

**MSc (AIML) Sem.-3**  
**Deep Learning Fundamentals**  
**December-2025**

Time : 3.00 Hours]

[Max.Marks : 100

- NOTE :** (1) Write both the sections in the separate answer books  
 (2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.  
 (3) Make necessary assumptions wherever necessary.

**SECTION-I**

- Q.1 Answer the following (Attempt Any 2)** **[20]**
- (a) What is stride in convolution? Explain how stride, padding, and pooling affect output size and feature extraction. 10
- (b) Describe the steps of the backpropagation algorithm for a two-layer network and compute gradients for a sample loss function. 10
- (c) What are activation functions? Explain in detail any three advanced activation functions and justify when each should be used. 10
- Q.2 Answer the following questions in details** **[20]**
- (a) Compare LSTM, GRU, and Auto-Regressive Networks in terms of architecture, memory gating, and application scenarios. 10
- (b) Discuss the steps involved in designing and training a CNN for image recognition 5
- (c) Write a note on VGGNet 5
- Q.3 Answer the following** **[10]**
- (a) Draw labelled diagrams for RNN, GRU and Bidirectional RNN. Explain how they differ in learning temporal dependencies.

**SECTION-II**

- Q.4 Answer the following (Attempt Any 2)** **[20]**
- (a) Explain the Bias-Variance decomposition for deep neural networks. Analyze how model complexity influences the bias-variance tradeoff, and discuss strategies to achieve optimal generalization. 10
- (b) State and explain the Universal Approximation Theorem. Provide mathematical justification and discuss the practical challenges when using the theorem in deep learning model design. 10
- (c) Describe the architecture of a vanilla Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP). Explain forward pass, activation functions, and capacity control including width, depth, and weight regularization. 10
- Q.5 Answer the following questions in details (Any 2)** **[20]**
- (a) Discuss regularization strategies used in deep models including early stopping, dropout, and penalty-based regularization. 10
- (b) Write a short note on emerging deep learning trends such as transformers, self-supervised learning, efficient architectures, and model quantization. 10
- (c) Outline phases of a complete deep learning workflow including dataset creation, model training, validation, hyperparameter tuning, deployment, and monitoring. 10

**Q.6 Answer the following as asked****[10]**

1. Define Adversarial Training.
  2. What is parameter norm penalty?
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ networks use a hierarchical (tree-like) computation structure.
  4. Dropout is used to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Kernel size in convolution determines \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. Natural gradient methods improve optimization. (True/False)
  7. Pooling reduces spatial dimensions of feature maps. (True/False)
  8. Gradient clipping helps control exploding gradients. (True/False)
  9. Recursive networks cannot process sequential inputs. (True/False)
  10. Adam is an adaptive learning rate optimizer. (True/False)
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