Math and Machine Learning: Theory and Applications (Fall 2024)

Registration

- Register on the MPI course website.

Organization

- **Location**: Max Planck Insitute for Mathematics in the Sciences, Seminar Room E2 10 (Leon Lichtenstein)
- **Organizers**: Parvaneh Joharinad, Diaaeldin Taha
- **Institutional Website**: link
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- **Mailing List**: To stay informed of Lab activities, including this group's meetings, join the Lab mailing list.

Schedule

Week	Date	Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
Week 45 (2024)	Mon, 04.11.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, E2 10	Diaaeldin Taha	Graph and Topological Neural Networks I
Week 46 (2024)	Mon, 11.11.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, E2 10	Diaaeldin Taha	Graph and Topological Neural Networks II
Week 47 (2024)	Mon, 18.11.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, E2 10	Parvaneh Joharinad	Group Equivariant Neural Networks I
Week 48 (2024)	Mon, 25.11.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, E2 10	Parvaneh Joharinad	Group Equivariant Neural Networks II
Week 49 (2024)	Mon, 02.12.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, G3 10	Nico Scherf	Deep Generative Models
Week 51 (2024)	Mon, 16.12.2024	15:00–16:30	MIS, E2 10	Jan Ewald	On the (Underestimated) Importance of Objective/Loss Functions
Week 3 (2025)	Mon, 13.01.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Jan Ewald	Autoencoder and Their Variants for Biomedical Data
Week 4 (2025)	Mon, 20.01.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Duc Luu	Learning Dynamical Systems I
Week 5 (2025)	Mon, 27.01.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Duc Luu	Learning Dynamical Systems II
Week 6 (2025)	Mon, 03.02.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Robert Haase	Large Language Models for Code Generation
Week 7 (2025)	Mon, 10.02.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Guido Montufar	Foundations of Feature Learning I
Week 8 (2025)	Mon, 17.02.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Guido Montufar	Foundations of Feature Learning II

Week	Date	Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
Week 9 (2025)	Mon, 24.02.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Paul Breiding	Computing with Varieties I
Week 10 (2025)	Mon, 03.03.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Paul Breiding	Computing with Varieties II
Week 11 (2025)	Mon, 10.03.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Angelica Torres	Varieties in Machine Learning I
Week 12 (2025)	Mon, 17.03.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Angelica Torres	Varieties in Machine Learning II
Week 13 (2025)	Mon, 24.03.2025	14:00–15:30	MIS, A3 01	Marzieh Eidi	Geometric Machine Learning

Information

Weeks 45 & 46 (2024)

Speaker: Diaaeldin Taha (Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Science, Germany)

Description: In these two sessions, we will provide an overview of deep learning with a focus on graph and topological neural networks. We will begin by reviewing neural networks, parameter estimation, and the universal approximation theorem. Then, we will discuss graphs and motivate graph convolutional neural networks by tracing their origins from spectral filters in signal processing. Lastly, we will review recent progress in topological deep learning, particularly focusing on simplicial, cellular, and hypergraph neural networks as extensions of graph neural networks. We will assume a basic familiarity with linear algebra and calculus; all relevant concepts from graph theory and topology will be introduced.

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Weeks 47 & 48 (2024)

Speaker: Parvaneh Joharinad

Week 49 (2024)

Speaker: Nico Scherf

Description: In this lecture, I will introduce key concepts underlying deep generative models and provide an overview of various model classes. The focus will then shift to generative adversarial networks (GANs), with a possible introduction to variational autoencoders (VAEs) if time allows. This presentation is conceptual in nature, emphasizing intuitive understanding over theoretical or implementation details. My goal is to offer a clear and accessible overview of these topics. The content is based on Simon Prince's freely available textbook, Understanding Deep Learning (https://udlbook.github.io/udlbook/).

Weeks 50 (2024) & 3 (2025)

Speaker: Jan Ewald

Description: At the core of supervised and unsupervised learning are objective functions that are minimized (maximized) during the training of neural networks or by determining optimal strategies via mathematical modeling. However, despite their importance, they often find surprisingly little attention in publications and presentations to justify modeling and methodological AI decisions. In the lecture, we will discuss why they should get more awareness by exploring examples, summarizing objective/loss function types and ideas, as well as go through common pitfalls.

Weeks 4 & 5 (2025)

Speaker: Duc Luu

Weeks 6 (2025)

Speaker: Robert Hasse

Weeks 7 & 8 (2025)

Speaker: Guido Montufar

Weeks 9 & 10 (2025)

Speaker: Paul Breiding

Weeks 11 & 12 (2025)

Speaker: Angelica Torres

Weeks 13 (2025)

Speaker: Marzieh Eidi

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