A Tour of The Most Popular Machine Learning Algorithms

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In this post, we will take a tour of ***the most popular machine learning algorithms***.

It is useful to tour the main algorithms in the field to get a feeling of what methods are available.

There are so many algorithms that it can feel overwhelming when algorithm names are thrown around and you are expected to just know what they are and where they fit.

I want to give you two ways to think about and categorize the algorithms you may come across in the field.

- The first is a grouping of algorithms by their **learning style**.
- The second is a grouping of algorithms by their **similarity** in form or function (like grouping similar animals together).

Both approaches are useful, but we will focus in on the grouping of algorithms by similarity and go on a tour of a variety of different algorithm types.

After reading this post, you will have a much better understanding of the most popular machine learning algorithms for supervised learning and how they are related.

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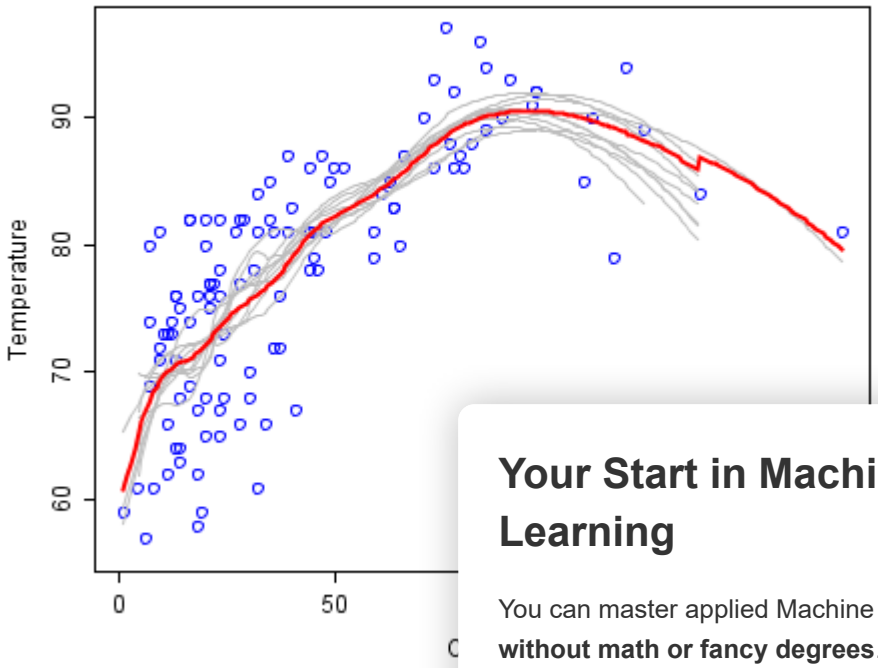
Let's get started.



A cool example of an ensemble of lines
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Algorithms Grouped by Learnir

There are different ways an algorithm can model a problem based on its interaction with the experience or environment or whatever we want to call the input data.

It is popular in machine learning and artificial intelligence textbooks to first consider the learning styles that an algorithm can adopt.

There are only a few main learning styles or learning models that an algorithm can have and we'll go through them here with a few examples of algorithms and problem types that they suit.

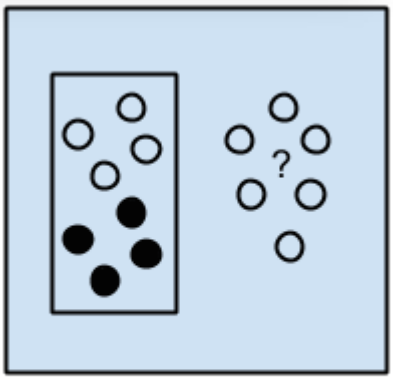
This taxonomy or way of organizing machine learning algorithms is useful because it forces you to think about the roles of the input data and the model preparation process and select one that is the most appropriate for your problem in order to get the best result.

Let's take a look at three different learning styles in machine learning algorithms:

1. Supervised Learning

Input data is called training data and has a known label or result such as spam/not-spam or a stock price at a time.

A model is prepared through a training process in which it is required to make predictions and is corrected when those predictions are wrong. The training process continues until the model achieves a desired level of accuracy on the training data.



Supervised Learning Algorithms

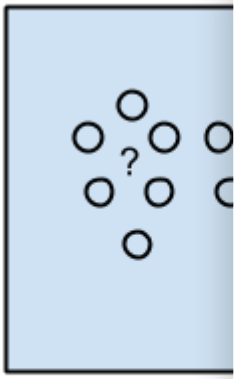
Example problems are classification and regression.

Example algorithms include: Logistic Regression and the Back Propagation Neural Network.

2. Unsupervised Learning

Input data is not labeled and does not have a known result.

A model is prepared by deducing structures present in the input data. This may be to extract general rules. It may be through a mathematical process to systematically reduce redundancy, or it may be to organize data by similarity.



Unsupervised Algorithms

Example problems are clustering, dimensionality reduction and association rule learning.

Example algorithms include: the Apriori algorithm and K-Means.

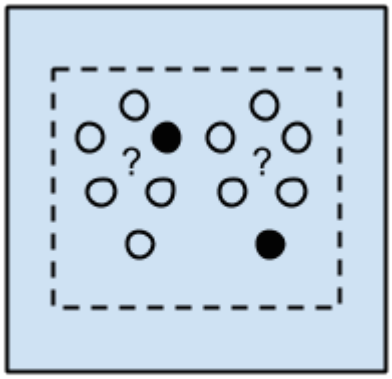
3. Semi-Supervised Learning

Input data is a mixture of labeled and unlabelled examples.

There is a desired prediction problem but the model must learn the structures to organize the data as well as make predictions.

Example problems are classification and regression.

Example algorithms are extensions to other flexible methods that make assumptions about how to model the unlabeled data.



Semi-supervised Learning Algorithms

Overview of Machine Learning Algorithms

When crunching data to model business decisions, you are most typically using supervised and unsupervised learning methods.

A hot topic at the moment is semi-supervised learning methods in areas such as image classification where there are large datasets with very few labeled examples.

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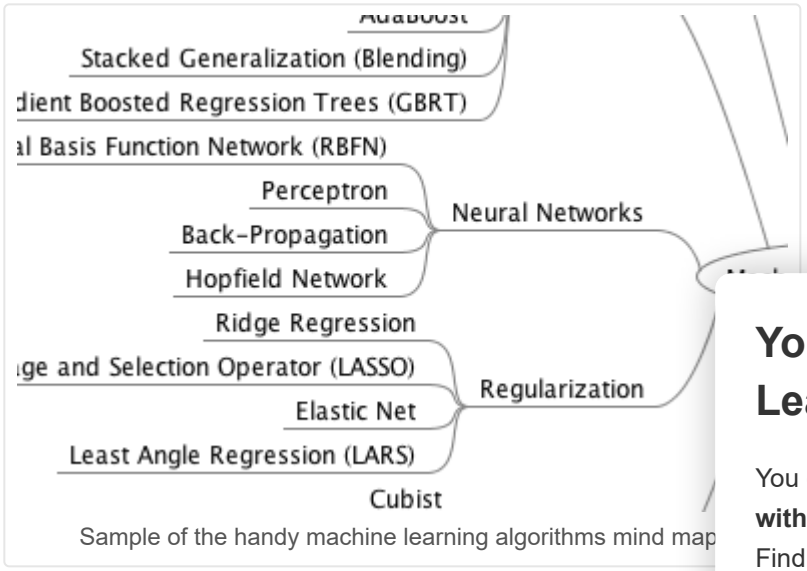

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Algorithms Grouped By Similar

Algorithms are often grouped by similarity in terms of f
based methods, and neural network inspired methods

I think this is the most useful way to group algorithms and it is the approach we will use here.

This is a useful grouping method, but it is not perfect. There are still algorithms that could just as easily fit into multiple categories like Learning Vector Quantization that is both a neural network inspired method and an instance-based method. There are also categories that have the same name that describe the problem and the class of algorithm such as Regression and Clustering.

We could handle these cases by listing algorithms twice or by selecting the group that subjectively is the "*best*" fit. I like this latter approach of not duplicating algorithms to keep things simple.

In this section, we list many of the popular machine learning algorithms grouped the way we think is the most intuitive. The list is not exhaustive in either the groups or the algorithms, but I think it is representative and will be useful to you to get an idea of the lay of the land.

Please Note: There is a strong bias towards algorithms used for classification and regression, the two most prevalent supervised machine learning problems you will encounter.

If you know of an algorithm or a group of algorithms not listed, put it in the comments and share it with us. Let's dive in.

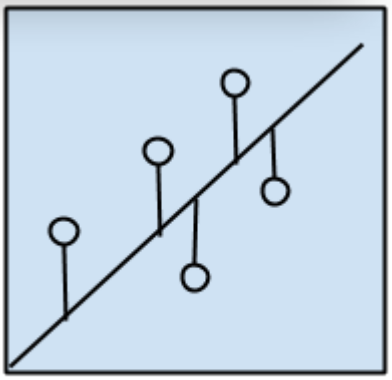
Regression Algorithms

Regression is concerned with modeling the relationship between variables that is iteratively refined using a measure of error in the predictions made by the model.

Regression methods are a workhorse of statistics and have been co-opted into statistical machine learning. This may be confusing because we can use regression to refer to the class of problem and the class of algorithm. Really, regression is a process.

The most popular regression algorithms are:

- Ordinary Least Squares Regression (OLSR)
- Linear Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Stepwise Regression
- Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines (MARS)
- Locally Estimated Scatterplot Smoothing (LOESS)

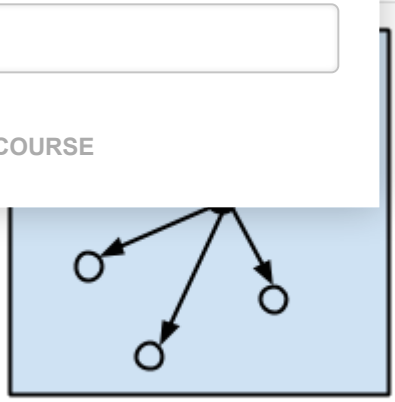


Regression Algorithms

Instance-based Algorithms

Instance-based learning model is a decision problem w
examples of training data that are deemed important c
model.

Such methods typically build up a database of exampl
compare new data to the database using a similarity measure in order to find the best match and make a prediction. For this reason, instance-based methods are also called winner-take-all methods and memory-based learning. Focus is put on the representation of the stored instances and similarity measures used between instances.



Instance-based Algorithms

The most popular instance-based algorithms are:

- k-Nearest Neighbor (kNN)
- Learning Vector Quantization (LVQ)
- Self-Organizing Map (SOM)
- Locally Weighted Learning (LWL)
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)

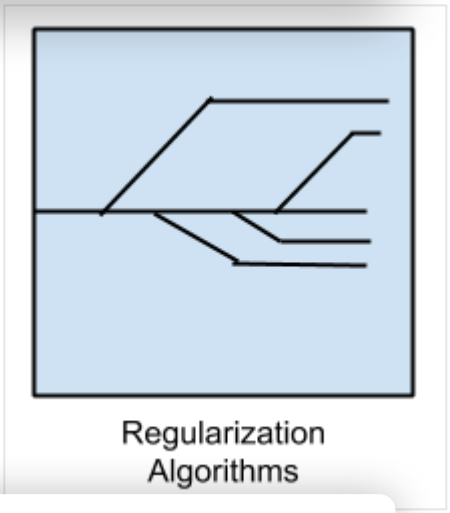
Regularization Algorithms

An extension made to another method (typically regression methods) that penalizes models based on their complexity, favoring simpler models that are also better at generalizing.

I have listed regularization algorithms separately here because they are popular, powerful and generally simple modifications made to other methods.

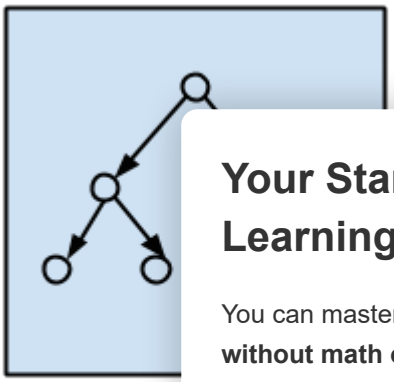
The most popular regularization algorithms are:

- Ridge Regression
- Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO)
- Elastic Net
- Least-Angle Regression (LARS)



Decision Tree Algorithms

Decision tree methods construct a model of decisions made based on actual values of attributes in the data.



Decisions fork in tree structures until a prediction decision is made for a given record. Decision trees are trained on data for classification and regression problems. Decision trees are often fast and accurate and a big favorite in machine learning.

The most popular decision tree algorithms are:

- Classification and Regression Tree (CART)
- Iterative Dichotomiser 3 (ID3)
- C4.5 and C5.0 (different versions of a powerful approach)
- Chi-squared Automatic Interaction Detection (CHAID)
- Decision Stump
- M5
- Conditional Decision Trees

Bayesian Algorithms

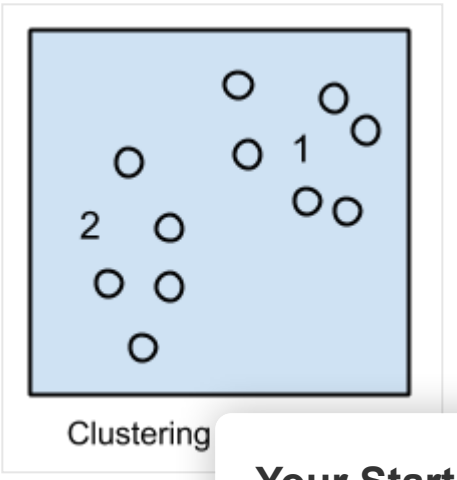
Bayesian methods are those that explicitly apply Bayes' Theorem for problems such as classification and regression.

The most popular Bayesian algorithms are:

- Naive Bayes
- Gaussian Naive Bayes
- Multinomial Naive Bayes
- Averaged One-Dependence Estimators (AODE)
- Bayesian Belief Network (BBN)
- Bayesian Network (BN)

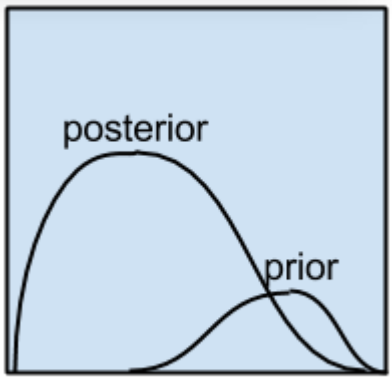
Clustering Algorithms

Clustering, like regression, describes the class of problem and the class of methods.



Clustering

Clustering methods are typically organized by the modeling approaches such as centroid-based and hierarchal. All methods are concerned with using the inherent structures in the data to best organize the data into groups of maximum commonality.



Bayesian Algorithms

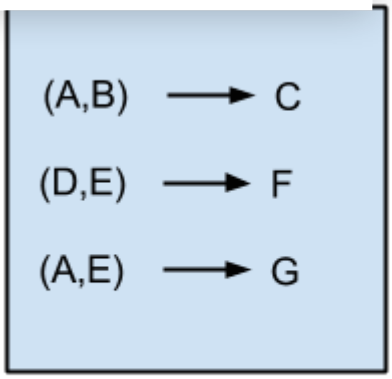
The most popular clustering algorithms are:

- k-Means
- k-Medians
- Expectation Maximisation (EM)
- Hierarchical Clustering

Association Rule Learning Algorithms

Association rule learning methods extract rules that be observed relationships between variables in data.

These rules can discover important and commercially useful associations in large multidimensional datasets that can be exploited by an organization.



Association Rule Learning Algorithms

The most popular association rule learning algorithms are:

- Apriori algorithm
- Eclat algorithm

Artificial Neural Network Algorithms

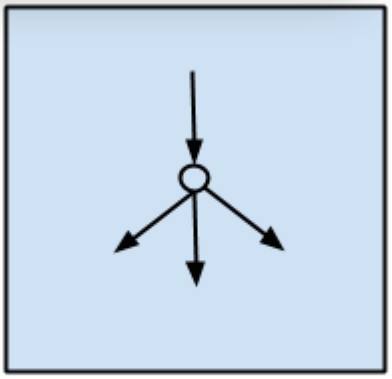
Artificial Neural Networks are models that are inspired by the structure and/or function of biological neural networks.

They are a class of pattern matching that are commonly used for regression and classification problems but are really an enormous subfield comprised of hundreds of algorithms and variations for all manner of problem types.

Note that I have separated out Deep Learning from ne popularity in the field. Here we are concerned with the

The most popular artificial neural network algorithms are:

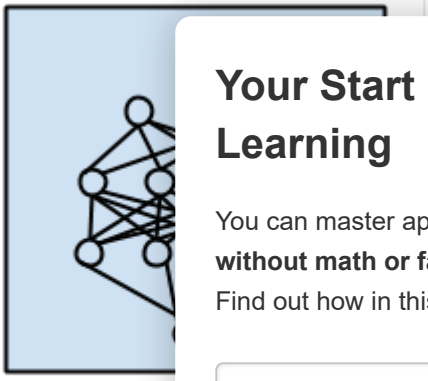
- Perceptron
- Multilayer Perceptrons (MLP)
- Back-Propagation
- Stochastic Gradient Descent
- Hopfield Network
- Radial Basis Function Network (RBFN)



Artificial Neural Network Algorithms

Deep Learning Algorithms

Deep Learning methods are a modern update to Artificial Neural Networks that exploit abundant cheap computation.



Deep Alg

They are concerned with building much larger and more complex neural networks and, as commented on above, many methods are concerned with very large datasets of labelled analog data, such as image, text. audio, and video.

The most popular deep learning algorithms are:

- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)
- Long Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTMs)
- Stacked Auto-Encoders
- Deep Boltzmann Machine (DBM)
- Deep Belief Networks (DBN)

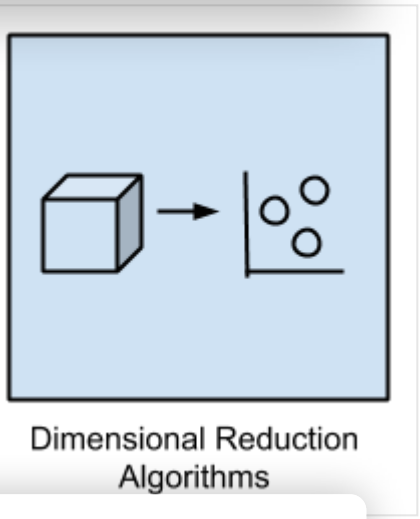
Dimensionality Reduction Algorithms

Like clustering methods, dimensionality reduction seek and exploit the inherent structure in the data, but in this case in an unsupervised manner or order to summarize or describe data using less information.

This can be useful to visualize dimensional data or to simplify data which can then be used in a supervised learning method. Many of these methods can be adapted for use in classification and regression.

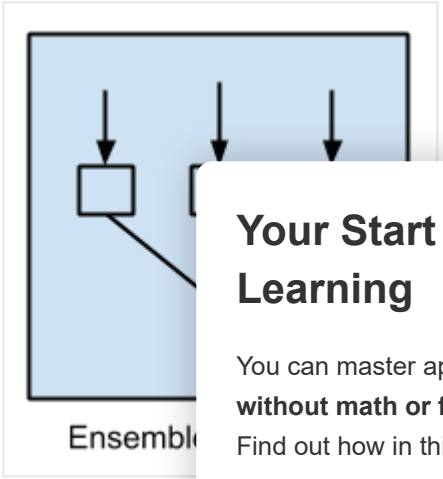
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Principal Component Regression (PCR)
- Partial Least Squares Regression (PLSR)
- Sammon Mapping
- Multidimensional Scaling (MDS)

- Projection Pursuit
- Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)
- Mixture Discriminant Analysis (MDA)
- Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA)
- Flexible Discriminant Analysis (FDA)



Ensemble Algorithms

Ensemble methods are models composed of multiple weaker models that are independently trained and whose predictions are combined in some way to make the overall prediction.



Much effort is put into what types of weak learners to combine and the ways in which to combine them. This is a very powerful class of techniques and as such is very popular.

- Boosting
- Bootstrapped Aggregation (Bagging)
- AdaBoost
- Weighted Average (Blending)
- Stacked Generalization (Stacking)
- Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM)
- Gradient Boosted Regression Trees (GBRT)
- Random Forest

Other Machine Learning Algorithms

Many algorithms were not covered.

I did not cover algorithms from specialty tasks in the process of machine learning, such as:

- Feature selection algorithms
- Algorithm accuracy evaluation
- Performance measures
- Optimization algorithms

I also did not cover algorithms from specialty subfields of machine learning, such as:

- Computational intelligence (evolutionary algorithms, etc.)
- Computer Vision (CV)

- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Recommender Systems
- Reinforcement Learning
- Graphical Models
- And more…

These may feature in future posts.

Further Reading on Machine Learning Algorithms

This tour of machine learning algorithms was intended to give you an overview of what is out there and some ideas on how to relate algorithms to each other.

I've collected together some resources for you to cont
specific question, please leave a comment.

Other Lists of Machine Learning Algo

There are other great lists of algorithms out there if yo
examples.

- List of Machine Learning Algorithms: On Wikipedi
organization of the algorithms particularly useful.
- Machine Learning Algorithms Category: Also on V
list above. It organizes algorithms alphabetically.
- CRAN Task View: Machine Learning & Statistical Learning: A list of all the packages and all the algorithms supported by each machine learning package in R. Gives you a grounded feeling of what's out there and what people are using for analysis day-to-day.
- Top 10 Algorithms in Data Mining: Published article and now a book (Affiliate Link) on the most popular algorithms for data mining. Another grounded and less overwhelming take on methods that you could go off and learn deeply.

How to Study Machine Learning Algorithms

Algorithms are a big part of machine learning. It's a topic I am passionate about and write about a lot on this blog. Below are few hand selected posts that might interest you for further reading.

- How to Learn Any Machine Learning Algorithm: A systematic approach that you can use to study and understand any machine learning algorithm using "algorithm description templates" (I used this approach to write my first book).
- How to Create Targeted Lists of Machine Learning Algorithms: How you can create your own systematic lists of machine learning algorithms to jump start work on your next machine learning problem.
- How to Research a Machine Learning Algorithm: A systematic approach that you can use to research machine learning algorithms (works great in collab

- How to Investigate Machine Learning Algorithm Behavior: A methodology you can use to understand how machine learning algorithms work by creating and executing very small studies into their behavior. Research is not just for academics!
- How to Implement a Machine Learning Algorithm: A process and tips and tricks for implementing machine learning algorithms from scratch.

How to Run Machine Learning Algorithms

Sometimes you just want to dive into code. Below are some links you can use to run machine learning algorithms, code them up using standard libraries or implement them from scratch.

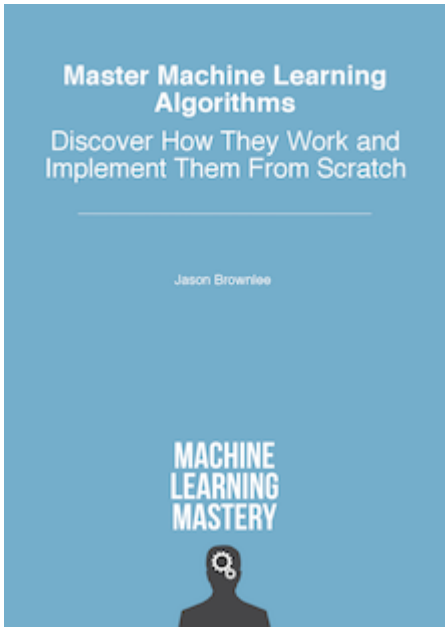
- How To Get Started With Machine Learning Algorithms in R: Links to a large number of code examples on this site demonstrating machine learning algor
- Machine Learning Algorithm Recipes in scikit-lear demonstrating how to create predictive models us
- How to Run Your First Classifier in Weka: A tutori **code required!**).

Final Word

I hope you have found this tour useful.

Please, leave a comment if you have any questions o

Update: Continue the discussion on HackerNews and



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230 Responses to *A Tour of The Most Popular Machine Learning Algorithms*

Bruce December 20, 2013 at 5:10 pm #

REPLY

What about reinforcement learning algorithms in algorithm similarity classification? There is also one called Gibbs algorithm under Bayesian Learning

jasonb December 26, 2013 at 8:34 pm #

REPLY

Good point bruce, I left out those methods. Would you like me to write a post about reinforcement learning methods?

Jason's fan August 22, 2015 at 6:39 am #

REPLY

Yes!!!!

P.S. Please :0

Bk vasan August 19, 2017 at 10:02 am #

REPLY

Jason,
I enjoy your blog and your writing style of e
I have one request. Do you have a cheat s
know when to use what ML algorithm as a
Thank you,
Bk

Jason Brownlee August 20, 2

Choosing the "right" algorithm
http://machinelearningmastery.com/a-

Rajat July 21, 2016 at 5:21 pm #

REPLY

Hello Jason,hope u r fine!

How can we make a recommender system with the help of Neural network

&

how to implement Collaborative filtering with Neural network

sam February 17, 2017 at 6:09 pm #

REPLY

What is the difference between a classifier and algorithm? Both r same?

Jason Brownlee February 18, 2017 at 8:36 am #

REPLY

Hi Sam,

An algorithm is a procedure. Like learning a tree from data. The outcome of an algorithm is a model or a classifier, like the tree used to make predictions.

Beat Tödtli August 3, 2017 at 10:14 pm #

Then I don't quite understand the listing of both Back-Propagation and Hopfield Network under the title of "Artificial Neural Network Algorithms". Back-Propagation is clearly a training algorithm, whereas a Hopfield Network is probably a classifier?

Nice post!

Jason Brownlee August 4, 20

That is fair. Rather than backp

Sameer July 28, 2017 at 6:21 am #

Yes Please
Release a ebook on reinforcement learning an
awesome Jason. You made things very simple

Jason Brownlee July 28, 2017 at 8:36 am #

REPLY

Thanks for the suggestion Sameer.

qnaguru February 17, 2014 at 5:46 pm #

REPLY

Where do newbies (with no analytics/stats background) start learning about this algorithms? And more so how does one use them with Big Data tools like Hadoop?

jasonb February 19, 2014 at 8:44 am #

REPLY

Hi qnaguru, I'd recommend starting small and experimenting with algorithms on small datasets using a tool like Weka. It's a GUI tool and provides a bunch of standard datasets and algorithms out of the box.

Your Start in Machine Learning

I'd suggest you build up some skill on small datasets before moving onto big data tools like Hadoop and Mahout.

swainjo June 9, 2014 at 6:24 pm #

REPLY

qnaguru,

I would recommend the Coursera courses.

I would also read a couple of books to give you some background into the possibilities and limitations. Nate Silver; The Signal and The Noise & Danial Kahneman; Thinking Fast and Slow.

lsmo May 20, 2014 at 2:50 am #

The best written one I have found is: "The Ele
and Prediction, Second Edition". However you probabl
maths/stats/computing before reading that (especially
general algorithms implementation I recommend readi
Scientific Computing".

jasonb May 23, 2014 at 8:01 am #

I'm a huge fan of Numerical Recipes, thanks for the book refs.

William May 23, 2014 at 1:37 am #

REPLY

Not a single one for recommender systems?

jasonb May 23, 2014 at 8:02 am #

REPLY

I would call recommender a higher-order system that internally is solving regression or classification problems. Do you agree?

Jon May 23, 2014 at 2:47 am #

REPLY

genetic algorithms seem to be dying a slow death these days (discussed previously
https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=7712824)

Your Start in Machine Learning

jasonb May 23, 2014 at 8:01 am #

REPLY

It's a good point. Computers are fast enough that you can enumerate the search space faster than a GA can converge (at least with the classical toy problems).

Alex May 23, 2014 at 8:47 am #

REPLY

I enjoyed this post but I think that this is a misinformed statement. Genetic Algorithms are most useful in large search spaces (enumerati
spaces that could be 10^100) and highly comp
much more sophisticated than the simple techı
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CMA-ES) and
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estimation_of_dist
application: http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~jtan34/

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 a

Thanks Alex, you can also check
Algorithms: Nature-Inspired Programming
distribution algorithms and 10 different evolutionary algorithms.

Vinícius May 23, 2014 at 6:29 am #

REPLY

Hi guys, this is great! What about recommendation systems? I'm fascinated about, how netflix, amazon and others websites can recommend items based on my taste.

jasonb May 23, 2014 at 8:00 am #

REPLY

Good point.
You can break a recommender down into a classification ore regression problem.

Rixi July 12, 2014 at 10:52 am #

REPLY

True, or even use rule induction like Apriori…

mycall May 26, 2014 at 3:50 pm #

REPLY

Where does imagination lie? Would it be a Unsupervised Feedback Learning? Maybe its Neural Deep Essemble Networks. I presume dreaming = imagination while sleeping, hence daydreaming is imagining of new learning algorithms ☺

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:41 pm #

REPLY

This is too deep for me @mycall

vas May 27, 2014 at 5:28 am #

I lot of people swear by this chart for helping y
take: http://scikit-learn.org/stable/_static/ml_map.png.
article. Perhaps a more thorough chart would be usefu

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:41 pm

Thanks for the link vas!

Rizwan Mian, PhD September 2, 2017 at 6:58 am #

REPLY

Thanks for sharing and is posted on my wall. Useful but not exhaustive. missing some topics: preprocessing including feature selection, NLP

Nevil Nayak May 27, 2014 at 7:22 am #

REPLY

Thid is great. I had always been looking for “all types” of ML algorithms available. I enjoyed reading this and look forward to further reading

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:41 pm #

REPLY

You’re very welcome @Nevil.

UD May 30, 2014 at 12:42 am #

REPLY

This is nice and useful…I have been feeling heady with too much data and this kinda gives me a menu from which to choose what all is on offer to help me make sense of stuff ☺ Thanks

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:43 pm #

REPLY

That is a great way to think about @UD, a menu of algorithms.

Tim Browning May 30, 2014 at 4:15 am #

You might want to include entropy-based meth
monitoring in my work to identify anomalies in time ser
lower false positive rates when tested with synthetic da
is excellent for such a high level conceptual overview.

Bhaskar January 9, 2015 at 7:27 am #

HI Tim
Can you give me some reference from which I can

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:44 pm #

REPLY

Thanks @Tim, I'll add a section on time series algorithms I think.

Vincent June 9, 2014 at 7:50 pm #

REPLY

Hi,

Thank's for this tour, it is very useful ! But I disagree with you for the LDA method, which is in the Kernel Methods. First of all, by LDA, do you mean Linear Discriminant Analysis ? Because if it's not, the next parts of my comment are useless :p

If you are talking about this method, then you should put KLDA (which stand for Kernel LDA) and not simply LDA. Because LDA is more a dimension reduction method than a kernel method (It finds the best hyperplane that optimize the Fisher discriminant in order to project data on it).

Next, I don't know if we can view the RBF as a real machine learning method, it's more a mapping function I think, but it is clearly used for mapping to a higher dim

Except these two points, the post is awesome ! Thank's again.

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:45 pm #

REPLY

Thanks @Vincent, I'll look into moving the algorithms around a bit in their groupings.

Rizwan Mian, PhD September 2, 2017 at 7:03 am #

REPLY

@Vincent, I think he mentions Radial Based Network or RBN, which is artificial neural network (ANN) that uses radial basis functions [1]. Jason is

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radial_basis_funct

Rémi June 10, 2014 at 8:50 pm #

Great post, but I agree with Vincent. Kernel M
themselve, but more an extension that allows to overc
are not linearly separable. SVM and LDA are not Kern
use of the famous kernel-trick, giving birth to KSVM an
higher-dimensional space. Kernel trick can be applied
– LDA
– SVM
– PCA
– KMeans
and the list goes on…

Moreover, I don't think that RBF can be considered a machine learning method. It is a kernel function used alongside the kernel trick to project the data in a high-dimensional space. So the listing in "Kernel methods" seems to have a typing error :p

Last point, don't you think LDA could be added to the "Dimensionality Reduction" category ? In fact, it's more an open question but, mixture methods (clustering) and factor analysis could be considered "Dimensionality Reduction methods" since data can be labeled either by it's cluster id, or its factors.

Thanks again for this post, giving an overview of machin learning methods is a great thing.

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:47 pm #

REPLY

Great comments @Rémi I'll move things around a bit.

Rizwan Mian, PhD September 2, 2017 at 7:05 am #

REPLY

I had this confusion and had to look it up.
– Radial Based Function (RBF) can be used as a kernel
– Radial Based Network (RBN) is a artificial neural network that uses radial basis functions

Pranav Waila June 10, 2014 at 9:24 pm #

REPLY

Hi qnaguru, I have collected some nice reference books to start digging Machine learning. I would suggest you to start with “Introduction to statistical lear[illegible] of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Pre[illegible] Learning by David Barber”.

Dean Abbott July 3, 2014 at 9:48 am #

Very nice taxonomy of methods. Two small qu[illegible]
1) MARS isn’t a tree method, it’s a spline method. You[illegible] even go in the regularization group. (not a natural fit in[illegible]
2) Random Forests is an ensemble method and sticks[illegible] is the MART (TreeNet) and some flavors of Adaboost.[illegible] already there, I think you can safely remove it from the[illegible]

Again, you’ve done a great job with this list. Congrats!

Dean

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2015 at 4:49 pm #

REPLY

Thanks Dean, I’ll take your comments on board.

sravan August 6, 2014 at 8:41 pm #

REPLY

Greate article. my knowledge in Machne learning is improving in bredth not in depth.how should i improve my learning.i have done some real time implementations with Regression analysis.and Random forest.and also i am atteding coursera courses.how would i get real time experience on ML R with Hadoop.

lale November 23, 2014 at 9:16 pm #

REPLY

Your Start in Machine Learning

Thanks Mr.Brownly for your useful guide.Where can we find the implementations of all of these algorithms?I've installed weka but it doesnot have some of these algorithms

Jason Brownlee November 24, 2014 at 5:50 am #

REPLY

You may have to make use of other platforms like R and scikit-learn.

Were you looking for an implementation of a specific algorithm?

SHI XUDONG November 25, 2014 at 2:42 pm #

Great Post!
I am currently learning Sparse Coding. And I have diffi
created.
–What is your idea about Sparse Coding?
–Which category should it belong to?

Can you provide some suggestions for learning sparse
— what mathematical foundations should I have?
— any good tutorial resources?
— can you suggest a learning roadmap

I am now taking convex optimization course. Is it a cor

Lee January 13, 2015 at 8:48 pm #

REPLY

Where does ranking fit into the machine learning algorithms? Is it by any chance under some of the categories mentioned in the article? The only time I find ranking mentioned in relation to machine learn is when I specifically search for ranking, none of the machine learning articles discuss it.

Amelie February 3, 2015 at 10:41 am #

REPLY

which algorithm is the more efficient of the similarity algorithm .?

Jason Brownlee February 19, 2015 at 8:42 am #

REPLY

Assess similarity algorithms using computational complexity and empirically test them and see Amelie.

Gudi February 13, 2015 at 3:31 pm #

REPLY

What methods/algorithms are suitable for applying to trading patterns analysis. I mean looking at the trading graphs of the last 6 months (e.g. SPY). Currently, I am looking at the graphs visually. Can an algorithm come to my aid (I am currently enrolled in an online data mining course) ?

Jason Brownlee February 19, 2015 at 8:42 am #

REPLY

Sounds like a timeseries problem, consider stating out with an auto-regression.

saima May 25, 2015 at 4:23 pm #

Hi Jason,
Its a great article. I wish if you could give a list of mach
domain.

regards,
Saima Safdar

Vicc May 27, 2015 at 7:22 pm #

Great list. Definitely cleared things up for me, Jason! I do have a question concerning Batch Gradient Descent and the Normal Equation. Are these considered Estimators?

I would love to see a post that addresses the different types of estimators / optimizers that could be used for each of these algorithms that is simple to understand. Also where does feature scaling (min max scaling & standardization) and other things fall into all of this? Are they also optimizers? So many things!

Thanks so much for spreading your knowledge!

Henry Thornton June 6, 2015 at 10:49 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason

Intrigued by your comments above about recommendation systems ie.

“I would call recommender a higher-order system that internally is solving regression or classification problems.” and,

“You can break a recommender down into a classification or a regression problem.”

Your Start in Machine Learning

Could you please expand on your thought process? In general, I find that people talk about building or wanting a “classifier” since it is the de-jeure buzzword (and related to deep learning) when in fact, a recommender or something else will do the job. Anyway, great discussion.

Aharon Robinson June 11, 2015 at 8:53 am #

REPLY

Great stuff here Jason! Regarding your comments on 12/26, I’ll vote yes to seeing a post on reinforcement learning methods

Vijay Lingesh June 11, 2015 at 4:13 pm #

Hi Jason,
I’m trying to implement object detection through compu
wall when trying to find a suitable approach. Can you s
research more on it.

Rajmohan July 16, 2015 at 3:44 pm #

Hi.. i am working on finding the missing value
Any body can suggest new methods to be used..
I am a research scholar

Oren August 5, 2015 at 7:04 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

just a small question: In my opinion k-NN, SVM, Naive Bayes, Decision Trees, MaxEnt (even if it’s not mentioned here) are all considered to be instance-based, isn’t it right?

Vaibhav Agarwal September 10, 2015 at 3:20 am #

REPLY

Awesome post now I know where I stand.

shani September 10, 2015 at 10:07 pm #

REPLY

i started reading and i feel i don’t succeed to u
I don’t understand which algorithm is good for which ty

I think that little example for each algorithm will be useful.

Gian September 22, 2015 at 11:30 pm #

REPLY

Hi,

How can I classify the support vector machines and its extensions in your list?

Stephen Thompson October 7, 2015 at 1:25 am #

REPLY

Jason: Nice addition of the simple graphic to e
This is a change from what I recall was a previous vers
activity of the family and thus aid developing an interna

A simple but powerful effect.

Kevin Keane October 28, 2015 at 5:45 am #

The Bayesian Algorithms graphic should be re
1) the area under both density functions should integra
appears to integrate to a much smaller number than th
2) in general, a posterior is narrower / more concentrated than a prior given an observation.
3) (interpreting the baseline as zero density) a posterior typically concentrates the probability of the prior in a smaller range; it never “moves” probability to a range where the prior density was zero.

Alvin November 11, 2015 at 8:11 pm #

REPLY

Hi jason,

Can you recommend any algorithm to my problem below please?
I need one that does time series analysis that does Bayesian analysis too.

For test set,
I’m given data for hourly price movements for half a day, and tasked to predict for the second half of day.
Clearly a time series (TS) problems.

But on top of that I’m also given information on 10 discrete factors for each day in the training and testing set.

Do you know of any algo that creates multiple TS models conditional upon the values (or bands) of the various discrete factors at the onset?

Farnaz January 6, 2016 at 5:41 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason
Thank you very much for your sharing,I would like to know about Machine Learning methods (algorithms) which are useful in Prediction.

Lady January 11, 2016 at 9:18 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason
I would be very grateful if you could let me know which neural network is useful for multivariate time series classification.For example, classifying patient and heal
feature.

Fredrik February 22, 2016 at 11:55 pm #

Did you find any solution for this? I have t
neural networks and use the feature space to crea
example, each row in the pixel image will be a RG
be a specific time point. That way you have all mul
reduce the dimensionality of the time interval thou
the time interval in sections of the image (first 500
example). I have no idea if this would work, just some thoughts…

Irq3000 January 28, 2016 at 8:03 pm #

REPLY

I have a good background in artificial intelligence and machine learning, and I must say this is a really good list, I would not have done the categories any other way, it's very close to perfection. Very pertinent information.

However, it would be nice to include Learning Style categories for reinforcement learning, genetic algorithms and probabilistic models, (but meanwhile you already mention them at the end so this gives a good pointer for the readers).

The ending links are very good, particularly the "How to Study Machine Learning Algorithms". It would be also nice to put a list of machine learning online courses (coursera, udacity, etc. – there's even a course by Geoffrey Hinton!), and links to tutorials on how to check and verify that your ML algo works well on your dataset (cross-validation, generalization curve, ROC, confusion matrix, etc.).

Also, thank's to previous commenters, your comments are also very pertinent and a good addition to the article!

lrq3000 January 28, 2016 at 8:25 pm #

REPLY

To develop my suggestion for adding Learning Style categories: I think these classes of learning algorithms should be added, since they are used more and more (albeit being less popular than the currently listed methods) and they cannot be replaced by other classes of learning, they bring their own capabilities:

– Reinforcement learning models a reward/punishment way of learning. This allows to explore and memorize the states of an environment or the actions with a way very similar on how the actual brain learns using the pleasure circuit (TD-Learning). It also has a very useful ability: blocking, which naturally allows a reinforcement learning model to only use the stimuli and information that is useful to predict the reward, the useless stimuli will be “blocked” (ie, filtered out). This is currently being used in combination with deep learning to model more biologically plausible and powerful neural networks, that can for example maybe solve the Go game problem (see Google’s DeepMind A

– Genetic algorithms, as a previous commenter said, a
problem or multimodal optimizations (where you have
equilibriums). Also, a big advantage is that genetic alg
so they are VERY generic and can be applied to virtua
algorithms may find better ones).

– Probabilistic models (eg, monte-carlo, markov chains
probabilistic graphical models (eg, bayesian networks,
uncertain situations and for inference, since they can n
Graphical models are kinda close to deep learning, but
from a semantic of what you want to do than a deep le

– Maybe mention at the end Fuzzy Logic, which is not
probabilistic models, except that it can be seen as a superset that also allows to define a possibility value (see possibilistic logic, and the works by Edwin Jaynes).

vicky March 13, 2016 at 6:28 am #

REPLY

hi,
you have nicely illustrated the algos,thanks.

cheers,
vicky | techvicky.com

Ting April 22, 2016 at 1:11 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

I’m just getting started on learning about machine learning algorithms. I still need some time to digest what I’ve read here. My background comes from finance/investing and therefore I’ve been trying to learn more about how machine learning is used in investing. I com
therefore I’m curious if you have an insight. Given ther

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8J4uefCQMc which I thought this was an interesting video) I wanted to ask how do you know which type of branch/algorithm in machine learning would be more useful for investing?

Best,

Ting

Marc June 30, 2016 at 9:07 pm #

REPLY

Thank you for this great article.

It really helps untangling the variety of algorithm types interesting field.

Jason Brownlee July 1, 2016 at 5:39 am #

I'm glad to hear that Marc.

Jitu Rout July 1, 2016 at 3:14 pm #

Very useful one.

Jason Brownlee July 2, 2016 at 6:18 am #

REPLY

Thanks Jitu.

RZZ July 13, 2016 at 11:49 am #

REPLY

not able to download anything. Just keeps cinfirming my subscriptions

Jason Brownlee July 13, 2016 at 11:55 am #

REPLY

Sorry to hear that. After you confirm your subscription you will be emailed the mindmap.

Perhaps check one of your other email folders?

Francis Kim July 13, 2016 at 3:41 pm #

REPLY

Great insight, thank you for the write up.

Jason Brownlee July 13, 2016 at 4:32 pm #

REPLY

You're welcome Francis.

perumahan di semarang atas July 13, 2016

REPLY

Excellent post. I was checking constantly this
Very useful information particularly the last part :
) I care for such information a lot. I was looking for this
certain information for a long time. Thank you and goo

Jason Brownlee July 14, 2016 at 5:49 am #

I'm glad you found it useful.

beyond July 14, 2016 at 5:28 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason,
I would like to know the class for SVM.

Jason Brownlee July 15, 2016 at 9:05 am #

REPLY

It does not fit neatly into this taxonomy.

diem du lich nha trang July 26, 2016 at 11:58 am #

REPLY

Appreciating the dedication you put into your site and
detailed information you offer. It's nice to come across
a blog every once in a while that isn't the same old
rehashed material. Excellent read! I've bookmarked your site and I'm including your RSS feeds
to my Google account.

Jason Brownlee July 26, 2016 at 2:06 pm #

REPLY

Thanks.

Frank Ihle July 27, 2016 at 3:26 am #

REPLY

You listed logistic regression as an regression algorithm. I always believed method is the base of neuronal networks, and thus more a classifier than a regression algorithm.

Ben Bothur June 23, 2017 at 7:19 pm #

I fully agree with your opinion. The outcor
algorithm should be part of a classification method

Abhishek August 6, 2016 at 2:50 am #

Hello sir. Thank you so much for your help. Bu
'Math' background. I am very interested math but, i am
resources for math required in Machine Learning. Thank you.

Jason Brownlee August 6, 2016 at 2:08 pm #

REPLY

I teach an approach to getting started without the theory or math understanding. By treating ML as a tool you can use to solve problems and deliver value. The deep mathematical understanding can come later if and when you need it in order to deliver better solutions.

See this post:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/how-do-i-get-started-in-machine-learning/

Vladimir August 14, 2016 at 12:00 am #

REPLY

Jason, thanks for the write-up. When it comes it supervised learning using regression analysis all examples I have found deal with simple scalar inputs and perhaps multiple features of one input. What if an input data is more complicated, say two values where one is a quadratic curve and another is a real number? I have data that consists of two pairs of values: univariate quadratic function (represented as quadratic functions or an array of points) and a real val
changes its skew/shape based on its real value pair R

value R', it becomes F" and so on. This is the training data and I have about thousand pairs of functions and real values. Based on a current function F and a new real value R can we predict the shape of F' using supervised learning and regression analysis? If so, what should I look out for? Any help would be much appreciated!

Irina Max August 14, 2016 at 12:07 pm #

REPLY

What about Best-subset Selection, Stepwise selection, Backward Selection as Dimension reduction?? This is Regularization methods but you also can use it as shinkage dimension.

jalg August 15, 2016 at 11:37 pm #

Do any of the algorithms have a feedback loo

Bryan August 19, 2016 at 9:20 am #

Jason- would like to discuss in detail the abilit algorithms. Have you ever researched?

Please email

utdad1@gmail.com

Jason Brownlee August 20, 2016 at 6:01 am #

REPLY

I have only done a little work in that area Bryan.

You can contact me directly here:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/contact

Howard Schneider September 11, 2016 at 7:00 am #

REPLY

Thanks for this wonderful tour of the machine learning algoritem zoo — more fun than the real one.

Jason Brownlee September 12, 2016 at 8:29 am #

REPLY

I'm glad you found it useful Howard.

srinivas n September 15, 2016 at 7:28 am #

REPLY

This is useful, but it could be made more useful for someone new to the field, specifcally in the section where algorithms are grouped by similarity, by clarifying exactly what is being learned. Eg Regression algorithms learn the curve that best fits the data points, Bayesian learning algorithms learn the parameters and structure of a Bayesian network, Decision Tree algorithms learn the structure of the decision tree, etc.

Additionally some kind of task based classification would be helpful. Eg if you're trying to classify then the following kinds of ML algorithms are best, if you're trying to do inference then rule learning and bayesian network learning are good, if you're curve fitting then regression is good, etc.

srinivas n September 15, 2016 at 7:31 am #

Just to clarify that first point I made: eg when
method itself that's being learned, nor whether a given
parameters of that network that apply Bayes method a

Jason Brownlee September 15, 2016 at 8:23

Great suggestion, thanks Srinivas.

Anuj Jain September 21, 2016 at 10:04 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

This article depicted almost all algorithms theoretically best at least for me (as a beginner)
But i am new to ML so i am not able to relate algorithms use cases in a real life problems/scenarios. Can u please suggest me some links where i could be able to relate each algorithms with a different real time/real life business problem?

Thanks in advance! ☺

Jason Brownlee September 22, 2016 at 8:11 am #

REPLY

Hi Anuj, it is generally helpful think of predictive modeling problems in terms of classification (predict a class or category) and regression (predict a number).

You can then divide algorithms into classification and regression types

This page has a nice list of modern and popular machine learning problems:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/tour-of-real-world-machine-learning-problems/

Yadav Avdhesh October 24, 2016 at 10:23 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason.
I am beginner of Machine learning. Can you suggest that how to start learning and what are the basic things to need for this.

Best Regards,
Avdhesh

Jason Brownlee October 25, 2016 at 8:24 am

Great question Avdhesh,

I teach a top-down approach to machine learning,
http://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#get

Steffen November 19, 2016 at 2:24 am #

Jason, this is an excellent list, thank you.

I am totally new to the topic – so it is a good starting point. In other ‘domains’ of methods, patterns or algorithm types I am more familiar with one could typically define generic weaknesses/pains, strengths/gains and things to look at with care (e.g. how to set parameters). I wonder what those would be for each of the algorithm groups you specified.

I have seen that you described use cases, e.g. one could use Bayesian Algorithms and Decision Tree Algorithms for classification. But when would I e.g. prefer the one over the other for classification? …just an example…

Jason Brownlee November 19, 2016 at 8:49 am #

REPLY

It’s a great question Steffen, and very hard to answer.

The best practical approach to find the best/good algorithms for a given problem is trial and error. Heuristics provide a good guide, but sometimes/often you can get best results by breaking some rules or modeling assumptions.

I recommend empirical trial and error (or a bake-off of methods) on a given problem as the best approach.

Dr. Khalid Raza November 20, 2016 at 6:04 pm #

REPLY

Dear Dr. Jason,

Very nice post. thanks

Jason Brownlee November 22, 2016 at 6:47 am #

REPLY

I'm glad you found it useful Khalid.

Tammi November 29, 2016 at 11:32 pm #

Hi Jason,

Thank you so much for your article.

How would you suggest NLP can be utilised to measur

Jason Brownlee November 30, 2016 at 7:56

Sorry, I'm not an expert in NLP Tammi.

sbollav December 10, 2016 at 4:01 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

Wonderful post ! Really helped me a lot in understanding different algorithms.

My question is i have seen lot of algorithms apart from the above list.

Can you please post the algorithms, how they work with list of examples.

Example: Cart algorithm (Decision Trees) – How they split, entropy, info gain, gini index and impurity.

I hope you got my question. Likewise for all algorithms.

Jason Brownlee December 10, 2016 at 8:08 am #

REPLY

Sure, I explain how algorithms work in this book:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/master-machi

If you're more of a coder, I explain how they work with Python code in this book:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/machine-learning-algorithms-from-scratch/

I hope that helps.

Iman December 11, 2016 at 7:32 pm #

REPLY

Your page, no your website is gold. I have very poor knowledge in Machine learning, and you helped me in few paragraphs to learn more when to use which algorithm.
I am yet to go through your book, but I decided a thank you is a must. Thanks a lot.

Jason Brownlee December 12, 2016 at 6:47

Thanks Iman.

sbollav December 15, 2016 at 9:57 pm #

Hi Jason,

Thank you for kind reply.

Master Machine Learning Algorithms – With this book, is it possible to understand how the algorithm works and how to build the predictive models for different kinds training sets.

And by seeing the problem or train data, can we say that the machine learning (tree based, knn, Naive base or optimisation) and the algorithms (cart, c4.5) are best suitable.

I can purchase that above book that you have mentioned –

But I am more concerned with how the algorithm works (more illustration) and apply in machine learning. Present i am using R.

Jason Brownlee December 16, 2016 at 5:43 am #

REPLY

Hi sbollav, after reading Master Machaine Learning Algorithms you will know how 10 top algorithms work.

For working through predictive modeling problems in R, I would suggest the book: Machine Learning Mastery With R:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/machine-learning-with-r/

It does not teach how algorithms work, instead, after reading it you will be able to confidently work through your own machine learning problems and

I hope that helps.

Jemmy January 16, 2017 at 10:41 am #

REPLY

Thanks ever so much for your great post

Do you have any idea about PQSQ algorithms? Could you dive in?

Jason Brownlee January 16, 2017 at 11:02 am #

REPLY

Sorry, I have not heard of this type of algo

Cara February 7, 2017 at 1:17 am #

Hey Jason.

So I'm writing my thesis on MLAs in Motion Analysis (f
wondering which type of MLA would be the most usefu
what kind of data needs what kind of MLA) or if I shoul
C4.5, CART, Naïve Bayes, Multi-Layer Perceptrons, ar
seems like the most popular in rehab technologies), bu
on it 😛

Your summary on this page was already very helpful, so thank you for that!

Jason Brownlee February 7, 2017 at 10:20 am #

REPLY

Hi Cara, I do not cover the problem of motion analysis directly.

I would advise evaluating a suite of algorithms on the problem and see what works best. Use what others have tried in the literature as a heuristic or suggestions of things to try.

Vicky February 10, 2017 at 11:28 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason ,

This is really a superb classification of algorithms.

Can you please help me with below.

I have few rules and I classified my target variable as 0 or 1 by these rules.

Now I want Machine to learn these rules and predict m

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Can you please suggest me which algorithm is good to do so.

REPLY

Jason Brownlee February 11, 2017 at 5:02 am #

Why not just use your rules directly Vicky? Why is another algorithm required?

REPLY

Vicky February 12, 2017 at 2:52 am #

Hi Jason ,

These rules are not straight forward and requir

I wanted to know if there is any possibility to te

Jason Brownlee February 12, 2017

Hi Vicky,

Yes, there will be a number of ways. Gene
mapping/rules automatically from example

Perhaps try this approach, try a few differe
objectively better mapping.

REPLY

Dina February 21, 2017 at 6:38 am #

Hi Jason

First thank you for your explanation..

I'm new in Machine learning and i have a question,, all the algorithm can i use it in the supervised learning ?? and how to know what is the best model can i use it for the classification image?

Thank you

REPLY

Jason Brownlee February 21, 2017 at 9:39 am #

Great question Dina,

We cannot know which algorithm will be best for a given problem. We must design experiments to discover it.

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See this post on the topic:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/a-data-driven-approach-to-machine-learning/

Abhisek February 22, 2017 at 12:59 am #

REPLY

Let's take a look at four different learning styles in machine learning algorithms:

Where is the fourth one ?

Jason Brownlee February 22, 2017 at 10:04 a

Thanks, fixed.

Olatunde Tijani March 14, 2017 at 2:41 pm #

Jason, am happy to find your site where mach
comforting. Am working on Natural Language Process
it but alas you listed NLP under other type of machine
was to locate the best algorithm to use.

Jason Brownlee March 15, 2017 at 8:08 am #

REPLY

Thanks, it's great to have you here.

I hope to cover NLP in detail later this year.

Nipuna March 24, 2017 at 1:55 am #

REPLY

Jason, how to use machine learning, NLP or both to predict user next sentence based on previously entered text

Jason Brownlee March 24, 2017 at 7:56 am #

REPLY

I don't have many NLP examples yet, soon hopefully.

This might help as a start:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/predict-sentime

PatsWagh96 March 24, 2017 at 12:57 pm #

REPLY

Sir need a formal introduction for “Grouping of algorithms by similarity in form or function”. Everywhere on internet it comes under the supervised learning style classified a scluster classification so is it a part of learning style??

Michael May 15, 2017 at 1:51 pm #

REPLY

I guess you missed forecasting algorithms like ARIMA, TBATS, Prophet and so on.

Jason Brownlee May 16, 2017 at 8:34 am #

I cover time series in detail here:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#tim

Deepak May 17, 2017 at 11:03 am #

Hi Jason ..You had created a great site.

Keep sharing the good stuff.

God Bless you.

Jason Brownlee May 18, 2017 at 8:26 am #

REPLY

Thanks Deepak!

Azarm Nowzad May 18, 2017 at 12:00 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

thanks for sharing this great stuff. I need to choose an ML algorithm on a non-rigid object detection in an image data base (smoke, cloud,…). Do you have any suggestion on the proper algorithm or a way to find it out. I come to the point to use CNN. Still not sure why should it be ?
tnx a lot

Jason Brownlee May 18, 2017 at 8:38 am #

REPLY

Yes, I would recommend a CNN.

Fakhre Alam May 29, 2017 at 8:12 am #

REPLY

How do we decide which machine learning algorithm to use for a specified problem?

Jason Brownlee June 2, 2017 at 12:18 pm #

A great question, see this post:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/a-data-driven-a

Kumar May 31, 2017 at 4:03 pm #

Hi Jason, its amazing material. Do you have a

Jason Brownlee June 2, 2017 at 12:44 pm #

REPLY

Thanks Kumar, sorry I don't have material on clustering.

Girish Korekar June 14, 2017 at 2:55 am #

REPLY

I would like know about the How an 'algorithms' works on "Machines"?
Here, please consider "Machines" as a "Humans" or "biological VIRUS" or "any living cells".

I would say biological individuals have a logical series of an algorithm, which is regulates their commands and response. These algorithms we may call as a 'Genetic Material' as 'DNA or RNA'; but I would like to see them as an "ALGORITHMS" which is regulates there all activities like responses and commands. Because, particular DNA or RNA sequences have special type of code, which can be used by different performers, here performers are Enzymes.

My query is that, can we able to form algorithms like DNA or RNA which can be able to run a Machine?
It can be possible to form a Human made Biological VIRUS that can be cure our infected cells within a Human Body?

Jason Brownlee June 14, 2017 at 8:49 am #

REPLY

Sure, take a look at biologically inspired computational methods.

I have a whole book on the topic:
http://cleveralgorithms.com/nature-inspired/index.html

Pavan GS July 14, 2017 at 1:27 am #

REPLY

Great article Jason…and a engaging comments section which is rarely the case.
Appreciate the effort and many thanks to all the others

Jason Brownlee July 14, 2017 at 8:30 am #

Thanks Pavan.

Pavan GS July 14, 2017 at 1:33 am #

#edit#
“a engaging comments section which is rarely the case

Jason Brownlee July 14, 2017 at 8:31 am #

REPLY

I work hard to respond to every comment I see. It’s getting harder and harder with 100s per day now.

Ahmed July 17, 2017 at 4:38 am #

REPLY

Hi Dr. Jason;
I have problem with Fast Orthogonal Search (FOS) for dimensionality reduction. So do you have any suggestion to build it on MATLAB.
thanks

Jason Brownlee July 17, 2017 at 8:47 am #

REPLY

I do not, sorry.

diviya July 24, 2017 at 6:37 pm #

REPLY

I have a doubt can we combine nature inspired algorithm with machine learning to improve accuracy level of our data

Jason Brownlee July 25, 2017 at 9:38 am #

REPLY

Perhaps. For example, genetic algorithms can help turning hyperparameters or choosing features.

I have a book on nature inspired algorithms I wrote
http://cleveralgorithms.com/nature-inspired/index.h

Joshua Reeve July 31, 2017 at 4:17 am #

Hello Jason, could you label all the algorithms
supervised? It's easy enough to understand what these
Thanks.

Jason Brownlee July 31, 2017 at 8:19 am #

REPLY

Most of applied machine learning (e.g. predictive modeling) is concerned with supervised learning algorithms.

The majority of algorithms listed on this page are supervised.

David Nettleton August 1, 2017 at 2:33 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason, thanks for your great article! I would propose an alternative classification of ml algorithms into two groups: (i) those which always produce the same model when trained from the same dataset with the récords presented in the same order and (ii) those which produce a different model each time. But I would be interested on your thoughts about this.
Best regards, David

Jason Brownlee August 1, 2017 at 8:03 am #

REPLY

Nice David. Really this is the axis of “model variance”.

Think of it as a continuum though, not binary. Many (most!) ML algorithms suffer variance of some degree.

David Nettleton August 4, 2017 at 7:25 pm #

REPLY

Thanks for your reply, Jason. Yes, the continuos scale would be better. Some years ago I worked with simulated annealing/gradient descent, genetic algs. and neural networks (which performed random jumps to escape local minimums). However, on the other hand, the information gain calculation inside a rule
induction algorithm such as M5Rules always fo
article ;-

Jason Brownlee August 5, 2017 at

Thanks for the suggestion David.

Mirna Magdy August 9, 2017 at 3:14 am #

Great job , but you didn’t include References for your topic!!!

Jason Brownlee August 9, 2017 at 6:43 am #

REPLY

Thanks Mirna, what references do you want to see?

Jeven Dale M. Marfil August 10, 2017 at 10:31 am #

REPLY

Is it possible to produce a function from the unsupervised machine learning?

Jason Brownlee August 10, 2017 at 4:39 pm #

REPLY

Sure, what do you mean exactly?

Jeven Dale M. Marfil August 10, 2017 at 6:13 pm #

REPLY

Thank you for the reply sir. Say I collected a large amount of data e.g. temperature for a period of time. I was wondering how to apply machine learning in interpreting the data. That is why my idea was to produce a function out from the graph, is this still relevant to machine learning?

Jason Brownlee August 11, 2017 at 6:38 am #

REPLY

It sounds like you are describing a regression equation, like a line of best fit.

If a line of best fit is good enough for you,

You can use a suite of machine learning al
you an idea of what is involved:
http://machinelearningmastery.com/start-h

Massimo August 29, 2017 at 9:42 pm #

Hi Jason
I have created several supervised models with some re
how to create a data driven application using these mo

Jason Brownlee August 30, 2017 at 6:16 am #

REPLY

You would need to treat it like any other software project and start by defining the goals/requirements of the project.

Rizwan Mian, PhD September 2, 2017 at 7:13 am #

REPLY

Thanks Jason. Another superb job. ☺

For sometime now, I have been looking for an authoritative paper on taxonomy, survey and classification of ML algorithms with examples. This article is absoulutely a step in that direction — can be massaged into a taxonomy/survey paper?

Nonetheless as other readers noticed, it is missing some topics: preprocessing including anomaly detection and feature selection, NLP, genetic algorithms, recommender systems etc.

Wonder if you know of any academic work on the topic. I did not find any in ACM CSUR.

Waiting anxiously! ☺

Jason Brownlee September 3, 2017 at 5:37 am #

REPLY

Thanks for the suggestion.

I will update the post soon and add more algorithms. I don't have plans on turning it into a survey sorry.

ammar September 6, 2017 at 10:18 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason
i am work on classification project and i have uncertain
which algorithm you thing it will be more efficient in this

Jason Brownlee September 7, 2017 at 12:54

Try a suite of algorithms and see what wo

shalini September 17, 2017 at 12:24 pm #

What algorithms can one use to retrain a Model every day using new data that has user feedback as to whether the model classified the Response into correct Label, and if not the correct label is provided by the user. I want to retrain the model using this feedback and going forward give more weight to the signatures with correct labels.

Jason Brownlee September 18, 2017 at 5:43 am #

REPLY

Many algorithms are updatable. I would recommend testing a suite of algorithms and see what works on your problem, then pick one that is updatable.

prasad October 13, 2017 at 4:43 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason, I'm a front end developer, but now i would like to learn machine learning. Could you guide me to learn it in best way?

Jason Brownlee October 14, 2017 at 5:39 am

My best advice is here:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#getstarted

I would recommend that you start with Weka:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#weka

MBarnett October 19, 2017 at 1:24 pm #

REPLY

Hmmm.. the download map link is broken….

MBarnett October 19, 2017 at 1:25 pm #

Sorry… spoke too soon.. link of the website w
Thank you !

Jason Brownlee October 19, 2017 at 3:59 pm

Sorry about that, the download works, but
working on it.

viswanath yakkala November 13, 2017 at 8:37 pm #

REPLY

Support Vector Machines, a supervised ML Algorithm is not there explicitly in the ML Algorithm mindmap.
Am i overlooked?

Jason Brownlee November 14, 2017 at 10:08 am #

REPLY

Correct. You could add it if you wish.

ravi November 17, 2017 at 5:29 pm #

REPLY

Which Optimisation Algorithm is best? Genetic Algorithm (or) ABC Algorithm (or) Support Vector Machine (or) Paricle swam Optimisation (or) Ant Colony Optimisation.And explain it

Jason Brownlee November 18, 2017 at 10:13 am #

REPLY

There is no best algorithm. Try a suite and see what works best for your specific sample of data and requirements.

Shima December 1, 2017 at 3:07 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason, very useful classification. Thank you. I wanted to know that HMM and FST are being considered as machine learning algorithms or not?

Jason Brownlee December 1, 2017 at 7:41 a

Yes, sure.

Gaurav Jain December 12, 2017 at 7:11 pm #

Thanks for such an awesome blog entry!

Jason Brownlee December 13, 2017 at 5:30 am #

REPLY

You're welcome, I'm glad it helped!

Alex December 27, 2017 at 10:03 pm #

REPLY

Awesome work and page Jason! Really a fantastic job you have made. Many many thanks for your effort.

Jason Brownlee December 28, 2017 at 5:22 am #

REPLY

Thanks Alex!

kawther March 6, 2018 at 10:26 pm #

REPLY

Many thanks for this tour,
I am working on anomaly detection in networks, which kind of algorithms you may suggest,
Thank you

Jason Brownlee March 7, 2018 at 6:13 am #

REPLY

Try many algorithms and see what works best for your specific data.

Divyansh Upman April 13, 2018 at 7:43 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason

May I please know if there are any pre-requisites for M

Jason Brownlee April 14, 2018 at 6:33 am #

Not really other than learning some pytho

You can get started with ml in python here:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#py

Blair July 4, 2018 at 7:14 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

I am a beginner in programming and I am planning to use Machine Learning algorithm to calibrate sensor data against reference data (in Python). What are some algorithms that you would suggest?

Thanks!

Jason Brownlee July 5, 2018 at 7:39 am #

REPLY

Try a suite of methods to see what works for your specific prediction problem.

Also see this:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/what-algorithm-config-should-i-use

Raj July 13, 2018 at 10:10 pm #

Thanks Jason for sharing very nice article.

Suppose consider a scenario where a patient took drug (X) and develop five possible side effect (X-a, X-b, X-c, X-d,X-e).

I need to find out the signal i.e. causal relationship between drug and its side effect based on few parameters (like seriousness, suspected etc..).
If the parameter is present, I give score as 1, if not present- score as 0 and -1 for not applicable.

Which algorithm should I use to find the best drug-event relation based on score or any alternative approach do u prefer.

Jason Brownlee July 14, 2018 at 6:18 am #

This process will help you to work through
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#pr

Raj July 14, 2018 at 12:30 pm #

Hi Jason,

I am currently learing Machine Learning and the link th

I am bit confused which algorithm is suitable to find be

Is it something Hierarchical clustering or decision tree or any other algorithm which u recommend.

Jason Brownlee July 15, 2018 at 6:04 am #

REPLY

This is a common question that I answer here:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/what-algorithm-config-should-i-use

Olanrewaju Sanni September 5, 2018 at 9:07 pm #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

Is it possible to incorporate machine learning into the heuristic or semi-heuristic algorithms in job scheduling to improve optimisation? If yes, can you recommend some materials on this to me?

Jason Brownlee September 6, 2018 at 5:34 am #

REPLY

Perhaps. I don't have examples, sorry.

Pranas September 14, 2018 at 1:20 pm #

REPLY

Maybe SVM should be slotted into instance based algos class, but where to put RVM … ;-)?

Jason Brownlee September 14, 2018 at 2:36 pm #

REPLY

Agreed.

Kazim Raza Talpur September 16, 2018 at 8:46 p

REPLY

In Machine Learning: what are State-Of-The-A

Jason Brownlee September 17, 2018 at 6:30

REPLY

Deep learning.

Kazim Raza Talpur September 17, 2018 at 3:14 pm #

REPLY

Dear @Jason thanks for your prompt reply,

So which techniques used in Deep Learning ? can you tell me the list?

Jason Brownlee September 18, 2018 at 6:10 am #

REPLY

The most widely use methods are MLPs, CNNs and LSTMs.

JP October 5, 2018 at 10:15 pm #

REPLY

Nice article. Under semi-supervised learning, there is a statement "the model must learn the structures ..". I believe you meant Algorithm here..Even you clarified this in your FAQ, algorithm is the one learns from data to create a prediction model. Agree ?

Jason Brownlee October 6, 2018 at 5:45 am #

REPLY

Yes.

bilgi bank December 23, 2018 at 1:34 am #

REPLY

better explained with more detailed sample codes

Jason Brownlee December 23, 2018 at 6:06

Thanks for the suggestion, here are some
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#c

Brush December 24, 2018 at 6:43 pm #

I am a newcomer to machine learning. I major
Python for two months.For students like me, how to pr
directions for machine learning, such as computer visi
Should we study machine learning as a whole, or choo
year, how can I find a job related to machine learning. I am a student from China. My English may not be
very good. Please don't mind my mistakes.Thanks.

Jason Brownlee December 25, 2018 at 7:19 am #

REPLY

Start small, right here:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/

Cheng January 5, 2019 at 7:21 am #

REPLY

Hi Jason,

Thanks for the post, how could you categorize ReLU, GANs and RBM in this mindmap? If you put activation functions such as logistic regression and linear regression under the Regression section, should ReLU be there as well? And likewise, should GANs and RBM under Deep Learning?

Jason Brownlee January 6, 2019 at 10:12 am

Relu is an activation function, a part of a neural net, not an algorithm per se.

GAN is an unsupervised neural network algorithm.

RBM is a supervised neural net algorithm and also redundant, replaced by MLPs with Relu.

Logistic regression and linear regression are not activation functions, they are algorithms, solved via least squares.

Anitha Florence January 29, 2019 at 5:07 pm #

REPLY

Its good to learn machine learning. Can the non- computer Science people learn this. Please tell way to learn.

Jason Brownlee January 30, 2019 at 8:05 am

Yes, you can start here:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#ge

I recommend using Weka that does not need any
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#w

Nancy V April 11, 2019 at 9:40 pm #

REPLY

Hello Jason your article is crystal clear so that it is useful for everyone and particularly me. I am beginner to this field and I want to know which algorithm will be suitable for detecting and classifying an object based on thermal image?? I have a set of data for example such as chair , table , phone etc. and I want to classify them based on detected thermal image. Could you please give some suggestions ???

Jason Brownlee April 12, 2019 at 7:45 am #

REPLY

I would guess a convolutional neural network (CNN) sound perform well.

Sagar Reddy June 14, 2019 at 3:25 am #

REPLY

Please, provide the details whether you provide any online classes or institutions to learn in real time as well as.

Jason Brownlee June 14, 2019 at 6:50 am #

REPLY

No, just ebooks:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/products/

Gyanendra June 20, 2019 at 9:38 am #

REPLY

You made it really very clear.
I believe many who work for several years in this field struggle to figure it out what they are doing and how is it related to big picture of ML and AI.
People also very much confused and consider, NN or l
method, NN based method, any mathematical algorith
algorithm, SWARM etc), cryptography, cognitive etc. th
and some majorly overlapped with each other.

Jason Brownlee June 20, 2019 at 1:58 pm #

Thanks. Perhaps you're right.

sandipan sarkar July 7, 2019 at 3:56 am #

REPLY

hello jason,
This article was wonderful.But my question is how can I learn the algorithms in a systematic way in order to clear the interview from the technical part.I hope you do understand.Thanks

Jason Brownlee July 7, 2019 at 7:53 am #

REPLY

Sorry, I don't know about interviews.

guhan July 24, 2019 at 10:56 pm #

REPLY

hello Jason,
Is there any possibility to use reinforcement learning on regression?

Jason Brownlee July 25, 2019 at 7:52 am #

Probably not, the method is more appropriate for an agent in an environment.

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