Machine learning, a discipline that deals with the automatic design of models from data, has been successfully used in the past few decades for data analysis, process automation, function optimization, model building, and many others. These techniques have been explored in a diversity of fields such as robotics, self-driving cars, big data, control of autonomous systems, image analysis, object recognition, data mining, business, and financial forecasting, transportation systems, antenna design, medical care systems, and many others. It is believed by many researchers that machine learning is the best way to enable human-level artificial intelligence.

This course provides a broad introduction on the key machine learning techniques. The main topics to be covered include probability theory, linear regression, logistic regression, neural networks, decision trees, clustering, Bayesian estimation, dimension reduction, Markov and hidden Markov models. In this course, students will not only learn these machine learning techniques, but also gain practice implementing them using programming tools such as Matlab, Python or R. Students will also explore real-life applications of machine learning and learn to solve the application problem using machine learning techniques.

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