



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PUNE  
End-Semester Examination, 2023 August Semester

Course Name: <b>Mathematics of Network Algorithms</b>	Course Code: <b>DS4114/DS6144 and MT4154/MT6174</b>
Date of Exam: <b>November 20, 2023</b>	Duration: <b>2 hours</b>
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**Instructions:** All questions are compulsory. No queries will be entertained during the mid-term exam. Use your judgment about any possible doubts.

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- Q.I. (a) ( 5 pts) Justify why *cross-entropy cost function* is more useful than *quadratic cost function* when the activation function is sigmoid.  
(b) ( 4 pts) Define *regularisation*. Explain techniques for it.
- Q.II. (a) ( 5 pts) Describe a flow of designing ML/DL algorithm.  
(b) ( 4 pts) Define *constrained optimization* and *Karush–Kuhn–Tucker* approach.
- Q.III. (a) ( 5 pts) Consider a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . Justify that there an artificial neural network that uses sigmoid as an activation function and approximates the function  $f$ .  
(b) ( 4 pts) Explain *convolutional neural networks* and *recurrent neural networks*.
- Q.IV. (a) ( 3 pts) Use gradient based optimisation to find  $\mathbf{x}$  that minimizes  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 1/2 \cdot \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$ .  
(b) ( 2 pts) Define the following terms with examples:  
(i) Iterated  $k$ -fold validation, and (ii) Feature Engineering.  
(c) ( 2 pts) Consider the sigmoid function  $\sigma(z)$ . Prove that  $\sigma'(z) = \sigma(z) \cdot (1 - \sigma(z))$ .
- Q.V. (a) ( 2 pts) Explain *stochastic gradient descent* method and justify its use.  
(b) ( 2 pts) Define soft-max activation function and justify its use.  
(c) ( 2 pts) Explain vanishing gradient problem using a simple artificial neural network.