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6.819 / 6.869: Advances in Computer Vision

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Lecture TR 9:30am - 11am (Room 34-101)



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Tools we will use

- Math: Linear algebra, geometry, multivariate calculus, optimization, probabilistic inference, machine learning, deep nets
- Coding: Python, numpy, scipy, Pytorch
 - Tutorials will be announced

Assignments

- Problem sets (60%)
- Final project (40%)
- No exams or quizzes

Problem sets

<http://6.869.csail.mit.edu/fa19/policy.html>

- Weekly psets
- Out on Thursday each week
- Usually due one week after
- Grades returned two weeks after due date [we will do our best to handle regrade requests if we made a mistake]
- The submission deadline will be 23:59 on Thursday. Late submissions will be accepted up to 7 days late, but grade decays linearly to half credit over this period. You will also have a total of 3 free late days that will not be penalized. Details at: <http://6.869.csail.mit.edu/fa19/policy.html>
- Collaboration policy
 - Psets should be done individually, unless otherwise stated (a few will be group projects)
 - You can talk each other, get advice, ask questions on Piazza – but writing and coding should be done individually, and never shared (except when specified in group projects)
- No hard copies. Submissions will be made electronically.
- Some problem sets will have extra problems only for those taking the graduate version of the course.

Final project

<http://6.869.csail.mit.edu/fa19/project.html>

We will provide a list of ~10 projects to pick from. List will be made public around Oct 15.

- Individually or pairs (recommended)
- Due on Dec 11
- Presentations week of Dec 9 (3-5 minutes each)
- Everybody presents

Materials

<http://6.869.csail.mit.edu/fa19/materials.html>

- Office hours (place and times to be announced on web site and Piazza)
- Use TA office hours for psets, Prof office hours for questions about lectures, projects; both can be used for general confusion
- Piazza: to ask questions to other students and TAs, send your questions using Piazza (avoid emails). Everybody is welcome to participate.
- Readings: We will be posting class notes for many of the lectures; the course materials link (above) lists other good resources, many of which are free online (Szeliski book, Deep learning text)

Course content



Lecture	Date	Topic
Week 1		
1	Thu 9/5/2019	Introduction. Simple vision systems.
Week 2		
2	Tue 9/10/2019	Describing the Signal: pinhole, computational, and corner cameras.
3	Thu 9/12/2019	Color
Week 3		
4	Tue 9/17/2019	Geometry, Stereo, Intrinsic-Extrinsic Camera Parameters
5	Thu 9/19/2019	Signal Processing
Week 4		
6	Tue 9/24/2019	Spatial Linear Filters
7	Thu 9/26/2019	Temporal Linear Filters
Week 5		
8	Tue 10/1/2019	Multi-Scale Pyramids

**cameras,
optics**

signals

9	Thu 10/3/2019	Introduction to Bayesian Inference. Color Constancy and Demosaicing.
Week 6		
10	Tue 10/8/2019	Statistical Models for Images
11	Thu 10/10/2019	Probabilistic Graphical Models
Week 7		
12	Thu 10/17/2019	Introduction to Machine Learning
Week 8		
13	Tue 10/22/2019	Neural Networks
14	Thu 10/24/2019	Stochastic Gradient Descent, Back Propagation
Week 9		
13	Tue 10/29/2019	Mechanisms of training and running networks
14	Thu 10/31/2019	Mechanisms of training and running networks
Week 10		
15	Tue 11/5/2019	Spatial NNs, CNNs, visualization of weights
16	Thu 11/7/2019	Temporal NNs, RNNs, LSTMs, Attention

**probabilistic
models,
inference**

**learning
(mostly deep)**

Week 11		
17	Tue 11/12/2019	Representation Learning
18	Thu 11/14/2019	Scene Understanding
Week 12		
19	Tue 11/19/2019	Vision and Language, Image Captioning, VQA
20	Thu 11/21/2019	Image Synthesis: structured prediction, generative models, GANs, autoregressive models
Week 13		
23	Thu 11/26/2019	How to do research; How to write papers; How to give talks
Week 14		
24	Thu 12/3/2019	Datasets, curation, biases and domain adaptation
25	Thu 12/5/2019	Vision for embodied agents

**advanced
topics and
applications**