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Similarity between objects plays an important role in both human cognitive processes and artificial systems for recognition and categorization. How to appropriately measure such similarities for a given task is crucial to the performance of many machine learning, pattern recognition and data mining methods. This book is devoted to metric learning, a set of techniques to automatically learn similarity and distance functions from data that has attracted a lot of interest in machine learning and related fields in the past ten years. In this book, we provide a thorough review of the metric learning literature that covers algorithms, theory and applications for both numerical and structured data. We first introduce relevant definitions and classic metric functions, as well as examples of their use in machine learning and data mining. We then review a wide range of metric learning algorithms, starting with the simple setting of linear distance and similarity learning. We show how one may scale-up these methods to very large amounts of training data. To go beyond the linear case, we discuss methods that learn nonlinear metrics or multiple linear metrics throughout the feature space, and review methods for more complex settings such as multi-task and semi-supervised learning. Although most of the existing work has focused on numerical data, we cover the literature on metric learning for structured data like strings, trees, graphs and time series. In the more technical part of the book, we present some recent statistical frameworks for analyzing the generalization performance in metric learning and derive results for some of the algorithms presented earlier. Finally, we illustrate the relevance of metric learning in real-world problems through a series of successful applications to computer vision, bioinformatics and information retrieval.

The papers in this volume were presented at the 10th Workshop on Algorithms and Data Structures (WADS 2005). The workshop took place August 15 - 17, 2007, at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. The workshop alternates with the Scandinavian Workshop on Algorithm Theory (SWAT), continuing the tradition of SWAT and WADS starting with SWAT 1988 and WADS 1989. From 142 submissions, the Program Committee selected 54 papers for presentation at the workshop. In addition, invited lectures were given by the following distinguished researchers: Jeffrey Erickson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Mike Langston (University of Tennessee). On behalf of the Program Committee, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many persons whose effort contributed to making WADS 2007 a success. These include the invited speakers, members of the Steering and Program Committees, the authors who submitted papers, and the many referees who assisted the Program Committee. We are indebted to Gerardo Reynaga for installing and modifying the submission software, maintaining the submission server and interacting with authors as well as for helping with the preparation of the program.

This book is devoted to a novel approach for dimensionality reduction based on the famous nearest neighbor method that is a powerful classification and regression approach. It starts with an introduction to machine learning concepts and a real-world application from the energy domain. Then, unsupervised nearest neighbors (UNN) is introduced as efficient iterative method for dimensionality reduction. Various UNN models are developed step by step, reaching from a simple iterative strategy for discrete latent spaces to a stochastic kernel-based algorithm for learning submanifolds with independent parameterizations. Extensions that allow the embedding of incomplete and noisy patterns are introduced. Various optimization approaches are compared, from evolutionary to swarm-based heuristics. Experimental comparisons to related methodologies taking into account artificial test data sets and also real-world data demonstrate the behavior of UNN in practical scenarios. The book contains numerous color figures to illustrate the introduced concepts and to highlight the experimental results.

There are no silver bullets in algorithm design, and no single algorithmic idea is powerful and flexible enough to solve every computational problem. Nor are there silver bullets in algorithm analysis, as the most enlightening method for analyzing an algorithm often depends on the problem and the application. However, typical algorithms courses rely almost entirely on a single analysis framework, that of worst-case analysis, wherein an algorithm is assessed by its worst performance on any input of a given size. The purpose of this book is to popularize several alternatives to worst-case analysis and their most notable algorithmic applications, from clustering to linear programming to neural network training. Forty leading researchers have contributed introductions to different facets of this field, emphasizing the most important models and results, many of which can be taught in lectures to beginning graduate students in theoretical computer science and machine learning.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 36th Annual German Conference on Artificial Intelligence, KI 2013, held in Koblenz, Germany, in September 2013. The 24 revised full papers presented together with 8 short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 70 submissions. The papers contain research results on theory and applications of all aspects of AI.

This comprehensive encyclopedia, in A-Z format, provides easy access to relevant information for those seeking entry into any aspect within the broad field of Machine Learning. Most of the entries in this preeminent work include useful literature references.

In this work two studies are done and they are referred as first study which is named "A Hybrid Classification Method Using Bayesian, K Nearest Neighbor Methods and Genetic Algorithm" and second study which is named "Utilization of K Nearest Neighbor Method for Expectation Maximization Based Classification Method." A hybrid method is formed by using k nearest neighbor (KNN), Bayesian methods and genetic algorithm (GA) together at first study. The aim is to achieve successful results on classifying by eliminating data that make difficult to learn. In second study a data

elimination approach is proposed to improve data clustering. Main idea is to reduce the number of data with KNN method and to guess a class with most similar training data. KNN method considered as the preprocessor for Bayesian classifier and then the results over the data sets are investigated. Test processes are done with five of well-known University of California Irvine (UCI) machine learning data sets. These are Iris, Breast Cancer, Glass, Yeast and Wine data sets.

The Encyclopedia of GIS provides a comprehensive and authoritative guide, contributed by experts and peer-reviewed for accuracy, and alphabetically arranged for convenient access. The entries explain key software and processes used by geographers and computational scientists. Major overviews are provided for nearly 200 topics: Geoinformatics, Spatial Cognition, and Location-Based Services and more. Shorter entries define specific terms and concepts. The reference will be published as a print volume with abundant black and white art, and simultaneously as an XML online reference with hyperlinked citations, cross-references, four-color art, links to web-based maps, and other interactive features.

Our ability to generate and collect data has been increasing rapidly. Not only are all of our business, scientific, and government transactions now computerized, but the widespread use of digital cameras, publication tools, and bar codes also generate data. On the collection side, scanned text and image platforms, satellite remote sensing systems, and the World Wide Web have flooded us with a tremendous amount of data. This explosive growth has generated an even more urgent need for new techniques and automated tools that can help us transform this data into useful information and knowledge. Like the first edition, voted the most popular data mining book by KD Nuggets readers, this book explores concepts and techniques for the discovery of patterns hidden in large data sets, focusing on issues relating to their feasibility, usefulness, effectiveness, and scalability. However, since the publication of the first edition, great progress has been made in the development of new data mining methods, systems, and applications. This new edition substantially enhances the first edition, and new chapters have been added to address recent developments on mining complex types of data— including stream data, sequence data, graph structured data, social network data, and multi-relational data. A comprehensive, practical look at the concepts and techniques you need to know to get the most out of real business data Updates that incorporate input from readers, changes in the field, and more material on statistics and machine learning Dozens of algorithms and implementation examples, all in easily understood pseudo-code and suitable for use in real-world, large-scale data mining projects Complete classroom support for instructors at [www.mkp.com/datamining2e](http://www.mkp.com/datamining2e) companion site You must understand the algorithms to get good (and be recognized as being good) at machine learning. In this Ebook, finally cut through the math and learn exactly how machine learning algorithms work, then implement them from scratch, step-by-step.

Text analytics is a field that lies on the interface of information retrieval, machine learning, and natural language processing, and this textbook carefully covers a coherently organized framework drawn from these intersecting topics. The chapters of this textbook is organized into three categories: - Basic algorithms: Chapters 1 through 7 discuss the classical algorithms for machine learning from text such as preprocessing, similarity computation, topic modeling, matrix factorization, clustering, classification, regression, and ensemble analysis. - Domain-sensitive mining: Chapters 8 and 9 discuss the learning methods from text when combined with different domains such as multimedia and the Web. The problem of information retrieval and Web search is also discussed in the context of its relationship with ranking and machine learning methods. - Sequence-centric mining: Chapters 10 through 14 discuss various sequence-centric and natural language applications, such as feature engineering, neural language models, deep learning, text summarization, information extraction, opinion mining, text segmentation, and event detection. This textbook covers machine learning topics for text in detail. Since the coverage is extensive, multiple courses can be offered from the same book, depending on course level. Even though the presentation is text-centric, Chapters 3 to 7 cover machine learning algorithms that are often used in domains beyond text data. Therefore, the book can be used to offer courses not just in text analytics but also from the broader perspective of machine learning (with text as a backdrop). This textbook targets graduate students in computer science, as well as researchers, professors, and industrial practitioners working in these related fields. This textbook is accompanied with a solution manual for classroom teaching.

"This volume offers intriguing applications, reviews and additions to the methodology of intelligent computing, presenting the emerging trends of state-of-the-art intelligent systems and their practical applications"--Provided by publisher.

The second edition of a comprehensive introduction to machine learning approaches used in predictive data analytics, covering both theory and practice. Machine learning is often used to build predictive models by extracting patterns from large datasets. These models are used in predictive data analytics applications including price prediction, risk assessment, predicting customer behavior, and document classification. This introductory textbook offers a detailed and focused treatment of the most important machine learning approaches used in predictive data analytics, covering both theoretical concepts and practical applications. Technical and mathematical material is augmented with explanatory worked examples, and case studies illustrate the application of these models in the broader business context. This second edition covers recent developments in machine learning, especially in a new chapter on deep learning, and two new chapters that go beyond predictive analytics to cover unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning.

Observing the environment and recognising patterns for the purpose of decision making is fundamental to human nature. This book deals with the scientific discipline that enables similar perception in machines through pattern recognition (PR), which has application in diverse technology areas. This book is an exposition of principal topics in PR using an algorithmic approach. It provides a thorough introduction to the concepts of PR and a systematic account of the major topics in PR besides reviewing the vast progress made in the field in recent times. It includes basic techniques of PR, neural networks, support vector machines and decision trees. While theoretical aspects have been given due coverage, the emphasis is more on the practical. The book is replete with examples and illustrations and includes chapter-end exercises. It is designed to meet the needs of senior undergraduate and postgraduate students of computer science and allied disciplines.

Many modern methods for prediction leverage nearest neighbor search to find past training examples most similar to a test example, an idea that dates back in text to at least the 11th century and has stood the test of time. This monograph aims to explain the success of these methods, both in theory, for which we cover foundational nonasymptotic statistical guarantees on nearest-neighbor-based regression and classification, and in practice, for which we gather prominent methods for approximate nearest neighbor search that have been essential to scaling prediction systems reliant on nearest neighbor analysis to handle massive datasets. Furthermore, we discuss connections to learning distances for use with nearest neighbor methods, including how random decision trees and ensemble methods learn nearest neighbor structure, as well as recent developments in crowdsourcing and graphons. In terms of theory, our focus is on nonasymptotic statistical guarantees, which we state in the form of how many training data and what algorithm parameters ensure that a nearest neighbor prediction method achieves a user-specified error tolerance. We begin with the most general of such results for nearest neighbor and related kernel regression and classification in general metric spaces. In such settings in which we assume very little structure, what enables successful prediction is smoothness in the function being estimated for regression, and a low probability of landing near the decision boundary for classification. In practice, these conditions could be difficult to verify empirically for a real dataset. We then cover recent theoretical guarantees on nearest neighbor prediction in the three case studies of time series forecasting, recommending products to people over time, and delineating human organs in medical images by looking at image patches. In these case studies, clustering structure, which is easier to verify in data and more readily interpretable by practitioners, enables successful prediction.

This two-volume set, LNAI 9077 + 9078, constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 19th Pacific-Asia Conference on Advances in

Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, PAKDD 2015, held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in May 2015. The proceedings contain 117 paper carefully reviewed and selected from 405 submissions. They have been organized in topical sections named: social networks and social media; classification; machine learning; applications; novel methods and algorithms; opinion mining and sentiment analysis; clustering; outlier and anomaly detection; mining uncertain and imprecise data; mining temporal and spatial data; feature extraction and selection; mining heterogeneous, high-dimensional, and sequential data; entity resolution and topic-modeling; itemset and high-performance data mining; and recommendations.

The two-volume set LNCS 5601 and LNCS 5602 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Work-Conference on the Interplay between Natural and Artificial Computation, IWINAC 2009, held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in June 2009. The 108 revised papers presented are thematically divided into two volumes. The first volume includes papers relating the most recent collaborations with Professor Mira and contributions mainly related with theoretical, conceptual and methodological aspects linking AI and knowledge engineering with neurophysiology, clinics and cognition. The second volume contains all the contributions connected with biologically inspired methods and techniques for solving AI and knowledge engineering problems in different application domains.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning, IDEAL 2004, held in Exeter, UK, in August 2004. The 124 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 272 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on bioinformatics, data mining and knowledge engineering, learning algorithms and systems, financial engineering, and agent technologies.

Written as a tutorial to explore and understand the power of R for machine learning. This practical guide that covers all of the need to know topics in a very systematic way. For each machine learning approach, each step in the process is detailed, from preparing the data for analysis to evaluating the results. These steps will build the knowledge you need to apply them to your own data science tasks. Intended for those who want to learn how to use R's machine learning capabilities and gain insight from your data. Perhaps you already know a bit about machine learning, but have never used R; or perhaps you know a little R but are new to machine learning. In either case, this book will get you up and running quickly. It would be helpful to have a bit of familiarity with basic programming concepts, but no prior experience is required.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 27th British National Conference on Databases, BNCOD 27, held in Dundee, UK, in June 2010. The 10 revised full papers and 6 short papers, presented together with 3 invited papers, 1 best paper of the associated event on Teaching, Learning and Assessment of Databases (TLAD), and 2 PhD forum best papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 42 submissions. Special focus of the conference has been "Data Security and Security Data" and so the papers cover a wide range of topics such as data security, privacy and trust, security data, data integration and interoperability, data management for ubiquitous and mobile computing, data mining and information extraction, data modelling and architectures, data provenance, dataspace, data streaming, databases and the grid, distributed information systems, electronic commerce, enterprise systems, heterogeneous databases, industrial applications, infrastructures and systems, intermittently connected data, file access methods and index structures, managing legacy data, new applications and processes, parallel and distributed databases, peer-to-peer data management, performance modelling of ubiquitous data use, personal data management, query and manipulation languages, query processing and optimisation, scientific applications, semantic Web and ontologies, semi-structured data, metadata and xml, user interfaces and data visualisation, Web data management and deep Web, Web services, and workflow support systems.

This book introduces various machine learning methods for cyber security analytics. With an overwhelming amount of data being generated and transferred over various networks, monitoring everything that is exchanged and identifying potential cyber threats and attacks poses a serious challenge for cyber experts. Further, as cyber attacks become more frequent and sophisticated, there is a requirement for machines to predict, detect, and identify them more rapidly. Machine learning offers various tools and techniques to automate and quickly predict, detect, and identify cyber attacks.

This text presents theoretical and practical discussions of nearest neighbour (NN) methods in machine learning and examines computer vision as an application domain in which the benefit of these advanced methods is often dramatic.

This edited collection describes recent progress on lazy learning, a branch of machine learning concerning algorithms that defer the processing of their inputs, reply to information requests by combining stored data, and typically discard constructed replies. It is the first edited volume in AI on this topic, whose many synonyms include 'instance-based', 'memory-based', 'exemplar-based', and 'local learning', and whose topic intersects case-based reasoning and edited k-nearest neighbor classifiers. It is intended for AI researchers and students interested in pursuing recent progress in this branch of machine learning, but, due to the breadth of its contributions, it should also interest researchers and practitioners of data mining, case-based reasoning, statistics, and pattern recognition.

Scientific Study from the year 2016 in the subject Computer Science - Miscellaneous, grade: 1, Post Graduate Government College, language: English, abstract: Every natural language contains a large number of words. These words can have different senses in different context; such words with multiple senses are known as sense tagged words. Word sense reflects the basic concept of the word and the words with several meanings cause ambiguity in the sentence, and the process that decides which of the denotation is accurate in the sentence among several meanings of the word is known as Word Sense Disambiguation. Human beings are good at understanding the meaning of the word by reading the sentence but the same task is difficult for a machine: to understand and accurately sense the correct meaning of the word. Machines can easily understand the set of rules and it is a difficult task to create such rules that can easily disambiguate the word in the context. This task is complicated because every natural language has their own set of rules such as grammatical rules, part-of-speech, antonymy, and synonym. Therefore, a machine is trained by special algorithm so that it can tag the word with its correct sense. If the correct sense of the word is determined, that correct sense is helpful in retrieving the basic concepts of the word. As such this is very difficult task for a machine to retrieve the basic definition of word. In this proposed work, K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) approach is used to disambiguate the sense tagged words. The KNN is based on supervised learning method. The proposed technique evaluates the performance on Hindi sense tagged words and these are obtained from Hindi Wordnet. The results show the effectiveness of the proposed technique in sense tagged words.

Master's Thesis from the year 2012 in the subject Computer Science - Didactics, , course: COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, language: English, abstract: During the last years, semi-supervised learning has emerged as an exciting new direction in machine learning research. It is closely related to profound issues of how to do inference from data, as witnessed by its overlap with transductive inference. Semi-Supervised learning is the half-way between Supervised and Unsupervised Learning. In this majority of the patterns are unlabelled,

they are present in Test set and known labeled patterns are present in Training set. Using these training set, we assign the labels for test set. Here our Proposed method is using Nearest Neighbour Classifier for Semi-Supervised learning we can label the unlabelled patterns using the labeled patterns and then compare these method with the traditionally Existing methods as graph mincut, spectral graph partisan, ID3, Nearest Neighbour Classifier and we are going to prove our Proposed method is more scalable than the Existing methods and reduce time complexity of SITNNC (Selective Incremental Approach for Transductive Nearest Neighbour Classifier) using Leaders Algorithm. With the ever-growing power of generating, transmitting, and collecting huge amounts of data, information overload is now an imminent problem to mankind. The overwhelming demand for information processing is not just about a better understanding of data, but also a better usage of data in a timely fashion. Data mining, or knowledge discovery from databases, is proposed to gain insight into aspects of data and to help people make informed, sensible, and better decisions. At present, growing attention has been paid to the study, development, and application of data mining. As a result there is an urgent need for sophisticated techniques and tools that can handle new fields of data mining, e. g. , spatial data mining, biomedical data mining, and mining on high-speed and time-variant data streams. The knowledge of data mining should also be expanded to new applications. The 6th International Conference on Advanced Data Mining and Applications (ADMA2010) aimed to bring together the experts on data mining throughout the world. It provided a leading international forum for the dissemination of original research results in advanced data mining techniques, applications, algorithms, software and systems, and different applied disciplines. The conference attracted 361 online submissions from 34 different countries and areas. All full papers were peer reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee composed of international experts in data mining fields. A total number of 118 papers were accepted for the conference. Amongst them, 63 papers were selected as regular papers and 55 papers were selected as short papers.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th East European Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems, ADBIS 2007, held in Varna, Bulgaria, in September/October 2007. The 23 revised papers presented together with three invited lectures were carefully reviewed and selected from 77 submissions. The papers address current research on database theory, development of advanced DBMS technologies, and their advanced applications.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Advanced Concepts for Intelligent Vision Systems, ACIVS 2006, held in Antwerp, Belgium in September 2006. The 45 revised full papers and 65 revised poster papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from around 242 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on noise reduction and restoration, segmentation, motion estimation and tracking, video processing and coding, camera calibration, image registration and stereo matching, biometrics and security, medical imaging, image retrieval and image understanding, as well as classification and recognition.

Metric Learning: A Review presents an overview of existing research in metric learning, including recent progress on scaling to high-dimensional feature spaces and to data sets with an extremely large number of data points. It presents as unified a framework as possible under which existing research on metric learning can be cast.

Machine learning teaches computers to do what comes naturally to humans: learn from experience. Machine learning algorithms use computational methods to "learn" information directly from data without relying on a predetermined equation as a model. The algorithms adaptively improve their performance as the number of samples available for learning increases. Machine learning uses two types of techniques: supervised learning, which trains a model on known input and output data so that it can predict future outputs, and unsupervised learning, which finds hidden patterns or intrinsic structures in input data. The aim of supervised machine learning is to build a model that makes predictions based on evidence in the presence of uncertainty. A supervised learning algorithm takes a known set of input data and known responses to the data (output) and trains a model to generate reasonable predictions for the response to new data. Supervised learning uses classification and regression techniques to develop predictive models. This book develops machine learning techniques across examples. Typical machine learning techniques include Support Vector Machine, Discriminant Analysis, Naive Bayes, Nearest Neighbor, KNN Classifiers, Decision Trees and Clustering.

Introduction to Algorithms for Data Mining and Machine Learning introduces the essential ideas behind all key algorithms and techniques for data mining and machine learning, along with optimization techniques. Its strong formal mathematical approach, well selected examples, and practical software recommendations help readers develop confidence in their data modeling skills so they can process and interpret data for classification, clustering, curve-fitting and predictions. Masterfully balancing theory and practice, it is especially useful for those who need relevant, well explained, but not rigorous (proofs based) background theory and clear guidelines for working with big data. Presents an informal, theorem-free approach with concise, compact coverage of all fundamental topics Includes worked examples that help users increase confidence in their understanding of key algorithms, thus encouraging self-study Provides algorithms and techniques that can be implemented in any programming language, with each chapter including notes about relevant software packages

Discovering knowledge from big multivariate data, recorded every days, requires specialized machine learning techniques. This book presents an easy to use practical guide in R to compute the most popular machine learning methods for exploring real word data sets, as well as, for building predictive models. The main parts of the book include: A) Unsupervised learning methods, to explore and discover knowledge from a large multivariate data set using clustering and principal component methods. You will learn hierarchical clustering, k-means, principal component analysis and correspondence analysis methods. B) Regression analysis, to predict a quantitative outcome value using linear regression and non-linear regression strategies. C) Classification techniques, to predict a qualitative outcome value using logistic regression, discriminant analysis, naive bayes classifier and support vector machines. D) Advanced machine learning methods, to build robust regression and classification models using k-nearest neighbors methods, decision tree models, ensemble methods (bagging, random forest and boosting). E) Model selection methods, to select automatically the best combination of predictor variables for building an optimal predictive model. These include, best subsets selection methods, stepwise regression and penalized regression (ridge, lasso and elastic net regression models). We also present principal component-based regression methods, which are useful when the data contain multiple correlated predictor variables. F) Model validation and evaluation techniques for measuring the performance of a predictive model. G) Model diagnostics for detecting and fixing a potential problems in a predictive model. The book presents the basic principles of these tasks and provide many examples in R. This book offers solid guidance in data mining for students and researchers. Key features: - Covers machine learning algorithm and implementation - Key mathematical concepts are presented - Short, self-contained chapters with practical examples.

This volume constitutes the revised selected papers of the 15th International Conference on Bio-inspired Computing: Theories and Applications, BIC-TA 2020, held in Qingdao, China, in October 2020. The 43 full papers presented in both volumes were selected from 109 submissions. The papers are organized according to the topical headings: evolutionary computation and swarm intelligence; neural networks and machine learning; DNA computing and membrane computing.

During the past decade there has been an explosion in computation and information technology. With it have come vast amounts of data in a variety of fields such as medicine, biology, finance, and marketing. The challenge of understanding these data has led to the development of new tools in the field of statistics, and spawned new areas such as data mining, machine learning, and bioinformatics. Many of these tools have common underpinnings but are often expressed with different terminology. This book describes the important ideas in these areas in a common conceptual framework. While the approach is statistical, the emphasis is on concepts rather than mathematics. Many examples are given, with a liberal use of color graphics. It should be a valuable resource for statisticians and anyone interested in data mining in science or industry. The book's coverage is broad, from supervised learning (prediction) to unsupervised learning. The many topics include neural networks, support vector machines, classification trees and boosting---the first comprehensive treatment of this topic in any book. This major new edition features many topics not covered in the original, including graphical models, random forests, ensemble methods, least angle regression & path algorithms for the lasso, non-negative matrix factorization, and spectral clustering. There is also a chapter on methods for "wide" data ( $p$  bigger than  $n$ ), including multiple testing and false discovery rates. Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, and Jerome Friedman are professors of statistics at Stanford University. They are prominent researchers in this area: Hastie and Tibshirani developed generalized additive models and wrote a popular book of that title. Hastie co-developed much of the statistical modeling software and environment in R/S-PLUS and invented principal curves and surfaces. Tibshirani proposed the lasso and is co-author of the very successful *An Introduction to the Bootstrap*. Friedman is the co-inventor of many data-mining tools including CART, MARS, projection pursuit and gradient boosting.

This text presents a wide-ranging and rigorous overview of nearest neighbor methods, one of the most important paradigms in machine learning. Now in one self-contained volume, this book systematically covers key statistical, probabilistic, combinatorial and geometric ideas for understanding, analyzing and developing nearest neighbor methods. Gérard Biau is a professor at Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris). Luc Devroye is a professor at the School of Computer Science at McGill University (Montreal).

The two-volume set LNAI 5711 and LNAI 5712 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Knowledge-Based Intelligent Information and Engineering Systems, KES 2009, held in Santiago de Chile in September 2009. The 153 revised papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The topics covered are: fuzzy and neuro-fuzzy systems, agent systems, knowledge based and expert systems, miscellaneous generic intelligent systems topics, intelligent vision and image processing, knowledge management, ontologies and data mining, web intelligence, text and multimedia mining and retrieval, other advanced knowledge-based systems, innovations in chance discovery, advanced knowledge-based systems, multi-agent negotiation and coordination, innovations in intelligent systems, intelligent technology approach to management engineering, data mining and service science for innovation, knowledge-based systems for e-business, video surveillance, social networks, advanced engineering design techniques for adaptive systems, knowledge technology in learning support, advanced information system for supporting personal activity, design of intelligent society, knowledge-based interface systems, knowledge-based multi-criteria decision support, soft computing techniques and their applications, immunity-based systems. The book also includes three keynote speaker plenary presentations.

Explains the success of Nearest Neighbor Methods in Prediction, both in theory and in practice.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th European Conference on Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases, PKDD 2007, held in Warsaw, Poland, co-located with ECML 2007, the 18th European Conference on Machine Learning. The 28 revised full papers and 35 revised short papers present original results on leading-edge subjects of knowledge discovery from conventional and complex data and address all current issues in the area.

Lifelong learning addresses situations in which a learner faces a series of different learning tasks providing the opportunity for synergy among them. Explanation-based neural network learning (EBNN) is a machine learning algorithm that transfers knowledge across multiple learning tasks. When faced with a new learning task, EBNN exploits domain knowledge accumulated in previous learning tasks to guide generalization in the new one. As a result, EBNN generalizes more accurately from less data than comparable methods. *Explanation-Based Neural Network Learning: A Lifelong Learning Approach* describes the basic EBNN paradigm and investigates it in the context of supervised learning, reinforcement learning, robotics, and chess. 'The paradigm of lifelong learning - using earlier learned knowledge to improve subsequent learning - is a promising direction for a new generation of machine learning algorithms. Given the need for more accurate learning methods, it is difficult to imagine a future for machine learning that does not include this paradigm.' From the Foreword by Tom M. Mitchell.

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