

MACHINE LEARNING – UNIT I

NOTES

RGPV Exam-Oriented Notes

 Easy + Detailed + One-Day Before Exam Preparation

UNIT I SYLLABUS

Topics Covered

1. Introduction to Machine Learning
 2. Examples of Various Learning Paradigms
 3. Perspectives and Issues in Machine Learning
 4. Concept Learning
 5. Version Spaces
 6. Finite and Infinite Hypothesis Spaces
 7. PAC Learning
 8. VC Dimension
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1. INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING

Definition

Machine Learning (ML) is a branch of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that enables computers to learn from data and improve performance without being explicitly programmed.

Easy Explanation

Normally in programming:

Input → Program → Output

But in Machine Learning:

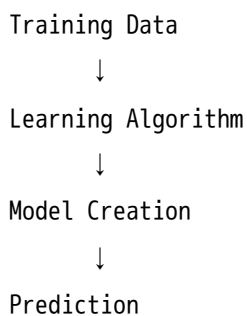
Input + Output Data → Learning Algorithm → Model

The machine studies patterns from data and learns automatically.

Real-Life Examples

Application	Example
Gmail	Spam detection
YouTube	Video recommendation
Amazon	Product recommendation
Banking	Fraud detection
Healthcare	Disease prediction

Basic Working of ML



Types of Machine Learning

Type	Description
Supervised Learning	Learns from labeled data
Unsupervised Learning	Learns from unlabeled data
Reinforcement Learning	Learns using rewards and punishments

Advantages

- ✓ Automatic learning
- ✓ Handles large data
- ✓ Improves decision making
- ✓ Useful in automation

Disadvantages

- ✗ Requires large data
 - ✗ Training can be time consuming
 - ✗ Wrong data gives wrong output
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Applications

- Self-driving cars
 - Face recognition
 - Chatbots
 - Medical diagnosis
 - Cyber security
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Conclusion

Machine Learning helps computers learn from data and make intelligent decisions automatically.

2. EXAMPLES OF VARIOUS LEARNING PARADIGMS

Definition

Learning Paradigms are different ways in which machines learn from data.

Types of Learning Paradigms

1. Supervised Learning

Definition

In supervised learning, input and correct output both are given to the machine.

Example

Student Marks → Pass/Fail

Machine learns relationship between input and output.

Applications

- Spam detection
 - Disease prediction
 - House price prediction
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2. Unsupervised Learning

Definition

In unsupervised learning, only input data is given. No correct output is provided.

Example

Grouping customers based on shopping habits.

Applications

- Clustering
 - Market segmentation
 - Pattern recognition
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3. Reinforcement Learning

Definition

Machine learns by rewards and punishments.

Example

Robot learns walking:

Correct movement → Reward

Wrong movement → Penalty

Applications

- Robotics
 - Gaming AI
 - Self-driving vehicles
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Comparison Table

Learning Type	Data	Example
Supervised	Labeled	Spam detection
Unsupervised	Unlabeled	Customer grouping
Reinforcement	Reward based	Robot learning

Conclusion

Different learning paradigms are used for different real-world problems depending on available data.

3. PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IN MACHINE LEARNING

Perspectives of ML

1. Statistical Perspective

Uses probability and statistics.

Example:

Naive Bayes

2. Computational Perspective

Focuses on efficient algorithms.

3. Biological Perspective

Inspired by human brain.

Example:

4. Engineering Perspective

Used for solving practical problems.

Issues in Machine Learning

Issue	Meaning
Overfitting	Model memorizes training data
Underfitting	Model too simple
Noise in Data	Incorrect data
Bias	Wrong assumptions
High Computation	Training takes time

Overfitting Example

Student memorizes only previous year questions but fails new questions.

Underfitting Example

Student studies only definitions and cannot solve numericals.

Conclusion

Machine Learning faces several practical challenges that affect model performance.

4. CONCEPT LEARNING

Definition

Concept Learning means learning a general rule from examples.

Example

Concept:

Enjoy Sport

Weather	Temperature	Enjoy Sport
Sunny	Warm	Yes
Rainy	Cold	No

Machine learns rules for when sport can be enjoyed.

Positive and Negative Examples

Type	Meaning
Positive Example	Belongs to concept
Negative Example	Does not belong

Hypothesis

A hypothesis is a rule used for prediction.

Example:

If Weather = Sunny → Enjoy Sport = Yes

Types of Hypothesis

Type	Meaning
Specific Hypothesis	Strict rule
General Hypothesis	Flexible rule

Applications

- Medical diagnosis
 - Classification systems
 - Pattern recognition
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Conclusion

Concept Learning helps machines learn classification rules from examples.

5. VERSION SPACE

Definition

Version Space is the set of all hypotheses consistent with training examples.

Easy Meaning

Many rules may correctly classify data.

All correct possible rules together form Version Space.

Diagram

All Hypotheses



Consistent Hypotheses



Version Space

Boundaries of Version Space

Boundary	Meaning
Specific Boundary (S)	Most specific rule
General Boundary (G)	Most general rule

Candidate Elimination Algorithm

Used to update:

Specific Boundary

General Boundary

when new examples arrive.

Advantages

- ✓ Reduces invalid hypotheses
 - ✓ Improves learning accuracy
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Conclusion

Version Space stores all valid hypotheses that correctly classify training data.

6. FINITE AND INFINITE HYPOTHESIS SPACES

Hypothesis Space

Set of all possible hypotheses.

Finite Hypothesis Space

Definition

Contains limited number of hypotheses.

Example

Yes / No

Only limited possibilities exist.

Advantages

- Easy computation
 - Simple searching
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Disadvantages

- Less flexible
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Infinite Hypothesis Space

Definition

Contains unlimited hypotheses.

Example

$$y = mx + c$$

Infinite values of m and c possible.

Advantages

- ✓ More flexible
 - ✓ Handles complex problems
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Disadvantages

- ✗ Difficult computation
 - ✗ Risk of overfitting
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Difference Table

Finite	Infinite
Limited hypotheses	Unlimited hypotheses
Easy to search	Difficult to search
Less flexible	More flexible

Conclusion

Hypothesis spaces determine the learning capability of machine learning models.

7. PAC LEARNING

Full Form

PAC = Probably Approximately Correct

Definition

PAC Learning is a framework that checks whether a machine can learn correctly with high probability.

Meaning

Term	Meaning
Probably	High chance of correctness
Approximately Correct	Almost correct answer

Example

Spam classifier predicts emails correctly most of the time.

Importance

- ✓ Measures learning capability
 - ✓ Helps estimate training data required
 - ✓ Evaluates ML algorithms
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PAC Learning Conditions

Model should:

Learn quickly

Have low error

Work correctly with high probability

Advantages

- ✓ Theoretical performance measurement
- ✓ Improves reliability

Conclusion

PAC Learning measures how efficiently a machine learning model can learn from examples.

8. VC DIMENSION

Full Form

VC = Vapnik Chervonenkis

Definition

VC Dimension measures the capacity of a hypothesis space.

Easy Meaning

It tells how powerful a model is in classifying data.

Shattering

If a model can classify points in every possible way, then points are shattered.

Example

A straight line in 2D can shatter 3 points.

Therefore:

VC Dimension = 3

Importance

Importance	Explanation
Measures complexity	Indicates model power
Prevents overfitting	High VC dimension may overfit
Helps generalization	Improves prediction ability

Low vs High VC Dimension

Low VC	High VC
Simple model	Complex model
Less overfitting	More overfitting
Less flexible	More flexible

Conclusion

VC Dimension helps measure learning capacity and complexity of machine learning models.



MOST IMPORTANT 7-MARK QUESTIONS

1. Define Machine Learning and explain its applications.
 2. Explain supervised and unsupervised learning.
 3. Explain reinforcement learning with example.
 4. Explain concept learning.
 5. Explain version space.
 6. Explain PAC learning.
 7. Explain VC dimension.
 8. Differentiate finite and infinite hypothesis spaces.
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MOST IMPORTANT 14-MARK QUESTIONS

★ Very Important

1. Explain Machine Learning and various learning paradigms.
 2. Explain perspectives and issues in Machine Learning.
 3. Explain concept learning with hypothesis.
 4. Explain version space and candidate elimination algorithm.
 5. Explain finite and infinite hypothesis spaces.
 6. Explain PAC learning in detail.
 7. Explain VC dimension with example.
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PYQ-BASED EXPECTED QUESTIONS

★ High Probability

- Explain PAC Learning.
- Explain Version Space.
- Explain Concept Learning.
- Explain VC Dimension.
- Explain supervised vs unsupervised learning.

★ Medium Probability

- Explain issues in Machine Learning.
 - Explain finite and infinite hypothesis spaces.
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ONE-NIGHT REVISION NOTES

- ✓ ML learns from data automatically
 - ✓ Supervised learning uses labeled data
 - ✓ Unsupervised learning uses unlabeled data
 - ✓ Reinforcement learning uses reward and penalty
 - ✓ Concept learning learns rules from examples
 - ✓ Hypothesis = prediction rule
 - ✓ Version space = set of valid hypotheses
 - ✓ PAC = Probably Approximately Correct
 - ✓ VC dimension measures model complexity
 - ✓ Overfitting = memorizing training data
 - ✓ Underfitting = model too simple
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SMART STUDY PLAN (1 DAY BEFORE EXAM)

FIRST STUDY

- ✓ Machine Learning Introduction
 - ✓ Learning Paradigms
 - ✓ Concept Learning
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SECOND PRIORITY

- ✓ Version Space
 - ✓ PAC Learning
 - ✓ VC Dimension
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LAST REVISION

- ✓ Perspectives and Issues
 - ✓ Hypothesis Spaces
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FINAL EXAM TIP

For 14-mark answers always write:

Definition
Easy Explanation
Diagram/Table
Example
Advantages
Applications
Conclusion

This automatically increases presentation quality and helps score better marks in RGPV exams.