A not so gentle introduction to machine learning in python using scikit-learn

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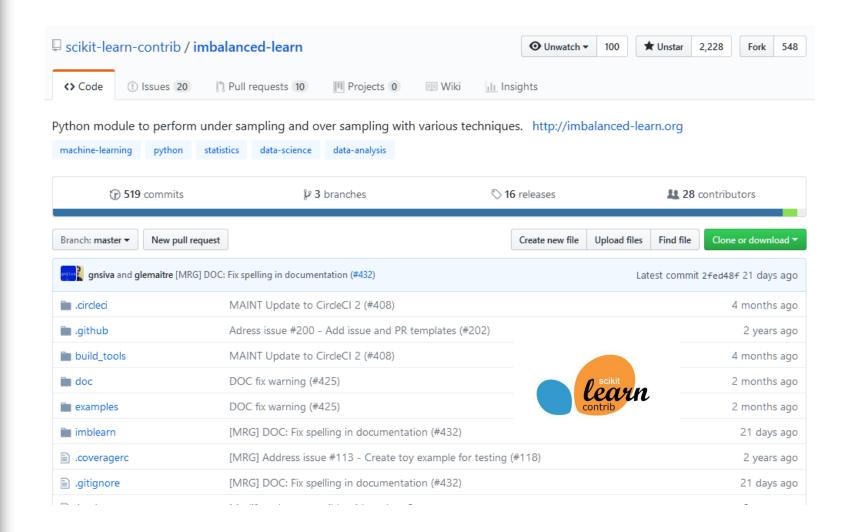








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- Machine Learning
- Python
- scikit-learn

What is Machine Learning?

- Machine learning is the process of extracting knowledge from data automatically
- Nowadays touch nearly every aspect of everyday life, from the face detection in our phones and the spam filtering to picking restaurants, partners, and movies.
- A classical example is a spam filter, for which the user keeps labeling incoming mails as either spam or not spam. A machine learning algorithm then "learns" a predictive model from data that distinguishes spam from normal emails, a model which can predict for new emails whether they are spam or not.

Machine Learning Concepts

- Automating decision making from data without the user specifying explicit rules how this decision should be made.
- Generalization

- Two-dimensional array (or matrix) of numbers.
- Each data point (aka sample or training instance or object or example) that we want to either learn from or make a decision on is represented as a list of numbers, a so-called feature vector, and its containing features (or attributes) represent the properties of this point.

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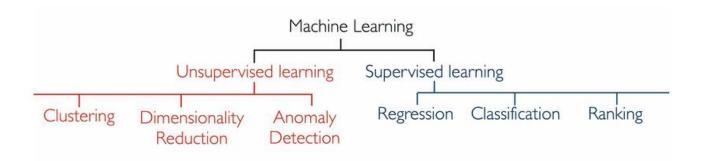
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 Each flower sample represented as one row in our data array, and the columns (features or attributes) represent the flower measurements in centimeters.

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_2^{(1)} & x_3^{(1)} & \dots & x_4^{(1)} \\ x_1^{(2)} & x_2^{(2)} & x_3^{(2)} & \dots & x_4^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(150)} & x_2^{(150)} & x_3^{(150)} & \dots & x_4^{(150)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Machine Learning Taxonomy



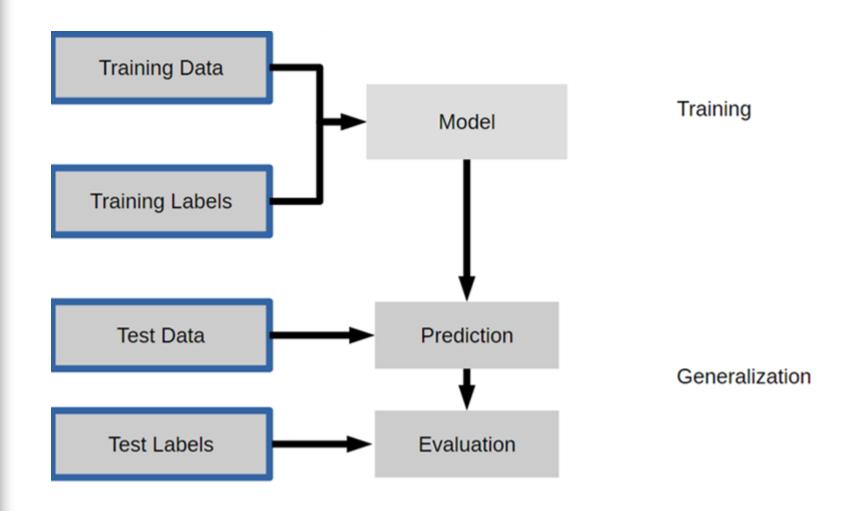
Supervised Learning: Classification and regression

- In Supervised Learning, we have a dataset consisting of both input features and a desired output.
- The task is to construct a model (or program) which is able to predict the desired output of an unseen object given the set of features.

Supervised Learning: Classification and regression

- In classification, the label is discrete
- In regression, the label is continuous

Supervised Learning: Classification and regression



Unsupervised Learning

- There is no desired output associated with the data
- We are interested in extracting some form of knowledge
- You can think of unsupervised learning as a means of discovering labels from the data itself.

Unsupervised Learning

- Is it more challenging than Supervised Learning?
 - Probably. But why?
 - Is often harder to understand and to evaluate



- Python of course
- Commitment to documentation and usability
- Models are chosen and implemented by a dedicated team of experts
- Covers most machine-learning tasks
- Scales to most data problems
- Focus

Why scikit-learn?

Classification
Regression
Clustering
Semi-Supervised Learning
Feature Selection
Feature Extraction
Manifold Learning
Dimensionality Reduction
Kernel Approximation
Hyperparameter Optimization
Evaluation Metrics
Out-of-core learning



Who is using scikit-learn?









The New York Times

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