

# Day 1: Introduction to Machine Learning

## Summer STEM: Machine Learning

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- 1 Teacher and Student Introductions
- 2 What is Machine Learning?
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# Tell the class about yourself

- Write down the following information:
  - Name
  - Grade
  - In which city/town are you currently living?
  - What is your favourite movie?
  - What is the IMDB score of this movie!
  - What is the category of this movie? (thriller/drama/action, etc)
  - Rate your coding experience from 1 (no experience) to 5 (plenty of experience)!
- Share your answers with the class!
- We'll visualize this dataset using Python tomorrow!
  - [Link to excel sheet here](#)

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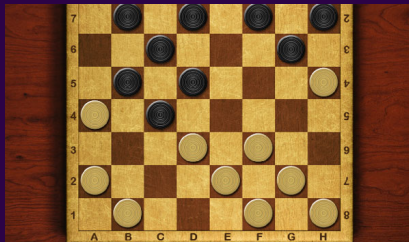


# Machine Learning

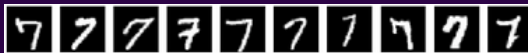
- Most recent exciting technology
- We use these algorithms dozens of times a day
  - Search Engine
  - Recommendations
- Machine Learning is an important component to achieve artificial general intelligence
- Practice is the key to learn machine learning

# Definition

- Machine Learning is a field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.



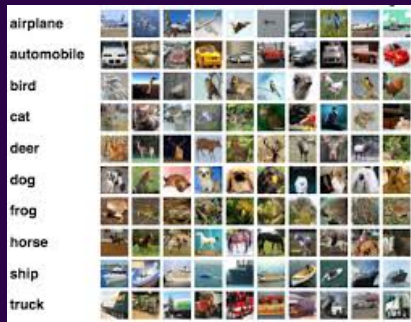
# Example: Digit Recognition



- Challenges with expert approach
  - Simple expert rule breaks down in practice
  - Difficult to translate our knowledge into code
- Machine Learning approach
  - Learned systems do very well on image recognition problems

```
def classify(image):  
    ...  
    nv = count_vert_lines(image)  
    nh = count_horiz_lines(image)  
    ...  
  
    if (nv == 1) and (nh == 1):  
        digit = 7  
    ...  
  
    return digit
```

# Example: CIFAR 10



# Machine Learning Problem Pipeline

- 1 Formulate the problem: regression, classification, or others?
- 2 Gather and visualize the data
- 3 Design the model and the loss function
- 4 Train your model
  - (a) Perform feature engineering
  - (b) Construct the design matrix
  - (c) Choose regularization techniques
  - (d) Tune hyper-parameters using a validation set
  - (e) If the performance is not satisfactory, go back to step (a)
- 5 Evaluate the model on a test set

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# Course Outline

- Day 1: Introduction to ML
- Day 2: Linear Regression
- Day 3: Overfitting and Generalization
- Day 4: Classification and Logistic Regression
- Day 5: Mini Project
- Day 6: Neural Networks
- Day 7: Convolutional Neural Networks
- Day 8: Deep Generative Models
- Day 9: Final Project
- Day 10: Social Impacts of ML and Final Project Presentations

# Course Format, Website, Resources

- Course Website:  
[https://github.com/asarmadi/tandon\\_summer2021\\_ml](https://github.com/asarmadi/tandon_summer2021_ml)
  - Github: share collections of documents, repositories of code
  - Contains lecture slides, code notebooks, and datasets
  - Slides and demo code posted before lecture, solutions to the lab posted after
- After-class discussion: Campuswire. Links to class recordings will also be posted there.
- We strongly encourage programming in Python via Google Colab.
- We'll give additional resources at the end of each day based on student interest



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# Vectors

- A **vector** is an ordered list of numbers or symbols
  - Ex:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Vectors

- Vectors of the same size may be added together, element-wise

- Ex:  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 1 \\ (-1) + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Vectors may be scaled by a number, element-wise

- Ex:  $3\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 1 \\ 3 \times 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

# Vectors

- Norm of a vector (L2 Norm)

- Ex: If  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$

- Inner product: sum of element-wise products of two vectors

- Ex:  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \times 1 + (-1) \times 2 = 3 - 2 = 1$

- Gives the angle between two vectors  $\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}$

# Vectors

■ If  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n + v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

■ For any real number  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha u_1 \\ \alpha u_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha u_n \end{bmatrix}$

# Vectors

- inner product :

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 \times v_1 + u_2 \times v_2 + \cdots + u_n \times v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \times v_i$$

- norm :

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \cdots + u_n^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2}$$

- Squared norm :

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \cdots + u_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2$$

# Exercise: Vectors

Let  $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , calculate

- $3\mathbf{q} + 2\mathbf{p}$
- $\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$  and  $\|\mathbf{q}\|^2$
- $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}$  and  $\|\mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{q}\|$

# Matrices

- A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers or symbols arranged in rows and columns. We can conceptualize it as a collection of vectors.
  - Ex: 2 by 2 matrix,  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Matrices of the same shape may be added together, element-wise
  - Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$
- Matrices may be scaled, element-wise
  - Ex:  $\alpha B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8\alpha \\ 7\alpha & 11\alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a scalar



# Exercise: Matrices

$$\blacksquare \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ -7 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

$$\blacksquare 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Vectors and Matrices

- We may consider a vector as a matrix
  - **Row Vector:** shape  $(1 \times N)$   
Ex:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
  - **Column Vector:** shape  $(N \times 1)$   
Ex:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
  - We'll consider vectors as column vectors by default

# Matrices

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General case :

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- $A_{ij}$  is the element at the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $A_{13} = ?$
- $A_{21} = ?$
- $A_{24} = ?$



# Matrices

- Two matrices, A and B, can be multiplied together provided their shapes meet the criteria :
- **Criteria:** # cols of A must equal the # rows of B
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- Result is a matrix with shape (# rows A  $\times$  # cols B)
  - Ex : If  $C = AB$  then, C is of shape  $(2 \times 2)$  :
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrices

## ■ To sum up :

If  $A$  is of shape  $(M \times K)$  and  $B$  of shape  $(K \times N)$ ,

We can define  $C = AB$ , and  $C$  will be of shape  $(M \times N)$

# Matrices

- If  $C = AB$  then,  $(C)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^K A_{ik}B_{kj}$
- Inner product of the  $i$ -th row of  $A$  and the  $j$ -th column of  $B$

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$$C_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -6 \quad C_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

$$C_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \quad C_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Matrices

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = ?$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = ?$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$
- In general,  $AB \neq BA$

# Matrices

- **Transpose:**  $A^T$  swaps the rows and columns of matrix  $A$
- Ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}^T = [2 \ 3]$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $[2 \ 3] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

# Exercises: Matrix Multiplication

- $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- Calculate  $XY$ ,  $YX$ ,  $Z^T Y$



# Matrix Inverse

- Analogy: Reciprocal of a number  $\frac{1}{a}a = 1$
- Matrix inverse only defined for square matrix (# rows = # cols)

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Inverse

- Hard to compute by hand, but for 2 by 2 matrix, it is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

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- The matrix inverse does not always exist. Can you tell when that is the case for 2 by 2 matrices based on the formula given above?

# Matrix Inverse

When is matrix inverse useful? We can use it to solve systems of linear equations!

- Consider the following equations

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 5 \\ 3x + 5y = 13 \end{cases}$$

- In matrix-vector form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix inverse

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Setting Up Python

- Google Colab
  - Interactive programming online
  - No installation
  - Free GPU for 12 hours
- Your task:
  - Register a Google account and set up Google Colab
  - Run `print('hello world!')`
  - Open the notebook `demo_python_basics.ipynb` from the Github repo.

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# Python Basics

- Program
  - We write operations to be executed on variables
- Variables
  - Referencing and interacting with items in the program
- If-Statements
  - Conditionally execute lines of code
- Functions
  - Reuse lines of code at any time

# Python Basics

- Lists
  - Store an ordered collection of data
- Loops
  - Conditionally re-execute code
- Strings
  - Words and sentences are treated as lists of characters
- Classes (advanced)
  - Making your own data-type. Functions and variables made to be associated with it too.

# Lab: Python Basics

- Write a function to find the second largest number in a list (Hint: use `sort()`)
- Define a class `Student`
- Use the `__init__()` function to assign the values of two attributes of the class: `name` and `grade`
- Define a function `study()` with an argument `time` in minutes. When calling this function, it should be printed “(the student’s name) has studied for (time) minutes”

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# Demo and Exercises: NumPy

A Python package is a collection of code people wrote for other users to run directly. Today, we learn how to use the package NumPy for linear algebra.

- Open `demo_vectors_matrices.ipynb`
- Your task: use NumPy functions to compute the exercises we did earlier this morning. Compare the results.

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