AI & ML



What is Artificial Intelligence

Software that mimics human intelligence







Self-Driving Cars



Voice Commands

Games

AI Can Be Simple...



- Pacman (1980)
- Ghosts follows simple rules...
- ...but creates seemingly complex behaviors

AI Can Be Simple...



- Blinky (Red)
 - Direct chase
- Pinky (Pink)
 - Intercept from front
- Inky (Cyan)
 - Work with Red to flank pacman

Braitenberg vehicle

- Simple AI models
- Moves towards or away from light depending on wiring
- In environments with multiple lights, behavior can be complex, human like, and unpredictable
- Many insect and animal behaviors can be modeled with this...
 - Cockroachs, Lizards, Bats, etc



Machine Learning

- Pacman Ghosts and Braitenberg's vehicle are pre-programmed
- These can lead to complex behaviors that even the programmers may not predict...
- ...but they never learn from experience

Machine Learning

- Machine Learning
 - Programs changing the way they carry out tasks by learning from data
- Achieve more complex behaviors than directly programming in behavior
- Need to provide training data

• Example:

 Train an AI to recognise if someone is over-weight or under-weight based on their weight and height



Step 1

- Provide training data
- Eg.
 - Red: Overweight
 - Green: OK
 - Blue: Underweight



• Step 2

- AI finds curves that separates each category
- Uses curve fitting techniques



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• Step 3

- Apply to new data
- Categorize new data based on whether it is above or below each line



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Machine Learning

- The example given is 2 dimensional (weight, height)...
- ...but the technique can be applied to data with hundreds of dimensions (weight, height, gender, age, body fat, genes, etc)...
- ...to find other complex relationship (eg. Chances of getting a heart attack)

State of AI / ML?

- Depending on who you ask, AI / ML today is...
- A) Amazing!
 - Capable of doing many things thought impossible
 - Beat Chess and Go world champions
 - Identify objects in images better than human
 - Hold simple conversations

State of AI / ML?

- ...OR...
- B) Terrible
 - Just curve fitting
 - Technique invented over 300 years ago
 - No real understanding
 - Sometimes produces ridiculous or illogical results





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