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Introduction: In the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), equipping professionals and researchers with tailored skills is pivotal for enhancing workplace productivity and driving innovation. This paper presents a framework designed to guide the selection and development of AI training programs, ensuring they address specific needs across various roles. By categorizing AI training requirements based on context, objectives, data types, and formats, the framework provides a roadmap for acquiring practical AI expertise that directly boosts performance and ensures development of relevant AI training programs that address specific needs of different roles.
Advancing Industry Training: or industry professionals, AI training must be practical and aligned with business objectives. Our framework identifies critical data types and the relevant AI algorithms/methods for analysis. For example, using predictive modeling and detection algorithms, structured transaction data can improve forecasting accuracy and detect anomalies. Cost data, analyzed using regression models and decision trees, may optimize cost predictions and budget allocations. Unstructured customer review data may be analyzed using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques for sentiment analysis and topic modeling, and real-time sensor data may be leveraged for optimizing logistics and predictive maintenance using data fusion and real-time processing. Industry professionals can access hands-on experience with varied data types from courses like Google's TensorFlow in Practice and Microsoft's Azure AI Fundamentals (Google, 2023; Microsoft, 2023) to implement algorithms tailored to their needs.
Enhancing Research Capabilities: Researchers benefit from a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical application. Our framework emphasizes the importance of training that covers advanced AI techniques, such as generative adversarial networks (GANs) for image generation and transformer models for natural language processing (NLP). Additionally, researchers may need to develop innovative algorithms and models to conduct impactful research using distributed computing frameworks like Hadoop and Spark for understanding large-scale and domain-specific (e.g., biomedical or environmental) datasets. Coursera's Machine Learning Specialization by Andrew Ng and Amazon's AWS Certified Machine Learning – Specialty provide foundational theory and hands-on skills for such researchers (Coursera, 2023; Amazon, 2023).

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