Lecture #1

Introduction to Machine Learning

Atechnique that gives machines the ability to learn, without any explicit programming

In simpler terms, a machine should be able to see some data, and learn to make decisions based on what it hasseen

An example: You are a car dealer, and you have a historical record of **which cars are accident prone**. How can you "teach" a computer to predict which *new* cars will be accident prone?

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Car 2	100 km/h	Fast	Yellow	2 yrs	No
Car 3	240 km/h	Fast	Blue	1 yr	No
Car4	200 km/h	Slow	Blue	5 yrs	Yes
Car 5	100 km/h	Fast	Yellow	5 yrs	Yes
Car6	100 km/h	Slow	Black	6 yrs	No
Car7	150 km/h	Fast	Red	2 yrs	?

How can you make your decision? Search for closest vehicle in the past? Come up with a set of rules? How can you decide what knowledge is important?

Historically, rule based systems were common:

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if (car.acceleration = fast and car.age > 1 and ...)
    print ("accident prone")
else if (car.acceleration = slow and car.maxspeed > 150 and ...)
    print ("accident prone")
else if (car.acceleration = slow and car.maxspeed < 50)
    print ("not accident prone")
else if</pre>
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Domain Specific

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Cumbersome

Not easy to learn from newdata

Then, machine learning techniques came about...



 Domain Agnostic
 Robust
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Let's talk about training data



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Input Features					Labels

We use training examples with labels to train a model

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Example of a model: A function that takes information about a car, and predicts whether it's accident prone or not

$$f(\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc) = No$$
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Example of a model: A function that takes a word, and predicts it's part of speech tag

f("car") = Noun f("beautiful") = Adjective f("she") = Pronoun

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The color of a car has no impact on accidents

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Feature Weights



Supervised Learning: Classification

Process of assigning objects to categories

For example, Car 1 belongs to category "Accident Prone"

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- Our model/function will predict justone real number
- If this number is < 0, we will consider it to belong to Class 1. If it is ≥ 0, we will consider it to belong to Class 2.

• Choose w_0 , w_1 and b such that positive examples give a result > 0 and negative examples give a result < 0

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 $w_0 \times x_0 + w_1 \times x_1 + b = 0$ should define a decision boundary $3 \times x_0 + 1 \times x_1 + 3 = 0$ defines one such decision boundary Positive examples will be on one side of the boundary, and negative examples on the other

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Binary Classification

What did we do?

- We were given a set of points in space
- We tried to draw a line to separate the "positive" points from the "negative" points
- The line was defined using "feature weights"

Vector Spaces



Imagine every feature as a dimension in space Every object (car) can be represented as a point in space

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Lifecycle of Training a Machine Learning Model



$$f(x, W, b) = W \cdot x + b$$



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This 1 number can be a real valued output (for example depicting price, age etc). This is called regression.

This 1 number can also be used in the special case of binary classification (two classes) like we did in the previous exercise - i.e. Class 1 if f > 0 and Class 2 if $f \le 0$

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