



# CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition

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## Schedule and Syllabus

Unless otherwise specified the course lectures and meeting times are Tuesday and Thursday 12pm to 1:20pm in the NVIDIA Auditorium in the Huang Engineering Center. (map (<https://campus-map.stanford.edu/?id=04-080&lat=37.42787956&lng=-122.17429865&zoom=17&srch=nvidia%20auditorium>))

This is the syllabus for the **Spring 2017** iteration of the course. The syllabus for the Winter 2016 (<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/2016/syllabus>) and Winter 2015 (<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/2015/syllabus>) iterations of this course are still available.

Event Type	Date	Description	Course Materials
Lecture 1	Tuesday April 4	<b>Course Introduction</b> Computer vision overview Historical context Course logistics	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture1.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture1.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT1JzLTH4G4&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT1JzLTH4G4&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Lecture 2	Thursday April 6	<b>Image Classification</b> The data-driven approach K-nearest neighbor Linear classification I	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture2.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture2.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoUX-nOEjG0&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoUX-nOEjG0&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) [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 3	Tuesday April 11	<b>Loss Functions and Optimization</b> Linear classification II Higher-level representations, image features Optimization, stochastic gradient descent	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture3.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture3.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7iBpEHGVNc&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7iBpEHGVNc&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) [linear classification notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/classification">http://cs231n.github.io/classification</a> ) [optimization notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-1">http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-1</a> )
Lecture 4	Thursday April 13	<b>Introduction to Neural Networks</b> Backpropagation Multi-layer Perceptrons The neural viewpoint	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture4.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture4.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d14TUNcbn1k&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d14TUNcbn1k&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) [backprop notes] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-2">http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-2</a> ) [linear backprop example] (handouts/linear-backprop.pdf) [derivatives notes] (handouts/derivatives.pdf) (optional) [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=q0pm3BrUfFo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0pm3BrUfFo</a> ) (optional)
Lecture 5	Tuesday April 18	<b>Convolutional Neural Networks</b> History Convolution and pooling ConvNets outside vision	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture5.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture5.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNb2fEVKeEo&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNb2fEVKeEo&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) ConvNet notes ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/">http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/</a> )

Lecture 6	Thursday April 20	<b>Training Neural Networks, part I</b> Activation functions, initialization, dropout, batch normalization	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture6.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture6.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEoyxE0GP2M&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEoyxE0GP2M&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) 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)
A1 Due	Thursday April 20	<b>Assignment #1 due</b> kNN, SVM, SoftMax, two-layer network	[Assignment #1] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment1/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment1/</a> )
Lecture 7	Tuesday April 25	<b>Training Neural Networks, part II</b> Update rules, ensembles, data augmentation, transfer learning	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture7.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture7.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JB0AO7QxSA&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JB0AO7QxSA&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) Neural Nets notes 3 ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/">http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/</a> )
Proposal due	Tuesday April 25	Couse Project Proposal due	[proposal description] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html</a> )
Lecture 8	Thursday April 27	<b>Deep Learning Software</b> Caffe, Torch, Theano, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, etc	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture8.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture8.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SlgtELqOWc&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SlgtELqOWc&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Lecture 9	Tuesday May 2	<b>CNN Architectures</b> AlexNet, VGG, GoogLeNet, ResNet, etc	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture9.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture9.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAOcjicFr1Y&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAOcjicFr1Y&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) AlexNet ( <a href="https://papers.nips.cc/paper/4824-imagenet-classification-with-deep-convolutional-neural-networks.pdf">https://papers.nips.cc/paper/4824-imagenet-classification-with-deep-convolutional-neural-networks.pdf</a> ), VGGNet ( <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.1556">https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.1556</a> ), GoogLeNet ( <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.4842">https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.4842</a> ), ResNet ( <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03385">https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03385</a> )
Lecture 10	Thursday May 4	<b>Recurrent Neural Networks</b> RNN, LSTM, GRU Language modeling Image captioning, visual question answering Soft attention	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture10.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture10.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6niqTuYFZLQ&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6niqTuYFZLQ&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) 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> )
A2 Due	Thursday May 4	<b>Assignment #2 due</b> Neural networks, ConvNets	[Assignment #2] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment2/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment2/</a> )
Midterm	Tuesday May 9	<b>In-class midterm</b> Location: Various ( <a href="https://piazza.com/class/j0vi72697xc49k?cid=1272">https://piazza.com/class/j0vi72697xc49k?cid=1272</a> ) ( <b>not</b> our usual classroom)	
Lecture 11	Thursday May 11	<b>Detection and Segmentation</b> Semantic segmentation Object detection Instance segmentation	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture11.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture11.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDPWywWRIro&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDPWywWRIro&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Lecture 12	Tuesday May 16	<b>Visualizing and Understanding</b> Feature visualization and inversion Adversarial examples DeepDream and style transfer	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture12.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture12.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wcs6szJWMY&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wcs6szJWMY&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> ) DeepDream ( <a href="https://github.com/google/deepdream">https://github.com/google/deepdream</a> ) neural-style ( <a href="https://github.com/jcjohnson/neural-style">https://github.com/jcjohnson/neural-style</a> ) fast-neural-style ( <a href="https://github.com/jcjohnson/fast-neural-style">https://github.com/jcjohnson/fast-neural-style</a> )

Milestone	Tuesday May 16	Course Project Milestone due	
Lecture 13	Thursday May 18	<b>Generative Models</b> PixelRNN/CNN Variational Autoencoders Generative Adversarial Networks	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture13.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture13.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WoltGTWV54&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WoltGTWV54&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Lecture 14	Tuesday May 23	<b>Deep Reinforcement Learning</b> Policy gradients, hard attention Q-Learning, Actor-Critic	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture14.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture14.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvoHnicueoE&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvoHnicueoE&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Guest Lecture	Thursday May 25	<b>Invited Talk: Song Han</b> ( <a href="https://stanford.edu/~songhan/">https://stanford.edu/~songhan/</a> ) Efficient Methods and Hardware for Deep Learning	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture15.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture15.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZdOkDtYMoo&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZdOkDtYMoo&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
A3 Due	Friday May 26	<b>Assignment #3 due</b>	[Assignment #3] ( <a href="http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment3/">http://cs231n.github.io/assignments2017/assignment3/</a> )
Guest Lecture	Tuesday May 30	<b>Invited Talk: Ian Goodfellow</b> ( <a href="http://www.iangoodfellow.com/">http://www.iangoodfellow.com/</a> ) Adversarial Examples and Adversarial Training	[slides] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture16.pdf">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2017/cs231n_2017_lecture16.pdf</a> ) [video] ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIfsB_EYsVI&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIfsB_EYsVI&amp;list=PL3FW7Lu3i5JvHM8ljYj-zLfQRF3EO8sYv</a> )
Lecture 16	Thursday June 1	Student spotlight talks, conclusions	[slides]
Poster Due	Monday June 5	<b>Poster PDF due</b>	[poster description] ( <a href="http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html">http://cs231n.stanford.edu/project.html</a> )
Poster Presentation	Tuesday June 6		
Final Project Due	<b>Monday June 12</b>	Final course project due date	[reports] ( <a href="reports.html">reports.html</a> )