

Recap

- ▶ Last Tuesday: Running long processes
 - ▶ Executing `exit` terminates all running processes
 - ▶ We often want to have something run for some time
 - ▶ `tmux` allows us to have a persistent session on a server
- ▶ Last Thursday: Classical language models (n -gram language models)
 - ▶ Predict the next word given some history – $p(\text{word}|\text{history})$
 - ▶ Limited history
 - ▶ Probabilities estimated on corpus, using maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)
 - ▶ Smoothing to prevent zero probabilities

ML: Data Sets and File Formats

Sprachverarbeitung (VL + Ü)

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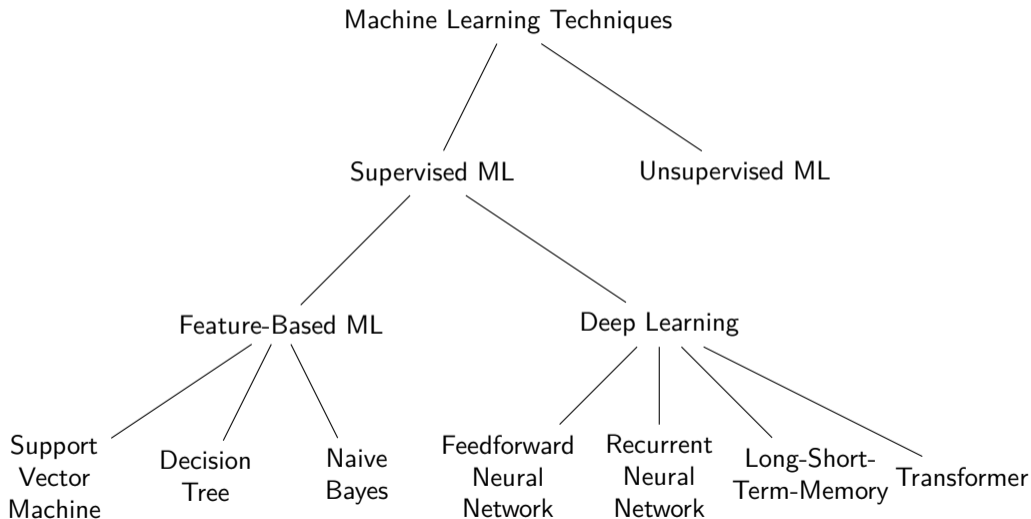
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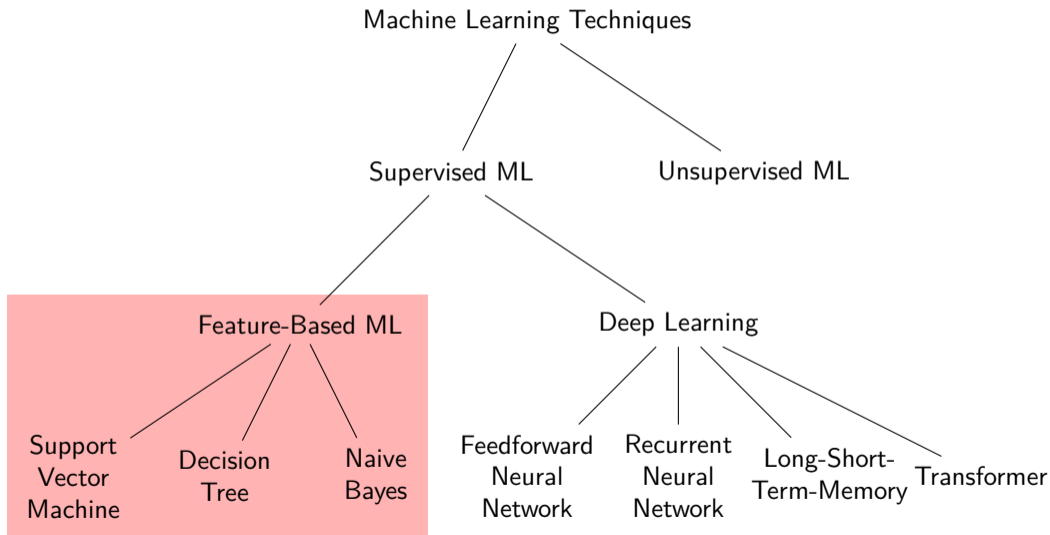
Examples

- ▶ Classify newspaper texts into genres (politics, economy, sports, ...)
- ▶ Classify reviews according to their opinion (positive, negative, neutral)
- ▶ Detect spam e-mail (classify mails in spam or not-spam)

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 - ▶ Certain keywords in the text: »casino«, »enlargement«, »drugs«, ...
 - ▶ Metadata
 - ▶ Is the sender known (= in our address book)?
 - ▶ Is the server known to be used by spammers?
 - ▶ Are we in the To field (or blind copied)?

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 - ▶ Suffix (last two characters)

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Word	Case	Length	Suffix	Class
The	upper	3	he	Det
dog	lower	3	og	Noun
barks	lower	5	ks	Verb
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Table: Extracted features for example sentence, plus target class annotation

- ▶ This will be the input to the machine learning algorithm

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- ▶ Main data types: Numbers, categories
 - ▶ If all entries are numeric, it's a (mathematical) matrix
- ▶ Various file formats
 - ▶ CSV/TSV: Comma/tab-separated values
 - ▶ XLS/XLSX: Excel format
 - ▶ Because the file format is proprietary, not used for exchange or archival
 - ▶ ARFF: Weka file format (= CSV + type declarations)

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- ▶ Different strategies, all are used

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- ▶ CSV/TSV have undefined edge cases
 - ▶ Escaping, quoting, comments
 - ▶ Inspect before processing

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Reading/writing CSV

- ▶ Java: Apache Commons CSV <https://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-csv/>
- ▶ Python: Module in standard library <https://docs.python.org/3/library/csv.html>
- ▶ Command line
 - ▶ csvkit <https://csvkit.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
 - ▶ awk/gawk <https://www.gnu.org/software/gawk/manual/gawk.html>

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- ▶ Difficult to integrate with other tools

ARFF

- ▶ Used by machine learning toolkit Weka
- ▶ Data as CSV
- ▶ Header to define attributes/features
- ▶ Name/type for each attribute
 - ▶ Nominal values: Possible values

CoNLL-Format

- ▶ Often used in natural language processing
- ▶ Similar to CSV with one token per line, but
 - ▶ Row order shows token order
 - ▶ Empty lines indicate sentence boundaries
 - ▶ What is exactly in each column differs: CoNLL \neq CoNLL
 - ▶ <https://universaldependencies.org/format.html>
 - ▶ <https://cemantix.org/conll/2012/data.html>

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- ▶ Data types are declared in the header

Section 2

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The file `/teaching/summer-2023/sprachverarbeitung/data/titanic.csv` contains passenger data from the crossing of the Titanic, which sank in the North Atlantic on 15 April 1912.¹ The file contains information on the passengers, together with details of who survived the sinking and who did not.

The following tasks require a mixture between reading/thinking and applying command line tools. All tasks can be solved purely manual, but this is cumbersome and takes a lot of time.

1. Find out what features are given for the passengers.
2. Assign a data type to each feature.
3. For category features: Find out which categories there are, and how common each is.
4. For numeric features: Find out what range of values they assume (minimum and maximum).

Hints

- ▶ One column is particularly tricky, because it contains relatively free text, including commas and quotation marks. Maybe first clean up this column by removing commas etc. or remove the column entirely. Both can be done with regular expressions as we have used them before.
- ▶ Accessing individual columns could be done with a similar trick as when we defined the context for the concordance in words instead of characters: Define some content of the column and the character that separates the columns as a group, and ask this group to be repeated.

¹<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titanic>