Machine Learning for Text Classification

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Overview

Machine Learning for automatic text analysis: tasks, methods, and tools:

- The Language: Python
- The Toolkit: scikit-learn
- The Environment: Jupyter, Google Colab
- Structure:
 - 1st block (1h): Text processing with NLTK
 - 2nd block (1h): From raw text to hyperplanes
 - 3rd block (1h): Authorship Attribution
 - Hands-on exercises (1h): Sentiment Classification
- Concluding Remarks

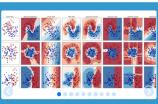


The Toolkit



Google Custom Search





scikit-learn

- · Simple and efficient tools for data mining and data analysis
- · Accessible to everybody, and reusable in various contexts
- · Built on NumPy, SciPy, and matplotlib
- · Open source, commercially usable BSD license

Classification

Identifying to which category an object belongs to.

Applications: Spam detection, Image recognition.

Algorithms: SVM, nearest neighbors, random forest. ... - Examples

Regression

Predicting a continuous-valued attribute associated with an object.

Applications: Drug response, Stock prices. Algorithms: SVR, ridge regression, Lasso,

- Examples

Clustering

Automatic grouping of similar objects into sets.

Applications: Customer segmentation, Grouping experiment outcomes

Algorithms: k-Means, spectral clustering, mean-shift, ... - Examples

Dimensionality reduction

Reducing the number of random variables to consider Applications: Visualization, Increased

efficiency

Algorithms: PCA, feature selection, nonnegative matrix factorization. - Examples

Model selection

Comparing, validating and choosing parameters and models.

Goal: Improved accuracy via parameter tuning

metrics. Examples

Modules: grid search, cross validation,

Preprocessing

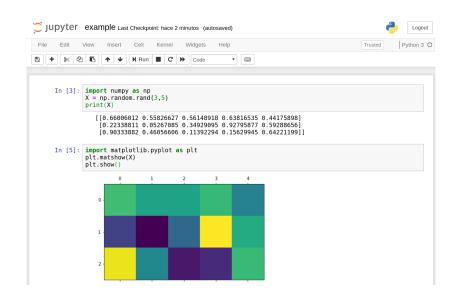
Feature extraction and normalization.

Application: Transforming input data such as text for use with machine learning algorithms. Modules: preprocessing, feature extraction,

Examples



The Environment: Jupyter



The Installation: Google Colab



- The code is accessible through:
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KWLGyKckKHJaEo4J-FtaKBdrmAZRJBuN?usp=sharing

Plan of the Hands-on activities

- We will learn some basic routines for text processing using NLTK, an open-access suite of text analytic tools.
- We will explore scikit-learn's tools for text classification that instantiate the most important methods described in the lectures.
 We will create a classifier for the topic of a document.
- We will later explore the field of Authorship Analysis. We will concentrate on medieval Latin and we will try to figure out if the Epistle XIII (one of the most disputed works of Dante) was actually the work of Dante or not.
- Finally, you will try to solve some excercises by applying all the concepts and techniques that you will learn today.

... let's get started!

