# Machine Learning (theory and practice)

### Charles Sutton Introduction to Research in Data Science University of Edinburgh







### New methodology



New applications

- New model architectures
- Inference algorithms (e.g., high dimensional, streaming)
- Approximate learning methods

- Analyzing computer programs
- Data mining
- Exploratory data analysis
- Home energy demand
- Computer security

### Interactive machine learning

Data analysts are like cats.

- 1. Want to explore their data
- 2. Don't know what they want.



### Interactive machine learning for analysts

Whose information need is not explicit

Whose domain knowledge is difficult to encode

Allow analysts to explore intermediate results

... not just for dummies!

# Per clustering accept / reject



Re-clustered data

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### **Association Rules**



### **Association rule mining**



Database of transactions

# **Probabilistic Itemset Mining**

Generative Model

To sample a transaction,

1. For each itemset, sample

 $z_S \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_S).$ 

2. Deterministically set

$$X = \bigcup_{z_s=1} S.$$

Inference

- View pattern finding as set cover
- Alternate set cover and parameter inference (structural EM)
- Itemsets: E-step is submodular set cover
- Sequences: Interleaving model for patterns with gaps



# API Call Patterns: "Big Code"

### Twitter4j Java Library

<b>ISM Variant</b>	MAPO	<b>UPMiner</b>
[Fowkes & Sutton, FSE '16]	[Zhong et al, '09]	[Wang et al, '13]
TwitterFactory. <init></init>	TwitterFactory. <init></init>	TwitterFactory. <init></init>
TwitterFactory.getInstance	TwitterFactory.getInstance	TwitterFactory.getInstance
TwitterFactory. <init> TwitterFactory.getInstance Twitter.setOAuthConsumer Twitter.setOAuthAccessToken</init>	Status.getUser Status.getText	TwitterFactory.getInstance Twitter.setOAuthConsumer
Status.getUser Status.getText	ConfigurationBuilder. <init> ConfigurationBuilder.build</init>	TwitterFactory. <init> TwitterFactory.getInstance Twitter.setOAuthConsumer</init>
AccessToken.getToken	ConfigurationBuilder. <init></init>	Status.getUser
AccessToken.getTokenSecret	TwitterFactory. <init></init>	Status.getText
ConfigurationBuilder. <init> ConfigurationBuilder.build TwitterFactory.<init> TwitterFactory.getInstance</init></init>	ConfigurationBuilder. <init> ConfigurationBuilder.setOAuthCon sumerKey</init>	Twitter.setOAuthConsumer Twitter.setOAuthAccessToken

: two main types of twitter initialization call

# Syntactic Idioms in Code

```
IfStatement
if (c != null) {
                                               expression:
                                                                                                    E
  trv {
                                               c!=null
  if (c.moveToFirst()) {
                                              then:Block
    number = c.getString(
               c.getColumnIndex(
                                                TryStatement
                phoneColumn));
                                                  body:IfStatement
   }
                                                    expr:MethodInvocation
  } finally {
   c.close();
                                                     expr:var%android.database.Cursor%
  }
                                                     name:c
}
                                                    name:moveToFirst
. . .
                                                    then:Block
                 (a)
                                                   _number = c.getString(c.getColumnIndex(phoneColumn));
                                                  finally:Block
try {
                                                   ExpressionStatement
  if ($(Cursor).moveToFirst()) {
     $BODY$
                                                    MethodInvocation
  }
                                                      expr:var%android.database.Cursor%
} finally {
   $(Cursor).close();
                                                       name:c
}
                                                      name:close
```

Allamanis and Sutton, FSE 2014

### **Example Idioms**

#### From: Nonparametric Bayesian Tree Substitution Grammar [Post and Gildea, 2009; Cohn et al, 2010]

channel=connection.
 createChannel();

Elements \$name=\$(Element).
 select(\$StringLit);

Transaction tx=ConnectionFactory.
getDatabase().beginTx();

(a)
catch (Exception e){
 \$(Transaction).failure();
}

(d)

Location.distanceBetween( \$BOI \$(Location).getLatitude(), \$(Location).getLongitude(), \$...); }

(g)

ConnectionFactory factory =
 new ConnectionFactory();
\$methodInvoc();
Connection connection =
 factory.newConnection();

(j)

(b)
SearchSourceBuilder builder=
getQueryTranslator().build(
 \$(ContentIndexQuery));

#### (e)

try{
 \$BODY\$
}finally{
 \$(RevWalk).release();
}

while (\$(ModelNode) != null){
 if (\$(ModelNode) == limit)
 break;
 \$ifstatement
 \$(ModelNode)=\$(ModelNode)
 .getParentModelNode();
}

(h)

(k)

#### (c)

LocationManager \$name =
 (LocationManager)getSystemService(
 Context.LOCATION\_SERVICE);

#### (f)

try{
 Node \$name=\$methodInvoc();
 \$BODY\$
}finally{
 \$(Transaction).finish();
}

(i)

Document doc=Jsoup.connect(URL).
 userAgent("Mozilla").
 header("Accept","text/html").
 get();

#### (1)

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### **Predicting Names of Methods**



RNN for generating summary

[Allamanis, Peng, and Sutton, ICML 2016]

mechanism

- Machine learning for software engineering
  - ML / NLP for programming languages
  - Combining program analysis with probabilistic machine learning
  - Find patterns in program executions: debugging
- Machine learning for data science
  - Deep learning: Combining neural networks with prior knowledge
    - "interpretability bias"
  - Learning how to clean data
  - Interactive machine learning
  - Tools for monitoring models over time
  - Unsupervised and weakly supervised learning
- Deep learning: Unsupervised, structured, transfer learning
  - ML for computer security, NLP, sustainable energy...



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