



Machine Learning

Advice for applying machine learning

Deciding what to try next

Debugging a learning algorithm:

Suppose you have implemented regularized linear regression to predict housing prices.

$$\rightarrow J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^m \theta_j^2 \right] \text{LR}$$

However, when you test your hypothesis on a new set of houses, you find that it makes unacceptably large errors in its predictions. What should you try next?

→ - Get more training examples n ajuda

- Try smaller sets of features

$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{100}$

→ - Try getting additional features

- Try adding polynomial features (x_1^2 , x_2^2 , $x_1 x_2$, etc.)

- Try decreasing λ

- Try increasing λ

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Machine learning **diagnostic**: debug?

Diagnostic: A test that you can run to gain insight what is/Isn't working with a learning algorithm, and gain guidance as to how best to improve its performance.

Diagnostics can take time to implement, but doing so can be a very good use of your time.