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CS 765: Foundations of Neurocomputation

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Course Objectives: This course is designed to help you develop a solid understanding of neural network algorithms and architectures. At the end of this course you should be able to read and critically evaluate most neural network papers published in major journals, e.g. IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks, Neural Networks, and Neural Computation. In addition, you should be able to implement a broad range of network architectures and learning algorithms for a variety of applications.

Prerequisites: Familiarity with multivariate calculus, linear algebra and matrix algebra.
Familiarity with algorithmic complexity concepts and programming.

Textbooks:
Required: Neural Networks A Comprehensive Foundation by Simon Haykin, Prentice-Hall, 1999
Recommended: If you are not familiar with Matlab, obtain a book on programming in Matlab such as: Mastering Matlab 7, by D. Hanselman and B. Littlefield, Prentice-Hall, 2005

Workload: 2-3 Programming / Homework Exercises 39%
1 Course Project / Presentation 30%
1 Midterm Examination 20%
1 Final Examination 20%

Topics:
Introduction to artificial neural networks
Overview of principles and methods of neural computing
Single layer networks
Multilayer networks
Radial-Basis function networks
Self-organizing maps and vector quantization
Neurodynamics
Recurrent networks
Applications of Neural Networks
Project Presentations