

Introduction

Machine learning is pervasive!

- purchase/movie recommendations
- spoken language understanding
- autonomous vehicles



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Machine learning involves finding patterns ²
in data

- Automatic identification of structure

- Learn by example

Example: Movie Ratings

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	Jake	Jennifer	Julia	Justin
Star Trek	3	9	2	8
The Martian	1	7	1	7
Pride + Prejudice	9	3	5	2
Sense + Sensibility	9	2	6	3
The Empire Strikes Back	2	9	2	?

A matrix is an ordered collection of numbers. ⁴

$$\underline{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 3 & 7 \\ 9 & 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 9 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

rows

columns

A vector is a single row or column

$$\underline{r}_2 = [3 \ 8 \ 3 \ 7]$$

$$\underline{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix methods are the foundation of machine learning. ⁵

- Ordered organization → pattern discovery
- Linear algebra → powerful tools

Focus on principles for machine learning,
not software or toolboxes

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