



Python4ML

An open-source course for everyone

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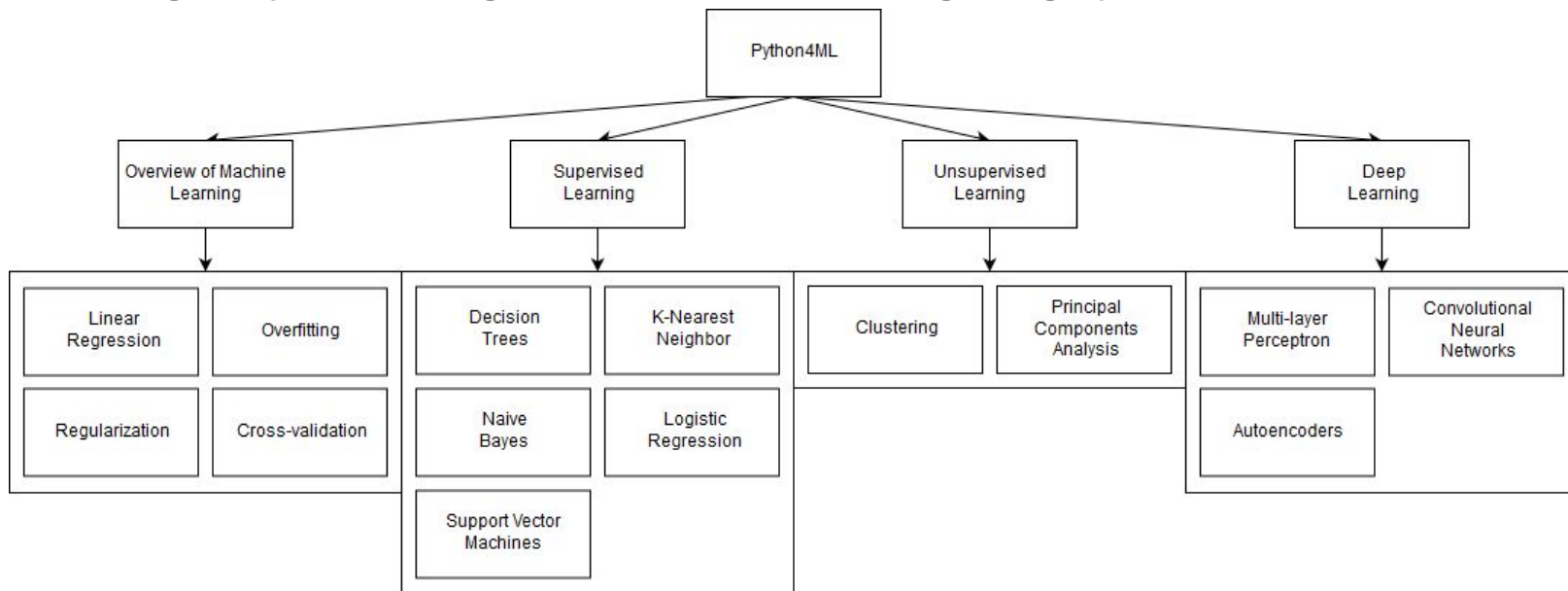


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Summary

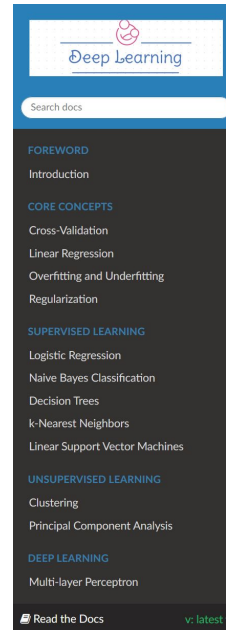
Creating an open-source guide to Machine Learning using Python



Deliverables

Course website

- Contains all module write-ups
- Entire site can be downloaded as PDF or other formats
- Links to code examples on GitHub



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Welcome to Deep Learning NLP documentation!

Foreword

- Introduction
 - Machine Learning Overview
 - How was the advent and evolution of machine learning?
 - Why is machine learning important?
 - Who is using ML and why (government, healthcare system, etc.)?
 - Further Reading

Core Concepts

- Cross-Validation
 - Motivation
 - Holdout Method
 - K-Fold Cross Validation
 - Leave-P-Out / Leave-One-Out Cross Validation
 - Conclusion
 - Motivation
 - Code Examples
 - References
- Linear Regression
 - Motivation
 - Overview
 - When to Use
 - Cost Function
 - Methods
 - Ordinary Least Squares
 - Gradient Descent



Deliverables

GitHub repository

- All course content is open-source
- Anyone can contribute and suggest changes
- Highly structured system for files

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content/overview/regularization
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content/supervised/knn  
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Documentation

Documentation written in reStructuredText (rST), a form of markup

Seamless integration with Sphinx

Title	Code	Documentation
Linear Regression	<code>Python <linpython>`_`</code>	<code>Tutorial <lrtutorial>`_`</code>
overfitting	<code>Python <overpython>`_`</code>	<code>Tutorial <overtutorial>`_`</code>
regularization	<code>Python <regpython>`_`</code>	<code>Tutorial <regtutorial>`_`</code>
cross-validation	<code>Python <crosspython>`_`</code>	<code>Tutorial <crosstutorial>`_`</code>

Clean tables

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.. figure:: _img/LR.png

**Figure 1. A sample data set with a linear relationship** [code`_]

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Annotated, linked figures

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.. code-block:: python

# Create a linear regression object
regr = linear_model.LinearRegression()
```

Embeddable code



Demo

<https://machine-learning-course.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Project Stats

- 6500+ lines of content
- 100+ pages of course documentation (another 60+ in the final report)
- 70+ sources
- 25+ unique python examples



Testing Plans

We have been testing scripts as they are added, but the whole team will come together to re-test each one for the final deliverable.

Every navigation link in the site needs to be tested.

We had sample users go through the modules and provide us with feedback.



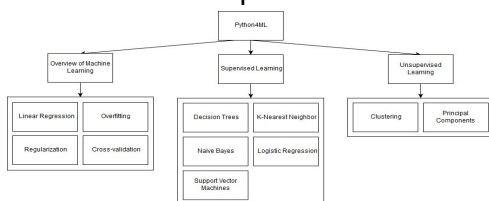
End of Semester Plans

- Complete the last two topics on Neural Networks
- Build final site, test navigation, and test every script
- Get feedback from user testing

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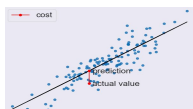
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Topics

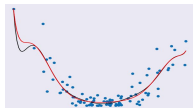


Overview

Linear Regression



Regularization



Overfitting / Underfitting

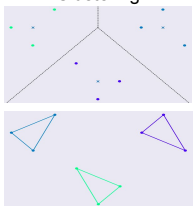


Cross Validation

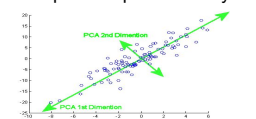


Unsupervised Learning

Clustering



Principal Component Analysis



WHAT?
Python4ML is an open-source course for machine learning using the Python programming language.

WHO?
This course is being developed with Virginia Tech's Open Source for Science organization, led by our client Amirsina Torfi.

WHY?
The course is aimed at those with little knowledge of machine learning. We want to facilitate education in an open-source context, bringing important topics together in a high-level overview of ML.

HOW?
The course is made up of reStructuredText documents and example programs written in Python, using libraries such as scikit learn.

WHERE?
The course is available on GitHub. The code and live course site can be found by scanning the QR code on this poster.

Supervised Learning

Decision Trees



K-Nearest Neighbors

K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) is a basic classifier for machine learning. So we are trying to identify what class an object is in. To do this we look at the closest points (neighbors) to the object and the class with the majority of neighbors will be the class that we identify the object to be in. This is the number of nearest neighbors to the object. So if k = 5 then the class the object would be in is the class of the closest neighbor. Let's look at an example.



BM: <https://www.kdnuggets.com/2015/05/k-nearest-neighbors.html>

Logistic Regression

When to use it
Logistic regression is great for situations where you need to classify between two categories. Some good examples are accepted and rejected applications and binary data sets in competition. It is an overall model of what the model needs to predict a good candidate for logistic regression.

Hours	Failed	Pass
1	False	True
2	False	True
0.5	True	False
2	False	True

Notice that the student's success is determined by the inputs and the value is binary, so logistic regression will work well for this scenario.

Naive Bayes

What is it?
Naive Bayes is a classification technique that uses probabilities we already know to determine how to classify text. These probabilities are related to words, phrases and other features. Here, for the example above, we choose the class that most matches our input as its classification. This technique is based around called Bayes' Theorem. It's quite a bit of a mouthful, but don't worry! We will explain it in the next section.

Bayes' Theorem
Bayes' Theorem (Equation 1) is a very useful result that shows up in probability theory and other disciplines.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

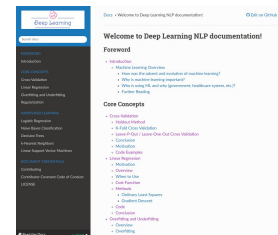
Equation 1: Bayes' Theorem

Support Vector Machines

Hyperplane
A hyperplane depends on the space it is in, but it divides the space into two-dimensional parts. In two-dimensional space, a line is a hyperplane. In three-dimensional space, a plane is a hyperplane. In n-dimensional space, a hyperplane is a plane that divides the space into two parts. It is a plane that divides the space into two parts.

How do we find the best hyperplane/line?
We might be assuming that there could be multiple lines that split the data well, but there is only one line that splits the data well. This is the line that has the maximum margin. The margin is the distance between the two classes. The line that has the maximum margin is the best hyperplane/line.

Live Course Site



Technologies



Learn More

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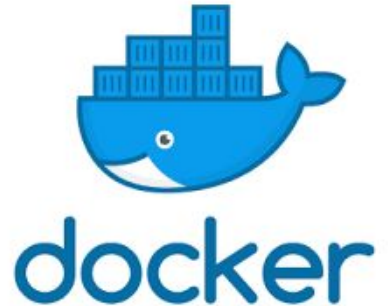


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Post-Semester Work

This course can be expanded outside this capstone or in future semesters by:

- Writing more example scripts and content
- Integrating the project with Docker:
 - A containerized system, similar to virtual machines
 - Can pre-package dependencies together for each section and provide users with a single command to run scripts
 - Users won't need python OR dependencies installed





Lessons Learned / Takeaways

- Importance of high quality documentation
 - As important as or more important than actual code
 - Makes reviews faster and documents easier to understand
- Teaching about a subject requires deep understanding
 - Had to know why specific decisions were made at every step
 - Required lots of research on the topics



Lessons Learned / Takeaways

- Importance of finishing personal assignments in a timely manner
 - Several reviewing stages that required individual approval
 - Delayed when someone doesn't respond or approve changes



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Client: Amirsina Torfi

- PhD student in Computer Science
- Focused on deep learning, neural networks

Scikit-Learn

- Open-source Python Machine Learning library