

Choose one of the following two assignments. The due date is two weeks later before class starts.

1. Building a CNN Classifier

- Develop a CNN classifier for the CIFAR10 dataset based on the template codes for MNIST in class
- Explore transfer learning (such as resnet52 or other architectures) to boost the training process
- Plot training and test loss curves as a function of training epoch
- Experiment with different architectures and hyperparameters

2. Predicting Stock Prices with Neural Network

- Download historical stock price data for free from Yahoo Finance and choose the "Close" column
- Define a simple feed-forward neural network. Your network should take as input the closing prices for a certain number of previous days (for example, the previous 5 days), and output a single value representing the predicted closing price for the next day.
- Set proper error metric and optimizer.
- Analyze performance via training and test sets.