

Background, Dimensionality Reduction

MACHINE LEARNING







Topics

- Introduction: GUI and basic calculations
- Coding 1: Scripts, style, and variable classes
- Coding 2: Control statements and loops
- Visualization 1: Basics, subplots, get and set
- Coding 3: Functions
- Visualization 2: Descriptive plots
- Coding 4: Basic input and output
- Visualization 3: Distribution and 3D plots
- Coding 5: Input and output specials last lecture before holidays
- Machine Learning 1: Introduction and dimension reduction
- Machine Learning 2: Clustering
- Machine Learning 3: Classification
- Coding 6: Efficiency and debugging basics
- Coding 7: Advanced functions and debugging





Artificial Intelligence

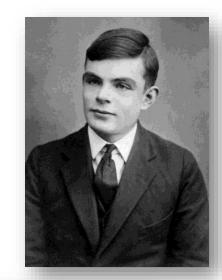
- Intelligence in machines
 - Contains reasoning, planning, language processing, perception and action control (amongst others)
 - "Intelligent" is not as defined as it is in psychology
- Weak AI (narrow problem solver, expert systems) vs. Strong AI (conscious?, general?)
 - Ongoing debates, no clear conclusions
- Al as a buzzword is used very widely, "Al is whatever hasn't been done yet." (Tesler's Theorem)
 - Anything with learning and problem solving
 - Anything to sell to your CEO
- Philosophical considerations about "Artificial Intelligence/Consciousness" often have nothing to do with what's actually there
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) ~= Machine Learning (ML)
 - ML can be a tool to create Al



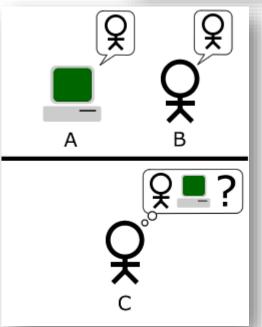


The Turing Test (Imitation Game)

- Alan Turing (1912-1954)
 - Father of theoretical computer science and AI
 - Turing Machine (theoretical general purpose computer)
 - Tragic death (cyanide poisoning) after chemical castration (against homosexuality)
 - Rehabilitation by the Queen only in 2013!
- Test whether a machine would exhibit intellgient behavior that is indistinguishable from a human
- Interrogation by a human of two conversation partners
 - One AI and one human
 - Text-only
 - Human judge decides who is the machine
 - If indistinguishable, test is passed
- Pass ~= Strong AI (c.f. Chinese Room)
 - Generalized AI probably
- Rather a theoretical question than serious research!











Machine Learning (ML)

- "A computer program is said to learn from experience *E* with respect to some class of tasks *T* and performance measure *P* if its performance at tasks in *T*, as measured by *P*, improves with experience *E*." (Tom Mitchell, 1997)
- Learn from training data and test on new data
- Unsupervised learning (dimensionality reduction, clustering)
- Supervised learning (classification, regression)
- Reinforcement Learning (more relevant for agents in an environment)





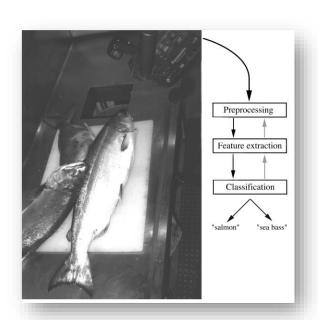
Unsupervised Supervised Classification Clustering Continuous Dimensionality Regression Reduction

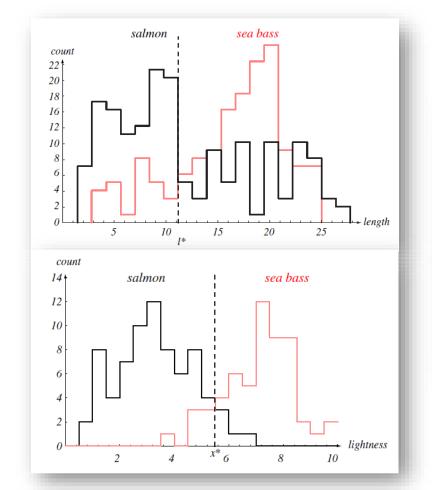


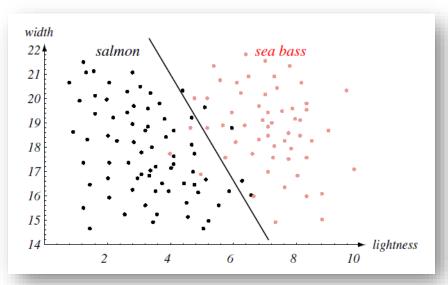


Example

• Discriminating between fish (From: Duda et al., Pattern Classification, 2nd ed., Wiley, 2001)





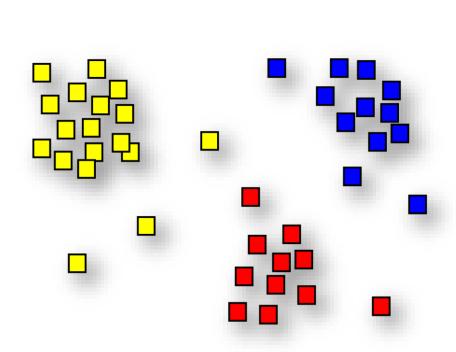




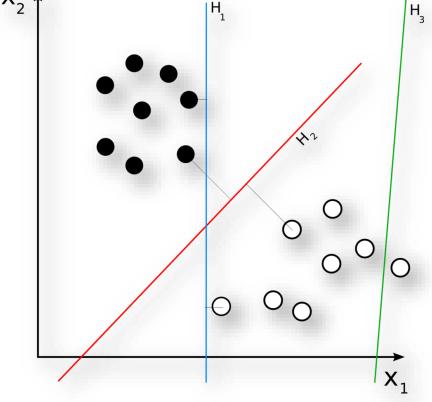


Clustering & Classification

- Clustering: What data points belong together?
- Classification: Which category does this data point belong to?



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluster analysis

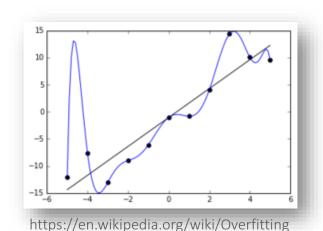


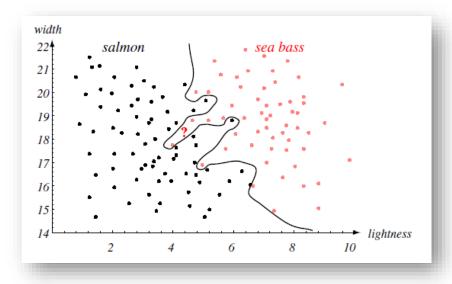




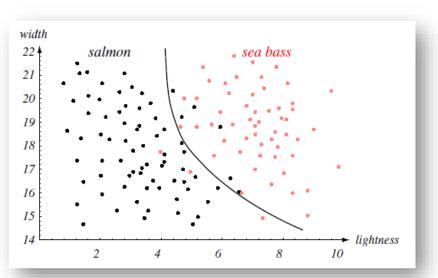
Overfitting

- Your model corresponds too closely to the training data, but does not generalize to new data (bad predictions)
- Training Error ~= Testing Error
- Model complexity << data set size
 - E.g. factor 10





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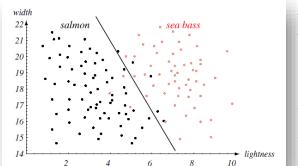






Features and Dimensions

- Feature Extraction
 - You have a raw data set, what are the informative values that you derive from it?
 - Depends on the question!
 - EEG data -> e.g. power in certain frequencies
- Feature Selection
 - Select a subset of relevant features (variables) for your model
 - Less features (variables) -> Faster computation, less overfitting
- Curse of dimensionality: If the feature space has a very large amount of dimensions, problems arise
 - E.g. because the data does not fill the entire volume or distances are hard to define
 - Dimensionality reduction: Reducing the number of dimensions of your feature vector while keeping as much information (variance) in your data as possible

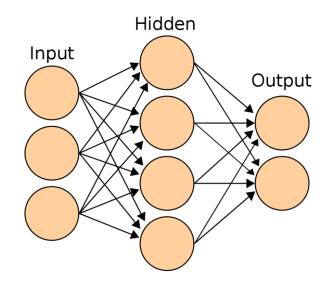




Artificial Neural Networks

- "neurons" connect with weights to other neurons
 - Input, Anonymous, and output layer
 - Other structures are possible too!
- "Activity" (numeric value) spreads through the net

- Errors are backpropagated to the input
 - The contribution of each weight and neuron is computed
 - Weights are changed in the process to minimize the error
- Deep Learning: Many Anonymous Layers
 - Performs feature selection and extraction itself
 - Needs VERY large amount of data
 - Hard to interpret how exactly tasks are solved
 - Think first whether a simple algorithm can work as well!









Dimensionality Reduction



- Big data -> manageable data (visualize, classify)
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
 - Very commonly used (invented in 1901)
 - Correlated variables are transformed into a set of uncorrelated variables (principal components)
 - Components are sorted according to their variance
 - Disregarding components with low variance contribution reduces the dimensions while keeping data variability high
- t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)
 - Projects n-dimensional data into 2D or 3D
 - Similar objects are modeled by nearby points and dissimilar objects are modeled by distant points with high probability
 - https://distill.pub/2016/misread-tsne/

