

Woah, trippy



What the, we skipped relational data?

(Yes, the assignments flow more easily this way...maybe I should change the graphic...)

## How to Train Your Function

(with a small set of example input and expected output)

AKA

Supervised Machine Learning







There's so many more, but I'm out of space before it shrinks the font on me



Supervised: You give is a training set, where emails have been classified as "SPAM" or "HAM" (meaning not spam...it's a bit of a joke you see)

Then, some sort of MATH happens, and out comes a model that can classify things.

Q: When is an email not an email?<br/>A: When it's a "feature vector"Object<br/>RepresentationObjects are represented as a vector<br/>of features:<br/>• Dense Features: sender IP,<br/>timestamp, # of recipients, etc.<br/>• Sparse Features: message contains<br/>"Viagra", subject contains<br/>"URGENT", etc.

In terms of numbers (and everything's a number, really)

Dense Feature: zeros are rare or non-existent. Sparse Feature: non-zeros are rare

There tend to be a LOT of potential sparse features. How can the computer know about all of them??? There are a lot of words...



I'm probably going to use "embedding" when I speak because I've been playing around with generative AI and embedding is the jargon in that domain.



Spam: certain phrases, certain words, are very likely to be spam associated.

Sentiment Analysis: words that aren't important to spam/not spam are very important to inferring the writer's tone

Content classification: (Might overlap a bit with spam)



It's important that you select good features. This is a whole topic all on its own

Generally you want features that are independent. If two features strongly correlate you don't get much out of having both.



Of course, as mentioned, different applications require different embeddings.

A Queen is not drawn as a gender swapped King, but with different attire entirely (usually)

- the Stable Diffusion embeddings don't follow this approximate equality





Pictured: A Random Forest (haha, get it, it's a joke! PowerPoint suggested the image. It's funnier than I am and it's not even trying)



In a Big Data course, did you expect anything to be more important than Big Data? With enough data, even a bad model will perform fairly well. That's the theory anyway.

It's true though. Actually, probably the hand labelling is more important...BUT, how can you label data you haven't acquired? Exactly.

(In fact "acquire high quality, clean, and labelled data" is the most important part, grouping #1 and #2 together with a secret third thing – cleaning up all the garbage).



Left grammar checker. Right machine translation

Take away – more data, more good. [that's another joke, because the diagram is about a grammar checker – though tragically this phrasing is common in tech circles somehow...]



## Wait, Hold Up, did you say BY HAND?

I did: "Determine ... Labels (by hand!)"

Doesn't seem like it will scale...





Crowdsourcing – Might be hiring people on Mechanical Turk, paying Google for surveys, etc.

Funny Captcha anecdote – BLIP2 (I think?) has a better accuracy than actual humans for those annoying "click the pictures with traffic lights" sort of capcha)

Bootstrapping – Label a reasonable amount by hand, and train a high-precision model (precision = TP / (FP + TP))

Use model to generate pseudo-labels

Repeat on pseudo-labelled data, until pseudo-labels converge

OR – Use GPT4 to label your data [BUT, the ClosedAI TOS says you're not allowed to use GPT4 for AI so you'll be a

wanted criminal maybe – still, it's nice to be wanted]

New in Winter 2024: Yi 34B and Mixtral 7Bx8 are pretty close to GPT3.5 in terms of few-shot classification. Not SOTA but open weights you can run on a commodity GPU (or even on CPU if you don't care about speed)

## **Binary** Classification

Label is a single binary value. Yes or no. Spam or Not Spam.

You can make more nuanced classifiers out of binary classifiers

Hotdog or not Hotdog



The above shows 4 way classification made from 4 "is or isn't" classifiers. "Spam or not spam", "Notification or not notification", "Personal or not personal", etc.

You can also use binary classifiers to create a classifier tree, if the labels are not mutually exclusive.

Botany books have decision trees like that:

"Leaf is serrated or not" – "flower is single or cluster" etc. Those might seem more like features than labels, and you're right! But if you're working from a PICTURE, you have to use ML to find the "features" of the image, and then again to classify based on those features! Neat.

Dan intends to draw something on the board. Let's see if he does.



Binary Classifier Cascades aren't the only sort of AI.

Generative Adversarial Networks, Deep Convolutional Networks, etc. don't really fit with the meme...so we'll ignore them.

(this meme is a joke on the LLaMA subreddits discussing 1-bit quants where maybe neural nets might be reduced to if/else trees???)

Also, how did you pick WHICH binary classifiers to train? You have to do that before you can train the decision tree.



(it's not wrong, understanding requires consciousness and a bunch of tensors isn't conscious)



A loss function for a Boolean classifier might be as simple as  $\ell(a,b) = (a \text{ xor } b)$  i.e. 1 if they differ, 0 if they're equal. Of course you can apply different weights to false positives and false negatives if you want.



Labels – what a person says Machine Learning – copy what people are saying



## Tried the meme myself...



Worked out a BIT better



CS folk often get confused. "Wait, is the vector of arguments, and theta is the set of parameters? But I thought argument was a value, and parameter was the name of that value?"

No, that's programming! This is math!



Note from Past Dan: Dan has a bad habit of double clicking his slide remote and things get confusing if this slide is missed.

Note to self: Try REALLY hard to not accidentally skip this slide, otherwise nobody knows what capital L is



There are lots of jokes about "AI is just..." . Everything is "just" something else with a lot of messy details. Deal with it.

Besides, it's mostly linear algebra, not statistics!









Ugh, differential equations. This is the one course I almost failed in undergrad...





Replaced the complicated function with L(x) – since nothing else changes, we only really need one parameter.

The inequality is "for sufficiently small gamma".

Besides "gamma" and "step", this is often called "LR" or "Learning Rate"



A1: How small is 'sufficiently small'? – There are approaches to picking gamma. It'll depend on if the function is convex or concave too.
A2: it will get trapped in them ☺
A3: not very quickly
# More Details

### Gradient Descent is "first order"

- Local linear approximations
- Slow convergence

### Fixes to avoid local minima

- Momentum
- Stochastic Gradient Descent
  - Randomly select a subset of training data
  - Gradient depends only on selected subset
- Can still get stuck



I tried this for fitting database snippets into a protein with missing parts. It was tedious and then didn't work very well. In a bit we'll get to something somewhat similar to what I did! (Not really...but close enough for a detour)





My PhD work involved "squishing" protein snippets to make them fit into gaps, and the problem was something called "Multi-dimensional scaling". Loss was called "stress" in the papers I read. The algorithm I used was called "SMACOF – Scaling by Majorizing a COmplicated Function"

"Majorizing" is a sort of surrogate function...where you find a way to create a simpler function that:

- 1. Is equal to the complicated one at a given point
- 2. Must be <= the complicated function at all other points.

With SMACOF the majorizing function has a closed form minimum! No gradient descent needed, it goes straight to the minimum. Neat.

However, finding the minimum requires computing the pseudo-inverse of an n x n matrix, which is  $O(n^3)$ 

### Linear Function

$$f(X; W, b): \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R} = W \cdot x + b$$
$$\ell(y, t) = \frac{1}{2}(y - t)2$$

y: predicted value (any real number) t: true value (0 or 1)

Problem: Cost is unbounded!

This seems like we've broken the classification function...but we haven't. Just set some cutoff point to map the values into "true" and "false"

Unbounded? If our classifier is "really confident" then it might return 100. If that's wrong, the loss will be immense!

We'll train the algorithm to never be confident. Might not be great.



Not just differentiable, but easy! Gotta love exponentials.

# More Maths

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = (y - t)y(1 - y)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i} = (y - t)y(1 - y)x_i$$

Now we can do gradient descent

To Learn More...

Take an actual ML course. This is just a tribute

- Lots of other optimization techniques
- Lots of different loss functions
  - Logistic function has its own problems
  - 0.00001 vs 0.0000001, almost same loss
- Fixed step size is bad
  - Keyword: step scheduler (cosine, adaptive, etc.)





Note that this is still unusably slow so it's never done.

Why: You need thousands of iterations and Spark iteration might be better than Hadoop MapReduce, but it's still not good.

Also why: If your model is 1 million parameters then shipping the gradient to the driver is ~4MB (or 2MB if using fp16 or bf16 for parameters, possibly 1MB if using Int8). That's a pretty small model though.



## Stochastic Gradient Descent

- Pick a random subset, only compute gradient for that subset of values
- If the subset is small enough for one machine...why have the cluster?

If we have k mappers. Have each compute the gradient for its subset, then transform independently?

# Ensemble Learning

(This was called "consensus modelling" when I was doing it for protein folding).





You can't always merge models. For a simple linear / sigmoidal classifier function, averaging the weights is probably OK.

Other kinds of models are not so easily merged. Cannot merge models of different types. Surprisingly – You can merge neural networks sometimes – IF they're all finetunes of the same base model!

- This works very well with Stable Diffusion finetunes. With LLaMA it sometimes works but is more involved...





(Well, each mapper iterates over its partition, that's how MapReduce works!)

What's going on here: Technically, a single value is a set of 1! We can select the elements in random order and compute the gradient ONE training value at a time. Combined with Inertia we might be on to something... (In fact you can compute the gradient for a constant number of elements at a time, it doesn't need to be only one.)

### Why does this work:

If you have 10,000 data points, you can do 1 iteration through all 10,000 and sum the gradient up (10,000 gradient calcs, 1 multiplication (LR), 10,0001 additions) or you can do one iteration per data point (10,000 gradient calcs, 10,000 multiplications (LR) 10,000 additions)

So for not a whole lot extra work you get 10,000x the iterations. They are very low quality iterations compared to the "all data" method, BUT, not 10,000x worse! In practice you should incorporate as many data points as will fit in memory at once.

In MapReduce
Each mapper holds the current parameter set in memory (create in setup)
Trains model by computing gradient for one element, updating parameters (in map)
Outputs Model (in cleanup)

What to do with all these models? Ensemble learning!



If you only want one model, the mappers become "parsers" (parsing the strings and emitting feature – label pairs)

The learner is the run on the reducer.

"No iteration if each instance has its own key so there's only one value" – On the assignment you do in fact need iteration to traverse the partition.

	In MapReduce, One Model
	Mappers are parsers only
_	Reducer becomes the learner: • creates model (setup) • Trains model (loop in reduce) • Emits model

No more ensemble learning! (Unless we set the number of reducers to something greater than 1)

Except on the assignment, obviously





Evaluation		
How can we evaluate the model?		
It's not enough to minimize loss.	Why?	
Measure Accuracy?		
Still not enough!	Why?	

Loss is a measure of "how closely does it match the training data". An overfitted model can have 0 loss, but still be useless.

Accuracy isn't as cut and dry. There's really FOUR different measures that are all interesting, and they're at cross purposes. (See 2 slides forward)



"Overfitting" is the key word. A model that's PERFECT at predicting the training set might end up WORSE.

(Big Data helps this...the bigger the training set, the more "representative" it is.

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Statistics again! False Positive – Predictor says "no", but it's a yes False Negative – Predictor says "yes", but it's a no

All measures shown (precision, recall, fall-out, miss rate) are interesting! But improving one can harm another



A **receiver operating characteristic curve**, or **ROC curve**, is a graphical plot that illustrates the diagnostic ability of a binary classifier system as its discrimination threshold is varied.

Dan, draw them on the board.



ROC represents "as you vary the threshold, how many more false positives slip in, and how many more true positives are successfully found."

What's usually done is the area under the curve, or ROCA. A ROCA of 0.5 means it's random chance. Lowering the threshold introduces as many true positives as it does false positives. ROCA of 1 means it's a perfect predictor : regardless of threshold, false positive rate is 0%, true positive rate is 100%

So summing things up: "Don't use accuracy! There are many statistical metrics." Which is best? "A ROC curve" Can I put a number to it? "Yes, Area-under-curve (AUC), or ROCA for short" And that number represents...? "OK so yes it represents accuracy. But like, threshold invariant accuracy. It's different."

# Problem: Big Data Isn't Big Enough!

What's the testing set?

 Some data that wasn't in the training set "Holdout Method"

The less data we train on, the worse out model! The less data we test on, the less we trust our model!

# K-Fold Cross Validation

Divide Data into K subsets

Repeat holdout method k times. Each time, one subset is the test set, the rest are the training sets

Each set is used to validate ONCE Each set is used to train K-1 times



Bonus? We have 5 models, can do 5 way voting? Or just merge the models. It depends on the kind of model.





A/B testing is usually used for medical treatments. "Double Blind" – neither the patient nor the physician administering treatment knows which treatment it is. Usually one option (control) is a placebo or an already proven treatment.

Used in Marketing to check for a single variable.



You can use this to compare different feature selection methods or compare to current best-practice models.

# Applied ML in Academia Download interesting dataset (comes with the problem) Run baseline model Train/Test Build better model Train/Test Does new model beat baseline? Yes: publish a paper! No: try again!

These few slides date back to Jimmy Lin. I'm not a ML person...but...ok, guilty...if you train a model and it's worse than the current standard, you can't publish that! So you keep trying until you can.






Dirty little secret. Data science is barely about ML at all!



On finding things	
P. Oscar Boykin @posco OH: " So to recap, tweets are statuses, favorites are favourings, retweets are shares." * Reply ** Retweet * Favorite ** More	

	On naming things
CamelCase smallCamelCa snake_case camel_Snake dundersnak	uid userid userid user_id

Word embeddings actually help with this immensely!

## On feature extraction...

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An actual Java regular expression used to parse log message at Twitter circa 2010

Friction is cumulative!

OK, My Model (Finally) Works on the Training Set

## Good, you've made a good first step!

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I did A/B Testing, and it has good Precision & Recall!

OK, you're half-way there!







## Production

What are your dependencies? How / When are your job(s) scheduled? Do you have enough resources? How do you know if it's working? What happens if it stops working?

All about infrastructure

## TO BE CONTINUED...

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