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Applications of Information Theory to Machine Learning

Message from the Guest Editors

Machine learning applications are prevalent across various domains, representing intricate and sophisticated systems. Examples include pattern recognition, natural language processing, recommendation systems, and image classification. among others. The utilization of information theory to delve into the behavior of such machine learning systems, explaining and predicting their dynamics, has garnered considerable attention from both theoretical and experimental perspectives. Numerous advancements have been made in terms of applying information theory to machine learning, encompassing correlation analyses for spatial and temporal data, as well as the development of construction and clustering techniques for complex networks within this context. The driving forces behind this progress often stem from specific application areas, such as healthcare, finance, and computer vision. This Special Issue aims to serve as a platform for the introduction of novel and refined information theory techniques tailored to machine learning applications.

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