A RIDICULOUSLY FAST INTRODUCTION

MACHINE LEARNING FOR MR

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AGENDA

- What is Machine Learning?
- What kinds of problems can it solve?
 - Buzzword bingo
- How does it work?
- What is Deep Learning?
- What tools and resources are available?

WHAT IS MACHINE LEARNING?

- Machine learning is a set of techniques for constructing models of data using (mostly) just the data
- "All models are wrong; some models are useful." -- G Box
- Machine learning is the part of AI that works.
- Classification -- prediction of a categorical variable
- ▶ Regression -- prediction of a numerical variable
- Graph analysis (including search)

WHAT KINDS OF PROBLEMS CAN ML SOLVE?

- Classification: k-means, support vector machines, logistic regression, decision trees and random forests, topic modeling
- Regression: linear regression, regularization
- Graph analysis: search, PageRank, network analysis

BUZZWORD BINGO

- Supervised -- I have some previously analyzed examples
- Unsupervised -- I don't
- Training set -- the data I want to use to set up the model
- Test set -- other data I want to use to see how the model works
- Overfitting -- tailoring the model to accommodate the peculiarities of the training set while degrading the performance on the test set (and anywhere else)

BUZZWORD BINGO CONTINUED

- Precision -- I found all the needles in the haystack
- Recall -- everything I found is a needle
- Accuracy -- both have to be true -- what does this mean for a population? An individual?
- Descriptive models -- I have no idea how it works
- Generative models -- this is what the model looks for
- Algorithmic bias -- believing something because the computer said so
- No Free Lunch Theorem − what works on the training set will not work any better on unobserved data....

HOW DOES MACHINE LEARNING WORK?



- Data aggregation and feature extraction (T, E)
- Train-test split (P)
- Model construction and training (T, E)
- Model evaluation (P, E)
- Model correction (P, E)
- Model deployment (T, P, E)

WHAT IS DEEP LEARNING?

- Many functions can be represented by a multilayer perceptron – universal approximation theorem
- Training is lengthy and expensive but they run fast
- There are several mature frameworks for implementing deep learning pipelines

WHAT TOOLS AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- The Elements of Statistical Learning https://statueb.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn/
- Deep Learning http://www.deeplearningbook.org
- Scikit-learn http://scikit-learn.org/stable/
- Spark https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-pipeline.html
- Caffe http://caffe.berkeleyvision.org
- Tensorflow https://www.tensorflow.org

KEEPING UP WITH THIS

- GitHub repository:
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Should we create a study group?

KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK

- What learning algorithm are you using?
- How did you train it? What was your objective function?
- How did you assess the accuracy? Test vs train?
- How do you serialize/featurize the input data?
- Is your model generative? Can you tie its performance to something that makes sense?
- How will you update the model if (your assumptions about) the data change?