WEBINAR STARTS AT 14:00

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WEBINAR SUPPORT

- Please use the Q&A Section to ask questions – we will answer as many as we can
- This is being recorded and will be available to review shortly
- The PDF slides are also available



- Covers a lot of different techniques and algorithms
- We can't cover all of them in a 30minute webinar
- So we will focus on a flexible framework that serves as the basis of many Al algorithms and techniques: *artificial neural networks*

INTRODUCTION



- •What are neural networks and why do they work?
- What sort of things can we use them for?
 Where do I start if I want to do this?







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WHAT IS A NEURAL NETWORK?

• *Sigmoid* activation builds the model out of curvy pieces

• *Relu* activation builds the model out of piecewise-linear pieces

 Linear activation builds the model out of linear pieces (hence is linear)







WHAT CAN WE USE THEM FOR?



Regression models

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(NON-LINEAR) REGRESSION

- Use a combination of discrete and continuous input variables
- Predicting continuous output values
- Interpolate data to cover blackspots
- Can have issues with extrapolation





- Use historic STATS19 collision data, matched to a granular road network to calculate measures of risk:
 - Collisions per km of road
 - Collisions per vehicle-km travelled
 - Pedal cyclist collisions per km
 - Pedal cyclist collisions per cyclist-km travelled
 - Pedestrian collisions per km
- Match this to data on road infrastructure, local environment, and usage provided by Transport for London

- Train a Neural Network to predict observed measures of risk using this data on road infrastructure, local environment, and usage
- The result is a piecewise-linear function on the space of infrastructure, environment and usage data
- Values for each road segment correlate with observed risk
- The outputs of this function are measures of *Road Danger*

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- Regression models
- Classification models

MIDAS COLLISION DETECTION





- The **MIDAS** network is a collection of sensors across strategic roads in England, collecting minute-by-minute data on speed, flow and headway for each lane
- This project matched these sensors to STATS19 collisions to investigate the extent to which collision effects are visible within MIDAS data

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MIDAS COLLISION DETECTION

- The following parameters were used for selecting collisions
 - Multi-vehicle collisions only
 - Occurring between 6 AM and 10 PM
 - Unambiguously located on a specific carriageway, not on slip road
- The M1 was chosen as the study site and 2016 as the year
 - Choice was driven by data quality
 - Only 215 (54%) of in-scope 2016 M1 collisions had complete MIDAS data available
- All collisions in scope were matched to the nearest *preceding* MIDAS sensor, to capture changes in vehicle behaviour leading up to the scene of the collision both before and after it occurred





MIDAS COLLISION DETECTION



- Multiple two hour periods of MIDAS data were extracted using the RAC Foundation's R package *oneminutetrafficdata*
 - Some were the hour immediately preceding and immediately following a reported collision
 - Others were random comparator periods, between 6 AM and 10 PM on days when no collisions were reported at that location
- Data was only taken for lanes 1 and 2, to account for variation in the number of lanes at each sensor point
- Sensor points are about 300 meters apart on average
- Some datasets were incomplete

CONCLUSIONS



- The neural network could accurately recognise MIDAS data that was not associated with a collision, especially using flow data (100% success)
- The neural network was **more likely miss** a collision than it was to identify non-collisions as collisions falsely
- The best factor to use in training a neural network to recognise collisions is **flow** (with a 93% success rate), closely followed by **speed** (which was 89% successful)
- However, training using both seemed **reduce** the model's accuracy
- The neural network **struggled** to recognise patterns in **headway data** that indicated collisions

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SAMPLE FLOW PROFILES

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ANOMALY DETECTION





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- Exploring the potential of using this to detect the conditions that are likely to precede a collisions in HE's minute-by-minute MIDAS sensor data
- More generally can be used to remove outliers from datasets
- Or as the basis for "unsupervised learning"...

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UNSUPERVISED LEARNING



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Input Data

HANCS AND FINDING COMPARATORS

- We work alongside local authorities to analyse their collision data and determine what their biggest road safety issues are
- Only makes sense when compared against *similar* authorities
- Not enough to settle for *similar* meaning nearby
- Similarity should be data driven, and based on factors such as network density, rurality, population density, deprivation levels and socio-demographics
- The HANCS model uses unsupervised learning to cluster authorities into groups based on the level of similarity



HANCS AND FINDING COMPARATORS Cluster 2_5



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- Image recognition and object detection



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Pooling Layers





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- Road assessments can be hugely beneficial in determining how best to create a safe system
- A lot of these require manual coding of road features, which can be costly and time consuming
- This limits impact



- Long term goal to use machine learning techniques to programmatically code road infrastructure on the network using a combination of satellite imagery and video recorded by vehicles
- Used in combination with models that determine risk levels based on the coded infrastructure agilysis.co.uk



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