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Auto Machine Learning (AutoML)

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What is AutoML?

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Introduction

What is AutoML?

- ➤ **Definition**: Automated machine learning (AutoML) is the process of automating the tasks of applying machine learning to real-world problems [Wikipedia]. It is the combination of automation and ML.
- Differences between AutoML and Traditional Machine Learning:
 - Automation vs. Manual Effort
 - ☐ Standardization vs. Flexibility in Deployment
 - Expertise and Cost (Low vs. High)

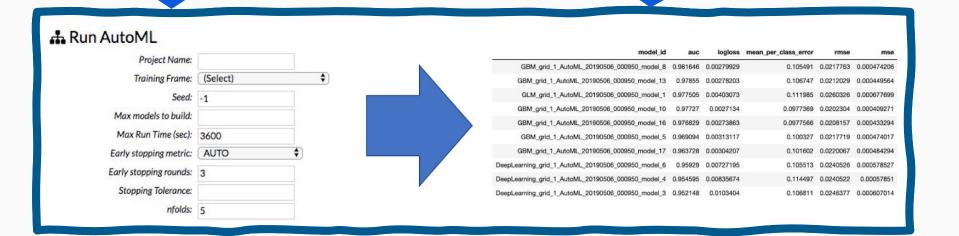
The AutoML Process

1. Data Preparation:	□ Detect data types□ Suggest suitable transformations
2. Feature Engineering:	☐ Algorithms, e.g., PCA☐ Prior knowledge
3. Model Selection:	□ Perform ensemble learning□ Test multiple algorithms
4. Hyperparameter Tuning:	☐ Grid search ☐ Bayesian optimization ☐ Genetic algorithms
5. Deployment:	☐ Built-in deployment tools, e.g., API☐ Monitor performance over time

Why AutoML is Important

- Democratization of Machine Learning and Reducing Skill Barriers
 - Making Machine Learning Easier
 - Broader Access for Businesses

- Driving Innovation
 - Encouraging New Ideas
 - Leveraging Expertise
- > Efficiency
 - Streamlining Processes
 - Saving Time



Popular AutoML Tools







Google AutoML

- Strengths:
 - ☐ User-Friendly
 - □ Cloud-Based
 - ☐ Integration with Google Services
 - **☐** Pre-trained Models
- > Weaknesses:
 - **□** Limited Customizations
 - ☐ Cost
 - **☐** Primarily Cloud-Dependent

H2O.ai AutoML

- Strengths:
- **□** Open-Source
- **☐** Wide Range of Algorithms
- ☐ Scalability
- □ Flexibility
- > Weaknesses:
 - □ Complexity
 - □ Less Polished UI
 - □ No Built-In Deployment Support

Microsoft Azure AutoML

- > Strengths:
 - □ End-to-End Automation
 - ☐ Great for Time Series
 - ☐ Enterprise-Ready
- ☐ Multiple Language Support
- > Weaknesses:
 - □ Cost
 - □ Learning Curve
 - ☐ Limited Open-Source Integration

Popular AutoML Tools







auto-sklearn

> Strengths:

- □ Open-Source
- ☐ Meta-Learning
- ☐ Great for Small Datasets
- □ Ease of Use
- > Weaknesses:
 - ☐ Scalability
 - ☐ Limited to Scikit-learn Models
 - ☐ Manual Deployment

TPOT

Tree-based Pipeline Optimization Tool

- > Strengths:
 - **☐** Genetic Programming
 - □ Pipeline Focus
 - **□** Open-Source
- > Weaknesses:
 - □ Slow for Large Datasets
 - ☐ Limited Algorithm Choices
 - □ No Native Deployment Support

DataRobot

- Strengths:
 - □ End-to-End Automation
 - ☐ Great for Time Series
 - **□** Enterprise-Ready
 - □ Multiple Language Support
- Weaknesses:
 - □ Cost
 - □ Learning Curve
 - **☐** Limited Open-Source Integration

Comparisons between Different Tools

- Open-source libraries like auto-sklearn and TPOT are great for smaller or academic projects.
- Cloud-based solutions like Google AutoML and Azure AutoML are preferred for enterprise-scale applications due to their robust infrastructure.

AutoML Tool	Open Source	Algorithms Supported	Deployment Support	Ease of Use	Scalability	Cost
Google AutoML	×	Pre-trained & Custom Models	Easy, Cloud-Based	High	High	Expensive
H2O.ai AutoML	√	GBM, DL, RF, XGBoost, etc.	Manual	Moderate	High	Free (OSS)
MS Azure AutoML	×	Wide Range (good for time series)	Easy, Cloud-Based	Moderate	High	Expensive
auto-sklearn	√	Scikit-Learn Algorithms	Manual	Moderate	Limited	Free
ТРОТ	√	Scikit-Learn Algorithms	Manual	Moderate	Limited	Free
DataRobot	×	Wide Range	Easy, No-Code	High	High	Very Expensive





Which AutoML platform offers a no-code interface for beginners?

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Which platform is ideal for experimentation using genetic programming?

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When should businesses prefer H2O.ai over Google AutoML?

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Key Takeaways

- Democratization of ML: AutoML bridges the gap between technical and non-technical users.
- Platform Selection: Choose based on your needs—user-friendliness vs. flexibility vs. enterprise scalability.
- Future Outlook: AutoML will continue evolving, making advanced ML more accessible to businesses and individuals.

- Encourage participants to explore AutoML platforms for their projects.
- Highlight the importance of aligning AutoML solutions with business goals.

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