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Machine Teaching using minimization over complexity of instances

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Abstract

In today's society AI and machine learning is becoming more and more relevant. (find source) For instance, some might say the age old problem of the protein folding has finally been solved thanks to Deep mind and their Alphafold 2 (source). Their deep learning approach achieved close to 90% accuracy, matching experimental approaches. However, even if we now can get greatly accurate approximation solutions to the question of protein folding, the question of how each protein folds into their 3D structure has not been solved yet. Motivated by this fact; that knowing solutions to instances not necessarily gives insight to the question at large, as well as the expanding use of AI in our everyday life [image recognition, recommendation systems, personal medicine and law]. This places Explainable AI as a topic of extreme relevancy in the coming years. Our work will regard the topic of model-agnostic, global, example based Explainable Machine Learning. We will focus on the complexity of each instance to be used for teaching, and not on how many examples we are going to use.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In this master thesis we implement and discuss the result of the proposed model for machine teaching.

1.1 Background

This master thesis is connected to the research of [to the reaction or reference on research proposal]. In their research proposal they put forward a generic formula for machine teaching 1.1.

Example of a centred figure

$$T(\Theta_{AI}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{S:\Theta_{AI}\models S} \{\delta(S) + \lambda(\Theta_{AI}, \Theta_M) : L_M(S) = \Theta_M\} \quad (1.1)$$

$$L_M(S) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Theta_M:\Theta_M\models S} \{\beta(\Theta_M)\} \quad (1.2)$$

Chapter 2

Model

In this thesis there are multiple "models" and we will therefor establish cleare notations and descriptions of each.

2.1 θ_{ai} - the AI model to be learned

With θ_{ai} we refere to the AI model we are trying to teach to a human. In this thesis we will experimented with two different implementations of θ_{ai} . The first being Convolutional Nural Network (CNN) [1], and the other being Fully Connected Nural Network (FCNN). θ_{ai} will be trained on imgs, and will try to predite a ground truth boolean function. This will be discussed in the chapter Dataset. Both CNN and FCNN will be discussed in further implementations detail.

2.2 θ_{LM} - modeling human learner

θ_{LM} will be an algorithm trying to mimic human behavior. Given a set of instances and corresponds predicted values θ_{LM} outputs a guessed θ_{ai} it belives made these prediction for the given instances.

Chapter 3

Dataset

In this chapter we discuss how the dataset was chosen, how we create it, and the different parameters accessible when creating it.

3.1 Background

Our first decision was in deciding the task our AI was going to solve. In selecting the task our AI model was going to solve we had a few attributes in mind. We did not want something too complex, it had to be simple to implement and change, as we were to make a Proof Of Concept. At the same time the problem should not be too simple, we want to check if our method will convey the AI models errors with respect to the ground truth. We also wanted to be able to test our system with different AIs. To achieve this we wanted our task to achieve this we wanted the ground truth to be easily changeable, so we can compare AIs trained on different ground truths.

In the end we chose the task of predicting an underlying boolean function given bitmaps containing a subset of the literals A,B,C,D. Present literals in the bitmap are set to True, and all others are set to False. The label for a given instance is then found by calculating the underlying boolean function with literal assigned as described above, giving a label of 1 – being True – or 0 – being False.

This choice fits our demands as we can easily create a new ground truth by swapping the ground truth boolean function. This means our model is not over complex. At the same time the bitmaps representation of literals gives us the possibility of huge training datasets, which has the possibility of creating more or less complex datasets – different orientations, sizes and letter styles.

3.2 Description of an instance

In more detail, the input to our AI will be a 64x64 bitmap. The cells in the bitmap will either have the value 0 or 255. The cells having the value 255 will together make up one or more letter from a predetermined letter set $L = A, B, C, D$. Three examples of the instances are shown below.



Figure 3.1: Bitmap A



Figure 3.2: Bitmap AD



Figure 3.3: Bitmap BCD

We also have different parameters to active. These will be discussed in 3.4. The images above are of the smallest variance possible. Below are examples showing images from our dataset at highest possible variance.

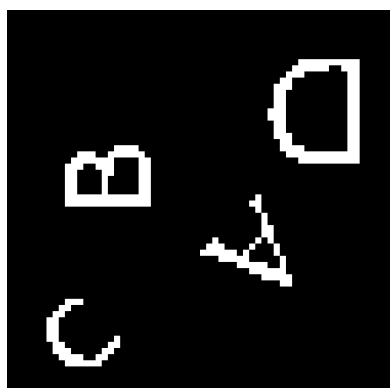


Figure 3.4: Bitmap ABCD



Figure 3.5: Bitmap ABD

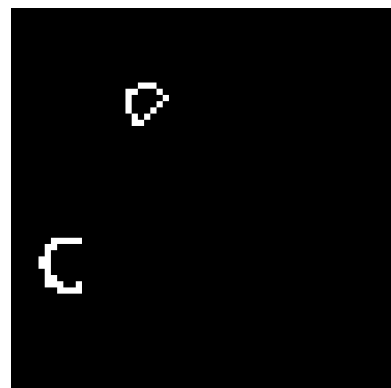


Figure 3.6: Bitmap CD

3.3 Properties of instance

We want to have some clear properties for each data instance. These are mostly sanity checks to make sure our AI will be given decent data. Although intuitive, it's important to make sure our data is sane. Bad data in, means bad predictions coming out.

Our rules for the data goes as follows:

- For each letter, the entirety of the letter is to be contained within the picture.
- No letter is to overlap with another letter.
- The size of the letter should not be too small. The letter shall contain enough pixels, such that the characteristics of the letter is maintained. E.g. clearly recognizable for a human.

3.4 Parameters generating instances

When generating data we have quite a few different parameters, all contributing to more or less complexity in our data. The goal of having different parameters for dataset generating is to be able to have a smooth increasing in difficulty for our AI. Using this we can find a suitable dataset for our AI models, where they perform reasonably well. We can also try to detect different overfittings based on these parameters.

3.4.1 *FixedSquares* – placement of letter

For the parameter *FixedSquares* we divide the image into four squares –top left, top right, bottom left, bottom right. Each of these squares might then contain a letter. Crucially no letter is overlapping these squares. All of figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 have *FixedSquares*. Having this parameter turned on will make the dataset less complex, as its counterpart is to just place freely. Without *FixedSquares* the algorithm might find all letters at the top of the image or at the bottom, increasing the variance of the dataset. This corresponds to a more complex dataset, less prone to be easily overfitted.

3.4.2 *Rotation* – orientation of the letter

With the parameter *Rotation* we allow the letters to have different orientations. We have selected a subset of orientations $O = \{0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ, 180^\circ, 225^\circ, 270^\circ, 315^\circ\}$. Letting each letter take on one of these orientations increases variance and complexity in our dataset. Below is an example of an image from a dataset with *Rotation* allowed.



Figure 3.7: Bitmap w/rotation ABC

3.4.3 *Scale* - size of the letter

With *Scale* we allow letters to have different sizes. Importantly no letter can be made to big 3.8, as it has to fit inside the image. Nor can it be made to small 3.9, as it needs to be recognizeable.



Figure 3.8: Bitmap ACD, too big. Overlapping, and out of image.

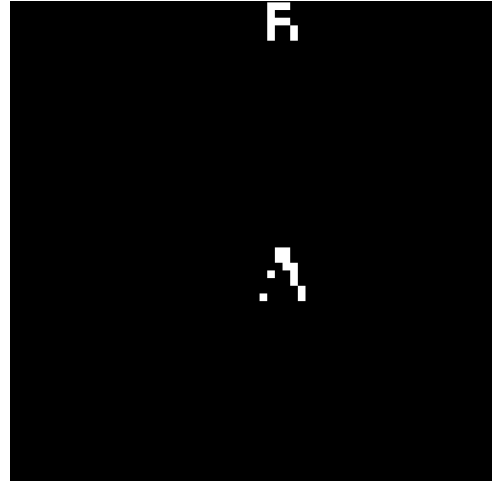


Figure 3.9: Bitmap AB, too small. A is broken up, B looks like R.

Having a broader range of sizes on the images will increase variance and complexity of our dataset.

3.5 Labels

After having described our data instance, we now describe the corresponding labels in the dataset. Our labels will hold either the value 0 or the value 1. This corresponds to our ground truth boolean function returning True (1) or False (0). When evaluating a instance we retrieve letters used to generate this instance, and set the corresponding

letters to true in our ground truth boolean function, and letters not present will be set to false. For instance given ground truth boolean function $(A \text{ and not } B)$ Bitmap A would be true, and hence get label 1, while Bitmap ABD would be false and have label 0

List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

CNN Convolutional Neural Network.

FCNN Fully Connected Neural Network.

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Appendix A

Generated code from Protocol buffers

Listing A.1: Source code of something

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1 System.out.println("Hello Mars");
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