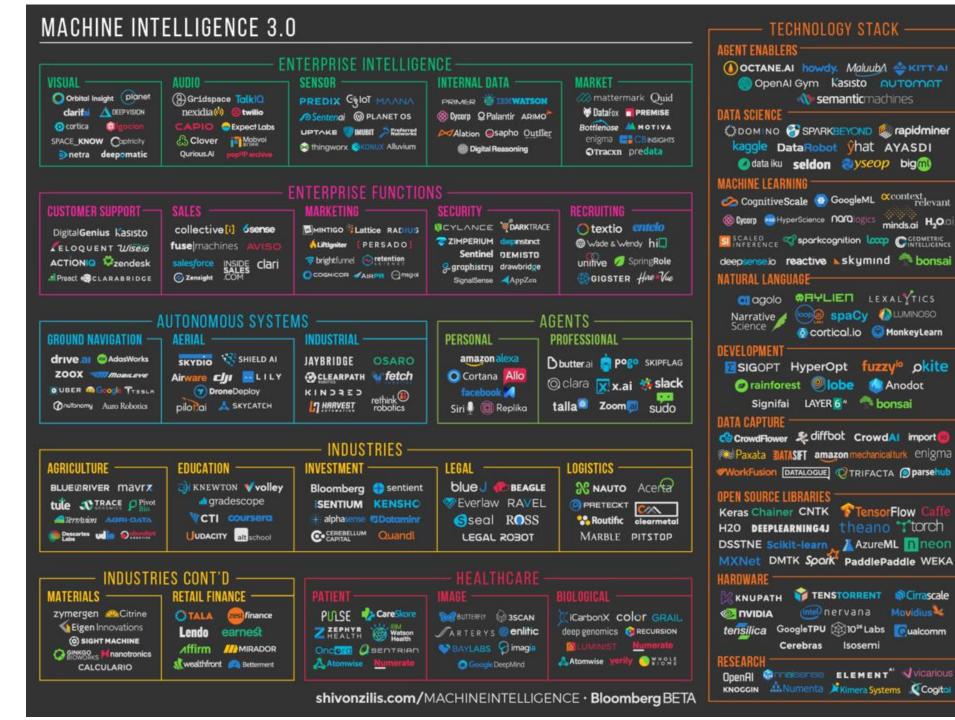
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What is Machine Learning?

Today's Question: What three things do all Machine Learning Algorithms have in common?



What is machine learning?

A formal *process* for building a *model*

Other names for ML:

Machine Learning
Artificial Intelligence
Statistical Learning
Pattern Recognition
Data Mining
Predictive Analytics
Knowledge Discovery
Predictive Modeling
Model Induction

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What is a model?

a function (f)

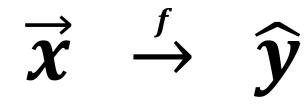
... that estimates a **response** (\widehat{y})

... associated with (a set of) known predictors(x)

What is a function?

$$\widehat{y} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\widehat{y} = f(\overrightarrow{x})$$



"maps"

Independent variables, covariates predictors, attribute, descriptor, **feature**

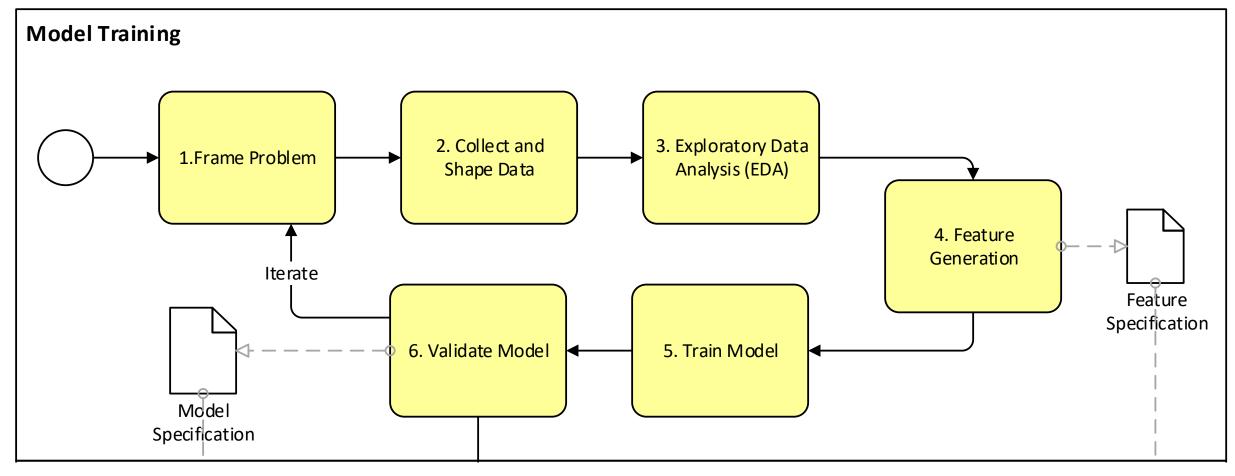
Prediction, Forecast, Estimate,

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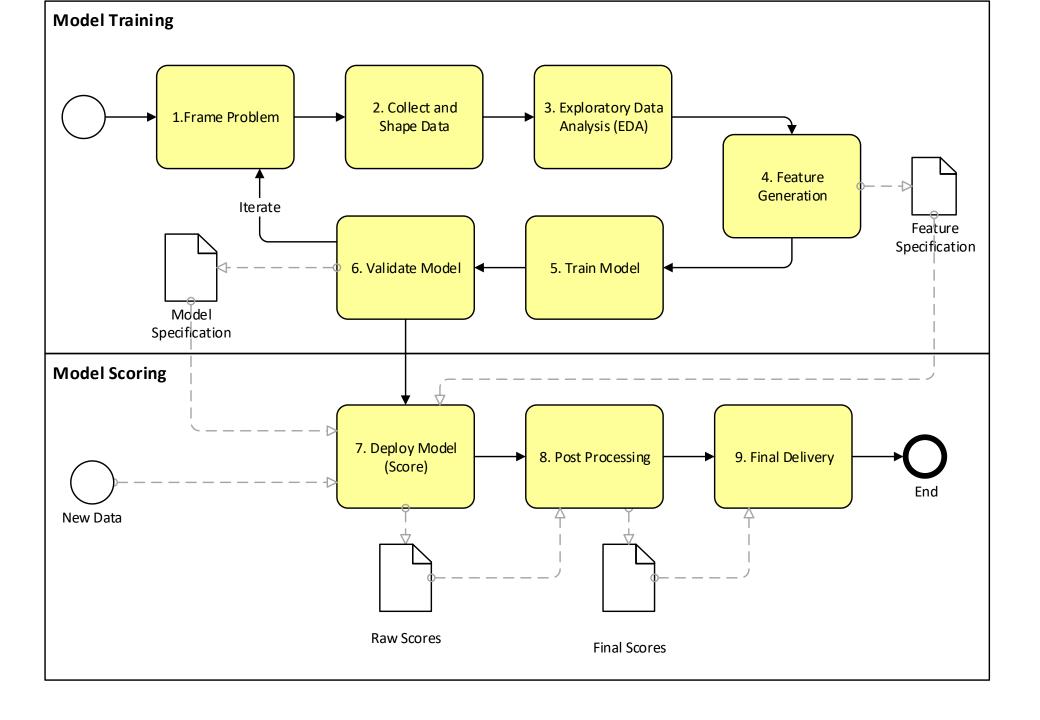
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How do we find f?

Model Training: Finding f



How do we use *f*?



There are **two major** ways to distinguish ML problems ... both are determined by y

i.e. by what we are trying to *learn*

1. Based on availability of y

Are there previous/historical observations to learn from?

Yes -> SUPERVISED LEARNING

No

UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

Not Necessarily Binary ... There are *special (edge?)* cases

SPECIAL CASE 1

Only some y's are known - and/or -

V's are not directly known inferable

SEMI-SUPERVISED Learning

SPECIAL CASE 2

y 's change during training/scoring -and/or-

ADAPTIVE REINFORCEMENT Learning

y 's become available during training/scoring

* Less commonly, more frequently "adversary learning"

2. Based on the type of y

What values can y assume?

Continuous -> Regression

(predict an count or amount)

Categorical* → Classification

(predict a class or category)

^{*}Binary classification is an important special case

Not Necessarily Binary ... There are *special (edge?)* cases

SPECIAL CASE 1

ORDINAL RESPONSE

Use Either Regression or Classification

SPECIAL CASE 2

Date

Use Either Regression or Classification -or-

Special
Techniques

(forecast | survival)

y Known

Dependent variable,
Target (variable),
Outcome, Response,
Class (classification)

Data Uses

Dependent variable, Target (variable), Outcome, Response, Class (classification) Independent variables, covariates predictors, attribute, descriptor, **feature**

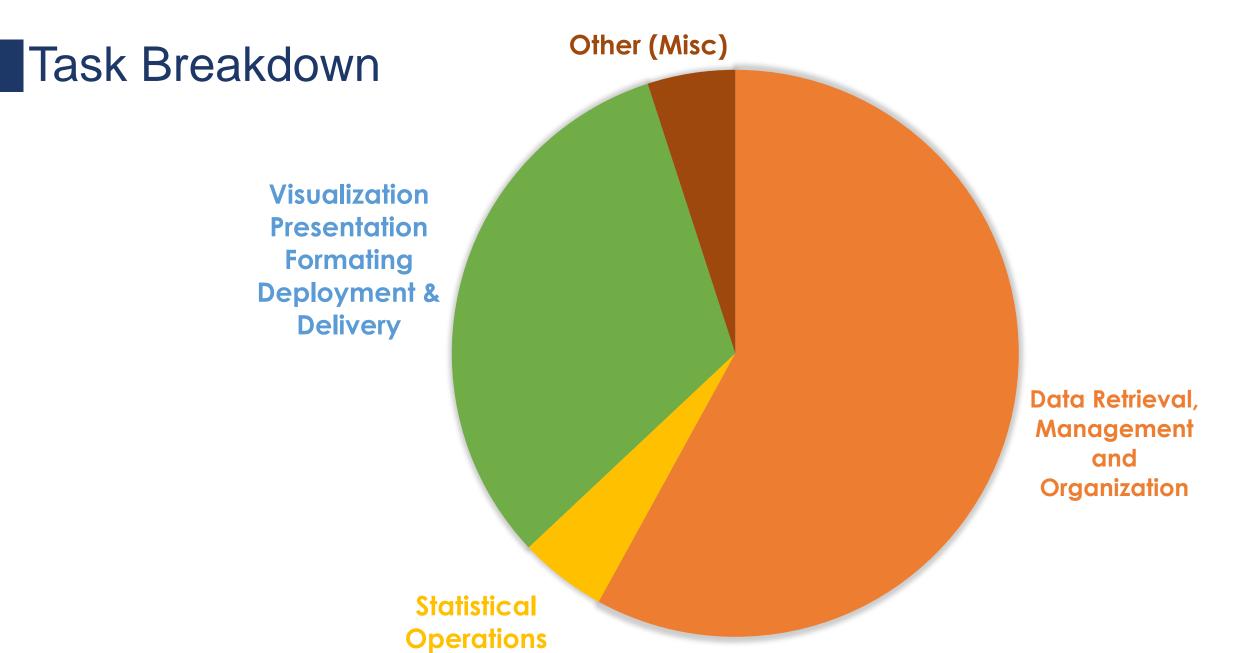
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Unit of observation, Cases, Instance, Data Point, Sample

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A major limitation of ML is:

(nearly) every ML algorithm expects data in a tabular form.



Now what about ... f?

How do we find f?

Well what properties should f have?

Desirable Properties of *f*?

- Takes a one or more inputs
- Yields a single output value for each input
- Should be easy* to evaluate
- •Outputs, \hat{y} , should be "close to" observed values, y:

$$\widehat{y} \sim y$$

^{*} Computational cheap/efficient

What do we mean by "Close to"?

qualitative measure of "close to"?

$$f(\widehat{y}, y)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y},y)$$

How do we calculate $\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y}, y)$?

Depends on whether we are doing regression or classification

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Regression

$$\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y},y)=y-\widehat{y}$$

$$(\mathbf{y} - \widehat{\mathbf{y}}) = 0$$

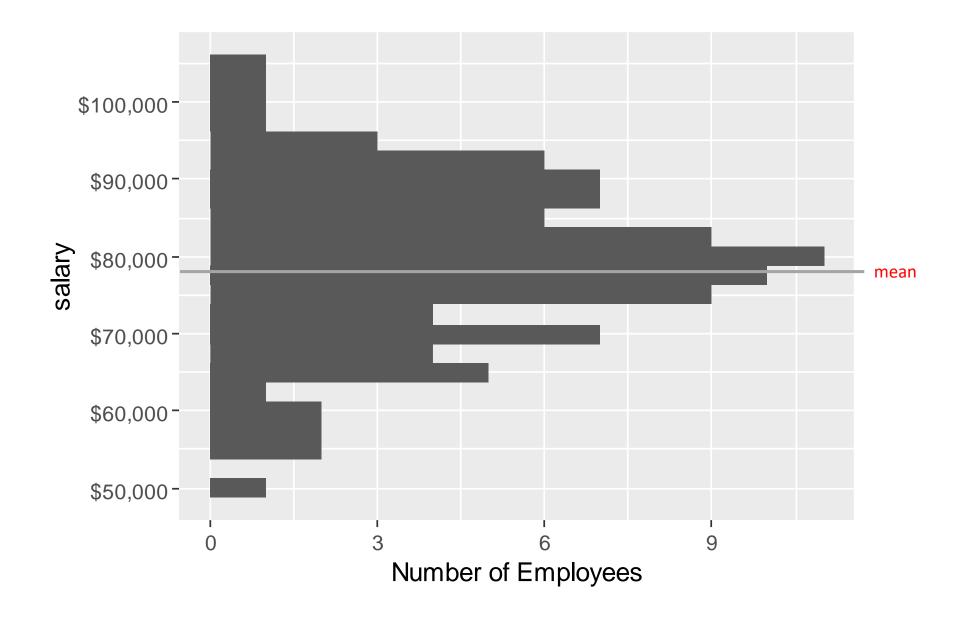
That's just one observation

We need to evaluate

$$\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y}, y) = y - \widehat{y}$$
 for all pairs

And arrive at a single value, we need:

$$L(\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y},y)) = (L o \mathcal{L})(\widehat{y},y)$$



Our Model

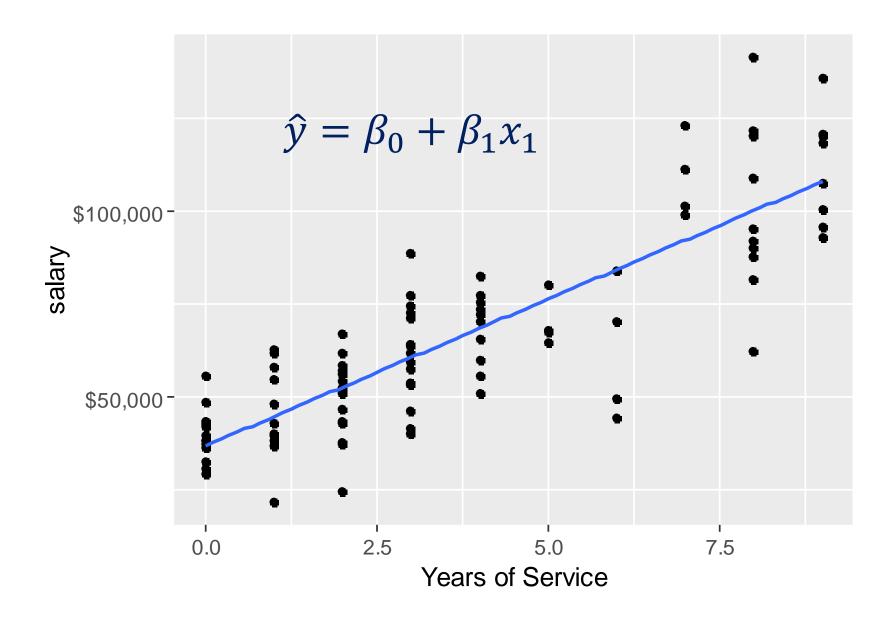
"Naïve" model

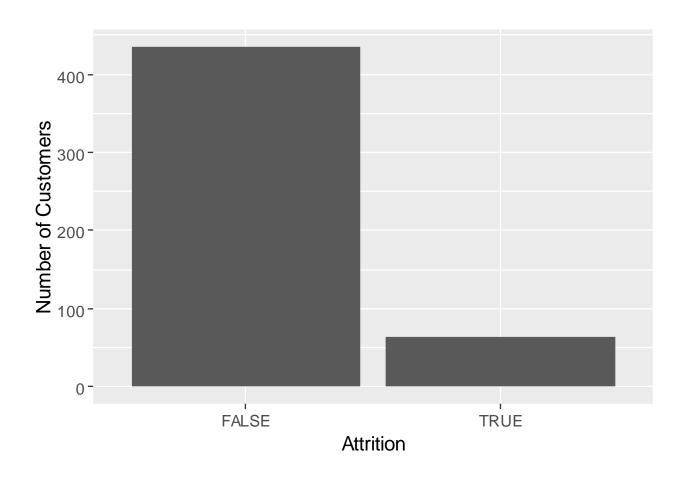
$$\hat{y} = mean(y)$$

Linear functions (of one variable)

$$\hat{y} = b + mx$$

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$





Classification

$$\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} \mid y = \widehat{y} \\ \mathbf{1} \mid y \neq \widehat{y} \end{cases}$$

$$L(\mathcal{L}(\widehat{y},y)) = (L o \mathcal{L})(\widehat{y},y)$$

What functions *f* can be used?



Search / Optimization

Find the **parameters** (β) that minimize that minimize the loss function ...

SOLVE:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$
 argmin_{\beta} $L(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$

$$argmin_{\beta} \sum (y - \hat{y})^2 (SSE)$$

Solution Methods

- Direct Solution (special case)
- Numerical optimization; recursive goal seeking

3 Requirement for ML Algorithm

- A method for evaluating how well the algorithm performs (ERRORS)
- A restricted class of functions (MODEL)
- A process for proceeding through the restricted class of functions to identify the functions (SEARCH/OPTIMIZATION)

How to understand Algorithms

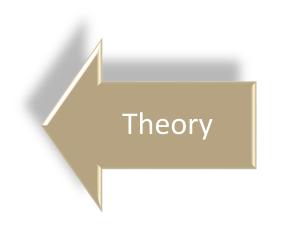
1. Errors

2. Model

3. Search Optimization

* Strengths / Limitations

Frame problems to make the suitable for solution via machine learning



Distinguish fundamental aspects of machine learning algorithms → **know** what algorithms are appropriate for which problems

Measures/evaluate model performance

Know how to **improve** a model **and** determine when the model is good enough



is more than building/training models:

Deploying machine learning models to operations

Generating high quality, graphical and textual results regarding model behavior

Collaborating in a group using tools for collaborative/social programming