What is Machine Learning, Really?

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Artificial Intelligence













Artificial Intelligence is the ability of a digital computer or robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings





What is Machine Learning?





Machine learning is a field of computer science that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed





Example: Student Performance

- You have the high school + college GPA of every student ever at UCD
- You want to know, given a new applicant, what their future GPA at UCD is likely to be

HIGHSCHOOL GPA	GRADUATED GPA
3.3	3.5
2.3	3.0
3.9	3.5
2.6	2.2
2.0	2.5
3.4	3.8
2.2	2.5
3.5	3.7
2.9	3.1

X	Y
HIGHSCHOOL GPA	GRADUATED GPA
3.3	3.5
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2.9	3.1





This is what we want

A magic function

The goal of ML is never to make "perfect" guesses, because ML deals in domains where there is no such thing. The goal is to make guesses that are good enough to be useful.

Technique #1

Linear Regression

$h(x) = W^*x + b$

Linear Regression









How do we iterate?

First, we need to figure out what it means for our model to be "better"

$J(W,b) = \Sigma(\hat{Y}-Y)^2$

Cost Function

Aka: How wrong are we?

Cost Function = $J(W,b) = \Sigma(\hat{Y}-Y)^2$

• Basically we add up how different our guess was from the real value for every row of data

• If our line isn't very good, we get a big value







How do we go from a bad model to a better model?

Gradient Descent



So let's start by making a guess...

Start by picking random numbers

DILBERT By Scott Adams













Now our machine has "learned" the solution which minimizes our cost



What if we have more features?



What if we aren't trying to predict a number?

HIGHSCHOOL GPA	GRADUATED Status
3.3	DROPPED
2.3	GRADUATED
3.9	GRADUATED
2.6	GRADUATED
2.0	DROPPED
3.4	GRADUATED
2.2	DROPPED
3.5	GRADUATED
2.9	GRADUATED

HIGHSCHOOL GPA	GRADUATED Status
3.3	0
2.3	1
3.9	1
2.6	1
2.0	0
3.4	1
2.2	0
3.5	1
2.9	1



Logistic Regression: σ

$$\sigma(t) = rac{e^t}{e^t+1} = rac{1}{1+e^{-t}} \, .$$

Where $t = W^*x + b$



Two Machine Learning problem types

Regression

- Output is a number
- Use linear regression

Classification

- Output is a category (or categories)
- Use logistic regression

• Add more data features and combine them together

HighSchoolGPA * TransferUnits?

• Make your relationship function more complex.





Do the same thing, but a whole bunch of times!







Neural Network







input layer

hidden layer 1

hidden layer 2

output layer



DEMO: Neural Networks

What about different data types, like images?

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DEMO: Image Recognition



Inception Resnet V2 Network



Compressed View



Machine Learning is powerful, but it's just data+math (and fast computers)!

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