CS 744: SUMMARY

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Quick Poll on Papers! https://tinyurl.com/cs744-sp24-poll



ADMINISTRIVIA

- Poster presentation May 2nd Thursday
- Final report due May 7th
- Course feedback form https://heliocampusac.wisc.edu/





OUTLINE

Fairness in ML

Survey results, Discussion

Big data systems: Looking forward

Fairness in ML

JASON TASHEA OPINION 04.17.17 07:00 AM

COURTS ARE USING AI TO SENTENCE CRIMINALS. THAT MUST STOP NOW



The UK used a formula to predict students' scores for canceled exams. Guess who did well

The formula predicted rich kids would do better than poor kids who'd earned the same grades in class.

By Kelsey Piper | Aug 22, 2020, 7:30am EDT

ML TRAINING LOOP



MEASUREMENT

Why is this hard? E.g., measuring college campus demographics over time

Defining a target variable

"credit-worthiness"

ImageNet class names from WordNet

person

ballplayer, baseball player

groom, bridegroom

scuba diver

http://ludo.mit.edu/~ludo/labeling_ui.html

LEARNING

Learning: Data \rightarrow Models Calibrates to training data

Sample size disparity

¹⁸ Translating from English to Turkish, then back to English injects gender stereotypes.**

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ML ERROR



From https://fairmlclass.github.io/

ACTION - FEEDBACK LOOP

ML reveals correlations, but often used as if causation!

Prediction affects outcome

Traffic congestion

ML Feedback loop

Search engine sort by pages linked more often More user clicks → more often linked to Feedback loop: Rank more highly

WHAT CAN WE DO

Toy Example of Hiring

Use ML to make predictions Based on GPA, interview score Predict "job performance" based on that



Intervention

Use similarity between individuals in objective

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Limitations on what we can measure: unbiased measurements infeasible

Data-driven decision-making potential to be more transparent Need for explainable ML models

New research shows effective interventions (read rest of the book?)

SURVEY RESULTS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course you will be able to

- Explain the design and architecture of big data systems
- Compare, contrast and evaluate research papers
- Develop and deploy applications on existing frameworks
- Design, articulate and report new research ideas

Paper Review
Discussion
Assignment
Project

DISCUSSION + COURSE FEEDBACK

https://forms.gle/FV58SaFq4PAcL9VX9



What were some of your goals when you started the course? (Think about the first survey.) Reflect on what part of your goals have been achieved and how.

What are some other trends you have noticed across the papers in the class? (e.g., specialization vs unification) Or what are some commonalities across papers/topics?

LOOKING FORWARD

NEXT-GENERATION BIG DATA SYSTEMS ?

Workloads

Data Processing Systems

Hardware

TRENDS IN WORKLOADS

New functionalities

Data science / Al

Robotics

New data sources

Bio-medical data

Video streams

IoT / edge devices

WHAT CAN SYSTEMS RESEARCH DO ?

More than performance?

Latency, throughput, efficiency Ease of use

Some other goals to consider ?

Security, Privacy

Robustness

Data bias / ethics

COURSE SUMMARY

Large scale data analysis has changed the world





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