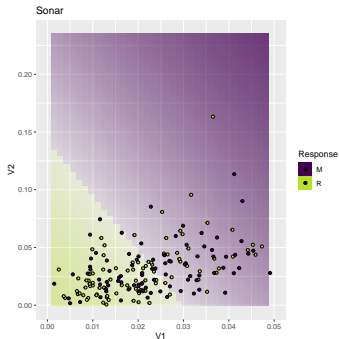# Introduction to Machine Learning
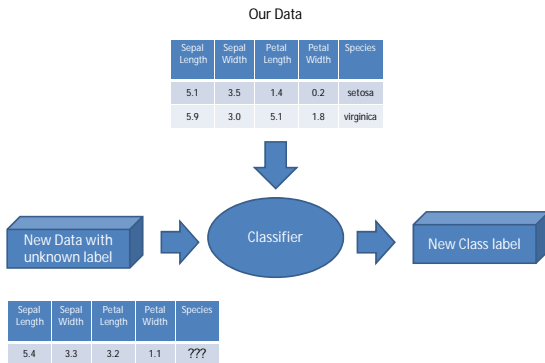
Classification: Tasks

Learning goals

- Understand the main difference between regression and classification
- Know that classification can be binary or multiclass
- Know some examples of classification tasks

CLASSIFICATION

Learn functions that assign class labels to observation / feature vectors.
Each observation belongs to exactly one class. The main difference to
regression is the scale of the output / label.

Our Data

Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	virginica

New Data with unknown label → Classifier → New Class label

Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width	Species
5.4	3.3	3.2	1.1	???

BINARY AND MULTICLASS TASKS

The task can contain 2 classes (binary) or multiple (multiclass).
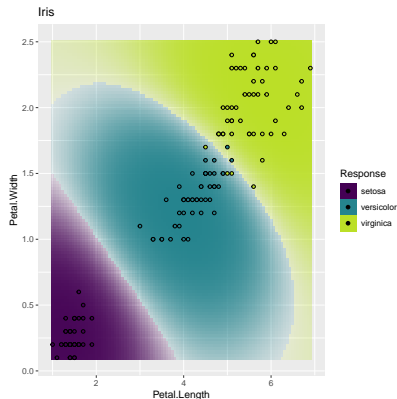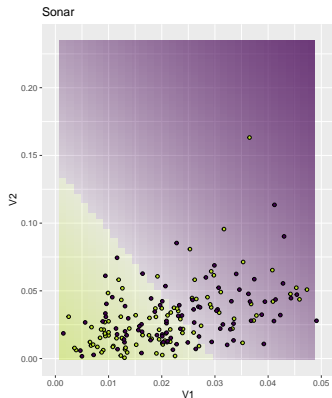
BINARY CLASSIFICATION TASK - EXAMPLES

- Credit risk prediction, based on personal data and transactions
- Spam detection, based on textual features
- Churn prediction, based on customer behavior
- Predisposition for specific illness, based on genetic data

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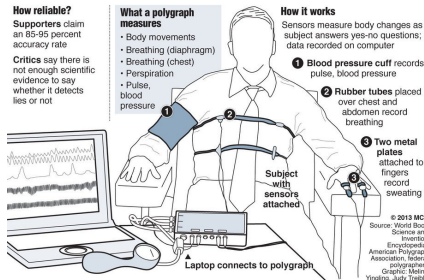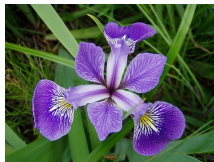
MULTICLASS TASK - MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS

MULTICLASS TASK - IRIS

The iris dataset was introduced by the statistician Ronald Fisher and is one of the most frequent used data sets. Originally, it was designed for linear discriminant analysis.
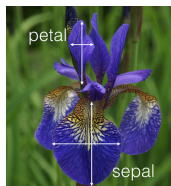

Setosa   Versicolor   Virginica

Source:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_flower_data_set

MULTICLASS TASK - IRIS

- 150 iris flowers
- Predict subspecies
- Based on sepal and petal length / width in [cm]


```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width   Species
##   1:          5.1         3.5          1.4         0.2    setosa
##   2:          4.9         3.0          1.4         0.2    setosa
##   3:          4.7         3.2          1.3         0.2    setosa
##   4:          4.6         3.1          1.5         0.2    setosa
##   5:          5.0         3.6          1.4         0.2    setosa
## ---
## 146:          6.7         3.0          5.2         2.3 virginica
## 147:          6.3         2.5          5.0         1.9 virginica
## 148:          6.5         3.0          5.2         2.0 virginica
## 149:          6.2         3.4          5.4         2.3 virginica
## 150:          5.9         3.0          5.1         1.8 virginica
```

MULTICLASS TASK - IRIS