

Lecture 1: General introduction

Introduction to Machine Learning

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Question

Can you give me some examples of Machine Learning models you have previously studied ?

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We will study both in this course !

Example of classification: handwritten recognition

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Example of classification problems include:

Handwritten number recognition (OCR)

Given pixel repartition, learn to match handwritten numbers with their true value.



Example of classification: flower species recognition

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Flower species

Given flowers characteristics, predict their species.

iris setosa



petal

sepal

iris versicolor



petal

sepal

iris virginica



petal

sepal

Example of regression: prediction of housing pricing

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Price predictions

Given house characteristics (size, location, number of bedrooms), predict the selling prices of houses.



Example of clustering

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Infer Netflix watching behavior

Given a set of user characteristics (time spent per day, number of different items watched, number of series and movies), group users into subgroups.



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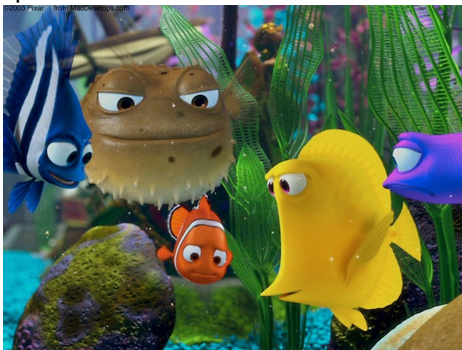
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Given their size, their weight, and their color, predict the fish specie.



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Given their previous results (number of race won, previous times, total training times . . .), predict athletes time in a race.



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Given their medical records (weight, age, height, smoking status), predict patients with diabetes.



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Given their spending habit (number of bought items, total money spent . . .), identify different shopper behaviors.



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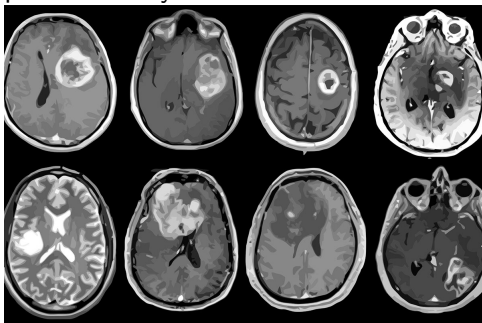
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Given tumors characteristics (size, height, width, color ...),
predict if they are cancerous tumors.



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Given baby whales characteristics (specie, location, parents ...), predict their total adult weights.



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