

AIFS ML Lecture 3: Machine Learning Basics

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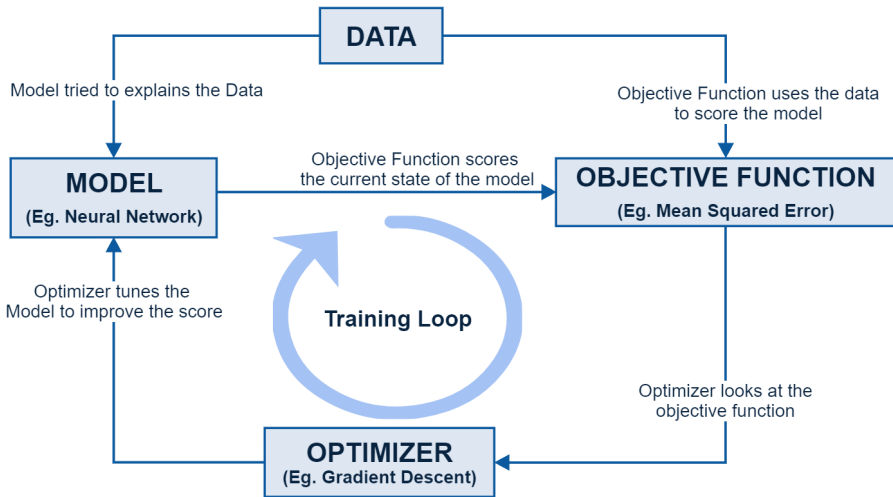
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Recap - Training Loop



Learning Style based on Degree of Supervision

- **Supervised:** The dataset provides a supervisory signal in the form of a label (*aka* target) to inform the learning algorithm what the true prediction should have been. Example tasks: *Classification*, *Regression*
- **Unsupervised:** No explicit prediction or inference, the goal of the algorithm is to extract patterns about the underlying data generating process from the dataset. Example tasks: *Clustering*, *Dimensionality Reduction*
- **Reinforcement:** The science of sequential decision making for artificial agents, such that the decisions taken by the agent in an environment maximizes a notion of cumulative reward. Due to the presence of a reward signal that does not fully inform the agent of the absolute true response, Reinforcement Learning is neither supervised nor unsupervised.



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- Online Learning - can handle new data on-the-fly.



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 - Cannot be used in situation where we have streaming data like live CCTV footage, stock prices etc.

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 - Since at any given moment the learning algorithm is seeing only partial data, the optimizer takes a longer time to converge.

Based on Type of Model

The model used by the learning algorithm can be broadly categorized as:

- **Parametric:** When the model has a finite set of adaptable parameters (knobs) that can be adjusted to adequately model the data generating process.
- **Non-parametric:** These models cannot be parameterized by a finite number of parameters, and hence their structure is determined from the data rather than specified apriori.

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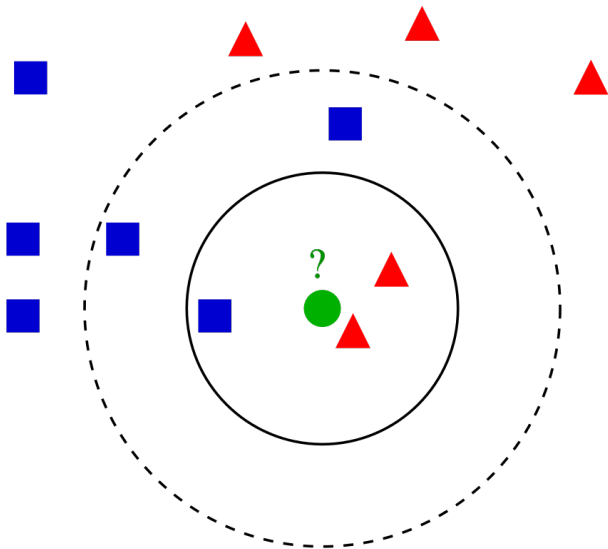
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 - In high dimensional datasets, the space would only be sparsely populated.

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- **Optimizer:** Closed Form Solution

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