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# CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition

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## Schedule and Syllabus

(The syllabus for the (previous) Winter 2015 class offering has been moved here ([syllabus\\_winter2015.html](#)).)

Unless otherwise specified the course lectures and meeting times are Monday, Wednesday 3:00-4:20, Bishop Auditorium in Lathrop Building (map (<http://campus-map.stanford.edu/?id=&lat=37.4292007889&lng=-122.167299117&zoom=16&srch=Bishop%20Auditorium>))

**Update:** The class has ended! There are many people to thank for making this class run smoothly: Andrej Karpathy (<https://twitter.com/karpathy>) for the class notes and lectures, Justin Johnson (<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/jcjohns/>) the assignments and lectures, Fei-Fei Li (<https://twitter.com/drfeifei>) for maintaining order, the entire TA team (<https://twitter.com/cs231n/status/707760595030781952>) for their hard work on grading, office hours, and class logistics, and our wonderful students for their valuable feedback! The final course projects were posted here (<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/reports2016.html>). You can find the raw lecture slides (Google Presentations) here (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B62MBK9B2knSY3ZmeHktSEhJNXM>) and feel free to use material from any of the slides. Stay in touch on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/cs231n>) or Reddit [r/cs231n](https://www.reddit.com/r/cs231n) (<https://www.reddit.com/r/cs231n>), and we'll see you again next year!

**Update2:** We had to take down the links to YouTube videos. Sorry about that. We're working on bringing them back, stay tuned.

Event Type	Date	Description	Course Materials
Lecture	Jan 4	Intro to Computer Vision, historical context.	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture1.pdf</a> )
Lecture	Jan 6	Image classification and the data-driven approach k-nearest neighbor Linear classification I	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture2.pdf</a> ) [video] [python/numpy tutorial] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial">http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial</a> ) [image classification notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/classification">http://cs231n.github.io/classification</a> ) [linear classification notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/linear-classify">http://cs231n.github.io/linear-classify</a> )
Lecture	Jan 11	Linear classification II Higher-level representations, image features Optimization, stochastic gradient descent	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture3.pdf</a> ) [video] [linear classification notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/linear-classify">http://cs231n.github.io/linear-classify</a> ) [optimization notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-1">http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-1</a> )

Lecture	Jan 13	Backpropagation Introduction to neural networks	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture4.pdf</a> ) [video] [backprop notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-2">http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-2</a> ) [Efficient BackProp] ( <a href="http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/lecun-98b.pdf">http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/lecun-98b.pdf</a> ) (optional) related: [1] ( <a href="http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Backprop/">http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Backprop/</a> ), [2] ( <a href="http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/chap2.html">http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/chap2.html</a> ), [3] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0pm3BrIUfo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0pm3BrIUfo</a> ) (optional)
Lecture	Jan 18	Holiday; No class.	
A1 Due	Jan 20	Assignment #1 (kNN/SVM/Softmax/2-Layer Net) Due date	[Assignment #1] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment1/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment1/</a> )
Lecture	Jan 20	Training Neural Networks Part 1 activation functions, weight initialization, gradient flow, batch normalization babysitting the learning process, hyperparameter optimization	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture5.pdf</a> ) [video] Neural Nets notes 1 ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/">http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/</a> ) Neural Nets notes 2 ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-2/">http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-2/</a> ) Neural Nets notes 3 ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/">http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/</a> ) tips/tricks: [1] ( <a href="http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/192769/tricks-2012.pdf">http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/192769/tricks-2012.pdf</a> ), [2] ( <a href="http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/lecun-98b.pdf">http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/lecun-98b.pdf</a> ), [3] ( <a href="http://arxiv.org/pdf/1206.5533v2.pdf">http://arxiv.org/pdf/1206.5533v2.pdf</a> ) (optional) Deep Learning [Nature] ( <a href="http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v521/n7553/full/nature14539.html">http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v521/n7553/full/nature14539.html</a> ) (optional)
Lecture	Jan 25	Training Neural Networks Part 2: parameter updates, ensembles, dropout Convolutional Neural Networks: intro	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture6.pdf</a> ) [video] Neural Nets notes 3 ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/">http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/</a> )
Lecture	Jan 27	Convolutional Neural Networks: architectures, convolution / pooling layers Case study of ImageNet challenge winning ConvNets	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture7.pdf</a> ) [video] ConvNet notes ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/">http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/</a> )
Proposal due	Jan 30	Couse Project Proposal due	[proposal description] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html</a> )
Lecture	Feb 1	ConvNets for spatial localization Object detection	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture8.pdf</a> ) [video]

Lecture	Feb 3	Understanding and visualizing Convolutional Neural Networks Backprop into image: Visualizations, deep dream, artistic style transfer Adversarial fooling examples	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture9.pdf</a> ) [video]
A2 Due	Feb 5	Assignment #2 (Neural Nets) Due date	[Assignment #2] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment2/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment2/</a> )
Lecture	Feb 8	Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) RNN language models Image captioning	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture10.pdf</a> ) [video] DL book RNN chapter ( <a href="http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/rnn.html">http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/rnn.html</a> ) (optional) min-char-rnn ( <a href="https://gist.github.com/karpathy/d4dee566867f8291f086">https://gist.github.com/karpathy/d4dee566867f8291f086</a> ), char-rnn ( <a href="https://github.com/karpathy/char-rnn">https://github.com/karpathy/char-rnn</a> ), neuraltalk2 ( <a href="https://github.com/karpathy/neuraltalk2">https://github.com/karpathy/neuraltalk2</a> )
Midterm	Feb 10	In-class midterm	
Lecture	Feb 15	Holiday; No class.	
Milestone	<b>Feb 17</b>	Course Project Milestone	
Lecture	Feb 17	Training ConvNets in practice Data augmentation, transfer learning Distributed training, CPU/GPU bottlenecks Efficient convolutions	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture11.pdf</a> ) [video]
Lecture	Feb 22	Overview of Caffe/Torch/Theano/TensorFlow	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture12.pdf</a> ) [video]
A3 Due	Feb 24	Assignment #3 (ConvNets) Due date	[Assignment #3] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment3/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2016/assignment3/</a> )
Lecture	Feb 24	Segmentation Soft attention models Spatial transformer networks	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture13.pdf</a> ) [video]
Lecture	Feb 29	ConvNets for videos Unsupervised learning	[slides] ( <a href="#">slides/winter1516_lecture14.pdf</a> ) [video]

Lecture	Mar 2	Invited Talk: Jeff Dean ( <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Dean_(computer_scientist)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Dean_(computer_scientist)</a> ) [video]	
Lecture	Mar 7	Student spotlight talks, conclusions	[slides] ( <a href="slides/winter1516_lecture15.pdf">slides/winter1516_lecture15.pdf</a> )
Poster Presentation	Mar 9		
Final Project Due	<b>Mar 13</b>	Final course project due date	[reports] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/reports2016.html">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/reports2016.html</a> )