

CS900-3a

Computer Science - *A Multifaceted Introduction*

Lecture #10

A Computer Learns to Read

What is Machine Learning?

- Machine learning deals with the **design of computer programs** and systems that are able to take advantage of **data, examples or experiences** to **improve** their accuracy or performance on a specific task or set of tasks.
- Tasks: categorization problems, decision problems, control problems, prediction problems, etc.

Abstraction Levels

Class of problems a learning machine can handle.

Specific problem from this class of problems.

Specific instance for which a solution needs to be computed

Training data
(indirect specification)

Test data

Application: Text Categorization

The image shows a screenshot of a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying an XML document. The document is an RSS feed item with a title "UK: FOCUS" and a byline "Abigail Le". The XML content includes a metadata section with the following structure:

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Three callout boxes on the right side of the image provide definitions for the codes:

- M13 = MONEY MARKETS
- M132 = FOREX MARKETS
- MCAT = MARKETS

Categorization With Expert Rules



Expert

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then label=M132

M132 = FOREX MARKETS

Problem: Low coverage, moderate accuracy,
difficulty of formalizing expert knowledge

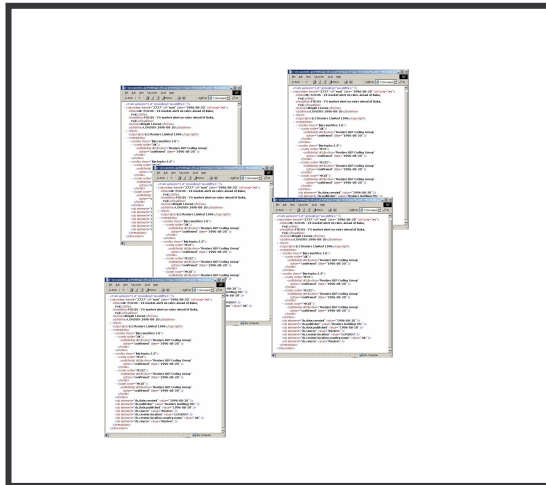
Example-Based Categorization

Training Examples

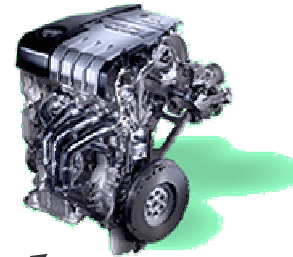
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Expert



Training



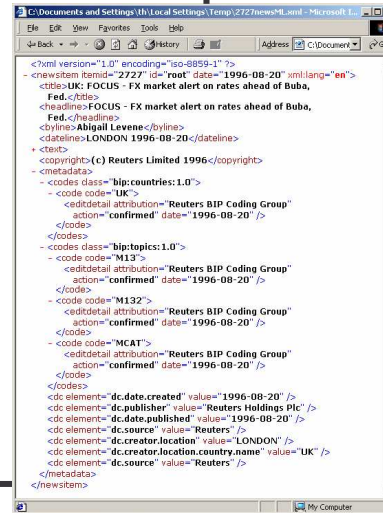
Learning Machine

Inductive Inference

/* some 'complicated' algorithm */

Recall

M132 = FOREX MARKETS



Living Healthy With Machine Learning



The Challenge

- Imagine that you visit an unknown country far away from here, where people use a large variety of mushrooms in their everyday diet.
- Some of the mushrooms are poisonous while some are edible. There is obviously some incentive to knowing which one is which.



- Luckily, you have a digital mushroom field guide available that is uploaded to your handheld computer.
- Huge table of mushroom descriptions along with the crucial bit of information...

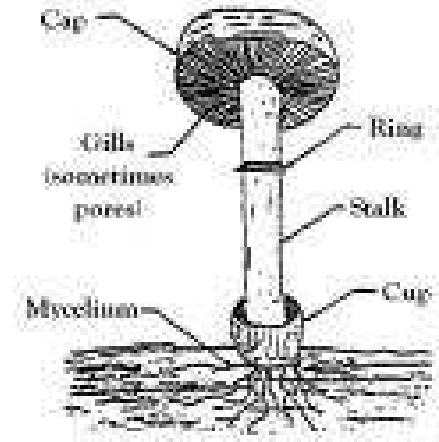


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The Data

- Here are some of the attributes:



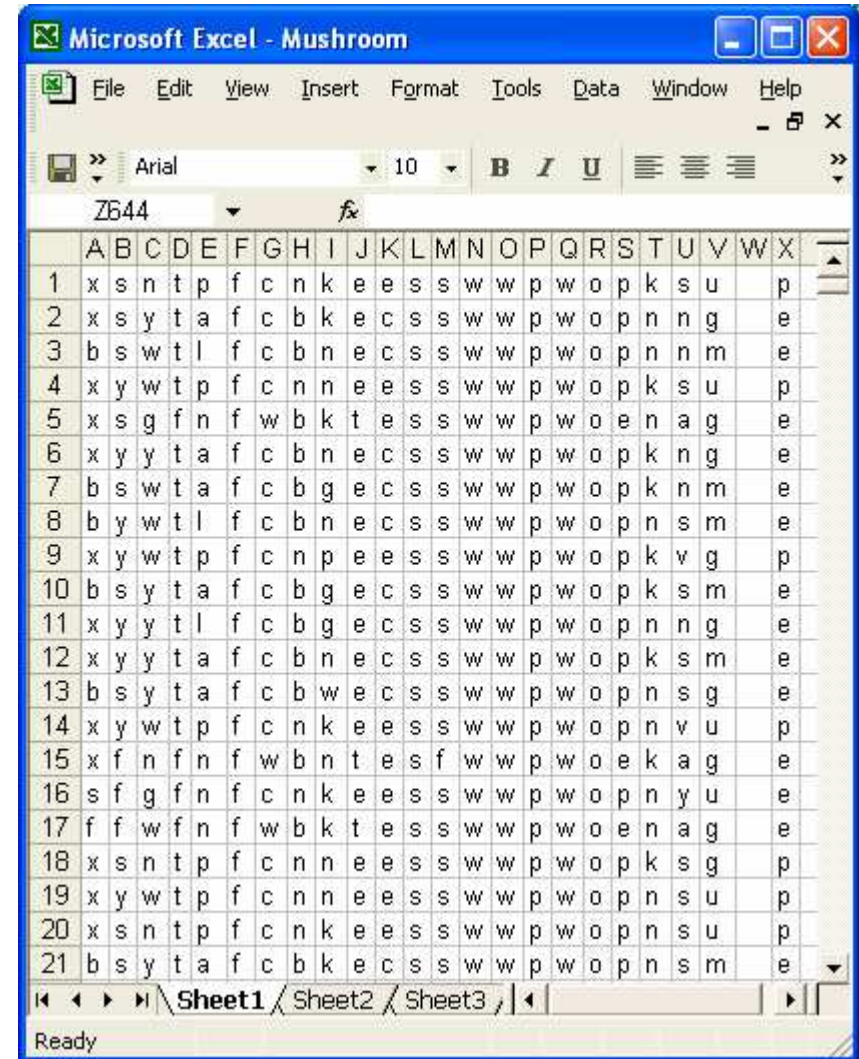
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4	bruises	bruises=t, no=f
5	odor	almond=a, anise=l, creosote=c, fishy=y, foul=f, musty=m, none=n, pungent=p, spicy=s
6	gill-attachment	attached=a, descending=d, free=f, notched=n
...		
22	habitat	grasses=g, leaves=l, meadows=m, paths=p, urban=u, waste=w, woods=d

Living Healthy With Machine Learning



The Data

- Here is what the table looks like
- Time for a little entrance examination ...



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The training data

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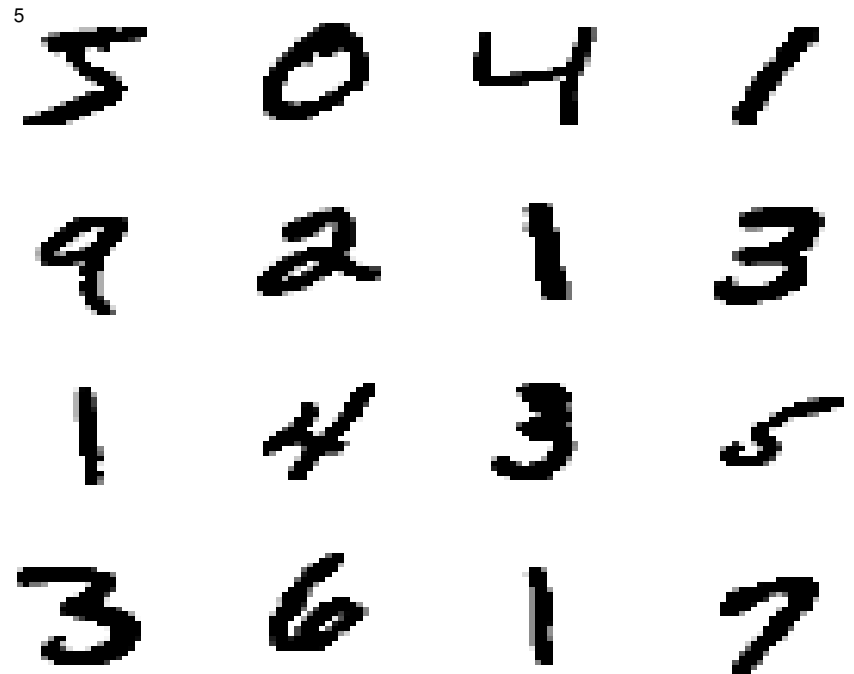
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The test data

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Optical Character Recognition

- Task: Learn to discriminate between (binary) images of handwritten digits
- Application: ZIP code recognition, license plate recognition, automatic check reading, etc.



Discriminant Functions

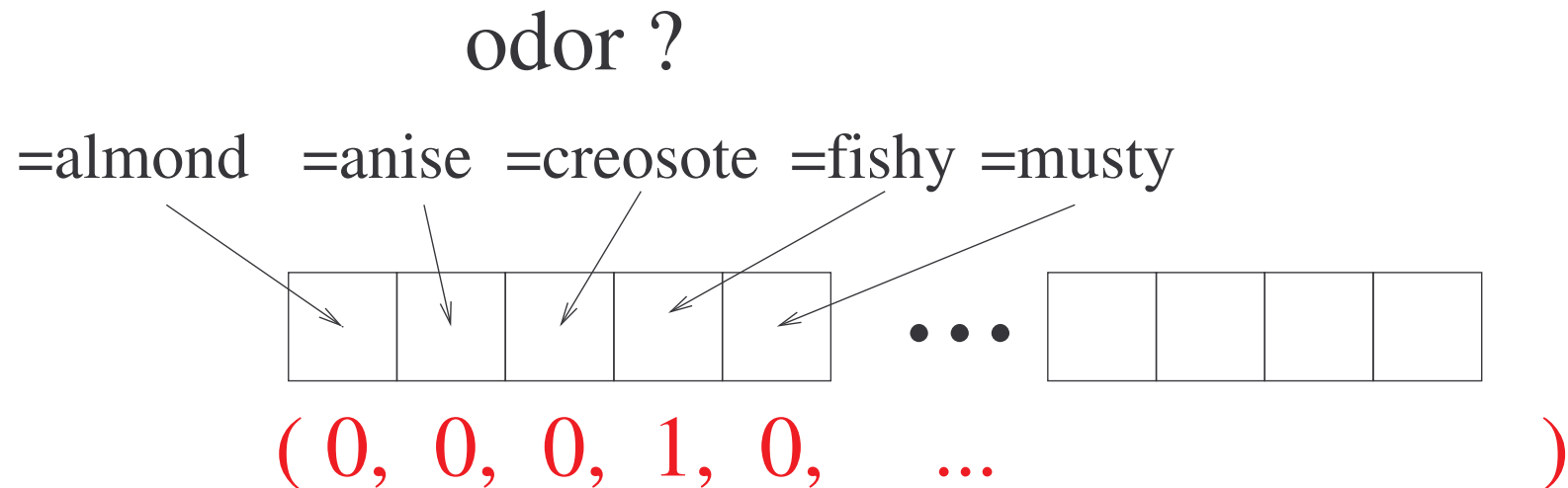
- How can all these problems be formalized?
- Step 1:
 - Come up with a numerical/binary representation of the “items” of interest (documents, mushrooms, images, etc.)
- Step 2:
 - Learn a discriminant function
 - Simplest case: instances are represented by binary attributes $\{0, 1\}$ and they should be classified of whether they belong to a specific class or do not

Representation: Documents

- What is a suitable (&simple) representation of documents via binary attributes?
- Word occurrence attributes: Does a specific term occur in the document or not?
 - If it does, the attribute is 1, otherwise 0.
 - Notice that the number of attributes per document equals the number of words we use (vocabulary).

Representation: Mushrooms

- Multi-valued attributes are mapped to binary representation (also known as *orthogonal encoding*)



Representation: Mushrooms

Concatenated orthogonal encoding

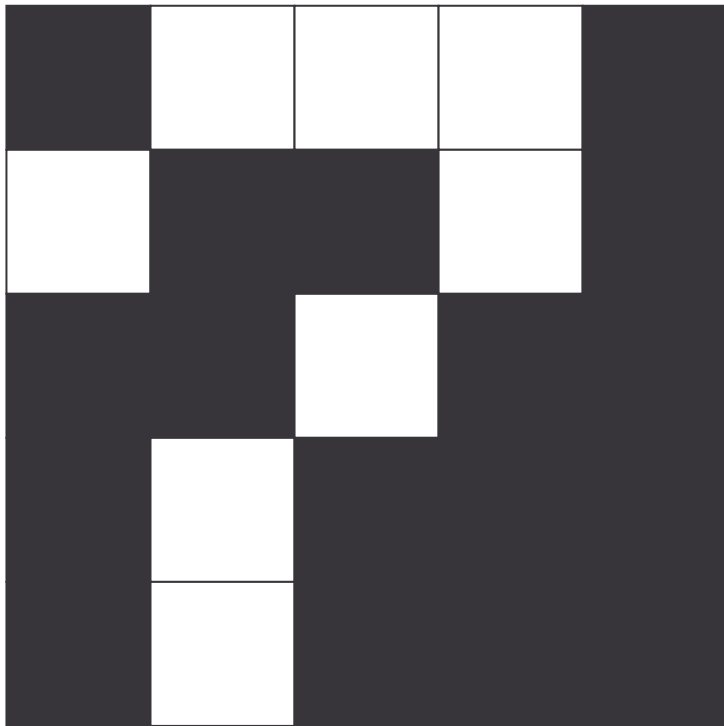
x s n t p f c n k e e s s w w p w o p k s u



```
00100000011000000000100000000100010100011000000000
00100001000000100010000000100000000101000100100000
0010010000000000001000000100
```

Representation: Binary Images

- Simplest case: **binary images**



0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0

Image scan:

01110100100010001000010000

Representation: Patterns

- Hence the following representation might be useful for individual binary patterns
- (we will not use private members, but declare everything public to keep things simple...)

```
#define NUM_ATTRIBUTES 100
class Pattern {
public:
    Pattern() { label = false; }
    bool attributes [NUM_ATTRIBUTES];
    bool label;
} ;
```

Representation: Pattern Set

- A set of patterns (e.g. for training can be implemented in a separate class)
- We use a dynamic memory management:

```
class PatternSet {  
public:  
    PatternSet(int num) { patterns = new Pattern[num]; }  
    ~PatternSet() { delete [] patterns; }  
    Pattern *patterns;  
};
```

*Destructor: is called when
object ceases to exist*

*delete and delete [] frees space
allocated by new and new []*

A Load & Save Function

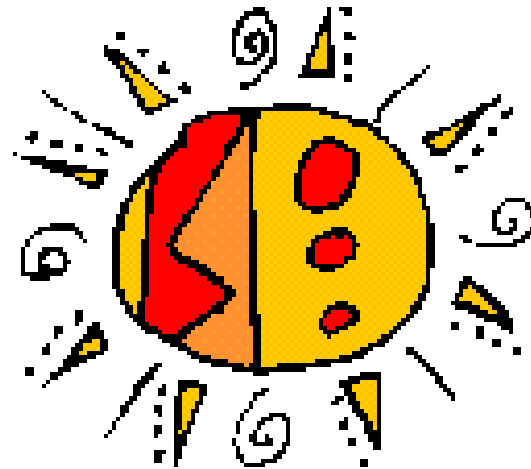
- Data can be read from and written to files in binary format

```
class PatternSet {  
public:  
[...]  
    void read (const string& fileName) ;  
    void write (const string& fileName) const;  
} ;
```

In the afternoon lab, you don't have to worry about this, since the read & write methods have been implemented for you.

break

- It's time for a break - 10 minutes!



Linear Discriminant

- Linear discriminant functions

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{i=1}^d x_i w_i + b \right), \quad w_i, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- Each attribute which is present contributes with a **weight** that may be positive or negative.
- A **positive weight** indicates that the attribute provides evidence in favor of the specific class.
- The **magnitude of the weight** determines the influence of this attribute relative to other attributes.
- The **bias** specifies the (negative of the) threshold for making the final decision based on the accumulative evidence.

Learning Linear Discriminant

- Goal: Adjust weights and bias in way that maximizes the classification accuracy.
- Learning problem has been restricted to a pre-specified hypothesis class (linear discriminants)
- Learning procedure = parameter fitting

Perceptron Algorithm

Algorithm for adjusting weights

- Initialize the weights & bias
- Cycle through the training data
- Test whether current example is correctly classified
- If not, perform an update step by adjusting w, b .
Learning from mistakes.
- Until all training data are correctly classified

Perceptron Algorithm

- How exactly are weights and bias adjusted?
- If the prediction is “negative”, but the example is “positive”, then
 - Add pattern to the weight vector
 - Increment the bias by one
- If the prediction is “positive”, but the example is “negative”, then
 - Subtract pattern from the weight vector
 - Decrement bias by one

Perceptron: Example

- Say the weight vector and bias are
 - $w = (10, -5, 7, -1)$, $b = -4$
- A training pattern
 - $x = (1, 1, 0, 0)$ which is a *negative* example
- Compute output
 - $f(x) = 1*10 + 1*(-5) + 0*7 + 0*(-1) - 4 = 1 > 0$
 - Answer is *positive*, which is incorrect
- Update
 - $w = w - x$, i.e. $w = (9, -6, 7, -1)$, $b = b - 1$, i.e. $b = -5$
 - (new output would be $f(x) = 9 - 6 - 5 = -1 < 0$!)

Perceptron: Theory

- It can be shown that the perceptron algorithm converges (zero mistakes), if the training patterns are linearly separable
 - *Which means, a linear discriminant function with perfect separation exists.*
- In general, it may not converge, but still yield an "appropriate" solution
- Remark: Much better algorithms have been developed in Machine Learning over the last decade! Computers now achieve human level performance in OCR.

Perceptron Lab

- In the afternoon lab, you will implement the perceptron algorithm.
- The following classes have already been implemented for you:

```
#define NUM_ATTRIBUTES 784

class Pattern {
public:
    Pattern() { label = false; }
    bool attributes[NUM_ATTRIBUTES];
    bool label;
    void load(istream& is);
    void save(ostream& os) const ;
    void print(int ncol=28) const ;
};
```

*Binary images are
28 x 28.*

Perceptron Lab

- continued

```
class PatternSet {
public:
    PatternSet(int n);
    ~PatternSet();
    void load(string s) ;
    void save(string s) const;
    Pattern& getPattern(int n);
    int getNum() const;

protected:
    //...
} ;
```

Perceptron Lab

- Your job is to implement the Perceptron class:

```
class Perceptron : public PatternSet {
public:
    Perceptron(int n);

    //-- perform a learning cycle using patterns from start to end
    //-- returns number of updates performed
    int learn(int start, int end);

    //-- compute number of errors on patterns from start to end
    int error(int start, int end);

    //-- print incorrect examples one by one
    void printMistakes(int start, int end) const;
protected:
    //-- use i-th pattern for update
    void update(int i) ;
    //-- make prediction for i-th pattern
    bool predict(int i) const ;

    int w[NUM_ATTRIBUTES] ; //-- weight vector
    int b;                //-- bias (threshold)
} ;
```

The End

