DSC291: Machine Learning with Few Labels



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Possible Ideas of Course Project





• Example projects (I): language-guided city/scene generation



Generated layouts of cities



Rendered cities according to layouts in Unreal Engine

• Example projects (I): language-guided city/scene generation



• Example projects (I): language-guided city/scene generation

"Build me an amazing, large, organic and epic floating island city right above you with a ton of detail. Make it a goal, iterate."



https://x.com/adonis_singh/status/1885843774888108371?s=46&t=otWCD5-VRF8m4Zt94i4acA

• Example projects (II): embodied agent for navigation or other tasks

Robot dog controlled by GPT-40

@benckhark

speed of video: 5x target: blue vending machine model: GPT-4o (with simple reasoning) step: I: rotation(duration=5, angle=15, direction=-1)

anner:

The blue vending machine is in the field of view. The relative direction of the blue vending machine is slightly to the left. Suggestion: Slightly rotate left.



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• Example projects (III): multi-agent interactions



Two agents moving forward concurrently, controlled by our APIs

84 agents moving forward concurrently, no need to manual define them because we supply APIs to generate and control these agents

• Example projects (III): multi-agent interactions



CM village

- 25 agents, each controlled by individual LLM, converse with each other
- For studying emerging communication behaviors

[Park et al., 2023]

• Example projects (III): multi-agent interactions



Project Sid: Exploring the First Al-Driven Virtual World with Autonomous Agents



LLM Reasoning and Agent





A library for advanced reasoning with large language models

https://github.com/maitrix-org/llm-reasoners

- Example projects (IV): web-agent
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LLM Reasoning and Agent

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LLM Reasoners

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- (IV): web-agent







Recap: What is Machine Learning?

• Computational methods that enable machines to learn concepts and improve performance from **experience**.



Recap: Experience of all kinds



Type-2 diabetes is 90% more common than type-1







Data examples

Rules/Constraints

Knowledge graphs

Rewards

Auxiliary agents



Adversaries



Master classes

And all combinations thereof

Recap: Problems with few data (labels)

• Privacy, security issues



• Expensive to collect/annotate



Difficult / expertise-demanding to annotate









- How can we make more efficient use of data?
 - Clean but small-size
 - NoisyOut-of-domain
- Can we incorporate other types of experience in learning?





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- Experience
- Optimization solver
- Model architecture



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This course does **not** discuss model architecture

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- Graphical models
- Compositional architectures

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Convolutional networks

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• Loss

This course discusses a little about optimization

- Experience
- Optimization solver
- Model architecture

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Loss

Assuming you know basic procedures:

- (Stochastic) gradient descent
- Backpropagation

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Experience

Lagrange multiplier

Optimization solver

Model architecture



• Loss

This course discusses a lot of loss & experience

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Core of most learning algorithms



- (1) How can we make more efficient use of data?
 - Clean but small-size, Noisy, Out-of-domain Ο
- (2) Can we incorporate other types of experience in learning?



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- Algorithms

Semi

Supervised learning: MLE, maximum entropy principle

Unsupervised learning: EN variational inference, VAEs

Self-supervised learning: successful instances, e.g., BERT, GPTs, commentive learning,

applications to downstream tasks

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- Data manipulation: augmentation, re-weighting, curriculum learning, ...
- Meta-learning

Mostly first half of the course

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- (2) Can we incorporate other types of experience in learning?
 - Learning from auxiliary models, e.g., adversarial models:

Generative adversarial learning (GANs and variants), co-training, ...

- Learning from structured knowledge
 Posterior regularization, constraint-driven learning, ...
- Learning from rewards
 - Reinforcement learning: model-free vs model-based, policy-based vs valuebased, on-policy vs off-policy, extrinsic reward vs intrinsic reward, ...

Second half of the course

- Learning in dynamic environment (not covered)
- Online learning, lifelong/continual learning, ...

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... And all combinations thereof



Master class



Algorithm marketplace

Designs driven by: experience, task, loss function, training procedure ...



maximum likelihood estimation reinforcement learning as inference inverse RL data re-weighting active learning policy optimization reward-augmented maximum likelihood data augmentation softmax policy gradient label smoothing imitation learning actor-critic adversarial domain adaptation posterior regularization GANS knowledge distillation intrinsic reward constraint-driven learning generalized expectation prediction minimization regularized Bayes learning from measurements energy-based GANs weak/distant supervision

Where we are now? Where we want to be?

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• Alchemy vs chemistry





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maximum likelihood estimation reinforcement learning as inference

inverse RL active learning



Quest for more standardized, unified ML principles

Machine Learning 3: 253–259, 1989 © 1989 Kluwer Academic Publishers – Manufactured in The Netherlands

EDITORIAL

Toward a Unified Science of Machine Learning

[P. Langley, 1989]





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A Unifying Review of Linear Gaussian Models

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Physics in the 1800's

- Electricity & magnetism:
 - Coulomb's law, Ampère, Faraday, ...
- Theory of light beams:
 - Particle theory: Isaac Newton, Laplace, Plank
 - Wave theory: Grimaldi, Chris Huygens, Thomas Young, Maxwell
- Law of gravity
 - Aristotle, Galileo, Newton, ...









"Standard equations" in Physics



A "standardized formalism" of ML



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Constraints



Rewards



Auxiliary agents



Adversaries

should be conceived as a kind of intimate reverie

Imitation



- Panoramically learn from all types of experience
- Subsumes many existing algorithms as special cases

Will discuss in later in the class

Questions?