

# Demystifying ML, AI & Automation Part I

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# Intro

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## About

BSc Automation Engineering – Telematic Applications

MSc Information Systems – Reinforcement Learning

Interests – Applied ML, RL especially in time domain

## Experience

5 years Software Developer in Greece

8 years Engineer and Manager in OTE

3 years Program Manager in DTAG



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# Why Lectures?

- Get a better overview of the current landscape in ML, AI & Automation, because they can potentially help us on:
  - Reducing complexity of network
  - Improving experience by Time-to-market, Time-to-repair
  - Repetitive caused costs can be targeted and reduced
  - Forecasting, Automating, Making predictions smarter
- Create a common understanding of what ML, AI & Automation
- “Start with the problem” philosophy  
Pros cons, Tools, etc. should not dictate what we should use!
  - Identify what we want to solve
  - Work to the algorithms & models needed
  - Utilise best approach
- Start changing mindset and attitude...

“AI is the New  
Electricity”

Andrew Ng

# But, be aware of the dark side!

- Keep in mind it can solve particular types of problems!
- ML is not a tool to fix everything
- In some cases needs high degree of mathematics understanding and of course, you should know your problem.



# Simplistic Definitions

- Automation Comes from ancient compound greek word which means the thing that wishes on its own or the has a will or fury by itself
- Artificial Intelligence<sup>1c</sup> is Human Intelligence Exhibited by Machines
- Machine Learning<sup>1a</sup> is a field of computer science that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed
- Deep learning<sup>1b</sup> is part of a broader family of machine learning methods based on learning data representations, as opposed to task-specific algorithms.

def·i·ni·tion  
defəˈniʃ(ə)n  
noun  
a statement of the exact meaning of a word,  
especially in a dictionary.

1a Machine Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine\\_learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning)

1b Deep Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

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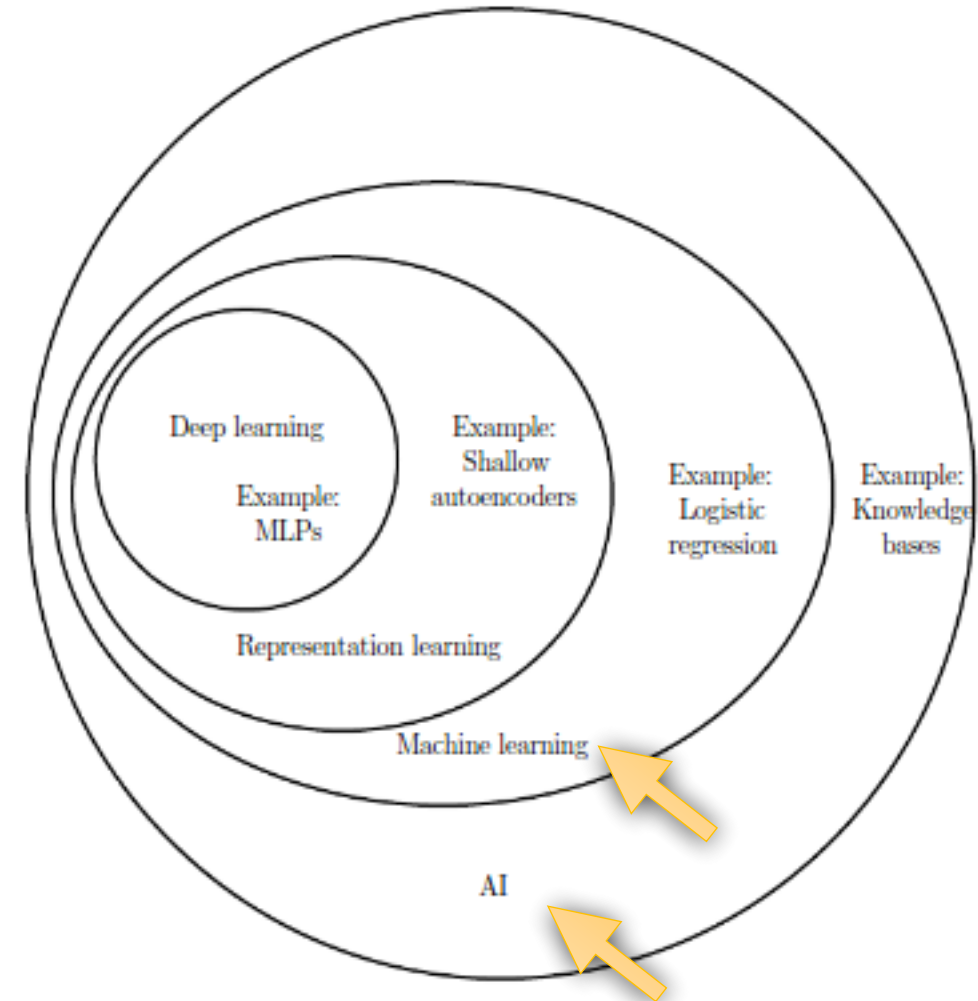
1c What's the Difference Between Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning?, Copeland, Nvidia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2016/07/29/whats-difference-artificial-intelligence-machine-learning-deep-learning-ai/>

# Landscape overview

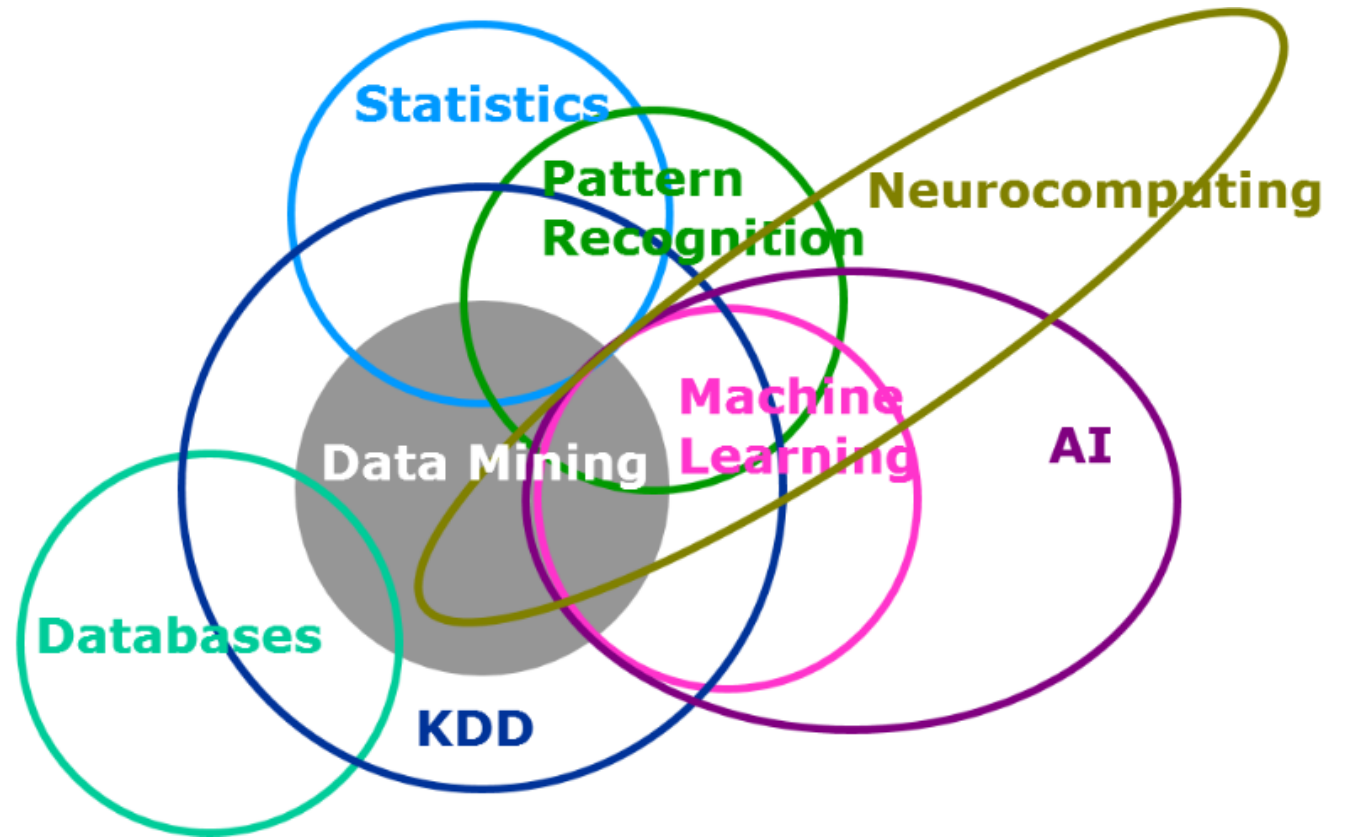
Landscape and focus<sup>2</sup> areas vary:

- Automation
- Statistics & Probability
- Data Mining
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
  - Supervised Learning
  - Unsupervised Learning
  - Reinforcement Learning
- Deep Learning
- Other Areas
  - Deep Reinforcement Learning



# Landscape overview

Landscape and focus<sup>3</sup> areas of ML also could have overlaps with other scientific disciplines such as Data Mining, AI, Big Data and other.



# Bayes Theorem

- $P(A|B) \implies$  Probability of A given that B

- Exercise on Bayes<sup>4</sup>

Out of 3000 emails received over a certain period, 2000 are spam and 1000 are not. The word “Rolex” appeared in 250 out of the 2000 which are spam and in 5 out of the 1000. So, if an email is received, i.e. email<sub>3001</sub>, and contains the word “Rolex”, what is the possibility that it is a spam?

Let S be the event that the message is spam, and E be the event that the message contains the word w. Under our assumption from before, we have that:

$$P(S|E) = \frac{P(E|S)}{P(E|S) + P(E|\bar{S})}$$



# Bayes Theorem exercise

- Example – Solution:  
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$$P(S|E) = \frac{\frac{250}{2000}}{\frac{250}{2000} + \frac{5}{1000}} =$$

$$\frac{0.125}{0.125 + 0.005} \approx 0.962$$

# Markov Chains

- Statistics & Probability - Markov Chains<sup>5</sup>

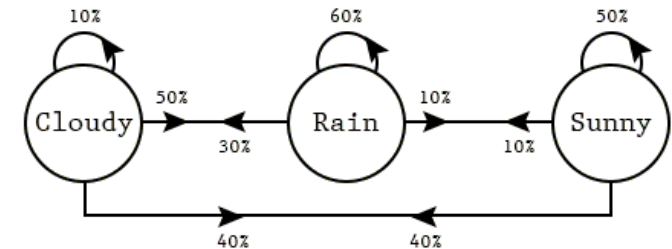
Markov Chains is a probabilistic process, that relies on the current state to predict the next state. For Markov chains to be effective the current state has to be dependent on the previous state in some way;

For instance, from experience we know that if it looks cloudy outside, the next state we expect is rain. We can also say that when the rain starts to subside into cloudiness, the next state will most likely be sunny.

MARKOV TABLE OF PROBABILITIES

STATE	NEXT STATE	PROBABILITY	%
CLOUDY	CLOUDY	0.1	10%
CLOUDY	RAIN	0.5	50%
CLOUDY	SUNNY	0.4	40%
RAIN	CLOUDY	0.3	30%
RAIN	RAIN	0.6	60%
RAIN	SUNNY	0.1	10%
SUNNY	CLOUDY	0.4	40%
SUNNY	RAIN	0.1	10%
SUNNY	SUNNY	0.5	50%

Markov State Diagram



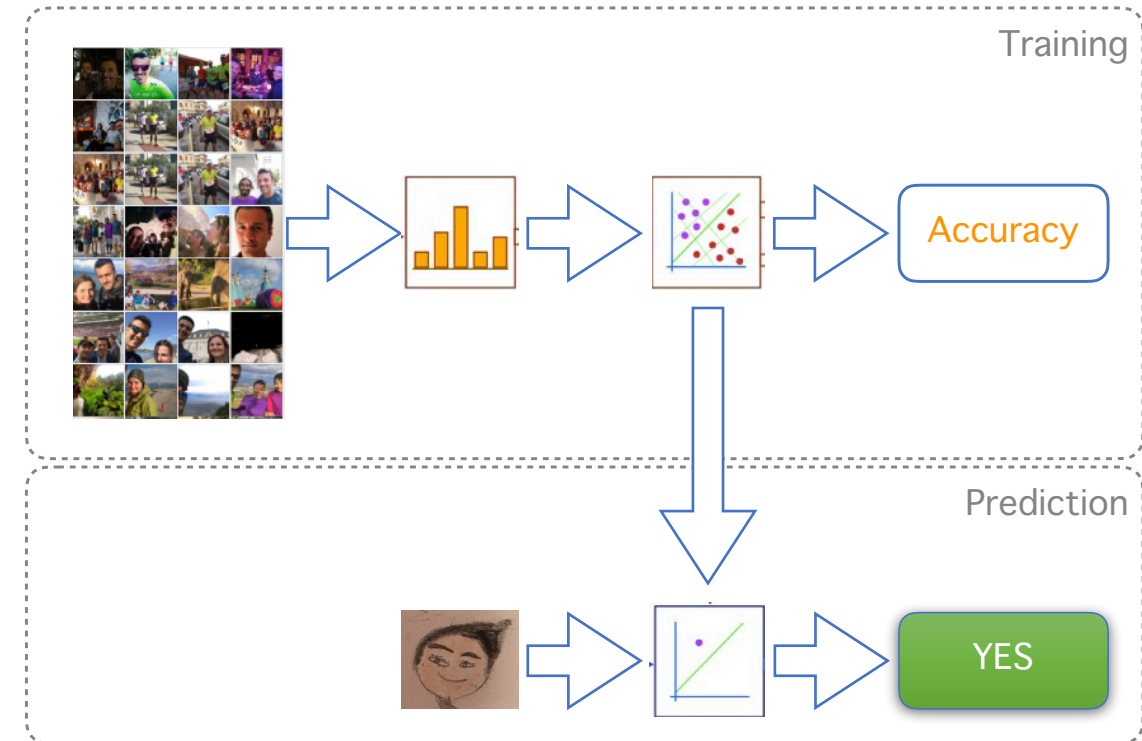
Current State Vector

C	R	S
1	0	0

Figure 4

# ML Categories, Techniques & Classification<sup>6</sup>

- Supervised Learning
    - Classification
    - Regression
  - Unsupervised Learning
    - Clustering
  - Reinforcement Learning
    - TD
    - Q-Learning
- Examples of Classifiers
    - Linear classifiers
    - Support vector machines
    - Quadratic classifiers
    - Kernel estimation
    - Boosting (meta-algorithm)
    - Decision trees
    - Neural networks
    - Learning vector quantisation
  - Problems that classifiers help:
    - Supervised Learning
    - Clustering
    - Dimensionality reduction
    - Anomaly prediction
    - Neural Nets
    - RL/DRL



<sup>6</sup> Machine Learning in MATLAB, web site as of 29 Nov 2017

[https://www.mathworks.com/help/stats/machine-learning-in-matlab.html?s\\_tid=gn\\_loc\\_drop](https://www.mathworks.com/help/stats/machine-learning-in-matlab.html?s_tid=gn_loc_drop)

<sup>6</sup> A Tutorial on Reinforcement Learning Techniques, Carlos Henrique Costa Ribeiro, as of 29 Nov 2017

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.93.4905&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

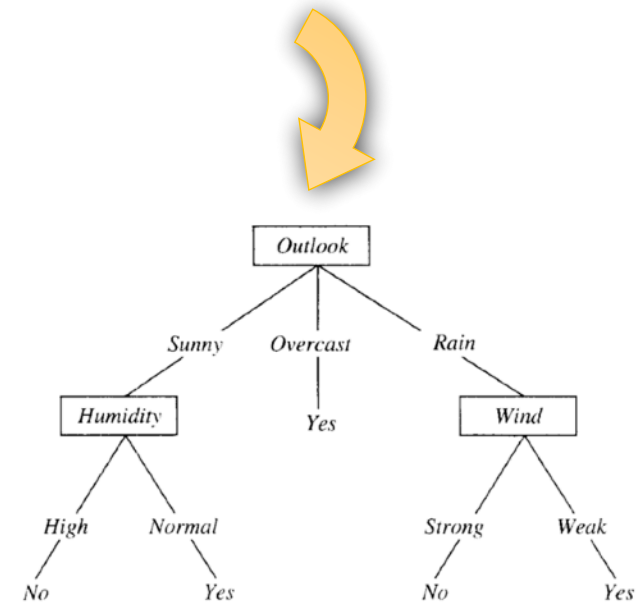
<sup>6</sup> Statistical Classification, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

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# Supervised Learning - DTL

- Decision Tree Learning  
DTL is method for approximating discrete valued target functions, in which the learned function is represented by a decision tree.  
(Weka example will follow)
- Example<sup>7a</sup> dataset converted via algorithm to Decision tree
- Methodology<sup>7b</sup> of is whenever a feature is able to tell us more about our class, it is selected as a node

No.	1: outlook	2: temperature	3: humidity	4: windy	5: play
	Nominal	Numeric	Numeric	Nominal	Nominal
1	sunny	85.0	85.0	FALSE	no
2	sunny	80.0	90.0	TRUE	no
3	overcast	83.0	86.0	FALSE	yes
4	rainy	70.0	96.0	FALSE	yes
5	rainy	68.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
6	rainy	65.0	70.0	TRUE	no
7	overcast	64.0	65.0	TRUE	yes
8	sunny	72.0	95.0	FALSE	no
9	sunny	69.0	70.0	FALSE	yes
...	rainy	75.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
...	sunny	75.0	70.0	TRUE	yes
...	overcast	72.0	90.0	TRUE	yes
...	overcast	81.0	75.0	FALSE	yes
...	rainy	71.0	91.0	TRUE	no



7a Machine Learning, Mitchell, McGraw, 1997.

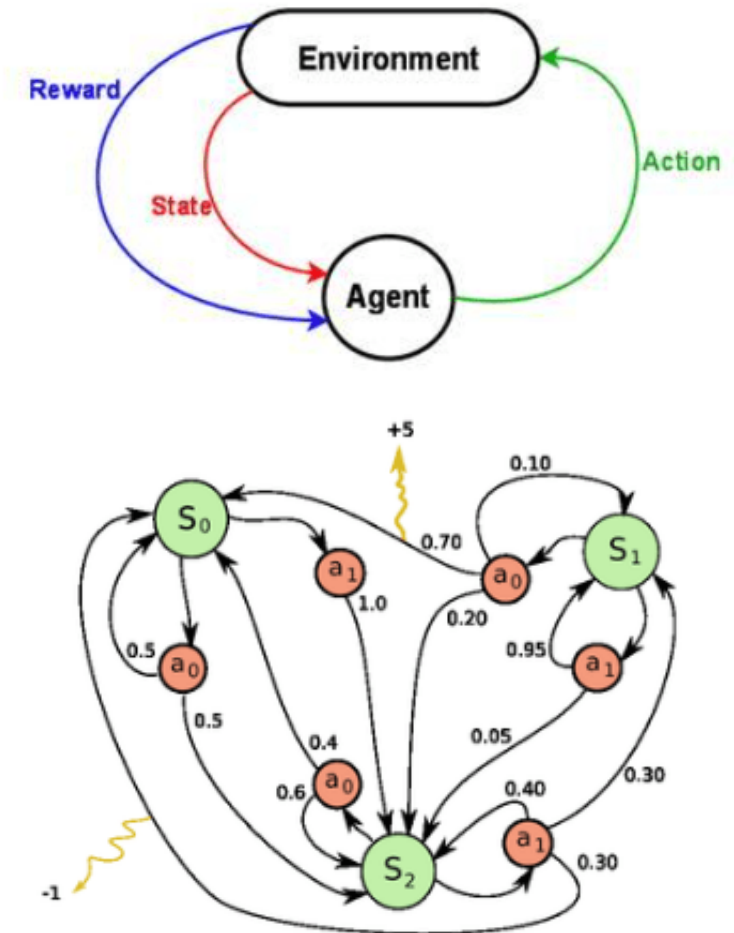
<http://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spr07/cos424/papers/mitchell-dectrees.pdf>

7b Classification Methods, Padhye, 2017.

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~padhy005/Chapter5.html>

# Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- Reinforcement Learning<sup>8</sup> is learning what to do-- how to map situations to actions--so as to maximise a numerical reward signal.
- Reinforcement learning is defined not by characterising learning methods, but by characterising a learning problem.



# Workflow – The ML Pipeline<sup>9</sup>

High Level Step	Short Description	Possible Skills <i>(actual skills &amp; roles will vary, even from project to project!)</i>
Define Objective	Start with the question or problem we want to solve	<i>Analytics, Operational</i>
Allocate proper data	Find proper data and sources, prepare data set (train/dev/test)	<i>Data Science, Big Data</i>
Prepare Data	Identify features, flatten data in observations per row	<i>Data Science, Analytics</i>
Develop Model	Select ML algorithm suitable for selected problem	<i>Data Science, ML</i>
Train Model	Train, classify dataset	<i>Data Science, ML</i>
Analysis and Testing	Test your model for performance - errors, correct classifications	<i>Data Science, ML, Analytics</i>
Deploy, Monitor & Operate	Publish model in live environment	<i>Development, Operational</i>
Accuracy Improvement	Evaluate accuracy of predictions/forecasts	<i>Operational, Analytics</i>



<sup>9</sup> Deep Learning Dissected: The Role of DevOps Teams and Workflows, Adel El-Hallak, 08 Nov 2017

<https://thenewstack.io/deep-learning-dissected-devops-teams-workflows/>

<sup>9</sup> End-to-End Predictive Model in AzureML using Linear Regression, Tejaswi, 15 Nov 2014

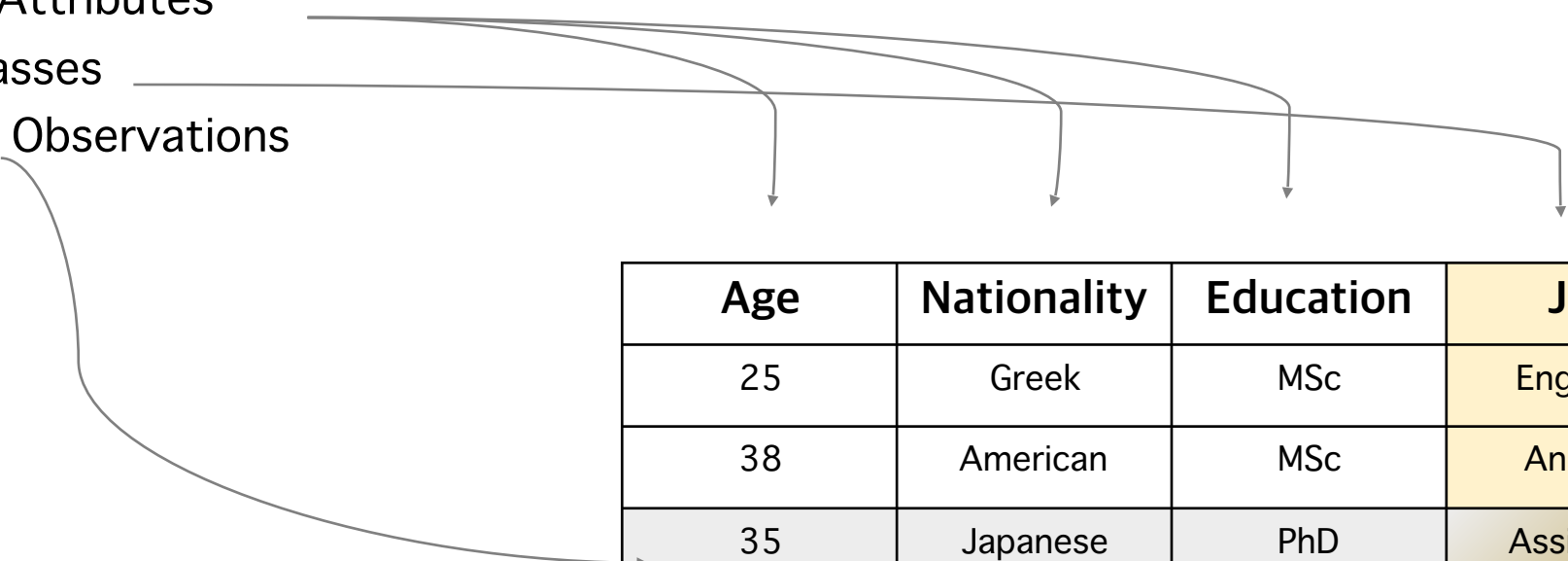
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<sup>9</sup> The 7 Steps of Machine Learning, Yufeng G, 31 Aug 2017

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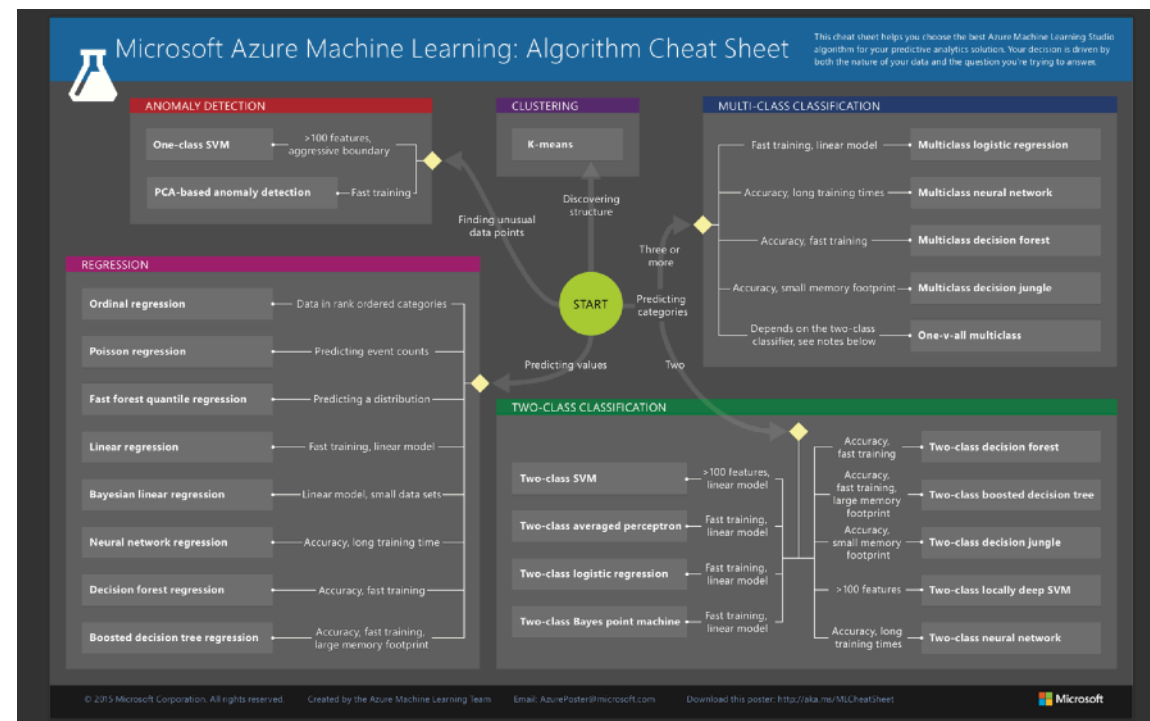
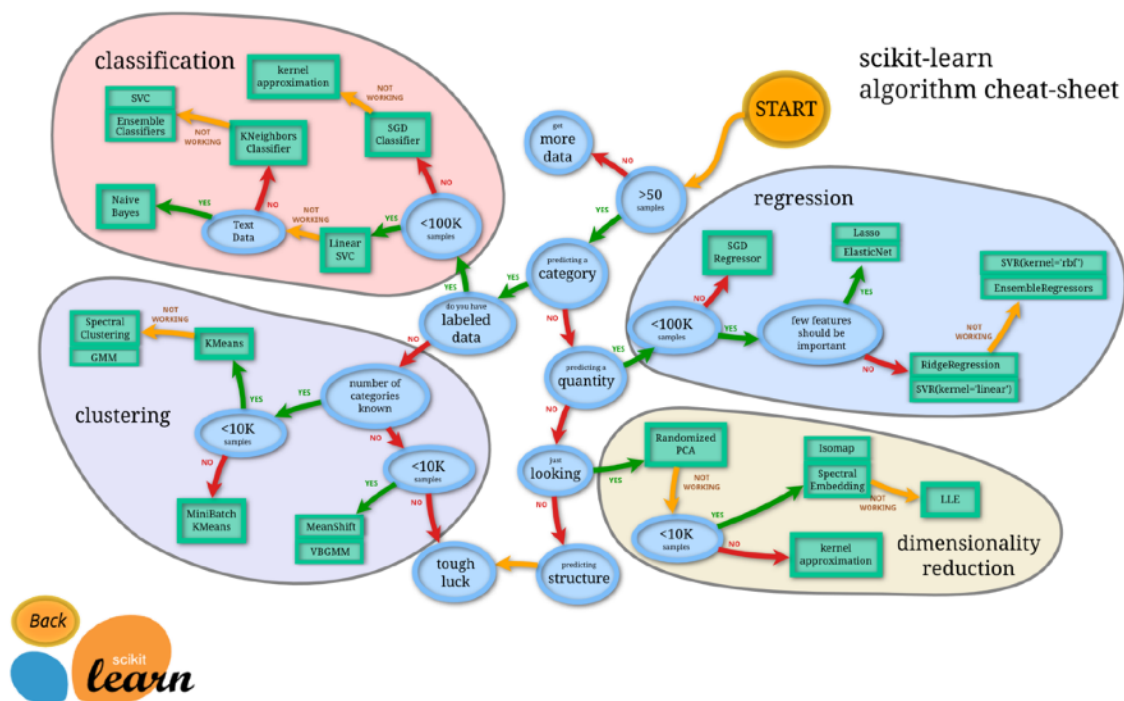
# Dataset semantics

- Dataset
  - Features or Attributes
  - Labels or Classes
  - Instances or Observations



Age	Nationality	Education	Job
25	Greek	MSc	Engineer
38	American	MSc	Analyst
35	Japanese	PhD	Assistant
...	...	...	...

# Choose an algorithm<sup>10a, 10b</sup>



10a Microsoft Azure Machine Learning: Algorithm Cheat Sheet, Microsoft website, 09 Nov 2017

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/6/1/A613E11E-8F9C-424A-B99D-65344785C288/microsoft-machine-learning-algorithm-cheat-sheet-v6.pdf>

10b Scikit-Learn Algorithm selection Procedure, Scikit-learn website, 23 Oct 2017

[http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/machine\\_learning\\_map/index.html](http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/machine_learning_map/index.html)



# Tools – Landscape<sup>11</sup>

Category	Sub-category	Description	Examples
Packages of ML Implementations	Statistical Software Packages	Software toolkits with a large set of implementations of ML algorithms, typically with visualization support	SAS, R, Matlab, SPSS
	Data Mining Toolkits	Software toolkits with a relatively limited set of ML algorithms, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance	<b>Weka</b> , AzureML, ODM, MADlib, Mahout, Hazy-Classify
	Developability-oriented Frameworks	Software frameworks and systems that aim to improve developability, typically from academic research	GraphLab, Bismarck, MLBase
	SRL Frameworks	Implementations of statistical relational learning (SRL)	DeepDive
	Deep Learning Systems	Implementations of deep neural networks	Google Brain, Microsoft Adam
	Bayesian Inference Systems	Systems providing scalable inference for Bayesian ML models	SimSQL, Elementary, Tuffy
Linear Algebra-based Systems	Statistical Software Packages	Systems offering an interactive statistical programming environment	SAS, R, Matlab
	R-based Analytics Systems	Systems that provide R or an R-like language for analytics, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance	RIOT, ORE, SystemML, LINVIEW
Model Management Systems		Systems that provide querying, versioning, and deployment support	SAS, LongView, Velox
Systems for Feature Engineering		Systems that provide abstractions to make feature engineering easier	Columbus , DeepDive
Systems for Algorithm Selection		Systems that provide abstractions to make algorithm selection easier	MLBase, AzureML
Systems for Parameter Tuning		Systems that provide abstractions to make parameter tuning easier	SAS, R, MLBase, AzureML

<sup>11</sup> A Survey of the Existing Landscape of ML Systems, Kumar; McCann; Naughton; Patel, 27 Nov 2015

# Deep Learning Toolkits comparison<sup>12</sup>

Toolkit	GPU Support	Other
Caffe	Yes	JSON-like text file to describe the network architecture
Deeplearning4j	Yes	Java on Scala API
Tensorflow	Yes	Google backing, high adoption - Python
Theano		Python
Keras		Python - uses Theano or Tensorflow as backend
MXNet	Yes	C++
Lasagne		Python - uses Then
CNTK		VS for ML - developed by Microsoft
DIGITS		Nvidia - web based tool
Torch		Written in C
PyTorch	Yes	Python frontend
Pylearn2		Python
Chainer		

<sup>12</sup> Toolkits and Libraries for Deep Learning, Erickson; Korfiatis; Akkus; J Digit Imaging 30: 400., 2017

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10278-017-9965-6>

# Before-Selecting-a-Tool Checklist

- Things to consider for a toolkit/tool/ecosystem
  - Environment ease of use
  - Dev & Exec speed
  - Training Speed
  - GPU Support
  - Community support & contributors
  - License contamination
  - Language to be used



**ANACONDA**

PYTHON & R OPEN SOURCE ANALYTICS

NumPy	SciPy	Pandas	Scikit-learn	Jupyter/IPython	
Numba	Matplotlib	Spyder	TensorFlow	Cython	Bokeh
Scikit-image	NLTK	Dask	Caffe	dplyr	shiny
ggplot2	tidyr	caret	PySpark	& 1000+ packages	
					



R Studio



elastic



# Practice (fun part :-)

- R Studio - Basic Statistics on Large Files
- Anaconda Python - Statistics - Parallel Processing
- Weka - Supervised Learning - Decision Trees
- Orange Data Mining - SL Example - Predictions
- Elasticsearch (ELK) - Visual Analytics on Large Sets

on:

- bitcoin (prices, open/close in time)
- cars (values based on various features)
- flights (features for flights in US 1989-2004)
- milano\_cells (Telecom Italia Milano area cell traffic)
- predictive\_maintenance (machine break down prediction)



Lectures & Data Sources Page  
<https://github.com/sgez/MLAI>

# Thank you!

