CSC 4315: INTRODUCTION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Week 15, Lecture 30

Final Project Presentations and Course Review

Lecture Overview

This final lecture covers project presentation guidelines, provides a comprehensive course review, and offers guidance for continuing your AI journey.

Topics Covered:

- Final project requirements
- Project ideas
- Presentation best practices
- Course summary
- Next steps in AI

1. Final Project Guidelines

1.1 Project Requirements

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Summary

Key Takeaways:

- Projects evaluated on problem, method, implementation, results
- Choose problems relevant to your interests
- Presentations: visuals over text, practice timing
- Course covered: DL foundations, CNNs, sequence models, transformers

- Continue learning: Kaggle, papers, communities
- AI is rapidly evolving - stay curious!

Practice Exercises:

1. Finalize project implementation
2. Prepare presentation slides
3. Practice presentation timing
4. Prepare for Q&A;
5. Document code and results