# **MLDG**

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#### What is the MLDG?

It is an informal group for discussing the latest work in the field of Machine Learning. We usually discuss a paper from a recent conference(NIPS,ICML...) each meeting.

### When and where do we meet?

This Spring we will meet every Friday@4:00pm in 344 Gates Hall (Breakout room).

## Papers Read

#### - Fall 2013

Date	Presenter	Topic(s)	Resources/Papers	Other activities/ comments
9/6/2013	Ruben	General ML	A Few Useful Things to Know about Machine Learning	
9/20/2013	Karthik	Active Learning, Crowdsourcing	Tutorial style discussion. Focus on Pairwise Ranking Aggregation in a Crowdsourced Setting	Paul Bennett (Al Seminar)
9/27/2013	Ashwin	Method of moments	A bit of background from  1) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Method_of_moments_(statistics) 2) Chapter 7 of the following book. Followed by freeform discussion on http://newport.eecs.uci.edu/anandkumar/pubs /AnandkumarEtal_mixtures12.pdf	
10/4/2013	Adith	Distributed Representations	Freeform discussion. The Parallel Distributed Processing Approach to Semantic Cognition	
10/18 /2013	Hema	Vision	-	
10/25 /2013	Chenhao	Practice Talk	-	
11/1/2013	Ashesh	Human-In-Loop Learning	Fine-Grained Crowd sourcing for Fine-Grained Recognition	
11/15 /2013	Stefano			
11/22 /2013	Yin			

### - Summer 2013

Date	Торіс	Paper	Discussion Leader
7/18	Inverse Reinforcement Learning	Tutorial	Ashesh
7/11	Bayesian Nonparametrics	Dirichlet processes, its variants and applications	Yun
6/27	Deep Learning	Deep Learning (Examples, Thoughts and Ideas)	Moontae
6/13	Bioinformatics	Tutorial on Machine Learning problems in Bioinformatics and Genetics	Brad
6/6	Structured Learning	A Structural SVM Based Approach for Optimizing Partial AUC	Ruben
5/23	Deep Learning	Tutorial on Deep Learning	lan

## - Spring 2013

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
4/26	Locality-Sensitive Hashing	Kernelized Locality-Sensitive Hashing	Anshu
4/12	Metric Learning	A Geometric Take on Metric Learning	Ozan
4/5	Metric Learning	Robust Structural Metric Learning	Karthik
3/15	Submodularity	An Online Algorithm for Maximizing Submodular Functions	Karthik
3/08	Large-Scale Learning	Random Features for Large-Scale Kernel Machines	Anshumali
3/01	Large-Scale Learning	Scaling Up Coordinate Descent Algorithms for Large L_1 Regularization Problems	Ashesh
2/22	Causal Learning	On causal and anticausal learning	Chenhao
2/15	Submodularity	Algorithms for Approximate Minimization of the Difference	Ruben
2/8	Large-Scale Learning	Block Splitting for Large-Scale Distributed Learning	Moontae

### - Fall 2012

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
11/16	Submodularity	Learning Mixtures of Submodular Shells with Application to Document Summarization	Ruben & Karthik
11/9	Generative Models	Exploiting compositionality to explore a large space of model structures	Jason
10/19	Generative Models	Revisiting k-means: New Algorithms via Bayesian Nonparametrics	Karthik
10/12	Generative Models	An Innite Latent Attribute Model for Network Data	Ruben
9/28	Generative Models	Sparse Additive Generative Models of Text	Adith
9/14	Time Series Analysis	Searching and Mining Trillions of Time Series Subsequences under Dynamic Time Warping	Ashesh
9/7	Statistical Estimators	Bag of Little Bootstraps	Karthik

## - Spring 2012

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
4/6	Machine Learning and Game Theory	Machine Learning Markets	Karthik

### - Fall 2011

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
11/2	Deep Learning	Parsing Natural Scenes and Natural Language with Recursive Neural Networks	Abhishek & Ainur
10/19	Graphical Models	Spectral Algorithm for Latent Tree Graphical Models	Karthik
10/5		Trading Representability for Scalability: Adaptive Multi-Hyperplane Machine for Nonlinear Classication	Nikos
9/28	Submodularity	Submodularity tutorial	Ashwin
9/21	Graphical Models	Minimum Probability Flow Learning	Nikos
9/14	Submodularity	Submodular meets Spectral	Karthik
9/7	Deep-Learning, Graphical Models	Sum-Product Networks: A New Deep Architecture	Karthik

## - Spring 2011

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
4/29, 5/6, 5/13	Variational Methods	Tutorial on Variational Approximation Methods	Nikos
4/22	Deep Learning	Deep Boltzman Machines	Ainur
4/15	Deep Learning	Multimodal Deep Learning	Akram
4/8	Deep Learning	Fast Learning Alg. for Deep Belief Nets	Akram
4/1	Semi-Supervised Learning	Optimal Reverse Prediction	Nikos

3/11	Game Theory and Learning	Game-Theoretic Approach to Apprenticeship Learning	Ruben
3/4	Game Theory and Learning	Game Theory, On-line Prediction and Boosting	Karthik
2/25	Multi-Task Learning	Tree-Guided Group Lasso for Multi-Task Regression with Structured Sparsity	Bishan

### - Fall 2010

Date	Topic	Paper	Discussion Leader
11/12	Vision	A Neuromorphic Approach to Computer Vision	Jason
11/5	Metric Learning	Metric Learning to Rank	Karthik
10/29	Clustering	Mining Clustering Dimensions	Ruben

## Who attends the MLDG?

The group is mainly attended by graduate students. The senior organizers are Ruben and Karthik. Suggestions for topics or papers to discuss are always welcome.

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