

Machine Learning Basics

1. What is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning (ML) is a part of Artificial Intelligence that allows computers to learn patterns from data and make decisions or predictions without being explicitly programmed for every rule.

Instead of writing step-by-step instructions, we give the system data, and it builds a model that improves its performance with experience.

2. What are the main types of Machine Learning?

- **Supervised Learning**

The model learns from labeled data (input + correct output).

Examples: spam detection, price prediction.

- **Unsupervised Learning**

The model works with unlabeled data and tries to find hidden patterns or groupings.

Examples: customer segmentation, anomaly detection.

- **Reinforcement Learning**

The model learns by interacting with an environment and receiving rewards or penalties.

Examples: game-playing AI, robotics.

3. What is the difference between Classification and Regression?

Classification	Regression
Predicts categories or classes	Predicts continuous numerical values
Output is discrete (e.g., Yes/No, Spam/Not Spam)	Output is a number (e.g., price, temperature)
Example: Disease present or not	Example: Predicting house price

4. What is a feature in Machine Learning?

A feature is an input variable used by the model to make predictions.

It represents measurable information about the data.

Example: In a house price model, features could be size, number of rooms, location, age of house.

5. What is a label or target variable?

The label (or target variable) is the output the model is trying to predict.

It is the correct answer in supervised learning.

Example: In a house price prediction model, the price is the label.