

Demystifying ML, AI & Automation Part I

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Intro

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About

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Why Lectures?

- Get a better overview of the current landscape in ML, AI & Automation, because they can potentially help us on:
 - Reducing complexity of network
 - Improving experience by Time-to-market, Time-to-repair
 - Repetitive caused costs can be targeted and reduced
 - Forecasting, Automating, Making predictions smarter
 - “Start with the problem” philosophy
- Pros cons, Tools, etc. should not dictate what we should use!
- Identify what we want to solve
 - Work to the algorithms & models needed
 - Utilise best approach
- Start changing mindset and attitude...

“AI is the New
Electricity”

Andrew Ng

Simplistic Definitions

- Automation Comes from ancient compound greek word which means the thing that wishes on its own or the has a will or fury by itself
- Artificial Intelligence^{1c} is Human Intelligence Exhibited by Machines
- Machine Learning^{1a} is a field of computer science that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed
- Deep learning^{1b} is part of a broader family of machine learning methods based on learning data representations, as opposed to task-specific algorithms.

def·i·ni·tion
defəˈniʃ(ə)n
noun
a statement of the exact meaning of a word,
especially in a dictionary.

1a Machine Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

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

1b Deep Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_learning#Definitions

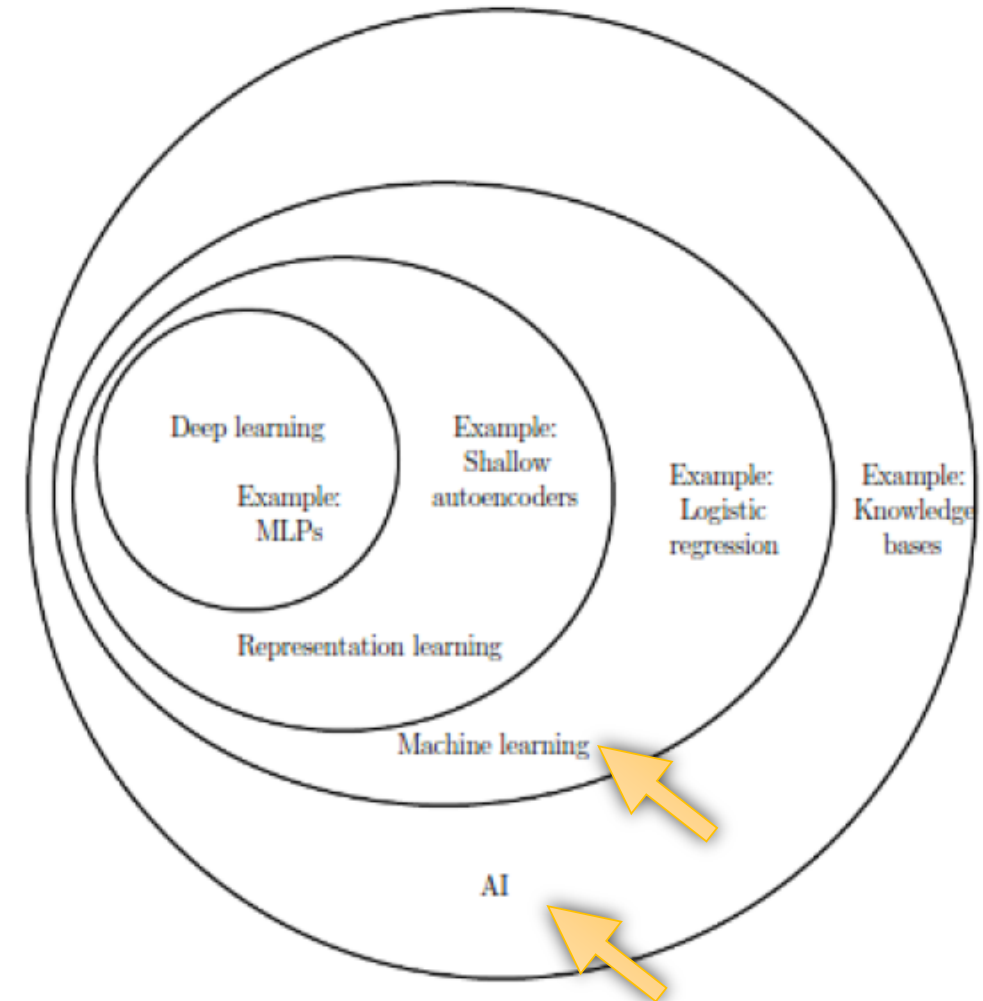
1c What's the Difference Between Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning?, Copeland, Nvidia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2016/07/29/whats-difference-artificial-intelligence-machine-learning-deep-learning-ai/>

Landscape overview

Landscape and focus² areas vary:

- Automation
- Statistics & Probability
- Data Mining
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
 - Supervised Learning
 - Unsupervised Learning
 - Reinforcement Learning
- Deep Learning
- Other Areas
 - Deep Reinforcement Learning

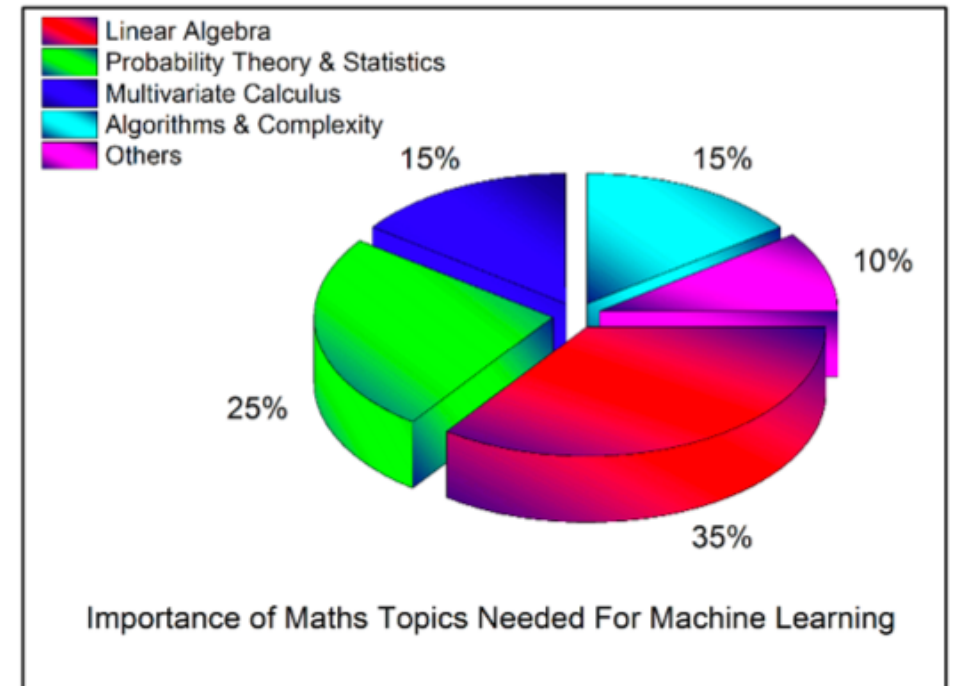


Science behind ML

Statistics

Algebra

Calculus



Bayes Theorem

- $P(A|B) \Rightarrow$ Probability of A given that B

- Exercise on Bayes⁴

Out of 3000 emails received over a certain period, 2000 are spam and 1000 are not. The word “Rolex” appeared in 250 out of the 2000 which are spam and in 5 out of the 1000. So, if an email is received, i.e. email₃₀₀₁, and contains the word “Rolex”, what is the possibility that it is a spam?

Let S be the event that the message is spam, and E be the event that the message contains the word w. Under our assumption from before, we have that:

$$P(S|E) = \frac{P(E|S)}{P(E|S) + P(E|\bar{S})}$$

Bayes Theorem exercise

- Example – Solution:

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$$P(S|E) = \frac{\frac{250}{2000}}{\frac{250}{2000} + \frac{5}{1000}} =$$

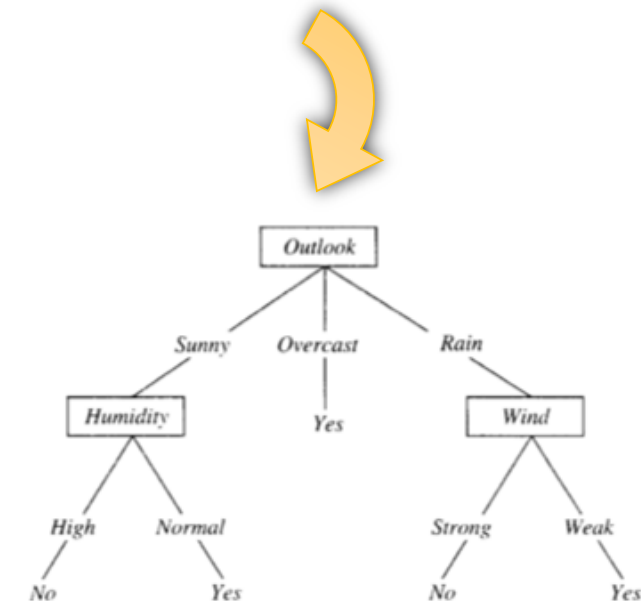
$$\frac{0.125}{0.125 + 0.005} \approx 0.962$$

Supervised Learning

Decision Trees

- Decision Tree Learning
DTL is method for approximating discrete valued target functions, in which the learned function is represented by a decision tree.
(Weka example will follow)
- Example^{7a} dataset converted via algorithm to Decision tree
- Methodology^{7b} of is whenever a feature is able to tell us more about our class, it is selected as a node

No.	1: outlook	2: temperature	3: humidity	4: windy	5: play
	Nominal	Numeric	Numeric	Nominal	Nominal
1	sunny	85.0	85.0	FALSE	no
2	sunny	80.0	90.0	TRUE	no
3	overcast	83.0	86.0	FALSE	yes
4	rainy	70.0	96.0	FALSE	yes
5	rainy	68.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
6	rainy	65.0	70.0	TRUE	no
7	overcast	64.0	65.0	TRUE	yes
8	sunny	72.0	95.0	FALSE	no
9	sunny	69.0	70.0	FALSE	yes
...	rainy	75.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
...	sunny	75.0	70.0	TRUE	yes
...	overcast	72.0	90.0	TRUE	yes
...	overcast	81.0	75.0	FALSE	yes
...	rainy	71.0	91.0	TRUE	no



7a Machine Learning, Mitchell, McGraw, 1997.

<http://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spr07/cos424/papers/mitchell-dectrees.pdf>

7b Classification Methods, Padhye, 2017.

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~padhy005/Chapter5.html>

Markov Chains

- Statistics & Probability - Markov Chains⁵

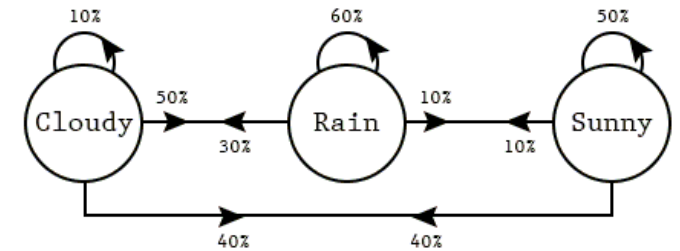
Markov Chains is a probabilistic process, that relies on the current state to predict the next state. For Markov chains to be effective the current state has to be dependent on the previous state in some way;

For instance, from experience we know that if it looks cloudy outside, the next state we expect is rain. We can also say that when the rain starts to subside into cloudiness, the next state will most likely be sunny.

MARKOV TABLE OF PROBABILITIES

STATE	NEXT STATE	PROBABILITY	%
CLOUDY	CLOUDY	0.1	10%
CLOUDY	RAIN	0.5	50%
CLOUDY	SUNNY	0.4	40%
RAIN	CLOUDY	0.3	30%
RAIN	RAIN	0.6	60%
RAIN	SUNNY	0.1	10%
SUNNY	CLOUDY	0.4	40%
SUNNY	RAIN	0.1	10%
SUNNY	SUNNY	0.5	50%

Markov State Diagram



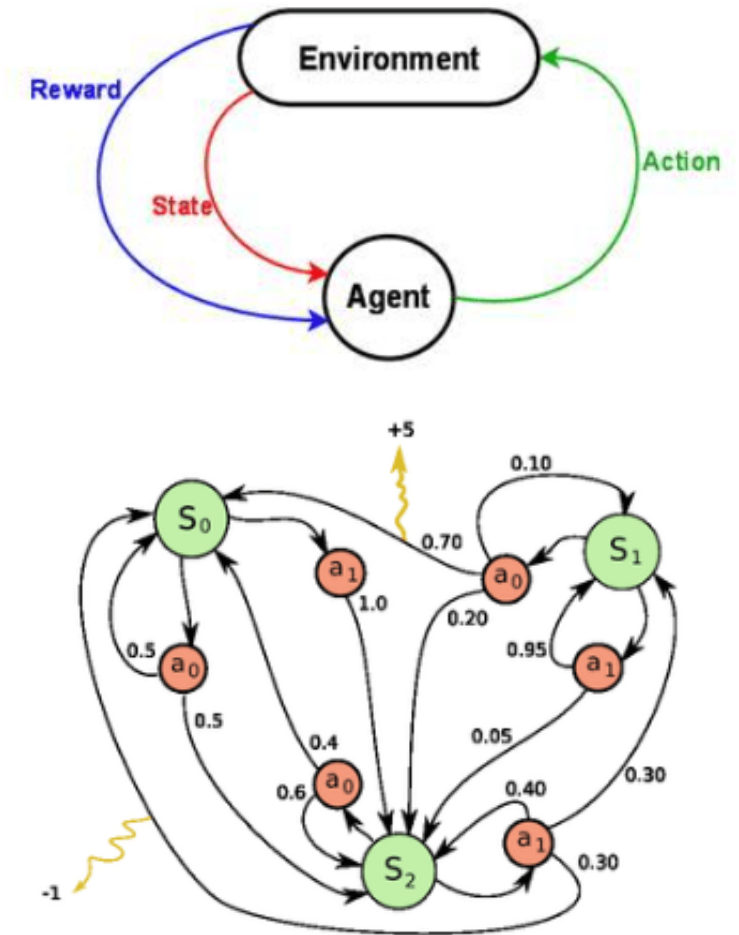
Current State Vector

C	R	S
1	0	0

Figure 4

Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- Reinforcement Learning⁸ is learning what to do--how to map situations to actions--so as to maximise a numerical reward signal.
- Reinforcement learning is defined not by characterising learning methods, but by characterising a learning problem.



Tools – Landscape¹¹

Category	Sub-category	Description	Examples
Packages of ML Implementations	Statistical Software Packages	Software toolkits with a large set of implementations of ML algorithms, typically with visualization support	SAS, R, Matlab, SPSS
	Data Mining Toolkits	Software toolkits with a relatively limited set of ML algorithms, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance	Weka, AzureML, ODM, MADlib, Mahout, Hazy-Classify
	Developability-oriented Frameworks	Software frameworks and systems that aim to improve developability, typically from academic research	GraphLab, Bismarck, MLBase
	SRL Frameworks	Implementations of statistical relational learning (SRL)	DeepDive
	Deep Learning Systems	Implementations of deep neural networks	Google Brain, Microsoft Adam
	Bayesian Inference Systems	Systems providing scalable inference for Bayesian ML models	SimSQL, Elementary, Tuffy
Linear Algebra- based Systems	Statistical Software Packages	Systems offering an interactive statistical programming environment	SAS, R, Matlab
	R-based Analytics Systems	Systems that provide R or an R-like language for analytics, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance	RIOT, ORE, SystemML, LINVIEW
Model Management Systems		Systems that provide querying, versioning, and deployment support	SAS, LongView, Velox
Systems for Feature Engineering		Systems that provide abstractions to make feature engineering easier	Columbus , DeepDive
Systems for Algorithm Selection		Systems that provide abstractions to make algorithm selection easier	MLBase, AzureML
Systems for Parameter Tuning		Systems that provide abstractions to make parameter tuning easier	SAS, R, MLBase, AzureML

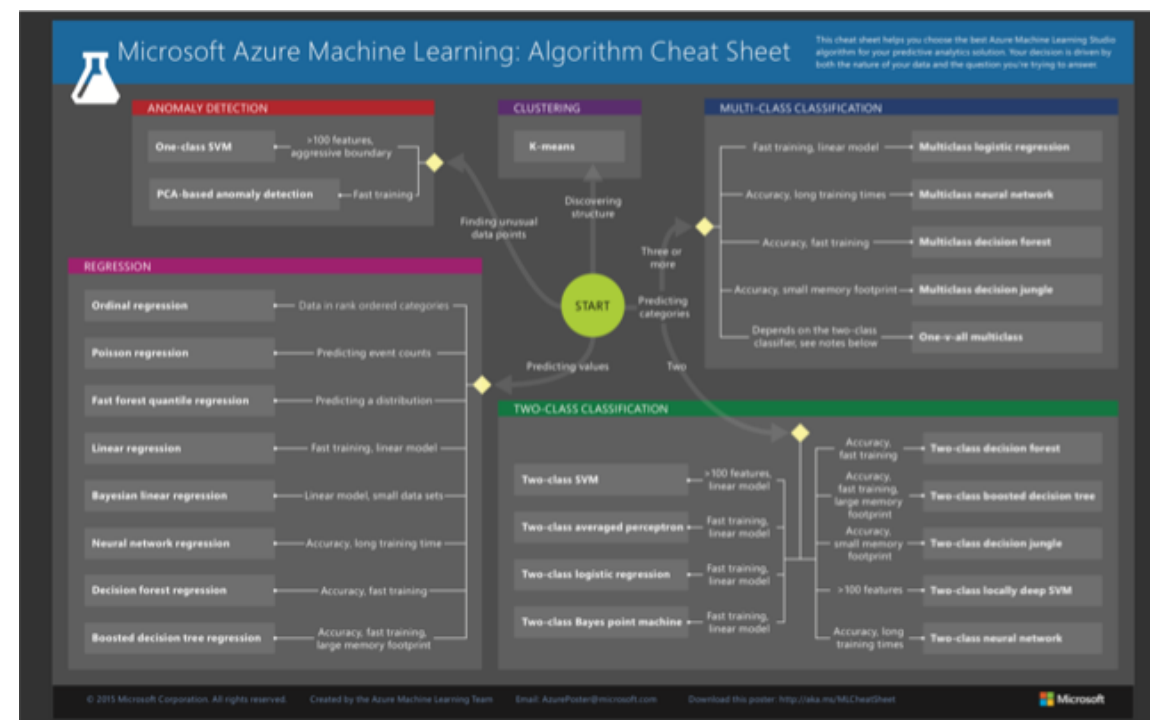
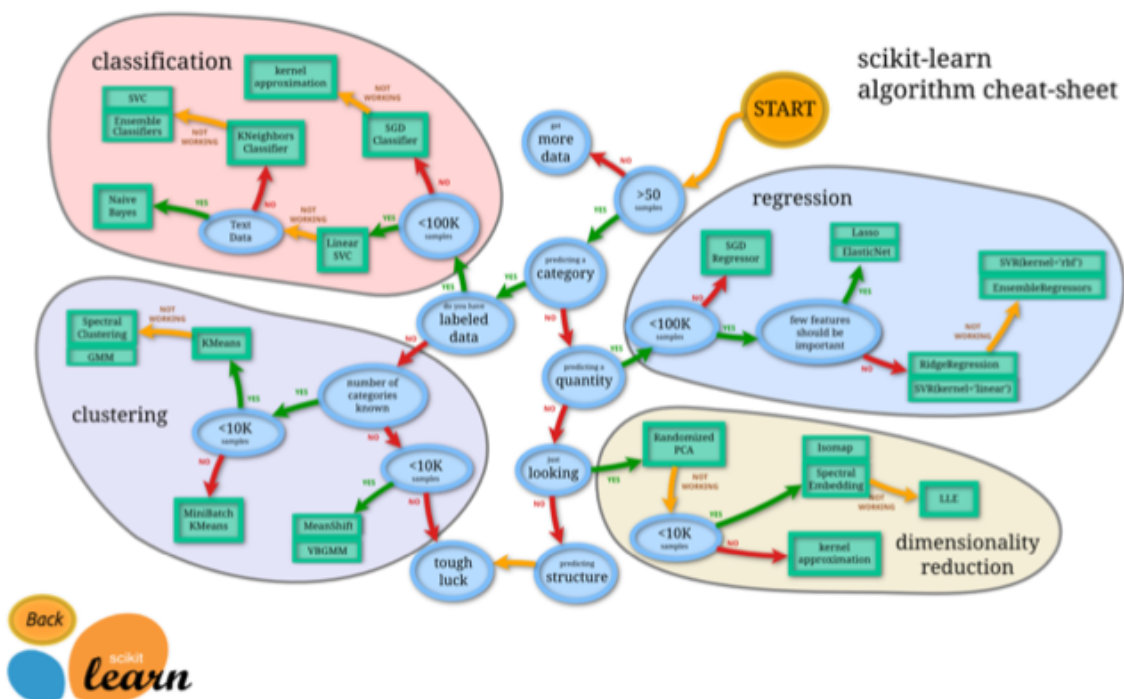
¹¹ A Survey of the Existing Landscape of ML Systems, Kumar; McCann; Naughton; Patel, 27 Nov 2015

<https://minds.wisconsin.edu/handle/1931/10834>

Deep Learning Toolkits comparison¹²

Toolkit	GPU Support	Other
Caffe	Yes	JSON-like text file to describe the network architecture
Deeplearning4j	Yes	Java on Scala API
Tensorflow	Yes	Google backing, high adoption - Python
Theano		Python
Keras		Python - uses Theano or Tensorflow as backend
MXNet	Yes	C++
Lasagne		Python - uses Then
CNTK		VS for ML - developed by Microsoft
DIGITS		Nvidia - web based tool
Torch		Written in C
PyTorch	Yes	Python frontend
Pylearn2		Python
Chainer		

Choose an algorithm^{10a, 10b}



10a Microsoft Azure Machine Learning: Algorithm Cheat Sheet, Microsoft website, 09 Nov 2017

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/6/1/A613E11E-8F9C-424A-B99D-65344785C288/microsoft-machine-learning-algorithm-cheat-sheet-v6.pdf>

10b Scikit-Learn Algorithm selection Procedure, Scikit-learn website, 23 Oct 2017

http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/machine_learning_map/index.html

Before-Selecting-a-Tool Checklist

- Things to consider for a toolkit/tool/ecosystem
 - ✓ Environment ease of use
 - ✓ Dev & Exec speed
 - ✓ Training Speed
 - ✓ GPU Support
 - ✓ Community support & contributors
 - ✓ License contamination
 - ✓ Language to be used



Workflow – The ML Pipeline⁹

High Level Step	Short Description	Possible Skills <i>(actual skills & roles will vary, even from project to project!)</i>
Define Objective	Start with the question or problem we want to solve	<i>Analytics, Operational</i>
Allocate proper data	Find proper data and sources, prepare data set (train/dev/test)	<i>Data Engineering, Big Data</i>
Prepare & Evaluate Data	Identify features, flatten data in observations per row, clean, Exploratory Data Analysis	<i>Data Engineering, Analytics</i>
Develop Model	Select ML algorithm suitable for selected problem	<i>Data Science, ML</i>
Train Model	Train, classify dataset	<i>Data Science, ML</i>
Analysis and Testing	Test your model for performance - errors, correct classifications	<i>Data Science, ML, Analytics</i>
Deploy, Monitor & Operate	Publish model in live environment	<i>Development, Operational</i>
Accuracy Improvement	Evaluate accuracy of predictions/forecasts	<i>Operational, Analytics</i>



⁹ Deep Learning Dissected: The Role of DevOps Teams and Workflows, Adel El-Hallak, 08 Nov 2017

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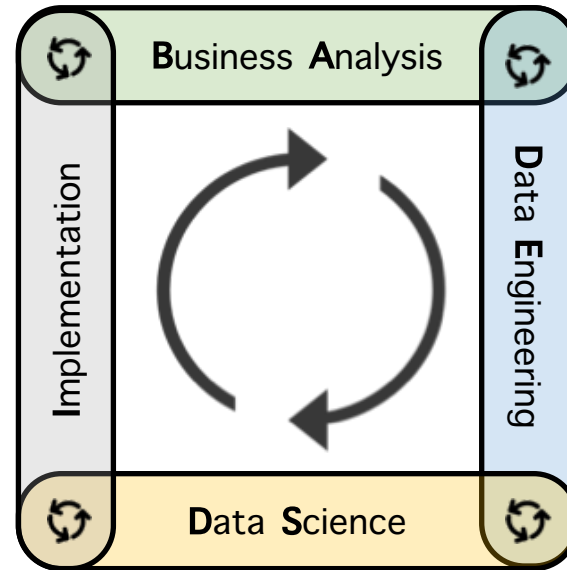
⁹ End-to-End Predictive Model in AzureML using Linear Regression, Tejaswi, 15 Nov 2014

https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/continuous_learning/2014/11/15/end-to-end-predictive-model-in-azureml-using-linear-regression/

⁹ The 7 Steps of Machine Learning, Yufeng G, 31 Aug 2017

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Workflow – More practical view on roles



- **Business Analysis** role is responsible to define the problem, verify added value of results.
- **Data Engineering** includes tasks such as collecting data, cleaning, sanitizing and creating working & qualitative data frames and data sets.
- **Data Science** includes the activities needed to derive correlations, information, analysis, forecasts and set an ML / AI agent to decide on its own.
- **Implementation** takes the outcomes from the Data Scientists and verifies it with the Business Analysts to deliver as expected. Also, within the role, activities may include O&M of the Automation & ML.

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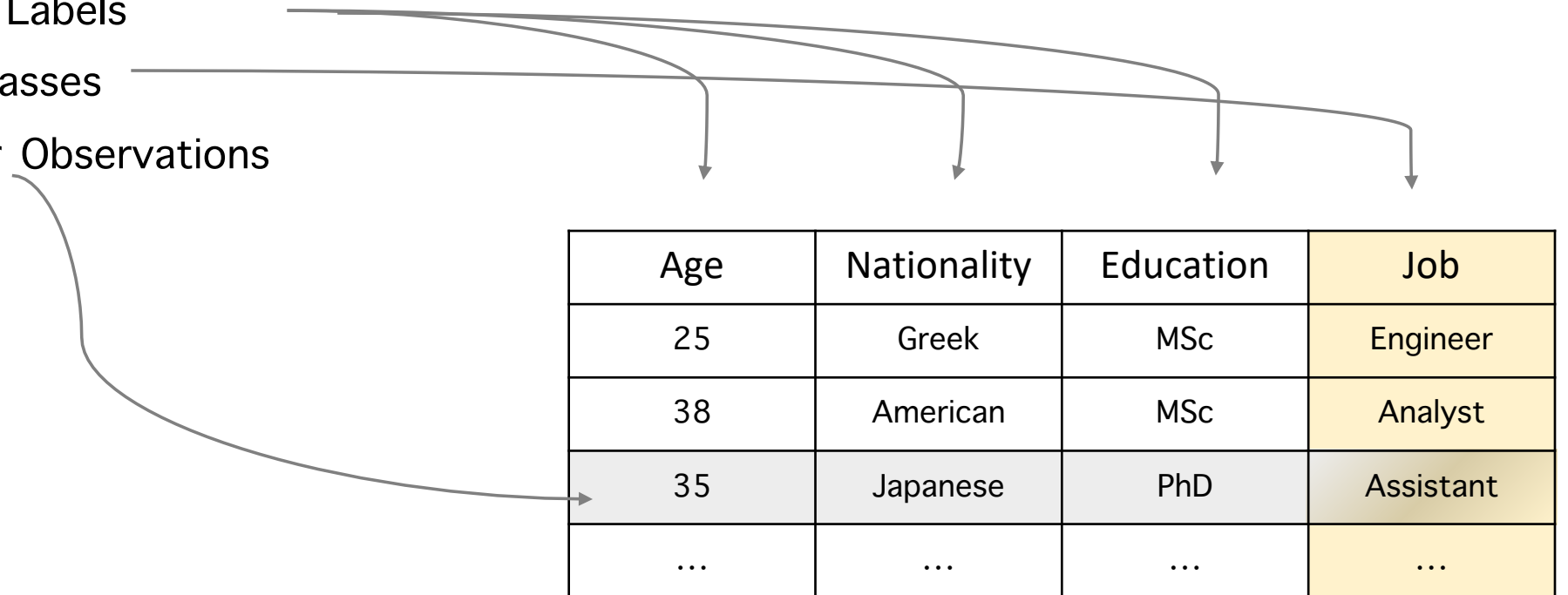
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Dataset semantics for supervised learning

(we have a problem and we would like to do predictions!)

- Dataset

- Features or Labels
- Labels or Classes
- Instances or Observations

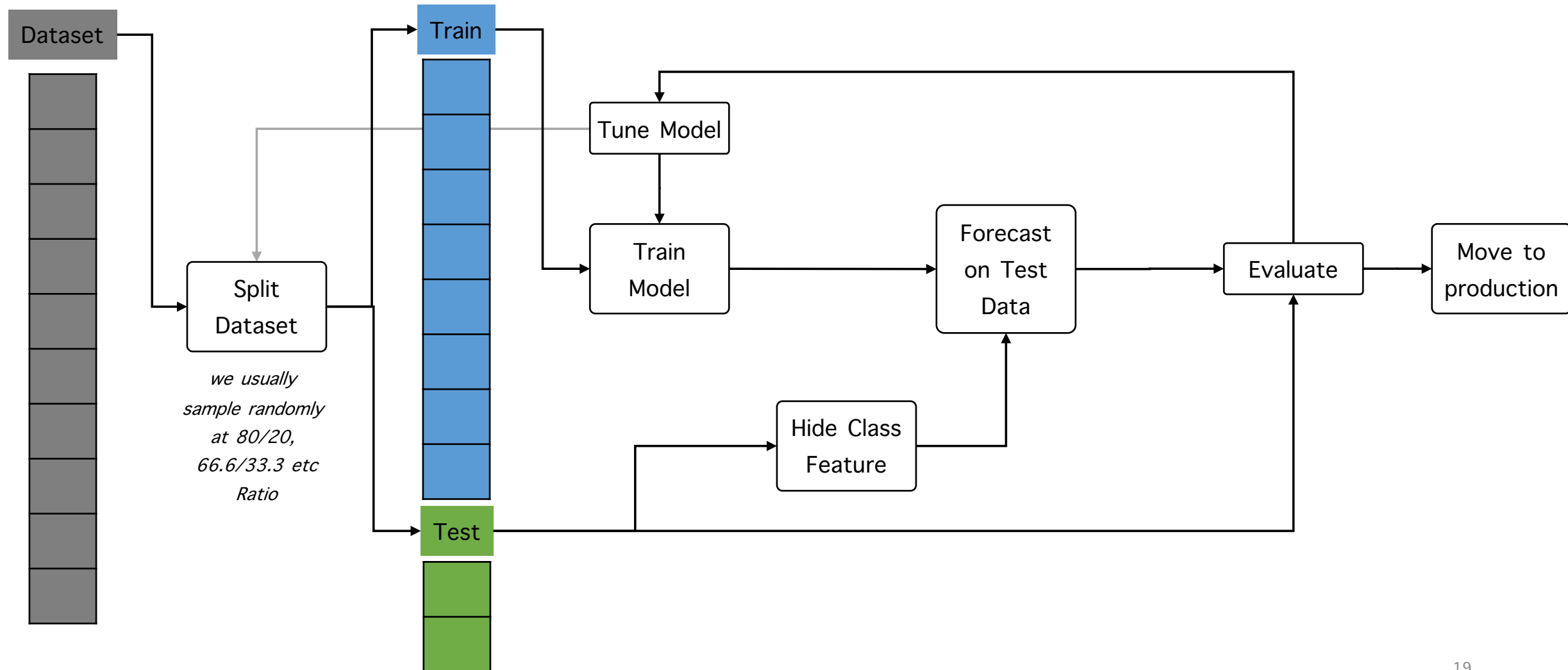


The diagram illustrates the mapping between dataset terminology and the table structure. Arrows from the list items point to the table as follows:

- Features or Labels**: Points to the **Age**, **Nationality**, and **Education** columns.
- Labels or Classes**: Points to the **Job** column.
- Instances or Observations**: Points to the row containing the values 35, Japanese, PhD, and Assistant.

Age	Nationality	Education	Job
25	Greek	MSc	Engineer
38	American	MSc	Analyst
35	Japanese	PhD	Assistant
...

Training/Testing Workflow – simplified view



Practice (fun part :-)

- Weka - Supervised Learning - Decision Trees
- R Studio - Basic Statistics on Large Files
- Anaconda Python - Data Frames / Dask / Keras
- Orange Data Mining - SL Example - Predictions

on:

- bitcoin (prices, open/close in time)
- cars (values based on various features)
- flights (features for flights in US 1989-2004)
- milano_cells (Telecom Italia Milano area cell traffic)
- Maintenance_data (machine break down prediction) <<<<



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<https://github.com/sgez/MLAI>

Important takeaways

- Start with the problem
you are doing the analysis for a reason
- Be persistent
you will have up's and down's
- Be methodical
evaluate, be critical, do not be biased



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Now what?

Resources to get you up to speed!

- Data Science Portals
 - Kaggle
 - KDnuggets
- Youtube channels
 - Siraj Raval
 - Stanford
- Online Lessons
 - Coursera
 - Udacity
 - Udemy
 - Datacamp
- Important DL/ML personalities



Thank you!

