

Lecture 10: Real-World Applications of Data Science

INFO 1998: Introduction to Machine Learning



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Agenda

- Advertising
- Healthcare
- Media
- Social Impact
- Ethics
- Cornell Data Science projects :)

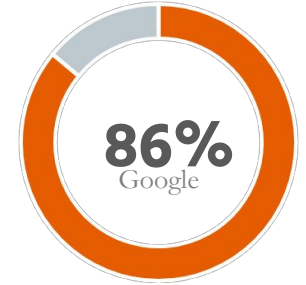


Advertising

Machine Learners: The Modern Mad Men

Context

Big Tech companies earn their the bulk of their revenue through ads
One usually earns money when the ad is 'clicked' by the user
Users are most likely to click on ads when the ads are relevant to them
Ads could be tailored to users only when there is data on the users



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Sample Data (Extremely small slice): What can you interpret?



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Objective: Get data on the users



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Hypotheses:

- Lives in NJ and works in NYC
- Lives in area with average rent: \$r
- Lives in area with average income: \$i
- Works in area with average salary: \$s
- Falls in k income bracket (Estimated)
- Takes NJTransit to work
- Takes the 67 Train at 8:05am
- Works at XYZ Company
- Works in Business/Data Analytics
- Is a Female
- Is interested in topics A, B, C

With **enough data** and **testing**, the hypotheses could be affirmed or rejected.



Cambridge Analytica: Data Science in Political Campaigning

Case Study

Overview

Cambridge Analytica combined *data analytics*, *behavioral sciences*, and *innovative ad tech* to influence voters. Widely regarded as instrumental in the result of the 2016 Elections, and many more across the globe.

Methodology

Facebook activity
Surveys
Misc. external data



Example

Likes, Comments,
Surveys, etc.



High Neuroticism and Conscientious

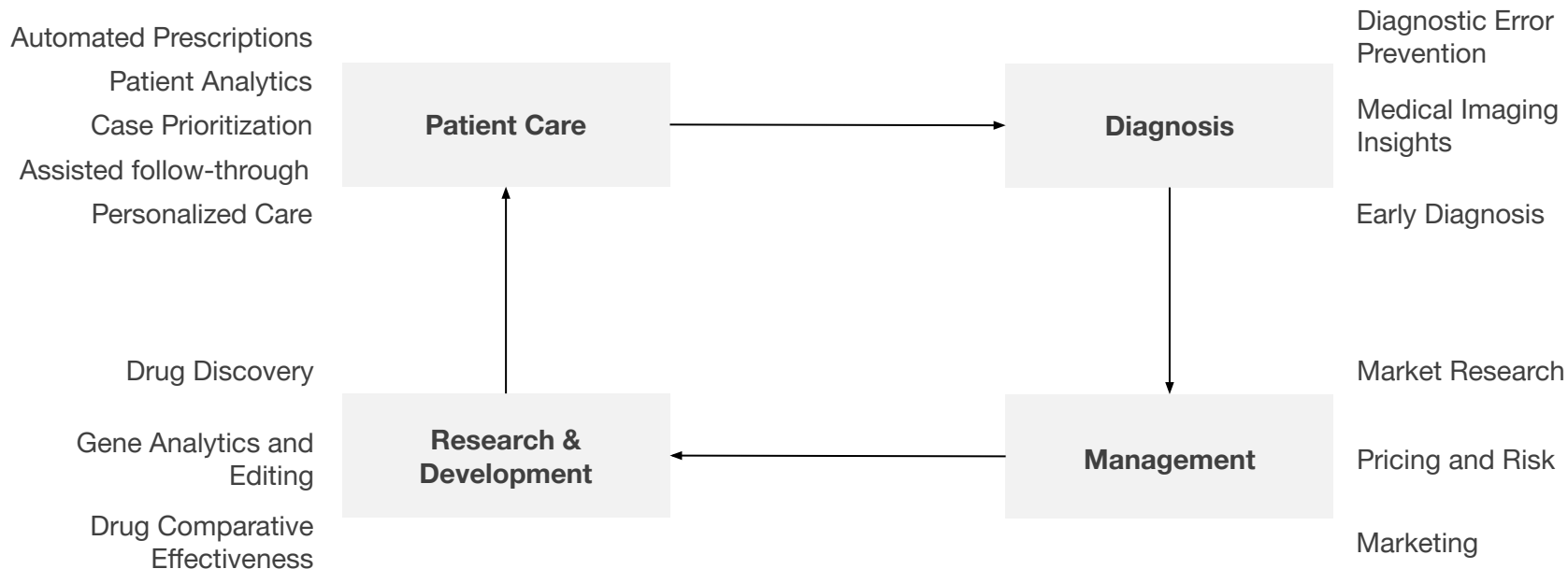


Closed and Agreeable

Source: Cambridge Analytica

Healthcare

All-round betterment in the healthcare industry



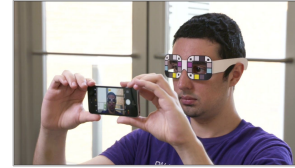
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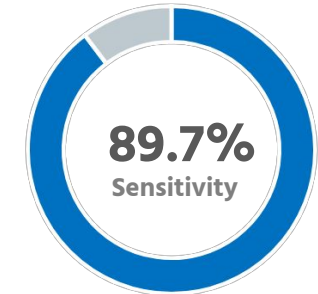
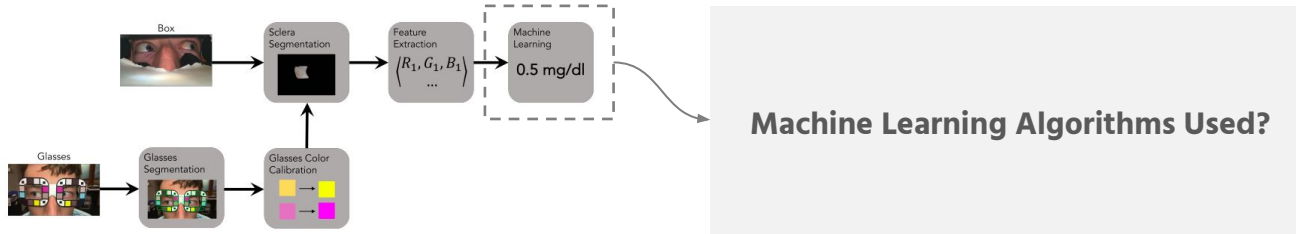
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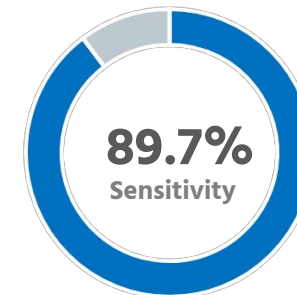
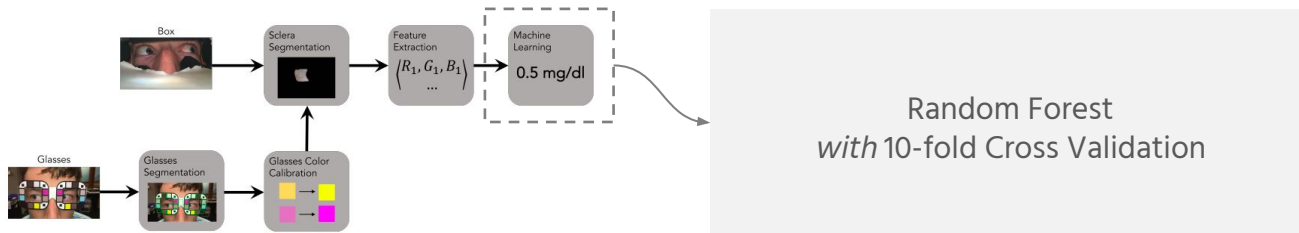
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Media: Recommender Systems

How Netflix keeps you hooked

Overview

Most of Netflix's views (~80%) come through recommendations

The famous Netflix Challenge offered \$1m to the participant that could do better than Netflix's recommender system

These algorithms are relatively simple and intuitive, but extremely effective

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Sample: What would you recommend A next?

Usually, many other features and tags for the movies/shows exist in the database as well

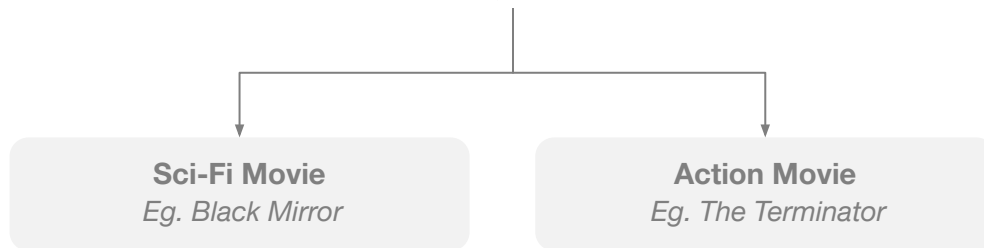


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Sample: What would you recommend A next?



Where else are recommender systems applicable?

amazon



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Attendance!



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Social Impact

Data Science for Social Good

Overview

Advanced analytics for social impact is becoming increasingly popular due to innumerable low-cost and high-impact applications

Education

Adaptive-learning technology that could **recommend** material based on student's success and engagement

Public Sector

Identifying tax-fraud using alternate data such as browsing history, retail data, or payments history.

Crisis

Predicting the progression of wildfires to optimize the response of firefighters.



Predicting End Location: Tackling Human Trafficking

Case Study

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ML could be leveraged to aid ground rescue operations for trafficking victims

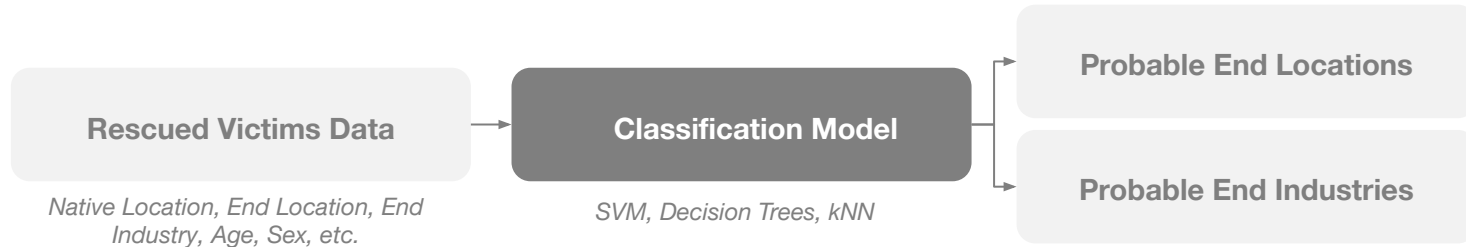


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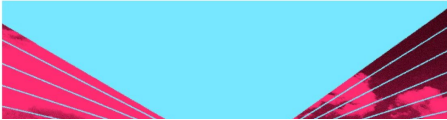
Gen AI is Everywhere.

Anthropic and Palantir Partner to Bring Claude AI Models to AWS for U.S. Government Intelligence and Defense Operations

November 07, 2024 06:59 AM Eastern Standard Time

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Anthropic and Palantir Technologies Inc. (NYSE: PLTR) today announced a partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to provide U.S. intelligence and defense agencies access to the Claude 3 and 3.5 family of models on AWS. This partnership allows for an integrated suite of technology to operationalize the use of Claude within Palantir's AI Platform (AIP) while leveraging the security, agility, flexibility, and sustainability benefits provided by AWS.


Waymo explores using Google's Gemini to train its robotaxis to train its robotaxis



/ The company used Gemini to build its own 'End-to-End Multimodal Model for Autonomous Driving.'

CHATGPT CAN NOW CONTROL A ROBOT ARM
CHATGPT IS BREAKING INTO THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

Two researchers at UC Berkeley and ETH Zurich have harnessed the power of OpenAI's GPT-4o large language model to teach cheap robot arms to clean up spills.

 BETTER TOGETHER

How The New York Times is using generative AI as a reporting tool

LLMs help reporters transcribe and sort through hundreds of hours of leaked audio.

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Entertainment ▸ Streaming

Amazon will now use AI to recap what you're watching

The beta's available to Fire TV customers starting today.



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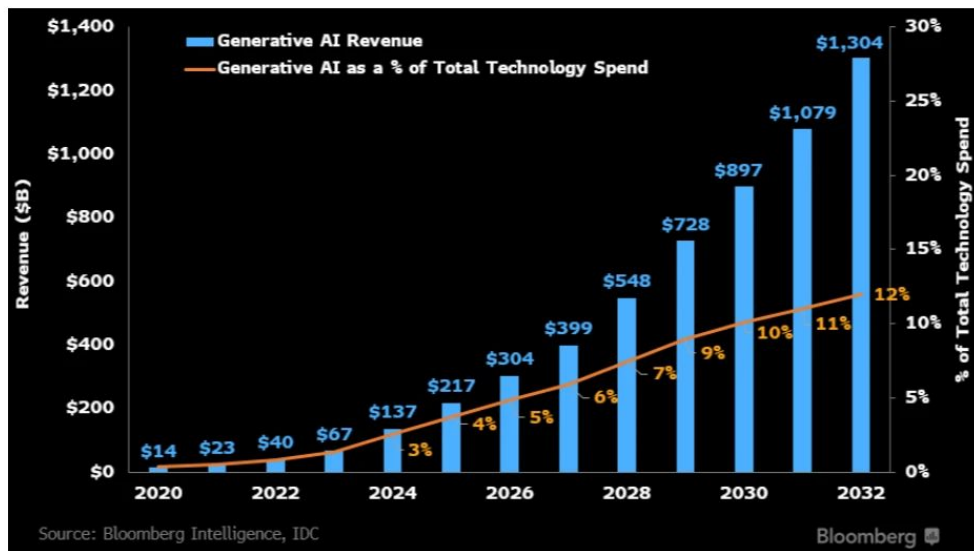
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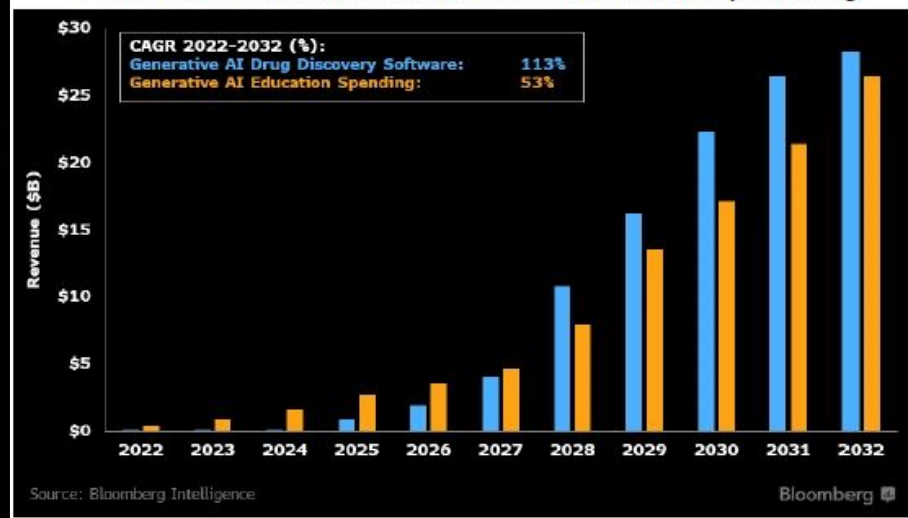
Grammy-Winning Musician and Google Unveil MusicFX DJ (4 minute read)

Jacob Collier, a Grammy-winning musician, has teamed up with Google DeepMind and Google Labs to create MusicFX DJ, an AI-powered music tool. The interface has been redesigned to encourage creativity and help users easily enter a "flow state" of artistic inspiration. MusicFX DJ is available now, offering intuitive controls for all skill levels.

Gen AI's Market Size



Generative AI Life Sciences, Education Spending



Source: Bloomberg Intelligence



An Important Note on Ethics

It's easy to get caught up in the technical challenge, but it is important to know that your work may affect other people directly or indirectly, now or in the future. Ask yourself the following questions often:

- Does your data or analysis impede on anyone's privacy?
- Did the people give consent for their data to be used?
- Were the people given the option to opt out?
- Who has the right of access to your data?
- Who owns the data?
- Was the data anonymized sufficiently?
- Was there any bias in your dataset against certain sections of the society?
- Are you introducing any bias?
- Should you include any features that may be discriminatory?
- Is your analysis transparent?
- Are the end users aware of shortcomings?



Extreme Example: Black Mirror (2013)

- In “Be Right Back” (S2, E1), a widow discovers a chat-bot that can mimic the responses of her recently deceased husband
- Went as far as creating a robot that looked like her deceased husband, and responded to actions using this chatbot...
- How difficult would this be to create?



Takeaway

- Data science has amazing potential for improvements in fields like advertising, healthcare, media, etc
- Can also have great social impacts
- However, with great power comes great responsibility
 - The ethics of applications of data science must be considered!



CDS Project Highlight

- Compiler for StragglAR
- Geometry Dash RL
- Learning-Based Cache Eviction
- Image Watermarking
- Industry projects



That's (almost) all folks!

- **Final Project Due:** April 29th, 2026
- End-of-Semester Feedback Form will be posted on EdStem!

