

AI: Strategy + Marketing (MGT 853)

The AI \iff Human Interface (Session 5)

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Second-wave used
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(1980s to early 2000s)

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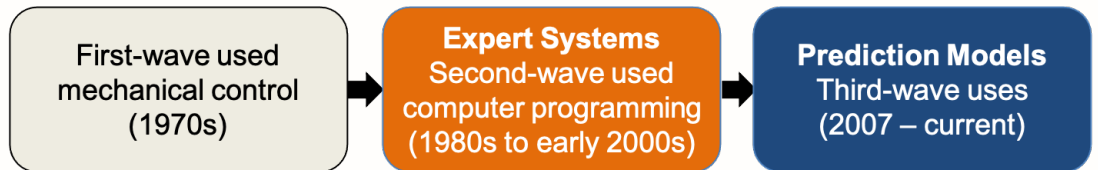
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Predictive Model

- AI system learns and builds the model and delivers better (more accurate prediction) as more data is generated

Converting to Prediction Problem (In class exercise)

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- Consider the role of prediction in autonomous driving
- Let's walk through the AI Decision Framework

Questions to Ponder

- 0) What sources of data should the system use?
- 1) What are the possible predictive problems one might encounter?
- 2) How should we measure performance?
- 3) What are appropriate ML algorithms in our toolbox to solve them?
- 4) What role does judgment play in this problem?

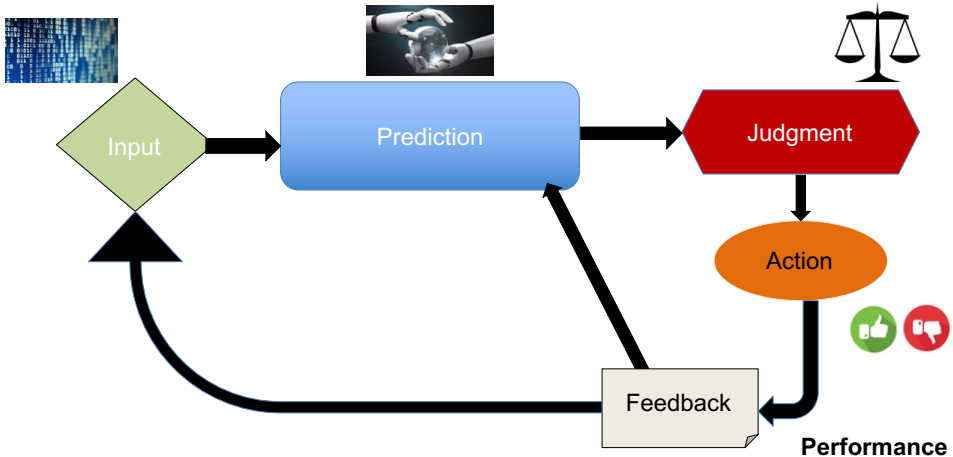
ML Pipeline

Where do humans interface?

ML Pipeline :

0. Identify Data (y, x)
1. Pre-processing
Centering, Missing Data/Quality, Outliers, Normalization
2. Data Visualization
Correlation, Distribution, model
3. Data Splitting — Test
Training Validation
4. Feature Engineering
5. Model Selection
6. Hyper parameter Selection
Human Analyst Decides
7. Learning (Training)
 $y = f(x)$
8. Validation
9. Interpretation
10. Testing

AI Decision-Making Framework



Does Feedback also inform Judgment?

Why not have a black box model? What about Digit Classification?

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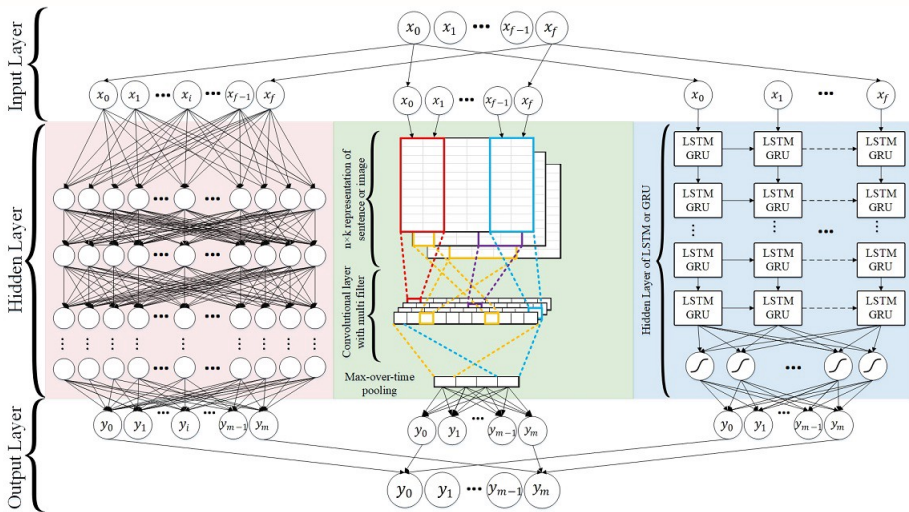
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Wolf or Husky?



Can we understand this?



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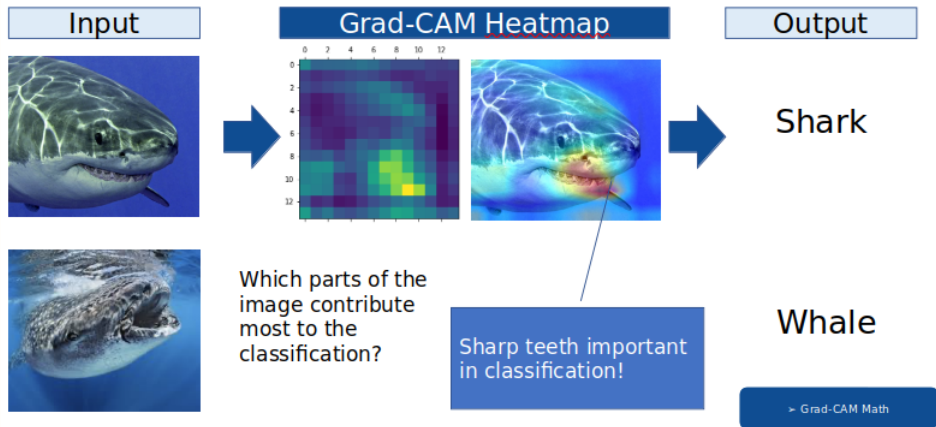
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Explainability in Complex Models

Shark or Whale?



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Source: Grad-CAM Details (Technical)

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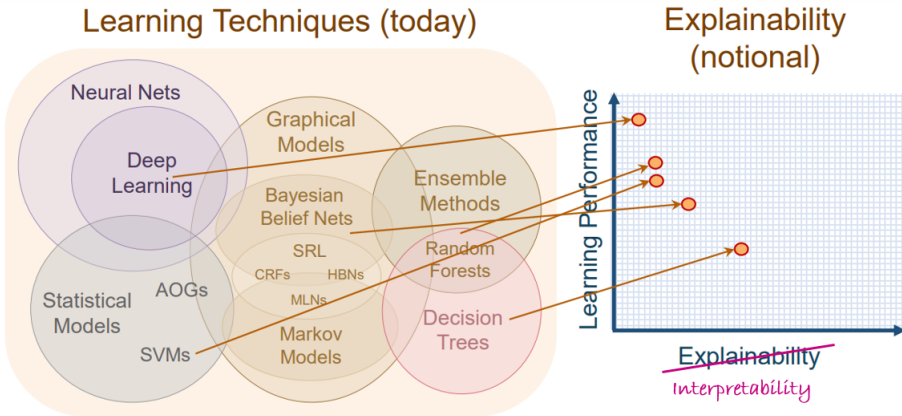
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Abstract

Black box machine learning models are currently being used for high-stakes decision making throughout society, causing problems in healthcare, criminal justice and other domains. Some people hope that creating methods for explaining these black box models will alleviate some of the problems, but trying to explain black box models, rather than creating models that are interpretable in the first place, is likely to perpetuate bad practice and can potentially cause great harm to society. The way forward is to design models that are inherently

Research

Performance \iff Transparency Tradeoff?



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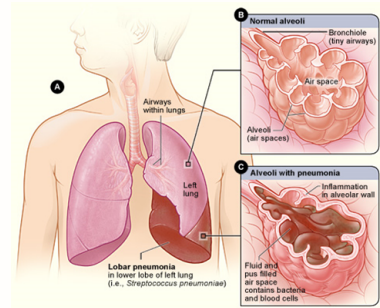
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