Summary of Chapter one from

*Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow*

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# What Is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning is about making machines get better at some tasks by learning from data, instead of having to explicitly code rules.

# Why Use Machine Learning?

Problems for which existing solutions require a lot of fine-tuning or long lists of rules: one Machine Learning model can often simplify code and perform better than the traditional approach. Complex problems for which using a traditional approach yields no good solution: the best Machine Learning techniques can perhaps find a solution. Fluctuating environments: a Machine Learning system can easily be retrained on new data, always keeping it up to date. Getting insights into complex problems and large amounts of data.

# Types of Machine Learning Systems

- supervised or not.
- batch or online.
- instance-based or model-based.

## Supervision

- ### Supervised Machine Learning:

  In supervised learning, models train on labeled datasets where each data point has both input features and corresponding output labels. Classification falls under this category, where the goal is to predict categorical target variables (e.g., spam vs. non spam emails, heart disease risk). Regression is another type within supervised learning, focusing on predicting continuous numerical values (e.g., house prices, sales forecasts).

- ## Unsupervised Machine Learning:

  Unsupervised learning operates on unlabeled data. The goal is to discover patterns, clusters, or structures within the data. Clustering is a key task, where similar data points are grouped together (e.g., customer segmentation, image segmentation). Dimensionality reduction techniques (like Principal Component Analysis) also fall under this category.

- ## Semi-Supervised Machine Learning:

  Semi-supervised learning combines elements of both supervised and unsupervised learning. It leverages a small amount of labeled data along with a larger pool of unlabeled data. Useful when obtaining fully labeled datasets is expensive or time-consuming.

- ## Reinforcement Learning:

  Reinforcement learning focuses on training agents to make sequential decisions in an environment. The agent interacts with the environment, receives feedback (rewards or penalties), and learns to optimize its actions. Widely used in fields like robotics, game playing, and autonomous vehicles.

- ## Self-Supervised Learning:

  Self-supervised learning is a variant where the model generates its own labels from the data. For instance, predicting missing parts of an image or filling in gaps in text. It's gaining prominence due to its ability to learn from large amounts of unlabeled data.

## Batch versus Online Learning

- ### Batch Learning:

  In batch learning, the model is trained using the entire dataset (or a large batch of data) at once.

- ### Online Learning:

  In online learning, the model is updated incrementally as new data arrives.

## Instance-Based Versus Model-Based Learning

- Instance-Based Learning: Memorizes examples, relies on similarity, and is useful for small to medium-sized datasets.
- Model-Based Learning: Learns underlying relationships, provides scalability, and is preferred for larger, complex datasets.

## Main Challenges of Machine Learning

The system will not perform well if your training set is too small, or if the data is not representative, is noisy, or is polluted with irrelevant features (garbage in, garbage out). Lastly, your model needs to be neither too simple (in which case it will underfit) nor too complex (in which case it will overfit).

## Testing and Validating

testing ensures that our model performs well on unseen data, while validation guides us in selecting the best model configuration. Both are crucial steps in the machine learning pipeline.

## Data mismatch

occurs when there is a significant difference between the data used for training a machine learning model and the data it encounters during deployment or real-world usage. This discrepancy can lead to unexpected performance degradation and suboptimal results.

## Project Idea

- Use machine learning to predict diseases like heart disease, Parkinson's disease, or breast cancer based on relevant features.