

Tufts Class #18:
Logistics for the Online Transition

Machine Learning (COMP 135): M. Allen, 25 Mar. 20

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Class Meetings

- ▶ All **Monday** meetings are canceled
- ▶ A live session will be held on **Wednesday mornings** (same time as before) via **Zoom**
 - ▶ Links can be found on the class Canvas site
 - ▶ This is an opportunity to ask questions, discuss material, etc.
 - ▶ Participation is optional but encouraged
 - ▶ Sessions will be recorded and posted to Canvas for later viewing in case you missed them
 - ▶ During live sections, you can ask questions by raising your hand (a Zoom feature), after which I can call on you, or using the in-class chat feature

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Lecture Materials

- ▶ Lectures delivered asynchronously, using pre-recorded videos
 - ▶ All lectures for any given week will be uploaded to Canvas by Monday of that week
 - ▶ Multiple shorter videos with slides, discussion, and exercises
 - ▶ Can be streamed on Canvas or downloaded for later/offline viewing
 - ▶ Slides will be posted to the class site, as usual, as well as to Canvas
- ▶ **Suggested best practice:** view the lectures over the couple days before Wednesday's live meeting; come to that meeting with questions you want answered, topics for further discussion, etc.

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Make-Up Midterm Exam

- ▶ A replacement exam, for those who wish to take it, will be delivered online via **Gradescope**
 - ▶ Will be up by this Friday (27 March)
 - ▶ Can be completed in any 90-minute block between then and 9:00 PM Eastern, Monday (30 March)
 - ▶ Honor code in effect!
- ▶ Anyone who wishes can take this exam, **but:**
 - ▶ If you take the online exam after already having taken the original, **only the online version** will be graded

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Course Grading

- ▶ Due to the online conversion and extension of break, we have removed two components from the course:
 1. Reduced homework assignments from 5 to 4
 2. Eliminated final exam
- ▶ This means that the 20% of the grade for the final exam, in the original course plan, is now distributed over the remaining items
 - ▶ Effectively, all percentage weights of remaining items are multiplied by 5/4
 - ▶ See class syllabus (on website) for details

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Course Grading, II

- ▶ Because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding this semester, new policies are in effect for this year
 - ▶ Students should familiarize themselves with these
 - ▶ Advisors and advising deans can help you if you are considering using these new options

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Office Hours

- ▶ Instructor and TA's will continue to hold office hours
 - ▶ Delivered via Zoom at regular times
 - ▶ Open to all without appointment
- ▶ The schedule is still under construction
 - ▶ Prof. Allen will hold hours Monday – Thursday, 4:00–5:00 PM
 - ▶ TA hours are TBA
 - ▶ Zoom links will be shared via Piazza and Canvas soon

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Next Week

- ▶ **Topics: Neural networks**
 - ▶ Readings linked from class website schedule page, as before
- ▶ **Assignments:**
 - ▶ Homework 04: out Monday, 30 March, due Monday, 13 April
 - ▶ Project 02: out Monday, 06 April, due Monday, 27 April
 - ▶ Final paper: out Monday, 27 April, due Friday 08 May
- ▶ **Make-up midterm:**
 - ▶ Posted to Gradescope by Friday (27 March)
 - ▶ Can be completed any time before end of Monday (30 March)
- ▶ **Office Hours: Zoom (link on Piazza/Canvas)**
 - ▶ Monday–Thursday, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - ▶ TA hours announced next week

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