

Machine Learning in Biomedical Sciences and Bioengineering

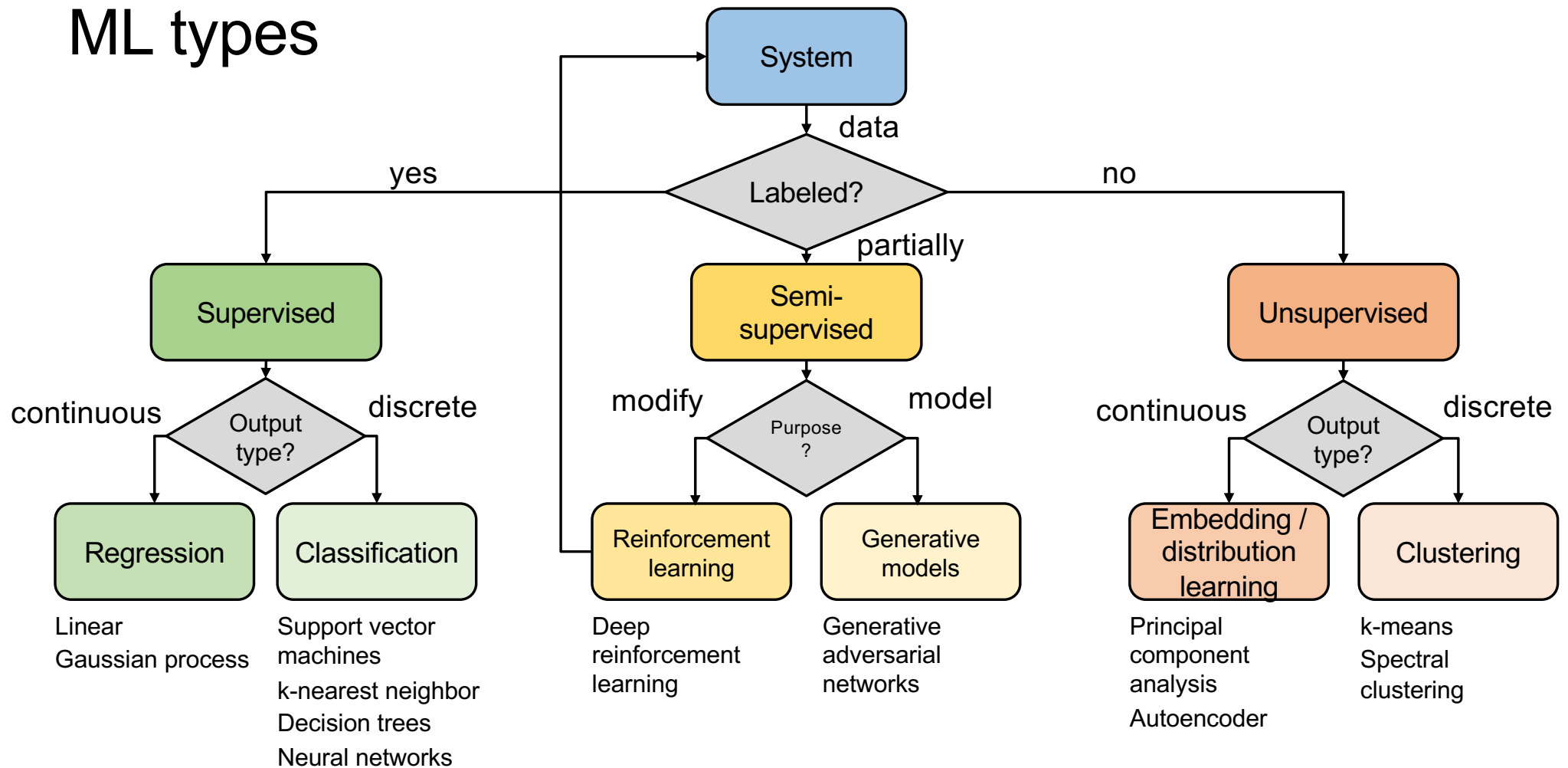
Lecture 2

Regression

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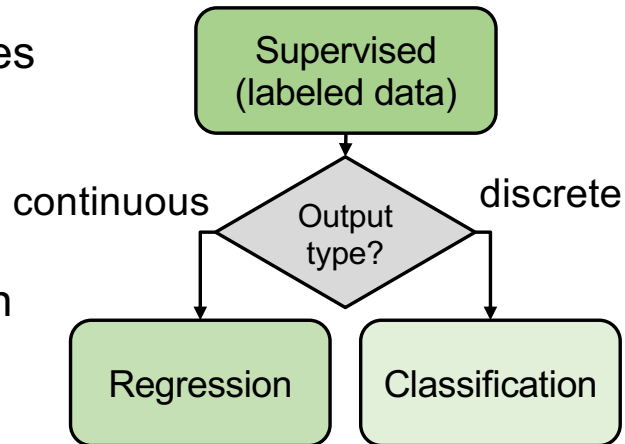
ML types



Supervised learning

- Regression

- Predicts a range of values
- **Continuous** range of possible outputs
- Predict the concentration of drugs in the liver for a given systemic dose.



- Classification

- Predicts categories
- **Discrete** number of possible outputs
- Predict whether the imaged mass is a cyst or malignant tumour

General machine learning process

1. **Determine the objective**

What do we want to achieve?

2. **Prepare the data**

What kind of data do we need to inform the model?

3. **Design an architecture**

How should we construct the ML model?

4. **Create a loss function**

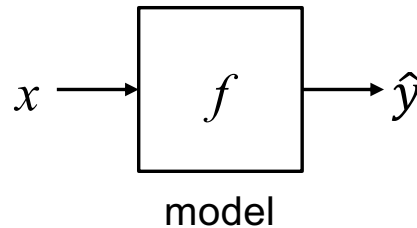
How do we inform the model that its performance is good or bad?

5. **Optimise the architecture**

How do we adjust the model parameters to become better?

Determine the objective

- What do we want to achieve?



- **Example:** Predict the concentration of drugs that enters the brain from the amount of drugs that are administered in the bloodstream.

Prepare the data

x : input variable (feature)

y : output variable (targets, true values)

i : sample number

m : total number of training samples

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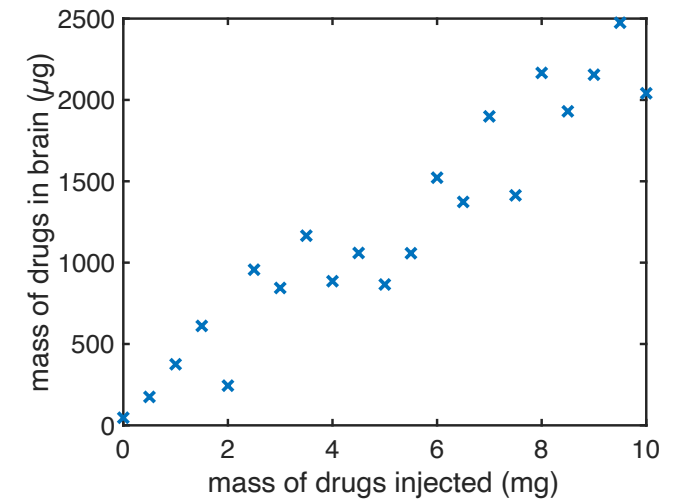
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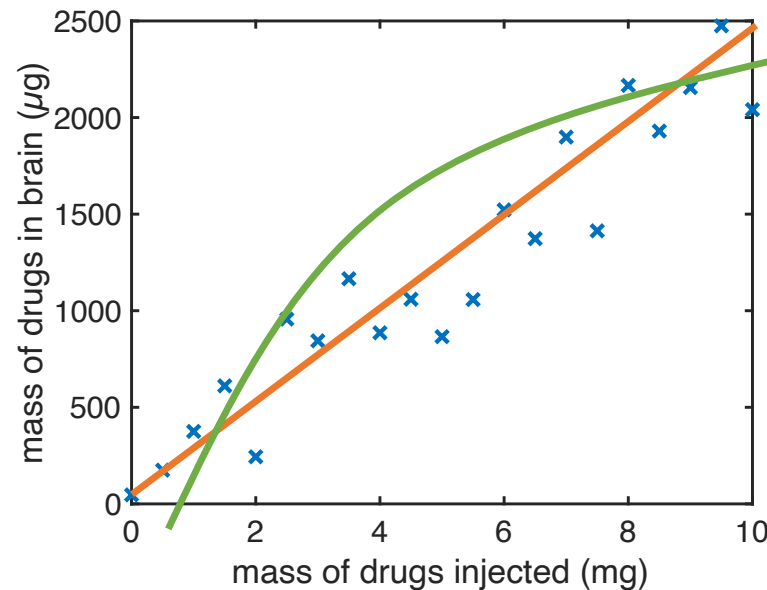
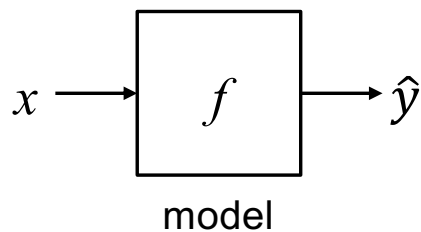
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Design the architecture

- What **model architecture** would work best for predicting the output based on the input available?



Consider the following candidate models:

$$y = wx + b$$

$$y = w_1x + w_2x^2 + b$$

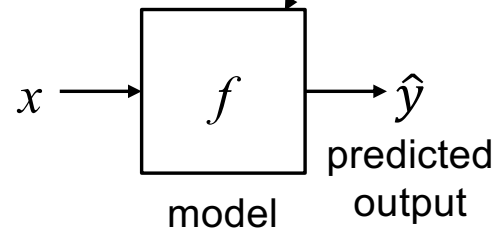
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Design the architecture

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$$y = wx + b$$

w is the weight
 b is the bias

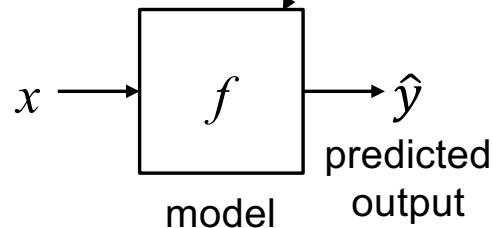
$$f_{w,b}(x) = wx + b$$

$$f(x) = wx + b$$

Create a loss function

Training data:

$(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$



$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = f_{w,b}(x^{(i)})$$

$$f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) = wx^{(i)} + b$$

Find w, b :

$\hat{y}^{(i)}$ is close to $y^{(i)}$ for all $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$

How can we measure how well our guesses for w and b are?

$$\text{error} = \hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}$$

$$\text{or...} = (\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$$

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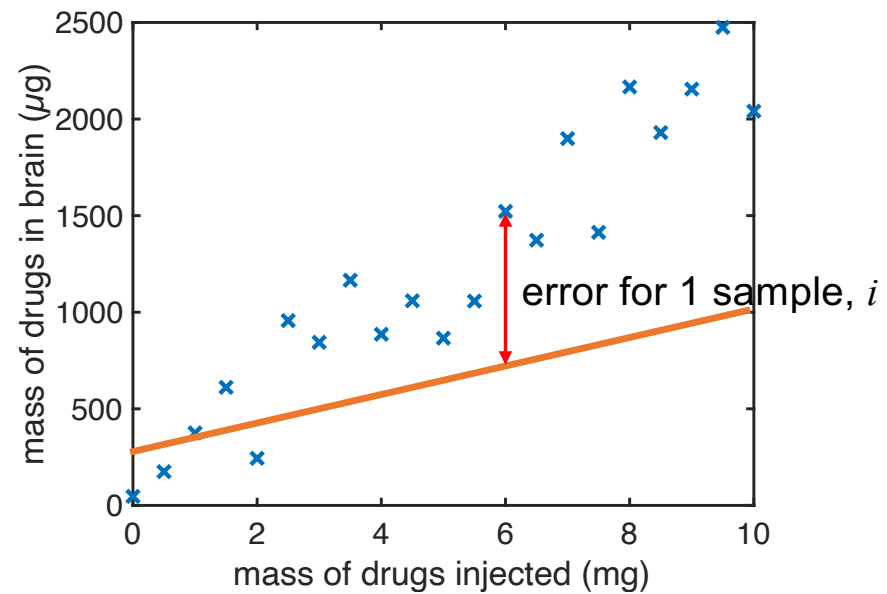
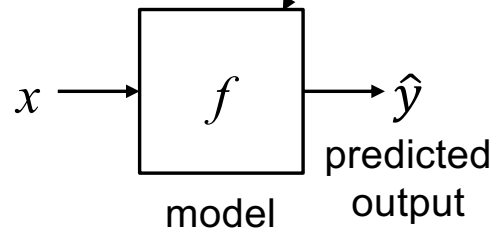
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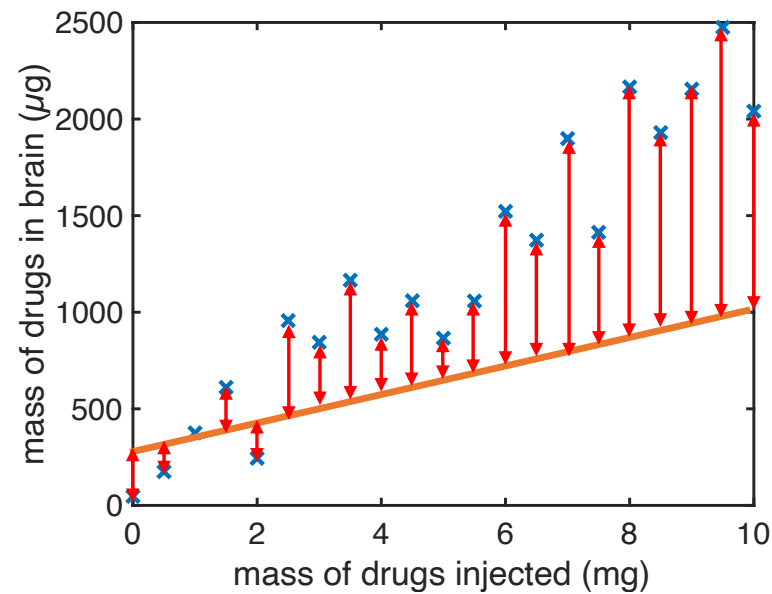
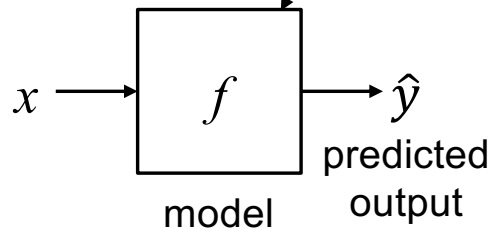
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Need to account
for all sample
errors

Create a loss function

Squared error cost function:

$$J(w, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

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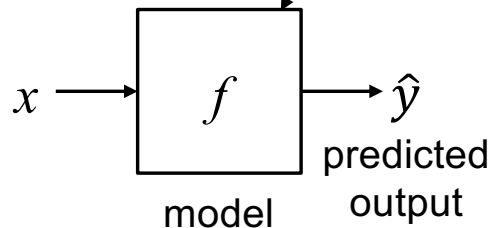
$$J(w, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

minimize $J(w, b)$
 w, b

adjust w and b so that the
cost function is minimal.

Training data:

$(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$



minimize $J(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b)$
 w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b

Overview

Model: $f_{w,b}(x) = wx + b$

Parameters: w, b

Cost function: $J(w, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$

Optimisation goal: minimize $J(w, b)$
 w, b

Optimise the architecture

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underset{w,b}{\text{minimize}} J(w, b) & w_{i+1} = w_i - \text{something} & b_{i+1} = b_i - \text{something} \\ & w_{i+1} = w_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w_i, b_i) & b_{i+1} = b_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w_i, b_i) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w, b) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \right) & \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w, b) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left(\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \right) & &= \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left(\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right) 2x^{(i)} & &= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right) 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right) x^{(i)} & &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(wx^{(i)} + b - y^{(i)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Optimise the architecture

Gradient descent

$$\underset{w,b}{\text{minimize}} J(w, b)$$

$$w_{i+1} = w_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w_i, b_i)$$

$$b_{i+1} = b_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w_i, b_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right) x^{(i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)$$

α is the **learning rate**.

How does the value of α influence the optimisation algorithm?

- Small α may lead to very long computation times
- Large α may **overshoot** the minimum
- Potential for the optimisation to NOT converge.

Live coding session