

1. SUPERVISED LEARNING

1.1 Classification

A. Traditional Algorithms

Project 1: Email Spam Classifier

Description:

Students build a binary classifier to detect spam emails using classical ML algorithms (Logistic Regression, SVM, k-NN, Naive Bayes).

Dataset:

- SpamBase Dataset (UCI ML Repo)
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/spambase>

Expected Output:

- Notebook/script showing preprocessing, training, evaluation
 - Comparison of algorithms with accuracy scores
 - Confusion matrix + ROC curve
 - GitHub repo with README explaining the approach
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Project 2: Loan Approval Prediction

Description:

Predict whether a loan should be approved using Decision Trees & Ensemble methods (Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost).

Dataset:

- Loan Prediction Dataset (Kaggle — free download)
<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/ninzaami/loan-predication>

Expected Output:

- Implementation of multiple ensemble models
- Feature importance charts
- Final model with >80% accuracy

- GitHub repo with training code + report
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B. Deep Learning Approaches

CNN Projects

Project 3: Handwritten Digit Recognition (Plain CNN)

Dataset:

- MNIST (built-in in Keras/PyTorch)

Expected Output:

- Build basic CNN
 - Achieve >98% accuracy
 - Visualization of activations/filters
 - GitHub repo with model + evaluation
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Project 4: Image Classifier with ResNet

Dataset:

- CIFAR-10 (Keras/PyTorch built-in)

Expected Output:

- Build or use pre-trained ResNet
 - Train classifier for 10 categories
 - Output charts showing training progress
 - GitHub submission
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RNN Projects

Project 5: Text Sentiment Analyzer (LSTM/GRU)

Dataset:

- IMDb movie reviews (Keras built-in)

Expected Output:

- Build LSTM & GRU models
 - Compare accuracy/performance
 - Submit trained model + text demo script
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Transformer Projects

Project 6: Question Answering using BERT

Dataset:

- SQuAD v1.1 (free)
<https://rajpurkar.github.io/SQuAD-explorer/>

Expected Output:

- Fine-tune a BERT QA model
- Evaluate on sample questions
- Submit script to run QA from command line

(If GPU is unavailable, limit training to small batches or use DistilBERT.)

Project 7: Text Generation using GPT-2 (small)

Dataset:

- Students choose any free text corpus (news, Wikipedia subset)

Expected Output:

- Fine-tune GPT-2 small model
 - Generate paragraphs based on prompts
 - GitHub repository with inference script
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1.2 Regression

Traditional Algorithms

Project 8: House Price Predictor

Dataset:

- Boston Housing Dataset (Scikit-learn built-in)
or
- California Housing Dataset (also built-in)

Expected Output:

- Linear & Polynomial regression
 - Tree-based regressors
 - RMSE & MAE comparison
 - GitHub README with evaluation
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Deep Learning for Regression

Project 9: Stock Price Prediction with MLP

Dataset:

- Yahoo Finance free CSV (any stock — students choose)

Expected Output:

- Build regression MLP
 - Predict next-day closing price
 - Plot predicted vs actual values
 - Git repo with preprocessing + model
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2. UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

2.1 Traditional Algorithms

Project 10: Customer Segmentation using Clustering

Dataset:

- Mall Customers Dataset (Kaggle — free)
<https://www.kaggle.com/vjchoudhary7/customer-segmentation-tutorial>

Expected Output:

- K-Means, Hierarchical, DBSCAN
 - Visualize clusters
 - Provide business interpretation
 - GitHub code + plots
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Project 11: Image Compression using PCA

Dataset:

- Use any set of free images (CIFAR-10 or custom downloaded images)

Expected Output:

- Apply PCA to reduce dimensions
 - Reconstruct images
 - Compare compressed vs original images
 - GitHub repo with scripts
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2.2 Deep Unsupervised Learning

Project 12: Autoencoder for Noise Removal

Dataset:

- MNIST or Fashion-MNIST

Expected Output:

- Add noise to images
 - Train autoencoder to recover clean images
 - Submit before/after comparison plots
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Project 13: GAN — Generate Handwritten Digits

Dataset:

- MNIST

Expected Output:

- Build simple GAN
 - Train until it generates recognizable digits
 - Save generated images to GitHub
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3. SEMI-SUPERVISED LEARNING

Project 14: Pseudo-Labeling on CIFAR-10

Dataset:

- CIFAR-10 (Keras/PyTorch built-in)

Expected Output:

- Train initial small labeled model
 - Generate pseudo-labels for unlabeled data
 - Retrain improved model
 - Submit accuracy improvement report + code
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4. REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

Project 15: FrozenLake Agent (Q-Learning)

Dataset / Environment:

- OpenAI Gym — FrozenLake-v1 (free)

Expected Output:

- Train tabular Q-learning agent

- Plot reward curve
 - Demonstrate solved environment
 - Submit Q-table + training code
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Project 16: DQN — CartPole Balancing

Dataset / Environment:

- OpenAI Gym — CartPole-v1

Expected Output:

- Build DQN from scratch
- Achieve ≥ 200 average reward
- Provide training graph
- Git repo with model & saved weights