

AI and Big Data Convergence

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Abstract

Most of the techniques from Artificial Intelligence, in particular the ones belonging to machine learning, need as much data as possible to obtain more robust and accurate models trained by means of algorithms that use data samples to adjust the model parameters. As an example, a model based on deep neural networks has millions of parameters (named as weights) whose values are progressively updated by the Error-Backpropagation algorithm that visits iteratively all the samples of the training data set.

Mr. Cukier explained that the researchers from Stanford University used thousands of samples of cancerous breast cells and the patients' survival rates to train a machine-learning model, and defined the goal function of the learning algorithm to identify patterns in the attributes of input data that best correlate with the goal of predicting if a given biopsy will be severely cancerous. The obtained machine-learning model identified eleven attributes that best predict that a biopsy is highly cancerous. What surprised researchers was that only eight of the elevent attributes were previously known by doctors and studied in medical literature. As Stanford researchers included in the experiment all the attributes of input data, without instructing the learning algorithm which ones to use, the outcome as that three of the attributes (or indicators) found by the machine-learning algorithm were not considered as relevant by medical community; pathologists never focused their attention on such indicators. As Mr. Cuckier remarked is that machine learning works because the learning algorithm is fed with lots of data—much more information than any human being could digest in a lifetime and manage at any moment.



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