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**Introduction and Overview**  
**From measuring Usability to measuring Causability**

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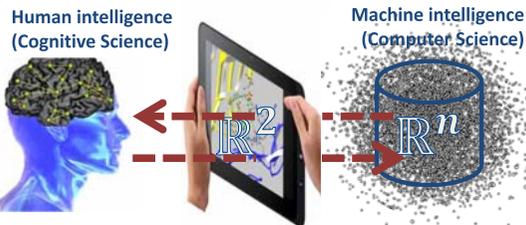
# 01 What is the HCI-KDD approach?



- ML is a very practical field – algorithm development is at the core – however, successful ML needs a concerted effort of various topics ...



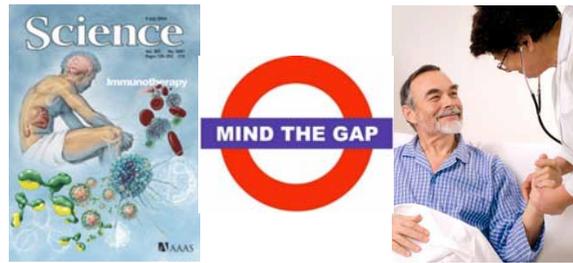
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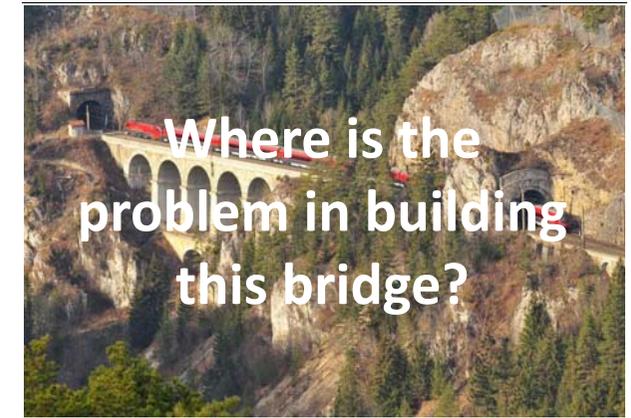
- 1) learn from prior data
- 2) extract knowledge
- 2) generalize, i.e. guessing where a probability mass function concentrates
- 4) fight the curse of dimensionality
- 5) disentangle underlying explanatory factors of data, i.e.
- 6) understand the data in the context of an application domain



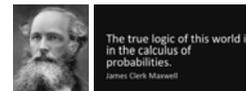
# Why is this application area complex ?



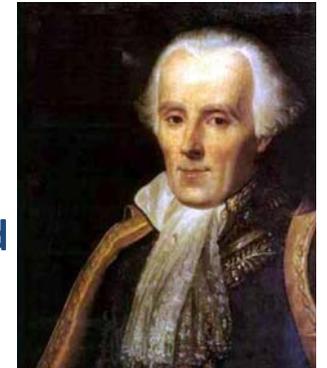
## Our central hypothesis: Information may bridge this gap



# 03 Probabilistic Learning



## Probability theory is nothing but common sense reduced to calculation



Pierre Simon de Laplace (1749-1827)



- Newton, Leibniz, ... developed calculus – mathematical language for describing and dealing with rates of change
- Bayes, Laplace, ... developed probability theory - the mathematical language for describing and dealing with uncertainty
- Gauss generalized those ideas

What is the simplest mathematical operation for us? 06

$$p(x) = \sum_x p(x, y) \quad (1)$$

How do we call repeated adding?

$$p(x, y) = p(y|x) * p(x) \quad (2)$$

Laplace (1773) showed that we can write:

$$p(x, y) * p(y) = p(y|x) * p(x) \quad (3)$$

Now we introduce a third, more complicated operation:

$$\frac{p(x, y) * p(y)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(y|x) * p(x)}{p(y)} \quad (4)$$

We can reduce this fraction by p(y) and we receive what is called Bayes rule:

$$p(x, y) = \frac{p(y|x) * p(x)}{p(y)} \quad p(h|d) = \frac{p(d|h)p(h)}{p(d)} \quad (5)$$

$$p(x_i) = \sum P(x_i, y_j)$$

$$p(x_i, y_j) = p(y_j|x_i)P(x_i)$$

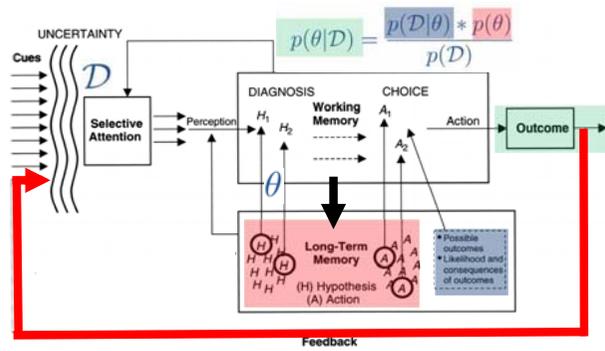
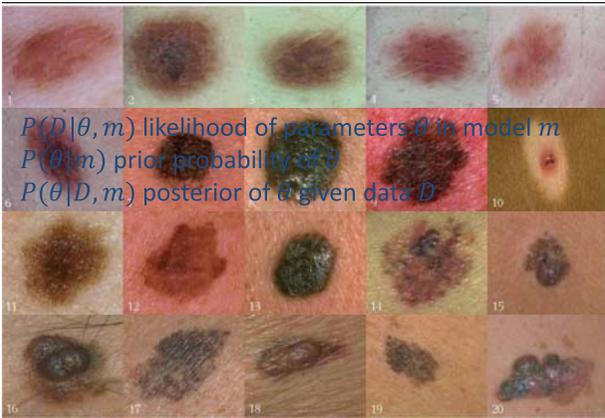
Bayes' Rule is a corollary of the Sum Rule and Product Rule:

$$p(x_i|y_j) = \frac{p(y_j|x_i)p(x_i)}{\sum p(x_i, y_j)p(x_i)}$$

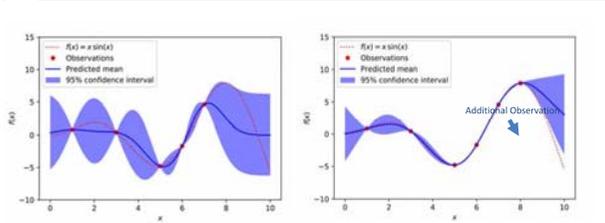
$$P(\text{hypothesis}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{hypothesis})P(\text{data}|\text{hypothesis})}{\sum_h P(h)P(\text{data}|h)}$$

$$P(\theta|\mathcal{D}, m) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\theta, m)P(\theta|m)}{P(\mathcal{D}|m)}$$

Bayes, T. (1763). An Essay towards solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances (Postum communicated by Richard Price). Philosophical Transactions, 53, 370-418.



Wickens, C. D. (1984) *Engineering psychology and human performance*. Columbus (OH), Charles Merrill, modified by Holzinger, A.



$$\mathbb{E}[f] = \int p(x)f(x) dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(x_n)$$

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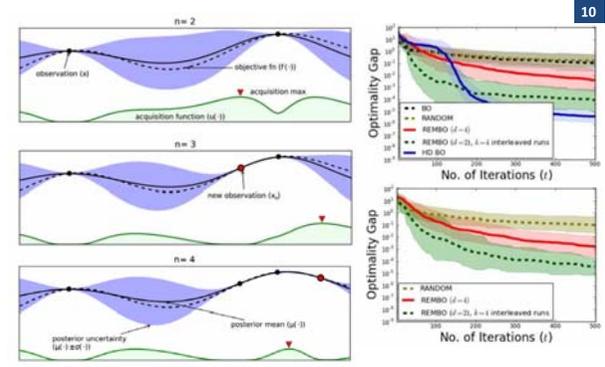
$$D = x_{1:n} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$p(D|\theta)$$

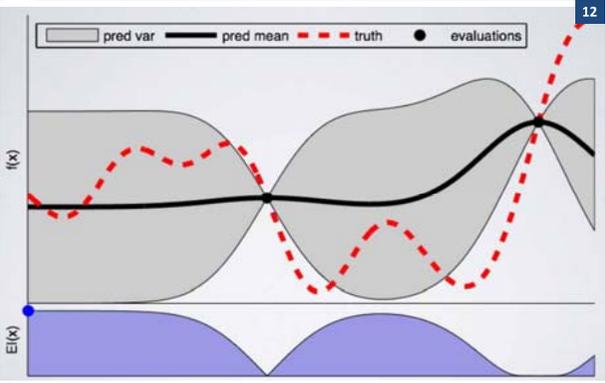
$$p(\theta|D) = \frac{p(D|\theta) * p(\theta)}{p(D)}$$

posterior =  $\frac{\text{likelihood} * \text{prior}}{\text{evidence}}$

The inverse probability allows to learn from data, infer unknowns, and make predictions



Wang, Z., Hutter, F., Zoghi, M., Matheson, D. & De Freitas, N. 2016. Bayesian optimization in a billion dimensions via random embeddings. *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 55, 361-387, doi:10.1613/jair.4806.



Snoek, J., Larochelle, H. & Adams, R. P. Practical Bayesian optimization of machine learning algorithms. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 2012. 2951-2959.

$d \dots$  data  $\mathcal{H} \dots \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n\} \forall h, d \dots$

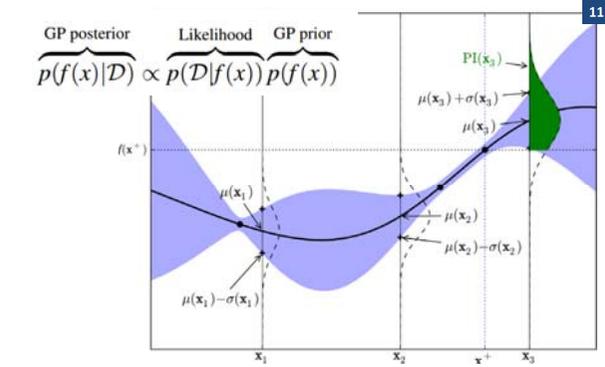
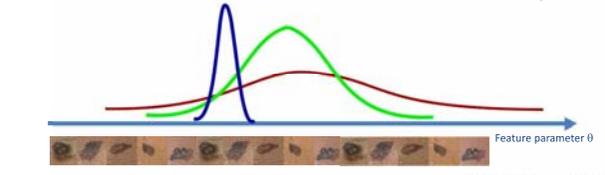
$h \dots$  hypotheses

Likelihood:  $p(d|h)$  Prior Probability:  $p(h)$

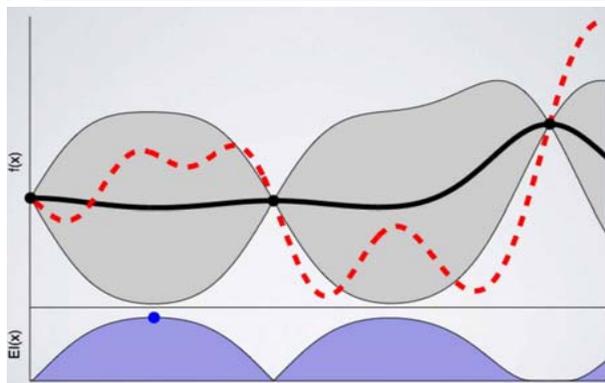
$$p(h|d) = \frac{p(d|h) * p(h)}{\sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} p(d|h') p(h')}$$

Posterior Probability

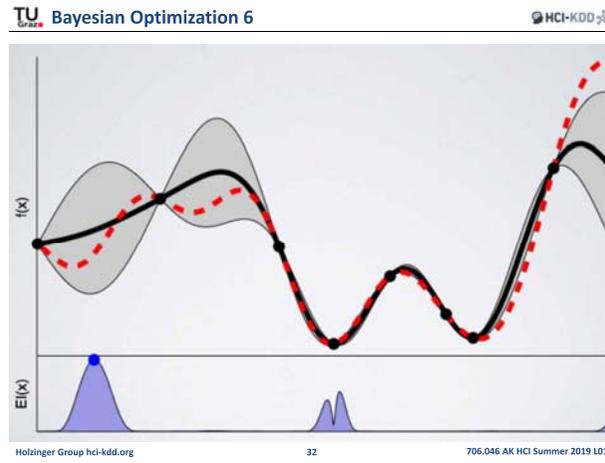
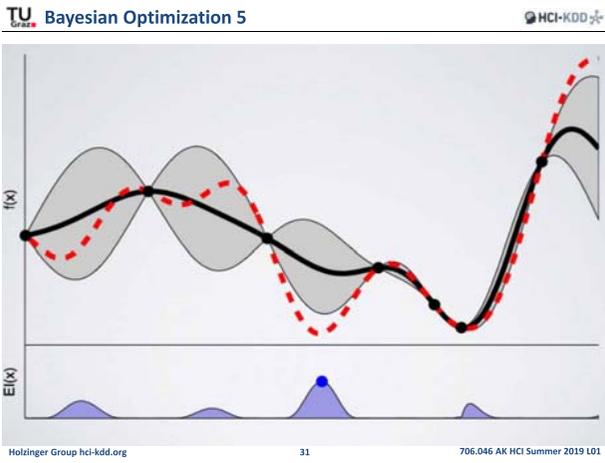
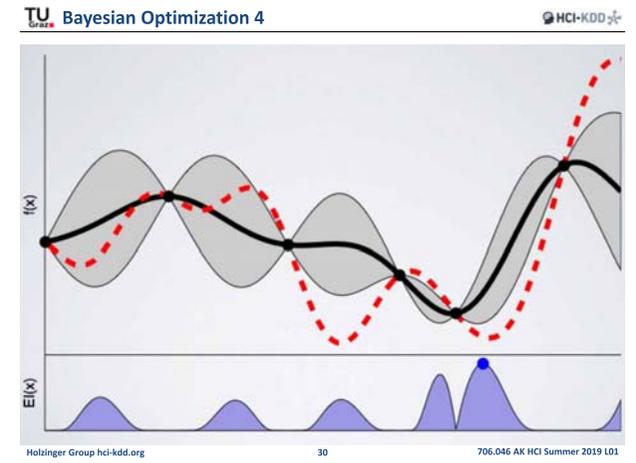
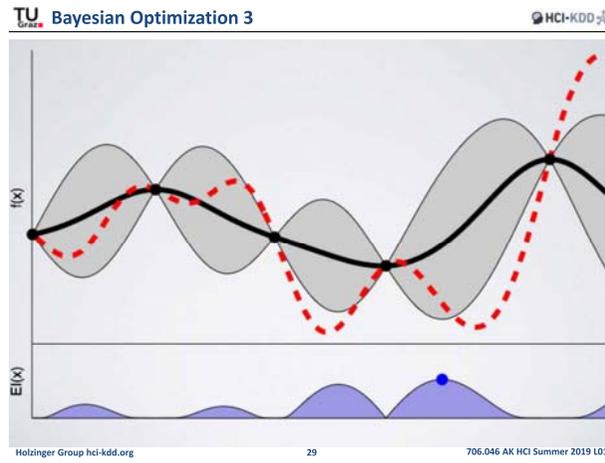
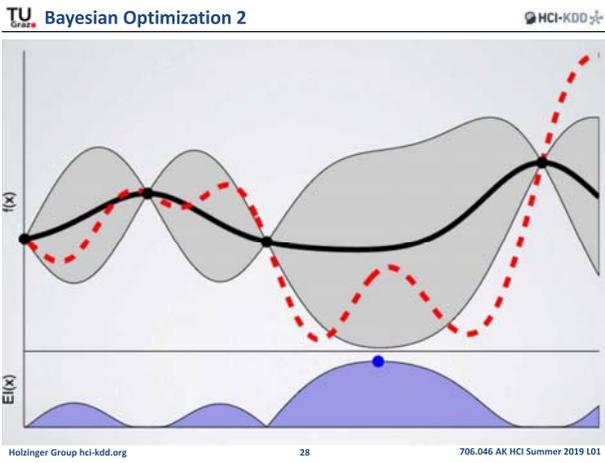
Problem in  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$  complex



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**Algorithm 1 Bayesian optimization**

- for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  do
- select new  $x_{n+1}$  by optimizing acquisition function  $\alpha$   

$$x_{n+1} = \arg \max_x \alpha(x; D_n)$$
- query objective function to obtain  $y_{n+1}$
- augment data  $D_{n+1} = \{D_n, (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})\}$
- update statistical model
- end for

- PI Probability of Improvement
- EI Expected Improvement
- UCB Upper Confidence Bound
- TS Thompson Sampling
- PES Predictive Entropy Search

Shahriari, B., Swersky, K., Wang, Z., Adams, R. P. & De Freitas, N. 2016. Taking the human out of the loop: A review of Bayesian optimization. *Proceedings of the IEEE*, 104, (1), 148-175, doi:10.1109/JPROC.2015.2494218.

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04 aML

Best practice examples of aML ...



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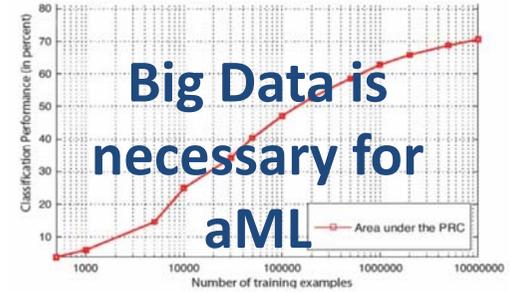
a woman riding a horse on a dirt road an airplane is parked on the tarmac at an airport a group of people standing on top of a beach

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/deepimagesent/>

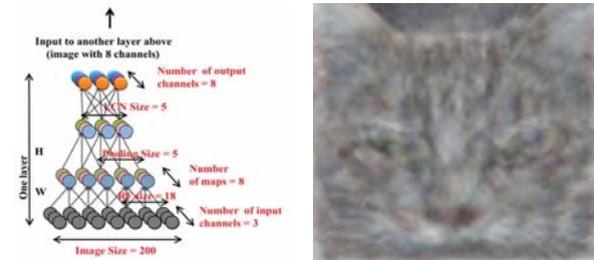
Andrej Karpathy & Li Fei-Fei. Deep visual-semantic alignments for generating image descriptions. Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition, 2015. 3128-3137.



"a young boy is holding a baseball bat."



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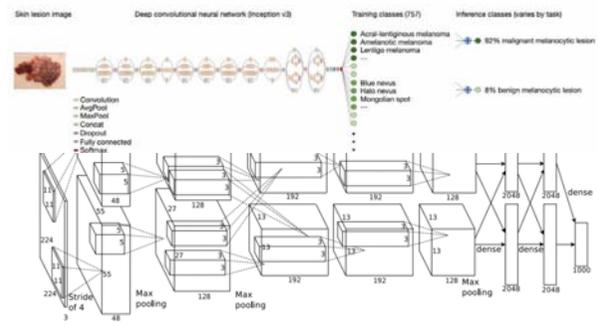


$$x^* = \arg \min_x f(x; W, H), \text{ subject to } \|x\|_2 = 1.$$

Le, Q. V., Ranzato, M. A., Monga, R., Devin, M., Chen, K., Corrado, G. S., Dean, J. & Ng, A. Y. 2011. Building high-level features using large scale unsupervised learning. arXiv preprint arXiv:1112.6209.

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Esteve, A., Kuprel, B., Novoa, R. A., Ko, J., Swetter, S. M., Blau, H. M. & Thrun, S. 2017. Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks. Nature, 542, (7639), 115-118, doi:10.1038/nature21056.

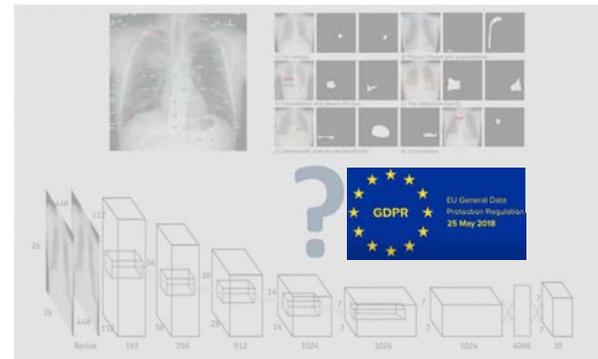


Krizhevsky, A., Sutskever, I. & Hinton, G. E. Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural networks. In: Pereira, F., Burges, C. J. C., Bottou, L. & Weinberger, K. Q., eds. Advances in neural information processing systems (NIPS 2012), 2012 Lake Tahoe. 1097-1105.

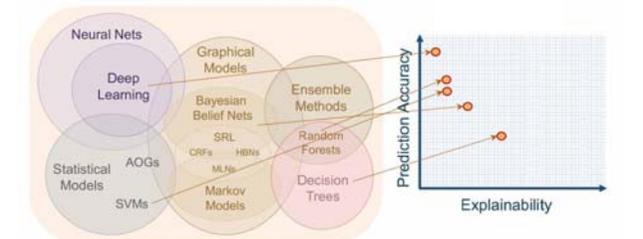


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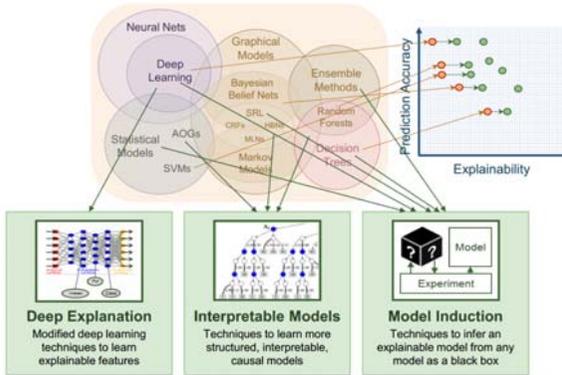
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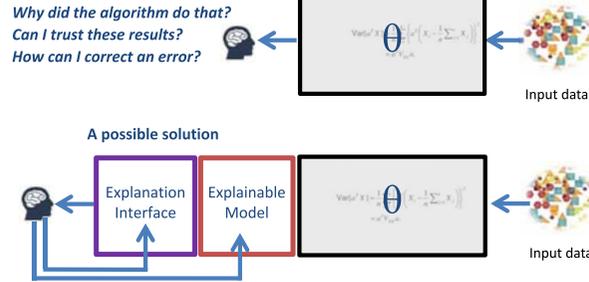
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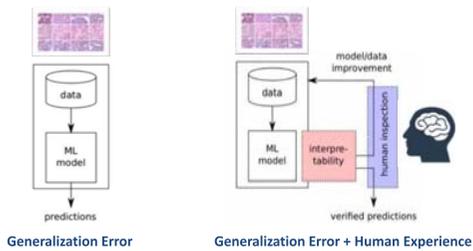


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The domain expert can understand why ...  
The domain expert can learn and correct errors ...  
The domain expert can re-enact on demand ...

# 05 iML



Andreas Holzinger 2016. Interactive Machine Learning for Health Informatics: When do we need the human-in-the-loop? Brain Informatics, 3, (2), 119-131, doi:10.1007/s40708-016-0042-6.

Verify that algorithms/classifiers work as expected  
Wrong decisions can be costly and dangerous

Understanding the weaknesses and errors of the ML-Model - Detection of bias in both directions

Scientific interpretability, replicability, causality  
The "why" is often more important than the prediction

Enable re-traceability, re-enactivity  
Compliance to legislation "right for explanation", retain human reliability, fosters trust and acceptance

Hans Holbein d.J., 1533, The Ambassadors, London: National Gallery

Lopez-Paz, D., Muandet, K., Schölkopf, B. & Tolstikhin, I. 2015. Towards a learning theory of cause-effect inference. Proceedings of the 32nd International Conference on Machine Learning, JMLR, Lille, France.



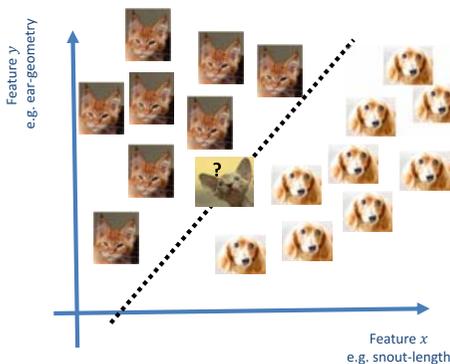
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- "How do humans generalize from so few examples?"
  - Learning relevant representations
  - Disentangling the explanatory factors
  - Finding the shared underlying explanatory factors, in particular between  $P(x)$  and  $P(Y|X)$ , with a causal link between  $Y \rightarrow X$

Bengio, Y., Courville, A. & Vincent, P. 2013. Representation learning: A review and new perspectives. IEEE transactions on pattern analysis and machine intelligence, 35, (8), 1798-1828, doi:10.1109/TPAMI.2013.50.

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## Even Children can make inferences from little data ...

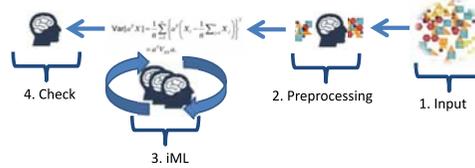


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See also: Ian J. Goodfellow, Jonathon Shlens & Christian Szegedy 2014. Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples. arXiv:1412.6572, and see more examples: <https://imgur.com/a/K4RWn>  
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**Interactive Machine Learning:** Human is seen as an agent involved in the actual learning phase, step-by-step influencing measures such as distance, cost functions ...



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Input : ProblemSize, m, β, ρ, σ, q0
Output: Pbest
Pbest ← CreateHeuristicSolution(ProblemSize);
Pbestcost ← Cost(Pbest);
Pheromoneinit ←  $\frac{1.0}{\text{ProblemSize} \times \text{Pbestcost}}$ ;
Pheromone ← InitializePheromone(Pheromoneinit);
while ¬StopCondition() do
  for i = 1 to m do
    Si ← ConstructSolution(Pheromone, ProblemSize, β, q0);
    Sicost ← Cost(Si);
    if Sicost ≤ Pbestcost then
      Pbestcost ← Sicost;
      Pbest ← Si;
    end
    LocalUpdateAndDecayPheromone(Pheromone, Si, Sicost, ρ);
  end
  GlobalUpdateAndDecayPheromone(Pheromone, Pbest, Pbestcost, ρ);
  while isUserInteraction() do
    GlobalAddAndRemovePheromone(Pheromone, Pbest, Pbestcost, ρ);
  end
end
return Pbest;
    
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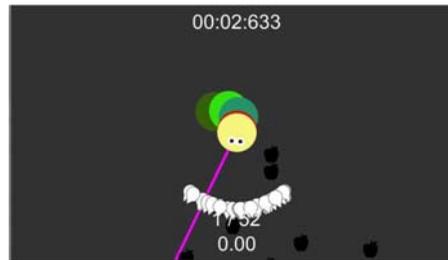
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$$p_{ij} = \frac{[\tau_{ij}]^\alpha \cdot [\eta_{ij}]^\beta}{\sum_{l \in J_i^k} [\tau_{il}]^\alpha \cdot [\eta_{il}]^\beta}$$

- $p_{ij}$  ... **probability** of ants that they, at a particular node  $i$ , select the route from node  $i \rightarrow j$  (“**heuristic desirability**”)
- $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  ... the **influence parameters** ( $\alpha$  ... history coefficient,  $\beta$  ... heuristic coefficient) usually  $\alpha \approx \beta \approx 2 < 5$
- $\tau_{ij}$  ... the **pheromone value** for the components, i.e. the amount of pheromone on edge  $(i, j)$
- $k$  ... the set of usable components
- $J_i$  ... the set of nodes that ant  $k$  can reach from  $v_i$  (tabu list)
- $\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{d_{ij}}$  ... attractiveness computed by a heuristic, indicating the “a-priori **desirability**” of the move

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## LIVE DEMO

<https://iml.hci-kdd.org/imlTspSolver/>

ANDROID:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hcikdd.imlacosolver>



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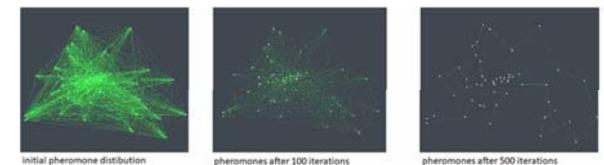


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- **Ant algorithm:** Swarm algorithm driven by pheromones. Ants deposit pheromones on trails, which helps other ants decide, which trail to choose. *In our example we use the algorithm to find the shortest tour in a point set. (Traveling Salesman Problem)*
  - **visualization of pheromones is a good interpretation of the ant algorithm**

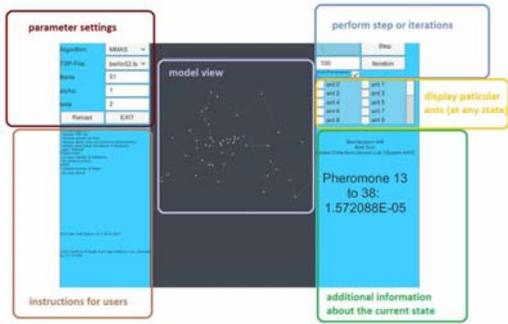
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- The pheromones are showing “the state” (high or low frequented paths of ants) of the algorithm.



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http://iml.hci-kdd.org/imlTspSolver/



- iteration vs. step: look inside the iteration
- make the ant algorithm interactive
  - change pheromones at any time
  - change routes of certain ants in the current iteration (future work)



# 06 Causality and Causability

Causation is a matter of perception

*We remember seeing the flame, and feeling a sensation called heat; without further ceremony, we call the one cause and the other effect*

David Hume (1711-1776)

Statistical ML

*Forget causation! Correlation is all you should ask for.*

Karl Pearson (1857-1936)

A mathematical definition of causality

*Forget empirical observations! Define causality based on a network of known, physical, causal relationships*

Judea Pearl (1936-)

## Dependence vs. Causation

Storks Deliver Babies (p. 0.008)  
Robert Matthews



Teaching Statistics  
Volume 22, Issue 2  
08 June 2009

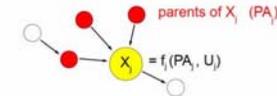
Country	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Storks (per 100)	Birth rate (per 1000)	Birth rate (per 1000)
Albania	28,750	150	3.2	83
Austria	83,860	300	7.6	87
Belgium	30,520	1	8.9	119
Bulgaria	111,860	3000	8.0	117
Denmark	43,100	9	5.1	99
France	344,060	140	5.6	774
Germany	357,000	3300	7.6	903
Greece	132,660	2500	5.9	106
Holland	41,900	4	11	189
Hungary	93,860	3000	11	124
Italy	301,290	5	87	533
Poland	312,860	30,000	10.0	100
Portugal	92,390	1500	10	120
Romania	237,500	3000	23	367
Spain	504,750	8000	3.9	439
Switzerland	41,290	130	6.7	82
Turkey	779,630	25,000	3.6	1756

Table 1. Geographic, human and stork data for 17 European countries

## Functional Causal Model (Pearl et al.)



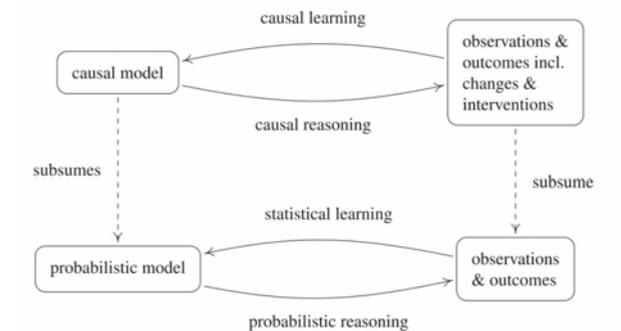
- Set of observables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$
- directed acyclic graph  $G$  with vertices  $X_1, \dots, X_n$
- Semantics: parents = direct causes
- $X_i = f_i(\text{ParentsOf}_i, \text{Noise}_i)$ , with independent  $\text{Noise}_1, \dots, \text{Noise}_n$ .
- "Noise" means "unexplained" (or "exogenous"), we use  $U_i$
- Can add requirement that  $f_1, \dots, f_n, \text{Noise}_1, \dots, \text{Noise}_n$  "independent" (cf. Lemeire & Dirckx 2006, Janzing & Schölkopf 2010 — more below)

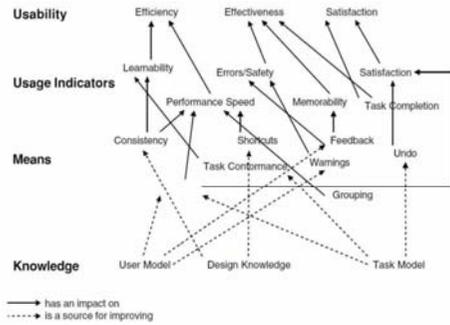


Explainability	In a technical sense highlights decision-relevant parts of the used representations of the algorithms and active parts in the algorithmic model, that either contribute to the model accuracy on the training set, or to a specific prediction for one particular observation. It does not refer to an explicit human model.
Causability	as the extent to which an explanation of a statement to a human expert achieves a specified level of causal understanding with effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction in a specified context of use.

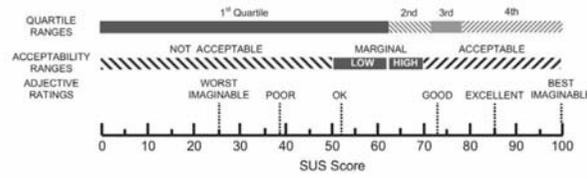
- Causability := a property of a person, while
- Explainability := a property of a system

# 07 Measuring Causality?





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The System Usability Scale Standard Version		Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree				
		1	2	3	4	5					
1	I think that I would like to use this system frequently.	0	0	0	0	0					
2	I found the system unnecessarily complex.	0	0	0	0	0					
3	I thought the system was easy to use.	0	0	0	0	0					
4	I think that I would need the support of a technical person to be able to use this system.	0	0	0	0	0					
5	I found the various functions in this system were well integrated.	0	0	0	0	0					
6	I thought there was too much inconsistency in this system.	0	0	0	0	0					
7	I would imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly.	0	0	0	0	0					
8	I found the system very awkward to use.	0	0	0	0	0					
9	I felt very confident using the system.	0	0	0	0	0					
10	I needed to learn a lot of things before I could get going with this system.	0	0	0	0	0					

# Our Goal in this AK: design, develop & test a System Causability Scale