



[Issue #17](#) (open): [DECISION] PAC Learning Or: Why We Should (and Shouldn't) Trust Machine Learning 06-13-2025

[@leibatt](#) on
Jun 13, 2025 23:40: [opened]

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Conflicts of interest

- ☒ I declare that I have no known conflicts of interest with the authors.

Reviewed version

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Reviews summarized

- [#2](#)
- [#5](#)
- [#7](#)
- [#16](#)

Meta-Review

Note that one of our original reviewers was unable to review the subsequent revisions. We have since recruited a new reviewer ([#16](#)).

One reviewer is ready to endorse with minor copyediting ([#5](#)) while two reviewers have requested minor revisions ([#7](#), [#16](#)).

Of the requested revisions, they fall into two categories: *** Minor updates to examples/explanations*:** *Some specific sections of the text can be improved for clarity, for example, to make more sense to a non-technical audience. The new review makes specific suggestions ([#16](#)).* *** Fixing bugs in the interactive examples:** All three reviewers mention issues with "datum not found" errors when they interact with the examples. While one reviewer acknowledges that this may be due to incorrect parameters/values selected when interacting with the examples, given how frequent it happens, I believe some revision should be done to make it clearer what is happening when the error message appears and how the reader can avoid these errors. ([#7](#) and [#16](#) give specific examples that could be fixed).

If the two above categories of changes are addressed, which both seem to be fairly minor, I believe the submission will be ready for publication. Therefore, I recommend a decision of minor revisions for this submission. Note that a rebuttal might be appropriate if a requested change to the interactive examples is out of scope.

Decision

Minor revisions: this paper requires some smaller changes, after which I am confident I would be able to endorse it.

[@leibatt](#) on
Jun 30, 2025 16:58:

@dylancashman can you also add the new OSF link to the abstract?

[@dylancashman](#) on
Jul 09, 2025 14:37:

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Added in e2456fb8a06535a4d267d9ea26a077222b418c08

[@dylancashman](#) on
Jul 11, 2025 04:20:

I have addressed the minor revisions in [#7](#), primarily relating to the mentioned technical bugs but also some aesthetic suggestions such as a smooth transition of the game disappearing as you hit the definitions.

[@dylancashman](#) on
Jul 11, 2025 04:21:

I have addressed the minor revisions in [#16](#), both in the minor updates to the writing as well as in the functionality bugs that were pointed out.

The latest version is deployed at <https://www.journalovi.org/2024-Cashman-PAC-learning-game/> and I believe it meets all requirements of the minor revision decision.

Let me know if there is anything additional I can do @leibatt. Thank you!
