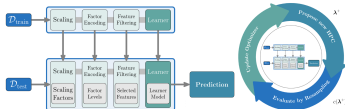


Introduction to Machine Learning

Hyperparameter Tuning - Pipelines and AutoML

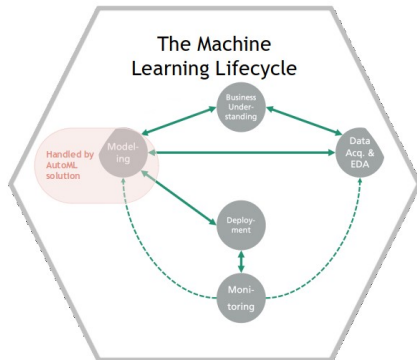


Learning goals

- Be able to explain a linear pipeline
- Understand how HPO pipelines can be represented as DAGs
- Know the difference between the HP space of a linear pipeline and a DAG

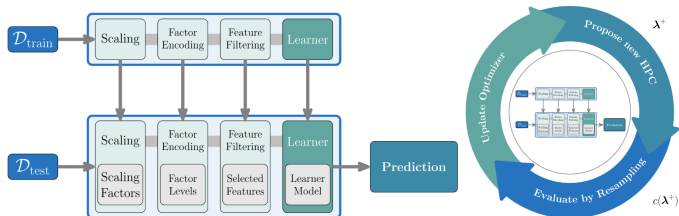
CASE FOR AUTOML

- More and more tasks are approached via data driven methods.
- Data scientists often rely on trial-and-error.
- The process is especially tedious for similar, recurring tasks.
- Not the entire machine learning lifecycle can be automated.



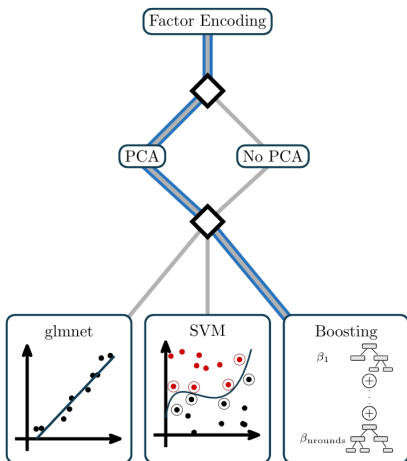
PIPELINES AND AUTOML

- ML typically has several data transformation steps before model fit
- If steps are in succession, data flows through linear pipeline
- NB: Each node has a train and predict step and learns params
- And usually has HPs



PIPELINES AND AUTOML

- Further flexibility by representing pipeline as DAG
- Single source accepts $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}$, single sink returns predictions
- Each node represents a preprocessing operation, a learner, a postprocessing operation or controls data flow
- Can be used to implement ensembles, operator selection, ...



PIPELINES AND AUTOML

- HPs of linear pipeline are the joint set of all HPs of its contained nodes:

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{op},1} \times \cdots \times \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{op},k} \times \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mathcal{I}}$$

- HP space of a DAG is more complex:
Depending on branching / selection
different nodes and HPs are active
→ **hierarchical search space**

Search Space $\tilde{\Lambda}$			
Name	Type	Bounds/Values	Trafo
encoding	C	one-hot, impact	
◇ pca	C	PCA, no PCA	
◇ learner	C	glmnet, SVM, Boosting	
if learner = glmnet			
s	R	$[-12, 12]$	2^x
alpha	R	$[0, 1]$	–
if learner = SVM			
cost	R	$[-12, 12]$	2^x
gamma	R	$[-12, 12]$	2^x
if learner = Boosting			
eta	R	$[-4, 0]$	10^x
nrounds	I	$\{1, \dots, 5000\}$	–
max_depth	I	$\{1, \dots, 20\}$	–

A graph that includes many preprocessing steps and learner types can be flexible enough to work on a large number of data sets

Combining such graph with an efficient tuner is key in AutoML

AUTOML – CHALLENGES

- Most efficient HPO approach? Good benchmarks often missing.
- How to integrate human a-priori knowledge?
- How can we best (computationally) transfer “experience” into AutoML? Warmstarts, learned search spaces, etc.
- Multi-Objective goals, including model interpretability
- AutoML as a process is too much of a black-box, hurts adoption.