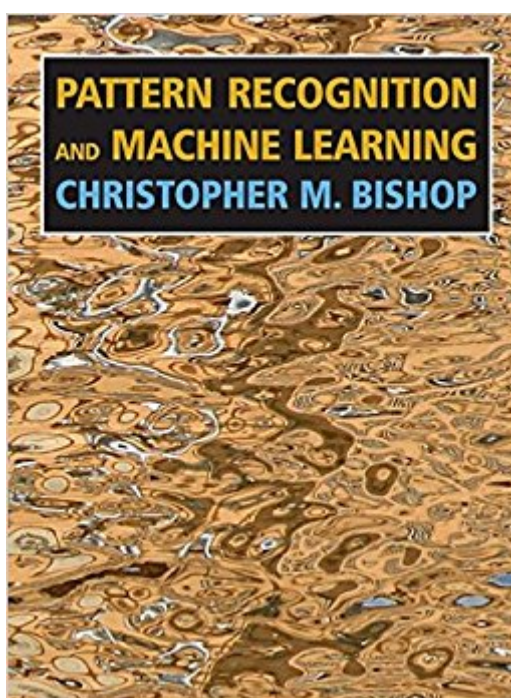


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# Pattern Recognition And Machine Learning (Information Science And Statistics)



## Synopsis

This is the first textbook on pattern recognition to present the Bayesian viewpoint. The book presents approximate inference algorithms that permit fast approximate answers in situations where exact answers are not feasible. It uses graphical models to describe probability distributions when no other books apply graphical models to machine learning. No previous knowledge of pattern recognition or machine learning concepts is assumed. Familiarity with multivariate calculus and basic linear algebra is required, and some experience in the use of probabilities would be helpful though not essential as the book includes a self-contained introduction to basic probability theory.

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The dramatic growth in practical applications for machine learning over the last ten years has been accompanied by many important developments in the underlying algorithms and techniques. For example, Bayesian methods have grown from a specialist niche to become mainstream, while graphical models have emerged as a general framework for describing and applying probabilistic techniques. The practical applicability of Bayesian methods has been greatly enhanced by the development of a range of approximate inference algorithms such as variational Bayes and expectation propagation, while new models based on kernels have had a significant impact on both algorithms and applications. This completely new textbook reflects these recent developments while providing a comprehensive introduction to the fields of pattern recognition and machine learning. It is aimed at advanced undergraduates or first-year PhD students, as well as researchers and practitioners. No previous knowledge of pattern recognition or machine learning concepts is assumed. Familiarity with multivariate calculus and basic linear algebra is required, and some experience in the use of probabilities would be helpful though not essential as the book includes a self-contained introduction to basic probability theory. The book is suitable for courses on machine learning, statistics, computer science, signal processing, computer vision, data mining, and bioinformatics. Extensive support is provided for course instructors, including more than 400 exercises, graded according to difficulty. Example solutions for a subset of the exercises are available from the book web site, while solutions for the remainder can be obtained by instructors from the publisher. The book is supported by a great deal of additional material, and the reader is encouraged to visit the book web site for the latest information. Christopher M. Bishop is Deputy Director of Microsoft Research Cambridge, and holds a Chair in Computer Science at the University of Edinburgh. He is a Fellow of Darwin College Cambridge, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of

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I like the book a lot and fits perfect in what I am working! Thank you...

Wonderful book with color pages. Like it!

Great product, fast delivery, thanks!

I'm impressed by the breadth of knowledge the author has accumulated into one text. He dives in from survey-level discussion all the way down through some involved math. The good news is he leaves out some more intensive proofs and just references relevant sources there. The only thing missing for me is a few more practical examples.

Good book on machine learning. However very mathematical advanced. Start with a beginner's book on the subject then study this one. You will need very good math training to understand.

I think this is a great text considering the vast array of topics covered by Bishop in this book. The best thing I liked about the book are the fantastic insights the author has provided on various methods and their usage limitations, sometimes in very easy to understand language and studded with some real practical experience going behind it. One thing which I found rather missing was the excessive use of equations without much dwell into their derivations, which can sometimes confuse the first time reader, but when worked diligently by hand, would make the stuff clearer. Said that, the book is a great text for someone to gain latest perspectives on the field from the author's rich research experience. I would definitely recommend someone who wants a fairly broad and usable knowledge about this field.

This is really an excellent book. It is very clear and there is an excellent balance between the

frequentist and bayesian views of several of the models (for example, neural networks and bayesian neural networks). It would be a great idea to complement some missing parts such as "optimization algorithms" and "radial basis functions" with the lecture of the book Neural Networks for Pattern Recognition. And, if you want to implement some of the algorithms of this book, then you should read Netlab, a really excellent book that teaches you how to implement these algorithms step by step using MATLAB.

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