Online learning analytics on social networking sites: how to tap the potential of data mining in research of educational technology

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Questions Answered by Text Mining

Is the coming email a spam?

Classification Problem



Questions Answered by Text Mining

 What is the attitude of people on Twitter towards the presidential candidate *Donald Trump*?

Classification Problem



Questions to Answer by Text Mining

 What algorithm can score essays as teachers do?

Classification Problem



Questions Answered by Text Mining

 What aspects do the product reviews cover for Fig Newtons on Amazon?

Clustering Problem



Questions to Answer by Text Mining

 Are there different patterns in students' discussions; if so, are the patterns related to their academic performance?

Clustering Problem



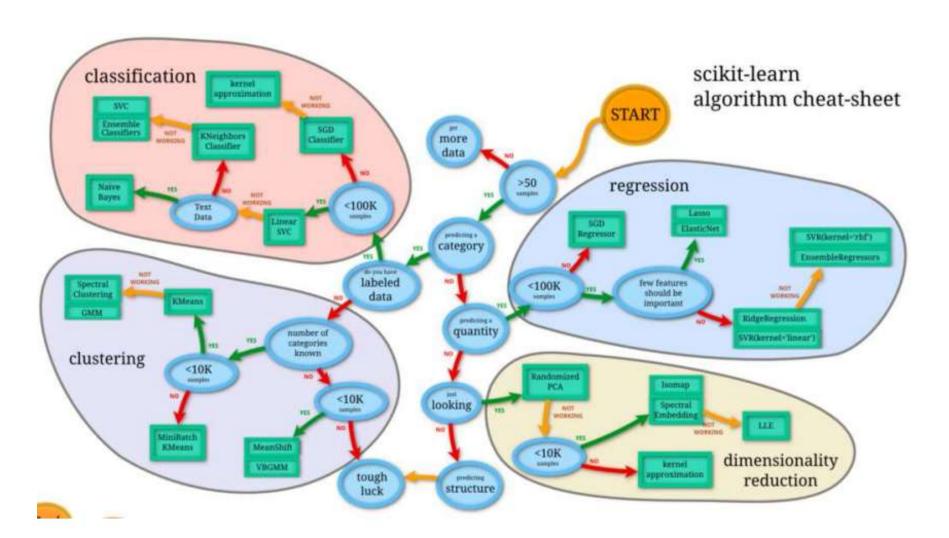
Questions to Answer by Text Mining

 What courses should we recommend students' based on their course reviews and engagement levels of their enrolled courses?

Recommendation **Problem**



Road Map



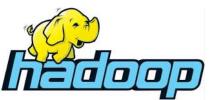
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Road Map

- 1. Prediction
 - Regression
 - Neuro Network
- 2. Classification
 - Support Vector Machine
 - Naïve Bayes
- 3. Clustering
 - Cluster Analysis
- 4. Attribute Collapsing
 - Greedy Algorithm
 - Principle Component Analysis

Tools





















Tools







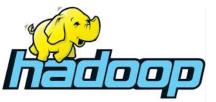
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Regular Expression

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Regular Expression

madam, baad, dad, gooffoog

Palindrome



Regular Expression

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a, an, the, he, him, I, me, ...

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Assumption:

1. Bag of words

A dog bites a man. A man bites a dog.

"a", "man", "dog", "bites"

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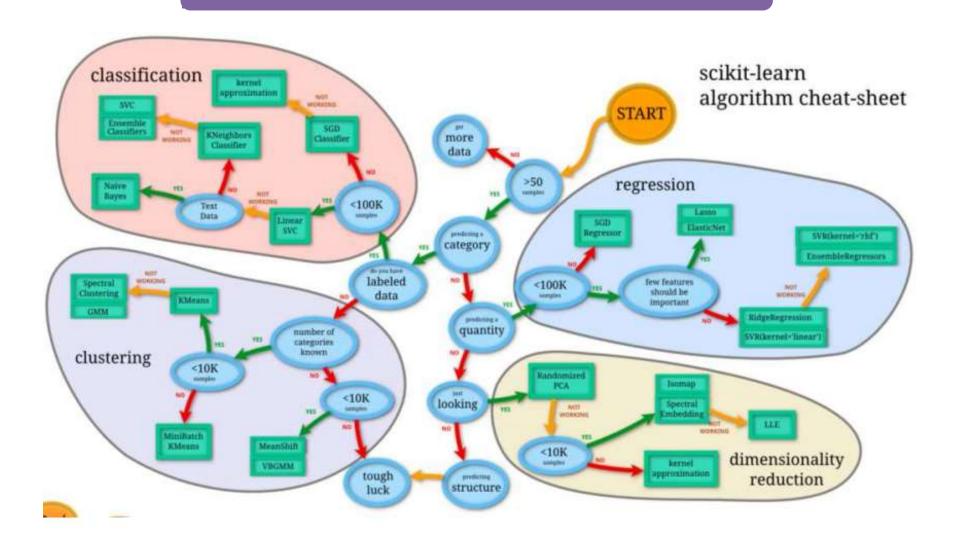
- 1. Bag of words
- 2. Words as features

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Data Analysis



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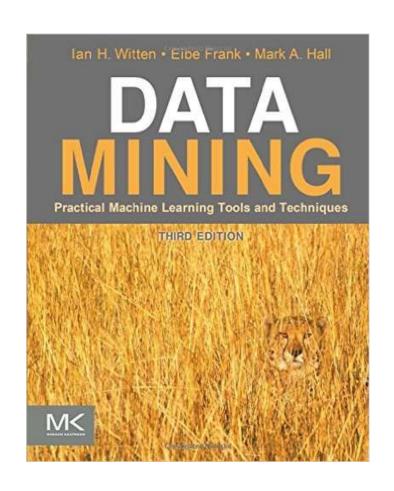
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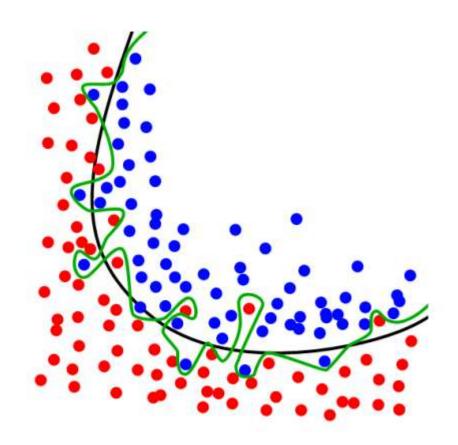




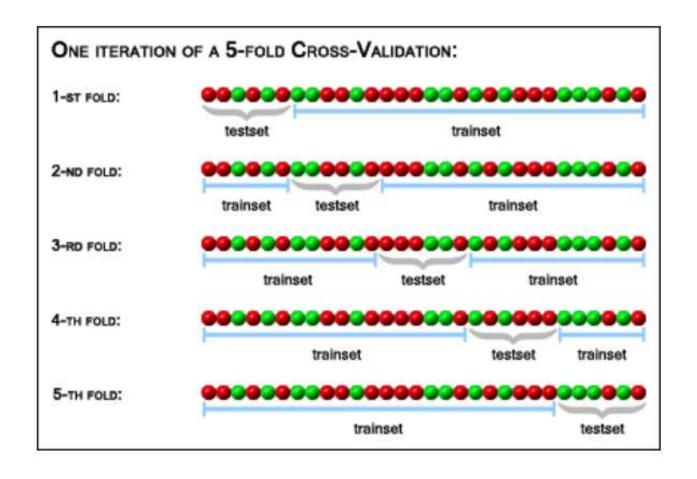
Data Mining:
Practical Machine
Learning Tools and
Techniques

- Overfitting
- Cross validation
- Naïve Bayes
- K-means
- Support Vector Machine

Overfitting



Cross Validation



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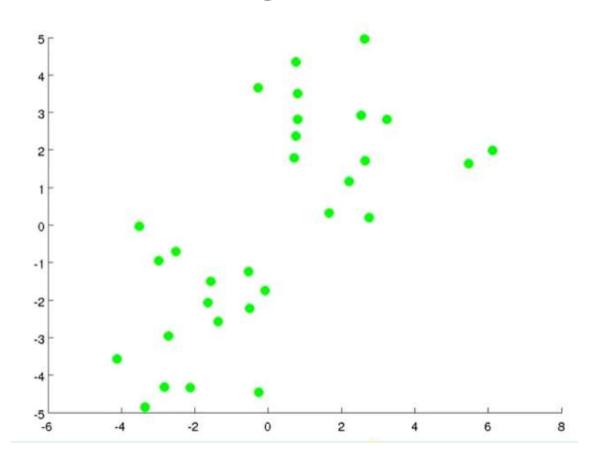
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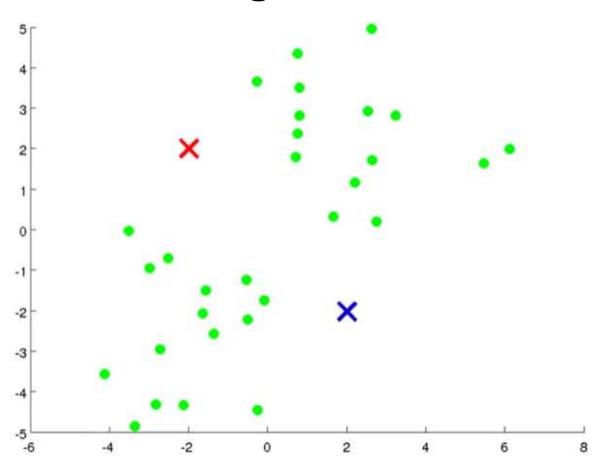
K-means Algorithm

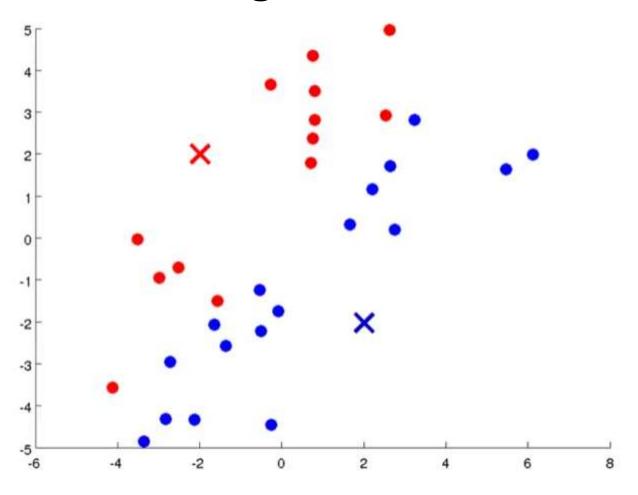
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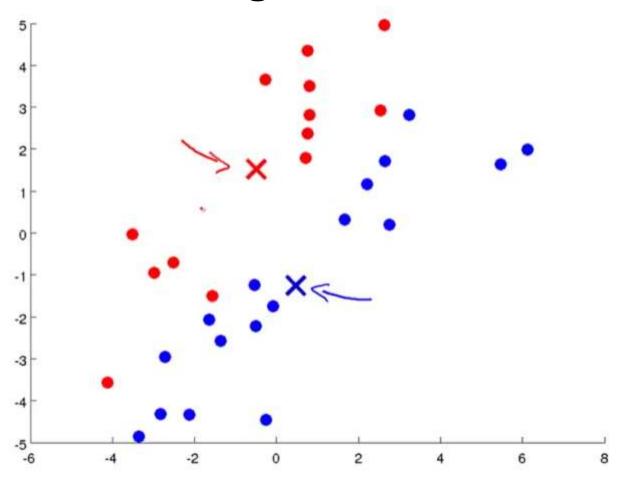
- K (number of clusters)
- Training set $\{x^{(1)},x^{(2)},\ldots,x^{(m)}\}$

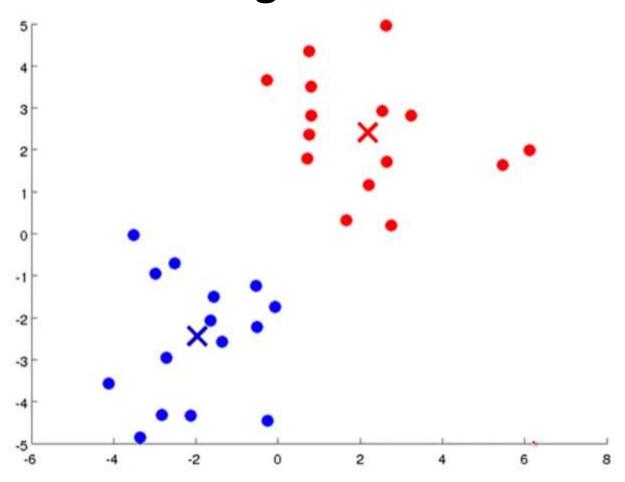
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Randomly initialize K cluster centroids \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_K \in \mathbb{R}^n
Repeat {
         for i = 1 to m
            c^{(i)}:=\operatorname{index} (from 1 to K) of cluster centroid
                     closest to x^{(i)}
         for k = 1 to K
             \mu_k := average (mean) of points assigned to cluster k
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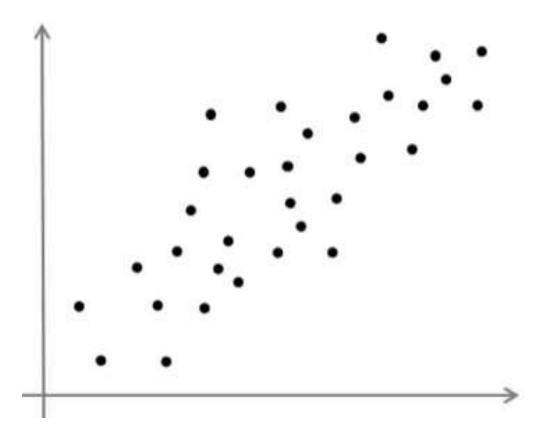




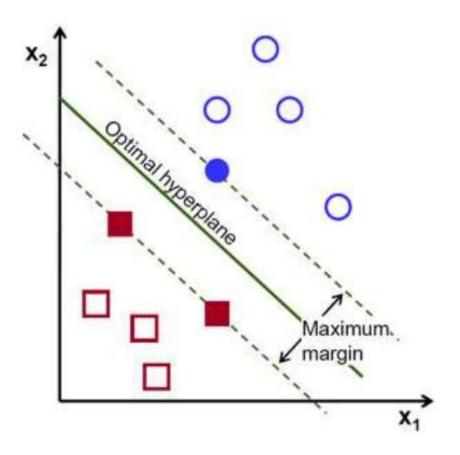








Support Vector Machine



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Sharing Data and Results

- Git + GitHub
 - Git: https://git-scm.com/downloads
 - https://github.com/Neo-Hao

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Use Public Data Whenever Possible

College Scorecard Data

Data Documentation

College Scorecard

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Data Insights

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While there is variation in the amount of debt and fraction of students borrowing by sector, on average, students at private forprofit two-year and four-year institutions have high rates of borrowing and their graduates often have large amounts of debt. While debt per se may not be problematic where students are able to repay their loans, it should be paired with other data, such as completion rates and post-school earnings, to provide a more comprehensive picture of student outcomes.

Learn more in the Technical Paper

Introduction to the Data

Welcome to the College Scorecard Data site.

Here, you can get the data behind the College Scorecard, as well as other data on federal financial aid and earnings information. These data provide insights into the performance of schools eligible to receive federal financial aid, and offer a look at the outcomes of students at those schools.



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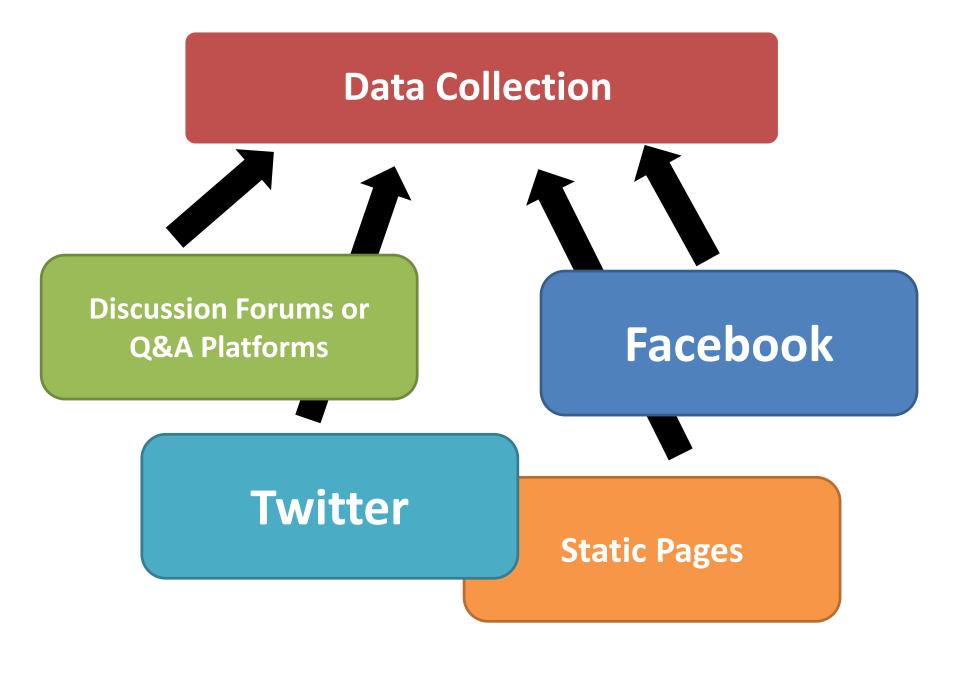
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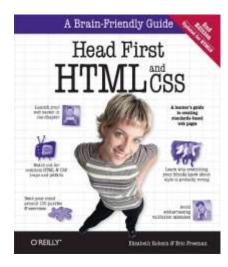
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https://github.com/Neo-Hao/Web-Scraping-from-USGSA

Scrapping data form static web pages:

- 1. A good understanding of HTML & CSS
- 2. A good understanding of XML & JSON



XML

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JSON

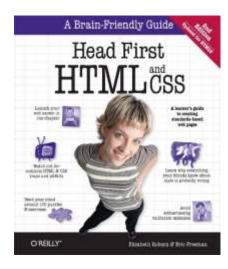
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Chrome DevTools

The Chrome DevTools are a set of web authoring and debugging tools built into Google Chrome. Use the DevTools to iterate, debug and profile your site.

Chrome Canary always has the latest DevTools.

- Select More Tools > Developer Tools from the Chrome Menu.
- Right-click on a page element and select Inspect
- Use ctrl/cmd + shift + I (more shortcuts)

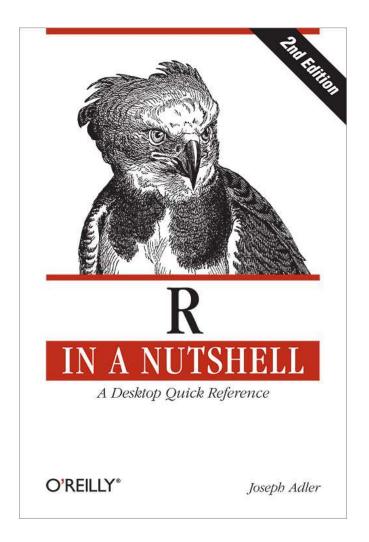
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R in a Nutshell







```
getwd()
```

setwd("XXX/TwitterHashtag
R/data")



Authentication

- 1. Register your own app
- 2. Keep your consumer keys and secrets
- 3. Go to Data Collection/Authentication.R
- 4. Replace consumer keys and secrets with yours
- 5. Run lines 1-42



Collect User Info

- 1. Go to Data Collection/collectUsers.R
- 2. Run lines 1-33



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- 3. Practice: Find 5 twitter accounts that you would like to collect information about, and collect their basic information in a .csv file



Collect tweets of particular users

- 1. Go to Data Collection/getTweetsByUser.R
- 2. Run lines 1-24



Collect tweets of particular users

- 1. Go to Data
 Collection/getTweetsByAllUser.R
- 2. Run lines 1-68

Note: Make sure you have a file named "three_conferences.csv" in the current directory.



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 Collection/getTweetsByAllUser.R
- 2. Run lines 1-68
- 3. Practice: Get tweets from 2 different twitter accounts



Collect tweets by Hashtag

- 1. Go to Data Collection/hashtagSearch.R
- 2. Run lines 1-22



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- 3. Practice: Do one web scrapping yourself
 - 1. Search a hashtag using Twitter; keep scrolling down until you have all or enough number of tweets
 - 2. Download the HTML page
 - *3.*

Thanks!

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