

Categories of Machine Learning Techniques

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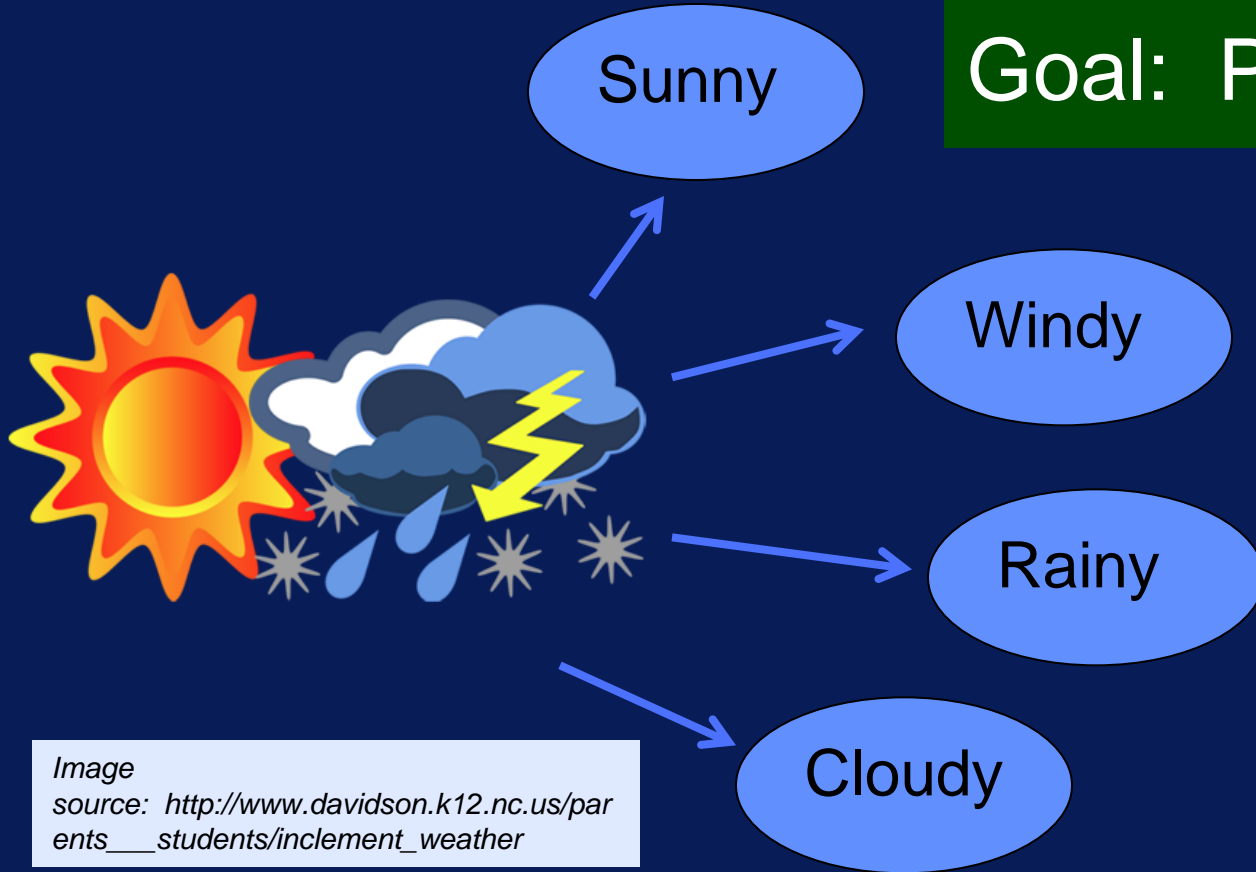
- Describe the main categories of machine learning techniques
- Summarize how supervised learning differs from unsupervised learning

Categories of Machine Learning Techniques

- **Classification**
- **Regression**
- **Cluster Analysis**
- **Association Analysis**

Classification

Goal: Predict category



Image

source: http://www.davidson.k12.nc.us/parents___students/inclement_weather

Classification Examples

- **Classify tumor as benign or malignant**
- **Predict if it will rain tomorrow**
- **Determine if loan application is high-, medium-, or low-risk**
- **Identify sentiment as positive, negative, or neutral**

Regression

Goal: Predict numeric value



Regression Examples

- Estimate demand for a product based on time of year
- Predict score on a test
- Determine likelihood of drug effectiveness for patient
- Predict amount of rain

Cluster Analysis

Goal: Organize similar items into groups.



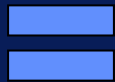
Cluster Analysis Examples

- Identify areas of similar topography (desert, grass, etc.)
- Categorize different types of tissues from medical images
- Determine different groups of weather patterns
- Discover crime hot spots

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Association Analysis

Goal: Find rules to capture associations between items.



Association Analysis Examples

- Recommend items based on purchase/browsing history
- Have sales on related items often purchased together
- Identify web pages accessed together

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Supervised vs. Unsupervised

- **Supervised Approaches**
 - Target (what model is predicting) is provided
 - 'Labeled' data
 - Classification & regression are supervised.

Supervised vs. Unsupervised

- **Unsupervised Approaches**
 - Target is unknown or unavailable
 - 'unlabeled' data
 - Cluster analysis & association analysis are unsupervised.

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