Machine Learning Systems

A: Class Administration

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Principles of ML Systems

10 Lectures (FW26) covering:

- ML Systems Landscape
- Mapping to Hardware
- Model Compression
- Accelerators: GPUs, NPUs
- Frameworks and Run-times
- Single/Multi GPU Training

- Scalable Inference Serving
- Deep Learning Compilers
- Automated ML
- Federated Learning
- s Development Practices
 - MLOps related



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3 Labs (SW02), covering:

- MCU and Model Compression: Speech Recognition
 - Lab scheduled for Oct 20th -- Submit material: Nov 2nd
- Single/Multi-GPU Training
 - Lab scheduled for Nov 10th -- Submit material: Nov 23rd
- Federated Learning: Experiments and Deployment
 - Lab scheduled for Nov 17th -- Submit material: Nov 30th

(each lab counts for 10% of your final grade; total is 30%)

Moodle submission. zip file of Google Colab + txt file of Colab URL



Principles of ML Systems

- Lectures vs. Labs
- Lectures recorded
 - Available on Moodle (maybe posted on YouTube); subtitles available
 - Past lectures also available (very similar content)
 - You might be heard/seen in a recording, especially if you ask questions
 - if uncomfortable with this feel free to approach us via an alt. channel
- TA sessions, and Office Hours
 - TA General+Project (weekly w/ Filip; 11am Wed mix of online/in-person)
 - TA Labs (upon appointment)
 - Office Hours (upon appointment)
- No required textbook: Lectures have optional reading lists



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Pre-requisites

- 1. Comfortable with programming in Python
- 2. Undergraduate level: operating systems; computer architecture; machine learning
- 3. Familiarity with Deep Neural Networks (Intro Level)



Dive into Deep Learning https://d2l.ai/



Assessment: Class Project

Primary assessment of the class (70%)

- Individual or Teams (sorry but Part III and MPhil students can't be in the same group)
- Repository for code, decision planning, results and write up
- Repository access provided to assessors (myself + team)
- Primary output assessed: written report (submitted by moodle)
- Repository will used understand team contributions and process
- Assume your report will be public (unless otherwise requested)
- Report in format of NeurIPS conference paper (8 pages)
- Due: Start of Lent term (16/1/24 at 12:00 noon)



Assessment: Class Project

Example Projects (select projects from last year will be posted)

- Build an application applying some ML Sys ideas
- Explore a new direction (novelty is not a must)
- Leverage interesting hardware or architecture
- Detail an investigation to examine a direction of interest
- Replicating paper results
- Replicating expected system behavior (textbook etc.)

