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Inspiring women to excel in technology careers.



# OUR VISION

A world where women are representative as technical executives, founders, VCs, board members and software engineers.

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# STUDY GROUP

Study groups are events where women can come together and help each other learn and understand a specific programming language, technology, or anything related to coding or engineering.

# GUIDELINES

- If you have a question, just **ask**
- If you have an idea, **share it**
- **Make friends** and learn from your study groupmates
- **Do not** promote your recruit or promote your business

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# **New Member's Introduction**







**I am <name>**

<your current profession>

<why did you join this study group?>



# WOMEN WHO **SHOW & TELL** (Handwritten Digit Recognition)



# STUDY GROUPS

**Study Group 1:** Machine Learning Basics

**Study Group 2:** K-Nearest Neighbors



# AGENDA

1. **Quick Review:** Machine Learning Basics
2. **New Topic:** K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)
3. Exercise
4. Presentations

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**REVIEW**



# Intro to Machine Learning

## 1. Types of ML Algorithms:

- Supervised – KNOW about the data  
(Prediction, Classification)
- Unsupervised – DON'T KNOW about the data  
(Clustering, Association)



# Intro to Machine Learning

## 2. Supervised Learning - Two main blocks:

- Training - take input  $\mathbf{X}$  (*features*) and corresponding labels  $\mathbf{y}$  (*classes*), outputs learned model  $\mathbf{h}$
- Prediction - take NEW DATA as input, use  $\mathbf{h}$  to output corresponding predictions







# Intro to Machine Learning

## 4. Machine Learning Programming using Libraries:

1. *Import the learning algorithm* (`from sklearn...`)
2. *Instantiate the model* (`clf = SomeClassifier()`)
3. *Learn the model* (`clf.fit(...)`)
4. *Predict response* (`clf.predict`)
5. *Evaluate model* (`clf.score()`)



# Intro to Machine Learning

## 6. Our first machine learning project(s):

- Iris Plant Classification
- Handwritten Digit Recognition
- Bonus: Kaggle Submission

# **SUPERVISED LEARNING**

## **K-NEAREST NEIGHBOR**

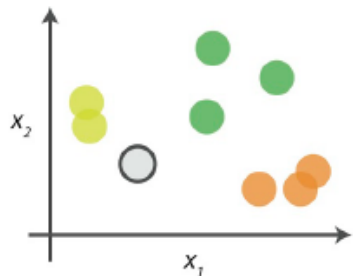
# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

## KNN Task:

- Calculate the distance between points
- Find the nearest neighbour based on these pairwise distances
- Majority vote on a class label based on the nearest neighbor list

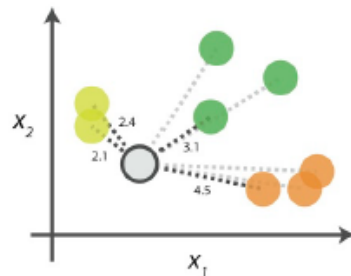


## 0. Look at the data



Say you want to classify the grey point into a class. Here, there are three potential classes - lime green, green and orange.

## 1. Calculate distances



Start by calculating the distances between the grey point and all other points.

## 2. Find neighbours

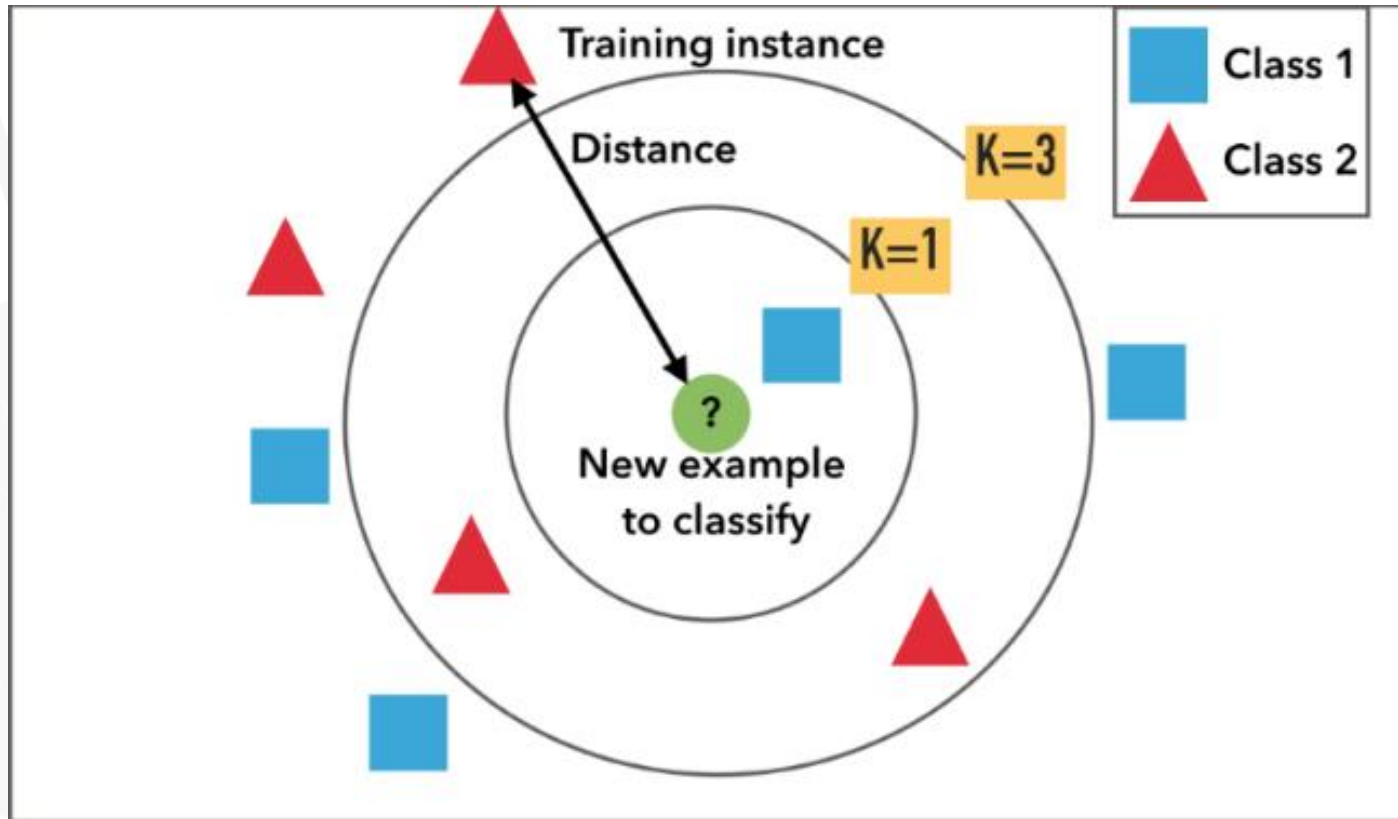
|  | Point | Distance |          |
|--|-------|----------|----------|
|  | ...   | 2.1      | → 1st NN |
|  | ...   | 2.4      | → 2nd NN |
|  | ...   | 3.1      | → 3rd NN |
|  | ...   | 4.5      | → 4th NN |

Next, find the nearest neighbours by ranking points by increasing distance. The nearest neighbours (NNs) of the grey point are the ones closest in dataspace.

## 3. Vote on labels

| Class | # of votes |   |
|-------|------------|---|
|       | 2          | → Class  wins the vote!<br>Point  is therefore predicted to be of class . |
|       | 1          |   |
|       | 1          |   |

Vote on the predicted class labels based on the classes of the  $k$  nearest neighbours. Here, the labels were predicted based on the  $k=3$  nearest neighbours.



K should preferably be odd to avoid ties.

# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

## Distance functions:

- Euclidean Distance

$$d(x, x') = \sqrt{(x_1 - x'_1)^2 + (x_2 - x'_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - x'_n)^2}$$

- Manhattan
- Chebyshev
- Hamming distance



# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

## *Train*

- Do nothing. It's a lazy algorithm

## *Predict*

- Compute the Euclidean distance between the “new observation” and all training data points
- Select the K nearest observations and perform a majority vote
- Assign the corresponding label to the observation



# KNN Cheat Sheet

## ***Importing the library:***

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
```

## ***Instantiating a model:***

```
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=3)
```

## ***Fitting model to training set:***

```
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

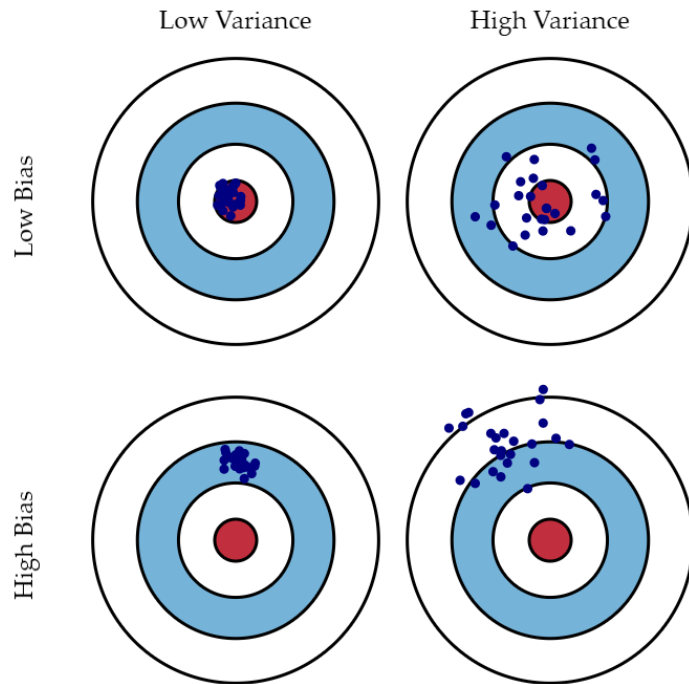
## ***Predicting test set:***

```
y_pred = knn.predict(X_test)
```

# K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

## Choosing K:

- *Small K* – low bias, high variance
- *High K* – high bias, low variance
- *Optimum K*: **Cross validation**



# **HYPERPARAMETER TUNING**

## **CROSS VALIDATION**



# Choosing the right $K$

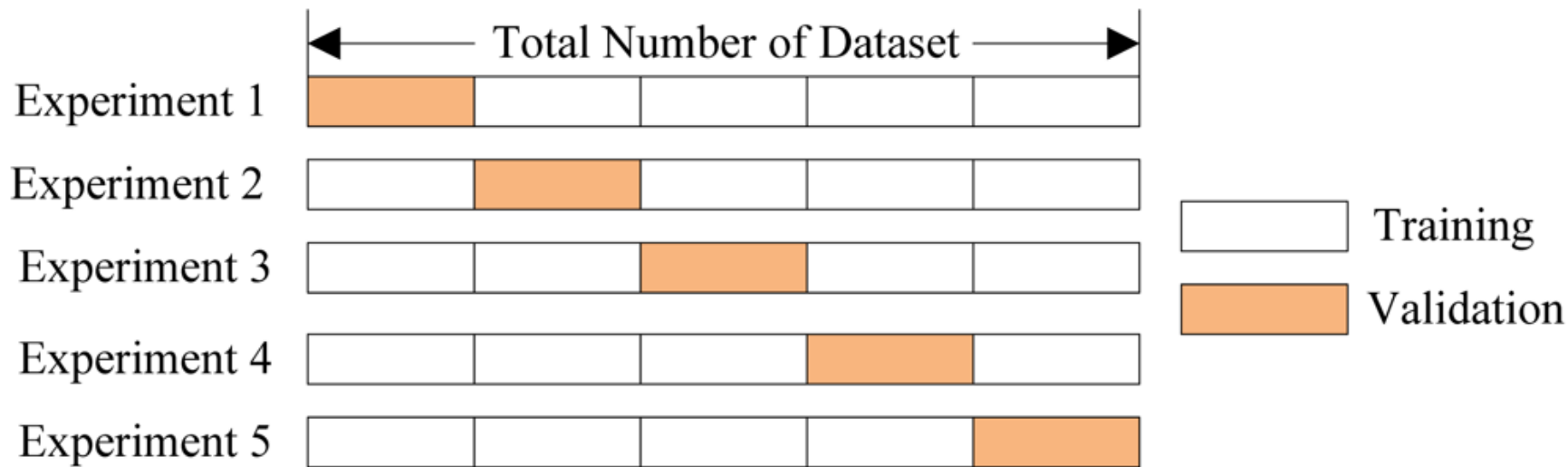
Suppose we carry out repeated measurements of the test error for different values of  $K$ .

*Inadvertently, what we are doing is using the test set as a training set!*

**Essentially, we can't use the test set for hyperparameter tuning.**



# k-fold Cross Validation



The average over the  $k$  rounds (experiments) is called the cross validation score.

# Cross Validation Cheat Sheet

## ***Importing the library:***

```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
```

## ***Cross Validation:***

```
scores = cross_val_score(knn, X_train, y_train, cv=10,  
scoring='accuracy')
```

**Note:** `cross_val_score` returns a list of k scores

***Getting the average score:*** `scores.mean()`

# Hyperparameter Tuning

1. Perform cross validation for different values of  $K$  (e.g.  $K = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, 25$ )
2. Choose the  $K$  that returns the lowest misclassification error (or highest classification accuracy).



# Partner/Group/Individual Exercise:

## KNN FOR IRIS PLANT CLASSIFICATION

Tip: You can use `samples/iris_script.py` as a guideline





# **Assignment**

**Use KNN for Handwritten Digit  
Recognition**



# References:

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