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# December Meetup

## Learning AI Development with UX

# Who are we?



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# Agenda

- 1 The ML Mindset: Identifying good problems for AI
- 2 Hands on: Gather your ingredients for ML
- 3 A Text Classification Cookbook
- 4 Wrapping Up: Quirks of Real World AI Development

# The ML Mindset



# What is AI?

At the core of every computer program there is a mathematical function at work. It could be as simple as computing the interest on an outstanding loan or as complex as flying an aircraft on autopilot. *Artificial Intelligence*, or *AI*, is a generic name for a computer program whose core mathematical function has been created (almost) automatically; and *Machine Learning*, or *ML*, refers to a collection of techniques which offer ways of creating AI.

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AI can only be as good as the examples and techniques used to train it



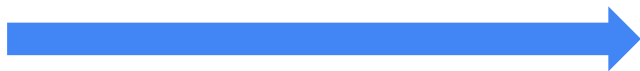
## Thinking about a problem from a ML Perspective: From programs to experiments

Step	Example
1. Set the research goal.	I want to predict how heavy traffic will be on a given day.
2. Make a hypothesis.	I think the weather forecast is an informative signal.
3. Collect the data.	Collect historical traffic data and weather on each day.
4. Test your hypothesis.	Train a model using this data.
5. Analyze your results.	Is this model better than existing systems?
6. Reach a conclusion.	I should (not) use this model to make predictions, because of X, Y, and Z.
7. Refine hypothesis and repeat.	Time of year could be a helpful signal.

## Identifying good problems for ML



Start with the problem, and not the solution





## Identifying good problems for ML: Aim to make decisions, not just predictions.

"I trained a model that predicts the probability that someone will want to watch a video and still click "thumbs down" on youtube!"



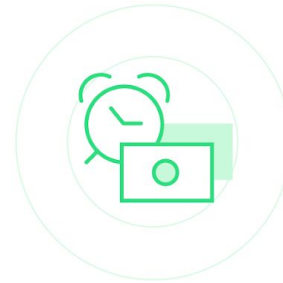
# When is traditional computing better than machine learning?



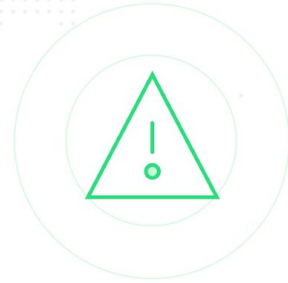
Not enough data



Noisy Data

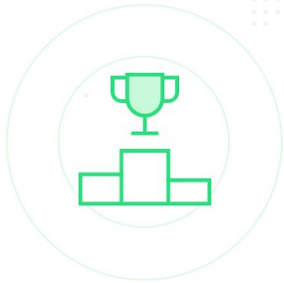


No time & money



Simple problem  
to solve

# Problems to solve with machine learning



Classification



Clustering

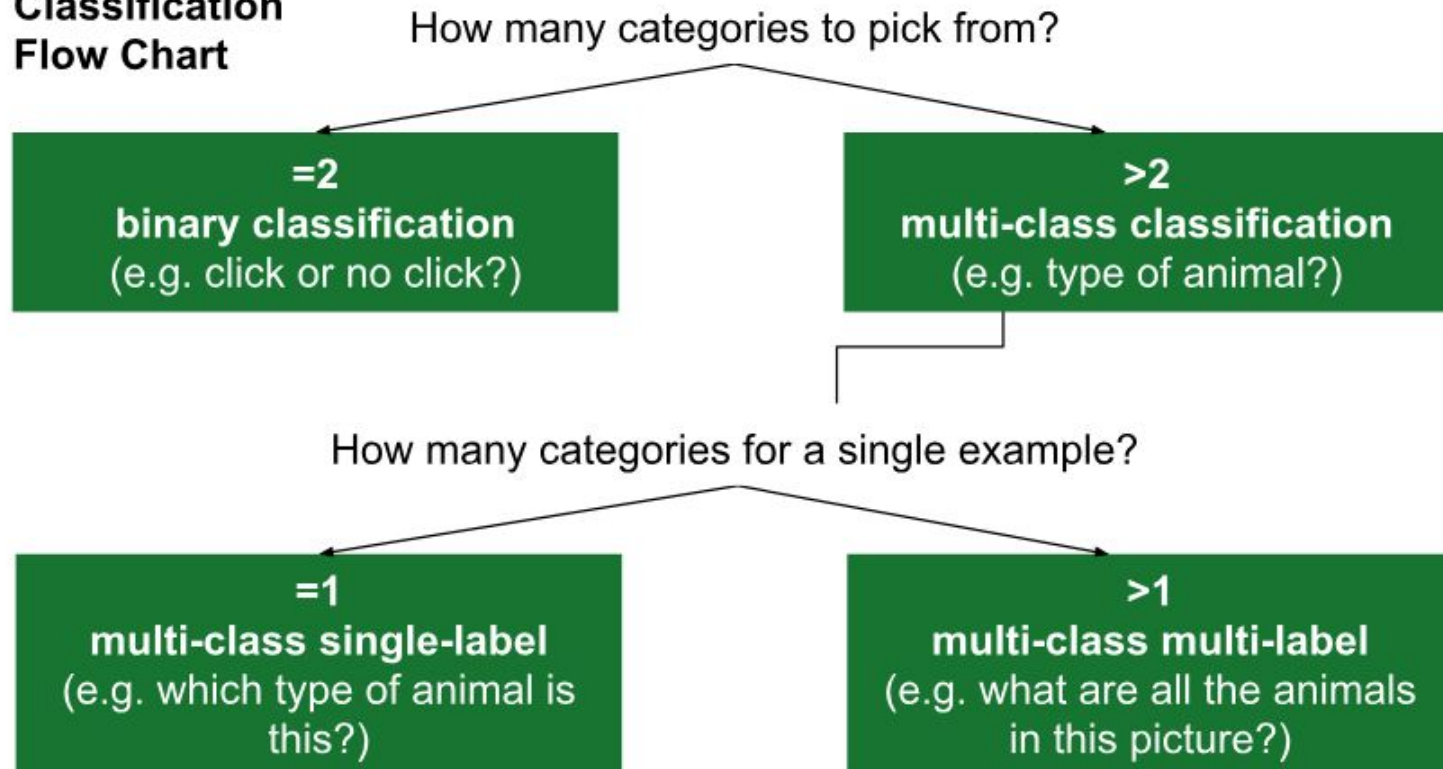


Regression



Dimensionality  
Reduction

## Classification Flow Chart



## Regression Flow Chart

How many numbers are output?

**=1**

**unidimensional regression**

(i.e. regression)

(e.g. how many minutes of  
video will this user watch?)

**>1**

**multidimensional  
regression**

(e.g. what is the [latitude,  
longitude] of the location in the  
photo?)

# Hands On

Building a good dataset



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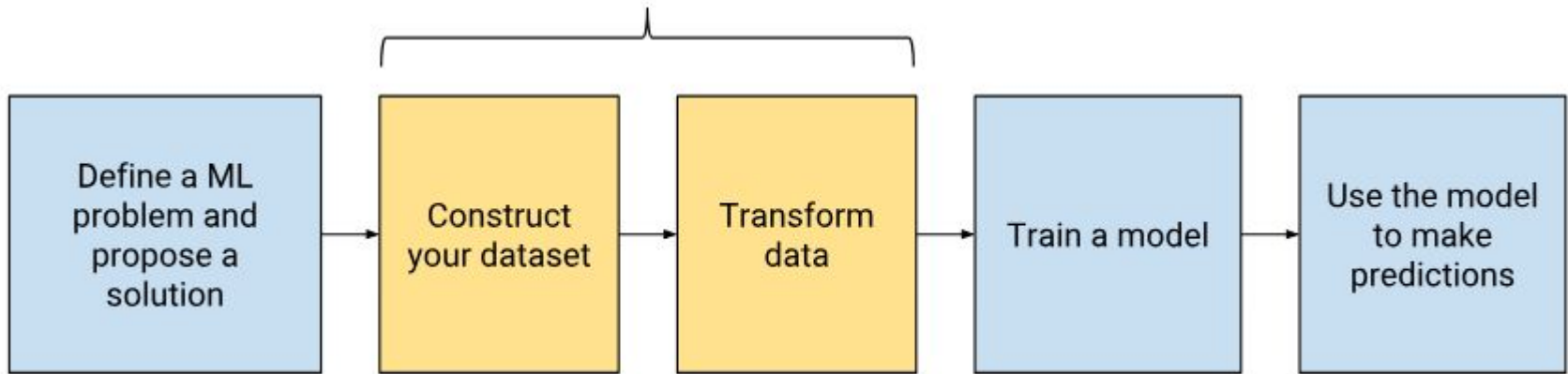
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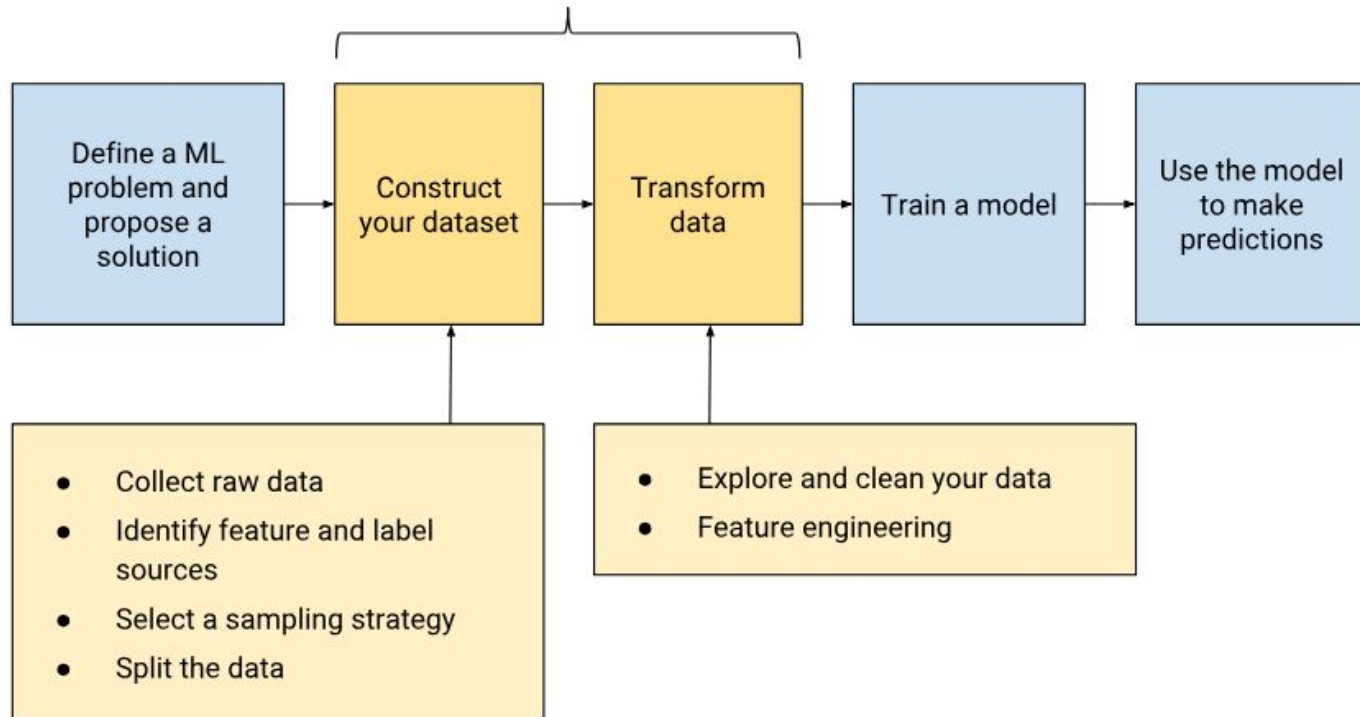
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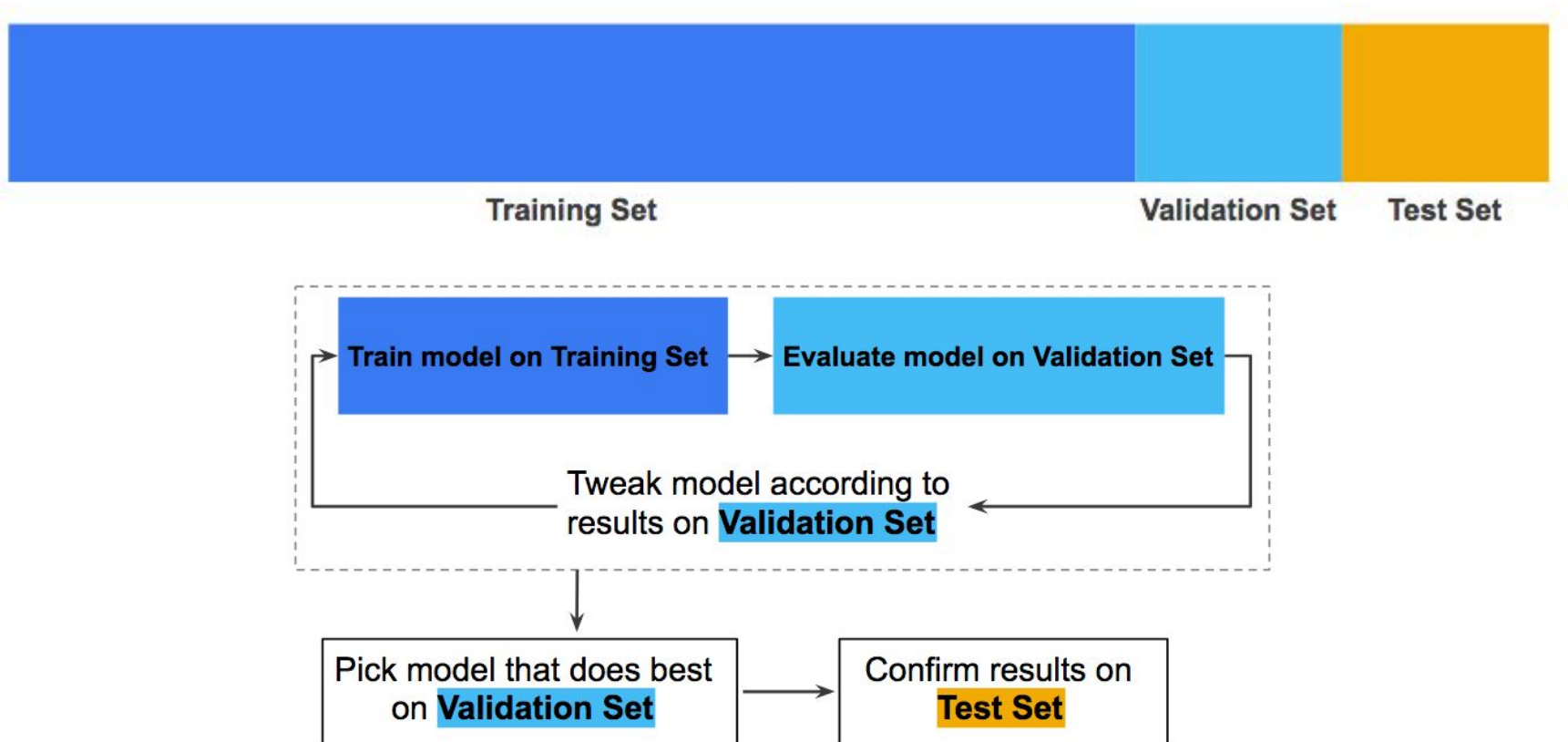
## Preparing your dataset



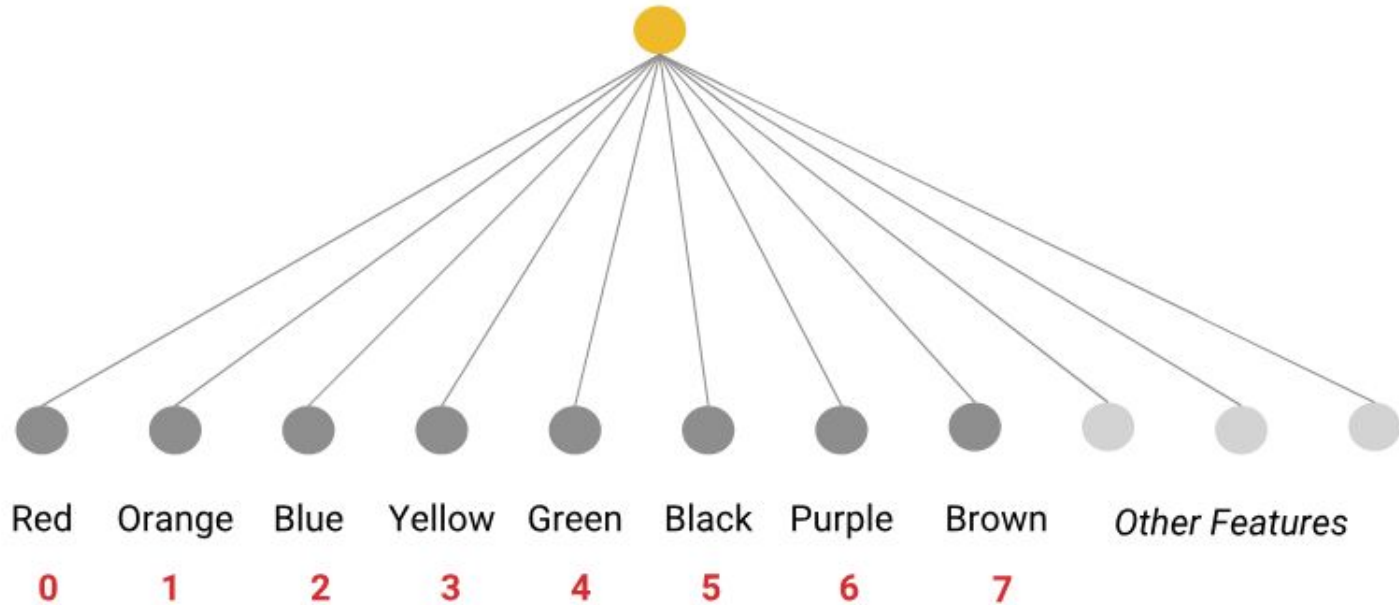
# Preparing your dataset



# Splitting your dataset:



## Transforming data to features: Example for dealing with Categorical Data



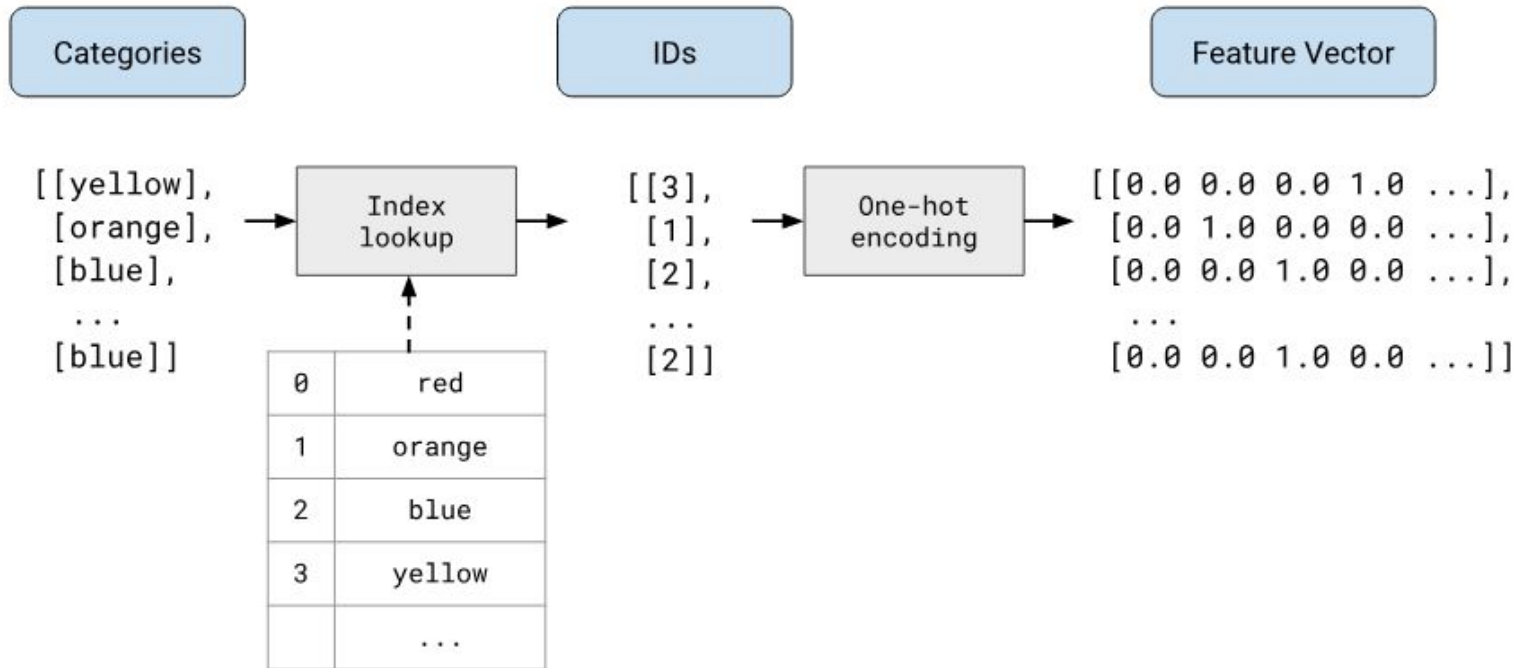
# Transforming data to features: Building a vocabulary

In a vocabulary, each value represents a unique feature.

Index Number	Category
0	Red
1	Orange
2	Blue
...	...

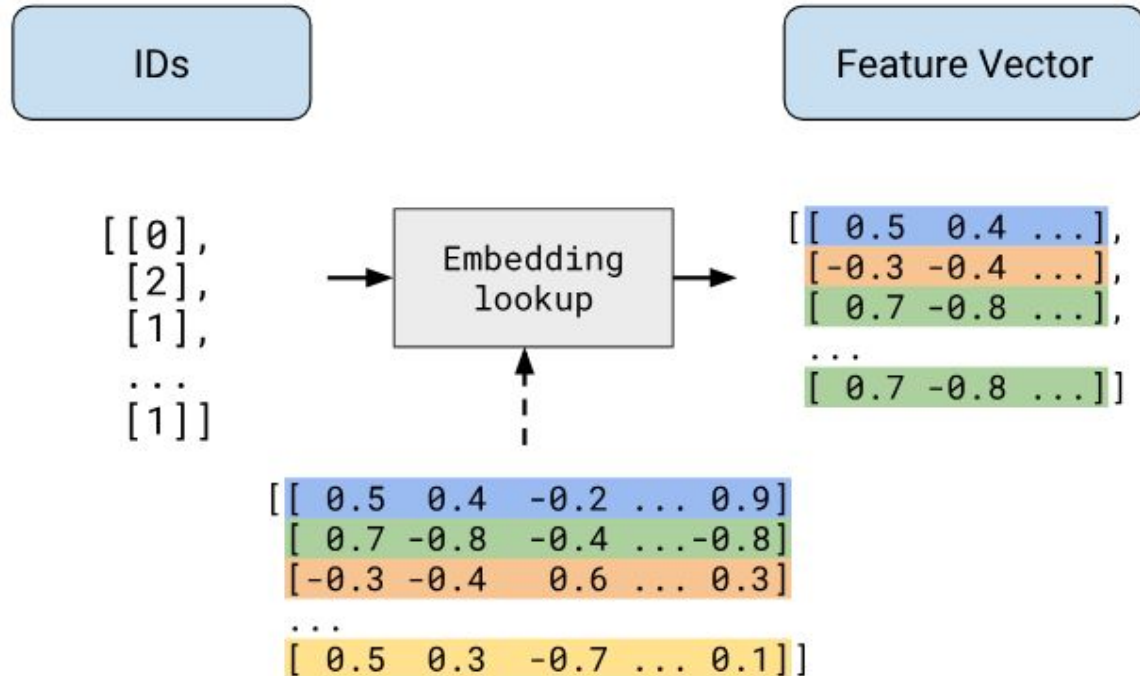
# Transforming data to features:

## Mapping categories to feature vectors



# Transforming data to features:

## Mapping categories to continuous valued feature vectors



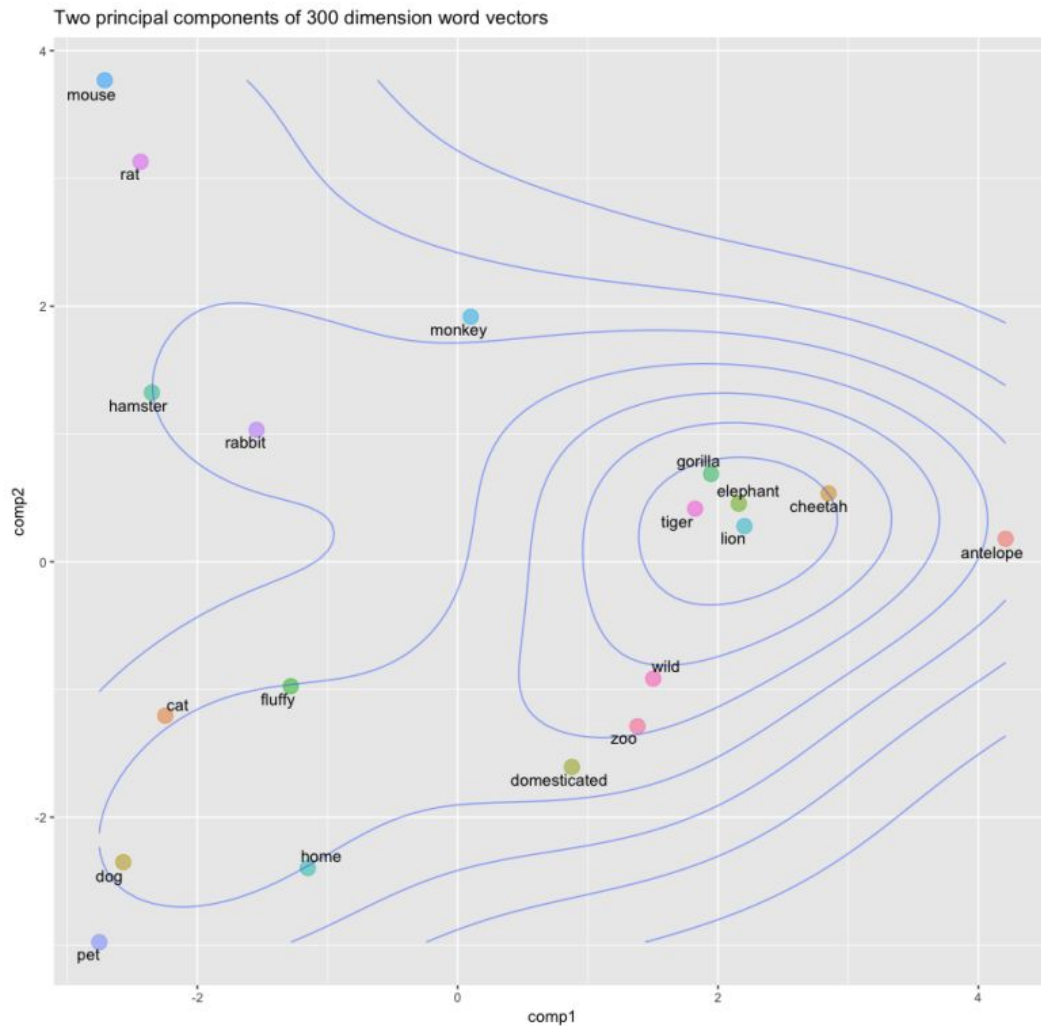
# Transforming data to features:

## Mapping categories to continuous valued feature vectors

		Dimensions					
Word vectors	dog	-0.4	0.37	0.02	-0.34	animal	
	cat	-0.15	-0.02	-0.23	-0.23	domesticated	
	lion	0.19	-0.4	0.35	-0.48	pet	
	tiger	-0.08	0.31	0.56	0.07	fluffy	
	elephant	-0.04	-0.09	0.11	-0.06		
	cheetah	0.27	-0.28	-0.2	-0.43		
	monkey	-0.02	-0.67	-0.21	-0.48		
	rabbit	-0.04	-0.3	-0.18	-0.47		
	mouse	0.09	-0.46	-0.35	-0.24		
	rat	0.21	-0.48	-0.56	-0.37		



# Visualizing Embeddings



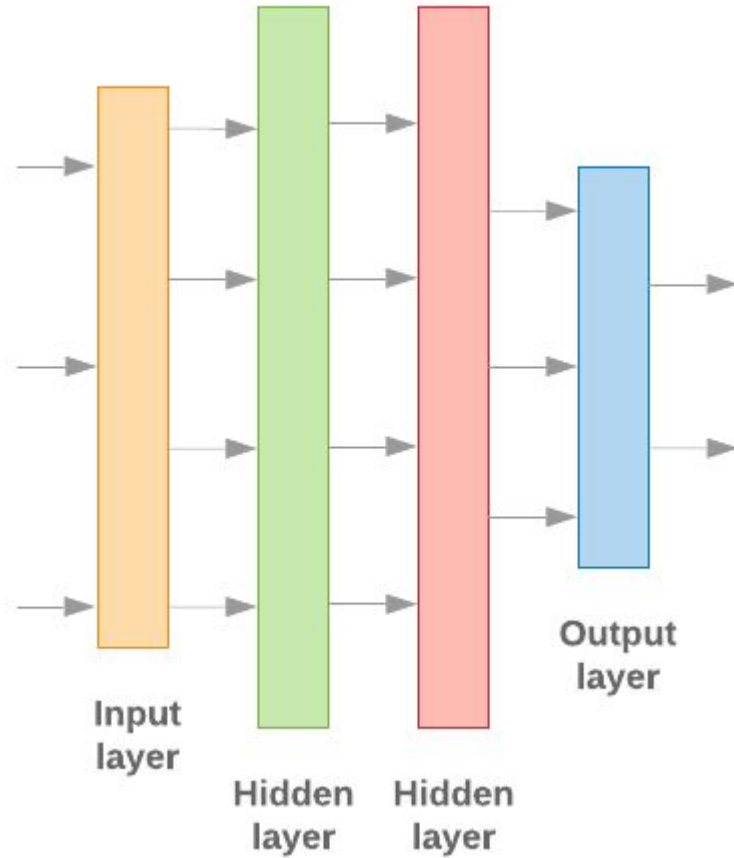
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# Hands On

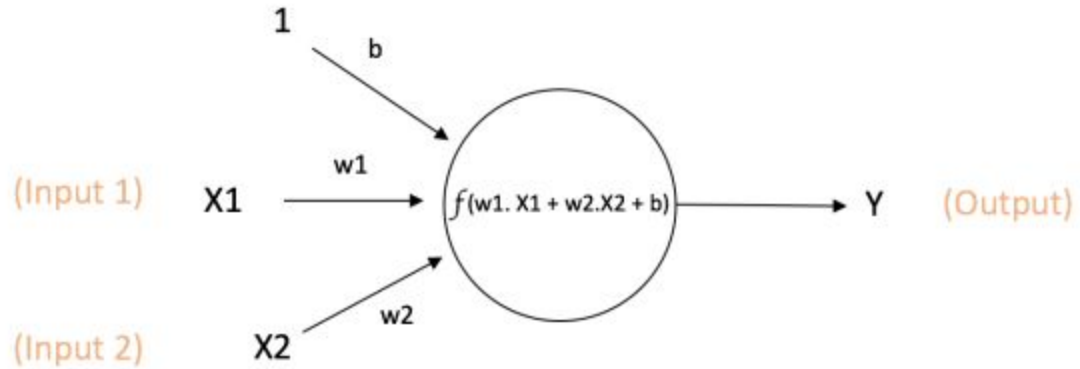
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Cookbook



## A note on neural networks

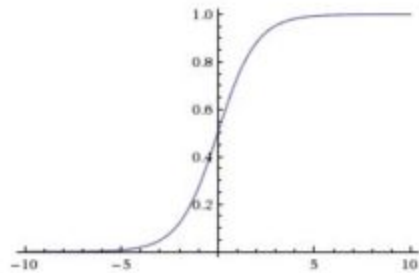


## A note on neural networks: A single neuron

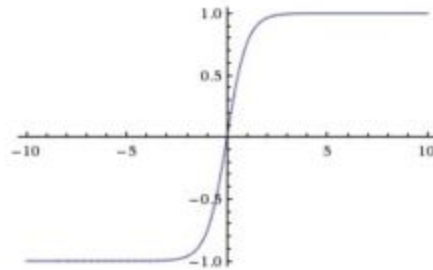


$$\text{Output of neuron} = Y = f(w1.X1 + w2.X2 + b)$$

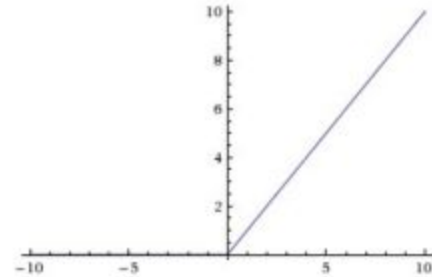
## A note on neural networks: The activation function $f$



Sigmoid

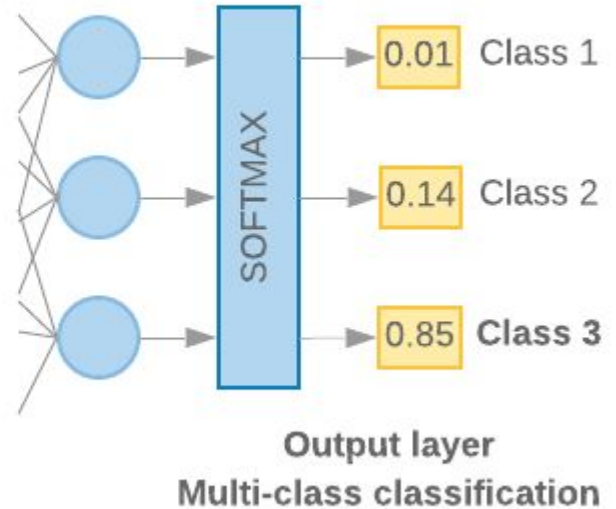
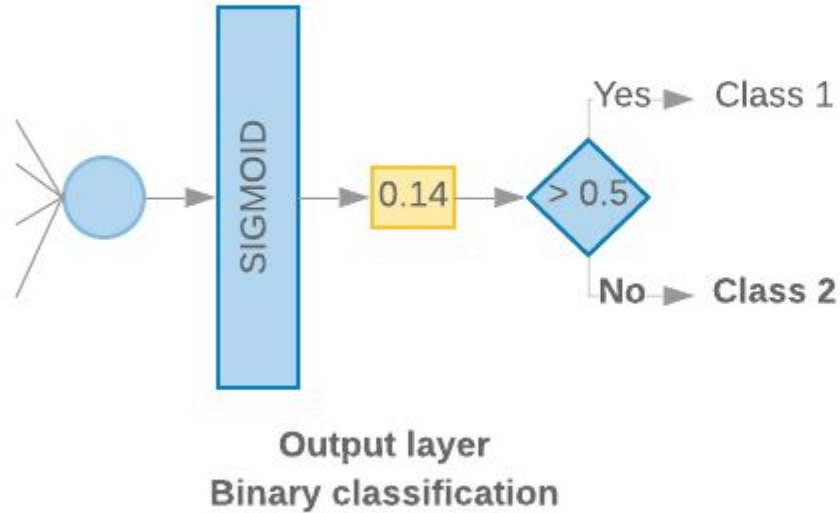


tanh



ReLU

## A note on neural networks: Activation functions



## Term Frequency over Inverse Document Frequency: TF-IDF

The diagram illustrates the TF-IDF formula with the following components and annotations:

- tf-idf score**: Points to the variable  $w_{i,j}$  on the left side of the equation.
- # occurrences of term in document**: Points to the term frequency  $tf_{i,j}$  in the middle of the equation.
- # total documents**: Points to the variable  $N$  in the numerator of the logarithm.
- # documents containing word**: Points to the variable  $df_j$  in the denominator of the logarithm.

$$w_{i,j} = tf_{i,j} \times \log \frac{N}{df_j}$$



# Wrapping Up

Quirks of Real World AI Development



# Quirks of Real World AI Development

- From unquantifiable goals to measurable metrics
- Getting a good labelled dataset
- Serving an ML Model
- Developer productivity

# From unquantifiable goals to measurable metrics

- Finding the right metric
- Measuring success on real data
- Metrics may be influenced by other changes

# Getting a good labelled dataset

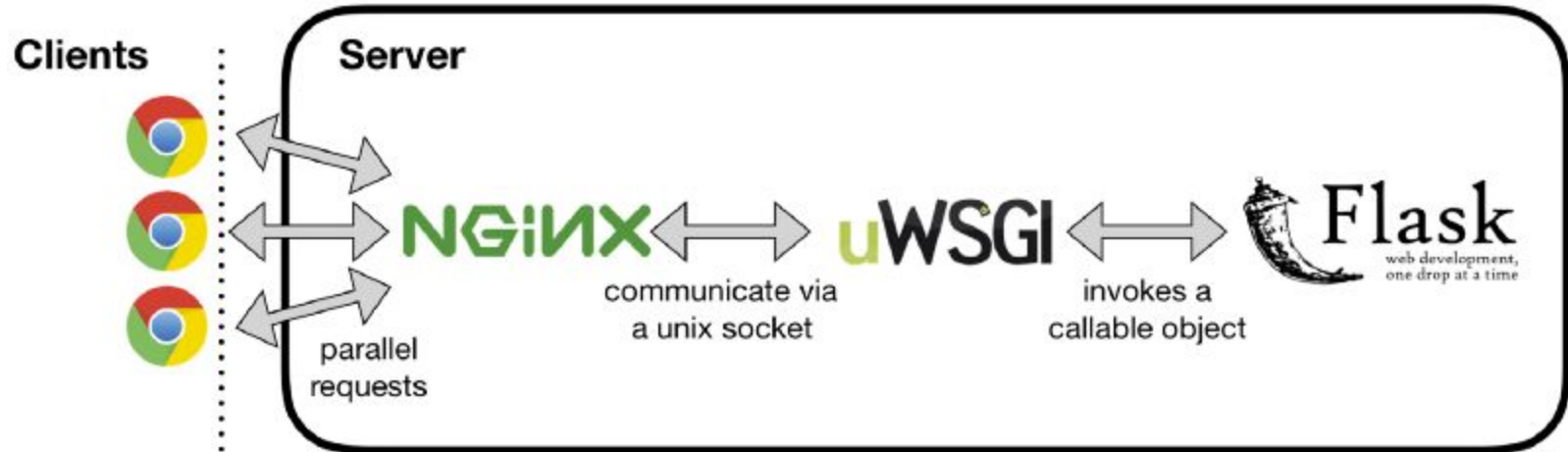
- Direct or Derived labels
- Finding a good sample to label
- Wrong labels in large datasets
- Bias in data

## Serving an ML Model

- Kind of model and features to use
  - Offline
  - Online
  - Nearline
  - On device



# Serving an ML Model: A simple scenario



# Developer Productivity

- Versioning of models and datasets
- Searchable and reproducible experiments
- Monitoring performance, A/B testing, Debugging

# Any Questions?

## Slides, Code and Links

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