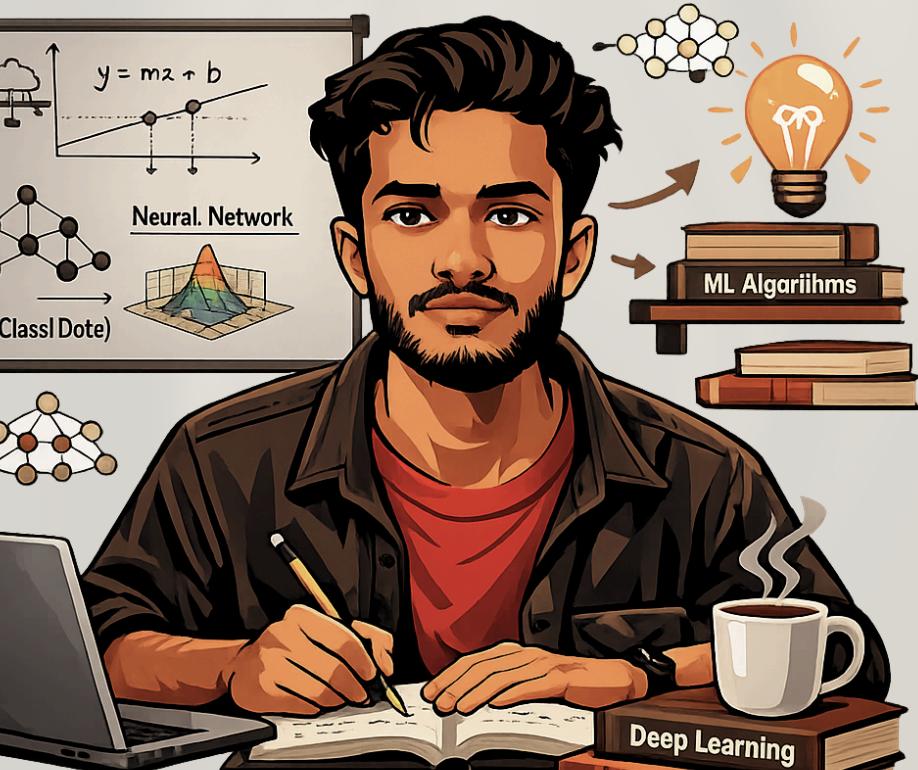


9 Machine Learning Algorithms YOU MUST KNOW!



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1. LINEAR REGRESSION

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

You have numbers and you want to predict another number.

Example:

- House size → House price
- Years of experience → Salary

Core idea

Draw the best straight line that fits the data.

Formula

$$y = mx + b$$

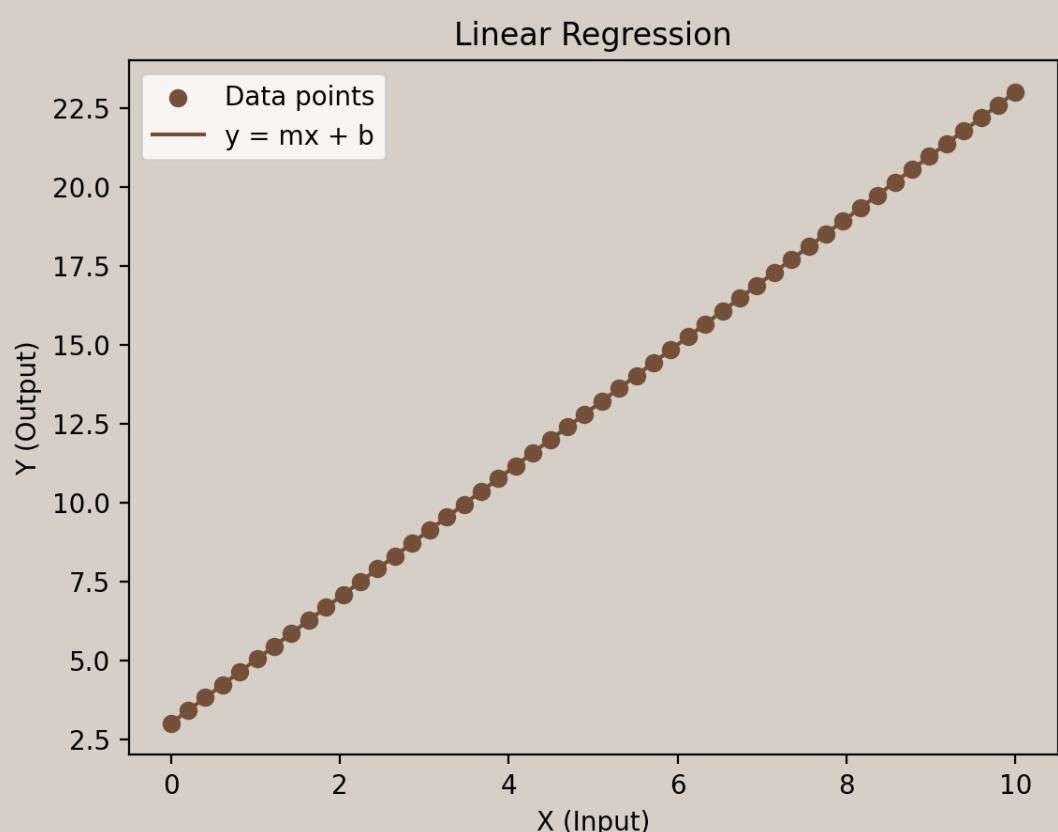
Where:

- x = input (feature)
- y = output (prediction)
- m = slope (how fast y increases when x increases)
- b = intercept (value of y when $x = 0$)

How the model learns

It minimises error using Mean Squared Error (MSE):

$$MSE = n^{-1} \sum (y_{actual} - y_{predicted})^2$$



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2. LOGISTIC REGRESSION

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

- YES / NO,
- 0 / 1,
- TRUE / FALSE

Example:

- Spam or Not Spam
- Fraud or Not Fraud

Core idea

Convert a number into a probability between 0 and 1

Step 1: Linear equation

$$z = w \cdot x + b$$

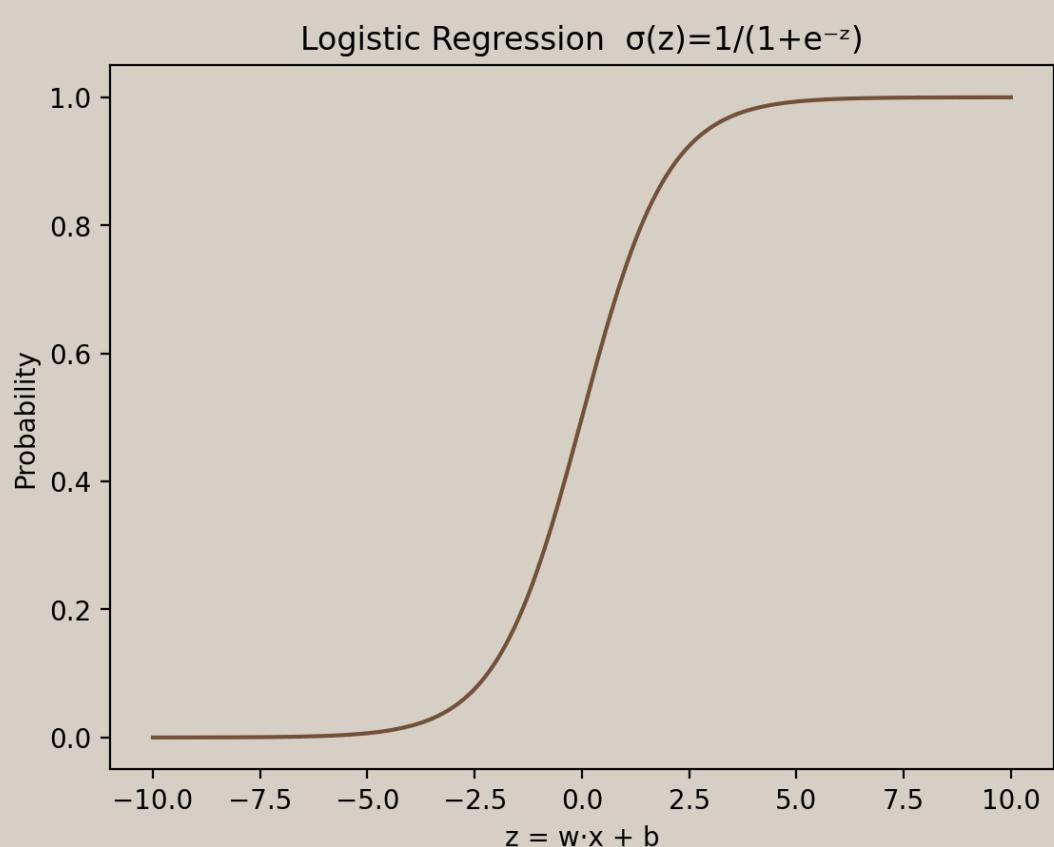
Step 2: Sigmoid function

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} = 1 - \sigma(-x).$$

This squeezes output between 0 and 1.

Decision rule

- If probability $\geq 0.5 \rightarrow$ Class 1
- Else \rightarrow Class 0



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3. DECISION TREE

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Decision making using IF–ELSE logic

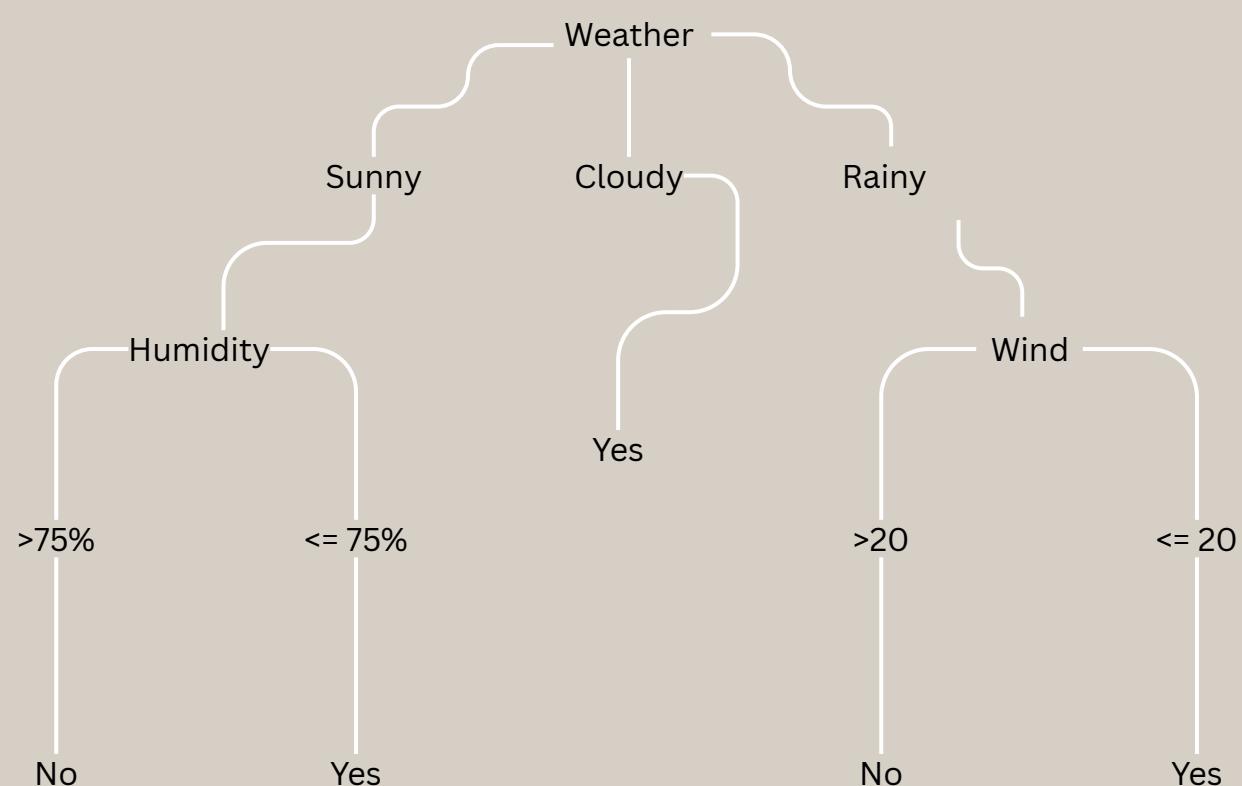
Example:

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IF age > 25
  IF income > 50k → Buy
  ELSE → Not Buy
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How it splits data

- Uses metrics:
- Gini Impurity
- Entropy

$$\text{Entropy} = -\sum p \log p$$



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4. RANDOM FOREST

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Why Decision Trees fail alone?

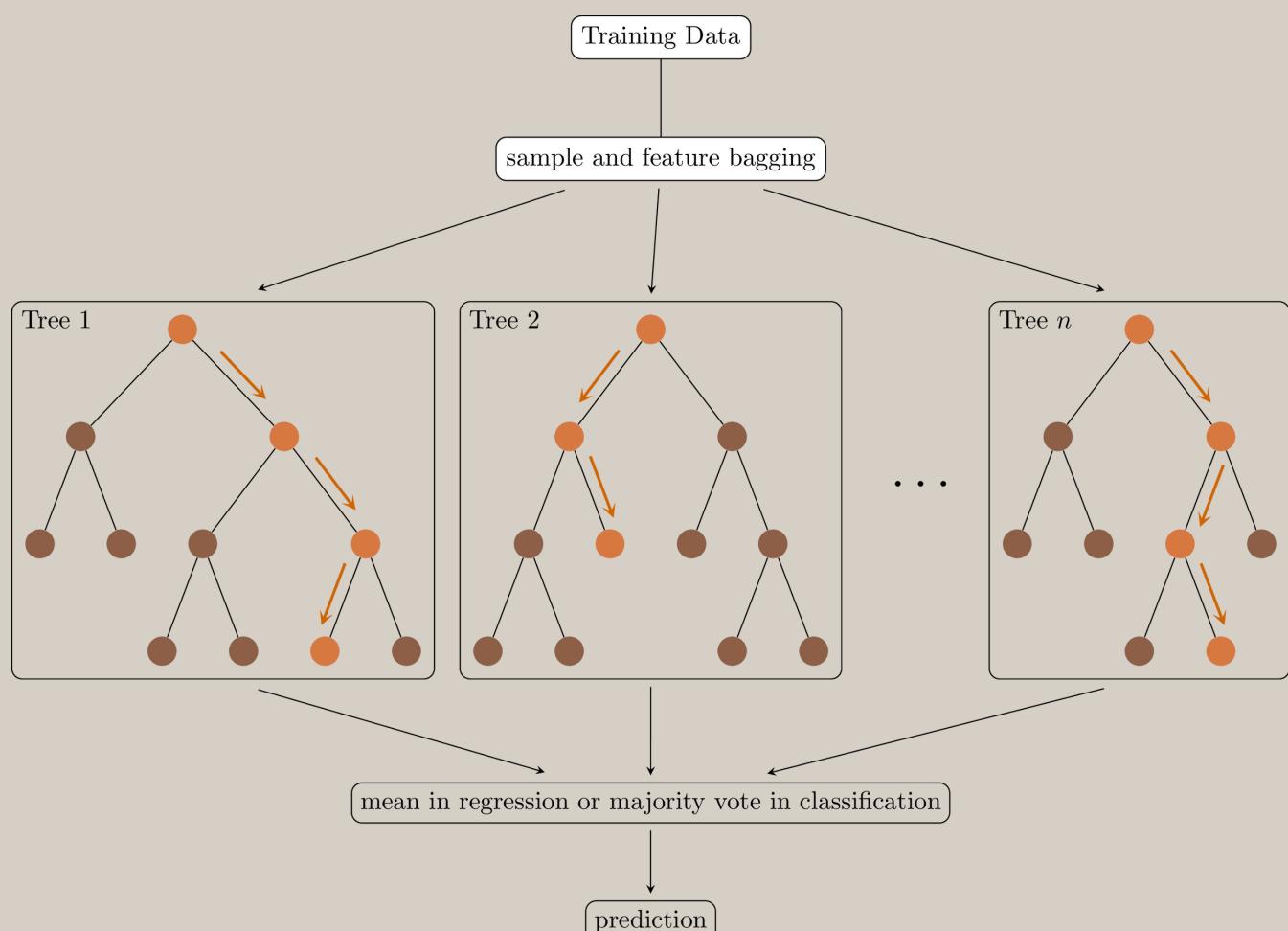
They overfit (memorize data).

Solution

Build many trees and combine their answers.

How prediction works?

- Classification → Majority vote
- Regression → Average



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5. SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (SVM)

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Core idea

Find the best separating line with maximum margin.

Mathematical goal

Maximize:

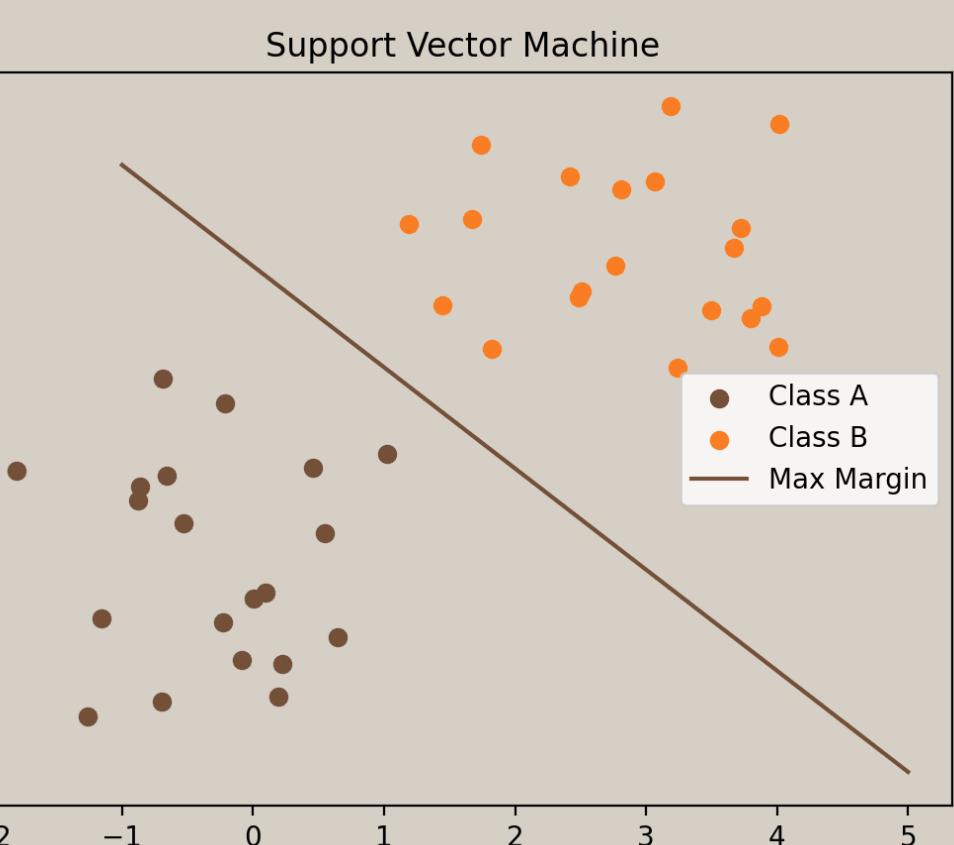
$$\frac{2}{\| \mathbf{w} \|} \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{w} \text{ is the weight vector})$$

Subject to:

$$y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1$$

Why SVM is powerful ?

- Works in high dimensions
- Uses kernel trick for non-linear data



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6. K-NEAREST NEIGHBORS (KNN)

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Core idea

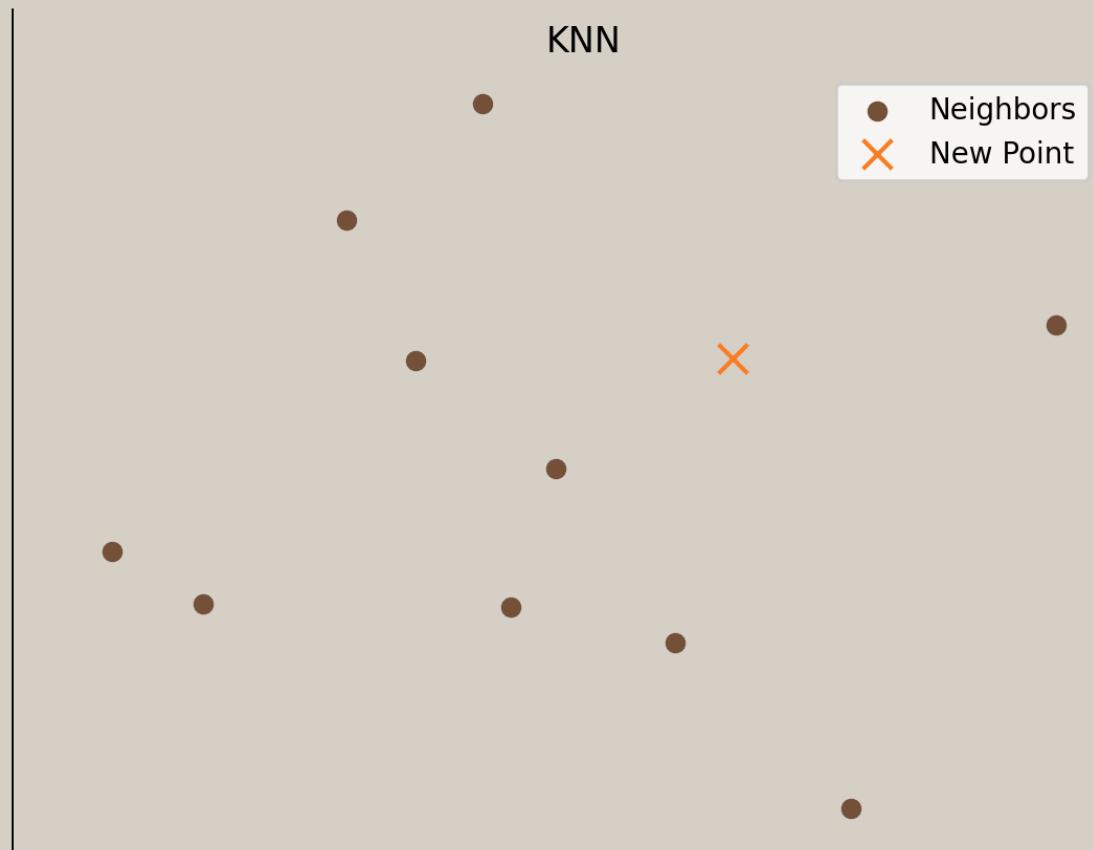
“You are what your neighbors are.”

How it works

1. Choose K
2. Measure distance
3. Majority class wins

Distance formula (Euclidean)

$$d = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$



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7. NAIVE BAYES

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Core idea

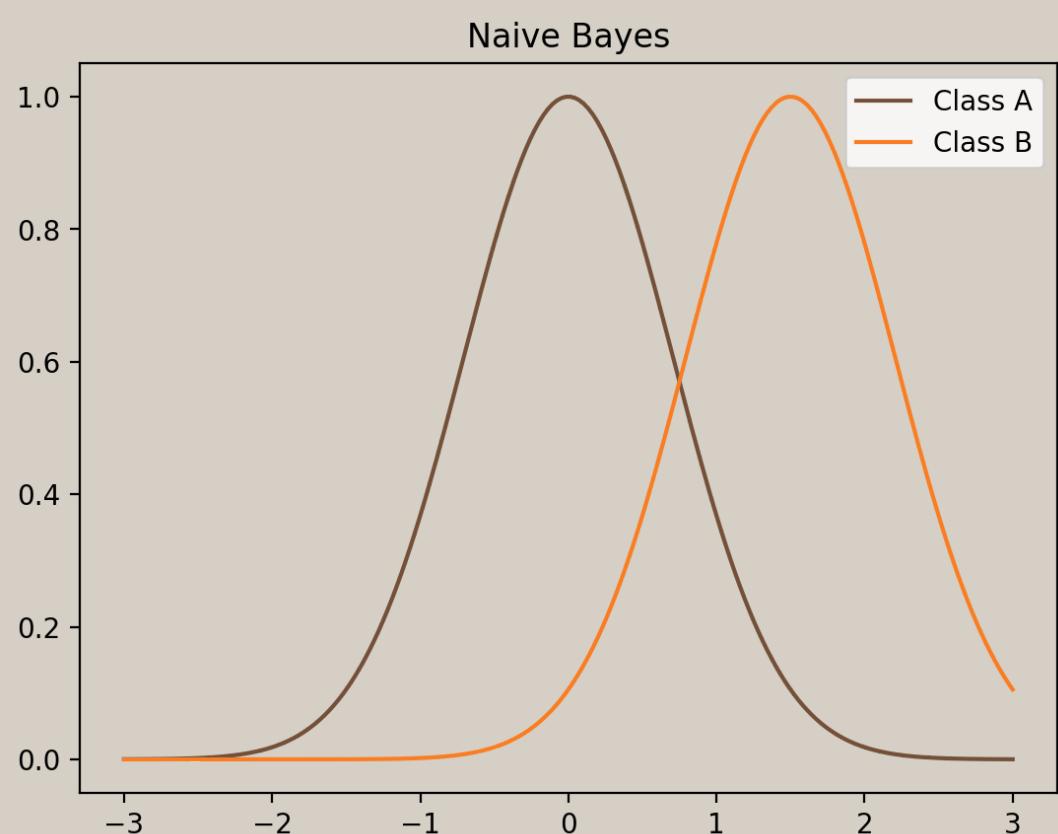
Uses probability to decide.

Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{Class} \mid \text{Data}) = \frac{P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Class}) \cdot P(\text{Class})}{P(\text{Data})}$$

Why “**Naive**” ?

Assumes features are independent (even if they aren’t).



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8. K-MEANS CLUSTERING

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

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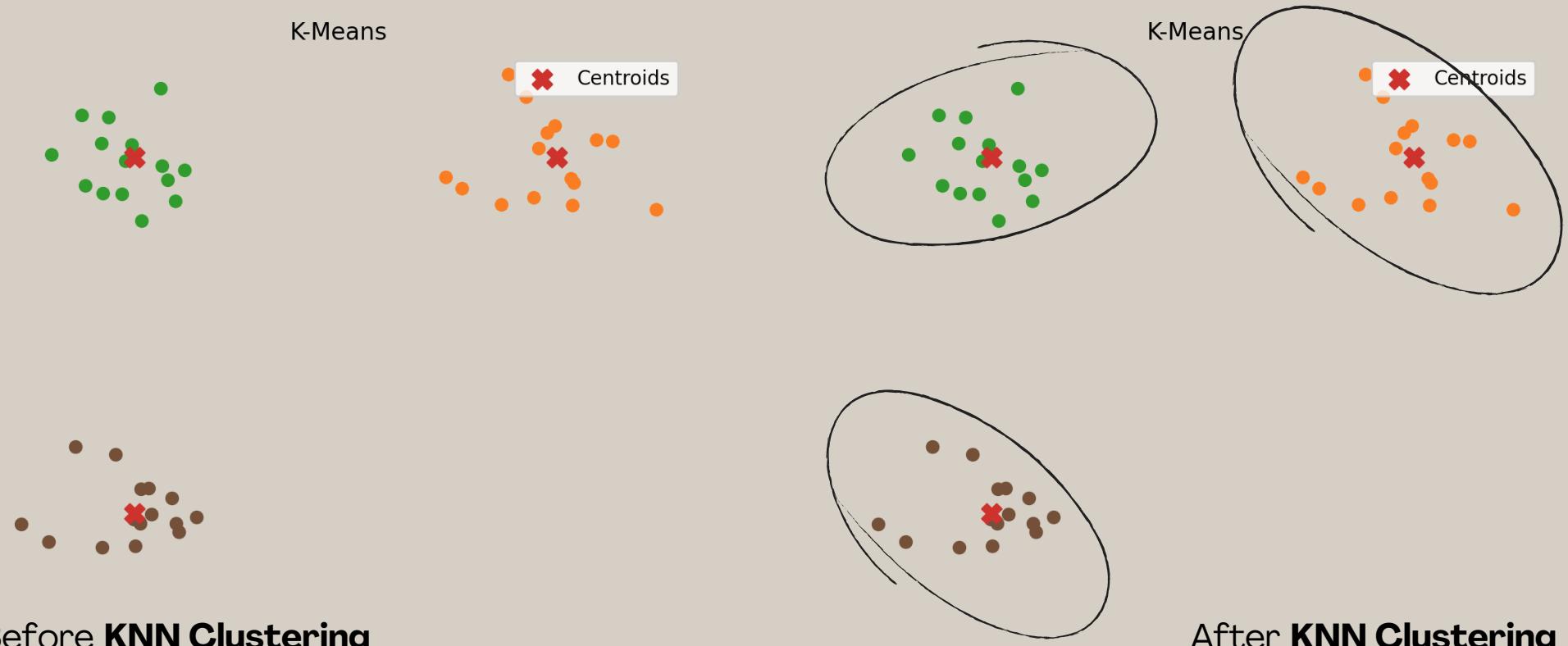
Grouping **unlabelled data**.

Algorithm steps

1. Choose K
2. Assign points to nearest centroid
3. Update centroid
4. Repeat until convergence

Objective function

$$\sum |x_i - \mu_k|^2$$



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8. K-MEANS CLUSTERING

What problem it solves (in very simple words)

Core idea

Stacked linear + non-linear transformations

Single neuron formula

$$y = f(w \cdot x + b)$$

Where:

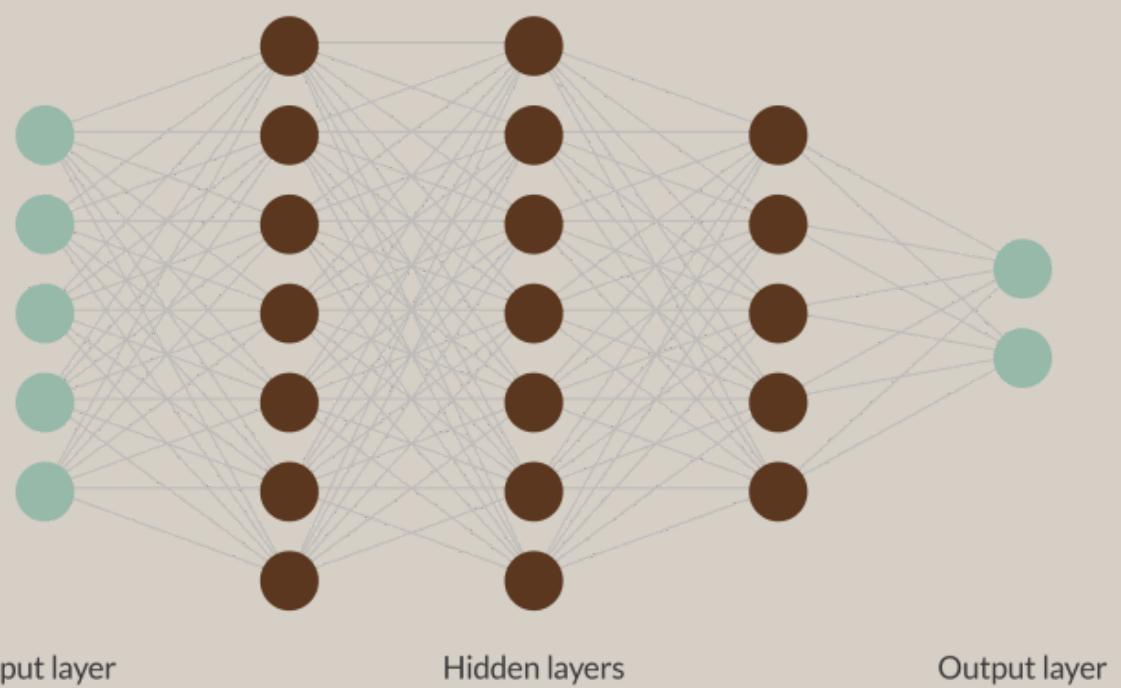
f = activation (ReLU, Sigmoid, etc.)

Training

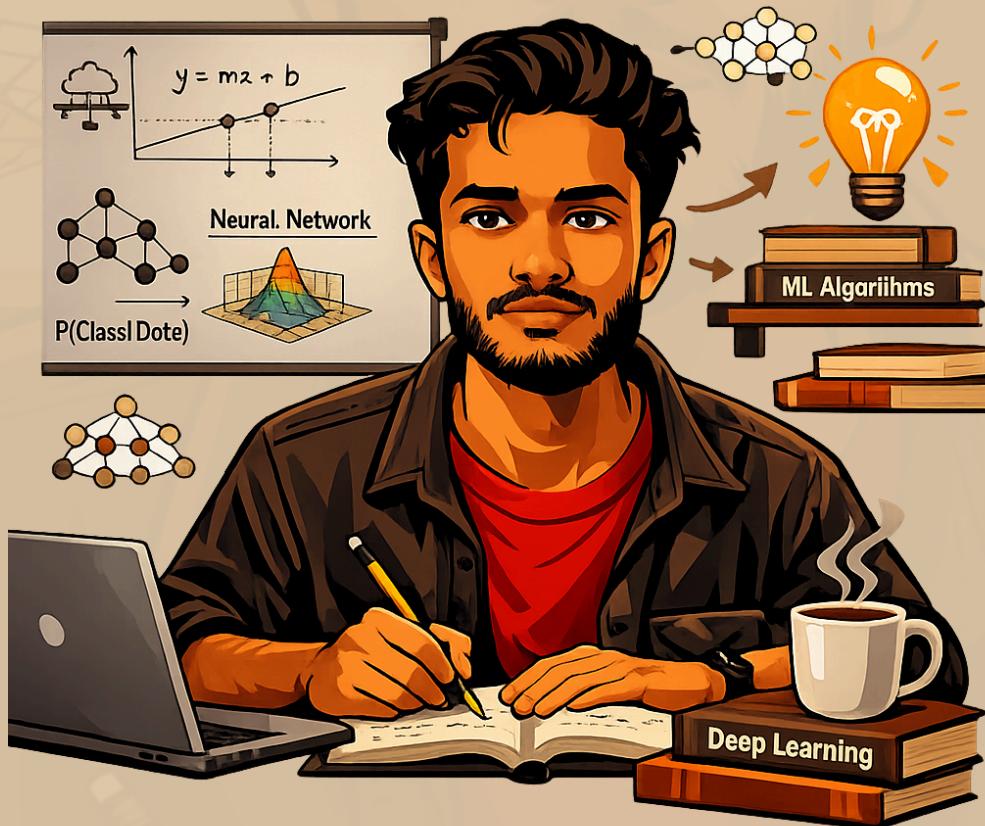
Uses:

- Loss function
- Backpropagation
- Gradient Descent

$$w_{\text{new}} = w_{\text{old}} - \alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial w}$$



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