1   The Interim Report

It is difficult to have a rubric for the report, since everyone's project is different, and everyone's progress trajectory is different.

In general, I expect you to do about 40% of the work needed to complete the project. You can go back to past ECE324 projects to determine how much 100% of a good project is.

Aspects of the project on which you can make progress include (but are possibly not limited to)

- Exploring, understanding, and summarizing past work related to your project, and connecting that work to what you plan to do next or what you have already done for the project

- Collecting/scraping data

- Implementing and training models

- Coming up with new ideas relevant to your project and writing them up

Your work will be graded on the amount and depth of the work you did, as documented in your report (70%) the readability of your report (10%) and on the originality/depth/difficulty of what you have accomplished (20%). When grading your report, the TA will weight the parts into which you put in more work more.

Your report can just be a bunch of sections where you describe what you had done, explain past work, and demonstrate the results of the experiments you ran. You can reuse text from your proposal to frame the interim report. You will be able to reuse text from your interim report for your final report.

I encourage you to talk to your TA and to me over the span on the next month.

2   What to submit

- A pdf report documenting your progress so far. Make sure that the TA understands what you spend your time work on

- A link to a GitHub repository with your code so far

- A readme file in the GitHub repository explaining where the TA should look

3   Length requirement

There is no specific length requirement. We are looking for a report on the work you've done that's comprehensive enough for us to understand exactly what you were doing, and is as concise as possible while satisfying the previous constraint. Typical reports I expect would be about 9-10 pages.

4   Acknowledging your sources

Any source that was used for your work, whether it's a paper, a codebase, or the output of a tool such as ChatGPT should be acknowledged as such. For example, if you downloaded code to train an LSTM, that is completely legitimate, it should just be acknowledged. Similarly, if you got a particular idea from a paper you read, the source of the idea should be acknowledged.

With material from tools like ChatGPT and websites like Stack Overflow, using something like copy-and-pasting two lines of code that perform a standard task does not need to be acknowledged (although it's nice to do it anyway). Most substantial contribution, whether code or text, should be acknowledged as coming from ChatGPT/Stack Overflow.