## Deep Learning, MSc in Data Science Assignment 1: A Simple Classification Network

## **Description**

In this assignment you will build a deep classification network, optimised for the dataset CIFAR-10¹. You may build on/extend the example provided below, and in the classroom. Your solution must be a simple feedforward network. Any work you may choose to do with CNNs is extra and will not itself earn you extra marks – however it will lead to better accuracy.

In optimising your network, make sure you address the following aspects:

- 1. Data pre-processing
- 2. Depth and width of your network
- 3. Choice of activation and loss functions
- 4. Regularisation
- 5. Choice of learning optimisers
- 6. Hyper-parameters, such as batch size, epochs, learning rate, etc., depending on the chosen configuration.

<sup>1</sup> https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html

## **Template Code**

```
import keras
import numpy as np
import keras
import tensorflow as tf
from keras.datasets import mnist
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout
from keras.optimizers import SGD
batch_size = 128
num_classes = 10
epochs = 40
(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()
x_{train} = x_{train.reshape}(60000, 784)
x_{\text{test}} = x_{\text{test.reshape}}(10000, 784)
x_train = x_train.astype('float32')
x_test = x_test.astype('float32')
x_{train} /= 255
x_test /= 255
y_train = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_train, num_classes)
y_test = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_test, num_classes)
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(100, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))
model.add(Dense(100, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dense(num_classes, activation='softmax'))
model.summary()
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',
              optimizer=SGD(),
              metrics=['accuracy'])
history = model.fit(x_train, y_train,
                     batch_size=batch_size,
                     epochs=epochs,
```