CS 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
Machine Learning Overview
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Today’s learning goal

• What is machine learning?
• Supervised Learning
  • Classification
  • Regression
• Unsupervised Learning
  • Clustering
Part I: What is machine learning?
HUMANS LEARN FROM PAST EXPERIENCES

MACHINES FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY HUMANS
What is **machine learning**?

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Without Machine Learning

Very Specific Instructions

With Machine Learning

Data
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- Tom Mitchell (1997): A computer program is said to learn from **experience E** with respect to some class of **tasks T** and **performance measure P**, if its performance at tasks in T as measured by P, improves with experience E.
Taxonomy of ML

- Supervised Learning
- Unsupervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning
Part II: Supervised Learning
Example 1: Predict whether a user likes a song or not

![Diagram showing a music application icon, a model, and two thumbs (one up, one down).]
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User Sharon
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Or should the machine do this?
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User Sharon

DisLike

Like

New data
Or should the machine do this?

“I’m not confident enough”
(Refuse to classify)
Example 2: Classify Images

http://www.image-net.org/
Example 2: Classify Images

indoor

outdoor
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Training data

learning (i.e., training)
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Training data

Test data

Label: outdoor

Label: indoor

testing

performance
input data

\[ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \]

\( d \): feature dimension

\[ x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \]

Tempo

Intensity

There can be many features!
How to represent data?

$y \in \{0, 1\}$

Where “supervision” comes from

Label
Represent various types of data

• Image
  - Pixel values

• Bank account
  - Credit rating, balance, # deposits in last day, week, month, year, #withdrawals
Two Types of Supervised Learning Algorithms

Classification

Regression
Example of regression: housing price prediction

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\[ y \in \mathbb{R} \]
Example of regression: housing price prediction

Input with more features (e.g., lot size)

(features/input) \( x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \) → (label/output) \( y \in \mathbb{R} \)

(credit: stanford CS229)
Supervised Learning: More examples

\[ x = \text{raw pixels of the image} \quad y = \text{bounding boxes} \]

Russakovsky et al. 2015
Two Types of Supervised Learning Algorithms

Classification

- the label is a \textit{discrete} variable

\[ y \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots, K\} \]

Regression

- the label is a \textit{continuous} variable

\[ y \in \mathbb{R} \]
Training Set for Supervised Learning

A training set is a multiset of (instances, label) pairs to the learning algorithm:

\[ \{(x_1, y_2), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)\} \]

- the "experience" given to a learning algorithm
- multiset: can have duplicate (x,y) pairs
- Independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) assumption:

\[ (x_i, y_i) \sim p_{XY} \]
Goal of Supervised Learning

Given training set

\[ \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)\} \]

Learn a function mapping \( f : X \to Y \), such that \( f(x) \) predicts the label \( y \) on future data \( x \) (not in training set, but also drawn iid)

\[ (x, y) \sim p_{XY} \]
Loss, empirical risk (training set error)

Loss function

- 0-1 loss for classification \( \ell(f, x, y) = 1_{[f(x) \neq y]} \)
- Squared loss for regression: \( \ell(f, x, y) = (f(x) - y)^2 \)

Empirical risk = training set error

\[
\hat{R}(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(f, x_i, y_i)
\]
The machine learning dilemma

Can only learn from the training set (may also regularize)

\[ \hat{f} = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{R}(f) = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(f, x_i, y_i) \]

But really wants to find \( f^\star \): do well on distribution (test set, deploy, future data)

\[ f^\star = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R(f) = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim p_{XY}} \ell(f, x, y) \]

Also limited by the richness of model family \( \mathcal{F} \)

Details in upcoming lectures :)
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A. Feature vectors can be in high dimen.
B. Some feature vectors can have other types of values like strings
D. Bag-of-words is a type of feature vector for text
Quiz Break

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Dimensionality reduction does not require label y
Part II: Unsupervised Learning
(no labels)
Unsupervised Learning

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Clustering

- Given: dataset contains **no label** \(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\)
- **Output:** divides the data into clusters such that there are intra-cluster similarity and inter-cluster dissimilarity
Clustering Irises using three different features

The colors represent clusters identified by the algorithm, not y’s provided as input.
Clustering

- You probably have >1000 digital photos stored on your phone
- After this class you will be able to organize them better (based on visual similarity)
Clustering Genes

Identifying Regulatory Mechanisms using Individual Variation Reveals Key Role for Chromatin Modification. [Su-In Lee, Dana Pe'er, Aimee M. Dudley, George M. Church and Daphne Koller. ’06]
Clustering Words with Similar Meanings
How do we perform clustering?

- Many clustering algorithms. We will look at the two most frequently used ones:
  - *K-means clustering*: we specify the desired number of clusters, and use an iterative algorithm to find them
  - *Hierarchical clustering*: we build a binary tree over the dataset
K-means clustering

• Very popular clustering method

• Don’t confuse it with k-NN classifier

• Input: a dataset $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$, and assume the number of clusters $k$ is given
K-means clustering

Step 1: **Randomly** picking 2 positions as initial cluster centers (not necessarily a data point)
K-means clustering

Step 2: for each point $x$, determine its cluster: find the closest center in Euclidean space
K-means clustering

Step 3: update all cluster centers as the centroids
K-means clustering

Repeat step 2 & 3 until convergence

Converged solution!
No labels required!
K-means clustering: A demo

https://www.naftaliharris.com/blog/visualizing-k-means-clustering/
Hierarchical Clustering (more to follow next lecture)
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B. The machine should not have test data for learning
C. No labels available for clustering
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Thanks!