Main Concepts, Terminology, Examples

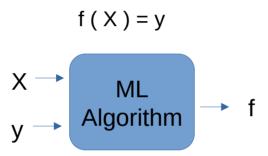
Machine Learning

What is Machine Learning (ML)?

- ML is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience
- ML algorithms build a <u>model</u> based on <u>sample data</u>, known as "training data"
- In order to make <u>predictions or decisions</u> without being explicitly programmed to do so.

An alternative view:

• Learning a target function (f) that <u>best</u> maps input variables (X) to an output variable (Y).



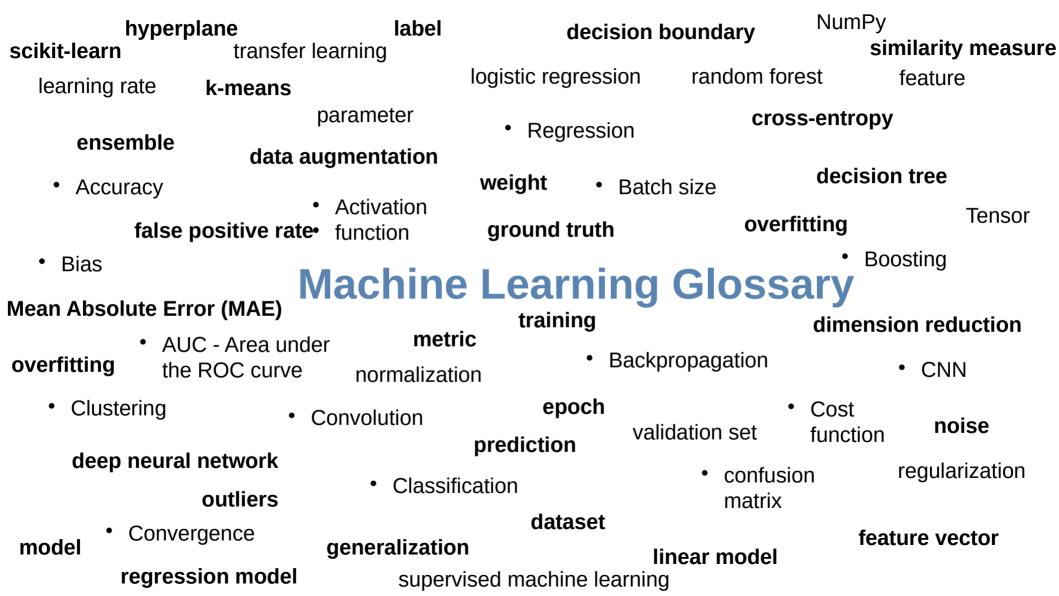
What is X?

What is y?

What is f?

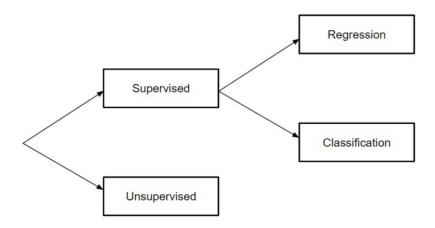
What does "best" mean?

How we learn the "best" f?



Machine Learning Categories

- Supervised learning:
 - Learning a function that maps an input to an output using example input-output samples ("labeled" training data)
- Unsupervised learning:
 - Drawing inferences and find patterns from input data without using labeled output data



Why do We Use Machine Learning?

- Replace manual work in repetitive tasks
 - Example: Image segmentation, character recognition (post office sorting of mail)
- Develop systems that can automatically <u>adapt</u> to different users and environments
 - Example: Self-driving cars
- <u>Discover new information</u> from large sets of data (data mining)
 - Example: E-commerce, marketing, fraud detection, medical image analysis research
- Develop systems that are too difficult or expensive to build manually
 - Example: Manual data entry

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Machine Learning is essential for research & industry!

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