Advanced Deep Learning Techniques

Course code: MLC_ADV

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Required skills

- basic knowledge of programing in Python
- high school level of mathematics
- Basics of machine learning on the level of our course Introduction to machine Learning

Course outline

- Neural network architectures (feed-forward, recurrent, convolutional, generative, autoencoders, Unet, GAN, attention layer)
- Optimizers and their evolution (Steepest Gradient Descent, Stochastic Gradient Descent, Mini-Batch
- Gradient Descent, Nesterov Accelerated Gradient, Adagrad, AdaDelta, Adam, Learning rate tuning)
- Loss functions and their properties (Mean squared error, Mean absolute error, Negative, Log Likelihood – cross entropy)
- Regularization in Neural Networks (Dropout, Early stopping, Data augmentation, Batch and layer normalization)
- Initialization (Gradient vanishing problem, Zero initialization, He initialization, Xavier initialization)
- Semi-supervised learning (Pseudo Labeling, Mean-Teacher, PI-Model)
- Practical examples of semi-supervised techniques applications
- Confidence estimation (Logit analysis, Confidence networks)
- Practical examples of confidence estimation
- AutoML approaches (Hyper-parameter optimization, grid search, Bayesian optimization, Meta-Learning, Neural network search)
- Practical examples with the AutoKeras
- ML Explainability (Interpretable models, Partial Dependence Plot, Permutation feature importance, Surrogate models, Activation Maximization, Grad CAM)

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