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possible to allow multiple data owners to collaboratively train and use a shared prediction model while keeping all the local training data private Traditional machine learning approaches need to combine all data at one location typically a data center which may very well violate the laws on user privacy and data confidentiality Today many parts of the world demand that technology companies treat user data carefully according to user privacy laws The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation GDPR is a prime example In this book we describe how federated machine learning addresses this problem with novel solutions combining distributed machine learning cryptography and security and incentive mechanism design based on economic principles and game theory We explain different types of privacy preserving machine learning solutions and their technological backgrounds and highlight some representative practical use cases We show how federated learning can become the foundation of next generation machine learning that caters to technological and societal needs for responsible AI development and application Active Learning Burr Settles, 2022-05-31 The key idea behind active learning is that a machine learning algorithm can perform better with less training if it is allowed to choose the data from which it learns An active learner may pose queries usually in the form of unlabeled data instances to be labeled by an oracle e g a human annotator that already understands the nature of the problem This sort of approach is well motivated in many modern machine learning and data mining applications where unlabeled data may be abundant or easy to come by but training labels are difficult time consuming or expensive to obtain This book is a general introduction to active learning It outlines several scenarios in which queries might be formulated and details many query selection algorithms which have been organized into four broad categories or query selection frameworks We also touch on some of the theoretical foundations of active learning and conclude with an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches in practice including a summary of ongoing work to address these open challenges and opportunities Table of Contents Automating Inquiry Uncertainty Sampling Searching Through the Hypothesis Space Minimizing Expected Error and Variance Exploiting Structure in Data Theory Practical Considerations Applying Reinforcement Learning on Real-World Data with Practical Examples in Python Philip Osborne, Kajal Singh, Matthew E. Taylor, 2022-06-04 Reinforcement learning is a powerful tool in artificial intelligence in which virtual or physical agents learn to optimize their decision making to achieve long term goals In some cases this machine learning approach can save programmers time outperform existing controllers reach super human performance and continually adapt to changing conditions This book argues that these successes show reinforcement learning can be adopted successfully in many different situations including robot control stock trading supply chain optimization and plant control However reinforcement learning has traditionally been limited to applications in virtual environments or simulations in which the setup is already provided Furthermore experimentation may be completed for an almost limitless number of attempts risk free In many real life tasks applying reinforcement learning is not as simple as 1 data is not in the correct form for reinforcement learning 2 data is scarce and 3 automation has limitations in the real world Therefore this book is written to

help academics domain specialists and data enthusiast alike to understand the basic principles of applying reinforcement learning to real world problems This is achieved by focusing on the process of taking practical examples and modeling standard data into the correct form required to then apply basic agents To further assist with readers gaining a deep and grounded understanding of the approaches the book shows hand calculated examples in full and then how this can be achieved in a more automated manner with code For decision makers who are interested in reinforcement learning as a solution but are not technically proficient we include simple non technical examples in the introduction and case studies section These provide context of what reinforcement learning offer but also the challenges and risks associated with applying it in practice Specifically the book illustrates the differences between reinforcement learning and other machine learning approaches as well as how well known companies have found success using the approach to their problems for Reinforcement Learning Csaba Szepesvári, 2022-05-31 Reinforcement learning is a learning paradigm concerned with learning to control a system so as to maximize a numerical performance measure that expresses a long term objective What distinguishes reinforcement learning from supervised learning is that only partial feedback is given to the learner about the learner's predictions Further the predictions may have long term effects through influencing the future state of the controlled system Thus time plays a special role The goal in reinforcement learning is to develop efficient learning algorithms as well as to understand the algorithms merits and limitations Reinforcement learning is of great interest because of the large number of practical applications that it can be used to address ranging from problems in artificial intelligence to operations research or control engineering In this book we focus on those algorithms of reinforcement learning that build on the powerful theory of dynamic programming We give a fairly comprehensive catalog of learning problems describe the core ideas note a large number of state of the art algorithms followed by the discussion of their theoretical properties and limitations Table of Contents Markov Decision Processes Value Prediction Problems Control For Further Exploration

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