

# CyberMAGICS Workshop: Introduction to Machine Learning

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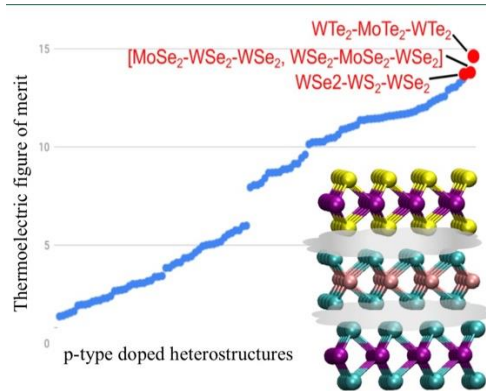


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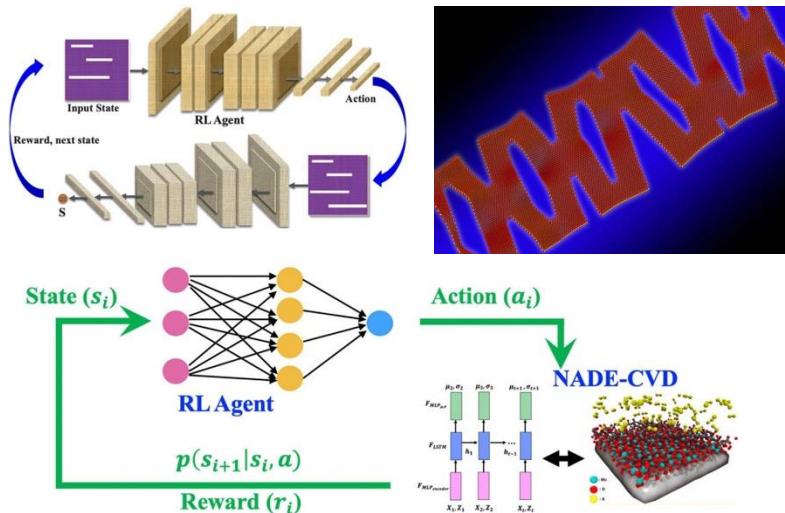


# Material Modeling with Machine Learning

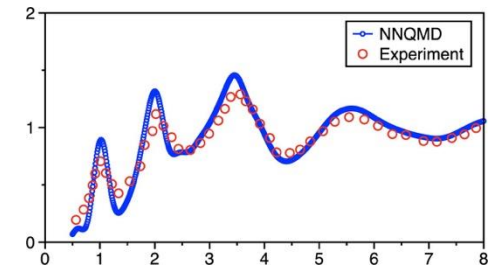
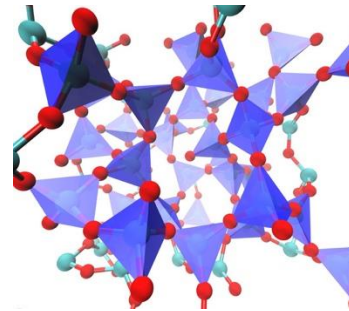
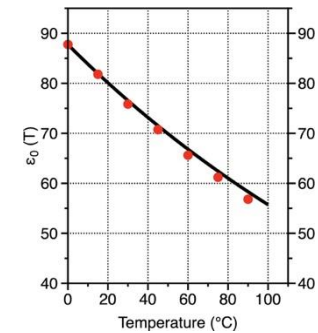
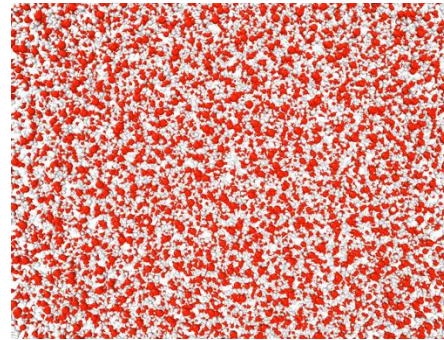
## Active learning for accelerated material design



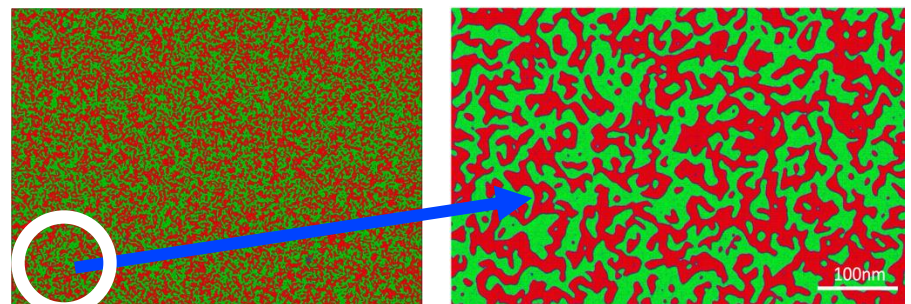
## Reinforcement learning for quantum materials synthesis



## Large-scale and long-time neural network QMD simulations



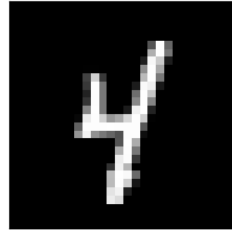
## Laser-induced topological pattern formation



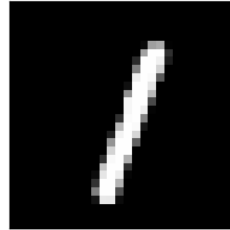
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# What is Machine Learning?

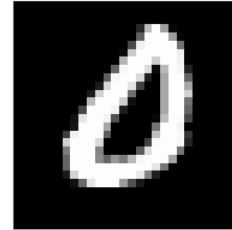
## Image classification using MNIST dataset



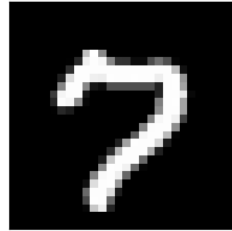
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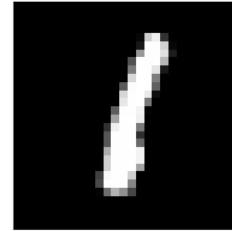
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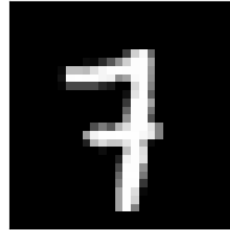
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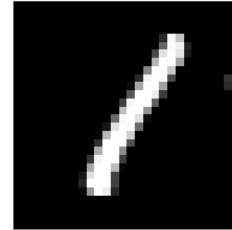
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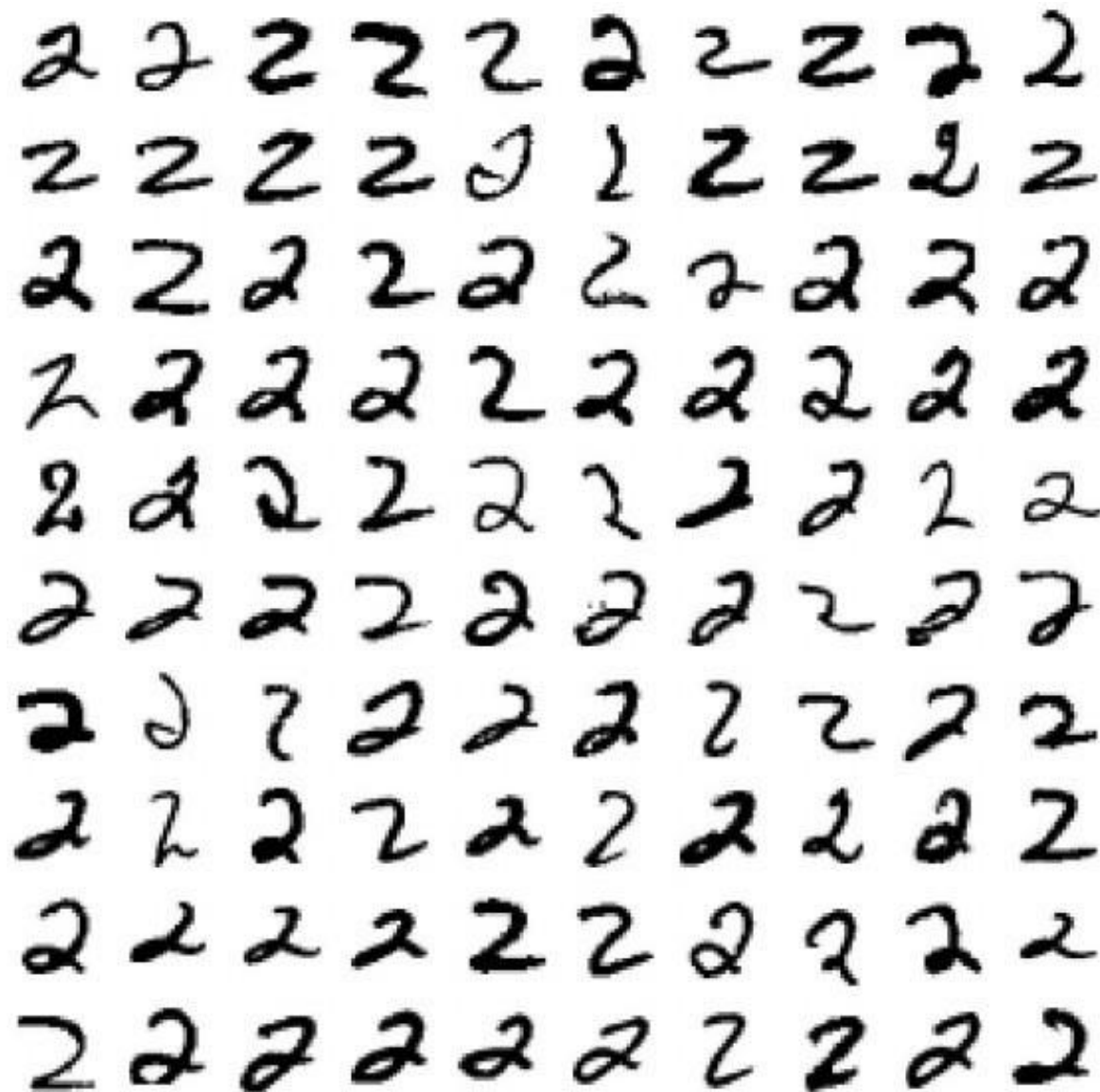


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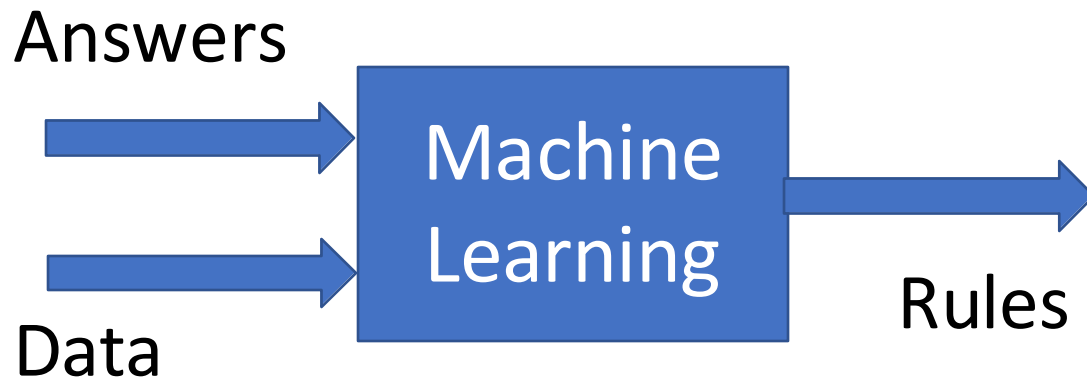
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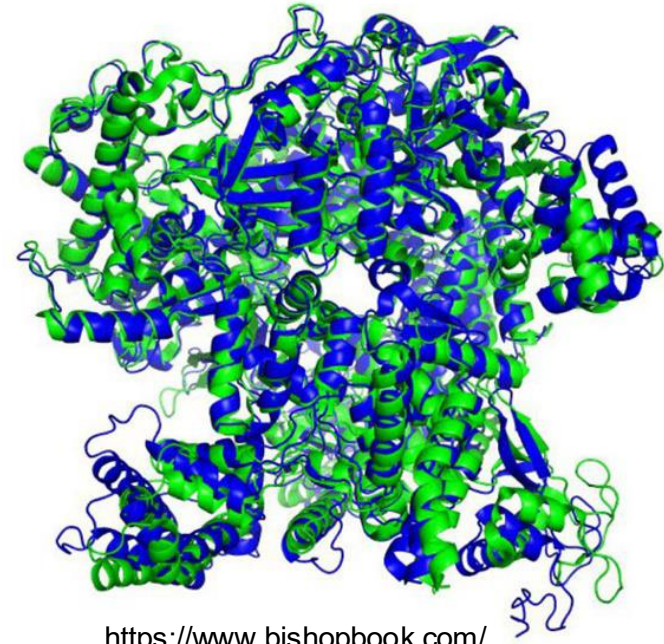
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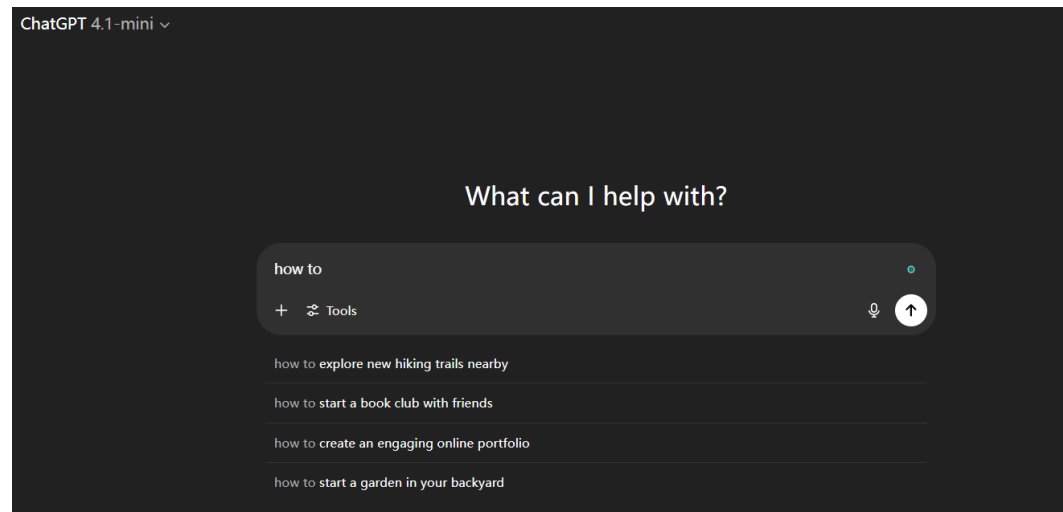


# Other Machine Learning Applications

- **Protein Fold – AlphaFold**
  - Amino acid sequence predication and 3D structure analysis
- **Natural Language Processing**
  - Large language models like OpenAI's GPT
- **Computer Vision**
  - Facial Recognition
  - Self-driving Cars
- **Financial Modeling and so on...**



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# Classification vs Regression

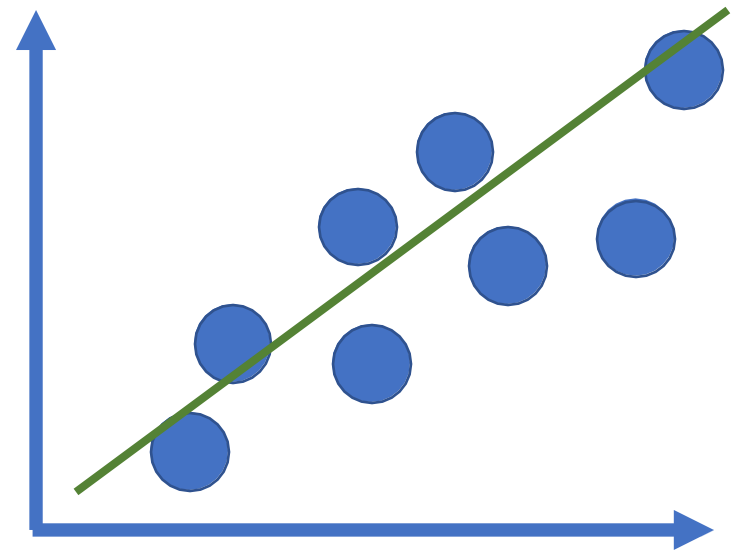
## Classification

Predict class label



## Regression

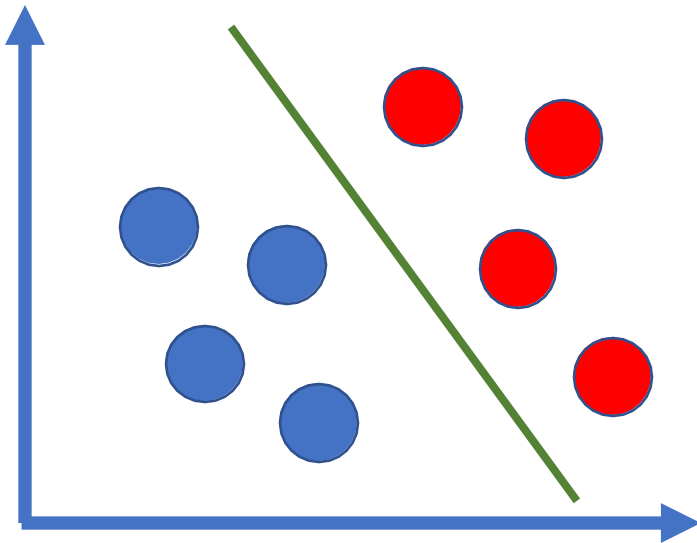
Predict real value



# Supervised vs Unsupervised

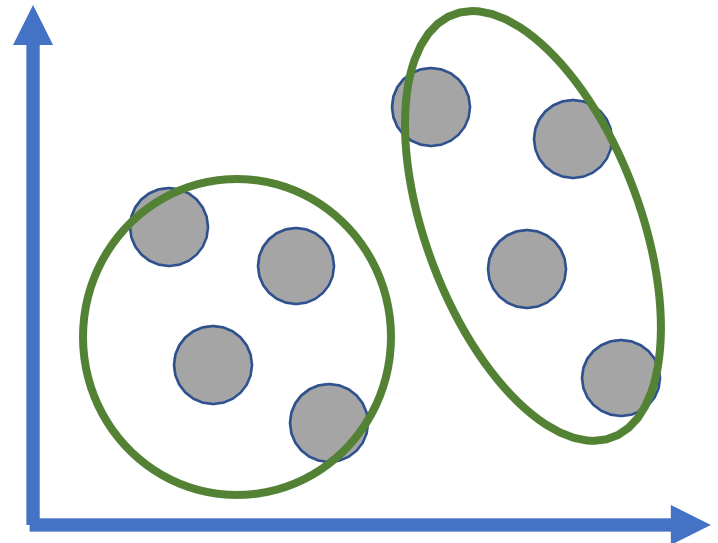
## Supervised:

Data are "labeled"  
classification, regression



## Unsupervised:

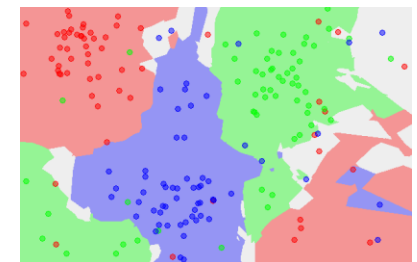
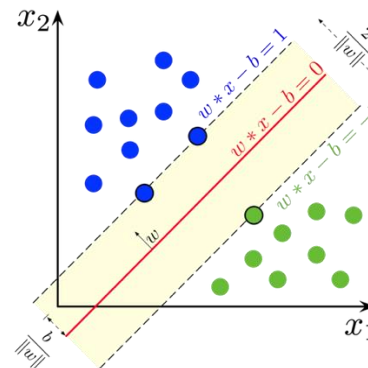
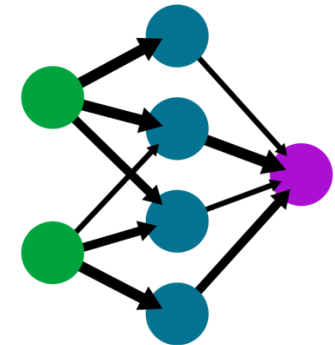
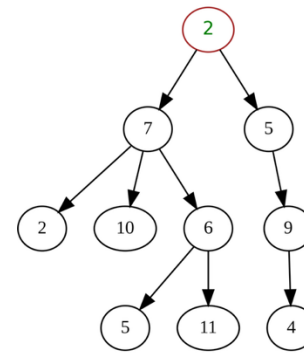
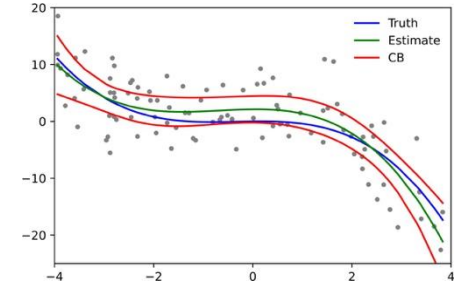
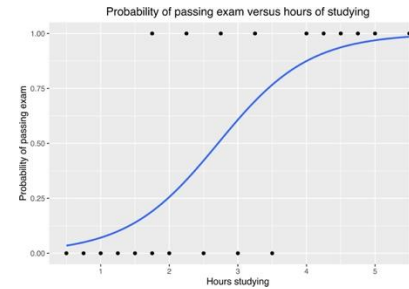
Data are "not labeled"  
Clustering, dimensionality  
reduction





# ML Algorithms

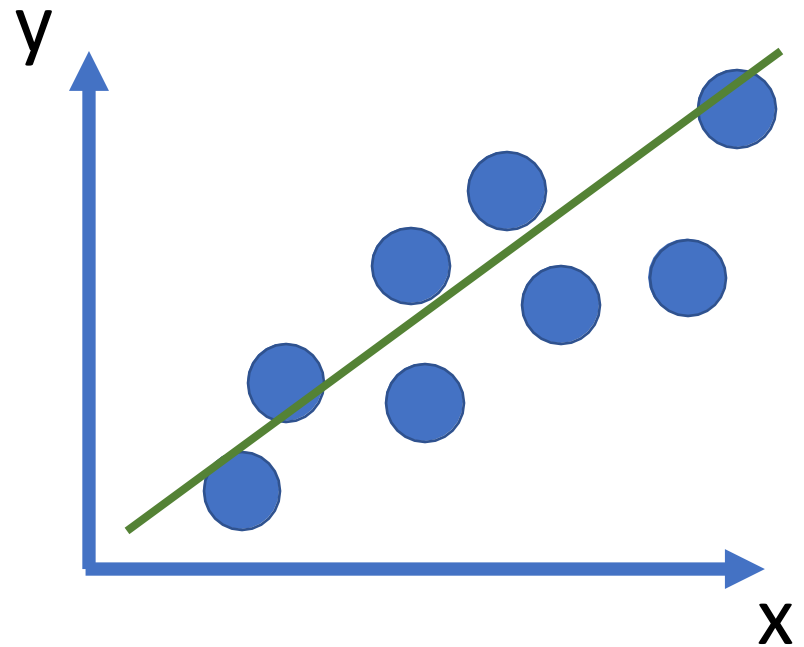
- Linear/polynomial Regressions
- Logistic Regression
- K-Nearest Neighbors
- Decision Trees
- Random Forests
- Support Vector Machines
- Neural Networks
- Bayesian Networks
- PCA & t-SNE



# Linear Regression

- Assumes a linear relationship between the input variable(s) and the output variable (y)
- Can be univariate, multivariate, polynomial, logarithmic, ...
- Coefficients ( $b_i$ ) are obtained by minimizing the sum of the difference between all data and line

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_n x_n = \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

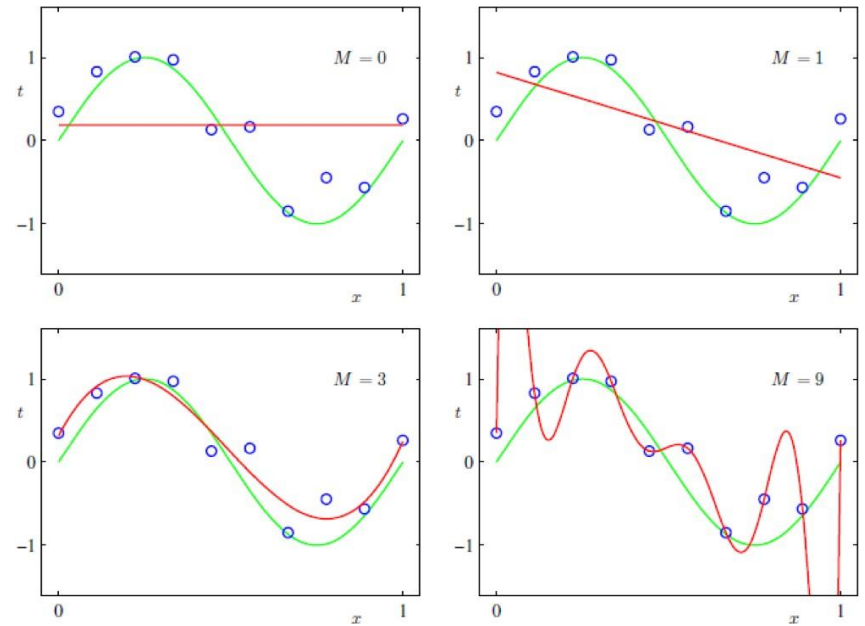


$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2$$

# Overfitting and Regularization

- A good ML model should accurately predict existing training data as well as “unseen” (out-of-sample) data
- A model with many parameters tends to pick up noise in data and poorly perform on unseen data, i.e. overfitting
- Regularizations, such as Ridge and LASSO

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True function

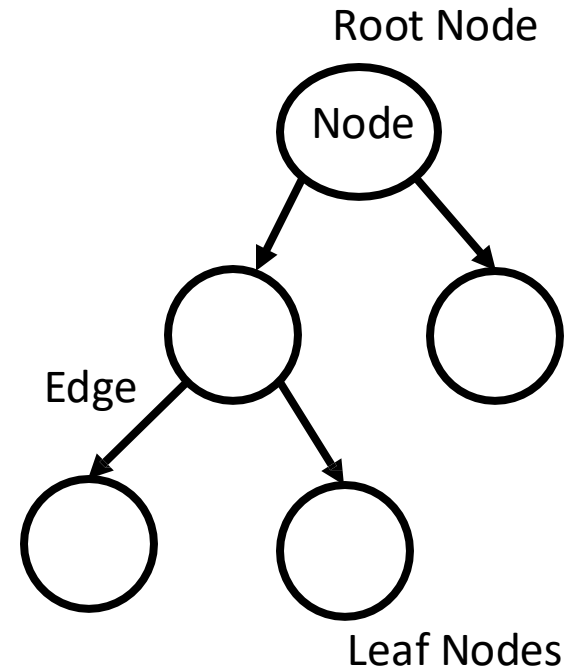
Training data with noise

Model predictions

$$\min_{\beta, \beta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \|y - X\beta\|^n \right\} \text{ with } \|\beta\| \leq t \text{ or } \|\beta\|^2 \leq t$$

# Decision Tree and Random Forest

- Used for classification or regression
- Starting from root node, “ask a question and select an answer” until a leaf node is reached
- Tree construction based on information theory
  - Gini index/entropy for classification
  - Variance/RMSE for regression
- Easy to construct and interpret, but also overfit

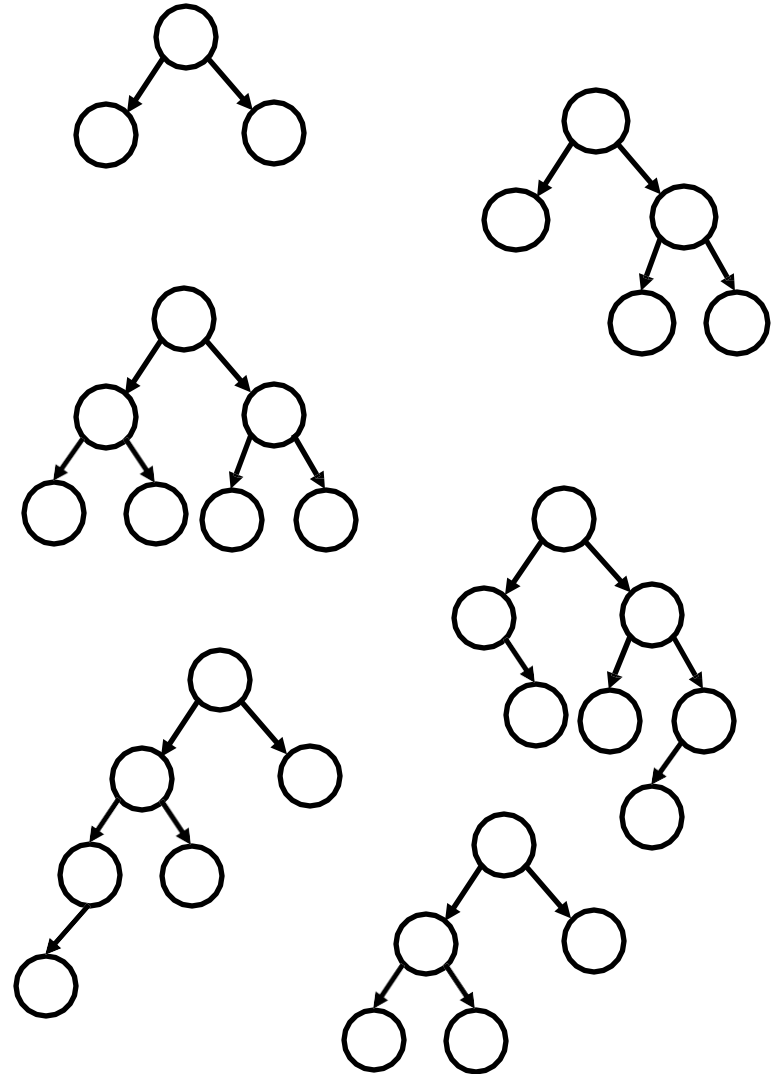


$$I_{Gini} = 1 - \sum_j p_j^2$$

$$I_{entropy} = -\sum_j p_j \log(p_j)$$

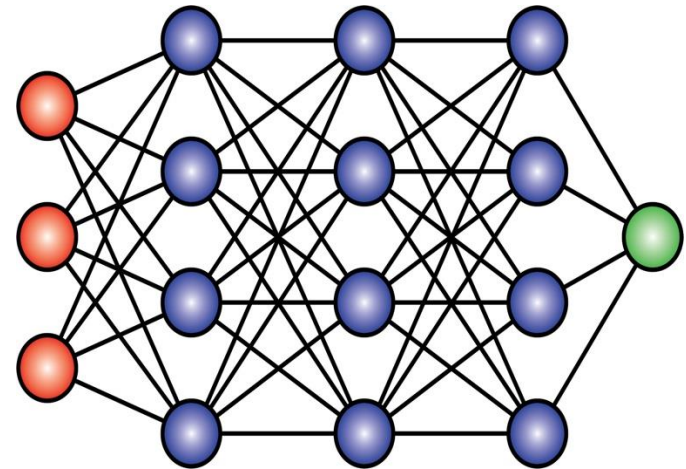
# Decision Tree and Random Forest

- **Ensemble of decision trees**
- **Aggregate predictions from each tree as the model prediction**
- **Good prediction accuracy, generalizability, robust to overfitting**
- **Less interpretability to single decision tree**



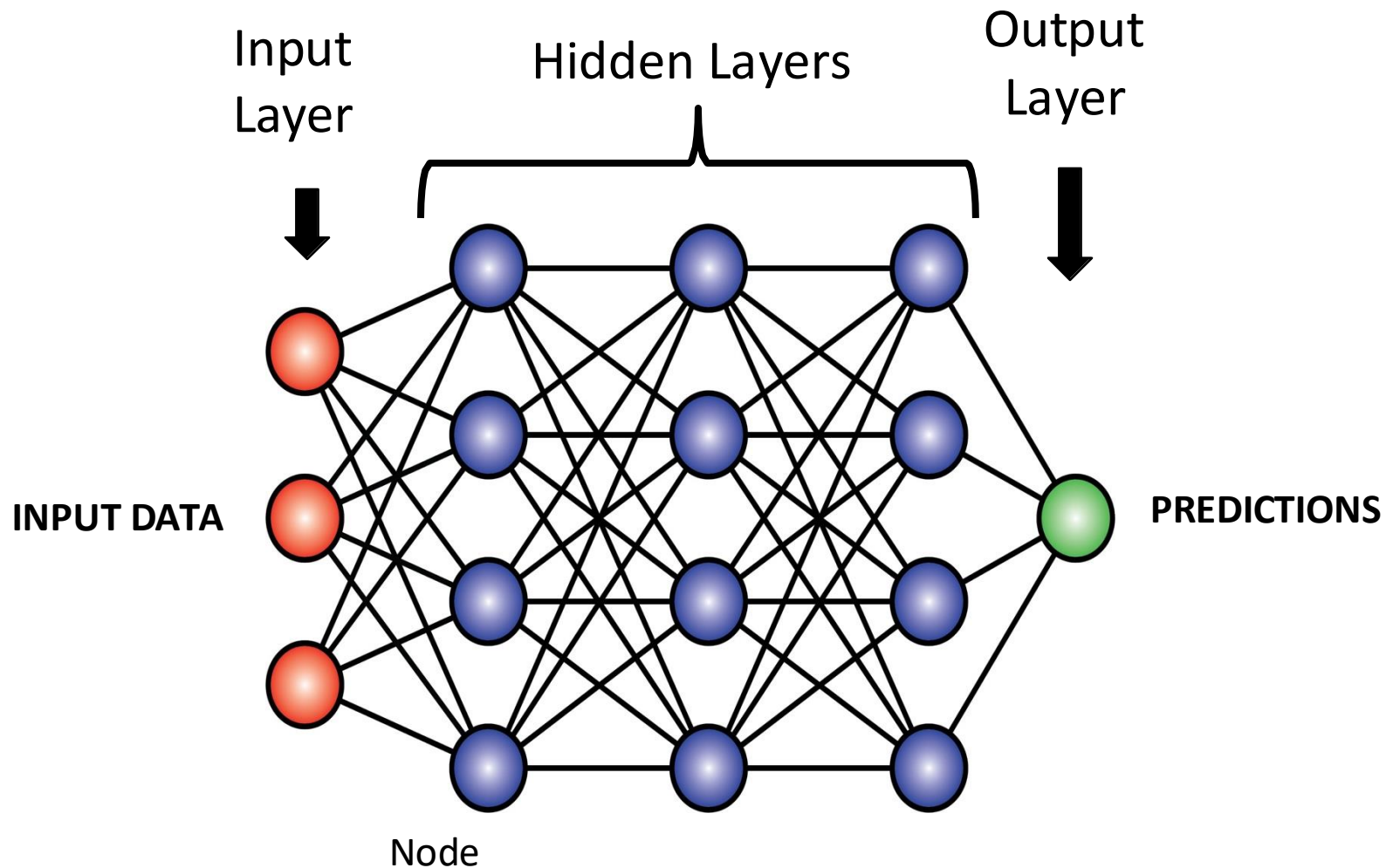
# Neural Network

- Inspired by biological brain
- A universal function approximator
- A key component in other deep learning algorithms
- Hyperparameters
  - Number of nodes
  - Degree of connectivity of nodes
  - Number of layers in network



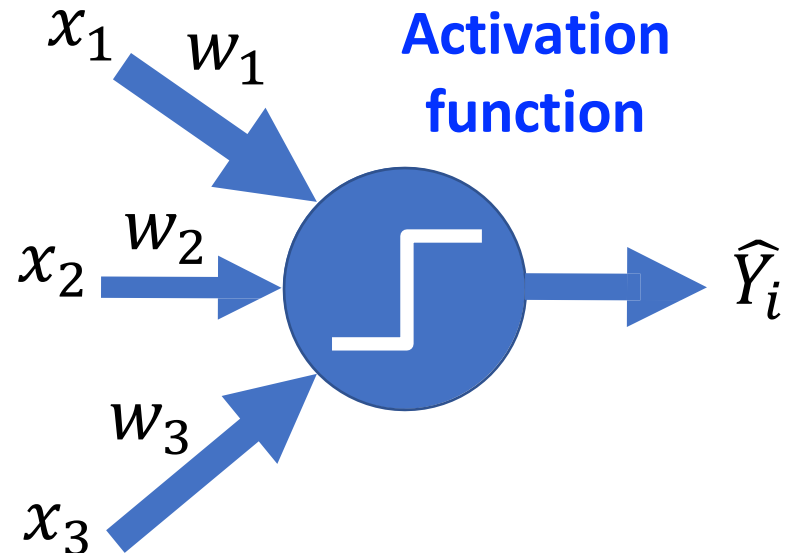


# Neural Network



# Neural Network

- On each node, outputs (x) from previous layer are aggregated with weights (w)
- A non-linear activation function transforms the aggregated inputs and pass it to next layer
- Compute Loss function (difference between model prediction and given true value) after the output layer

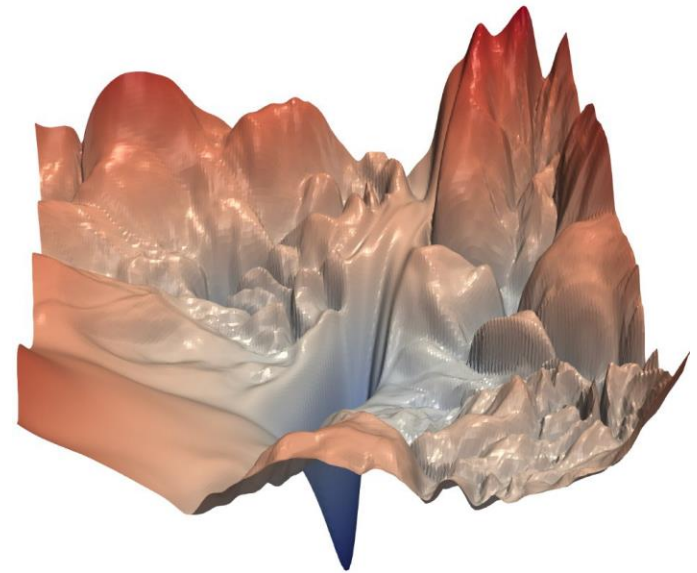
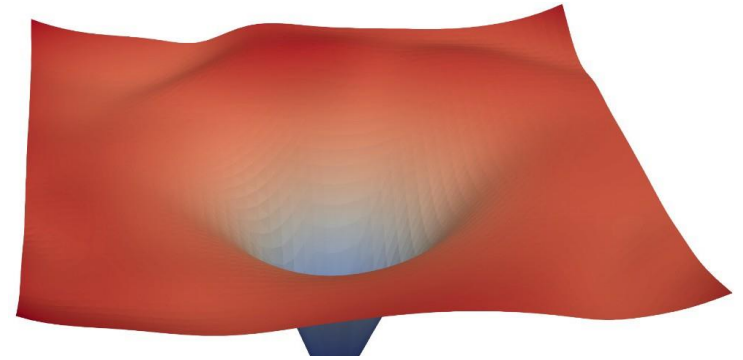
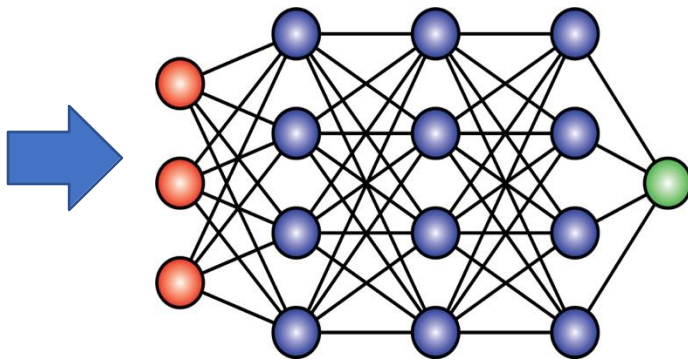


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# Neural Network Training

- Network parameters are “trained” by minimizing loss function
- Stochastic gradient decent is commonly used

$$\Delta w = -\partial L / \partial w$$



**Loss function landscape**

# Moving Forward

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- **Linear algebra, Statistics & Probability, Python**

- **Online courses**

<https://www.coursera.org/browse/data-science/machine-learning>

- **Textbooks**

Deep Learning Foundations and Concepts:

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Deep Learning: <https://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

The Elements of Statistical Learning:

<https://hastie.su.domains/ElemStatLearn/>

- **Python Programming**

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