Course Overview

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Goals:

- A deeper explanation of methods and models towards understanding principles,
- Working with the mathematical / statistical tools needed,
- Practical experience with models and methods, insights.
- 14 Lectures. We start from the inspiration of neural networks by neurons in the brain and discuss the surprising recent discovery that huge models can learn well without overfitting. We then go through common building blocks, their principles and functions to optimization methods, regularization, and initialization. And to more advanced topics: adaptive optimization methods, adversarial attacks, representation learning, generative models, recurrent networks.
- 6 practical labs: implementation of selected methods (Python/PyTorch) as homework, submission of results.
- 7 seminars: solving theoretical assignments (published in advance). You are expected to present/discuss solutions.
- **Study plan expectations:** 6 credits = 156 hours
 - about 6 hours/week working independently



New deadline policy this year:

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week 1 week 2 week 3 hard deadline, submissions closed teachers start correcting, feedback in BRUTE, no resubmission