Deep Generative Models
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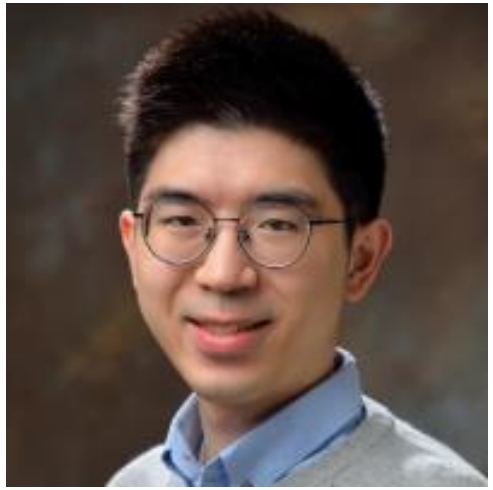

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Office Hours

- Office Hours will start 09/02
- Professor René Vidal: Thursday 5pm-5:45pm, WLNT 463C

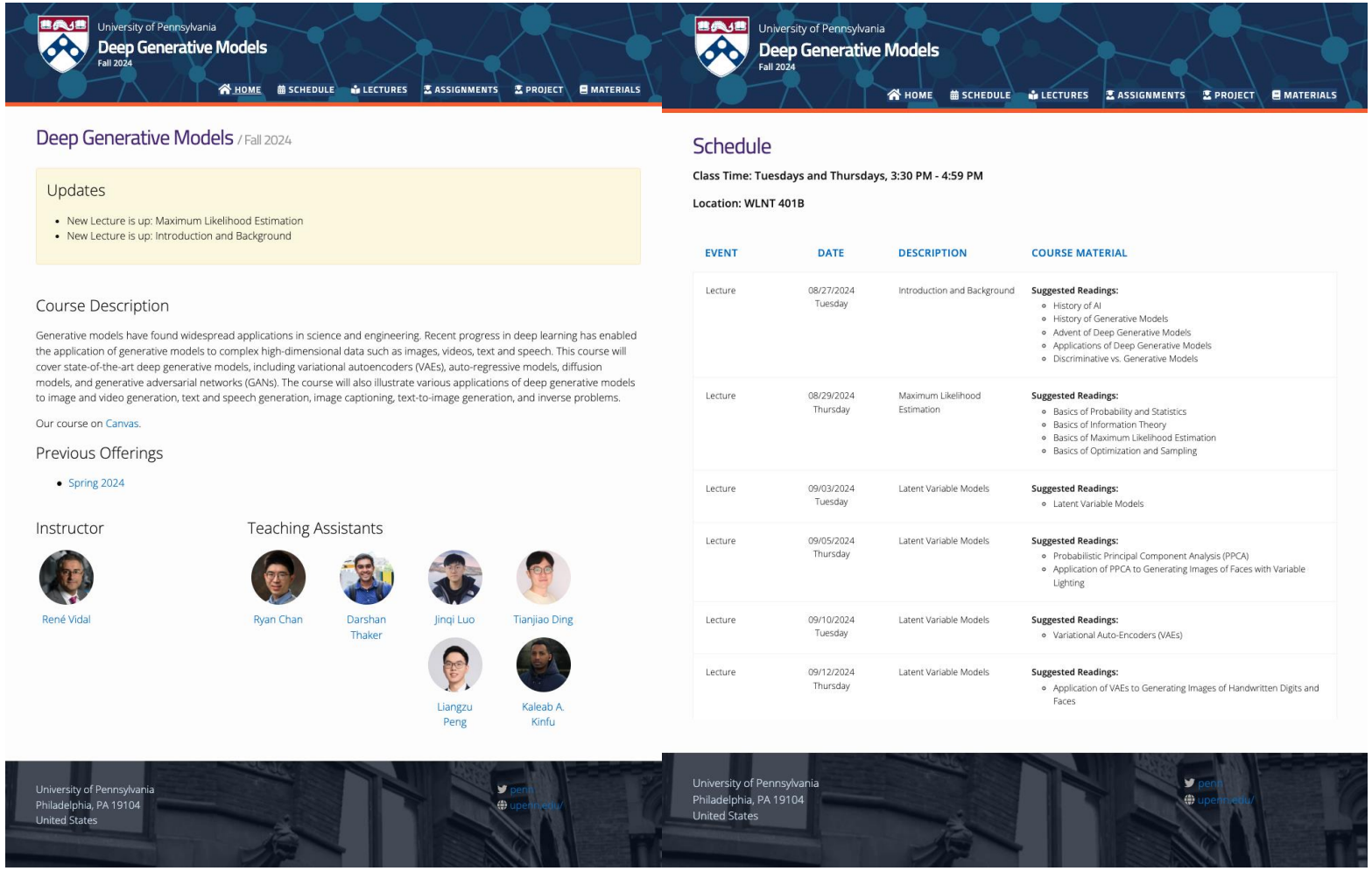
- TAs will rotate office hours every three weeks.
  - Darshan and Tianjiao: Tues 2-3pm. 09/03, 09/24, 10/15, 11/05
  - Ryan and Liangzu: Fri 12:30-1:30pm. 09/13, 10/04, 10/25, 11/15
  - Jinqi and Kaleab: Wed 3-4pm. 09/18, 10/09, 10/30, 11/20

- Location: WLNT 452C

- TAs will hold extra office hours on the week that homework is due.
- For extra OHs with René, feel free to email Sonia Castro Rodriguez soniacr@seas.upenn.edu

Course Website

- Please check our website for course updates:
  - https://vidal-lab.github.io/dgm/



Course Information: Background

- Graduate-level course

- **Prerequisites**: Students should be comfortable with
  - **Multivariate calculus, linear algebra, and optimization**: gradient, Hessian, eigenvalue decomposition, singular value decomposition, first and second order conditions for minima/maxima, gradient descent, alternating minimization, Lagrange Multipliers
  - **Probability, statistics, information theory**: random variables, expectation, variance, covariance, maximum likelihood, expectation maximization, entropy, mutual information
  - **Programming**: Python

- Prior exposure to **machine learning** (e.g., ESE 4200, CIS 5190 or CIS 5200) is a plus.

Course Information: Books and Grading

- Text(s)/Required Materials:
  - Deep Generative Modeling, Jakub M. Tomczak, Springer Verlag, 2022 (https://link-springer-com.proxy.library.upenn.edu/book/10.1007/978-3-030-93158-2)
  - Generalized Principal Component Analysis, René Vidal, Yi Ma, Shankar Sastry, Springer Verlag, 2016 (https://link-springer-com.proxy.library.upenn.edu/book/10.1007/978-0-387-87811-9)

- Grading
  - Homework (60%): 3 mini-projects on different paradigms of generative models
    - Due roughly end of September, end of October, end of November
  - Project (40%): text-to-image generation and editing
    - Due on exam day

Course Syllabus

- Introduction (Week 1)
  - History of AI, History of Generative Models (GMs), Advent of Deep GMs, Applications

- Background (Week 1 and 2)
  - Basics of Probability, Statistics, Information Theory, and Optimization
  - Discriminative vs Generative Models
  - Taxonomy of Generative Models
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Latent Variable Models (Week 3, 4 and 5)
  - Variational Inference and Expectation Maximization
  - Probabilistic Principal Component Analysis (PPCA)
    - Application of PPCA to Generating Images of Faces with Variable Lighting
  - Variational Auto-Encoders (VAEs)
    - Application of VAEs to Generating Images of Handwritten Digits

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- Shallow Auto-regressive Models (Week 6)
  - Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)
    - Application of HMMs to Surgical Activity Recognition
  - Linear Dynamical Systems (LDSs)
    - Application of LDSs to Generating Videos of Dynamic Textures
- Deep Auto-regressive Models (Week 7, 8, and 9)
  - Recursive Neural Networks (RNNs)
    - Application to Speech Synthesis: WaveNet
    - Application to Image Captioning: RNN + VAE
  - Transformers (Transformer, Vision Transformer, Multimodal Transformers)
    - Application to Text Generation:
    - Application to Text-to-Image Generation: DALLE (auto-regressive model + VAE)

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- Hybrid Models (Week 10)
  - Variational Autoencoders with Structured Encoders (GNNs, Transformers) and Priors (Autoregressive)
    - Applications to Image Captioning, Video Generation and Room Decoration.
- Diffusion Models (Week 11 and 12)
  - Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models (DDPM)
  - Diffusion Models with Latent Variables
  - Implementation details (Unet, StyleGAN)
  - Applications
    - Image Inpainting
    - Generating Images from Text: CLIP Guided Diffusion
- Generative Adversarial Networks (Week 13 and 14)
  - GANs, Wassertein GAN, BiGAN, Style GAN
  - GAN Inversion
    - Application to Image Defenses, Image Denoising, Image Generation

Student Code of Conduct

- Read University Policy:
  - https://grad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/student-code-of-conduct/

- You must not misrepresent someone else's work as your own. You can avoid this in two ways:
  - Do not use work (including code) from someone else.
  - Give proper credit if you do use someone else's work.
- Naturally, even if you give appropriate credit, you will only receive credit for your original work, so for this class you should stick with option #1.
- All cases of confirmed cheating/plagiarism will be reported to the Student Ethics Board.
- Homeworks and projects are strictly individual unless stated otherwise.

Exit Quiz

- To improve our class, we will have exit quiz that survey your opinions and comments for the course.
  - They are not mandatory and won't count towards your grade.

- Due every end of the week.

Registration & Auditing

- Number of registered students: ~50
- Number of students in the waiting list: ~40
- Capacity of WLNT 401B: ~ 54
- I’m really sorry since a larger room is not available, we will not be able to accept auditing students. All students must be registered.