AI: Strategy + Marketing (MGT 853) Course Wrap (Session 11-13)

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ML Failures

• The Hidden Autopilot Data That Reveals Why Teslas Crash – WSJ

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- New explainability approaches like GRAD-CAM can help highlight important areas

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- Confusion matrix Do not rely on accuracy as being sufficient.
 False Negatives NOT the same as False Positives.

7. Uber – ML for customer experience

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- Store Managers and AI: Managers can really help AI work better, but have no incentive to help. Need to (re)design incentive structure.

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