

# Lecture 2: Image Classification

# Waitlisted Students

- We'll continue sending overrides in waitlist order as seats open
- If you get one, **enroll right now** – override will expire in 24h
- If you received an override and it expires, **you will not get another**

# Office Hours

Office hours start this week; check Google Calendar for details

Fill out the following form about your office hour time preferences:

<https://forms.gle/Qh41oXuzjrTxFEVk9>

# Piazza

Reminder: Piazza is our main source of communication this semester

Right now (enrolled students) < (enrolled students on Piazza)

Go enroll on Piazza if you haven't already

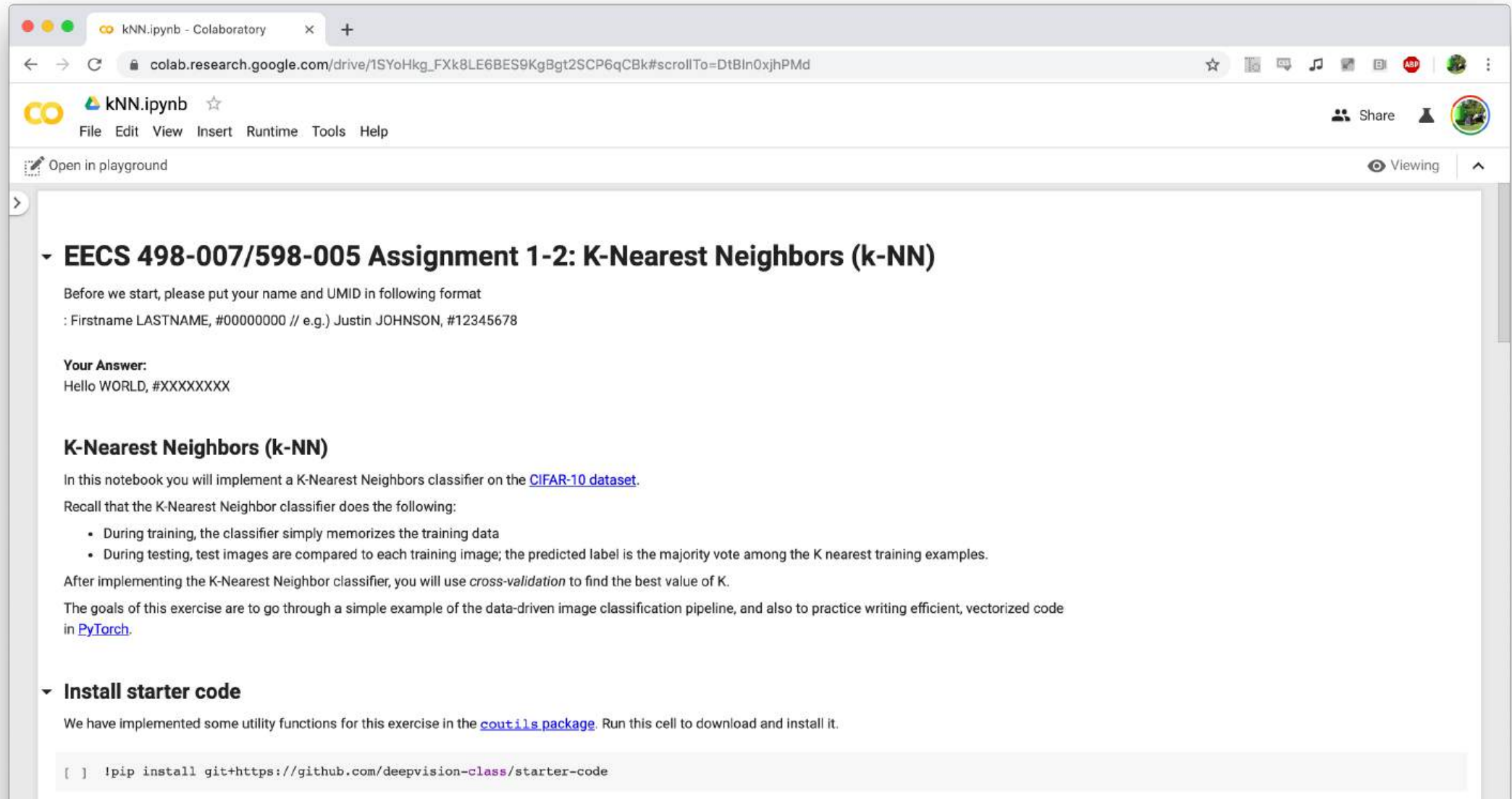
# Assignment 1 Released

- <https://web.eecs.umich.edu/~justincj/teaching/eecs498/WI2022/assignment1.html>
- Uses Python, PyTorch, and Google Colab
- Introduction to PyTorch Tensors
- K-Nearest Neighbor classification
- Two *challenge questions* worth 2% each
- Due **Friday January 14, 11:59pm ET**

# Assignment 1 Released

- <https://web.eecs.umich.edu/~justincj/teaching/eecs498/WI2022/assignment1.html>
- Make sure you download the **WI2022** version of the assignment!
- We released a slightly updated assignment today with minor bugfixes; see Piazza: <https://piazza.com/class/kxtai72amx34p0?cid=46>
- Only **enrolled students** can submit the assignment, but if you enroll late we will give you extra days to submit A1

# Google Colab: Cloud Computing in the Browser



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Google Colab interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL `colab.research.google.com/drive/1SYoHkg_FXk8LE6BES9KgBgt2SCP6qCBk#scrollTo=DtBln0xjhPMd`. The Colab header includes the logo, the notebook name 'kNN.ipynb', and a menu with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Insert', 'Runtime', 'Tools', and 'Help'. On the right, there are 'Share' and 'User' icons. Below the header, a button says 'Open in playground' and a status indicator shows 'Viewing'. The main content area of the notebook contains the following text:

▼ **EECS 498-007/598-005 Assignment 1-2: K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN)**

Before we start, please put your name and UMID in following format  
: Firstname LASTNAME, #00000000 // e.g.) Justin JOHNSON, #12345678

**Your Answer:**  
Hello WORLD, #XXXXXXXX

**K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN)**

In this notebook you will implement a K-Nearest Neighbors classifier on the [CIFAR-10 dataset](#).  
Recall that the K-Nearest Neighbor classifier does the following:

- During training, the classifier simply memorizes the training data
- During testing, test images are compared to each training image; the predicted label is the majority vote among the K nearest training examples.

After implementing the K-Nearest Neighbor classifier, you will use *cross-validation* to find the best value of K.

The goals of this exercise are to go through a simple example of the data-driven image classification pipeline, and also to practice writing efficient, vectorized code in [PyTorch](#).

▼ **Install starter code**

We have implemented some utility functions for this exercise in the [cutils package](#). Run this cell to download and install it.

```
[ ] !pip install git+https://github.com/deepvision-class/starter-code
```

# Google Colab: Cloud Computing in the Browser

EECS 498-007 / 598-005  
Deep Learning for Computer Vision  
Fall 2020

## Colab Tutorial

### What is Colab?

- Colaboratory is a Google research project created to help disseminate machine learning education and research. It's a Jupyter notebook environment that requires no setup to use and runs entirely in the cloud. (from [Google Colab Notebooks page](#))
- It allows you to use virtual machines with a GPU (or TPU) to accelerate machinelearning workloads for up to 12 hours at a time.
- It is **free to use!** There is a paid option called [Colab Pro](#) which gives access to faster GPUs, more RAM, more CPU cores, more disk space, and longer runtimes, those won't be necessary for this course.

### Steps to use Colab

We've written a Colab tutorial:  
[https://web.eecs.umich.edu/~j  
ustincj/teaching/eecs498/WI2  
022/colab.html](https://web.eecs.umich.edu/~justincj/teaching/eecs498/WI2022/colab.html)



# Lecture 2: Image Classification

# Image Classification: A core computer vision task

**Input:** image



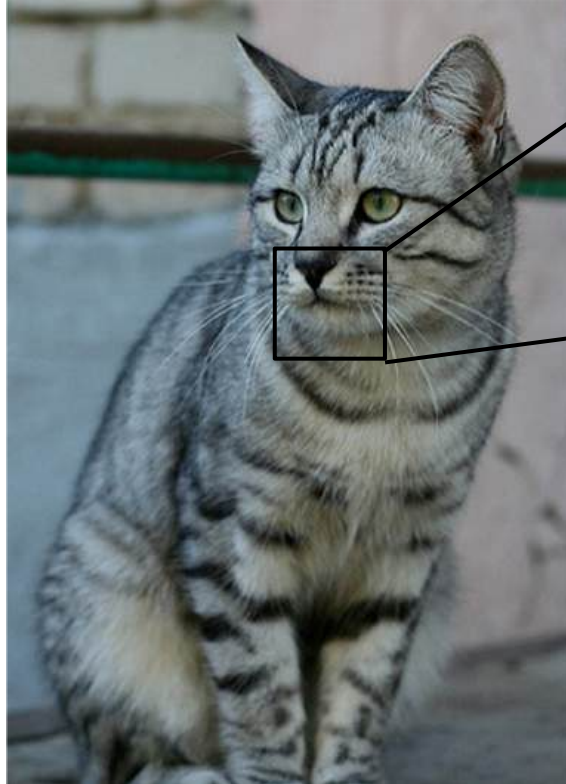
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**Output:** Assign image to one  
of a fixed set of categories



cat  
bird  
deer  
dog  
truck

# Problem: Semantic Gap



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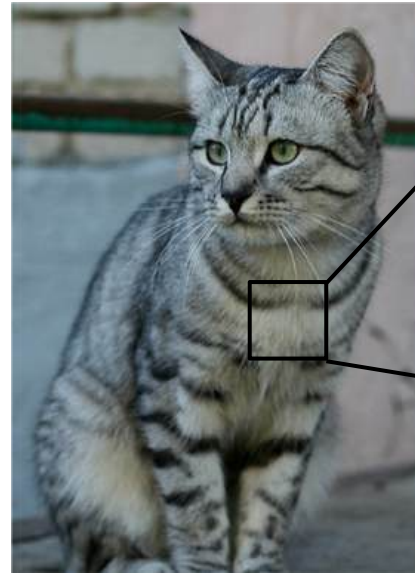
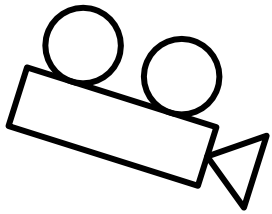
```
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[ 91 98 102 106 104 79 98 103 99 105 123 136 110 105 94 85]  
[ 76 85 90 105 128 105 87 96 95 99 115 112 106 103 99 85]  
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```

What the computer sees

An image is just a big grid of  
numbers between [0, 255]:

e.g. 800 x 600 x 3  
(3 channels RGB)

# Challenges: Viewpoint Variation



[105	112	108	111	104	99	106	99	96	103	112	119	104	97	93	87]
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[122	164	148	103	71	56	78	83	93	103	119	139	102	61	69	84]

All pixels change when  
the camera moves!



# Challenges: Intraclass Variation



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# Challenges: Fine-Grained Categories

Maine Coon



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Ragdoll



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American Shorthair



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# Challenges: Background Clutter



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# Challenges: Illumination Changes



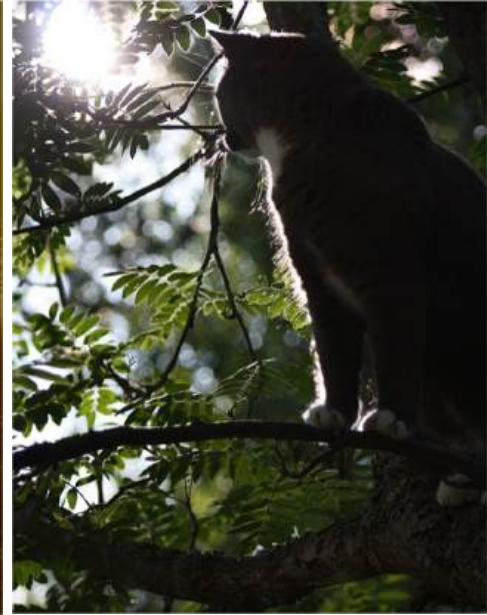
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# Challenges: Deformation



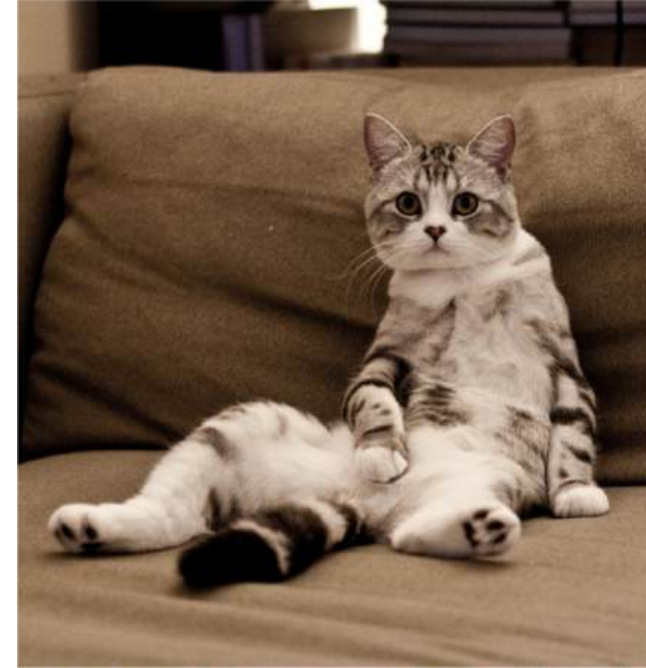
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# Challenges: Occlusion



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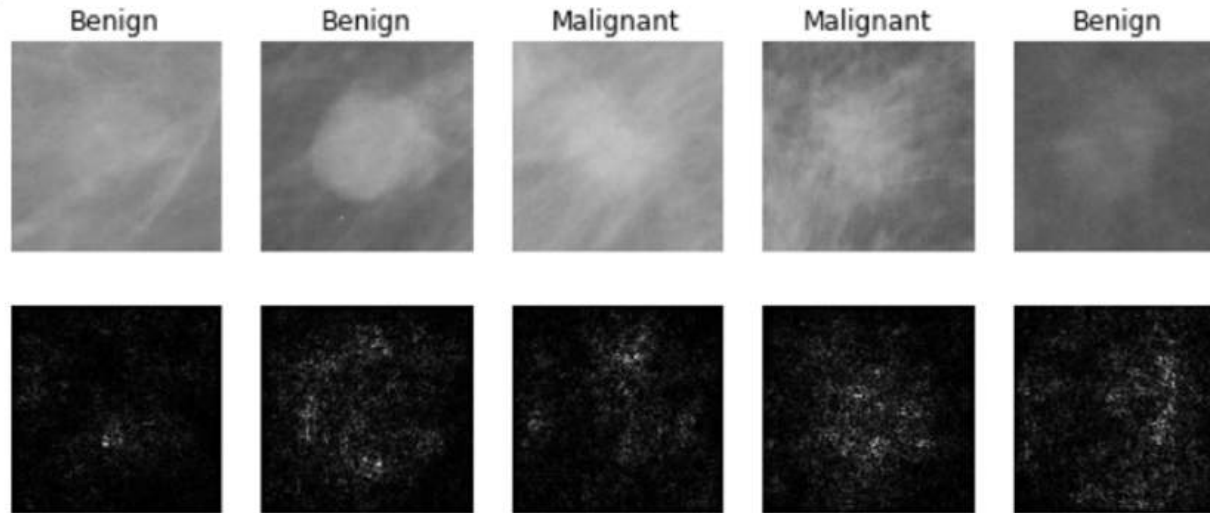


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# Image Classification: Very Useful!

## Medical Imaging



Levy et al, 2016 Figure reproduced with permission

## Galaxy Classification



Dieleman et al, 2014

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## Whale recognition



[Kaggle Challenge](#)

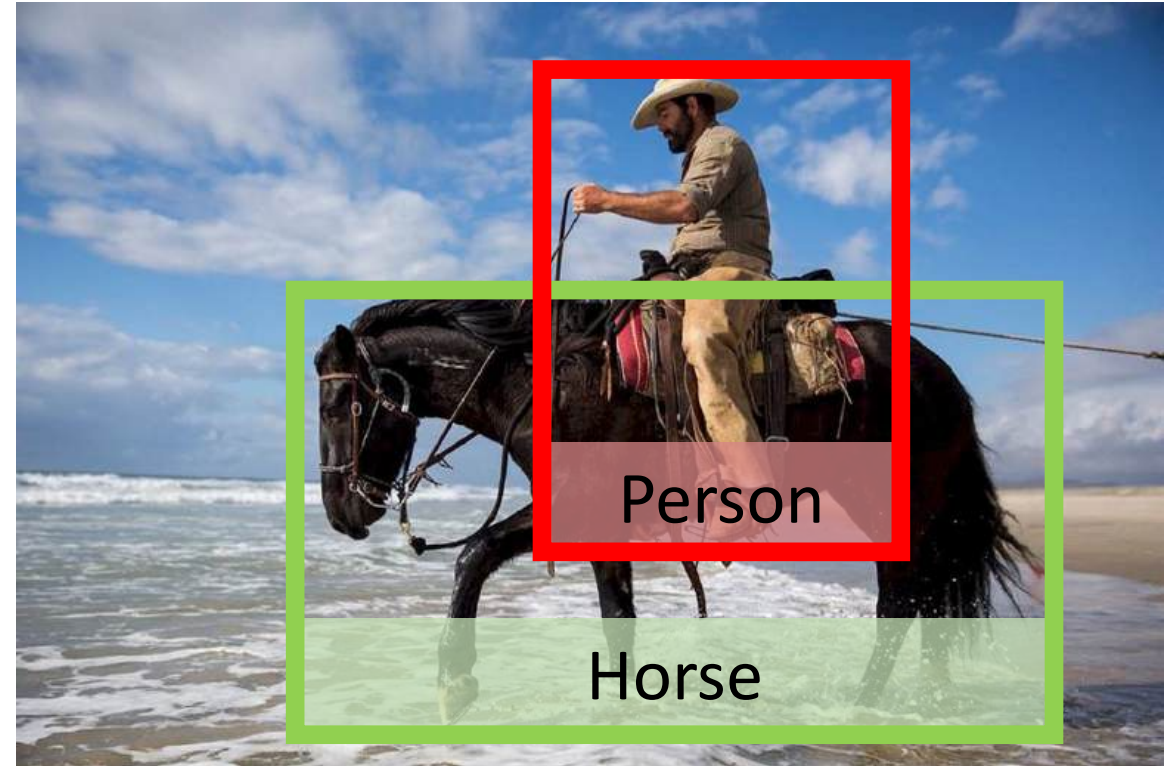
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# Image Classification: Building Block for other tasks!

## Example: Object Detection



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# Image Classification: Building Block for other tasks!

Example: Object Detection



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Background

Horse

Person

Car

Truck



# Image Classification: Building Block for other tasks!

## Example: Object Detection



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# Image Classification: Building Block for other tasks!

## Example: Image Captioning



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riding  
cat  
horse  
**man**  
when  
...  
<STOP>

What word  
to say next?

Caption:  
Man

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# Image Classification: Building Block for other tasks!

Example: Playing Go



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(1, 1)

(1, 2)

...

(1, 19)

...

(19, 19)

Where to  
play next?

# An Image Classifier

```
def classify_image(image):  
    # Some magic here?  
    return class_label
```

Unlike e.g. sorting a list of numbers,

**no obvious way** to hard-code the algorithm  
for recognizing a cat, or other classes.



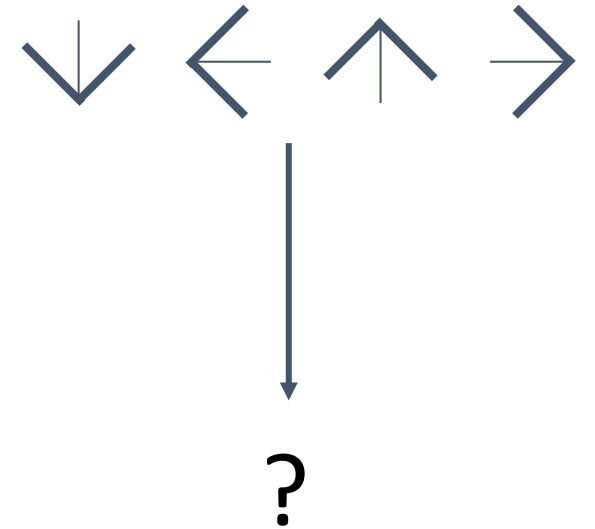
# You could try ...



Find edges



Find corners



# Machine Learning: Data-Driven Approach

1. Collect a dataset of images and labels
2. Use Machine Learning to train a classifier
3. Evaluate the classifier on new images

## Example training set

```
def train(images, labels):  
    # Machine learning!  
    return model
```

```
def predict(model, test_images):  
    # Use model to predict labels  
    return test_labels
```

**airplane**



**automobile**



**bird**



**cat**



**deer**



# Image Classification Datasets: MNIST



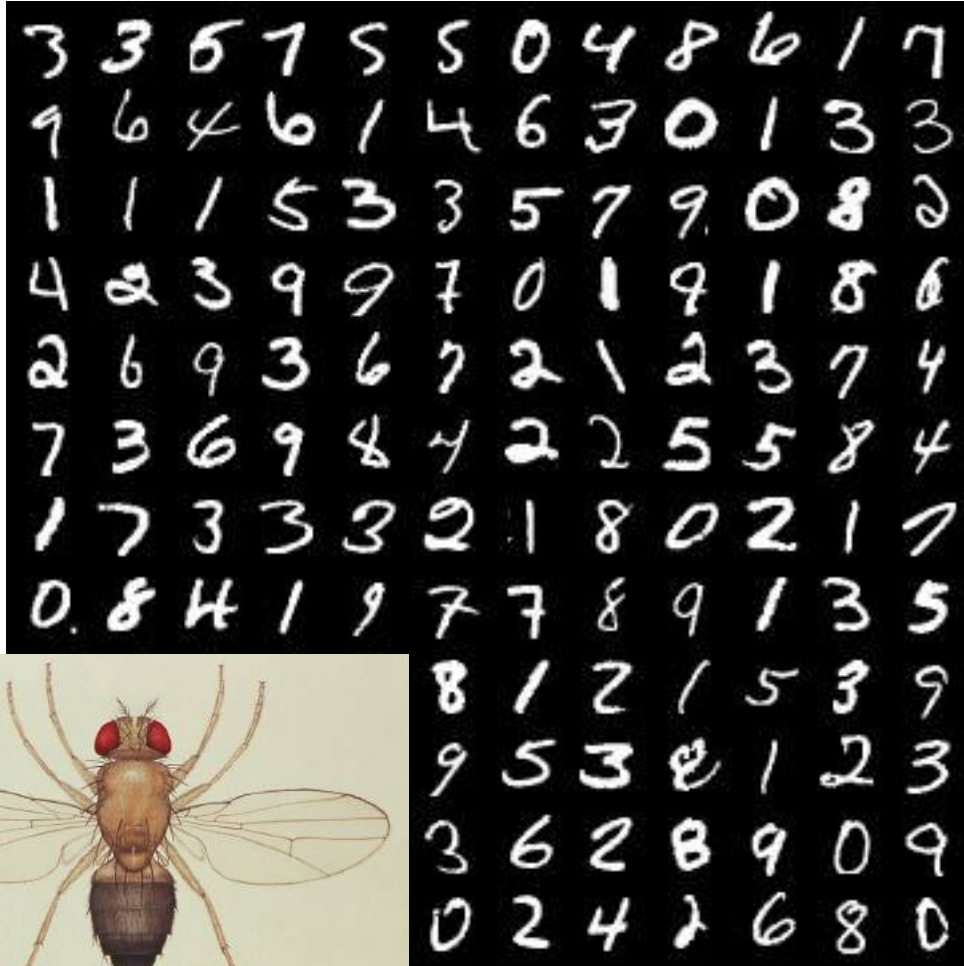
**10 classes:** Digits 0 to 9

**28x28** grayscale images

**50k** training images

**10k** test images

# Image Classification Datasets: MNIST



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“Drosophila of computer vision”

Results from MNIST often do not hold on more complex datasets!



# Image Classification Datasets: CIFAR10

airplane

automobile

bird

cat

deer

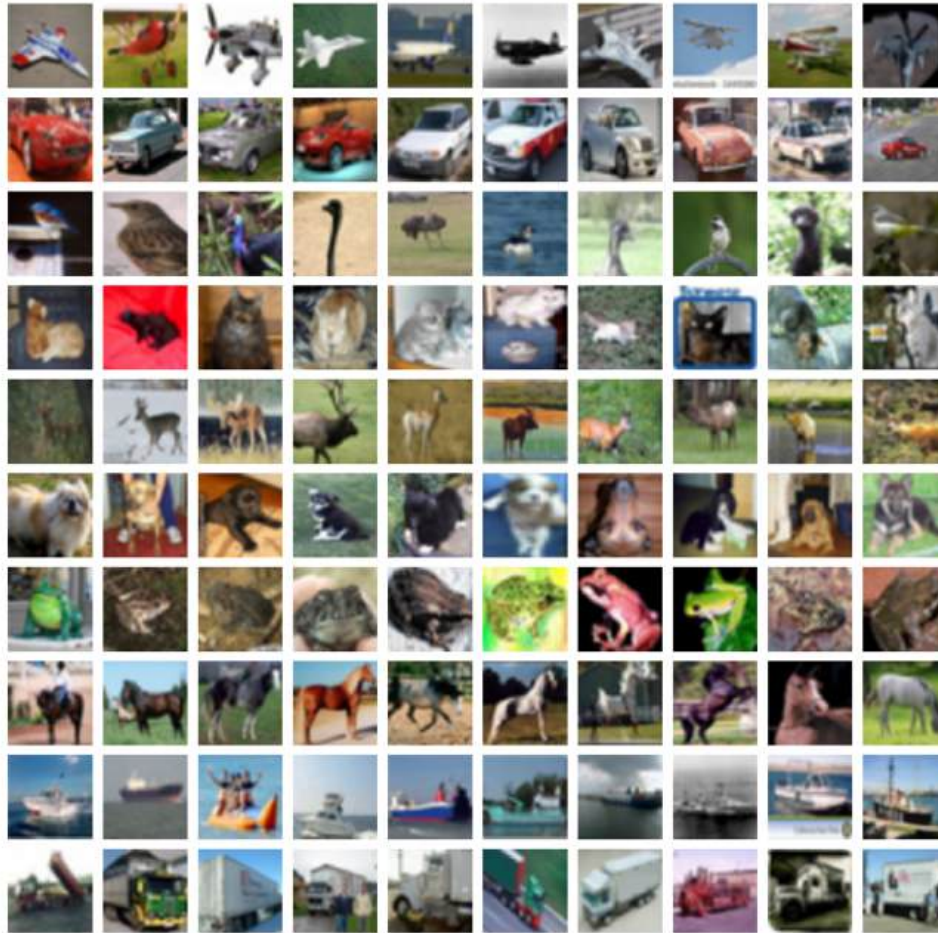
dog

frog

horse

ship

truck



**10** classes

**50k** training images (5k per class)

**10k** testing images (1k per class)

**32x32 RGB** images

We will use this dataset for  
homework assignments

# Image Classification Datasets: CIFAR100



**100** classes

**50k** training images (500 per class)

**10k** testing images (100 per class)

**32x32 RGB** images

**20 superclasses** with 5 classes each:

Aquatic mammals: beaver, dolphin, otter, seal, whale

Trees: Maple, oak, palm, pine, willow



# Image Classification Datasets: ImageNet

**1000** classes

**~1.3M** training images (~1.3K per class)

**50K** validation images (50 per class)

**100K** test images (100 per class)

Performance metric: **Top 5 accuracy**

Algorithm predicts 5 labels for each image; one of them needs to be right



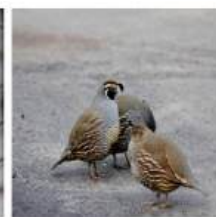
flamingo



cock



ruffed grouse



quail



partridge

...



Egyptian cat



Persian cat



Siamese cat



tabby



lynx

...



dalmatian



keeshond



miniature schnauzer



standard schnauzer



giant schnauzer

# Image Classification Datasets: ImageNet

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**50K** validation images (50 per class)

**100K** test images (100 per class)

test labels are secret!

Images have variable size, but often  
resized to **256x256** for training

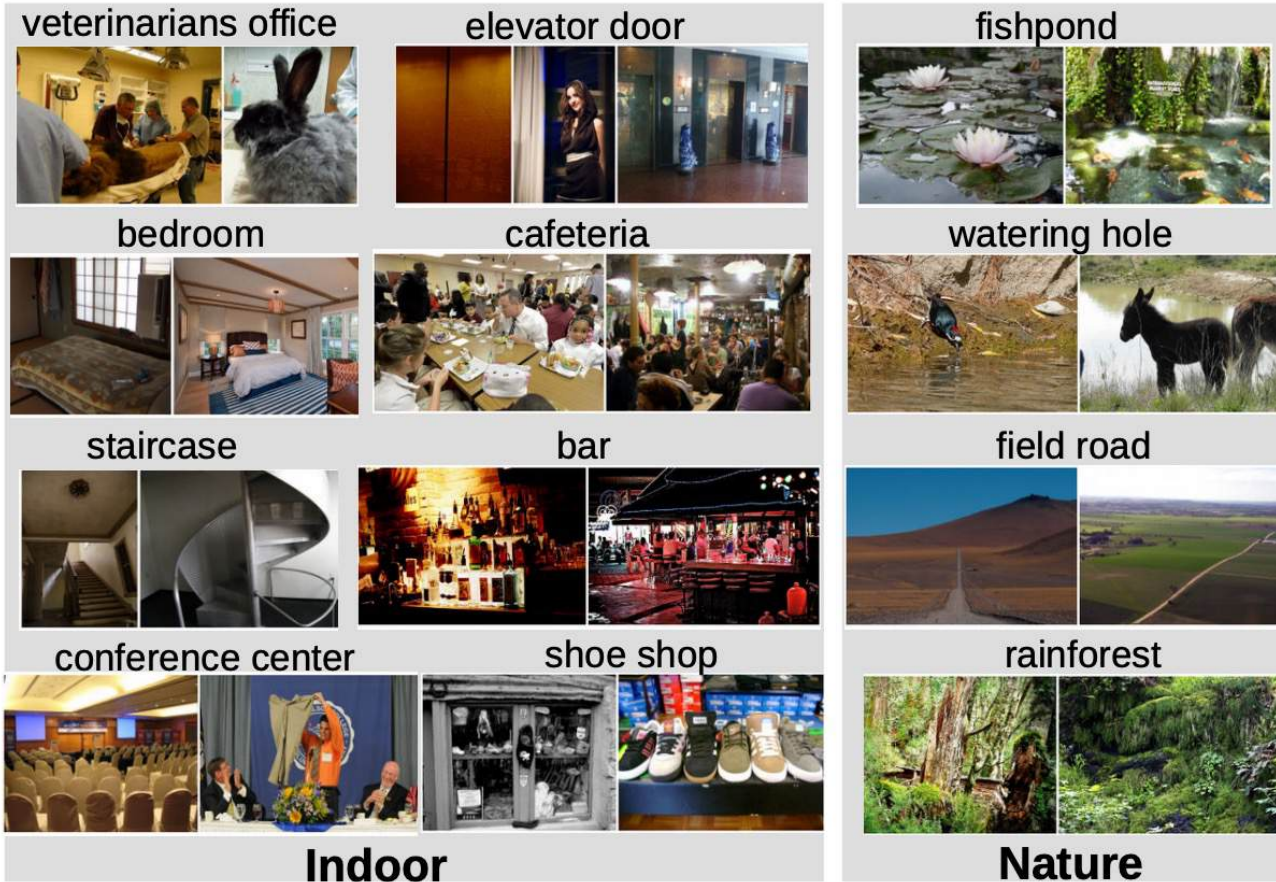
There is also a 22k category version of  
ImageNet, but less commonly used



Deng et al, "ImageNet: A Large-Scale Hierarchical Image Database", CVPR 2009  
Russakovsky et al, "ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge", IJCV 2015



# Image Classification Datasets: MIT Places



**365 classes** of different scene types

**~8M** training images

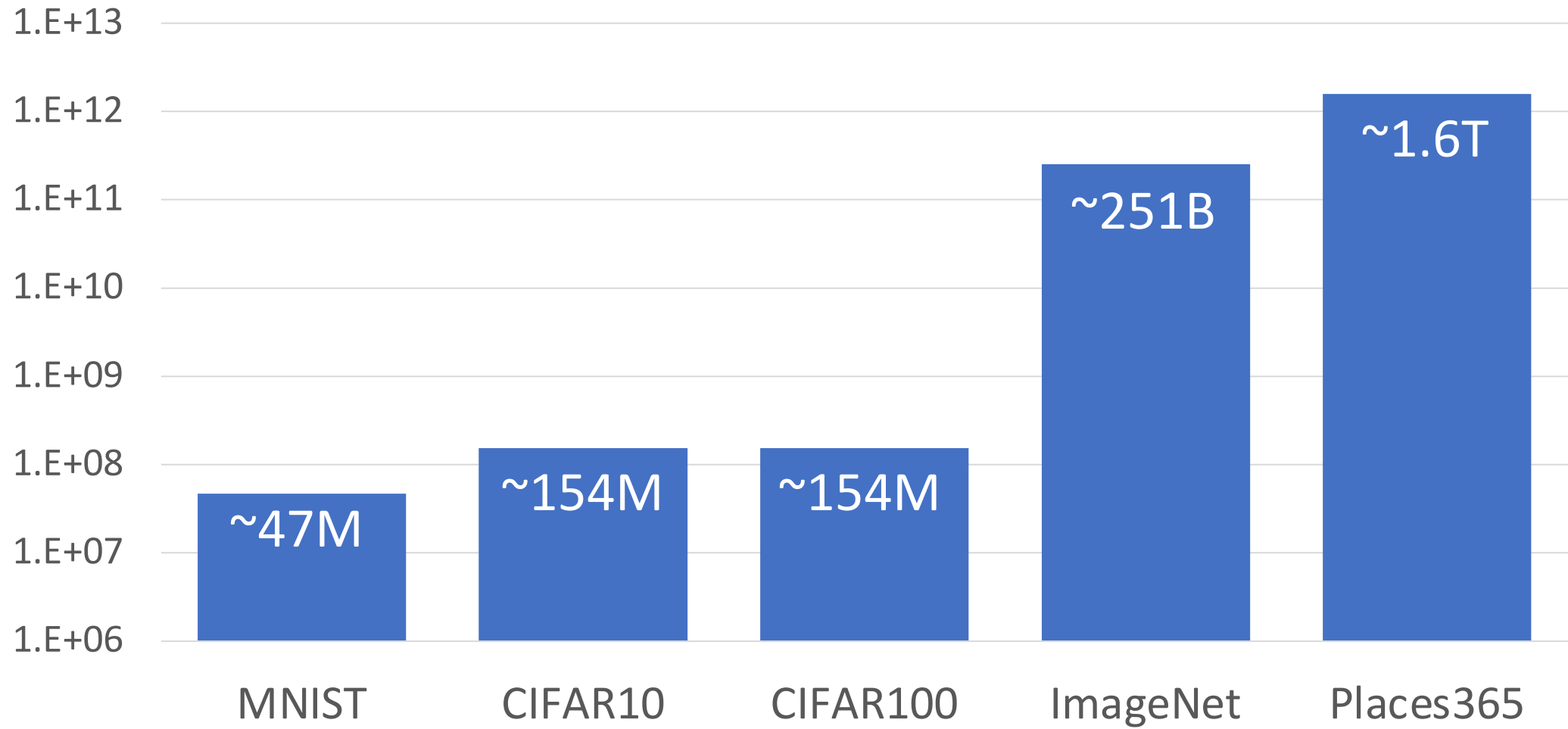
**18.25K** val images (50 per class)

**328.5K** test images (900 per class)

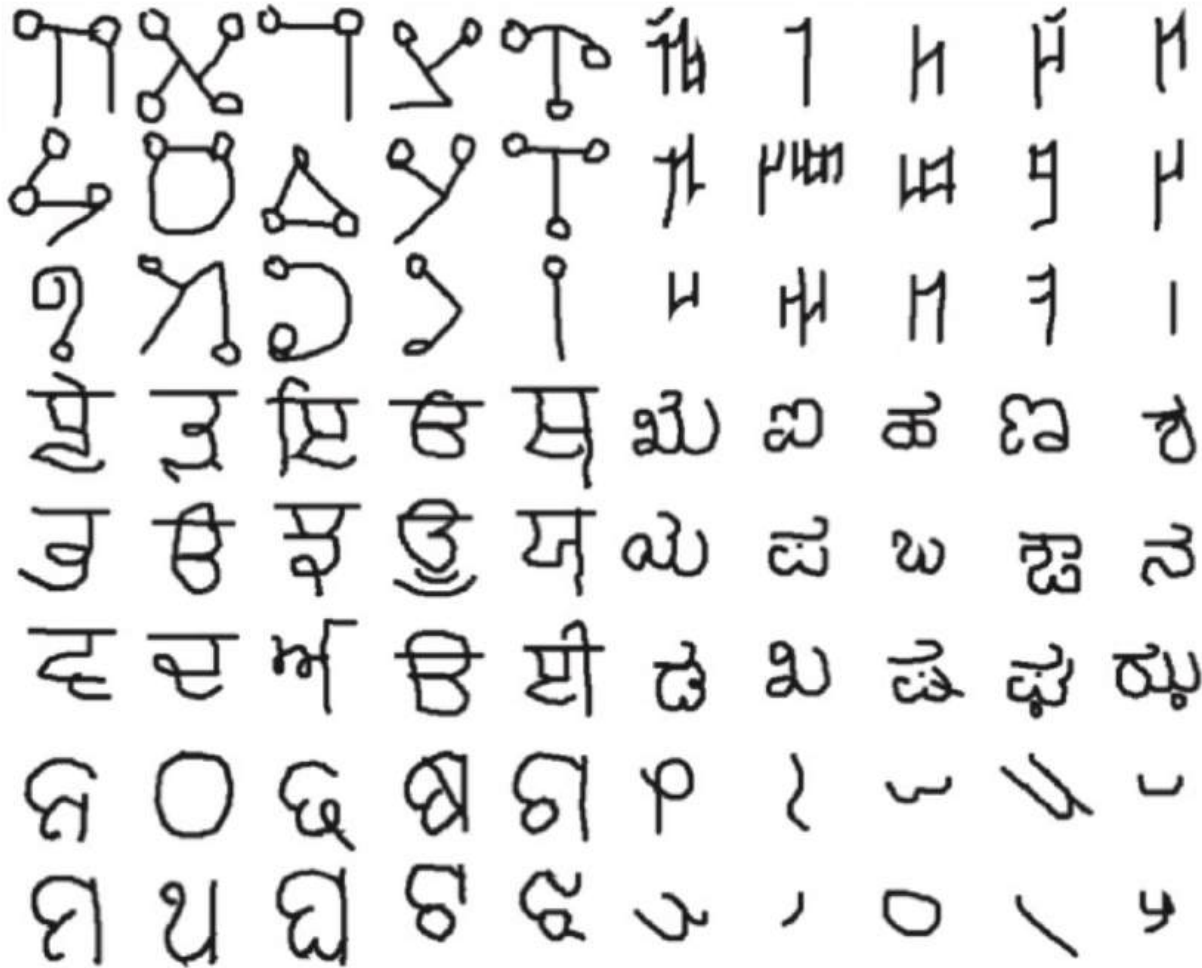
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Zhou et al, "Places: A 10 million Image Database for Scene Recognition", TPAMI 2017

# Classification Datasets: Number of Training Pixels



# Image Classification Datasets: Omniglot



**1623 categories:** characters  
from 50 different alphabets

**20 images per category**

Meant to test **few shot learning**

Lake et al, "Human-level concept learning through probabilistic program induction", Science, 2015

# First classifier: Nearest Neighbor

```
def train(images, labels):  
    # Machine learning!  
    return model
```



Memorize all data  
and labels

```
def predict(model, test_images):  
    # Use model to predict labels  
    return test_labels
```



Predict the label of  
the most similar  
training image



# Distance Metric to compare images

**L1 distance:**

$$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

test image

56	32	10	18
90	23	128	133
24	26	178	200
2	0	255	220

training image

10	20	24	17
8	10	89	100
12	16	178	170
4	32	233	112

-

=

pixel-wise absolute value differences

46	12	14	1
82	13	39	33
12	10	0	30
2	32	22	108

add  
→ 456

# Nearest Neighbor Classifier

```
import numpy as np

class NearestNeighbor:
    def __init__(self):
        pass

    def train(self, X, y):
        """ X is N x D where each row is an example. Y is 1-dimension of size N """
        # the nearest neighbor classifier simply remembers all the training data
        self.Xtr = X
        self.ytr = y

    def predict(self, X):
        """ X is N x D where each row is an example we wish to predict label for """
        num_test = X.shape[0]
        # lets make sure that the output type matches the input type
        Ypred = np.zeros(num_test, dtype = self.ytr.dtype)

        # loop over all test rows
        for i in xrange(num_test):
            # find the nearest training image to the i'th test image
            # using the L1 distance (sum of absolute value differences)
            distances = np.sum(np.abs(self.Xtr - X[i,:]), axis = 1)
            min_index = np.argmin(distances) # get the index with smallest distance
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        return Ypred
```

# Nearest Neighbor Classifier

Memorize training data

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```

For each test image:  
Find nearest training image  
Return label of nearest image



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## Nearest Neighbor Classifier

Q: With N examples,  
how fast is training?

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There are many methods for fast / approximate nearest neighbors; e.g. see

<https://github.com/facebookresearch/faiss>

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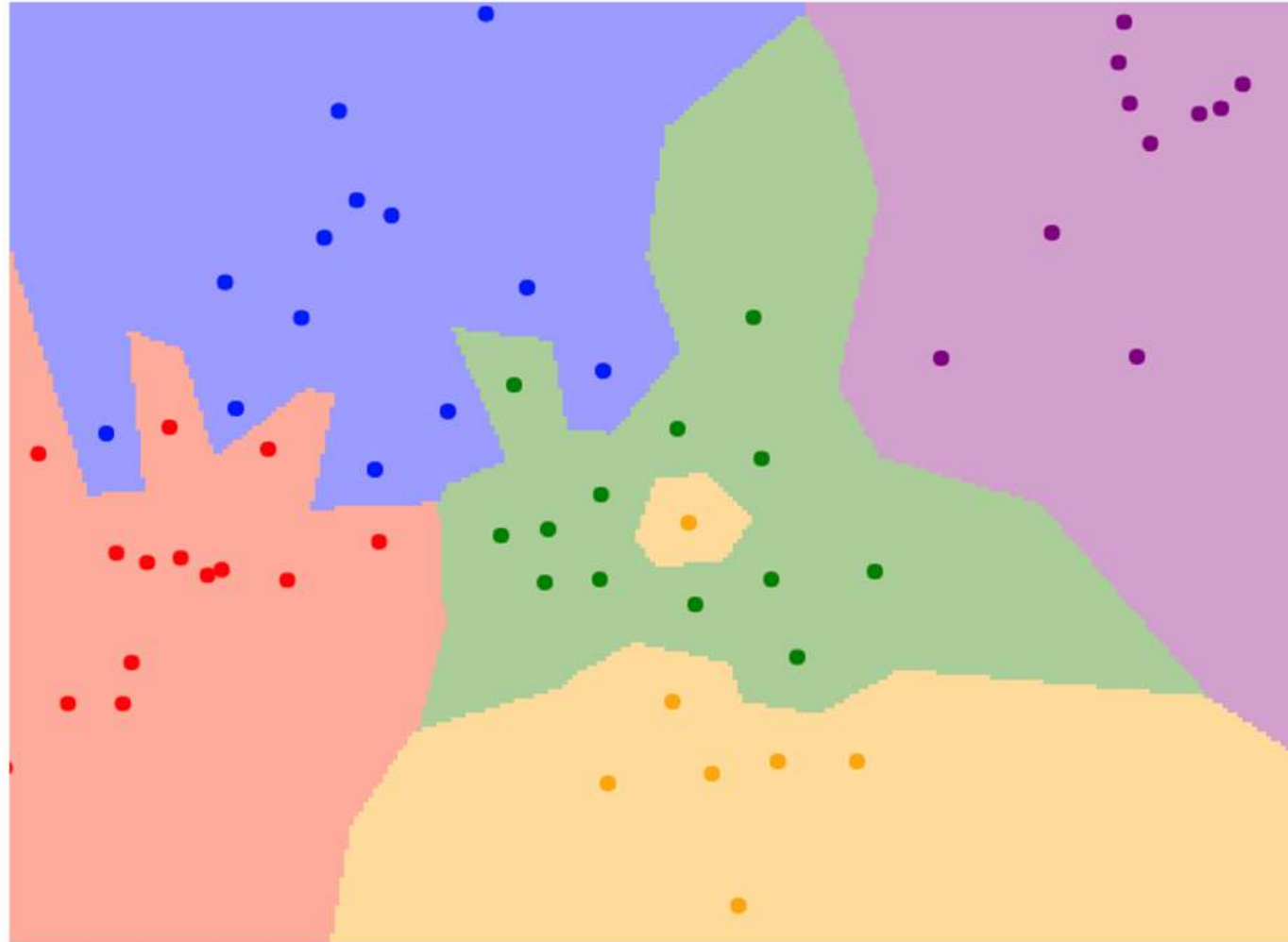


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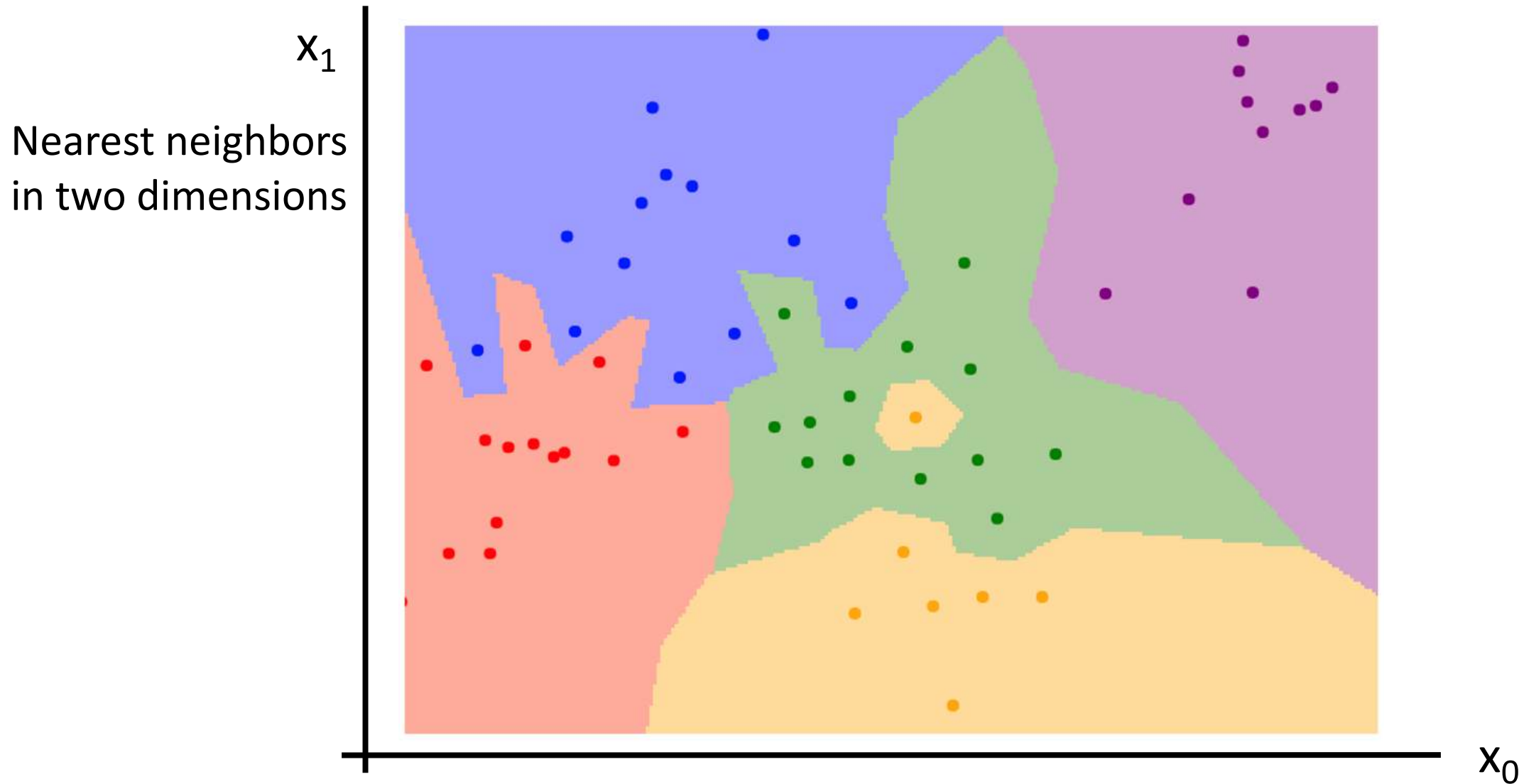




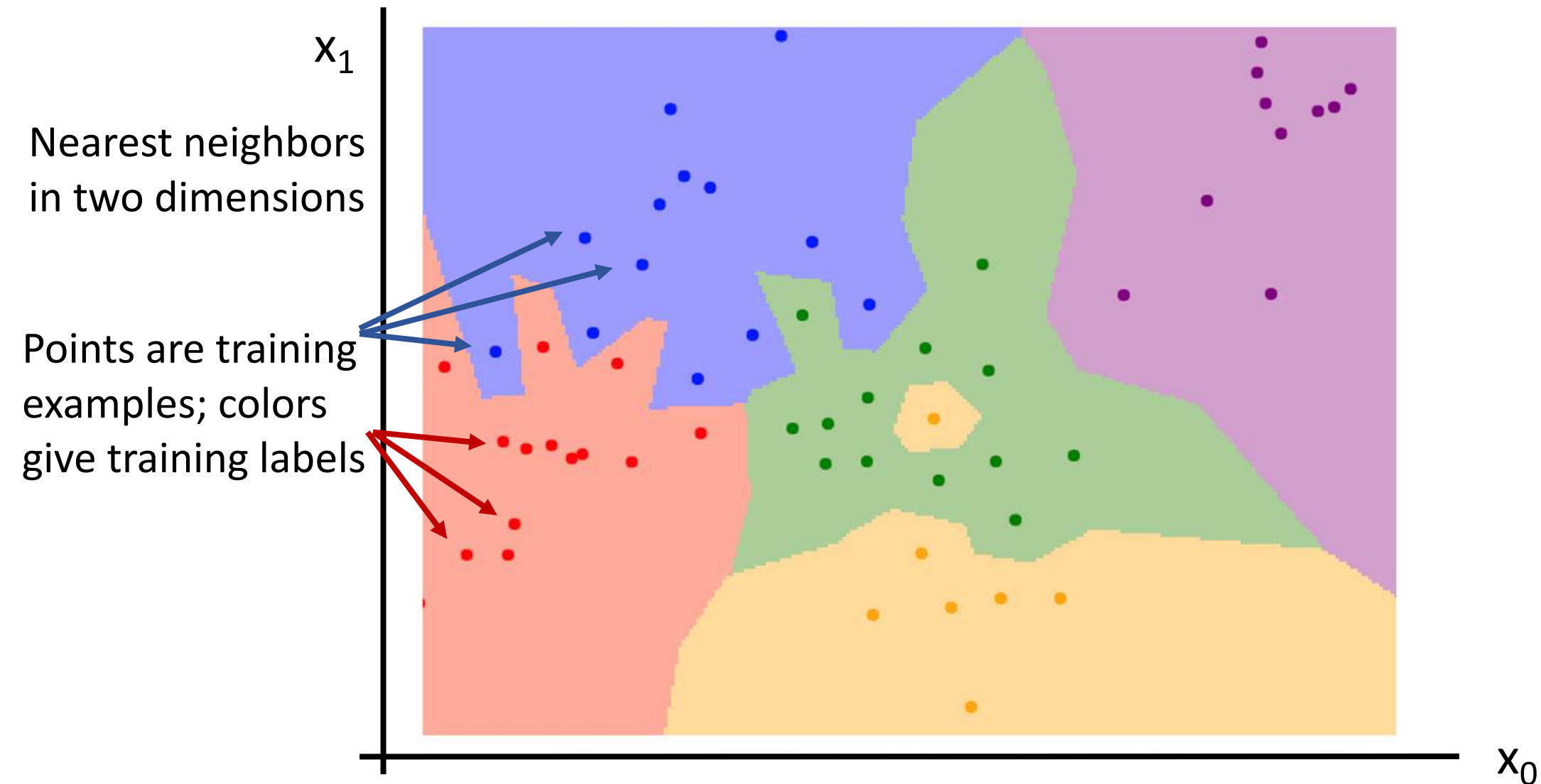
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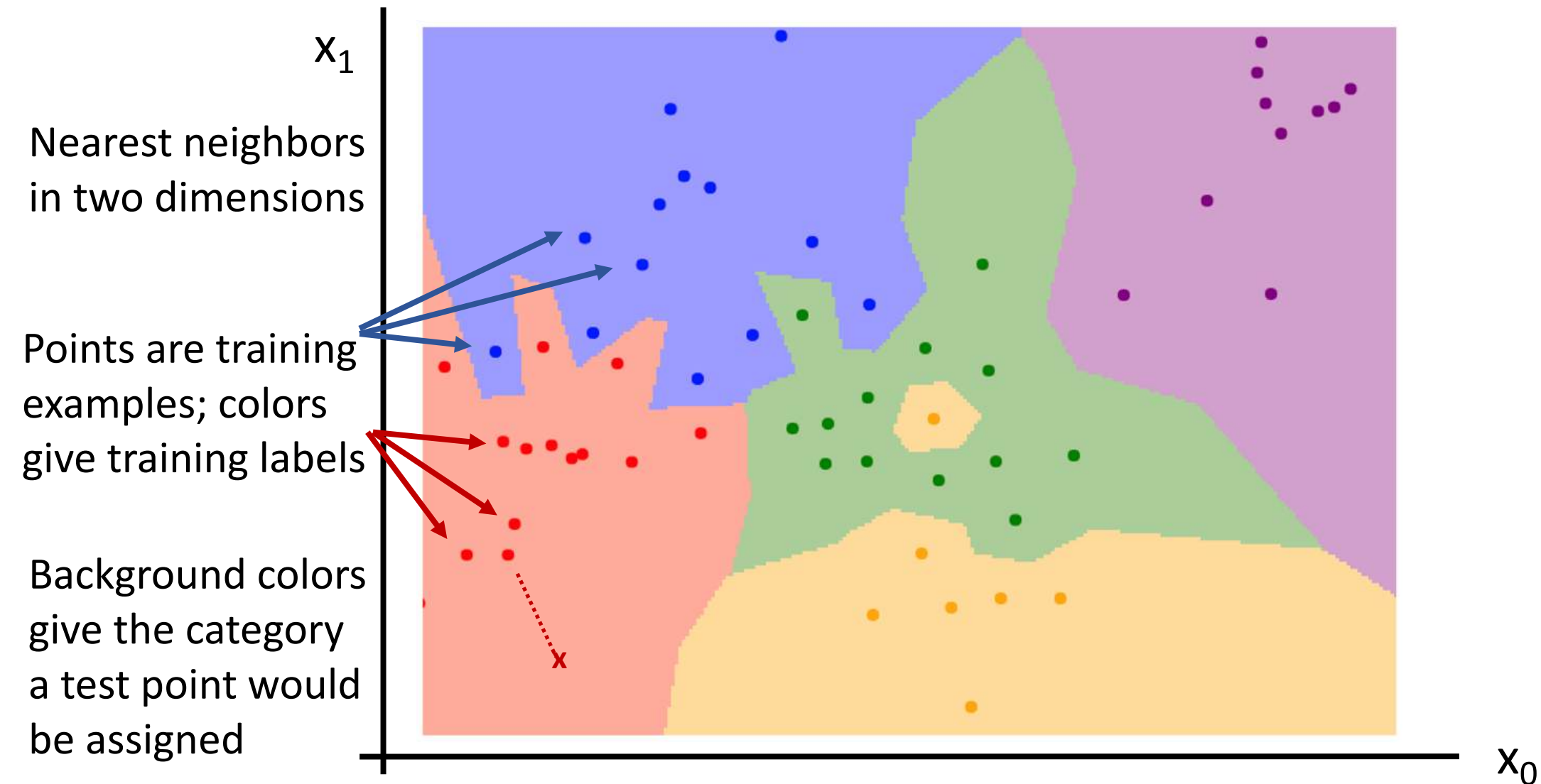
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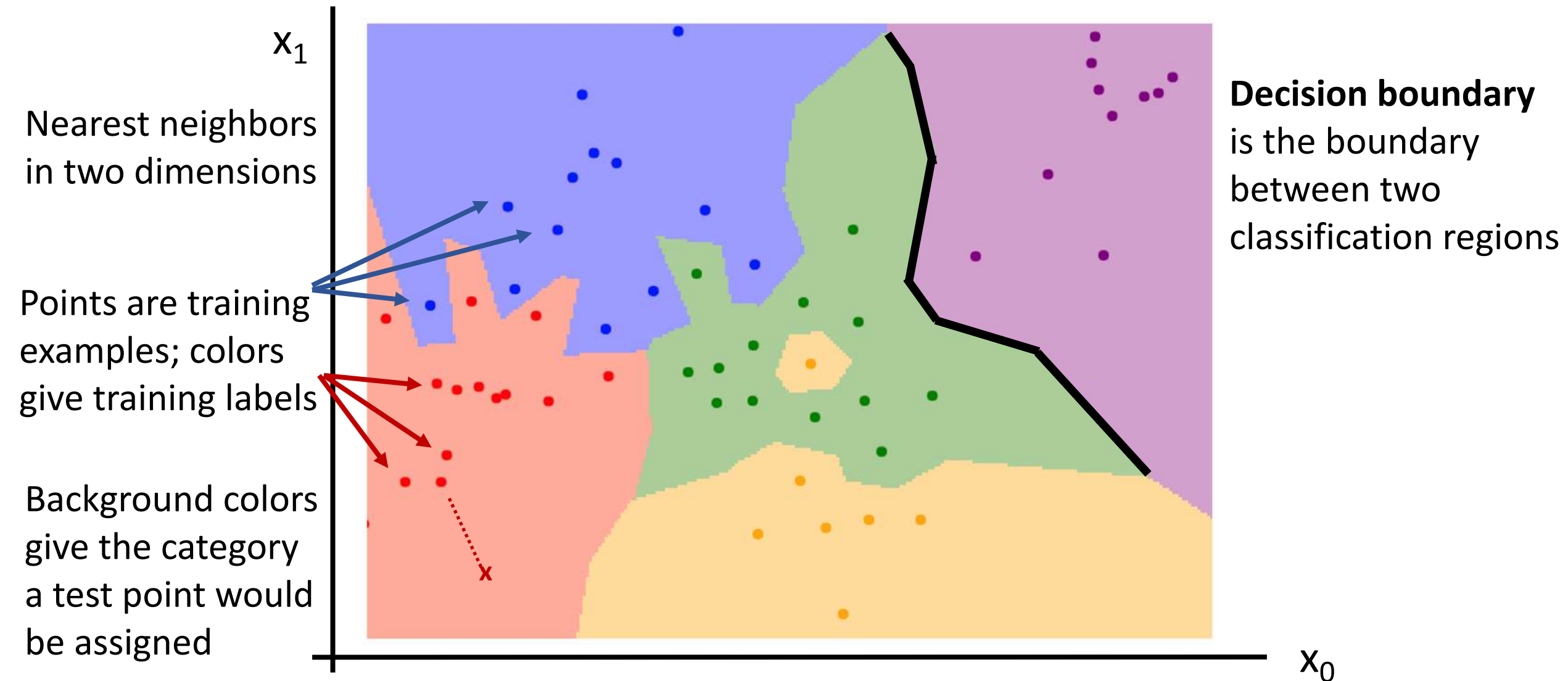


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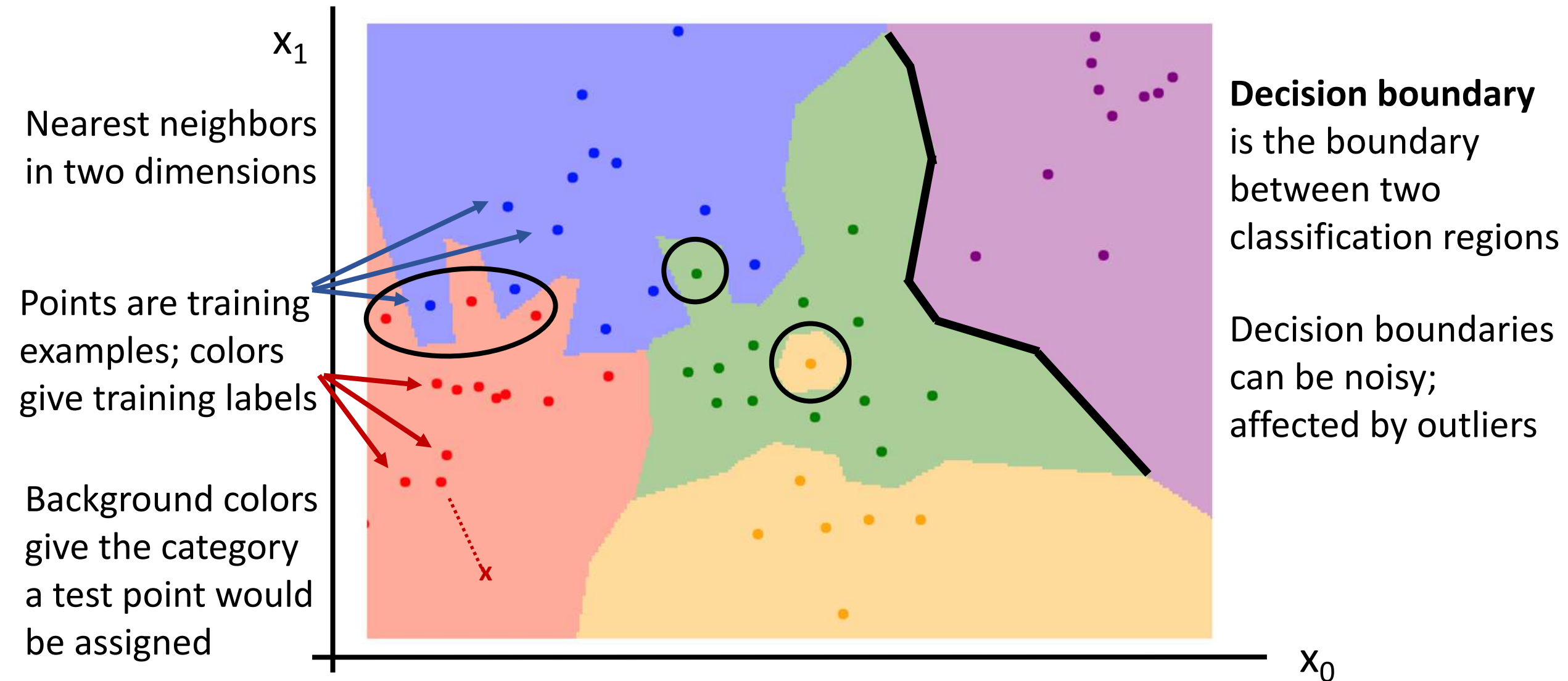




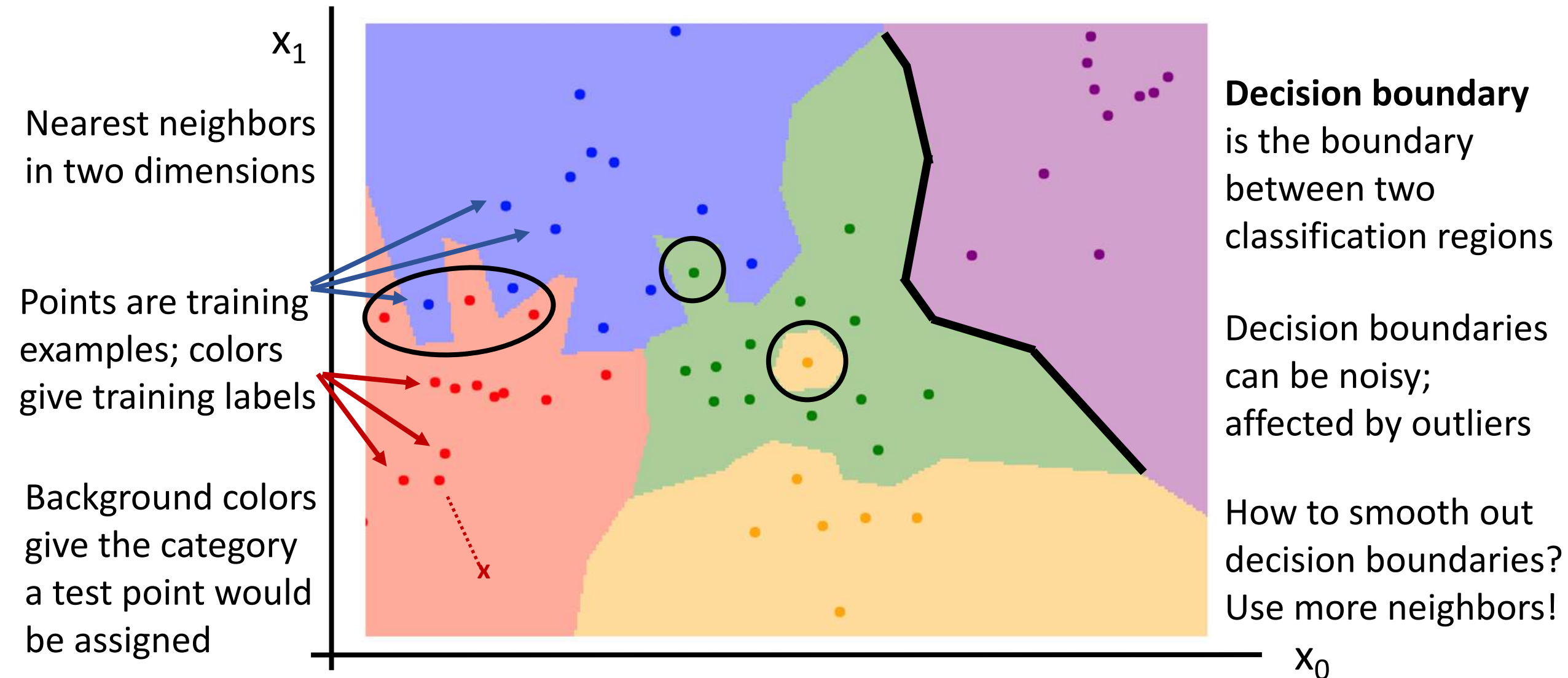
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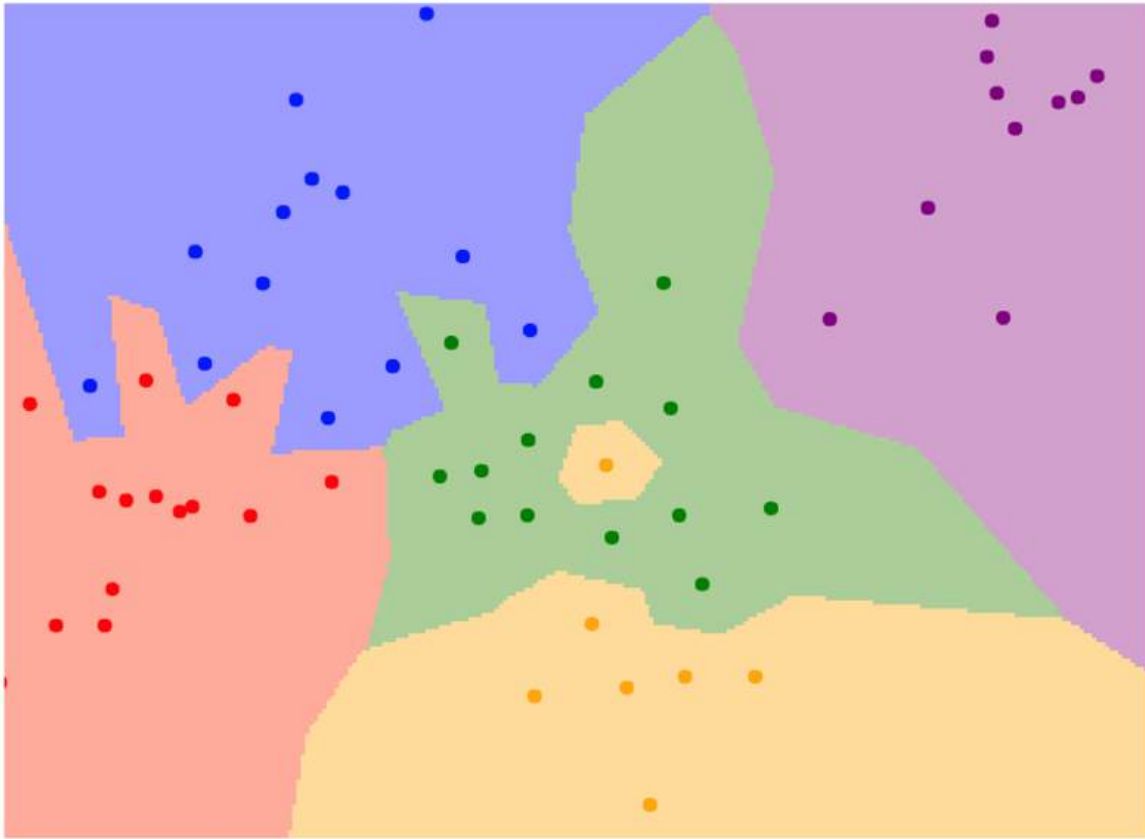
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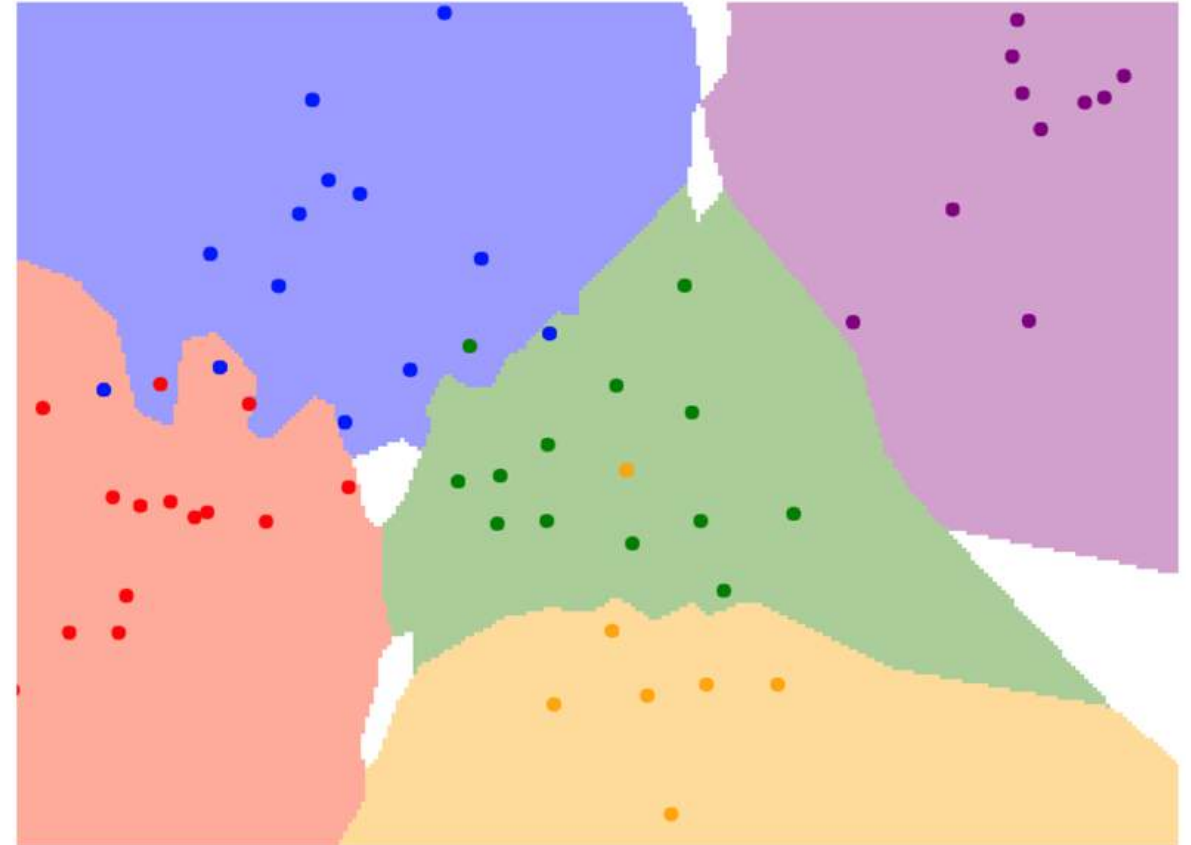
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Instead of copying label from nearest neighbor, take **majority vote** from K closest points

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$K = 3$

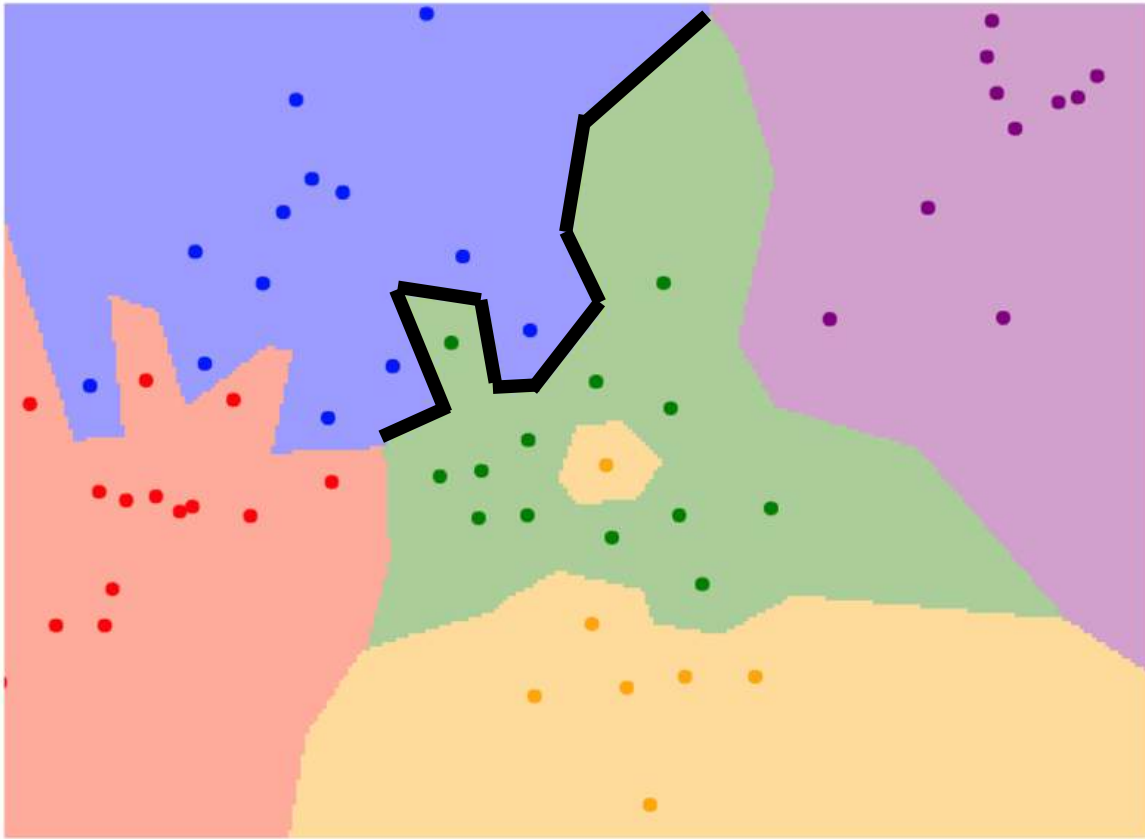




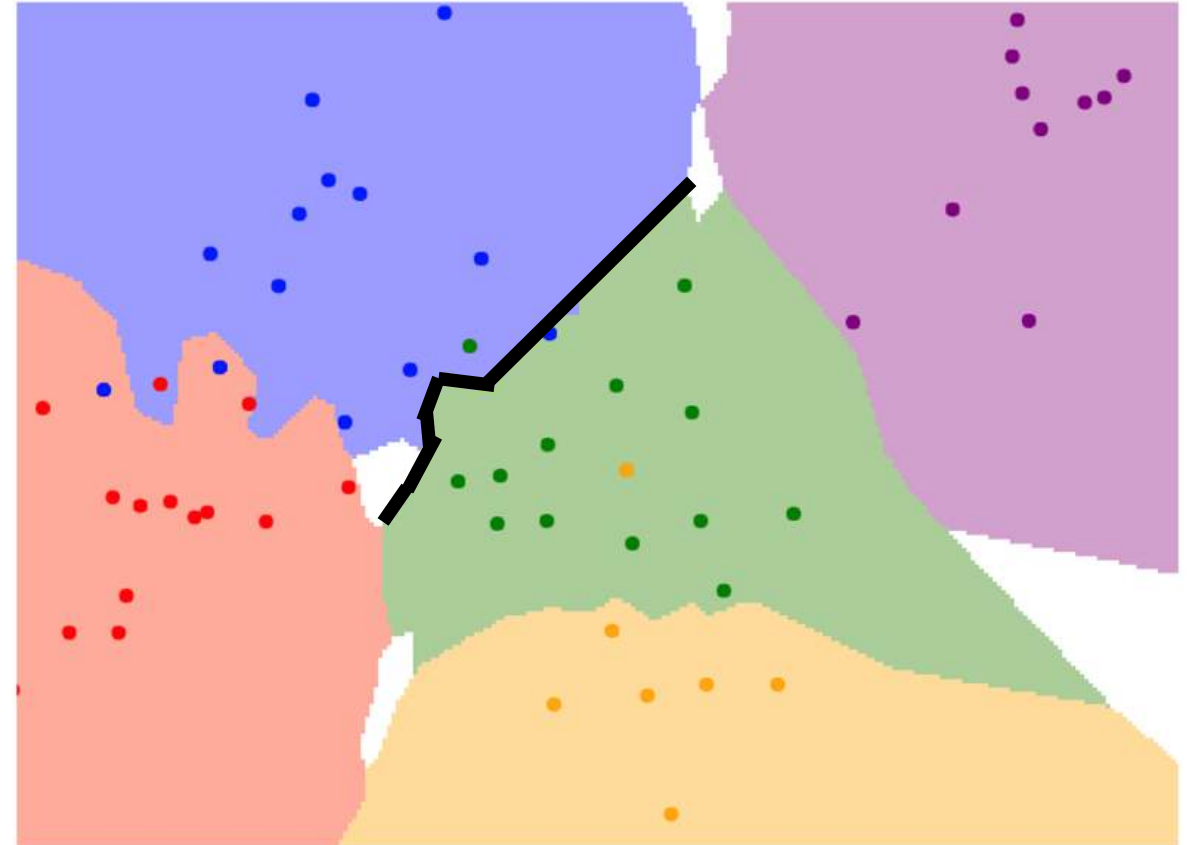
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Using more neighbors helps smooth out rough decision boundaries

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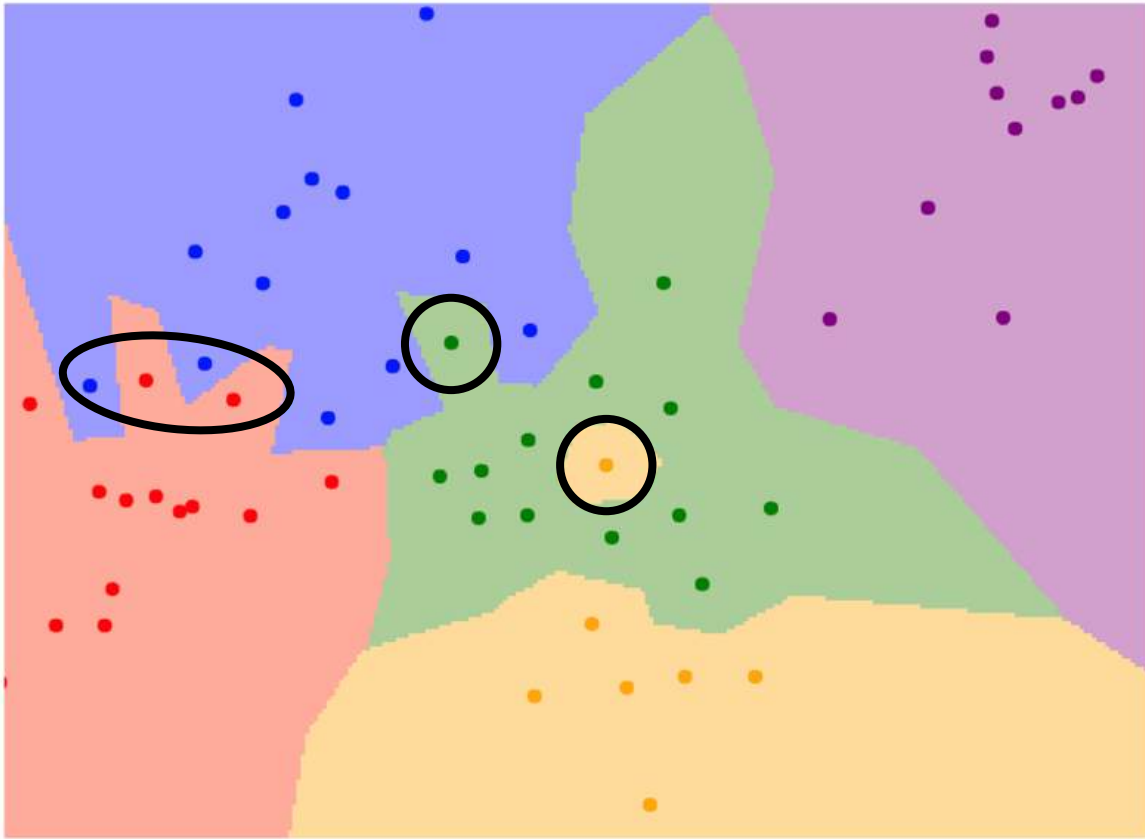
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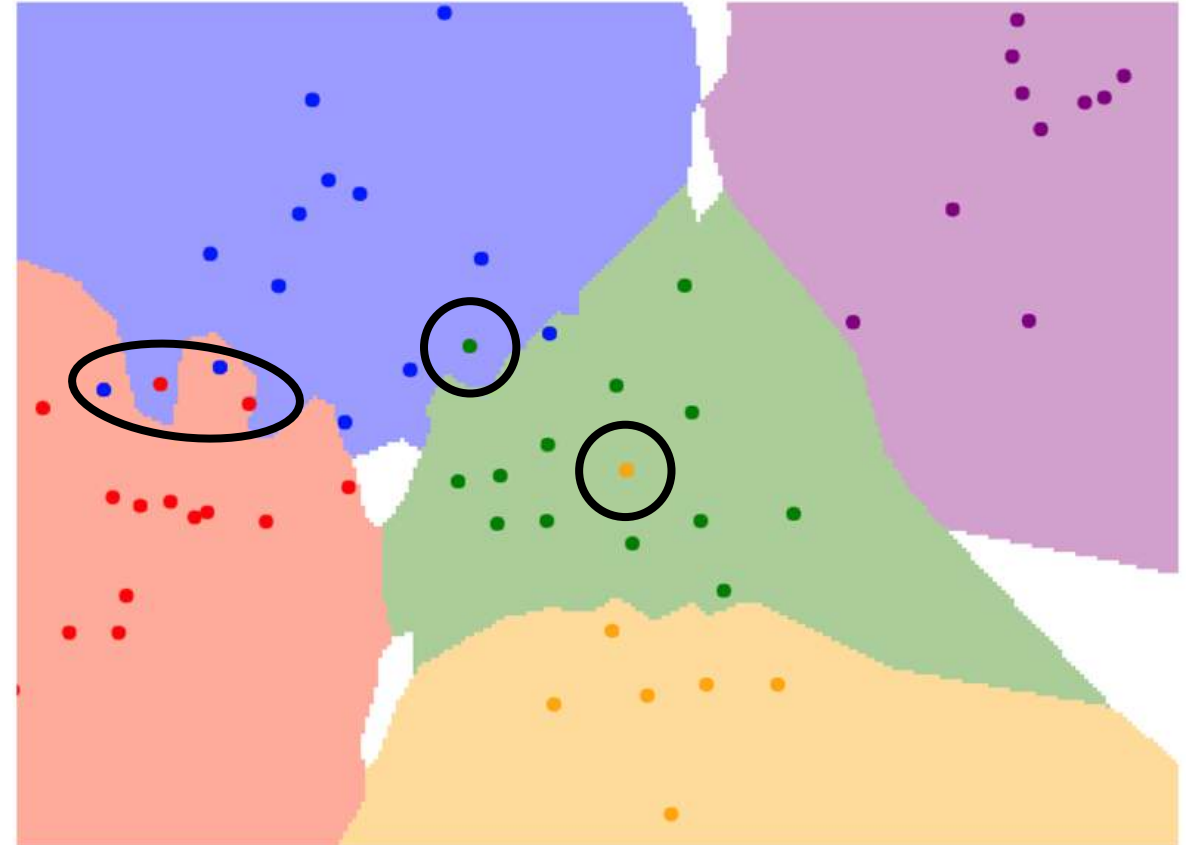
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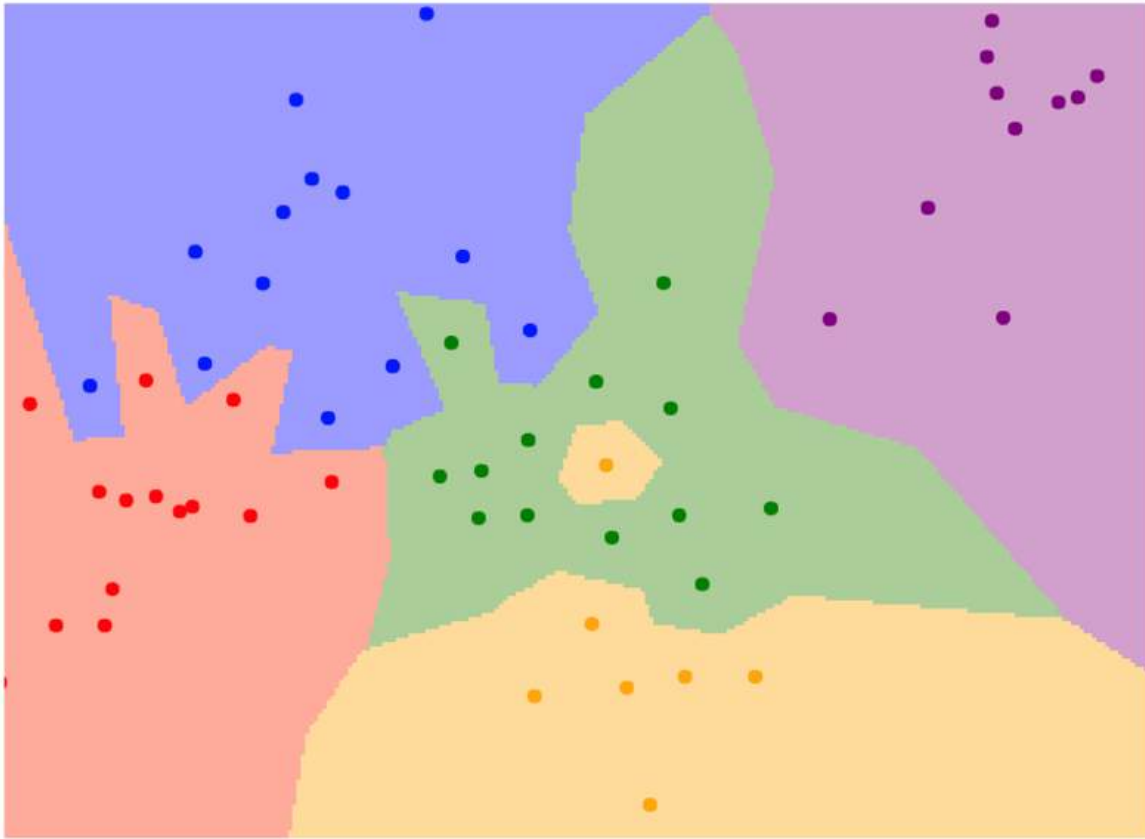
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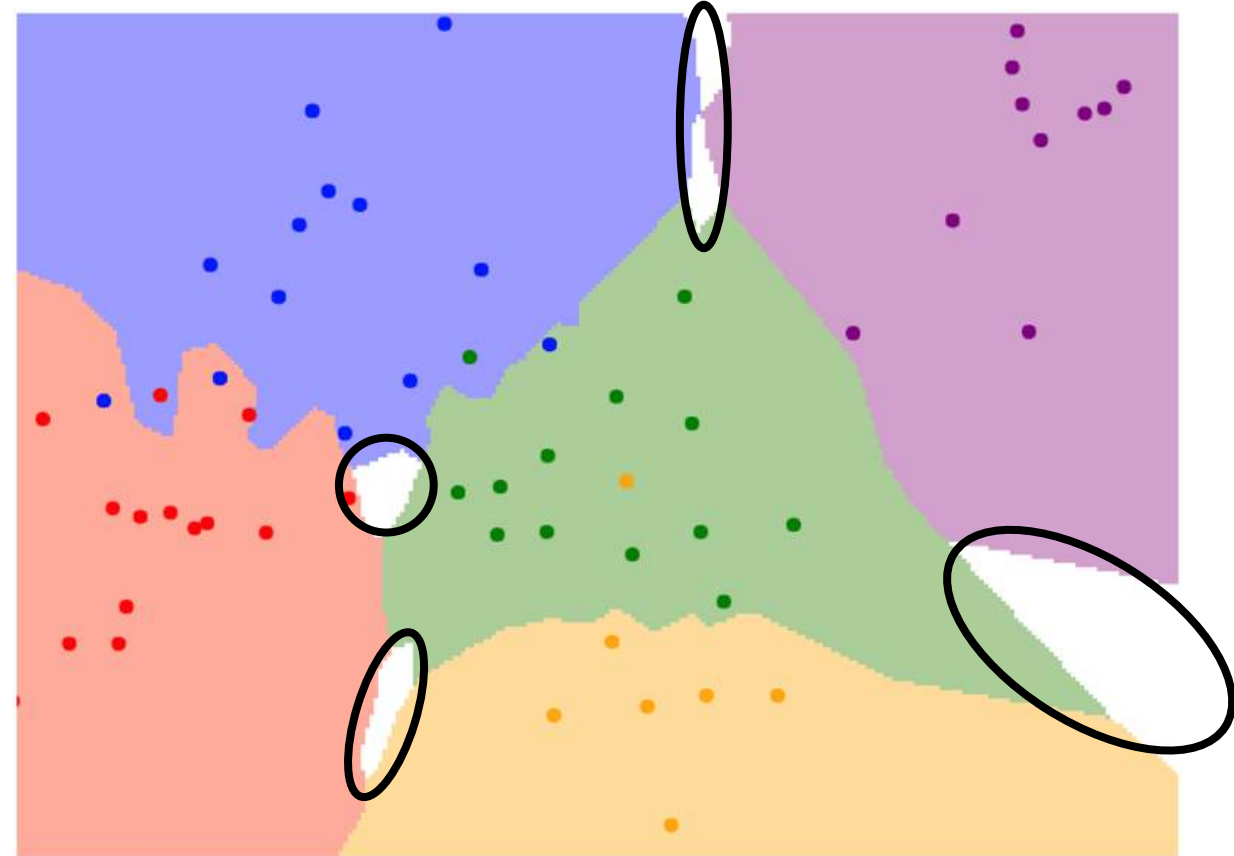
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When  $K > 1$  there can be ties between classes.  
Need to break somehow!

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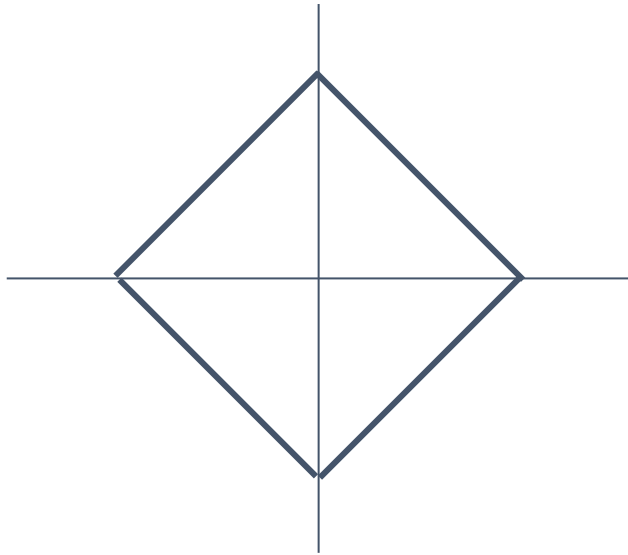




# K-Nearest Neighbors: Distance Metric

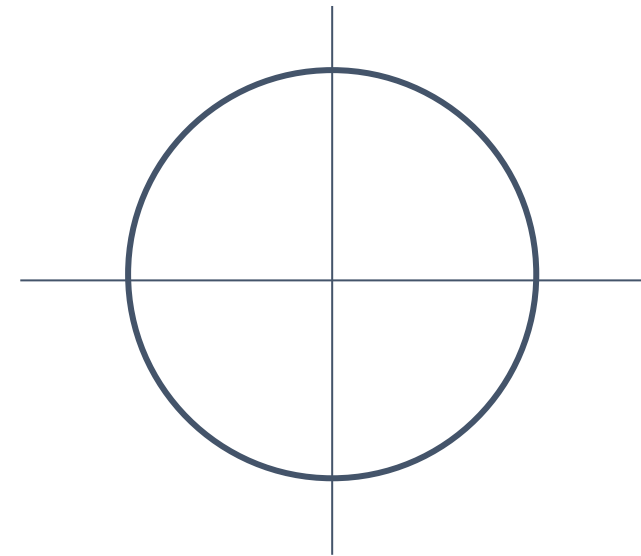
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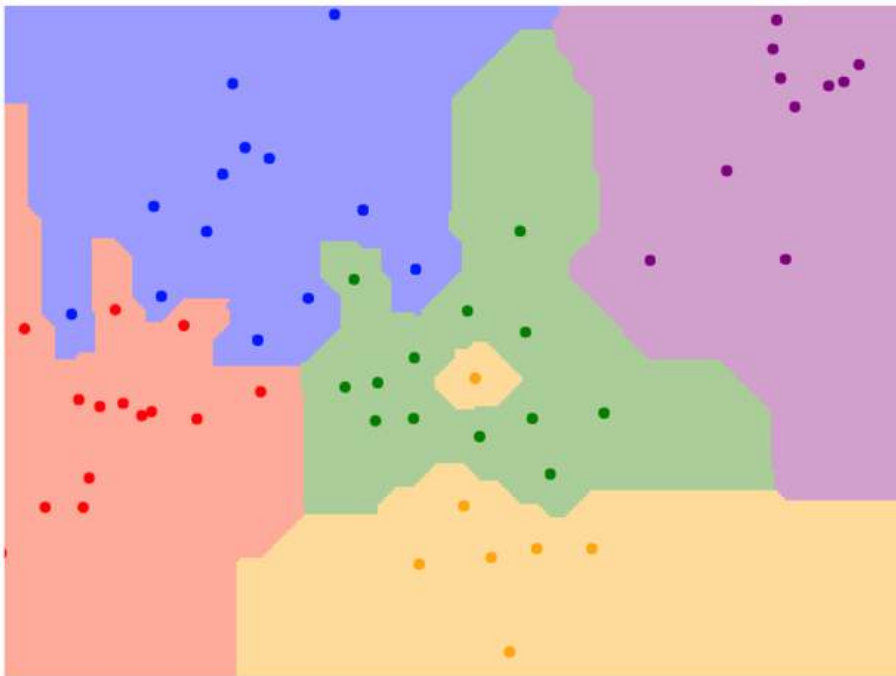
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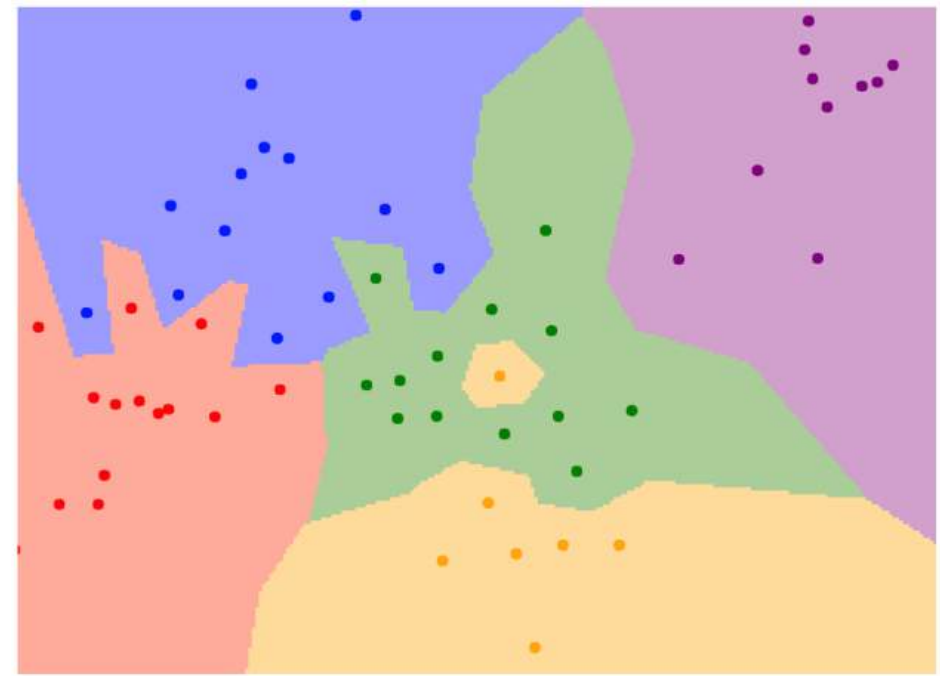
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Example:  
Compare  
research  
papers using  
tf-idf similarity

## Mesh R-CNN

Georgia Gkioxari, Jitendra Malik, Justin Johnson

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Rapid advances in 2D perception have led to systems that accurately detect objects in real-world images. However, these systems make predictions in 2D, ignoring the 3D structure of the world. Concurrently, advances in 3D shape prediction have mostly focused on synthetic benchmarks and isolated objects. We unify advances in these two areas. We propose a system that detects objects in real-world images and produces a triangle mesh giving the full 3D shape of each detected object. Our system, called Mesh R-CNN, augments Mask R-CNN with a mesh prediction branch that outputs meshes with varying topological structure by first predicting coarse voxel representations which are converted to meshes and refined with a graph convolution network operating over the mesh's vertices and edges. We validate our mesh prediction branch on ShapeNet, where we outperform prior work on single-image shape prediction. We then deploy our full Mesh R-CNN system on Pix3D, where we jointly detect objects and predict their 3D shapes.

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3D reconstruction is a longstanding ill-posed problem, which has been explored for decades by the computer vision, computer graphics, and machine learning communities. Since 2015, image-based 3D reconstruction using convolutional neural networks (CNN) has attracted increasing interest and demonstrated an impressive performance. Given this new era of rapid evolution, this article provides a comprehensive survey of the recent developments in this field. We focus on the works which use deep learning techniques to estimate the 3D shape of generic objects either from a single or multiple RGB images. We organize the literature based on the shape representations, the network architectures, and the training mechanisms they use. While this survey is intended for methods which reconstruct generic objects, we also review some of the recent works which focus on specific object classes such as human body shapes and faces. We provide an analysis and comparison of the performance of some key papers, summarize some of the open problems in this field, and discuss promising directions for future research.

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We propose an end-to-end deep learning architecture that produces a 3D shape in triangular mesh from a single color image. Limited by the nature of deep neural network, previous methods usually represent a 3D shape in volume or point cloud, and it is non-trivial to convert them to the more ready-to-use mesh model. Unlike the existing methods, our network represents 3D mesh in a graph-based convolutional neural network and produces correct geometry by progressively deforming an ellipsoid, leveraging perceptual features extracted from the input image. We adopt a coarse-to-fine strategy to make the whole deformation procedure stable, and define various of mesh related losses to capture properties of different levels to guarantee visually appealing and physically accurate 3D geometry. Extensive experiments show that our method not only qualitatively produces mesh model with better details, but also achieves higher 3D shape estimation accuracy compared to the state-of-the-art.

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We study the problem of shape generation in 3D mesh representation from a few color images with known camera poses. While many previous works learn to hallucinate the shape directly from priors, we resort to further improving the shape quality by leveraging cross-view information with a graph convolutional network. Instead of building a direct mapping function from images to 3D shape, our model learns to predict series of deformations to improve a coarse shape iteratively. Inspired by traditional multiple view geometry methods, our network samples nearby area around the initial mesh's vertex locations and reasons an optimal deformation using perceptual feature statistics built from multiple input images. Extensive experiments show that our model produces accurate 3D shape that are not only visually plausible from the input perspectives, but also well aligned to arbitrary viewpoints. With the help of physically driven architecture, our model also exhibits generalization capability across different semantic categories, number of input images, and quality of mesh initialization.

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Mesh models are a promising approach for encoding the structure of 3D objects. Current mesh reconstruction systems predict uniformly distributed vertex locations of a predetermined graph through a series of graph convolutions, leading to compromises with respect to performance or resolution. In this paper, we argue that the graph representation of geometric objects allows for additional structure, which should be leveraged for enhanced reconstruction. Thus, we propose a system which properly benefits from the advantages of the geometric structure of graph encoded objects by introducing (1) a graph convolutional update preserving vertex information; (2) an adaptive splitting heuristic allowing detail to emerge; and (3) a training objective operating both on the local surfaces defined by vertices as well as the global structure defined by the mesh. Our proposed method is evaluated on the task of 3D object reconstruction from images with the ShapeNet dataset, where we demonstrate state of the art performance, both visually and numerically, while having far smaller space requirements by generating adaptive meshes.

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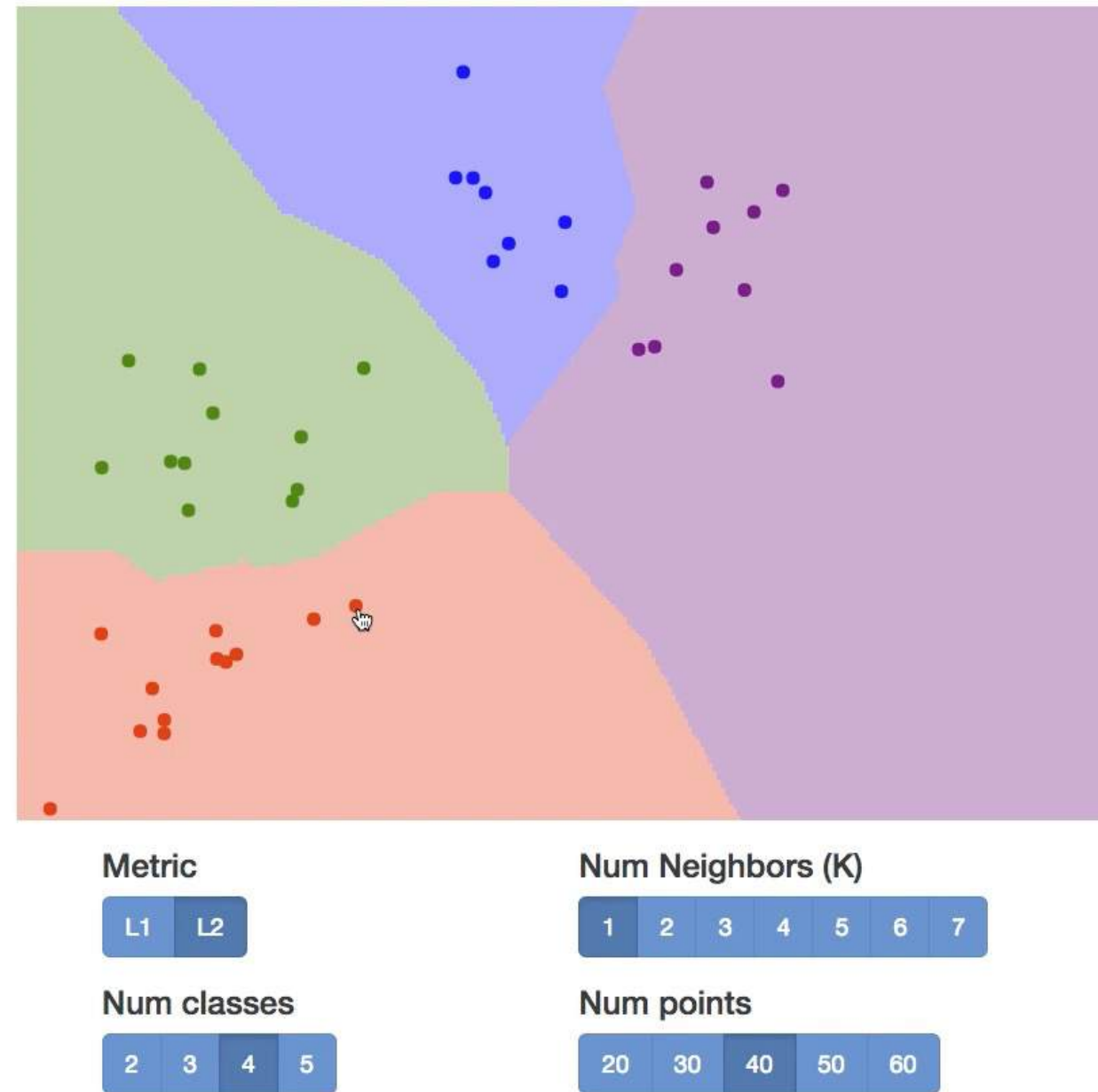
# K-Nearest Neighbors: Web Demo

Interactively move points around  
and see decision boundaries change

Play with L1 vs L2 metrics

Play with changing number of  
training points, value of K

<http://vision.stanford.edu/teaching/cs231n-demos/knn/>



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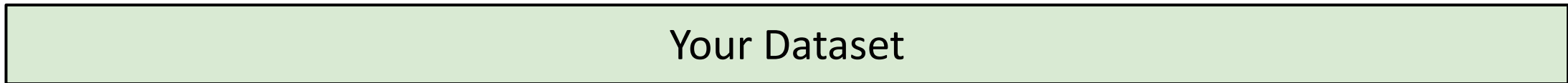
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**Idea #3:** Split data into **train**, **val**, and **test**; choose hyperparameters on val and evaluate on test

**Better!**



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**Idea #4: Cross-Validation:** Split data into **folds**, try each fold as validation and average the results

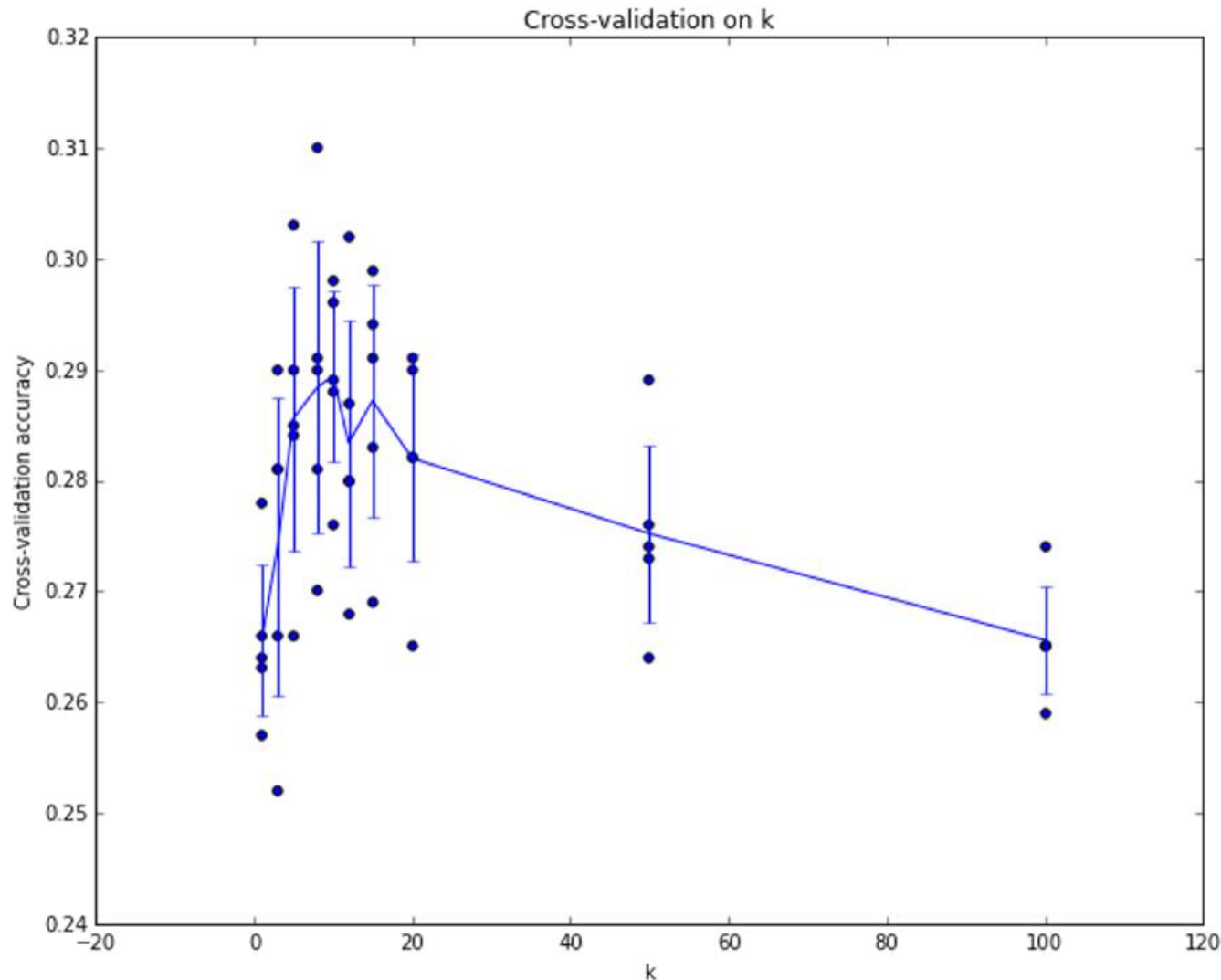
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Useful for small datasets, but (unfortunately) not used too frequently in deep learning

# Setting Hyperparameters



Example of 5-fold cross-validation for the value of  $k$ .

Each point: single outcome.

The line goes through the mean, bars indicated standard deviation

(Seems that  $k \sim 7$  works best for this data)



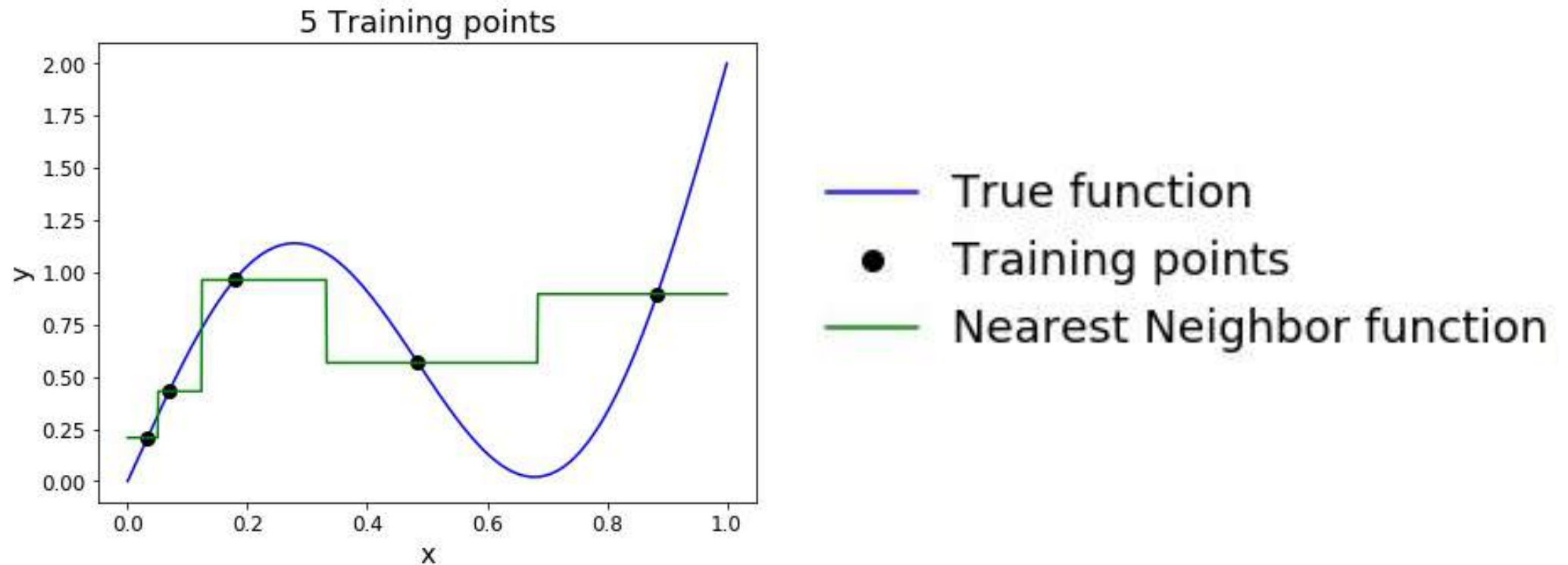
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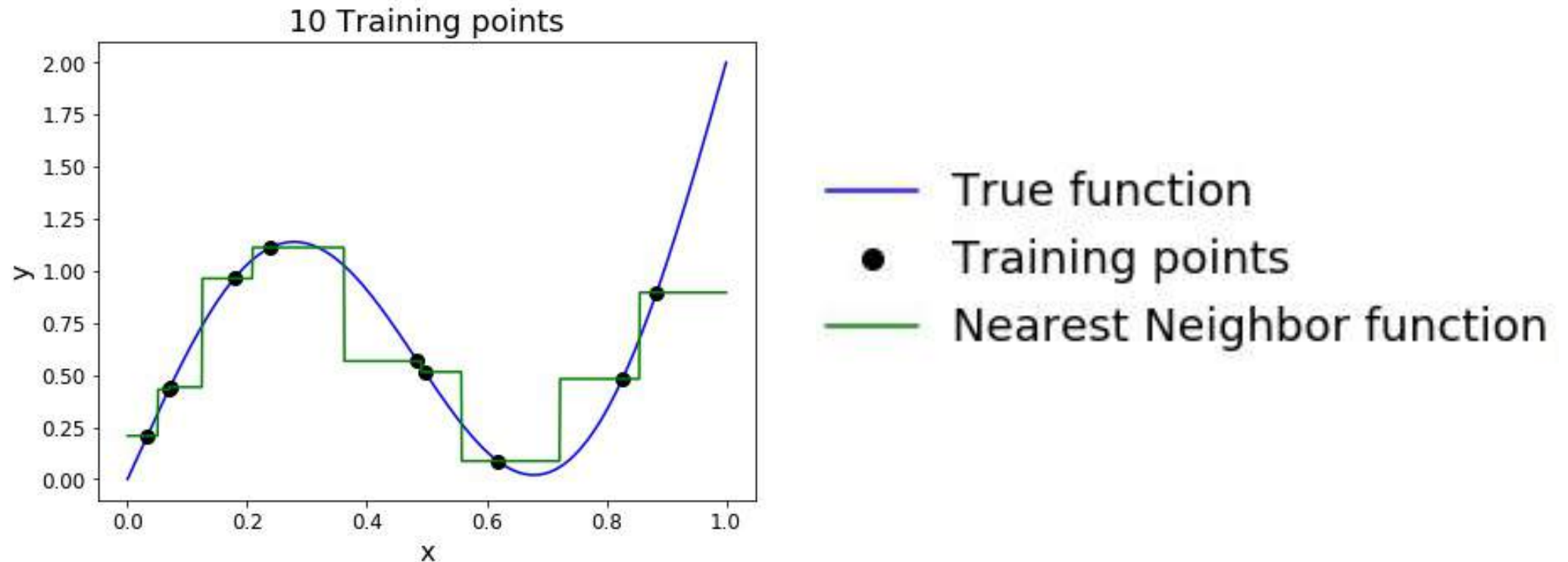
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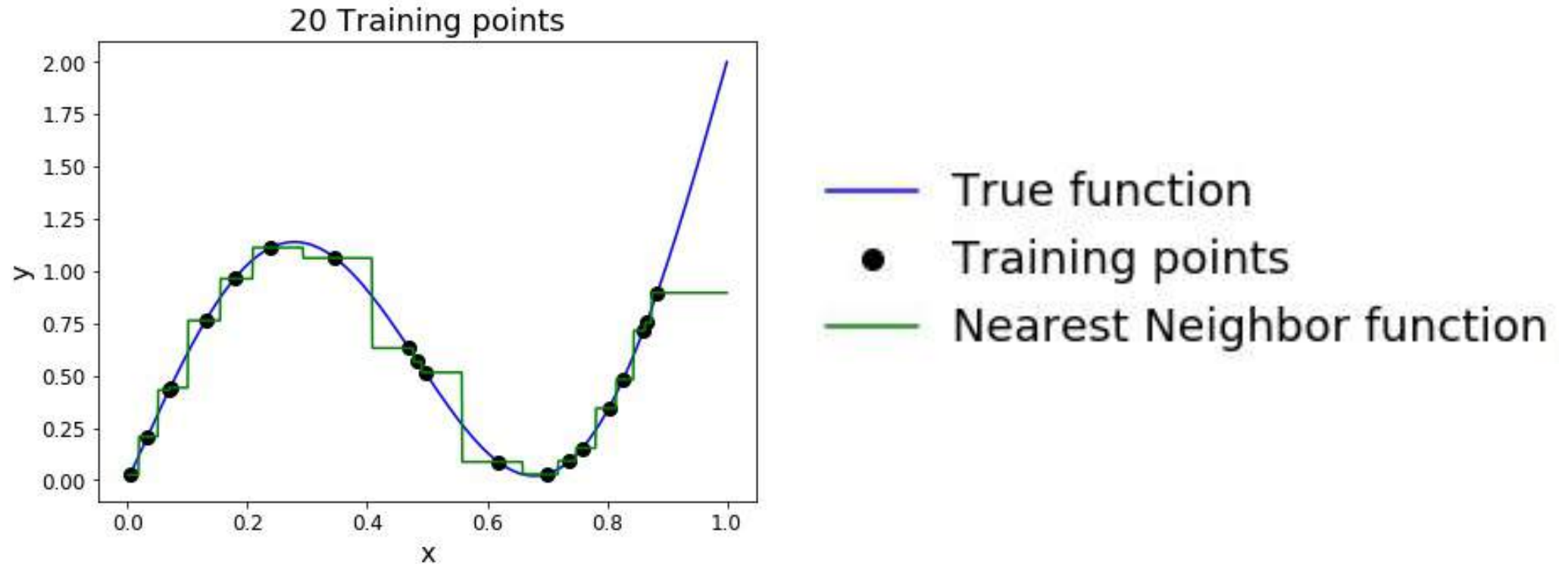
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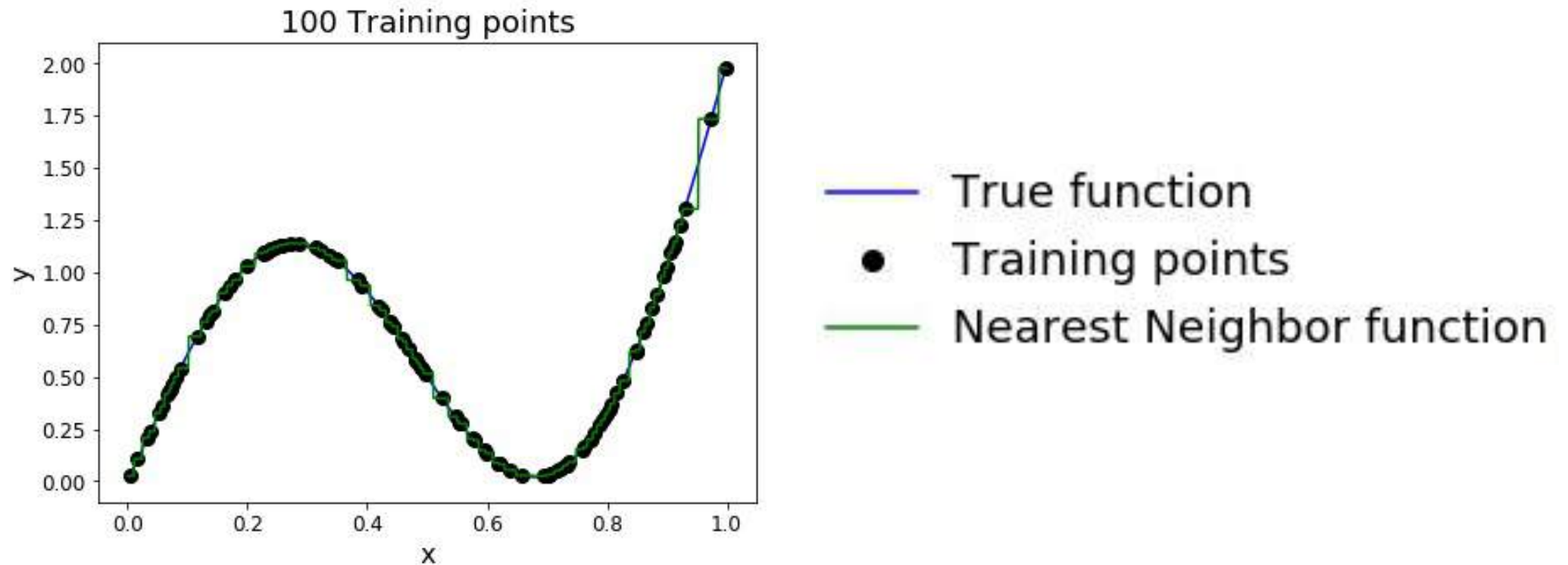


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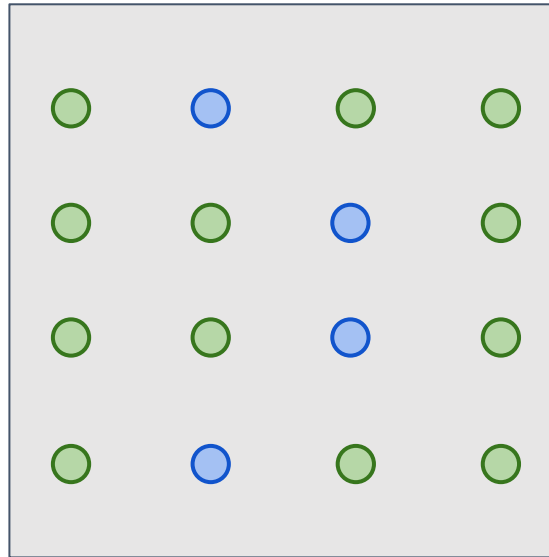
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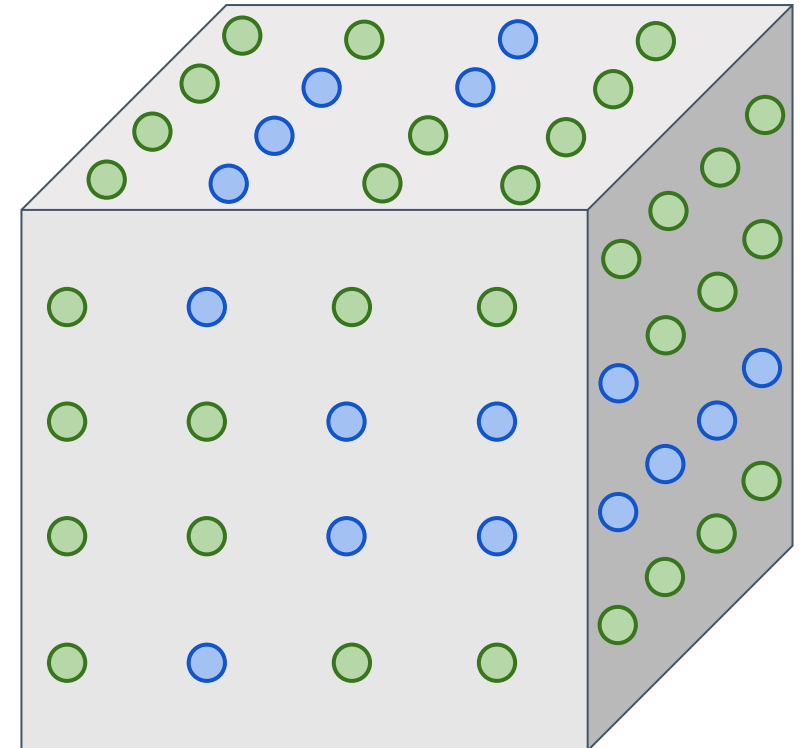
Dimensions = 1  
Points = 4



Dimensions = 2  
Points =  $4^2$



Dimensions = 3  
Points =  $4^3$



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Number of elementary particles  
in the visible universe: [\(source\)](#)

$$\approx 10^{97}$$



# K-Nearest Neighbor on raw pixels is seldom used

- Very slow at test time
- Distance metrics on pixels are not informative

Original



Boxed



Shifted



Tinted



(all 3 images have same L2 distance to the one on the left)

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Devlin et al, "Exploring Nearest Neighbor Approaches for Image Captioning", 2015

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## Example: Image Captioning with Nearest Neighbor



A bedroom with a bed and a couch.



A cat sitting in a bathroom sink.



A train is stopped at a train station.



A wooden bench in front of a building.

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# Summary

In **Image classification** we start with a **training set** of images and labels, and must predict labels on the **test set**

Image classification is challenging due to the semantic gap: we need invariance to occlusion, deformation, lighting, intraclass variation, etc

Image classification is a **building block** for other vision tasks

The **K-Nearest Neighbors** classifier predicts labels based on nearest training examples

Distance metric and K are **hyperparameters**

Choose hyperparameters using the **validation set**; only run on the test set once at the very end!



# Next time: Linear Classifiers

