



# **ICTSS00120**

# **Artificial Intelligence Skill Set**

## **Week 8: Hyperparameter Tuning**

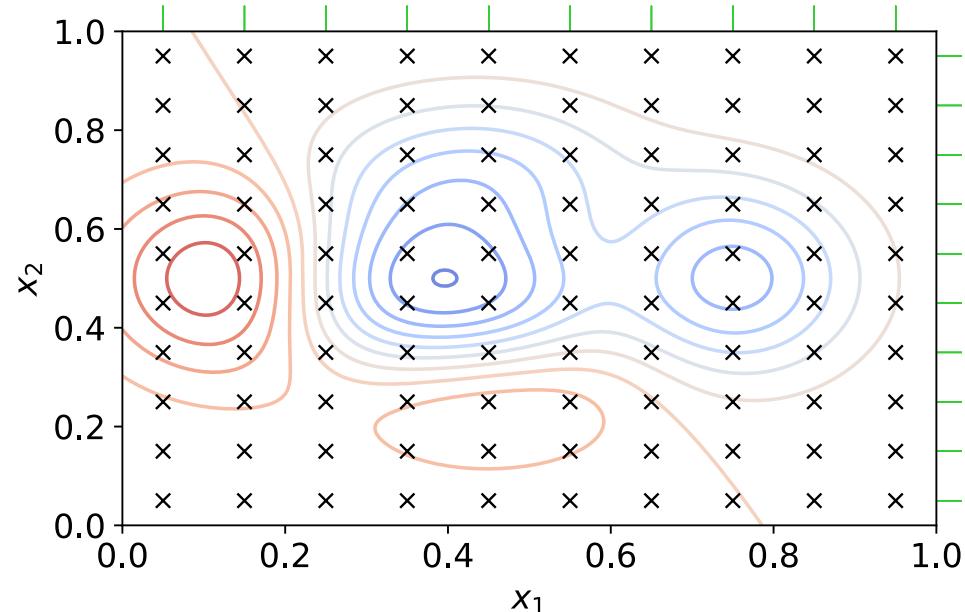
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## Learning Objectives

- Understand what hyperparameters are and their role in machine learning models.
- Learn about different methods for hyperparameter tuning.
- Implement hyperparameter tuning using scikit-learn.
- Evaluate the performance of machine learning models using various metrics (e.g., f-score, accuracy, precision/recall, loss metrics, confusion matrix).

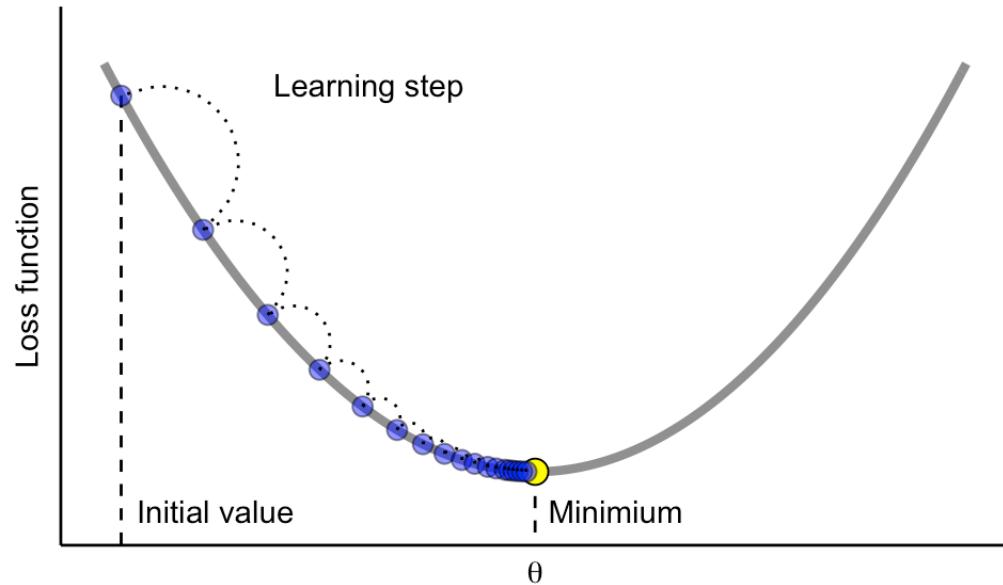
# What are Hyperparameters?

- **Definition:** Hyperparameters are external configurations to the model that must be set before the learning process begins.
- **Examples:**
  - Learning rate in gradient descent
  - Number of layers and nodes in a neural network
  - Regularization parameters (e.g., L1, L2)
  - Max depth of a decision tree



## Why Hyperparameter Tuning?

- **Optimize Model Performance :**
  - Carefully chosen hyperparameters can significantly improve model accuracy and efficiency.
- **Avoid Overfitting/Underfitting :**
  - Regularization parameters can help to generalize the model better.
- **Balancing Performance Metrics :**
  - Tuning parameters like the class weight can balance precision and recall.



# Common Methods for Hyperparameter Tuning

## Grid Search

- **Definition:** Exhaustive search over specified parameter values for an estimator.
- **GridSearchCV** in scikit-learn performs hyperparameter tuning using cross-validation.

## Random Search

- **Definition:** Randomly sampling parameter values from a specified distribution.
- Often quicker than grid search for large hyperparameter spaces.

# Evaluating Model Performance

## Common Metrics

- **Accuracy**: Proportion of true results among the total number of cases.
- **Precision**: Proportion of true positive results in terms of positive results returned by the classifier.
- **Recall**: Proportion of true positive results in terms of all samples that should have been identified as positive.
- **F1 Score**: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.
- **Confusion Matrix**: A table used to describe the performance of a classification model.

# Calculating Evaluation Metrics with Scikit-Learn

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score, confusion_matrix

# Predictions
y_pred = grid_search.predict(X_test)

# Calculating metrics
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred)
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

# Printing results
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy}")
print(f"Precision: {precision}")
print(f"Recall: {recall}")
print(f"F1 Score: {f1}")
print(f"Confusion Matrix:\n{conf_matrix}")
```

## Visualizing the Confusion Matrix

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Plotting the confusion matrix
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.xlabel('Predicted Label')
plt.ylabel('True Label')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()
```

# Practical Exercise: Grid Search for Spam Detection

## Steps:

### 1. Data Preprocessing:

- Load and preprocess the spam dataset.

### 2. Model Selection:

- Choose a classification model (e.g., SVM, RandomForest).

### 3. Hyperparameter Tuning:

- Use GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning.

### 4. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate the performance using the discussed metrics.

Refer to the lab sheet for detailed steps and code snippets.

## Summary and Next Steps

### Key Points

- Definition and importance of hyperparameters.
- Common methods for hyperparameter tuning: Grid Search, Random Search.
- Implementing hyperparameter tuning using scikit-learn.
- Evaluating model performance using various metrics.

### Homework

1. Complete the practical exercise on hyperparameter tuning.
2. Review the paper "Study on the effect of preprocessing methods for spam email detection" by Ruskanda, F.Z., 2019.

## Next Week: Deep Learning Foundations



## Questions & Answers

### Q&A:

- Any questions from today's session??

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