

# **CS6375: Recap**

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# Supervised Learning

- Regression & classification
- Discriminative methods
  - k-NN
  - Decision trees
  - Perceptron
  - SVMs & kernel methods
  - **Logistic regression**
- **Parameter learning**
  - **Maximum likelihood estimation**
  - **Expectation maximization**

# Bayesian Approaches

- MAP estimation
- Prior/posterior probabilities
- Bayesian networks
  - Naive Bayes
  - Hidden Markov models
  - Structure learning via Chow-Liu Trees
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

# Unsupervised Learning

- **Clustering**
  - *k*-means
  - Spectral clustering
  - Hierarchical clustering
- **Expectation maximization**
  - Soft clustering
  - Mixtures of Gaussians

# Learning Theory

- PAC learning
- VC dimension
- Bias/variance tradeoff
- Chernoff bounds
- Sample complexity

# Optimization Methods

- Gradient descent
  - Stochastic gradient descent
  - Subgradient methods
- Coordinate descent
- Lagrange multipliers and duality

# Matrix Based Methods

- **Dimensionality Reduction**
  - PCA
  - Matrix Factorizations
- **Collaborative Filtering**
  - Semisupervised learning

# Ensemble Methods

- **Bootstrap sampling**
- **Bagging**
- **Boosting**



# Other Learning Topics

- Active learning
- Reinforcement learning
- Learning to rank
- Neural networks
  - Perceptron and sigmoid neurons
  - Backpropagation

# **Questions about the course content?**

(Reminder: I do not have office hours this week)

# For the final...

- You should understand the basic concepts and theory of all of the algorithms and techniques that we have discussed in the course
- There is no need to memorize complicated formulas, etc.
  - For example, if I ask for the sample complexity of a scheme, I will give you the generic formula
- However, you should be able to derive the algorithms and updates
  - E.g., Lagrange multipliers and SVMs, the EM algorithm, etc.

# For the final...

- No calculators, books, notes, etc. will be permitted
  - As before, if you need a calculator, you have done something terribly wrong
- The exam will be in roughly the same format
  - Expect true/false questions, short answers, and two-three long answer questions
- Exam will emphasize the new material, but **ALL** material will be tested
- Take a look at the practice exams!

# Final Exam

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**Wednesday, 12/16/2015**

**11:00AM - 1:45PM**

**ECSS 2.410**

# Related Courses at UTD

- **Natural Language Processing (CS 6320)**
- **Statistical Methods in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (CS 6347)**
- **Artificial Intelligence (CS 6364)**
- **Information Retrieval (CS 6322)**
- **Intelligent Systems Analysis (ACN 6347)**
- **Intelligent Systems Design (ACN 6349)**

# ML Related People

- Vincent Ng (NLP)
- Yang Liu (NLP)
- Vibhav Gogate (MLNs, Sampling, Graphical Models)
- Sanda Harabagiu (NLP & Health)
- Dan Moldovan (NLP)
- Nicholas Ruoizzi (Graphical Models & Approx. Inference)

# Matrix Decomposition

- PCA is a dimensionality reduction technique that is based on matrix factorizations
  - Drawback: PCA returns the eigenvectors of a matrix as the most relevant vectors (many applications need subsets of the data that best describe it)
- Feature selection / matrix factorization using Bayesian networks
- Input: data points as rows of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $X$
- Output:  $X \sim CU$  where  $C$  is a  $m \times k$  matrix of columns selected from  $X$  and  $U$  is an arbitrary matrix



# Airplane Health

- **Collaboration with Southwest airlines**
  - Pilots/maintenance crews perform physical inspections of planes and are asked to translate observations into maintenance codes
  - The observations (symptoms) and the codes (diagnoses) typically are mismatched (inspections performed quickly and too expensive to train everyone)
  - Multiclass classification problem: given as input correctly labeled training data, learn to predict the codes for new symptoms

# Parameter Tying

- We saw  $l_2$  regularization as a way to prefer simpler models
- Another type of simple model might be a Bayesian network in which many of the parameters (i.e., the conditional probability distributions) are the same
- This type of parameter tying is used in neural networks as well (though it is typically done by hand)
- Study the design of regularization based methods for parameter tying and improved inference/sampling methods for models with tied parameters

# Graphical Models

- **Generalization of Bayesian networks very popular in the machine learning community (take the class!)**
- **Lower bounds for continuous “partition functions”**
- **Theoretical guarantees on the exactness of inference in continuous graphical models**
- **Faster algorithms (via Frank-Wolfe) for learning in latent variable models**

**Please evaluate the course!**

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