



# **CIS 678 Machine Learning**

Introduction to ML

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# Week 1 Plan

- **Get to know each other (networking)**
- Set up our course objective, guidelines, and evaluation procedure.
- **Introduction to ML**
- Set up our programming development environment(s), more specifically,
  - Google Colab(oratory) on your Google drive,
  - HPC cluster account (introduction)
- Basics of Math, Statistics, and Probability (Part 1)

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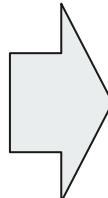
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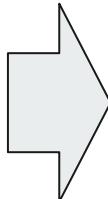
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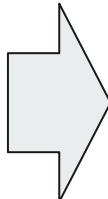
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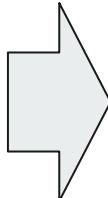
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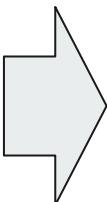
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# QA