

School of Engineering

# P01 – Reading Assignment

# 1. Background

Machine Learning is a very broad interdisciplinary field with contributions from artificial intelligence, statistics, theoretical computer science and other disciplines. It is also a very active and rapidly developing area of research. Hence, a wide body of different approaches and methods exist. That is why it is hard to cover all material in one course, and why it will always be necessary in the future for you to complement your knowledge with recent or additional inputs from the literature (scientific papers, text books, blog posts or instructional videos).

Thus, we bring you in contact with relevant literature right from the start. On the course site, you find the following references (among others):

Тад	Authors	Title	Year
Murphy	Murphy	Machine Learning - A Probabilistic Per- spective	2012
Mitchell	Mitchell	Machine Learning	1997
AIMA	Russell, Norvig	Artificial Intelligence - A Modern Approach, 3rd Edition	2010

Accomplish the following reading assignment tasks 2 - 3 in the given order. Take brief but distinct notes on

- what is interesting to you
- seems relevant for the future
- is not understandable at the moment
- ...while you read.

To summarize your notes, write down at least three questions and two facts in task 5. Then, update (or get) your Anaconda Python installation to be ready for the next labs.

# 2. Chapters 1.2 – 1.4 from [Murphy]

Notes:

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# 3. Chapters 1.1 – 1.2 from [Mitchell]

Notes:



## 4. Chapter 18.4 from [AIMA]

Notes:

# **5. Summarizing Facts & Questions**

Summarize your reading in at least 2 facts (anything you find interesting/profound) and 3 questions (something you didn't understand or where you have follow-up questions):

Fact 1:

Fact 2:



## Question 1:

# Question 2:

## 6. Installing and Using Anaconda

Continue with exercise 7 if you already have Anaconda installed. Other Python distributions may be used, but are not supported.

## 6.1. Background

Anaconda is a scientific Python distribution by Continuum Analytics. Anaconda offers:

- Easy installers for Windows, MacOS & Linux with all necessary libraries included
- A sophisticated but clear integrated development environment called "Spyder"

## 6.2. Downloading Anaconda

- Download the correct version for your system from here (ca. 515 MB): <u>http://continuum.io/downloads#all</u>
  - Be sure to use the Version for Python 3.x, *not* Python 2.x
  - Take the 64-bit variant if you have a 64 bit system

## 6.3. Installing Anaconda

- Follow the instructions in the setup process
  - You can safely accept all standard choices
  - On Windows: If you are asked if you want to install for everyone or just yourself → choose "for everyone"



- On Windows: If you are asked if Anaconda should be your standard Python environment → conform with "yes"
- On MacOS X: if the installer says something like 'cannot install', choose 'just install for me'.

## 6.4. Configuring Spyder

The following settings make Spyder look tidier:

- Start Spyder (on Mac: go to your home/anaconda and click on Launcher, then start Spyder)
- Go to "Tools"  $\rightarrow$  "Preferences"
  - o On the "Run" page change "Console" to "Execute in a dedicated console"



- Close the Preferences with "ok"
- Click the "Browse a working directory" Button at the right end of the menu bar and choose the folder where you store your scripts

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In middle of the right half of the window, switch to the "File explorer" tab
 → you now see a list of all the scripts in the current working directory and can
 easily open them

Close Spyder and start it again: All your settings should be stored and recovered.

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- Go to the interactive console tab (bottom right) and use it as a calculator
- Go to temp.py in the code editor (left) and write your individual "hello world" script. Run it, modify it, re-run it.



# 7. Update your Anaconda Python installation

Anaconda (Python) needs to be up to date to be used for the labs accompanying this module. Please update it using either the Anaconda Launcher or the following two console command (form Anaconda install directory):

conda update conda conda update anaconda

See also: http://docs.continuum.io/anaconda/install#updating-from-older-anaconda-versions