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Introduction to Machine Learning and Al

What is Al today?



Created with the Bing Image Creator [DALL-E]

Prompt: An artificial steam punk brain as the core of a computer Artificial
Intelligence
predicts machine
failures, and
automatically
asks for
replacement
parts before
the machine
halts.



A Paper Machine that can foresee the strength of the paper and adapt the machine speed to avoid failure using Al.



Self Driving Taxis

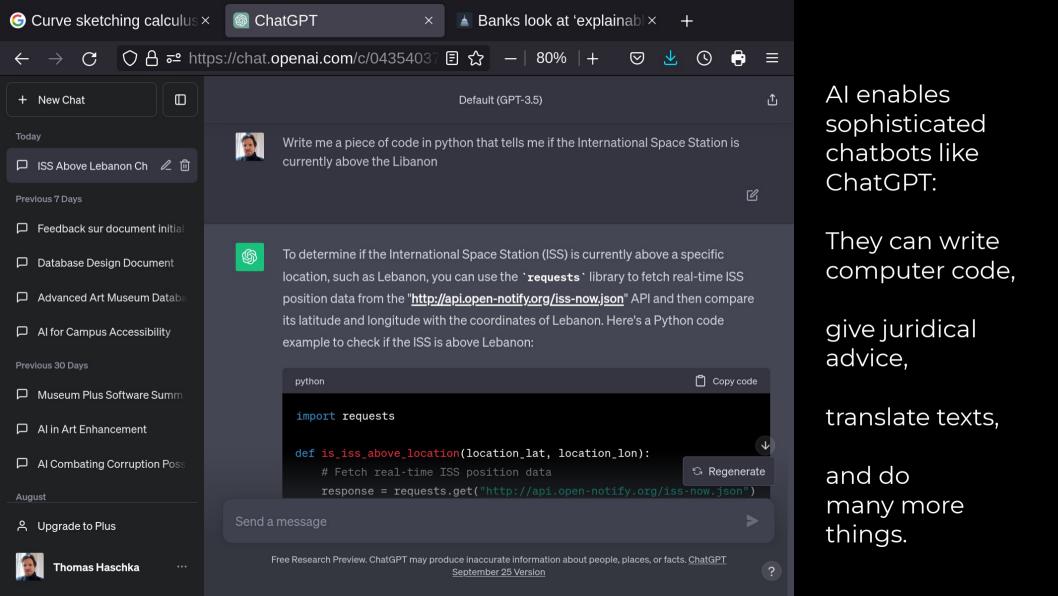
are a reality today in China

thanks to artificial intelligence

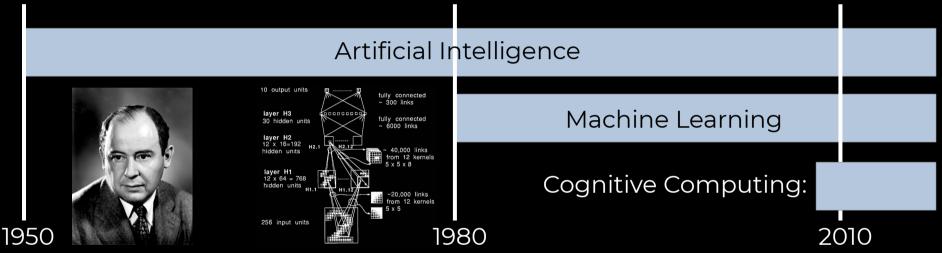
Al protects Credit Card users

by automatically detecting fraudulent behavior in billions of transactions every day.





Al Timeline



Theoretical Concepts i.e. John Neumann
The computer and the Brain

Better algorithms and progress in computing power leads to first results i.e. OCR with SVM "Easily" programmable GPUs perform large parallel computations which enables recent breakthroughs

2020s Al becomes a topic of the General Public

Breakthroughs in Generative AI using the transformer model brought:

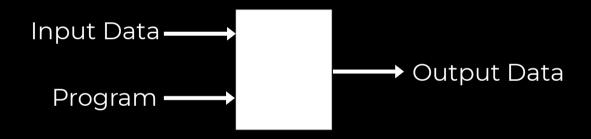
- Chatgpt, a conversational chatbot.
- Dall-E, Stable Diffusion, etc: Image generators powered by neural networks.

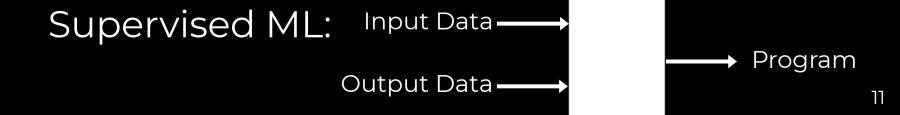
Machine Learning

- Further broken down into:
 - Supervised:
 Trained with Data and Expected result.
 - *Unsupervised:* i.e. clustering, only input data is shown to the model.
 - Reinforcement Learning:
 Allow the computer to train itself optimizing a reward function.

Allows for new computing paradigms

Traditional Computing:





Machine Learning Definition:

Training Data:





X_train

Labels:

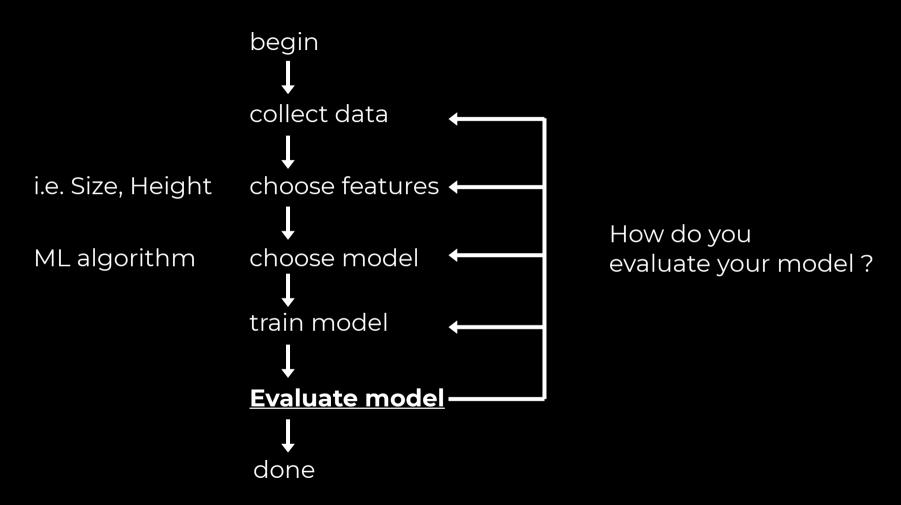
Dog

Cat Y_train

Builds a Model: f(X) → Y

In the unsupervised case no labels do exist but are inferred by the algorithm.

Machine Learning Design Cycle Building Models and Evaluating them



How to evaluate the model

- Depends on the data available and use case
- Training Set / Test Set Split is good
- Cross Validation is better
- Further methods exist

Training / Testset Split

- If labeled data is available:
 - Train the data on a part of the data
 - Test the trained model with data that was not used during training.
 - Training and Testing set choice depends on the dataset.
 Imagine Fraud detection, where you have a fraudulent case only once a year but daily data is available.
 - In this case you have to make sure that enough fraudulent cases are part of the training set and that you still can detect them in the testset.

Cross Validation

You chose different splits of the dataset

and validate:



Yields multiple model performance values depending on split.

Using basic statistics i.e. Mean, Deviation one can evaluate a models performance.

Training/Test set splits generally chosen at constant size but with random datapoints.

Languages for AI/ML



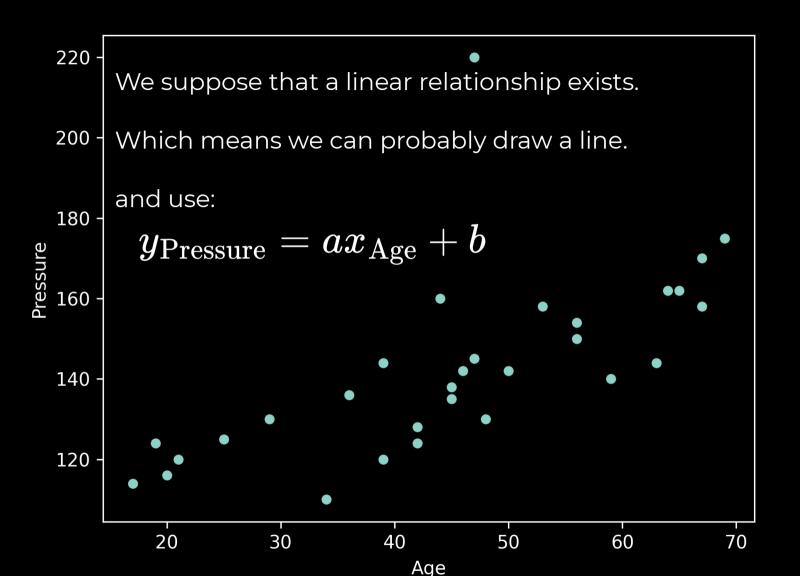
Languages for AI/ML

- Depends largely on use case:
 - **Historically LISP was dominant** in the AI community for code morphing technologies and lambda syntax which allowed programs to manipulate themselves.
 - Today on the application side python dominates, but most of the code is written in C/C++ for performance reasons on the backend.
 - A scikit learn call to a support vector machine calls a C function training the support vector machine.

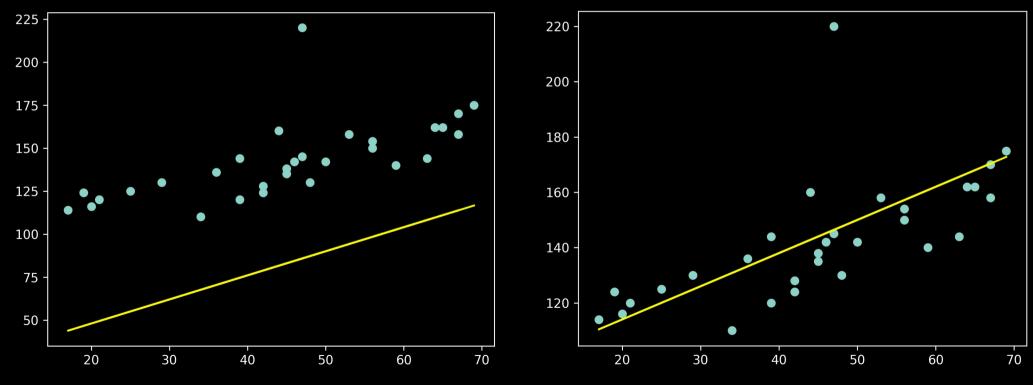
Building a simple machine learning model. Linear Regression

Blood Pressure Dataset

Index	Age	Pressure
1	39	144
2	47	220
3	45	138
4	47	145
5	65	162
6	46	142
7	67	170
8	42	124
9	67	158
10	56	154



We try some values for a and b:



But we want to find optimal parameters for our forecast model! ~

Linear Models

A linear model is in the most generalized terms one that can be modeled using the equation:

$$f(x) = AX + B \approx Y$$

Linear Models

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Dataset: In general, columns contain the features of a sample and the number of rows is the number of samples in the dataset.

Labels: For instance X can contain the features of a House, like number of bathrooms, living area size and Y contains the Prize Y can in most general forms also contain multiple labels.

Linear Models

$$f(x) = AX + B \approx Y$$

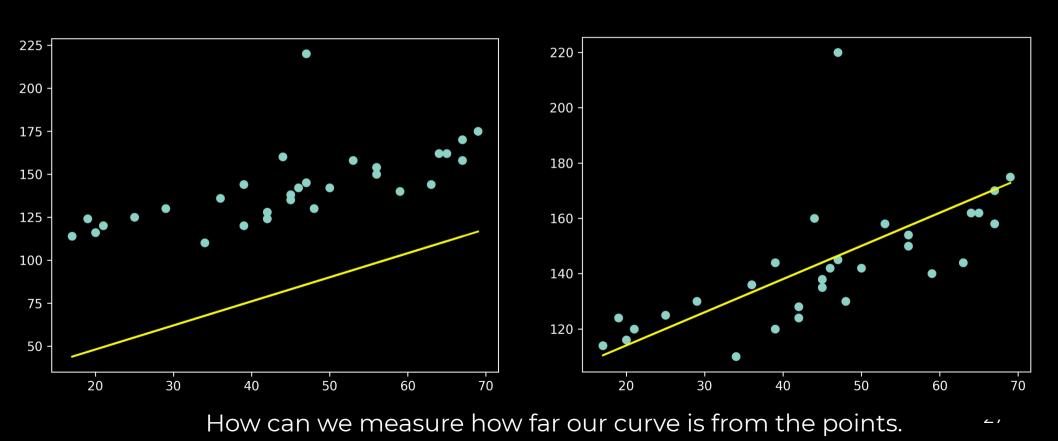
 \boldsymbol{A}

Matrices that define a linear model. These are learned by a loss function / objective function and an optimization routine, i.e. Gradient Descent.

B

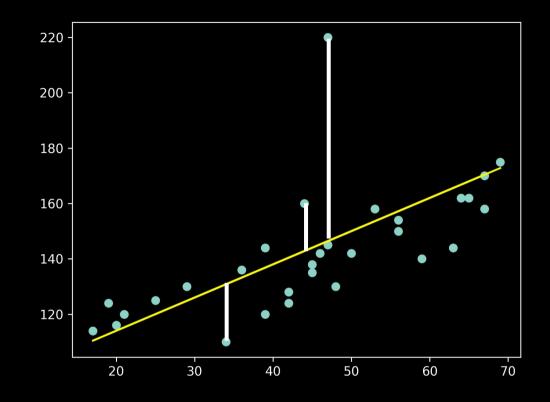
For linear models with a loss function modeled after the euclidean norm, A and B are analytically solvable. (χ^2 optimization)

In order to find the optimal curve we need first to measure the error we make:



Loss function

Describes the error between the expected outcome and the prediction of the model.



The Loss function is some sort of sum of the distances of the actual points to the curve i.e.:

- Sum of squared distances (least squared)
- sum of absolute distances (least absolutes)

Loss Function

Choose your model parameters, in this case A, B so that:

$$\min L = \min |AX + B - Y|$$

In a more general case, i.e. even non linear models one can write:

$$\min L = \min |f(X) - Y|$$

Loss function choices

L_p norm:

- p=2 Euclidean norm (least squares)
- p=1 Manhattan distance (least absolutes)

$$L_p = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{f(X)_i - Y_i}^p$$

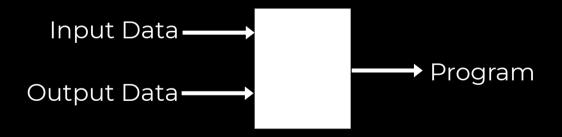
 $\frac{1}{n}$

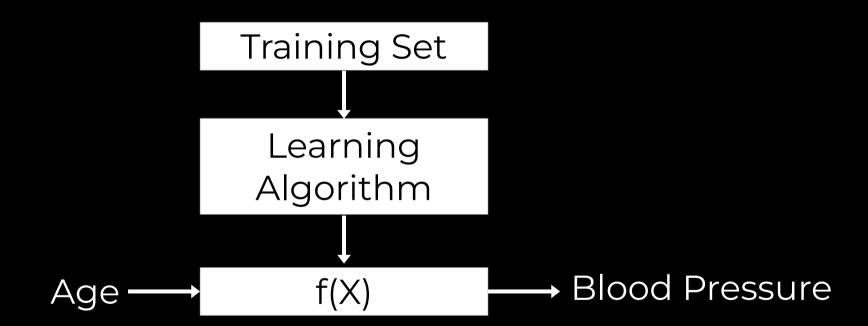
Most simple machine learning model: linear curve fitting

- f(x) = ax+b: Linear hypotheses with 2 parameters (a,b).
- Blood pressure dataset:
 - n: 30 participants
 - x: Age [feature]
 - y: Blood pressure [target or label]
- Can we predict one's blood pressure from its age?

Building a ML Model

- Supervised Learning
- Train the model with known inputs (X) and outputs (Y)





Optimize model parameters

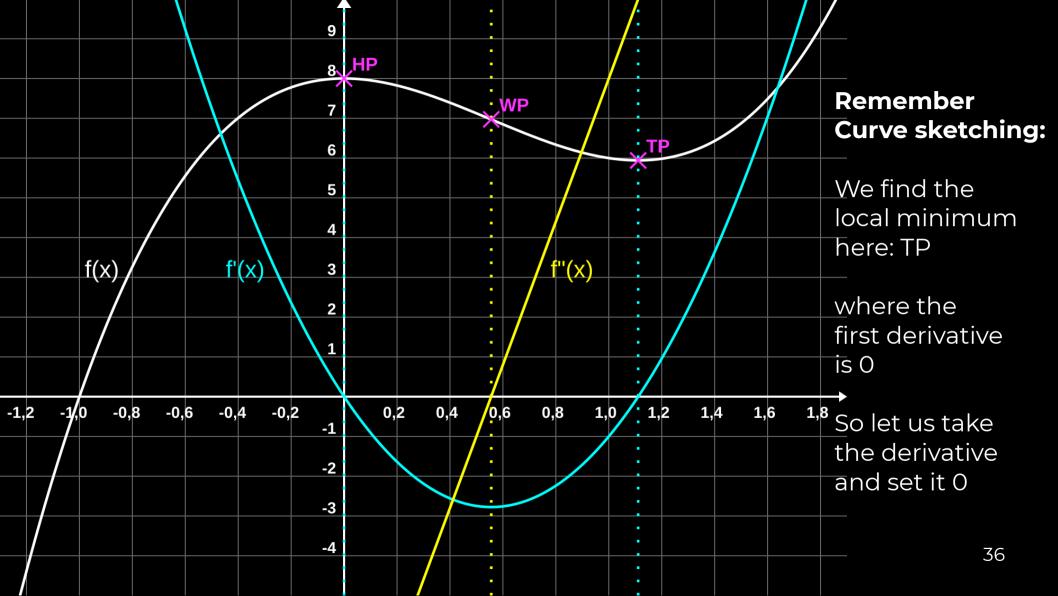
$$\|f(X,w)-Y\|$$

Choose model parameters, a,b so that the above becomes minimal.

Minimum of the Loss function

Least Squares Case (p=2):

$$L_p = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (f(X)_i - Y_i)^p
ight]^{rac{1}{p}}$$



Can be analytically derived:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \sum_{i=1}^n (aX_i + b - Y_i)^2 = 0$$

$$rac{\partial}{\partial b} \sum_{i=1}^n (aX_i + b - Y_i)^2 = 0$$

Taking the partial derivatives setting them 0 and solving for a and b.

Solution:

Mean of all Yi (Blood Pressures)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - ar{X})(Y_i - ar{Y})$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (X_i - ar{X})^2$$

(Ages)

$$b=ar{Y}-aar{X}$$

Minimum for the Loss function

Least Absolutes Case (p=1): More resistant to outliers!

$$L_p = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (f(X)_i - Y_i)^p
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No analytical solution exists

But numerical solutions might help:

- Gradient Descent
 - Simple First Order Method
- Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno (BFGS)
 - 2nd Order Method based on Newtons Method
- And many others do exist