



CLASS 1: SUPERVISED VS. UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

PART 05

Understanding the different types of learning paradigms in machine learning is crucial for applying the right algorithms to your data. In this session, we will explore the differences between supervised and unsupervised learning, each distinguished by its approach to learning from data.

What is Supervised Learning?

Supervised learning involves training a model on a labeled dataset, where each training example is paired with an output label. The model learns to predict the output from the input data, and its performance can be measured directly against the known labels. This approach is commonly used in applications where historical data predicts likely future events.

What is Unsupervised Learning?

Unsupervised learning, on the other hand, deals with data without labels. The goal here is to model the underlying structure or distribution in the data in order to learn more about the data. It's used to draw inferences from datasets consisting of input data without labeled responses.

Key Differences:

Goal: Supervised learning predicts an output based on input data, while unsupervised learning discovers hidden patterns or intrinsic structures in input data.

Data: Supervised learning uses labeled data, whereas unsupervised learning uses unlabeled data.

Applications

Supervised learning is ideal for regression and classification problems, while unsupervised learning excels in clustering, association, and dimensionality reduction scenarios.



Conclusion

Choosing between supervised and unsupervised learning depends largely on the nature of your data and the specific requirements of your application. Understanding these distinctions is crucial for selecting the appropriate algorithms and achieving effective results.