CMPT 880 - G100 Special Topics in Computing Science

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

Instructor's Objectives:
The course is an introduction to learning deep neural networks (deep learning for short). This is an advanced topic in machine learning, with application to classification problems, computer vision, and natural language processing.

Course Objectives:
• Learn the main theoretical ideas behind deep learning and unsupervised feature learning.
• Ability to read research papers in this area.
• Become familiar with a set of computational tools for deep learning.
• The course project should evaluate one or more deep learning tools on a realistic task.

Prerequisite: *You must have taken a graduate-level introduction to machine learning, CMPT 726 or equivalent.* On-line courses like coursera are not enough. I will give a background quiz to assess your preparedness and may ask for documentation of passing a previous course.

The course is a seminar course, meaning that students are expected to give presentations.

You can see the webpage for previous versions of the course on courses.cs.sfu.ca.

Prerequisites:
instructor discretion.

Topics:
- Feature Discovery
- Deep Learning
- Neural Nets
- Unsupervised Learning
- Learning with Sequence Data

Grading:
Exercises/Quizzes: 5%. Homeworks/Assignments: 15% Project: 60% (breakdown: • Project Outline Presentation: 15%. • Final Project, Project Presentation: 45%).
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