

Algorithms for Machine Learning

Lecture 1a: Introduction

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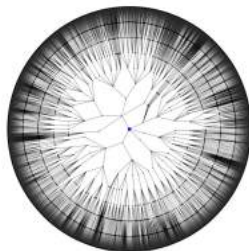
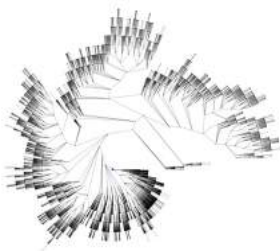
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From Chess to Go: Evolution of Tree Search



Source: <https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs6700/2016sp/lectures/CS6700-UCT.pdf>

UCT Tree Search

- selective and asymmetric search
- best performing method for Go

Minimax Search

- full-width tree up to some depth
- (used to be) best method for Chess

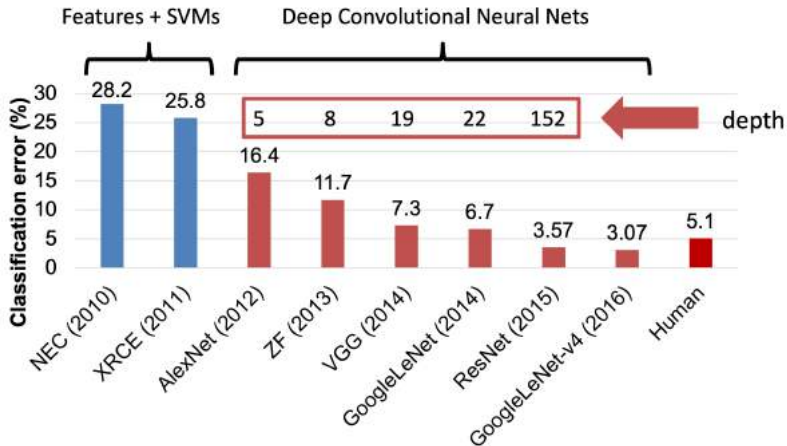


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Figure 5: Example of frontal upright face images used for training.

ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge



Source: <https://cs.uwaterloo.ca/~ppoupart/teaching/cs885-spring18/slides/cs885-lecture4a.pdf>



Source: Japan Times

The Economist explains

Why Uber's self-driving car killed a pedestrian

It was the first fatal accident of its kind



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Who Is Responsible In A Crash With A Self-Driving Car?



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Science

I write about the philosophy and ethics of science and technology.

On March 18, 2018, at nearly 10 PM, a self-driving Volvo hit and killed a pedestrian, a woman named Elaine Herzberg. Herzberg's death was the first pedestrian fatality involving a self-driving car. The self-driving car was a test vehicle, a car that Uber was testing in Arizona. It could not figure out if the woman was a pedestrian, a bicycle, or another car, nor predict where she was going. Video showed that the driver of the self-driving car, acting as a "safety backup", was not looking at the road at the time of the collision. Instead, she was watching an episode of "The Voice".

Sources: The Economist and Forbes

A screenshot of an NBC News article. The top navigation bar includes links for NEWS, NBC NEWS NOW, NIGHTLY NEWS, MEET THE PRESS, DATELINE, MSNBC, and TODAY. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for DECISION 2020, PLAN YOUR VOTE, CORONAVIRUS, U.S. NEWS, OPINION, BUSINESS, and WORLD. The main headline reads "Self-driving Uber car that hit and killed woman did not recognize that pedestrians jaywalk". Below the headline is a sub-headline: "The automated car lacked 'the capability to classify an object as a pedestrian unless that object was near a crosswalk,' an NTSB report said."

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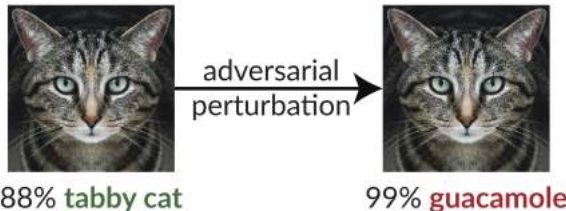


Fig. 1. A small change imperceptible to humans misleads the InceptionV3 network into classifying an image of a tabby cat as guacamole. Image taken from <https://github.com/anishathalye/obfuscated-gradients>.

A Simple Explanation for the Existence of Adversarial Examples with Small Hamming Distance

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Technology

Stephen Hawking warns artificial intelligence could end mankind

By Rory Cellan-Jones
Technology correspondent

2 December 2014

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Prof Stephen Hawking, one of Britain's pre-eminent scientists, has said that efforts to create thinking machines pose a threat to our very existence.

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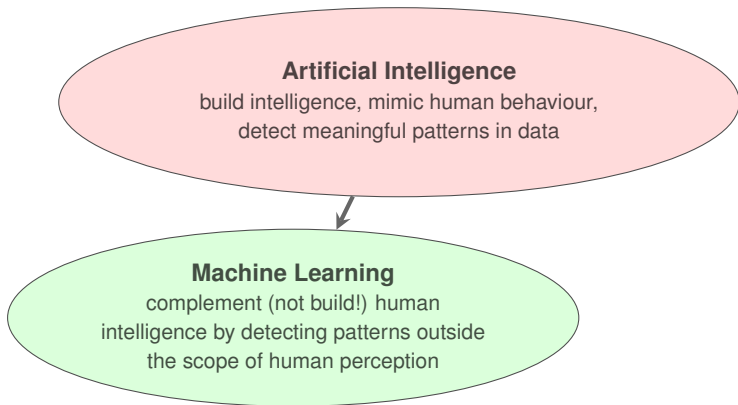
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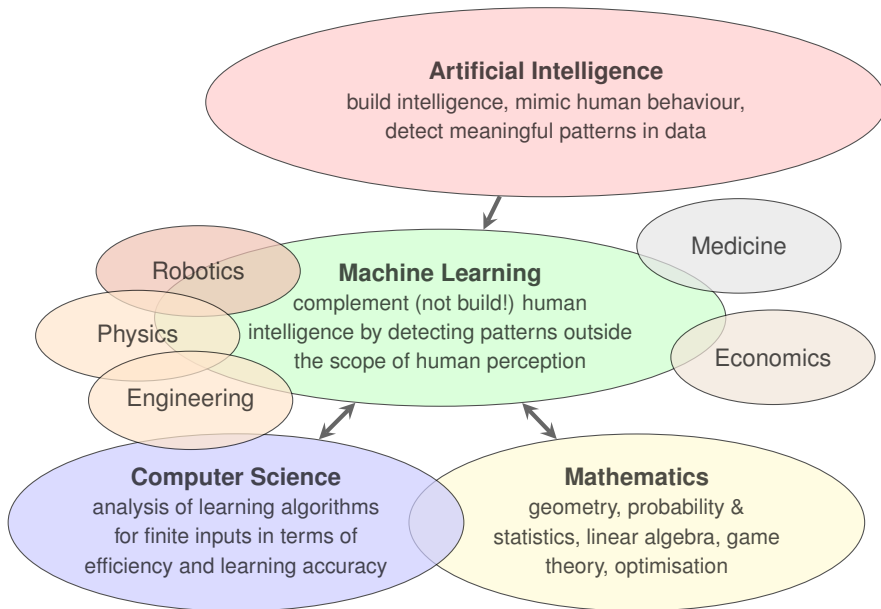
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build intelligence, mimic human behaviour,
detect meaningful patterns in data

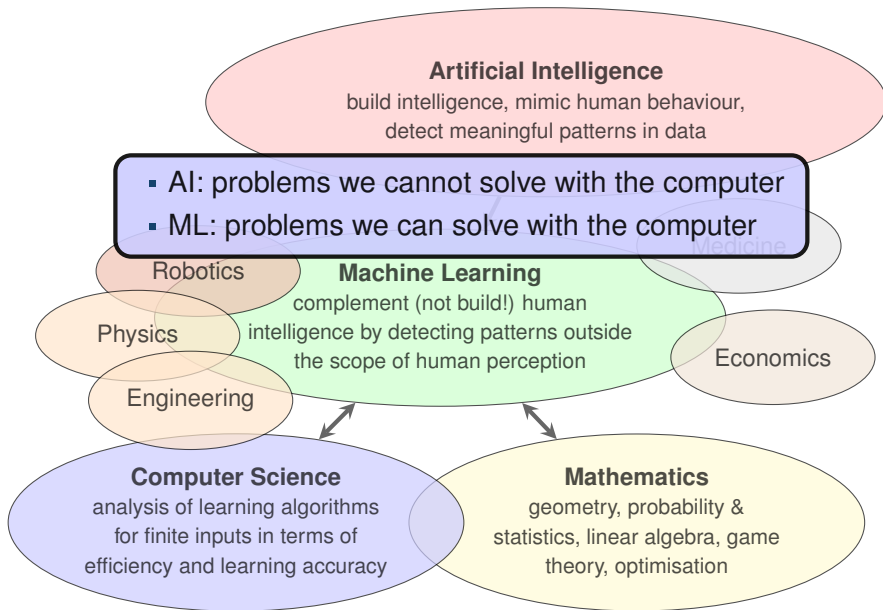
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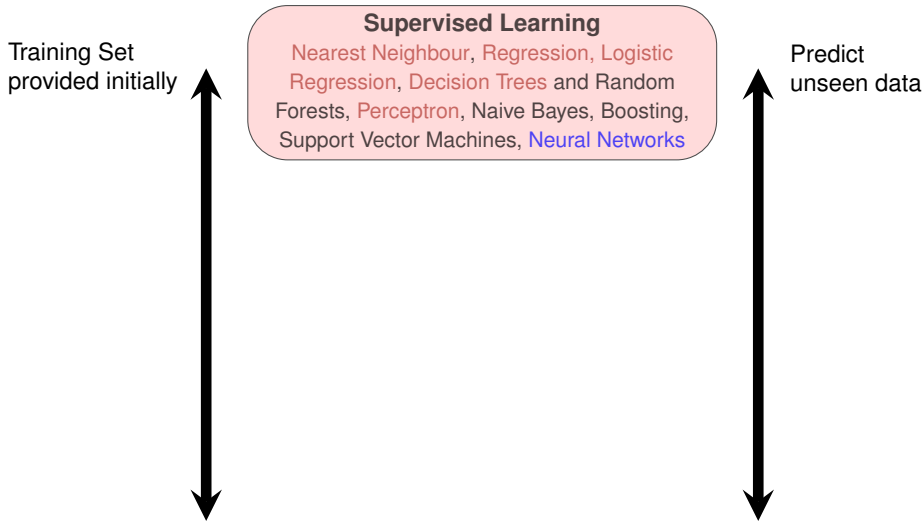
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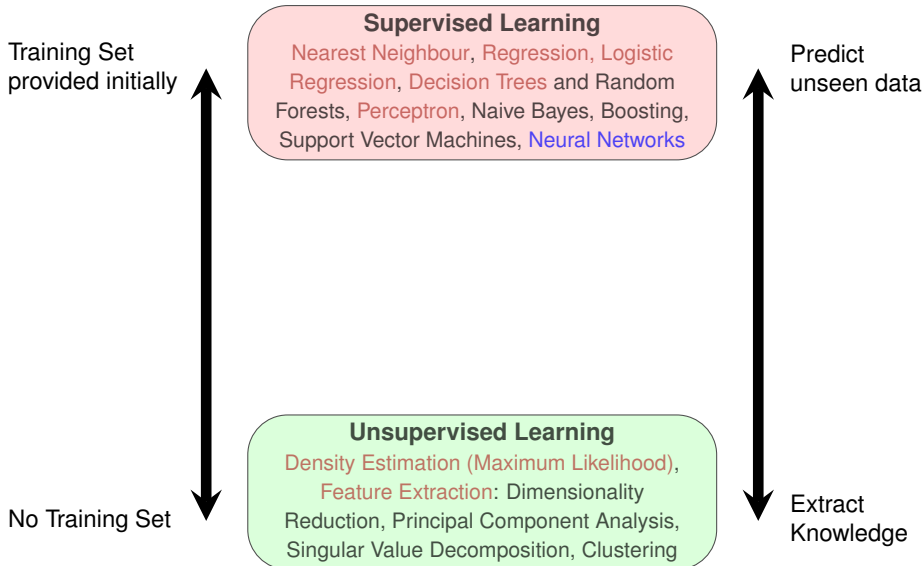
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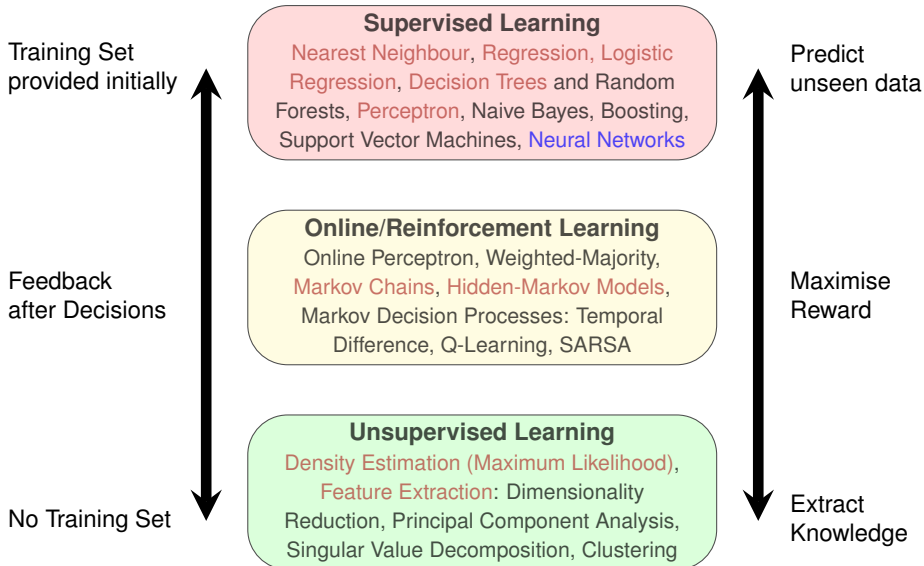
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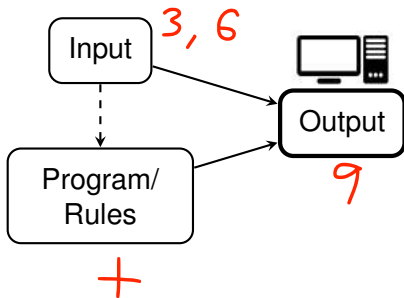
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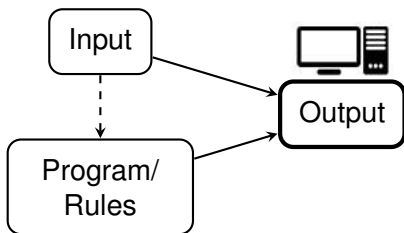
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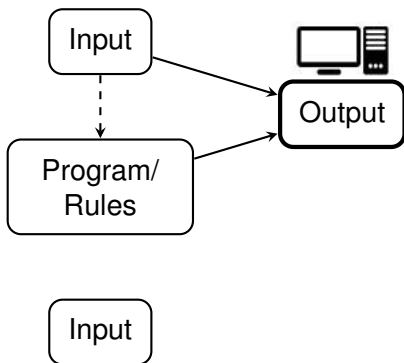


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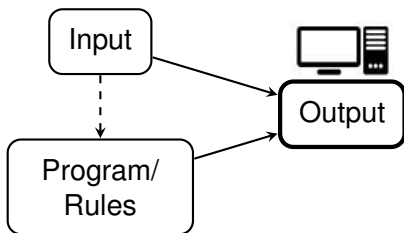
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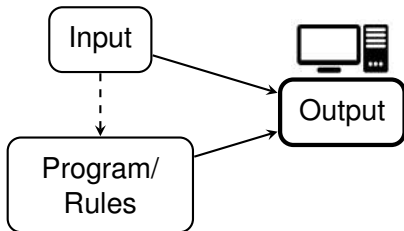
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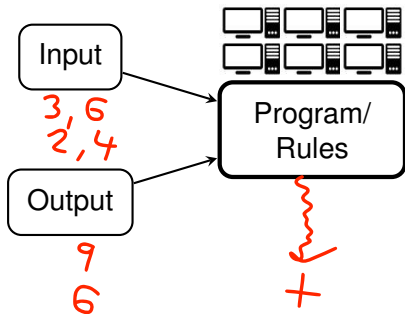
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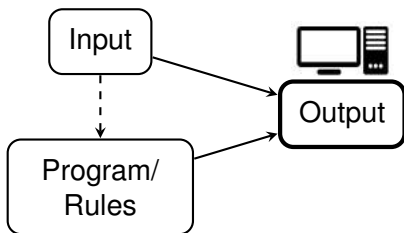
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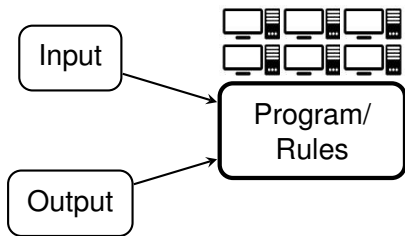
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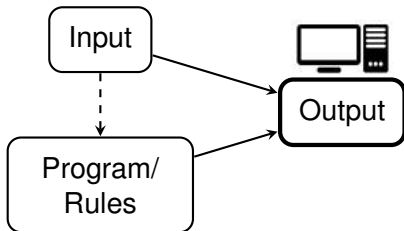
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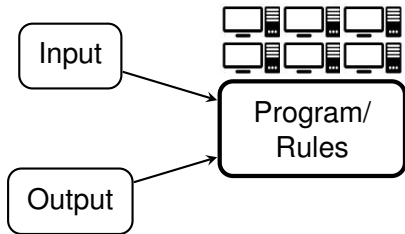
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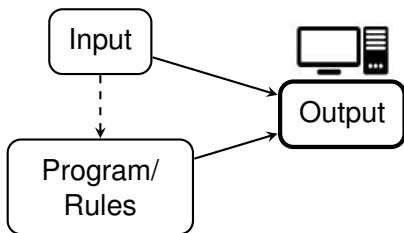
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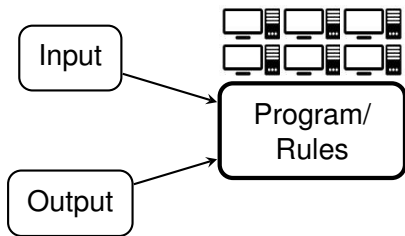
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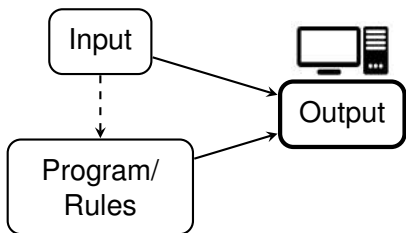
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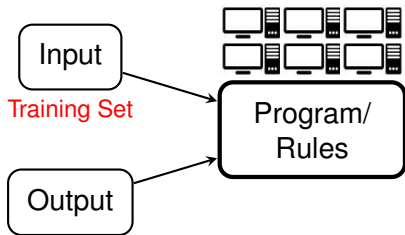
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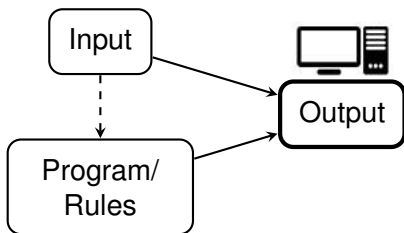
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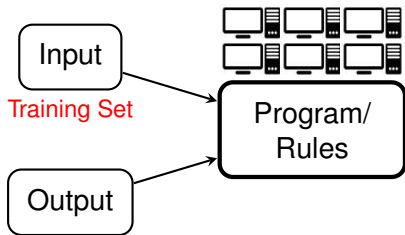
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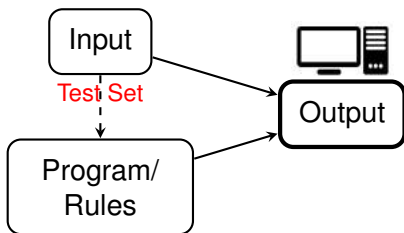
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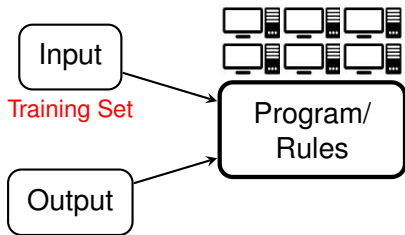
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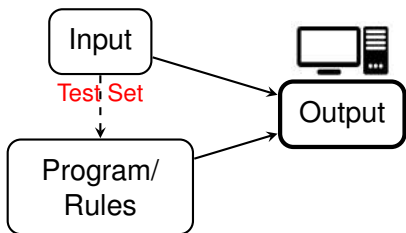
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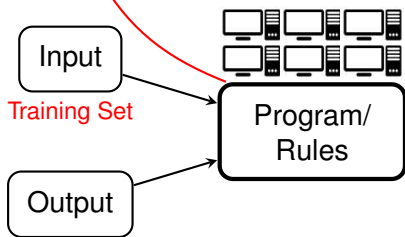
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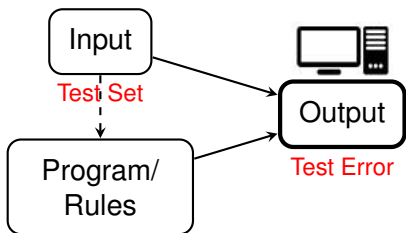
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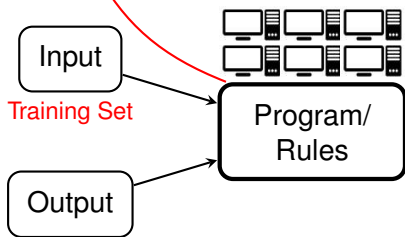
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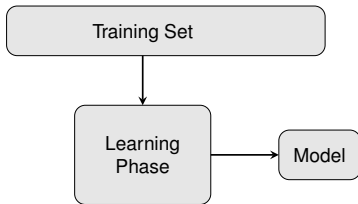


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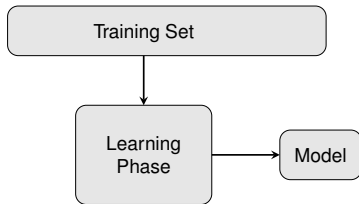
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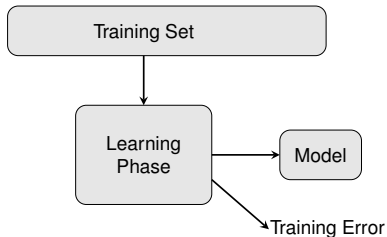
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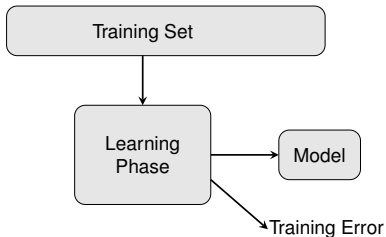
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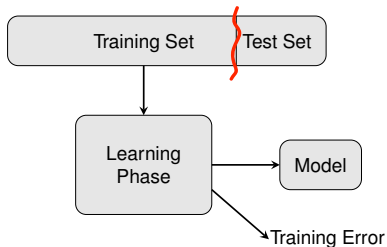
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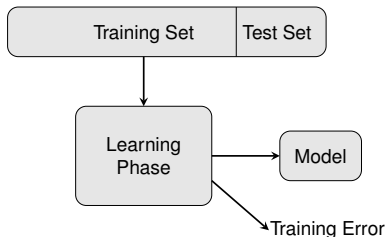
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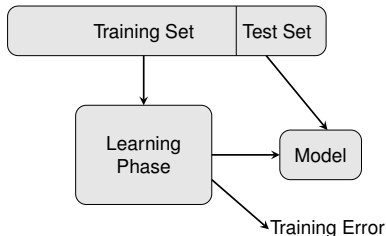
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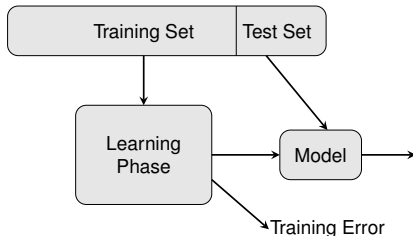
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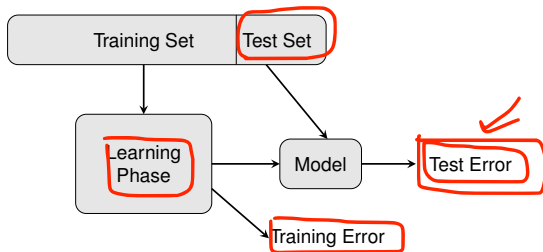
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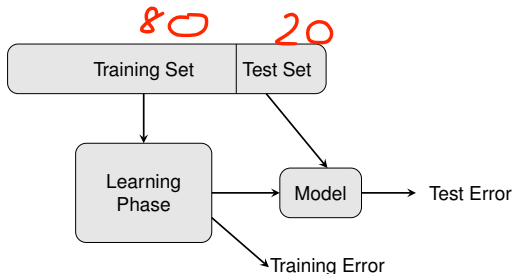
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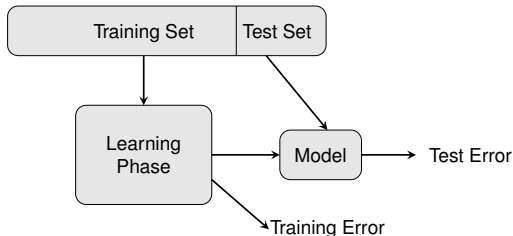
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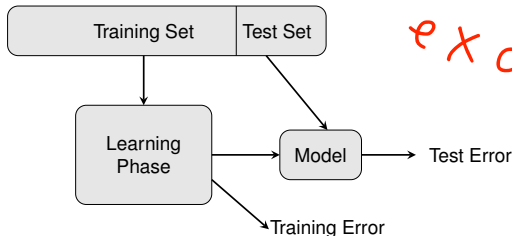
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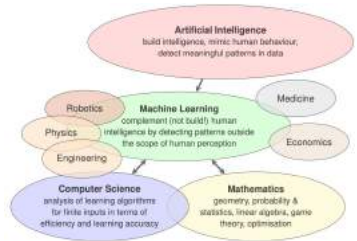
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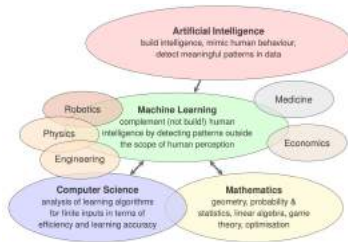
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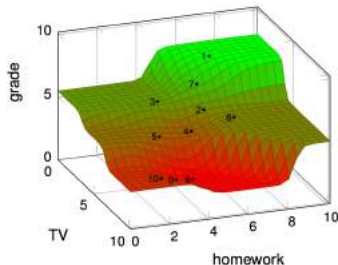
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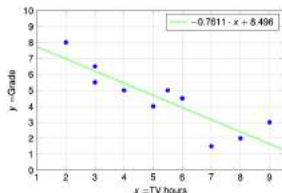
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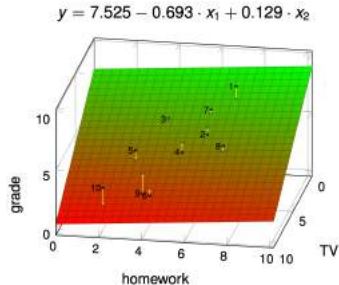
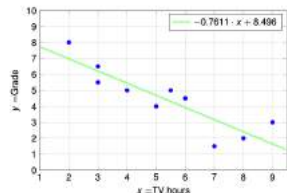
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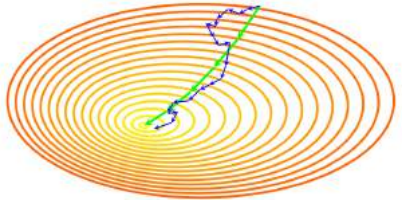
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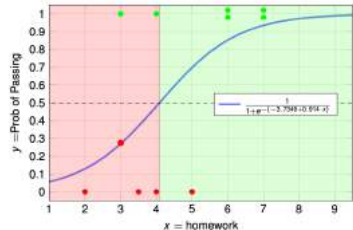
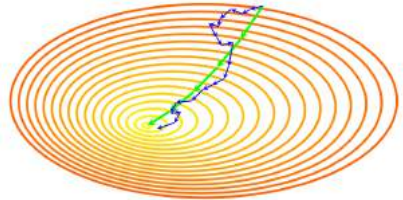
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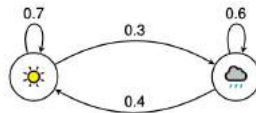


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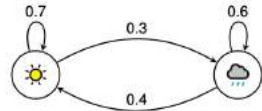


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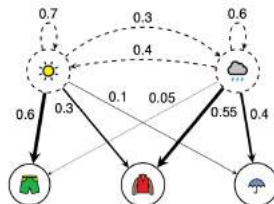
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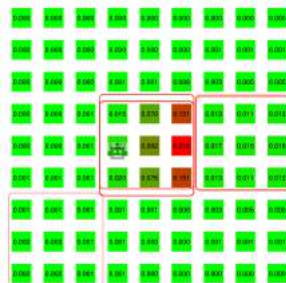
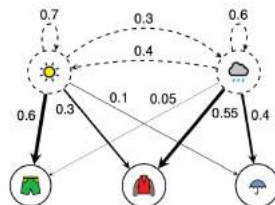
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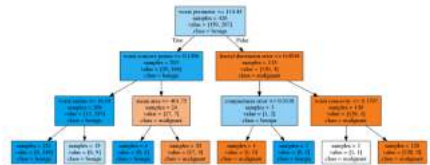
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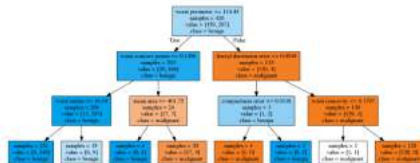


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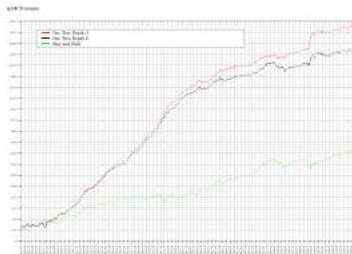
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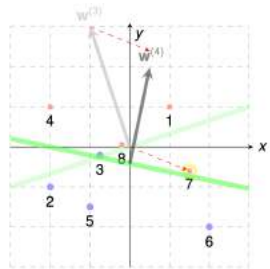
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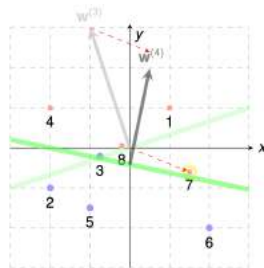
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