I enjoyed this first lecture introducing us to the projects we will be working on. I think the integration with the Kaggle challenge is brilliant – it . It was interesting hearing from the first lecture that the Google AutoML platform is quite beatable for the average data scientist. We had been introduced to the platform in the course Practical Machine Learning and the lecturer had indicated to us that for most use-cases it wouldn’t be beatable due to some proprietary algorithms they had in-house. After this lecture I attempted the Colombia Kaggle challenge and found that I had beaten the platform on my first attempt. This makes me wonder if the promises of automated data science are more of a far-off concept than something that will actually take-hold of the industry in the coming years. Time will tell.