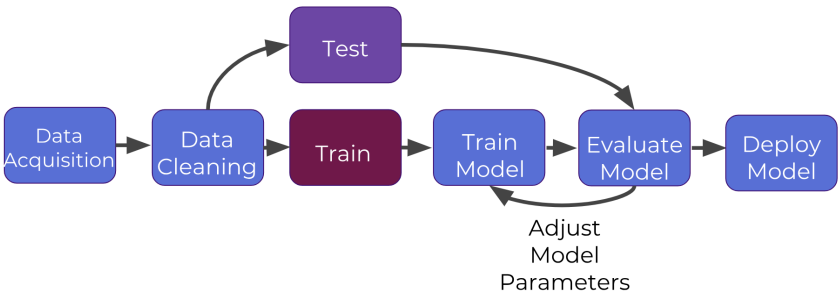


# Machine Learning Algorithms

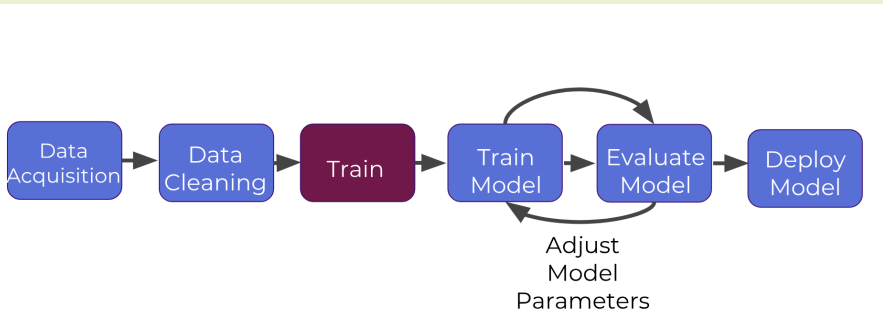
## Supervised

Uses labelled data to predict a label given some features. If the label is continuous we have a regression problem (house value based on house features, if categorical we have a classification problem (gender based on physical measures)).



## Unsupervised

Uses unlabelled data to look for patterns in and categorize data (clustering). ie. grouping breeds of dogs when we don't know what breeds the dogs are



## Reinforcement

Uses trial-and-error to maximize a specified reward metric.

Note: Another version/diagram of supervised learning uses holdout sets (even more labelled data) that tests the model in-between the evaluate and deploy stages to estimate a "true" accuracy for the model. Kind of like a final exam that can't be resat.

## Evaluating Models (seeing how good they are)

### Supervised - regression

Mean absolute error (+ has original scale)  
Mean squared error (+ punishes larger errors)  
Root mean squared error (+ has original scale **and** punishes larger errors)

### Supervised - categorical

Accuracy (correctly classified / total samples)  
Recall (?)  
Precision (?)

### Unsupervised

(harder to evaluate due to no labels, method depends on goal of task)  
Cluster homogeneity (?)  
Rand Index (?)

### Reinforcement

More obvious/intuitive - how well the model performs its task