Machine and Deep Learning Fundamentals & Applications

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What we will focus on

- Intuition
- Mental models
- Patterns
- Concepts

Demonstration

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https://huggingface.co/spaces/lewtun/twitter-sentiments

Twitter Emotion Analyser



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	tweets	timestamps	retweets	likes	labels	scores
3	jpmorgan asset management's david kelly has some words of advice for investors rattled by a hawkish fed: forget about short-term direction and focus on valuations <u>https://t.co/bxa&lzwi6z</u>	2022-08-31 02:02:39+00:00	17	32	fear	0.986367
5	"the idea of millions of people in a fully customized live environment doing whatever we want significantly outstrips our computational capabilities today," venture capitalist matthew ball said https://t.co/aezregzthm	2022-08-30 23:51:40+00:00	7	21	joy	0.971417

Demonstration



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https://bit.ly/3AHNPRo



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Let's jump in ...

Take 'Classify Financial Tone' as the task we are interested in ...



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Take 'Twitter Emotion Analyser' as the task we are interested in ...



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Machine Learning vs.

Artificial intelligence

Deep learning

Statistics

Financial engineering

Econometrics

The line separating these areas is very thin and porous

Significant overlaps!



We learnt this in primary school, remember?

Different focus, nomenclature, techniques but is it that different?

How good are the predictions, responses, targets, or dependent variables?

Are the coefficients, weights, or parameters statistically significant?

How do I find, learn, or train, these coefficients, weights, or parameters





What are the characteristics of the inputs, features, or independent variables?

In machine learning, we typically ...



Personally, don't think defining what is *machine learning* and what isn't is important, but compared to:

- Statistics, we focus a little less on the statistical significance of coefficients in the model
- *Financial engineering and econometrics*, we focus less on defining a specific form that matches a theory (we let the data determine that for us)

3 major approaches

Imagineyou as a baby, learning to navigate this world.

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- You see a group of red and green blocks. You use the colors to organize them into 2 groups.

Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

Reinforcement Learning

3 major approaches

Not all there is, there are others, and also combinations

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Data on past financial statements inc. credit scores of companies, want to predict credit scores of companies based on their financials



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Past interest rates time-series, want to group interest rates that behave similarly

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Data on past credit-card transactions (e.g., amounts, nature, fraudulent), want to predict whether a current transaction is fraudulent or not

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Based on a common-sense understanding, classify the following tasks: You have ...

Data on past transactions on the block-chain, want to detect future transactions that are anomalous (and possibly illicit) for further investigation

Supervised Learning

- K-nearest neighbors
- Linear discriminant analysis
- Linear regression
- Logistic regression
- Support vector machines
- Decision trees

Unsupervised Learning

- Clustering K-mean, DBSCAN
- Dimensionality reduction Principal component analysis, Singular Value Decomposition, T-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Neural Networks

- Multilayer Perceptron/Dense Neural Network
 - Recurrent Neural Network
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K-nearest neighbours to detect fraud based on top-K similar data points Linear discriminant analysis for credit default classification by separating default and nondefaults

Credit scoring or default prediction use **logistic regression**, often with LASSO regularization **Linear and logistic regression** from same family as Tweedie model used for insurance claims modelling – GLM

Decision tree-based models (CART, XGBoost, LightGBM), for tabular data, e.g., credit scoring, fraud detection, AML detection, buy/sell recommendations

Support vector machines for textual data, e.g., financial sentiment analysis



- What are the labels and inputs? (Indicate on axis or chart)
- Which figure shows a regression, which shows a classification? (Indicate on chart)
- How would you describe the relationship between inputs and outputs?

Let's discuss						
	Regression		Classification			
	Predict numbers		Predict categories			
Are the foll What are the foll Forecast stock price	lowing tasks regression or cla he unique aspects of these t es	assificat asks?	tion? (Indicate with R or C)			
Nowcast GDP						
Predict cashtag (e.g	., \$AAPL) associated with a news art	icle				
Predict bank's custo	omer satisfaction level					
Predict top financia	I news that a customer may be intere	ested in				
Recommend financ	e products of interest to a customer					

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Clustering to find groups of related bank customers, detect anomalous actors or transactions,

Dimensionality reduction to find key drivers of asset movements (e.g. slope, curvature, twist), visualize similar transactions or customers

Latent Dirichlet Allocation to find underlying topics in financial news

Unsupervised learning ...



Some basic questions on unsupervised learning



Transaction Node Degree

- What are the potential inputs and outputs?
- What patterns or groups can you recognize?
- What is the notion of similarity that you are using to recognize these patterns?

Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

Neural Networks

- Multilayer Perceptron/Dense Neural Network
 - Recurrent Neural Network
 - Convolutional Neural Network
 - Transformer
 - Graph Neural Network
- Expressive, flexible, can be adapted for different types of tasks
- Different architectures for different data-types

Types of data

- What are these common data-types?
- What are the fundamental differences between these data-types?
 - Think about volume, stationarity, structure
- Name an example of each of these data-types in FIs





Linear regression







Think of how a school examination is designed ...

Same principles when selecting data for the splits

Sometimes, we are more interested in the parameters than the performance ...

(usually not the focus of machine learning, but good to know)

$$y = 0.3X_1 + 0.5X_2 + 0.1$$

What is the null hypothesis?

If the p-value associated with 0.3 is <0.05, what does it potentially imply?

Multi-collinearity (e.g., where 2 features are so closely related that you could potentially derive one from the other) can mess this up!



https://www.gigacalculator.com/calculators/p-value-significance-calculator.php



What is a good sanity check?

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Model variance and bias



Fig. 1 Graphical illustration of bias and variance. http://scott.fortmann-roe.com/docs/BiasVariance.html

Match them

The prediction error of a model comprises a (1) part that can be minimized and a (2) part that cannot be minimized.

The **reducible** part comprises model bias , which can lead to a model being (3); and model variance which can lead to a model being (4).

Overfit

Underfit

Reducible

Irreducible

Input or Feature selection and regularization

We usually deal with multi-

collinear inputs here

- Forward selection
- Backward selection
- LASSO

What is LASSO? What is regularization?

Recall A, B in the linear equation \rightarrow model parameters or weights w

What if we include in the loss?



Figure from Machine learning: a probabilistic perspective, Kevin Murphy



• What if we wanted to model default probabilities instead of a credit score?

• What is the fundamental difference between the two quantities?

Logistic regression



Logistic regression



Interest Payment/Income



Confusion matrix

What is a True Positive, False Positive, True Negative, False Negative?

(Indicate with TP, FP, TN, FN)



Actual

Now, let's assume a legitimate transaction is '1' or 'positive', and assume you just naively predict '1' all the time. Fill in the confusion matrix. What is the accuracy?

Accuracy is straightforward

Treat yellow fish as a '1'



What is the % accuracy for this dataset that any model needs to at least be better than?

Net = What you predict as '1'



$$ext{Precision} = rac{tp}{tp+fp} \ ext{Recall} = rac{tp}{tp+fn}$$

 $F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall}$

If one is interested in predicting defaults (assume 1 for defaults), recall or precision?

Can you live with letting a fish get away?

If one is interested in predicting good leads (good leads as '1') for selling financial products to, recall or precision?

Can you live with letting a fish get away?

If we regard the detection of illicit entities or transactions as a '1', precision or recall?

Can you live with letting a fish get away?

From Linear and Logistic Regression to Generalised Linear Models (GLM)

Y = AX + B

Random component that is normally distributed with some mean and variance

 $Y = LinkFunction(Expected[Y]) + \varepsilon$

Recall the σ function that we used when we went from linear to logistic regression

Other functions can be used to allow for non-linearities

E.g., Tweedie GLM used for modelling insurance claims experience

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Regression vs. Classification Redux



What if the data for a classification task looks like this?



What if the data for a classification task looks like this?

Linear vs. Non-linear Problems



https://playground.tensorflow.org/

Feature Engineering

Not only about selecting right inputs:

- Transform non-linear to linear problem (we saw this)
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Data Bias



Examples of harmful data bias

- Distribution bias
 - Personal attributes
- Representation bias
 - Match general population but under-represent certain segments
- Implicit bias
 - Not all bias are obvious, e.g., gender vis-à-vis income vis-à-vis location vis-à-vis race
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Data leakage



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There is a whole paper on this at https://reproducible.cs.princeton.edu/

Data leakage

Paper	Muchlinski et al.	Colaresi and Mahmood	Wang	Kaufman et al.
Claim	Random Forests model drastically outperforms Logistic regression models	Random Forests models drastically outperform Logistic regression model	Adaboost and Gradient Boosted Trees (GBT) drastically outperform other models	Adaboost outperforms other models
Error	[L1.2] Pre-proc. on train-test (Incorrect imputation)	[L1.2] Pre-proc. on train-test (Incorrect reuse of an imputed dataset)	[L1.2] Pre-proc. on train-test. (Incorrect reuse of an imputed dataset) [L3.1] Temporal leakage (<i>k</i> -fold cross validation with temporal data)	[L2] Illegitimate features (Data leakage due to proxy variables) [L3.1] Temporal leakage (k-fold cross validation with temporal data)
Impact	Random Forests perform no better than Logistic Regression	Random Forests perform no better than Logistic Regression	Difference in AUC between Adaboost and Logistic Regression drops from 0.14 to 0.01	Adaboost no longer outperforms Logistic Regression. None of the models outperform a baseline model that predicts the outcome of the previous year
Discussion	Impact of the incorrect imputation is severe since 95% of the out-of-sample dataset is missing and is filled in using the incorrect imputation method	Re-use the dataset provided by Muchlinski et al., which uses an incorrect imputation method	Re-use the dataset provided by Muchlinski et al., which uses an incorrect imputation method	Use several proxy variables for the outcome as predictors (e.g., <i>colwars, cowwars, sdwars</i> , all proxies for civil war), leading to near perfect accuracy

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Field	Paper	Year	Num. papers reviewed	Num. papers w/pitfalls	Pitfalls
Medicine	Bouwmeester et al.	2012	71	27	No train-test split
Neuroimaging	Whelan et al.	2014	-	14	No train-test split; Feature selection on train and test set
Autism Diagnostics	Bone et al.	2015	_	3	Duplicates across train-test split: Sampling bias
Bioinformatics	Blagus et al.	2015	-	6	Pre-processing on train and test sets together
Nutrition research	lvanescu et al.	2016	-	4	No train-test split
Software engineering	Tu et al.	2018	58	11	Temporal leakage
Toxicology	Alves et al.	2019	-	1	Duplicates across train-test split
Satelitte imaging	Nalepa et al.	2019	17	17	Non-independence between train and test sets
Clinical epidemiology	Christodoulou et al.	2019	71	48	Feature selection on train and test set
Tractography	Poulin et al.	2019	4	2	No train-test split
Brain-computer interfaces	Nakanishi et al.	2020	-	1	No train-test split
Histopathology	Oner et al.	2020	-	1	Non independence between train and test sets
Computer security	Arp et al.	2020	30	30	No train-test split; Pre-processing on train and test sets together; Illegitimate features; others

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What is a good indication of data issues?

- Extreme results
 - Especially when compared to a naïve model
- Both ways
 - Too good data leakage, evaluation errors
 - Too bad dirty data, evaluation errors ...



Decision Tree





Now think about how this would work for regression on credit scores ...





class sklearn.tree.**DecisionTreeClassifier**(*, criterion='gini', splitter='best', max_depth=None, min_samples_split=2, min_samples_leaf=1, min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, max_features=None, random_state=None, max_leaf_nodes=None, min_impurity_decrease=0.0, class_weight=None, ccp_alpha=0.0) 1

Discuss: What determines parameters? What determines hyperparameters?

Where should you tune hyper-parameters?



Cross Validation

	Test	

What are the advantages and disadvantages, compared with a simple train, validate, test split?

Why stop at one decision tree?


Ensembles



Ensembles: Bagging





XGBoost

XGBoost is basically based on the idea of boosting, but with some additional math and optimization



For the curious, more details available at https://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/stable/tutorials/model.html

XGBoost vs. LightGBM

LightGBM grows leaf-wise (horizontally) while XGBoost grows level-wise (vertically)



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Many other models

Support Vector Machines

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Support Vector Machines



Support Vector Machines For Regression?



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Figure from Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Charu Aggarwal

Neural Networks



Figure 1: Incorporating temporal information using different encoder architectures.

From Time Series Forecasting With Deep Learning: A Survey, Lim et al., 2020





https://towardsdatascience.com/creating-word-embeddings-coding-the-word2vec-algorithm-in-python-using-deep-learning-b337d0ba17a8

Model Selection: Considerations?

- What are the **unique characteristics** of your data?
- What has **worked** for my problem or task?
 - If problem or task is unique, what is a **similar** problem or task?
- Get a naïve baseline
 - Choose a simple model, e.g., simple logistic regression
- Consider a few challenger models
- Train and evaluate

Some other concepts



Financial Data

 Machine and deep learning seem to be more successful on computer vision and natural language tasks. What are some key differences between data in computer vision and natural language domains compared to finance?

Signal-to Noise & Non-Stationarity

Opinion Gavyn Davies' blog

Regime changes in the financial markets



https://on.ft.com/3z3LU8J

Drift

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Financial Data

• What implications does this have for models in FIs?

Deep learning today

Prompt: Singapore 50 dollar note, Ghibli style





https://huggingface.co/spaces/huggingface/diffuse-the-rest



Data and Models For Supervised Models

Data: Rubbish in Rubbish Out



- If data **quality** is poor or **biased**, then unlikely to get good results
- Possibilities:
 - Data available, but processed poorly
 - Data available, but poor quality or biased
 - Data available, but not useful for task
 - Insufficient data for task

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Framework: Neural Networks

Linear Regression





Framework: Neural Networks




Framework: Decision Tree



Decision Trees - Recap



Transaction Node Degree

Recall difference between parameters and hyperparameters



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Recall train-validation-test splits and purpose?



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Usually, trees in ensembles are weak learners

Weak learners means we typically constrain their hyper-parameters, which makes them over- or underfit?

An ensemble of weak learners can potentially help us achieve both low _____ and ____.

Let's move on to unsupervised models

Supervised learning



Supervised learning



Unsupervised learning



Clustering: K-Means



Transaction Node Degree



Framework: K-Means



Dimensionality Reduction



From https://towardsdatascience.com/pca-clearly-explained-how-when-why-to-use-it-and-feature-importance-a-guide-in-python-7c274582c37e

Spot the anomaly



Transaction Node Degree



Transaction Node Degree

Isolation Forest

Which path leads to an anomalous instance?

But what is an anomaly? Is it always this clear?

For an illicit transaction detection problem? For a fraudulent credit card transaction?

Think about the characteristics of your data.

Another perspective: Self-Supervised



In deep learning, unsupervised models can be very powerful!

Recall the demonstration earlier





Training Data: Images with natural language captions



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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z

There seems to be an almost willful confusion about the need and role for explainability of #AI systems on #AI twitter.

Contrary to the often polarizing positions, it is neither the case that we always need explanations nor is it the case that we never need explanations. 1/



Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 Replying to @rao2z We look for explanations of high level decisions of (what for us are) explicit knowledge tasks; and where contestability and collaboration are important. We rarely look for explanations of tacit knowledge/low level control decisions 2/				
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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 I don't need explanation on why you see a dog in a picture; why you put your left foot 3 mm ahead of your left, or why facebook recommends me yet another page.				
I do want one if am denied a loan, or I need a better model of you so I can coordinate with you. 3/				

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 ... Trust can reduce the need for explanations, but trust has to be earned and can't always be legislated. I ask explanations from my doctor despite the many impressive degrees on his wall. 4/

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంసంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 • Explanations are always about the receiver's mind (..and vocabulary and reasoning..). After all, a doctor explains her decision in different ways to the patient and her colleague..

(This also explains the popularity of those viral @wired 5 levels of explanations videos!) $\,\,6/$

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 ... We should stop conflating Interpretability and Explainability. Interpretability is w.r.t. a large population (e.g. human race) and explainability is w.r.t. individuals/specific groups.

The interpreter does the heavy lifting in the former; the explainer does it in the latter. $\ensuremath{\mathrm{8/}}$

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 · · · The Rosetta Stone is interpretable to the human race (thanks to the heavy lifting by Young and Champollion).

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I want my loan approval decision be explainable to me without me having to break my back.. 9/

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 An autonomous car's control decisions need to be interpretable to the (determined) investigators after a crash, its decision to take a particular route should be easily explainable to the rider in the car. 10/

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Subbarao Kambhampati (కంభంపాటి సుబ్బారావు) @rao2z · Jul 11 ... Explanations are sought after the fact--and thus do allow post hoc rationalizations.

Fear of this possibility shouldn't make them irrelevant!

We should design #AI systems to provide "truthful" explanations, but the comprehensibility may well necessitate approximation. 11/

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Subbarao Kambhampati (ຮັດຊັດລ້າසໍ సుబ్బారావ్ర) @rao2z · Jul 11 [fwiw, a lot of the above is related to our ongoing research on explainable human-#Al interaction. If you are interested:

Still an open research area!!

- Not straight-forward
- Trade-offs performance vs. interpretability
- Good for trust, fairness, checks on model robustness
- But ...
 - Is it really needed, e.g., **impact**, **well studied**?
 - Could it have unintended effects, e.g., adversarial attacks?

- Even interpreting linear regression is not straightforward
- Why?

$Y = AX_1X_2X_3 + BX_1X_3 + CX_2X_3 + DX_1^3 + \dots$

- Intrinsic or post-hoc
 - Logistic regression vs. LIME
- Model-specific or agnostic
 - Decision trees vs. SHAP
- Local or global
 - Instance or class



Figure 3: SHAP Importances. Figure shows the beeswarm plots for Tot. ESG Ratings for NYSE and NASDAQ datasets. Beeswarm plots show all the SHAP values, grouped by the features on the y-axis, with the SHAP values on the x-axis. The SHAP values indicate how much each factor contributed to the model's prediction when compared to the mean prediction. More positive or more negative SHAP values indicate that the feature had a significant positive or negative impact on the model's prediction. For each group, the colour of the points is determined by the value of the feature. For example, for dir_centrality for NYSE, we see that higher values of the dir_centrality features (more reddish shade) correspond to more positive SHAP values, while lower values of the dir_centrality features (more blueish shade) correspond to more negative SHAP values. The features are ordered by the mean SHAP values, i.e. more important features are at the top.

Round-up and Reflections

Let's discuss



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- What type of learning problem is this?
- What are some models that are suitable?



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- What evaluation metrics would you choose?
- What other methods could you apply to understand whether the model is working