



Machine Learning (Overview)

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1. Introduction

- Learning is one of the fundamental basis of intelligence.
- Machine learning is used in applications difficult to program manually, or that need flexibility to adapt to the environment:
 - automatic control of autonomous vehicles,
 - speech recognition,
 - natural language processing,
 - information retrieval,
 - indexing and categorization of documents,
 - computer games,
 - artificial vision,
 - autonomous robots,
 - music composition,
 - recommender systems,
 - etc.

2. Machine Learning

- Machine learning concerns the construction and study of systems that can learn from data.
- The core of machine learning deals with representation and generalization:
 - Representation of data instances and functions evaluated on these instances are part of all machine learning systems.
 - Generalization is the property that the system will perform well on unseen data instances.
- Following Alan Turing's proposal in Turing's paper "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" that the question:
 - "Can machines think?" should be replaced by:
 - "Can machines do what we (as thinking entities) can do?"

3. Computational Learning Theory

- The computational analysis of machine learning algorithms is a branch of theoretical computer science known as computational learning theory.
- Because training sets are finite and the future is uncertain, learning theory usually provides probabilistic bounds on the performance.
- There are many similarities between machine learning theory and statistical inference, although they use different terms.
- A computation is considered feasible if it can be done in polynomial time vs. NP-complete problems.

4. Some Algorithm Types

- Supervised learning: algorithms are trained on labeled examples, i.e., input samples where the desired output is already known. The supervised learning algorithm attempts to generalize a function for mapping inputs to outputs.
- Unsupervised learning: algorithms operate on unlabeled examples, i.e., inputs where the desired output is unknown. Here the objective is to discover data structures (e.g., through a cluster analysis), or hidden correlations among the data.
- Semi-supervised learning: the training set is partially labeled.
- Reinforcement learning: algorithms take actions in an unknown environment, in order to maximize the notion of cumulative reward, which is typically modeled as a Markov decision process (MDP).

5. Machine Learning Algorithms I

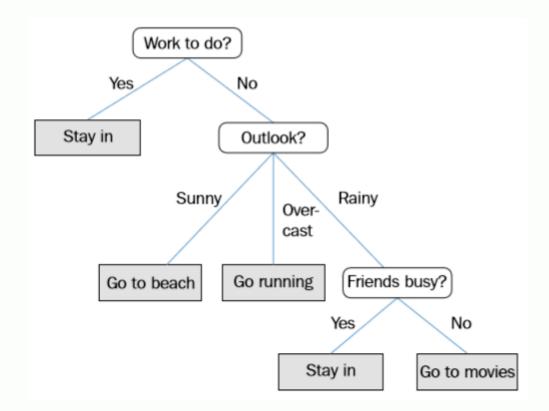
Inductive logic programming (ILP) is an approach to rule learning using logic programming as a uniform representation for examples, background knowledge, and hypotheses.

Given an encoding of the known background knowledge and a set of examples represented as a logical database of facts, an ILP system will derive a hypothesized logic program which entails all the positive and none of the negative examples.



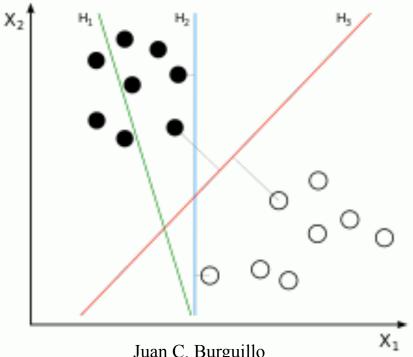
5. Machine Learning Algorithms II

 Decision tree learning uses a decision tree as a predictive model which maps observations about an item to conclusions about the item's target value.



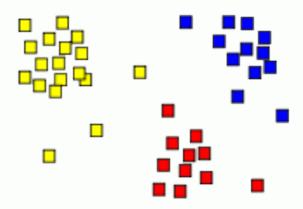
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- Classification, Regression, Prediction: given a set of training examples, marked as belonging to one of two categories, a training algorithm can build a model to predict whether a new example falls into one category or another.
- Support vector machines (SVMs) are a set of related supervised learning methods used for this purpose. Another popular supervised method is K-**Nearest Neighbors (K-NN)**



5. Machine Learning Algorithms IV

- Clustering is the assignment of a set of observations into subsets (called clusters), so that observations within the same cluster are similar, according to some pre-designed criteria. Clustering algorithms belong to the unsupervised learning category and are a common technique for statistical data analysis
- A good example of clustering algorithm is K-MEANS.

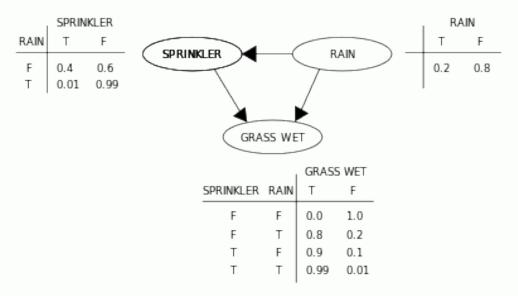


5. Machine Learning Algorithms V

Bayesian network, belief network or directed acyclic graphical model, is a probabilistic graphical model that represents a set of random variables and their conditional independencies via a directed acyclic graph (DAG) using the Bayes theorem:

$$P(A/B) = P(B/A).P(A).P(B)^{-1}$$

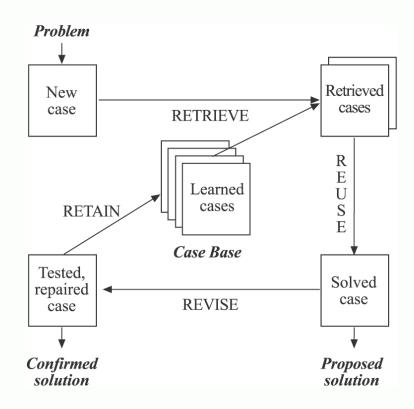
For example, a Bayesian network could represent the probabilistic relationships between diseases and symptoms. Given symptoms, the network can be used to compute the probabilities of various diseases.



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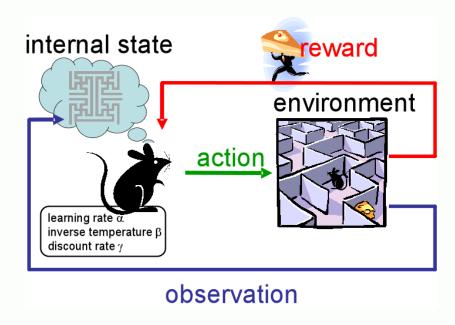
 Case-based reasoning (CBR) is the process of solving new problems based on the solutions of similar past problems.

 CBR consist in four phases: retrieve, reuse, revise and retain.



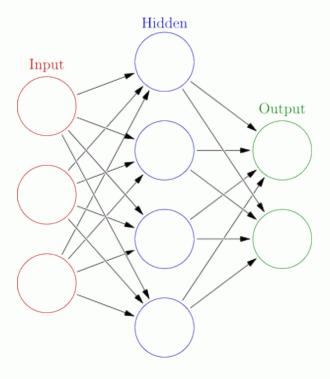
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- Reinforcement learning: Through a sequence of actions, the agent attempts to gather knowledge about how the environment responds to its actions, and attempts to synthesize a sequence of actions that maximizes a cumulative reward.
- The focus is on finding a balance between exploring a huge space of actions, and exploiting the knowledge already acquired.

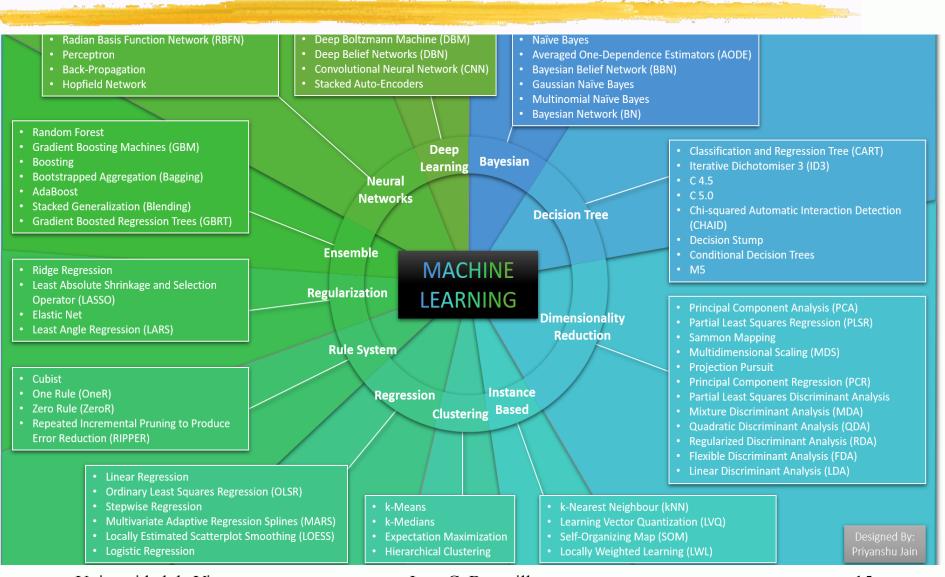


5. Machine Learning Algorithms VIII

Artificial neural networks (ANN) use learning algorithms inspired by the structure and functional aspects of biological neural networks. Computations are structured in terms of an interconnected group of artificial neurons, processing information using a connectionist approach to computation.



5. M.L. Algorithms: Summary



5. The Evolution of Al

Small data sets

Early artificial intelligence

- ENIAC Heralded the Giant Brain"; used for WW II ballistics
- Industrial robots

Statistical and mathematical models applied to solve problems

Massive structured data sets

Machine learning

- Deep Blue Beating World Chess Champion Kasparov
- DARPA Challenge Autonomous vehicle drove 132 miles

Advanced Analytics and Heuristic

Massive unstructured big data

Deep Learning

- Unsupervised training
- Generic code
- Pattern recognition

Systems can

- Observe
- Test
- Refine



Successes

- AlphaGO First Computer GO program to beat a human
- Deep Face Facial verification
- Libratus AI Poker App
- Digital virtual assistants Siri
- Google Self-driving cars

Predictive models defined by machines based neural networks

1940 – 1980 1990 – 2000s Today



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