# Practical Machine Learning Special topic: Covid-19 & ML

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## How machine learning is helping us

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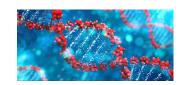
## In this lecture (workshop)

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## Techniques

- Regression models
  - Fitting a numerical sequence
  - Application: Predicting number of Covid-19 cases in New York
- Classification
  - Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, SVM, XGBoost
- High-dimentional visualization
  - PCA, t-SNE
- Clustering

Using genomic data



#### Libraries

- Numpy, Pandas
- Sklearn, XGB
- Biopython
- Matplotlib
- Seaborn

## Sequence classification

- Approach: Context-independent (Bag of words)
- Preprocessing: To format the input sequence in a specific format
  - Tokenize
  - Numericalize
  - Vectorize

### Sequence representations

- Context-independent: BoW, Word2Vec, Glove, TFIDF
- Left-to-right context: RNN (GRU, LSTM)
- Left-to-right & Right-to-left (bidirectional):
  - LSTM based: ELMO, ULMFiT...
  - Transformer-based: BERT, XLNet, GPT-2...

#### Book recommendation

