Deep Learning: an Introduction

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Deep Learning techniques are at the heart of the recent revolution in Artificial Intelligence that has opened many new perspectives for engineering applications. On a closer look, nonetheless, such techniques appear to be more evolutionary - in terms of substantial improvements over existing methods - than revolutionary. This short course is intended as a first and reasonably self-contained introduction to the topic, with the purpose of analyzing Deep Learning in a broader theoretical context and exploring the reasons of its unquestionable success, in several specific application cases.
Programme

Friday, May 4, 2:15 pm - 4:30 pm, Aula 8 Nuovo Polo floor 1
**Machine learning: Artificial Neural Networks**
- An introductory example: linear regression
- Representation: artificial neural networks as universal approximators
- Evaluation: loss functions
- Optimization: gradient descent, stochastic gradient descent, mini-batch gradient descent

Friday, May 11, 2:15 pm - 4:30 pm, Aula 8 Nuovo Polo floor 1
**Deep Learning for Neural Networks**
- Deep network representation: fundamentals, potential advantages and major issues
- The choice of non-linear functions: ReLU
- More tricks: batch normalization, dropout
- Beyond gradient descent: momentum, Nesterov, AdaDelta, AdaGrad

Friday, May 18, 2:15 pm - 4:30 pm, Aula 8 Nuovo Polo floor 1
**Deep Convolutional Neural Networks**
- The ImageNet challenge
- Convolutional filters: representation and gradients
- Max pooling, normalizations: representation and gradients
- Advanced architectures: Inception and ResNet
- Transfer learning
- Representation in deep layers, adversarial generation, merging
- Beyond single-object classification: object location, segmentation (hints)

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