## CS 60050 Machine Learning

Introduction

Some slides taken from course materials of Andrew Ng and P. Domingos

# Logistics

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## **Evaluation**

- Mid-semester exam (20%)
- End-semester exam (40%)
- Assignments (40%)
  - 3-4 in number
  - Involving programming or theory

## **Text & Reference Materials**

- R. Duda, et al., **Pattern Classification**, Wiley
- T. Mitchell, Machine Learning, McGraw-Hill
- C. Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, Springer
- Many resources available freely on Web

## **A Few Quotes**

- "A breakthrough in machine learning would be worth ten Microsofts" (Bill Gates, Chairman, Microsoft)
- "Machine learning is the next Internet" (Tony Tether, Director, DARPA)
- Machine learning is the hot new thing" (John Hennessy, President, Stanford)
- "Web rankings today are mostly a matter of machine learning" (Prabhakar Raghavan, Dir. Research, Yahoo)

## **Motivation for ML**

- It is hard to write programs for certain tasks
  - Human face or handwriting recognition
  - Playing complex games like chess
  - Recommending movies that a person will like
- Why?
  - We do not ourselves know how to solve
  - Program will be too complicated
  - Too many instances of the program needed

A classic example of a task that requires machine learning: It is very hard to say what makes a 2

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## **Motivation for ML**

- Instead of writing a program by hand, collect lots of examples that specify the correct output for a given input.
- A machine learning algorithm takes these examples and produces a program that does the job.
- If done right, the program works for new cases as well as the ones we trained it on.

### **Traditional Programming**



**Machine Learning** 



### **Machine Learning definition**

• Arthur Samuel (1959):

Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.

• Tom Mitchell (1998):

Well-posed Learning Problem: A computer program is said to *learn* from experience E with respect to some task T and some performance measure P, if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E. Some more examples of tasks that are best solved by using a learning algorithm

- Recognizing patterns
  - Facial identities or facial expressions
  - Handwritten or spoken words
  - Medical images
- Generating patterns
  - Generating images or motion sequences
- Recognizing anomalies
  - Unusual sequences of credit card transactions
  - Unusual patterns of sensor readings in a nuclear power plant or unusual sound in your car engine.
- Prediction
  - Future stock prices or currency exchange rates

### Some web-based examples of machine learning

- The web contains a lot of data. Tasks with very big datasets often use machine learning
- Spam filtering, fraud detection
  - The enemy adapts so we must adapt too.
- Recommendation systems
  - Need to adapt to millions of individuals. Million dollar prize!
- Information retrieval
  - Find documents or images with similar content.
- Data Visualization
  - Display a huge database in a revealing way

# **Types of Learning**

- Supervised (inductive) learning
  - Training data includes desired / correct outputs
- Unsupervised learning
  - Training data does not include desired outputs
  - Semi-supervised learning: Training data includes a few desired outputs
- Reinforcement learning
  - Rewards from sequence of actions

#### Housing price prediction.



Size in feet<sup>2</sup>

Supervised Learning

"right answers" given

<u>Regression:</u> Predict continuous valued output (price)

## Supervised Learning: Classification



## Supervised Learning: Classification



### **Unsupervised Learning: Clustering**



### **Unsupervised Learning: Clustering**



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BP's costs for the Deepwater Horizon disaster have hit \$10bn. Photograph: HolBauters

## What we will cover

### Supervised learning

- Linear Regression (single and multiple variable)
- Classification (logistic regression, decision tree, support vector machines, etc.)
- Neural networks
- Unsupervised learning
  - Clustering
  - Dimensionality reduction
- Ensemble Learning: Bagging, Boosting
- Applications of ML
- Recent topics, e.g., fairness and bias in ML

## **ML in Practice**

- Understanding domain, prior knowledge, and goals
- Data integration, cleaning, pre-processing, selection, etc.
- Feature selection some features may be sensitive, protected, etc.
- Learning models
- Evaluating and interpreting results
- Consolidating and deploying discovered knowledge
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