

# Talking about analytics: Concepts you need to know

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Validating the opportunity:  
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Bringing it to life: Implementation  
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# About our training

## What this training is:

- Broad introduction into common analytical concepts
- Provides intuition for basic analytics methods and algorithms

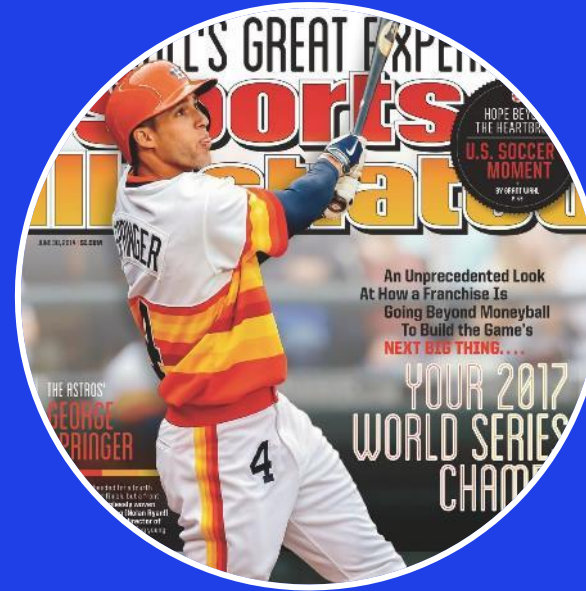


## What this training is not:

- In-depth introduction into technical concepts of analytics
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- **Does not replace an in-depth conversation with your data scientist** about which methods to use, their pros and cons
  - For a **more in-depth introduction, we recommend** a reading list at the end of this module



# Analytics has many applications



- 1 <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kashmirhill/2012/02/16/how-target-figured-out-a-teen-girl-was-pregnant-before-her-father-did/#12cf258034c6>
- 2 <http://observer.com/2016/01/can-we-use-big-data-to-create-hit-tv-shows-as-addictive-as-breaking-bad/>
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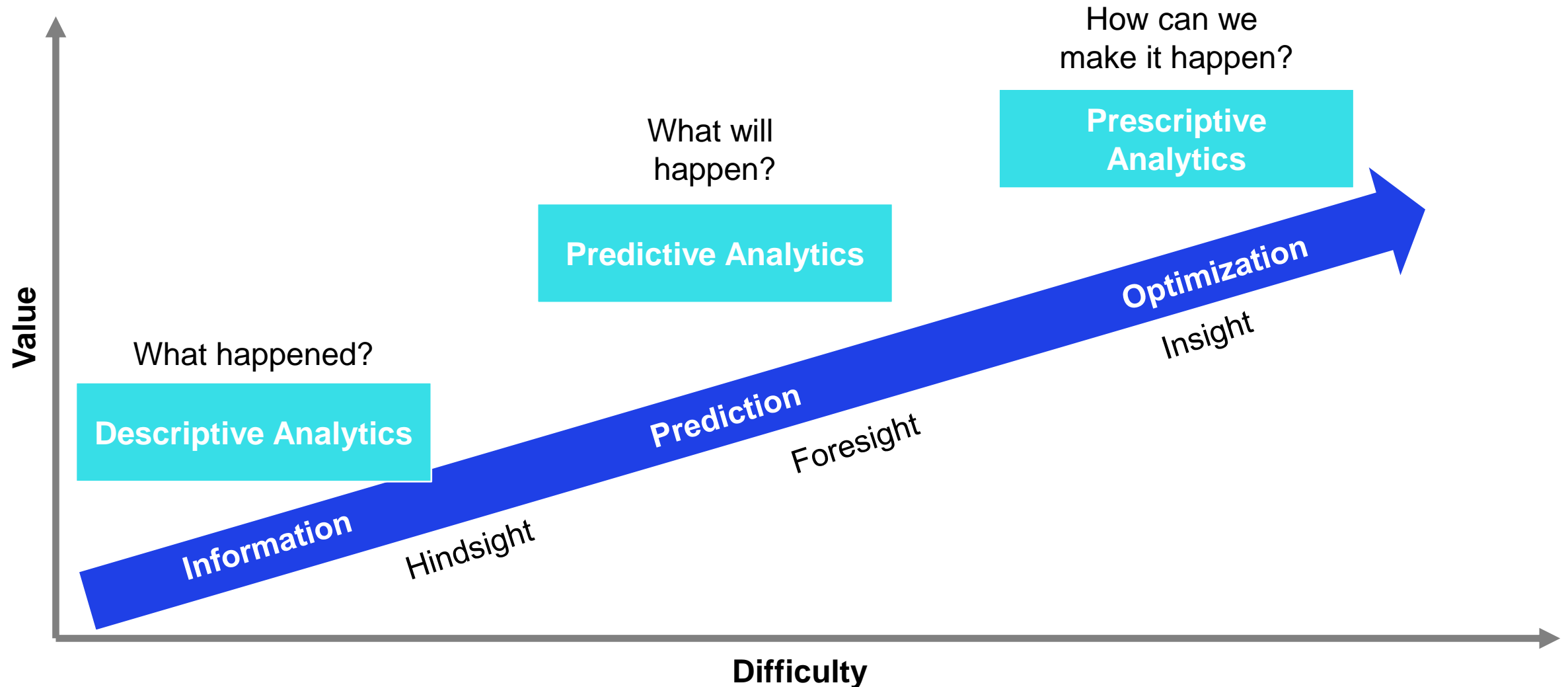


# Analytics problems and their classification



# Analytics problems can be roughly categorized into three problems of varying complexity

## Analytics value ladder



# Three types of problems being solved with analytics

## Describe

*What happened in the past and why did it happen?*

Gain insight from historical data



- Concerned with **describing what happened**
- Employed heavily across all industries

- How much did we sell last year?
- What is the average spend per customer?
- Which supplier is more cost-effective?
- Which product has the best profit margins?

## Predict

*What is likely to happen in the future?*

Make predictions about future events



- Extrapolating data to **anticipate behavior** and occurrences (inherently probabilistic)
- Used in data-driven organizations as a key source of insight

- What will the oil price be in the next quarter?
- Which subscribers are most likely to churn?
- Which product will this customer most likely buy?

## Prescribe

*What should be done to influence the future?*

Make decisions to gain an advantage



- Principally concerned with **what to do** to achieve goals
- Real-time decision making or actionable recommendations and feedback mechanisms

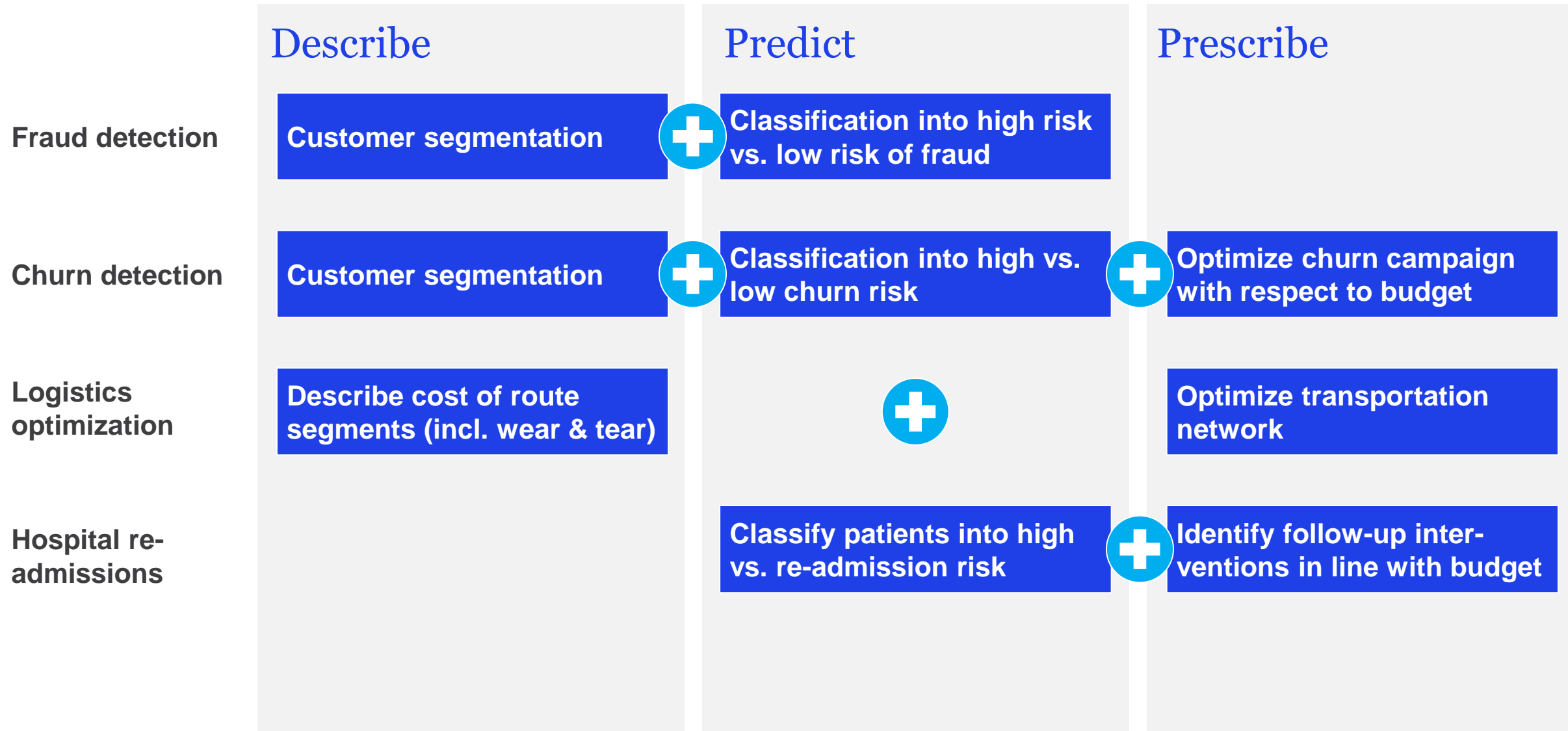
- What is the best price to sell our product in India?
- How should we position content on our landing page for this particular customer?
- How should we allocate nurses on this shift given admitted patients?

Type of problem

Business questions analytics can answer at this stage



# Many use cases might combine various types of problems to form a solution



# Each problem type can be described in more detail...

## Descriptive

### General exploration

General data analysis including data cuts / pivoting / cross-tabs, time trends, geographic plots, word clouds, etc.

### Pattern recognition/ Data mining

Discovering patterns in the data, e.g. similarity among records (clustering) or interdependencies among variables

### Inferential statistics

Drawing conclusions about populations based on observed sample

## Predictive

### Categories (classification)

Predicting binary or ordinal outcomes, e.g. product choice, churn, fraud, purchase events, etc.

### Values (continuous)

Predicting continuous outcomes, e.g. revenues, time, growth rates, etc.

## Prescriptive

### Optimization

Identify set of parameters that optimize system performance under given constraints (often supported by **simulation**)

### Recommendation

Recommend next best action based on historical pattern and similar customers or items

... and can be mapped to certain types of analytical techniques that are typically being used

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### Continuous/ regression

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## Prescriptive

### Optimization

- Continuous: Linear programming
- Discrete: Integer optimization
- Simulation methods:
  - Monte Carlo
  - Agent based modeling

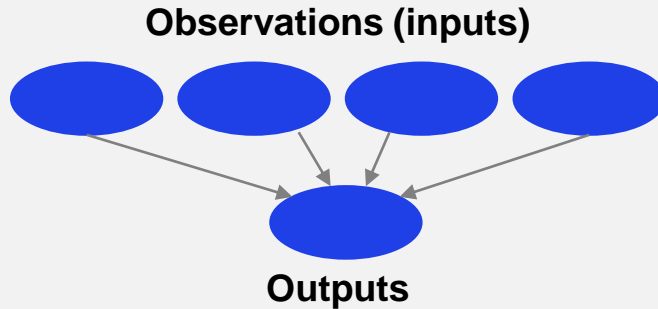
### Recommendation

- Collaborative Filtering
- Association Rules / Frequent Pattern Mining

NOT MECE – algorithms overlap. And often our business problems are solved by combining different types of algorithms (e.g., first create clusters of clients, then for each cluster predict churn)

# Two broad categories of techniques: Supervised vs. unsupervised algorithms

## Supervised



When to use it

You **know how to classify the data**, but you want the machine to do it for you

Business example

Determining if a job applicant will be successful based on their application

How it works



Person **labels input data** with desired output

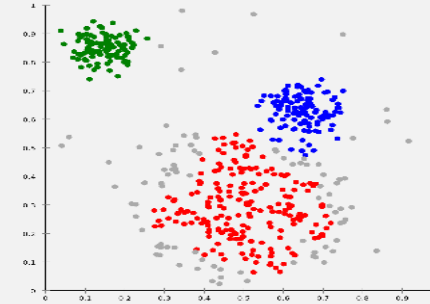


Machine gets **labeled training data** and infers how to label data



Machine **predicts outputs for new data** based on inferred model

## Unsupervised



You **do not know how to classify the data**, and you want the machine to find the classifier for you

Cluster related news articles together for users



Machine gets **unlabeled** input data



Machine infers hidden structure from data



Machine **returns the structure** and classifies data according to that structure

# Techniques to tackle analytics problems





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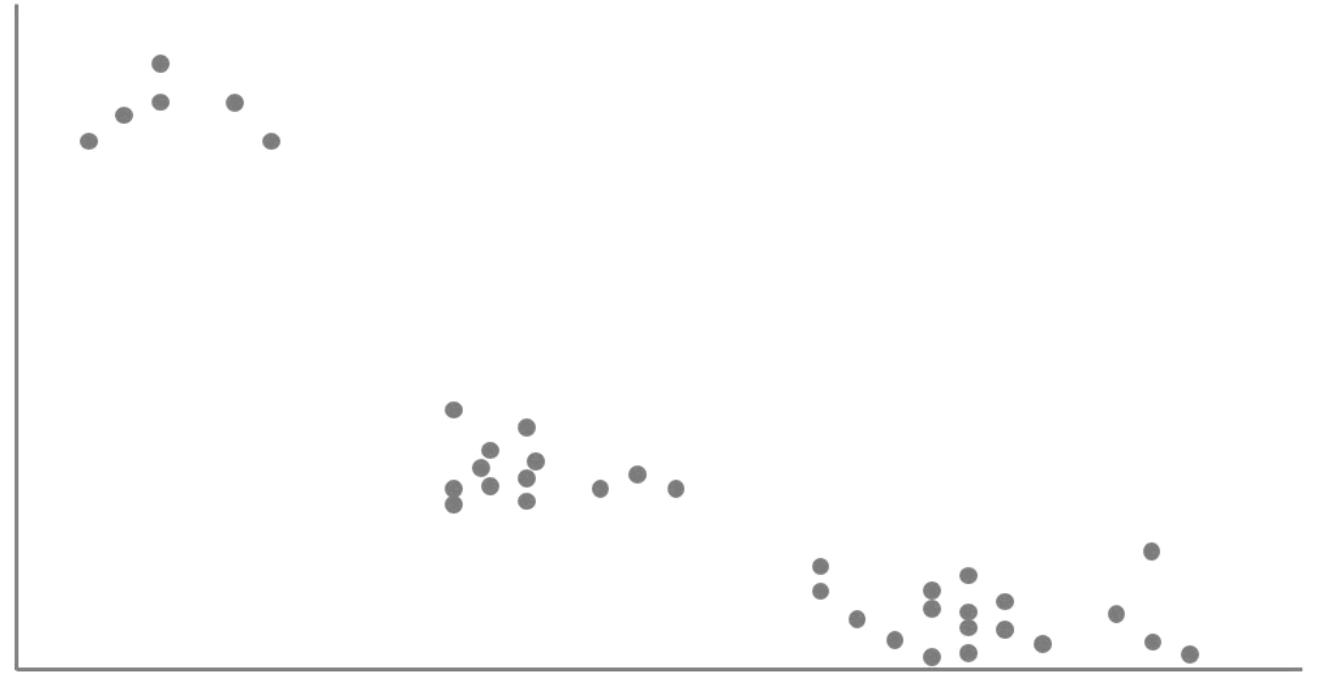
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# Clustering using k-means

- 1 Decide on number of clusters  
(3 clusters in example)
- 2 Assign centers (centroid) of each cluster randomly + + +
- 3 Assign each point to the closest
- 4 Calculate the new center of the clusters
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 until centroids do not change



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# Let's work through a couple of examples using two types of data

## Classification example: Iris data set

- Data set consisting of 50 samples from each of three species of Iris flowers



Iris setosa

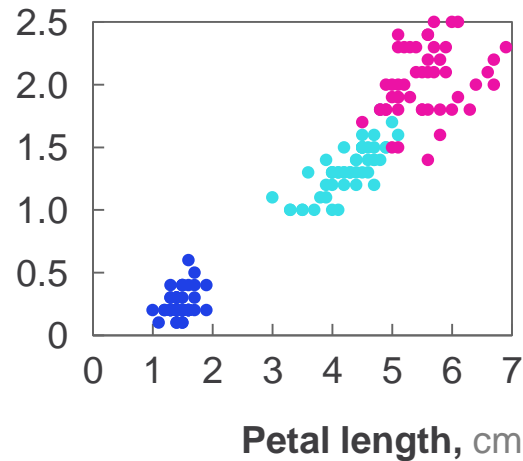


Iris versicolor



Iris virginica

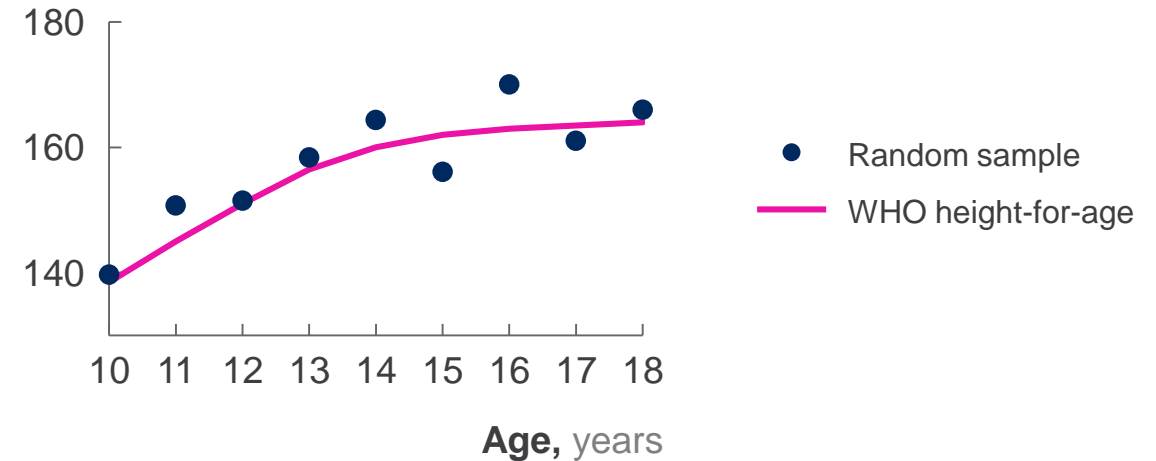
- Four features measured for each sample
  - Petal length
  - Petal width
  - Sepal length
  - Sepal width



## Continuous example: Height / Age of girls

- WHO publishes height-for-age scores for girls between the ages of 5 and 18
- We created a random sample for girls between 10 and 18 with one observation for each age group

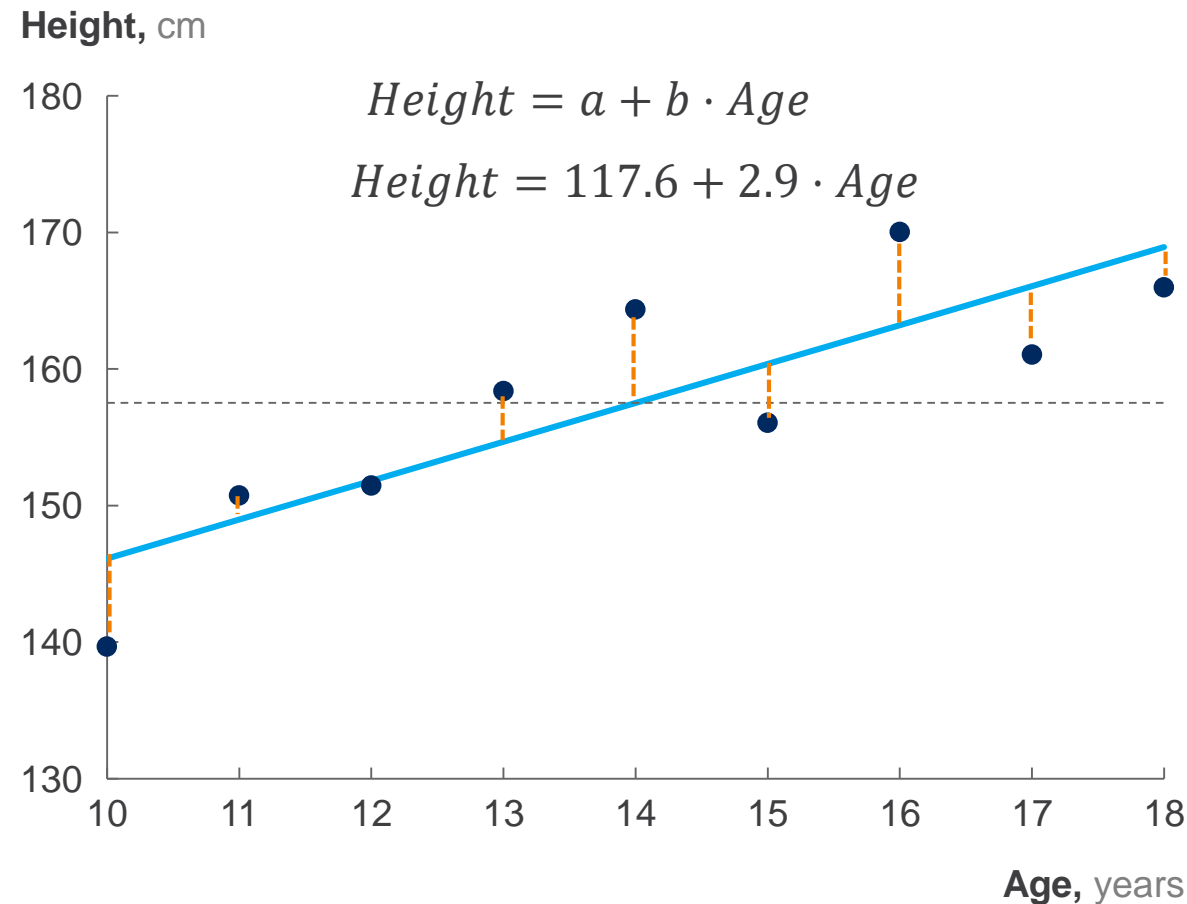
Height, cm



Note: For illustration purposes, our examples are shown using only 1 or 2 input variables, in reality a lot more are being used

# Linear regressions (most commonly used to predict continuous outcomes) fit a line (or simple functional form) to the data

Example: Estimate the functional form of the WHO height-for-age curve for girls (age 10-18)



- Linear regressions **minimize the prediction error** between prediction (regression line) and the observations (dots)
- Coefficients of a linear regression have an **intuitive interpretation**:
  - On average, girls between 10 and 18 years grow about 2.9 cm every year
  - What is the interpretation of the intercept 117.6?
- **More complex functional forms** can be achieved by adding quadratic terms (or higher order polynomials) or interaction terms between variables

# When applying a regression technique to a (binary) classification example, we are using the technique to predict 0s and 1s

Example: Estimate the probability of a flower being of “**virginica**” type based on petal length

Probability (i. virginica)

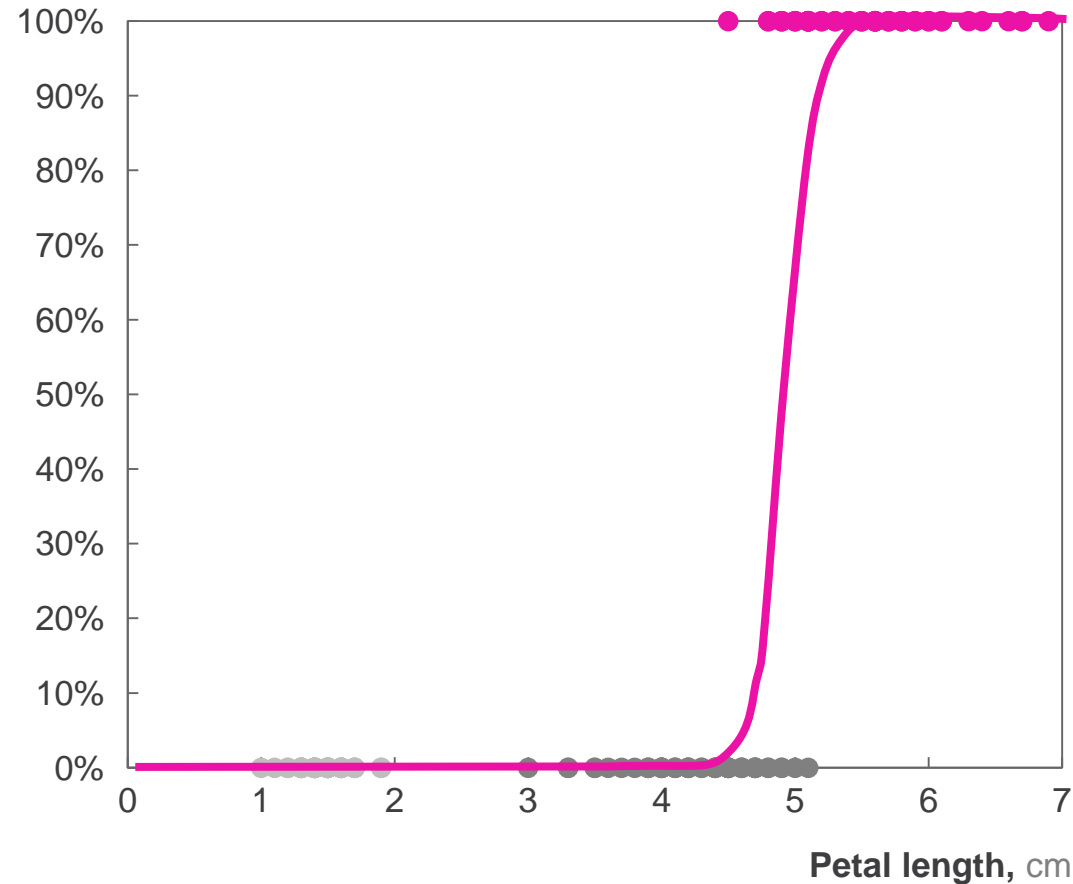


- 1 Create an outcome variable: probability of being “virginica” (1 for virginica, 0 else)
- 2 Estimate the linear relationship between petal length (and possibly other variables) and the outcome
$$\Pr(virginica) = -0.39 + 0.19 \cdot PetalLength$$
- 3 Choose a threshold for when a prediction is classified as virginica vs. not (typically 50%)
- 4 When predicted probability is above 50% (here for a petal length >4.7), classify as virginica
- 5 Else classify as “other”

# Logistic regressions use an s-shaped functional form with values between 0 and 1

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- The approach to fit a logistic regression is similar to the linear regression, except that the **linear form is transformed into an s-shape using a sigmoid function**

$$\Pr(virginica) = \text{sigmoid}(a + b \cdot \text{PetalLength})$$

$$\Pr(virginica) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(a+b \cdot \text{PetalLength})}}$$

$$\Pr(virginica) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(43.8+9.0 \cdot \text{PetalLength})}}$$

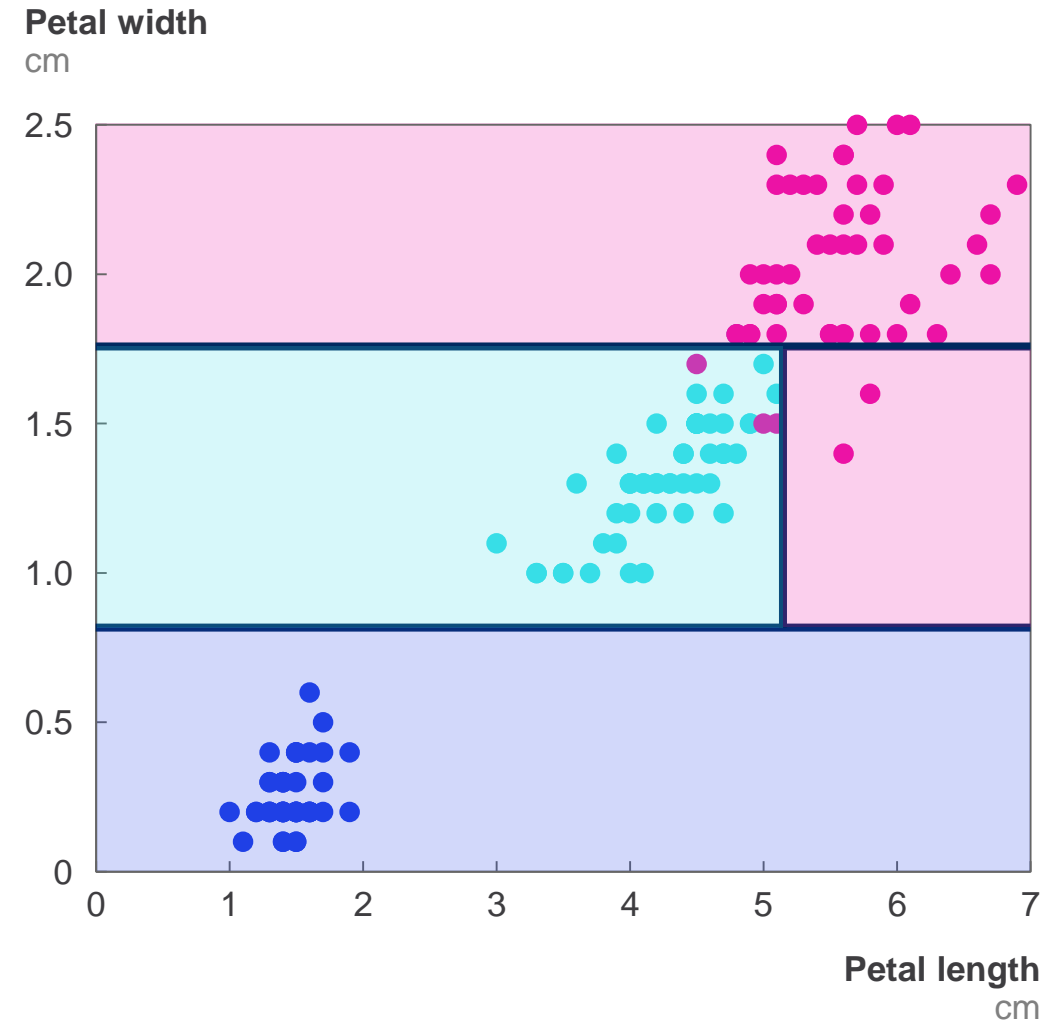
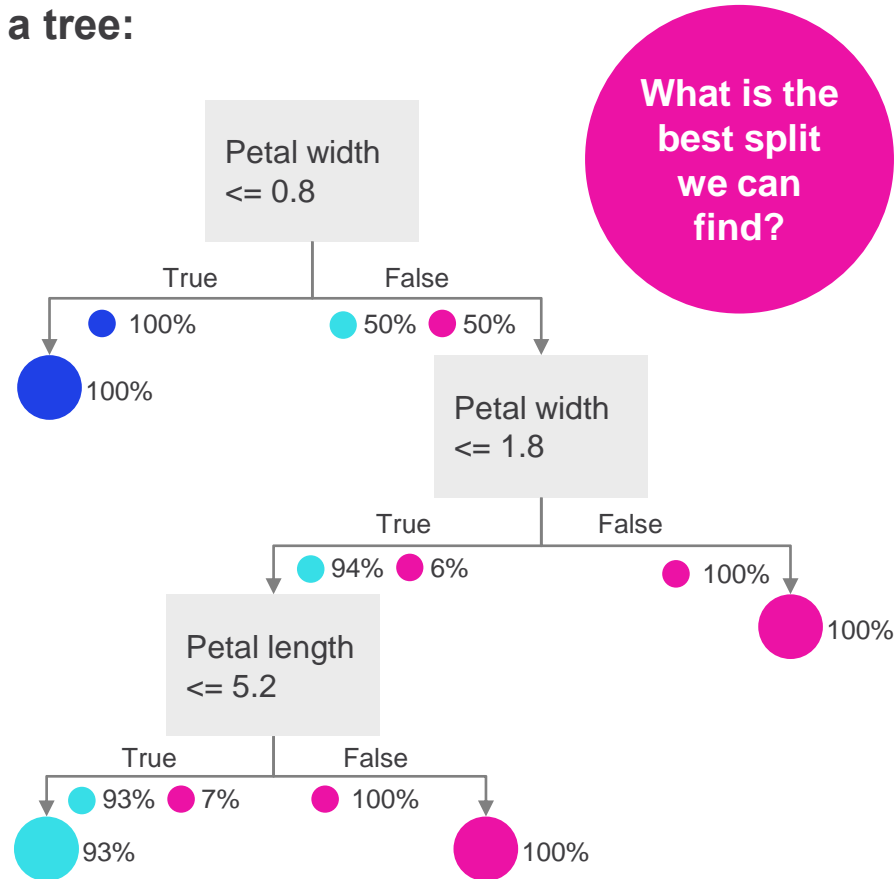
- With an s-shaped form, coefficients have a less intuitive interpretation, e.g.
  - An increase in Petal Length from 1 cm to 2 cm changes probability by close to zero
  - An increase in Petal length from 4cm to 5 cm changes the probability by 0.78

# Decision trees: At each node, decision trees search for the best threshold to divide the data in order to get groups that are as unique as possible

- I. setosa
- I. versicolor
- I. virginica

Example: Classifying iris flowers based on information about petal width and petal length

Let's build a tree:

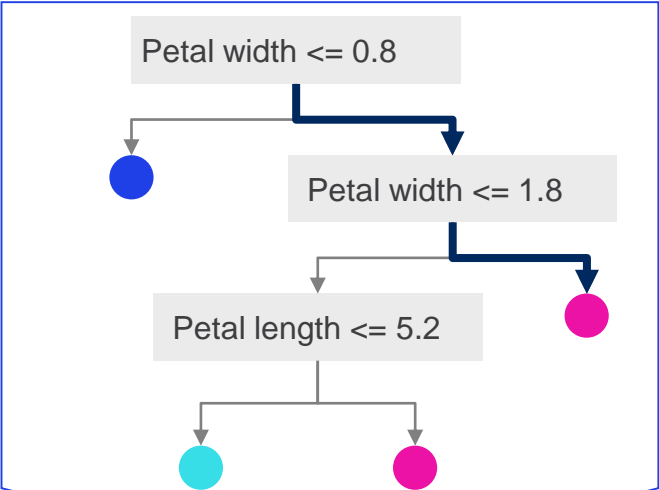
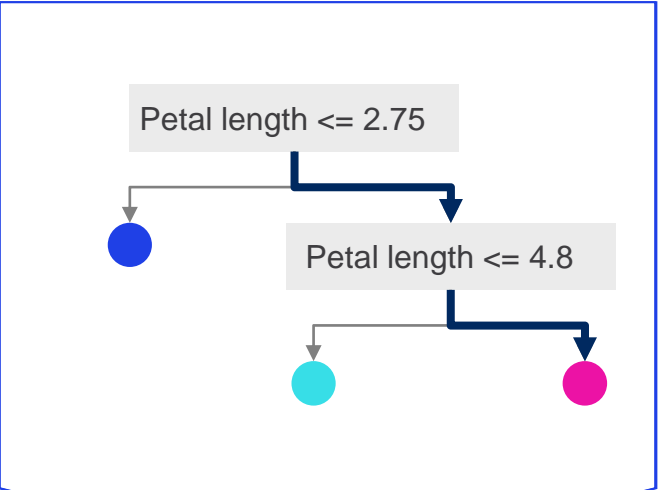
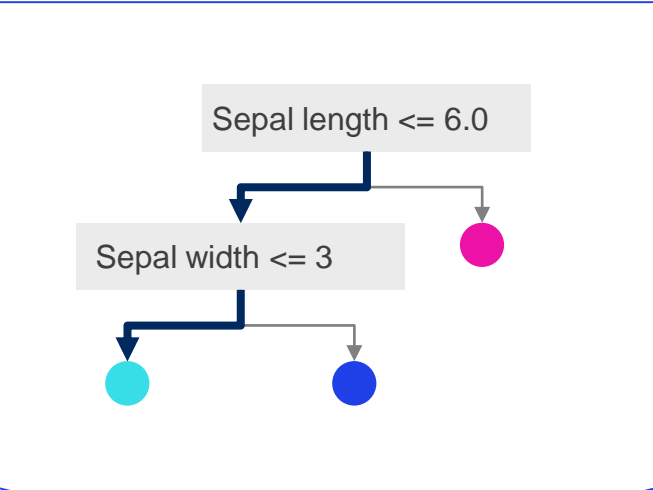






# Random forests are a collection of resampled and restricted decision trees that vote on how to classify a single observation

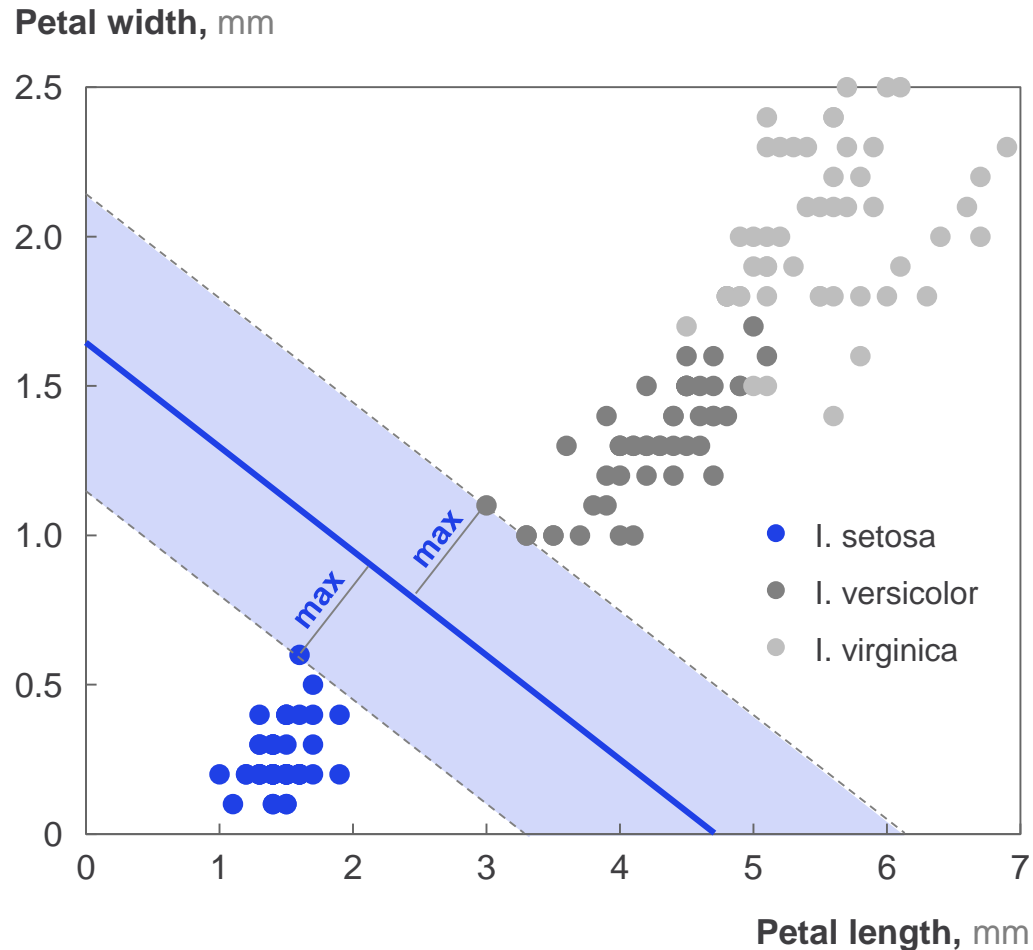
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Example: Let's randomly select rows and features, train a tree for each scenario, then let trees take a vote

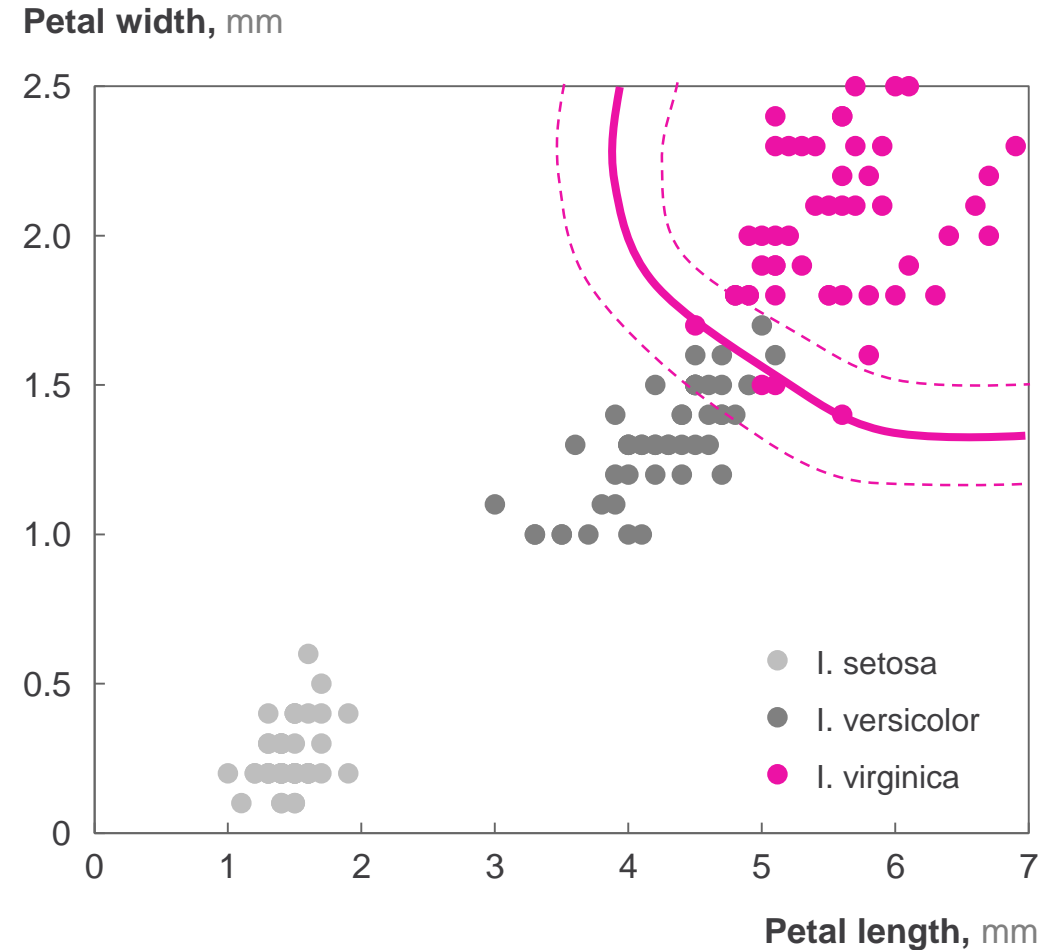
	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
Input rows	10,000 random rows	10,000 random rows	10,000 random rows
Input features	Petal length Petal width Sepal length Sepal width	Petal length Petal width Sepal length Sepal width	Petal length Petal width Sepal length Sepal width
Tree mechanism			
Example	 <div>Petal length 4.9 Petal width 2.0 Sepal length 5.6 Sepal width 2.8</div>	Votes	Tree 1: I. virginica Tree 2: I. virginica Tree 3: I. versicolor
			 <div>66% probability: I. virginica 33% probability: I. versicolor</div>

Support vector machines separate one class from another by searching for the boundary (“hyperplane”) that maximizes the distance to the closest point(s)

For simple classification tasks, a simple line is sufficient to separate classes



For more difficult problems, more complex functional forms can be assumed (e.g., polynomials, radial)



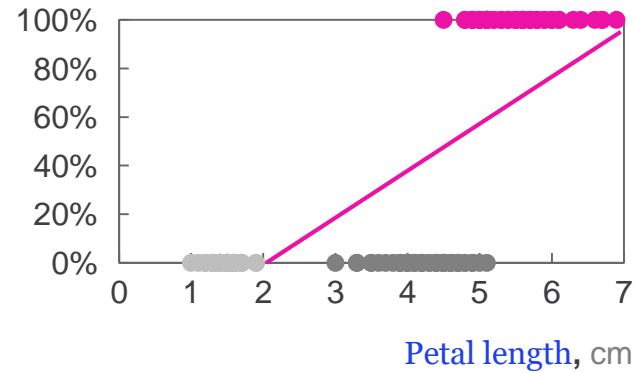
# Recap: Different models “see” the world in different ways

● I. setosa   ● I. versicolor   ● I. virginica

Example: Distinguishing **i. virginica** from the other two iris types (more details on following pages)

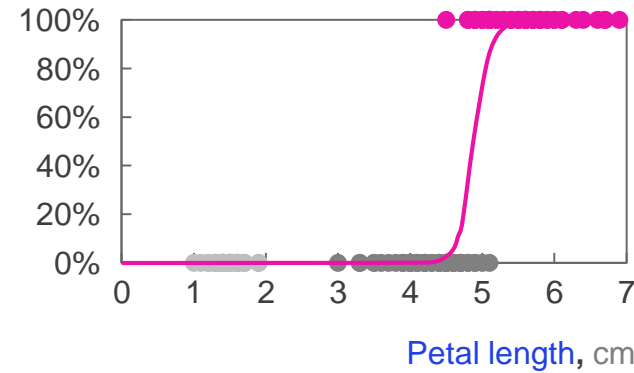
## Linear regression

Probability (i. virginica)



## Logistic regression

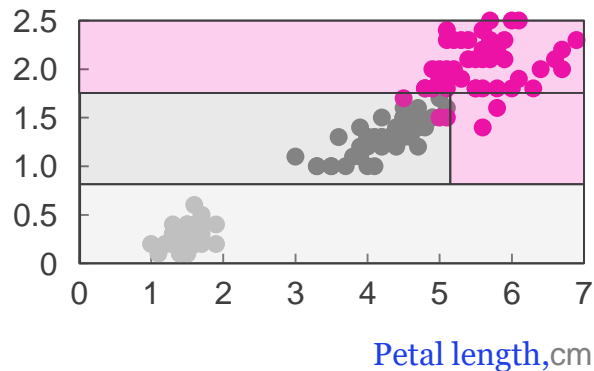
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- Focus on **outcome variables**, i.e. finding functional forms by minimizing the prediction error

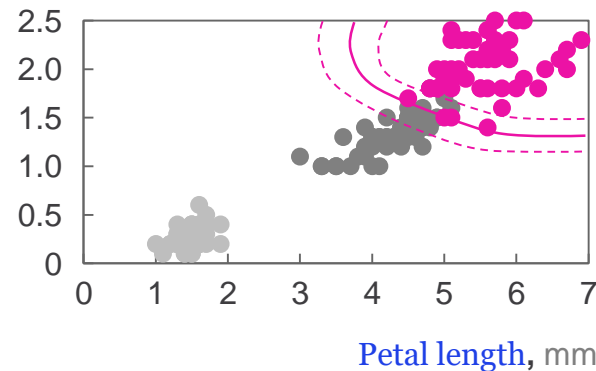
## Decision trees

Petal width, cm



## Support Vector Machines

Petal width, mm



- Focus on **input features**, i.e. select classes by identifying patterns in the input data

# Be careful with implying causal relationships from regressions (or other machine learning algorithms): Telco churn case

ILLUSTRATIVE

A **linear regression** to estimate the likelihood of churn in TelCo yields the following equation:

$$\Pr(churn) = 0.05 + 0.20 \text{ campaign month} + 0.13 \text{ WhatsApp} + 0.05 \text{ Network failures}$$

## Technical interpretation

**Running churn campaigns in a given month** is associated with a 20 percentage point *higher* probability of churn

**Increased usage of Whatsapp for calls** is associated with a 13 pp higher churn probability

**Each network failure** in the area of the customer is associated with 0.05 higher probability of churn

## Concepts to watch out for when interpreting coefficients

(possible alternative explanation)

**Reverse causation:**  
Higher overall churn leads sales directors to increase the number of churn campaigns

**Common factors or hidden variables**  
Higher prices for calling increase WhatsApp usage AND churn

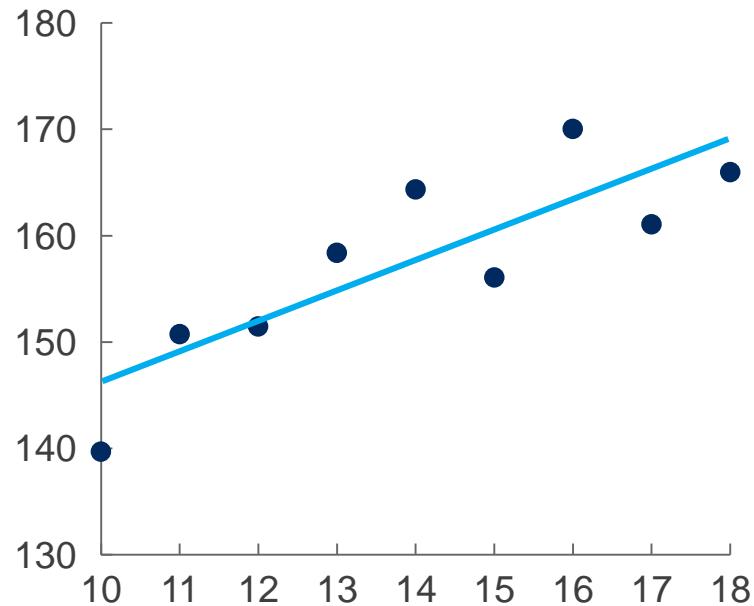
**Bidirectional relationship**  
Higher churn reduces network utilization and thus decreases network failures whereas network failures in turn increase churn

# The more complex your model gets, the better it can fit to the data...

Let's assume we are trying to find the functional form that describes the relationship between Age and Height (cm) for girls between 10 and 18 years of age. We have a sample data set of 9 girls with one observation for each year.

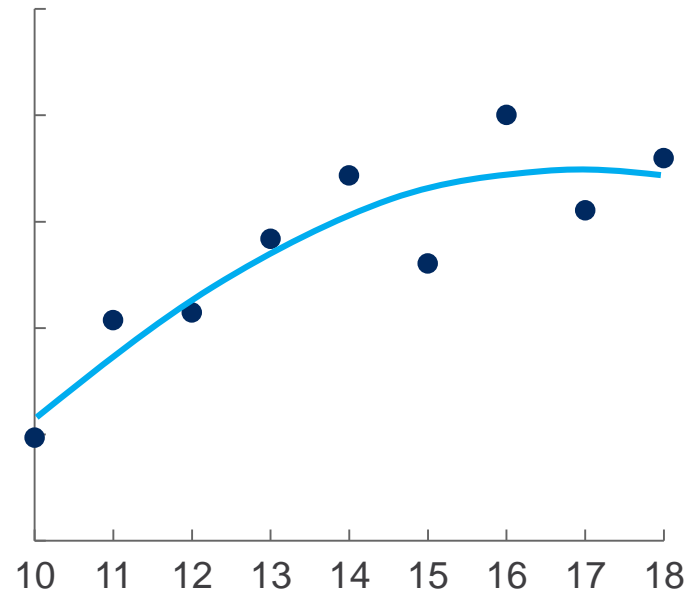
## Simple linear regression

$$\text{Height} = a + b \cdot \text{Age}$$



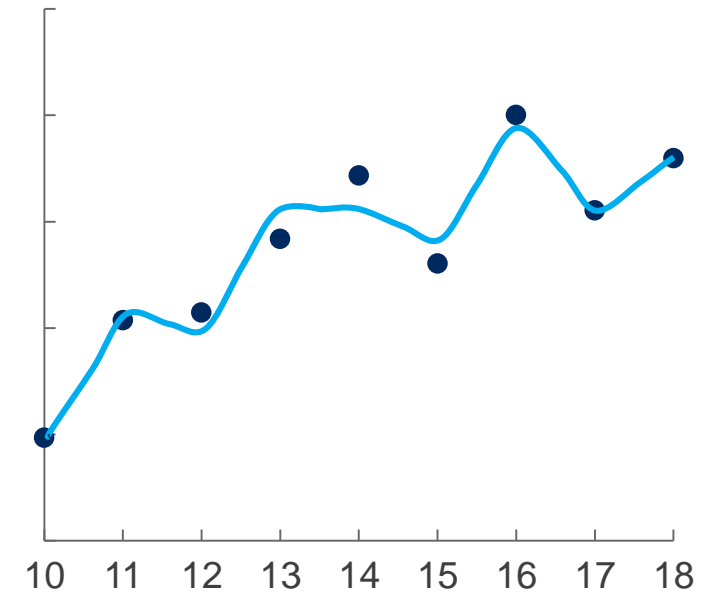
## ... adding a quadratic term...

$$\text{Height} = a + b_1 \cdot \text{Age} + b_2 \cdot \text{Age}^2$$



## ... adding more terms

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Height} \\ &= a + b_1 \cdot \text{Age} + b_2 \cdot \text{Age}^2 + \dots + b_9 \cdot \text{Age}^9 \end{aligned}$$



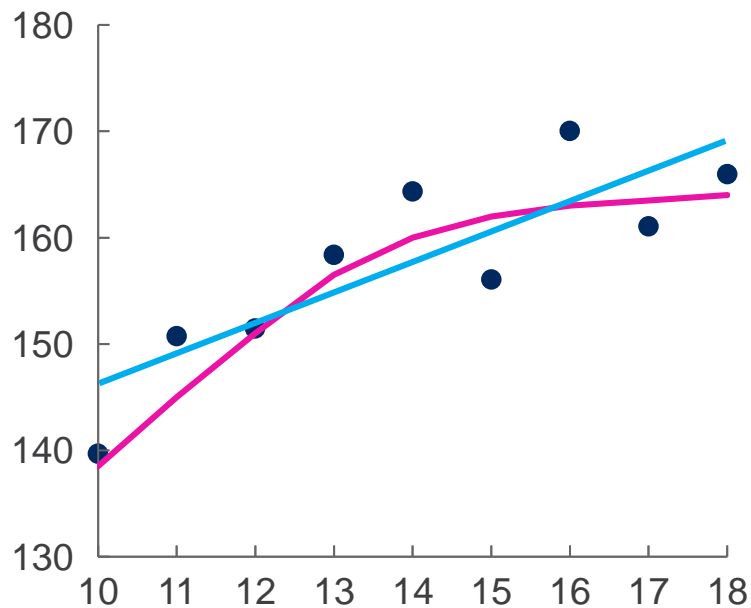


... however, the less likely it is to overfit to the sample that you are using to a point where it does not reflect “reality” anymore

Let's add the **actual functional form** according to WHO size charts...

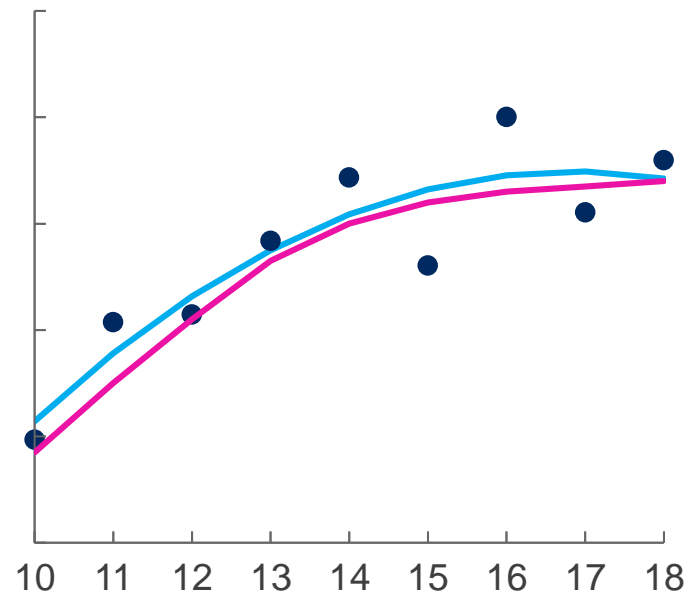
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Underfitted



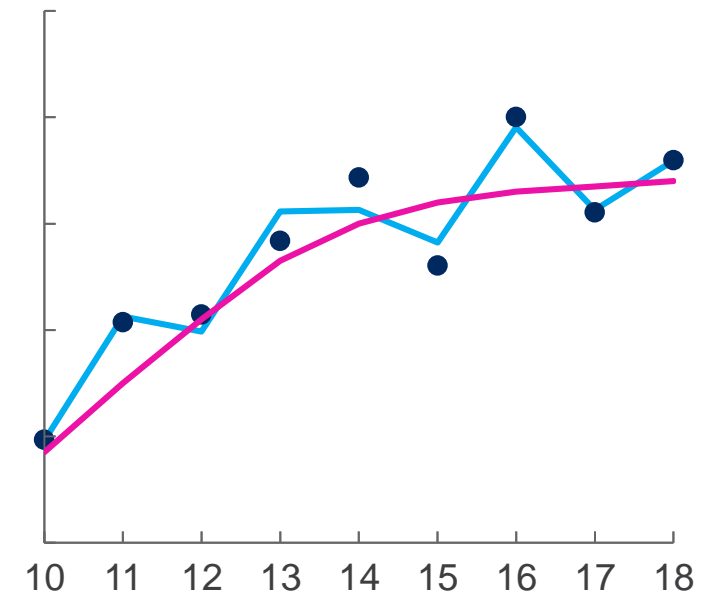
### ... adding a quadratic term...

“Just right”



### ... adding more terms

Overfitted to the training data



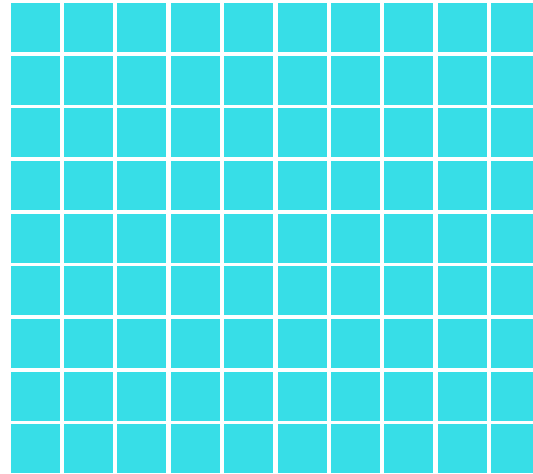
# One method to avoid overfitting is to split your data into training sets, test sets and validation sets

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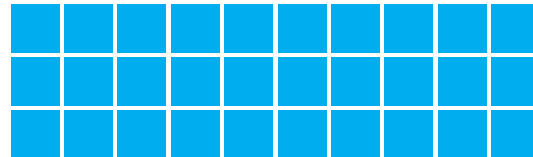
Hold back some of your data to check how the model performs on a new data set.

Thus you split you split your data into three parts (randomly!):

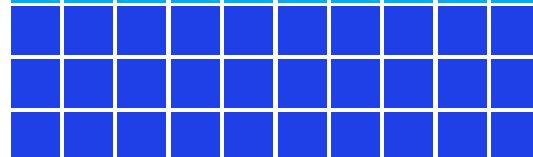
Training set



Validation set



Test set

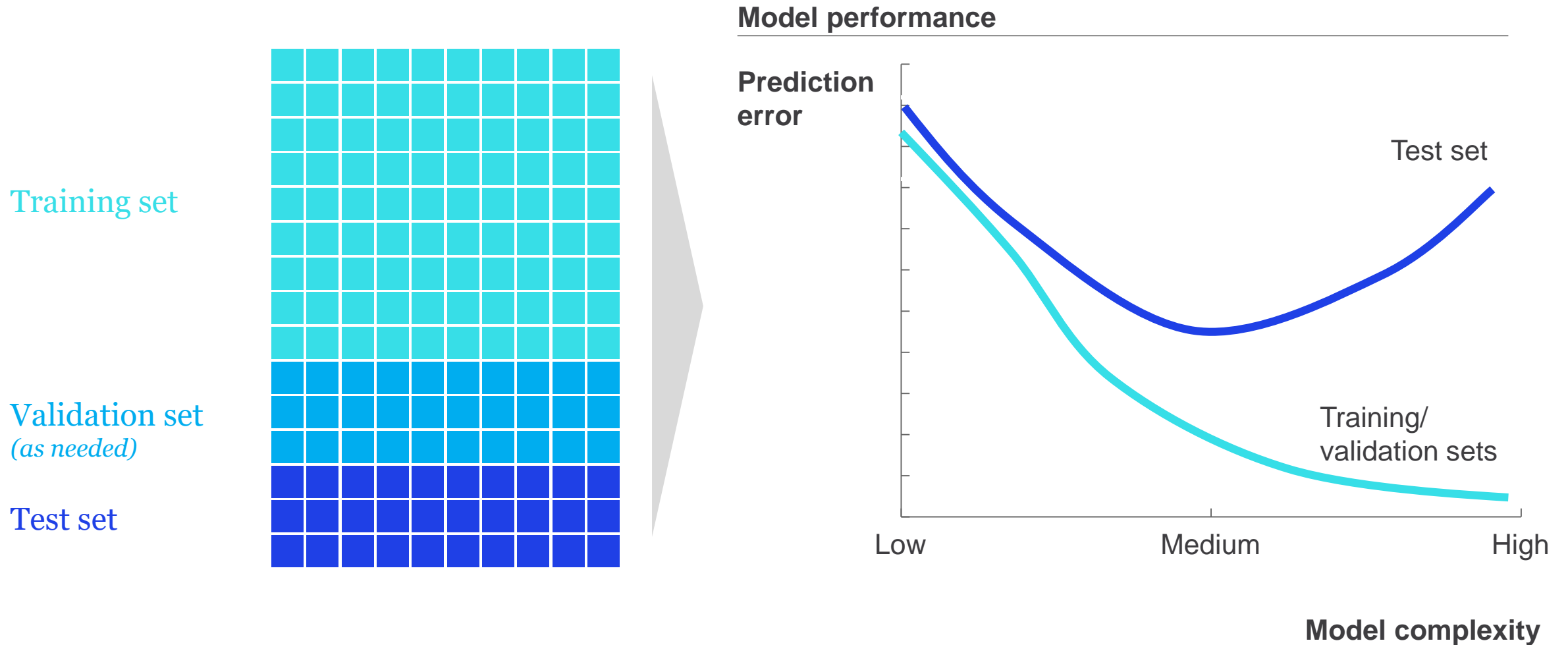


- Used to estimate the model parameters (e.g. weights, coefficients, decision tree nodes, ...)

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- Used to tune hyperparameters (e.g., how many nodes in a decision tree, how many trees in a forest)

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- Used to test how the model performs on a new (out of sample) data set
  - If a model performs well on the test set, chances of overfitting are low

The pattern we observed in our previous example is very common: More complex models fit better to the training data, but less well to the test data



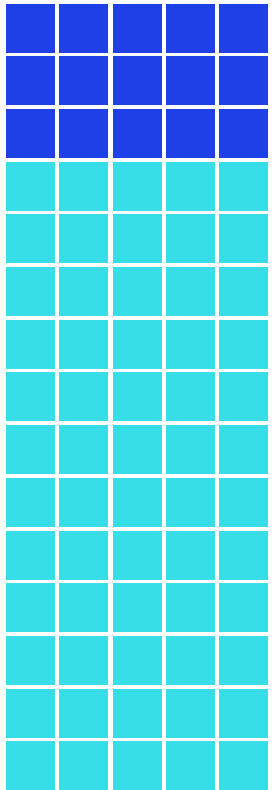
# Taking the train/test pattern to the next level: Cross-validation



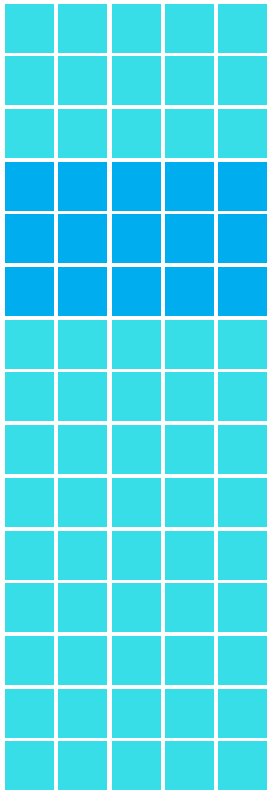
## Basic idea:

- You randomly split all your data 5 times (or more) into train and test sets (“folds”). Each time starting with the full data set
- You then train the model on the 5 different training sets and observe test set performance of each model
- Choose the one with the best performance across all 5 or more runs

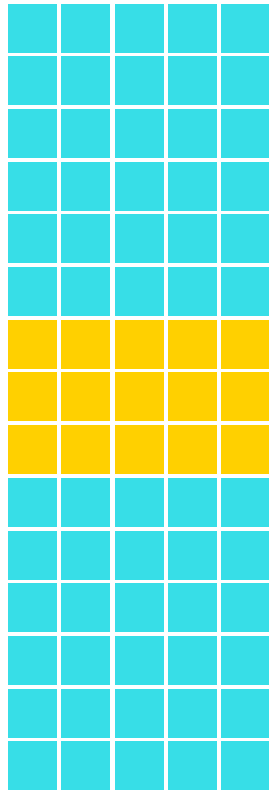
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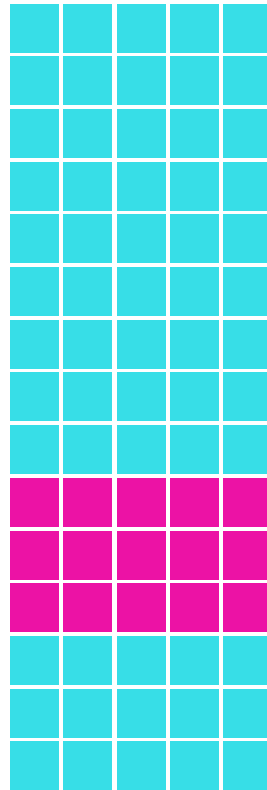
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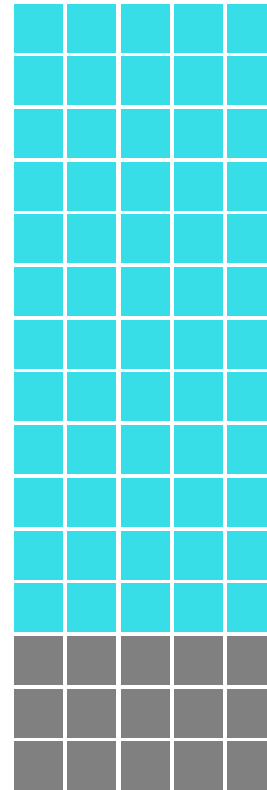
Split 3



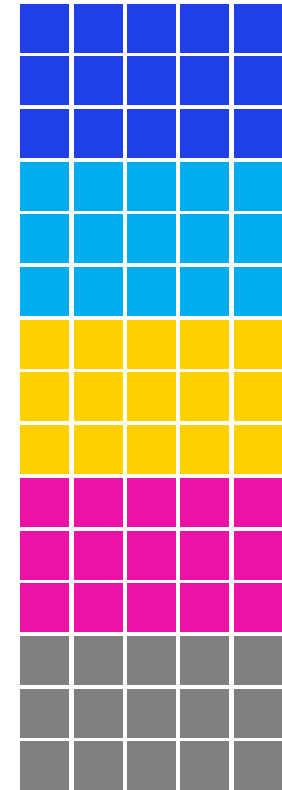
Split 4



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Model  
performance on  
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# Association rules: the apriori algorithm helps to identify which items often are purchased together

Transaction database						
	Burger	Fries	Coke	Ice-cream	Donut	Coffee
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						



Customers who have bought...	... have also bought	... in as many instances (confidence)
		100%
		75%
	 	75%
	 	60%
	 	75%
 		100%

Applications of apriori include product promotions, shelf optimization, next-product-to-buy



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performance and business impact



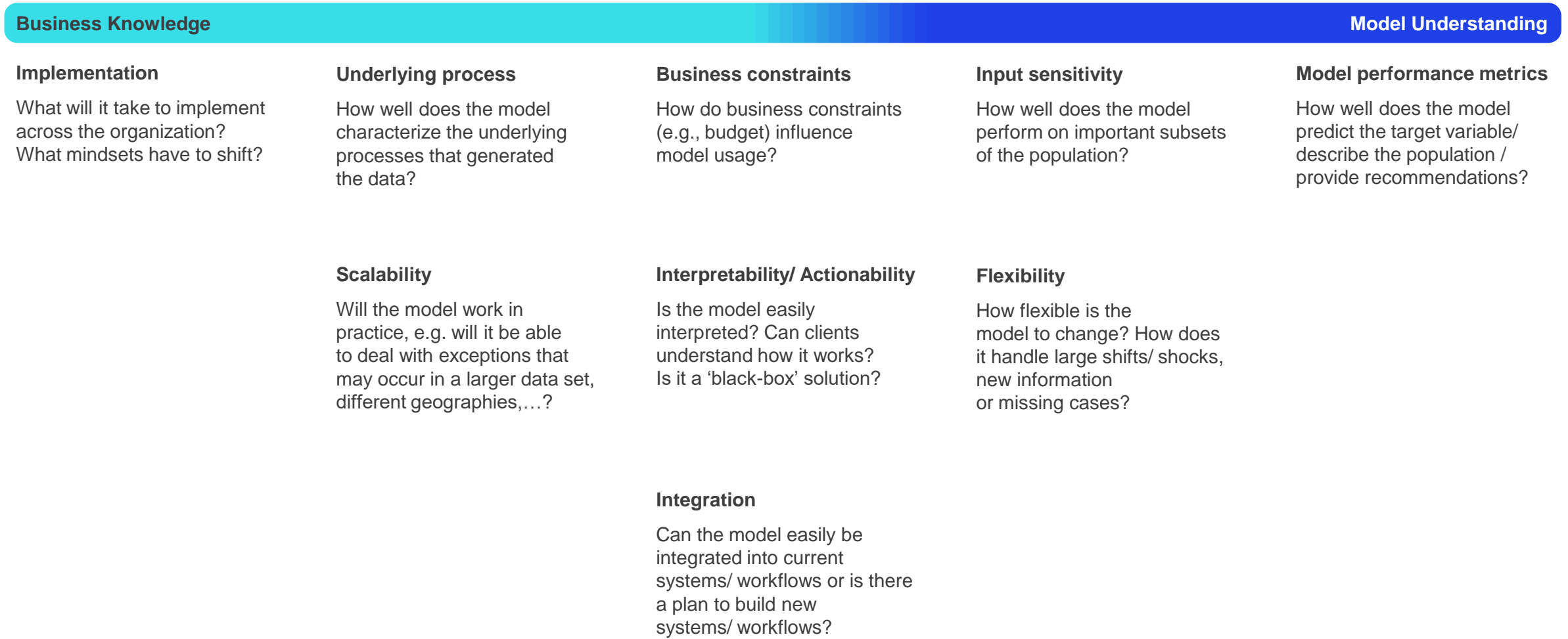
## 2 Collect, and prepare data

Gathering the right information:  
Extracting value from data

## 3 Build the analytical engine

Setting up for success: What to do  
until you see model output

# Choosing the right analytics technique(s) and features requires both business and modelling knowledge



# Each type of analytics problem comes with a different set of performance metrics that can be used to evaluate the technical performance of a model

## Supervised Learning

### Classification - binary

- Confusion matrix derived measures **Focus today**
  - Accuracy / error rate
  - True/false positive rate
  - True/false negative rate
  - Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve, Area under the curve (AUC), Gini
- Precision / recall curves, PRAUC (Area under the precision / recall curve)
- Logarithmic Loss
- Brier Score, Hosmer–Lemeshow test (“decile testing”), etc.
- Cross-entropy
- Lift / Gain charts

### Classification – multi class

- F1 score
- Matthews Correlation Coefficient
- Cohen Kappa Score
- Macro-\*, Micro-\*, Weighted-

### Continuous / Regression

- Mean squared error (MSE), root mean squared error (RMSE)
- R-Squared, adjusted R-squared
- Mean absolute error (MAE)
- Median absolute error
- Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)
- Mean Error (ME)

## Unsupervised Learning

- Calinski-Harabasz
- Silhouette
- Stability of model output (e.g., for different sub samples)
- Cross-validation likelihood / methods
- Penalty methods (e.g., favoring less complex models)
- A/B Testing on sub-samples
- Simulations based on historical data or re-sampling (“Monte Carlo”)

**Not a MECE list,  
and; please  
consult with your  
data scientist for  
each new model in  
development**



# Performance metrics derived from the confusion matrix

In prediction problems, a lot of metrics stem from the confusion matrix – a concept showing correctly vs. incorrectly classified observations

		Prediction	
		Positive	Negative
Actual	Positive	<b>True Positive (TP)</b> Predicted positive, actual positive	<b>False Negative (FN)</b> Type II error Predicted negative, actual positive
	Negative	<b>False Positive (FP)</b> Type I error Predicted positive, actual negative	<b>True Negative (TN)</b> Predicted negative, actual negative



# Important metrics derived from the confusion matrix

		Prediction	
		Positive	Negative
Actual	Posi- tive	True Positive (TP)	False Negative (FN) Type II error
	Nega- tive	False Positive (FP) Type I error	True Negative (TN)

## Accuracy

How often is the model correct?

$$= \frac{TP + TN}{\# \text{ Observations}} =$$


## Misclassification rate

How often is the model incorrect?

$$= \frac{FP + FN}{\# \text{ Observations}} =$$


## True positive rate

What share of **positives** has been correctly classified?  
*Also called: Recall, Specificity*

$$= \frac{TP}{\text{Actual positives}} =$$


## False positive rate

What share of **negatives** has been incorrectly classified as positive?

$$= \frac{FP}{\text{Actual negatives}} =$$


## Precision

What share of **positive predictions** are actually positive?

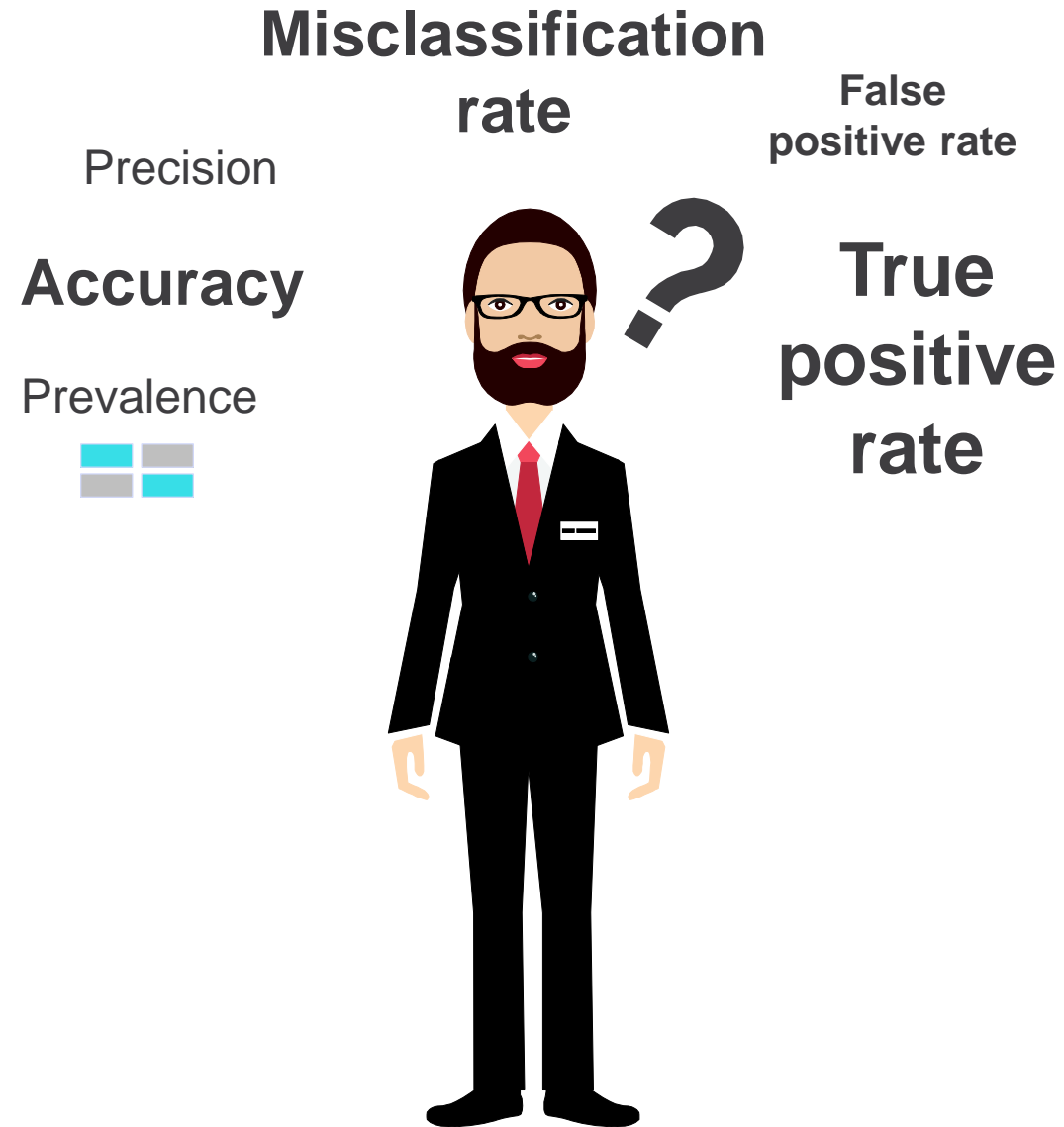
$$= \frac{TP}{\text{Predicted pos.}} =$$


## Prevalence

What share of our sample is positive (e.g. default rate, churn rate)?

$$= \frac{TP}{\# \text{ Observations}} =$$


But which metric should we use?



It depends...



# Relevant measures depend on the specific business context

	Pred. Positive	Pred. Negative
Actual Positive	True Positive	False Negative Type 2 error
Actual Negative	False Positive Type 1 error	True Negative

Which error to minimize if we are predicting...

...responses to marketing efforts?

...breast cancer occurrence?

...which bags carry bombs?



# How do we interpret the confusion matrix in the context of loan defaults?

## Confusion matrix

	<b>Predict default</b> - do not give a loan	<b>Predict no default</b> - give out loan
<b>Actual Positive</b> - defaulted loan	<b>Prevented loss</b>	<b>Costly prediction error</b>
<b>Actual Negative</b> - loan paid back	<b>Lost business!</b>	<b>Good business</b>

What error would you optimize for if your business strategy was...

- Maximize the return on investment on new loans?
- Maximize total profits?
- Grow the business to capture market share

# Most models predict *probability* scores rather than a yes/no decision – to create a confusion matrix a probability threshold needs to be chosen

Many models predict a probability score  $\text{Pr}(\text{Positive})$

Observation	Actual	Score
1	Positive	0.99
2	Positive	0.98
3	Negative	0.96
4	Negative	0.9
5	Positive	0.88
6	Negative	0.87
7	Positive	0.85
8	Positive	0.8
9	Negative	0.7
10	Negative	0.6
11	Positive	0.5
12	Negative	0.45
13	Positive	0.43
14	Negative	0.42
15	Negative	0.28
16	Negative	0.27
17	Negative	0.23
18	Negative	0.1
19	Positive	0.05
20	Negative	0.03

Predict positive

Predict negative

➤ The confusion matrix is then built by picking a threshold above which an observation is predicted as positive...

... and counting observations

		Prediction	
		Positive	Negative
Actual	Positive	6	2
	Negative	5	7

# Thus, the same model can yield very different confusion matrices, depending on the chosen threshold

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## Threshold: $\text{Pr}(\text{Positive}) \geq 0.8$

5	3	False positive rate	25%
3	9	True positive rate	63%
		Accuracy	70%

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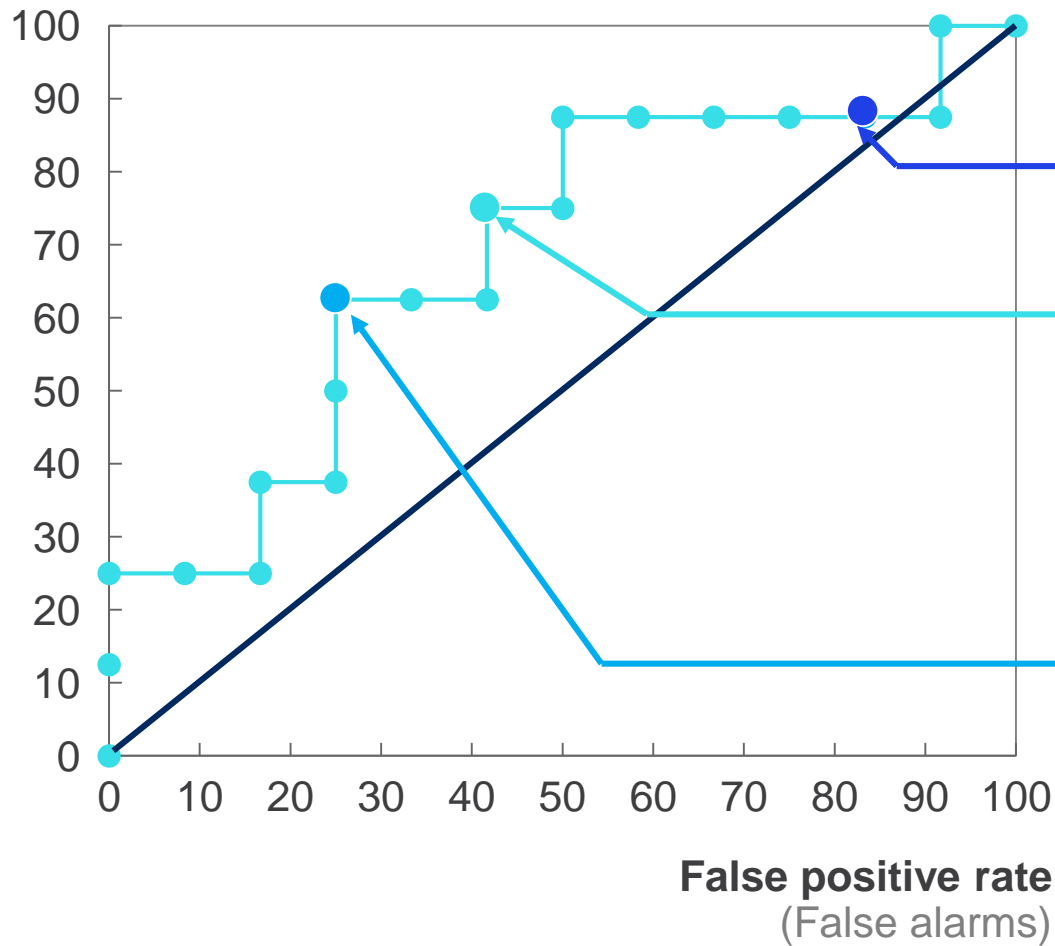
6	2	False positive rate	42%
5	7	True positive rate	75%
		Accuracy	65%

## Threshold: $\text{Pr}(\text{Positive}) \geq 0.2$

7	1	False positive rate	83%
10	2	True positive rate	88%
		Accuracy	45%

# The purpose of a ROC curve is to show performance for all thresholds of a given model

True positive rate  
(Hit rate)



Threshold:  $\text{Pr(Positive)} \geq 0.2$

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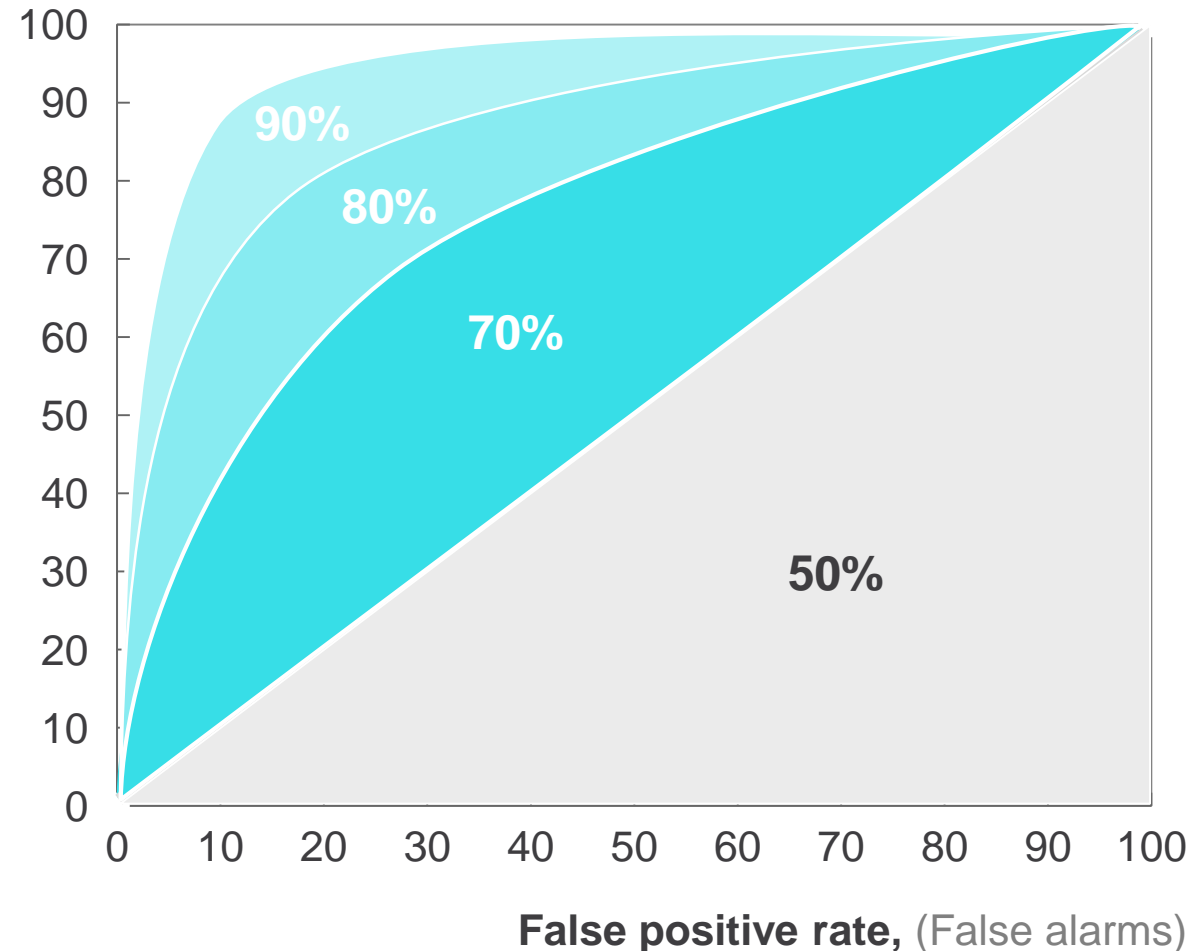
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# ROC curves and their related metrics AUC/Gini are a common method for data scientists to *compare across models*

True positive rate, (Hit rate)



## ROC curves

- 45 degree line represents random guessing
- Top left corner represents perfect information

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## Area under the curve (AUC)

- Measure of the explanatory power of the model (generally, higher is better)
- If AUC = 50%, random guessing would have fared as well as the model

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## Gini coefficient

- $GINI = 2 * AUC - 1$
- If GINI = 0, random guessing would have fared as well as the model



# Communicating models



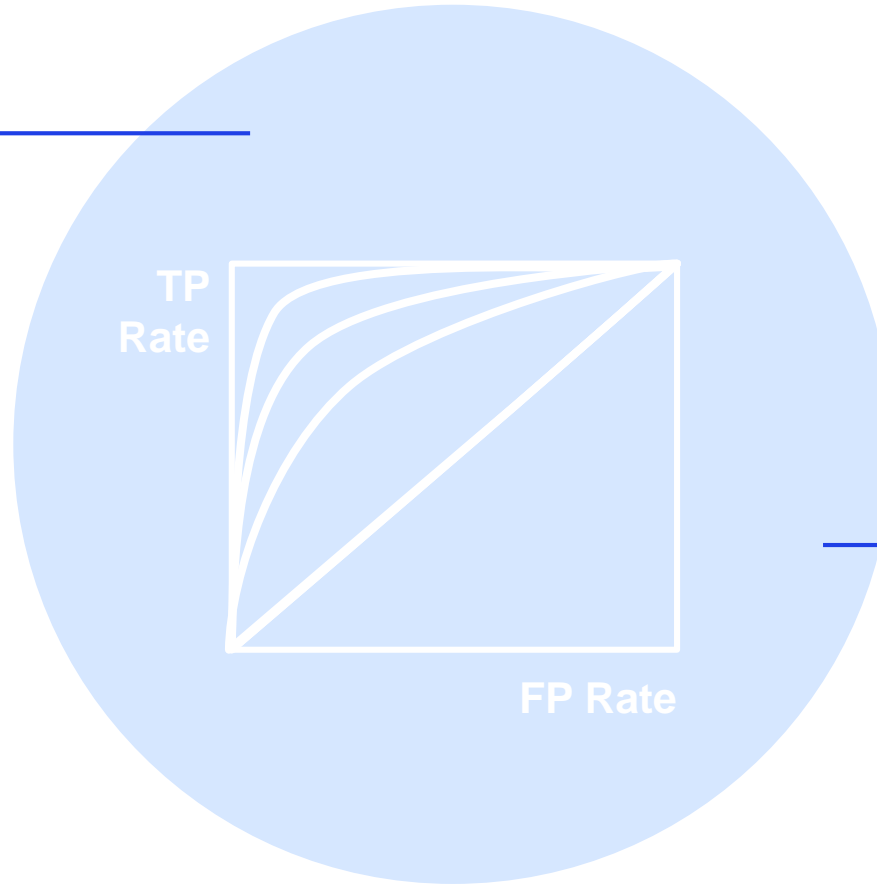


While ROC curves, AUC and Gini are great measures to discuss with data scientists, communication needs to be tailored for business audiences

## Model performance

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- Expected profit curves
- Profit-probability trade-offs (e.g., \$10m at 2% vs. \$1m at 20%)
- Improvements over baseline (e.g., lift)
- Scenarios
- Sample profiles (e.g., performance for selected observations)
- Performance on historical (out of sample) data
- ...



## Model functioning

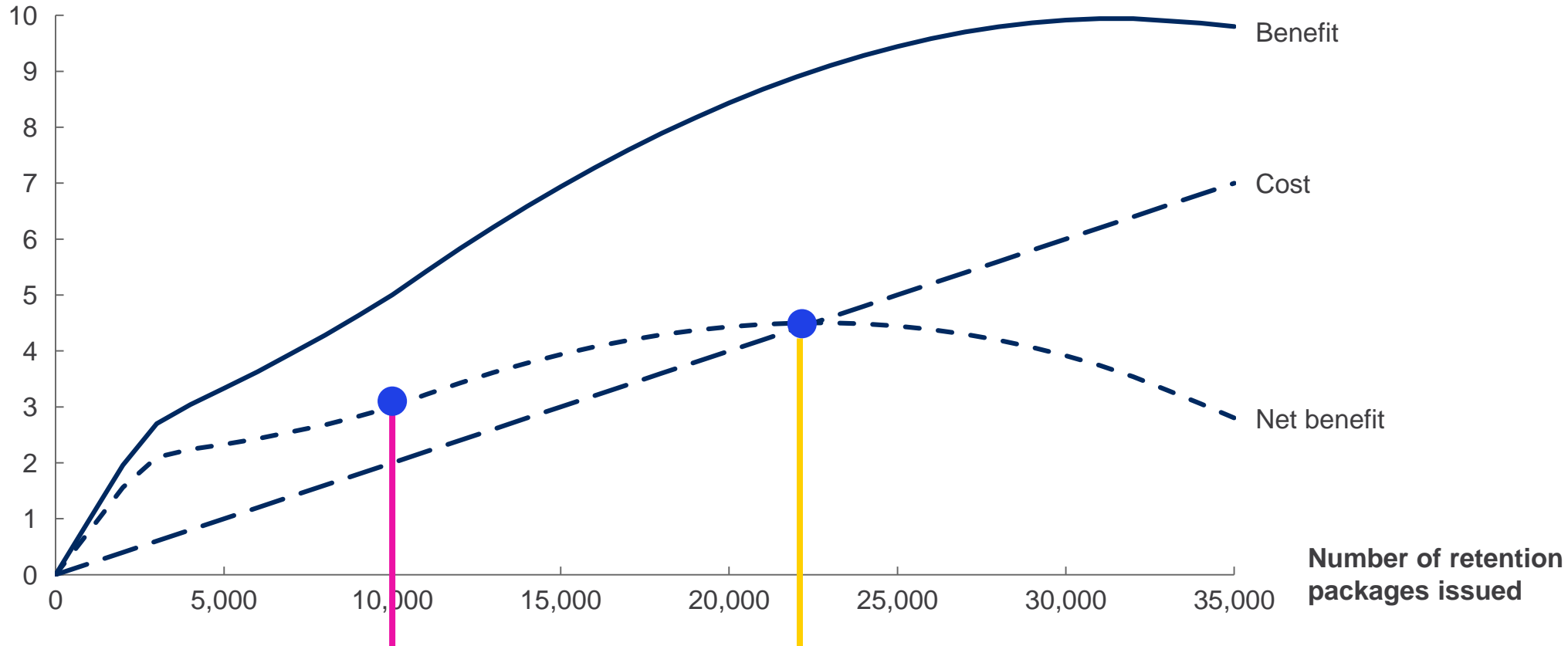
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- Step-wise explanations
- Model visualization
- Walk-through for example(s) / historical data
- ...

# Telco churn example: we might look at expected profit curves, depending on how many customers we offer a retention package



Expected profit and cost curves  
USD million



\$ 2 million investment for churn campaign not profit maximizing

- 10k packages issued
- 5k churners (worth \$5m in revenues)

Profit maximizing campaign size at 22.5k retention packages, \$4.5 million budget

- 22.5k packages issued
- 9k churners (worth \$4.5m in revenues)

# Banking churn example: Explaining model inputs and their usage in the model

x Proxy of percentage of total prediction power

Most important variables detailed next

More than **700 variables available** and **100 synthetic variables** created:

~**450 variables** with higher relevance are **used in the model**. **Redundant and non-significant variables** have been removed and **not considered** in the model



## Transactions and Activity

- ✓ Months since last ATM transaction
- ✓ Days since last Teller transaction
- ✓ Debit Transactions on Basic Banking (across month 1-6)
- ✓ Number of monthly customer transactions
- ✓ Teller Transactions
- ✓ Number & Volume of Mobile Payment
- ✓ Number of E-banking logins
- ✓ Credit transactions on savings & basic banking accounts

## Product ownership – Basic & Saving Banking

- ✓ Inflow on Basic Banking Account
- ✓ End-of-month basic banking balance
- ✓ Inflow/Outflow on saving banking accounts
- ✓ Volume on saving accounts
- ✓ Credit transactions on savings accounts

52%

## Product ownership – Other products balance

- ✓ CSI
- ✓ Pension end-of-month balance
- ✓ Loan home end-of-month balance
- ✓ Fixed deposit end-of-month balance
- ✓ Maximum balance on credit cards

12%

## Demographics - Customer data

- ✓ Customer Age
- ✓ Churn rate in Zip Code
- ✓ Segment
- ✓ Tenure with client
- ✓ Credit class
- ✓ Municipality change

8%

26%

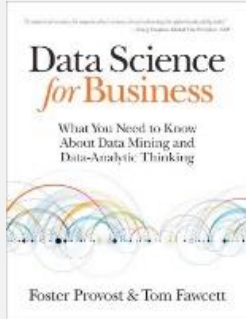
## Profitability Variables

- ✓ Monthly profit from credit interest rate,
- ✓ Monthly profit from fees

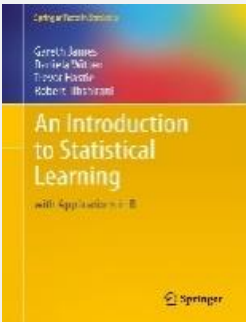
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# Further reading

## Textbooks



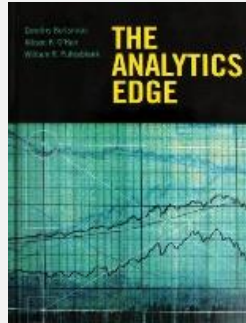
Light math for business: A business first / math light textbook is, [\*Data Science for Business: What you need to know about data mining and data-analytic thinking\*](#)



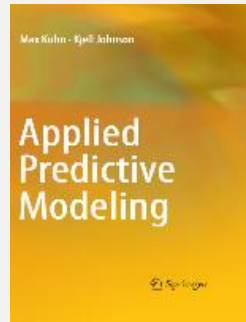
Mathematics behind algorithms (beginners): To learn the mathematics behind algorithms at a beginner level consider [\*An Introduction to Statistical Learning\*](#)



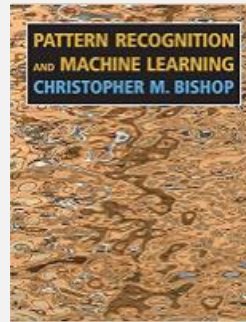
Advanced algorithms: A more advanced explanation of algorithms can be found in, [\*The Elements of Statistical Learning\*](#)



Analytics use cases: For analytics use cases that read like a novel check out [\*The Analytics Edge\*](#), authored by MIT professor and the leader of our internal Analytics Bootcamp Program

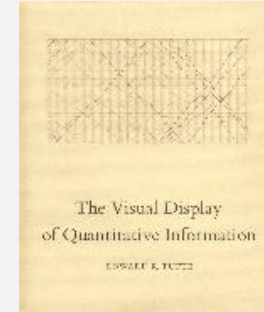


Predictive models: For a deep exploration into Predictive Models, there is [\*Applied Predictive Modeling\*](#)

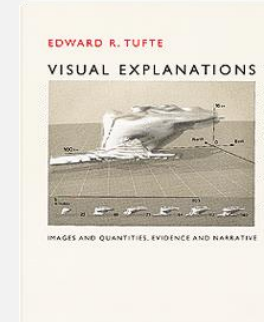


Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning: [\*Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning \(Information Science and Statistics\)\*](#)

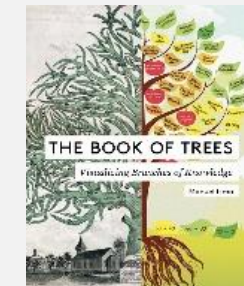
## Visualization



[\*The Visual Display of Quantitative Information\*](#), Edward Tufte



[\*Visual Explanations\*](#), Edward Tufte



[\*The Book of Trees\*](#), Manuel Lima

## Visualization

 **FLOWINGDATA**  
<https://flowingdata.com/>

## Other

- Andrew Ng Coursera
- DataCamp
- Sentdex Youtube

McKinsey&Company