



# Introduction to Machine Learning and Data Mining

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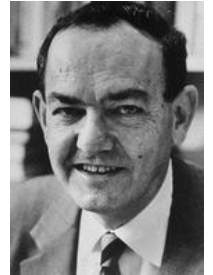
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# What is Machine Learning?

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“Learning is any process by which a system improves performance from experience.”

- Herbert Simon (Nobel Prize, Turing Award)



Definition by Tom Mitchell (1998):

Machine Learning is the study of algorithms that

- improve their performance  $P$
- at some task  $T$
- with experience  $E$ .

A well-defined learning task is given by  $\langle P, T, E \rangle$ .

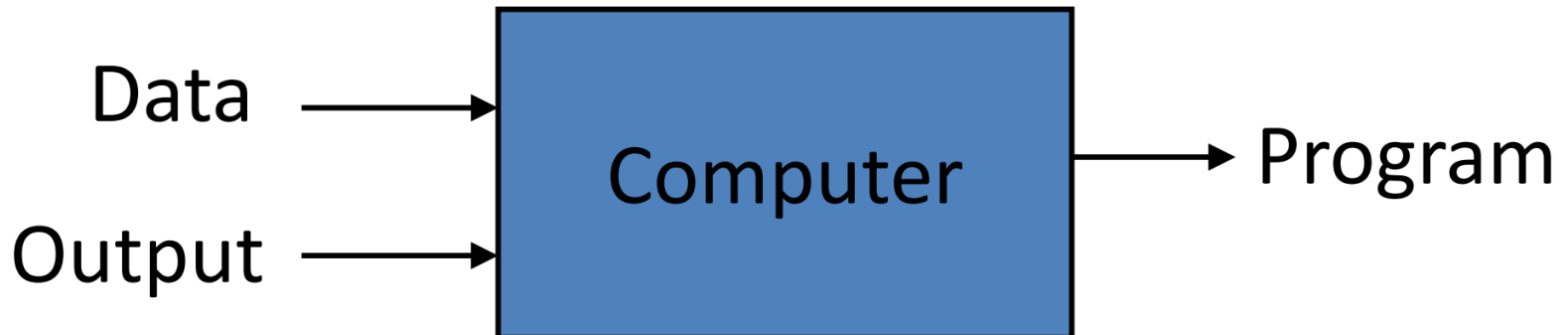
# Machine Learning vs. Traditional Programming

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## Traditional Programming



## Machine Learning

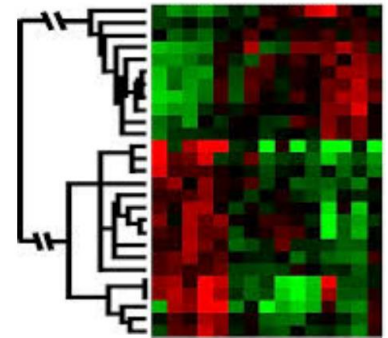


# When Do We Use Machine Learning?

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ML is used when:

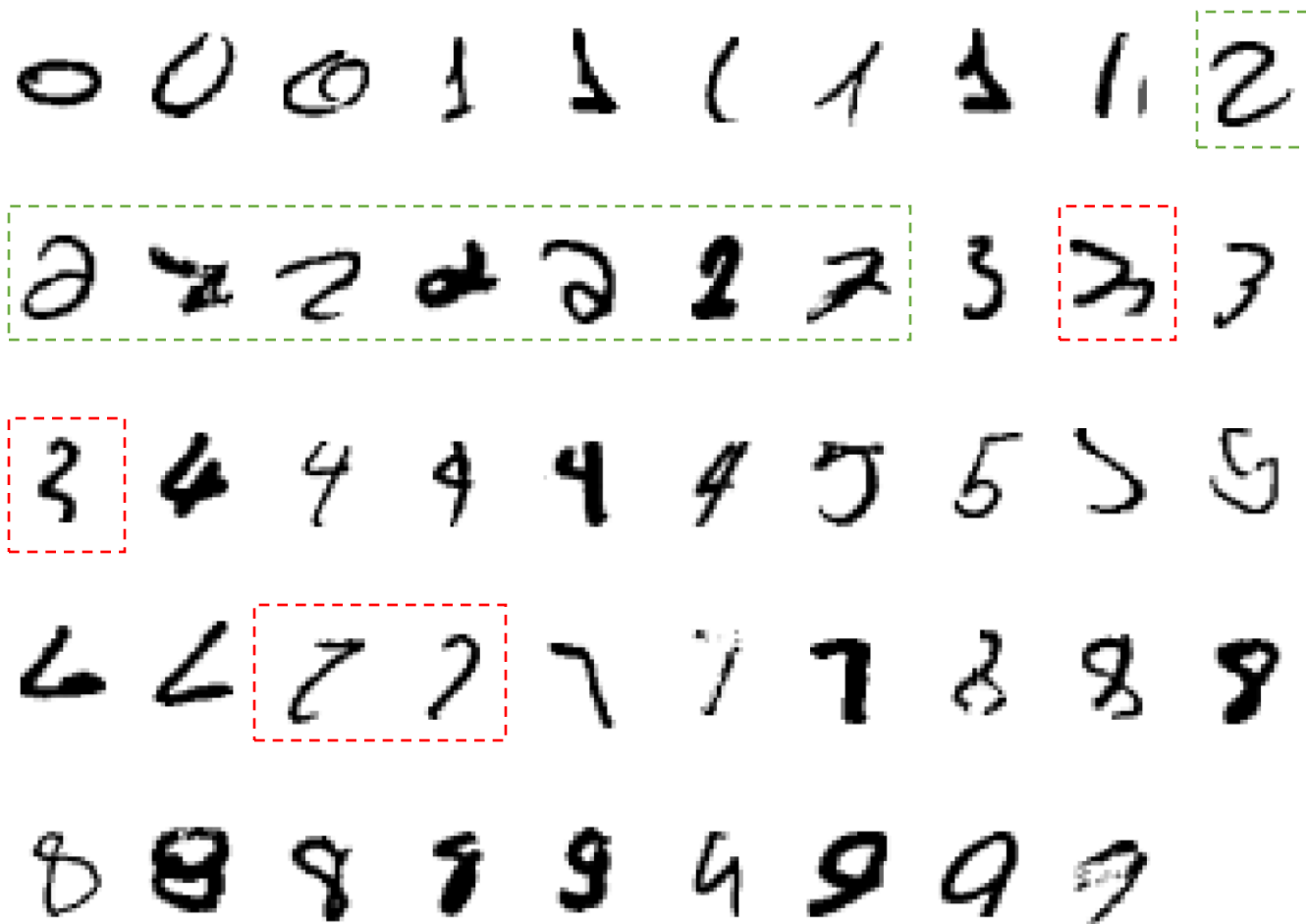
- Human expertise does not exist (navigating on Mars)
- Humans can't explain their expertise (speech recognition)
- Models must be customized (personalized medicine)
- Models are based on huge amounts of data (genomics)



Learning isn't always useful:

- There is no need to “learn” to calculate payroll

A classic example of a task that requires machine learning:  
It is very hard to say what makes a 2



# Some more examples of tasks that are best solved by using a learning algorithm

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- Recognizing patterns:
  - Facial identities or facial expressions
  - Handwritten or spoken words
  - Medical images
- Generating patterns:
  - Generating images or motion sequences
- Recognizing anomalies:
  - Unusual credit card transactions
  - Unusual patterns of sensor readings in a nuclear power plant
- Prediction:
  - Future stock prices or currency exchange rates

# Sample Applications

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- Web search
- Computational biology
- Finance
- E-commerce
- Space exploration
- Robotics
- Information extraction
- Social networks
- Debugging software
- [Your favorite area]

# Samuel's Checkers-Player

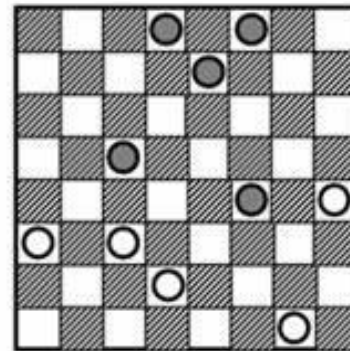
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“Machine Learning: Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.”

-Arthur Samuel (1959)



- Arthur Samuel (1959) wrote a program that **learnt** to play checkers well enough to beat him.





# Defining the Learning Task

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Improve on task T, with respect to performance metric P, based on experience E

T: Playing checkers

P: Percentage of games won against an arbitrary opponent

E: Playing practice games against itself

T: Recognizing hand-written words

P: Percentage of words correctly classified

E: Database of human-labeled images of handwritten words

T: Driving on four-lane highways using vision sensors

P: Average distance traveled before a human-judged error

E: A sequence of images and steering commands recorded while observing a human driver.

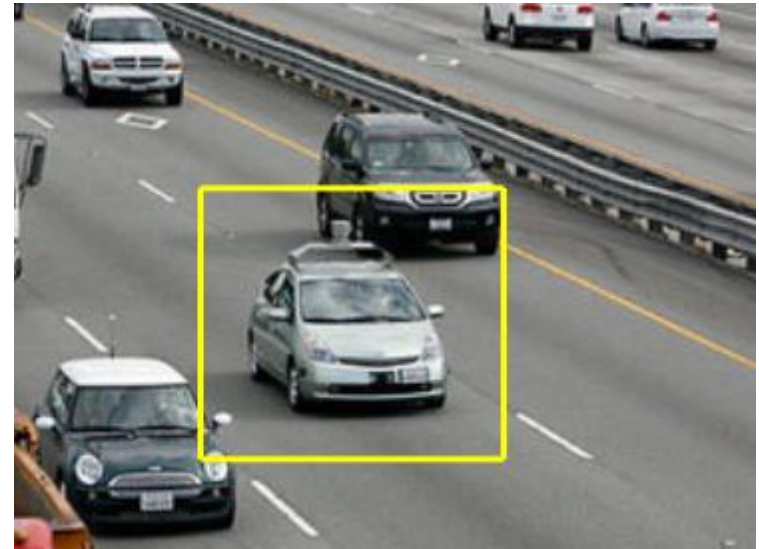
T: Categorize email messages as spam or legitimate

P: Percentage of email messages correctly classified

E: Database of emails, some with human-given labels

# State of the Art Applications of Machine Learning

# Autonomous Cars

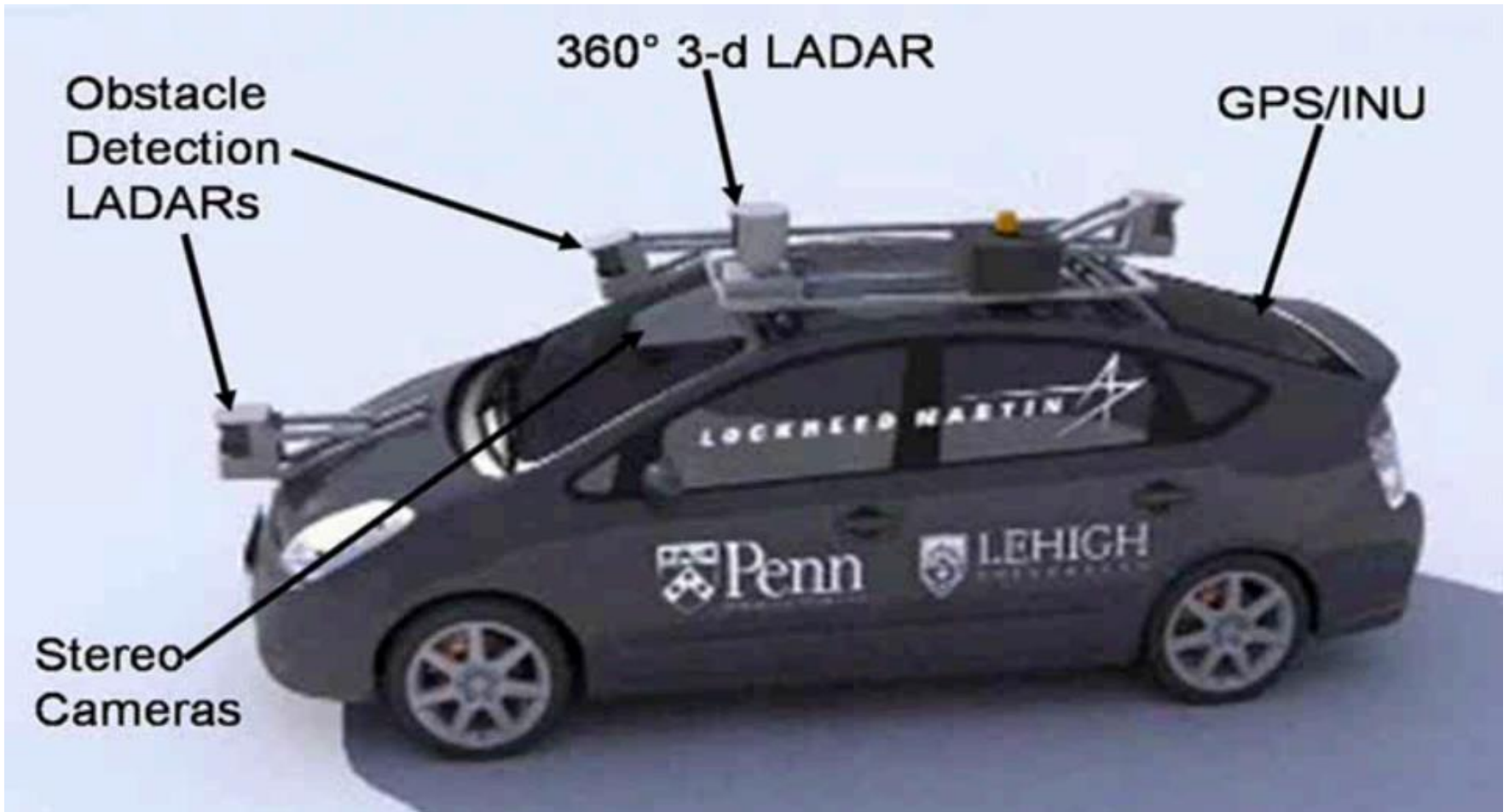


- Nevada made it legal for autonomous cars to drive on roads in June 2011
- As of 2013, four states (Nevada, Florida, California, and Michigan) have legalized autonomous cars

Penn's Autonomous Car →  
(Ben Franklin Racing Team)

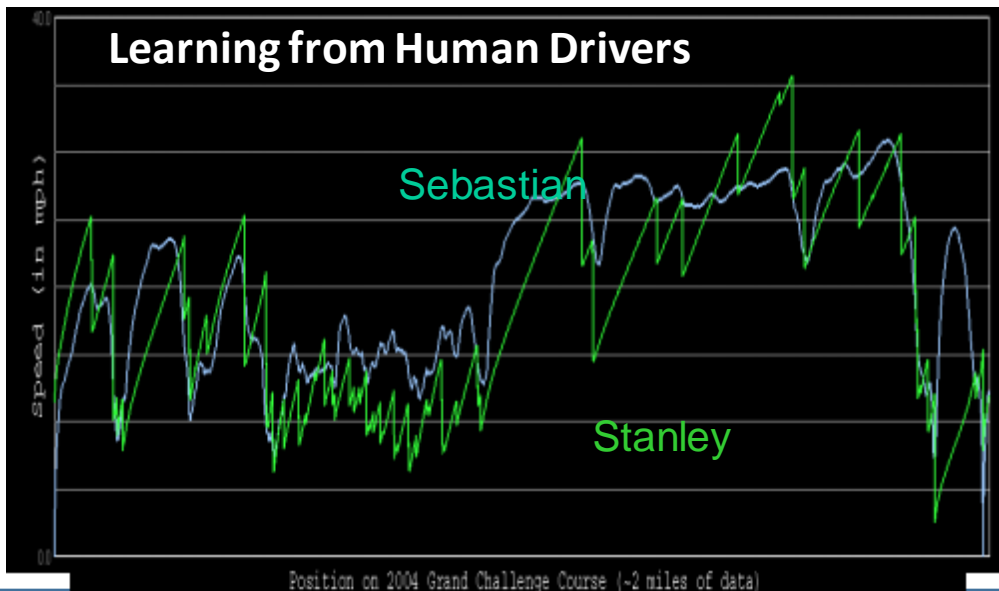
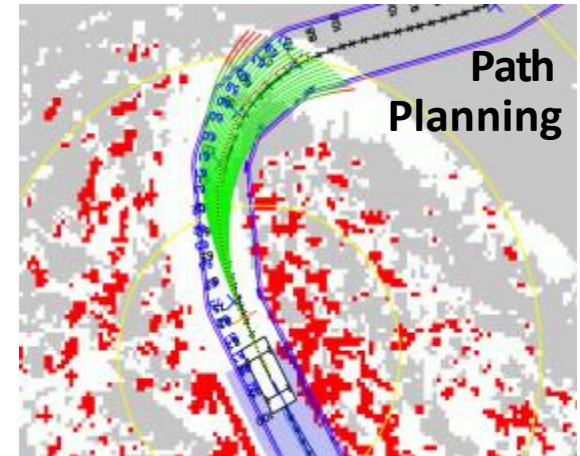


# Autonomous Car Sensors





# Autonomous Car Technology



# Deep Learning in the Headlines

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## Is Google Cornering the Market on Deep Learning?

A cutting-edge corner of science is being wooed by Silicon Valley, to the dismay of some academics.

By Antonio Regalado on January 28, 2014



How much are a dozen deep-learning researchers worth? Apparently, more than \$400 million.

This week, Google reportedly paid that much to acquire [DeepMind Technologies](#), a startup based in



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## BloombergBusinessweek Technology

Acquisitions

### The Race to Buy the Human Brains Behind Deep Learning Machines

By Ashlee Vance | January 27, 2014

intelligence projects. "DeepMind is bona fide in terms of its research capabilities and depth," says Peter Lee, who heads Microsoft Research.

According to Lee, Microsoft, Facebook (FB), and Google find themselves in a battle for deep learning talent. Microsoft has gone from four full-time deep learning experts to 70 in the past three years. "We would have more if the talent was there to

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## Deep Learning's Role in the Age of Robots

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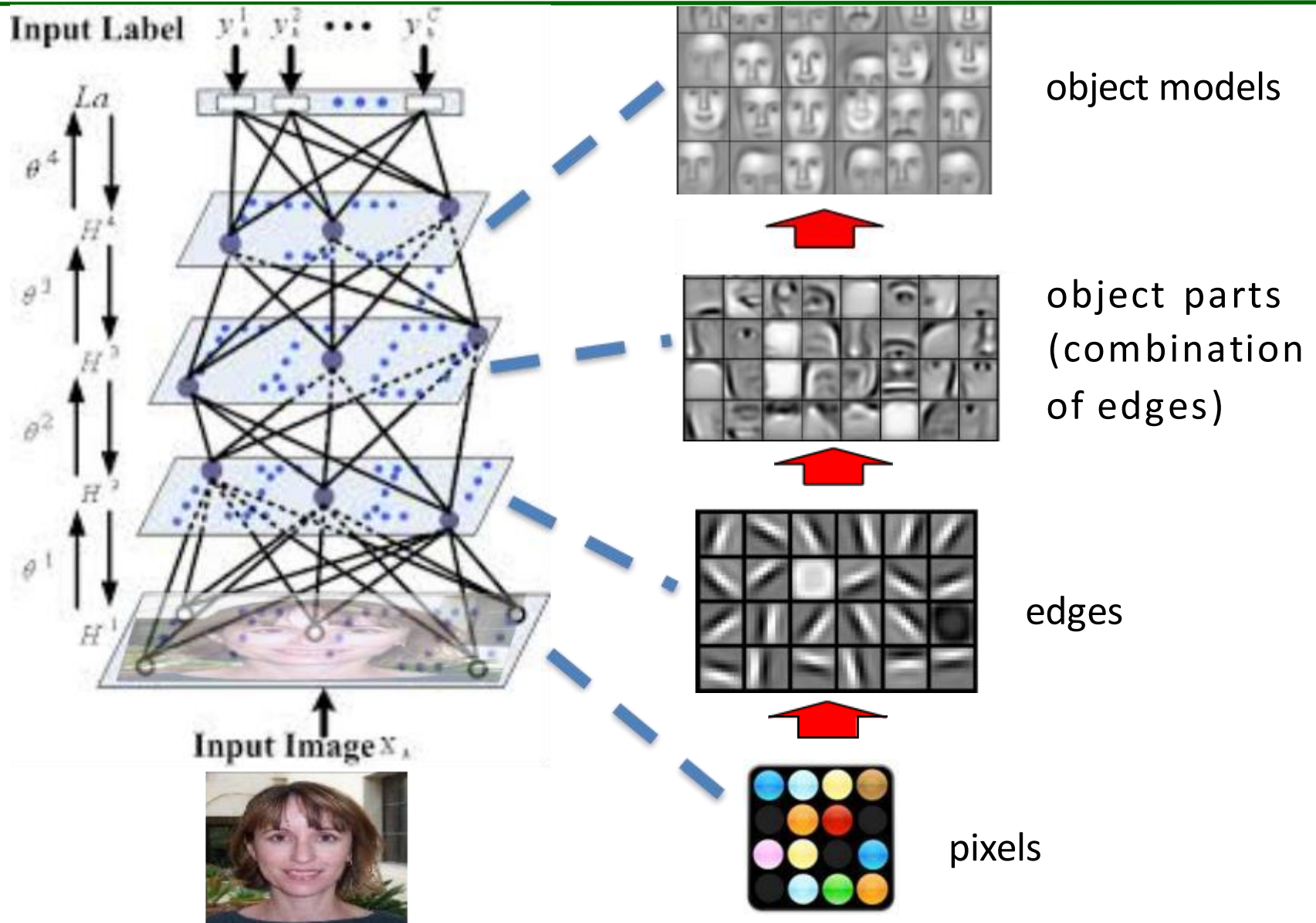
**DEEP LEARNING**

- » Computers learning and growing on their own
- » Able to understand complex, massive amounts of data

DATA ECONOMY  
DEEP LEARNING

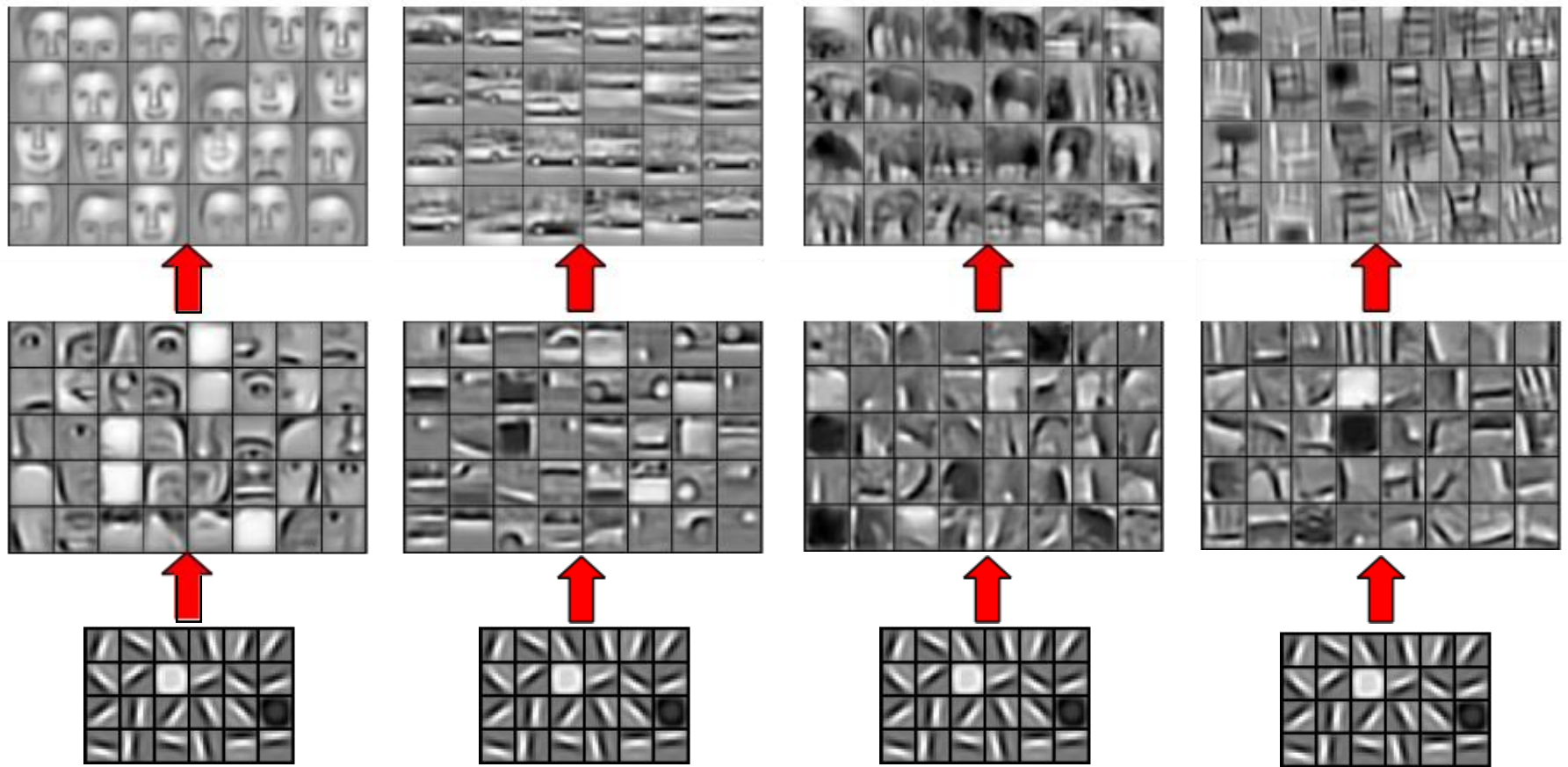
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# Deep Belief Net on Face Images





# Learning of Object Parts





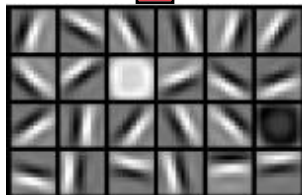
# Training on Multiple Objects



Trained on 4 classes (cars, faces, motorbikes, airplanes).

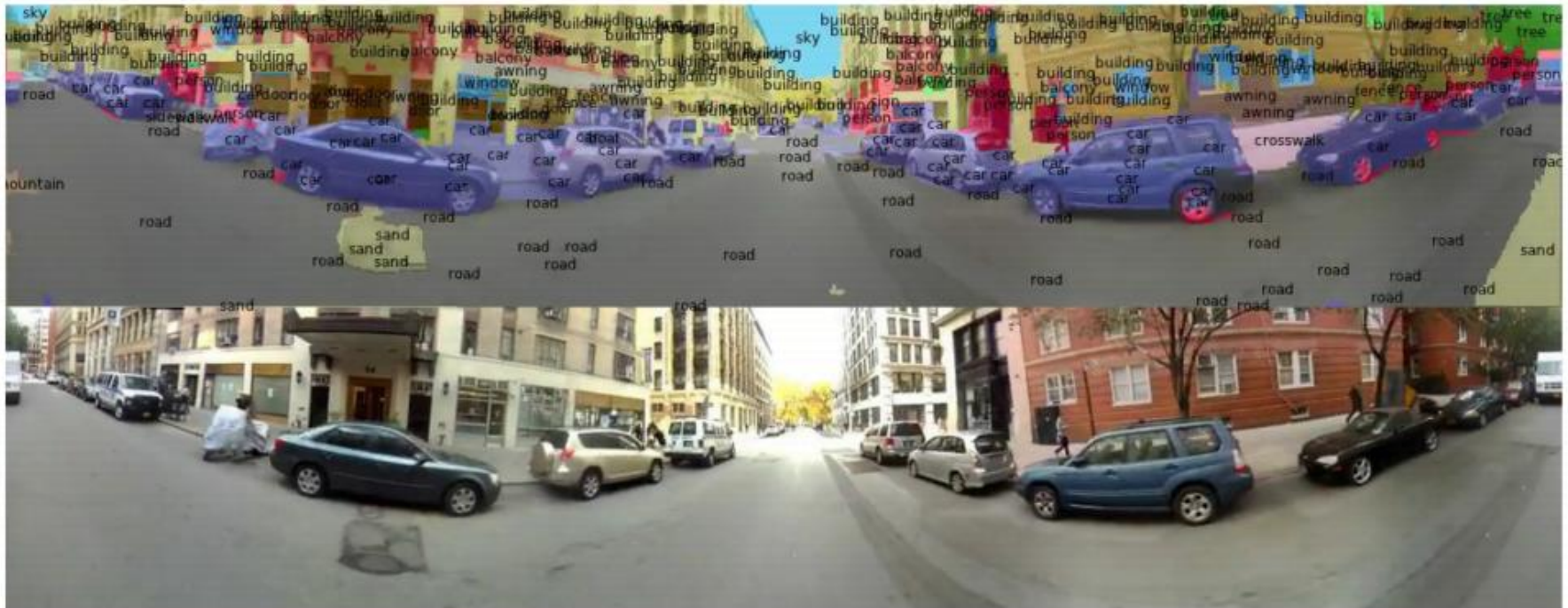


Second layer: Shared-features and object-specific features.



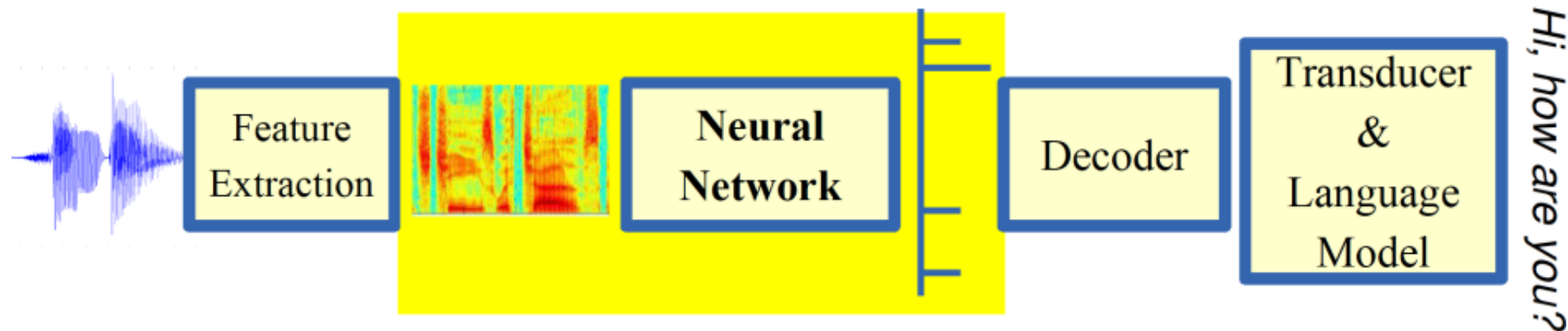
Third layer: More specific features.

# Scene Labeling via Deep Learning

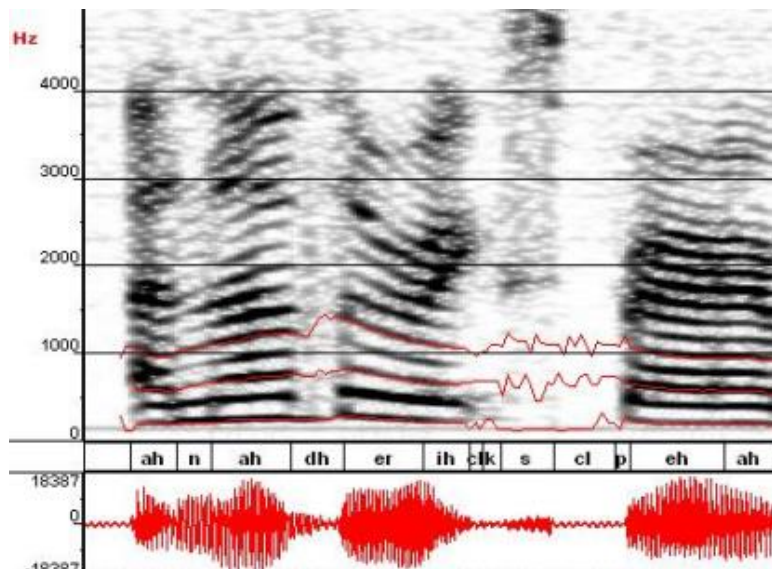


# Machine Learning in Automatic Speech Recognition

## A Typical Speech Recognition System



ML used to predict phone states from the sound spectrogram

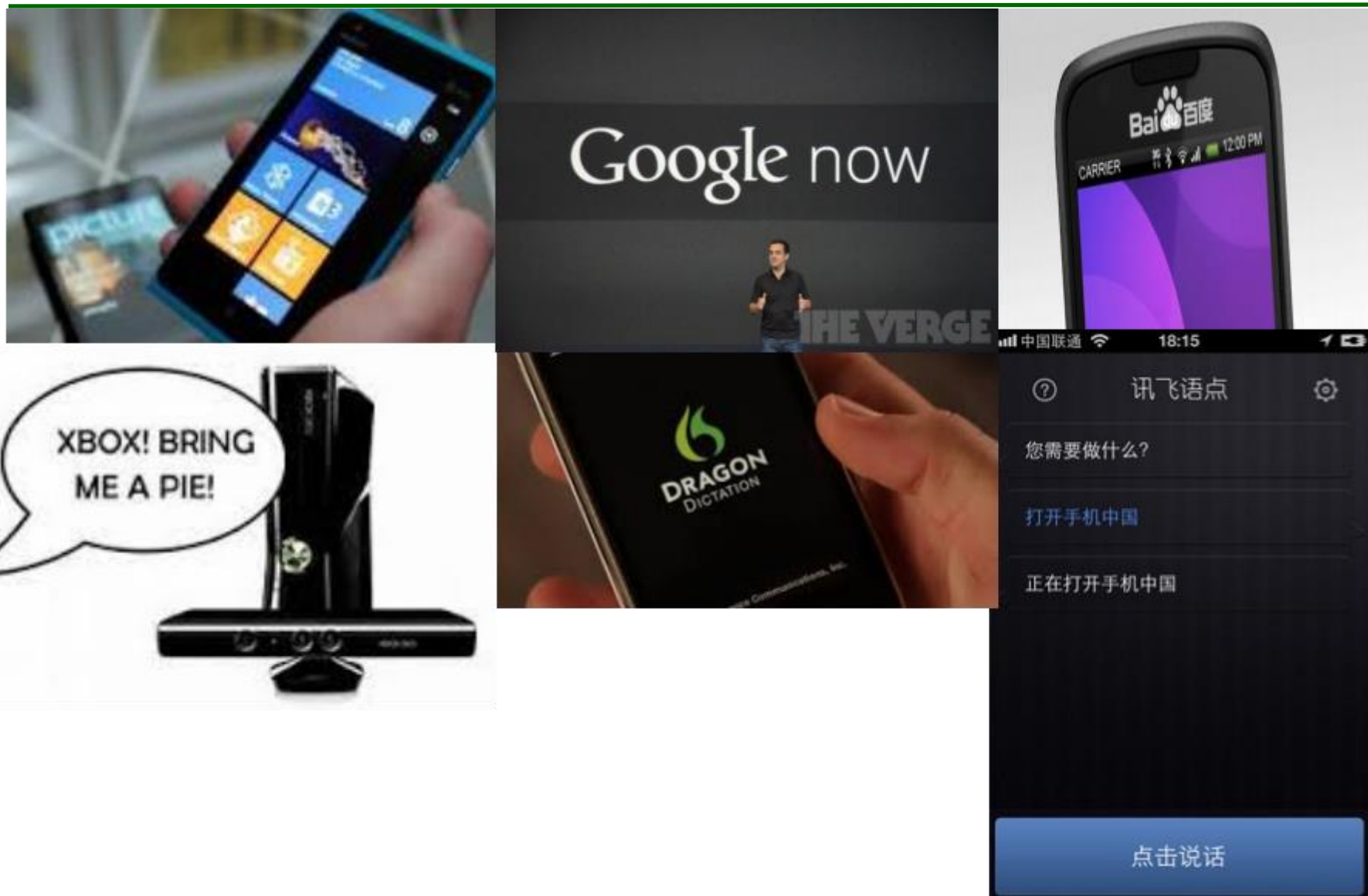


Deep learning has state-of-the-art results

# Hidden Layers	1	2	4	8	10	12
Word Error Rate %	16.0	12.8	11.4	10.9	11.0	11.1

Baseline GMM performance = 15.4%  
[Zeiler et al. "On rectified linear units for speech recognition" ICASSP 2013]

# Impact of Deep Learning in Speech Technology



# Types of Learning

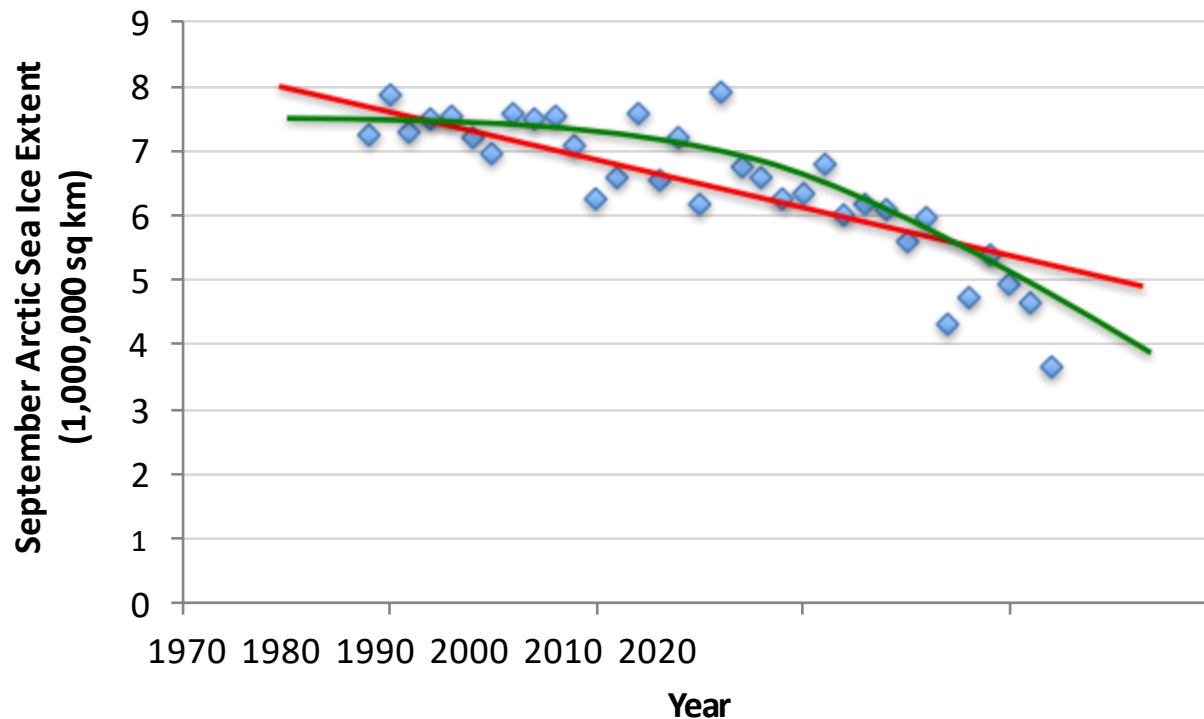
# Types of Learning

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- **Supervised (inductive) learning**
  - Given: training data + desired outputs (labels)
- **Unsupervised learning**
  - Given: training data (without desired outputs)
- **Semi-supervised learning**
  - Given: training data + a few desired outputs
- **Reinforcement learning**
  - Rewards from sequence of actions

# Supervised Learning: Regression

- Given  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Learn a function  $f(x)$  to predict  $y$  given  $x$ 
  - $y$  is real-valued == regression

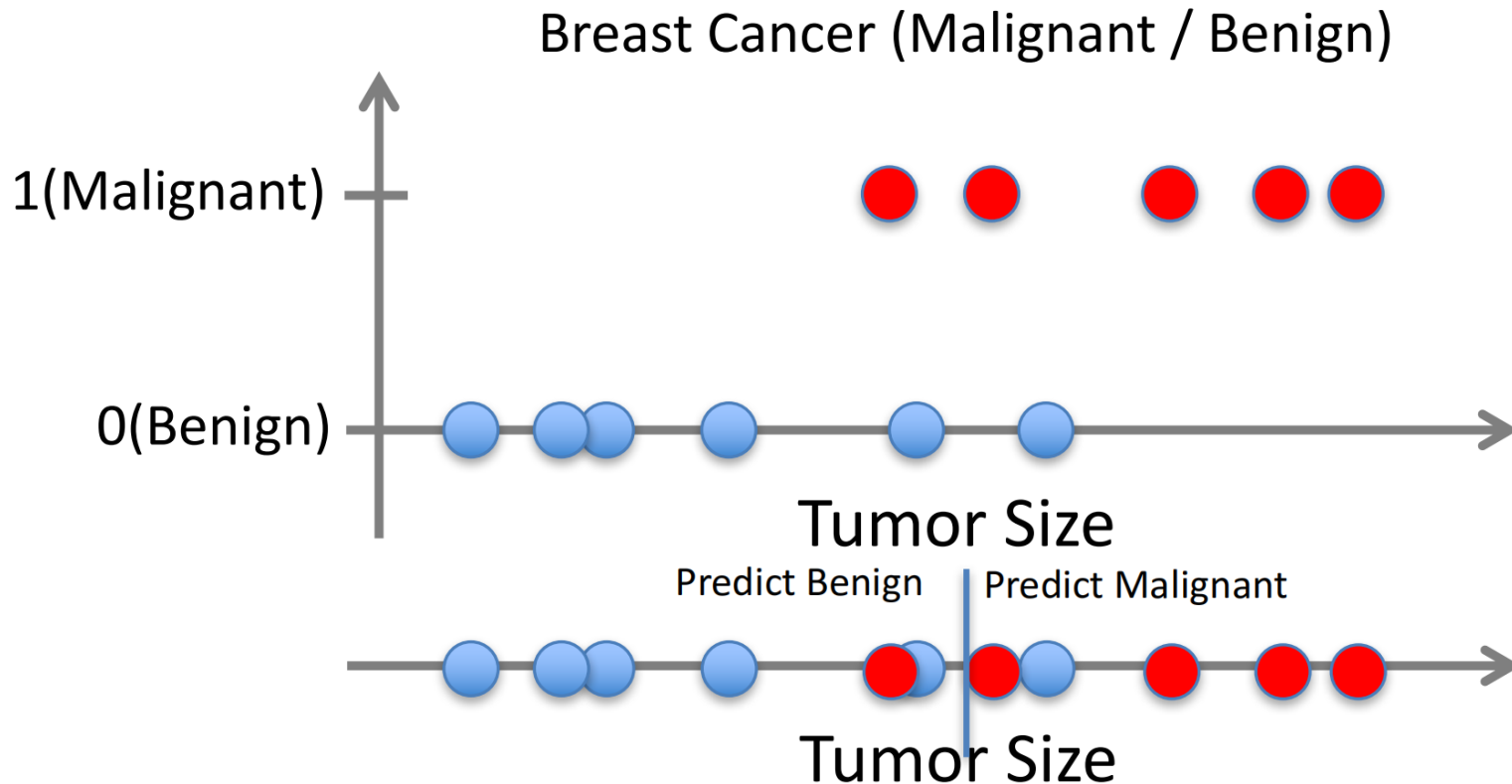




# Supervised Learning: Classification

Given  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

- Learn a function  $f(x)$  to predict  $y$  given  $x$ 
  - $y$  is categorical == classification



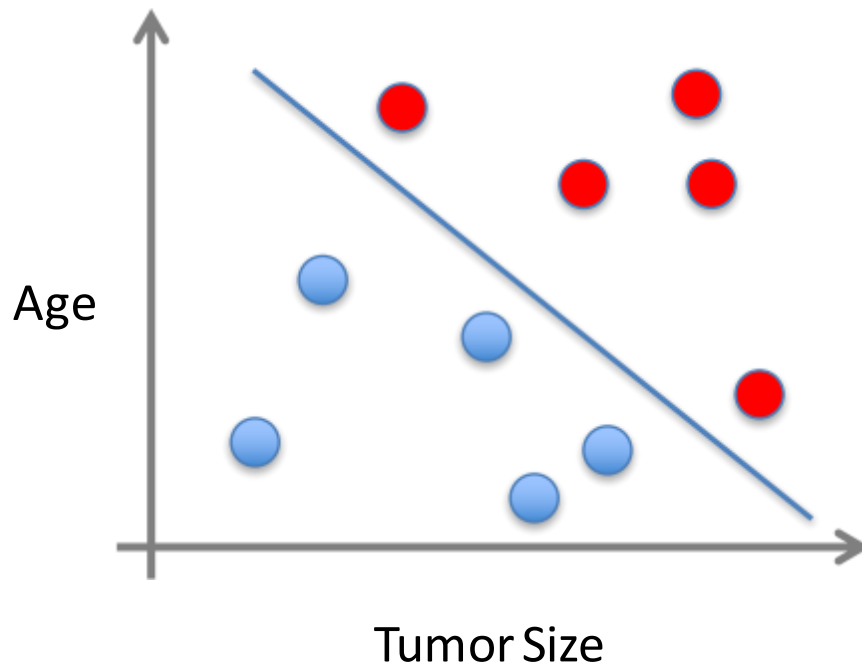


# Supervised Learning

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X can be multi-dimensional

– Each dimension corresponds to an attribute

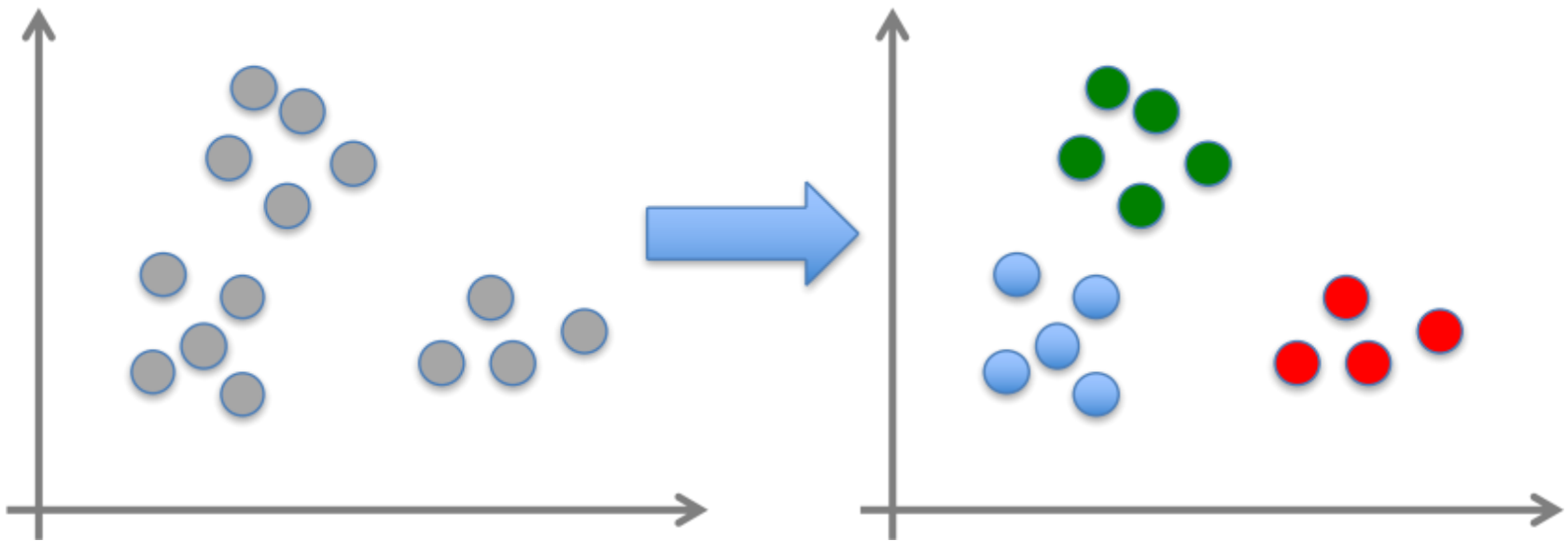


- Clump Thickness
- Uniformity of Cell Size
- Uniformity of Cell Shape
- ...

# Unsupervised Learning

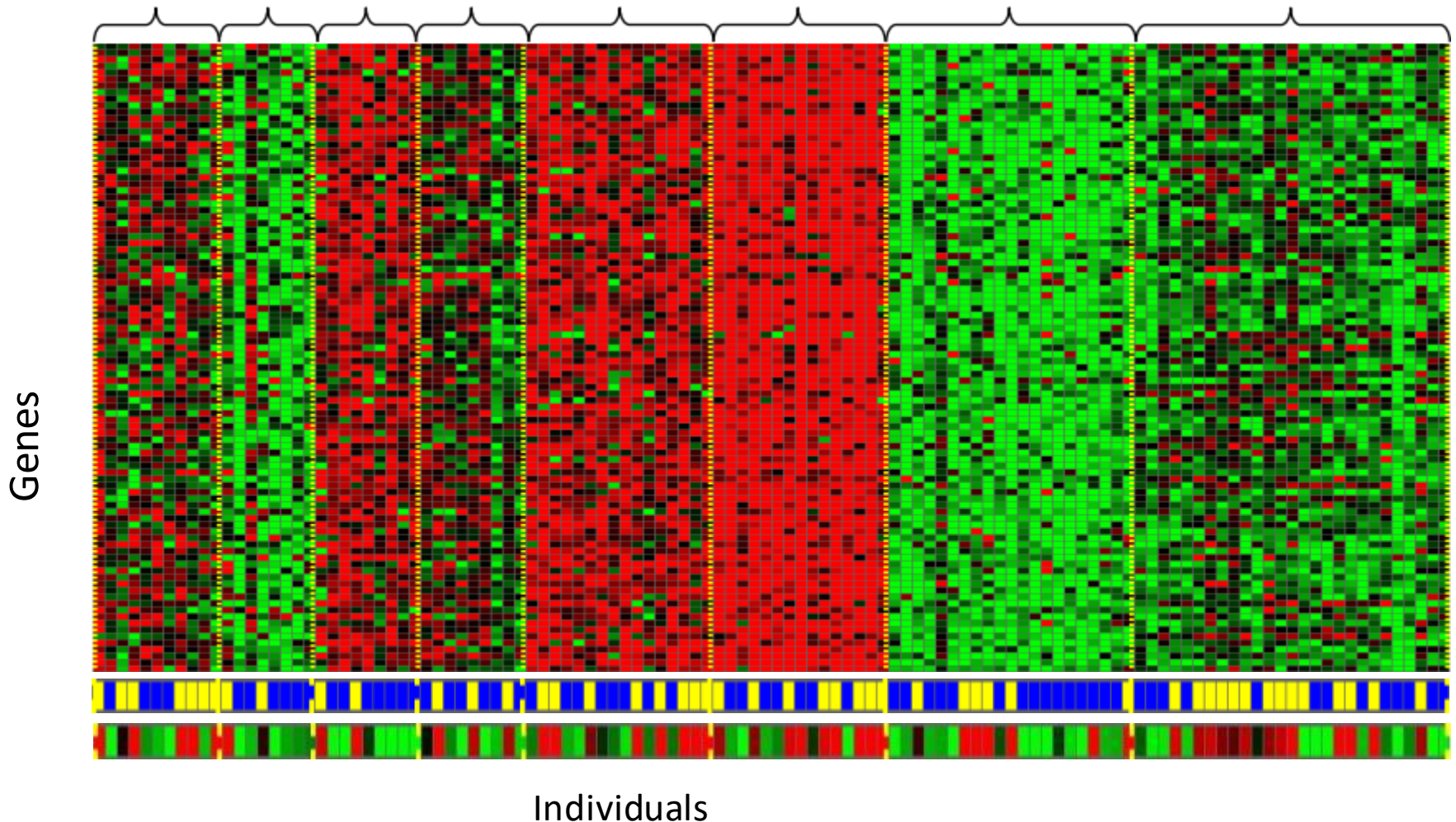
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- Given  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (without labels)
- Output hidden structure behind the  $x$ 's
  - E.g., clustering



# Unsupervised Learning

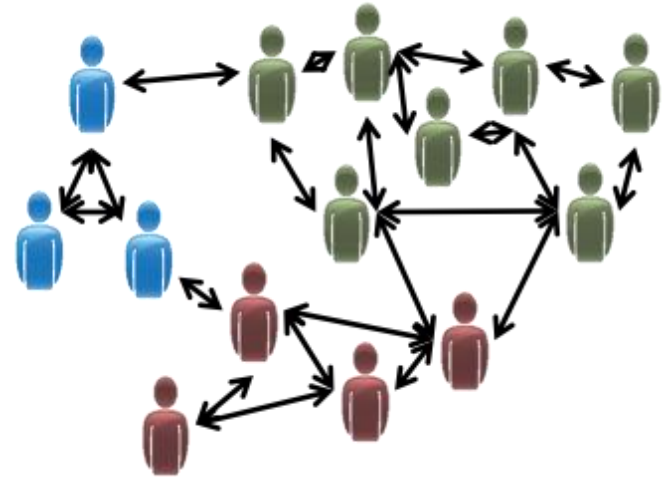
Genomics application: group individuals by genetic similarity



# Unsupervised Learning



Organize computing clusters



Social network analysis



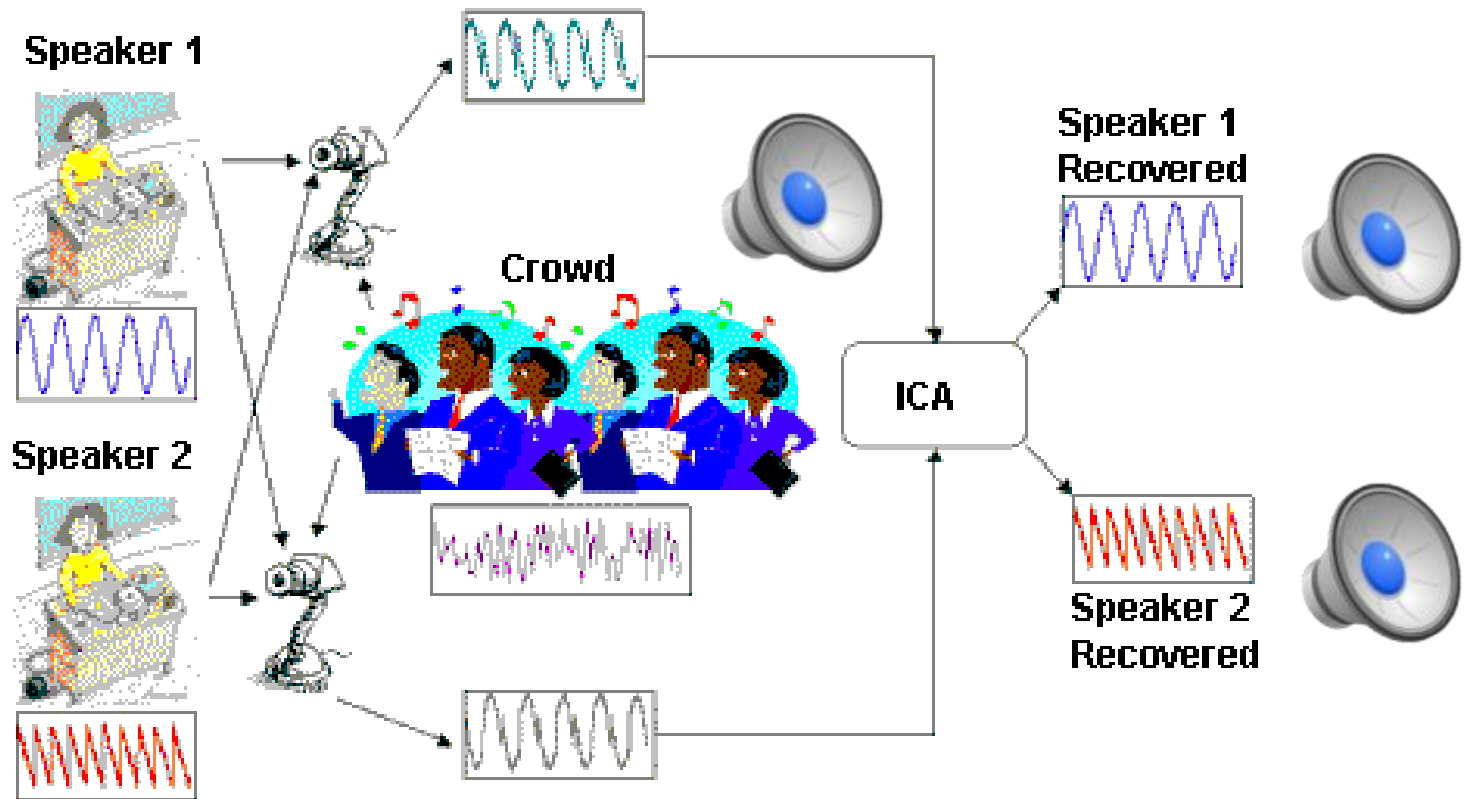
Market segmentation



Astronomical data analysis

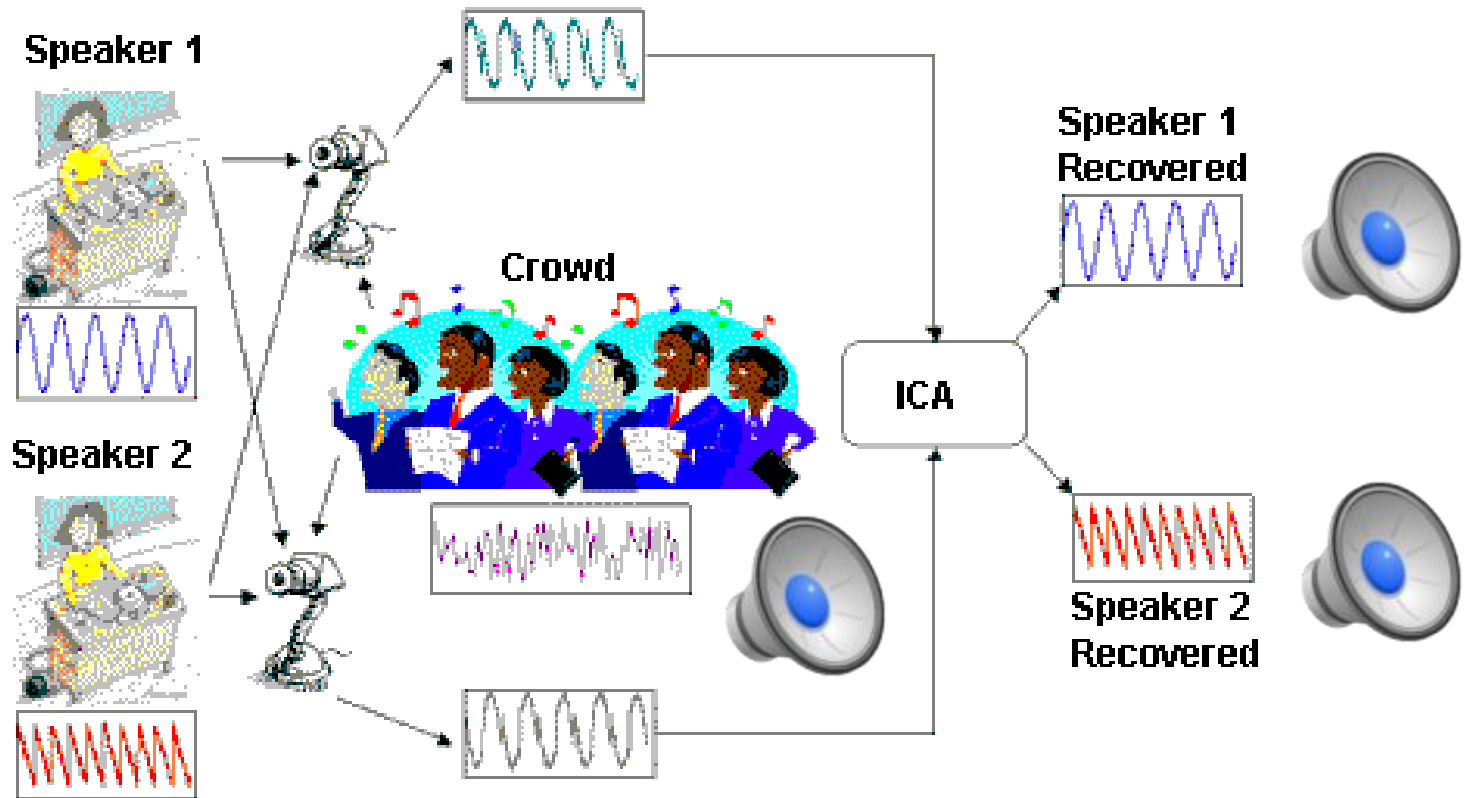
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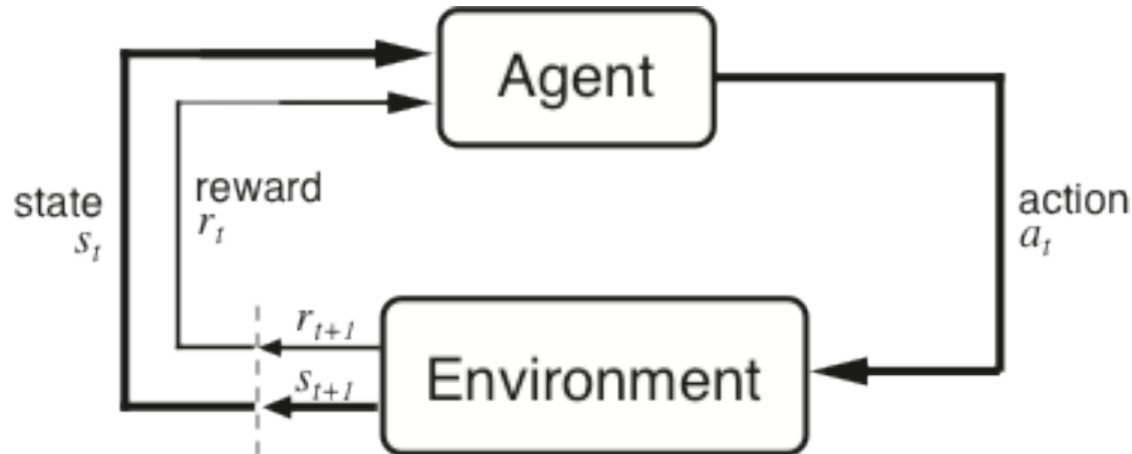


# Reinforcement Learning

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- Given a sequence of states and actions with (delayed) rewards, output a policy
  - Policy is a mapping from states  $\rightarrow$  actions that tells you what to do in a given state
- Examples :
  - Credit assignment problem
  - Game playing
  - Robot in a maze
  - Balance a pole on your hand

# The Agent-Environment Interface



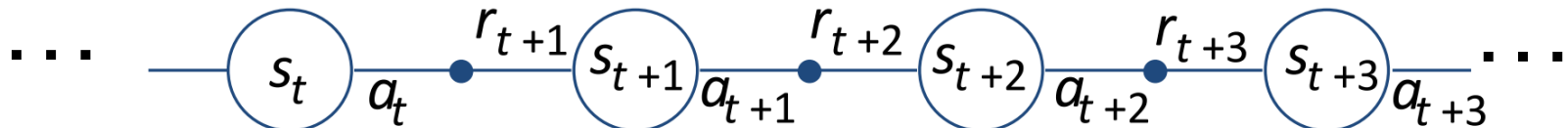
Agent and environment interact at discrete time steps :  $t = 0, 1, 2, K$

Agent observes state at step  $t$ :  $s_t \in S$

produces action at step  $t$ :  $a_t \in A(s_t)$

gets resulting reward :  $r_{t+1} \in \mathcal{R}$

and resulting next state :  $s_{t+1}$





# Reinforcement Learning

## AlphaGo vs. 李世石



# Inverse Reinforcement Learning

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- Extract the reward function from an agent's observed behavior.

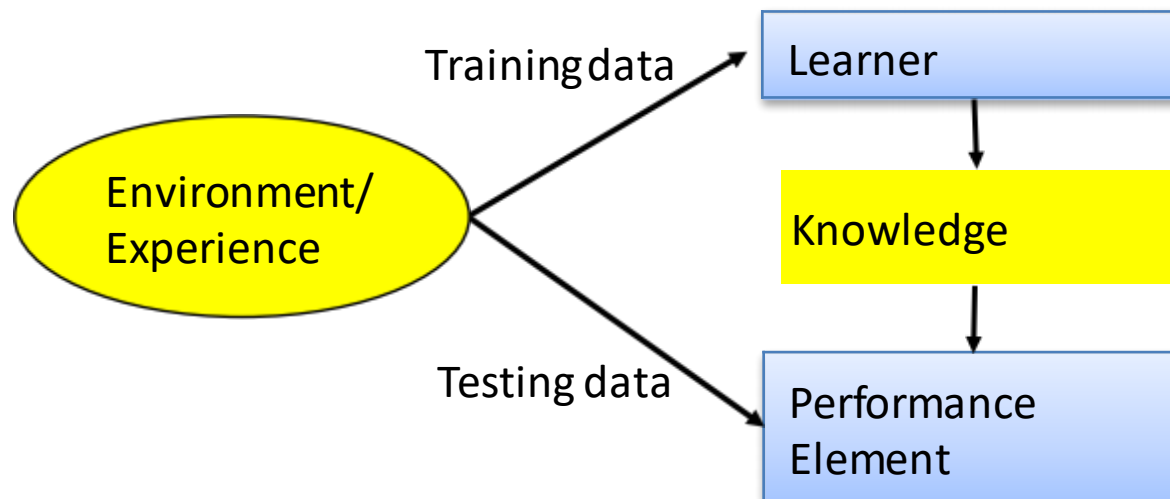


Stanford Autonomous Helicopter

# Framing a Learning Problem

# Designing a Learning System

- Choose the training experience
- Choose exactly what is to be learned
  - i.e. the **target function**
- Choose how to represent the target function
- Choose a learning algorithm to infer the target function from the experience



# Training vs. Test Distribution

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- We generally assume that the training and test examples are independently drawn from the same overall distribution of data
  - We call this “i.i.d.” (i.e. “independent and identically distributed”)
- If examples are not independent (e.g interconnected with each other via linkage structure), requires *collective classification*
- If test distribution is different, requires *transfer learning*

# ML in a Nutshell

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- Tens of thousands of machine learning algorithms
  - Hundreds new every year
- Every ML algorithm has three components:
  - Representation
  - Optimization
  - Evaluation

# Various Function Representations

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- Numerical functions
  - Linear regression
  - Neural networks
  - Support vector machines
- Symbolic functions
  - Decision trees
  - Rules in propositional logic
  - Rules in first-order predicate logic
- Instance-based functions
  - Nearest-neighbor
  - Case-based
- Probabilistic Graphical Models
  - Naïve Bayes
  - Bayesian networks
  - Hidden- Markov Models (HMMs)
  - Probabilistic Context Free Grammars (PCFGs)
  - Markov networks

# Various Search/Optimization Algorithms

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- Gradient descent
  - Perceptron
  - Backpropagation
- Dynamic Programming
  - HMM Learning
  - PCFG Learning
- Divide and Conquer
  - Decision tree induction
  - Rule learning
- Evolutionary Computation
  - Genetic Algorithms (GAs)
  - Genetic Programming (GP)
  - Neuro-evolution



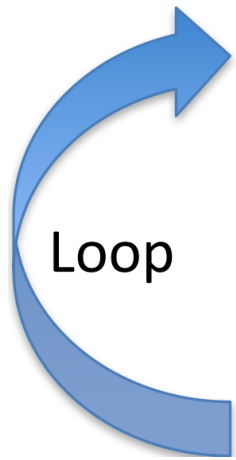
# Evaluation

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- Accuracy
- Precision and recall
- Squared error
- Likelihood
- Posterior probability
- Cost / Utility
- Margin
- Entropy
- K-L divergence
- etc.

# ML in Practice

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- Understand domain, prior knowledge, and goals
- Data integration, selection, cleaning, pre-processing, etc.
- Learn models
- Interpret results
- Consolidate and deploy discovered knowledge

# Lessons Learned about Learning

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- Learning can be viewed as using direct or indirect experience to approximate a chosen target function.
- Function approximation can be viewed as a search through a space of hypotheses (representations of functions) for one that best fits a set of training data.
- Different learning methods assume different hypothesis spaces (representation languages) and/or employ different search techniques.

# A Brief History of Machine Learning

# History of Machine Learning

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- **1950s**
  - Samuel's checker player
  - Selfridge's Pandemonium
- **1960s:**
  - Neural networks: Perceptron
  - Pattern recognition
  - Learning in the limit theory
  - Minsky and Papert prove limitations of Perceptron
- **1970s:**
  - Symbolic concept induction
  - Winston's arch learner
  - Expert systems and the knowledge acquisition bottleneck
  - Quinlan's ID3
  - Michalski's AQ and soybean diagnosis
  - Scientific discovery with BACON
  - Mathematical discovery with AM

# History of Machine Learning (cont.)

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- **1980s:**

- Advanced decision tree and rule learning
- Explanation-based Learning (EBL)
- Learning and planning and problem solving
- Utility problem
- Analogy
- Cognitive architectures
- Resurgence of neural networks (connectionism, backpropagation)
- Valiant's PAC Learning Theory
- Focus on experimental methodology

- **1990s**

- Data mining
- Adaptive software agents and web applications
- Text learning
- Reinforcement learning (RL)
- Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)
- Ensembles: Bagging, Boosting, and Stacking
- Bayes Net learning

# History of Machine Learning (cont.)

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- **2000s**

- Support vector machines & kernel methods
- Graphical models
- Statistical relational learning
- Transfer learning
- Sequence labeling
- Collective classification and structured outputs
- Computer Systems Applications (Compilers, Debugging, Graphics, Security)
- E-mail management
- Personalized assistants that learn
- Learning in robotics and vision

- **2010s**

- Deep learning systems
- Learning for big data
- Bayesian methods
- Multi-task & lifelong learning
- Applications to vision, speech, social networks, learning to read, etc.
- ???

# What is Data Mining?



# What is Data Mining?

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Knowledge discovery from data

But to extract the knowledge  
data needs to be

- Stored
- Managed
- And ANALYZED ← this class

Data Mining  $\approx$  Big Data  $\approx$   
Predictive Analytics  $\approx$  Data Science

# What is Data Mining?

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Given lots of data

Discover patterns and models that are:

- **Valid:** hold on new data with some certainty
- **Useful:** should be possible to act on the item
- **Unexpected:** non-obvious to the system
- **Understandable:** humans should be able to interpret the pattern

# What is Data Mining?

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The discovery of “models” for data, e.g.

1. Statistical Modeling
2. Machine Learning
3. Computational Approaches to Modeling
4. Summarization
5. Feature Extraction

# Statistical Modeling

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Statisticians were the first to use the term “data mining.”

Statisticians view data mining as the construction of a statistical model , that is, an underlying distribution from which the visible data is drawn.

**Example: Does a data set come from a Gaussian distribution? If yes, what is the parameter for the model?**

# Machine Learning

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Machine learning vs Data mining

Machine-learning practitioners use the data as a training set, to train an algorithm, e.g.

1. Bayes nets
2. Support-vector machines
3. Decision trees
4. Hidden Markov models

Data Mining uses algorithms to discover interesting patterns from data.

# Computational Approaches to Modeling

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More recently, computer scientists have looked at data mining as an algorithmic problem.

In this case, the model of the data is simply the answer to a complex query about it.

E.g. Computing mean and std. dev.

# Summarization

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To summarize the data in a simplified form, e.g.

1. PageRank: In this form of Web mining, the entire complex structure of the Web is summarized by a single number for each page.
2. Another important form of summary is clustering

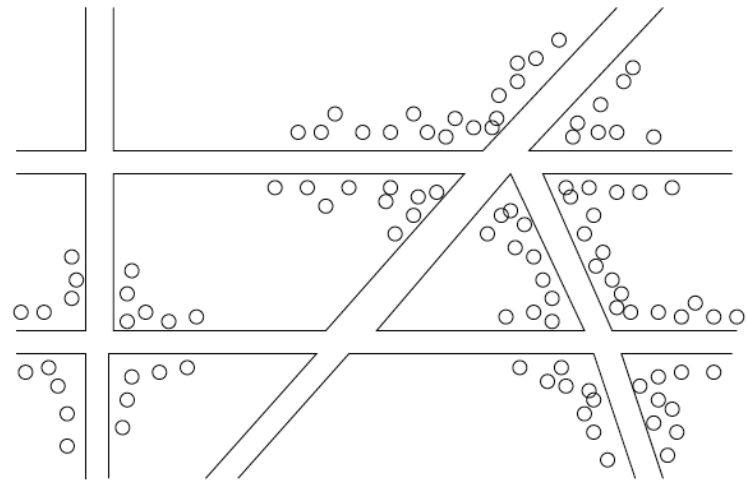


Figure 1.1: Plotting cholera cases on a map of London



# Feature Extraction

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The typical feature-based model looks for the most **extreme examples** of a phenomenon and represents the data by these examples, e.g.

1. Frequent Itemsets
2. Similar Items

# Data Mining Tasks

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## Descriptive methods

- Find human-interpretable patterns that describe the data
  - **Example:** Clustering
  - **More examples?**

## Predictive methods

- Use some variables to predict unknown or future values of other variables
  - **Example:** Recommender systems
  - **More examples?**

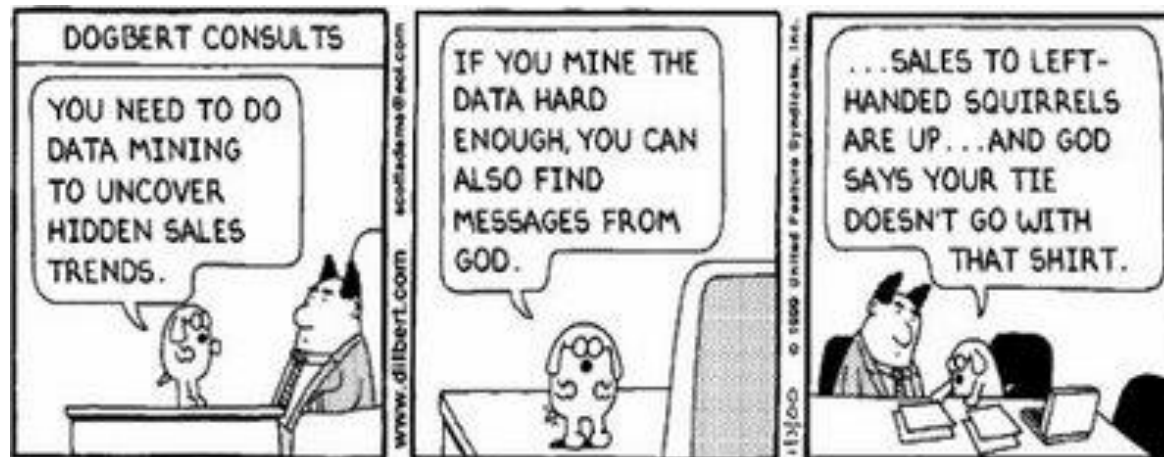
# Meaningfulness of Analytic Answers

A risk with “Data mining” is that an analyst can “discover” patterns that are meaningless

Statisticians call it **Bonferroni's principle (邦弗朗尼原理)**:

- Roughly, if you look in more places for interesting patterns than your amount of data will support, you are bound to find crap

**Bush' Total Information Awareness**



# Meaningfulness of Analytic Answers

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## Example:

We want to find (unrelated) people who **at least twice have stayed at the same hotel on the same day**

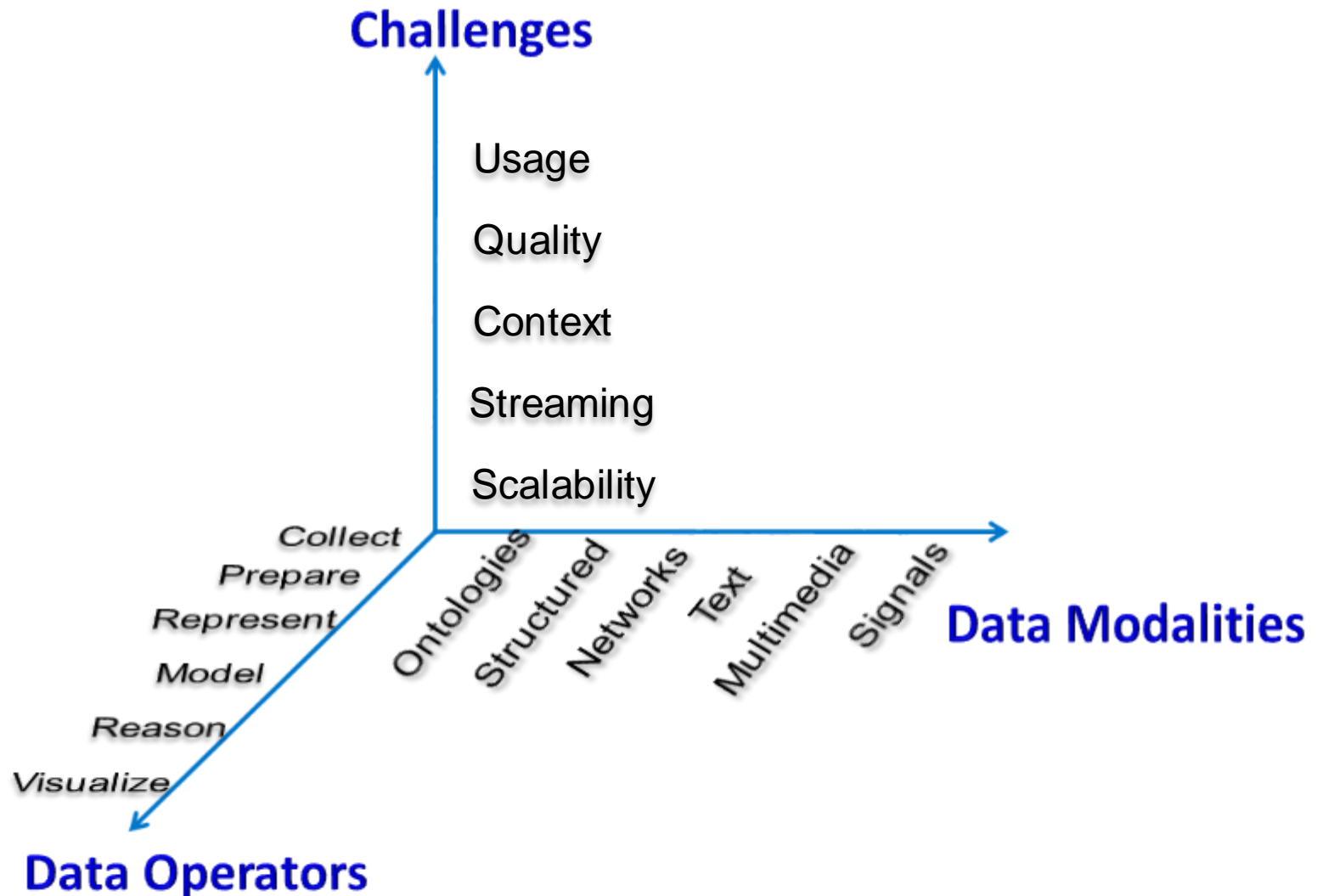
- $10^9$  (1 billion) people being tracked
- 1,000 days
- Each person stays in a hotel 1% of time (1 day out of 100)
- Hotels hold 100 people (so  $10^5$  hotels)
- **If everyone behaves randomly (i.e., no terrorists) will the data mining detect anything suspicious?**

## Expected number of “suspicious” pairs of people:

- 250,000
- ... too many combinations to check – we need to have some additional evidence to find “suspicious” pairs of people in some more efficient way

# What Matters When Dealing with Data?

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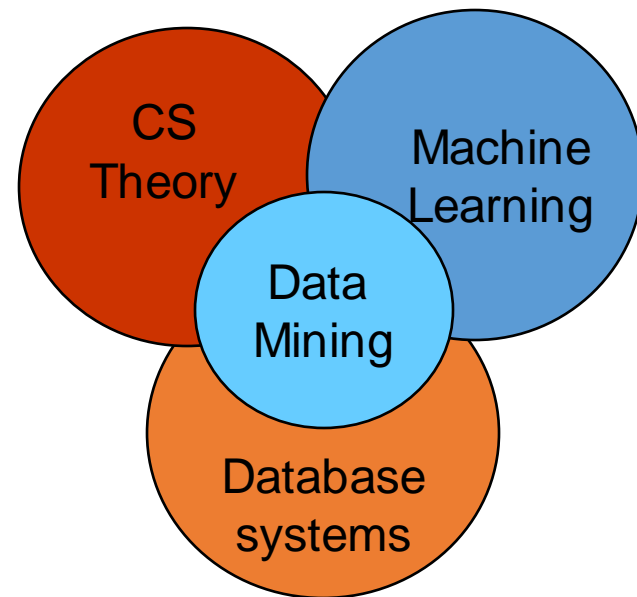
# Data Mining: Cultures

## Data mining overlaps with:

- **Databases:** Large-scale data, simple queries
- **Machine learning:** Small data, Complex models
- **CS Theory:** (Randomized) Algorithms

## Different cultures:

- To a DB person, data mining is an extreme form of **analytic processing** – queries that examine large amounts of data
  - Result is the query answer
  - **Most of Data miner is from DB person**
- To a ML person, data-mining is the **inference of models**
  - Result is the parameters of the model
  - **ML results can be published in DM Conf./Jou.**



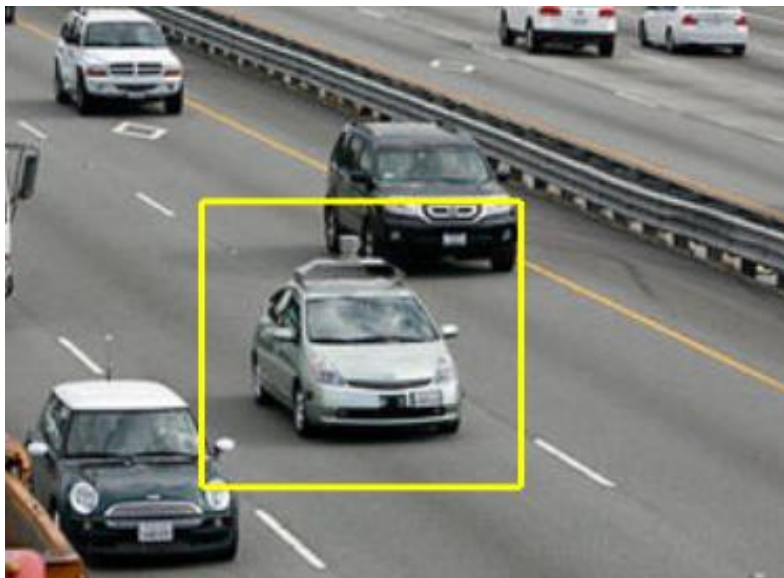
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# 自动驾驶例子

## 自动驾驶例子



2011美国内华达州批准自动驾驶汽车上路



2018年广州生物岛自动驾驶出租车试运营

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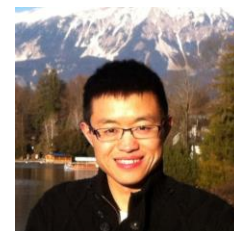
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