Prediction with Statistics and Machine Learning

Prediction is a fundamental part of data analysis. We want to be able to use our data to make predictions about the future, whether it's predicting the weather, the stock market, or the outcome of a sporting event.

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There are two main types of prediction: **statistical prediction** and **machine learning prediction**. Statistical prediction uses mathematical models to make predictions based on historical data. Machine learning prediction uses algorithms to learn from data and make predictions based on that learning.

Statistical Prediction

Statistical prediction is based on the assumption that the future will be like the past. We can use historical data to build a mathematical model that

describes the relationship between the input variables and the output variable.

For example, we can use historical weather data to build a model that predicts the temperature tomorrow. The input variables to the model would be the temperature, humidity, and wind speed today. The output variable would be the temperature tomorrow.

Once we have built the model, we can use it to predict the temperature tomorrow by plugging in the values of the input variables.

Machine Learning Prediction

Machine learning prediction is based on the idea that we can learn from data. We can use algorithms to find patterns in data and use those patterns to make predictions.

For example, we can use a machine learning algorithm to learn from historical stock data to predict the stock market tomorrow. The input variables to the algorithm would be the stock price, volume, and other financial indicators. The output variable would be the stock price tomorrow.

Once we have trained the algorithm, we can use it to predict the stock market tomorrow by plugging in the values of the input variables.

Which Type of Prediction is Best?

The best type of prediction depends on the problem you are trying to solve. If you have a lot of historical data and the future is likely to be like the past, then statistical prediction may be a good choice.

If you have less data or the future is likely to be different from the past, then machine learning prediction may be a better choice.

Prediction is a powerful tool that can be used to make better decisions. By understanding the different types of prediction and when to use them, you can make more informed predictions about the future.

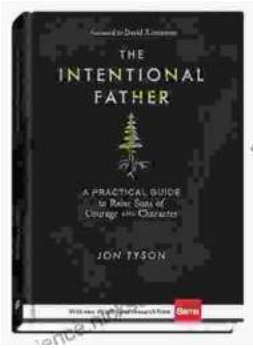### Practical Time Series Analysis: Prediction with Statistics and Machine Learning by Aileen Nielsen

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