

# K-Nearest Neighbours

## `KNN`

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*\*Time to Play!\**  
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# K-Nearest Neighbours

## Topics for discussion

- What is it used for?
- Key principles
- How to Choose the factor 'K'
- Common Uses
- Pros and Cons
- How it works
- Case Study



# K-Nearest Neighbours

## What is it good for?

### CATS



Sharp Claws, uses to climb

Smaller length of ears

Meows and purrs

Doesn't love to play around

### DOGS



Dull Claws

Bigger length of ears

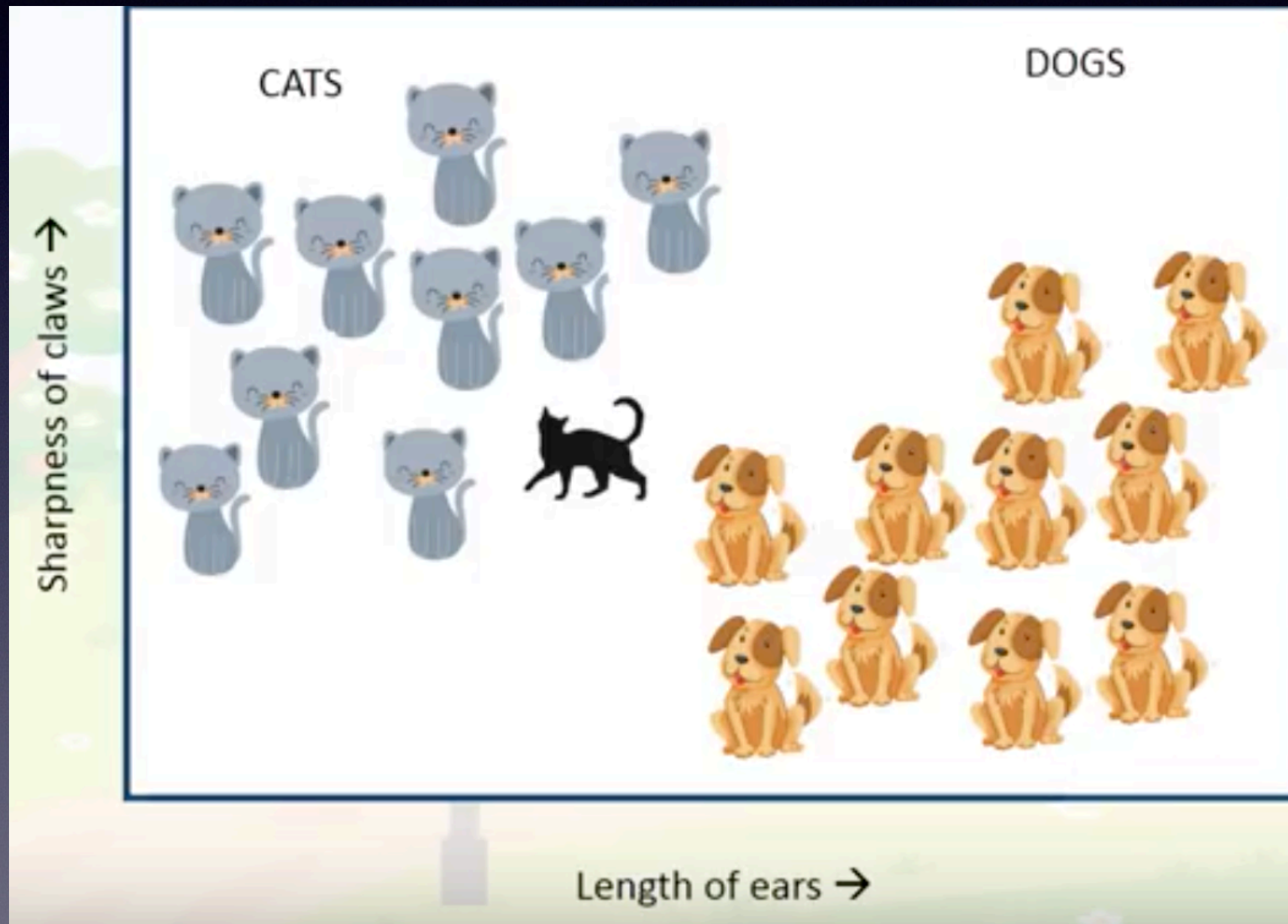
Barks

Loves to run around



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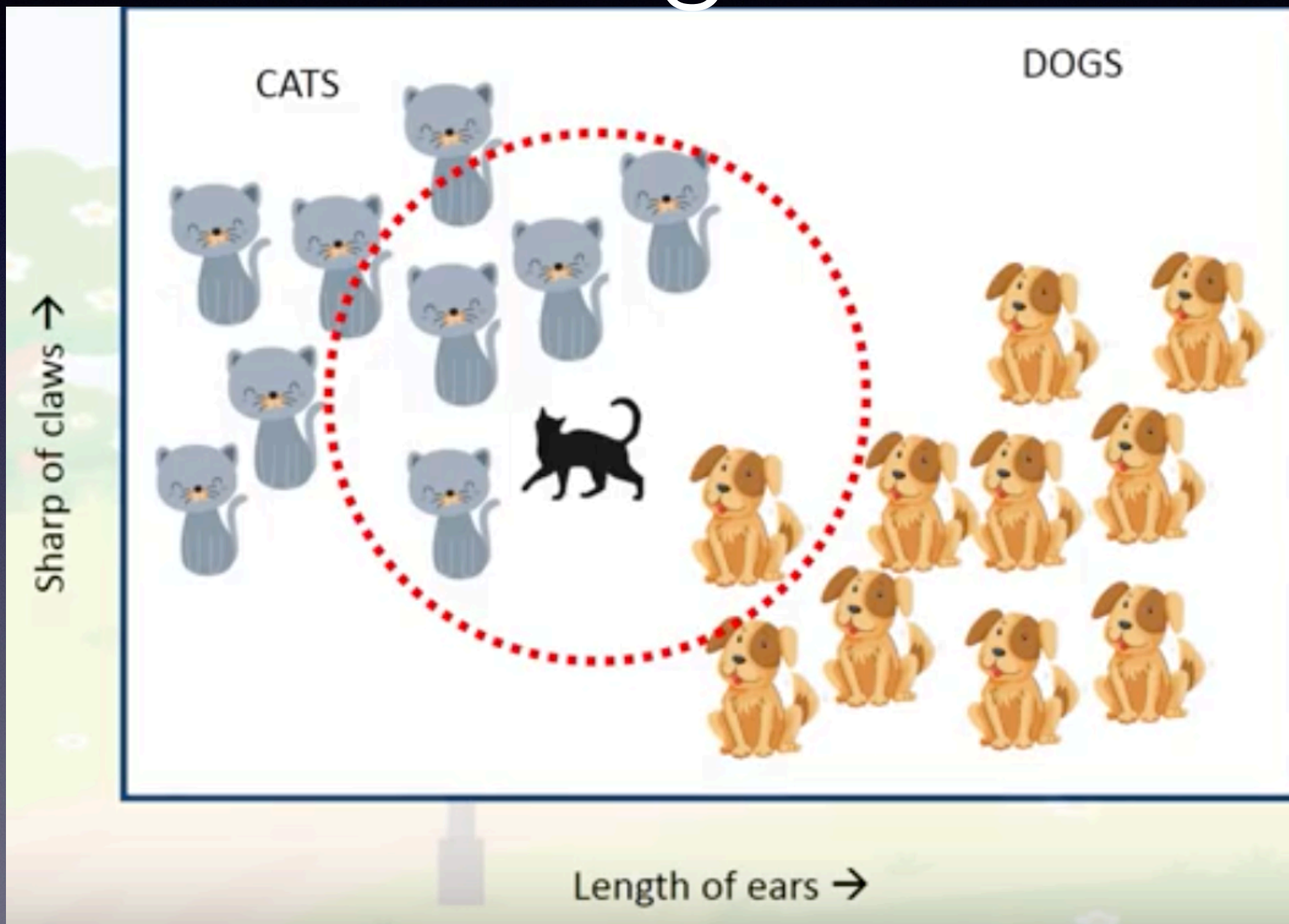
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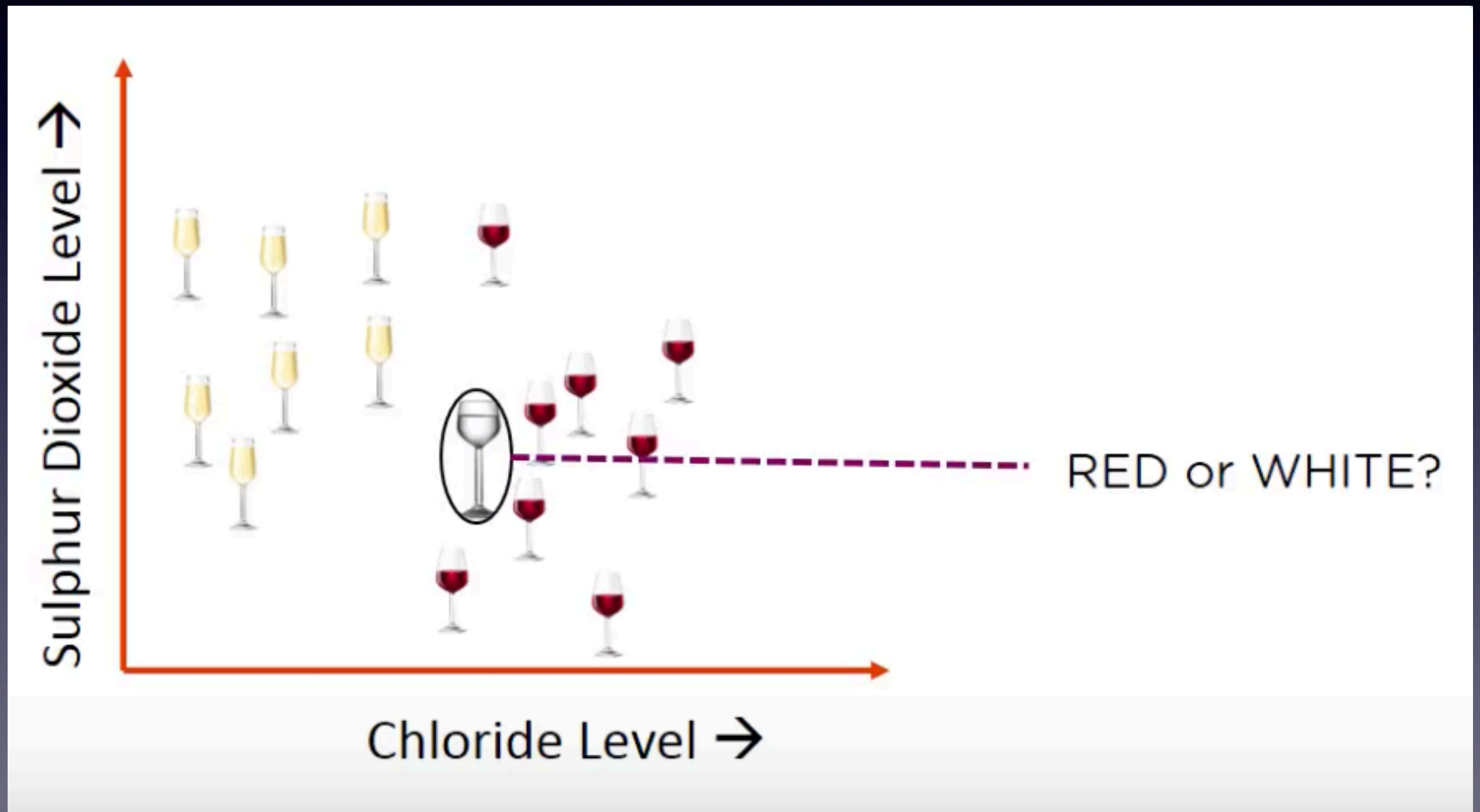
## Key Principle

- Classifies data points based on how its neighbours are classified.
- Stores all available cases and classifies new cases based on a similarity measure.
- $K$  is a parameter that refers to the number of nearest neighbours to include in the majority voting process.



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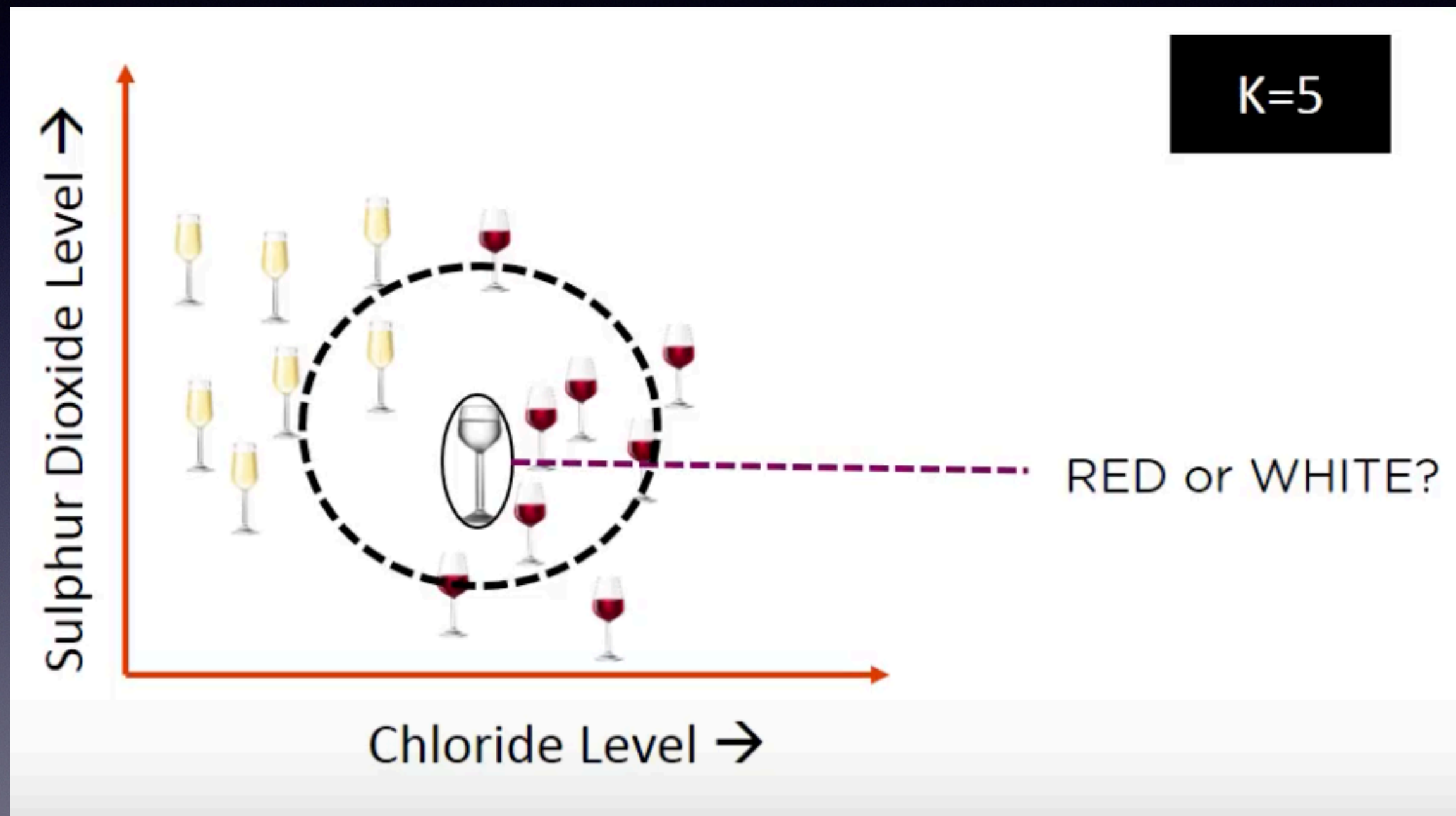
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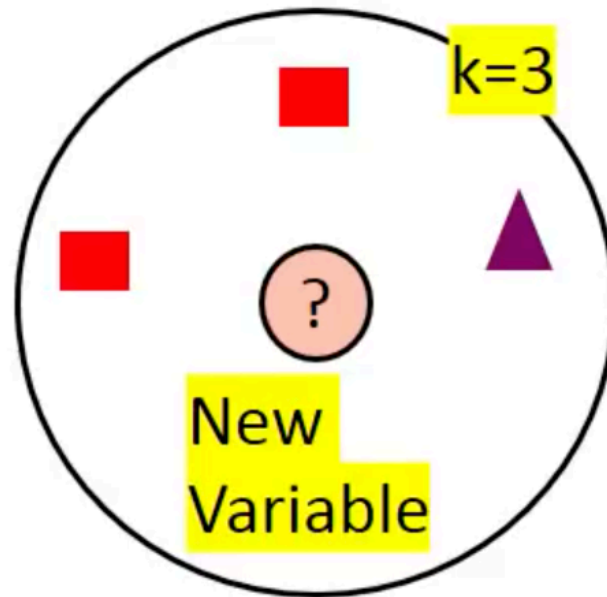
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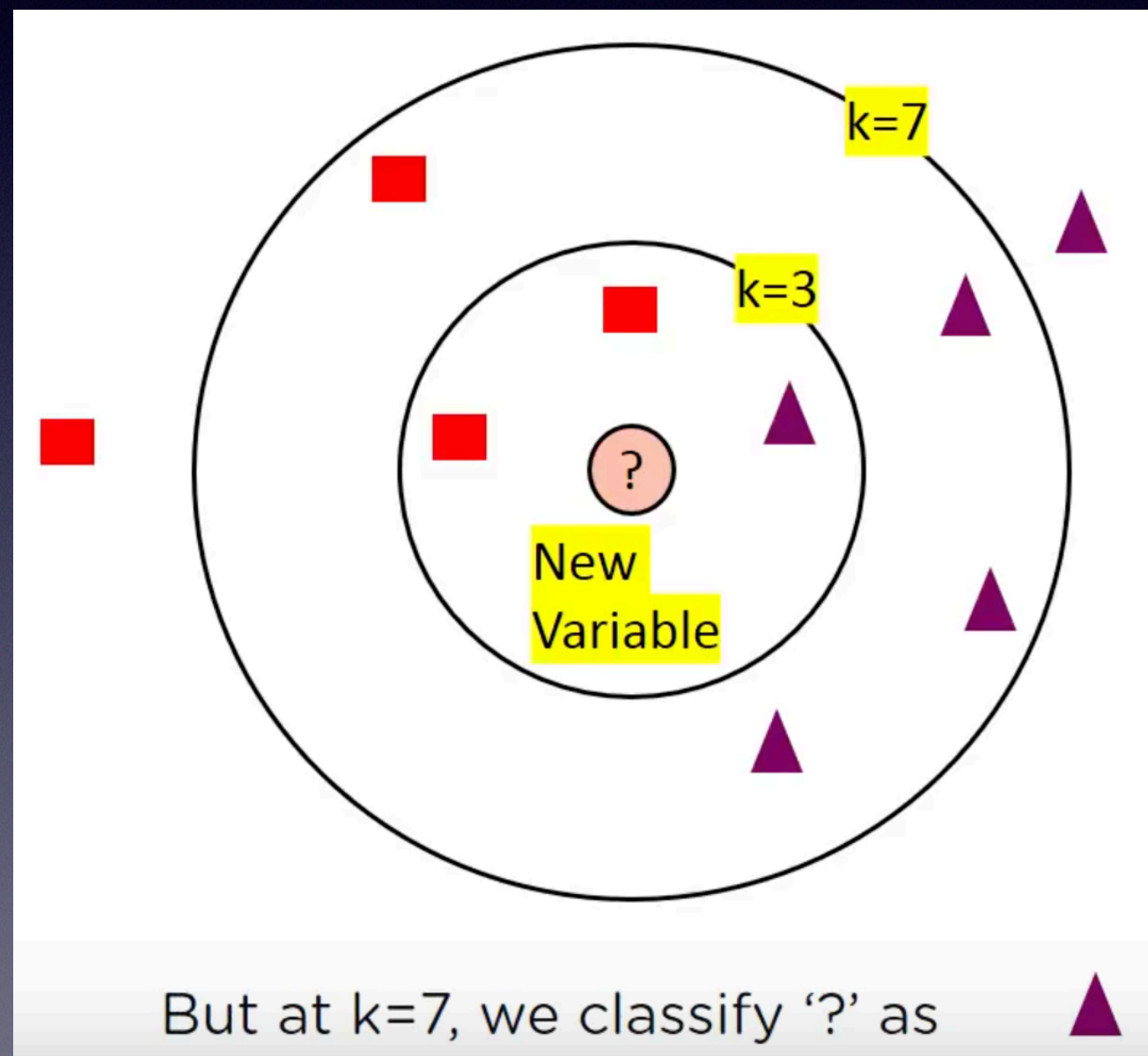


So at  $k=3$ , we can classify '?' as ■



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## Choosing 'K'

$\text{Sqrt}(n)$ , Where  
'n' is the total  
number of data  
points

Odd value of  $k$  is  
selected to avoid  
confusion  
between two  
classes of data



# K-Nearest Neighbours

## Common Uses

- Labeled Data
- Noise free Data
- Small Dataset



# K-Nearest Neighbours

## Pros and Cons

### Pros:

- Very simple.
- Training is trivial.
- Works with any number of classes.
- In case you would like to add more data, the algorithm is easy to use.
- Contains a few parameters:
  - $k$
  - Distance Metric

### Cons:

- No data points border line.
- High prediction cost (worse for large data sets).
- Not good with high dimensional data.
- Categorical features don't work well.



# K-Nearest Neighbours

## How it works

Weight(x2)	Height(y2)	Class
51	167	Underweight
62	182	Normal
69	176	Normal
64	173	Normal
65	172	Normal
56	174	Underweight
58	169	Normal
57	173	Normal
55	170	Normal



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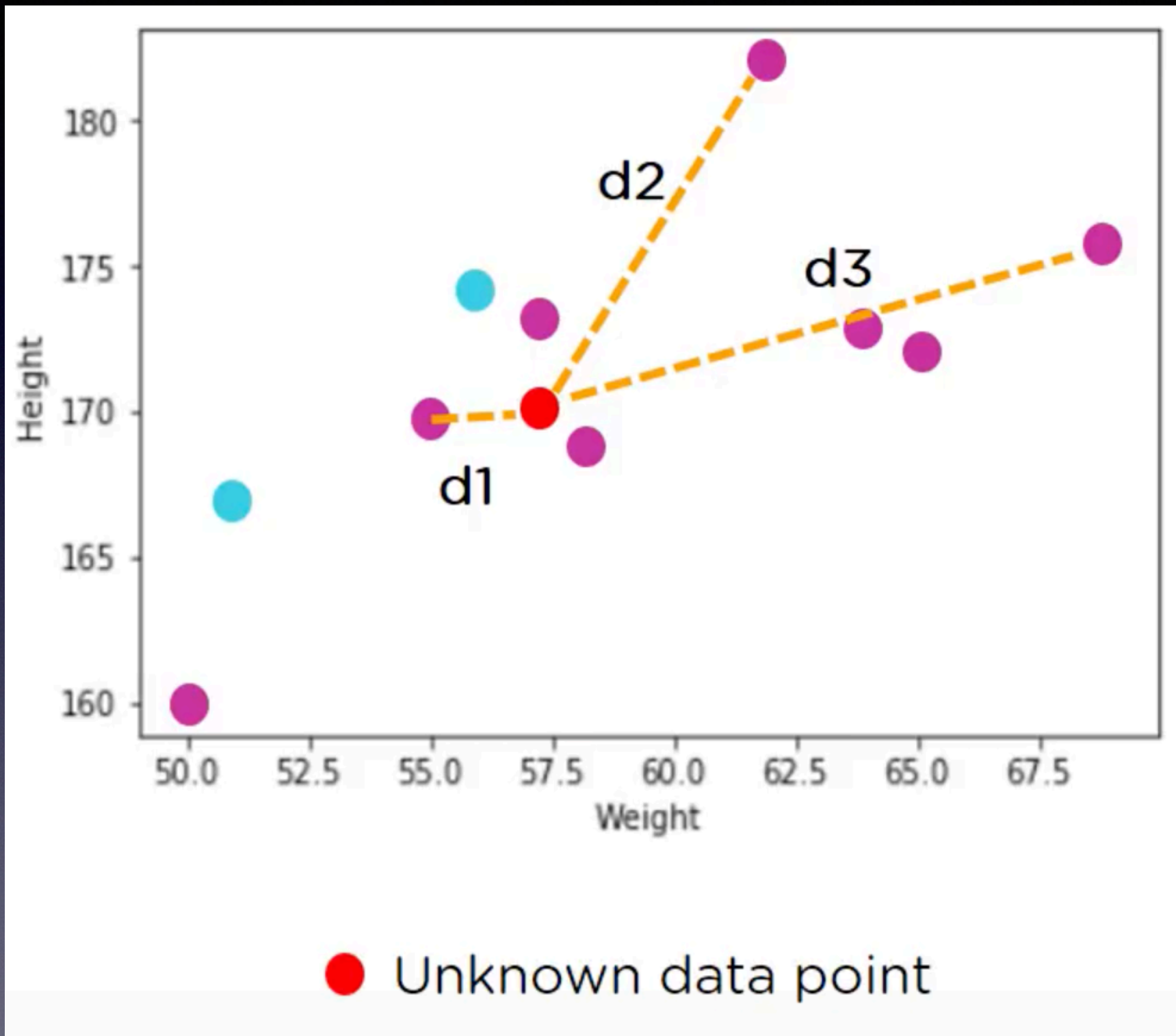
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- Calculate the Euclidean Distance

$$\text{dist}(d) = \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}$$





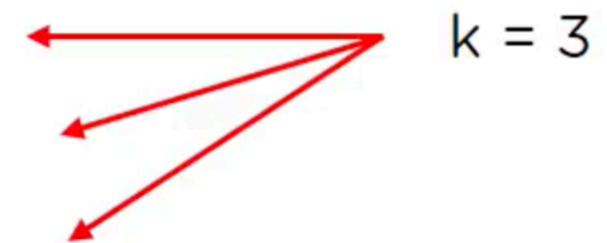




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## How it works

Weight(x2)	Height(y2)	Class	Euclidean Distance
51	167	Underweight	6.7
62	182	Normal	13
69	176	Normal	13.4
64	173	Normal	7.6
65	172	Normal	8.2
56	174	Underweight	4.1
58	169	Normal	1.4
57	173	Normal	3
55	170	Normal	2





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## Case Study

- Example for Notebook



Questions?



Thank You!

