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Applying machine learning in nuclear fusion data:

- Reinforcement learning for building nuclear fusion classifiers from scratch
- Deep learning models to generate realistic new data in nuclear fusion







Introduction

Experimental nuclear fusion devices have enormous databases

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A simple shot of few seconds can generate huge quantity of data:

- **TJ-II** device has +1000 channels of measurements.
- A discharge in **JET** can take a couple of seconds (**10 GB/shot**. around 100 TB/year).

It is estimated that only 10% of this data is analyzed!







Introduction

Experimental nuclear fusion devices have enormous databases



ITER could generate 1 TB/shot. around 1 PB/year.

Machine learning algorithms requires data to work, but we can not wait until collect all the data to, for example, create disruption predictors!





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Learning from "few" samples could involve:

□ Train predictors/classifiers from scratch under data scarce conditions. A reinforcement learning approach. Discriminative modeling.

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Reinforcement learning (RL) uses a reward function to build the discriminative model (classifier). RL can be used to weight different features to classify the input data. The more data feed the model the more accuracy we have.

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Generate new samples following the training data distribution. Deep learning models to generate realistic new data. **Generative modeling**.







Background Discriminative modeling



- A well-known model to predict/classify an observation (painting)
- The training data is used to learn a model (discriminative model)
- Each sample/observation has a label (1/0 means yes/no)
- Even if we were able to build a perfect discriminative model, it would still have no idea how to create an observation (painting)







BackgroundGenerative modeling

a Van Gogh painting



- A generative model mimics the unknown probabilistic distribution that explains each observation (painting)
- The training data is used to learn a model (generative model)
- No label is needed (unsupervised learning)
- The model generates new and distinct observations that look as if they have been included in the original training set







Background Generative modeling framework

- We have a dataset of observations X
- We assume that the observations have been generated according to some **unknown probabilistic distribution**
- A generative model tries to **mimic the unknown distribution**. If we success, we can sample from the model to generate new observations
- A model successes when:
 - It can generate examples that seems to have the same unknown distribution that the training dataset
 - It can generate **examples that are suitable different from the observations** in the training dataset

Generative modeling: Latent space

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Training dataset (original space)

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Instead of trying to model high-dimensional space directly, we should describe each observation in the traingin set using a low-dimensional **latent space** and learn a mapping function (*f*) to go from latent to original space (generating a new observation).

Latent space (low-dimensional space)



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Generative modeling: Latent space



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Input Hidden Output Layer Layer Layer **Output Data** Input Data Encoder Decoder

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Autoencoder (AE)

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It adjusts the bias and weights to learn a function in an unsupervised way.

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AE tries to learn an approximation to the identity function, so it outputs something similar to its input.

Placing constraints on the network, such as by limiting the number of hidden units, we can discover interesting structure about the data.

The network is forced to learn a "compressed" representation of the input.

Farias, G., et al. (2016). Automatic feature extraction in large fusion databases by using deep learning approach. Fusion Engineering and Design, Volume 112, Pages 979–983.

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Generative modeling: Autoencoder

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Autoencoder (AE)

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The Thomson Scattering (TS) diagnostic of the TJ-II stellarator provides temperature and density profiles.

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The diagnostic acquires five types of images (spectra of laser light scattered by plasma): CCD camera background (BKG), measurement of stray light without plasma (STR), during electron cyclotron resonant heating (ECH), during neutral beam injection (NBI), and after reaching the cut-off density during electron cyclotron resonant heating (COF).



BKG



STR



ECH











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TJ-II Thomson Scattering diagnostic



Original dimensionality 576x385 pixels Reduced dimensionality 36x25 pixels



training dataset (242 samples)





Autoencoder (variational)





Some examples of reconstruction





Some examples of generated TS images













Summary – Discussion

Datasets are essential for machine learning algorithms
 Under scarce conditions we can train models from scratch
 Sometimes we could need to generate new and realistic data.
 AEs are a simple approach to generate new data.
 Generative adversarial networks (GANs)



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