Exercises and Solutions to accompany Sutton's Book and David Silver's course. [link]

Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)
- References:

Types of GAN
1. Vanilla GAN
2. Conditional GAN
3. InfoGAN
4. Wasserstein GAN
5. Mode Regularized GAN
6. Coupled GAN
7. Auxiliary Classifier GAN
8. Least Squares GAN
9. Boundary Seeking GAN
10. Energy Based GAN
11. f-GAN
12. Generative Adversarial Parallelization
13. DiscoGAN
14. Adversarial Feature Learning & Adversarially Learned Inference
15. Boundary Equilibrium GAN
16. Improved Training for Wasserstein GAN
17. DualGAN
18. MAGAN: Margin Adaptation for GAN
19. Softmax GAN

- Source codes:
  - A Tensorflow Implementation of "Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks": [python code](#)
  - Collection of generative models, e.g. GAN, VAE in Pytorch and Tensorflow: [python code](#)

- Sequential Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)
- References:

- Source codes:
  - Implementation of C-RNN-GAN
  - Tensorflow Implementation of GAN modeling for sequential data

- Stanford NLP Parser: A natural language parser is a program that works out the grammatical structure of sentences.
- Performance metrics for a natural language parser
- Precision and recall
- mAP (mean Average Precision) for Object Detection
- Question answering

- References:

- Source codes:
  - Bi-Directional Attention Flow (BIDAF)
- Question answering datasets:
  - Stanford Question Answering Dataset (SQuAD)
- **NewsQA**
- **MS MARCO**
- The General Language Understanding Evaluation (GLUE) benchmark is a collection of resources for training, evaluating, and analyzing natural language understanding systems.
- **Semantic Textual Similarity (STS) benchmark evaluation dataset**
- Automatic text understanding and reasoning:
  - Facebook bAbI project
  - Facebook dataset
  - Python code
- NLTK sentiment analysis tool
- **Opinion Lexicon** (dictionary of sentiment words): Positive and Negative
- Human activity recognition
  - HMDB: a large human motion database
    - Action recognition algorithms
  - UCF101: Action Recognition Data Set
    - Activity recognition algorithms
- Coronavirus dataset
- AI City Challenge
- Batch Normalization and Weight Decay Notes
- A powerful and flexible machine learning platform for drug discovery
- MATLAB Tutorial
- MATLAB Central
- Matlab Primer, Matlab Manuals, Image Processing Toolbox
- Matlab implementation of image/video compression algorithms
- Introduction to Matarix Algebra (free book by Autar K Kaw, Professor, University of South Florida).
- HIPR2: a WWW-based Image Processing Teaching Materials with J Learning by simulations
- OpenCV
- OpenGL
- **A Recipe** for Training Neural Networks (by Andrej Karpathy)
- Download the following free (open source) program to record video with screen capture: [http://www.nchsoftware.com/capture/index.html?gclid=CNadwsW6-6wCFSVjTAodbjzTSg](http://www.nchsoftware.com/capture/index.html?gclid=CNadwsW6-6wCFSVjTAodbjzTSg)
- **Virtual Dub**: VirtualDub is a video capture/processing utility for 32-bit Windows platforms (95/98/ME/NT4/2000/XP), licensed under the GNU General Public License (GPL).
- **XnView**: is an efficient multimedia viewer, browser and converter.
- **ImageJ**: Read and write GIF, JPEG, and ASCII. Read BMP, DICOM, and FITS. [Open Source, Public Domain]

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### Related courses in other institutions:

- Stanford University [CS221: Artificial Intelligence: Principles and Techniques: video](http://example.com)
- Stanford University [CS224n: Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning: video](http://example.com)
- Stanford University [CS229 - Machine Learning](http://example.com): notes and video can be found on [this web](http://example.com)
- Stanford University [CS230 Deep Learning: ppt](http://example.com) [video](http://example.com)
- Stanford University [CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition: ppt](http://example.com) [video](http://example.com)
- UCL [Course on reinforcement learning: ppt](http://example.com) [video](http://example.com)
- RWTH Aachen University [Implementation of Heuristic Algorithms for Board Games](http://example.com)
- Mila - Quebec AI Institute [Introduction to Causal Inference](http://example.com)
- UC Berkeley [Foundations of Deep Reinforcement Learning](http://example.com)
- DeepMind [Reinforcement Learning Lecture Series](http://example.com)

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### JOURNALS

Elsevier

- Computer Vision and Image Understanding
- Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation
- Data & Knowledge Engineering
- Image and Vision Computing
- Pattern Recognition
- Pattern Recognition Letters
IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology
IEEE Transactions on Multimedia
IEEE Transactions on Image Processing
IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging
IEEE Transactions on PAMI

Computer Vision

- Computer Vision Homepage at CMU
- Annotated Computer Vision Bibliography from USC IRIS
- CVonline: The Evolving, Distributed, Non-Proprietary, On-Line Compendium of Computer Vision
- 3-D for Everyone
- Red-blue glasses or anaglyph for 3D viewing: http://www.best3dglasses.com/anaglyph.html
- Shutter glasses for 3D viewing: http://www.stereo3d.com/shutter.htm
- 3D photos at http://www.jessemazer.com/3Dphotos.html
- 3D video sequences can be downloaded at: http://research.microsoft.com/vision/InteractiveVisualMediaGroup/3DVideoDownload/