AINT351 - Revision

Three types of learning

Imagine a machine experiences a sequence of sensory inputs x1, x2, ... xn

Supervised learning:

- The machine is also given y1, y2, ...yn and its goal is to learn and reproduce them from the inputs
- Learning by examples, input and output is given so it knows how to reproduce the output from the input

Unsupervised learning:

- The machine should build a representation of x that can be used for decision making, prediction
- There is no desired output, you are given inputs and after some iterations you start to categorise data based on some criteria

Reinforcement learning:

- The machine can generate actions a1, a2,.. an that affects its environment and receives a reward or punishment based on them. Its goal is to learn actions that maximise long term reward
- Learning based on rewards for actions so that it learns to maximise long term reward

Goals of supervised learning

Classify input data:

- In this case the desired outputs y1,y2,...yn are discrete class labels and the goal is to classify new output correctly from the new input
- have an image of a digit and want to know what digit it is based on previous examples of that digit

Goals of unsupervised learning

Regression

- In this case the desired outputs y1, y2, ...yn are continuous values and the goal is to **predict** new output correctly from new input
- Have the data from babies and can try to predict its weight given its height

We wish to find useful representations of data. This can involve

- Finding clusters
- Dimensionality reduction

- Finding the hidden cause of the surface phenomenaModelling the data probability density