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Preface

To support the needs of ever-growing cloud-based services, the number of servers and network devices in data centers is increasing exponentially, which in turn results in high complexities and difficulties in network optimization. To address these challenges, both academia and industry turn to artificial intelligence technology to realize network intelligence. To this end, a considerable number of novel and creative machine learning-based (ML-based) research works have been put forward in recent few years. Nevertheless, there are still enormous challenges faced by the intelligent optimization of data center networks (DCNs), especially in the scenario of online real-time dynamic processing of massive heterogeneous services and traffic data. To the best of our knowledge, there is a lack of systematic and original comprehensive investigations with in-depth analysis on intelligent DCN. To this end, in this book, we comprehensively investigate the application of machine learning to data center networking and provide a general overview and in-depth analysis of the recent works, covering flow prediction, flow classification, load balancing, resource management, energy management, routing optimization, congestion control, fault management, and network security. In order to provide a multi-dimensional and multi-perspective comparison of various solutions, we design a quality assessment criteria called REBEL-3S to impartially measure the strengths and weaknesses of these research works. Moreover, we also present unique insights into the technology evolution of the fusion of data center networks and machine learning, together with some challenges and potential future research opportunities.

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Acronyms

AIMD Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease

ANN Artificial Neural Network

AR Augmented Reality

ARIMA Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average Model

ARMA Autoregressive Moving Average Model

BGP Border Gateway Protocol

BI Blocking Island

BMP BGP Monitoring Protocol

Bof Bag of Flow

CC Congestion Control

CFD Computational Fluid Dynamics
CNN Convolutional Neural Networks
CRAC Computer Room Air Conditioner
CRE Cognitive Routing Engine

CRE Cognitive Routing Engine
DBN Deep Belief Network

DC Data Center

DCN Data Center Network

DDOS Distributed Denial of Service Attack
DDPG Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient

DL Deep Learning

DNN Deep Neural Network
DPI Deep Packet Inspection

DQN Deep Q-Network

DRL Deep Reinforcement Learning

DT Decision Tree

ELM Extreme Learning Machine
eMBB Enhanced Mobile Broadband
eMDI Enhanced Media Delivery Index

eMTC Enhanced Machine-Type Communication

FCT Flow Completion Time

FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array

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FTR Fundamental Theory Research GBDT Gradient Boosting Decision Tree

GNN Graph Neural Network
GRU Gated Recurrent Unit
GWO Grey Wolf Optimization
HSMM Hidden Semi-markov Model

IANA Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

IDS Intrusion Detection SystemIT Information TechnologyLA Automatic LearningLSTM Long Short-Term Memory

MA Moving Average MAE Mean Absolute Error

MAPE Mean Absolute Percentage Error

ME Mean Error

ML Machine Learning
MSE Mean Squared Error

NBD Naïve Bayes discretization

NFV Network Functions Virtualization NIDS Network Intrusion Detection System NMSE Normalized Mean Square Error

NN Neural Network

O&M Operations and Maintenance PAC Packaged Air Conditioner

PC Personal Computer
QoS Quality of Service
RAE Relative Absolute Error

RF Random Forest

RFR Random Forest Regression
RL Reinforcement Learning
RMSE Root Mean Squared Error
RNN Recurrent Neural Network

RRMSE Relative Root Mean Squared Error RRSE Relative Root Squared Error RSNE Ratio of Saved Number of Entries

RTT Round-Trip Time

SDN Software Defined Network
SL Supervised Learning
SLA Service-Level Agreement

SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol

SVM Support Vector Machine
SVR Support Vector Regression
TCP Transmission Control Protocol
TPU Tensor Processing Unit

TWAMP Two-Way Active Measurement Protocol