Supervised Learning

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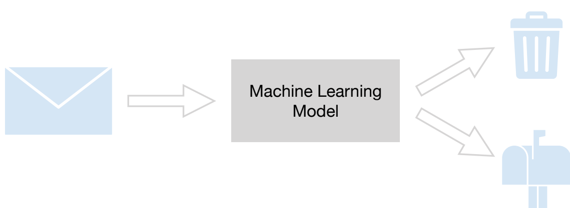
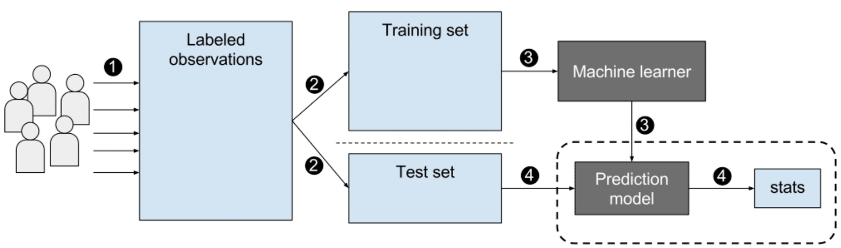
Supervised Learning Setup

Spam filtering





Spam filtering

- Problem
  - ✓ automatically tagging email messages as spam (1) or ham (0)
- Input Space
  - ✓ assume every email is represented as a fixed-length vector of 10 features
- Output Space?

Components of (supervised) learning

- Input space $\mathscr{X}$
- Output space $\mathscr{Y}$
- Data instance $x \in \mathscr{X}, y \in \mathscr{Y}$
  - ✓ is a pair (x,y)
- Data $\{(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)\}$
  - ✓ is a set of data instances
- Hypothesis $g : \mathscr{X} \mapsto \mathscr{Y}, g \in \mathscr{H}$

Data

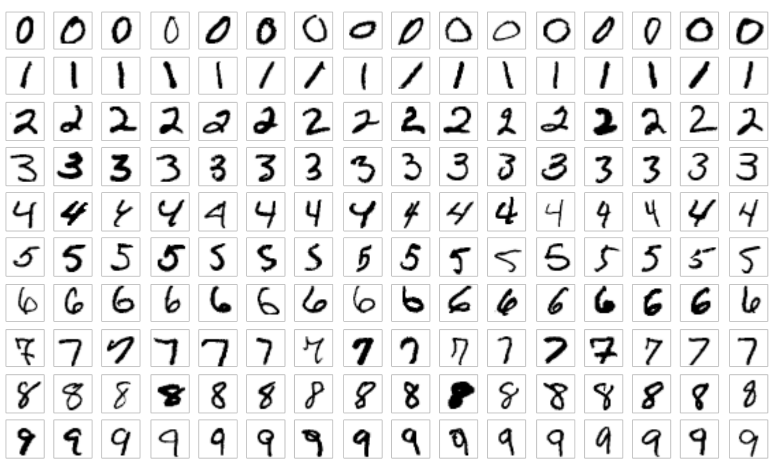
- Samples are assumed to be **independent and identically distributed** from the same probability distribution (**i.i.d**)

$$\mathscr{D} = \{(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

in general $\mathscr{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$

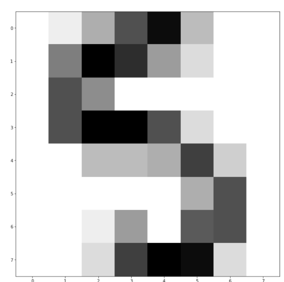
$$(x_i, y_i) \sim \underbrace{P}_{\text{unknown}}$$

MNIST Dataset



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MNIST_database

MNIST instance



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Supervised learning

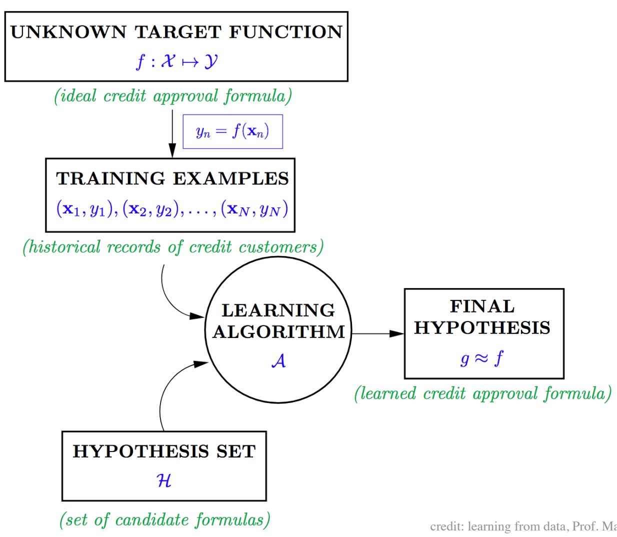
Binary classification: $\mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}$, $\mathcal{Y} = \{-1,+1\}$

Multiclass classification: $\mathcal{Y} = \{0,1,\ldots,k-1\}$

Regression: $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$

Structure prediction: structured objects

Learning setup



credit: learning from data, Prof. Malik Magdon-Ismail

Example

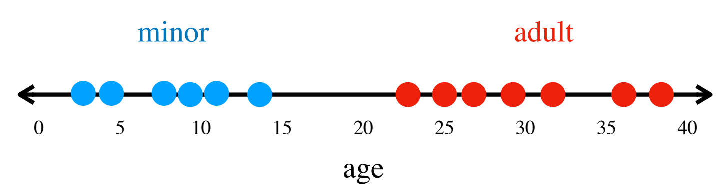
$h_1 \in \mathcal{H}$

$h_2 \in \mathcal{H}$

$\cdots$

can you define the hypothesis space?

how to pick a hypothesis that makes you happy?



Loss Functions

- **0/1 Loss**
$$\mathscr{L}_{0/1}(h, \mathscr{D}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathscr{D}} I(h(x_i) \neq y_i)$$
indicator function

- **Squared Loss**
$$\mathscr{L}_{sq}(h, \mathscr{D}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathscr{D}} (h(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

- **Absolute Loss**
$$\mathscr{L}_{abs}(h, \mathscr{D}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathscr{D}} |h(x_i) - y_i|$$

What is the goal of (supervised) learning?

- A function (**classifier/regressor**) that best approximates target function

For $g \in \mathscr{H}$ and $\forall (x_i, y_i) \sim P$, we want $g(x) \approx f(x)$

search and **optimization** (to **minimize expected loss**)

Expected Loss

$$\mathbb{E}[l(g, (x_i, y_i))]_{(x_i, y_i) \sim P}$$

We cannot calculate this term, but we can approximate it

Approximating the expected loss?

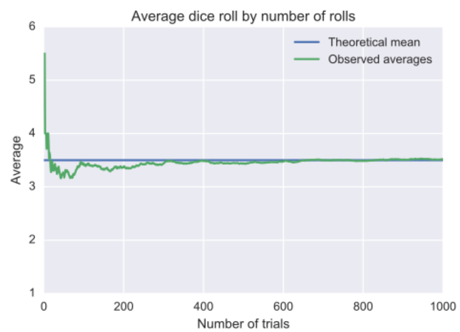
$$\mathbb{E}[l(g, (x_i, y_i))]_{(x_i, y_i) \sim P}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l(g, (x_i, y_i))$$

the **law of large numbers** states that the arithmetic mean of the values almost surely converges to the expected value as the number of repetitions approaches infinity

Law of large numbers

$$Pr\left(\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_n = \mathbb{E}[x]\right) = 1$$



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Example using MNIST

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1m_h-c2sSC4fNhRRNR2q-Dfk2ji5V6ILQ?usp=sharing