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→ prediction error (predicted vs actual temp)
→ accuracy between predicted / actual

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(a) Regression. → output continuous
(b) Classification. → output categorical
(c) Clustering.
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(ii) What kind of data should you gather?

↳ current weather, temperature, cloud cover, humidity

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curve fitting

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(a) Regression. → predict num of shares
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↳ take only the relevant features (useful)

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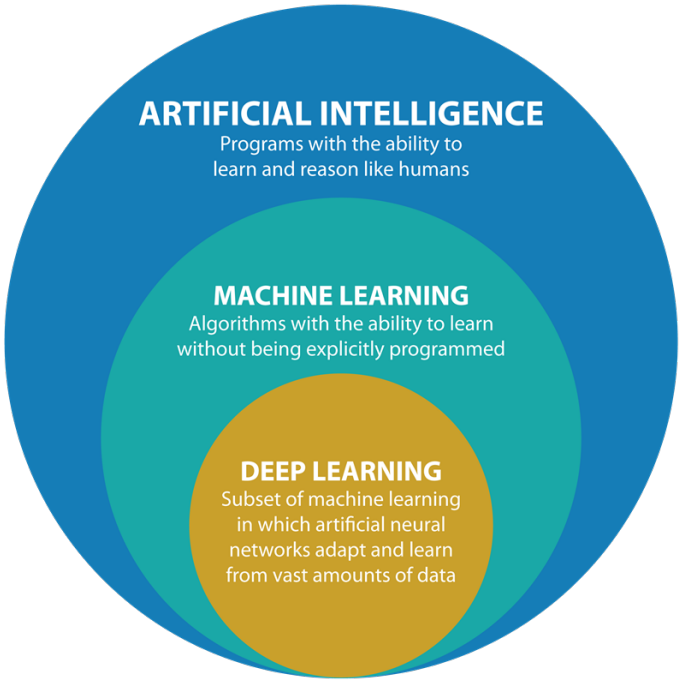
https://www.forbes.com/sites/bernardmarr/2016/12/06/what-is-the-difference-between-artificial-intelligence-and-machine-learning/#741adc6b2742



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Ans: (please refer to the definition of Task, Performance, and Experience in the lecture notes)
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Performance: accuracy of classification
Experience: patient's symptomatic data with actual diagnosis

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Ans:

(a) The useful fruit images should be labelled with apple or orange. Country of origin doesn't tell apple or orange. Therefore, the data is not useful
(b) We can use n days of historical data as the input, and n+1th day's data as the target. This dataset is useful;
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