

CSC 411: Lecture 01: Introduction

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Today

- Administration details
- Why is machine learning so cool?

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- Liberal wrt waiving pre-requisites
 - ▶ But it is up to you to determine if you have the appropriate background
- Do I have the appropriate background?
 - ▶ **Linear algebra:** vector/matrix manipulations, properties
 - ▶ **Calculus:** partial derivatives
 - ▶ **Probability:** common distributions; Bayes Rule
 - ▶ **Statistics:** mean/median/mode; maximum likelihood
 - ▶ Sheldon Ross: A First Course in Probability

Course Information (Section 1)

- **Class:** Mondays at 11-1pm in AH 400
- **Instructor:** Raquel Urtasun
- **Tutorials:** Monday, 3-4pm, same classroom
- **Class Website:**

http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~urtasun/courses/CSC411_Fall16/CSC411_Fall16.html

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Course Information (Section 2)

- **Class:** Wednesdays at 11-1pm in MS 2170
- **Instructor:** Raquel Urtasun
- **Tutorials:** Wednesday, 3-4pm, BA 1170
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Course Information (Section 3)

- **Class:** Thursdays at 4-6pm in KP 108
- **Instructor:** Richard Zemel
- **Tutorials:** Thursday, 6-7pm, same class
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Course Information (Section 4)

- **Class:** Fridays at 11-1pm in MS 2172
- **Instructor:** Richard Zemel
- **Tutorials:** Thursday, 3-4pm, same class
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 - ▶ Ethem Alpaydin: "*Introduction to Machine Learning*", 2nd edition, 2010.

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- Final assignment is a **bake-off**: competition between ML algorithms. We will give you some data for training a ML system, and you will try to develop the best method. We will then determine which system performs best on unseen test data. Grads can do own project.

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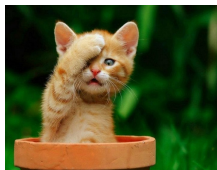
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Figure : How can we make a robot cook?

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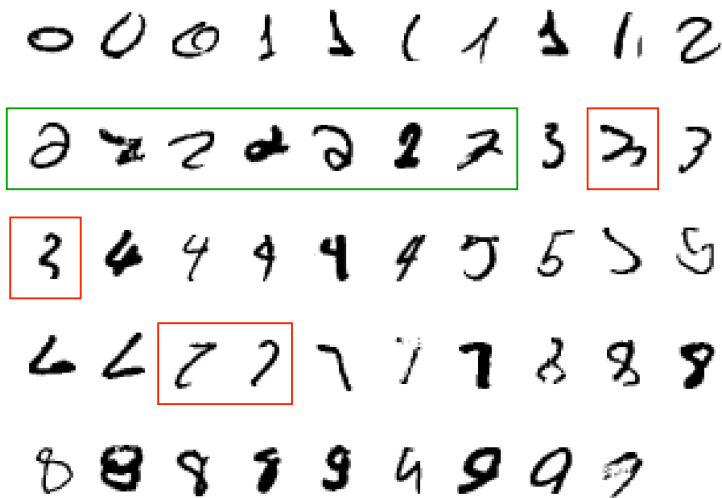
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- Learning simply means incorporating information from the training examples into the system

Tasks that requires machine learning: What makes a 2?



Robots learn to cook by watching YouTube

When it comes to learning how to cook, it turns out that robots may not be so different from humans after all... or are they?

Sci-Tech

January 20, 2015

4:26 PM PST



by **Michelle Starr**

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When it comes to teaching robots how to do things, there are some very key differences. A human knows what you mean when you say "I need a cup". A robot needs to be taught that that means it has to turn around, go to the cupboard, open it, take out the cup, close the cupboard, turn back around, return to you, manoeuvre the cup over the bench, and release the cup.



John T. Conzoli, UMD

This is one of the key parts of figuring out machine learning: How can you program a robot so that it can intuit that a plastic cup, a glass and a mug may all be classified under the general term "cup"? How can you design a robot that is able to teach itself?

One way, as researchers at the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies are finding out, is YouTube. More specifically, cooking tutorials on YouTube. By watching these videos, robots can learn the complicated series of grasping and manipulation motions required for

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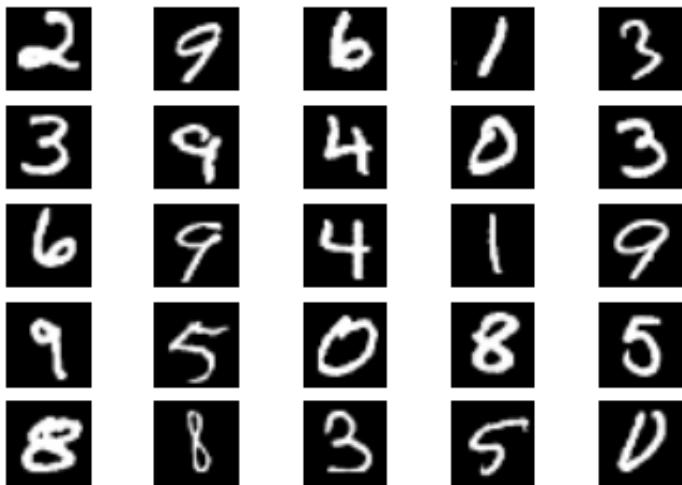
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Examples of Classification



What digit is this?

Examples of Classification



Is this a dog?

Examples of Classification



what about this one?

Examples of Classification



Am I going to pass the exam?

Examples of Classification



Do I have diabetes?

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Figure : Siri: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ciagGASro0>

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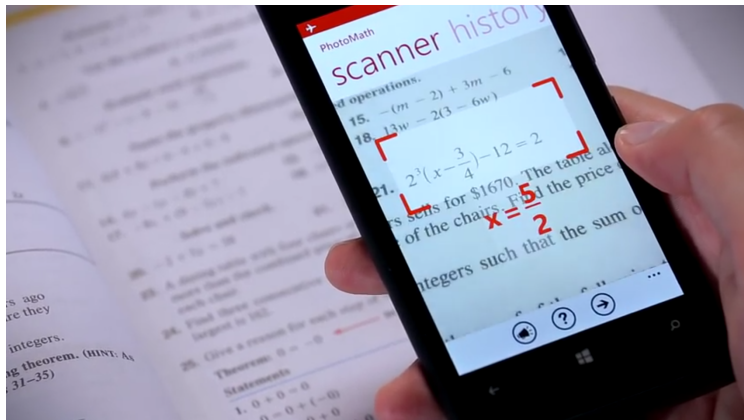


Figure : Photomath: <https://photomath.net/>

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3. **Recommender Systems:** Noisy data, commercial pay-off (e.g., Amazon, Netflix).


Examples of Recommendation systems

The screenshot shows the Netflix interface for the movie 'Despicable Me'. At the top left is the 'NETFLIX' logo, followed by a 'Browse' dropdown menu and 'DVD' text. A search bar contains 'despi' and a search icon. To the right are a notification bell and a user profile icon for 'Raquel'. Below the navigation bar is a movie poster for 'Despicable Me' featuring Gru and the Minions. The main content area displays the movie title 'Despicable Me' in large white text, followed by a 4-star rating, the year '2010', a 'G' rating icon, and a duration of '1h 34m'. A synopsis follows: 'Villainous Gru hatches a plan to steal the moon from the sky. But he has a tough time staying on task after three orphans land in his care.' Below the synopsis are the cast members 'Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand', the genres 'Children & Family Movies, Movies for ages 5 to 7, Movies for ages 8 to 10', and the tagline 'This movie is: Goofy'. A small circular icon with a plus sign is next to the text 'Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Kristen Wiig lend their voices to this animated box office hit.' At the bottom left, there is a '+ MY LIST' button. The right side of the main area features a large image of two Minions with a play button overlay. At the bottom of this image are three tabs: 'OVERVIEW' (which is underlined in red), 'MORE LIKE THIS', and 'DETAILS'.

NETFLIX Browse ▾ DVD

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★★★★☆ 2010 [G] 1h 34m

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Homeland

★★★★★ 2013 TV-MA 3 Seasons

In this riveting Emmy-winning drama, a CIA agent suspects that a Marine who just returned after years in captivity has been turned into a terrorist.

Starring: Claire Danes, Mandy Patinkin, Damian Lewis
Genres: TV Shows, TV Action & Adventure, TV Dramas
This show is: Suspenseful

🏆 Claire Danes and Damian Lewis both won Emmys and Golden Globes for their performances in this intense series.

⊕ MY LIST

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Notifications: Raquel ▾

Explore titles related to: [I, Robot](#) | [Robot Chicken Star Wars: Episode II](#)

Titles related to I, Robot

The screenshot displays a grid of 15 movie posters recommended by Netflix based on the search for 'I, Robot'. The titles shown are:

- I Am Legend
- Minority Report
- Hellboy
- Star Trek Into Darkness
- Deep Impact
- Galaxy Quest
- Total Recall
- Terminator 2: Judgment Day
- Jack Reacher
- Shooter
- MIB: Men in Black 3
- GI Joe: Retaliation
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4. **Information retrieval:** Find documents or images with similar content

Examples of Information Retrieval



About 24,500 results (0.52 seconds)

[\[PDF\] CSC 411 MACHINE LEARNING and DATA MINING ...](#)

www.cs.toronto.edu/~zemel/documents/411/syl.pdf

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Image Question Answering: A Visual Semantic Embedding Model and a New Dataset . Mengye Ren, Ryan Kiros, Richard Zemel. ICML 2015 Deep Learning ...

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CSC 411, Machine Learning and Data Mining (Raquel Urtasun and Richard Zemel); STA 4513, Statistical models of networks, graphs, and other relational ...

[CSC 411: Machine Learning and Data Mining](#)

www.cs.utoronto.ca/~radford/csc411.F06/




CSC 411: Machine Learning and Data Mining (Sept-Dec 2006). Note: The test on December 8 at 3pm will be held in BA B024, not the usual lecture/tutorial room.




[Worth taking CSC321 before CSC411? : UofT - Reddit](#)




https://www.reddit.com/r/UofT/.../worth_taking_csc321_before_csc411/








Jul 11, 2014 - However, CSC411 doesn't have CSC321 as a prerequisite, and it is not even ... Also, if I were to go straight for CSC411/412 without completing

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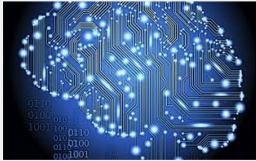
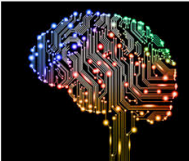
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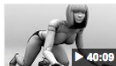
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www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Artificial-Intelligence-dangero...
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Artificial intelligence has the potential to be as dangerous to mankind as nuclear weapons, a leading pioneer ...

Rise of Future Technology | Artificial Intelligence - New ...



www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUvDBGYk17Y ▾

Dec 6, 2014 - Uploaded by Incredible Documentaries
Rise of Future Technology | **Artificial Intelligence** - New Documentary(2015)

Why You Shouldn't Fear Artificial Intelligence - YouTube



www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEWGjQ0nTm4 ▾

Jan 19, 2015 - Uploaded by DNews
Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk have warned us of the dangers of **Artificial Intelligence**, but is AI really ...

Artificial Intelligence - YouTube



www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TRv0cXUVQw

Aug 17, 2015 - Uploaded by The School of Life
Should we be scared of **artificial intelligence** and all it will bring us? Not so long as we remember to make sure ...

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Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach



<https://books.google.ca/books?isbn=0136042597>

Stuart Jonathan Russell, Peter Norvig - 2010 - Snippet view - [More editions](#)

The revision of this best-selling text offers the most comprehensive, up-to-date introduction to the theory and practice of artificial intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach



<https://books.google.ca/books?isbn=1292024208>

Stuart Jonathan Russell, Peter Norvig - 2013 - No preview - [More editions](#)

In this third edition, the authors have updated the treatment of all major areas.

Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach



<https://books.google.ca/books?isbn=1405824824>

Stuart J. Russell, Peter Norvig, John Canny - 2005 - No preview - [More editions](#)

Artificial Intelligence for Games



<https://books.google.ca/books?isbn=0123747317>

Ian Millington, John Funge - 2009 - Preview - [More editions](#)

Creating robust artificial intelligence is one of the greatest challenges for game developers, yet the commercial success of a game is often dependent

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Computer Vision

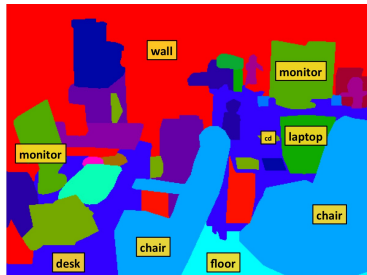




Figure : Kinect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=op82fDRRqSY>

Computer Vision



[Gatys, Ecker, Bethge. A Neural Algorithm of Artistic Style. Arxiv'15.]

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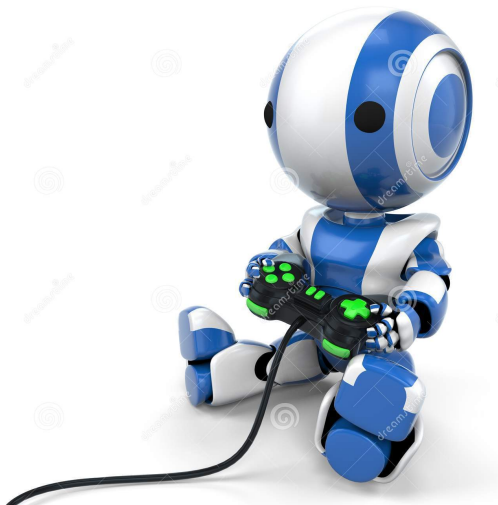


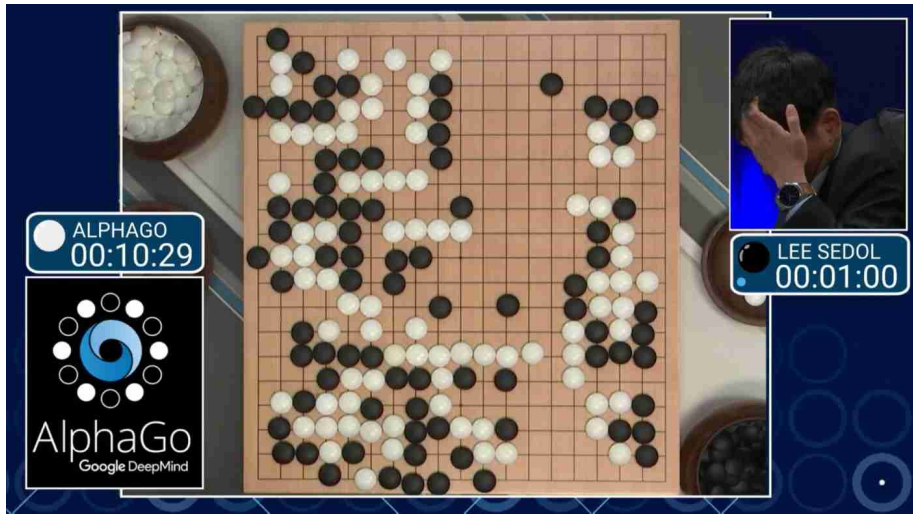
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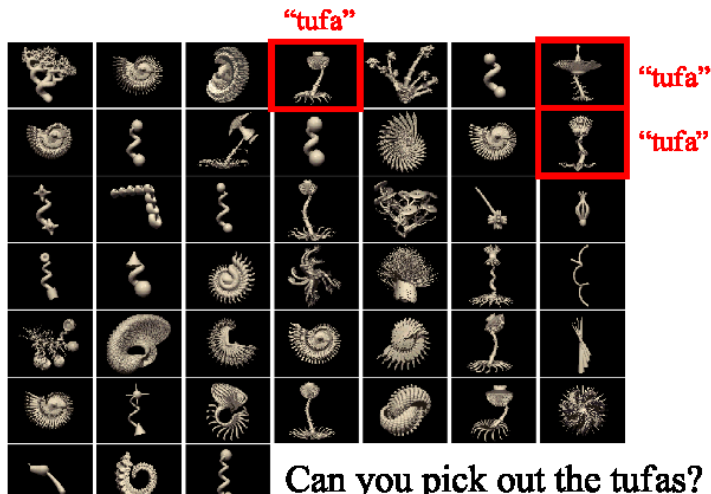
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Cultural gap (Tibshirani)

MACHINE LEARNING

- weights
- learning
- generalization
- supervised learning
- unsupervised learning
- large grant: \$1,000,000
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STATISTICS

- parameters
- fitting
- test set performance
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Course Survey

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