Architecture data systems for machine learning and artificial intelligence (ML / AI)

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Four pillars for successful ML / AI enablement

Data	Algorithms
Volume Variety Variability	Clear problem – matched to the right ML / AI technique
Velocity Visualization Veracity Value	Responsible model development process
Platform	Consumption

Data

No data = no analytics – no ML – no Al

Big – Huge Data

Volume – lots, and lots, and lots of data

Variety – different types of data

Velocity – speed data is generated; freshness

Veracity - accurate and trusted

Variability – changes in the meaning of data

Visualization – readable and accessible

Value – interpret to realize benefit

Other essential data characteristics:

Longitudinal Data

Data that goes back in history long enough to contain many cycles of "seasons," to see patterns and outliers / extremes

Special Circumstances Data

Data that occurs rarely and is non-cyclical

Examples:

- Pandemic data
- Economic recession data
- Volcanic eruption data
- Snow in summer

Platform(s) ecosystem

of data is coming in



Algorithms

Define the problem correctly with a clear business goal, and a plan to implement and measure results before building AI/ML algorithms. You'll need robust data processing systems (compute, storage, and memory) and programming skills (R, Python, Spark, et cetera).



Considerations:

- ensure there is no unintended bias in the data, sample, and technique
- individual privacy, security, and confidentiality must be protected
- handle sensitive features properly

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Steps in machine learning model development

Building a viable and reliable machine learning model takes patience, domain knowledge, and perseverance. The main steps include accessing the data, preparing the data, building a model, and applying the model.



Considerations:

- monitor model performance / accuracy and rebuild models as needed periodically
- accuracy measures such as F1 score, Precision, Recall, AUC / ROC curves can be used
- include business success metrics such as KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) in evaluation

Consumption

Used to further analyze the business problem, recommend next best action, integrate into operational workflow, and provide personalized experience through proper data transfer channels.

