



Architecture of ML Systems* 03 Model Selection and Debugging

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Recap: The Data Science Lifecycle

Data-centric View:

Application perspective Workload perspective System perspective



Data Scientist





Data Integration
Data Cleaning
Data Preparation

Model Selection
Training
Hyper-parameters

Validate & Debug
Deployment
Scoring & Feedback



Exploratory Process

(experimentation, refinements, ML pipelines)







Agenda

- Model Selection Techniques
- Model Management & Provenance
- Model Debugging and Explainability
- Model Bias & Fairness Constraints





Model Selection Techniques





AutoML Overview

[Chris Thornton, Frank Hutter, Holger H. Hoos, Kevin Leyton-Brown: Auto-WEKA: combined selection and hyperparameter optimization of classification algorithms. **KDD 2013**]



#1 Model Selection

 Given a dataset and ML task (e.g., classification or regression)

$$A^* \in \underset{A \in \mathcal{A}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{L}(A, \mathcal{D}_{\operatorname{train}}^{(i)}, \mathcal{D}_{\operatorname{valid}}^{(i)}),$$

Select the model (type) that performs best
 (e.g.: LogReg, Naïve Bayes, SVM, Decision Tree, Random Forest, DNN)

#2 Hyper Parameter Tuning

• Given a model and dataset, $A^{(j)} \in \mathcal{A}, \lambda \in \Lambda^{(j)} \stackrel{\mathcal{K}}{=} 1$ find best hyper parameter values (e.g., learning rate, regularization, kernels, kernel parameters, tree params)

$$A^*_{\lambda^*} \in \operatorname*{argmin}_{A^{(j)} \in \mathcal{A}, \lambda \in \Lambda^{(j)}} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{L}(A_{\lambda}^{(j)}, \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{train}}^{(i)}, \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{valid}}^{(i)}).$$

Validation: Generalization Error

- Goodness of fit to held-out data (e.g., 80-20 train/test)
- Cross validation (e.g., leave one out \rightarrow k=5 runs w/ 80-20 train/test)

→ AutoML Systems/Services

- Often providing both model selection and hyper parameter search
- Integrated ML system, often in distributed/cloud environments



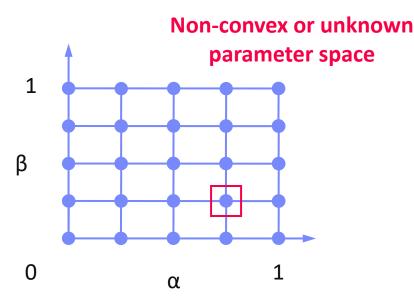
GridSearchCV()

Basic Grid Search



Basic Approach

- Given n hyper parameters $\lambda 1, ..., \lambda n$ with domains $\Lambda 1, ..., \Lambda n$
- Enumerate and evaluate parameter space $\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda_1 \times ... \times \Lambda_n$ (often strict subset due to dependency structure of parameters)
- Continuous hyper parameters → discretization
 - Equi-width
 - Exponential (e.g., regularization 0.1, 0.01, 0.001, etc)
- Problem: Only applicable with small domains
- Heuristic: Monte-Carlo (random search, anytime)







Basic Grid Search, cont.

- **Example Adult Dataset** (train 32,561 x 14)
 - Binary classification (>50K), https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/adult

```
#1 MLogReg defaults w/ one-hot categoricals
                                                      Accuracy (%): 82.35
```

#2 MLogReg defaults w/ one-hot + binning Accuracy (%): 84.73

#3 GridSearch MLogReg: Accuracy (%): 90.07

```
params = list("icpt", "reg", "numBins");
paramRanges = list(seq(0,2), 10^seq(3,-6), 10^seq(1,4));
```

Example **SystemDS** gridSearch

```
45 HP = matrix(0, numConfigs, numParams);
46 parfor( i in 1:nrow(HP) ) {
                                # Materialize Configs
     for( j in 1:numParams )
        HP[i,j] = paramVals[j,as.scalar(((i-1)/cumLens[j,1])%paramLens[j,1]+1)];
48
```

05 Data- and Task-**Parallel Execution**

```
parfor( i in 1:nrow(HP) ) {
61
      # a) replace training arguments
62
63
      largs = trainArgs;
      for( j in 1:numParams )
64
        largs[as.scalar(params[j])] = as.scalar(HP[i,j]);
65
      # b) core training/scoring and write-back
66
67
      lbeta = t(eval(train, largs))
      Rbeta[i,1:ncol(lbeta)] = lbeta;
68
      Rloss[i,] = eval(predict, list(X, y, t(lbeta)));
69
```



Basic Iterative Algorithms

Simulated Annealing

- Decaying temperature schedules: $T_{k+1} = \alpha \cdot T_k$
- #1 Generate neighbor in **\varepsilon-env** of old point

Exploration vs exploitation

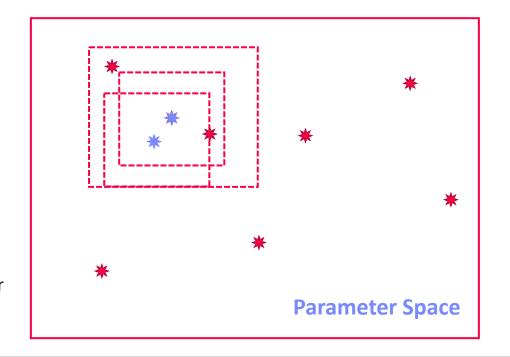
#2 Accept better points and worse points w/
$$P(T_k) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp((f' - f)/T_k)}$$

Recursive Random Search

- Repeated restart
- Sample and evaluate points
- Determine best and shrink area if optimum unchanged
- Realign area if new optimum found



Tao Ye, Shivkumar Kalyanaraman: A recursive random search algorithm for large-scale network parameter configuration. **SIGMETRICS 2003**]







Bayesian Optimization

Overview BO

- Sequential Model-Based Optimization
- Fit a probabilistic model based on the first n-1 evaluated hyper parameters
- Use model to select next candidate
- Gaussian process (GP) models, or tree-based Bayesian Optimization

[Chris Thornton, Frank Hutter, Holger H. Hoos, Kevin Leyton-Brown: Auto-WEKA: combined selection and hyperparameter optimization of classification algorithms. **KDD 2013**]

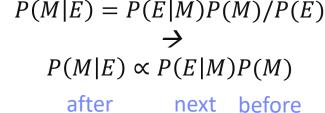


Algorithm 1 SMBO

- 1: initialise model \mathcal{M}_L ; $\mathcal{H} \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: **while** time budget for optimization has not been exhausted **do**
- 3: $\lambda \leftarrow \text{candidate configuration from } \mathcal{M}_L$
- 4: Compute $c = \mathcal{L}(A_{\lambda}, \mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}^{(i)}, \mathcal{D}_{\text{valid}}^{(i)})$
- 5: $\mathcal{H} \leftarrow \mathcal{H} \cup \{(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, c)\}$
- 6: Update \mathcal{M}_L given \mathcal{H}
- 7: end while
- 8: **return** λ from \mathcal{H} with minimal c

Underlying Foundations

- The posterior probability of a model M given evidence E is proportional to the likelihood of E given M multiplied by prior probability of M
- Prior knowledge: e.g., smoothness, noise-free
- Maximize acquisition function:
 GP high objective (exploitation) and high prediction uncertainty (exploration)



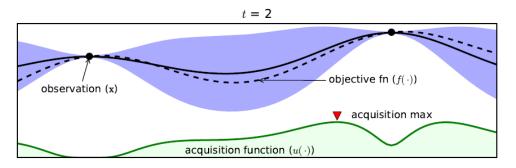


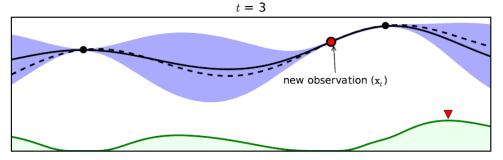


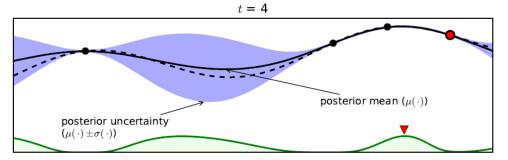
Bayesian Optimization, cont

Example 1D Problem

- Gaussian Process
- 4 iterations









[Eric Brochu, Vlad M. Cora, Nando de Freitas: A Tutorial on Bayesian Optimization of Expensive Cost Functions, with Application to Active User Modeling and Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning. **Corr 2010**]





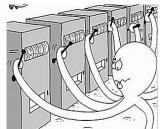
Multi-armed Bandits and Hyperband

Overview Multi-armed Bandits

- Motivation: model types have different quality
- Select among k model types → k-armed bandit problem
- Running score for each arm → scheduling policy

[Credit: mathworks com]

blogs.mathworks.com]



[Sébastien Bubeck, Nicolò Cesa-Bianchi: Regret Analysis of Stochastic and Nonstochastic Multi-armed Bandit Problems.

Foundations and Trends in Machine Learning 2012]



Hyperband

- Non-stochastic setting, without parametric assumptions
- Pure exploration algorithm for infinite-armed bandits
- Based on Successive Halving
 - Successively discarding the worst-performing half of arms

Extended by doubling budget of arms
 in each iteration (no need to configure k, random search included)

[Lisha Li, Kevin G. Jamieson, Giulia DeSalvo, Afshin Rostamizadeh, Ameet Talwalkar: Hyperband: A Novel Bandit-Based Approach to Hyperparameter Optimization. JMLR 2017]





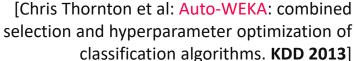




Selected AutoML Systems

Auto Weka

Bayesian optimization with28 learners, 11 ensemble/meta methods





ods [Lars Kotthoffet al: Auto-WEKA 2.0: Automatic model selection and hyper-parameter optimization in WEKA. JMLR 2017]



Auto Sklearn

Bayesian optimization with
 15 classifiers, 14 feature prep, 4 data prep

[Matthias Feurer et al: Auto-sklearn: Efficient and Robust Automated Machine Learning. Automated Machine Learning 2019]



TuPaQ

Multi-armed bandit and large-scale

[Evan R. Sparks, Ameet Talwalkar, Daniel Haas, Michael J. Franklin, Michael I. Jordan, Tim Kraska: Automating model search for large scale machine learning. **Socc 2015**]



TPOT

Genetic programming

[Randal S. Olson, Jason H. Moore: TPOT: A Tree-Based Pipeline Optimization Tool for Automating Machine Learning. Automated Machine Learning 2019]



Other Services

- Azure ML, Amazon ML
- Google AutoML, H20 AutoML

[Hantian Zhang, Luyuan Zeng, Wentao Wu, Ce Zhang: How Good Are Machine Learning Clouds for Binary Classification with Good Features? **Corr 2017**]







Selected AutoML Systems, cont.

Alpine Meadow

- Logical and physical ML pipelines
- Multi-armed bandit for pipeline selection
- Bayesian optimization for hyper-parameters

[Zeyuan Shang et al: **Democratizing Data Science** through Interactive Curation of ML Pipelines. SIGMOD 2019



- Dabl (Data Analysis Baseline Library)
 - Tools for simple data preparation and ML training
 - **Hyperband** (successive halving) for optimization

[https://amueller.github.io/ dabl/dev/user guide.html]

BOHB

- **Bayesian optimization & hyperband**
- Queue-based parallelization of successive halving

[Stefan Falkner, Aaron Klein, Frank Hutter: BOHB: Robust and Efficient Hyper-parameter Optimization at Scale. **ICML 2018**]



- AutoML (https://www.automl.org/) **Paper Collections/Benchmarks**
 - HPOBench/NASBench







Neural Architecture Search

Motivation

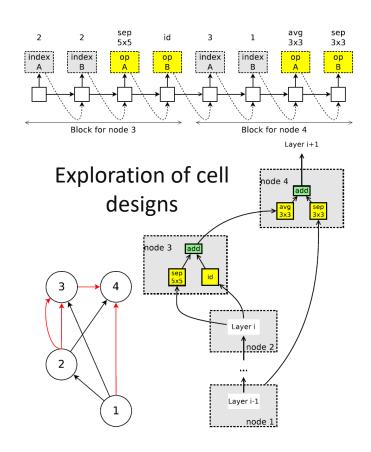
- Design neural networks (type of layers / network) is often trial & error process
- Accuracy vs necessary computation characterizes an architecture
- → Automatic neural architecture search

#1 Search Space of Building Blocks

- Define possible operations
 (e.g., identity, 3x3/5x5 separable
 convolution, avg/max pooling)
- Define approach for connecting operations (pick 2 inputs, apply op, and add results)



[Hieu Pham, Melody Y. Guan, Barret Zoph, Quoc V. Le, Jeff Dean: Efficient Neural Architecture Search via Parameter Sharing. **ICML 2018**]





Neural Architecture Search, cont.

#2 Search Strategy

- Classical evolutionary algorithms
- Recurrent neural networks (e.g., LSTM)
- Bayesian optimization (with special distance metric)

[Barret Zoph, Quoc V. Le: Neural Architecture Search with Reinforcement Learning. ICLR 2017



[Kirthevasan Kandasamy, Willie Neiswanger, Jeff Schneider, Barnabás Póczos, Eric P. Xing: Neural Architecture Search with Bayesian Optimisation and Optimal Transport. NeurIPS 2018]



#3 Optimization Objective

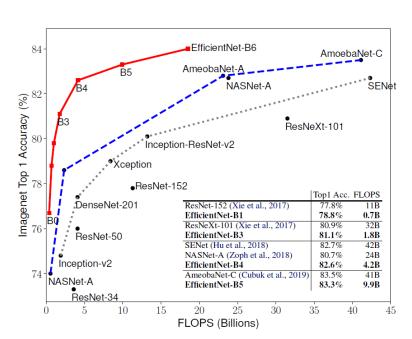
- Max accuracy (min error)
- Multi-objective (accuracy and runtime)

Excursus: Model Scaling

- Automatically scale-up small model for better accuracy
- EfficientNet



[Mingxing Tan, Quoc V. Le: EfficientNet: **Rethinking Model Scaling for Convolutional** Neural Networks. ICML 2019]



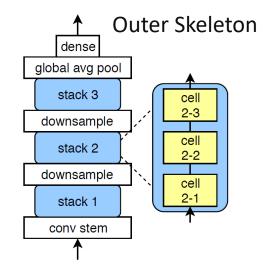


Neural Architecture Search, cont.

- Problem: Computational Resources
 - Huge computational requirements for NAS (even on small datasets)
 - → #1 Difficult to reproduce, and #2 barrier-to-entry
- Excursus: NAS-Bench-101
 - 423K unique convolutional architectures
 - Training and evaluated ALL architectures, multiple times on CIFAR-10
 - Shared dataset: 5M trained models



[Chris Ying, Aaron Klein, Eric Christiansen, Esteban Real, Kevin Murphy, Frank Hutter: NAS-Bench-101: Towards Reproducible Neural Architecture Search. ICML 2019]







Model Management & Provenance





Overview Model Management

Motivation

- Exploratory data science process → trial and error (preparation, feature engineering, model selection)
- Different personas (data engineer, ML expert, devops)

How did you create that model? Did you consider X?





Problems

- No record of experiments, insights lost along the way
- Difficult to reproduce results
- Cannot search for or query models
- Difficult to collaborate



[Manasi Vartak: ModelDB: A system to manage machine learning models, Spark Summit 2017]

Overview

- Experiment tracking and visualization
- Coarse-grained ML pipeline provenance and versioning
- Fine-grained data provenance (data-/ops-oriented)





Model Management Systems (MLOps)

ModelHub

- Versioning system for DNN models, including provenance tracking
- DSL for model exploration and enumeration queries (model selection + hyper parameters)
- Model versions stored as deltas

[Hui Miao, Ang Li, Larry S. Davis, Amol Deshpande: ModelHub: Deep Learning Lifecycle Management. ICDE 2017]



■ ModelDB → Verta.ai

- Model and provenance logging for ML pipelines via programmatic APIs
- Support for different ML systems (e.g., spark.ml, scikit-learn, others)
- GUIs for capturing meta data and metric visualization

[Manasi Vartak, Samuel Madden: MODELDB: Opportunities and Challenges in Managing Machine Learning Models.

IEEE Data Eng. Bull. 2018]



[Verta Enterprise MLOps Platform https://www.verta.ai/ platform/]







Model Management Systems (MLOps), cont.

MLflow



- An open source platform for the machine learning lifecycle
- Use of existing ML systems and various language bindings













- MLflow Tracking: logging and querying experiments
- MLflow Projects: packaging/reproduction of ML pipeline results
- MLflow Models: deployment of models in various services/tools
- MLflow Model Registry: cataloging models and managing deployment



[Matei Zaharia, Andrew Chen, Aaron Davidson, Ali Ghodsi, Sue Ann Hong, Andy Konwinski, Siddharth Murching, Tomas Nykodym, Paul Ogilvie, Mani Parkhe, Fen Xie, Corey Zumar: Accelerating the Machine Learning Lifecycle with MLflow. IEEE Data Eng. Bull. 41(4) 2018]



[Andrew Chen, Andy Chow, Aaron Davidson, Arjun DCunha, Ali Ghodsi, Sue Ann Hong, Andy Konwinski, Clemens Mewald, Siddharth Murching, Tomas Nykodym, Paul Ogilvie, Mani Parkhe, Avesh Singh, Fen Xie, Matei Zaharia, Richard Zang, Juntai Zheng, Corey Zumar: Developments in MLflow: A System to Accelerate the Machine Learning Lifecycle. **DEEM@SIGMOD 2020**]





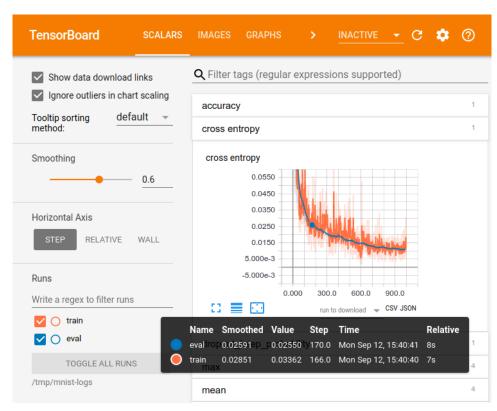
Experiment Tracking

TensorFlow: TensorBoard

- Suite of visualization tools
- Explicitly track and write summary statistics
- Visualize behavior over time and across experiments
- Different folders for model versioning?

Other Tools:

- Integration w/ TensorBoard
- Lots of custom logging and plotting tools



[Credit: https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/ summaries and tensorboard]





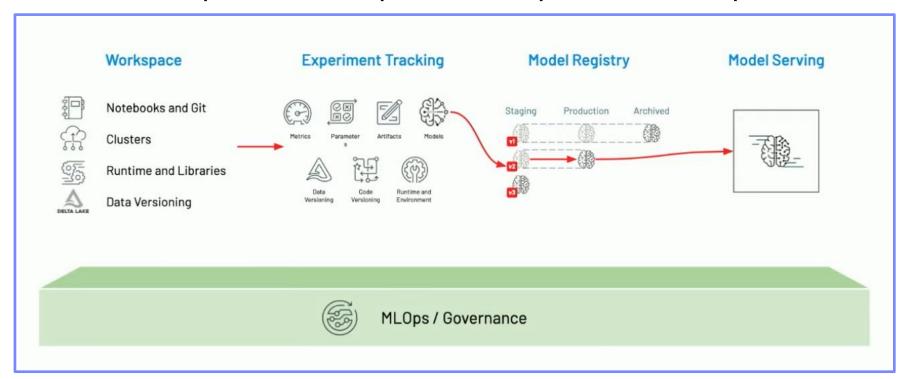
ML Lifecycle Management



- Databricks Machine Learning
 - MLOps, Feature Store, AutoML

[Clemens Mewald: Announcing Databricks Machine Learning, Feature Store, AutoML, Keynote Data+ Al Summit 2021]

MLOps = DataOps + DevOps + ModelOps







Configuration Management

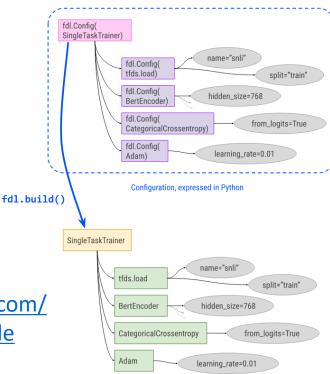
#1 ML Collections

- Dictionary-like data structures for configurations of experiments and models (hyper-parameters, loss, optimizer)
- ConfigDict and FrozenConfigDict

#2 Fiddle

- Configurations for model training
 with build() for creating training instances
- Auto-config for creating a config object from a (control-flow-free) function
- Explain and visualization

https://github.com/
google/ml collections



https://github.com/ google/fiddle





Provenance for ML Pipelines (fine-grained)

DEX: Dataset Versioning

- Versioning of datasets, stored with delta encoding
- Checkout, intersection, union queries over deltas
- Query optimization for finding efficient plans

[Amit Chavan, Amol Deshpande: DEX: Query Execution in a Deltabased Storage System. SIGMOD 2017]



MISTIQUE: Intermediates of ML Pipelines

- Capturing, storage, querying of intermediates
- Lossy deduplication and compression
- Adaptive querying/materialization for finding efficient plans

Linear Algebra Provenance

- Provenance propagation by decomposition
- Annotate parts w/ provenance polynomials (identifiers of contributing inputs + impact)

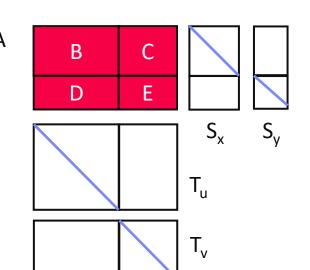
$$A = S_x B T_u + S_x C T_v + S_y D T_u + S_y E T_v$$



[Zhepeng Yan, Val Tannen, Zachary G. Ives: Fine-grained Provenance for Linear Algebra Operators. **TaPP 2016**]

[Manasi Vartak et al: MISTIQUE: A System to Store and Query Model Intermediates for Model Diagnosis. **SIGMOD 2018**]







Provenance for ML Pipelines (coarse-grained)

MLflow

- Programmatic API for tracking parameters, experiments, and results
- autolog() for specific params

```
import mlflow
import mlflow
mlflow.log_param("num_dimensions", 8)
mlflow.log_param("regularization", 0.1)
mlflow.log_metric("accuracy", 0.1)
mlflow.log_artifact("roc.png")
```

Flor (on Ground)

- DSL embedded in python for managing the workflow development phase of the ML lifecycle
- DAGs of actions, artifacts, and literals
- Data context generated by activities in Ground

[Credit: https://rise.cs.berkeley.edu/
projects/jarvis/]

[Joseph M. Hellerstein et al: Ground: A Data Context Service. **CIDR 2017**]



Dataset Relationship Management

- Reuse, reveal, revise, retarget, reward
- Code-to-data relationships (data provenance)
- Data-to-code relationships (potential transforms)

[Zachary G. Ives, Yi Zhang, Soonbo Han, Nan Zheng,: Dataset Relationship Management. **CIDR 2019**]









Provenance for ML Pipelines (coarse-grained), cont.

HELIX

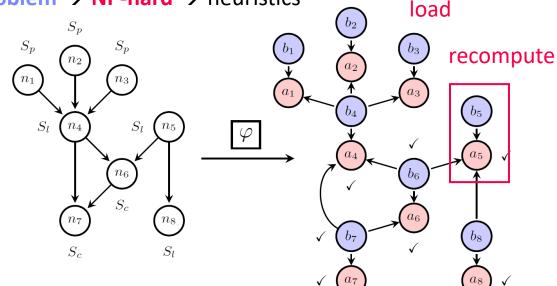
- Goal: focus on iterative development
 w/ small modifications (trial & error)
- Caching, reuse, and recomputation

[Doris Xin, Stephen Macke, Litian Ma, Jialin Liu, Shuchen Song, Aditya G. Parameswaran: Helix: Holistic Optimization for Accelerating Iterative Machine Learning. **PVLDB 2018**]



■ Reuse as Max-Flow problem → NP-hard → heuristics

 Materialization to disk for future reuse



CollaborativeOptimizer



[Behrouz Derakhshan, Alireza Rezaei Mahdiraji, Ziawasch Abedjan, Tilmann Rabl, Volker Markl: Optimizing Machine Learning Workloads in Collaborative Environments. **SIGMOD 2020**]





Lineage Tracing & Reuse in SystemDS





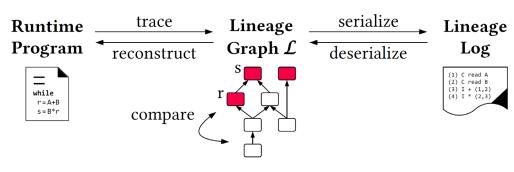
Problem

- Exploratory data science (data preprocessing, model configurations)
- Reproducibility and explainability of trained models (data, parameters, prep)
- → Lineage/Provenance as Key Enabling Technique:

 Model versioning, reuse of intermediates, incremental maintenance, auto differentiation, and debugging (query processing over lineage)

Efficient Lineage Tracing

- Tracing of inputs, literals, and non-determinism
- Trace lineage of logical operations
- Deduplication for loops/functions
- Program/output reconstruction
- Lineage-Based Reuse



[Arnab Phani, Benjamin Rath, Matthias Boehm: LIMA: Fine-grained Lineage Tracing and Reuse in Machine Learning Systems, **SIGMOD 2021**]







Model Debugging and Explainability

Similar to Software Testing
Focus on Benchmarks, Assessment, Monitoring,
Model Improvements, Model Understanding





Overview Model Debugging

[Credit: twitter.com/tim kraska]

- #1 Understanding via Visualization
 - Plotting of predictions / interactions
 - Combination with dimensionality reduction into 2D:
 - Autoencoder
 - PCA (principal component analysis)
 - t-SNE (T-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding)
 - Input, intermediate, and output layers of DNNs



[Andrew Crotty et al: Vizdom: Interactive Analytics through Pen and Touch. **PVLDB 2015**]



- #2 Validation, Explainability, Fairness via Constraints
 - Establish assertions and thresholds for automatic validation and alerts w.r.t. accuracy, bias, and other metrics
 - Generate succinct representations (e.g., rules) as explanation
 - Impose constraints like monotonicity for ensuring fairness





Basic Model-Specific Statistics

Regression Statistics

- Average response and stddev, average residuals stddev residuals
- R2 (coeff of determination) with and without bias, etc

Classification Statistics

- Classical: recall, precision, F1-score
- Example Mnist
- Mispredictions might also be visualized via dimensionality reduction

predicted label

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	21									
1		25								
1 2 3 4 5 6			15							
3				76						
4					23					12
5						36				
6							24			
7								31		37
8									42	
9					8			11		53





Excursus: DLR Earth Observation Use Case

Data and ML Pipelines

ESA Sentinel-1/2 datasets → 4PB/year

Training of local climate zone classifiers on So2Sat LCZ42 (15 experts, 400K instances, 10 labels each, 85% confidence, ~55GB H5)

ML pipeline: preprocessing, ResNet18,

climate models

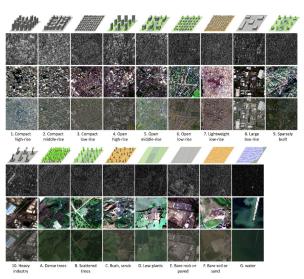


[Xiao Xiang Zhu et al: So2Sat LCZ42: A Benchmark Dataset for the Classification of Global Local Climate Zones. GRSM 2020]



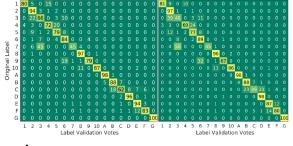
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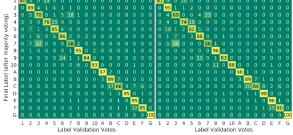
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Label Creation/ Validation

- Team learning
- Labeling w/ checks
- Label validation
- Quantitative validation w/ 10 expert votes on correctness





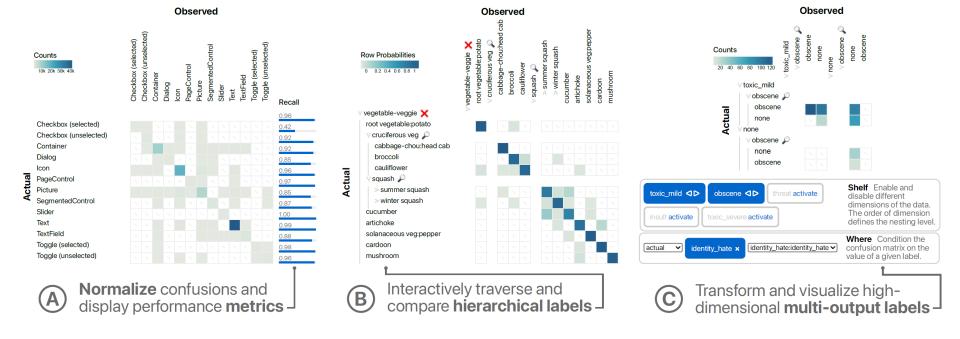


Confusion Matrices, cont.

- **Generalized Confusion Matrices**
 - Hierarchical, Multi-label Data

[Jochen Görtler et al: Neo: Generalizing Confusion Matrix Visualization to Hierarchical and Multi-Output Labels. CHI 2022 (1/25 best papers)]





Transform multi-label data: conditioning, marginalization (aggregation), and nesting

> Architecture of Machine Learning Systems – 03 Model Selection and Debugging Matthias Boehm, Graz University of Technology, SS 2022





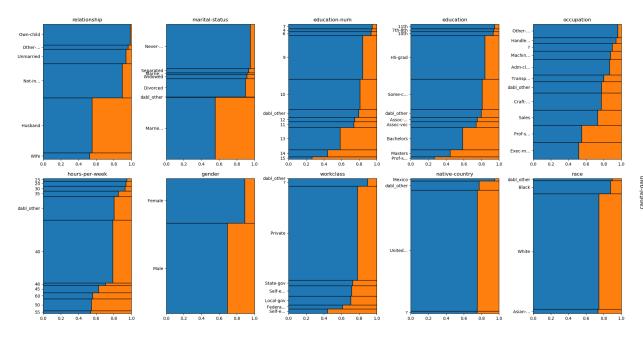
Excursus: dabl.plot

[Andreas Mueller: dabl – Taking the edge off of data science with dabl, **Data Umbrella 2022**,



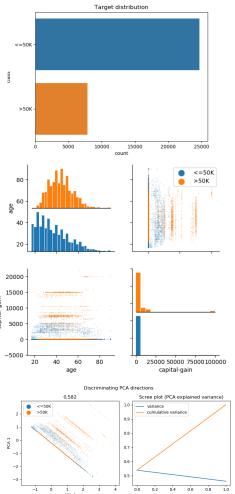
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h92RMJi4mRM]

adult dataset (>50K vs <=50K income)
data = pd.read_csv("adult.csv")
plot(data, "income")</pre>



[https://amueller.github.io/dabl/dev/auto_examples/plot/plot_adult.html]

(mosaic plots)







Occlusion-Based Explanations

Occlusion Explanations

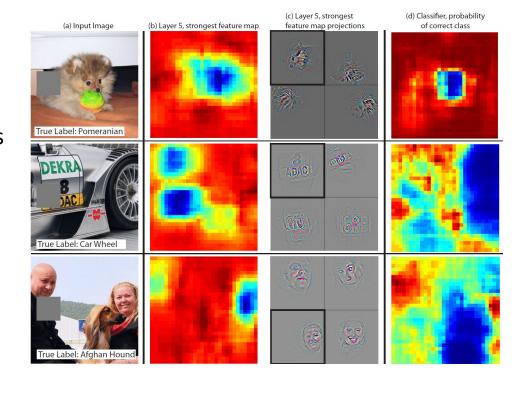
- Slide gray square over inputs
- Measure how feature maps and classifier output changes



[Matthew D. Zeiler, Rob Fergus: Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks. **ECCV 2014**]



- View CNN as white-box operator graph and operators as views
- Materialize intermediate tensors and apply incremental view maintenance



[Supun Nakandala, Arun Kumar, and Yannis Papakonstantinou: Incremental and Approximate Inference forFaster Occlusion-based Deep CNN

Explanations, **SIGMOD 2019**]

SIGMOD 2020 Research Highlight





Example Model Anomalies

"silent but severe problems"

#1 Wolf Detection based on snow cover



[Marco Túlio Ribeiro, Sameer Singh, and Carlos Guestrin: Why Should I Trust You?: Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier, KDD 2016

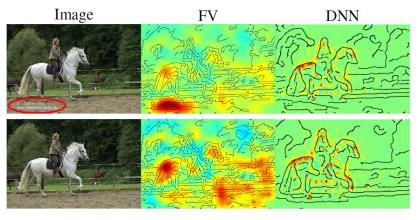
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- (a) Husky classified as wolf
 - (b) Explanation

- #2 Horse Detection based on image watermarks
 - Layer-wise relevance propagation



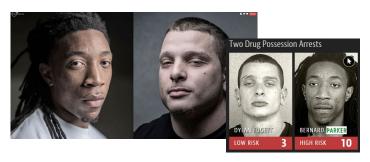
[Sebastian Lapuschkin et al.: Analyzing Classifiers: Fisher Vectors and Deep Neural Networks, CVPR 2016]



#3 Race-biased Jail Risk Assessment



[Julia Angwin et al: Machine Bias – There's software used across the country to predict future criminals. And it's biased against blacks, **2016**, https://www.propublica.org/article/ machine-bias-risk-assessments-in-criminal-sentencing]







SliceFinder

[Yeounoh Chung, Tim Kraska, Neoklis Polyzotis, Ki Hyun Tae, Steven Euijong Whang: Automated Data Slicing for Model Validation: A Big Data - Al Integration Approach. ICDE2019/TKDE2020]



Problem Formulation

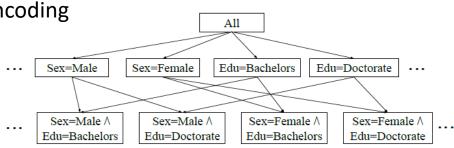
- Data slice: S^{DG} := D=PhD AND G=female (subsets of features)
- Find top-k data slices where model performs worse than average
- Ordering by

"find largest error vs find large slices"

- Increasing number of literals,
- Decreasing slice size, and decreasing effect size (difference S vs $\neg S$)
- Subject to: minimum effect size threshold T, statistical significance (Welch's ttest), a dominance constraint (no coarser slice satisfies 1 and 2) via

Existing Algorithms

- Preparation: Binning + One-Hot Encoding
- #1 Clustering → slices
- **#2** Decision tree training
- #3 Lattice search with heuristic, level-wise termination







SliceLine for Model Debugging





[Credit: sliceline, Silicon Valley, HBO1

Problem Formulation

- Intuitive slice scoring function
- Exact top-k slice finding
- $|S| \ge \sigma \land sc(S) > 0$
- $\alpha \in (0,1]$

 $\alpha \left(\frac{\overline{e}(S)}{\overline{e}(X)} - 1 \right) - (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{|X|}{|S|} - 1 \right)$

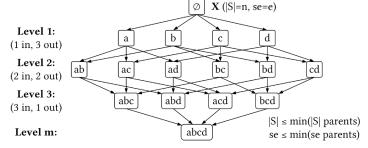
$$= \alpha \left(\frac{|X|}{|S|} \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|S|} es_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{|X|} e_i} - 1 \right) - (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{|X|}{|S|} - 1 \right)$$

slice error

slice size

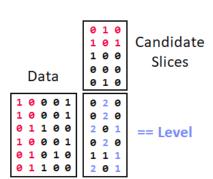
Properties & Pruning

- Monotonicity of slice sizes, errors
- Upper bound sizes/errors/scores > pruning & termination



Linear-Algebra-based Slice Finding

- Recoded matrix X, error vector e
- **Vectorized implementation in linear algebra** (join & eval via sparse-sparse matrix multiply)
- Local and distributed task/data-parallel execution



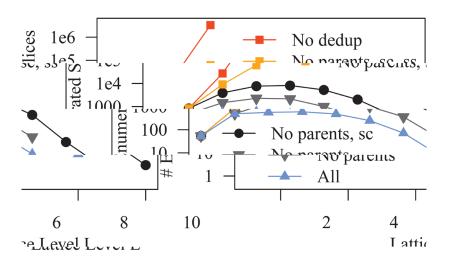


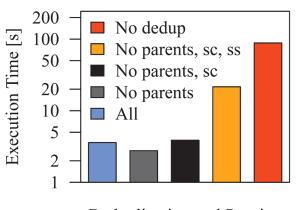
SliceLine – Experiments

[Svetlana Sagadeeva, Matthias Boehm: SliceLine: Fast, Linear-Algebra-based Slice Finding for ML Model Debugging, SIGMOD 2021]



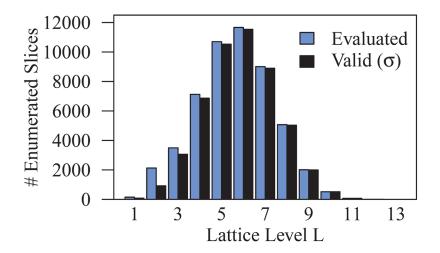
Salaries 2x2





Deduplication and Pruning Configurations

Adult



Effective Pruning

(#evaluated close to #valid)

Practical Performance

(39s until termination at level 12)



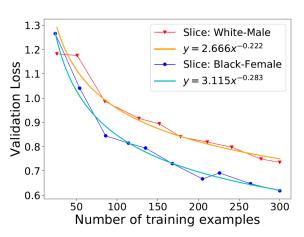
Slice Tuner

[Ki Hyun Tae, Steven Euijong Whang: Slice Tuner: A Selective Data Acquisition Framework for Accurate and Fair Machine Learning Models, **SIGMOD 2021**]



Motivation

- Root cause of unfairness: bias in training data
- Selective Data Acquisition for model accuracy and fairness
- Different slices w/ different learning curves
 → Learning curve fitting



Problem Formulation

Minimize total loss of slices

Penalize underperforming slices

Convex optimization problem

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i (|s_i| + d_i)^{-a_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \max \left\{ 0, \frac{b_i (|s_i| + d_i)^{-a_i}}{A} - 1 \right\}$$
subject to
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} C(s_i) \times d_i = B$$

Budget of acquisition costs



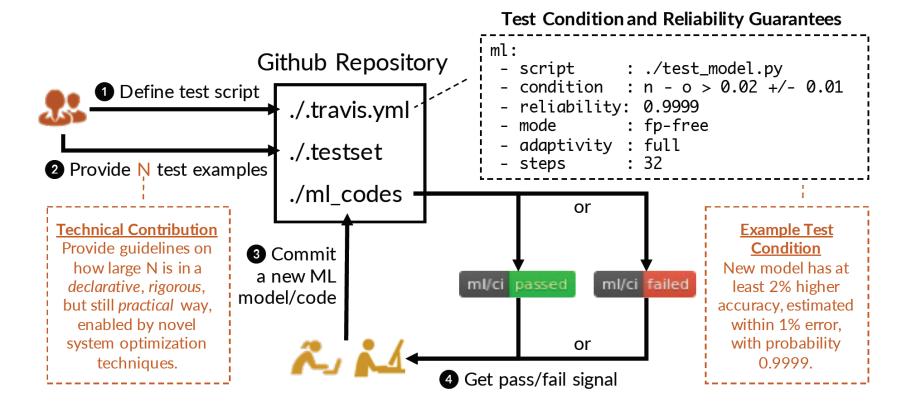


Continuous Integration

System Architecture ease.ml/ci

[Cedric Renggli, Bojan Karlaš, Bolin Ding, Feng Liu, Kevin Schawinski, Wentao Wu, Ce Zhang: Continuous Integration of Machine Learning Models with ease.ml/ci: Towards a Rigorous Yet Practical Treatment, SysML 2019]









Explainability

[Hima Lakkaraju, Julius Adebayo, Sameer Singh: Explaining Machine Learning Predictions: State-of-the-art, Challenges, and Opportunities, **NeurIPS 2020** Tutorial, https://explainml-tutorial.github.io/neurips20]



Motivation

- Explain predictions via inputs for model understanding & transparency
- Utilize model debugging and other tools

#1 Interpretable Models

- Linear models, tree-based models, rule-based models
- Weights and decision rules

Interpretability ← → Accuracy

Prefer simpler models if accuracy sufficient!

#2 Post-hoc Explanations

- Complex deep neural networks or very large models → black box models
- Build simple models for explaining any complex models

Types of Explanations

Model parameters, example predictions, summarization

Most important features/data, how to flip model predictions

Multi-modal Interpretability:

https://captum.ai/





LIME: Sparse, Linear Explanations

LIME Overview

- Model agnostic explanations
- Identify important dimension and present their relative importance
- Sample perturbations of prediction input (e.g., hide parts of image, attribute values)
- Locally weighted regression

[Marco Túlio Ribeiro, Sameer Singh, and Carlos Guestrin: Why Should I Trust You?: Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier, **KDD 2016**]







(a) Husky classified as wolf

(b) Explanation

LIME Objective

- Various hyper-parameters
- Heuristics / HP optimization

Loss Function Regularizer
$$\xi(x) = \mathop{\mathrm{argmin}}_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f,g,\pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$
Linear Models Local Kernel

Architecture of Machine Learning Systems – 03 Model Selection and Debugging Matthias Boehm, Graz University of Technology, SS 2022



SHAP: Shapley Additive Explanations

SHAP Overview

Additive feature importance (local accuracy)

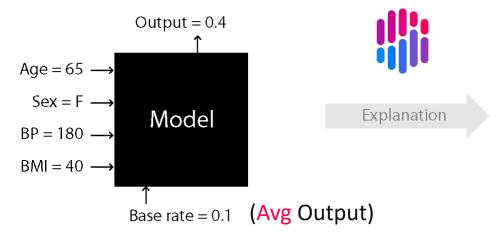
[Scott M. Lundberg, Su-In Lee: A Unified Approach to Interpreting Model Predictions. NIPS 2017



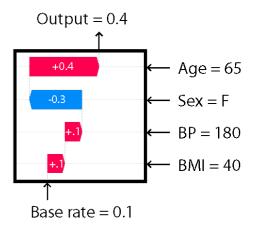
- Unification of LIME, Shapley sampling/regression values, QII, DeepLIFT, layer-wise relevance propagation, tree interpreter
- Estimate Shapley values using linear regression

[Scott M. Lundberg: Explainable Al for Science and Medicine, https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=B-c8tlgchu0]

SHAP Tooling



[https://shap.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html]



Marginal contributions





Model Bias & Fairness

Focus on Applications, Fairness, Ethics, Responsibility
Fairness Metrics and Constraints
Employs Model Debugging & Explainability
Techniques





Sources of Bias

Environment

- Selection Bias: Differences in study participation, data availability, and measurement effort
- Test environment, project team, cultural context → different context

Data Collection

- Sample Bias: collected data not representative of application
- Observer Bias / Confirmation Bias: subjective judgment leaks into measurement and analysis → transparency and critical feedback

Training Dataset

- Data Bias: e.g., not missing at random (NMAR) values
- Feature Selection Bias: manual or automatic during data preparation
- → Design ML Systems & applications w/ awareness of potential bias





Excursus: DLR Earth Observation Use Case, cont.

For the evaluation, we have chosen a subset of 10 European cities (shown in Table II) from the group of cities we labeled. The choice was based on the following three rationales:

- All our labeling experts have lived in Europe for a significant number of years. This ensures familiarity with the general morphological appearance of European cities.
- Google Earth provides detailed 3D models for the 10 cities, which is of great help in determining the approximate height of urban objects. This is necessary to be able to distinguish between low-rise, mid-rise, and high-rise classes.
- As previously mentioned, LCZ labeling is very laborintensive. Reducing the evaluation set to 10 cities allowed us to generate more individual votes per polygon for better statistics.

Unfortunately, not many European cities contain LCZ class 7 (light-weight low-rise), which mostly describes informal settlements (e.g., slums). Therefore, we included the polygons of class 7 for an additional 9 cities that are representative of the 9 major non-European geographical regions of the world (see Table III).

[Xiao Xiang Zhu et al: So2Sat LCZ42: A Benchmark Dataset for the Classification of Global Local Climate Zones. **GRSM 2020**]



Environment / Context→ Biased Data Collection

→ Awareness and
 Conscious Bias Mitigation
 → Remaining Bias?





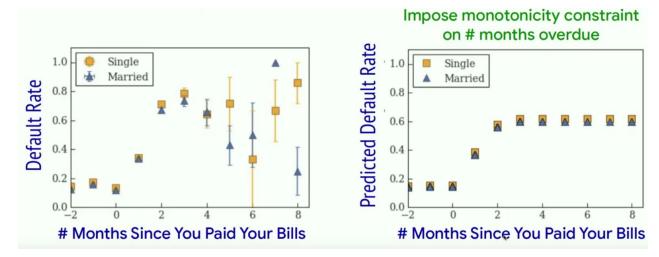
Debugging Bias and Fairness

Fairness

- Validate and ensure fairness with regard to sensitive features (unbiased)
- Use occlusion and saliency maps to characterize and compare groups

Enforcing Fairness

- Use constraints to enforce certain properties (e.g., monotonicity, smoothness)
- Example: late payment → credit score



[Maya Gupta: How Do We Make Al Fair? **SysML 2019**]





Group Fairness Constraints

[H. Zhang et al: OmniFair: A Declarative System for Model-Agnostic Group Fairness in Machine Learning, **SIGMOD 2021**]



- #1 Statistical Parity
 - Independence of model from groups
 - **Equal probability outcome** across groups

 $\forall g_i, g_i \in G$: $P(h = 1|g_i) \approx P(h = 1|g_i)$

- #2 False Positive Rate Parity
 - Independence of model from groups
 - Conditioned on true label y=0

#2+#3

Equalized

Odds

- #3 False Negative Rate Parity
 - Independence of model from groups
 - Conditioned on true label y=1

- $\forall g_i, g_i \in G$: $P(h = 1 | q_i, y = 0)$ $\approx P(h=1|g_i, y=0)$
- $\forall g_i, g_i \in G$: $P(h = 0 | q_i, y = 1)$ $\approx P(h = 0|g_i, y = 1)$

- #4 False Omission Rate Parity
 - Independence of true labels from groups
 - Conditioned on negative prediction h=0

$$\forall g_i, g_j \in G$$
:
 $P(y = 1 | g_i, h = 0)$
 $\approx P(y = 1 | g_i, h = 0)$





Ensuring Fairness

[H. Zhang et al: OmniFair: A Declarative System for Model-Agnostic Group Fairness in Machine Learning, SIGMOD 2021]



Problem Formulation

- A fairness specification is given by a triplet (g, f, ε) and induces (|g(D)|choose 2) fairness constraints on pairs of groups
- A fairness specification is satisfied by a classifier h on D iff all induced fairness constraints are satisfied, i.e., $\forall gi,gj \in g(D), |f(h,gi)-f(h,gj)| \leq \varepsilon$
- Unconstrained optimization problem

max accuracy s.t. fairness

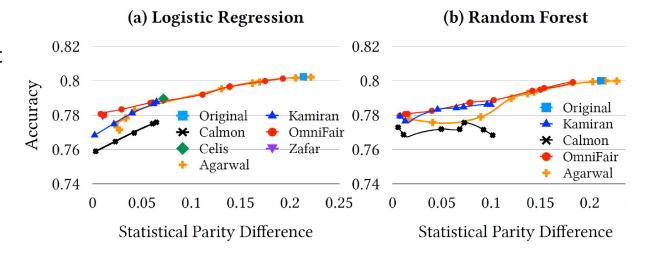


max accuracy

+ fairness

Results

- Adult dataset
- Modelagnostic
- Similar Accuracy







Excursus: EU Policy

[European Commission: LAYING DOWN HARMONISED RULES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT) AND AMENDING CERTAIN UNION LEGISLATIVE ACTS, 04/2021]



The Commission examined different policy options to achieve the general objective of the proposal, which is to **ensure the proper functioning of the single market** by creating the conditions for the development and use of trustworthy AI in the Union.

Four policy options of different degrees of regulatory intervention were assessed:

- **Option 1**: EU legislative instrument setting up a voluntary labelling scheme;
- Option 2: a sectoral, "ad-hoc" approach;
- **Option 3**: Horizontal EU legislative instrument following a proportionate risk-based approach;
- **Option 3+**: Horizontal EU legislative instrument following a proportionate risk-based approach + codes of conduct for non-high-risk AI systems;
- **Option 4**: Horizontal EU legislative instrument establishing mandatory requirements for all AI systems, irrespective of the risk they pose.
- The preferred option is option 3+, a regulatory framework for high-risk AI systems only, with the possibility for [...] non-high-risk AI systems to follow a code of conduct."





Summary and Q&A

- Model Selection Techniques
- Model Management & Provenance
- Model Debugging and Explainability
- Model Bias & Fairness Constraints

