Machine Learning CSCI 567

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Objectives

Develop skills to grasp abstract ML concepts and think critically.

Practice with hands on programming tasks.

Preparation for studying more advanced machine learning techniques.

Prerequisites

Undergraduate level training in probability and statistics, linear algebra, (multivariate) calculus.

Important: attend today's discussion session to see if you have the required background.

Programming: Python.

Not an intro-level CS course, no training of basic programming skills.

Logistics

Lectures: Fridays, 1-3.20pm (SGM 123)

Discussions: Fridays, 3.30-4.20pm

Course website

https://usc-tamagotchi.github.io/csci-567/23f/

Teaching Staff

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Slides and Reading

Lecture slides will be posted before class (possibly updated after).

No required textbooks.

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Academic integrity

Course Project

Done in groups (~3 students).

Any machine learning topic and any domain is fine.

It must include an implementation of a machine learning algorithm.

The implemented model has to work to a reasonable level (don't pick a problem that is too difficult).

We will share more details in a separate document early next week.

What is machine learning?





Machine learning is the fuel that powers state-of-the-art AI agents.

Personal opinion: Al is a civilization-altering technology that is going to transform the way we live.



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Consumer applications

Speech recognition, information retrieval and search, text classification, stock price prediction, object recognition, ...

Scientific applications

Protein structure prediction, social network analysis, business intelligence, nuclear fusion, ...

The frontier of Al

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asa/	Day 1:	G		
	- Start at Buckingham Palace and watch the Changing of the Guard ceremony			
	- Walk to Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament			
	- Visit the British Museum			
	- OPT: Enjoy a traditional English pub dinner			
	Day 2:			
	- Walk across Tower Bridge			
	- Visit the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels			
	- Take a boat ride along the River Thames			
	- Visit St. Paul's Cathedral			
	- OPT: Visit the Tate Modern or the National Gallery			

A poisonous giant green rat holding a red rose, digital art



Passing the Turing test used to be the benchmark for machine intelligence.



We have many agents that arguably have passed the test.



We can download the models and run them.

Why do we need to study ML?

How to contribute to the rapid pace of progress in Al

Understanding of fundamental concepts of how ML models work

Strong engineering skills

How to train a model

Learning a model from training data (training examples) by optimizing a loss function to minimize generalization errors.

Model

Loss function

Generalization errors

University of Southern California

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other universities also known as USC, see USC (disambiguation).

The **University of Southern California (USC, SC, Southern Cal**^[a] or **SoCa**]) is a private research university in Los Angeles, California. Founded in 1880 by Robert Maclay Widney, it is the oldest private research university in California. Founded in 1880 by Robert Maclay Widney, it is the oldest private research university in California.^[11][12] The university is composed of one liberal arts school, the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and 22 undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools, enrolling roughly 21,000 undergraduate and 28,500 post-graduate students from all fifty U.S. states and more than 115 countries.^{[13][14][15][16]} It is a member of the Association of American Universities, which it joined in 1969, and is also one of the wealthiest academic institutions in America.

USC sponsors a variety of intercollegiate sports and competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as a member of the Pac-12 Conference. Members of USC's sports teams, the Trojans, have won 107 NCAA team championships and 412 NCAA individual championships.^[17] As of 2021, Trojan athletes have won 326 medals at the Olympic Games (153 golds, 96 silvers, and 77 bronzes), more than any other university in the United States or in the world.^[16] USC has had 537 football players drafted to the National Football League, the second-highest number of draftees in the country.^[19]

USC has graduated more alumni who have gone on to win Academy and Emmy Awards than any other institution, largely due to the School of Cinematic Arts.^{[20][21]} USC has conferred degrees upon 29 living billionaires^[22] and is also one of the most successful universities in creating companies and attracting funding with multiple company founders as alumni or current students.^{[23][24]} USC presently has ten Nobel Laureates on staff.^[25] eleven Rhodes Scholars,^{[26][27]} twelve Marshall Scholars,^[28] six MacArthur Fellows,^[29] 181 Fulbright Scholars,^[30] one Turing Award winner,^[31] three winners of the National Medal of Arts, one winner of the National Humanities Medal, three winners of the National Medal of Science, and three winners of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation among its alumni and faculty.^[32] USC is also the birthplace of technologies such as the Domain Name System,^[33] VolP,^[34] DNA computing,^[35] transform coding,^[36] and dynamic programming.^[37]



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$$x \longrightarrow y$$

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"Just had the most amazing experience at USC! The campus is beautiful, the people are friendly, and the opportunities are endless. I'm so grateful to be a Trojan! #USC #ProudTrojan"

I hate the traffic in LA, it's always so frustrating and makes me stressed out. #LAtraffic

Input data is often represented as a feature vector

Fisher's <i>Iris</i> Data							
Sepal length +	Sepal width +	Petal length +	Petal width +	Species +			
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	I. setosa			
4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	I. setosa			
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	I. setosa			
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	I. setosa			
5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	I. setosa			
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	I. setosa			
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	I. setosa			
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model parameters

What function to choose?

What function to choose? Decision tree



What function to choose? *K*-nearest neighbors



What function to choose? Linear classifier



Logistic regression, a probabilistic model

$$p(\boldsymbol{y} = 0 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \theta) = rac{1}{1 + \exp(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})}$$
 $p(\boldsymbol{y} = 1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}; \theta) = rac{\exp(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})}{1 + \exp(\theta^{\top} \mathbf{x})}$

What function to choose? Non-linear classifier



Loss function



Loss function



Generalization errors

Robust to noise in the training data Generalizes to new examples



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