

IN2110: Språkteknologiske metoder

Introduksjon

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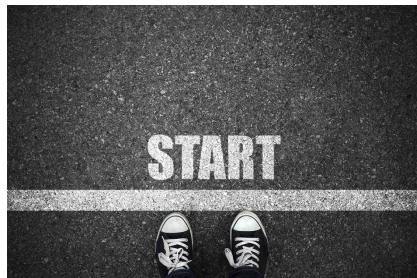
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- ▶ AI, NLP, ML — What are they?
 - ▶ Definitions
 - ▶ Applications
 - ▶ Historical review
- ▶ Outline of lectures
- ▶ Practical details
 - ▶ Syllabus
 - ▶ Obligatory assignments
 - ▶ Programming
 - ▶ Communication



- ▶ First two lectures will be via **Zoom**.
- ▶ Awaiting clarification wrt **physical** lectures for the remainder of the semester.
- ▶ Will **screencast** all lectures regardless.
- ▶ The schedule will link to the videos.
- ▶ Both physical + digital **group sessions**.



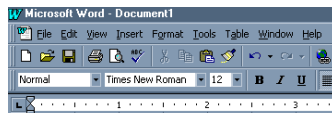
What is Natural Language Processing?



- ▶ Making computers 'understand' human language
- ▶ Aka **language technology** or **computational linguistics**
- ▶ Young and interdisciplinary field:
- ▶ Computer science + linguistics
- ▶ (+ cognitive science, statistics, machine learning . . .)
- ▶ Sub-field of AI.



- ▶ Grammar and/or spell checkers, auto-completion
- ▶ Machine translation
- ▶ Intelligent information extraction
- ▶ Summarization
- ▶ Sentiment analysis
- ▶ Q&A systems, dialog systems, and chatbots
- ▶ (Speech recognition and synthesis)
- ▶ Any application requiring an understanding of language. . .



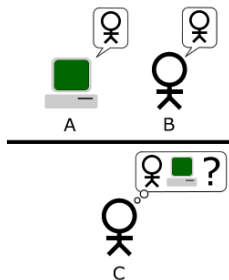
This are what a grammar error looks like in Word





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- ▶ **Alan Turing**, 1950:
 - ▶ *I propose to consider the question, 'Can machines think?'*
- ▶ The **Turing Test**, based on the imitation game.
- ▶ Language understanding has always been central to AI.



- ▶ For our purposes: AI is a toolkit of methods for representation and problem solving, a bag of tricks.





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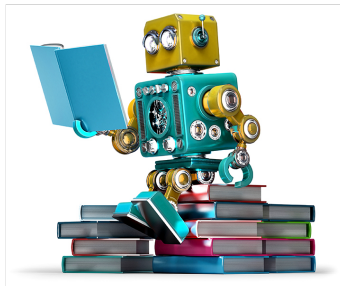
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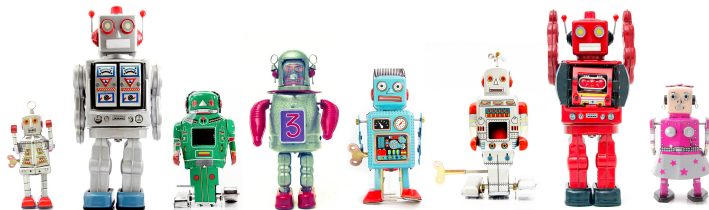
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- ▶ **2010–**: **neural methods** and deep learning.
- ▶ Today, in the popular media, AI is mostly synonymous with ML.

Machine Learning

- ▶ *the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience* (Tom Mitchell 1997).
- ▶ Similar to **statistical data analysis**, but the models are applied to solve a practical tasks rather than to describe the data.
- ▶ Goal: to **learn from data**.
- ▶ Not interested in simply learning by rote; want to **generalize**.
- ▶ A core element in the emerging field of **data science**.



- ▶ Learning = advanced counting of observations.
- ▶ Many different algorithms, but two main approaches:
- ▶ **supervised** (*veiledet*) and **unsupervised** (*ikke-veiledet*) learning.



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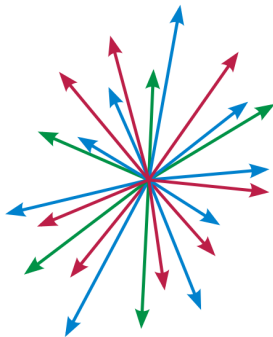
- ▶ Learning from **unlabeled data**: no pre-defined examples.
- ▶ The algorithm attempts to find structure in the data on its own.



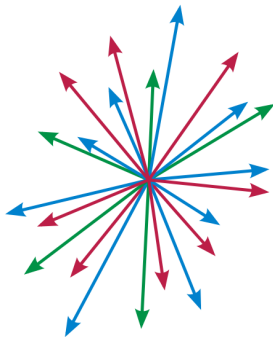


- ▶ Currently we get most precise results with **supervised learning**.
- ▶ Typically requires manually **labeled training data** (= costly).
- ▶ A lot of research directed at making better use of unsupervised methods; we have much more unlabeled data available.
- ▶ A lot of fuzz about **Big Data**: great for training unsupervised methods or when applying a pre-trained supervised model.
- ▶ ML is no free lunch:
- ▶ The **data** is often more important than the algorithm.
- ▶ And related to this; how we choose to **represent** the data.

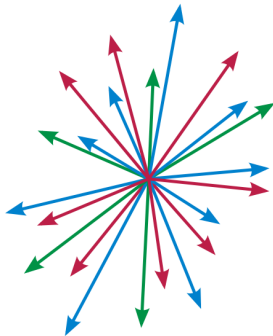
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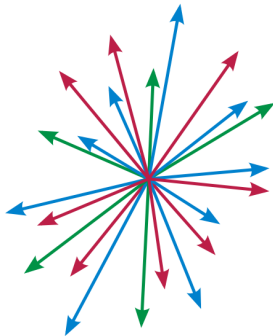
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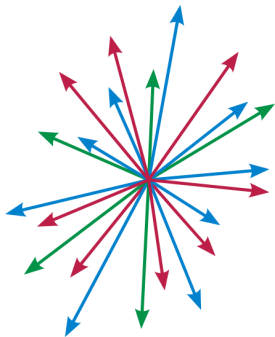
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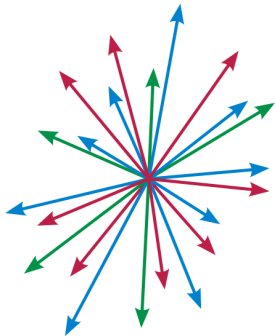
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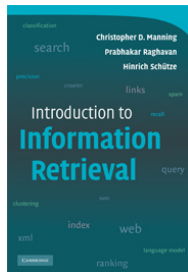
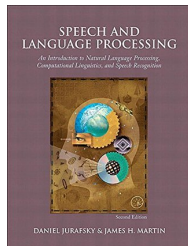
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- ▶ Syntax and statistical parsing
- ▶ Applications
 - ▶ MT
 - ▶ Interactive systems



- ▶ Selected chapters of the following books.
- ▶ Both are freely available online.
- ▶ **Jurafsky & Martin:**
Speech and Language Processing
3rd ed. draft of Jan. 12, 2022:
<https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/>
- ▶ **Manning, Raghavan, & Schütze** (2008):
Introduction to Information Retrieval:
<https://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/information-retrieval-book.html>





- ▶ Two obligatory exercises, each in two parts; **four submissions**:
- ▶ $1a+b$ and $2a+b$.
- ▶ Possible to earn maximum of 10 points for each submission.
- ▶ In order to pass and **qualify for the exam** you need to collect at least 60% of the points across all exercises, i.e. **12 points** across $a+b$.
- ▶ Extensions can only be given in case of illness, and re-submissions will not be possible.
- ▶ Group work encouraged! (Max. 3 pers.)
- ▶ See course page for the **schedule**:
<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/IN2110/v22/obliger/>
- ▶ Final **exam**: 4 hours digital exam at Silurveien (June 1st)

- ▶ Forelesere:
 - ▶ Pierre Lison
 - ▶ Jan Tore Lønning
 - ▶ Lilja Øvrelid
 - ▶ Erik Velldal
- ▶ Gruppelærere:
 - ▶ Annika Willoch Olstad
 - ▶ Lilja Charlotte Storset
- ▶ Rettere:
 - ▶ Fredrik Aas Andreassen
 - ▶ Alexandra Wittemann
- ▶ Obliger / programmeringsomgivelse:
 - ▶ Egil Rønningstad



- ▶ Questions?
 - Will use **GitHub issues** as dicussion board;
<https://github.uio.no/IN2110/v22>
 - in2110-hjelp@ifi.uio.no reaches all course staff.
- ▶ Messages:
 - Check the course pages regularly.
 - Make sure to click '**watch**' in the GitHub repo.
 - 'Obligs' etc will be distributed through the repo.
 - **Participate** in the discussion board ('issues').





- ▶ Will be using Python for labs and assignments.
- ▶ First lab sessions:
 - ▶ Group 1 (**physical**): Wed. 26th Jan. 14:15–16:00
 - ▶ Group 2 (**digital**): Thu. 27th Jan. 12:15–14:00

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- ▶ NLTK and spaCy for text pre-processing (from tokenization to parsing).



- ▶ Vector space models.
- ▶ Geometric framework for representing data and measuring similarity.