STA 380: Bayesian Deep Learning
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Course Description:

This Ph.D.-level course will discuss research topics lying at the intersections of Bayesian methods and deep neural networks. We will learn typical ways to construct probabilistic deep learning models and perform approximate Bayesian inference. I will give about five lectures, including topics such as Bayesian neural networks, variational auto-encoders, generative adversarial nets, deep reinforcement learning, deep learning based graph analysis, and deep discrete latent variable models. In the remainder of the semester, the students of the class will be presenting classical/recent research papers in Bayesian deep learning and related topics.

To follow the progress of the class and be able to present recent research papers in Bayesian deep learning, the students are expected to have a good understanding in probabilistic modeling and Bayesian inference. A good indication of having sufficient background to take the class is that a student is already familiar with the topics listed in "Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, by Christopher Bishop" and "Machine Learning: a Probabilistic Perspective, by Kevin Murphy."

Materials:

- The following textbook is recommended but not required:

    Deep Learning, by Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, and Aaron Courville.

- Software:

    Python (PyTorch or TensorFlow)