



# OPEN MACHINE LEARNING COURSE

## LECTURE 0: INTRODUCTION 19TH, FEBRUARY

11 lectures • Each Wednesday at 7pm • Practical assignment • Competitions

<https://www.meetup.com/Dubai-Data-Science-Meetup/>

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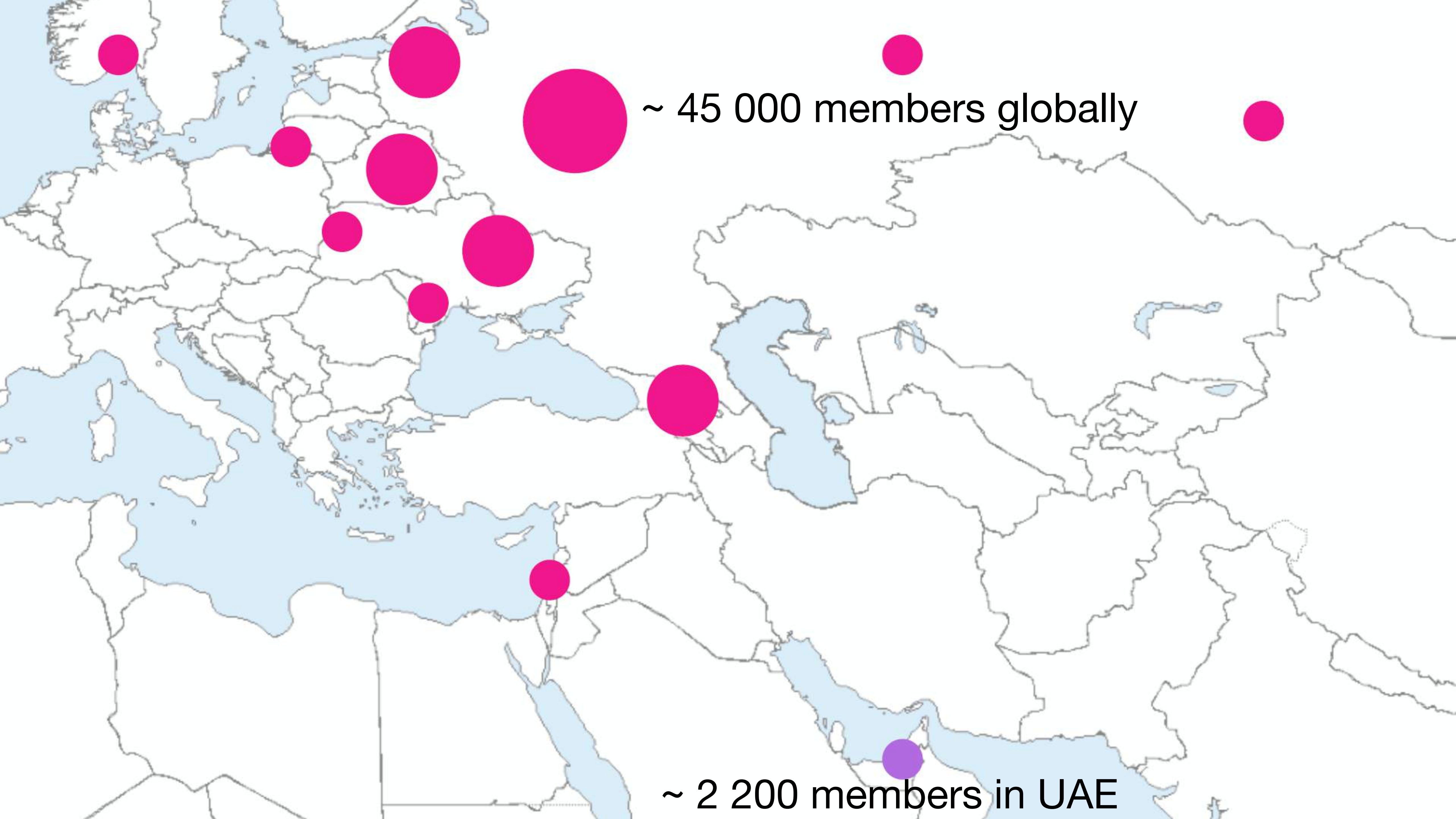












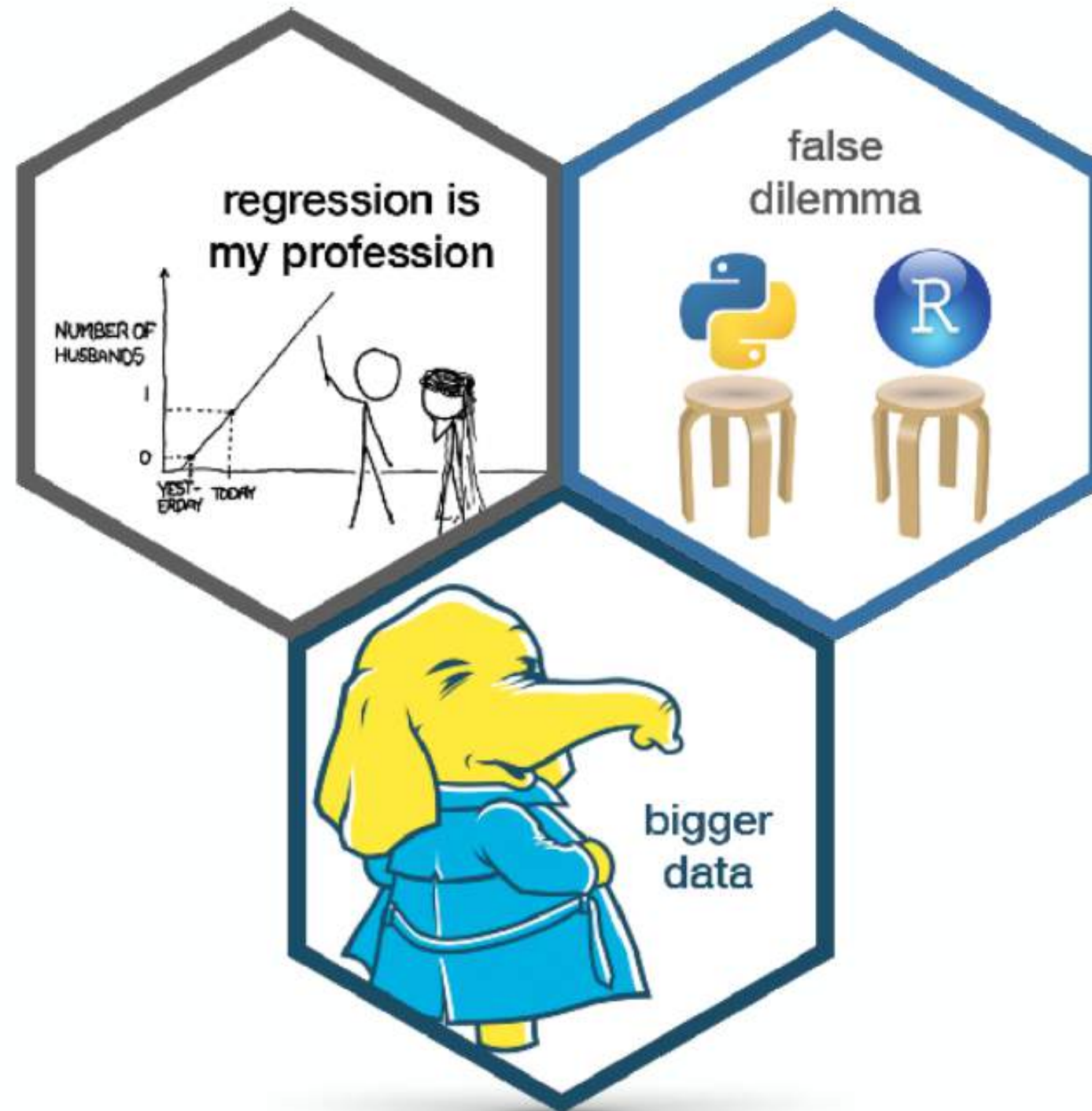
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~ 2 200 members in UAE

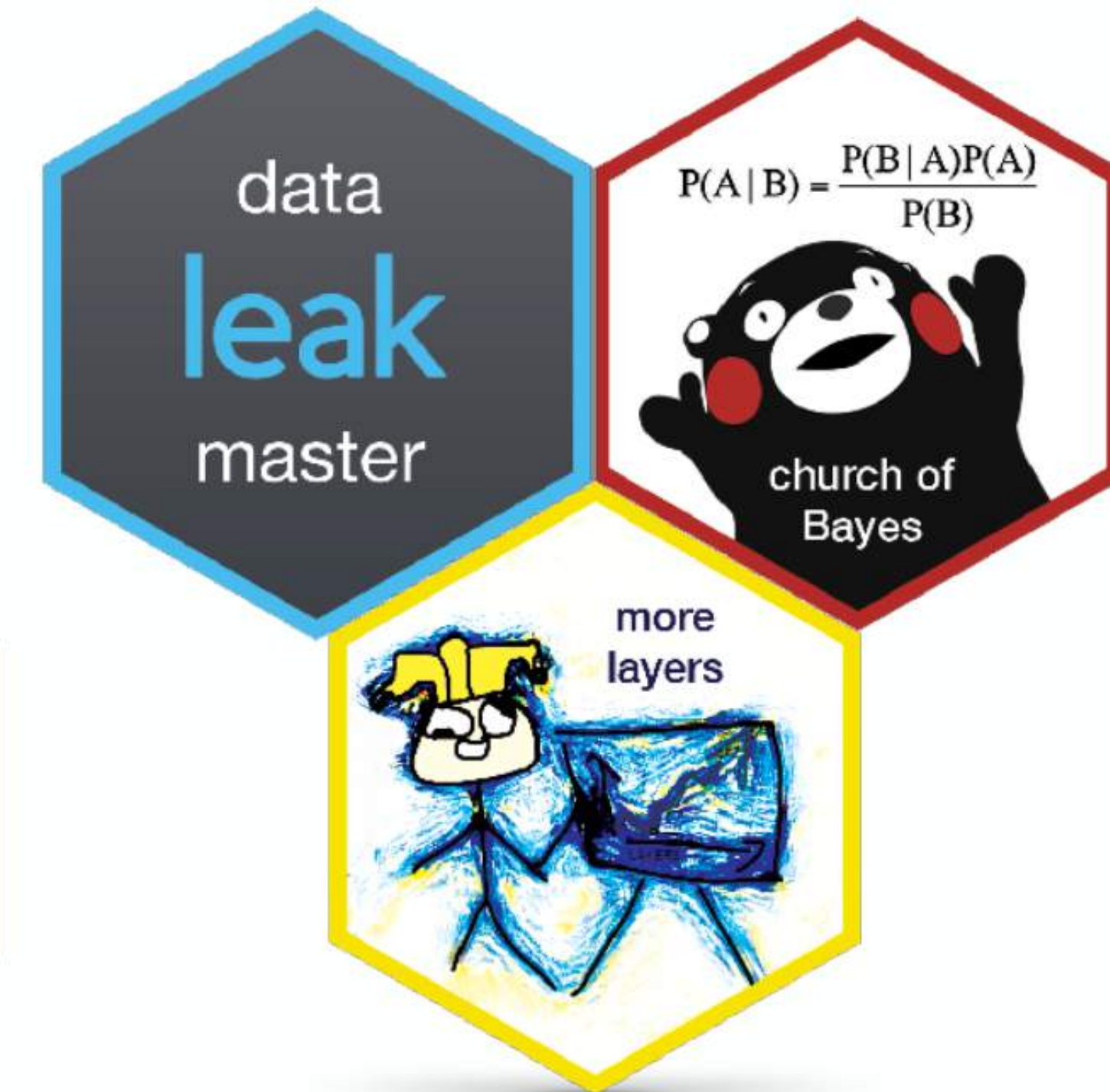
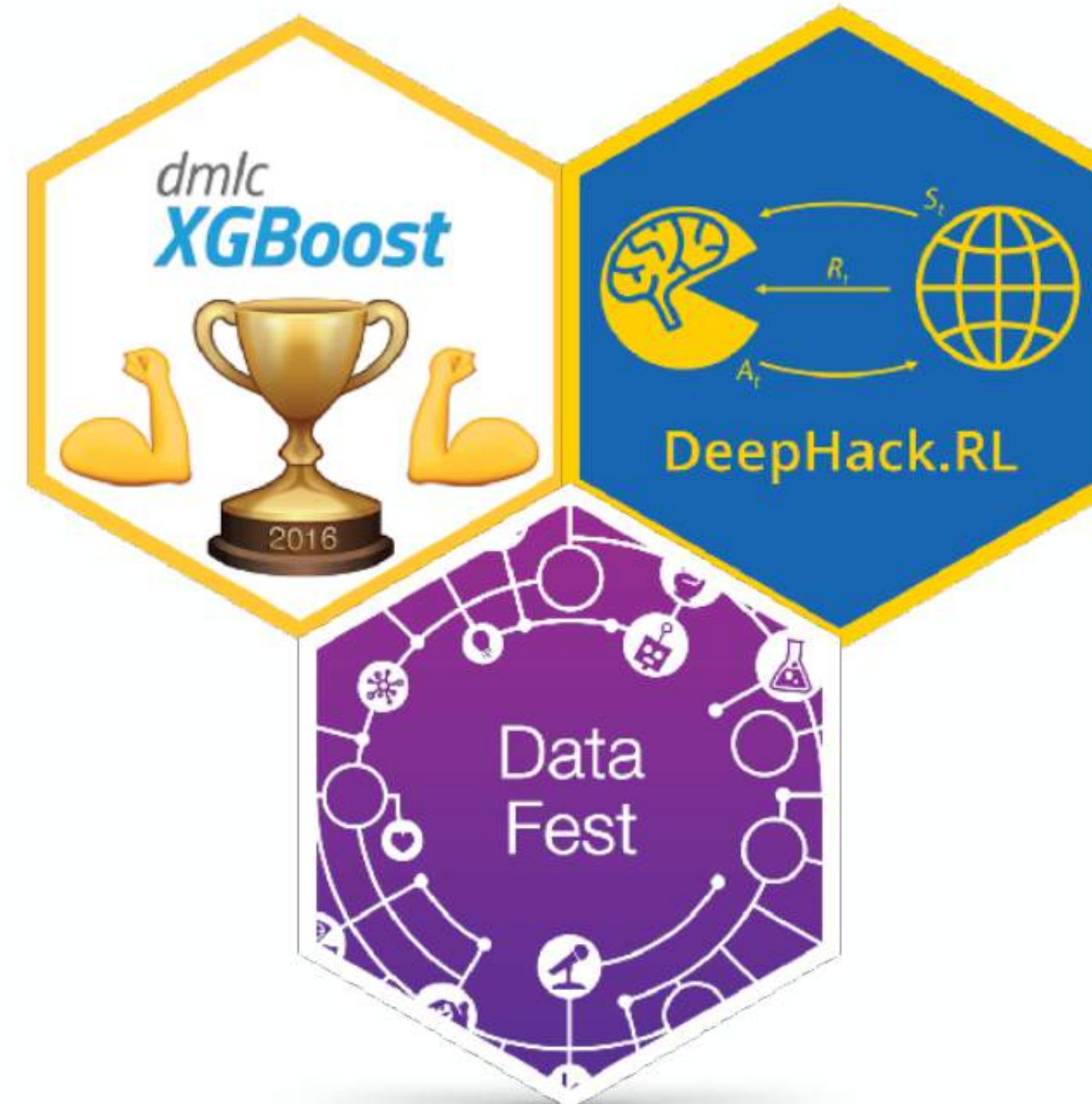




Events to grow and facilitate








































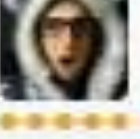
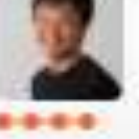


DS\ML community development



Research and discovery hub



Overview	Data	Kernels	Discussion	Leaderboard	Rules				
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# Open Data Science



Global community that unites all researchers, engineers and developers around Data Science and related areas.

-  Create awesome projects, events and educational courses
-  Share experience, developing each other's skills
-  Promote open Data Science and push the field forward

JOIN #SLACK



<https://ods.ai/en/>



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<https://mlcourse.ai/>

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**So many targets...**  
**So little time...**





# SYLLABUS

- Each Wednesday at 7pm in Hult
- 10 more lectures
- Basic ML algorithms and their applications
- Assignments and in-class practice
- Competitions
- Individual projects
- Tutorials

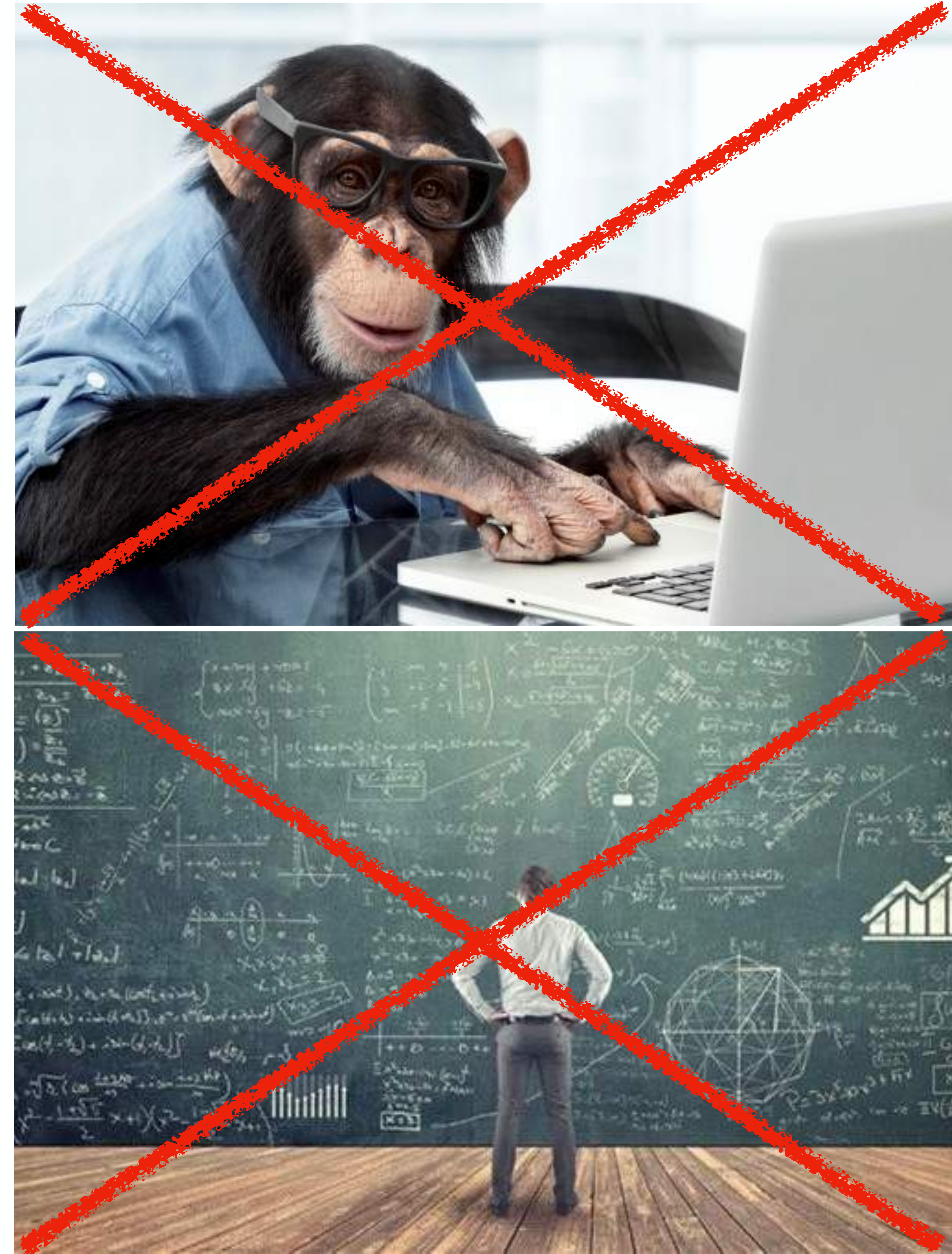


[https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse\\_dubai](https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse_dubai)



# WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT

- Lots and lots of practice
- Theoretical understanding of applied techniques
- Delving into competitions
- Your own projects
- Really vibrant community!





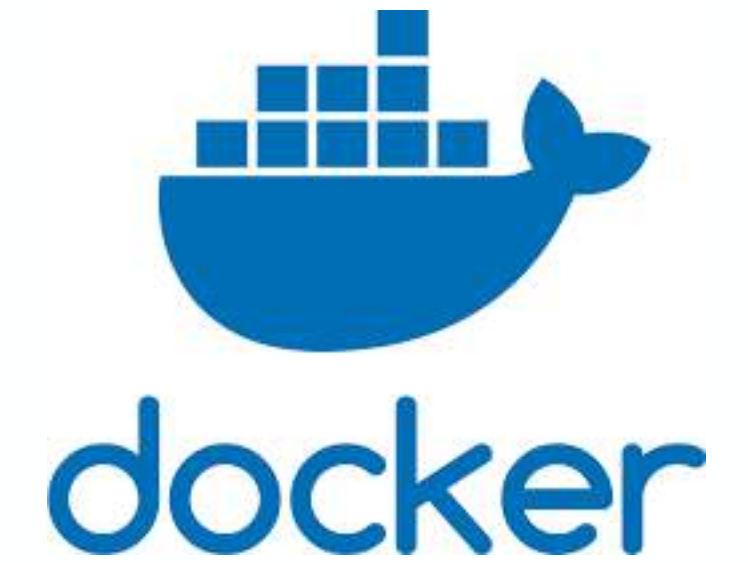
# ROADMAP AND LOGISTICS

- All communication in ODS Slack, **#mlcourse\_dubai**
- Roadmap: [https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse\\_dubai](https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse_dubai)
- 10 assignments – ~10 credits each
- Projects, competitions, tutorials – up to 40 crd. each
- Current rating: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pbfhlyDURLiLWVHZGWAPC\\_g9l7DHSmQb2v7mrvKzmPc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pbfhlyDURLiLWVHZGWAPC_g9l7DHSmQb2v7mrvKzmPc/edit?usp=sharing)
- All materials are stored on GitHub
  - [https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse\\_dubai](https://github.com/DmitriiDenisov/mlcourse_dubai)
- mlcourse.ai and <https://mlcourse.ai>
- Top-100 participants will be mentioned on a special Wiki page



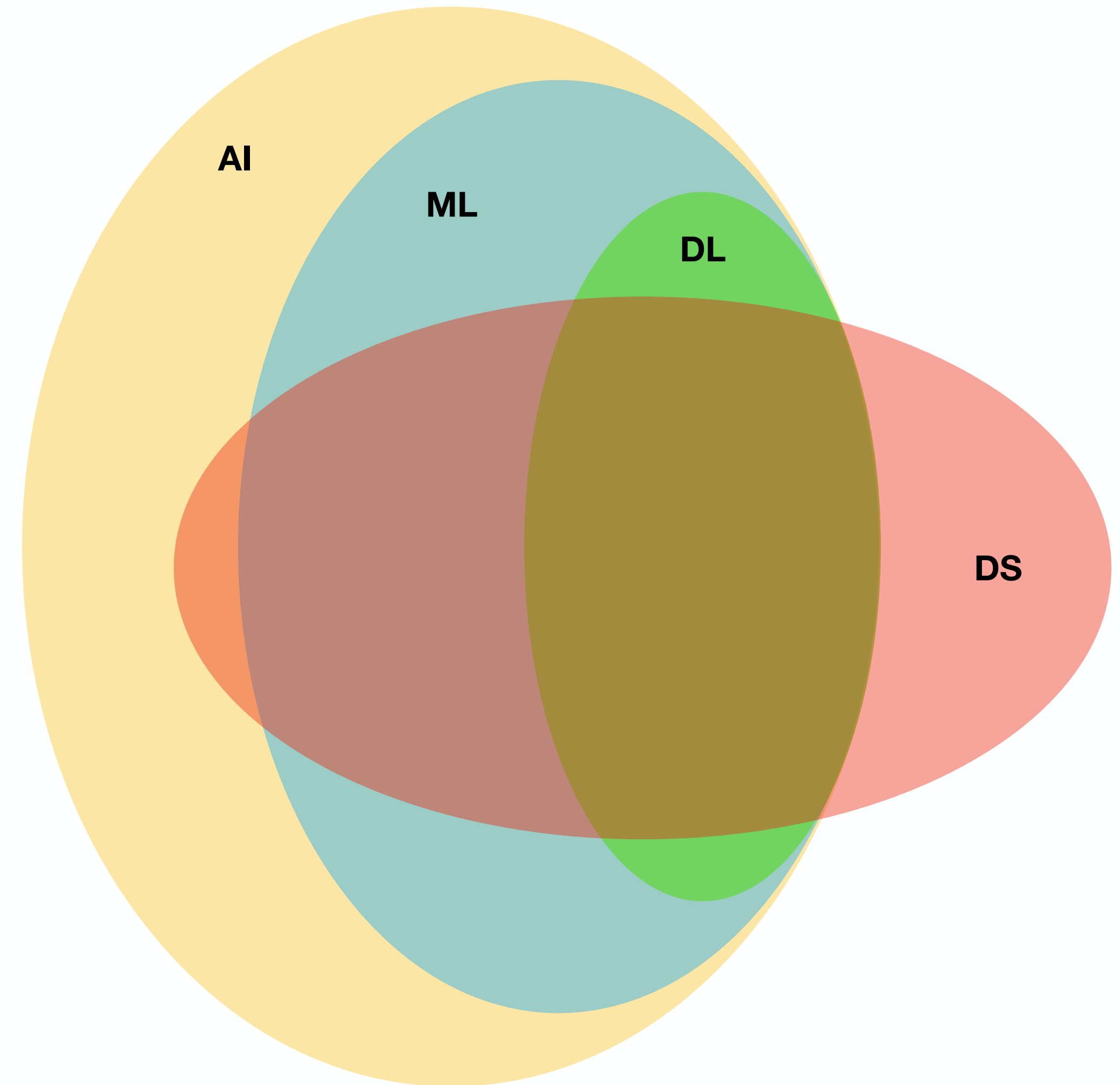
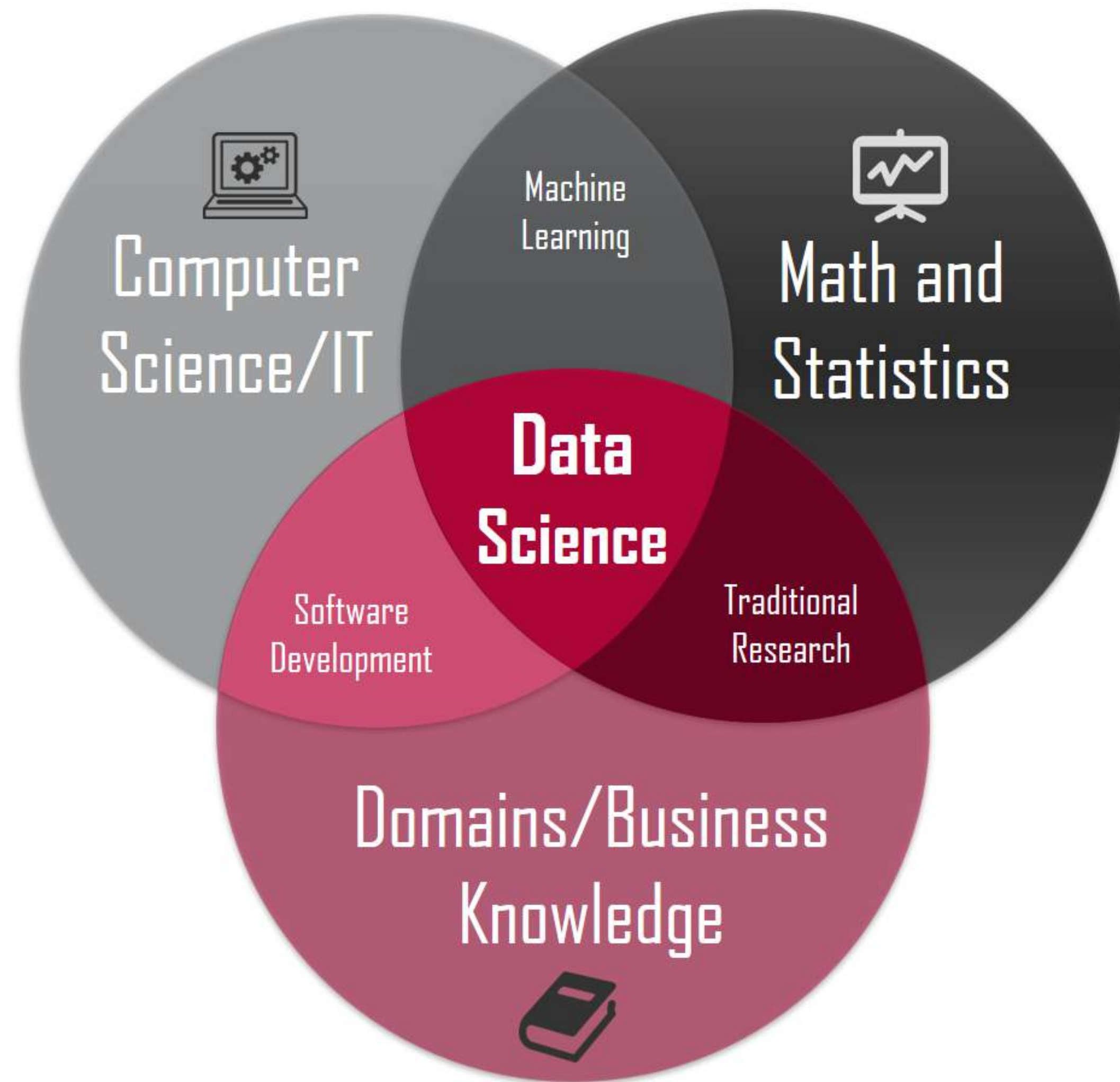
# TOOLBOX

- Python
- Jupyter notebooks
- GitHub
- Docker (optional)
- Other libs like Vowpal Wabbit & Xgboost
- Instructions <https://mlcourse.ai/prerequisites>





# DS/AI/ML/DL





# LECTURE 1

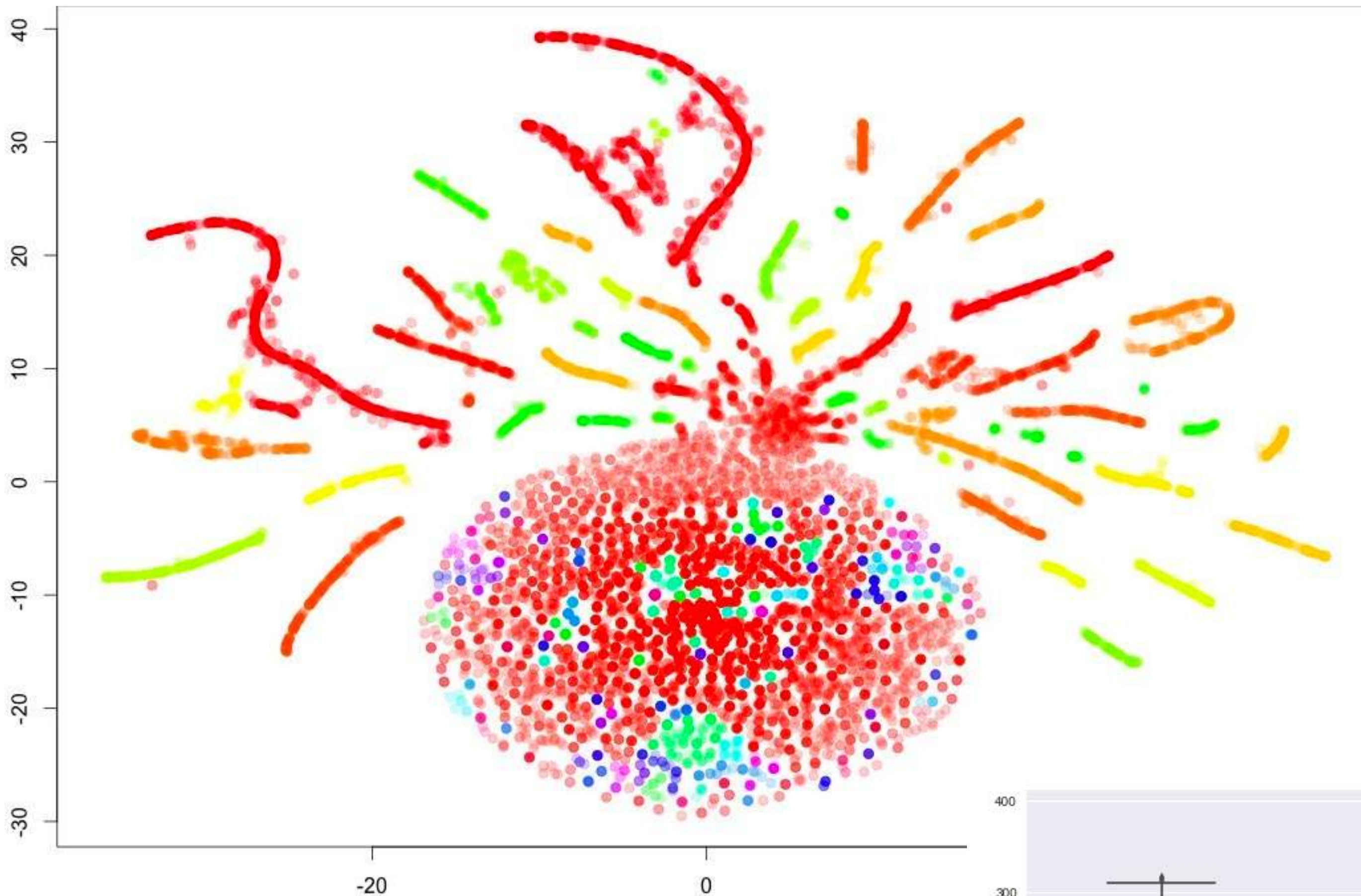
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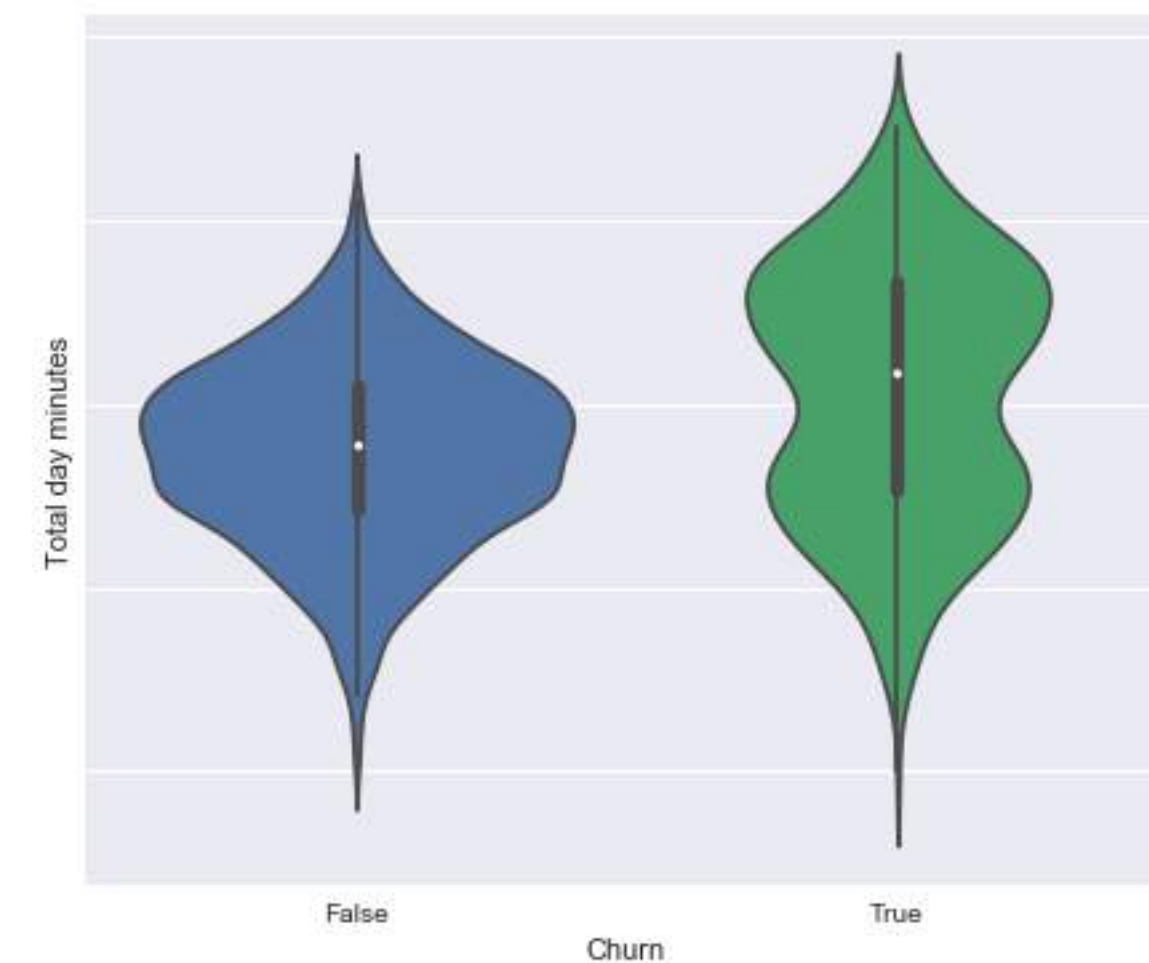
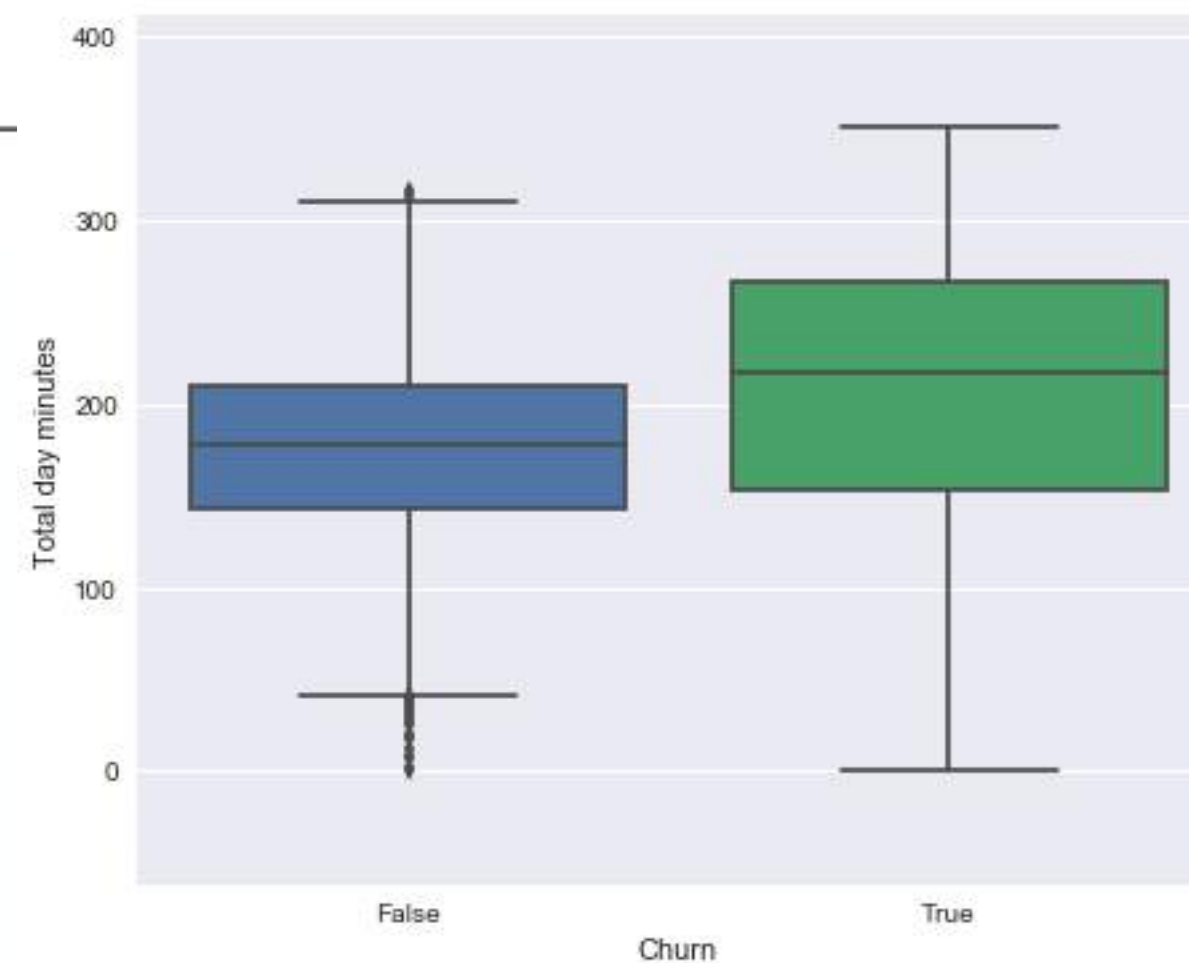
- Data analysis with Pandas
- Practice on first steps after getting data
- EDA



# LECTURE 2

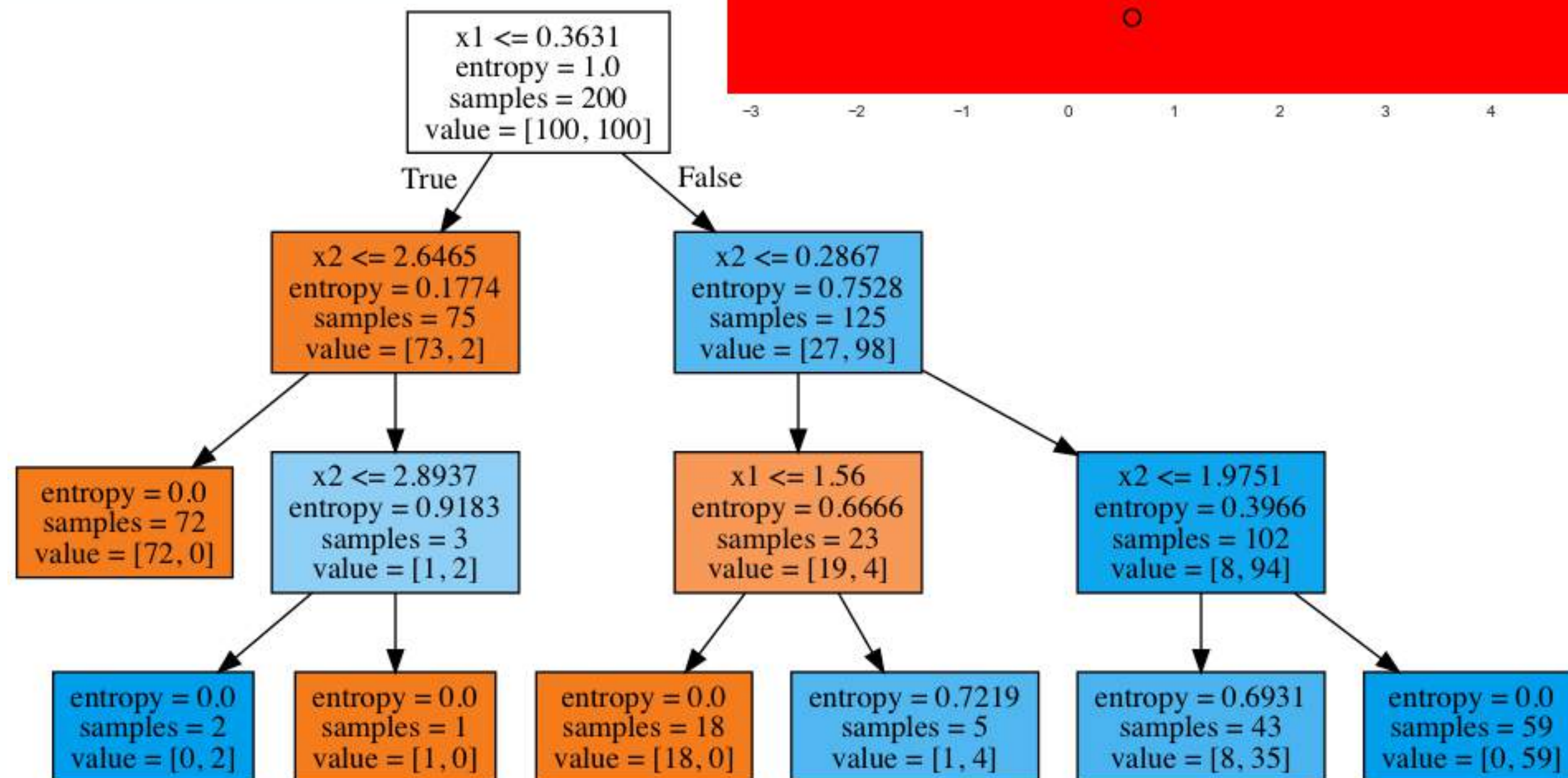
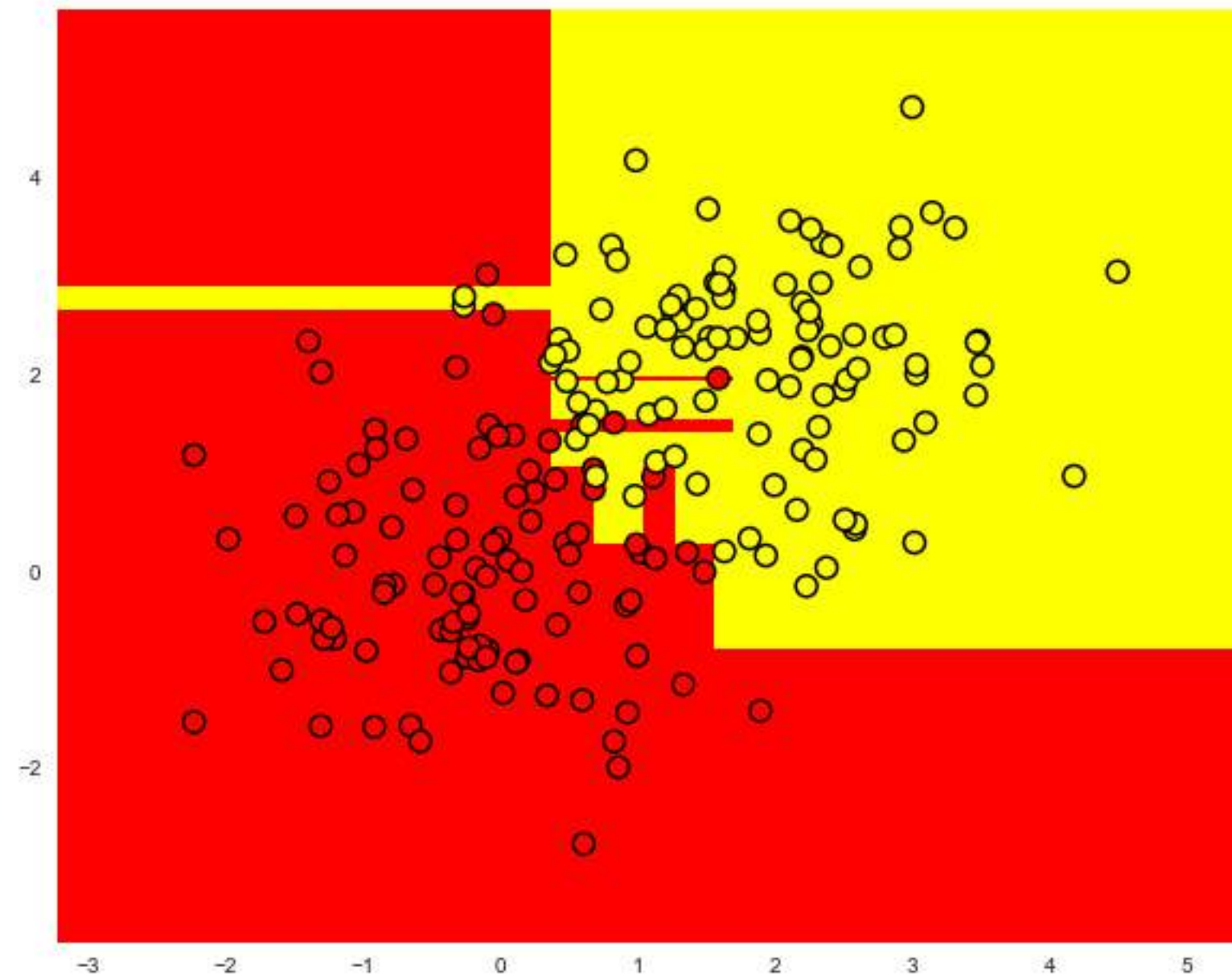


- Visual data analysis with
- Pandas, Matplotlib and Seaborn
- Crucial plots for feature exploration
- Practice on «drawing»





# LECTURE 3

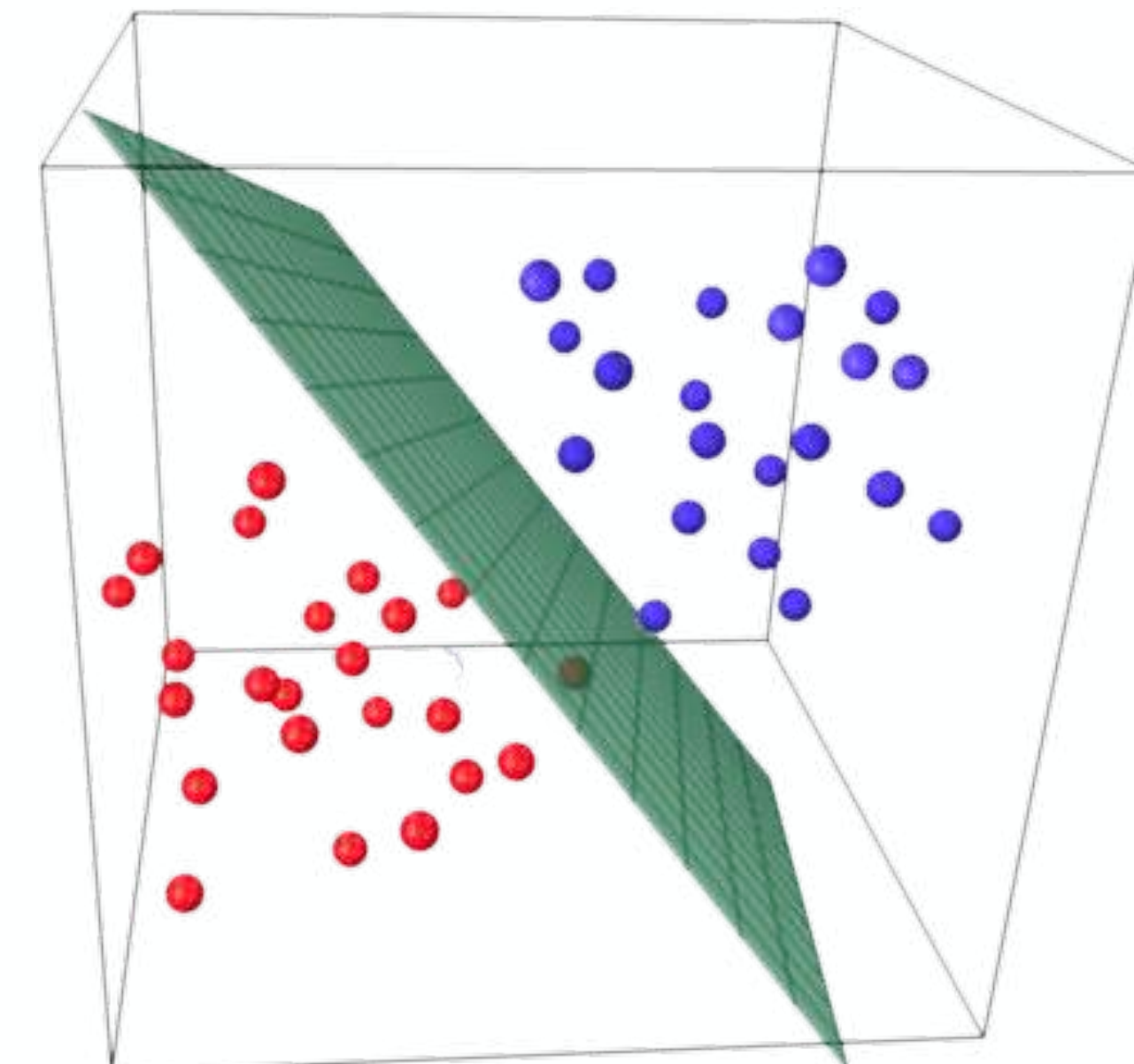
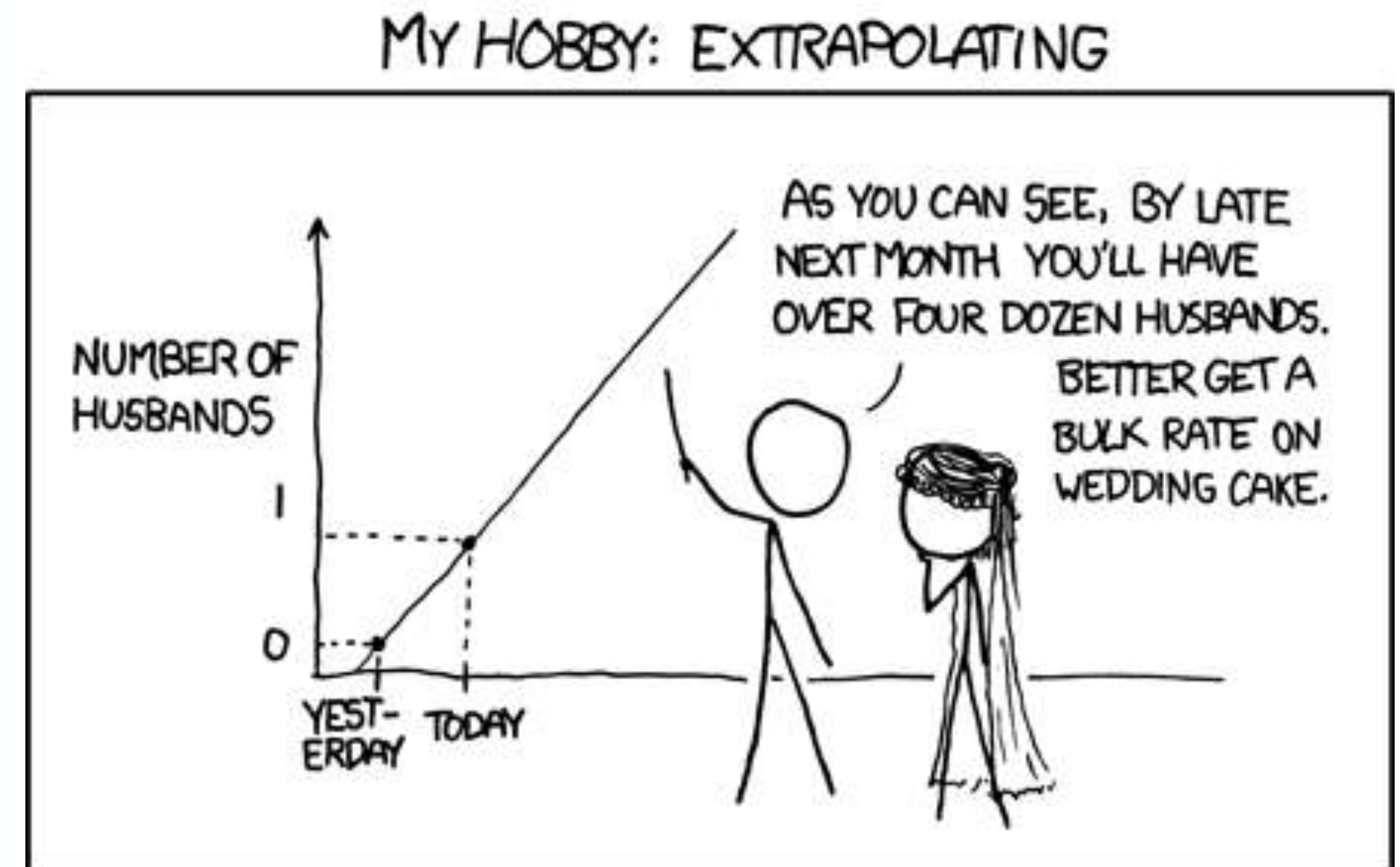


- Foundations of Machine Learning
- Supervised learning
- Decision trees
- k Nearest Neighbours
- Practice: first steps with
- Scikit-learn



# LECTURE 4

- Linear classification models
- Regularization
- Cross-validation
- Practice on logistic regression for a "real-world" task



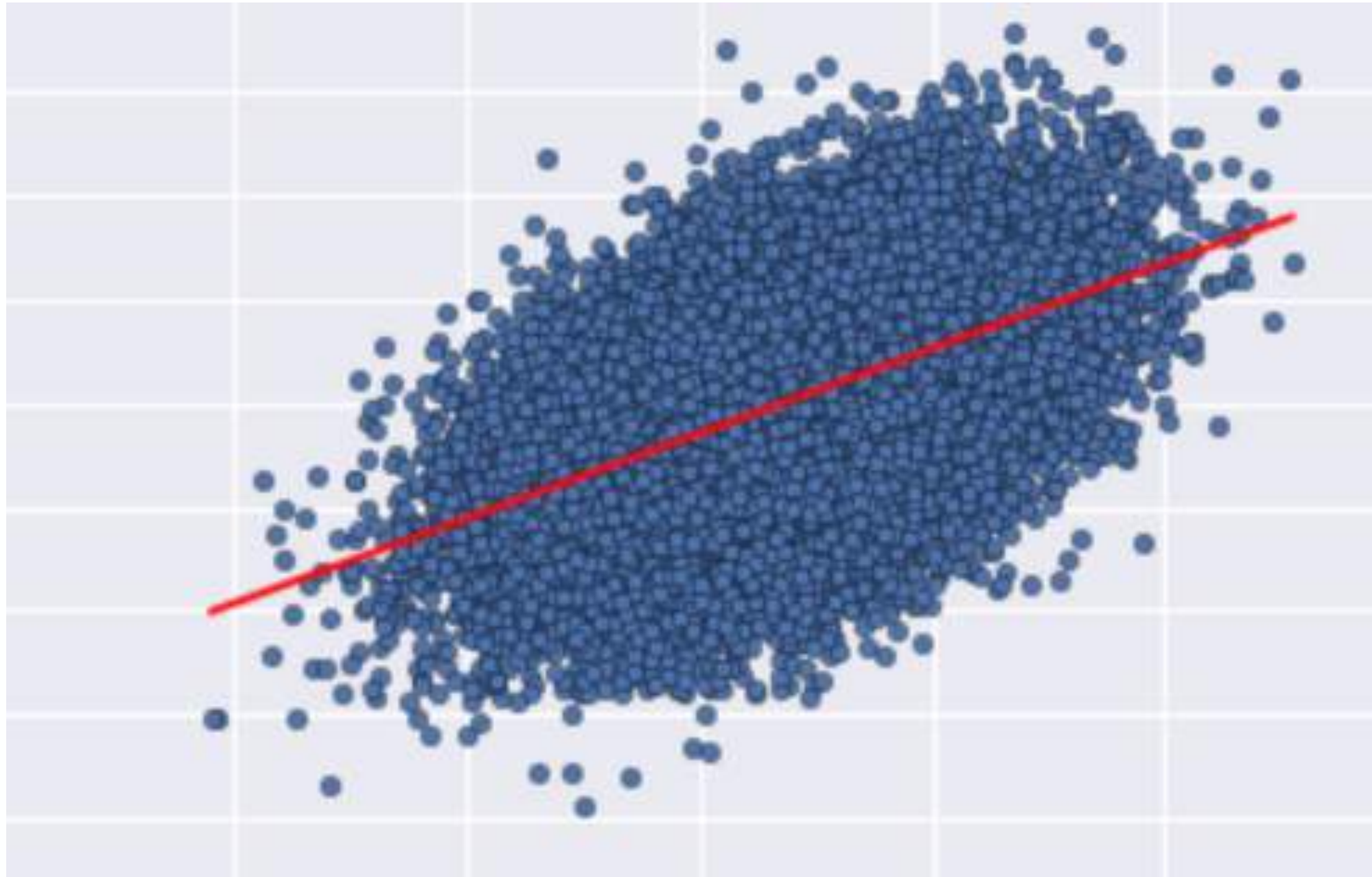


## LECTURE 5

- Ensembles, random forest
- Feature importance
- Practice on random forest and assessing feature importance



# LECTURE 6



The Gauss-Markov theorem ensures

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\beta} | X] \preceq \text{Var}[\tilde{\beta} | X],$$

where  $\hat{\beta}$  is the OLS estimator and  $\tilde{\beta}$  is any other unbiased linear estimator of  $\beta^*$ .

- (a) Does the theorem ensure  $\text{var}[\hat{\beta}_j | X] \leq \text{var}[\tilde{\beta}_j | X]$  for any  $j \in [d]$ ?
- (b) Show that the theorem ensures  $\text{Var}[\hat{\beta}] \preceq \text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}]$ .

Hint: Recall the decomposition of variance:

$$\text{var}[x] = \mathbb{E}[\text{var}[x | y]] + \text{var}[\mathbb{E}[x | y]].$$

- (c) Is there a linear, but not necessarily unbiased estimator of  $\beta^*$  that has smaller variance than the OLS estimator? If yes, give an example of such an estimator. Otherwise, explain why there is no such estimator.

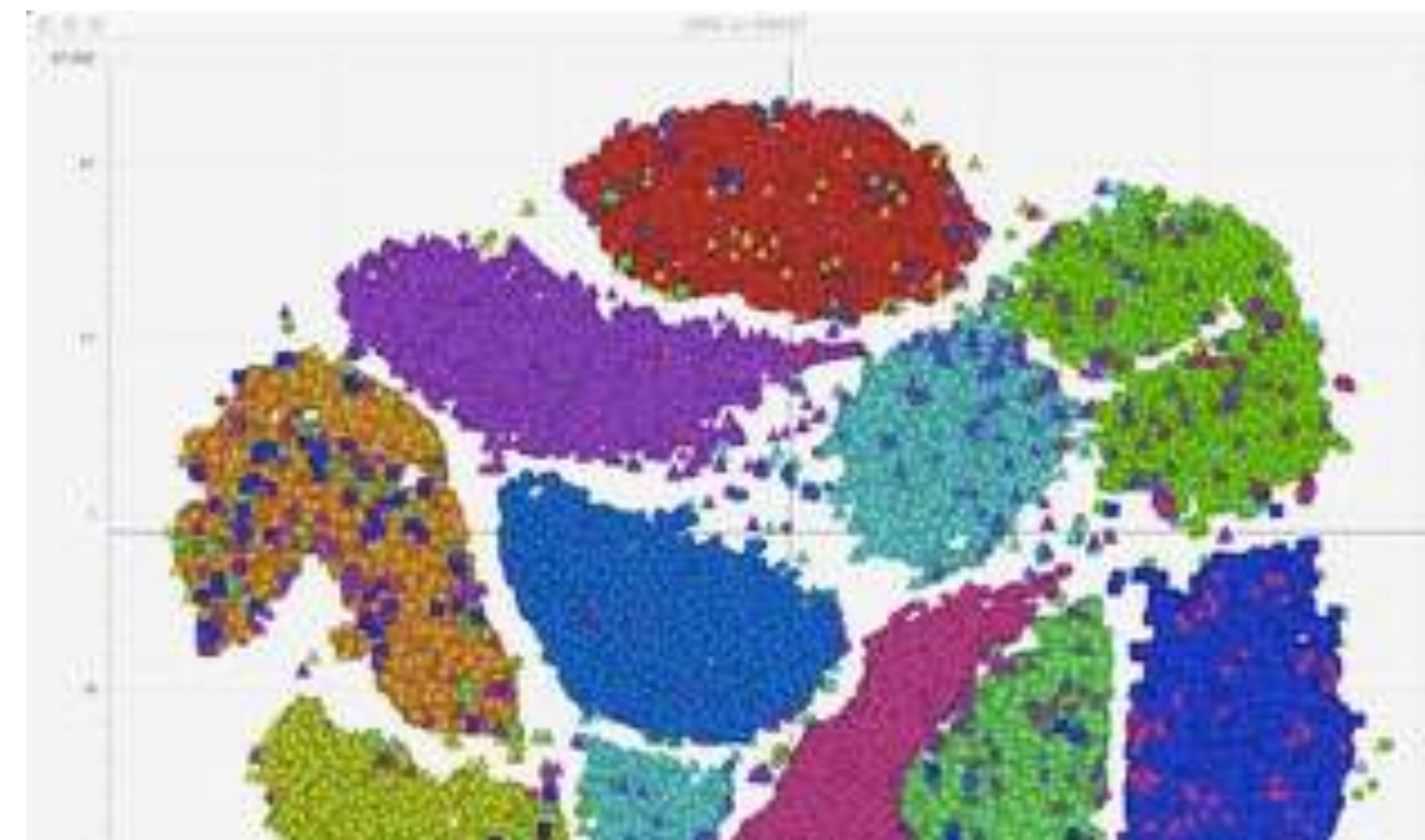
- Regression task
- Linear and non-linear regression models
- Practice on grasping core ideas behind linear regression



# LECTURE 7



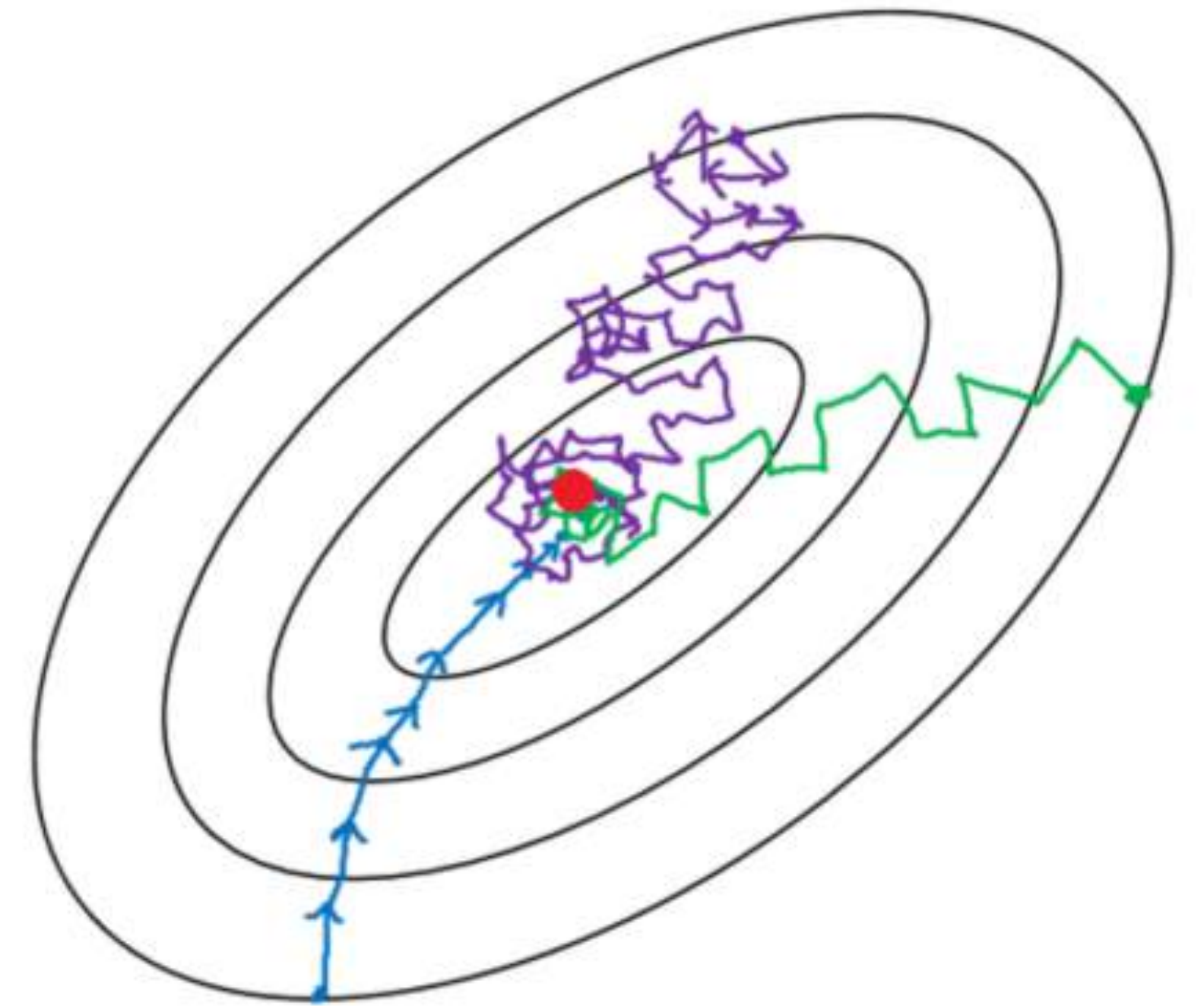
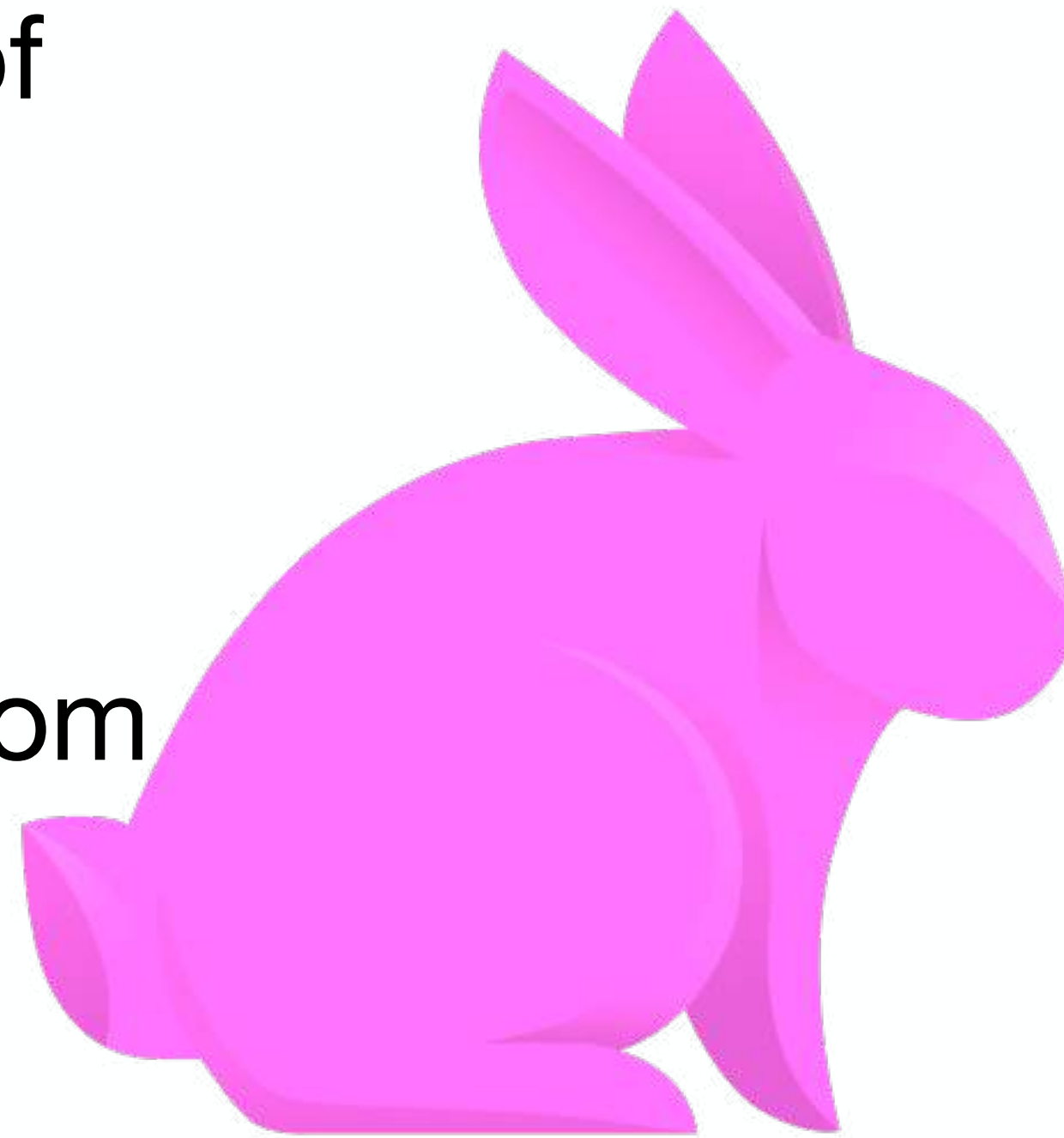
- Unsupervised Learning
- Principal Component Analysis
- Clustering
- Practice: clustering Samsung
- Galaxy S3 sensor data into types of human activity





## LECTURE 8

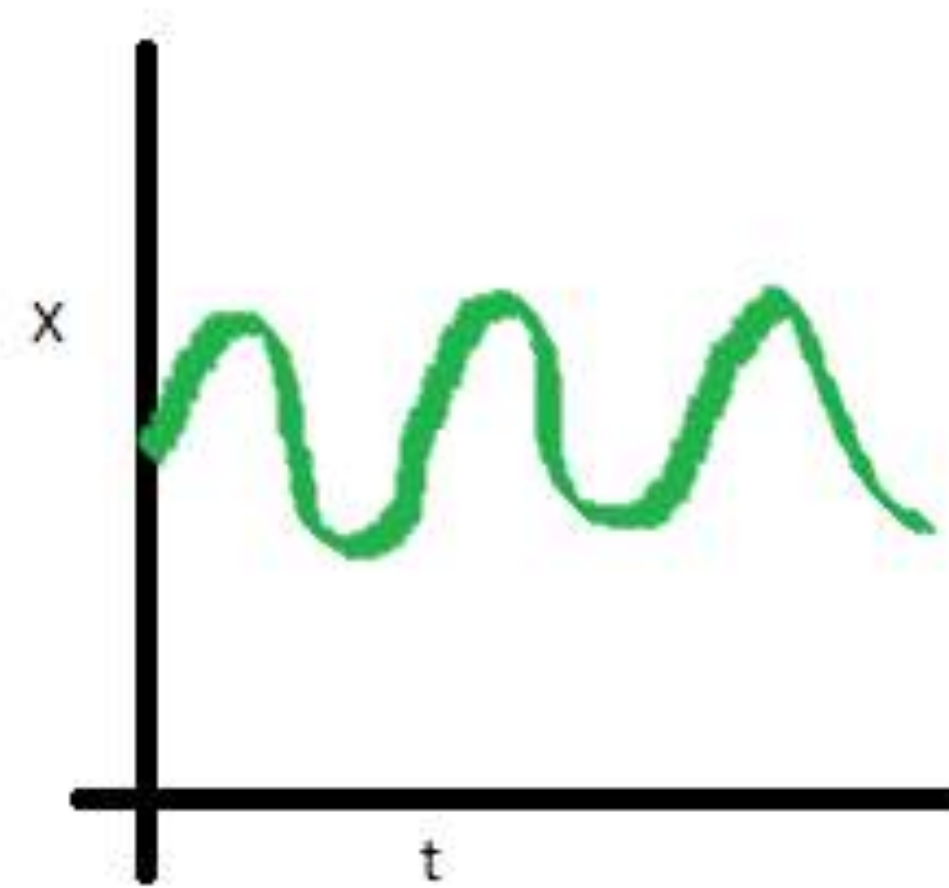
- Stochastic Gradient Descent & Online learning
- Learning with a couple GB of data
- Vowpal Wabbit
- Extracting simple features from texts
- Practice: text classification



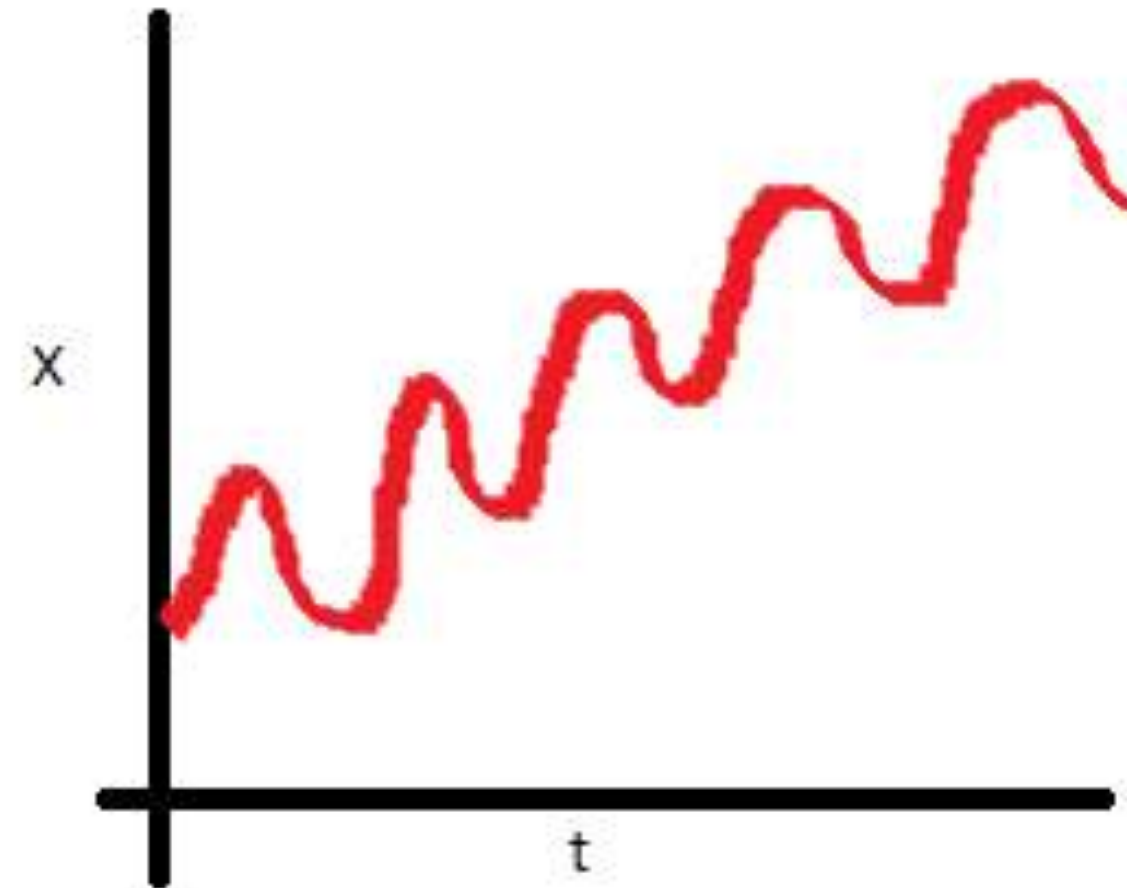
# VOWPAL WABBIT



# LECTURE 9



Stationary series



Non-Stationary series

- Time series
- Classical and modern approaches
- Practice: ARIMA model, Facebook Prophet





# LECTURE 10

- Gradient boosting: a modern view
- Theoretical basis for gradient boosting
- Best implementations
- Practice: beating a baseline in a Kaggle Inclass competition



Linear Regression



Gradient Boosting

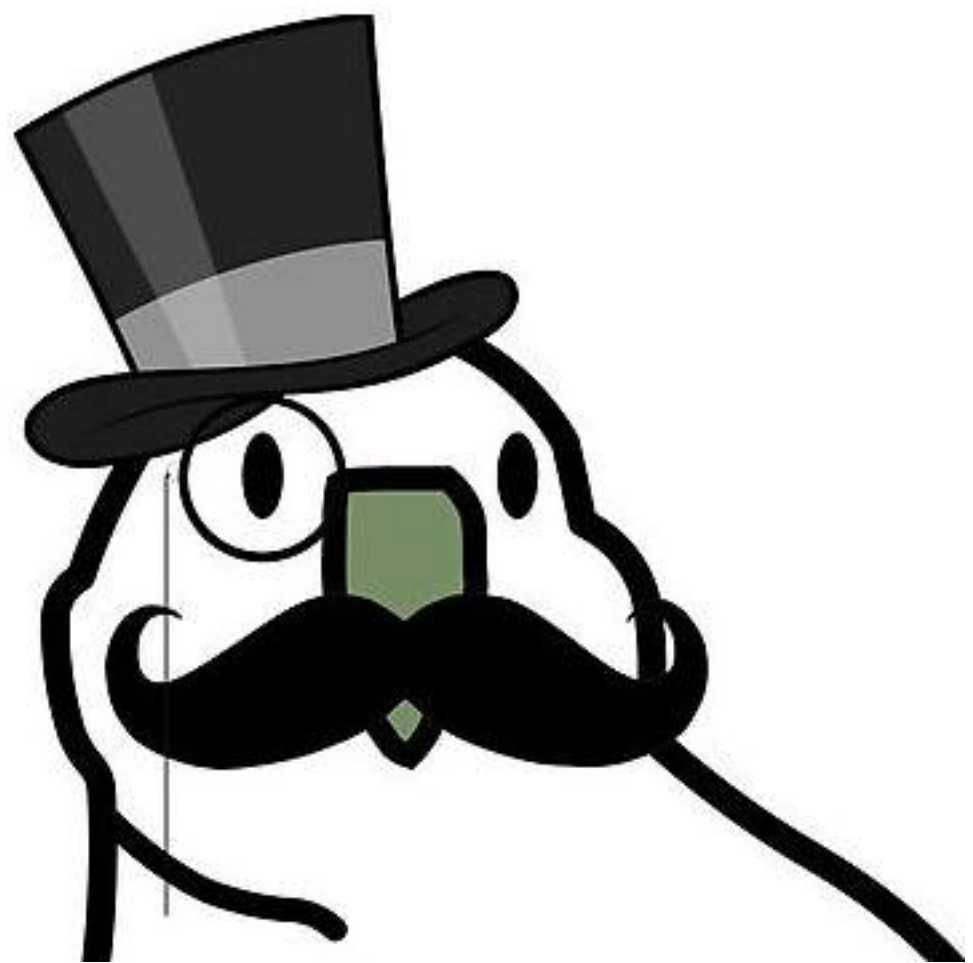


# HOMeworks

- Assignments
- Kaggle competitions
- Individual projects / Tutorials (peer review)

## Project “Alice” Tutorials

- A substitute for an individual project if you don't have cool ideas for one
- Clear instructions
- 6 weeks, 6 notebooks to complete
- Solutions are not shared

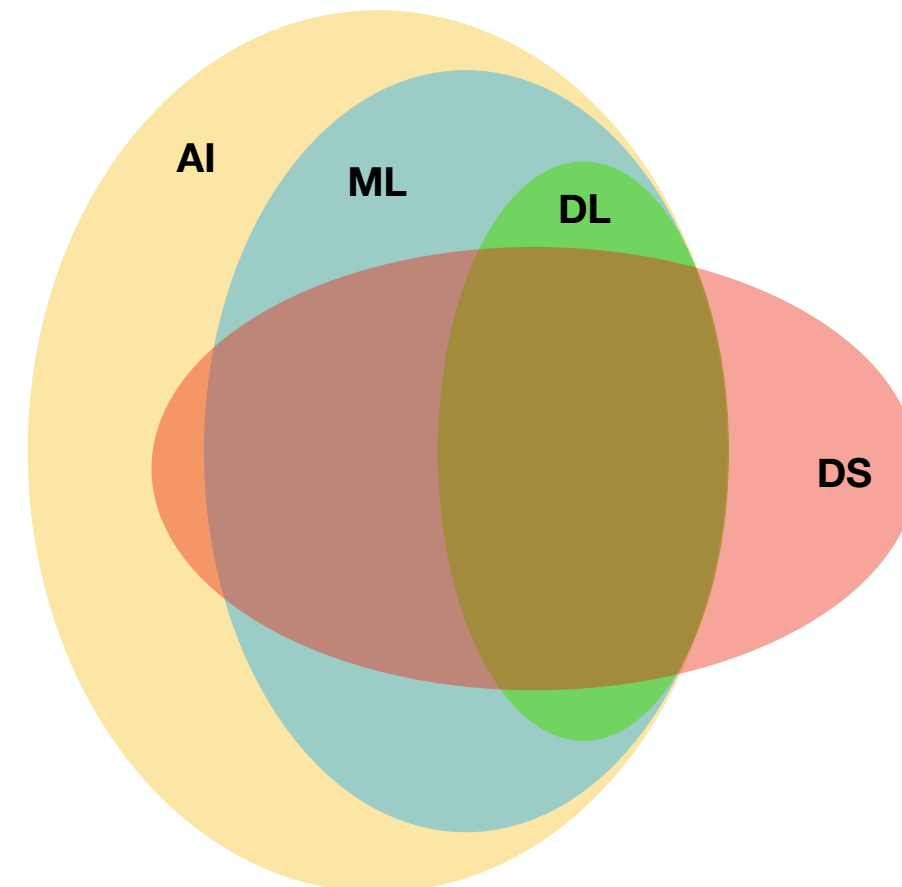
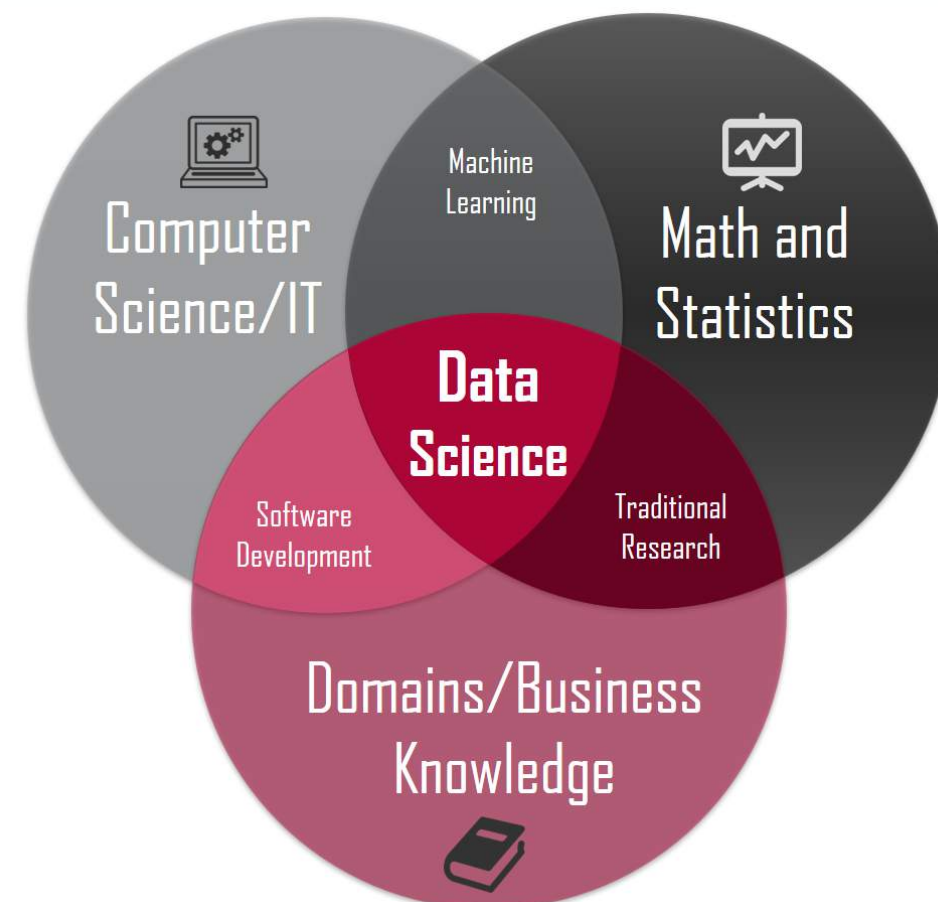




# BONUS

Three parts of the course cover all aspects of AI

- Machine Learning Course (now)
- Deep Learning Course (Summer)
- Business Side of Data Science (Autumn)





## PREPARATION

- <http://leetcode.com/problems>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= uQrJ0TkZlc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQrJ0TkZlc) (Python)
- <http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial/>
- <https://mml-book.github.io/>
- <http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>
- <https://ml-cheatsheet.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- <https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic>
- <https://www.kaggle.com/c/house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques>



STAY TUNED

More info in Slack **#mlcourse\_dubai**

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<https://forms.gle/XTvhyNhuevV1QV3F8>

