

# Classification

**STAT 4710**

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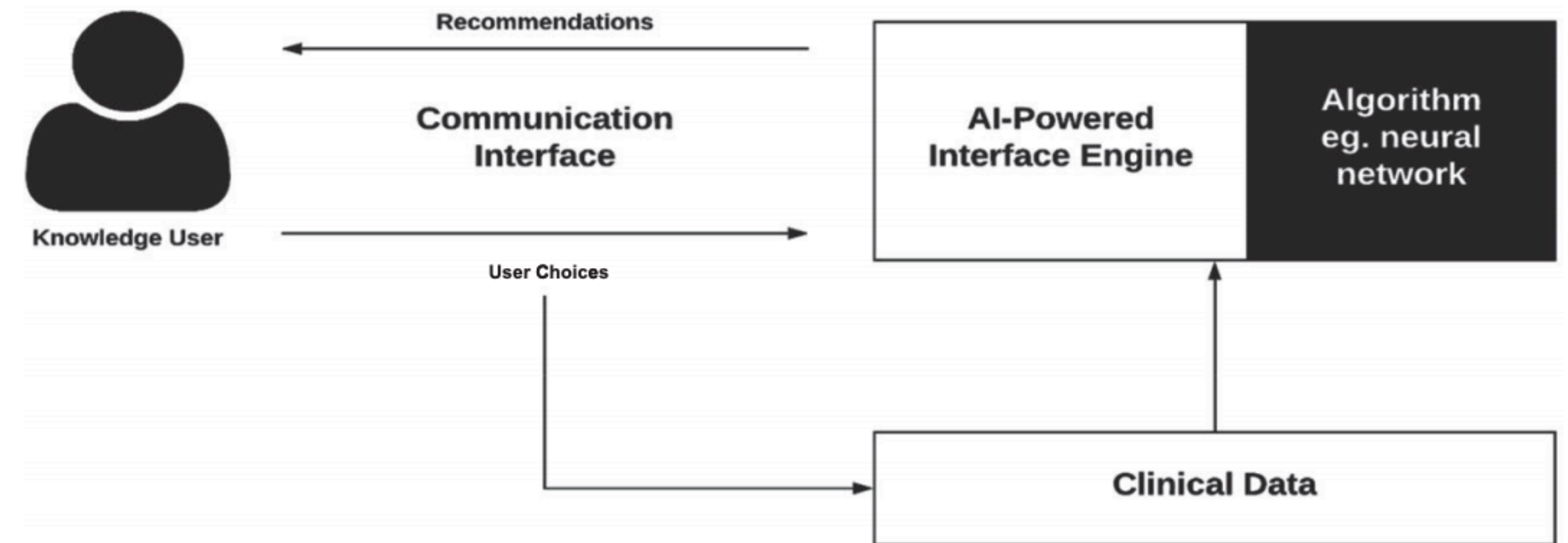


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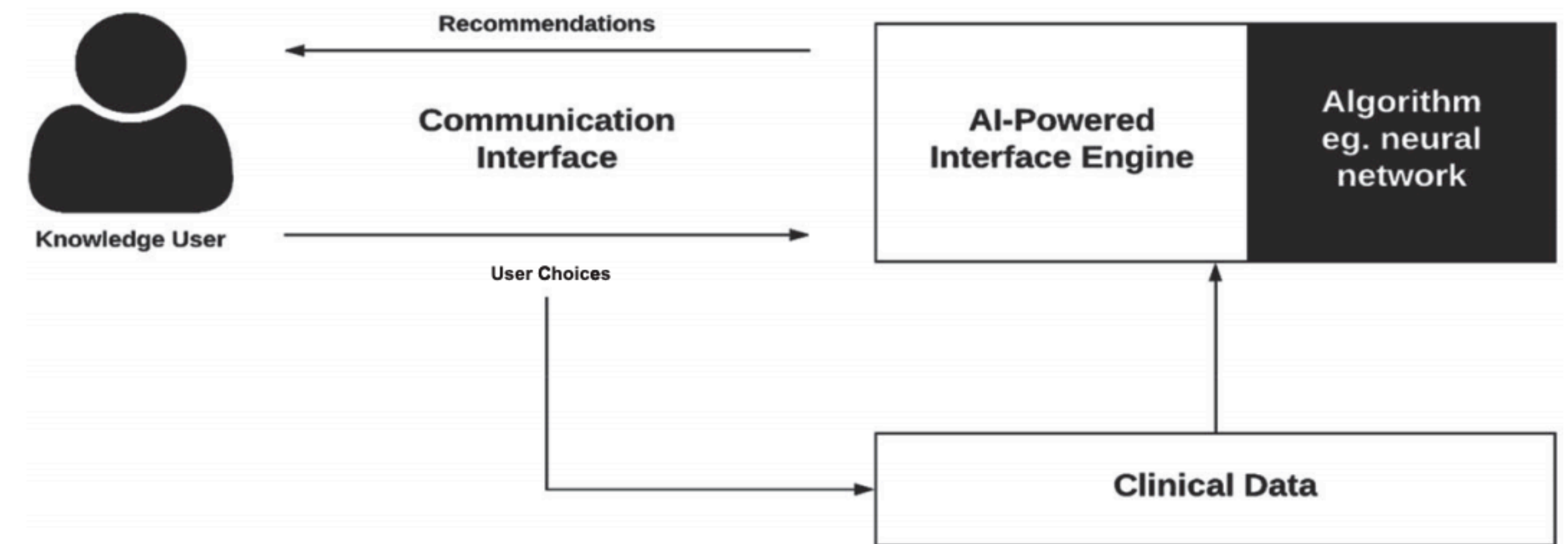


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This is a **binary classification problem**:  $Y \in \{0,1\}$ .

Given features  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$ , the goal is to guess a response  $\hat{Y} = \hat{f}(X)$  that is close to the true response, i.e.  $\hat{Y} \approx Y$ . Measure of success is usually the

$$\text{test misclassification error} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I(Y_i^{\text{test}} \neq \hat{f}(X_i^{\text{test}})).$$

# Classification via probability estimation

Suppose that the true relationship between  $Y$  and  $X$  is

$$\mathbb{P}[Y = 1 \mid X] = p(X), \quad \text{for some function } p.$$

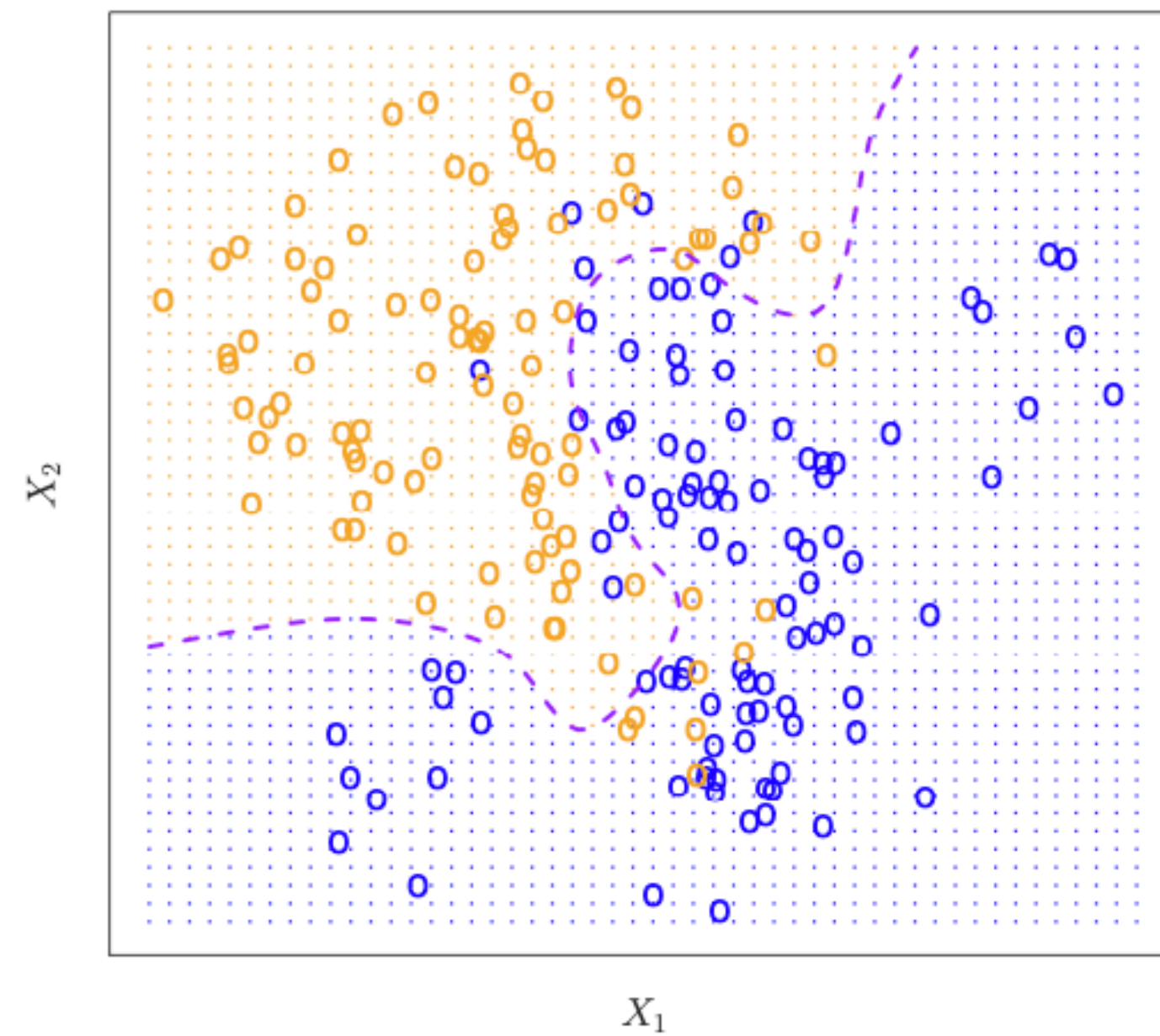
Then, the optimal classifier (called the **Bayes classifier**) is

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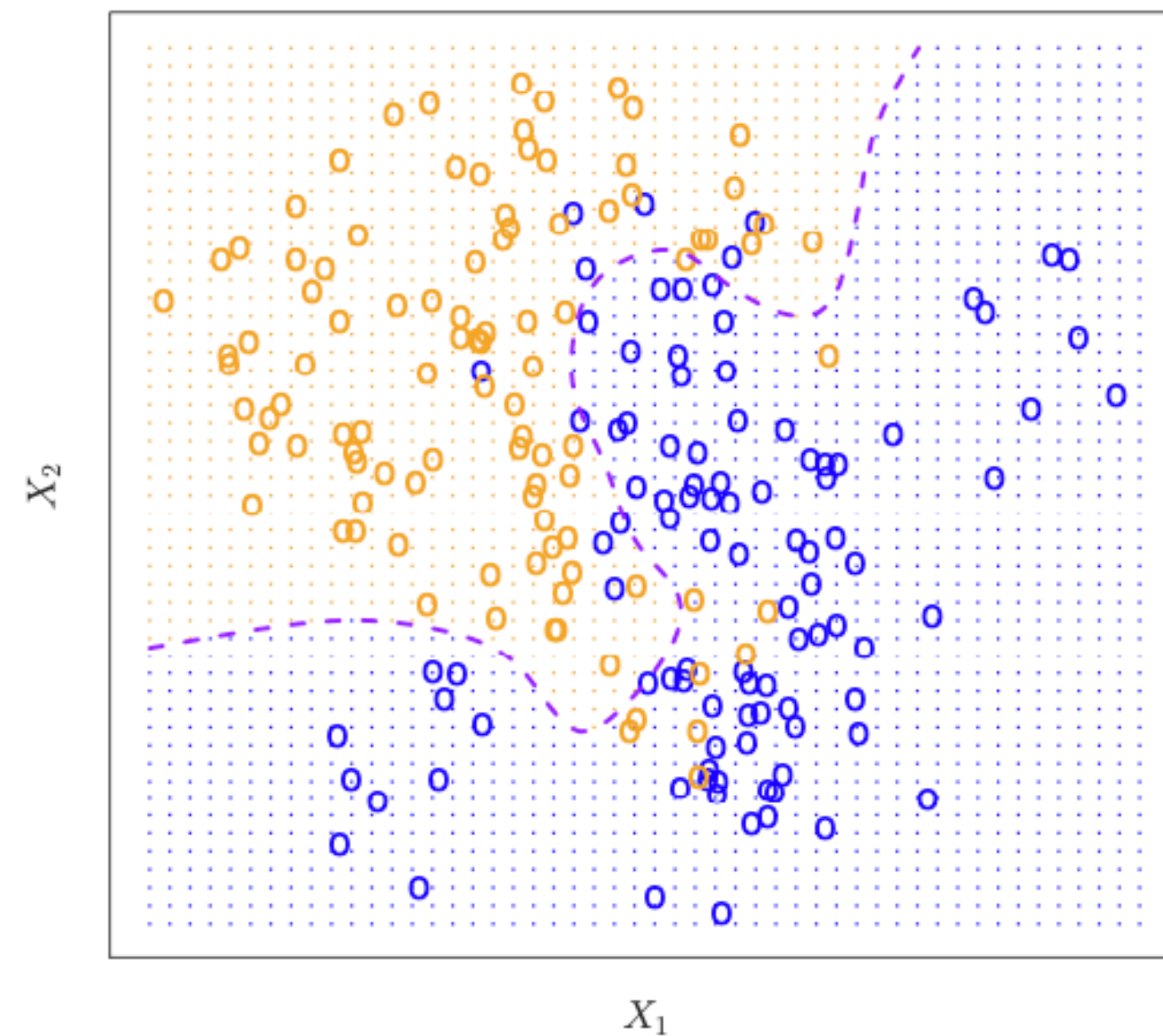
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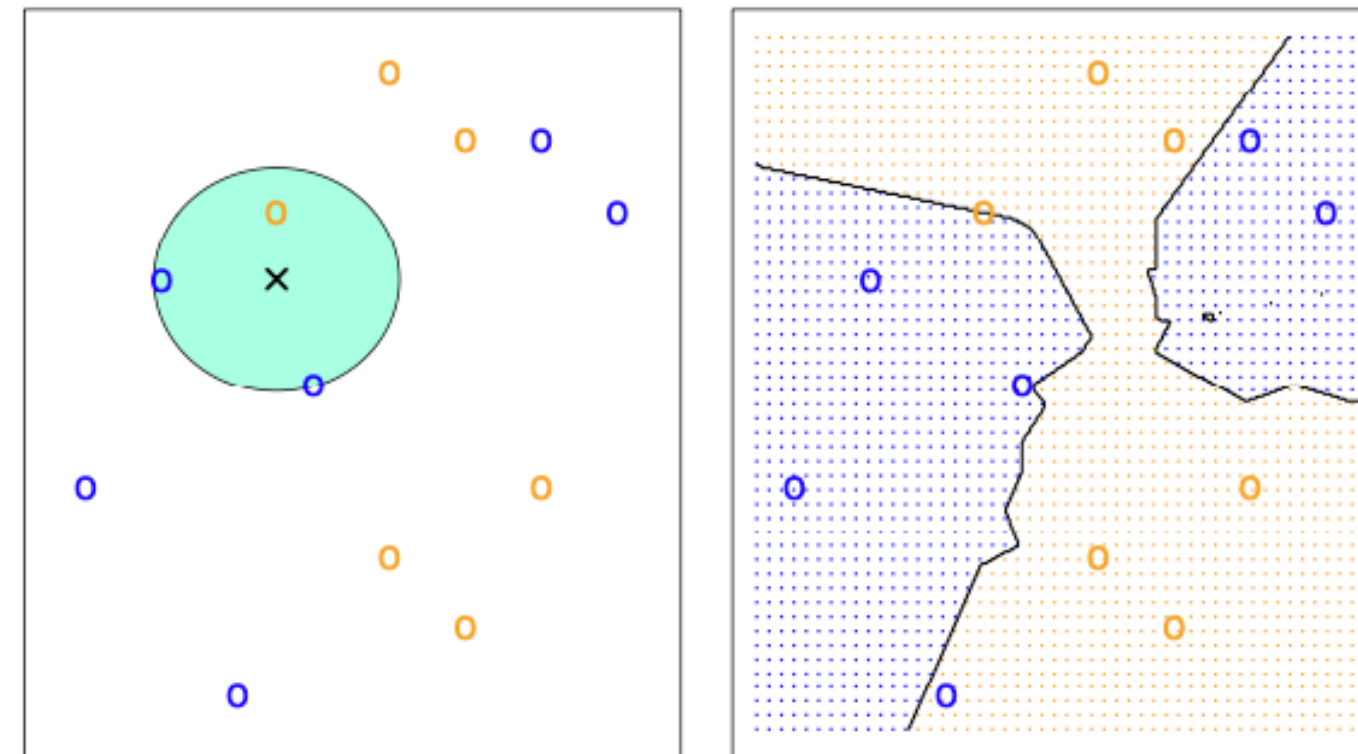
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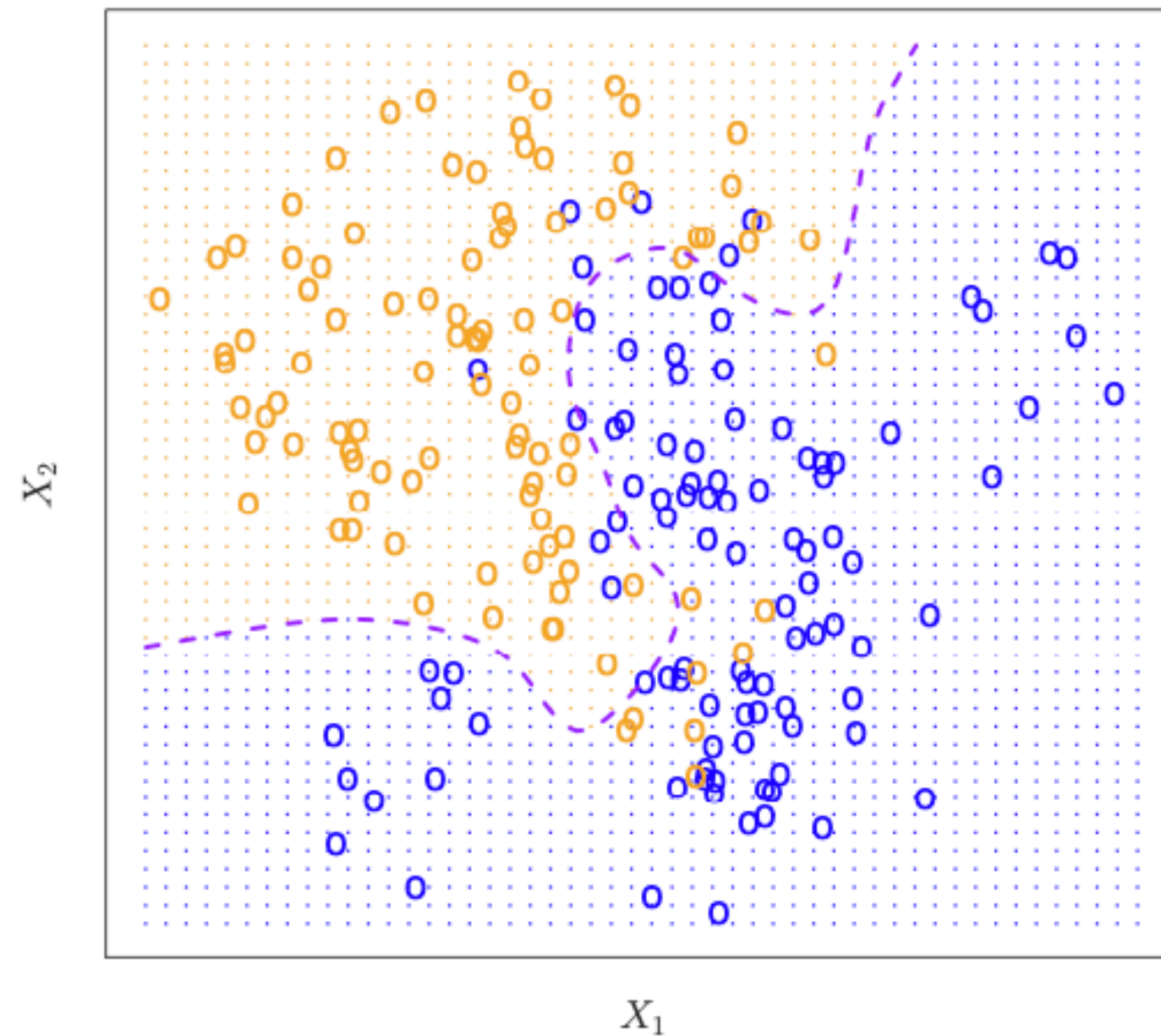


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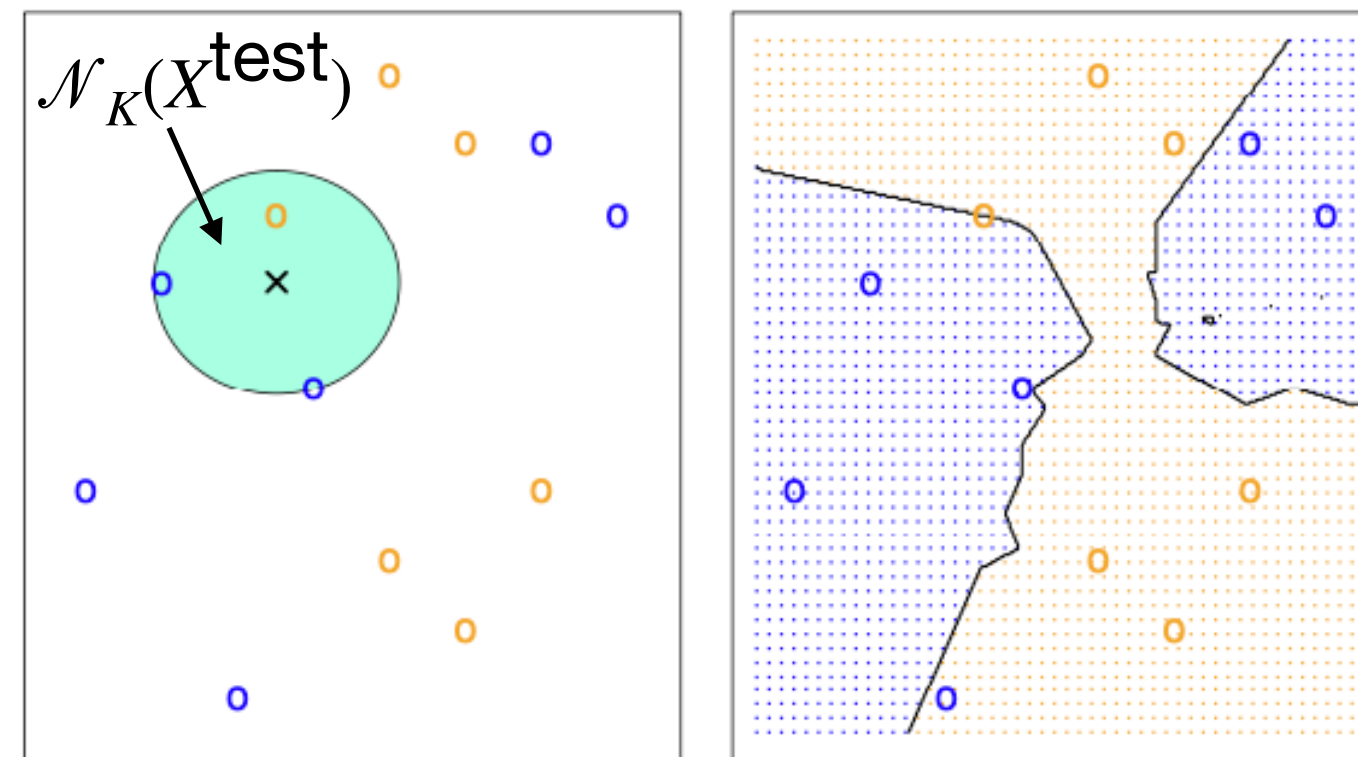


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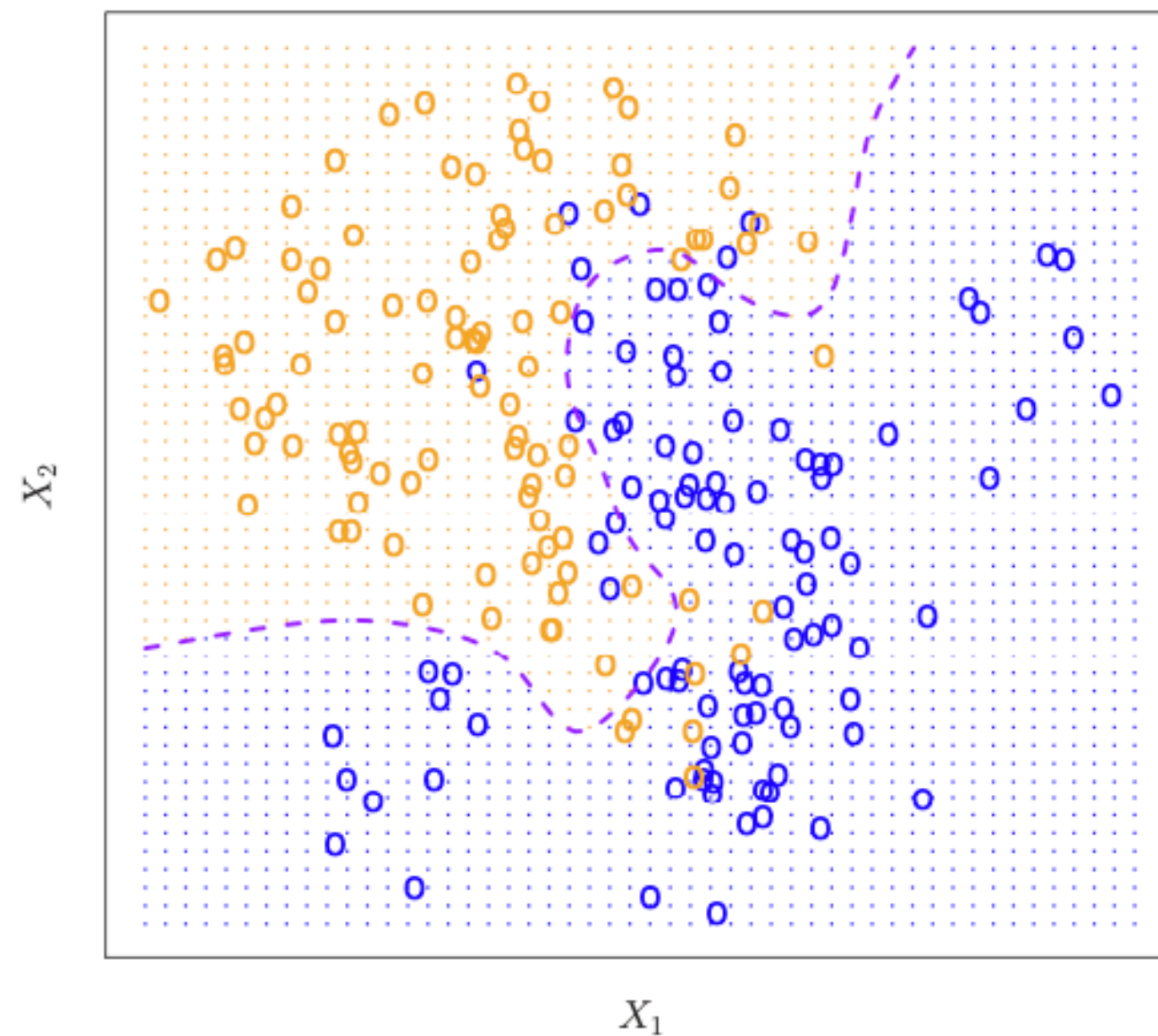


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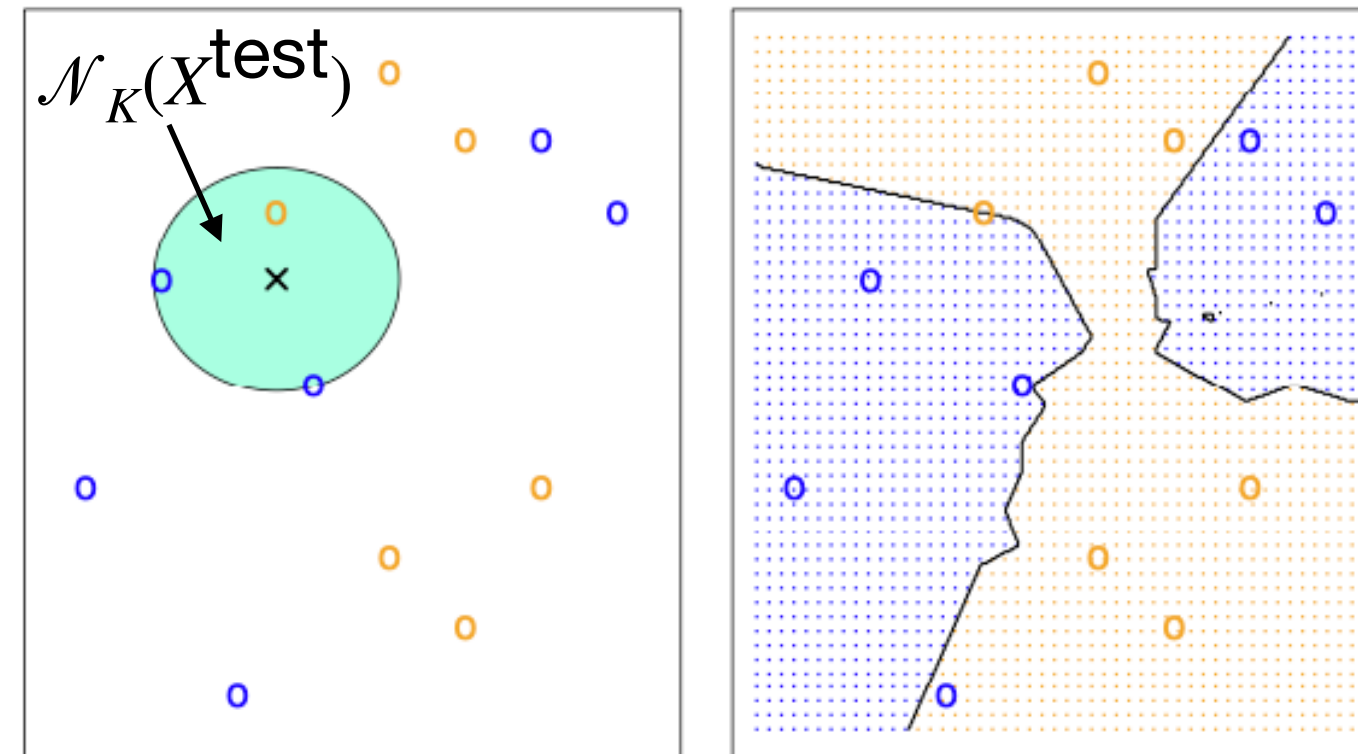


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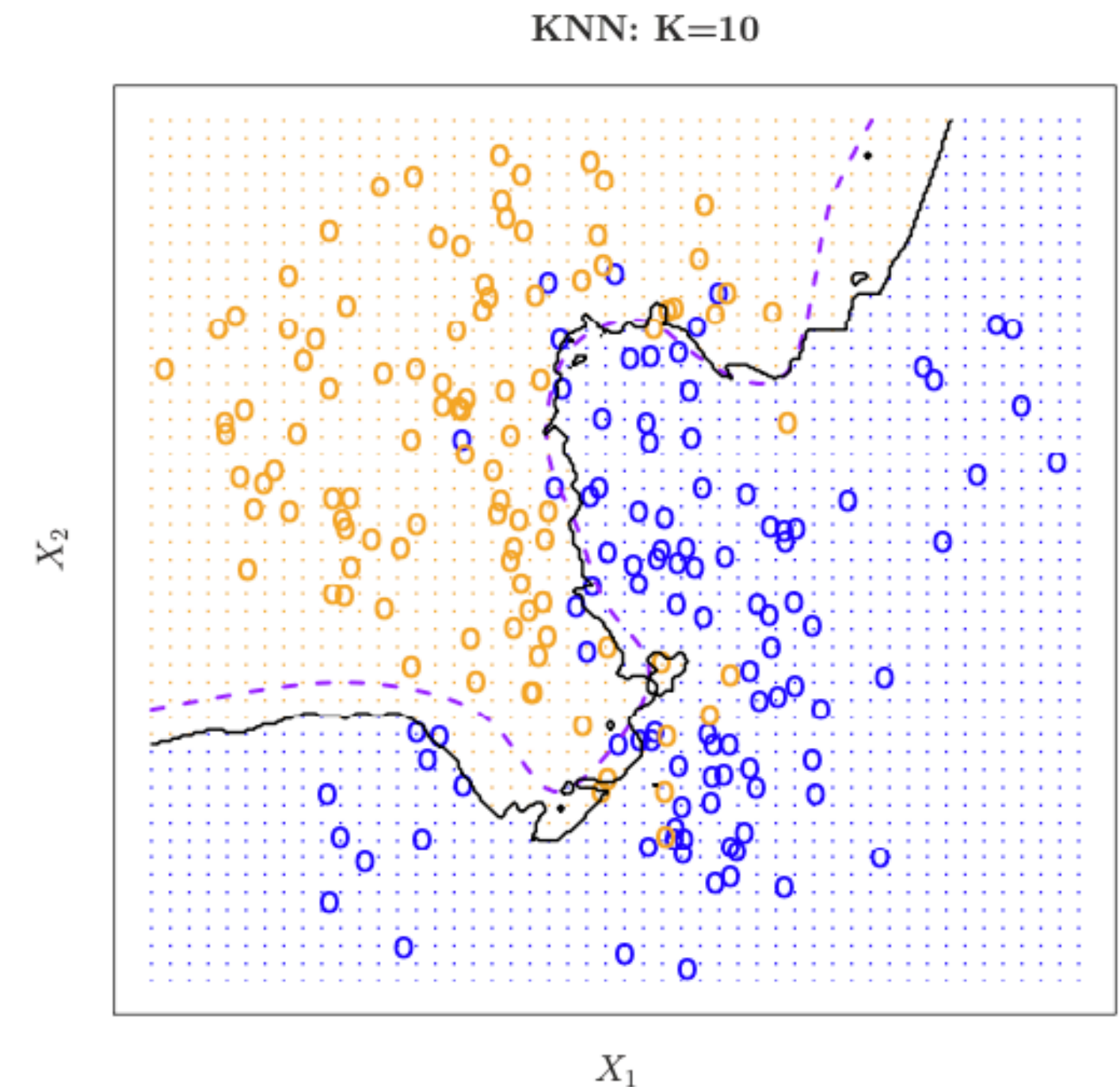
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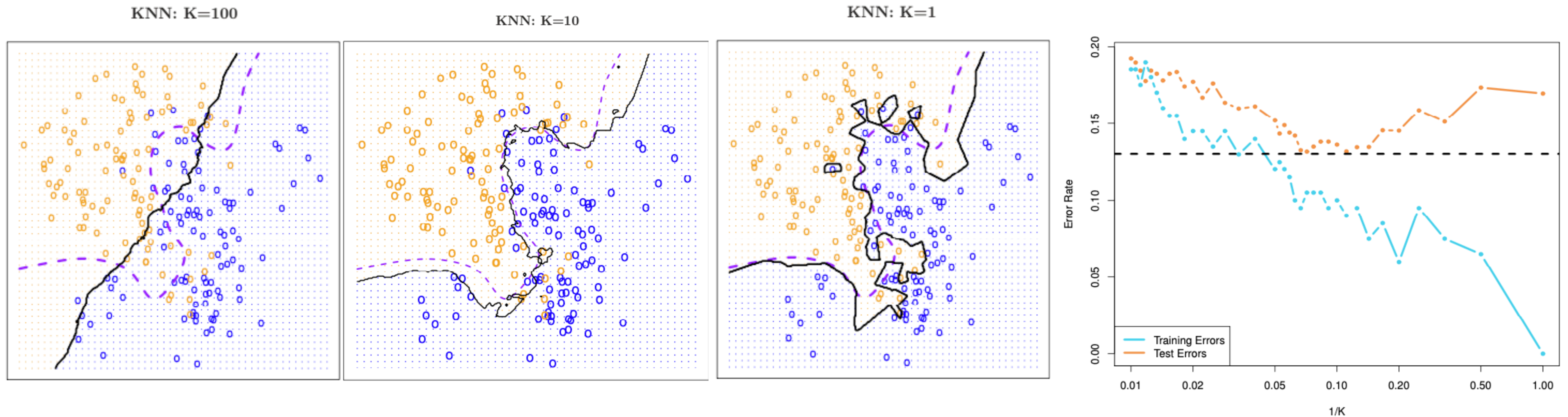
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Applying KNN with  $K = 10$  to simulated data.

# Model complexity and misclassification error



Same Goldilocks principle as in regression case:

- Too little complexity: Can't capture the true trend in the data.
- Too much complexity: Too sensitive to noise in the training data (overfitting).



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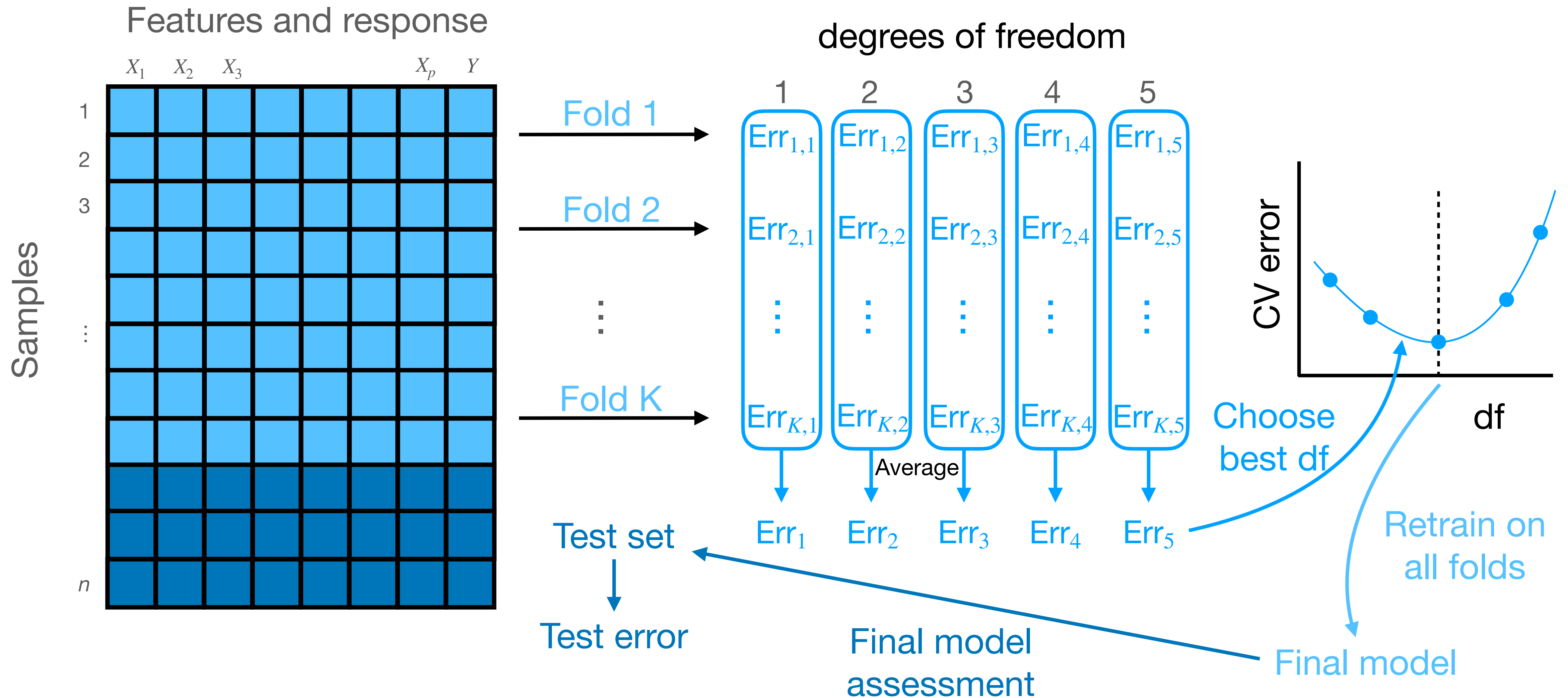
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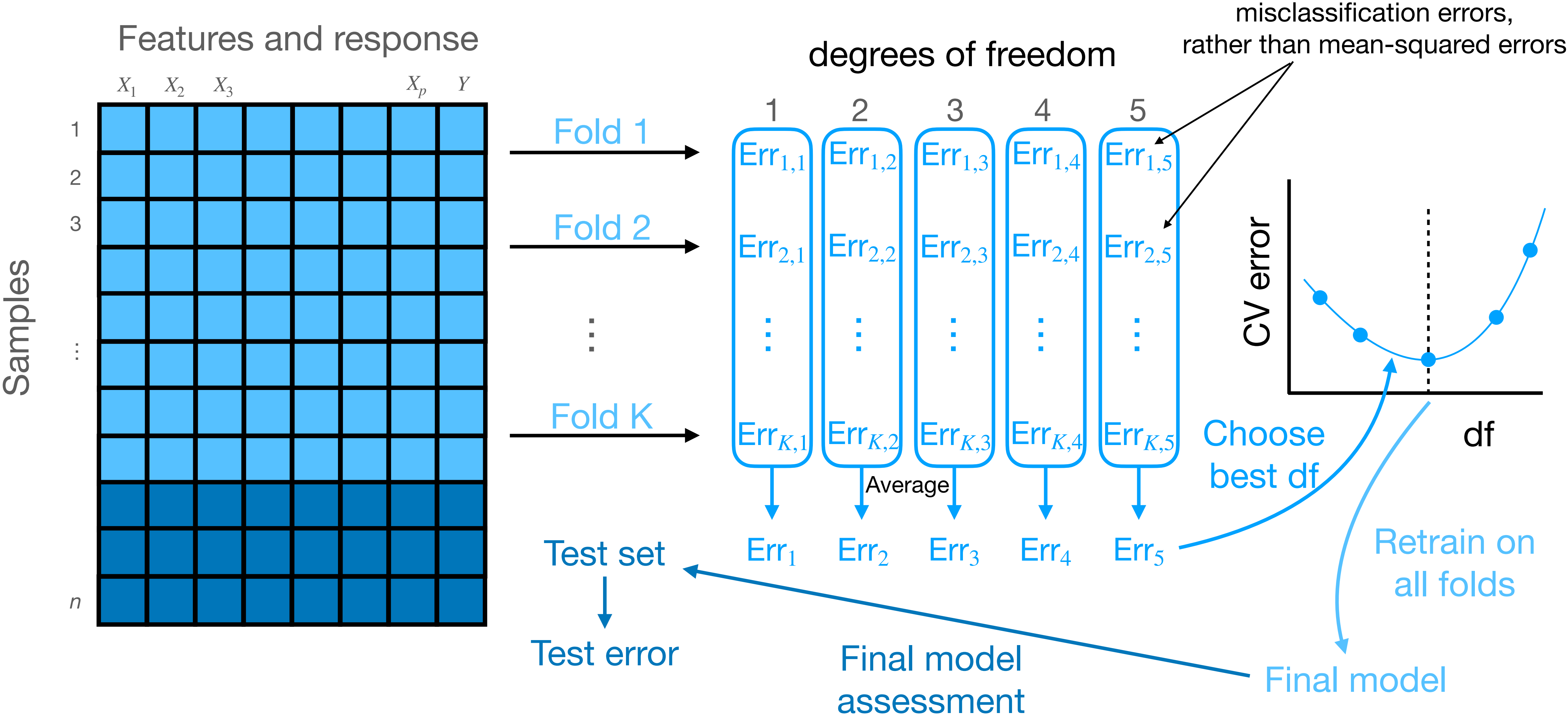
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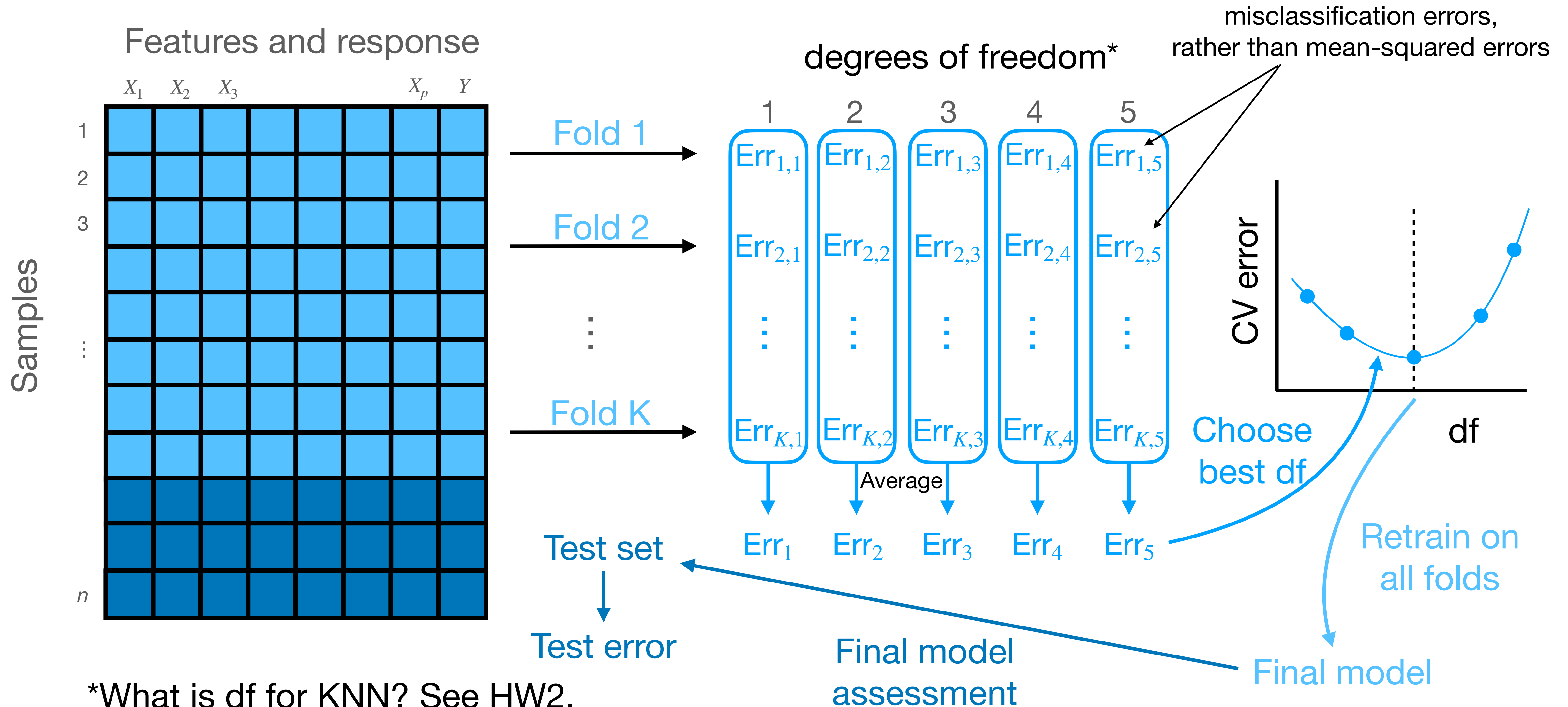
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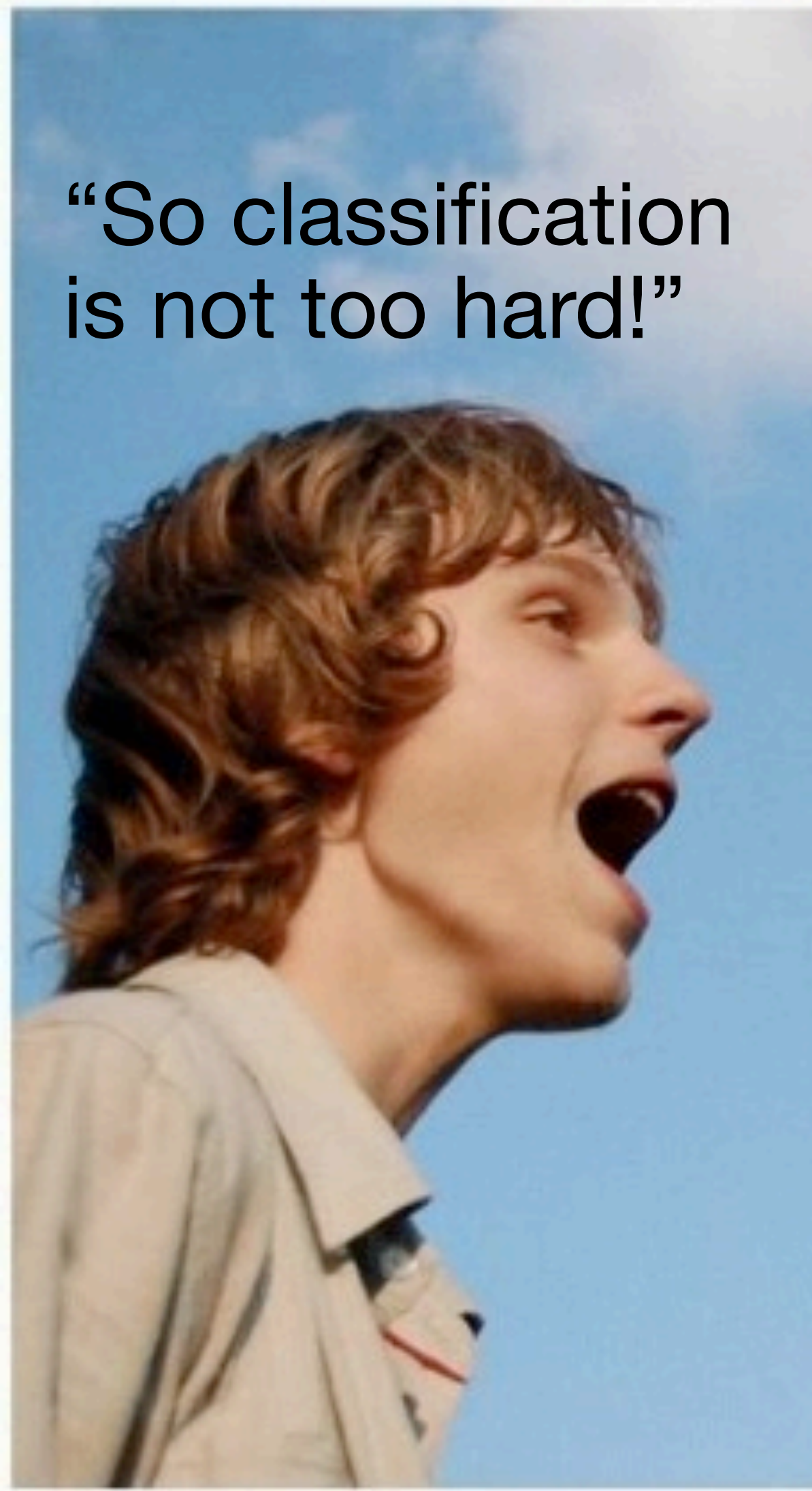
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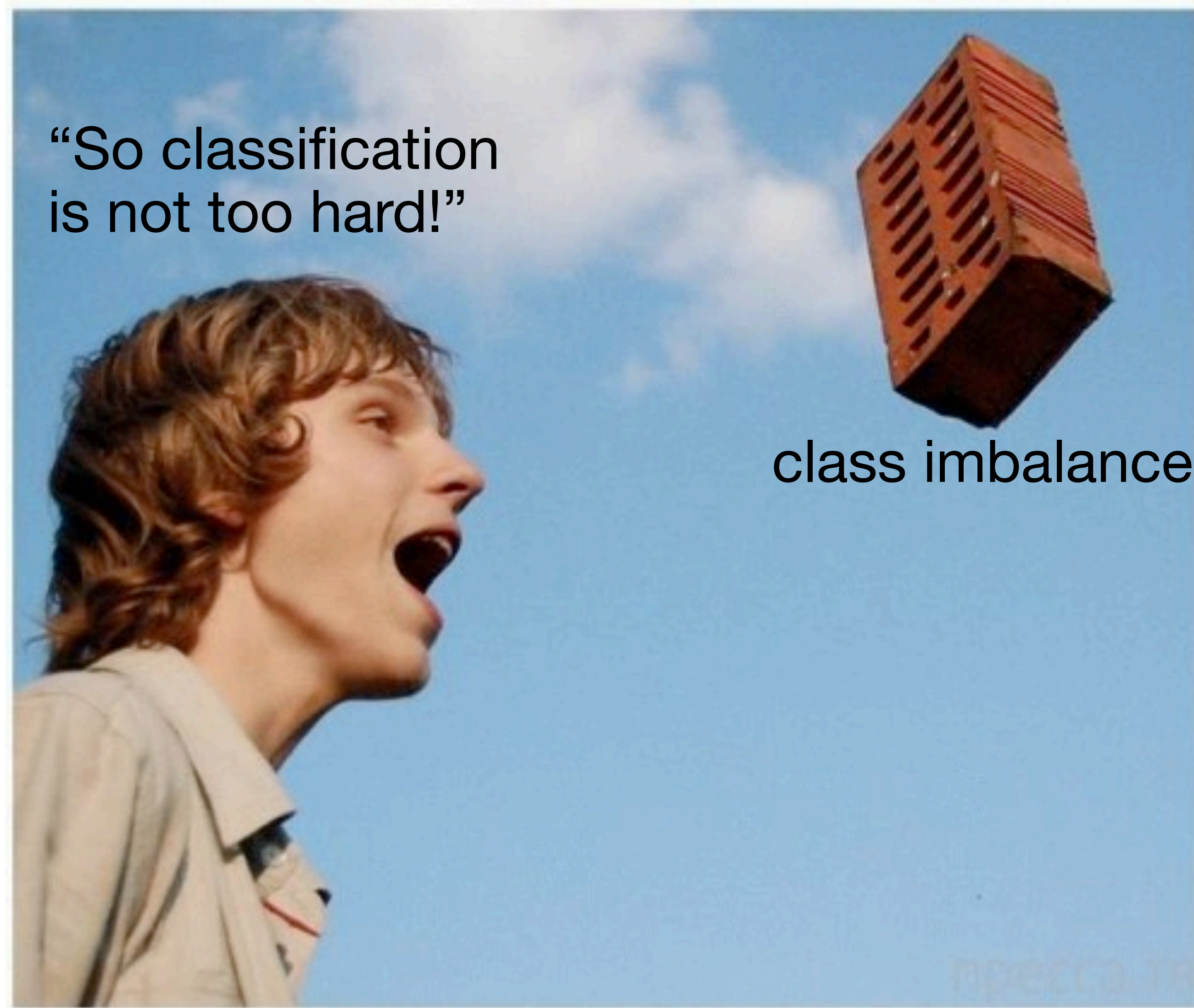
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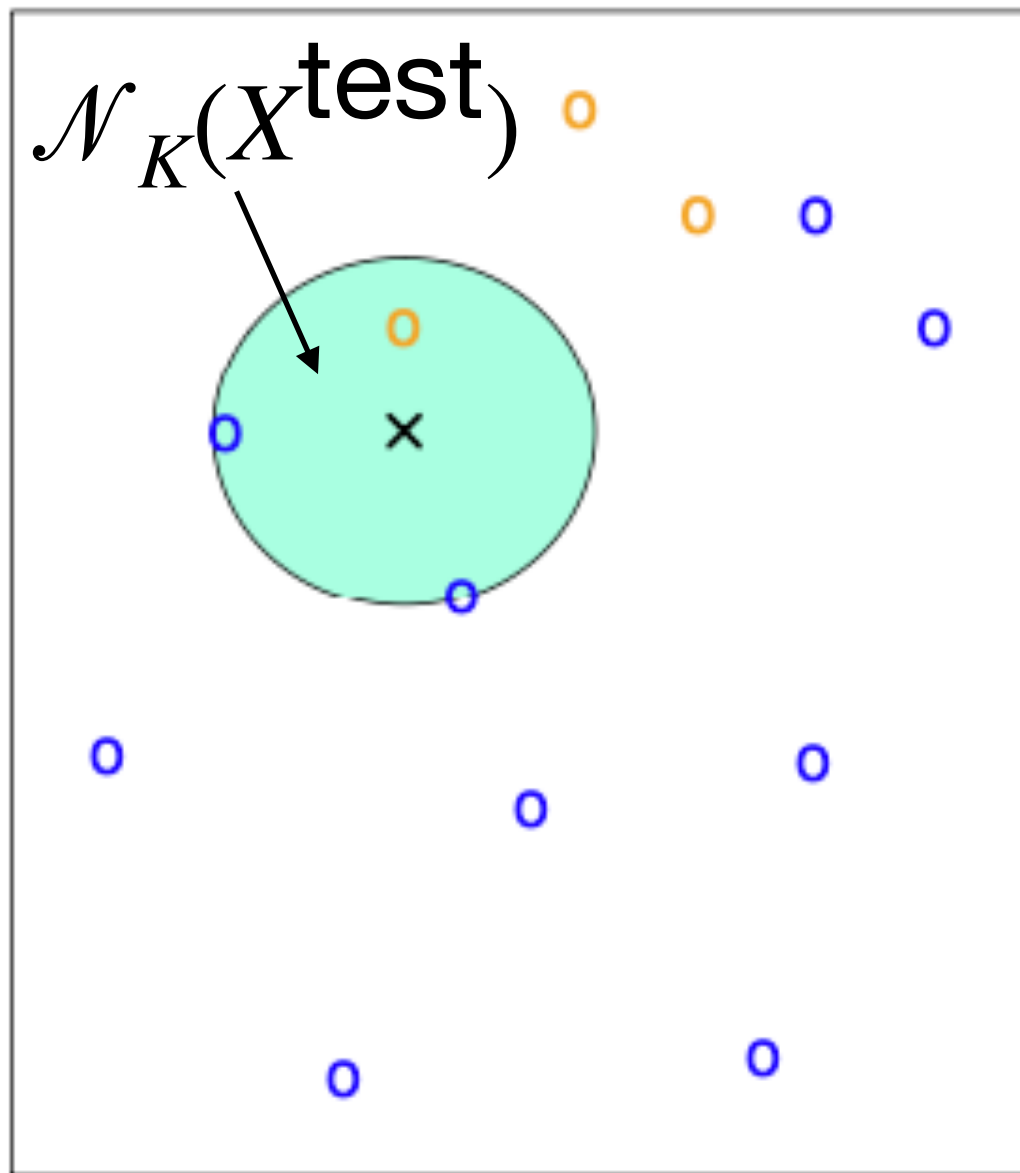
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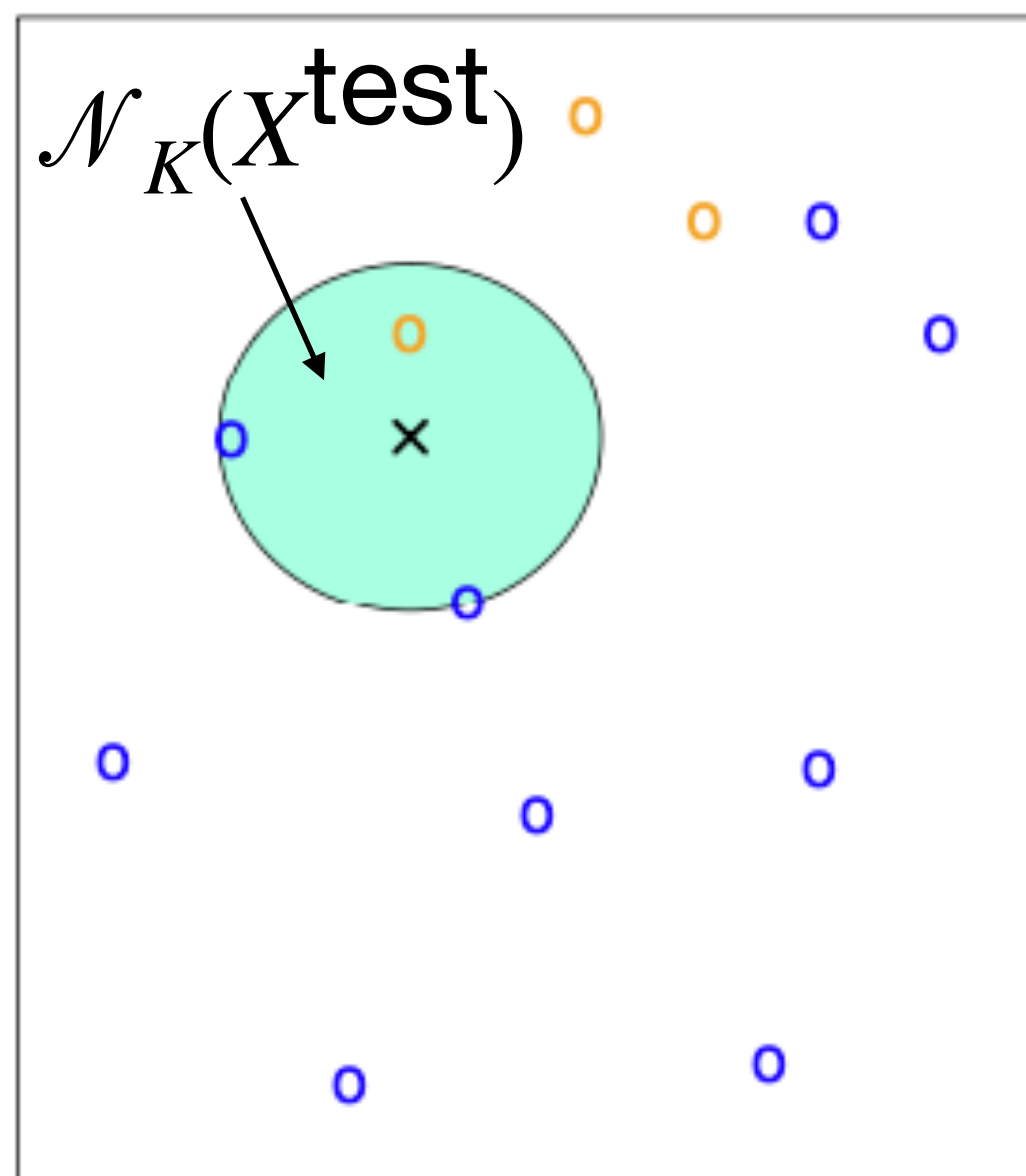


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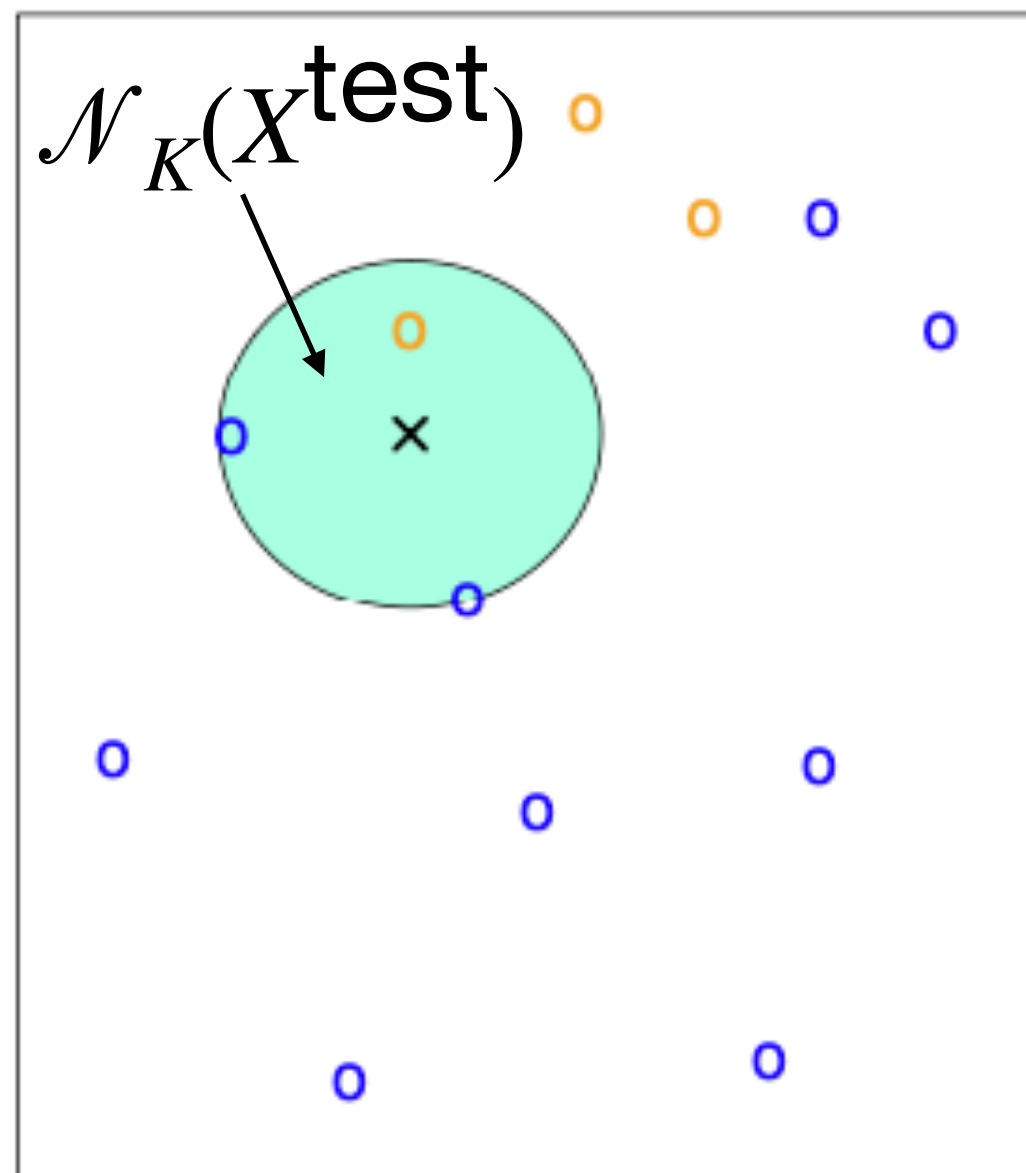
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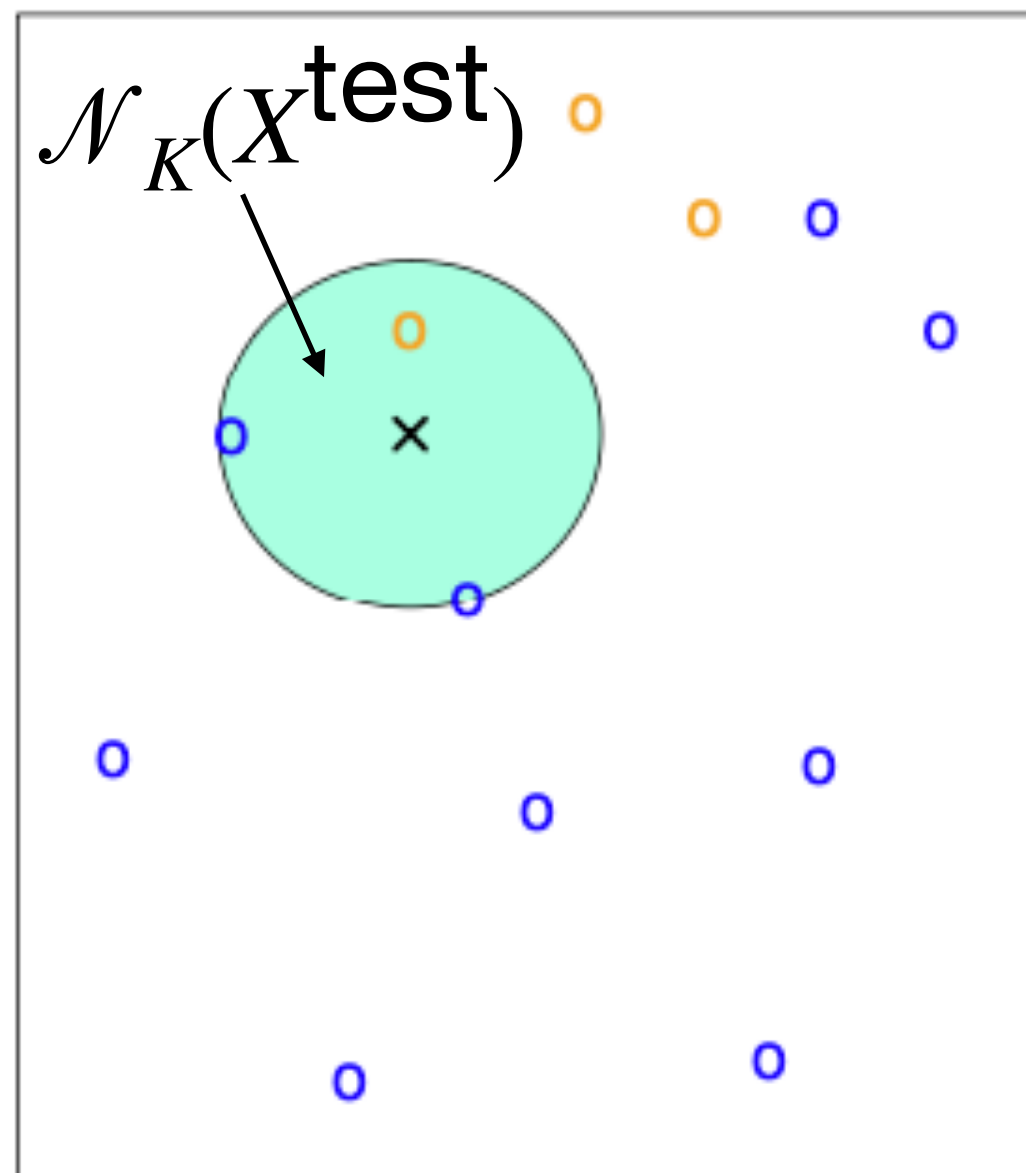
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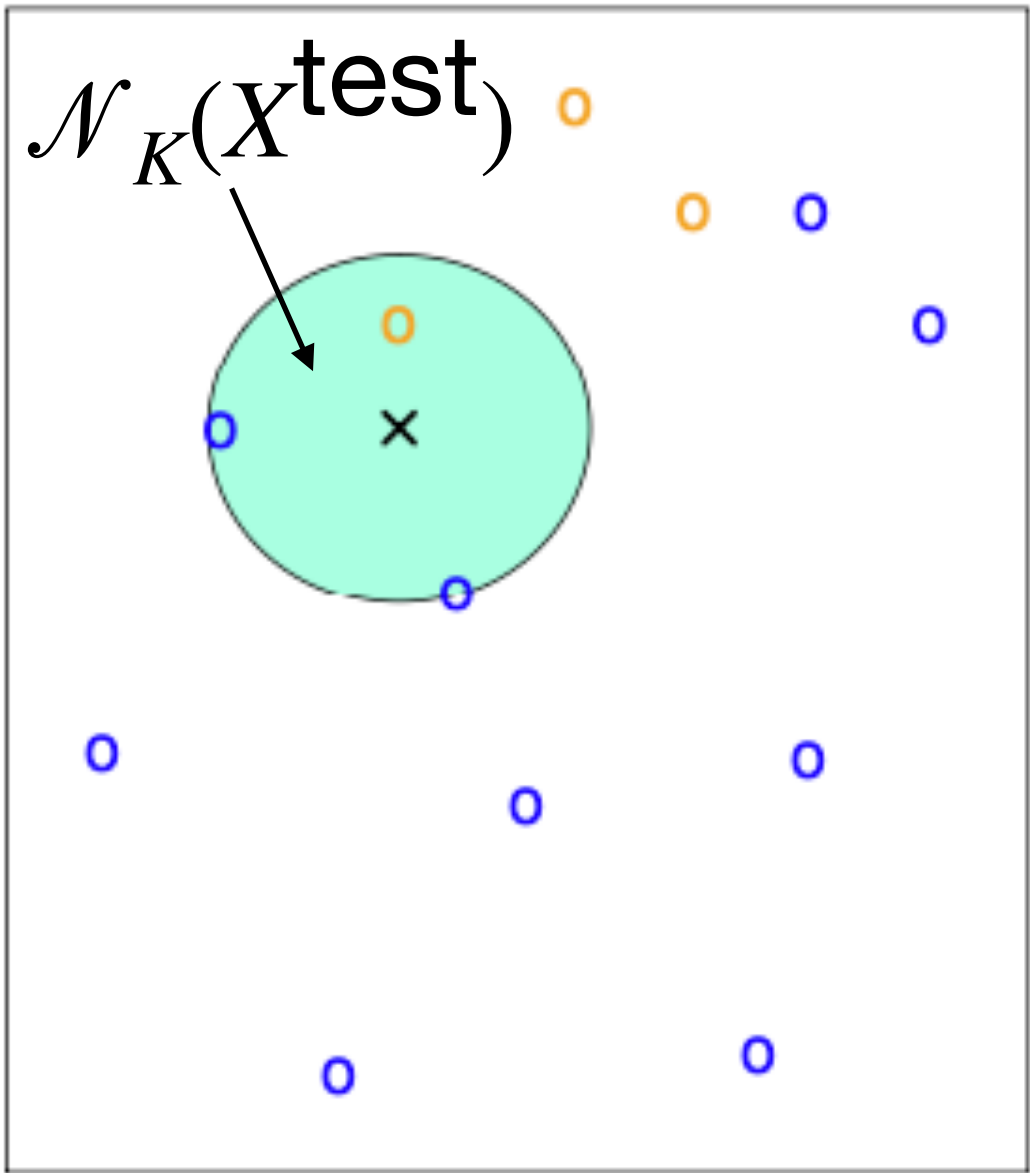
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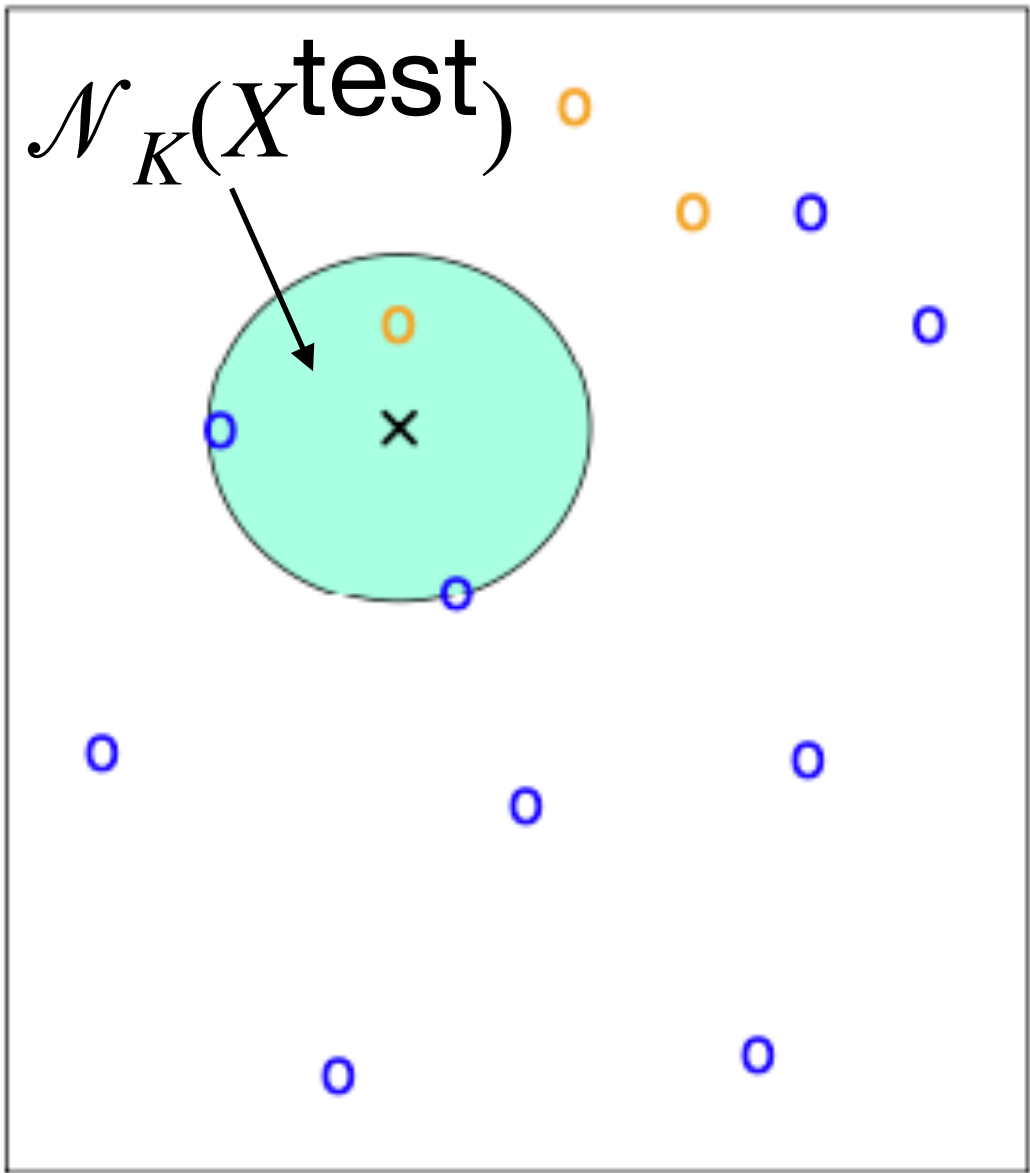
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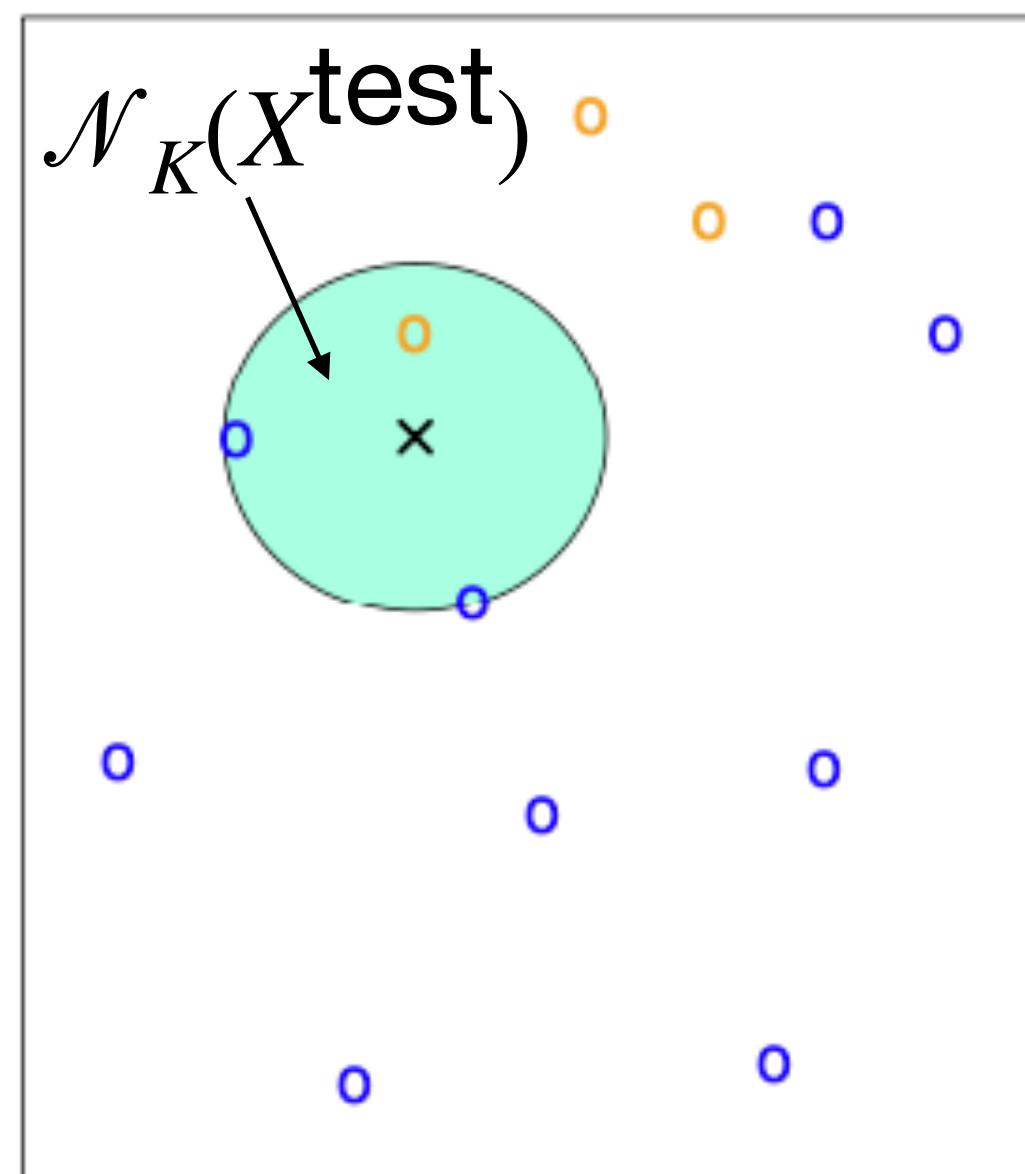


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