

Machine Learning Course Syllabus

The course is separated into 14 blocks, that should take about 2-3 hours each to complete (depending on your Python proficiency; *case study* about 5h). First read the respective sections in the book, then complete the associated exercises. Feel free to schedule an individual coaching session anytime to ask questions or get feedback on your solutions!

Book: <https://franziskahorn.de/mlbook/>

Exercises: https://github.com/cod3licious/ml_exercises

Part 1:

Introduction: Solving Problems with ML

Why should you care about ML?

How to create value with ML

Different ML algorithms & their use cases

[Quiz 1]

ML with Python

Python tutorial / installation

Data & Preprocessing

What constitutes 1 data point?

Feature Extraction

Feature Engineering & Transformations

Computing similarities

Garbage in, garbage out!

[Quiz 2]

ML Algorithms: Unsupervised & Supervised Learning

Part 2:

UL: Dimensionality Reduction

[NB 1] visualize text

UL: Outlier / Anomaly Detection

UL: Clustering

[NB 2] image quantization

Supervised Learning: Overview

[Quiz 3]

Part 3:

SL: Linear Models

SL: Decision Trees

SL: Ensemble Methods

SL: k-nearest neighbors (kNN)

SL: Kernel Methods

- linear models

- decision trees

- random forest

- kNN

- SVM

Information Retrieval (Similarity Search)

[NB 4] information retrieval

SL: Neural Networks

[NB 5] MNIST with torch (or keras)

Time Series Forecasting

Recommender Systems (Pairwise Data)

Part 4:

Avoiding Common Pitfalls

Interpolation: Does the model generalize?

Extrapolation: Correlation vs. Causation

Explainability & Interpretable ML

[Quiz 4]

[NB 6] analyze toy dataset

[NB 7] predict hard drive failures

Part 5:

ML Algorithms: Reinforcement Learning

[NB 8] RL gridmove

Conclusion: Using ML in Practice

[Quiz 5]

AI Transformation of a Company

Additional Resources

[Exercise] Your next ML Project