

An Introduction to AI

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Overview

- History of AI
 - past, present, future.
- Techniques
 - Supervised learning techniques
 - Feature extraction
- Some Challenges

History of Technology

- 1771 Industrial Revolution
 - Arkwright's mill in Cramford
- 1826 Age of Steam and Railways
 - “Rocket steam” engine for Manchester railway
- 1875 Age of Steel, Electricity & Heavy Eng.
 - Carnegie Bessemer steel plant in Pittsburgh
- 1908 Age of Oil, Automobile, Mass Production
 - First model T comes out in Detroit
- 1971 Age of Information & Telecommunications
 - Intel microprocessor announced in Santa Clara
- 2017 Age of Artificial Intelligence
 - Machines, data and people connected in new era



- The term **artificial intelligence** was first coined in 1956, at the Dartmouth conference.
- Artificial Intelligence is still a growing active field of science and technology.
 - Has the potential to affect our lives

AI?

- *Homo sapiens (human beings) are able to control (and exploit) other species and nature because of their thinking capability.*

We call programs intelligent if they exhibit behaviors that would be regarded intelligent if they were exhibited by human beings.

– Herbert Simon

Turing Test

Alan Turing's Imitation Game

Alan Turing (1912 – 1954)

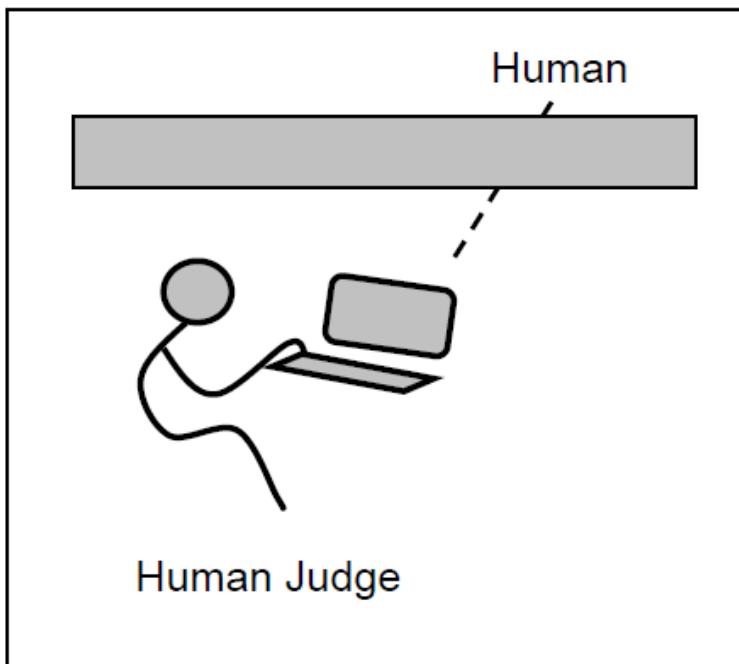
- The question whether machines can think itself “too meaningless”
- Prescribed a test which he called the *Imitation Game* which is now known as *The Turing Test*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Turing

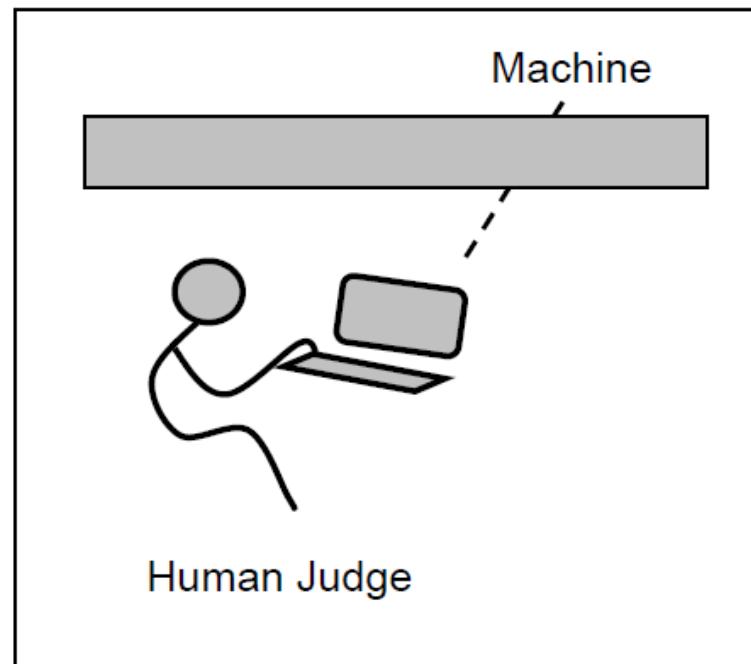


Human or Machine?

The Turing Test



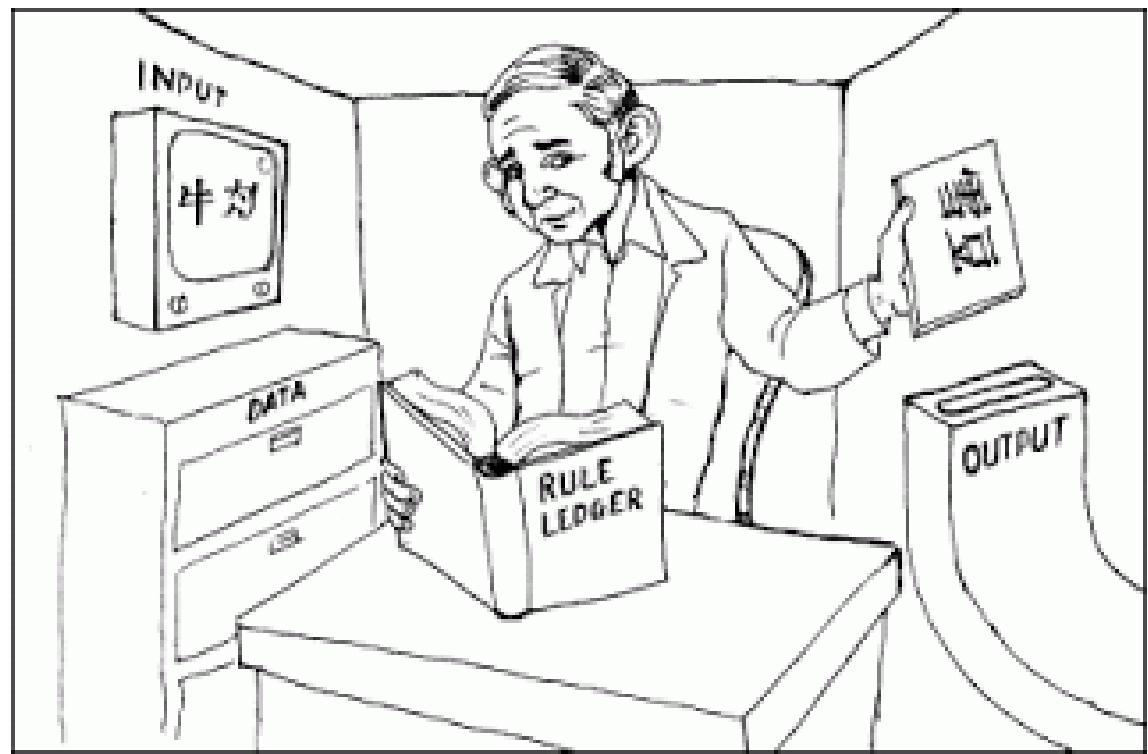
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The Loebner Prize – an annual competition where **chatbots** are judged for **human like** response. The grand prize of USD 100,000 is still open.

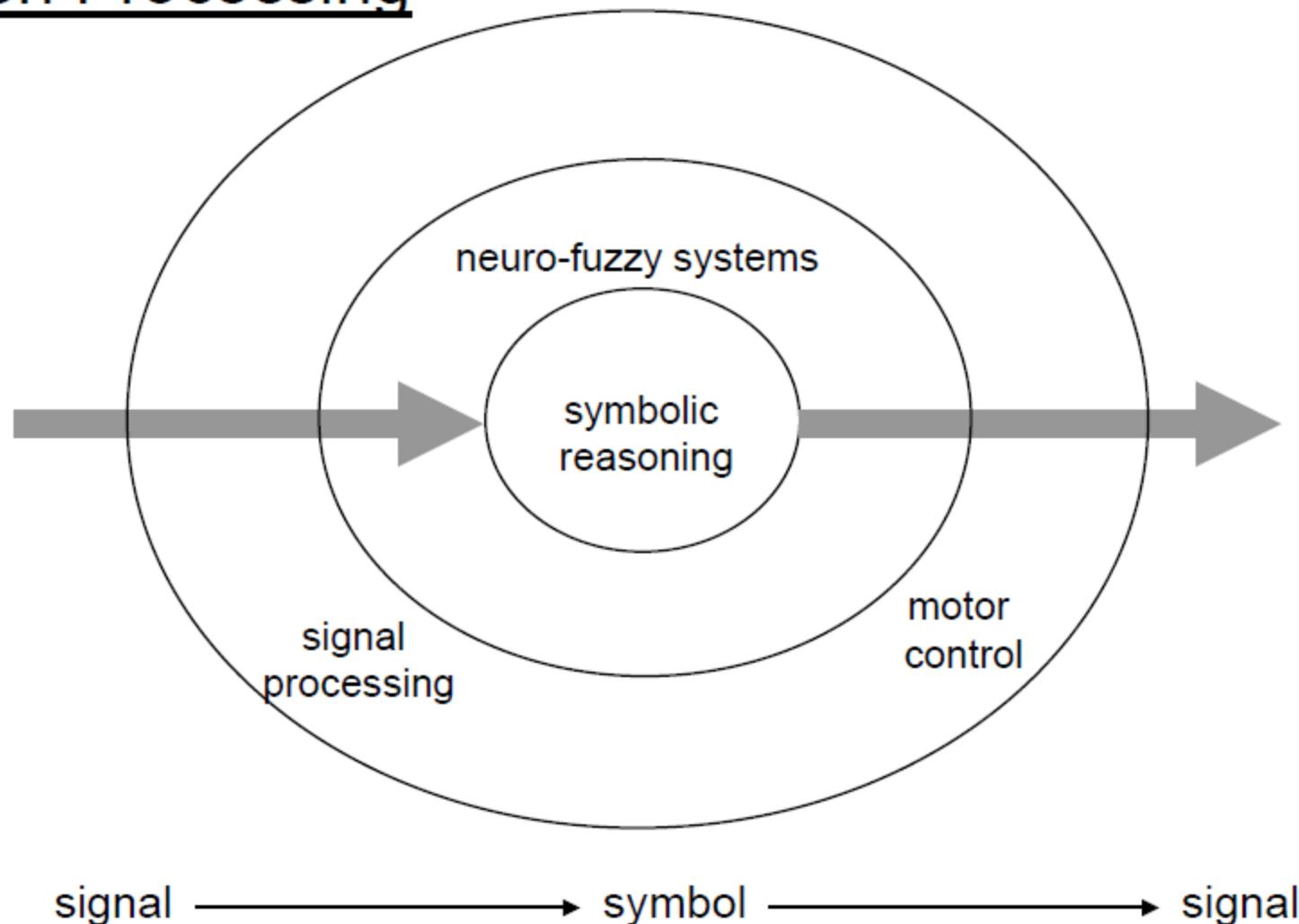
The Chinese Room Argument

- John Searle: The Chinese Room argument – can an agent locked in a room processing questions in Chinese based on a set of syntactic rules be said to *understand* Chinese?
 - How many rules will the agent need to have for the thought experiment to be convincing?



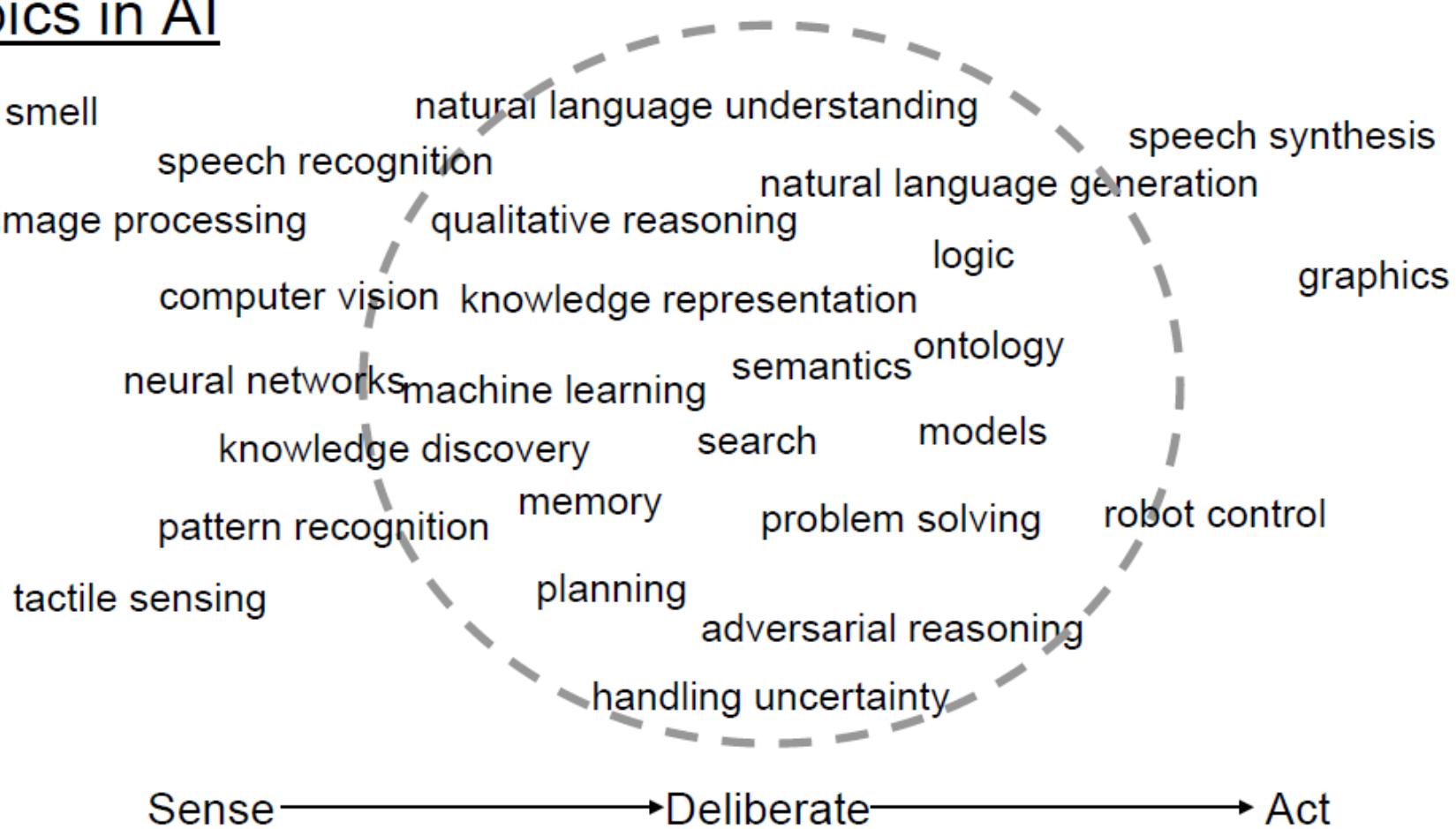
Information Processing?

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Topics in AI

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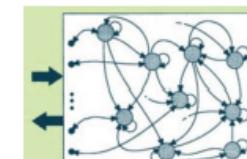
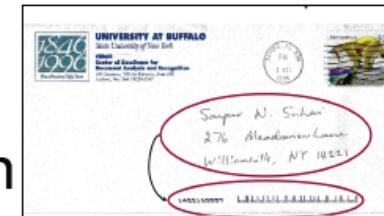


What we already achieved in AI?

- Board games – Chess, Checkers, Go, etc
- Solving Puzzles – Sudoku, etc
- Route finding in a map
- Image/speech enhancement
 - Creating high resolution images, noise suppression, ...
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Today's AI

- Today, AI is a thriving field
 - Many practical applications and active research
- We look to intelligent software to:
 - Automate routine labor
 - Handwritten address interpretation
 - Understand speech or images
 - SIRI
 - Make diagnosis in medicine
 - Watson Health
 - Support basic science research
 - Computational chemistry



Future prospects of AI

Survey of AI researchers

- AI will outperform humans in:

- Translating languages 2024
- Writing high-school essays 2026
- Driving a truck 2027
- Working in retail 2031
- Writing a best-selling book 2049
- Working as a surgeon 2053
- Outperform humans in all tasks: 50% chance in 45 years
- Automating all human jobs 120 years

- Survey population: 2015 NIPS/ICML authors

- Questions on AI capabilities (e.g. folding laundry, language translation), superiority at specific occupations (e.g. truck driver, surgeon), superiority over humans at all tasks.

TECHNIQUES

Deductive Vs Inductive Learning

- Deductive
 - Rules of the game are (hard coded) given ahead.
 - Eg: An algorithm to do multiplication of numbers is given. Given any two numbers you can apply this and get the answer.
- Inductive
 - We are given with examples (not the concept). We need to learn the mapping from i/p to o/p.
 - Supervised learning problems in AI comes under this

Learning strategies

- Supervised
 - Classification, Regression, ...
- Unsupervised
 - Clustering, density estimation, ...
- Reinforced
 - A robot navigating through obstacles, ...
- Learn the good features (attributes)
 - Feature extraction

Spectrum of supervision

Less

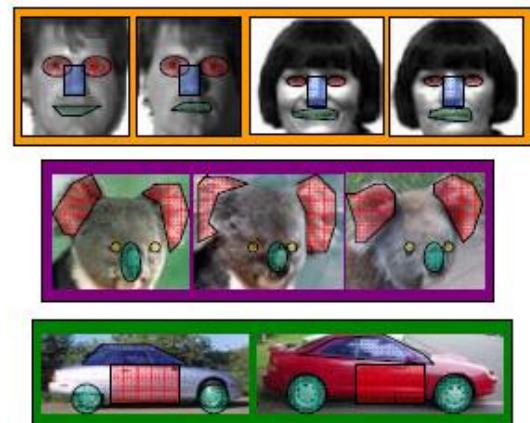
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Unsupervised



“Semi” supervised

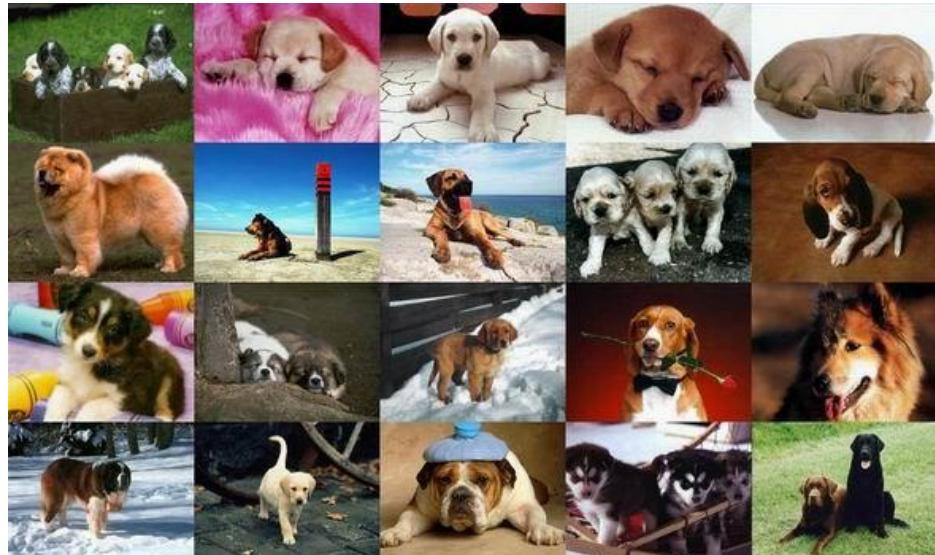


Fully supervised

What is a classification problem?

- Let there are two classes of objects.
 - Class 1: Set of dog pictures
 - Class 2: Set of cat pictures
- Problem is –
 - Given a picture, you should say whether it is cat or dog.
 - For a human being it is easy..., but for a machine it is a non-trivial problem.

Training (Learning phase)



We have shown a set of dog pictures and a set of cat pictures to a child.



Testing phase



DOG

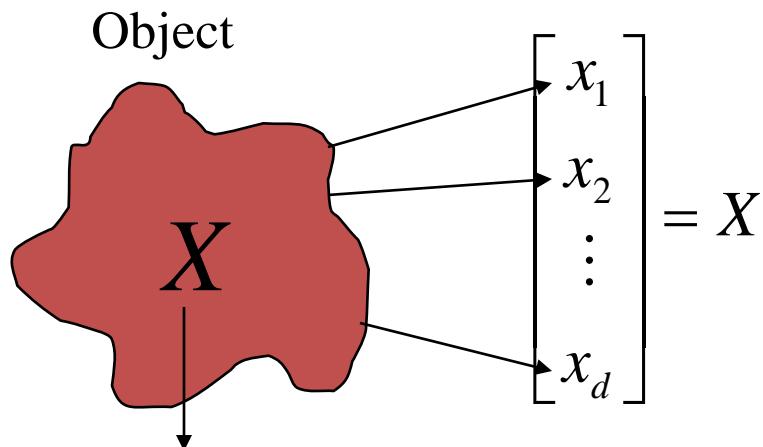
This picture as it is
may not be in the
training set

**Child has done more than
just remembering**

What is learning (pattern recognition)?

- Child has learnt what is it that is common among dogs ... and, what is it that is common among cats... also, what are the distinguishing features/attributes.
- Child has learnt the pattern (regularity) behind all dogs and the pattern behind all cats.
- Child then recognized a test image as having a particular pattern that is unique to dogs.

Basic concepts



Feature vector $X \in \chi$

- A vector of observations (measurements).
- X is a point in feature space χ .

Class to which X belongs is $y \in Y$

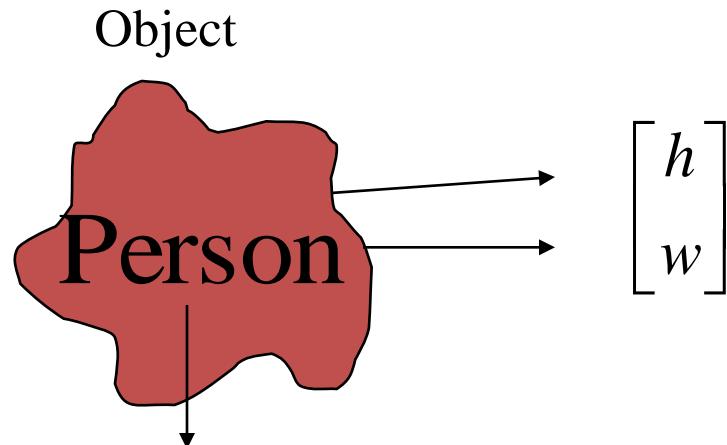
- Needs to be estimated, based on training set.

Task

- To design a classifier (decision rule) $f : \chi \rightarrow Y$
which decides about the class label based on X .

An example

χ is a set of persons



Feature vector

- A vector of observations (height, weight).

Class to which X belongs is

$y \in \{\text{overweight, normal}\}$

- Needs to be estimated, based on training set.

Task

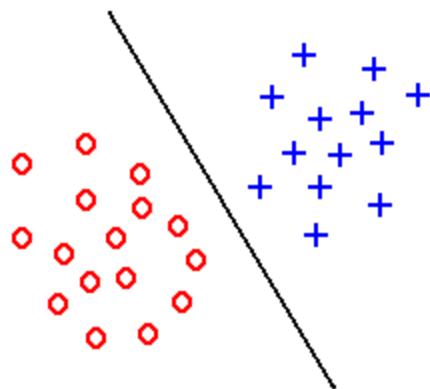
- To design a classifier (decision rule) $f : \chi \rightarrow Y$
- given height and weight of a person, classify him/her.

Feature extraction

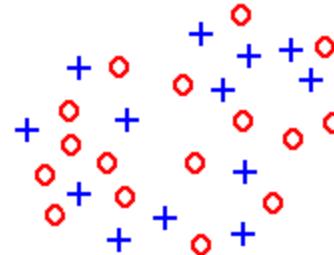
Task: to extract features which are good for classification.

Good features:

- Objects from the same class have similar feature values.
- Objects from different classes have different values.

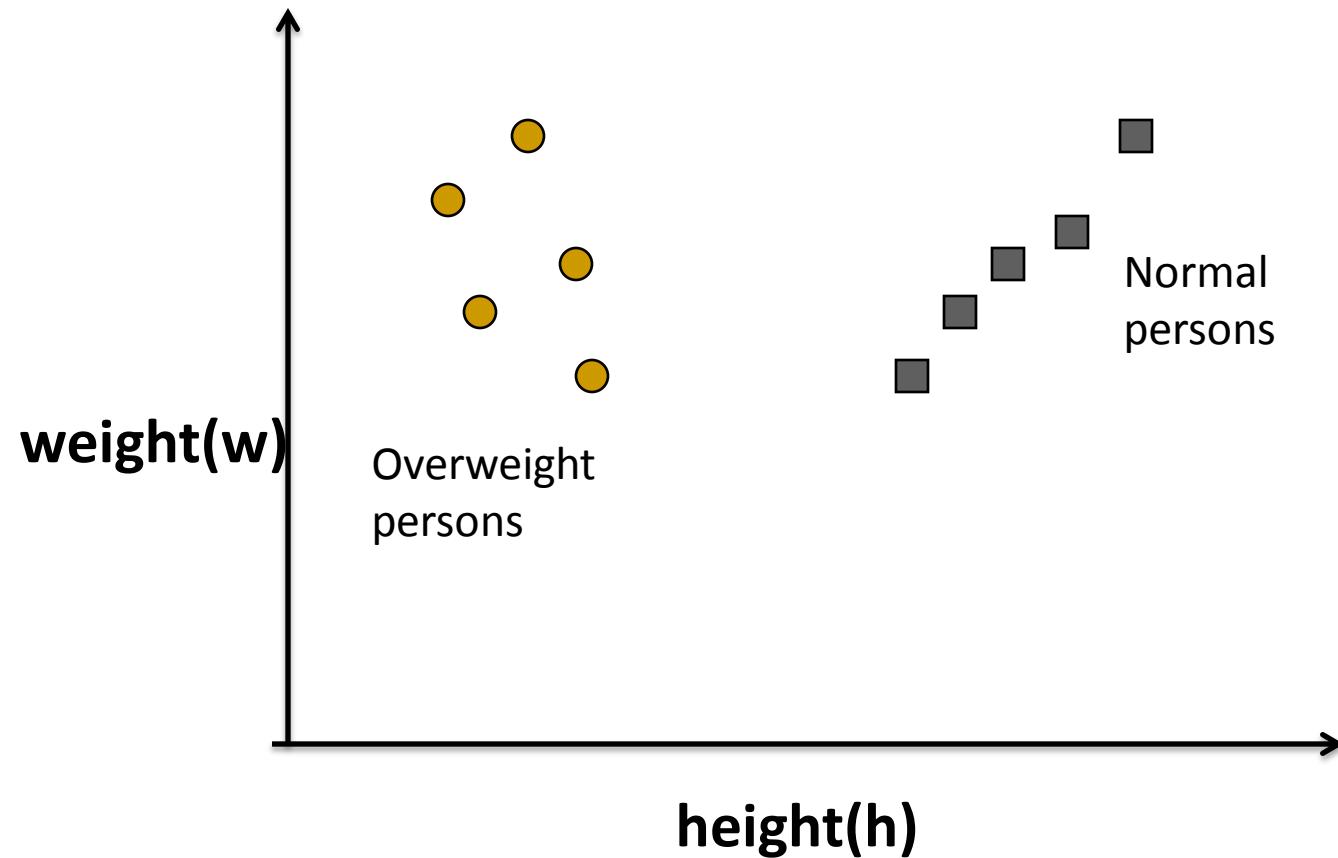


“Good” features



“Bad” features

Feature Space



Training set is shown in the feature space

Learning Steps

- Feature extraction: This is an important step. Good features are needed.
 - This is a lower level step. Normally done by techniques like image processing, speech processing, video processing, etc.
- Training set: Set of feature vectors along with their class labels.
 - An expert can see a few examples and give labels to them based on his experience.
- Build the classifier by using the training set.

Classification Problem

- Given a training set, build the classifier.
- One has to evaluate, how good is the built classifier.
 - Of course, it has to agree with the training set
 - Is this 100% true?
 - But, it should do more than this.
 - The behavior of the classifier when it is asked to classify some thing which is not in the training set determines the quality.

An easy, but bad classifier

- Remember the training set.
- See whether the given feature vector to be classified is available in the training set.
- If yes, then return the label of that training example.
- Else return a random class label.
- *This is called Rote learning*

Classifiers

- There are many classification methods.
 - Baye's classifier, Naïve Bayes classifier
 - HMM (graphical model)
 - Artificial Neural Networks
 - Decision Trees
 - SVMs
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Generative vs. Discriminative Classifiers

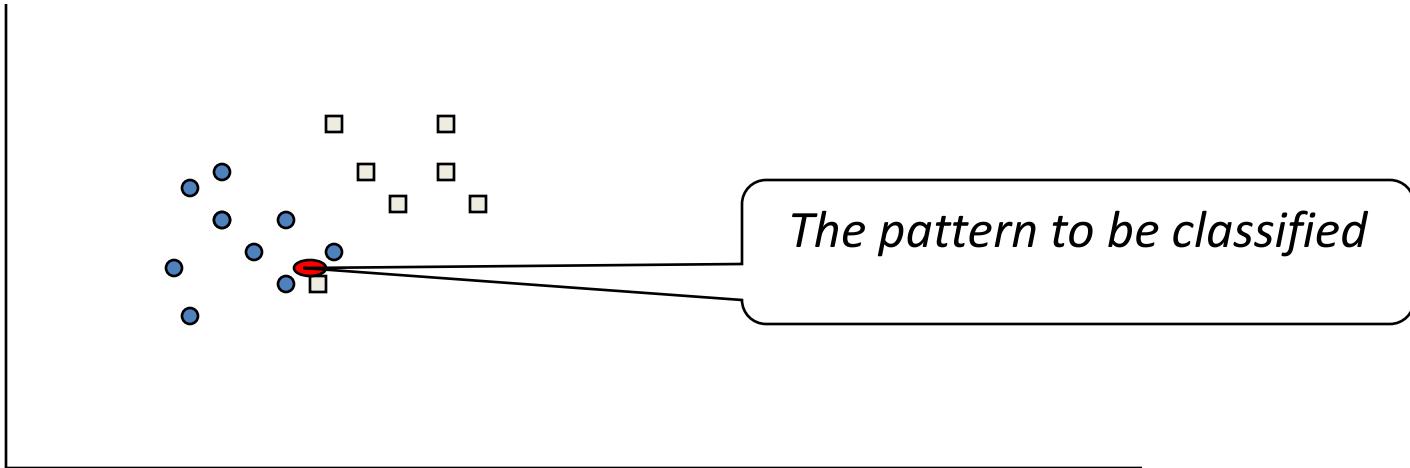
Generative Models

- Represent both the data and the labels
- Often, makes use of conditional independence and priors
- Examples
 - Naïve Bayes classifier
 - Bayesian network
- Models of data may apply to future prediction problems

Discriminative Models

- Learn to directly predict the labels from the data
- Often, assume a simple boundary (e.g., linear)
- Examples
 - Logistic regression
 - SVM
 - Boosted decision trees
- Often easier to predict a label from the data than to model the data

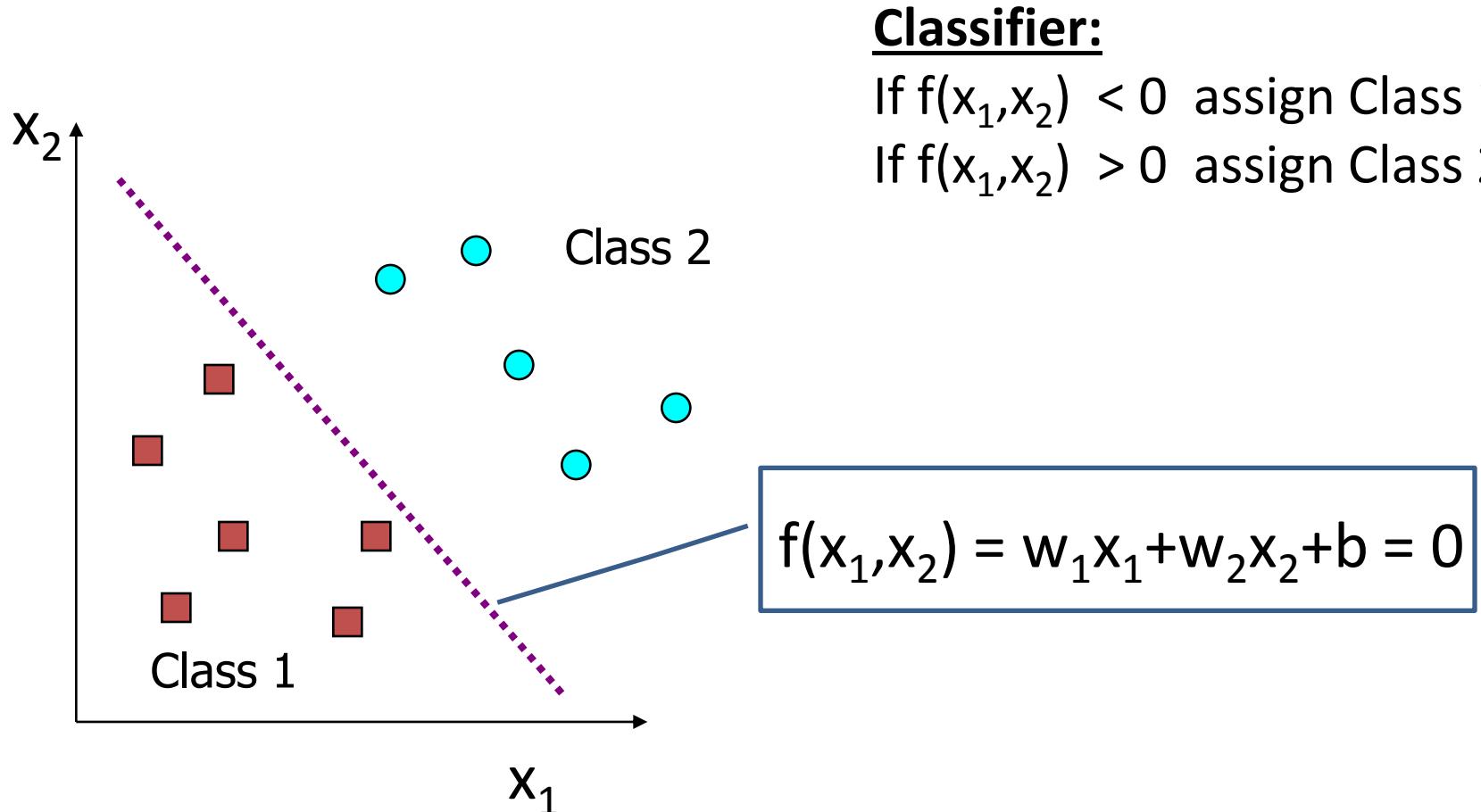
k-Nearest Neighbor Classifier



If $k = 1$ then the class assigned is □

If $k = 3$ then the class assigned is ●

Linear Classifier

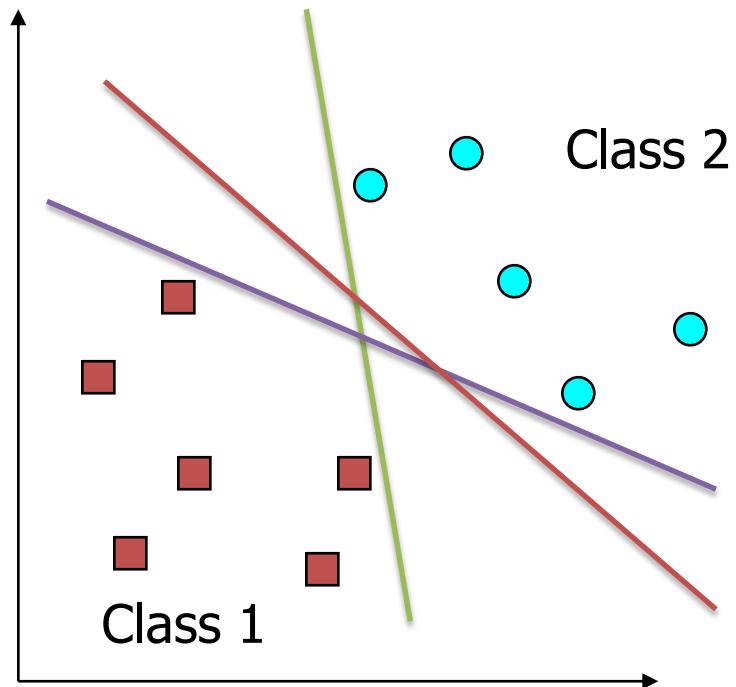


Perceptron

- Perceptron is the name given to the linear classifier.
- If there exists a Perceptron that correctly classifies all training examples, then we say that the training set is **linearly separable**.
- In 1960s Rosenblatt gave an algorithm for Perceptron learning for linearly separable data.

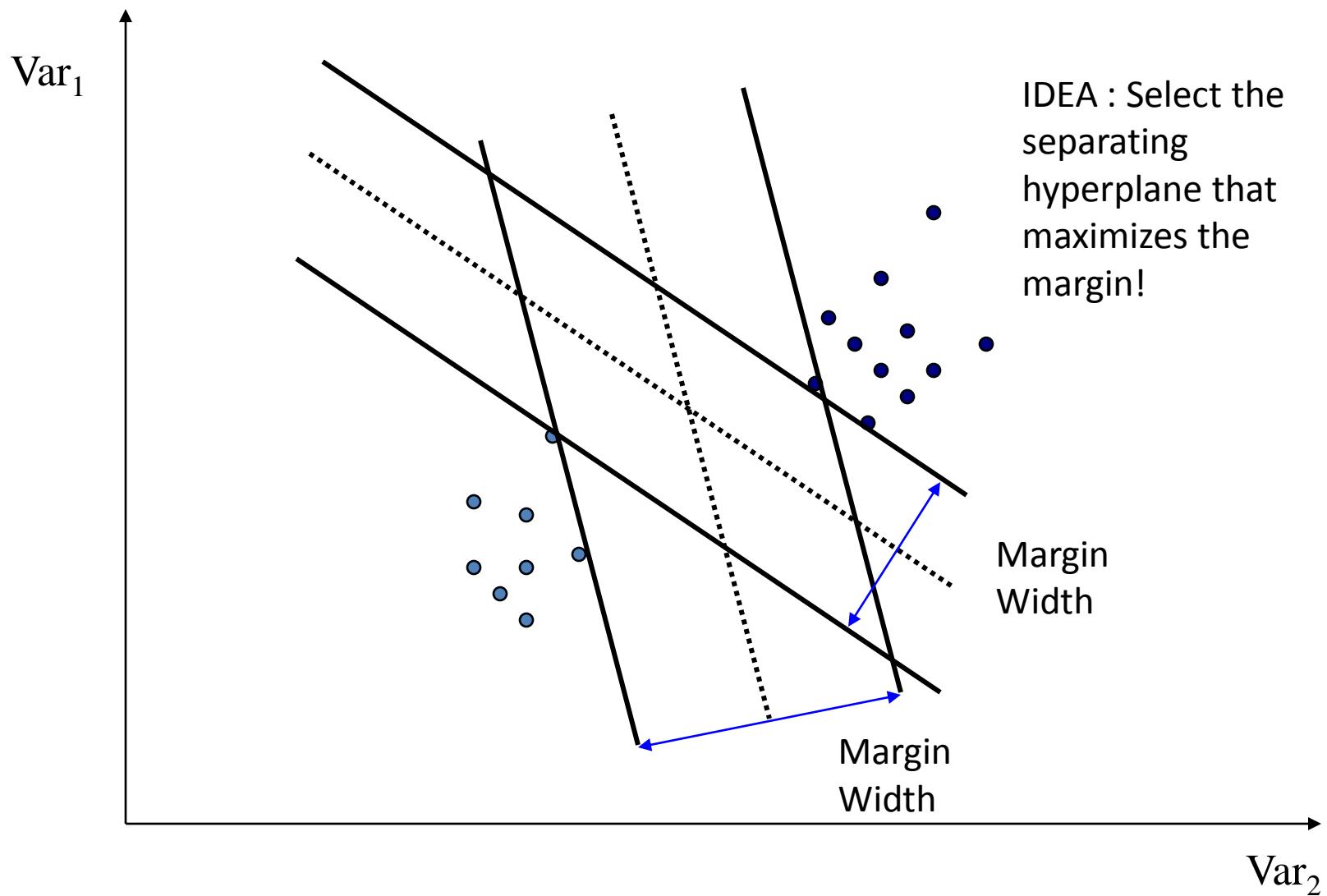
Perceptron

- For linearly separable data many classifiers are possible.



All being doing equally good
on training set, which one is
good on the unseen test set?

Maximizing the Margin → SVM



Artificial Neural Networks

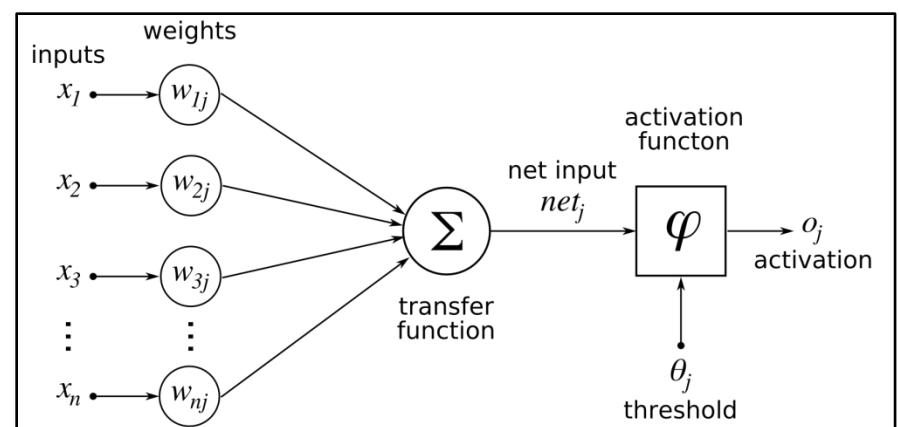
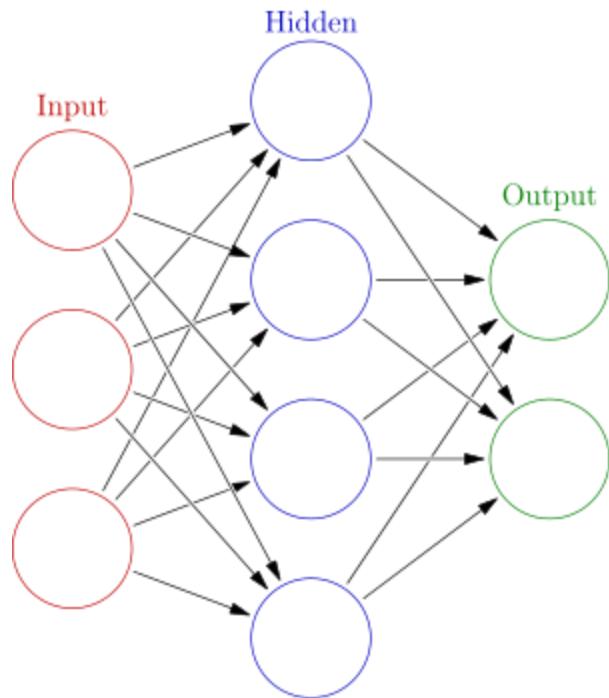
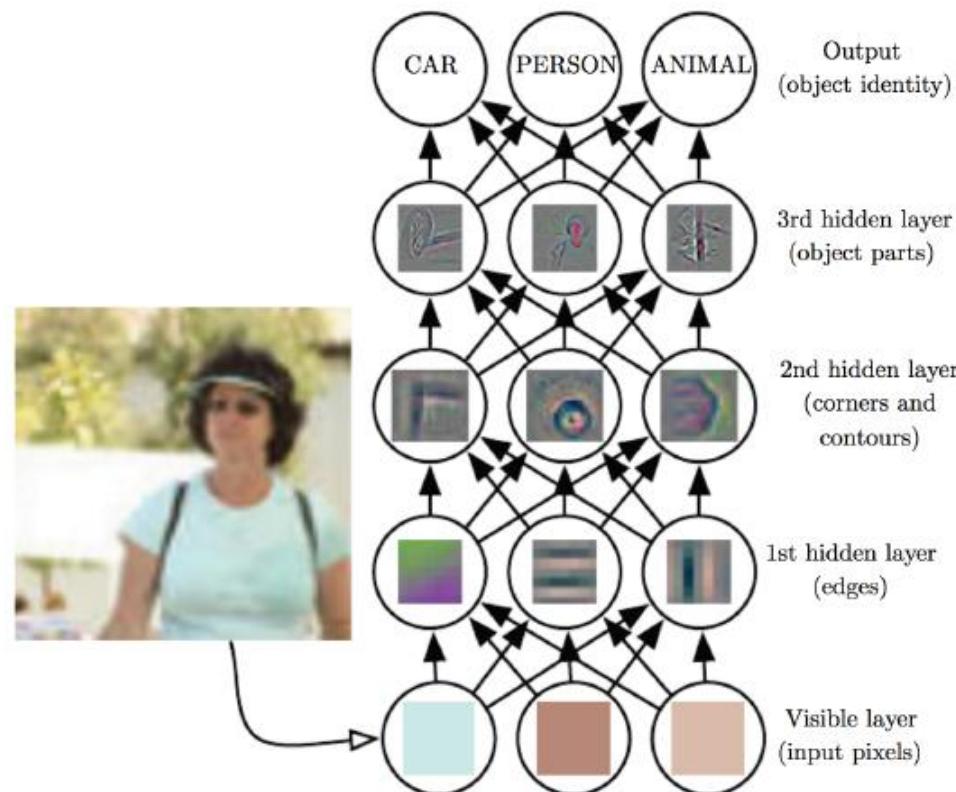


Illustration of Deep Learning

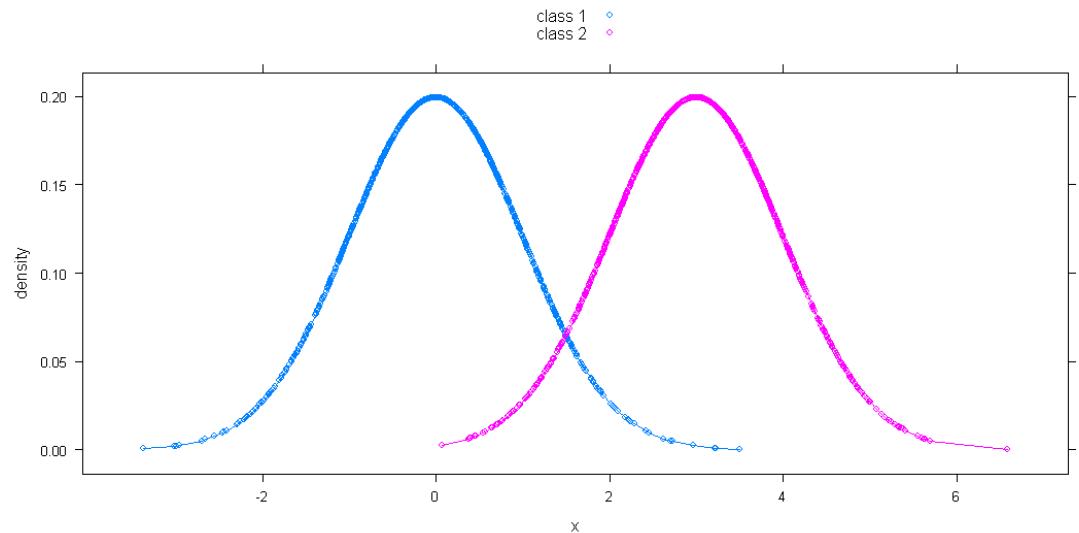
- Function mapping from pixels to object identity is complicated
- Series of hidden layers extract increasingly abstract features



Zeiler and Fergus 2014

Generative Models

- Bayes
 - Naïve Bayes
- Graphical models
 - Belief networks



Remember...

- No classifier is inherently better than any other: you need to make assumptions to generalize
- Two components of the error
 - Bias: due to over-simplifications
 - Variance: due to inability to perfectly estimate parameters from limited data

Generalization



Training set (labels known)



Test set (labels unknown)

- How well does a learned model generalize from the data it was trained on to a new test set?

Generalization

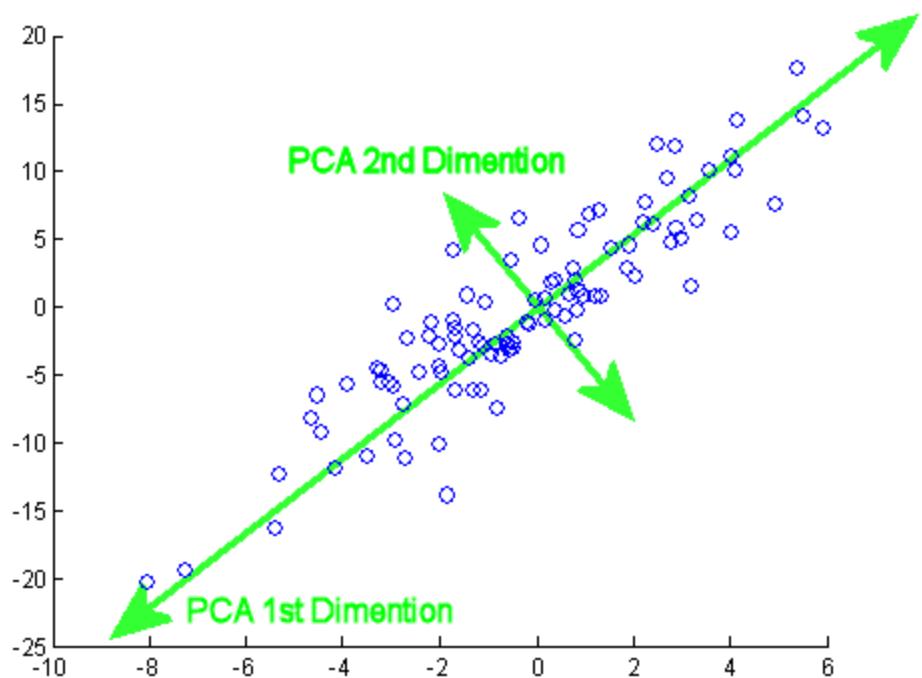
- Components of generalization error
 - **Bias:** how much the average model over all training sets differ from the true model?
 - Error due to inaccurate assumptions/simplifications made by the model
 - **Variance:** how much models estimated from different training sets differ from each other
- **Underfitting:** model is too “simple” to represent all the relevant class characteristics
 - High bias and low variance
 - High training error and high test error
- **Overfitting:** model is too “complex” and fits irrelevant characteristics (noise) in the data
 - Low bias and high variance
 - Low training error and high test error

Clustering Strategies

- K-means
 - Iteratively re-assign points to the nearest cluster center
- Agglomerative clustering
 - Start with each point as its own cluster and iteratively merge the closest clusters
- Mean-shift clustering
 - Estimate modes of pdf
- Spectral clustering
 - Split the nodes in a graph based on assigned links with similarity weights

Feature Extraction

- Principal Component Analysis
- Fisher Discriminant Analysis
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Representing Face Images: Eigenfaces

Q: How do we pick the set of basis faces?

A: We take a set of real training faces



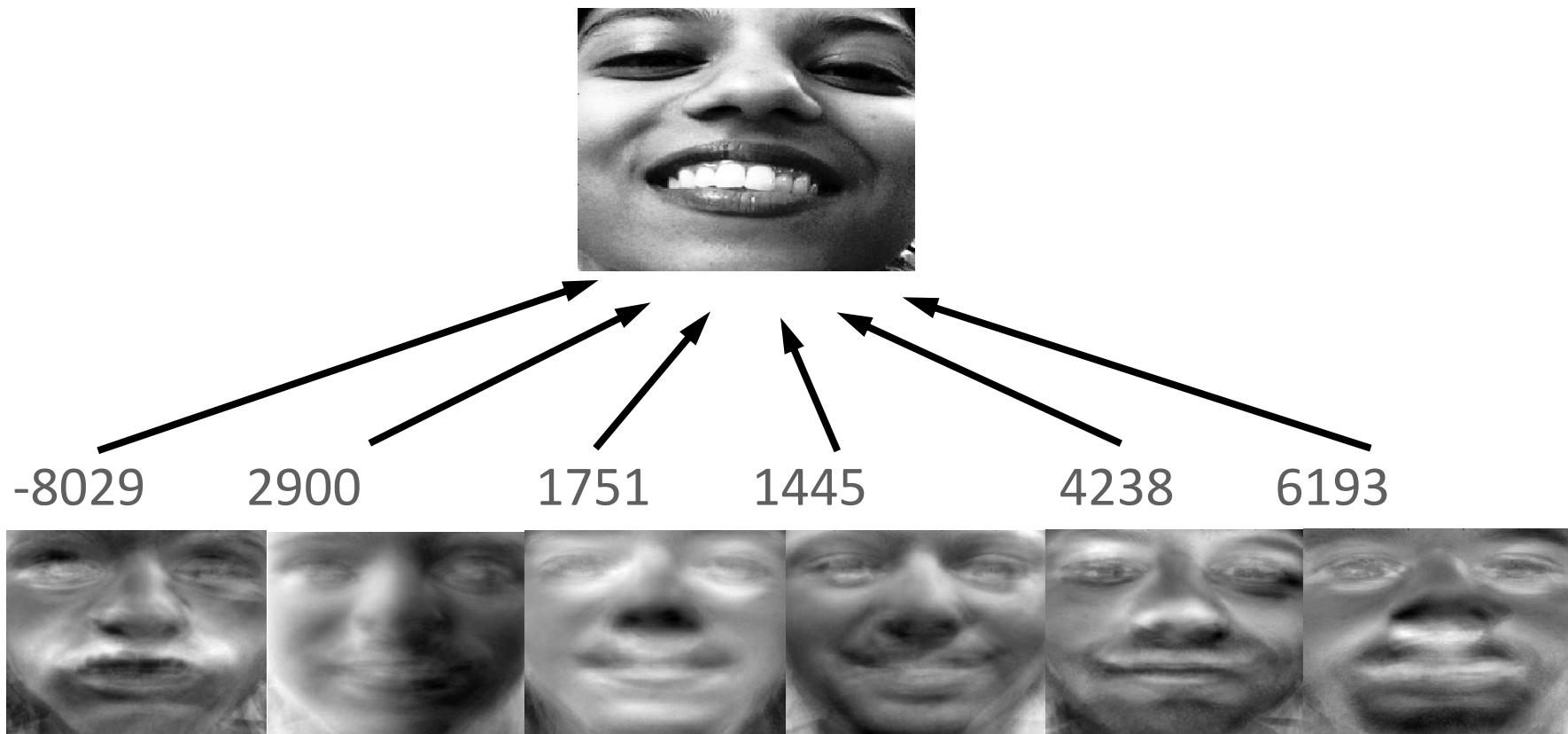
Then we find (learn) a set of basis faces which best represent the differences between them

That is, apply PCA and choose top Eigen vectors (Eigen faces)

We can then store each face as a set of weights for those basis faces

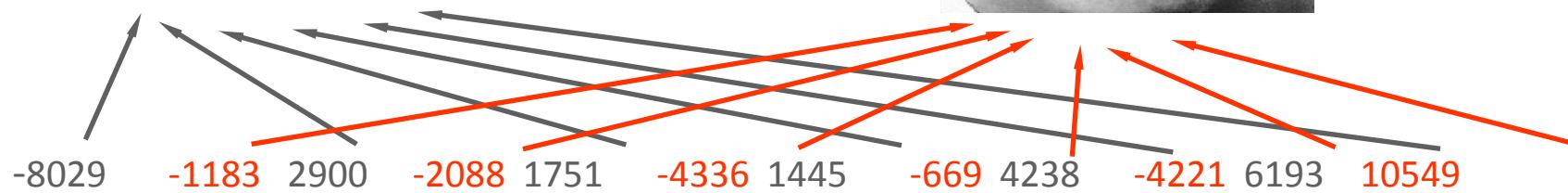
Eigenfaces: the idea

- Think of a face as being a weighted combination of some “component” or “basis” faces
- These basis faces are called eigenfaces



Eigenfaces: representing faces

- These basis faces can be differently weighted to represent any face
- So we can use different vectors of weights to represent different faces

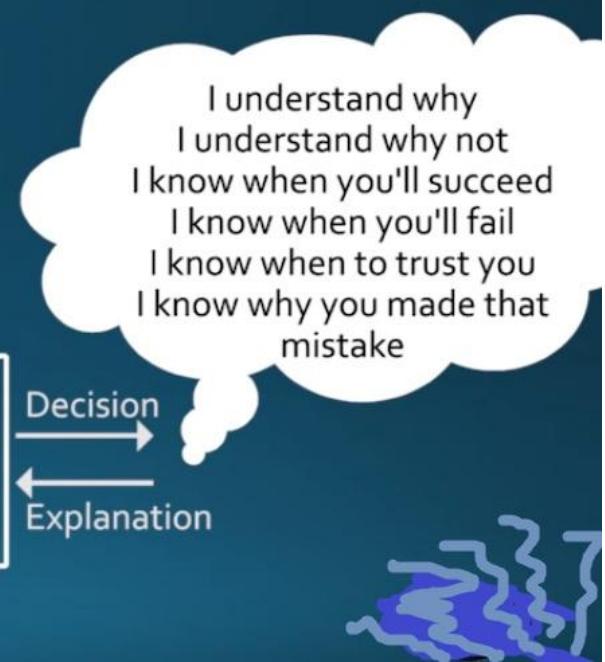
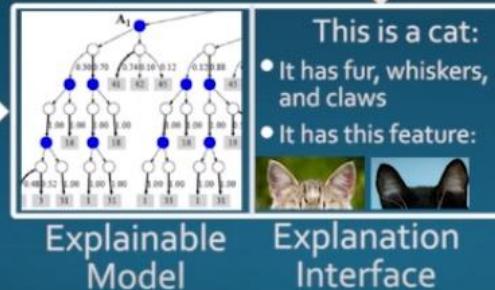


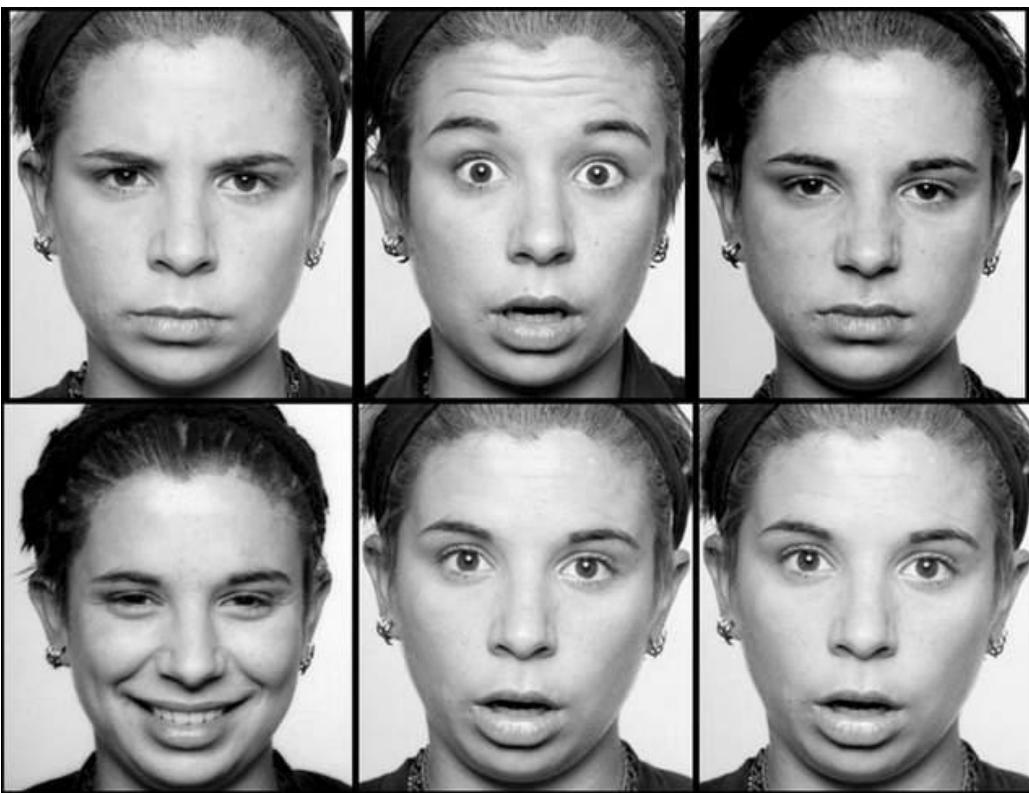
CHALLENGES

- King – man + woman = Queen
- Face – emotion + surprise = Surprised face

- Interpretable models.

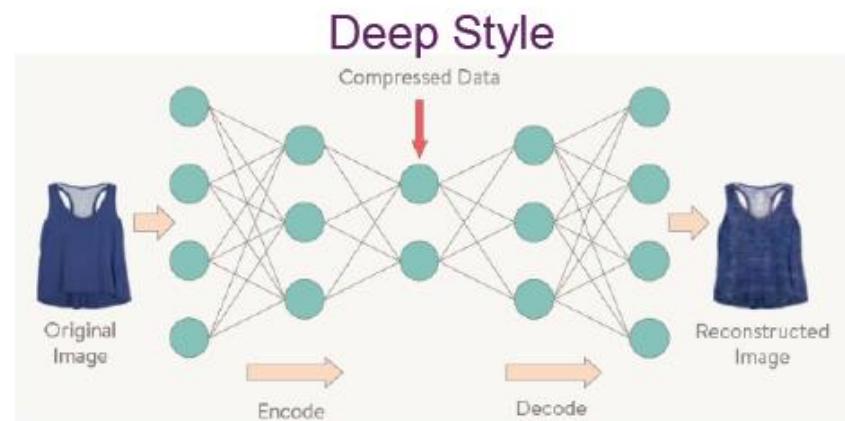
Models to explain decisions





Example of Representation Learning

- Autoencoder:
 - Quintessential example of representation learning
 - Encoder:
 - Converts input into a representation with nice properties
 - Decoder:
 - Converts the representation back to input



New designs from representation



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