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# Machine Learning HW1

## COVID-19 Cases Prediction

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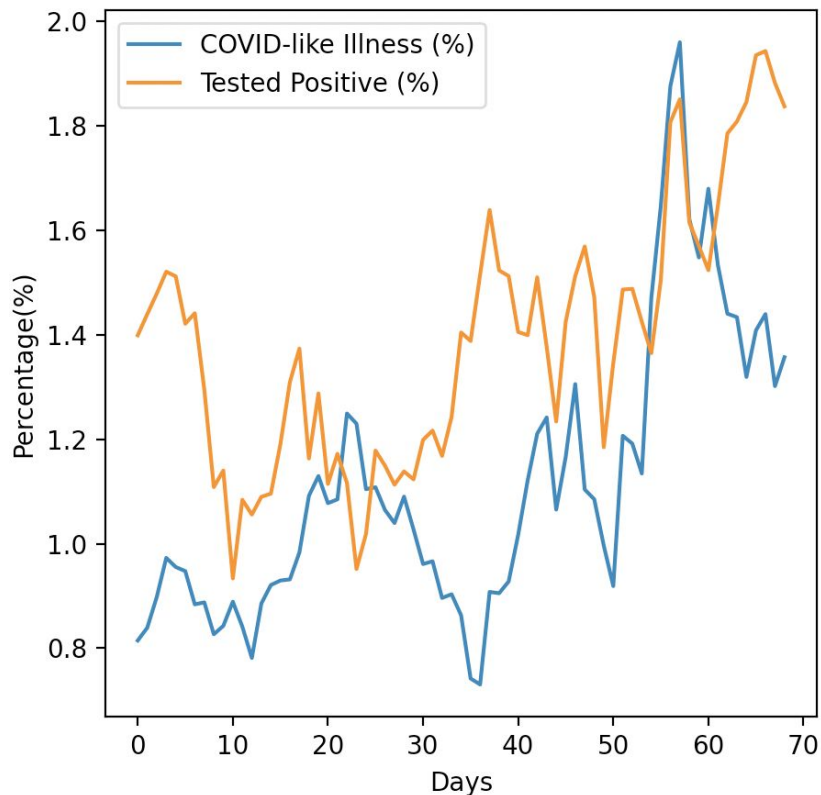
# Objectives

- Solve a **regression** problem with **deep neural networks** (DNN).
- Understand basic DNN training tips  
e.g. hyper-parameter tuning, feature selection, regularization, ...
- Get familiar with **PyTorch**.

# Task Description

- **COVID-19 Cases Prediction**
- Source: Delphi group @ CMU
  - A daily survey since April 2020 via facebook.

Do not attempt to find any related data!  
Using additional data is prohibited and  
your final grade x 0.9 !

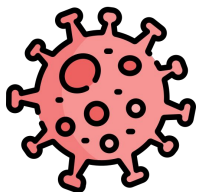


# Task Description

- Given survey results in the **past 3 days** in a specific **state** in U.S., then predict the percentage of **new tested positive cases** in the 3rd day.



survey

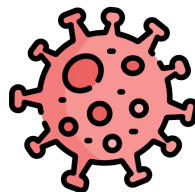


positive  
cases

Day 1



survey



positive  
cases

Day 2



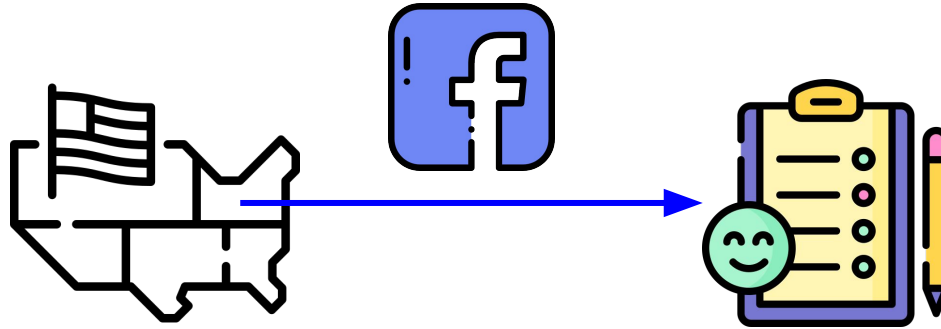
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positive  
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Day 3

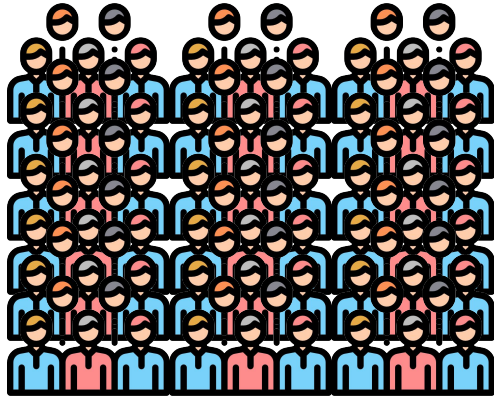
# Data -- Delphi's COVID-19 Surveys



Conducted surveys via facebook (**every day & every state**)

Survey: symptoms, COVID-19 testing, social distancing, mental health, demographics, economic effects, ...

# Data -- Delphi's COVID-19 Surveys



All population in a  
certain state of the U.S.



some samples



survey



**estimation for all  
population in that  
state  
(data we are using)**

# Data -- Delphi's COVID-19 Surveys

- **States** (40, encoded to **one-hot** vectors)
  - e.g. AL, AK, AZ, ...
- **COVID-like illness** (4)
  - e.g. cli, ili (influenza-like illness), ...
- **Behavior Indicators** (8)
  - e.g. wearing\_mask, travel\_outside\_state, ...
- **Mental Health Indicators** (5)
  - e.g. anxious, depressed, ...
- **Tested Positive Cases** (1)
  - **tested\_positive** (this is what we want to predict)

} Percentage



# Data -- One-hot Vector

- **One-hot vectors:**

Vectors with **only one element equals to one** while others are zero.

Usually used to encode discrete values.

If state code = AZ  
(Arizona)

**one-hot encoding**



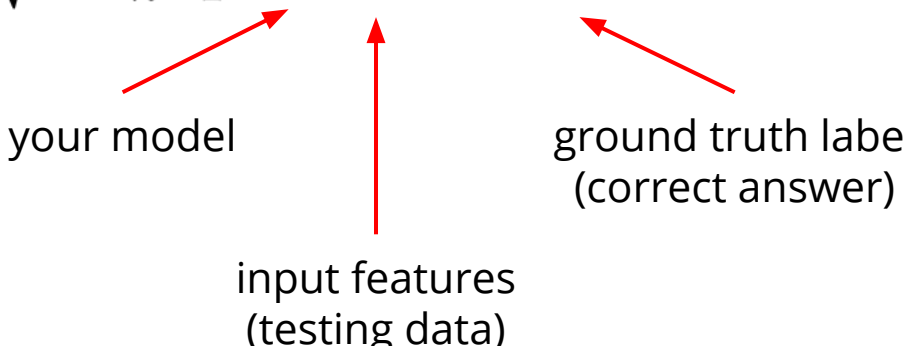
0	AL (Alabama)
0	AK (Alaska)
1	AZ (Arizona)
0	AR (Arkansas)
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0	WI (Wisconsin)

## 1 row = 1 sample

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# Evaluation Metric

- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(\mathbf{x}^n) - \hat{y}^n)^2}$$


your model

input features  
(testing data)

ground truth label  
(correct answer)

# Kaggle


- Link: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/ml2021spring-hw1>
- Displayed name: **<student ID>\_<anything>**
  - e.g. b06901020\_puipui
  - For auditing, don't put student ID in your displayed name.
- Submission format: **.csv** file
  - See sample code

```
1 id,tested_positive
2 0,0.0
3 1,0.0
4 2,0.0
5 3,0.0
6 4,0.0
```

# Kaggle -- Submission

- You may submit up to **5** results each day (UTC).
- Up to **2** submissions will be considered for the private leaderboard.

<a href="#">prediction_large.csv</a> 2 years ago by <a href="#">ntuee_jizz</a> model_large3_684_compressed.pth, size = 201KB, params: 93139 (rabbit ensemble)	0.65059	0.66341	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<a href="#">prediction_large.csv</a> 2 years ago by <a href="#">ntuee_jizz</a> model_large2_669_compressed.pth, size = 222KB, params: 103623	0.65394	0.65254	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



remember to select **2** results for your final scores before the competition ends!

# Grading

- Simple baseline (public) +1 pt (sample code)
- Simple baseline (private) +1 pt (sample code)
- Medium baseline (public) +1 pt
- Medium baseline (private) +1 pt
- Strong baseline (public) +1 pt
- Strong baseline (private) +1 pt
- Upload code to NTU COOL +4 pts

Total: **10** pts

# Grading -- Kaggle

- We might change the strong baseline if it's too hard.

#	Team Name	Notebook	Team Members	Score ?	Entries	Last
📍	----- strong baseline -----			0.88017		
📍	----- medium baseline -----			1.08443		
📍	----- simple baseline -----			2.03004		



# Grading -- Bonus

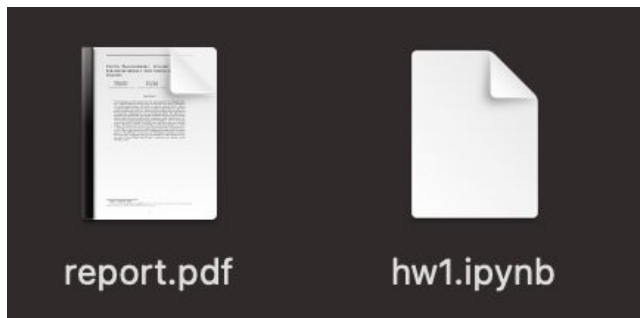
- If you got 10 points, we make your code **public** to the whole class.
- In this case, if you also submit **a PDF report briefly describing your methods** (<100 words in English), you get a bonus of **0.5 pt.**  
(your report will also be available to all students)
- [Report template](#)

# Code Submission

- **NTU COOL** (4pts)
  - Compress your code and report into  
**<student ID>\_hw1.zip**  
**e.g. b06901020\_hw1.zip**
  - We can only see your last submission.
  - Do not submit your model or dataset.
  - If your code is not reasonable, your semester grade x 0.9.

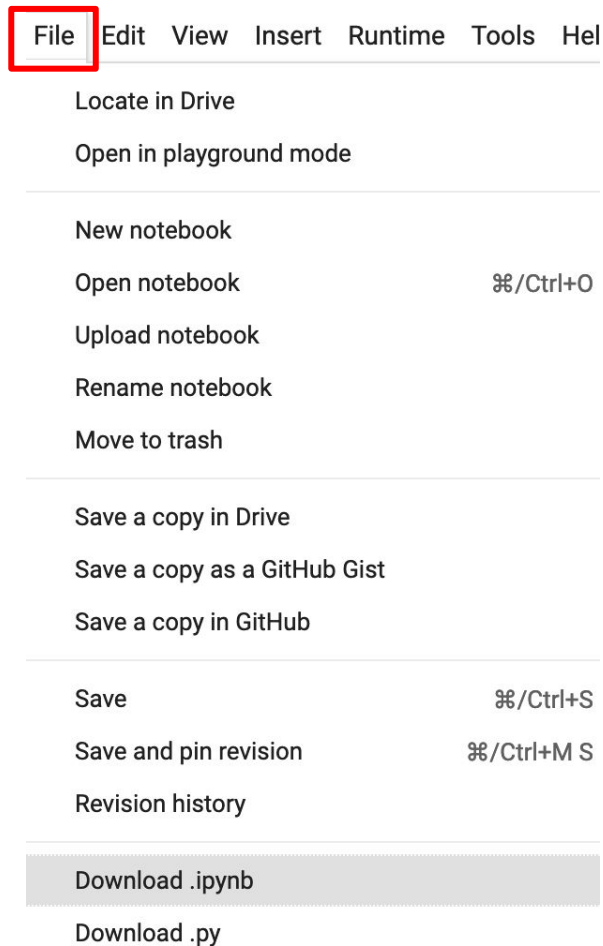
# Code Submission

- Your .zip file should include only
  - **Code:** either .py or .ipynb
  - **Report:** .pdf (only for those who passed **all** baselines)
- Example:



# Code Submission

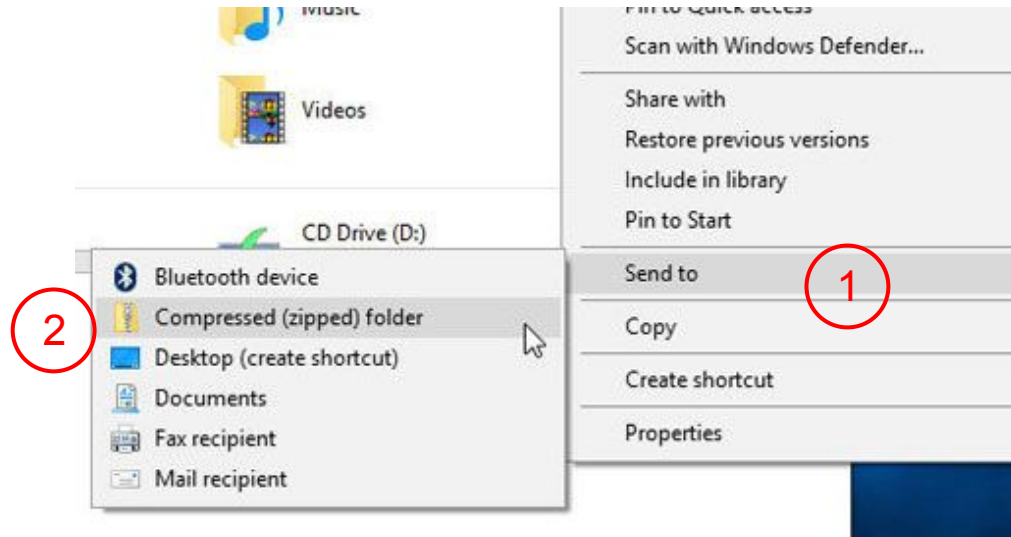
- How to download your code from Google Colab?



# Code Submission

- How to compress your folder?
- Method 1 (for Windows users)

- <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/zip-and-unzip-files-f6dde0a7-0fec-8294-e1d3-703ed85e7ebc>



# Code Submission

- How to compress your folder?
- Method 2 (for Mac users)
  - <https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/mchlp2528/mac>



Compress “b06901020\_hw1”

# Code Submission

- How to compress your folder?
- Method 3 (command line)

```
zip -r <name>.zip <directory name>
```

e.g.

```
zip -r b06901020_hw1.zip b06901020_hw1
```

# Deadlines

- Kaggle

**2021/03/26 23:59 (UTC+8)**

- Code Submission (NTU COOL)

**2021/03/28 23:59 (UTC+8)**

**No late submission!  
Submit early!**



# Hints

- **Simple Baseline**

- Sample code (TBA)

- **Medium Baseline**

- *Feature selection*: 40 states + 2 tested\_positive  
(will be demonstrated in class)

- **Strong Baseline**

- *Feature selection* (what other features are useful?)
- *DNN architecture* (layers? dimension? activation function?)
- *Training* (mini-batch? optimizer? learning rate?)
- *L2 regularization*
- There are some mistakes in the sample code, can you find them?

# Regulations Again

- You should finish your homework on your own.
- You should NOT modify your prediction files manually.
- Do NOT share codes or prediction files with any living creatures.
- Do NOT use any approaches to submit your results more than 5 times a day.
- Do NOT search or use additional data or pre-trained models.
- Your **final grade x 0.9** if you violate any of the above rules.
- Prof. Lee & TAs preserve the rights to change the rules & grades.

# If any questions, you can ask us via...

- NTU COOL (recommended)
  - <https://cool.ntu.edu.tw/courses/4793>
- Email
  - [ntu-ml-2021spring-ta@googlegroups.com](mailto:ntu-ml-2021spring-ta@googlegroups.com)
  - The title should begin with “[hw1]”
- TA hour
  - Each Friday during class

# Useful Links

- Hung-yi Lee, Regression & Gradient Descent (Mandarin)
  - ([link1](#), [link2](#), [link3](#), [link4](#), [link5](#), [link6](#))
- Hung-yi Lee, Tips for Training Deep Networks (Mandarin)
  - ([link1](#), [link2](#))
- Google Machine Learning Crash Course (English)
  - ([Regularization](#), [NN Training](#))
- <https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/index.html>
- <https://www.google.com/>

(If Google or Stackoverflow can solve your problems, you may take advantage of them before asking TAs.)

Have fun and wish you good luck!

