

Applied Machine Learning in Python

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- Examples of technologies that enable AI to solve business problems are
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 - computer vision,
 - language,
 - virtual agents, and
 - machine learning.

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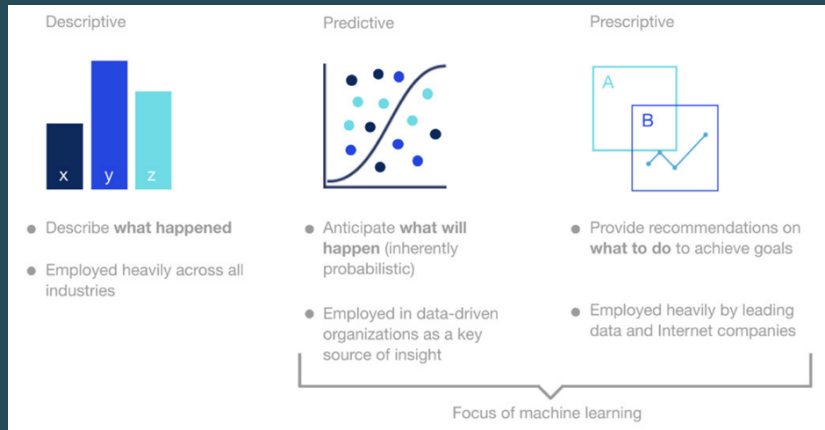
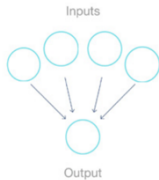


Figure: Types of analytics in order of complexity

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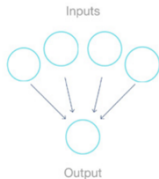


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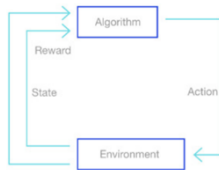
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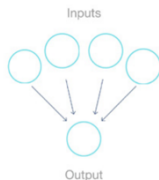
An algorithm uses training data and feedback from humans to learn the relationship of given inputs to a given output (eg, how the inputs “time of year” and “interest rates” predict housing prices)

An algorithm explores input data without being given an explicit output variable (eg, explores customer demographic data to identify patterns)

An algorithm learns to perform a task simply by trying to maximize rewards it receives for its actions (eg, maximizes points it receives for increasing returns of an investment portfolio)

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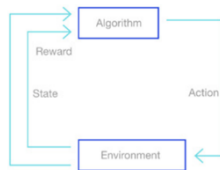
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You know how to classify the input data and the type of behavior you want to predict, but you need the algorithm to calculate it for you on new data

You do not know how to classify the data, and you want the algorithm to find patterns and classify the data for you

You don't have a lot of training data; you cannot clearly define the ideal end state; or the only way to learn about the environment is to interact with it

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1. A human labels every element of the input data (eg, in the case of predicting housing prices, labels the input data as “time of year,” “interest rates,” etc) and defines the output variable (eg, housing prices)
2. The algorithm is trained on the data to find the connection between the input variables and the output
3. Once training is complete—typically when the algorithm is sufficiently accurate—the algorithm is applied to new data

1. The algorithm receives unlabeled data (eg, a set of data describing customer journeys on a website)
2. It infers a structure from the data
3. The algorithm identifies groups of data that exhibit similar behavior (eg, forms clusters of customers that exhibit similar buying behaviors)

1. The algorithm takes an action on the environment (eg, makes a trade in a financial portfolio)
2. It receives a reward if the action brings the machine a step closer to maximizing the total rewards available (eg, the highest total return on the portfolio)
3. The algorithm optimizes for the best series of actions by correcting itself over time

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The Future Starts Now

- For the remainder of this session, you can work on Kaggle tutorials

- 1 Register an account at Kaggle

- 2 Start with one of the micro-courses on Kaggle:

Beginners: Python Micro-Course

Intermediates: Intro to Machine Learning Micro-Course

Others: Start with one of the other tutorials. Select the one you think is most relevant for you right now.

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