CMPT 882 - G100 Special Topics in Artificial Intelligence

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Calendar Objective/Description:
This course aims to give students experience to emerging important areas of computing science.

Instructor's Objectives:
This course will introduce students to neural networks and their applications. We will aim to cover methods that apply a variety of network architectures, learning strategies and implementations. This will be a seminar course, where students will present selected research papers and conduct small research projects.

An emphasis of the course will be on building communication skills: writing and giving presentations. General guidelines and strategies for writing clearly and giving good talks will be given, and students will receive feedback on their presentations and project reports from the instructor and other students.

Application areas include:
Vision
Speech
Natural language
Genomics
Medical imaging

Prerequisites:
CMPT 726 Machine Learning or equivalent

Topics:
- Convolutional networks
- Recurrent networks
- Regularization and Dropout
- Backpropagation
- Stochastic gradient descent and its variants

Grading:
Will be based on the presentation of research papers and on the course project report. There will be no exam. Details to be discussed in the first class.

Academic Honesty Statement:
Academic honesty plays a key role in our efforts to maintain a high standard of academic excellence and integrity. Students are advised that ALL acts of intellectual dishonesty will be handled in accordance with the SFU Academic Honesty and Student Conduct Policies (http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html).