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# Galaxy Classification Challenge

Deep Learning School "Basic Concepts"

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- The Dataset: [Galaxy10](#) (similar to MNIST dataset)
  - 1000s of images of galaxies
  - labels for 10 different shapes
  - Modifications for this challenge:
    - only grayscale
    - cropped to 64x64 pixels

## Example images of each class from Galaxy10 dataset

Disk, Face-on, No Spiral



Smooth, Completely round



Smooth, in-between round



Smooth, Cigar shaped



Disk, Edge-on, Rounded Bulge



Disk, Edge-on, Boxy Bulge



Disk, Edge-on, No Bulge



Disk, Face-on, Tight Spiral



Disk, Face-on, Medium Spiral



Disk, Face-on, Loose Spiral



## Primary Task:

- Train a neural network to classify the galaxy image's shapes
- Invest some time into optimizing your network's performance

## Questions:

1. How do you measure your network's performance?
  - What is your reason for this choice?
  - What other good choices are there?
2. What makes Class 5 (Disk, Edge-on, Boxy Bulge) stand out?
  - How can this be addressed?
3. Find the galaxy images that your network performs best(worst) with.  
Explain why this is the case.

Keywords that **could** be relevant to answering questions:

Activation    Overtraining    Layers    Splitting  
Mirror    Stride    Imbalance    Pooling    Confusion  
L2    Ensemble    Gradients    Overall-vs-Specific

- Limitations: **none** - use anything you want/are comfortable with:
  - Software: e.g. TensorFlow, PyTorch, JAX, ...
  - Resources: e.g. Google Colab (great for working in teams), Uni-cluster, ...
  - Neural Network Techniques: e.g. SeLU, Convolutions, ResNet, ...
- Starting point (IPython Notebook): [Google Colab](#), [Github](#), Indico
- Teams
  - 5 people per team
  - teams will be assigned
  - after you have been assigned,  
please put your name accordingly  
into [this online spreadsheet](#)
- Team-Names:
  1. Eins
  2. Twee
  3. Trios
  4. Quattro
  5. Cinco
  6. Six
- Presentations (starting: Thur. 10:45)
  - prepare slides for 7(+3) minutes of presentation
  - introduce your neural network (e.g. architecture & performance)
  - show/explain your answers to the Questions
  - please mail you slides to [info@erumdatahub.de](mailto:info@erumdatahub.de) by Thur. 10:30