ML Algorithm Templates

Deep Learning & Classical ML for Staff/Principal Interviews

DEEP LEARNING FUNDAMENTALS

1. Neural Network (MLP)

Use when: Tabular data, feature learning, general classification/regression

 $\textbf{Key concepts:} \ \ \textbf{Forward/backward prop, activation functions, loss functions}$

```
import numpy as np
class NeuralNetwork:
    def __init__(self, layers):
        """layers: [input_dim, hidden1, hidden2, ...,
    output_dim]"""
        self.weights = []
        self.biases = []
        # Xavier initialization
        for i in range(len(layers)-1):
            w = np.random.randn(layers[i], layers[i
    +1]) * np.sqrt(2.0/layers[i])
            b = np.zeros((1, layers[i+1]))
            self.weights.append(w)
            self.biases.append(b)
    def relu(self, z):
        return np.maximum(0, z)
    def relu_derivative(self, z):
        return (z > 0).astype(float)
    def softmax(self, z):
        \exp_z = \operatorname{np.exp}(z - \operatorname{np.max}(z, \operatorname{axis=1}, \operatorname{keepdims})
    True))
        return exp_z / np.sum(exp_z, axis=1, keepdims=
    True)
    def forward(self, X):
        """Forward propagation"""
        self.activations = [X]
        self.z_values = []
        for i in range(len(self.weights)-1):
            Z = np.dot(A, self.weights[i]) + self.
            A = self.relu(Z)
            self.z_values.append(Z)
            self.activations.append(A)
        # Output layer (linear for regression, softmax
     for classification)
        Z = np.dot(A, self.weights[-1]) + self.biases
        A = self.softmax(Z) # Change to sigmoid for
     binary classification
        self.z_values.append(Z)
        self.activations.append(A)
        return A
```

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def backward(self, X, y, lr=0.01):
        """Backpropagation with gradient descent"""
        m = X.shape[0]
        # Output layer gradient
        dZ = self.activations[-1] - y # Cross-entropy
        dW = (1/m) * np.dot(self.activations[-2].T, dZ
        db = (1/m) * np.sum(dZ, axis=0, keepdims=True)
        self.weights[-1] -= lr * dW
        self.biases[-1] -= lr * db
        # Hidden lavers
        for i in range(len(self.weights)-2, -1, -1):
            dZ = np.dot(dZ, self.weights[i+1].T) *
     self.relu_derivative(self.z_values[i])
            dW = (1/m) * np.dot(self.activations[i].T,
            db = (1/m) * np.sum(dZ, axis=0, keepdims=
    True)
            self.weights[i] -= lr * dW
            self.biases[i] -= lr * db
    def train(self, X, y, epochs=100, lr=0.01,
    batch_size=32):
        """Mini-batch gradient descent"""
        for epoch in range(epochs):
            # Shuffle data
            indices = np.random.permutation(X.shape
    [01]
            X_shuffled = X[indices]
            y_shuffled = y[indices]
            # Mini-batch training
            for i in range(0, X.shape[0], batch_size):
                X_batch = X_shuffled[i:i+batch_size]
                y_batch = y_shuffled[i:i+batch_size]
                self.forward(X_batch)
                self.backward(X_batch, y_batch, lr)
            # Calculate loss every 10 epochs
            if epoch % 10 == 0:
                y_pred = self.forward(X)
                loss = -np.mean(np.sum(y * np.log(
    y_pred + 1e-8), axis=1))
                print(f"Epoch {epoch}, Loss: {loss:.4f
    }")
# Example usage
nn = NeuralNetwork([784, 128, 64, 10]) # MNIST-like
# X_train: (n_samples, 784), y_train: (n_samples, 10)
# nn.train(X_train, y_train, epochs=100, lr=0.01)
Key Activation Functions:
# ReLU (most common for hidden layers)
relu = lambda x: np.maximum(0, x)
relu_grad = lambda x: (x > 0).astype(float)
# Leaky ReLU (prevents dying neurons)
leaky_relu = lambda x, alpha=0.01: np.where(x > 0, x,
    alpha * x)
# Sigmoid (binary classification output)
sigmoid = lambda x: 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))
sigmoid_grad = lambda x: sigmoid(x) * (1 - sigmoid(x))
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# Tanh (zero-centered, good for RNNs)
tanh = lambda x: np.tanh(x)
tanh_grad = lambda x: 1 - np.tanh(x)**2

# Softmax (multi-class output)
def softmax(x):
    exp_x = np.exp(x - np.max(x, axis=1, keepdims=True
    ))
    return exp_x / np.sum(exp_x, axis=1, keepdims=True
    )
```

Loss Functions:

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# Mean Squared Error (regression)
mse = lambda y_true, y_pred: np.mean((y_true - y_pred)
    **2)
mse_grad = lambda y_true, y_pred: 2 * (y_pred - y_true)
    / len(y_true)

# Binary Cross-Entropy (binary classification)
def binary_crossentropy(y_true, y_pred):
    y_pred = np.clip(y_pred, 1e-7, 1 - 1e-7)
    return -np.mean(y_true * np.log(y_pred) + (1 -
    y_true) * np.log(1 - y_pred))

# Categorical Cross-Entropy (multi-class)
def categorical_crossentropy(y_true, y_pred):
    y_pred = np.clip(y_pred, 1e-7, 1 - 1e-7)
    return -np.mean(np.sum(y_true * np.log(y_pred),
    axis=1))
```

2. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

Use when: Images, spatial data, local patterns (CV tasks)
Key concepts: Convolution, pooling, feature maps, receptive field

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
class CNN(nn.Module):
   """Classic CNN architecture (LeNet/AlexNet style)"
   def __init__(self, num_classes=10):
       super(CNN, self).__init__()
       # Convolutional layers
       self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(3, 32, kernel_size=3,
    padding=1) # 3 input channels (RGB)
       self.bn1 = nn.BatchNorm2d(32)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(32, 64, kernel_size=3,
    padding=1)
        self.bn2 = nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
        self.conv3 = nn.Conv2d(64, 128, kernel_size=3,
       self.bn3 = nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
       # Pooling
        self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride
    =2)
       # Fully connected layers
       # Input size calculation: 128 channels * (H/8)
       # For 32x32 input: 128 * 4 * 4 = 2048
       self.fc1 = nn.Linear(128 * 4 * 4, 256)
       self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.5)
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(256, num_classes)
   def forward(self. x):
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# Conv block 1
       x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn1(self.conv1(x))))
      # 32x32 -> 16x16
       # Conv block 2
       x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn2(self.conv2(x))))
      # 16x16 -> 8x8
       # Conv block 3
       x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn3(self.conv3(x))))
      # 8x8 -> 4x4
       # Flatten
       x = x.view(x.size(0), -1) # (batch, 128*4*4)
       # FC layers
       x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
       x = self.dropout(x)
       x = self.fc2(x)
       return x
# Advanced: ResNet Block (residual connections)
class ResidualBlock(nn.Module):
    """ResNet building block with skip connections"""
    def __init__(self, in_channels, out_channels,
    stride=1):
        super(ResidualBlock, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(in_channels,
    out_channels, kernel_size=3,
                               stride=stride, padding
    =1. bias=False)
       self.bn1 = nn.BatchNorm2d(out channels)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(out_channels,
    out_channels, kernel_size=3,
                               stride=1, padding=1,
       self.bn2 = nn.BatchNorm2d(out_channels)
       # Skip connection (identity or projection)
       self.skip = nn.Sequential()
       if stride != 1 or in_channels != out_channels:
            self.skip = nn.Sequential(
                nn.Conv2d(in_channels, out_channels,
    kernel size=1.
                         stride=stride. bias=False).
                nn.BatchNorm2d(out_channels)
    def forward(self, x):
       residual = self.skip(x)
       out = F.relu(self.bn1(self.conv1(x)))
       out = self.bn2(self.conv2(out))
       out += residual # Skip connection
       out = F.relu(out)
       return out
# Usage
model = CNN(num_classes=10)
# Input: (batch, 3, 32, 32) -> Output: (batch, 10)
CNN Key Concepts:
# Convolution output size calculation
def conv_output_size(input_size, kernel_size, stride
    =1, padding=0):
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return (input_size - kernel_size + 2*padding) //

stride + 1

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# Example: 32x32 input, 3x3 kernel, stride=1, padding
# Output: (32 - 3 + 2*1) / 1 + 1 = 32 (same size)
# Receptive field calculation
def receptive_field(layers):
    """Calculate receptive field of stacked conv
    lavers"""
   rf = 1
   for kernel_size, stride in layers:
       rf = rf + (kernel_size - 1) * stride
   return rf
# Data augmentation for images
import torchvision.transforms as transforms
train_transform = transforms.Compose([
   transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
   transforms.RandomCrop(32, padding=4),
   transforms.ColorJitter(brightness=0.2, contrast
    =0.2),
   transforms.ToTensor().
   transforms.Normalize((0.5, 0.5, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5,
    0.5))
```

3. Recurrent Neural Network (RNN/LSTM/GRU)

Use when: Sequential data, time series, NLP, variable-length inputs **Key concepts:** Hidden state, temporal dependencies, vanishing gradient

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
class LSTM Model(nn.Module):
   """LSTM for sequence classification/generation"""
   def __init__(self, vocab_size, embedding_dim,
    hidden_dim, num_layers, num_classes):
       super(LSTM_Model, self).__init__()
       # Embedding layer
        self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size,
    embedding_dim)
       # LSTM laver
       self.lstm = nn.LSTM(
           input_size=embedding_dim,
           hidden_size=hidden_dim,
           num_layers=num_layers,
           batch_first=True, # Input: (batch,
    seq_len, features)
           dropout=0.3 if num_layers > 1 else 0,
           bidirectional=False
       # Fully connected output
       self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, num_classes)
        self.hidden_dim = hidden_dim
        self.num_layers = num_layers
   def forward(self, x, hidden=None):
       x: (batch, seq_len) - token indices
       # Embedding
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embedded = self.embedding(x) # (batch,
    seq_len, embedding_dim)
       if hidden is None:
           # Initialize hidden state and cell state
           h0 = torch.zeros(self.num lavers. x.size
    (0), self.hidden_dim).to(x.device)
           c0 = torch.zeros(self.num_layers, x.size
    (0), self.hidden_dim).to(x.device)
           hidden = (h0, c0)
       lstm_out, hidden = self.lstm(embedded, hidden)
      # lstm_out: (batch, seq_len, hidden_dim)
       # Use last timestep for classification
       last_output = lstm_out[:, -1, :] # (batch,
    hidden_dim)
       # Or use all timesteps for sequence labeling
       # all_outputs = lstm_out # (batch, seq_len,
    hidden dim)
       output = self.fc(last_output) # (batch,
    num classes)
       return output, hidden
# Bidirectional LSTM (better for NLP tasks)
class BiLSTM(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, vocab_size, embedding_dim,
    hidden_dim, num_layers, num_classes):
       super(BiLSTM, self).__init__()
       self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size,
    embedding dim)
       self.lstm = nn.LSTM(
            embedding_dim, hidden_dim, num_layers,
            batch_first=True, dropout=0.3,
    bidirectional=True
       # *2 because bidirectional
       self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_dim * 2,
    num classes)
   def forward(self, x):
        embedded = self.embedding(x)
       lstm_out, _ = self.lstm(embedded)
       # Concatenate forward and backward hidden
       last_output = lstm_out[:, -1, :]
       output = self.fc(last_output)
       return output
# GRU (simpler, often works as well as LSTM)
class GRU_Model(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size,
    num_layers, output_size):
       super(GRU_Model, self).__init__()
       self.gru = nn.GRU(
           input_size, hidden_size, num_layers,
           batch_first=True, dropout=0.3
       self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)
   def forward(self, x):
       gru_out, _ = self.gru(x)
       output = self.fc(gru_out[:, -1, :])
       return output
```

```
# Sequence-to-Sequence with attention (for translation
    , summarization)
class Seq2SeqAttention(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, vocab_size, embedding_dim,
    hidden_dim):
        super(Seq2SeqAttention, self).__init__()
        self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size,
    embedding_dim)
        # Encoder
        self.encoder = nn.LSTM(embedding_dim,
    hidden_dim, batch_first=True)
        # Decoder
        self.decoder = nn.LSTM(embedding_dim,
    hidden_dim, batch_first=True)
        # Attention
       self.attention = nn.Linear(hidden_dim * 2, 1)
        # Output
       self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, vocab_size)
    def forward(self. src. trg):
        # Encode
        src_embedded = self.embedding(src)
        encoder_outputs, (hidden, cell) = self.encoder
    (src_embedded)
        # Decode with attention
        trg_embedded = self.embedding(trg)
        outputs = []
       for t in range(trg.size(1)):
           # Attention weights
            decoder_hidden = hidden[-1].unsqueeze(1).
    repeat(1, encoder_outputs.size(1), 1)
           energy = torch.tanh(self.attention(torch.
    cat([decoder_hidden, encoder_outputs], dim=2)))
           attention_weights = torch.softmax(energy.
    squeeze(2), dim=1)
           # Context vector
            context = torch.bmm(attention_weights.
    unsqueeze(1), encoder_outputs)
           # Decoder step
            decoder_input = trg_embedded[:, t:t+1, :]
            decoder_output, (hidden, cell) = self.
    decoder(decoder_input, (hidden, cell))
           # Prediction
           output = self.fc(decoder_output)
           outputs.append(output)
       return torch.cat(outputs, dim=1)
# Usage
model = LSTM_Model(vocab_size=10000, embedding_dim
    =128, hidden_dim=256,
                   num_layers=2, num_classes=5)
```

4. Transformer & Attention

Use when: NLP, long sequences, parallel processing (BERT, GPT, ViT)

Key concepts: Self-attention, positional encoding, multi-head attention

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import math
class MultiHeadAttention(nn.Module):
    """Multi-head self-attention mechanism"""
    def __init__(self, d_model, num_heads, dropout
    =0.1):
        super(MultiHeadAttention, self).__init__()
        assert d_model % num_heads == 0
        self.d model = d model
        self.num_heads = num_heads
        self.d k = d model // num heads # Dimension
    per head
        # Linear projections for Q, K, V
        self.W_q = nn.Linear(d_model, d_model)
        self.W_k = nn.Linear(d_model, d_model)
        self.W_v = nn.Linear(d_model, d_model)
        self.W_o = nn.Linear(d_model, d_model)
        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout)
        self.scale = math.sqrt(self.d_k)
    def forward(self, query, key, value, mask=None):
        batch_size = query.size(0)
        # Linear projections and split into heads
        Q = self.W_q(query).view(batch_size, -1, self.
     num_heads, self.d_k).transpose(1, 2)
        K = self.W_k(key).view(batch_size, -1, self.
    num_heads, self.d_k).transpose(1, 2)
        V = self.W_v(value).view(batch_size, -1, self.
    num_heads, self.d_k).transpose(1, 2)
        # Q, K, V: (batch, num_heads, seq_len, d_k)
        # Scaled dot-product attention
        scores = torch.matmul(Q, K.transpose(-2, -1))
    / self.scale # (batch, num_heads, seq_len,
    seq_len)
        if mask is not None:
            scores = scores.masked_fill(mask == 0, -1
     e9)
        attention_weights = torch.softmax(scores, dim
        attention_weights = self.dropout(
    attention_weights)
        # Apply attention to values
        context = torch.matmul(attention_weights, V)
    # (batch, num_heads, seq_len, d_k)
        # Concatenate heads
        context = context.transpose(1, 2).contiguous()
    .view(batch_size, -1, self.d_model)
        # Final linear projection
        output = self.W_o(context)
        return output, attention_weights
class PositionalEncoding(nn.Module):
    """Sinusoidal positional encoding"""
    def __init__(self, d_model, max_len=5000):
        super(PositionalEncoding, self).__init__()
        pe = torch.zeros(max_len, d_model)
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torch.float).unsqueeze(1)
        div_term = torch.exp(torch.arange(0, d_model,
    2).float() * (-math.log(10000.0) / d_model))
       pe[:, 0::2] = torch.sin(position * div_term)
       pe[:, 1::2] = torch.cos(position * div_term)
        pe = pe.unsqueeze(0) # (1, max_len, d_model)
       self.register_buffer('pe', pe)
   def forward(self, x):
        """x: (batch, seq_len, d_model)"""
       return x + self.pe[:, :x.size(1), :]
class TransformerEncoderLayer(nn.Module):
    """Single Transformer encoder layer"""
   def __init__(self, d_model, num_heads, d_ff,
    dropout = 0.1):
       super(TransformerEncoderLayer, self).__init__
    ()
       # Multi-head attention
       self.attention = MultiHeadAttention(d_model,
    num_heads, dropout)
       self.norm1 = nn.LayerNorm(d_model)
       self.dropout1 = nn.Dropout(dropout)
       # Feed-forward network
       self.ff = nn.Sequential(
           nn.Linear(d_model, d_ff),
           nn.ReLU(),
           nn.Dropout(dropout),
           nn.Linear(d_ff, d_model)
       self.norm2 = nn.LayerNorm(d_model)
       self.dropout2 = nn.Dropout(dropout)
    def forward(self, x, mask=None):
       # Multi-head attention with residual
       attn_output, _ = self.attention(x, x, x, mask)
       x = self.norm1(x + self.dropout1(attn_output))
       # Feed-forward with residual connection
       ff_output = self.ff(x)
       x = self.norm2(x + self.dropout2(ff_output))
       return x
class TransformerClassifier(nn.Module):
    """Transformer for sequence classification (BERT-
    style)"""
    def __init__(self, vocab_size, d_model, num_heads,
     num_layers, d_ff, num_classes, max_len=512,
    dropout=0.1):
       super(TransformerClassifier, self).__init__()
       # Embeddings
       self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size,
       self.pos_encoding = PositionalEncoding(d_model
       self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout)
       # Transformer encoder layers
       self.encoder_layers = nn.ModuleList([
           TransformerEncoderLayer(d_model, num_heads
    , d_ff, dropout)
           for _ in range(num_layers)
```

position = torch.arange(0, max_len, dtype=

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# Classification head
        self.fc = nn.Linear(d_model, num_classes)
    def forward(self. x. mask=None):
        x: (batch, seq_len) - token indices
       mask: (batch, 1, seq_len, seq_len) - attention
        # Embedding + positional encoding
        x = self.embedding(x) * math.sqrt(self.
    embedding.embedding_dim)
       x = self.pos_encoding(x)
       x = self.dropout(x)
       # Transformer encoder layers
       for layer in self.encoder_layers:
           x = layer(x, mask)
       # Use [CLS] token (first token) for
    classification
        cls_output = x[:, 0, :]
        output = self.fc(cls_output)
       return output
# Vision Transformer (ViT) for images
class VisionTransformer(nn.Module):
    """ViT: Treat image patches as sequence tokens"""
    def __init__(self, img_size=224, patch_size=16,
    num_classes=1000,
                 d_model=768, num_heads=12, num_layers
    =12, d_ff=3072):
       super(VisionTransformer, self).__init__()
        self.patch_size = patch_size
       num_patches = (img_size // patch_size) ** 2
        # Patch embedding (flatten patches and linear
        self.patch_embed = nn.Conv2d(3, d_model,
    kernel_size=patch_size, stride=patch_size)
        # Learnable [CLS] token and positional
    embeddings
        self.cls_token = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(1,
    1. d model))
        self.pos_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(1,
    num_patches + 1, d_model))
        # Transformer encoder
        self.encoder_layers = nn.ModuleList([
            TransformerEncoderLayer(d_model, num_heads
    , d_ff)
           for _ in range(num_layers)
       1)
        self.norm = nn.LayerNorm(d_model)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(d_model, num_classes)
    def forward(self, x):
        """x: (batch, 3, H, W)"""
       batch_size = x.size(0)
        # Patch embedding
       x = self.patch_embed(x) # (batch, d_model, H/
    P. W/P)
       x = x.flatten(2).transpose(1, 2) # (batch,
    num_patches, d_model)
        # Add [CLS] token
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cls_tokens = self.cls_token.expand(batch_size,
     -1, -1
       x = torch.cat([cls_tokens, x], dim=1) # (
    batch, num_patches+1, d_model)
        # Add positional encoding
       x = x + self.pos_embed
       # Transformer encoder
       for layer in self.encoder_layers:
            x = layer(x)
       x = self.norm(x)
       # Classification using [CLS] token
       cls_output = x[:, 0]
       output = self.fc(cls_output)
       return output
# Usage
model = TransformerClassifier(
    vocab_size=30000, d_model=512, num_heads=8,
    num_layers=6, d_ff=2048, num_classes=2
```

5. Autoencoders & VAE

Use when: Dimensionality reduction, anomaly detection, generation Key concepts: Encoding, latent space, reconstruction, KL divergence

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
class Autoencoder(nn.Module):
   """Basic autoencoder for dimensionality reduction"
   def __init__(self, input_dim, encoding_dim):
       super(Autoencoder, self).__init__()
       # Encoder
        self.encoder = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(input_dim, 256),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(256, 128),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(128, encoding_dim)
       # Decoder
        self.decoder = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(encoding_dim, 128),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(128, 256),
            nn.ReLU(),
           nn.Linear(256, input_dim),
            nn.Sigmoid() # For normalized input in
    [0, 1]
   def forward(self. x):
       encoded = self.encoder(x)
       decoded = self.decoder(encoded)
       return decoded
   def encode(self, x):
       return self.encoder(x)
# Variational Autoencoder (VAE)
```

```
class VAE(nn.Module):
    """VAE for generative modeling"""
    def __init__(self, input_dim, latent_dim):
        super(VAE, self).__init__()
        # Encoder
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_dim, 256)
        self.fc2_mu = nn.Linear(256, latent_dim)
     # Mean of latent distribution
        self.fc2_logvar = nn.Linear(256, latent_dim)
    # Log variance
        # Decoder
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(latent dim. 256)
        self.fc4 = nn.Linear(256, input dim)
    def encode(self. x):
        h = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
        return self.fc2_mu(h), self.fc2_logvar(h)
    def reparameterize(self, mu, logvar):
        """Reparameterization trick: z = mu + sigma *
     epsilon"""
        std = torch.exp(0.5 * logvar)
        eps = torch.randn_like(std)
        return mu + eps * std
    def decode(self. z):
        h = torch.relu(self.fc3(z))
        return torch.sigmoid(self.fc4(h))
    def forward(self, x):
        mu, logvar = self.encode(x)
        z = self.reparameterize(mu, logvar)
        reconstructed = self.decode(z)
        return reconstructed, mu, logvar
def vae_loss(reconstructed, x, mu, logvar):
    """VAE loss = Reconstruction loss + KL divergence"
    # Reconstruction loss (Binary Cross-Entropy)
    recon_loss = nn.functional.binary_cross_entropy(
    reconstructed, x, reduction='sum')
    # KL divergence: -0.5 * sum(1 + log(sigma^2) - mu
    ^2 - sigma^2)
    kl_div = -0.5 * torch.sum(1 + logvar - mu.pow(2) -
     logvar.exp())
    return recon_loss + kl_div
# Convolutional Autoencoder for images
class ConvAutoencoder(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(ConvAutoencoder, self).__init__()
        # Encoder
        self.encoder = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(1, 16, 3, stride=2, padding=1),
      # 28x28 -> 14x14
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Conv2d(16, 32, 3, stride=2, padding=1),
      # 14x14 -> 7x7
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Conv2d(32, 64, 7) # 7x7 -> 1x1
        # Decoder
        self.decoder = nn.Sequential(
            nn.ConvTranspose2d(64, 32, 7), \# 1x1 -> 7
```

6. Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

Use when: Image generation, data augmentation, style transfer **Key concepts:** Generator, discriminator, adversarial training, Nash equilibrium

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
class Generator(nn.Module):
    """GAN generator: noise -> fake images"""
    def __init__(self, latent_dim, img_channels,
    img_size):
       super(Generator, self).__init__()
        self.init_size = img_size // 4 # Initial
    spatial size
       self.11 = nn.Linear(latent_dim, 128 * self.
    init_size ** 2)
       self.conv_blocks = nn.Sequential(
           nn.BatchNorm2d(128).
           nn.Upsample(scale_factor=2),
           nn.Conv2d(128, 128, 3, stride=1, padding
    =1),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
           nn.LeakyReLU(0.2),
           nn.Upsample(scale_factor=2),
           nn.Conv2d(128, 64, 3, stride=1, padding=1)
           nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
           nn.LeakyReLU(0.2),
           nn.Conv2d(64, img_channels, 3, stride=1,
    padding=1),
           nn.Tanh() # Output in [-1, 1]
    def forward(self, z):
       """z: (batch, latent_dim) - random noise"""
       out = self.ll(z)
       out = out.view(out.size(0), 128, self.
    init_size, self.init_size)
        img = self.conv_blocks(out)
       return img
class Discriminator(nn.Module):
    """GAN discriminator: images -> real/fake
    probability"""
    def __init__(self, img_channels, img_size):
        super(Discriminator, self).__init__()
       def discriminator_block(in_channels,
    out_channels, bn=True):
```

```
layers = [nn.Conv2d(in_channels,
    out_channels, 3, 2, 1)]
           if bn:
               layers.append(nn.BatchNorm2d(
    out_channels))
           layers.append(nn.LeakyReLU(0.2))
           layers.append(nn.Dropout2d(0.25))
           return layers
       self.model = nn.Sequential(
           *discriminator_block(img_channels, 16, bn=
    False).
           *discriminator_block(16, 32),
           *discriminator block(32, 64).
           *discriminator_block(64, 128),
       # Output: probability of real
       ds\_size = img\_size // 2 ** 4
       self.adv_layer = nn.Sequential(
           nn.Linear(128 * ds_size ** 2, 1),
           nn.Sigmoid()
   def forward(self. img):
       out = self.model(img)
       out = out.view(out.size(0), -1)
       validity = self.adv_layer(out)
       return validity
# Training GAN
def train_gan(generator, discriminator, dataloader,
    num_epochs, latent_dim):
    device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.
    is_available() else "cpu")
    adversarial_loss = nn.BCELoss()
    optimizer_G = torch.optim.Adam(generator.
    parameters(), 1r=0.0002, betas=(0.5, 0.999))
    optimizer_D = torch.optim.Adam(discriminator.
    parameters(), 1r=0.0002, betas=(0.5, 0.999))
   for epoch in range(num_epochs):
       for i, (imgs, _) in enumerate(dataloader):
           batch_size = imgs.size(0)
           real_labels = torch.ones(batch_size, 1).to
    (device)
           fake_labels = torch.zeros(batch_size, 1).
    to(device)
           # Real images
           real_imgs = imgs.to(device)
           # -----
           # Train Discriminator
           optimizer_D.zero_grad()
           # Real images
           real_loss = adversarial_loss(discriminator
    (real_imgs), real_labels)
           # Fake images
           z = torch.randn(batch_size, latent_dim).to
    (device)
           fake_imgs = generator(z)
           fake_loss = adversarial_loss(discriminator
    (fake_imgs.detach()), fake_labels)
```

```
# Total discriminator loss
            d_loss = (real_loss + fake_loss) / 2
           d loss.backward()
           optimizer_D.step()
            # -----
            # Train Generator
            optimizer_G.zero_grad()
            # Generate fake images
           z = torch.randn(batch_size, latent_dim).to
           gen_imgs = generator(z)
            # Generator loss (fool discriminator)
           g_loss = adversarial_loss(discriminator(
    gen_imgs), real_labels)
            g_loss.backward()
           optimizer_G.step()
       print(f"Epoch [{epoch}/{num_epochs}] D_loss: {
    d_loss.item():.4f}, G_loss: {g_loss.item():.4f}")
# Conditional GAN (cGAN) - generate images from class
class ConditionalGenerator(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, latent_dim, num_classes,
    img_channels, img_size):
       super(ConditionalGenerator, self).__init__()
       self.label_emb = nn.Embedding(num_classes,
    latent_dim)
       # Rest similar to Generator, but input is
    latent_dim + latent_dim (concatenated)
       self.init_size = img_size // 4
       self.l1 = nn.Linear(latent_dim * 2, 128 * self
    .init_size ** 2)
       # ... (same conv_blocks as Generator)
   def forward(self. z. labels):
       # Concatenate noise and label embedding
       gen_input = torch.cat([z, self.label_emb(
    labels)], dim=1)
       out = self.l1(gen_input)
       # ... (same as Generator)
       return img
# DCGAN (Deep Convolutional GAN) is the standard
    architecture shown above
```

CLASSICAL MACHINE LEARNING

7. Linear & Logistic Regression

Use when: Baseline model, linear relationships, interpretability Key concepts: Gradient descent, regularization (L1/L2), feature scaling

```
import numpy as np

class LinearRegression:
    """Linear regression with gradient descent"""
```

```
def __init__(self, lr=0.01, n_iters=1000,
    regularization=None, lambda_=0.01):
        self.lr = lr
        self.n iters = n iters
        self.regularization = regularization # None,
    '11', or '12'
        self.lambda_ = lambda_
        self.weights = None
       self.bias = None
   def fit(self, X, y):
       n_samples, n_features = X.shape
       # Initialize parameters
       self.weights = np.zeros(n_features)
       self.bias = 0
       # Gradient descent
       for _ in range(self.n_iters):
           # Forward pass
           y_pred = np.dot(X, self.weights) + self.
    bias
           # Compute gradients
           dw = (1/n_{samples}) * np.dot(X.T, (y_pred -
    y))
           db = (1/n_samples) * np.sum(y_pred - y)
           # Add regularization
           if self.regularization == '12':
                dw += (self.lambda_ / n_samples) *
    self.weights
           elif self.regularization == '11':
               dw += (self.lambda_ / n_samples) * np.
    sign(self.weights)
           # Update parameters
           self.weights -= self.lr * dw
           self.bias -= self.lr * db
   def predict(self, X):
       return np.dot(X, self.weights) + self.bias
class LogisticRegression:
   """Logistic regression for binary classification""
   def __init__(self, lr=0.01, n_iters=1000):
       self.lr = lr
       self.n_iters = n_iters
        self.weights = None
       self.bias = None
   def sigmoid(self, z):
        return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-np.clip(z, -500, 500))
   ) # Clip to prevent overflow
   def fit(self, X, y):
       n_samples, n_features = X.shape
       self.weights = np.zeros(n_features)
       self.bias = 0
       for _ in range(self.n_iters):
           # Forward pass
           linear_pred = np.dot(X, self.weights) +
    self.bias
           predictions = self.sigmoid(linear_pred)
           # Gradients
           dw = (1/n_{samples}) * np.dot(X.T, (
    predictions - y))
```

```
db = (1/n_samples) * np.sum(predictions -
    у)
           # Update
           self.weights -= self.lr * dw
           self.bias -= self.lr * db
   def predict(self, X):
       linear_pred = np.dot(X, self.weights) + self.
       y_pred = self.sigmoid(linear_pred)
       return (y_pred >= 0.5).astype(int)
   def predict proba(self. X):
       linear_pred = np.dot(X, self.weights) + self.
       return self.sigmoid(linear_pred)
# Closed-form solution (Normal Equation) for linear
    regression
def normal_equation(X, y):
    """Analytical solution: w = (X^T X)^-1 X^T y"""
   # Add bias term
   X_b = np.c_[np.ones((X.shape[0], 1)), X]
   # Solve
   theta = np.linalg.inv(X_b.T.dot(X_b)).dot(X_b.T).
    dot(y)
   return theta[1:], theta[0] # weights, bias
```

8. Decision Trees & Random Forest

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Use when:} & \textbf{Non-linear relationships, interpretability, feature interactions} \\ \end{tabular}$

Key concepts: Gini impurity, information gain, ensemble methods

```
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter
class Node:
   def __init__(self, feature=None, threshold=None,
    left=None, right=None, value=None):
        self.feature = feature
                                    # Feature index to
       self.threshold = threshold # Threshold value
                                   # Left child
       self.left = left
                                   # Right child
       self.right = right
       self.value = value
                                   # Leaf node value (
    class or mean)
class DecisionTree:
   """Decision tree for classification or regression"
   def __init__(self, max_depth=10, min_samples_split
    =2, task='classification'):
        self.max_depth = max_depth
       self.min_samples_split = min_samples_split
       self.task = task
       self.root = None
   def gini_impurity(self, y):
       """Gini impurity for classification"""
       counter = Counter(y)
       impurity = 1.0
       for count in counter.values():
           prob = count / len(y)
           impurity -= prob ** 2
       return impurity
   def variance(self, y):
        """Variance for regression"""
```

```
if len(v) == 0:
       return 0
   return np.var(y)
def information_gain(self, y, y_left, y_right):
    """Calculate information gain from split"""
    if self.task == 'classification':
        parent_impurity = self.gini_impurity(y)
        n = len(y)
        n_left, n_right = len(y_left), len(y_right
        child_impurity = (n_left/n) * self.
gini_impurity(y_left) + (n_right/n) * self.
gini_impurity(y_right)
   else:
        parent_impurity = self.variance(y)
        n_left, n_right = len(y_left), len(y_right
        child_impurity = (n_left/n) * self.
variance(y_left) + (n_right/n) * self.variance(
y_right)
   return parent_impurity - child_impurity
def best_split(self, X, y):
   """Find the best feature and threshold to
split on"""
   best_gain = -1
   best_feature = None
   best_threshold = None
   n_features = X.shape[1]
   for feature in range(n_features):
        thresholds = np.unique(X[:, feature])
        for threshold in thresholds:
            # Split
            left_mask = X[:, feature] <= threshold</pre>
            right_mask = ~left_mask
            if np.sum(left_mask) == 0 or np.sum(
right_mask) == 0:
                continue
            y_left = y[left_mask]
            y_right = y[right_mask]
            # Calculate information gain
            gain = self.information_gain(y, y_left
, y_right)
            if gain > best_gain:
                best_gain = gain
                best feature = feature
                best threshold = threshold
   return best_feature, best_threshold
def build_tree(self, X, y, depth=0):
   """Recursively build the decision tree"""
   n_samples, n_features = X.shape
   n_labels = len(np.unique(y))
   # Stopping criteria
   if depth >= self.max_depth or n_labels == 1 or
 n_samples < self.min_samples_split:</pre>
        if self.task == 'classification':
            leaf_value = Counter(y).most_common(1)
[0][0]
```

```
else:
                leaf_value = np.mean(y)
           return Node(value=leaf_value)
       # Find best split
       best_feature, best_threshold = self.best_split
       if best_feature is None:
           if self.task == 'classification':
                leaf_value = Counter(y).most_common(1)
    [0][0]
                leaf_value = np.mean(y)
           return Node(value=leaf value)
       # Split dataset
       left_mask = X[:, best_feature] <=</pre>
    best_threshold
       right_mask = ~left_mask
       # Recursively build left and right subtrees
       left = self.build_tree(X[left_mask], y[
    left_mask], depth + 1)
       right = self.build_tree(X[right_mask], y[
    right_mask], depth + 1)
        return Node (feature=best_feature, threshold=
    best_threshold, left=left, right=right)
   def fit(self, X, y):
       self.root = self.build_tree(X, y)
   def predict_sample(self, x, node):
        ""Predict a single sample"""
       if node.value is not None:
           return node.value
       if x[node.feature] <= node.threshold:</pre>
           return self.predict_sample(x, node.left)
           return self.predict_sample(x, node.right)
   def predict(self, X):
       return np.array([self.predict_sample(x, self.
    root) for x in X])
class RandomForest:
   """Random Forest ensemble"""
   def __init__(self, n_trees=10, max_depth=10,
    min_samples_split=2, task='classification'):
       self.n_trees = n_trees
       self.max_depth = max_depth
       self.min_samples_split = min_samples_split
       self.task = task
       self.trees = []
   def bootstrap_sample(self, X, y):
       """Create bootstrap sample"""
       n_samples = X.shape[0]
       indices = np.random.choice(n_samples, size=
    n_samples, replace=True)
       return X[indices], y[indices]
   def fit(self, X, y):
       self.trees = []
        for _ in range(self.n_trees):
           tree = DecisionTree(max_depth=self.
    max_depth,
                              min_samples_split=self.
    min_samples_split,
```

```
task=self.task)
        X_sample, y_sample = self.bootstrap_sample
(X, y)
        tree.fit(X_sample, y_sample)
        self.trees.append(tree)
def predict(self, X):
   # Get predictions from all trees
    tree_preds = np.array([tree.predict(X) for
tree in self.trees])
    # Majority vote (classification) or average (
regression)
   if self.task == 'classification':
       # Transpose to get predictions per sample,
       return np.array([Counter(tree_preds[:, i])
.most_common(1)[0][0]
                       for i in range(X.shape[0])
1)
   else:
       return np.mean(tree_preds, axis=0)
```

9. Gradient Boosting (XGBoost/LightGBM)

Use when: Tabular data, kaggle competitions, high accuracy needed Key concepts: Boosting, residual learning, regularization

```
import numpy as np
class GradientBoostingRegressor:
    """Gradient Boosting for regression"""
   def __init__(self, n_estimators=100, learning_rate
    =0.1, max_depth=3):
       self.n_estimators = n_estimators
       self.learning_rate = learning_rate
        self.max_depth = max_depth
        self.trees = []
        self.initial_prediction = None
   def fit(self, X, y):
       # Initialize with mean
       self.initial_prediction = np.mean(y)
       predictions = np.full(len(y), self.
    initial_prediction)
       for _ in range(self.n_estimators):
            # Compute residuals (negative gradient for
            residuals = y - predictions
            # Fit tree to residuals
            tree = DecisionTree(max_depth=self.
    max_depth, task='regression')
            tree.fit(X, residuals)
            # Update predictions
            update = tree.predict(X)
            predictions += self.learning_rate * update
            self.trees.append(tree)
    def predict(self, X):
       predictions = np.full(len(X), self.
    initial_prediction)
        for tree in self.trees:
```

```
predictions += self.learning_rate * tree.
    predict(X)
        return predictions
# Using XGBoost (industry standard)
import xgboost as xgb
# Classification
model = xgb.XGBClassifier(
    n estimators=100.
    learning_rate=0.1,
    max_depth=6,
    subsample=0.8.
                             # Row sampling
                             # Column sampling
    colsample_bytree=0.8,
    reg_alpha=0.1,
                             # L1 regularization
    reg_lambda=1.0,
                             # L2 regularization
    eval_metric='logloss'
model.fit(X_train, y_train,
          eval_set=[(X_val, y_val)],
          early_stopping_rounds=10,
          verbose=True)
# Feature importance
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
xgb.plot_importance(model)
plt.show()
# Regression
model = xgb.XGBRegressor(
    n_estimators=100,
    learning_rate=0.1,
    max_depth=6,
    objective='reg:squarederror'
0.00
# Using LightGBM (faster for large datasets)
import lightgbm as lgb
# Create dataset
train_data = lgb.Dataset(X_train, label=y_train)
val_data = lgb.Dataset(X_val, label=y_val, reference=
# Parameters
params = {
    'objective': 'binary',
    'metric': 'binary_logloss',
    'boosting_type': 'gbdt',
    'num_leaves': 31,
    'learning_rate': 0.05,
    'feature_fraction': 0.9,
    'bagging_fraction': 0.8,
    'bagging_freq': 5,
    'verbose': 0
# Train
model = lgb.train(
    params,
    train_data,
    num_boost_round=100,
    valid_sets=[train_data, val_data],
    early_stopping_rounds=10
```

```
# Predict
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
"""
```

10. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Use when: Small/medium datasets, high-dimensional data, clear margin

Key concepts: Maximum margin, kernel trick, soft margin

```
import numpy as np
    """Support Vector Machine with linear kernel"""
   def __init__(self, lr=0.001, lambda_param=0.01,
    n_iters=1000):
       self.lr = lr
       self.lambda_param = lambda_param #
    Regularization
       self.n_iters = n_iters
       self.w = None
       self.b = None
   def fit(self, X, v):
       n_samples, n_features = X.shape
       # Convert labels to {-1, 1}
       y_{-} = np.where(y <= 0, -1, 1)
       # Initialize weights
       self.w = np.zeros(n features)
       self.b = 0
       # Gradient descent
       for _ in range(self.n_iters):
            for idx, x_i in enumerate(X):
               condition = y_[idx] * (np.dot(x_i,
    self.w) - self.b) >= 1
                if condition:
                   # Correctly classified, only
    update regularization
                    self.w -= self.lr * (2 * self.
    lambda_param * self.w)
                    # Misclassified, update with hinge
     loss gradient
                    self.w -= self.lr * (2 * self.
    lambda_param * self.w - np.dot(x_i, y_[idx]))
                    self.b -= self.lr * y_[idx]
   def predict(self, X):
       linear_output = np.dot(X, self.w) - self.b
        return np.sign(linear_output)
# Kernel SVM (using scikit-learn)
from sklearn.svm import SVC
# Linear kernel
svm_linear = SVC(kernel='linear', C=1.0)
# RBF (Gaussian) kernel - most common
svm_rbf = SVC(kernel='rbf', C=1.0, gamma='scale')
# Polynomial kernel
svm_poly = SVC(kernel='poly', degree=3, C=1.0)
# Custom kernel
def custom_kernel(X1, X2):
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```
return np.dot(X1, X2.T)

svm_custom = SVC(kernel=custom_kernel)

# Fit
svm_rbf.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Predict
y_pred = svm_rbf.predict(X_test)

# Get support vectors
support_vectors = svm_rbf.support_vectors_
"""
```

11. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

Use when: Small datasets, non-parametric, anomaly detection **Key concepts:** Distance metrics, lazy learning, curse of dimensionality

```
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter
class KNN:
   """K-Nearest Neighbors classifier"""
   def __init__(self, k=3, distance_metric='euclidean
       self.k = k
       self.distance_metric = distance_metric
       self.X_train = None
       self.v train = None
   def fit(self, X, y):
       """Store training data (lazy learning)"""
        self.X_train = X
       self.y_train = y
   def euclidean_distance(self, x1, x2):
       return np.sqrt(np.sum((x1 - x2) ** 2))
   def manhattan_distance(self, x1, x2):
       return np.sum(np.abs(x1 - x2))
   def cosine_similarity(self, x1, x2):
       dot_product = np.dot(x1, x2)
       norm_product = np.linalg.norm(x1) * np.linalg.
       return 1 - (dot_product / norm_product) #
    Convert to distance
   def predict(self, X):
       predictions = [self._predict_single(x) for x
       return np.array(predictions)
   def _predict_single(self, x):
       # Compute distances to all training samples
       if self.distance_metric == 'euclidean':
           distances = [self.euclidean_distance(x,
    x_train) for x_train in self.X_train]
       elif self.distance_metric == 'manhattan':
           distances = [self.manhattan_distance(x,
    x_train) for x_train in self.X_train]
       elif self.distance_metric == 'cosine':
           distances = [self.cosine_similarity(x,
    x_train) for x_train in self.X_train]
       # Get k nearest neighbors
       k_indices = np.argsort(distances)[:self.k]
       k_nearest_labels = self.y_train[k_indices]
```

```
# Majority vote
    most_common = Counter(k_nearest_labels).
most_common(1)
    return most_common[0][0]

# Optimized KNN with ball tree or KD tree
"""
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(
    n_neighbors=5,
    weights='distance', # Weight by inverse distance
    algorithm='ball_tree', # 'ball_tree', 'kd_tree',
    'brute'
    metric='euclidean'
)
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = knn.predict(X_test)
"""
```

12. Naive Bayes

Use when: Text classification, spam detection, high-dimensional data

Key concepts: Bayes theorem, conditional independence, prior/posterior

```
import numpy as np
class GaussianNaiveBayes:
   """Naive Bayes with Gaussian distribution
    assumption"""
   def __init__(self):
       self.classes = None
       self.mean = {}
       self.var = {}
       self.priors = {}
   def fit(self, X, y):
       self.classes = np.unique(y)
       for c in self.classes:
            X_c = X[y == c]
            # Calculate mean and variance for each
    feature
            self.mean[c] = np.mean(X_c, axis=0)
            self.var[c] = np.var(X_c, axis=0)
            # Calculate prior probability
            self.priors[c] = X_c.shape[0] / X.shape[0]
   def gaussian_probability(self, x, mean, var):
        """P(x | class) assuming Gaussian distribution
       eps = 1e-6 # Avoid division by zero
       coeff = 1 / np.sqrt(2 * np.pi * var + eps)
       exponent = np.exp(-(x - mean) ** 2 / (2 * var)
       return coeff * exponent
   def predict(self, X):
       predictions = []
       for x in X:
            posteriors = []
           for c in self.classes:
```

```
# Log probabilities to avoid underflow
                prior = np.log(self.priors[c])
                # Product of conditional probabilities
     (sum in log space)
                conditional = np.sum(np.log(self.
    gaussian_probability(x, self.mean[c], self.var[c])
    ))
                posterior = prior + conditional
                posteriors.append(posterior)
           # Return class with highest posterior
           predictions.append(self.classes[np.argmax(
    posteriors)])
        return np.array(predictions)
# Multinomial Naive Bayes for text
class MultinomialNaiveBayes:
    """Naive Bayes for count/frequency features (text)
   def __init__(self, alpha=1.0):
        self.alpha = alpha # Laplace smoothing
        self.classes = None
        self.class priors = {}
        self.feature_probs = {}
    def fit(self, X, y):
        self.classes = np.unique(y)
        n_samples = X.shape[0]
       for c in self.classes:
           X_c = X[y == c]
           # Class prior
           self.class_priors[c] = X_c.shape[0] /
    n_samples
           # Feature probabilities with Laplace
    smoothing
            feature_counts = np.sum(X_c, axis=0) +
    self.alpha
            total_count = np.sum(feature_counts)
            self.feature_probs[c] = feature_counts /
    total_count
    def predict(self, X):
       predictions = []
        for x in X:
           posteriors = []
           for c in self.classes:
                # Log prior
                log_prior = np.log(self.class_priors[c
    1)
                # Log likelihood (sum of log
    probabilities)
                log_likelihood = np.sum(x * np.log(
    self.feature_probs[c]))
                posterior = log_prior + log_likelihood
                posteriors.append(posterior)
           predictions.append(self.classes[np.argmax(
    posteriors)])
        return np.array(predictions)
```

13. K-Means Clustering

import numpy as np

Use when: Unsupervised learning, customer segmentation, data exploration

Key concepts: Centroids, inertia, elbow method

```
class KMeans:
    """K-Means clustering algorithm"""
   def __init__(self, n_clusters=3, max_iters=100,
    tol=1e-4):
        self.n_clusters = n_clusters
        self.max_iters = max_iters
       self.tol = tol # Convergence tolerance
       self.centroids = None
       self.labels = None
   def fit(self. X):
       n_samples, n_features = X.shape
       # Initialize centroids randomly
       random_indices = np.random.choice(n_samples,
    self.n_clusters, replace=False)
        self.centroids = X[random_indices]
       for _ in range(self.max_iters):
           # Assign samples to nearest centroid
           self.labels = self._assign_clusters(X)
           # Calculate new centroids
           new_centroids = self._calculate_centroids(
           # Check convergence
           if np.all(np.abs(new_centroids - self.
    centroids) < self.tol):
                break
           self.centroids = new_centroids
       return self
   def _assign_clusters(self, X):
        """Assign each sample to nearest centroid"""
       distances = np.zeros((X.shape[0], self.
    n_clusters))
       for i, centroid in enumerate(self.centroids):
           distances[:, i] = np.linalg.norm(X -
```

```
return np.argmin(distances, axis=1)
    def calculate centroids(self. X):
        """Calculate mean of samples in each cluster""
        centroids = np.zeros((self.n_clusters, X.shape
    [1]))
        for i in range(self.n_clusters):
            cluster_samples = X[self.labels == i]
            if len(cluster_samples) > 0:
                centroids[i] = np.mean(cluster_samples
    axis=0
                # If cluster is empty, reinitialize
    randomlv
                centroids[i] = X[np.random.choice(X.
    shape [0])]
        return centroids
    def predict(self, X):
        """Assign new samples to nearest centroid"""
        return self._assign_clusters(X)
    def inertia(self, X):
        """Sum of squared distances to nearest
    centroid"""
        distances = np.min([np.linalg.norm(X - c, axis
    =1) for c in self.centroids], axis=0)
        return np.sum(distances ** 2)
# Elbow method to find optimal K
def find_optimal_k(X, max_k=10):
    inertias = []
    for k in range(1, max_k + 1):
        kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k)
        kmeans.fit(X)
        inertias.append(kmeans.inertia(X))
    # Plot elbow curve
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    plt.plot(range(1, max_k + 1), inertias, 'bo-')
    plt.xlabel('Number of clusters')
    plt.vlabel('Inertia')
    plt.title('Elbow Method')
    plt.show()
# K-Means++ initialization (better than random)
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
kmeans = KMeans(
    n clusters=5.
    init='k-means++'. # Smart initialization
    n init=10.
                       # Run 10 times with different
    centroids
    max iter=300.
    random_state=42
kmeans.fit(X)
labels = kmeans.labels_
centroids = kmeans.cluster_centers_
```

centroid, axis=1)

14. Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Use when: Dimensionality reduction, visualization, feature extraction

Key concepts: Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, variance explained

```
import numpy as np
    """Principal Component Analysis"""
   def __init__(self, n_components):
        self.n_components = n_components
        self.components = None
       self.mean = None
        self.explained_variance = None
   def fit(self. X):
        """Fit PCA on training data"""
       # Center the data
       self.mean = np.mean(X, axis=0)
       X_{centered} = X - self.mean
       # Covariance matrix
       cov = np.cov(X_centered.T)
       # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
       eigenvalues, eigenvectors = np.linalg.eig(cov)
       # Sort by eigenvalues (descending)
        indices = np.argsort(eigenvalues)[::-1]
        eigenvalues = eigenvalues[indices]
        eigenvectors = eigenvectors[:, indices]
        # Store principal components
        self.components = eigenvectors[:, :self.
    n_components]
       # Explained variance ratio
       total_var = np.sum(eigenvalues)
        self.explained_variance = eigenvalues[:self.
    n_components] / total_var
       return self
    def transform(self, X):
        """Project data onto principal components"""
       X_centered = X - self.mean
       return np.dot(X_centered, self.components)
   def fit_transform(self, X):
        """Fit and transform in one step"""
        self.fit(X)
        return self.transform(X)
    def inverse_transform(self, X_transformed):
        """Reconstruct original data from transformed"
        return np.dot(X_transformed, self.components.T
    ) + self.mean
# Using sklearn PCA
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Fit PCA
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X)
# Explained variance
```

ML OPTIMIZATION & TRAINING

15. Optimization Algorithms

Key concepts: SGD, momentum, Adam, learning rate schedules

```
import numpy as np
# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
class SGD:
   def __init__(self, lr=0.01):
       self.lr = lr
   def update(self, params, grads):
       for param, grad in zip(params, grads):
           param -= self.lr * grad
# SGD with Momentum
class Momentum:
   def __init__(self, lr=0.01, momentum=0.9):
       self.lr = lr
       self.momentum = momentum
       self.velocity = None
   def update(self, params, grads):
       if self.velocity is None:
           self.velocity = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in
       for i, (param, grad) in enumerate(zip(params,
    grads)):
           self.velocity[i] = self.momentum * self.
    velocity[i] - self.lr * grad
           param += self.velocity[i]
# RMSprop
class RMSprop:
   def __init__(self, lr=0.001, decay=0.9, epsilon=1e
    -8):
       self.lr = lr
       self.decay = decay
       self.epsilon = epsilon
       self.cache = None
   def update(self, params, grads):
```

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if self.cache is None:
            self.cache = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in
    params]
        for i, (param, grad) in enumerate(zip(params,
            self.cache[i] = self.decay * self.cache[i]
     + (1 - self.decay) * grad**2
            param -= self.lr * grad / (np.sqrt(self.
    cache[i]) + self.epsilon)
# Adam (Adaptive Moment Estimation)
class Adam:
    def __init__(self, lr=0.001, beta1=0.9, beta2
    =0.999. epsilon=1e-8):
        self.lr = lr
        self.beta1 = beta1
        self.beta2 = beta2
        self.epsilon = epsilon
        self.m = None # First moment
        self.v = None # Second moment
        self.t = 0 # Timestep
    def update(self, params, grads):
        if self.m is None:
            self.m = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in params
            self.v = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in params
        self.t += 1
        for i, (param, grad) in enumerate(zip(params,
    grads)):
            # Update biased first moment
            self.m[i] = self.beta1 * self.m[i] + (1 -
    self.beta1) * grad
            # Update biased second moment
            self.v[i] = self.beta2 * self.v[i] + (1 -
    self.beta2) * (grad**2)
            # Bias correction
            m_hat = self.m[i] / (1 - self.beta1**self.
            v_hat = self.v[i] / (1 - self.beta2**self.
            # Update parameters
            param -= self.lr * m_hat / (np.sqrt(v_hat)
     + self.epsilon)
# AdamW (Adam with weight decay)
class AdamW:
    def __init__(self, lr=0.001, beta1=0.9, beta2
    =0.999, epsilon=1e-8, weight_decay=0.01):
        self.lr = lr
        self.beta1 = beta1
        self.beta2 = beta2
        self.epsilon = epsilon
        self.weight_decay = weight_decay
        self.m = None
        self.v = None
        self.t = 0
    def update(self, params, grads):
        if self.m is None:
            self.m = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in params
            self.v = [np.zeros_like(p) for p in params
```

```
self.t += 1
       for i, (param, grad) in enumerate(zip(params,
    grads)):
            # Weight decay
            param -= self.lr * self.weight_decay *
    param
            # Adam update (same as above)
            self.m[i] = self.beta1 * self.m[i] + (1 -
    self.beta1) * grad
            self.v[i] = self.beta2 * self.v[i] + (1 -
    self.beta2) * (grad**2)
            m_hat = self.m[i] / (1 - self.beta1**self.
    t)
            v_hat = self.v[i] / (1 - self.beta2**self.
    t)
            param -= self.lr * m_hat / (np.sqrt(v_hat)
     + self.epsilon)
# Learning Rate Schedules
class StepLR:
    """Decay LR by gamma every step_size epochs"""
    def __init__(self, optimizer, step_size, gamma
    =0.1):
       self.optimizer = optimizer
        self.step_size = step_size
        self.gamma = gamma
        self.epoch = 0
   def step(self):
        self.epoch += 1
        if self.epoch % self.step_size == 0:
            self.optimizer.lr *= self.gamma
class CosineAnnealingLR:
    """Cosine annealing schedule"""
    def __init__(self, optimizer, T_max, eta_min=0):
        self.optimizer = optimizer
       self.T_max = T_max
        self.eta_min = eta_min
        self.base_lr = optimizer.lr
       self.epoch = 0
    def step(self):
        self.epoch += 1
        self.optimizer.lr = self.eta_min + (self.
    base_lr - self.eta_min) * \
                           (1 + np.cos(np.pi * self.
    epoch / self.T_max)) / 2
# PyTorch example
import torch.optim as optim
# Adam optimizer
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.001,
    betas=(0.9, 0.999), weight_decay=0.01)
# Learning rate scheduler
scheduler = optim.lr_scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(
    optimizer, T_max=100)
# Training loop
for epoch in range(num_epochs):
    for batch in dataloader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        loss = compute_loss(batch)
```

```
loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
scheduler.step() # Update learning rate
```

16. Regularization Techniques

```
Key concepts: L1/L2, dropout, batch normalization, early stopping
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
# Dropout
class DropoutExample(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, input_dim, hidden_dim,
    output_dim):
       super(DropoutExample, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.dropout1 = nn.Dropout(0.5) # Drop 50%
    during training
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.dropout2 = nn.Dropout(0.3)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, output_dim)
   def forward(self, x):
       x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
       x = self.dropout1(x) # Only active during
    training
       x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
       x = self.dropout2(x)
       x = self.fc3(x)
       return x
# Batch Normalization
class BatchNormExample(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, input_dim, hidden_dim,
    output_dim):
       super(BatchNormExample, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_dim, hidden_dim)
       self.bn1 = nn.BatchNorm1d(hidden_dim)
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.bn2 = nn.BatchNorm1d(hidden_dim)
       self.fc3 = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, output_dim)
   def forward(self. x):
       x = self.fc1(x)
       x = self.bn1(x) # Normalize before activation
       x = torch.relu(x)
       x = self.fc2(x)
       x = self.bn2(x)
       x = torch.relu(x)
       x = self.fc3(x)
       return x
# Layer Normalization (better for RNNs/Transformers)
class LayerNormExample(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, d_model):
        super(LayerNormExample, self).__init__()
       self.layer_norm = nn.LayerNorm(d_model)
   def forward(self, x):
       return self.layer_norm(x)
# L1/L2 Regularization
def l1_regularization(model, lambda_l1):
   """Add L1 penalty to loss"""
   11_loss = 0
   for param in model.parameters():
       11_loss += torch.sum(torch.abs(param))
```

```
return lambda 11 * 11 loss
def 12_regularization(model, lambda_12):
    """Add L2 penalty to loss (weight decay)"""
   for param in model.parameters():
        12_loss += torch.sum(param ** 2)
   return lambda_12 * 12_loss
# Training with regularization
for batch in dataloader:
   optimizer.zero_grad()
   # Forward pass
    outputs = model(inputs)
   loss = criterion(outputs, targets)
   # Add regularization
   loss += l1_regularization(model, lambda_l1=0.01)
   loss += 12_regularization(model, lambda_12=0.001)
   loss.backward()
   optimizer.step()
# Or use weight_decay in optimizer (L2 only)
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr
=0.001, weight_decay=0.01)
# Early Stopping
class EarlyStopping:
   def __init__(self, patience=7, min_delta=0):
       self.patience = patience
       self.min_delta = min_delta
       self.counter = 0
       self.best_loss = None
       self.early_stop = False
   def __call__(self, val_loss):
       if self.best_loss is None:
           self.best_loss = val_loss
       elif val_loss > self.best_loss - self.
    min delta:
           self.counter += 1
           if self.counter >= self.patience:
                self.early_stop = True
            self.best loss = val loss
            self.counter = 0
# Usage
early_stopping = EarlyStopping(patience=10)
for epoch in range(num_epochs):
    train loss = train one epoch()
    val loss = validate()
    early_stopping(val_loss)
    if early_stopping.early_stop:
       print("Early stopping")
       break
# Gradient Clipping (prevent exploding gradients in
   RNNs)
# Clip by norm
torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(model.parameters(),
    max_norm=1.0)
```

EVALUATION & METRICS

17. Classification Metrics

```
import numpy as np
def accuracy(y_true, y_pred):
   return np.sum(y_true == y_pred) / len(y_true)
def precision(y_true, y_pred, pos_label=1):
    """TP / (TP + FP)"
    tp = np.sum((y_true == pos_label) & (y_pred ==
    pos_label))
   fp = np.sum((y_true != pos_label) & (y_pred ==
    pos_label))
   return tp / (tp + fp) if (tp + fp) > 0 else 0
def recall(y_true, y_pred, pos_label=1):
    """TP / (TP + FN)"""
    tp = np.sum((y_true == pos_label) & (y_pred ==
    fn = np.sum((y_true == pos_label) & (y_pred !=
   return tp / (tp + fn) if (tp + fn) > 0 else 0
def f1_score(y_true, y_pred, pos_label=1):
    """Harmonic mean of precision and recall"""
    p = precision(y_true, y_pred, pos_label)
    r = recall(y_true, y_pred, pos_label)
   return 2 * p * r / (p + r) if (p + r) > 0 else 0
def confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred, num_classes):
    """Confusion matrix"""
    cm = np.zeros((num_classes, num_classes), dtype=
    for true, pred in zip(y_true, y_pred):
        cm[true][pred] += 1
def roc_auc(v_true, v_scores):
    """ROC AUC score"""
    # Sort by scores
    indices = np.argsort(y_scores)[::-1]
   y_true_sorted = y_true[indices]
    # Calculate TPR and FPR at different thresholds
```

```
tpr = np.cumsum(y_true_sorted) / np.sum(
    v_true_sorted)
   fpr = np.cumsum(1 - y_true_sorted) / np.sum(1 -
    v true sorted)
   # Calculate AUC using trapezoidal rule
   auc = np.trapz(tpr, fpr)
   return auc
# Using sklearn
from sklearn.metrics import (
   accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score,
   confusion_matrix, classification_report,
    roc_auc_score, roc_curve
# Basic metrics
acc = accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)
prec = precision_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro
    ') # 'micro', 'weighted', 'binary'
rec = recall_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
f1 = f1_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
# Confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)
print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred))
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_true, y_scores)
auc = roc_auc_score(y_true, y_scores)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label=f'AUC = {auc:.2f}')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.show()
```

18. Regression Metrics

```
import numpy as np
def mse(y_true, y_pred):
    """Mean Squared Error"""
   return np.mean((y_true - y_pred) ** 2)
def rmse(v_true, v_pred):
   """Root Mean Squared Error"""
   return np.sqrt(mse(y_true, y_pred))
def mae(y_true, y_pred):
    """Mean Absolute Error"""
   return np.mean(np.abs(y_true - y_pred))
def r2_score(y_true, y_pred):
   """R-squared (coefficient of determination)"""
   ss_res = np.sum((y_true - y_pred) ** 2)
   ss_tot = np.sum((y_true - np.mean(y_true)) ** 2)
   return 1 - (ss_res / ss_tot)
def mape(y_true, y_pred):
    """Mean Absolute Percentage Error"""
   return np.mean(np.abs((y_true - y_pred) / y_true))
     * 100
```

```
# Using sklearn
"""
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error,
    mean_absolute_error, r2_score

mse = mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred)
rmse = mean_squared_error(y_true, y_pred, squared=
    False)
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_true, y_pred)
r2 = r2_score(y_true, y_pred)
"""
```

STAFF/PRINCIPAL: CAUSAL INFERENCE

19. Uplift Modeling & Causal Inference

Use when: Treatment effects, marketing campaigns, policy evaluation

Key concepts: Causation vs correlation, treatment effect, persuadables

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
class UpliftTwoModel:
   """Two-Model Approach (T-Learner) for uplift
    modeling"""
   def __init__(self):
       self.model_treatment = RandomForestClassifier(
    n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
       self.model_control = RandomForestClassifier(
    n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
    def fit(self, X, treatment, y):
       X: Features (n_samples, n_features)
       treatment: Treatment indicator (0 or 1)
       y: Outcome (0 or 1 for binary, continuous for
    regression)
       # Split data by treatment
       treatment_mask = treatment == 1
       control_mask = treatment == 0
       X_treatment = X[treatment_mask]
       y_treatment = y[treatment_mask]
       X_control = X[control_mask]
       y_control = y[control_mask]
       # Train separate models
       self.model_treatment.fit(X_treatment,
       self.model_control.fit(X_control, y_control)
       return self
    def predict_uplift(self, X):
       Predict uplift: E[Y|X,T=1] - E[Y|X,T=0]
       Returns: uplift scores for each sample
       p_treatment = self.model_treatment.
    predict_proba(X)[:, 1]
       p_control = self.model_control.predict_proba(X
```

```
uplift = p_treatment - p_control
       return uplift
    def segment_users(self, X, threshold=0):
        Segment users by uplift:
        - Persuadables: positive uplift
        - Lost causes: negative uplift
        - Sure things/Do-not-disturbs: uplift near
    zero
       uplift = self.predict_uplift(X)
       segments = np.zeros(len(uplift), dtype=int)
       segments[uplift > threshold] = 1 #
       segments[uplift < -threshold] = -1 # Lost
       return segments, uplift
class UpliftSingleModel:
    """Single-Model Approach (S-Learner) for uplift
    modeling"""
    def init (self):
        self.model = RandomForestClassifier(
    n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
    def fit(self, X, treatment, y):
       """Train single model with treatment as a
    feature"""
       # Add treatment as feature
       X_with_treatment = np.column_stack([X,
    treatment1)
       self.model.fit(X_with_treatment, y)
       return self
    def predict_uplift(self, X):
        """Predict uplift by comparing T=1 vs T=0
    predictions"""
       # Predict with treatment
       X_treatment = np.column_stack([X, np.ones(len())
    X))])
       p_treatment = self.model.predict_proba(
    X_treatment)[:, 1]
        # Predict without treatment
       X_control = np.column_stack([X, np.zeros(len(X)
       p_control = self.model.predict_proba(X_control
    )[:, 1]
        uplift = p_treatment - p_control
       return uplift
# Uplift Evaluation Metrics
def uplift_curve(y_true, treatment, uplift_scores,
    n bins=10):
    Calculate uplift curve (cumulative gain)
        pcts: Percentage of population targeted
        uplifts: Cumulative uplift at each percentage
    # Sort by uplift score (descending)
    indices = np.argsort(uplift_scores)[::-1]
   y_sorted = y_true[indices]
    t_sorted = treatment[indices]
   n = len(y_sorted)
```

```
bin size = n // n bins
   pcts = []
   uplifts = []
   for i in range(1, n_bins + 1):
       # Calculate uplift for top i bins
       idx = i * bin_size
       y_t = y_sorted[:idx][t_sorted[:idx] == 1]
       y_c = y_sorted[:idx][t_sorted[:idx] == 0]
       if len(y_t) > 0 and len(y_c) > 0:
            uplift = np.mean(y_t) - np.mean(y_c)
       else:
            uplift = 0
       pcts.append(i / n_bins * 100)
       uplifts.append(uplift)
   return pcts, uplifts
def qini_coefficient(y_true, treatment, uplift_scores)
   Qini coefficient: Area between uplift curve and
   Higher is better (max = 1.0)
   # Sort by uplift score
   indices = np.argsort(uplift_scores)[::-1]
   y_sorted = y_true[indices]
   t_sorted = treatment[indices]
   n = len(y_sorted)
   cumulative_qini = 0
   n_t_cumsum = 0
   n_c_cumsum = 0
   v_t_cumsum = 0
   y_c_cumsum = 0
   for i in range(n):
       if t_sorted[i] == 1:
           n_t_cumsum += 1
           y_t_cumsum += y_sorted[i]
       else:
           n_c_cumsum += 1
            y_c_cumsum += y_sorted[i]
       # Qini at this point
       if n_t_cumsum > 0 and n_c_cumsum > 0:
            qini = y_t_cumsum - (n_t_cumsum /
    n_c_cumsum) * y_c_cumsum
           cumulative_qini += qini
   # Normalize by maximum possible Qini
   max_qini = n * np.mean(y_sorted[t_sorted == 1]) if
     np.sum(t_sorted) > 0 else 1
   return cumulative_qini / max_qini if max_qini != 0
     else 0
# Visualization
def plot_uplift_curve(y_true, treatment, uplift_scores
   """Plot uplift curve to visualize model
    performance"""
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   pcts, uplifts = uplift_curve(y_true, treatment,
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uplift_scores, n_bins=20)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.plot(pcts, uplifts, marker='o', label='Uplift
    plt.axhline(y=0, color='r', linestyle='--', label=
    'Random (No Uplift)')
    plt.xlabel('Percentage of Population Targeted (%)'
    plt.ylabel('Incremental Uplift')
    plt.title('Uplift Curve')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
    plt.show()
# Example Usage
# Simulate data
np.random.seed(42)
n = 10000
# Features
X = np.random.randn(n, 5)
# Treatment (random assignment)
treatment = np.random.binomial(1, 0.5, n)
# True uplift effect (depends on features)
true_uplift = 0.1 * X[:, 0] + 0.05 * X[:, 1]
base_prob = 1 / (1 + np.exp(-X[:, 2]))
y_control = np.random.binomial(1, base_prob)
y_treatment = np.random.binomial(1, base_prob +
    true_uplift)
y = np.where(treatment == 1, y_treatment, y_control)
# Train uplift model
model = UpliftTwoModel()
model.fit(X, treatment, y)
# Predict uplift
X_test = np.random.randn(1000, 5)
uplift_scores = model.predict_uplift(X_test)
# Segment users
segments, uplift = model.segment_users(X_test,
    threshold=0.01)
print(f"Persuadables: {np.sum(segments == 1)}")
print(f"Neutral: {np.sum(segments == 0)}")
print(f"Lost causes: {np.sum(segments == -1)}")
# Evaluate
qini = qini_coefficient(y, treatment, model.
    predict_uplift(X))
print(f"Qini coefficient: {qini:.4f}")
plot_uplift_curve(y, treatment, model.predict_uplift(X
# Business Impact Calculation
def calculate_roi(uplift_scores, treatment_cost,
    conversion_value,
                 percentile=0.2):
    Calculate ROI of targeting top percentile by
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Args:
        uplift_scores: Predicted uplift for each user
        treatment_cost: Cost per treatment (e.g., \$10
        conversion_value: Value per conversion (e.g.,
    \$100 purchase)
       percentile: Top X% to target (default 20%)
        roi: Return on investment
    # Target top percentile
    threshold = np.percentile(uplift_scores, 100 * (1
    - percentile))
    targeted = uplift_scores >= threshold
    n_targeted = np.sum(targeted)
    # Expected incremental conversions
    incremental_conversions = np.sum(uplift_scores[
    targeted])
    # Calculate ROI
    revenue = incremental_conversions *
    conversion value
    cost = n_targeted * treatment_cost
    roi = (revenue - cost) / cost if cost > 0 else 0
    return roi, n_targeted, incremental_conversions
# Example: Marketing campaign ROI
roi, n_users, conversions = calculate_roi(
    uplift_scores=uplift_scores,
    treatment_cost=10,
                            # \$10 coupon
    conversion value=100.
                            # \$100 purchase value
    percentile=0.2
                            # Target top 20%
print(f"ROI: {roi:.2%}")
print(f"Users targeted: {n_users:,}")
print(f"Incremental conversions: {conversions:.1f}")
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Key Interview Points:

- Correlation vs Causation: P(Y|X) vs P(Y|do(X)) observational vs interventional
- Two approaches: T-Learner (two models) vs S-Learner (single model with treatment feature)
- User segments: Persuadables (positive uplift), Sure things

(convert anyway), Lost causes (negative uplift), Do-not-disturbs (won't convert)

- Evaluation: Uplift curves, Qini coefficient (not just AUC!)
- Business impact: ROI calculation, incremental value over random targeting
- When to use: Marketing campaigns, medical treatments, policy interventions

INTERVIEW PATTERN RECOGNITION

Problem to Algorithm Mapping

Computer Vision:

- Image classification \rightarrow CNN (ResNet, EfficientNet)
- Object detection \rightarrow R-CNN, YOLO, SSD
- Semantic segmentation → U-Net, FCN
- Face recognition \rightarrow Siamese networks, ArcFace
- \bullet Style transfer \to GAN, Neural Style Transfer
- Image generation → VAE, GAN, Diffusion models

Natural Language Processing:

- Text classification → BERT, RoBERTa, DistilBERT
- Sequence labeling (NER, POS) \rightarrow BiLSTM-CRF, BERT
- Machine translation → Transformer, Seq2Seq with attention
- Question answering → BERT, GPT, T5
- Text generation → GPT, T5, BART
- Sentiment analysis \rightarrow LSTM, BERT

Tabular Data:

- \bullet Classification/Regression \to XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost
- High interpretability needed → Decision Trees, Linear models
- $\bullet \;$ Small dataset \to Random Forest, SVM

 $\bullet~$ Large dataset \to Neural networks, gradient boosting

Time Series:

- Forecasting → LSTM, GRU, Prophet, ARIMA
- \bullet Anomaly detection \rightarrow Autoencoders, Isolation Forest
- \bullet Sequence classification \to 1D CNN, LSTM, Transformer

Recommendation Systems:

- \bullet Collaborative filtering \rightarrow Matrix factorization, NCF
- Content-based → Cosine similarity, embeddings
- Hybrid \rightarrow Deep learning with side information

Model Selection Checklist

Data considerations:

- Structured/tabular \rightarrow XGBoost, Random Forest
- Images → CNN, Vision Transformer
- Text \rightarrow Transformer, BERT, GPT
- Time series/sequential → LSTM, GRU, Transformer
- Small dataset (; 10k) → Classical ML, transfer learning
- Large dataset (; 1M) → Deep learning
- High-dimensional \rightarrow PCA, autoencoders

Performance requirements:

- $\bullet~{\rm Low~latency} \to {\rm Smaller~models},$ model compression, caching
- $\bullet~$ High throughput \to Batch processing, model parallelism
- Resource-constrained → MobileNet, DistilBERT, quantization
- Accuracy critical → Ensemble methods, larger models

Interpretability:

- \bullet High interpretability \rightarrow Linear models, decision trees, SHAP
- $\bullet~$ Black box acceptable \to Deep learning, ensembles