

# Introduction

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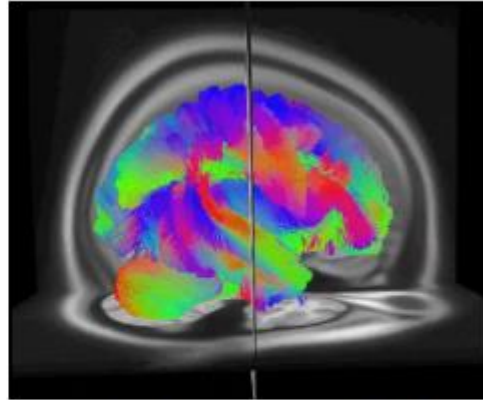
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# The age of Big Data



CERN Collider  
 $320 \times 10^{12}$  bytes/second



Prof. Tim Verstynen, CMU

Personal Connectome  
 $10^{18}$  bytes/human

facebook

1 billion  
messages/day

twitter

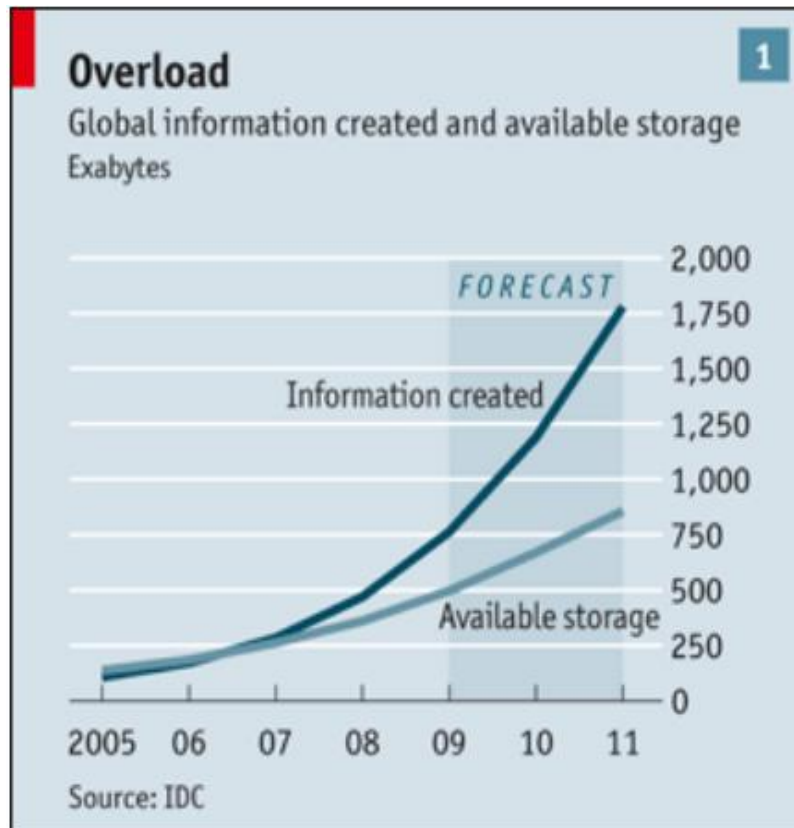


200 million  
tweets/day

“Every day, people create the equivalent of 2.5 **quintillion** bytes of data from sensors, mobile devices, online transactions, and social networks; so much that 90 percent of the world's data has been generated in the past two years.”

*The Huffington Post: Arnan Dayaratna: IBM Releases Big Data*

# The age of Big Data



40,000 Exabytes by 2020  
(IDC)

200 million in  
government funding  
(White house initiative)

jobs shortage of 200,000  
data experts by 2018  
(Bloomberg)

"the sexiest job of the  
21st century."  
(Harvard Business Review)

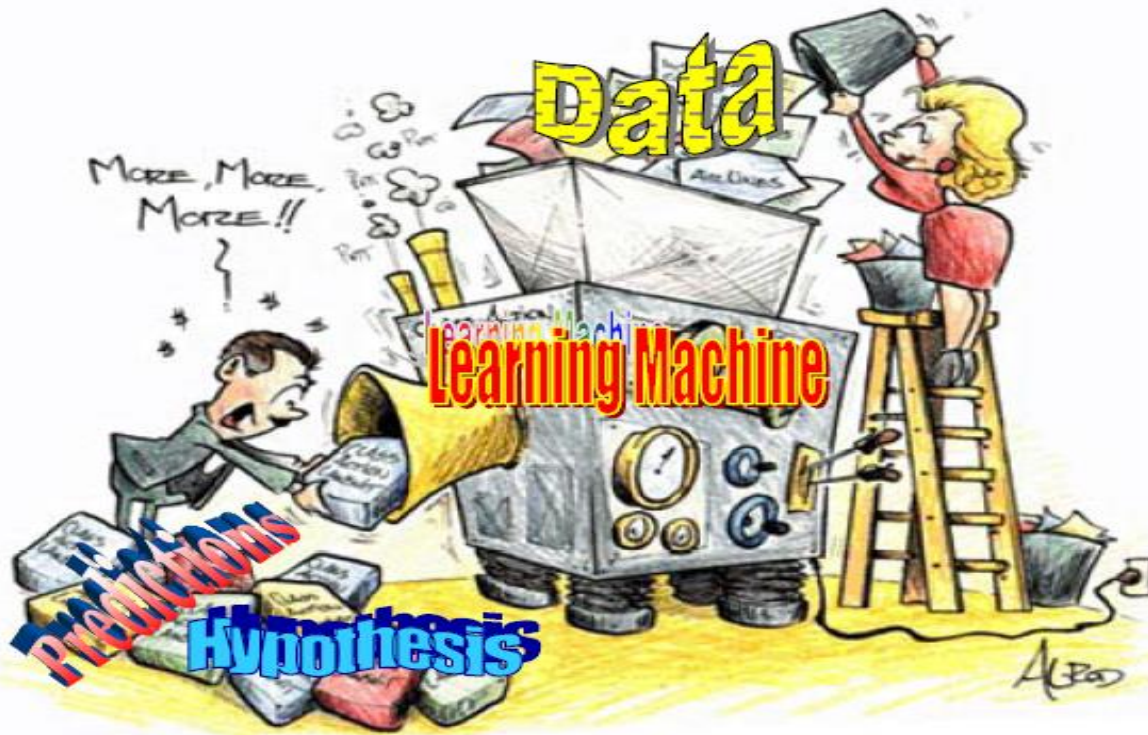
Data  Knowledge

From Data to Knowledge ...

# What is Machine Learning?



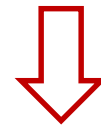
**Machine learning**, a branch of [artificial intelligence](#), is a scientific discipline concerned with the design and development of [algorithms](#) that take as input empirical [data](#), and yield patterns or predictions thought to be features of the [underlying mechanism](#) that generated the data



Data



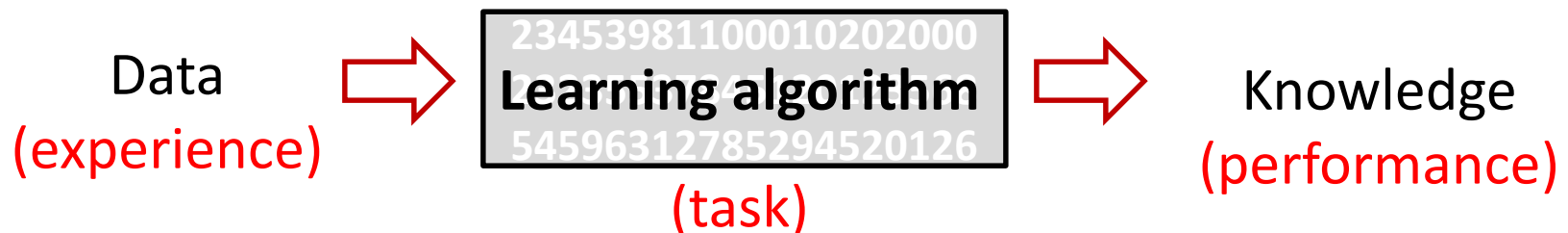
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Knowledge

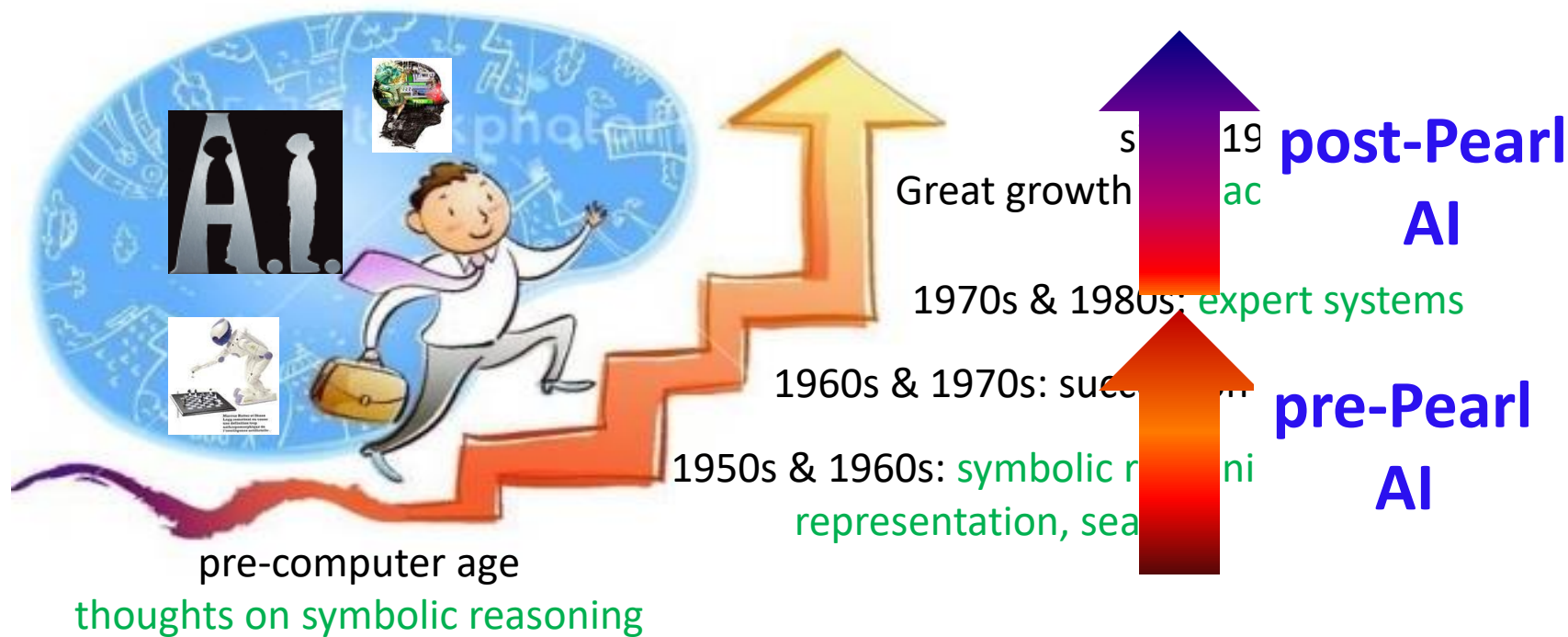
# What is machine learning?

- Study of algorithms that
  - (automatically) improve their performance
  - at some task
  - with experience





# (Statistical) Machine Learning in AI



[Judea Pearl, Turing Award 2011]

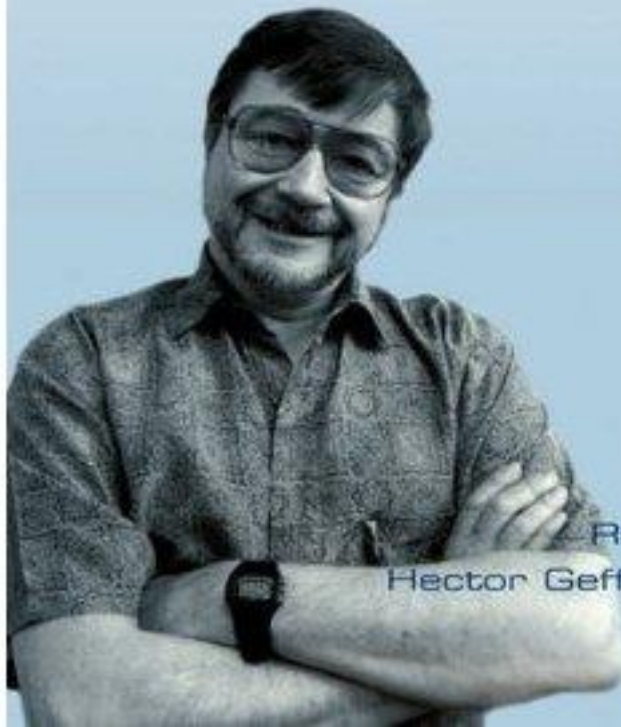
- For "innovations that enabled remarkable advances in the partnership between humans and machines that is the foundation of Artificial Intelligence (AI)"
- "His work serves as the standard method for handling uncertainty in computer systems, with applications from [medical diagnosis](#), [homeland security](#) and [genetic counseling](#) to [natural language understanding](#) and mapping gene expression data."
- "Modern applications of AI, such as [robotics](#), [self-driving cars](#), [speech recognition](#), and [machine translation](#) deal with uncertainty. Pearl has been instrumental in supplying the rationale and much valuable technology that allow these applications to flourish."

## Heuristics, Probability and Causality

A Tribute to Judea Pearl

“The field of AI has changed a great deal since the 80s, and arguably no one has played a larger role in that change than Judea Pearl. Judea Pearl's work made probability the prevailing language of modern AI and, perhaps more significantly, it placed the elaboration of crisp and meaningful models, and of effective computational mechanisms, at the center of AI research ...”

This book is a collection of articles in honor of Judea Pearl. Its three main parts correspond to the titles of the three ground-breaking books authored by Judea ...



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# Machine learning in Action






- Document classification



Sports  
News  
Politics  
...

# Spam Filter

 垃圾邮件通知目录摘要/Spam notification Abstract

 回复  回复全部  转发  删除  邮件标签

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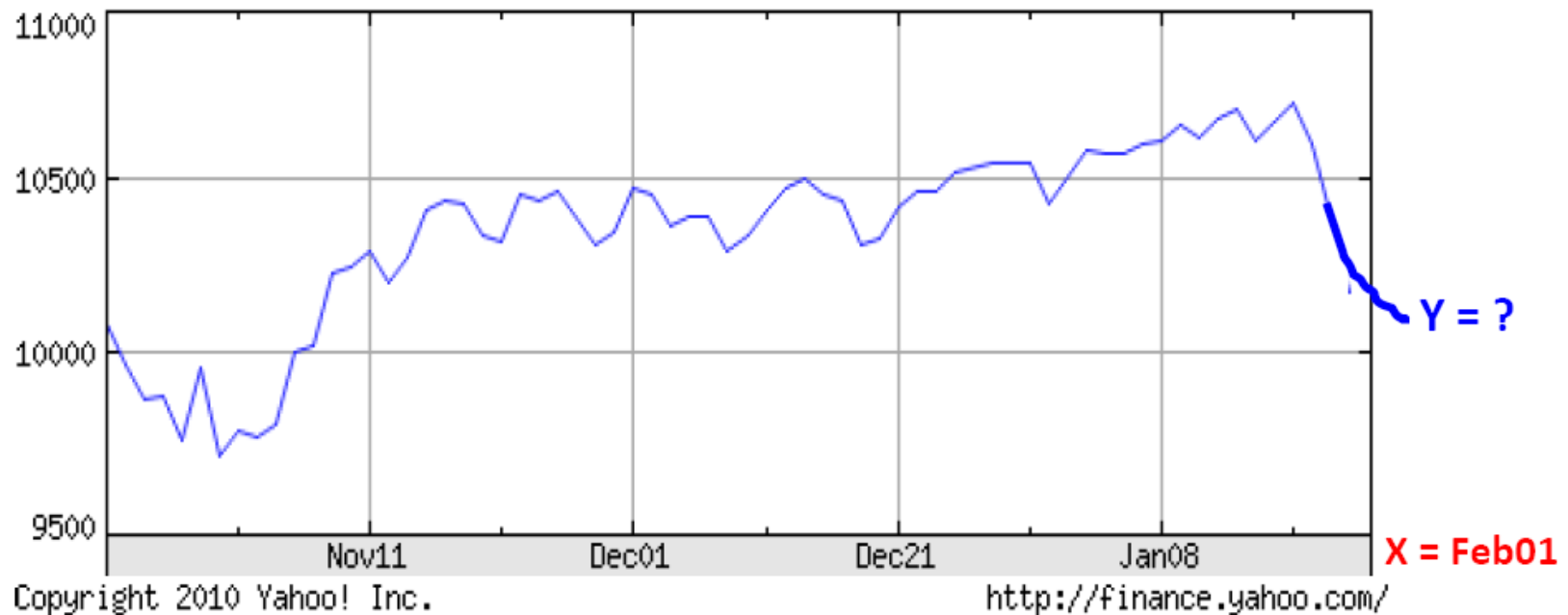
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# Regression

- Stock market prediction

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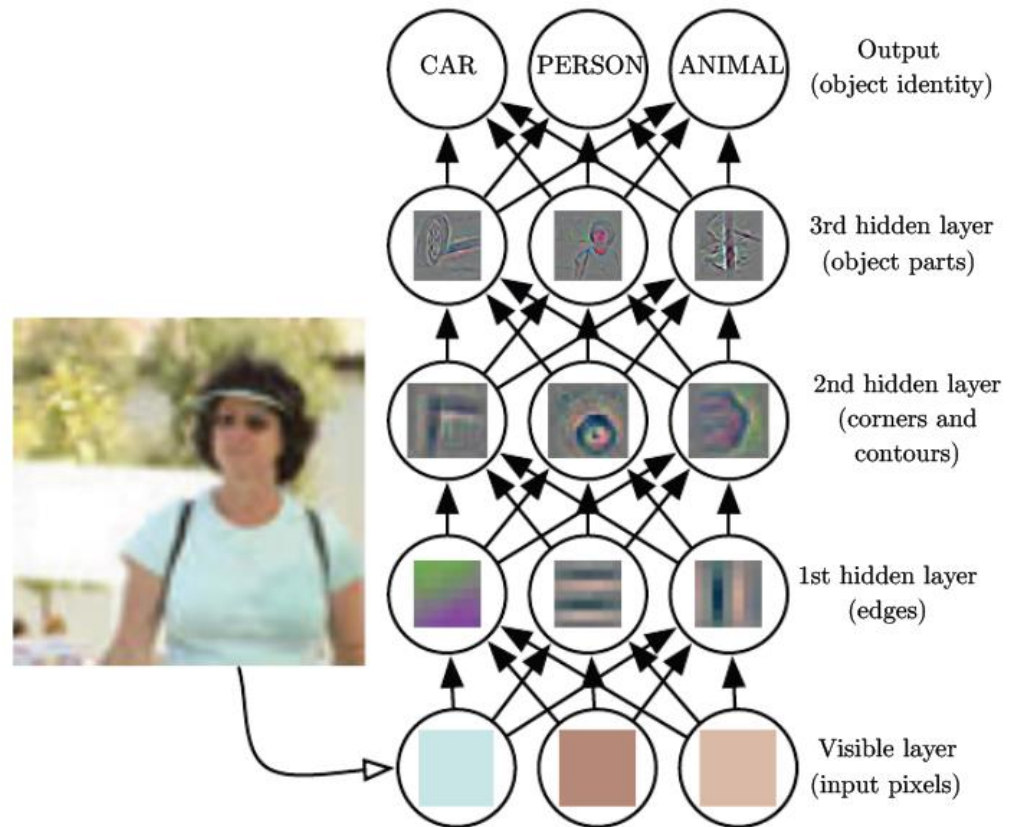


# Computer Vision

- Image Classification, Face recognition, Scene understanding, Action/behavior recognition, Image tagging and search, Optical character recognition (OCR)



ImageNet Challenge: 1000 categories, 1.2 million images for training



# Speech Recognition

- A classic problem in AI, very difficult!
  - “Let’s talk about how to wreck a nice beach”
  - small vocabulary is – easy
  - challenges: large vocabulary, noise, accent, semantics



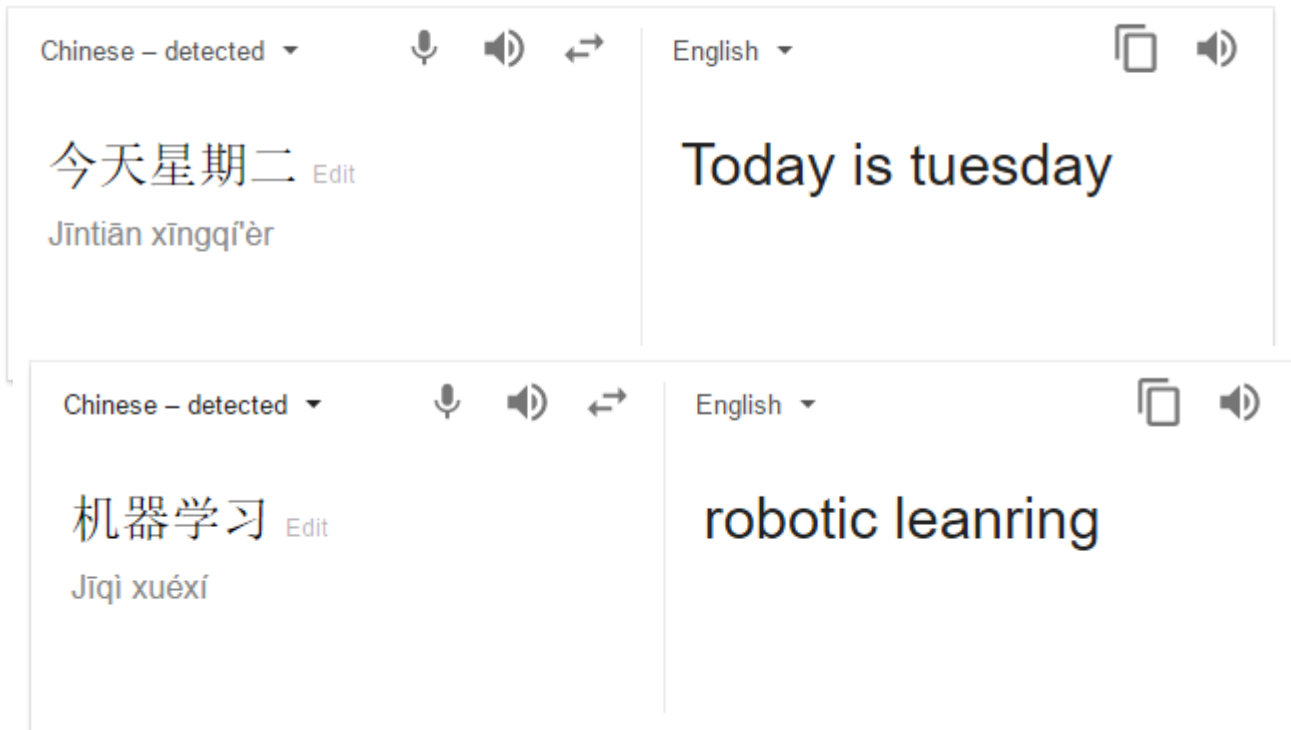
amazon echo

Always ready, connected, and fast. [Just ask.](#)



# Natural Language Processing

- Machine translation, Information Extraction, Information Retrieval, question answering, Text classification, spam filtering, etc....



[Open in Google Translate](#)

[Feedback](#)

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# Control

- Cars navigating on their own



- DARPA urban challenge

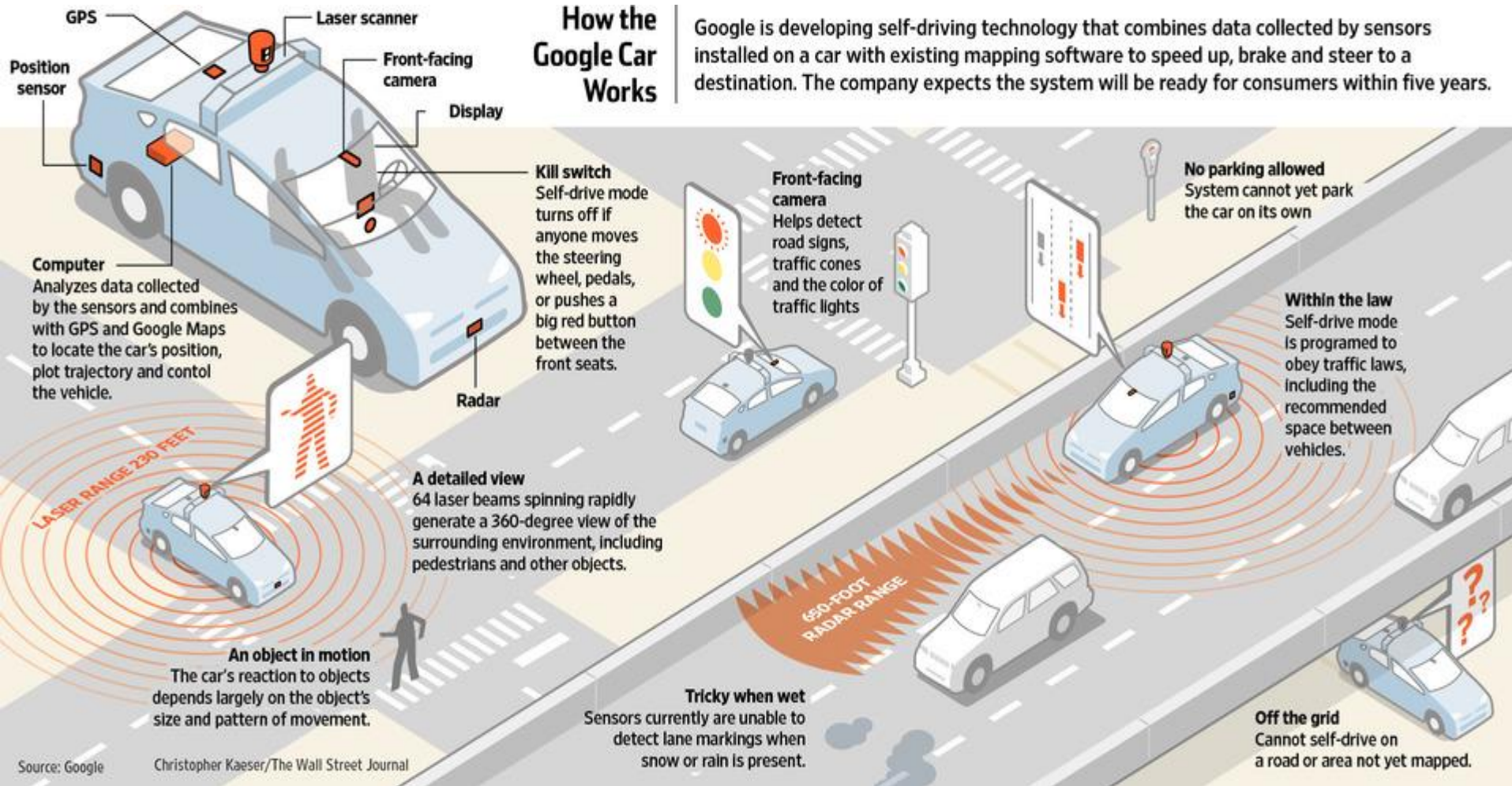


- Tsinghua Mobile Robot V (THMR-V):



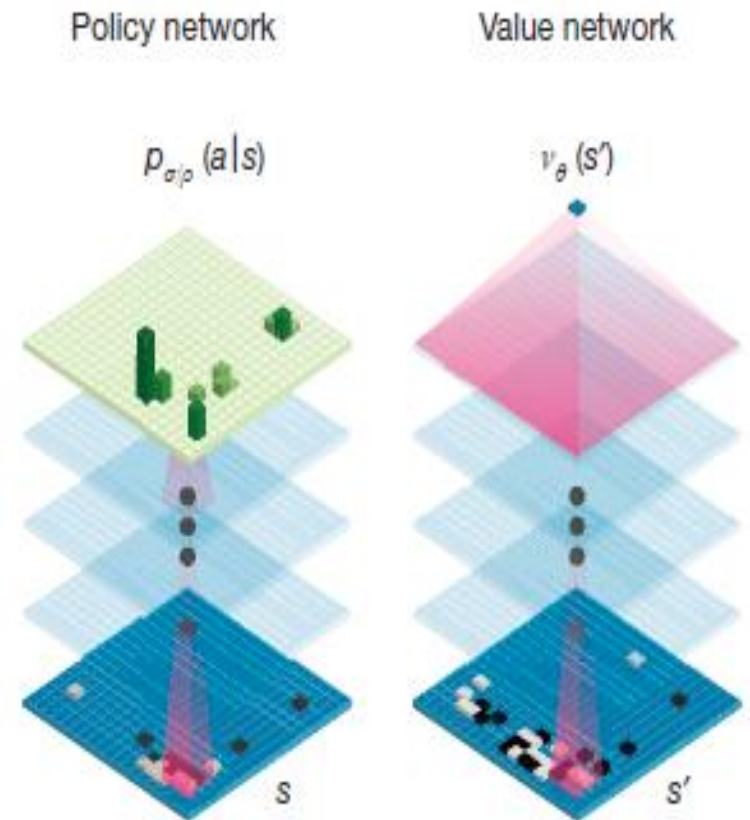
# Control (cont'd)

- How the Google car works



# AlphaGO

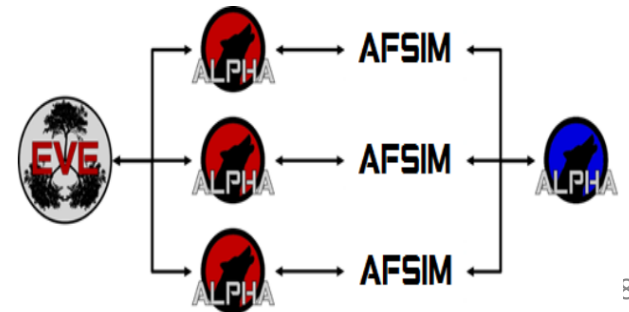
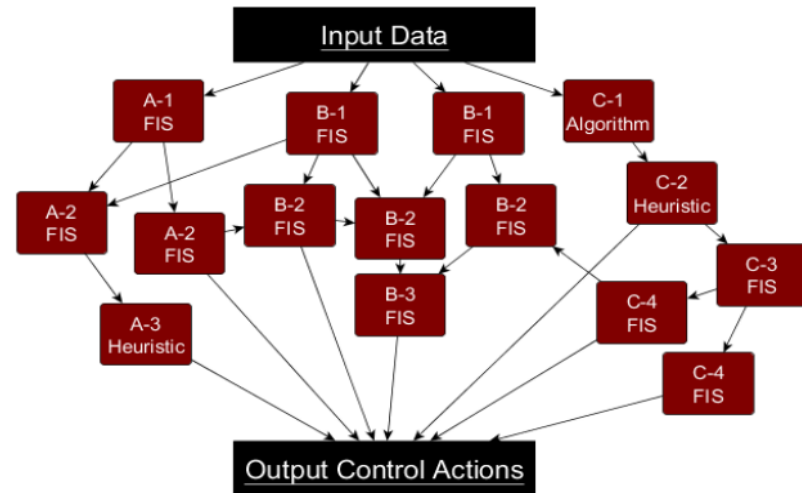
- March, 2016: AlphaGO beats Sedol Lee at 4:1





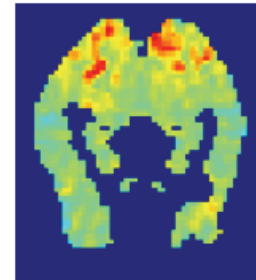
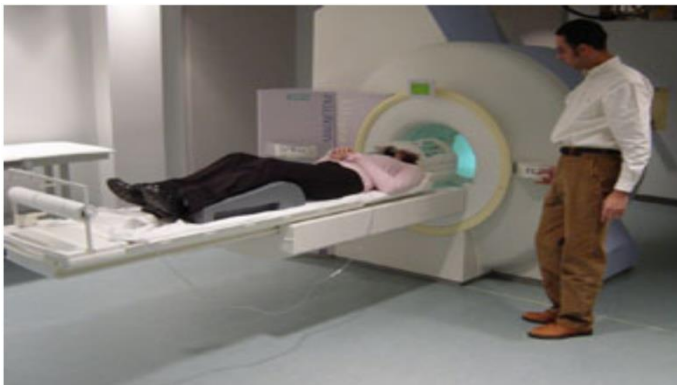
# Alpha

- June, 2016: Alpha beats Gene Lee in combat simulation

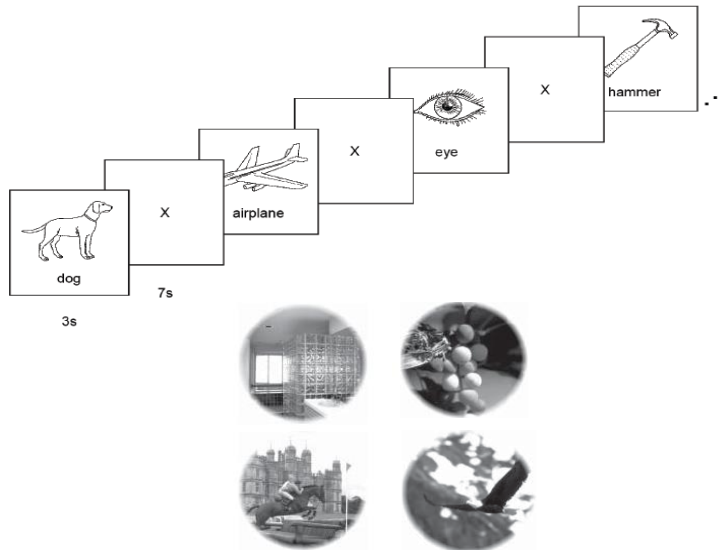


# Science

- Decoding thoughts from brain activity



Tool  
Animal  
...



[Mitchell et al, Science 2008]

[Kay et al., Nature, 2008]

## More others ...

- Many more
  - Natural language processing
  - Speech recognition
  - Computer vision
  - Robotics
  - Computational biology
  - Social network analysis
  - Sensor networks
  - Health care
  - Protest ??
  - ...



# Machine learning in Action

- Machine learning for protest?

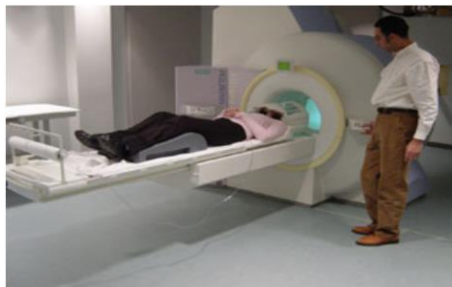


CMU ML students and post-docs at G-20 Pittsburgh Summit 2009

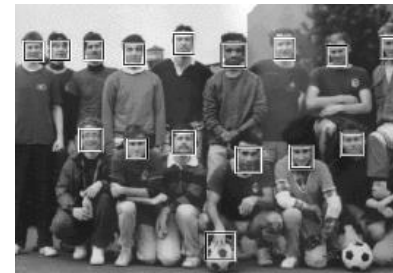
# Machine Learning – practice



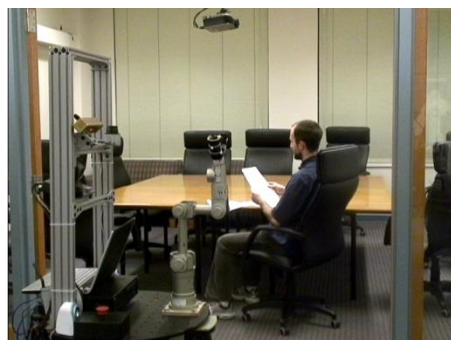
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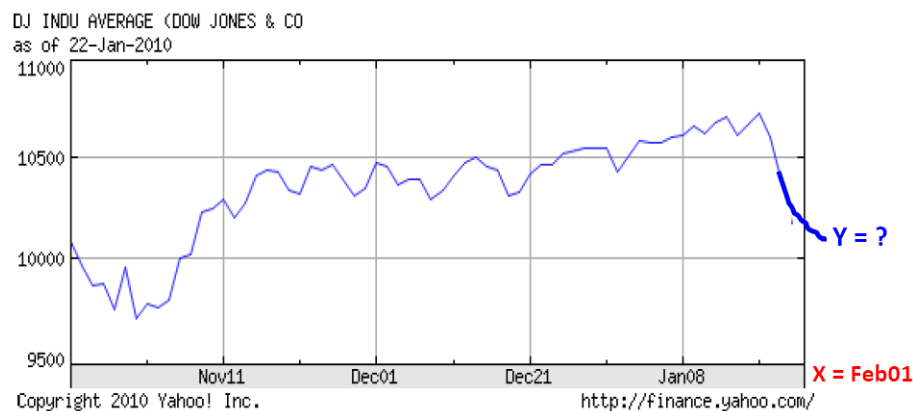
decoding brain signal



face recognition

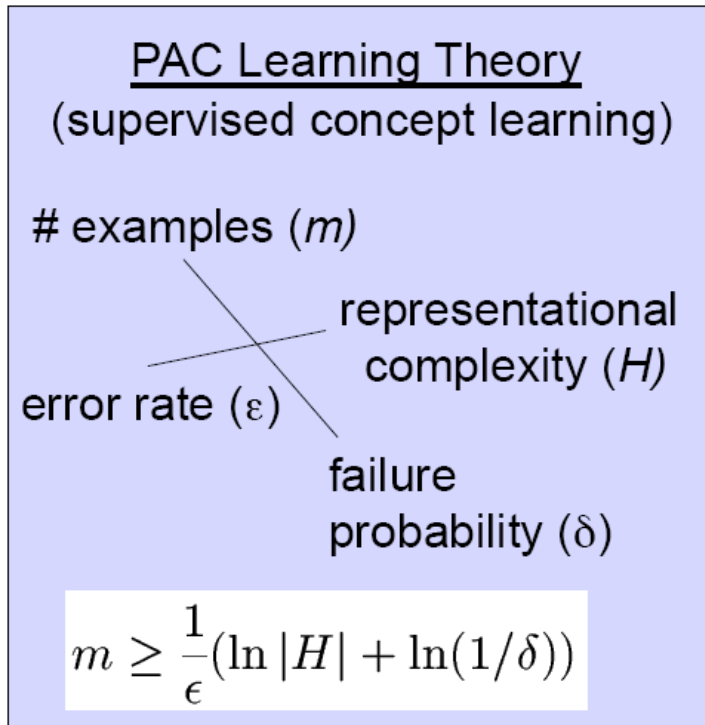


robot control



stock market prediction

# Machine Learning – theory



Other theories for

- semi-supervised learning
- reinforcement skill learning
- active learning
- ...

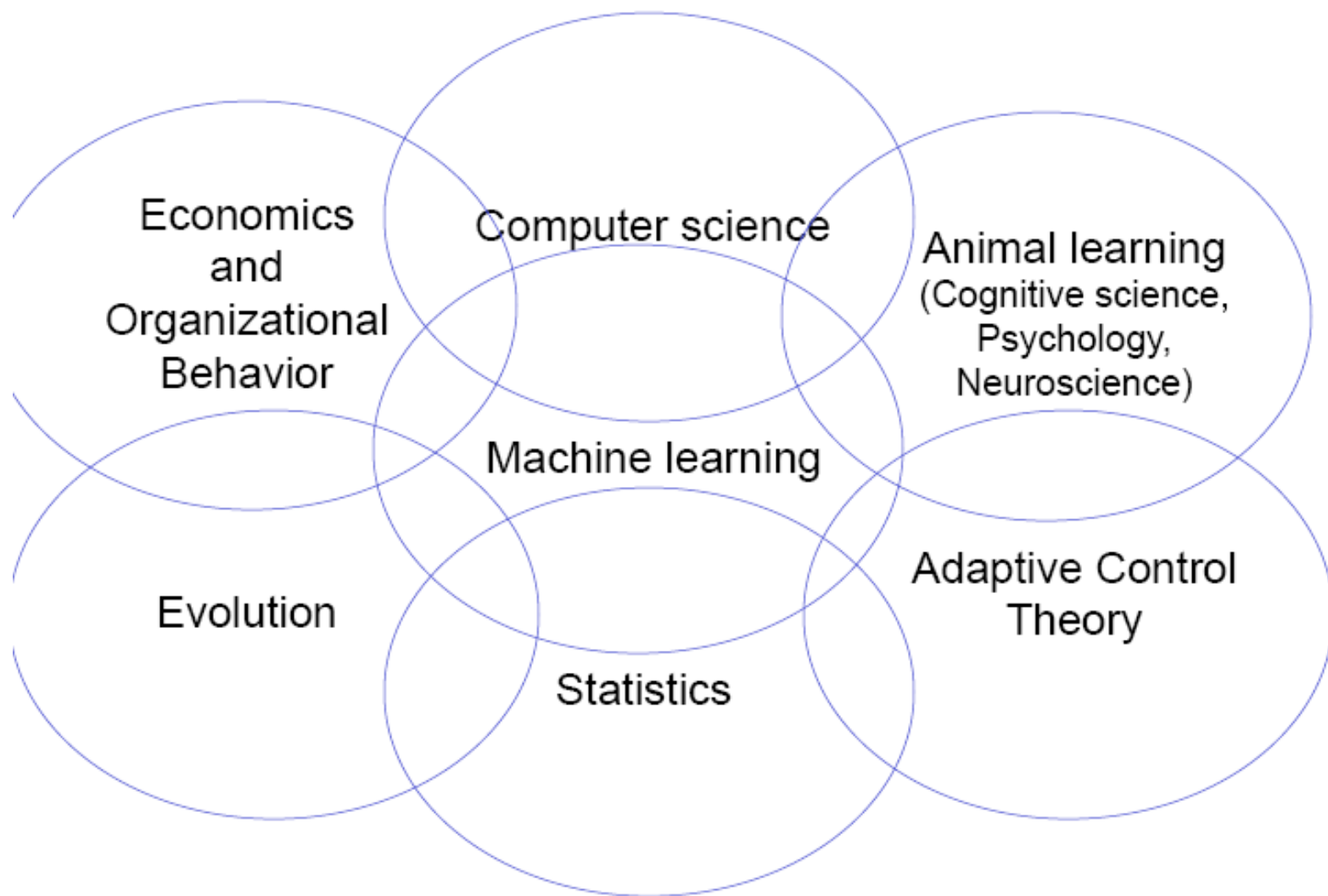
... also relating to

- # mistakes during training
- asymptotic performance
- convergence rate
- bias, variance tradeoff
- ...

[Leslie G. Valiant, 1984; Turing Award, 2010]

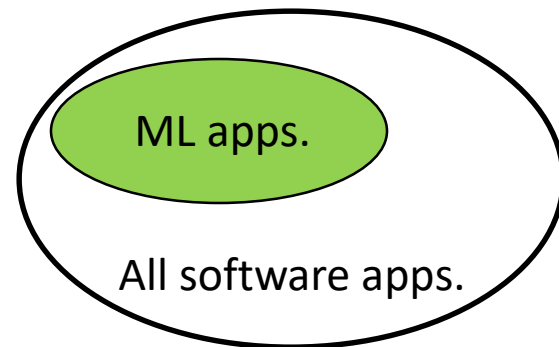
“For transformative contributions to the theory of computation, including the theory of probably approximately correct (PAC) learning, the complexity of enumeration and of algebraic computation, and the theory of parallel and distributed computing.”





# Growth of Machine Learning in CS

- Machine learning already the preferred approach to
  - Speech recognition, natural language process
  - Computer vision
  - Medical outcomes analysis
  - Robot control
  - ...
- This ML niche is growing (**why?**)



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## Huge amount of data ...

- Web: estimated Google index 45 billion pages
  - Transaction data: 5-50 TB/day
  - Satellite image feeds: ~1TB/day/satellite
  - Biological data: 1-10TB/day/sequencer
  - TV: 2TB/day/channel;
  - YouTube 4TB/day uploaded
  - Photos: 1.5 billion photos/week uploaded
- This ML niche is growing
    - Improved machine learning algorithms
    - Increased data capture, networking, new sensors
    - Software too complex to write by hand
    - Demand for self-customization to user, environment

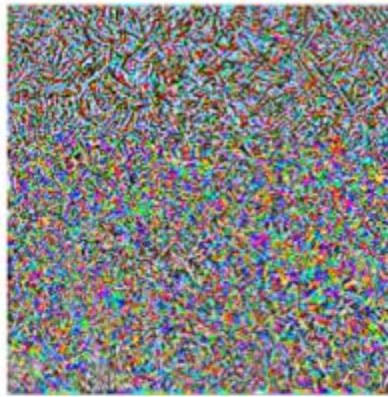


# ML still has a long way to go ...

- Adversarial attack for deep neural networks



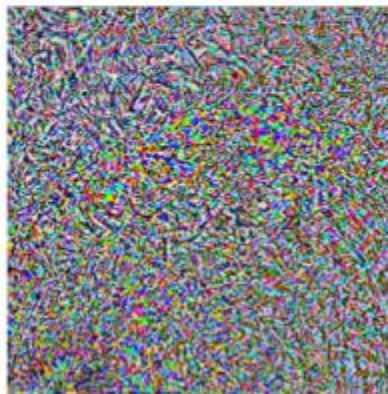
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Dog: 99.99%

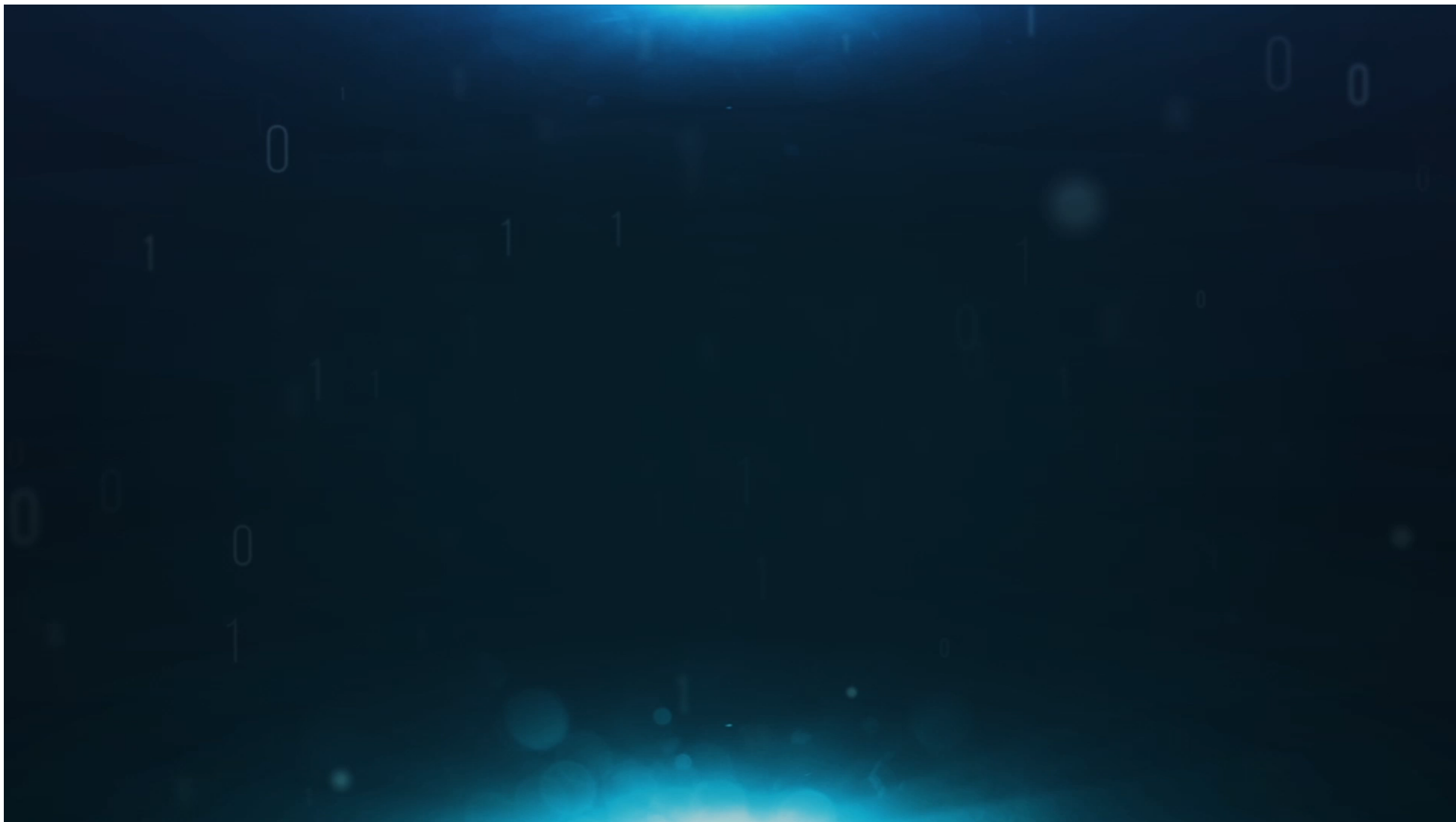


Puffer: 97.99%



Crab: 100.00%

ML still has a long way to go ...

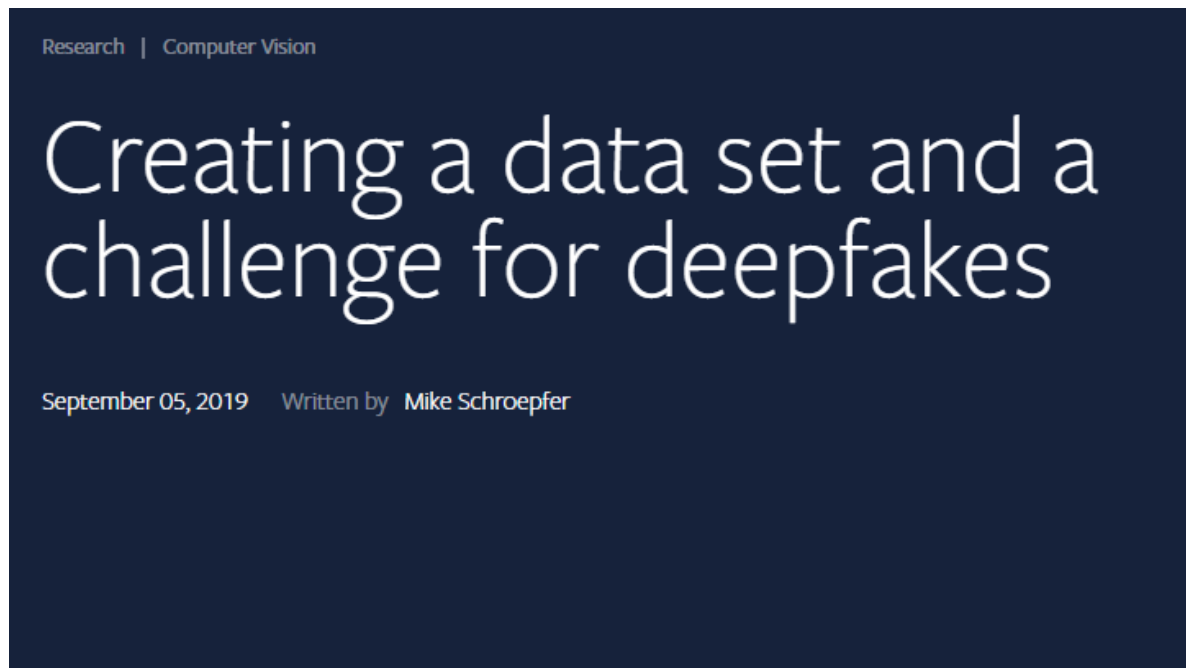


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# ML still has a long way to go ...

- Facebook AI announced a challenge to detect fake videos and dedicate more than \$10 million to fund this industry-wide effort



Data sets and benchmarks have been some of the most effective tools to speed progress in AI. Our current renaissance in deep learning has been fueled in part by the [ImageNet](#) benchmark. Recent advances in natural language processing have been hastened by the [GLUE](#) and [SuperGLUE](#) benchmarks.

# Machine Learning Tasks

- Broad categories
  - Supervised learning
    - Classification, Regression
  - Unsupervised learning
    - Density estimation, Clustering, Dimensionality reduction
  - Semi-supervised learning
  - Active learning
  - Reinforcement learning
  - Transfer learning
  - Many more ...

# Supervised Learning

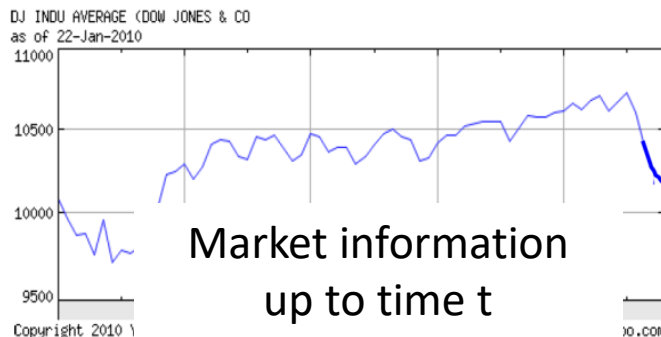
- **Task:** learn a predictive function  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

**Feature** space  $\mathcal{X}$



**Label** space  $\mathcal{Y}$

“Sports”  
“News”  
“Politics”  
...



Share price  
“\$ 20.50”



- “Experience” or training data:

$$\{ \langle x_d, y_d \rangle \}_{d=1}^D, \quad x_d \in \mathcal{X}, y_d \in \mathcal{Y}$$



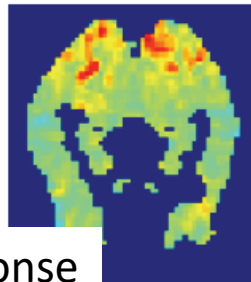
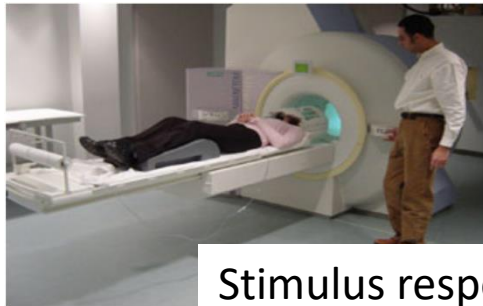
# Supervised Learning – classification

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Label space  $\mathcal{Y}$



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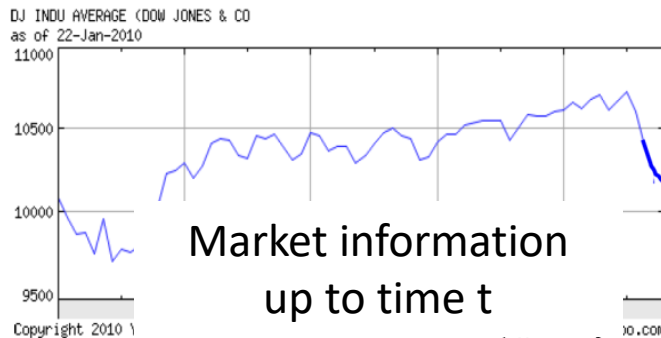
“Tool”  
“Animal”  
...

Discrete Labels

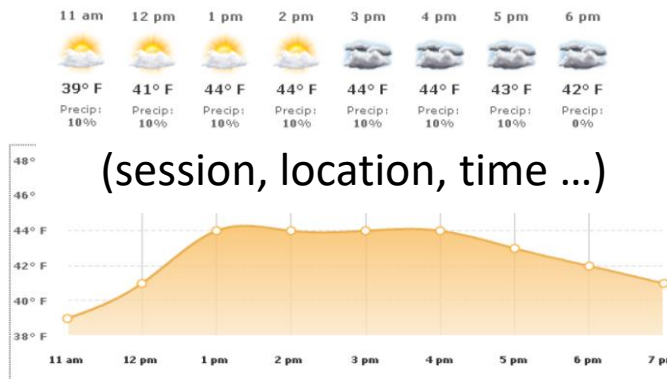
# Supervised Learning – regression

Feature space  $\mathcal{X}$

Label space  $\mathcal{Y}$



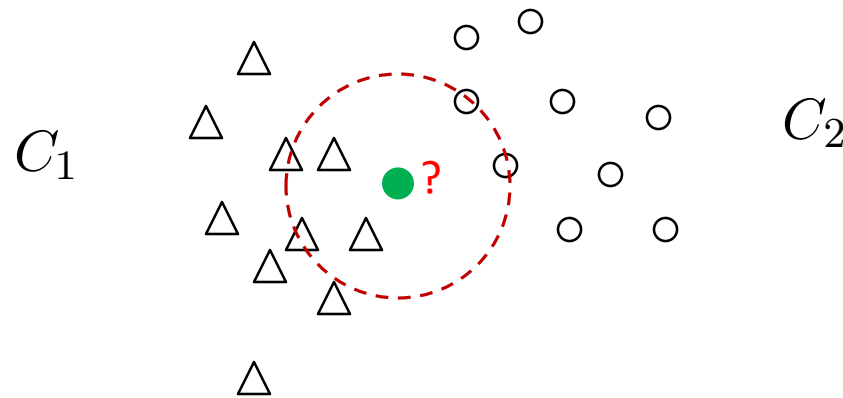
Share price  
"\$ 20.50"



Temperature  
"42° F"

Continuous Labels

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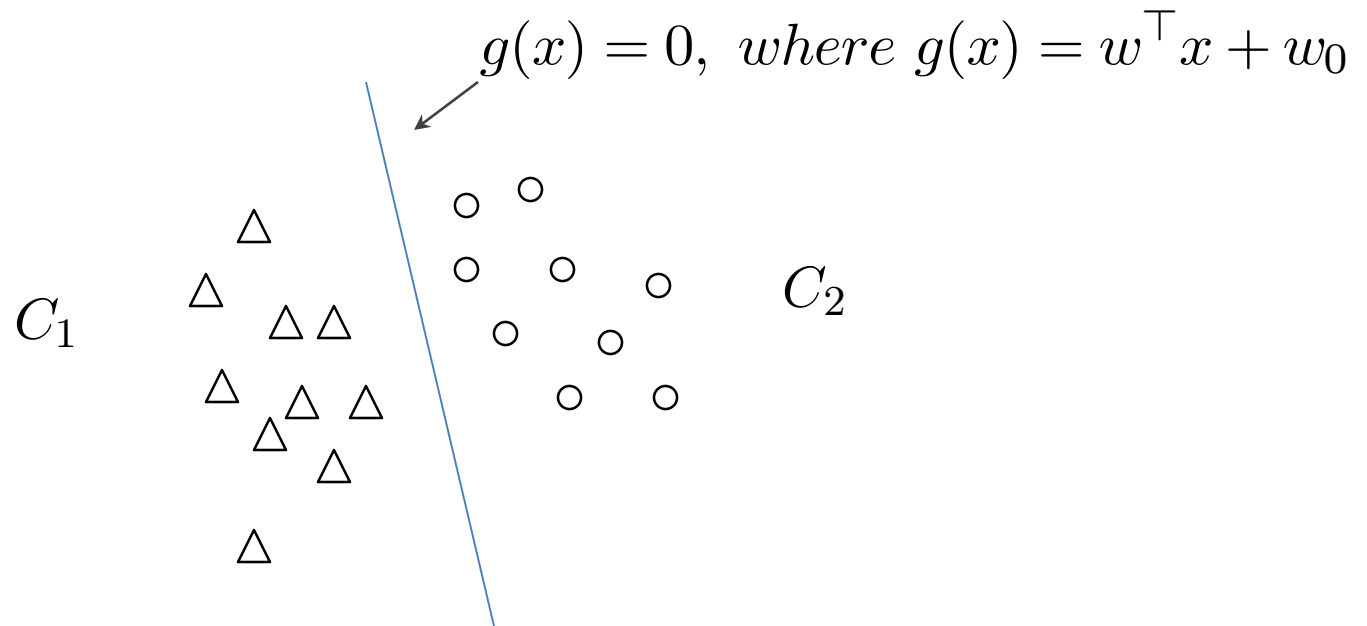


***K-NN***: a Non-parametric approach

*Distance metric matters!*

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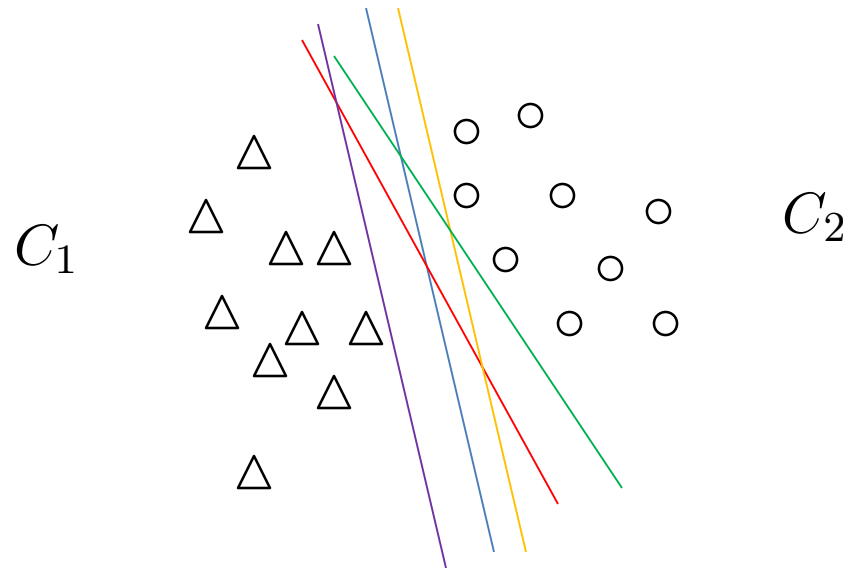
Parametric (model-based) approaches:



a good decision boundary

$$y^* = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } g(x) > 0 \\ C_2 & \text{if } g(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

# How to learn a classifier?

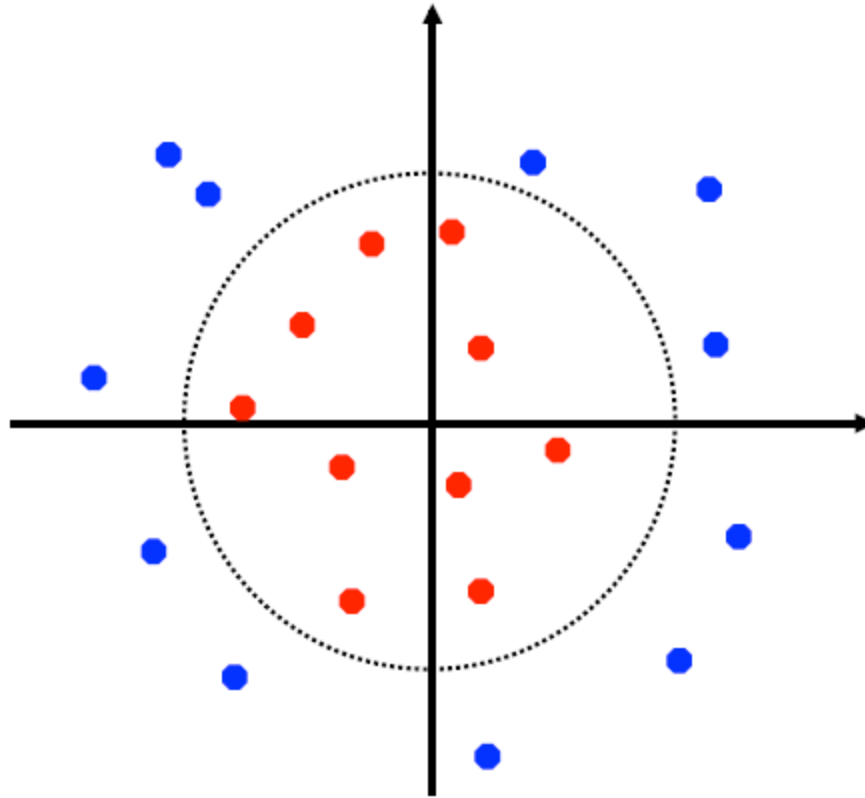


Many good decision boundaries

*which one should we choose?*



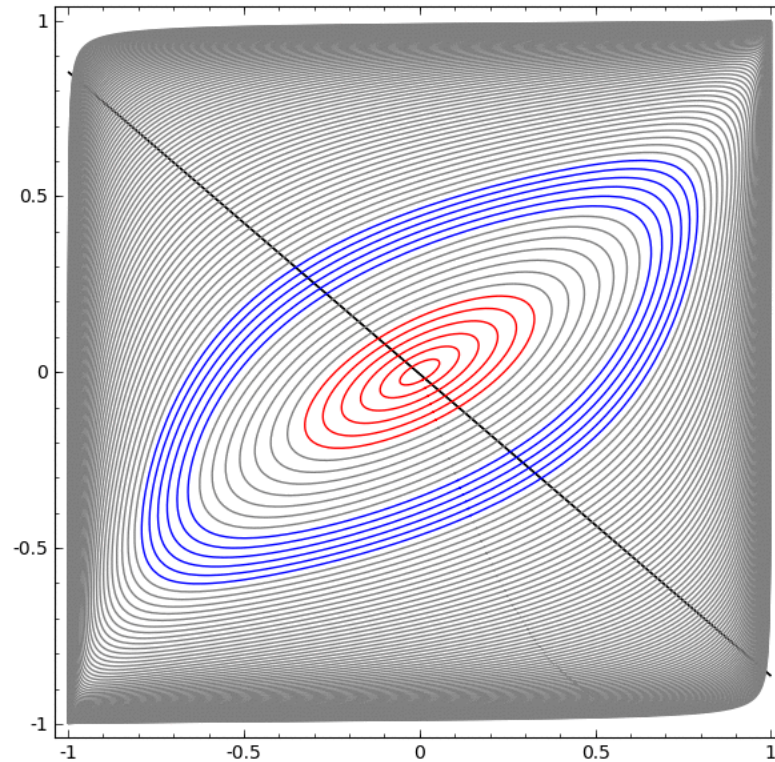
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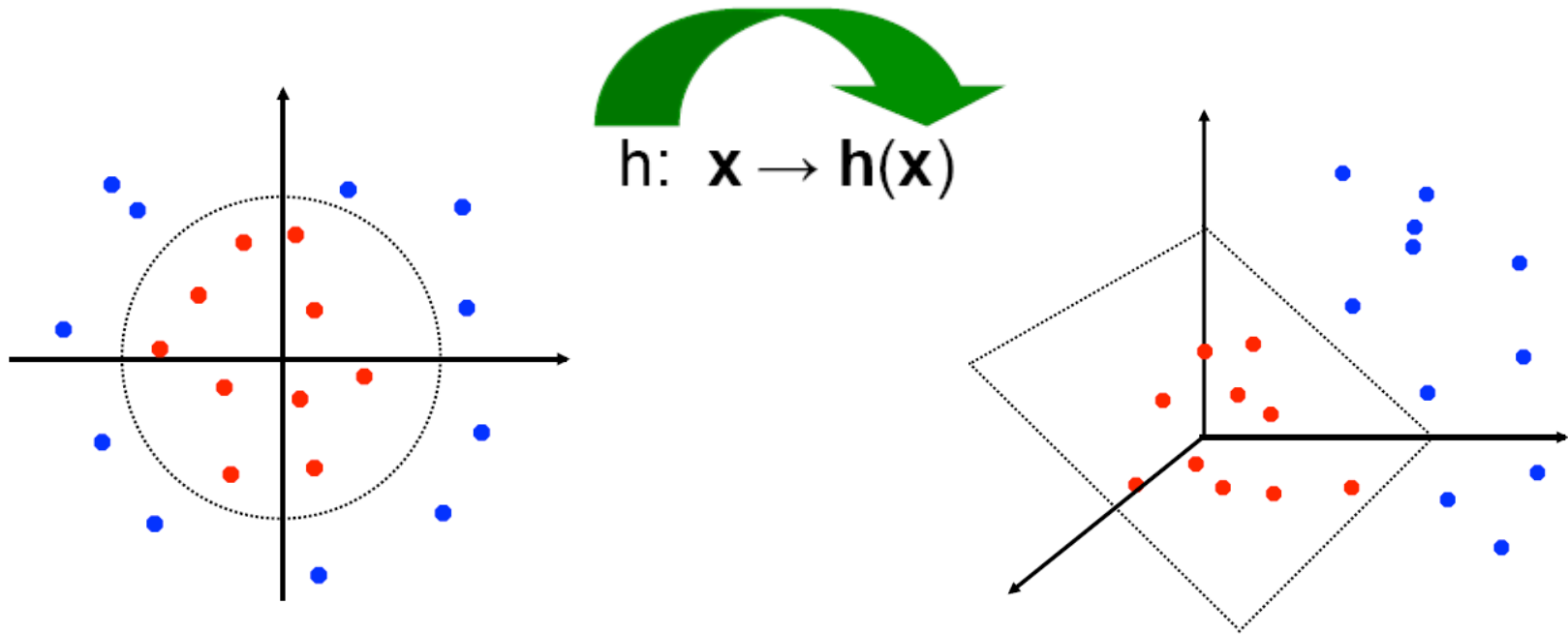
*How about non-linearity?*

# How to learn a classifier?

- 2D mapping is insufficient



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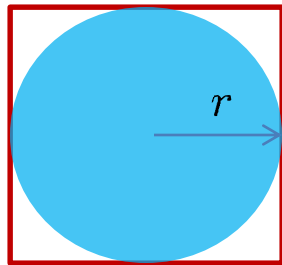


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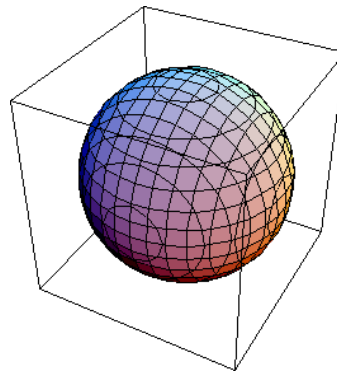
*The higher dimension, the better?*

# How to learn a classifier?

- Curse of dimensionality
  - A high dimensional space is always almost empty



$$\frac{\pi r^2}{(2r)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



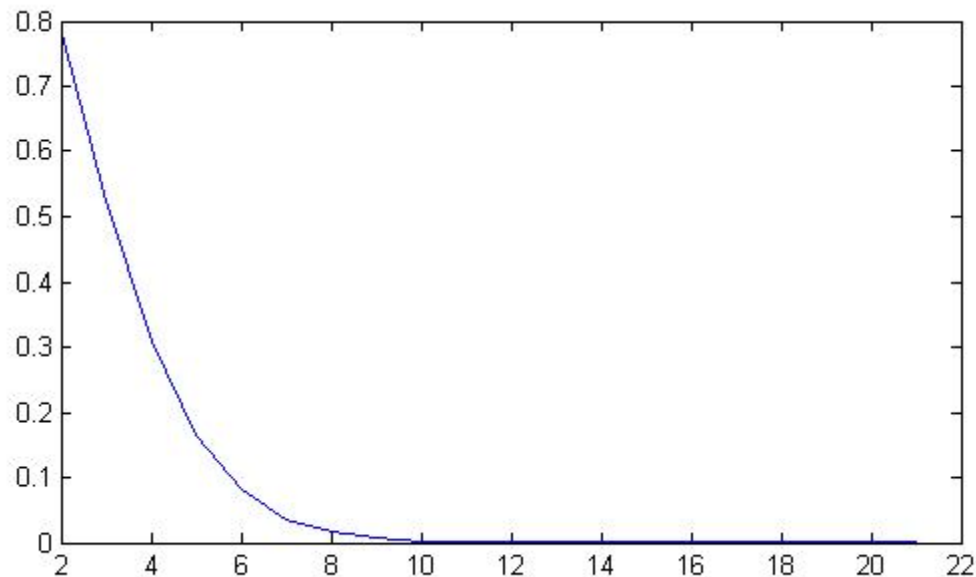
$$\frac{\frac{2r^3 \pi^{3/2}}{3\Gamma(3/2)}}{(2r)^3} = \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{12\Gamma(3/2)}$$

d dimensional space

$$\frac{\frac{2r^d \pi^{d/2}}{d\Gamma(d/2)}}{(2r)^d} = \frac{\overset{0}{\uparrow} \pi^{d/2}}{d2^{d-1}\Gamma(d/2)} \quad d \rightarrow \infty$$

# How to learn a classifier?

- Curse of dimensionality
  - A high dimensional space is always almost empty



when one wants to learn pattern from data in high dimensions no matter how much data you have it always seems less!

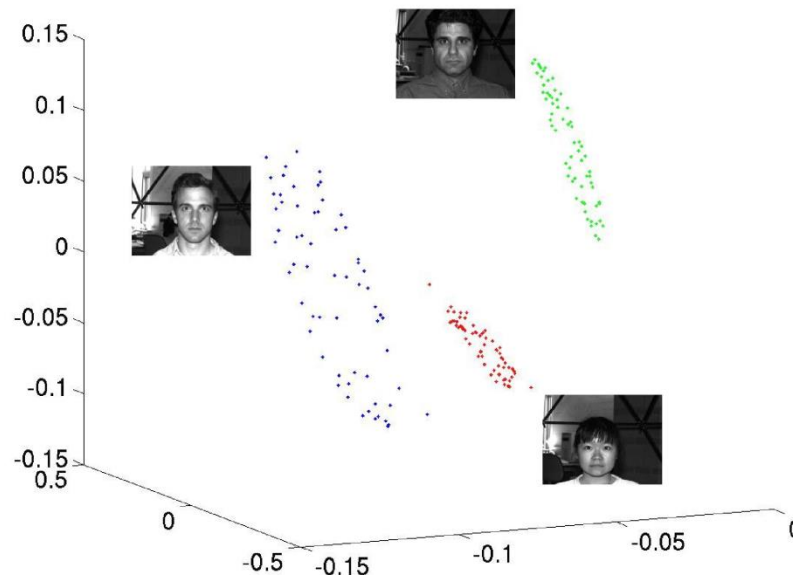


# How to learn a classifier?

- Curse of dimensionality
  - A high dimensional space is always almost empty
  - ... in high dimensions no matter how much data you have it always seems less!
- The blessing of dimensionality
  - ... *real data highly concentrate on **low-dimensional, sparse, or degenerate** structures in the high-dimensional space.*
- But no free lunch: **Gross errors and irrelevant measurements** are now ubiquitous in massive cheap data.

# How to learn a classifier?

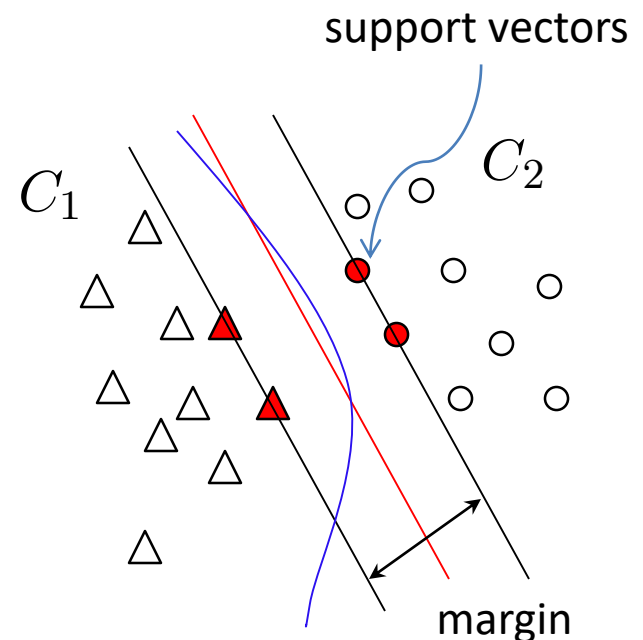
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Images of the same face under varying illumination lie approximately on a low (nine)-dimensional subspace, known as the **harmonic plane** [Basri & Jacobs, PAMI, 2003].

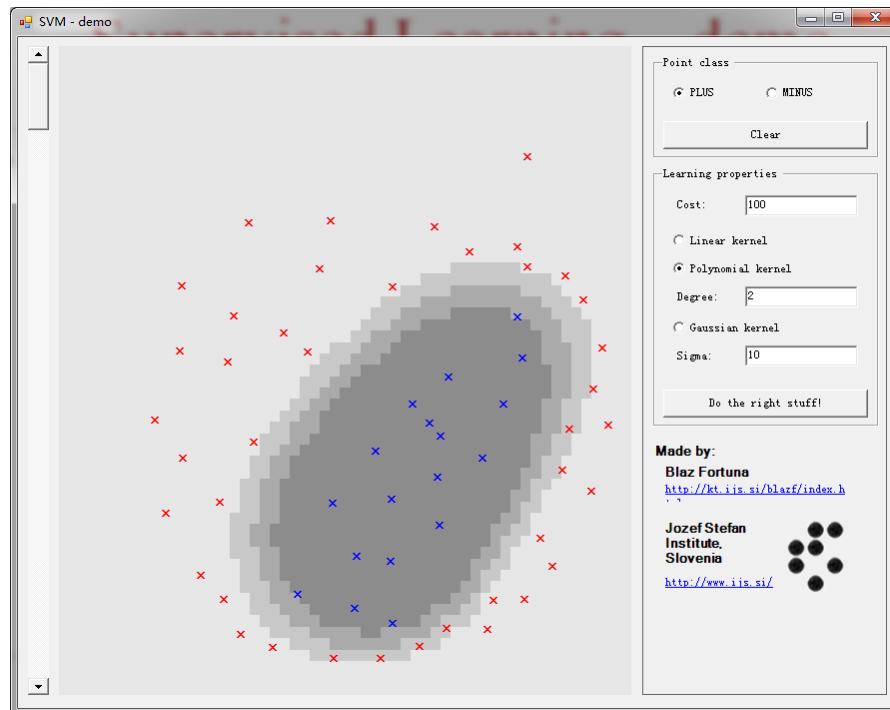
# How to learn a classifier?

- Support vector machines (SVM) – basics
  - SVM is among the most popular/successful classifiers
  - It provides a *principled way* to learn a *robust* classifier (i.e., a *decision boundary*)
- SVM
  - chooses the one with *maximum margin principle*
  - has sound *theoretical guarantee*
  - extends to *nonlinear decision boundary* by using *kernel* trick
  - learning problem efficiently solved using *convex optimization techniques*



# How to learn a classifier?

- Support vector machines (SVM) – demo



Good ToolKits: [1] SVM-Light: <http://svmlight.joachims.org/>  
[2] LibSVM: <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm/>

# How to learn a classifier?

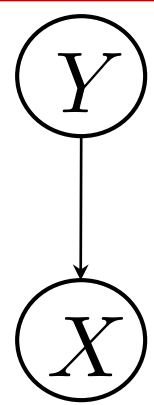
- Naïve Bayes classifier – basics
  - an representative method from the very important family of *probabilistic graphical models* and *Bayesian methods*

A joint distribution:  $p(x, y) = p(y)p(x|y)$

Inference using *Bayes rule*:

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)} = \frac{\overset{\text{prior}}{p(y)} \overset{\text{likelihood}}{p(x|y)}}{\underset{\text{evidence}}{p(x)}}$$

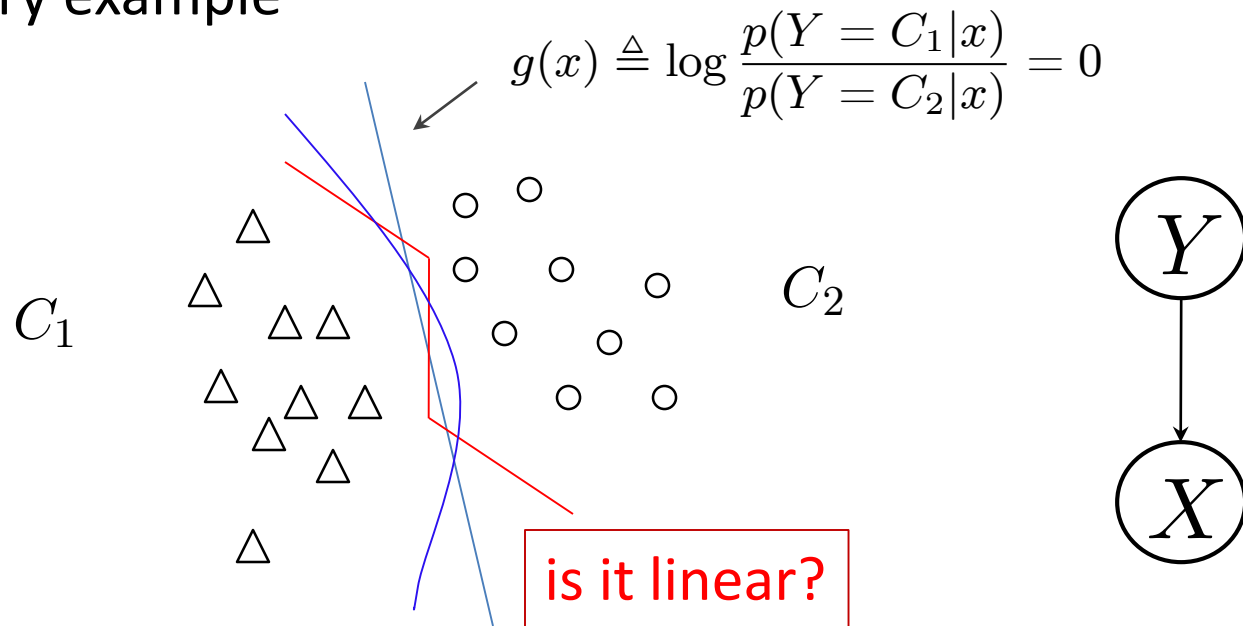
Prediction rule:  $y^* = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(y|x)$



- fundamental building blocks for *Bayesian networks*
- nice illustrative example of Bayesian methods

# How to learn a classifier?

- Naïve Bayes classifier – basics
  - binary example



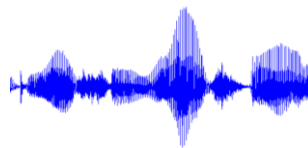
$$y^* = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } p(Y = C_1|x) > 0.5 \\ C_2 & \text{if } p(Y = C_1|x) < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

It is for generalized linear models (GLMs)

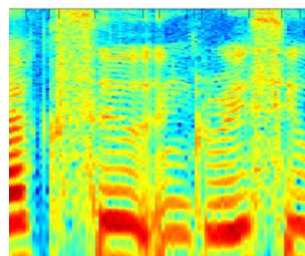
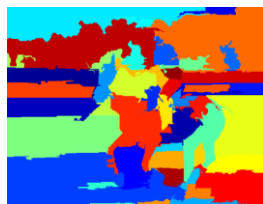


# A Conventional Data Analysis Pipeline

Input Data

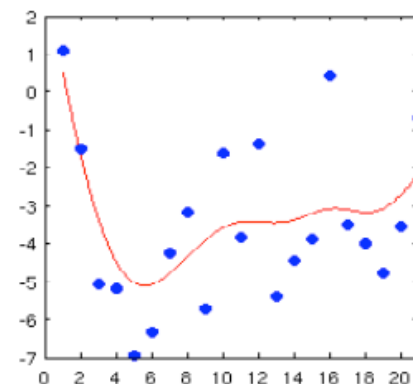
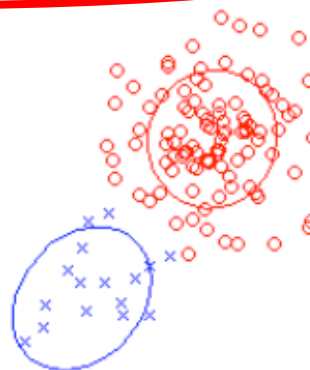
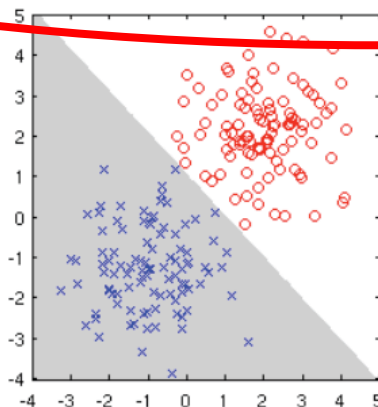


Feature Representation



Arabian  
negotiations  
peace against  
Israel  
Arabs blaming

Computer Algorithms



# Representation Learning

“Lovely welcoming staff, good rooms that give a good nights sleep, downtown location”  
Meramees Hostel

SheikhSahib 10 contributions  
London

Jul 7, 2009 | Trip type: Friends getaway

This hotel is just of the side streets of Talat Harb, one of the main arteries to downtown Cairo. It is walking distance to the Nile, riverfront hotels, Egyptian Museum, and there are many eateries in the area at night when it is still bustling. Only a short cab ride away from the Old Fatimid Cairo.

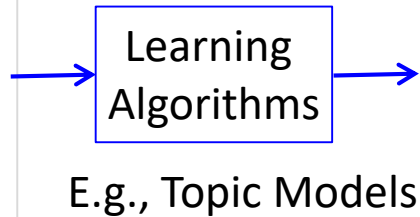
The staff are young and very friendly and able to sort out things like mobile chargers, internet, and they have skype installed on their computers which is brilliant. The rooms are nicer than the Luna (nearby) and much quieter as well.

**My ratings for this hotel**

Value: 5/5  
Rooms: 5/5  
Location: 5/5  
Cleanliness: 5/5

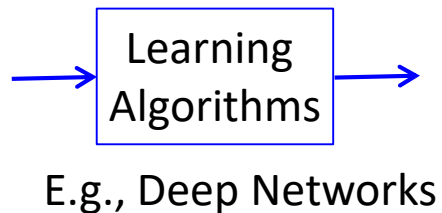
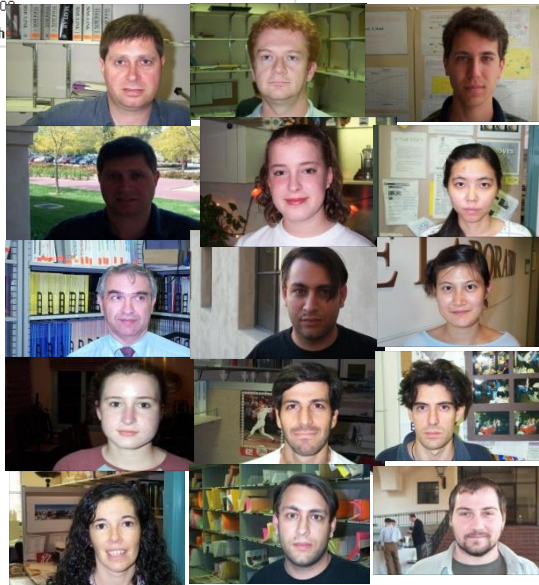
Service: 5/5

Date of stay: February 2009  
Visit was for: Leisure  
Traveled with: With Friends  
Member since: July 03, 2009  
Would you recommend this hotel? Yes



## Axis's of a semantic representation space:

T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7
told	place	hotel	hotel	beach	beach	great
dirty	hotel	food	area	pool	resort	good
room	room	bar	staff	resort	pool	nice
front	days	day	pool	food	ocean	lovely
asked	time	pool	breakfast	island	island	beautiful
hotel	day	time	day	kids	kids	excellent
bad	night	service	view	trip	good	wonderful
small	people	holida	location	service	restaurant	comfortable
worst	stay	y	service	day	s	beach
poor	water	room	walk	staff	enjoyed	friendly
called	rooms	people	time	time	loved	fresh
rude	food	wa				amazing



[Figures from (Lee et al., ICML2009)]

# How to learn a classifier?

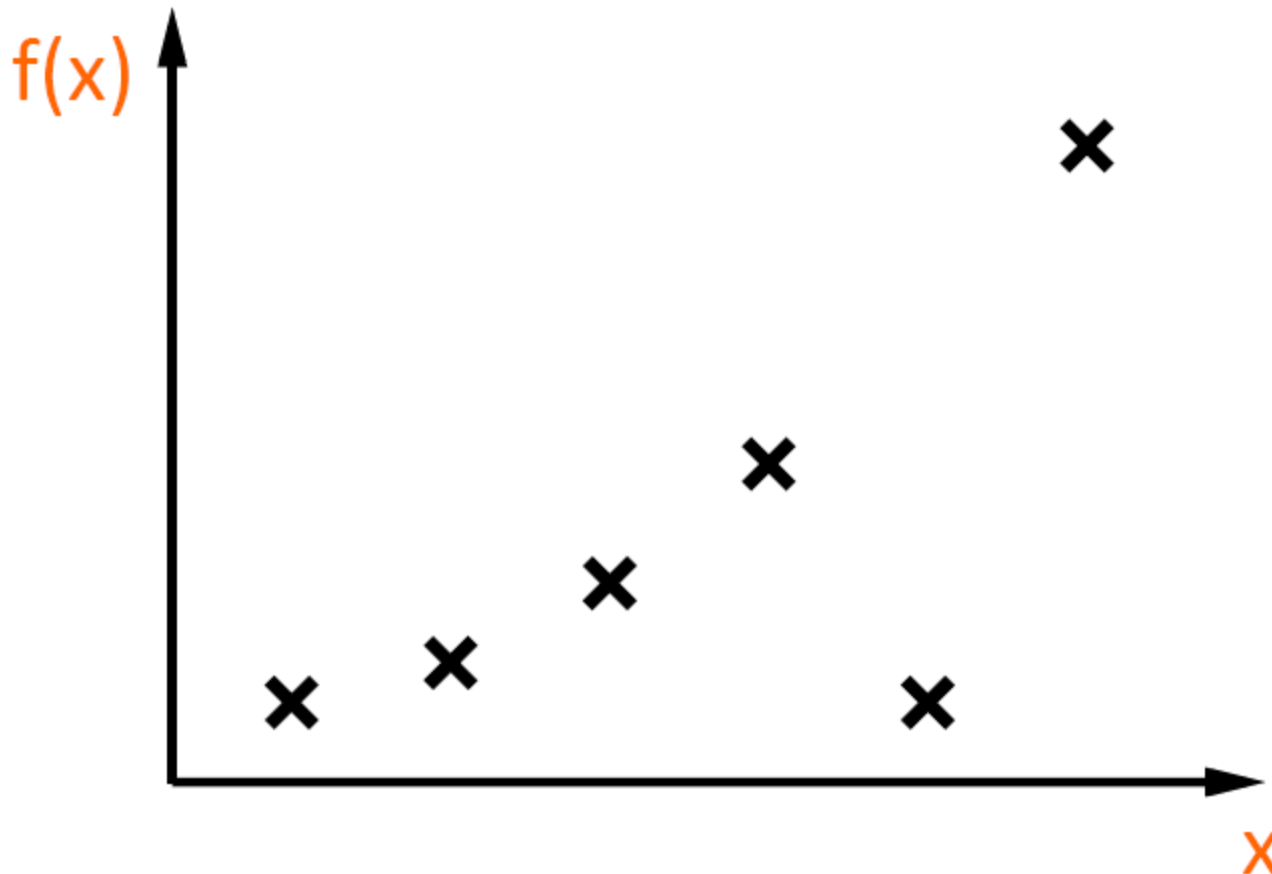
- Many other classifiers
  - K-nearest neighbors
  - Decision trees
  - Logistic regression
  - Boosting
  - Random forests
  - Mixture of experts
  - Deep neural networks
  - ...

Advice #1:

All models are wrong, but some are useful. – G.E.P. Box

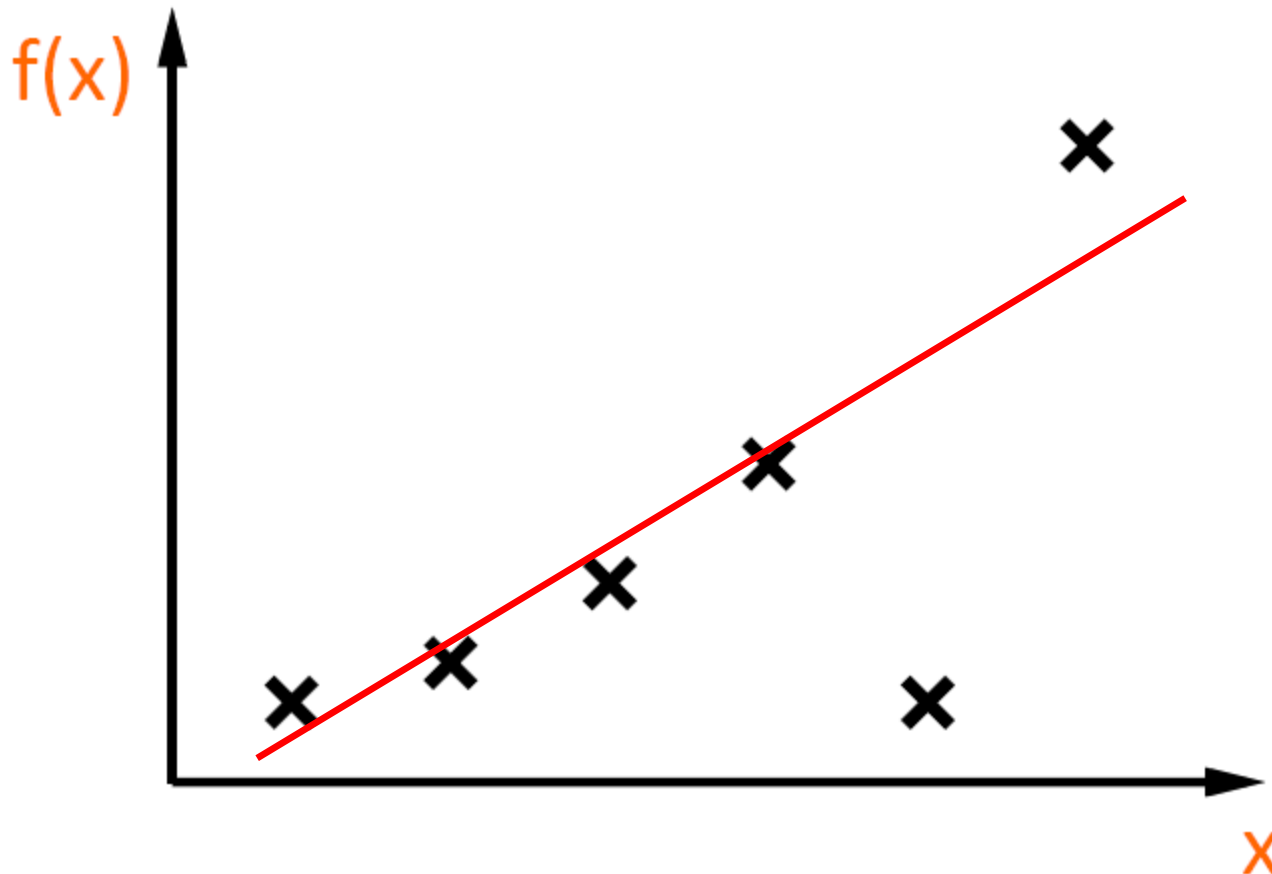
# Are complicated models preferred?

- A simple curve fitting task



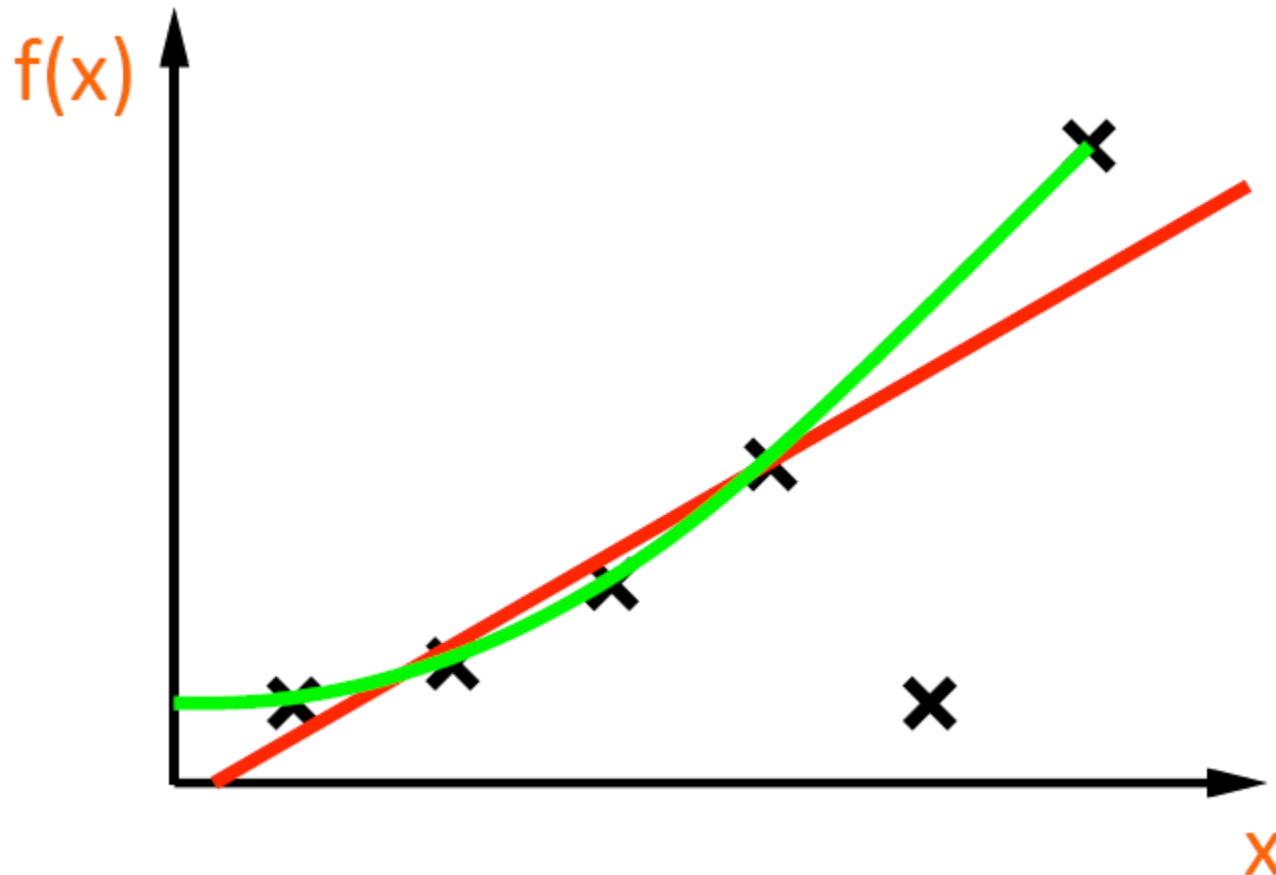
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- Order = 1



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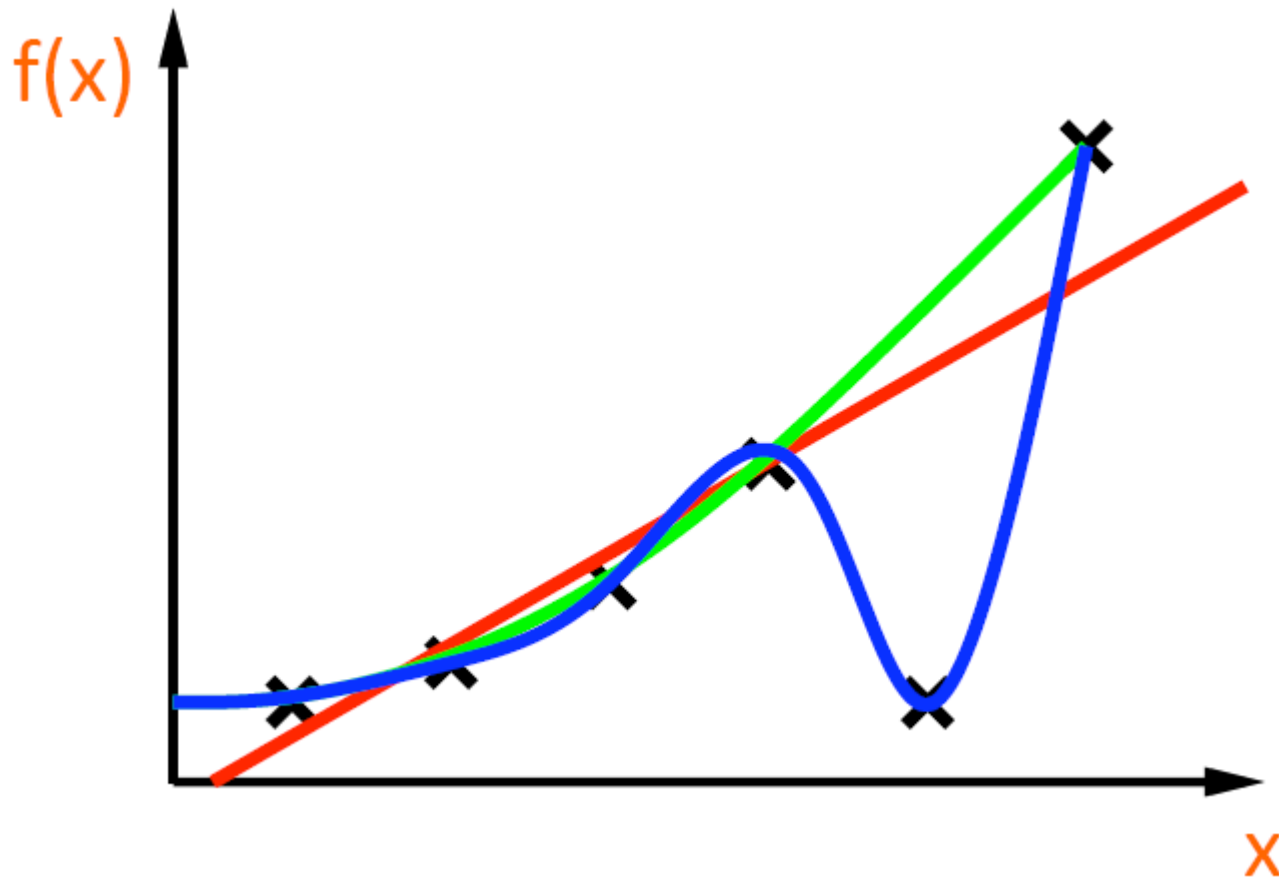
- Order = 2





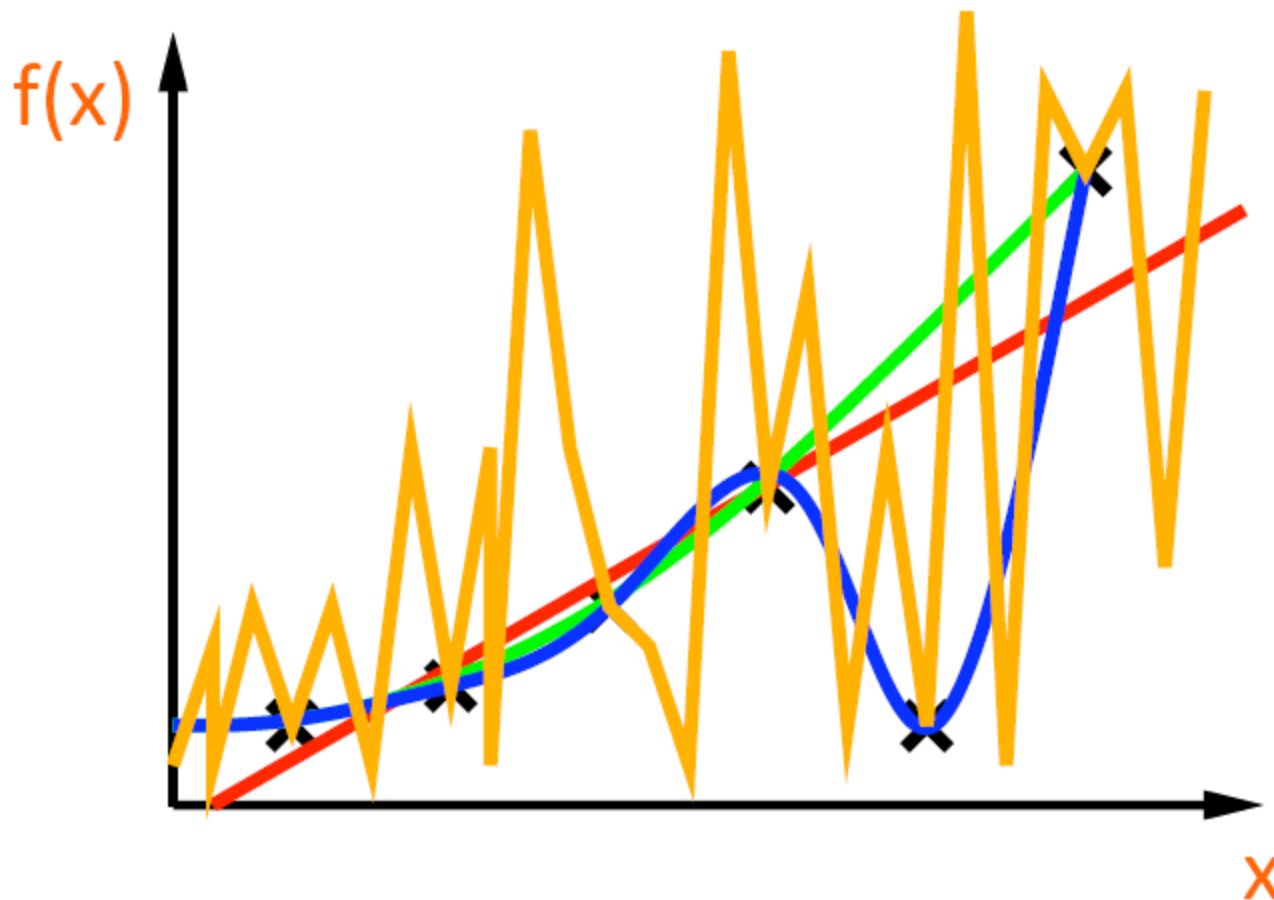
# Are complicated models preferred?

- Order = 3



# Are complicated models preferred?

- Order = 9?



# Are complicated models preferred?

Advice #2: use ML & sophisticated models when necessary



- Issues with model selection!!

# Unsupervised Learning

- **Task:** learn an explanatory function  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{X}$
- Aka “Learning without a teacher”

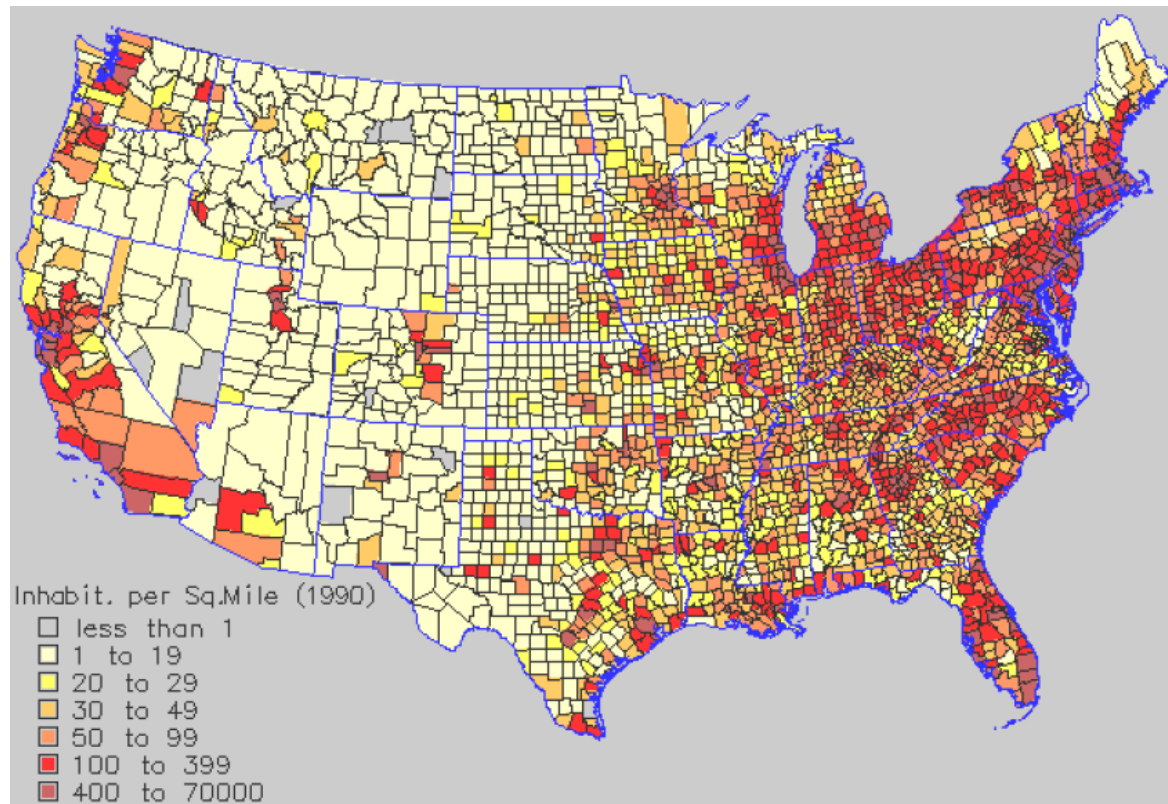
**Feature** space  $\mathcal{X}$



Word distribution  
(probability of a word)

- No training/test split

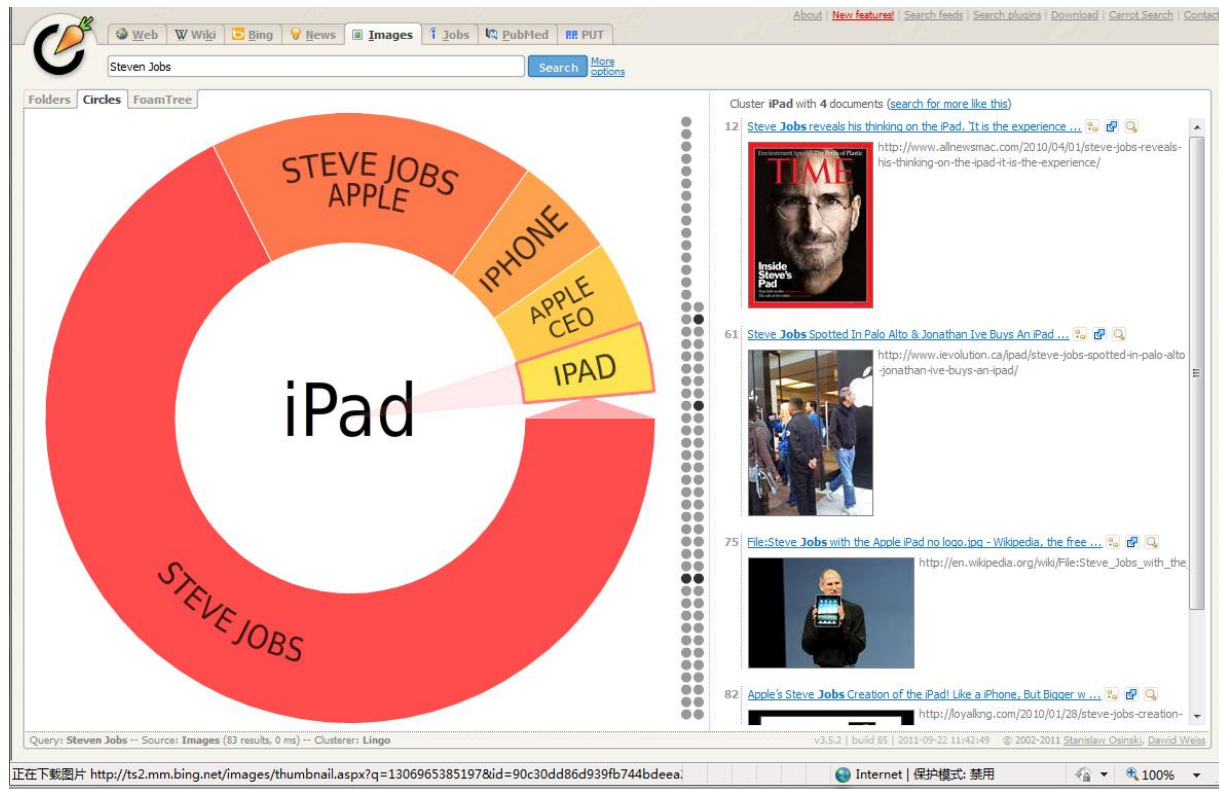
# Unsupervised Learning – density estimation



**Feature** space  $\mathcal{X}$   
geographical information of a location

Density function  
 $f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}$

# Unsupervised Learning – clustering



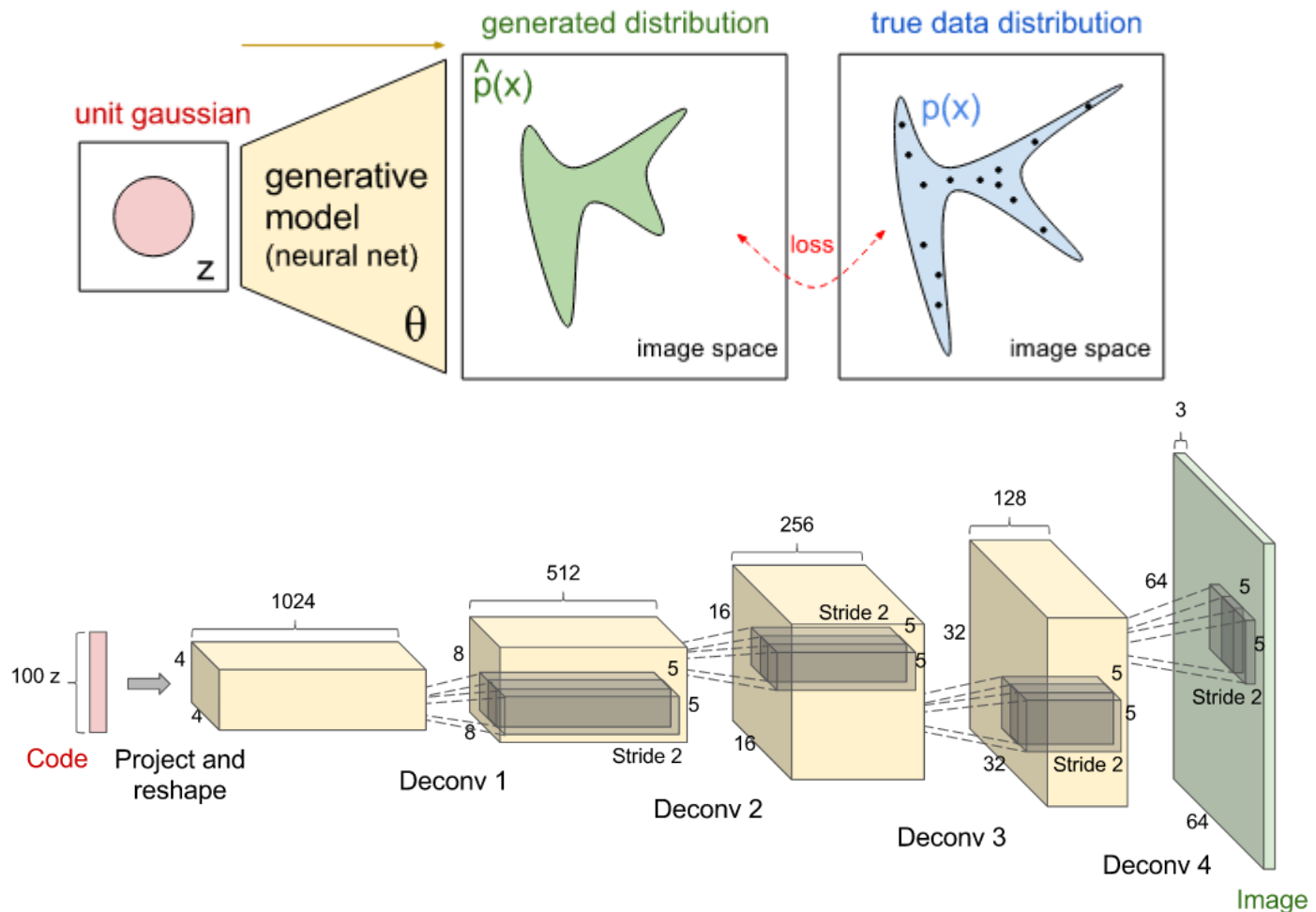
<http://search.carrot2.org/stable/search>

**Feature** space  $\mathcal{X}$   
Attributes (e.g., pixels & text) of images

Cluster assignment function  
 $f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}$

# Deep Generative Models

- Learn a generative model

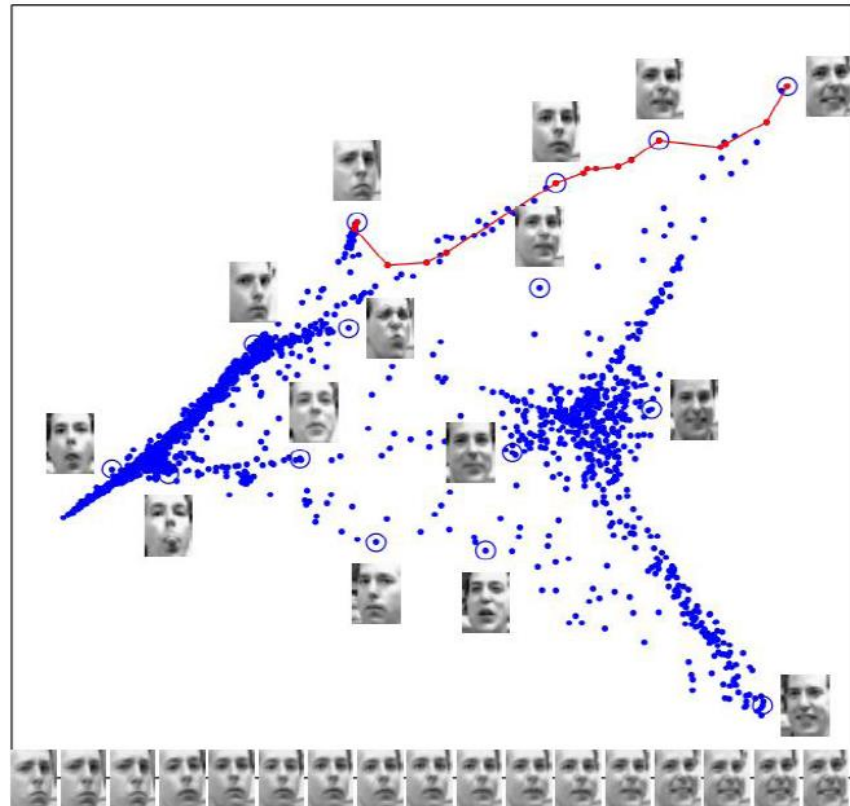




# Unsupervised Learning – dimensionality reduction

Images have thousands or millions of pixels

Can we give each image a coordinate, such that similar images are near each other ?



**Feature** space  $\mathcal{X}$   
pixels of images

Coordinate function in 2D space

$$f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}$$

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  - can be formally characterized and analyzed;
  - can take into account human prior knowledge;
  - can generalize and adapt across data and domains;
  - can operate automatically and autonomously;
  - and can be interpreted and perceived by human.
- ML covers algorithms, theory and very exciting applications
- It's going to be fun and challenging 😊

# Resources for Further Learning

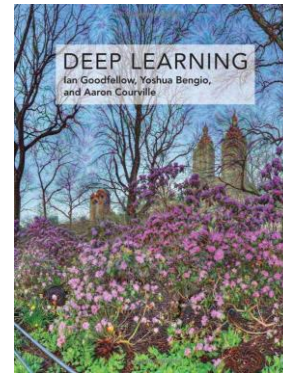
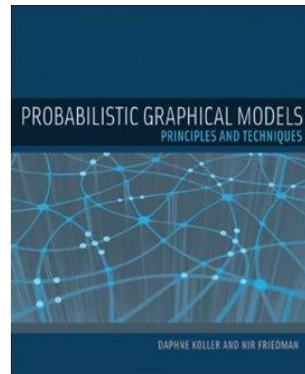
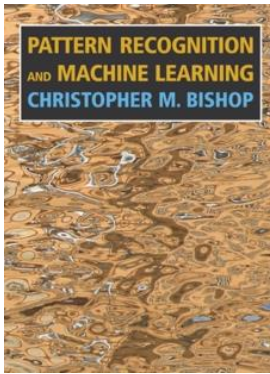
- Top-tier Conferences:
  - International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
  - Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
  - Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
  - International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)
  - AAAI Annual Conference (AAAI)
  - Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
- Top-tier Journals:
  - Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
  - Machine Learning (MLJ)
  - IEEE Trans. on Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)
  - Neural Computation

# Hot Topics from ICML & NIPS

- Hot topics:
  - Deep Learning with Rich Model Architecture
  - Probabilistic Latent Variable Models & Bayesian Methods
  - Sparse Learning in High Dimensions
  - Large-scale Optimization and Inference
  - Online learning
  - Reinforcement Learning
  - Learning Theory
  - Interdisciplinary Research on Machine Learning, Cognitive Science , etc.

# Resources for Further Learning

- Text books:
  - Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning
  - Probabilistic Graphical Models (<http://pgm.stanford.edu/>)
  - Deep Learning



- Public lectures:
  - CMU :
    - <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~guestrin/Class/10708-F08/projects.html>
  - Stanford:
    - <http://cs228.stanford.edu/>
    - <http://cs228t.stanford.edu/>
  - UPenn:
    - <http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~cis620/>



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