CS 639: Deep Learning for Computer Vision, Spring 2024 Problem Set 4

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Instructions

- 1. Download the zipped assignment file from Canvas.
- 2. Once you unzip the downloaded content, please upload the folder to your Google Drive. Then, open each *.ipynb notebook file with Google Colab by right-clicking the *.ipynb file. No installation or setup is required. For more information, please see this tutorial on using Colab.
- 3. Next, we recommend editing your *.py file on Google Colab, set the ipython notebook and the code side by side. Work through the notebook, executing cells and implementing the codes in the *.py file as indicated. You can save your work, both *.ipynb and *.py, in Google Drive (click "File" -> "Save" or press "Ctrl/Cmd + s") and resume later if you don't want to complete it all at once.
- 4. While working on the assignment, keep the following in mind:
 - The notebook and the python file have clearly marked blocks where you are expected to write code. **Do not write or modify any code outside of these blocks**.
 - **Do not add or delete cells from the notebook**. You may add new cells to perform scratch computations, but you should delete them before submitting your work.
 - Run all cells, and do not clear out the outputs, before submitting. You will only get credit for code that has been run.
- 5. Once you have completed a notebook, download the completed uniqueid_PS4.zip file, which is generated from your last cell of the style_transfer.ipynb file. Submit this to Canvas. Note that only one person from the group will need to do this.
- 6. You may complete the assignment individually or with a partner (i.e., maximum group of 2 people). If you worked with a partner, provide the name of your partner in the *.ipynb file. We will be using MOSS to check instances of plagiarism/cheating.

As part of this assignment, you will first implement generative adversarial networks and generate nice looking MNIST images. Then, you will work on style transfer algorithms.

The notebooks <code>generative_adversarial_networks.ipynb</code> and <code>style_transfer.ipynb</code> will walk you through those pipelines in PyTorch. You are required to write code on <code>gan.py</code> and <code>style_transfer.py.¹</code>

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¹ The coding assignment is adapted from Stanford CS 231n.

[OPTIONAL] Extra credit short answer problems [up to 0.5% each added to final class score]

Save your answers into a PDF, and submit it together with your code to Canvas.

- 1. Explain why VAEs tend to generate blurrier images than GANs.
- 2. What role does the discriminator play in the training process of a Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)?