

Homework 0: Machine Learning Tools

CPE 487/587

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Ungraded

You are allowed to use a generative model-based AI tool for your assignment. However, you must submit an accompanying reflection report detailing how you used the AI tool, the specific query you made, and how it improved your understanding of the subject. You are also required to submit screenshots of your conversation with any large language model (LLM) or equivalent conversational AI, clearly showing the prompts and your login avatar. Some conversational AIs provide a way to share a conversation link, and such a link is desirable for authenticity. Failure to do so may result in actions taken in compliance with the plagiarism policy.

Additionally, you must include your thoughts on how you would approach the assignment if such a tool were not available. Failure to provide a reflection report for every assignment where an AI tool is used may result in a penalty, and subsequent actions will be taken in line with the plagiarism policy.

Submission instruction:

Upload a .pdf on Canvas with the format CPE487587-LastFirst-HW-XX. For example, if your name is Sam Wells, your file name should be CPE487587-LastFirst-HW-XX.pdf. If there is a programming assignment, then you should include your source code along with your PDF files in a zip file CPE487587-LastFirst-HW-XX.zip. Your submission must contain your name and UAH Charger ID or your UAH email address. Please number your pages as well.

All CPE 587 students are required to submit their response in a Latex-generated PDF.

Required only for students who have not taken CPE 486 or CPE 586.

1 Working with GitHub

Perform the following tasks:

1. Create a new GitHub account with a random ID name using English keywords, e.g **orange-unicorn** followed by gh. For example, if your keyword is **orangeunicorn**, then your Github

ID should **orangeunicorngh**. Make sure that **no** offensive or NSFW keywords should be used. You should report your unique keyword in the submitted PDF. Do not share this unique keyword with your classmates. **(2 Points)**

2. Install Git on your computer if it's not already installed.
3. Configure Git with your name and email. You do not need to use your UAH email for this purpose. I recommend creating a new Gmail account with the same username **orangeunicorn@gmail.com**. You will use this unique keyword for the entirety of the course. Replace **orangeunicorn** with your unique keyword. **(4 Points)**

```
git config --global user.name "orangeunicorn"  
git config --global user.email "orangeunicorn@gmail.com"
```

Replace the values as per your preference.

4. Create a new repository on GitHub named **hw00orangeunicorn**. Make sure that the repository you have created is public. **(2 Points)**
5. Clone it locally to your computer: **(2 Points)**

```
git clone https://github.com/orangeunicorngh/hw00orangeunicorn
```

Place a `hello.py` file in `hw00orangeunicorn` folder with a text `print("Hello!")`.

You should replace the repo URL accordingly. Change your current working directory to `hw00orangeunicorn` folder using the command line. **(2 Points)**

6. Create a new branch named "hw00": **(2 Points)**

```
git checkout -b hw00
```

7. Add your `hello.py` file to this branch. **(2 Points)**

```
git add hello.py  
git commit -m "Add hw 00 hello.py"
```

8. Create a file `.gitignore`. What purpose does `.gitignore` serve? **(4 Points)**
Add following content to the `.gitignore` file:

```
# -----  
# PYTHON  
#-----  
.ipynb_checkpoints/  
dist/  
*.egg-info/  
## -----  
# Visual Studio Code  
#-----  
.vscode/
```

Explain what would adding the above content to the .gitignore file do?

Next, add .gitignore file to git and commit it:

```
git add .gitignore  
git commit -m "Added gitignore file"
```

9. Push your branch to GitHub: **(2 Points)**

```
git push origin hw00
```

or you might need to do

```
git push -set-upstream origin hw00
```

Report your GitHub username. **(3 Points)**

2 Working with UV (45 points)

A part of this assignment asks you to install **UV** and create a Python package. It is recommended that you read the documentation at <https://docs.astral.sh/uv/>. Provide screenshots of your installation.

Install UV in your machine (or alternatively, you can install it in your Blackhawk server account).

1. Linux/Mac/WSL on Windows: **(2 Points)**

```
curl -LsSf https://astral.sh/uv/install.sh | sh
```

2. Create a package (replace **orangeunicorn** with your unique keyword.) (2 Points)

```
# Create a uv project
uv init --lib --package orangeunicorn --build-backend maturin --author-from git
cd orangeunicorn
# install python
uv python install 3.12
# create a virtual environment
uv venv --python 3.12
# activate virtual environment
source .venv/bin/activate
```

3. Let's look at the structure of the package: (5 Points)

```
-- Cargo.toml
-- pyproject.toml
-- README.md
\|-- src
|  |-- lib.rs
|  \|-- myawesomepackage
|     |-- _core.pyi
|     |-- __init__.py
|     |-- py.typed
```

Explain what each of those file mean and what their purpose is.

4. Create a subpackage called **differential**. (2 Points)
5. In subpackage, create a module named `discrete.py` and implement a function `diff` in Python for computing a discrete derivative of a timeseries data as follows. Consider a timeseries $x(t)$. The discrete derivative $v(t)$ of the timeseries is given by

$$v(t) = \frac{x(t_k) - x(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}}.$$

For this purpose, assume that the function `diff` takes two Python arrays as input (do not use Numpy Array) of equal length: (i) The first array should be the time value t_k , k is the index of time; (ii) The second array should be the signal value x . The function should be able to check for the equality of lengths. The function should return the computed discrete derivative $v(t)$ as a Python array. Make sure to add an inline comment to the function as shown in the example in the code snippet included in the Lecture slides. (10 Points)

It is your responsibility to make sure that the function is *importable*. See Lecture Slides 2 of CPE 486/586 for the reference.

6. Build your UV package using **(2 Points)**

```
uv build
```

7. Commit your UV package to your GitHub account created earlier. You must provide all the necessary commands you executed to commit the package to GitHub. **(2 Points)**
8. Add .whl file generated in dist folder as a result of uv build as a release to your GitHub repo. **(2 Points)**
9. Create another UV project for testing your package: **(2 Points)**

```
uv init difftest
cd difftest
uv venv --python 3.12
source .venv/bin/activate
uv add <enter the URL of your .whl release file>
```

10. Prepare your UV Virtual Environment for Jupyter Notebook. **(2 Points)**

```
cd difftest
source .venv/bin/activate
uv add --dev jupyter
uv add --dev ipykernel
# create a kernel for jupyter
uv run ipython kernel install --user --env VIRTUAL_ENV $(pwd)/.venv \
    --name=difftest

# Launch Jupyter Notebook
jupyter notebook
```

11. Create a new ipynb file with kernel set to difftest. **(2 Points)**
12. Import your UV package orangeunicorn (Change this name to your chosen keyword) and its required module to test diff function. Take the test data as **(2 Points)**

```
t = [0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 0.55, 0.67, 0.71]
x = [23.1, 22.5, 23.5, 21.88, 22.5, 23.5, 24.88]
```

13. Create two line plots with markers : (i) x vs t , (ii) v vs t , where v is the discrete derivative. Save the plot as a PDF and include it in your submission report. **(5 Points)**

3 Install Visual Studio Code and Important Extensions (15 Points)

Note: The following assignment is meant for macOS or Ubuntu Linux. If you have a Windows OS, please use WSL.

Perform the following tasks:

1. Download and install Visual Studio Code. (2 Points)

2. Go to your test UV environment difftest, activate the virtual environment there, and install the following packages: (2 Points)

```
uv pip install pandas matplotlib torch seaborn scikit-learn pygame
```

3. Open Visual Studio Code by typing (2 Points)

```
code
```

in the command line,

and click on the Extensions icon in the left sidebar (or press Ctrl+Shift+X).

4. Search for and install the following extensions: (2 Points)

- (a) Jupyter (Microsoft)
- (b) Jupyter Notebook Renderers (Microsoft)
- (c) Python (Microsoft)
- (d) Pylance (Microsoft)
- (e) Python Debugger (Microsoft)
- (f) Python Environments (Microsoft)
- (g) Remote – SSH (Microsoft)
- (h) Remote – SSH: Editing Configuration Files (Microsoft)
- (i) Remote Explorer (Microsoft)

5. Create a new file and save it as `vscodehw00.ipynb`. On the top right corner, click **Select Kernel** and choose the appropriate kernel you created earlier. (2 Points)

6. Enter the following code into your notebook and execute it

```
import torch
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print("Hello, Jupyter!")
```

Make sure the notebook is executed successfully.

(2 Points)

4 Working with Google Colab (25 Points)

Perform the following tasks:

Create a Google Colab notebook on <https://colab.research.google.com/>, name it hw00.ipynb.

1. Create a markdown cell, and enter your name and email address you created earlier. **(2 Points)**
2. Install some Python packages as follows by creating a new code cell and executing:

```
%reload_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
! pip install pandas matplotlib torch seaborn scikit-learn pygame
```

Please describe, what does

(2 Points)

```
%reload_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
```

3. Next, create another new code cell, and execute the following **(2 Points)**

```
import torch
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print("Hello, World!")
```

4. Create an account in <https://pypi.org/> with the unique keyword as your username. This will prepare you to upload a Python package to be installed using the `pip install` command. **(2 Points)**

5. Go back to your UV Project orangeunicorn (replace the project name with your chosen keyword) and upload the built package to PYPI using **(5 Points)**

```
uv publish
```

See <https://docs.astral.sh/uv/guides/package/#updating-your-version> for details.

You may also need to edit README.md that is auto-generated in the project folder so that it doesn't stay empty. An empty README.md might cause an error while uploading .whl package to <https://pypi.org/>.

Here, you may encounter two issues: (i) how to generate a Token as a password, (ii) naming issues with your .whl or .tar.gz file. You must figure out how to solve this as part of your assignment.

6. Go back to the Google Colab notebook.

In one of the cells, enter.

```
!pip install orangeunicorn
```

Restart the notebook Kernel. Test your function diff with the test data provided earlier and create two plots. Provide a publicly accessible URL of your Notebook as a part of your submission. **(5 Points)**

Provide a public URL to your Google Colab notebook. **(2 Points)**