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Algorithm Categories

- Decision tree learning
- Association rule learning
- Artificial neural networks
- Inductive logic programming
- Support vector machines
- Clustering
- Bayesian networks
- Reinforcement learning
- Representation learning
- Similarity and metric learning
- Sparse dictionary learning
- Genetic algorithms

Algorithms and Applications by Field/Industry

- Telecommunications
 - 5G
 - IoT
 - Autonomous vehicles
 - Smart cities
 - Engagement insights whose info is sold back to advertisers
- Marketing
 - Segmentation
 - Ranking/scoring
 - Market basket analysis > location and promotions of items
 - Cohort analysis and segmentation > targeted marketing
 - Customer churn prediction > churn prevention
 - Customer lifetime value forecasting > future business value and predicting growth
 - Targeted and personalized advertising
 - Companies
 - [Appier](#)
 - [Voyager Labs](#)
- Sales
 - Revenue forecasting and growth
- Security intelligence (security, fraud, and risk analysis)
- Customer relationship management
- AR and VR
- Gaming
 - Examples
 - AlphaGo (Monte-Carlo Tree Search)
 - DeepBlue
 - Watson Jeopardy
- Health care
- Insurance

- Retail
 - Recommendation engines
 - Virtual reality fitting systems
 - Shopping experience
- Autonomous transportation
 - Companies
 - Google
 - Apple
 - Uber
 - Lyft
 - Tesla
 - Waymo

Algorithms and Applications by Data Type

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- Sound/Audio
 - Voice detection/recognition
 - Voice search
 - Speaker identification
 - Sentiment analysis
 - Flaw detection (engine noise)
 - Fraud detection (latent audio artifacts)
 - Speech-to-Text
- Time Series/sequence
 - Log analysis/Risk detection
 - Enterprise resource planning
 - Predictive analysis using sensor data
 - Business and economic analysis
 - Recommendation engine
 - Examples and algorithms
 - Web log
 - RNN
 - Time series in general (has time stamp)
 - RNN
 - Sensors and measures over time
 - RNN
 - Arbitrarily long sequence that may take full input data
 - RNN
 - Markova model with large hidden state space
 - Fixed length sequence
 - CNN
 - Multilayer perceptron
- Text
 - Sentiment analysis
 - Augmented search, theme detection
 - Threat detection
 - Fraud detection
 - Named-entity recognition

- Image
 - Facial recognition and expression recognition
 - People identification
 - Image search
 - Machine vision
 - Photo clustering
 - Image recognition/classification
 - Is it a certain class or multiple classes (e.g., cat, car, ...)
 - Object recognition and detection
 - Detection is the location of the recognized object in the image (i.e., localization)
 - Output is bounding box (b_x, b_y, b_h, B_w), is object recognized in image, and class label(s)
 - Loss function calculation depends on whether the object is detected in the image
 - Sliding window detection (window size and stride)
 - Pass window as input to CNN
 - Landmark detection
 - X,Y point pairs representing individual landmarks in the image
 - Useful for emotion detection, filters, pose detection, ...
 - Algorithms
 - CNN
- Video
 - Motion detection
 - Real-time threat detection
 - Gesture recognition
- Unlabeled and/or unstructured data
 - Clustering
 - Anomaly detection (detecting anomalies)
 - Search (detecting similarities)
 - Compare docs, images, sounds, etc., and return similar items
- Labeled data
 - Predictive analytics
 - Regression and classification
 - Hardware failure
 - Health degradation, failure, and disease
 - Customer churn
 - Employee churn
- Columnar/tabular
 - Classic multilayer perceptrons + feature engineering

Algorithms and Applications by Task

- Prediction
 - Regression/classification
 - RNN
- Recommendation
- Generative
 - Novel output
 - RNN
- Reconstruction
 - Example: MNIST
- Recognition and computer vision
 - Changing images in time (video)

- LSTM (temporal aspect) with convolutions layers (capture structure/features)
- NLP, NLG, NLU
 - Machine translation
 - CNN
 - Sentiment analysis
 - CNN
 - Sentence classification
 - CNN
- Personal assistant
 - Voice to text then NLP to understand what the user wants to accomplish, then generating text, voice, action
- Anomaly detection
- Reinforcement learning
- Reality capture and reality computing

Regression (Supervised) - Univariate, Multivariate, ...

- Simple and multiple linear regression
- Tree-based methods (e.g., decision tree or forest)
- Generalized linear models (GLM)
 - Poisson regression, aka log-linear model
- Generalized additive model (GAM)
- Regression with shrinkage (e.g., regularization)
- Stepwise regression
- Ordinary least squares
- Artificial Neural networks (ANN) and deep learning
- Ordinal regression
- Polynomial regression
- Nearest neighbor methods (e.g., k-NN or k-Nearest Neighbors)
- Gradient tree boosting
- Logistic regression
- Nonlinear regression

Example Applications

- Stock market predictions and algorithmic trading
 - Companies
 - [Kavout](#)
 - [Sentient](#)
 - [Genotick](#)
 - [Numerai](#)
 - [QPLUM](#)

Classification (Supervised) - Unary (one-class), Binary, and Multi-class

- Linear
 - Linear discriminant analysis (LDA), aka Fisher's linear discriminant
 - Logistic regression and multinomial logistic regression
 - Bayesian classifiers (as opposed to frequentist)
 - Naive Bayes
 - Perceptron methods
- Decision trees and random forests

- Naive bayes
- Hidden markov model
- Support vector machines (SVM)
 - Least squares support vector machines
- Artificial Neural networks (ANN) and deep learning
- Kernel estimation
 - Nearest neighbor methods (e.g., k-NN or k-Nearest Neighbors)
- One vs Rest and One vs One (binary transformation)
- Gradient tree boosting

Example Applications

- Many diseases or issues, including stroke, cancer, ...
 - Cancer detection using cell-free genomes
 - Cardiovascular events prediction (e.g., heart attack, stroke)
 - Companies
 - [Google DeepMind](#)
 - IBM's [Watson](#) (Watson for Oncology)
 - Others
 - [Freemove](#)
 - [CureMetrix](#)
- Spam for email
- Smart email categorization (Gmail)
 - Primary, social, and promotion inboxes, as well as labeling emails as important
- Credit decisions
 - Companies
 - [Underwrite.ai](#)

Regularization and Overfitting Prevention

- Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (LASSO)
- Ridge regression
- Akaike information criterion (AIC)
- Bayesian information criterion (BIC)

Clustering (Unsupervised)

- Hierarchical clustering, aka connectivity-based clustering and Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA)
 - Single-linkage clustering
 - Complete linkage clustering
 - Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean (UPGMA), aka average linkage clustering
- Centroid-based clustering
 - k-means
 - k-medoids
 - k-medians
 - K-means++
 - Fuzzy c-means
- Distribution-based clustering
 - Gaussian mixture models via expectation-maximization algorithm
- Density-based clustering
 - Density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise (DBSCAN)

- Ordering points to identify the clustering structure (OPTICS)
- Mean-shift
- Canapoy
- Association rule learning
 - Apriori
 - Eclat
- Topic modeling (text data)
- Fractal
- Guassian mixture models

Example Applications

Ensemble Methods (Supervised, Unsupervised)

- Bootstrap aggregating (bagging)
 - Random Forests and ExtraTrees
- Boosting
 - AdaBoost
 - Gradient boosting
 - Boost by majority
 - BrownBoost
 - xgboost
 - MadaBoost
 - LogitBoost
 - LPBoost
 - TotalBoost
- Pasting
- Bayesian model averaging (BMA)
- Weak learner theory
- Stacking (stacked generalization) and Blending
- Bayes optimal classifier
- Bayesian parameter averaging (BPA)
- Bayesian model combination (BMC)
- Bucket of models

Recommender Systems and Recommendations

- Collaborative filtering
- Content-based filtering
- Graph-based methods

Example Applications

- Netflix
 - Increase engagement, retention, and revenues
 - Examples
 - "Because you watched ..."
 - "Top picks for ..."
 - Recommendations by category
 - Trending Now
 - Netflix originals

- TV Documentaries
- Amazon
 - Increase average order size and therefore sales (studies show between 5.9 to 30%)
 - Examples
 - "Customers who bought this item also bought"
 - "Customers who viewed this item also viewed"
 - "What other items do customers buy after viewing this item?"
 - "Recommendations for you in ..." (e.g., "Recommended for You in Kindle Books")
 - "New for you"
 - "Inspired by your shopping trends"
 - "Inspired by your Wish List"
- Robo-advisors and portfolio rebalancing
 - [Weathfront](#)
 - [Betterment](#)
- Spotify
 - [Daily Mix](#)
- Personalized news feeds, including Facebook

Neural Networks and Deep Learning

- Feed forward neural networks (FF or FFNN) and perceptrons (P)
- Radial basis function (RBF)
- Hopfield network (HN)
- Markov chains (MC or discrete time Markov Chain, DTMC)
- Boltzmann machines (BM)
- Restricted Boltzmann machines (RBM)
- Autoencoders (AE)
- Sparse autoencoders (SAE)
- Variational autoencoders (VAE)
- Denoising autoencoders (DAE)
- Deep belief networks (DBN)
- Convolutional neural networks (CNN or deep convolutional neural networks, DCNN)
- Deconvolutional networks (DN)
- Deep convolutional inverse graphics networks (DCIGN)
- Generative adversarial networks (GAN) Recurrent neural networks (RNN) Long / short term memory (LSTM)
 - CycleGAN
 - DiscoGAN
 - StarGAN
- Gated recurrent units (GRU)
- Neural Turing machines (NTM)
- Bidirectional recurrent neural networks, bidirectional long / short term memory networks and bidirectional gated recurrent units (BiRNN/BRNN, BiLSTM and BiGRU respectively)
- Deep residual networks (DRN)
- Echo state networks (ESN)
- Extreme learning machines (ELM)
- Liquid state machines (LSM)
- Support vector machines (SVM)
- Kohonen networks (KN, also self organising (feature) map, SOM, SOFM)

Example Applications¹

- Feed forward neural network and Multilayer perceptron
 - Regression and classifications
- Restricted Boltzmann machine
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Feature extraction/learning
 - Classification
 - Recommender systems
 - Topic modeling
 - Pretraining for weight initialization
- Autoencoders
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Anomaly detection
 - Generative modeling
- Convolutional neural network
 - Image recognition
 - Video recognition
 - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
 - Recommender systems
 - Natural language processing
- Recurrent neural network
 - Language modeling
 - Machine translation
 - Handwriting recognition
 - Speech recognition
 - Multilingual Language Processing
 - Natural language processing
- Self-organizing map
 - Dimensionality reduction
- Generative models
- Combinations
 - Image captioning (LSTM + CNN)

Recognition and Computer Vision

- Image
- Speech
- Video
- Text and optical character
- Pattern
- Audio
- Facial
- Handwriting

Example Applications

- Recognition
 - [Shazam](#)
 - Wine
 - Companies
 - [Delectable](#)
 - [Vivino](#)

- Facebook photo recognition (highlights faces and suggests friends to tag)
- Speech/Voice to text (faster to talk than to type acc'g to Stanford)
 - Companies
 - [Google Cloud Speech API](#)
- Text to speech
 - Companies
 - [Amazon Polly](#)
- Video
 - Companies
 - [Clarifai](#)
 - [Google Cloud Video Intelligence](#)
- OCR
 - Mobile app check deposits and uploading receipts
 - Post office address recognition
- Object recognition
 - Companies
 - [Pinterest](#) (then used to recommend other pins)
- Image
 - Companies
 - [Clarifai](#)
 - [Captricity](#)
 - [Google Cloud Vision API](#)
 - [Amazon Rekognition](#)
- Computer vision
 - Manufacturing
 - Inspections
 - Quality control
 - Assembly line
 - Visual surveillance
 - Companies
 - [BRS Labs AISight](#)
 - Navigation, including autonomous vehicles
 - Land, water, and space
 - Medical image processing and diagnosis
 - Military
 - Detection of enemy solidiers and vehicles
 - Missile guidance
 - Drones
 - Inspection (pipelines), surveillance, exploration (buildings), and protection
 - Companies
 - [Digital Signal](#)
 - [Shield.ai](#)
 - Item recognition
 - Companies
 - [Amazon Go](#)

Anomaly Detection (Supervised, Unsupervised, Semi-supervised)

Algorithms

- Density-based techniques - K-nearest neighbor, Local outlier factor
- Subspace and correlation-based outlier detection for high-dimensional data

- One class support vector machines
- Replicator neural networks
- Cluster analysis-based outlier detection
- Deviations from association rules and frequent itemsets
- Fuzzy logic based outlier detection
- Ensemble techniques, using feature bagging, score normalization and different sources of diversity
- PCA (Principle component analysis)

Example Applications

- Per Wikipedia
 - Intrusion detection
 - Fraud detection
 - Fault detection
 - System health monitoring
 - Event detection in sensor networks
- Manufacturing
- Data security
 - Companies
 - [Cylance](#)
 - [Darktrace](#)
- Personal security (security screenings at airports, stadiums, concerts, and other venues)
- Law enforcement
- Application performance
- Credit card fraud detection

Text Processing, Analytics, and Mining

- [Text processing](#)
- [Lexical Analysis](#)
- [Text Mining](#)
 - Information retrieval
 - Text categorization
 - Text clustering
 - Concept/entity extraction
 - Production of granular taxonomies
 - Sentiment analysis
 - Document summarization
 - Entity relation modeling
 - Named entity recognition
 - Recognition of Pattern Identified Entities
 - Coreference
 - Syntactic parsing
 - Part-of-speech tagging
 - Quantitative text analysis

Natural Language Processing (NLP), Natural Language Generation (NLG), and Natural Language Understanding (NLU)

- Syntax

- Lemmatization
- Morphological segmentation
- Part-of-speech tagging
- Parsing
- Sentence breaking (also known as sentence boundary disambiguation)
- Stemming
- Word segmentation
- Terminology extraction
- Semantics
 - Lexical semantics
 - Machine translation
 - Named entity recognition (NER)
 - Natural language generation
 - Natural language understanding
 - Optical character recognition (OCR)
 - Question answering
 - Recognizing Textual entailment
 - Relationship extraction
 - Sentiment analysis
 - Topic segmentation and recognition
 - Word sense disambiguation
- Discourse
 - Automatic summarization
 - Coreference resolution
 - Discourse analysis
- Speech
 - Speech recognition
 - Speech segmentation
 - Text-to-speech

Example Applications

- Smart personal assistants
 - Companies
 - [Alexa](#)
 - [Google Assistant](#)
 - [Siri](#)
 - Uses
 - Internet searches and answer questions
 - Set reminders
 - Integrate with your calendar
 - Make appointments
 - Receive sports, news, and finance updates
 - Create to-do lists
 - Order items online
 - Use services (e.g., order an Uber)
 - Play music
 - Play games
 - Smart home integration
- NLG - computer generated reports and news

- Summarizing documents
- Story telling
- Sports recaps
- Companies
 - [Narrative Science](#)
- NLP and language translation
 - Voicemail transcripts
 - eDiscovery
 - Companies
 - [Google Natural Language API](#)
 - [Google Cloud Translation API](#)
 - [Textio](#) for writing optimal job descriptions
- NLU and Chatbots
 - Shopping
 - Errands
 - Day to day tasks
 - Companies
 - [x.ai](#) (personal assistant)
 - [MindMeld](#)
 - [Google Inbox Smart Reply](#)
 - [Amazon Lex](#), includes Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
- Smart instant messaging
 - Companies
 - [Google Allo](#) smart messaging app (<https://allo.google.com/>)

Reinforcement Learning

- Q-learning
- Markov decision process (MDP)
- Finite MDPs
- Monte Carlo methods
- Criterion of optimality
- Brute force
- Value function estimation
- Direct policy search
- Temporal difference methods
- Generalized policy iteration
- Stochastic optimization
- Gradient ascent
- Simulation-based optimization
- Learning Automata[edit]
- Example
 - Multi-armed bandit problem

Example Applications

Model selection, validation, and resampling methods

- Cross-validation
- Hyperparameter optimization

- Bootstrap
- Mallow's Cp
- Akaike information criterion (AIC)
- Bayesian information criterion (BIC)
- Minimum description length (MDL)

Model tuning: bias variance tradeoff and model complexity

- Validation curve
- Learning curve
- Residual sum of squares
- Goodness-of-fit metrics
- Grid search

Feature extraction, feature selection, and feature engineering

- Wrapper methods
- Sensitivity analysis
- PCA
- Random forests
 - Mean decrease impurity
 - Mean decrease accuracy
- Text-based
 - Stemming
 - Tokenizing
 - Synonym substitutions
- Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (LASSO)
- Subset selection

Dimensionality Reduction

- Principle component analysis (PCA)
- Kernel PCA
- Locally-Linear Embedding (LLE)
- t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)
- Factor analysis
- K-means clustering
- Canopy clustering
- Feature hashing
- Wrapper methods
- Sensitivity analysis
- Self organizing maps
- Text data
 - Term frequency (TF)
 - Inverse document frequency (IDF)
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

Virtual and Augmented Reality

- Coming soon...

Information Retrieval

- Discounted cumulative gain (DCG)
- Discounted cumulative gain (nDCG)
- Term frequency–inverse document frequency (TF-IDF)

Logical Reasoning

- Expert systems
- Logical reasoning

Optimization and Search

- Stochastic search
- Stochastic optimization (SO) methods
- Genetic algorithms
- Simulated annealing
- Gradient search
- Linear programming
- Integer programming
- Non-linear programming
- Active learning
- Ensemble learning
- Minimum
- Maximum
- Optimal value or optimal combination
- Metaheuristic methods
- Randomized search methods
- Tree search
- Monte Carlo tree search (MCTS)
- Evolutionary computation

Mathematical/quantitative Finance and Risk Management

- [Risk management](#)
- [Mathematical/quantitative Finance](#)
- Linear Regression
- Monte Carlo methods
- Empirical risk minimization

Example Applications

Ranking

- [Ranking](#)

Example Applications

Time-series

- [Time series](#)

- Rolling means
- Autocorrelation
- Frequency vs time domains and transfers (e.g., spectral analysis)
- Trend and residual component decomposition
- ARIMA modeling for forecasting and detecting trends

Example Applications

Survival

- [Survival analysis](#)

Example Applications

Forecasting (Wikipedia)

- Last period demand
- Simple and weighted N-Period moving averages
- Simple exponential smoothing
- Poisson process model based forecasting and multiplicative seasonal indexes
- Average approach
- Naïve approach
- Drift method
- Seasonal naïve approach
- Time series methods
 - Moving average
 - Weighted moving average
 - Kalman filtering
 - Exponential smoothing
 - Autoregressive moving average (ARMA)
 - Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA)
 - Extrapolation
 - Linear prediction
 - Trend estimation
 - Growth curve (statistics)
- Causal / econometric forecasting methods
 - Regression analysis
 - Parametric (linear or non-linear)
 - Non-parametric techniques
 - Autoregressive moving average with exogenous inputs (ARMAX)
- Judgmental methods
 - Composite forecasts
 - Cooke's method
 - Delphi method
 - Forecast by analogy
 - Scenario building
 - Statistical surveys
 - Technology forecasting
- Artificial intelligence methods
 - Artificial neural networks

- Group method of data handling
- Support vector machines
- Other
 - Simulation
 - Prediction market
 - Probabilistic forecasting and Ensemble forecasting
- Considerations
 - Seasonality and cyclic behaviour

Example Applications

Simulation

- Discrete event simulation
- Markov models
- Agent-based simulations
- Monte carlo simulations
- Systems dynamics
- Activity-based simulation
- ODES and PDES
- Fuzzy logic

Example Applications

Segmentation

- Behavioral
- Demographic
- Geographic

Example Applications

Experimentation and Experimental Design

- Design of Experiments (DOE)
- A/B testing

Example Applications

Embedded

- Deep learning

Example Applications

- Robotic cognition

Hypothesis Testing

- T-test - Compare two groups
- ANOVA - Compare multiple groups

Hybrid Solutions and Applications

Example Applications

- Google search
- Autonomous vehicles (Business insider)
 - Reduce accidents and related injuries and death
 - Improved traffic (via ridesharing and smart traffic lights) and fuel efficiency
 - Reduced carbon emissions
 - Faster commutes and travel time
 - Get your time back in the vehicle to do what you want
 - Efficient ride-sharing
 - Companies
 - [Zoox](#)
 - [Nauto](#)
 - [nuTonomy](#)
- Home monitoring, control, and security
 - Companies
 - [Flare](#)
- Voice-controlled robotics
- Photo-realistic pictures generation from text or sketches
 - [NYU article](#)
- Music generation
 - Companies
 - [Jukedeck](#)
- Movie and script generation
- Automatically generated software code
 - Companies
 - [DeepCoder](#) (Microsoft and Cambridge)
- Authentication without passwords (using mobile phone that knows it's you)
 - Companies
 - [TypingDNA](#)
- Customer support
 - Companies
 - [DigitalGenius](#)
- Optimized directions and routes
- Plagiarism Checkers
- Robo-readers and graders
- Virtual reality
- Gaming
- [Zillow's](#) "zestimate" feature, which estimates the price of homes
- Medical/Health
 - Companies
 - [BenevolentAI](#)
- Sales
 - Companies
 - [InsideSales.com](#)
- Crime
 - Who, Type, and location
 - Based on previous crime and social media activity
 - Companies
 - [BRS Labs AISight](#)
- Suicide risk

- Based on a lot of different risk factors
- Companies
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Cogito](#)
- Agriculture - predicting crop yields
 - Companies
 - [Descartes Lab](#)
 - [Stanford's Sustainability and Artificial Intelligence Lab](#)
- Uber's ETA

Other Algorithms

- Massive-scale graph
- Geospatial temporal predictive analytics
- Hyperfast analytics
- Embedded deep learning
- Cognitive machine learning and IoT
- Natural language processing, generation, and understanding
- Structured database generation
- Game theory
- Control theory
- Operations research
- Information theory
- Simulation-based optimization
- Multi-agent systems
- Swarm intelligence
- Genetic algorithms

Polls and Popularity

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