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The first book in inference for stochastic processes from a statistical, rather than a probabilistic, perspective. It provides a systematic exposition of theoretical results from over ten years of mathematical literature and presents, for the first time in book form, many new techniques and approaches.

Probability is the bedrock of machine learning. You cannot develop a deep understanding and application of machine learning without it. Cut through the equations, Greek letters, and confusion, and discover the topics in probability that you need to know.

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The aim of this book is to discuss the fundamental ideas which lie behind the statistical theory of learning and generalization. It considers learning as a general problem of function estimation based on empirical data. Omitting proofs and technical details, the author concentrates on discussing the main results of learning theory and their connections to fundamental problems in statistics. This second edition contains three new chapters devoted to further development of the learning theory and SVM techniques.

Written in a readable and concise style, the book is intended for statisticians, mathematicians, physicists, and computer scientists. Accompanying CD-ROM contains Machine learning office software, MLO guide (pdf) and examples of data.

The aim of this thesis is to explore, understand and apply statistical learning methods based on decision trees, specifically individual decision trees and bagging, random forests and gradient boosting methods. In order to do this, a research has been done and the theory behind each one of these methods understood. The main sources of information are the books "Introduction to Statistical Learning" and "The Elements of Statistical Learning" by T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani and J. Friedman. Afterwards this theory is put to practice using a real case data set and the R programming language to experiment with models of the mentioned

methods. The data used comes from a real case project in which a business wishes to predict whether a new customer will be a good one based only on the information from its three first purchases. The tools used are also presented, consisting in the different R packages and functions used and its tuning parameters. The strategy used in order to obtain representative results that make possible to understand the concepts presented in the theory is explained. As well as how these results have been extracted. The sensitivity analysis has been done with the Minitab v18 software, provided by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya for research purposes. Finally the results are analysed. This analysis is divided in three sections. The first one is focused in a sensitivity analysis of parameters. The results show that, with the used dataset, for gradient boosting the tree depth allowed is critical to obtain a good quality of fit and prevent overfitting, and the number of iterations allowed needs to be correctly aligned with the learning parameter used. The results for bagging and random forests (merged as one is a particular case of the other) prove the lack of overfitting intrinsic of these models and discovers that if the number of variables is high and these are strongly correlated the recommended number of variables to choose at each tree node does not lead to optimum results. An initial hypothesis to guide the analysis of this fact is proposed but it is not inside the scope of the project to analyse and prove this hypothesis. The second section of the analysis consists in selecting the best performing method and apply it to the available dataset. The gradient boosting method is chosen as the best one due to higher quality of fit obtained and a more consistent selection of variables among all scenarios. The third section compares the results obtained with gradient boosting versus the logistic regression model done by the student P. Casas in his bachelor thesis "New customers' classifier" based on the same dataset. The results show that gradient boosting performs better in terms of prediction in two of the three models created, though the difference is small, and obtains the same quality of fit in the other case. Comparing variable relevance the most important one is shared among both methods (the total value of the purchase). Other secondary variables are shared and some of them not. Therefore it can be said there is similarity in general terms but gradient boosting and logistic regression are not totally close between them, as it happens with the decision tree methods used in the project.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Statistical Learning and Data Sciences, SLDS 2015, held in Egham, Surrey, UK, April 2015. The 36 revised full papers presented together with 2 invited papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 59 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on statistical learning and its applications, conformal prediction and its applications, new frontiers in data analysis for nuclear fusion, and geometric data analysis.

This book summarizes the state of the art in generalized linear models (GLMs) and their various extensions: GAMs, mixed models and credibility, and some nonlinear variants (GNMs). In order to deal with tail events, analytical tools from Extreme Value Theory are presented. Going beyond mean modeling, it considers volatility modeling (double GLMs) and the general modeling of location, scale and shape parameters (GAMLSS). Actuaries need these advanced analytical tools to turn the massive data sets now at their disposal into opportunities. The exposition alternates between methodological aspects and case studies, providing numerical illustrations using the R statistical software.

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An easy-to-follow introduction to support vector machines This book provides an in-depth, easy-to-follow introduction to support vector machines drawing only from minimal, carefully motivated technical and mathematical background material. It begins with a cohesive discussion of machine learning and goes on to cover: Knowledge discovery environments Describing data mathematically Linear decision surfaces and functions Perceptron learning Maximum margin classifiers Support vector machines Elements of statistical learning theory Multi-class classification Regression with support vector machines Novelty detection Complemented with hands-on exercises, algorithm descriptions, and data sets, *Knowledge Discovery with Support Vector Machines* is an invaluable textbook for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses. It is also an excellent tutorial on support vector machines for professionals who are pursuing research in machine learning and related areas.

Why are We Writing This Book? Visual data (graphical, image, video, and visualized data) affect every aspect of modern society. The cheap collection, storage, and transmission of vast amounts of visual data have revolutionized the practice of science, technology, and business. Innovations from various disciplines have been developed and applied to the task of designing intelligent machines that can automatically detect and exploit useful regularities (patterns) in visual data. One such approach to machine intelligence is statistical learning and pattern analysis for visual data. Over the past two decades, rapid advances have been made throughout the field of visual pattern analysis. Some fundamental problems, including perceptual grouping, image segmentation, stereomatching, object detection and recognition, and motion analysis and visual tracking, have become hot research topics and test beds in multiple areas of specialization, including mathematics, neurobiology, and cognition. A great diversity of models and algorithms stemming from these disciplines has been proposed. To address the issues of ill-posed problems and uncertainties in visual pattern modeling and computing, researchers have developed rich toolkits based on pattern analysis theory, harmonic analysis and partial differential equations, geometry and group theory, graph matching, and graph grammars. Among these technologies involved in intelligent visual information processing, statistical learning and pattern analysis is undoubtedly the most popular and important approach, and it is also one of the most rapidly developing fields, with many achievements in recent years. Above all, it provides a unifying theoretical framework for intelligent visual information processing applications.

The most crucial ability for machine learning and data science is mathematical logic for grasping their essence rather than knowledge and experience. This textbook approaches the essence of machine learning and data science by considering math problems and building Python programs. As the preliminary part, Chapter 1 provides a concise introduction to linear algebra, which will help novices read further to the following main chapters. Those succeeding chapters present essential topics in statistical learning: linear regression, classification, resampling, information criteria, regularization, nonlinear regression, decision trees, support vector machines, and unsupervised learning. Each chapter mathematically formulates and solves machine learning problems and builds the programs. The body of a chapter is accompanied by proofs and programs in an appendix, with exercises at the end of the chapter. Because the book is carefully organized to provide the solutions to the exercises in each chapter, readers can solve the total of 100 exercises by simply following the contents of each chapter. This textbook is suitable for an undergraduate or graduate course consisting of about 12 lectures. Written in an easy-to-follow and

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self-contained style, this book will also be perfect material for independent learning.

This book summarizes the state of the art in tree-based methods for insurance: regression trees, random forests and boosting methods. It also exhibits the tools which make it possible to assess the predictive performance of tree-based models. Actuaries need these advanced analytical tools to turn the massive data sets now at their disposal into opportunities. The exposition alternates between methodological aspects and numerical illustrations or case studies. All numerical illustrations are performed with the R statistical software. The technical prerequisites are kept at a reasonable level in order to reach a broad readership. In particular, masters students in actuarial sciences and actuaries wishing to update their skills in machine learning will find the book useful. This is the second of three volumes entitled Effective Statistical Learning Methods for Actuaries. Written by actuaries for actuaries, this series offers a comprehensive overview of insurance data analytics with applications to P&C, life and health insurance.

Master advanced topics in the analysis of large, dynamically dependent datasets with this insightful resource Statistical Learning with Big Dependent Data delivers a comprehensive presentation of the statistical and machine learning methods useful for analyzing and forecasting large and dynamically dependent data sets. The book presents automatic procedures for modelling and forecasting large sets of time series data. Beginning with some visualization tools, the book discusses procedures and methods for finding outliers, clusters, and other types of heterogeneity in big dependent data. It then introduces various dimension reduction methods, including regularization and factor models such as regularized Lasso in the presence of dynamical dependence and dynamic factor models. The book also covers other forecasting procedures, including index models, partial least squares, boosting, and now-casting. It further presents machine-learning methods, including neural network, deep learning, classification and regression trees and random forests. Finally, procedures for modelling and forecasting spatio-temporal dependent data are also presented. Throughout the book, the advantages and disadvantages of the methods discussed are given. The book uses real-world examples to demonstrate applications, including use of many R packages. Finally, an R package associated with the book is available to assist readers in reproducing the analyses of examples and to facilitate real applications. Analysis of Big Dependent Data includes a wide variety of topics for modeling and understanding big dependent data, like: New ways to plot large sets of time series An automatic procedure to build univariate ARMA models for individual components of a large data set Powerful outlier detection procedures for large sets of related time series New methods for finding the number of clusters of time series and discrimination methods , including vector support machines, for time series Broad coverage of dynamic factor models including new representations and estimation methods for generalized dynamic factor models Discussion on the usefulness of lasso with time series and an evaluation of several machine learning procedure for forecasting large sets of time series Forecasting large sets of time series with exogenous variables, including discussions of index models, partial least squares, and boosting. Introduction of modern procedures for modeling and forecasting spatio-temporal data Perfect for PhD students and researchers in business, economics, engineering, and science: Statistical Learning with Big Dependent Data also belongs to the bookshelves of practitioners in these fields who hope to improve their understanding of statistical and machine learning methods for analyzing and forecasting big dependent data.

An Introduction to Statistical Learning provides an accessible overview of the field of statistical learning, an essential toolset for making sense of the vast and complex data sets that have emerged in fields ranging from biology to finance to marketing to astrophysics in the past twenty years. This book presents some of the most important modeling and prediction techniques, along with relevant applications. Topics include linear regression, classification, resampling methods, shrinkage approaches, tree-based methods, support vector machines, clustering, deep

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Data Mining and Data Visualization focuses on dealing with large-scale data, a field commonly referred to as data mining. The book is divided into three sections. The first deals with an introduction to statistical aspects of data mining and machine learning and includes applications to text analysis, computer intrusion detection, and hiding of information in digital files. The second section focuses on a variety of statistical methodologies that have proven to be effective in data mining applications. These include clustering, classification, multivariate density estimation, tree-based methods, pattern recognition, outlier detection, genetic algorithms, and dimensionality reduction. The third section focuses on data visualization and covers issues of visualization of high-dimensional data, novel graphical techniques with a focus on human factors, interactive graphics, and data visualization using virtual reality. This book represents a thorough cross section of internationally renowned thinkers who are inventing methods for dealing with a new data paradigm. Distinguished contributors who are international experts in aspects of data mining Includes data mining approaches to non-numerical data mining including text data, Internet traffic data, and geographic data Highly topical discussions reflecting current thinking on contemporary technical issues, e.g. streaming data Discusses taxonomy of dataset sizes, computational complexity, and scalability usually ignored in most discussions Thorough discussion of data visualization

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issues blending statistical, human factors, and computational insights

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This edited book focuses on the latest developments in classification, statistical learning, data analysis and related areas of data science, including statistical analysis of large datasets, big data analytics, time series clustering, integration of data from different sources, as well as social networks. It covers both methodological aspects as well as applications to a wide range of areas such as economics, marketing, education, social sciences, medicine, environmental sciences and the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, it describes the basic features of the software behind the data analysis results, and provides links to the corresponding codes and data sets where necessary. This book is intended for researchers and practitioners who are interested in the latest developments and applications in the field. The peer-reviewed contributions were presented at the 10th Scientific Meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group (CLADAG) of the Italian Statistical Society, held in Santa Margherita di Pula (Cagliari), Italy, October 8–10, 2015.

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Take an exhilarating journey through the modern revolution in statistics with two of the ringleaders.

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This book reviews some of the most recent developments in neural networks, with a focus on applications in actuarial sciences and finance. It simultaneously introduces the relevant tools for developing and analyzing neural networks, in a style that is mathematically rigorous yet accessible. Artificial intelligence and neural networks offer a powerful alternative to statistical methods for analyzing data. Various topics are covered from feed-forward networks to deep learning, such as Bayesian learning, boosting methods and Long Short Term Memory models. All methods are applied to claims, mortality or time-series forecasting. Requiring only a basic knowledge of statistics, this book is written for masters students in the actuarial sciences and for actuaries wishing to update their skills in machine learning. This is the third of three volumes entitled Effective Statistical Learning Methods for Actuaries. Written by actuaries for actuaries, this series offers a comprehensive overview of insurance data analytics with applications to P&C, life and health insurance. Although closely related to the other two volumes, this volume can be read independently.

Surveys the theory and history of the alternating direction method of multipliers, and discusses its applications to a wide variety of statistical and machine learning problems of recent interest, including the lasso, sparse logistic regression, basis pursuit, covariance selection, support vector machines, and many others.

Discover New Methods for Dealing with High-Dimensional Data A sparse statistical model has only a small number of nonzero parameters or weights; therefore, it is much easier to estimate and interpret than a dense model. Statistical Learning with Sparsity: The Lasso and Generalizations presents methods that exploit sparsity to help recover the underlying signal in a set of data. Top experts in this rapidly evolving field, the authors describe the lasso for linear regression and a simple coordinate descent algorithm for its computation. They discuss the application of l_1 penalties to generalized linear models and support vector machines, cover generalized penalties such as the elastic net and group lasso, and review numerical methods for optimization. They also present statistical inference methods for fitted (lasso) models, including the bootstrap, Bayesian methods, and recently developed approaches. In addition, the book examines matrix decomposition, sparse multivariate analysis, graphical models, and compressed sensing. It concludes with a survey of theoretical results for the lasso. In this age of big data, the number of features measured on a person or object can be large and might be larger than the number of observations. This book shows how the sparsity assumption allows us to tackle these problems and extract useful and reproducible patterns from big datasets. Data analysts, computer scientists, and theorists will appreciate this thorough and up-to-date treatment of sparse statistical modeling.

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including supervised and unsupervised classification, clustering, statistical analysis of mixed-type data, big data analysis, statistical modeling, graphical models and social networks. It covers both methodological aspects as well as applications to a wide range of fields such as economics, architecture, medicine, data management, consumer behavior and the gender gap. In addition, it describes the basic features of the software behind the data analysis results, and provides links to the corresponding codes and data sets where necessary. This book is intended for researchers and practitioners who are interested in the latest developments and applications in the field of data analysis and classification. It gathers selected and peer-reviewed contributions presented at the 11th Scientific Meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society (CLADAG 2017), held in Milan, Italy, on September 13–15, 2017.

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Now in paperback and fortified with exercises, this brilliant, enjoyable text demystifies data science, statistics and machine learning.

In 'Brave New Work' doet Aaron Dignan uit de doeken hoe je je organisatie opnieuw kunt uitvinden. Ondanks alle technologische vooruitgang blijkt er fundamenteel weinig veranderd te zijn op ons werk: gebrek aan vertrouwen, trage besluitvorming, een overmaat aan zinloze vergaderingen en mailwisselingen, en moeizame budgetdiscussies. Aaron Dignan laat zien dat er bij veel bedrijven een grondige transformatie van het operating system nodig is: de principes en werkvormen die de bedrijfscultuur bepalen. Want je repareert een team, afdeling of organisatie nu eenmaal niet door quick fixes en wat gerommel in de marge. 'Brave New Work' leert je op een andere manier naar je organisatie te kijken en laat zien hoe je de werkprincipes van Dignan ook binnen jouw bedrijf kunt toepassen. Met als resultaat werknemers die met meer plezier en energie en ongehinderd door frustraties hun werk uitvoeren en zo veel meer waarde toevoegen.

This textbook considers statistical learning applications when interest centers on the conditional distribution of a response variable, given a set of predictors, and in the absence of a credible model that can be specified before the data analysis begins. Consistent with modern data analytics, it emphasizes that a proper statistical learning data analysis depends in an integrated fashion on sound data collection, intelligent data management, appropriate statistical procedures, and an accessible interpretation of results. The unifying theme is that supervised learning properly can be seen as a form of regression analysis. Key concepts and procedures are illustrated with a large number of real applications and their associated code in R, with an eye toward practical implications. The growing integration of computer science and statistics is well represented including the occasional, but salient, tensions that result. Throughout, there are links to the big picture. The third edition considers significant advances in recent years, among which are: the development of overarching, conceptual frameworks for statistical learning; the impact of "big data" on statistical learning; the nature and consequences of post-model selection statistical inference; deep learning in various forms; the special challenges to statistical inference posed by statistical learning; the fundamental connections between data collection and data analysis; interdisciplinary ethical and political issues surrounding the application of algorithmic methods in a wide variety of fields, each linked to concerns about transparency, fairness, and accuracy. This edition features new sections on accuracy,

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transparency, and fairness, as well as a new chapter on deep learning. Precursors to deep learning get an expanded treatment. The connections between fitting and forecasting are considered in greater depth. Discussion of the estimation targets for algorithmic methods is revised and expanded throughout to reflect the latest research. Resampling procedures are emphasized. The material is written for upper undergraduate and graduate students in the social, psychological and life sciences and for researchers who want to apply statistical learning procedures to scientific and policy problems.

Includes the proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Computational Linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing, held in Iași, Romania, in March 2010. This title covers topics such as: lexical resources, syntax and parsing, word sense disambiguation and named entity recognition, semantics and dialog, and humor and emotions.

A thought-provoking look at statistical learning theory and its role in understanding human learning and inductive reasoning. A joint endeavor from leading researchers in the fields of philosophy and electrical engineering, *An Elementary Introduction to Statistical Learning Theory* is a comprehensive and accessible primer on the rapidly evolving fields of statistical pattern recognition and statistical learning theory. Explaining these areas at a level and in a way that is not often found in other books on the topic, the authors present the basic theory behind contemporary machine learning and uniquely utilize its foundations as a framework for philosophical thinking about inductive inference. Promoting the fundamental goal of statistical learning, knowing what is achievable and what is not, this book demonstrates the value of a systematic methodology when used along with the needed techniques for evaluating the performance of a learning system. First, an introduction to machine learning is presented that includes brief discussions of applications such as image recognition, speech recognition, medical diagnostics, and statistical arbitrage. To enhance accessibility, two chapters on relevant aspects of probability theory are provided. Subsequent chapters feature coverage of topics such as the pattern recognition problem, optimal Bayes decision rule, the nearest neighbor rule, kernel rules, neural networks, support vector machines, and boosting. Appendices throughout the book explore the relationship between the discussed material and related topics from mathematics, philosophy, psychology, and statistics, drawing insightful connections between problems in these areas and statistical learning theory. All chapters conclude with a summary section, a set of practice questions, and a reference section that supplies historical notes and additional resources for further study. *An Elementary Introduction to Statistical Learning Theory* is an excellent book for courses on statistical learning theory, pattern recognition, and machine learning at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It also serves as an introductory reference for researchers and practitioners in the fields of engineering, computer science, philosophy, and cognitive science that would like to further their knowledge of the topic.

If machine learning transforms the nature of knowledge, does it also transform the practice of critical thought? Machine learning—programming computers to learn from data—has spread across scientific disciplines, media, entertainment, and government. Medical research, autonomous vehicles, credit transaction processing, computer gaming, recommendation systems, finance, surveillance, and robotics use machine learning. Machine learning devices (sometimes understood as scientific models, sometimes as operational algorithms) anchor the field of data science. They have also become mundane mechanisms deeply embedded in a variety of systems and gadgets. In contexts from the everyday to the esoteric, machine learning is said to transform the nature of knowledge. In this book, Adrian Mackenzie investigates whether machine learning also transforms the practice of critical thinking. Mackenzie focuses on machine learners—either humans and machines or human-machine

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relations—situated among settings, data, and devices. The settings range from fMRI to Facebook; the data anything from cat images to DNA sequences; the devices include neural networks, support vector machines, and decision trees. He examines specific learning algorithms—writing code and writing about code—and develops an archaeology of operations that, following Foucault, views machine learning as a form of knowledge production and a strategy of power. Exploring layers of abstraction, data infrastructures, coding practices, diagrams, mathematical formalisms, and the social organization of machine learning, Mackenzie traces the mostly invisible architecture of one of the central zones of contemporary technological cultures. Mackenzie's account of machine learning locates places in which a sense of agency can take root. His archaeology of the operational formation of machine learning does not unearth the footprint of a strategic monolith but reveals the local tributaries of force that feed into the generalization and plurality of the field.

This interdisciplinary text offers theoretical and practical results of information theoretic methods used in statistical learning. It presents a comprehensive overview of the many different methods that have been developed in numerous contexts.

The book's protection is wide, from monitored studying (prediction) to without supervision studying. The many subjects include sensory systems, support vector devices, category plants and enhancing the first extensive treatment of this subject in any guide. This guide explains the important ideas in a variety of areas such as medication, chemistry, finance, and marketing in a common conceptual structure. While the strategy is mathematical, the focus is on ideas rather than arithmetic. Many illustrations are given, with a generous use of color design. It is an invaluable source for statisticians and anyone fascinated in data exploration in technology or industry.

Numerous fascinating breakthroughs in biotechnology have generated large volumes and diverse types of high throughput data that demand the development of efficient and appropriate tools in computational statistics integrated with biological knowledge and computational algorithms. This volume collects contributed chapters from leading researchers to survey the many active research topics and promote the visibility of this research area. This volume is intended to provide an introductory and reference book for students and researchers who are interested in the recent developments of computational statistics in computational biology.

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