Course introduction 2020

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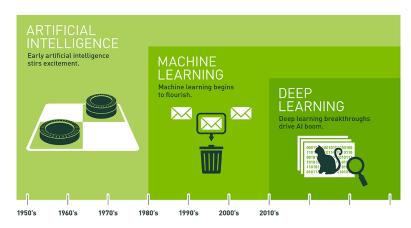
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Why machine learning?



Historical perspective



Since an early flush of optimism in the 1950s, smaller subsets of artificial intelligence – first machine learning, then deep learning, a subset of machine learning – have created ever larger disruptions.

Topics covered in the course

- Week 1: Machine learning fundamentals I (Mitko Veta)
- Week 2: Machine learning fundamentals II (Mitko Veta)
- Week 3: Linear models (Federica Eduati)
- Week 4: Deep learning I (Mitko Veta)
- Week 5: Deep learning II (Jelmer Wolterink, UMCU/UvA)
- Week 6: SVM, random forests (Federica Eduati)
- Week 7: Unsupervised machine learning (Federica Eduati)

Weeks 1-6 lecture and practical. Week 7 only lecture.

The course in a nutshell

- Assessment
 - ▶ 65% written exam
 - ▶ 25% practicals
 - ▶ 10% reading assignment
 - ▶ 0% mandatory Python self-assessment quiz in the first week
- GitHub repository used for material dissemination
- Canvas used for communication and submissions/grading
- ► Lectures, time: Mondays 13.30 15.30, location: Atlas 1.210 and on-line
- Guided self-study, time: Mondays 15.30 17.30, location: on-line via Microsoft Teams

Study materials

- ▶ Main: lecture slides and practicals
- Books
 - Deep Learning, Ian Goodfellow and Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville
 - ► The elements of Statistical Learning, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome Friedman
- ► Specific chapters and additional material (such as papers) are referenced in the lecture slides

Practicals

- Distributed as Python notebooks
- Deliverables
 - ▶ Python functions and/or classes (.py files) that implement basic functionalities (e.g. a *k*-NN classifier)
 - ➤ A single Python notebook that contains the experiments, visualization and answer to the questions and math problems.
- ► The assessment rubric for the practicals can be found in the handouts for week 1
- Instructions to setup the environment are in GitHub
- Each group has a teaching assistant that can be contacted via Teams during the prectical sessions
- You are encouraged to use Canvas Discussion to ask general questions

Reading assignment

- Select a paper per group with following criteris
 - Describes an application of Machine Learning to a Medical Imaging or Computational Biology problem
 - Recently published (after 2015)
 - Published in a high-quality journal (reference list in github)
 - On a topic that you find interesting and want to learn more about
- Use the 'paper selection' assignment to discuss paper selection with us (propose a list)
- Write a review (800 words) with:
 - Summary of the application domain of the paper
 - Summary of the used (Machine Learning) methodology and evaluation metrics
 - Discussion of strong and weak points of the methodology and evaluation metrics
 - Suggestion of alternative methodology, evaluation metrics and ideas for improvement

