Introduction to machine learning course

Lecture 1: Introduction and presentation of the course

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Before we start

I'd like to know a little bit more about you

- Short presentation: Name, occupation, ...
- Background in machine learning?
- Background in programming?
- Background in mathematics?
- Expectations from the course (if any)?

Please send me an email so that I have your contact:

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All the material will be available on my personal GitHub:

`https://github.com/azubiolo/itstep`

Outline

- What machine learning is, what it is not
- A few practical examples
  - classification
  - regression
- Goals and presentation of the course
- Questions and answers

What is machine learning?

A simple example...

How to filter spam emails **automatically**?

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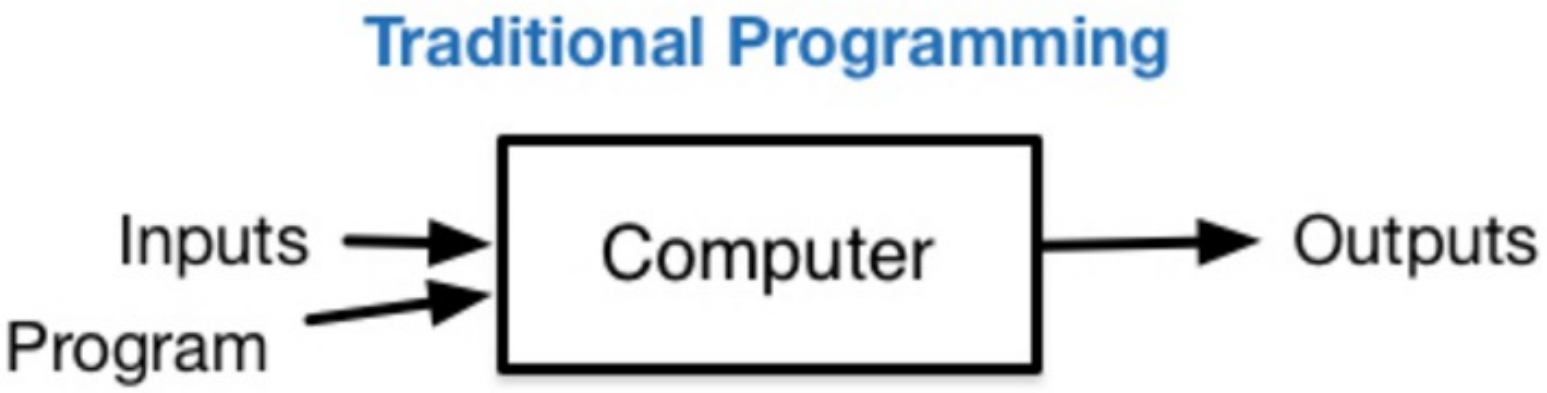

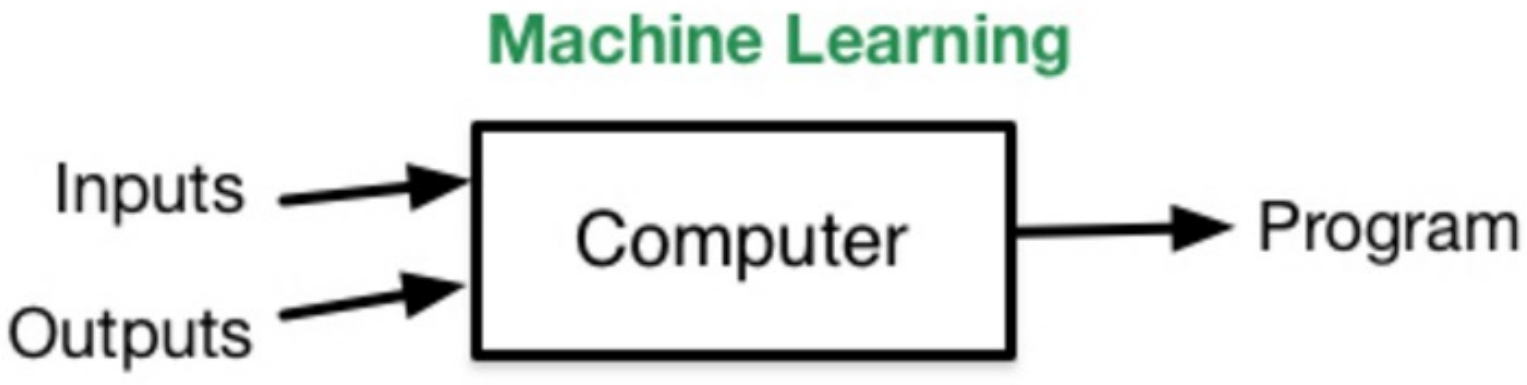

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Prerequisites: I will assume

- Some knowledge in computer science (understand: at least **a language you are comfortable with**)
- You do not pass out when you see a mathematical formula

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More data for a richer model:

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Remark: More data does not always imply a better model

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- Image classification/description
  - input: image
  - output: image **description** or **label** (apple, car, ...)

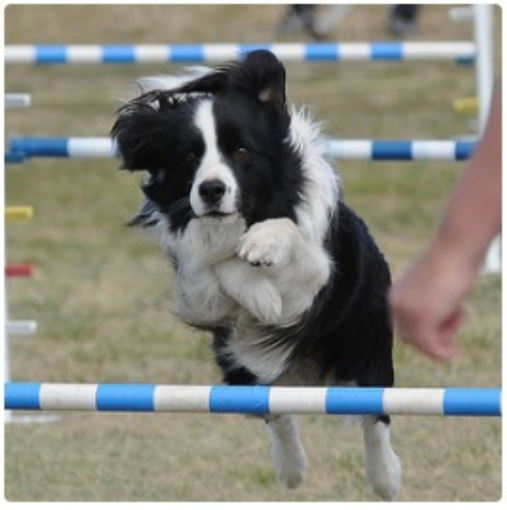
Automated image description generation

"man in black shirt is playing guitar."

"construction worker in orange safety vest is working on road."

"two young girls are playing with lego toy."

"girl in pink dress is jumping in air."



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Practical information:

- $\sim$ **10 60-90 min sessions** on Thursdays at 6:30pm
- Starting with a few lectures about the main concepts followed by lab sessions where you implement these concepts
- All material will be **available on GitHub**, with links to extra material for those who want to go deeper

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Note: This is a first estimation. I will adapt to your needs and how fast things go.

About programming languages

For the practical sessions, I will be using **Python with Jupyter**.

`http://jupyter.org/`

If you prefer another language, feel free to use it. Remember that I assume some programming knowledge.

Thank you! Questions?

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