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Developing Machine Learning Apps in Niagara





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A nighttime photograph of a modern architectural complex. In the center is a large pavilion with a dark, multi-tiered roof and a glowing interior. A wide set of stone steps leads up to the pavilion's entrance. To the left is a multi-story building with balconies. The foreground is a paved walkway leading towards the steps. The area is landscaped with various trees, including palm trees on the right, and low-lying plants in planters. The scene is illuminated by warm interior and exterior lights against a dark blue twilight sky.

INTRO

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Machine Learning

Traditional Machine Learning

Wide Application

Used for various tasks such as classification, regression, and clustering.

Diverse Algorithms

Includes linear regression, decision trees, support vector machines, random forests, etc.

Data Type

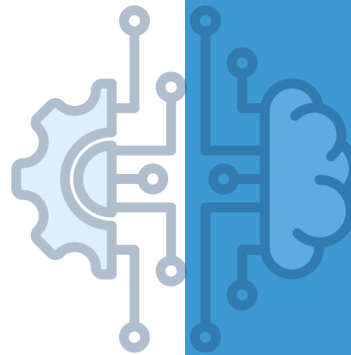
Primarily handles structured data.

Feature Engineering

Relies on manual feature selection and extraction.

Model Size

Typically smaller, with relatively low computational resource requirements.



Large Language Models

Focus on NLP

Mainly used for natural language processing tasks such as text generation, translation, and question-answering systems.

Based on Deep Learning

Often uses neural network architectures, especially Transformers.

Data Type

Handles unstructured data, primarily text.

Automatic Feature Learning

Learns features autonomously from large datasets, without manual feature engineering.

Large Model Size

Requires substantial data and computational resources for training.

Traditional Machine Learning

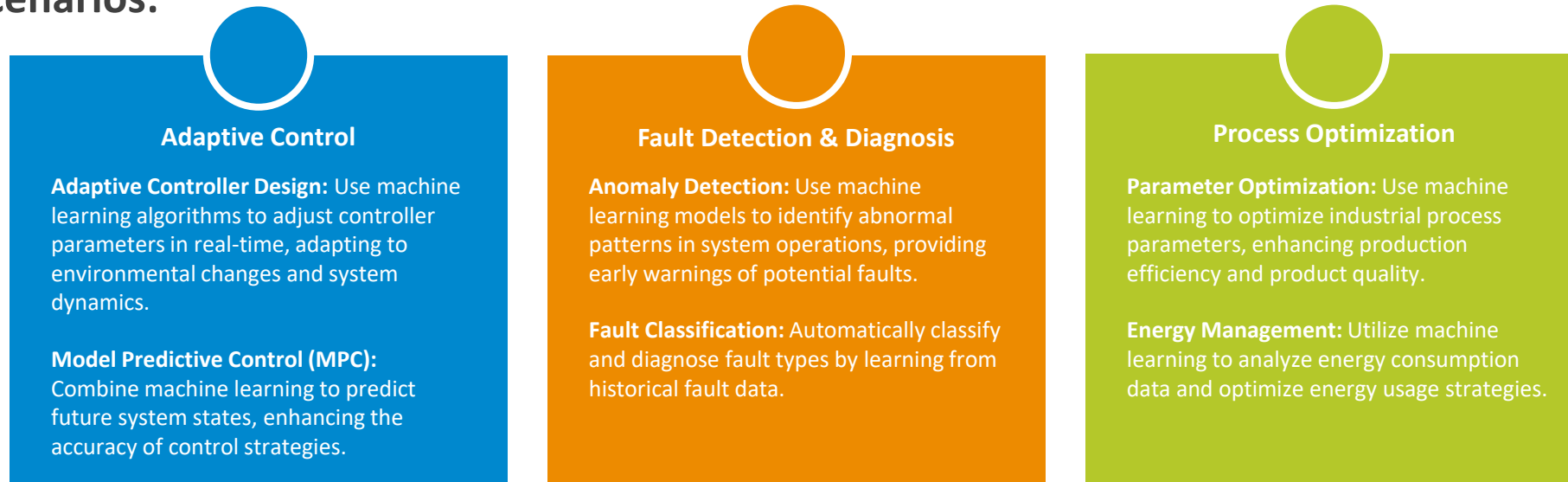
- **Data Driven Statistical Modeling**

By manually designing features (such as signal frequency and error curves), algorithms (like SVM, Random Forests, or Reinforcement Learning) are used to extract patterns from the data.

- **Advantages**

Strong interpretability, high real-time performance, and low resource dependency.

- **Scenarios:**



- **Bottlenecks**

Reliance on expert-designed features and difficulty in unstructured data (such as natural language commands) process.

Machine Learning in Niagara





PRACTICE

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Design

Property Sheet

Prediction (Prediction)

Features	
Target	null
Rollup Interval	Hourly
Time Range	Year-To-Date
Train Size	0.90 [1.00 - 0.00]
Algorithm Settings	Algorithm Settings
Training Result	

Features for Model Training

Target to Predict

Training Dataset Settings

Algorithm Settings

Training Result

Design

Random Forest is an ensemble learning method primarily used for classification and regression tasks. It operates by constructing multiple decision trees during training and outputs the mode of the classes (for classification) or mean prediction (for regression) of the individual trees. Key features include:

- **Ensemble of Trees:** Combines the predictions of multiple decision trees to improve accuracy and control overfitting.
- **Random Subsets:** Each tree is trained on a random subset of the data and a random subset of features, which helps in making the model robust and reducing variance.
- **Non-linear Relationships:** Capable of capturing complex, non-linear relationships between features.
- **Feature Importance:** Provides insights into feature importance, helping to understand which features contribute most to predictions.

Random Forest is popular due to its simplicity, robustness, and effectiveness in handling high-dimensional data.

Property Sheet	
Algorithm Settings (Algorithm Settings)	
N Trees	10
M Try	-1
Max Depth	20
Max Nodes	-1
Node Size	5
Sub Sample	1.00
Base Seed	42

Design

Slot Sheet						
Slot	#	Name	Display Name	Definition	Flags	Type
 Property	0	features	Features	Frozen		baja:OrdList
 Property	1	target	Target	Frozen		baja:Ord
 Property	2	rollupInterval	Rollup Interval	Frozen		history:RollupInterval
 Property	3	timeRange	Time Range	Frozen		bql:DynamicTimeRange
 Property	4	trainSize	Train Size	Frozen		baja:Double
 Property	5	algorithmSettings	Algorithm Settings	Frozen		machineLearning:AlgorithmSettings
 Property	6	trainingResult	Training Result	Frozen	t	baja:String
 Action	7	train	Train	Frozen		void (void)
 Action	8	predict	Predict	Frozen		void (baja:String)
 Topic	9	predicted	Predicted	Frozen		baja:Double

- Train: An action to train the model using selected dataset and preset parameters
- Predict: An action to predict with a JSON String input using the trained model
- Predicted: A topic to fire with the predicted value

3rd ML Party Library



- **Apache Spark MLlib** <https://spark.apache.org/mllib/>

MLlib is Apache Spark's scalable machine learning library. Unfortunately, due to technical limitations (the excessive content of the Spark MLlib library), it is **not possible** to apply Apache Spark MLlib in Niagara.



- **Weka** <https://waikato.github.io/weka-wiki/>

Weka is a collection of machine learning algorithms for solving real-world data mining problems. It is written in Java and runs on almost any platform. However, **WEKA is licensed under the GNU General Public license** (GPL 2.0 for Weka 3.6 and GPL 3.0 for Weka > 3.7.5).



- **Smile** <https://github.com/haifengl/smile>

Smile is a fast and comprehensive machine learning framework in Java. It can be included in Niagara's module and built successfully. **It is important to note that Smile switched to GPLv3 licensing after version 3, but version 2 used the LGPL licensing.**

Development

1. Add dependency for smile-core 2.6.0

```
uberjar("com.github.haifengl:smile-core:2.6.0")
```

2. Define the Prediction component

```
@NiagaraType
@NiagaraProperty(name = "features", type = "BOrdList", defaultValue = "BOrdList.DEFAULT", facets = {@Facet(name = "BFacets", type = "BOrdList", defaultValue = "BOrdList.DEFAULT")})
@NiagaraProperty(name = "target", type = "BOrd", defaultValue = "BOrd.DEFAULT")
@NiagaraProperty(name = "rollupInterval", type = "BRollupInterval", defaultValue = "BRollupInterval.hourly")
@NiagaraProperty(name = "timeRange", type = "BDynamicTimeRange", defaultValue = "BDynamicTimeRange.YEAR_TO_DATE")
@NiagaraProperty(name = "trainSize", type = "double", defaultValue = "0.9D", facets = {@Facet(name = "BFacets.MAX", type = "double", defaultValue = "0.9D")})
@NiagaraProperty(name = "algorithmSettings", type = "BAlgorithmSettings", defaultValue = "new BAlgorithmSettings()")
@NiagaraProperty(name = "trainingResult", type = "String", defaultValue = "\\\"", flags = Flags.TRANSIENT, facets = {@Facet(name = "BFacets", type = "String", defaultValue = "\\\"")})
@NiagaraAction(name = "train")
@NiagaraAction(name = "predict", parameterType = "BString", defaultValue = "BString.DEFAULT")
@NiagaraTopic(name = "predicted", eventType = "BDouble")
public class BPrediction extends BComponent
{
```

Development - Train

1. Collect Training Data of Features

```
//-----  
// 1. prepare training data from Niagara history data  
// 1.1. get feature data  
getFeatures().forEach(f -> {  
  
    BHistory history = (BHistory) f.get(this);  
    String featureName = history.getId().getHistoryName();  
  
    // the query format would be:  
    // history:/<STATION>/<HISTORY_ID>?period=<RANGE>|bql:history:HistoryRollup.rollup(history:RollupInterval '<INTERVAL>')  
    String query = String.format("%s%s|bql:history:HistoryRollup.rollup(history:RollupInterval '%s')",  
        f.toString(cx),  
        getTimeRange().toOrdParams(),  
        getRollupInterval().getTag()  
    );  
  
    BITable<BHistoryRollupRecord> records = (BITable<BHistoryRollupRecord>) BOrd.make(query).get(this);  
    try (TableCursor<BHistoryRollupRecord> cursor = records.cursor())  
    {  
        featureValues.put(featureName, cursor.stream().mapToDouble(BHistoryRollupRecord::getAvg).toArray());  
    }  
});
```

Development - Train

2. Collect Training Data of Target

```
// 1.2. get target data
BHistory targetHistory = (BHistory) getTarget().get(this);
String targetName = targetHistory.getId().getHistoryName();

// the query format would be:
// history:/<STATION>/<HISTORY_ID>?period=<RANGE>|bql:history:HistoryRollup.rollup(history:RollupInterval '<INTERVAL>')
String query = String.format("%s?%s|bql:history:HistoryRollup.rollup(history:RollupInterval '%s')",
    getTarget().toString(cx),
    getTimeRange().toOrdParams(),
    getRollupInterval().getTag()
);

BITable<BHistoryRollupRecord> records = (BITable<BHistoryRollupRecord>) BOrd.make(query).get(this);
double[] targetValues;
try (TableCursor<BHistoryRollupRecord> cursor = records.cursor())
{
    // we take sum for energy consumption here
    targetValues = cursor.stream().mapToDouble(BHistoryRollupRecord::getSum).toArray();
}
```

Development - Train

3. Transform Niagara History Data to Smile Data Frame (Fit & Test)

```
//-----  
// 2. transform Niagara history data to SMILE  
// 2.1. convert feature values  
List<String> featureNames = new ArrayList<>();  
List<DoubleVector> vectorList = new ArrayList<>();  
featureValues.forEach((k, v) -> {  
    featureNames.add(k);  
    vectorList.add(DoubleVector.of(k, v));  
});  
  
// 2.2. convert target value  
vectorList.add(DoubleVector.of(targetName, targetValues));  
  
DoubleVector[] vectors = vectorList.toArray(new DoubleVector[0]);  
DataFrame dataFrame = DataFrame.of(vectors);  
  
//-----  
// 3. split the data set into 2 for training and testing  
DataFrame trainingData = dataFrame.slice(0, (int) (dataFrame.nrows() * getTrainSize()));  
DataFrame testingData = dataFrame.slice((int) (dataFrame.nrows() * getTrainSize()), dataFrame.nrows());
```

Development - Train

4. Train the Model

```
//-----  
// 4. train the model  
BAlgorithmSettings settings = getAlgorithmSettings();  
model = RandomForest.fit(  
    Formula.of(targetName, featureNames.toArray(new String[]{})),  
    trainingData,  
    settings.getNTrees(),  
    settings.getMTry() < 0 ? featureNames.size() : settings.getMTry(),  
    settings.getMaxDepth() < 0 ? Integer.MAX_VALUE : settings.getMaxDepth(),  
    settings.getMaxNodes() < 0 ? Integer.MAX_VALUE : settings.getMaxNodes(),  
    settings.getNodeSize(),  
    settings.getSubSample(),  
    LongStream.range(0, settings.getNTrees()).map(i -> settings.getBaseSeed() + i)  
);
```

Development - Train

5. Test the Model

```
//-----  
// 5. test the model  
DataFrame x_test = testingData.drop(targetName);  
double[] y_test = testingData.column(targetName).toDoubleArray();  
double[] y_test_result = model.predict(x_test);  
  
double test_r2 = R2.of(y_test, y_test_result);  
double test_mse = MSE.of(y_test, y_test_result);  
double test_mae = MAD.of(y_test, y_test_result);  
  
String trainingResult = String.format(  
    "Model has been trained, test result is: \nR2: %f \nMES: %f \nMAE: %f",  
    test_r2, test_mse, test_mae);  
LOGGER.log(Level.INFO, trainingResult);  
setTrainingResult(trainingResult);
```

Development - Predict

```
// predict using the features in the input
JSONObject features = new JSONObject(param.getString());
ArrayList<String> featureNames = new ArrayList<>();
ArrayList<Double> featureValues = new ArrayList<>();

features.keys().forEachRemaining(
    k -> {
        featureNames.add(String.valueOf(k));
        featureValues.add(features.getDouble(String.valueOf(k)));
    }
);

List<StructField> fields = new ArrayList<>(featureNames.size());
for (String featureName : featureNames)
{
    StructField field = new StructField(featureName, DataTypes.DoubleType);
    fields.add(field);
}

StructType structType = new StructType(fields);
Tuple tuple = Tuple.of(featureValues.stream().mapToDouble(Double::doubleValue).toArray(), structType);
double predictValue = model.predict(tuple);

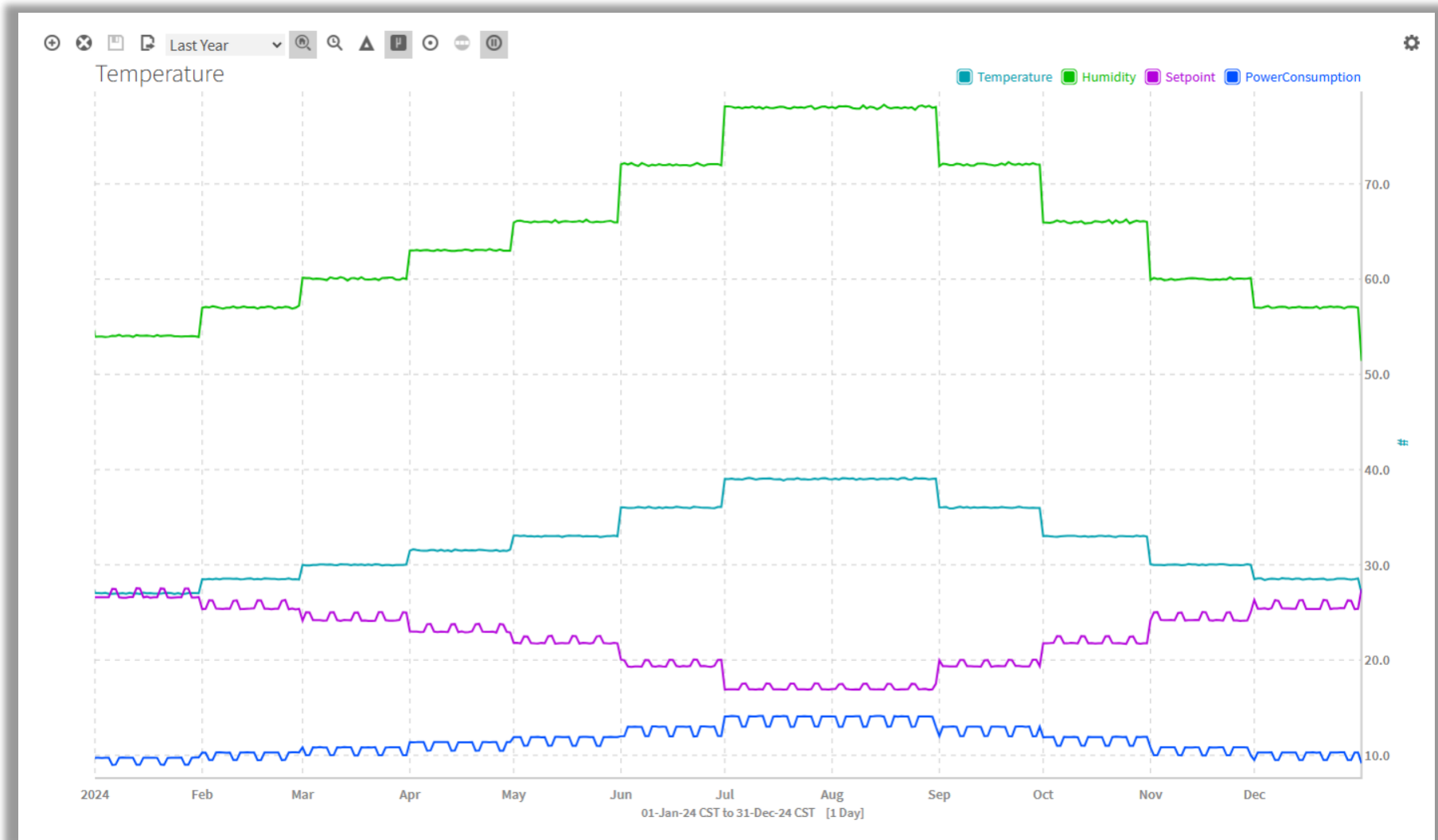
LOGGER.log(Level.INFO, msg: "Predicted value is: {0}", String.valueOf(predictValue));
firePredicted(BDoubles.make(predictValue));
```

A nighttime photograph of a modern building with a large, illuminated entrance. The entrance features a wide staircase leading up to a large, open-air space with a high, vaulted ceiling. The building is surrounded by lush tropical landscaping, including palm trees and various shrubs. The scene is lit with warm, ambient lighting, creating a welcoming atmosphere.

DEMO

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Demo





KEY POINTS

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Key Points

- Performance
- Compatibility with Java Compact3 Profile
- Open-Source License for Commercial Use
- Criteria for Evaluating Model Quality
- How to Get the Future Parameters for Prediction
- How to Use the Predictive Data

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