

Machine Learning practices and infrastructures

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Outline

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Experiments with using OpenAI's API to recreate classic economics experiments, inspired by John Horton's working paper: https://john-joseph-horton.com/papers/llm_ask.pdf

```
In [2]: # assumes
# pip install openai

# requirements
import os
import openai
import sys
import pandas as pd
import random
import collections

openai.api_key = os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]

print("requirements loaded")

requirements loaded
```

```
In [3]: # check which models are available
models = openai.Model.list()
models_df = pd.DataFrame(models["data"])
models_df.head(20)
```

Out[3]:

		id	object	created	owned_by	permission	root	parent
0		whisper-1	model	1677532384	openai-internal	[{"id": "modelperm-KlsZlfft3Gma8pl6A8rTnyjs", ...]	whisper-1	None
1		babbage	model	1649358449	openai	[{"id": "modelperm-49FUp5v084tBB49tC4z8LPH5", ...]	babbage	None
2		text-davinci-003	model	1669599635	openai-internal	[{"id": "modelperm-jepinXYt59ncUQrjQEIJUEDyC", ...]	text-davinci-003	None
3		davinci	model	1649359874	openai	[{"id": "modelperm-U6ZwlyAd0LyMk4rcMdz33Yc3", ...]	davinci	None
4		text-davinci-edit-001	model	1649801979	openai	[{"id": "modelperm-olnQSS0hmabtVGH19QB3bcI3", ...]	text-davinci-edit-001	None
5		babbage-code-search-code	model	1651172509	openai-dev	[{"id": "modelperm-4qRnA3Hj8HIJbgo0cGbcmErn", ...]	babbage-code-search-code	None
6		text-similarity-babbage-001	model	1651172505	openai-dev	[{"id": "modelperm-48kcCHhfzvnfY840tJf5m8Cz", ...]	text-similarity-babbage-001	None

Clarification of terms

Machine Learning practitioners	People who are doing Machine Learning, i.e. people at the applied end of the Machine Learning community.
Practices	Conventions or patterns of doing that exist across a social group.
Infrastructures	Sociotechnical systems upon which practices rely; a relational concept.

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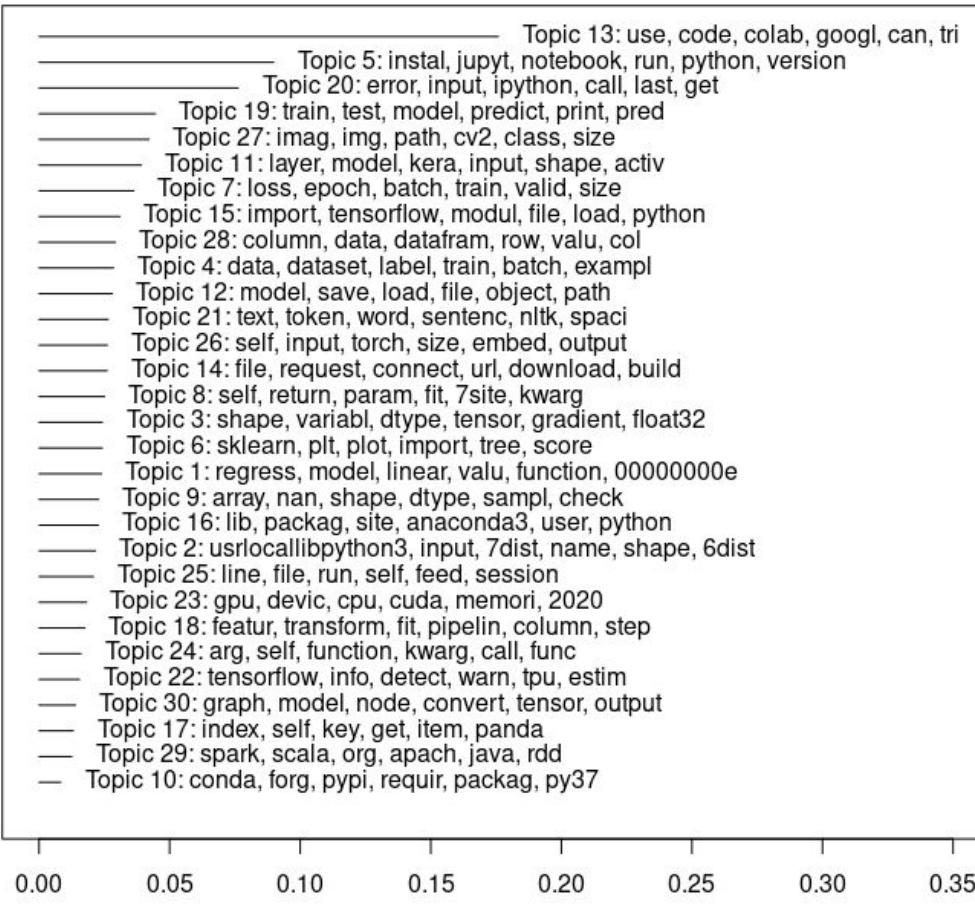
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Data	21,555 Stack Overflow questions on interactive notebooks and Machine Learning.
Analysis	Structural topic model (STM) of questions to surface thematic patterns (topics).
Interpretation	Review most probable words associated with each topic; analyse relationship between topics by calculating their correlation; review highly representative questions.

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Summary of topic model, with k = 30



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Coordination hub	Interactive notebooks are used as spaces for the assembly of many layers of Machine Learning infrastructure into coherent systems.

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Highlighted findings

Interactive notebooks are learning laboratories for ML practices, through which practitioners gain an experiential understanding of ML techniques.

Interactive notebooks are coordination hubs, central points through which a web of infrastructures are marshalled during ML practices.

An infrastructural relationship exists between interactive notebooks and ML practitioners (who use them).

Significance

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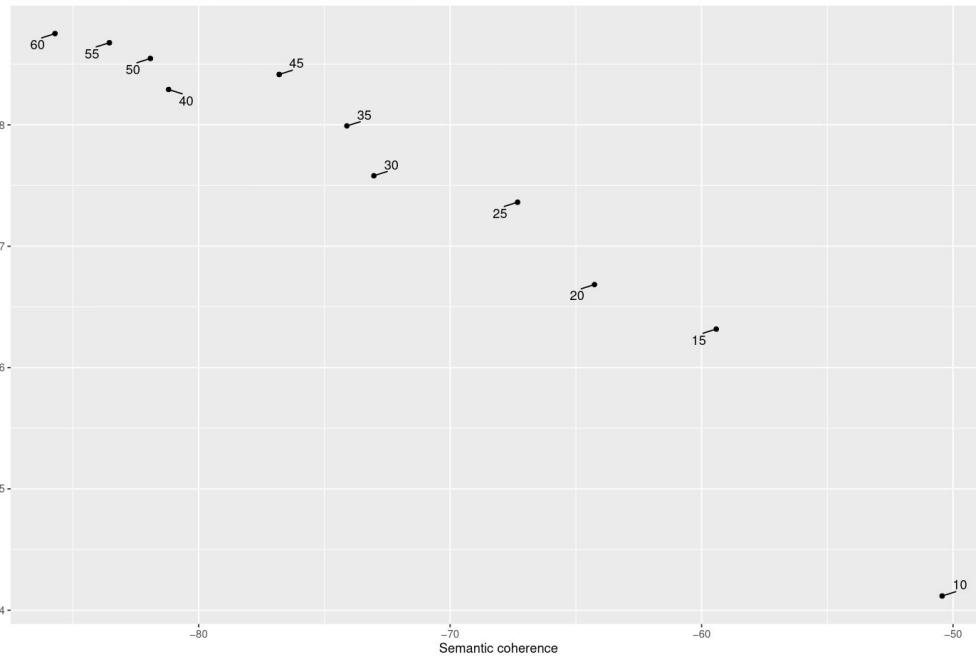
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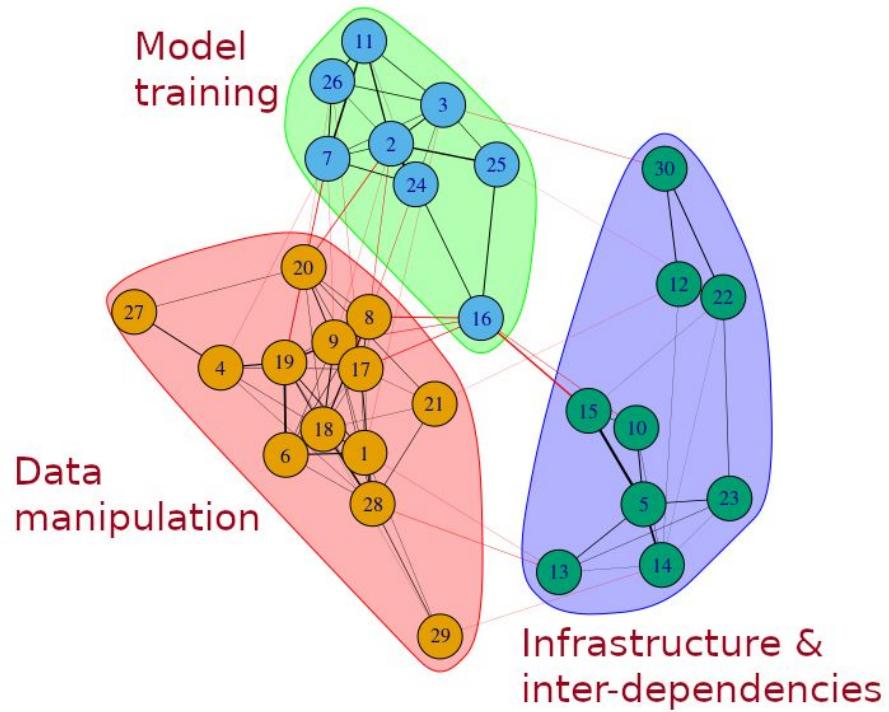
Thank you!

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Mean exclusivity vs. semantic coherence for trained models



Topic clusters (Newman-Girvan, cutoff = 0.01)



How to load CSV file in Jupyter Notebook?

Asked 3 years, 11 months ago Modified 2 days ago Viewed 182k times

13 I'm new and studying machine learning. I stumble upon a tutorial I found online and I'd like to make the program work so I'll get a better understanding. However, I'm getting problems about loading the CSV File into the Jupyter Notebook.

I get this error:

```
File "<ipython-input-2-70e07fb5b537>", line 2
    student_data = pd.read_csv("C:\Users\xxxx\Desktop\student-intervention-
system\student-data.csv")
               ^
SyntaxError: (unicode error) 'unicodeescape' codec can't decode bytes in
position 2-3: truncated \UXXXXXXXXX escape
```

and here is the code:

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

In [2]: # Read student data
student_data = pd.read_csv("C:\Users\xxxx\Desktop\student-intervention-system\student-data.csv")
print ("Student data read successfully!")
print (student_data)
# Note: The last column 'passed' is the target/label, all other are feature columns

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In [ ]:
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I followed tutorials online regarding this error but none worked. Does anyone know how to fix it?

FailedPreconditionError: Attempting to use uninitialized in Tensorflow

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Asked 7 years, 3 months ago Modified 2 years, 9 months ago Viewed 116k times



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I am working through the [TensorFlow tutorial](#), which uses a "weird" format to upload the data. I would like to use the NumPy or pandas format for the data, so that I can compare it with scikit-learn results.



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I get the digit recognition data from Kaggle: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/digit-recognizer/data>.



Here the code from the TensorFlow tutorial (which works fine):



```
# Stuff from tensorflow tutorial
import tensorflow as tf

sess = tf.InteractiveSession()

x = tf.placeholder("float", shape=[None, 784])
y_ = tf.placeholder("float", shape=[None, 10])

W = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([784, 10]))
b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([10]))

y = tf.nn.softmax(tf.matmul(x, W) + b)

cross_entropy = -tf.reduce_sum(y_ * tf.log(y))

train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(0.01).minimize(cross_entropy)
```

Here I read the data, strip out the target variables and split the data into testing and training datasets (this all works fine):

Keras, how do I predict after I trained a model?

Asked 6 years, 8 months ago Modified 2 years, 3 months ago Viewed 217k times

 I'm playing with the reuters-example dataset and it runs fine (my model is trained). I read about how to save a model, so I could load it later to use again.

108 But how do I use this saved model to predict a new text? Do I use `models.predict()`?

 Do I have to prepare this text in a special way?

 I tried it with

```
import keras.preprocessing.text

text = np.array(['this is just some random, stupid text'])
print(text.shape)

tk = keras.preprocessing.text.Tokenizer(
    nb_words=2000,
    filters=keras.preprocessing.text.base_filter(),
    lower=True,
    split=" ")

tk.fit_on_texts(text)
pred = tk.texts_to_sequences(text)
print(pred)

model.predict(pred)
```

Can I run Keras model on gpu?

Asked 5 years, 7 months ago Modified 1 year, 7 months ago Viewed 326k times



I'm running a Keras model, with a submission deadline of 36 hours, if I train my model on the cpu it will take approx 50 hours, is there a way to run Keras on gpu?

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I'm using Tensorflow backend and running it on my Jupyter notebook, without anaconda installed.



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1 For AMD GPU. See this post. stackoverflow.com/a/60016869/6117565 – [bikram](#) Feb 2, 2020 at 7:50

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7 Answers

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Yes you can run keras models on GPU. Few things you will have to check first.

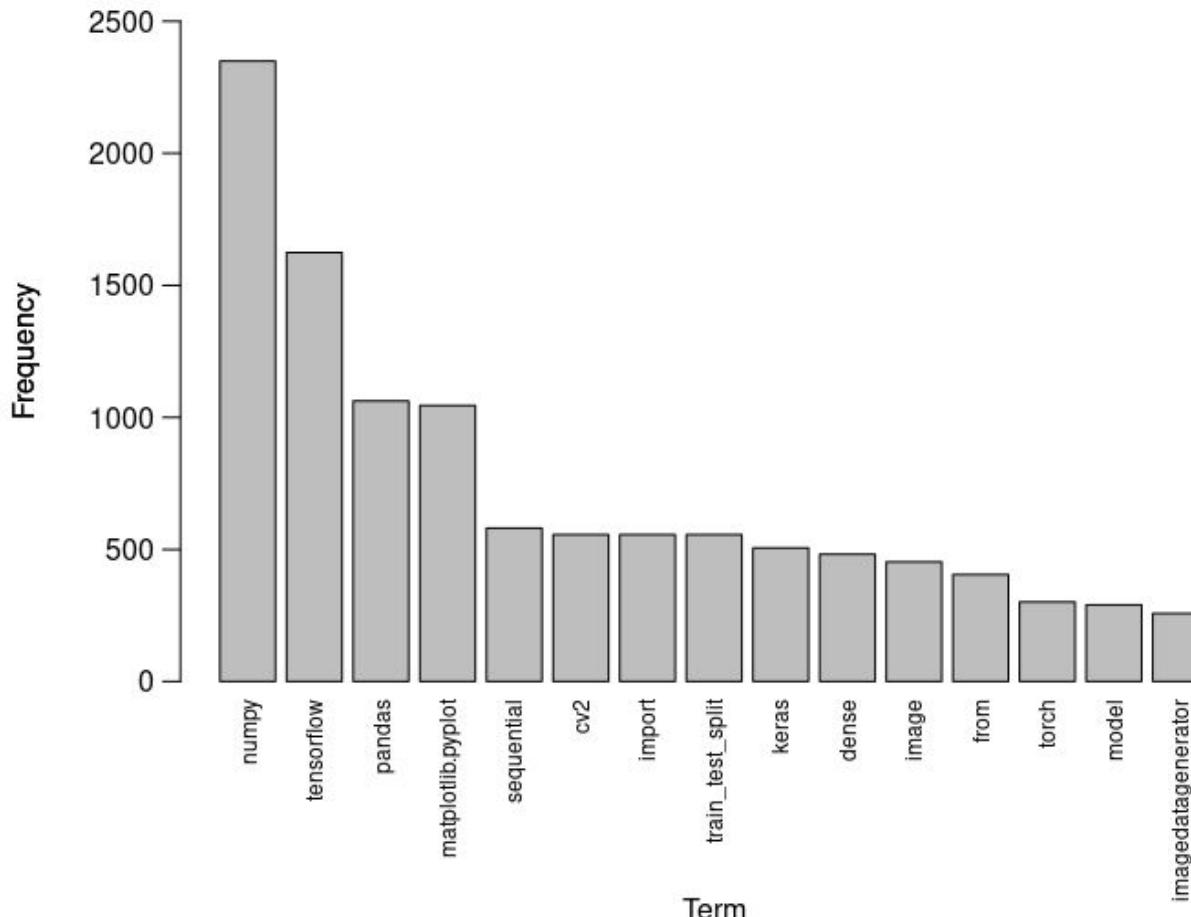
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1. your system has GPU (Nvidia. As AMD doesn't work yet)



2. You have installed the GPU version of tensorflow

Frequency of packages imported in code snippets



Expected proportion of topics across the dataset

