Machine Learning

Introduction to Machine Learning

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

◉ Analyze the distinctions and applications of machine learning, deep learning, and artificial intelligence through real-world examples for various technical applications

◉ Differentiate among various machine learning models and explore how each model learns from data to predict outcomes

◉ Explore Python libraries for effective data manipulation, visualization, and implementation of machine learning algorithms
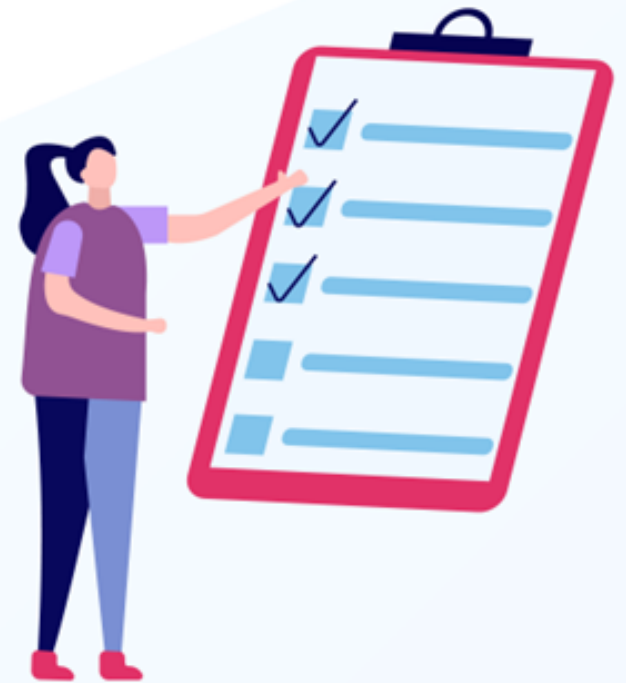
Business Scenario

ABC Inc., an e-commerce company, is struggling with a surge in fraudulent transactions on its website. The manual review process for transactions has caused delays in order processing and led to a negative customer experience.

To address this, ABC Inc. will use machine learning algorithms to detect real-time fraudulent transactions. These algorithms will be integrated into ABC Inc.'s existing transaction processing system to flag suspicious transactions and prevent fraud.

Additionally, the company will use machine learning algorithms to predict customer behavior based on past purchase history, thereby improving the recommendation engine's performance. With machine learning, ABC Inc. can provide a more personalized customer experience, streamline order processing, and increase sales.

What Is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning

It is a subset of artificial intelligence (AI) that assists systems to learn and improve automatically from experience without being explicitly programmed.

Arthur Samuel coined the term machine learning (ML) in 1959.

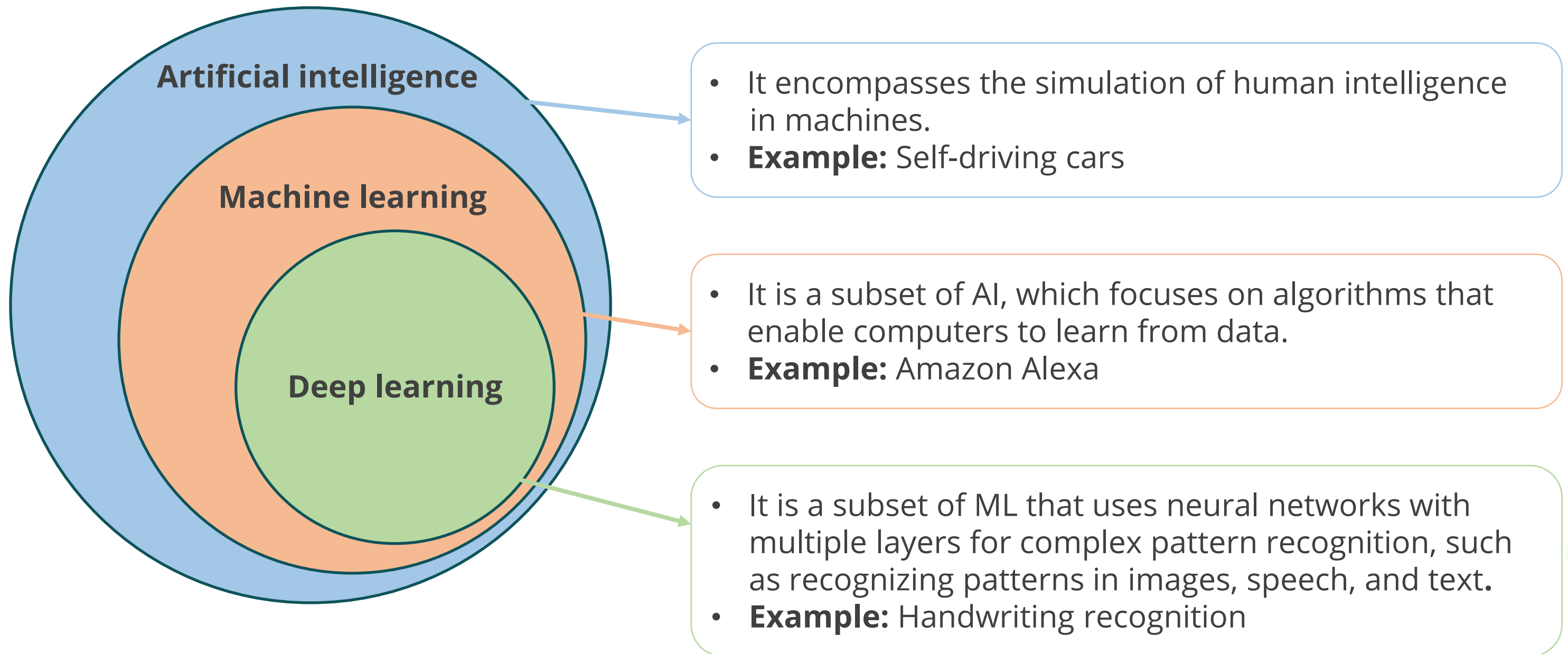It enables programs to learn automatically, making computers more intelligent without human intervention.

Traditional Approach Vs Machine Learning Approach

| Traditional approach	Machine learning approach
Uses predefined rules and algorithms explicitly programmed by human developers	Learns from data to make predictions or take actions without being explicitly programmed
Relies on explicitly defined logic and rules to perform tasks	Uses statistical techniques and optimization algorithms to learn patterns and make decisions
Requires manual feature engineering, where relevant features must be identified and extracted by human experts	Automatically learns features from raw data, reducing the need for manual feature engineering
Faces challenges in handling complex and unstructured data without significant preprocessing	Handles complex and unstructured data, such as images, text, and audio, without requiring extensive preprocessing
Performance depends on the accuracy and completeness of the predefined rules and algorithms	Performance improves with more data and learning iterations, enhancing accuracy and generalization

Difference Between ML, DL, and AI

Machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), and artificial intelligence (AI) are often used interchangeably.

Artificial intelligence

Machine learning

Deep learning

- It encompasses the simulation of human intelligence in machines.
- **Example:** Self-driving cars

- It is a subset of AI, which focuses on algorithms that enable computers to learn from data.
- **Example:** Amazon Alexa

- It is a subset of ML that uses neural networks with multiple layers for complex pattern recognition, such as recognizing patterns in images, speech, and text.
- **Example:** Handwriting recognition

Machine Learning: Example

In a chess game between a computer and a person, the computer uses AI to analyze the game, predict moves, and decide its actions.
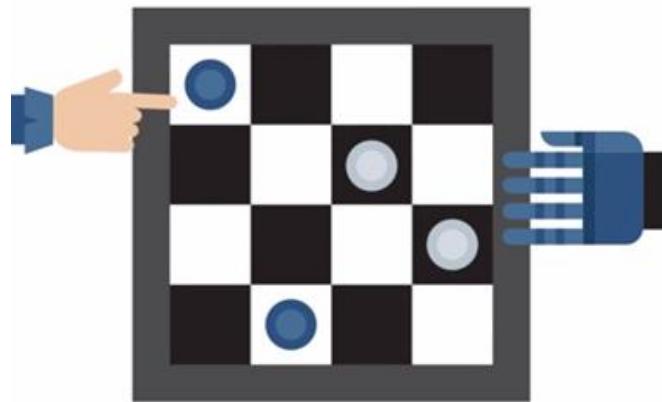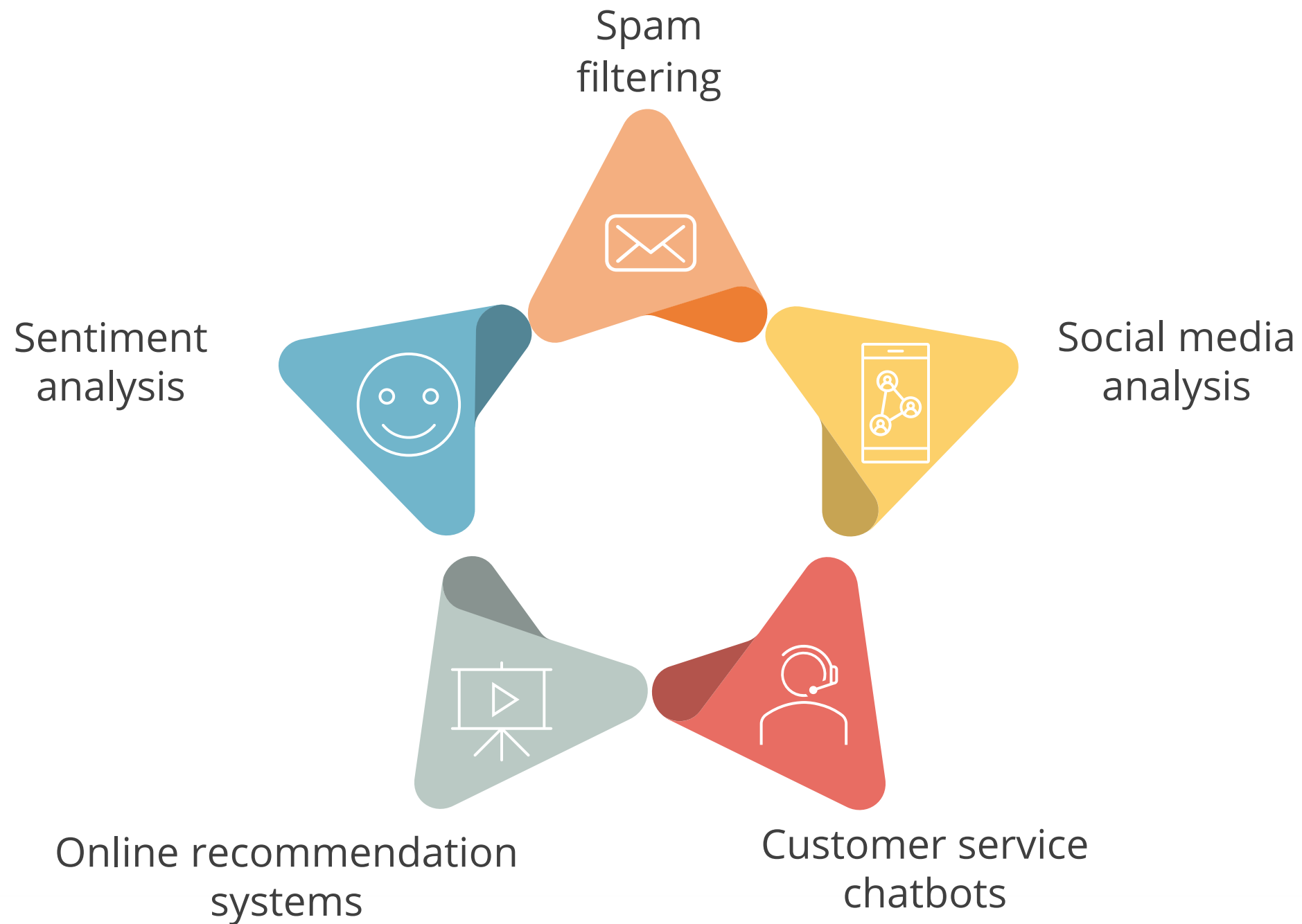
The AI uses machine learning to figure out if the opponent is a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player.

The AI decides its next move against the opponent using a complex neural network that learns various features and patterns from the data.

Applications of Machine Learning

There are many applications for machine learning, including the following:

Spam
filtering

Social media
analysis

Customer service
chatbots

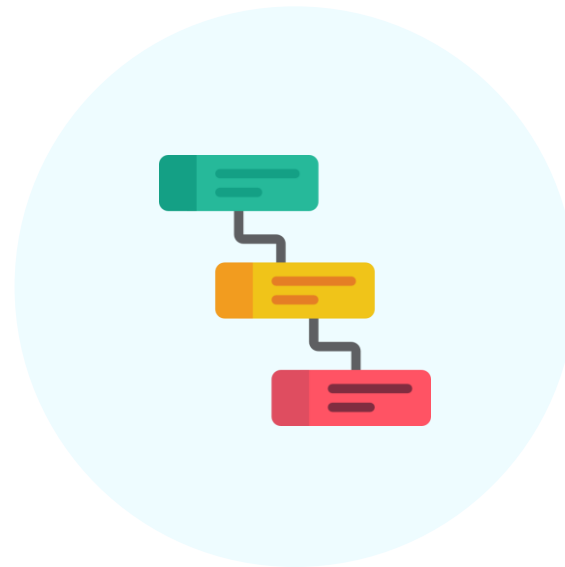Online recommendation
systems

Sentiment
analysis

Machine Learning Algorithms

These processes allow computers to learn patterns from data and make predictions on their own.

Machine learning algorithms help applications to:
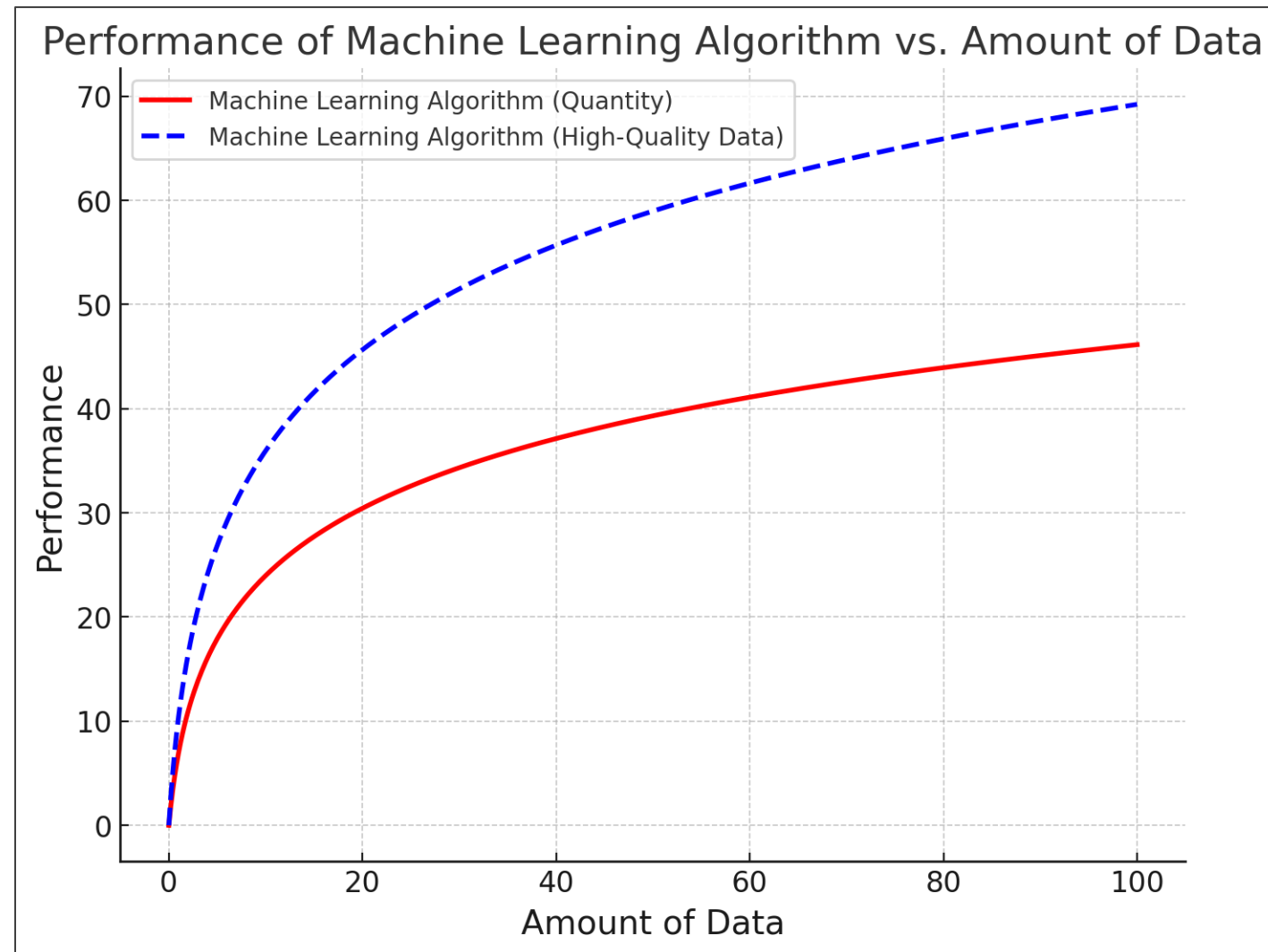
Predict outcomes	Classify the target feature	Improve the performance

Data and Machine Learning Algorithms

The quality and quantity of the provided data evaluate the algorithm's performance.

Performance of Machine Learning Algorithm vs. Amount of Data

High-quality and quantity of data is crucial for machine learning as it ensure better predictions and insights.

Types of Machine Learning

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ML can be divided into four main categories; each characterized by its capacity to predict conditions or identify patterns to produce outcomes.

Machine learning

Supervised learning | Unsupervised learning | Semi-supervised learning | Reinforcement learning

Supervised Learning

A supervised learning method uses labeled data to predict outcomes guided by specific input-output pairs.
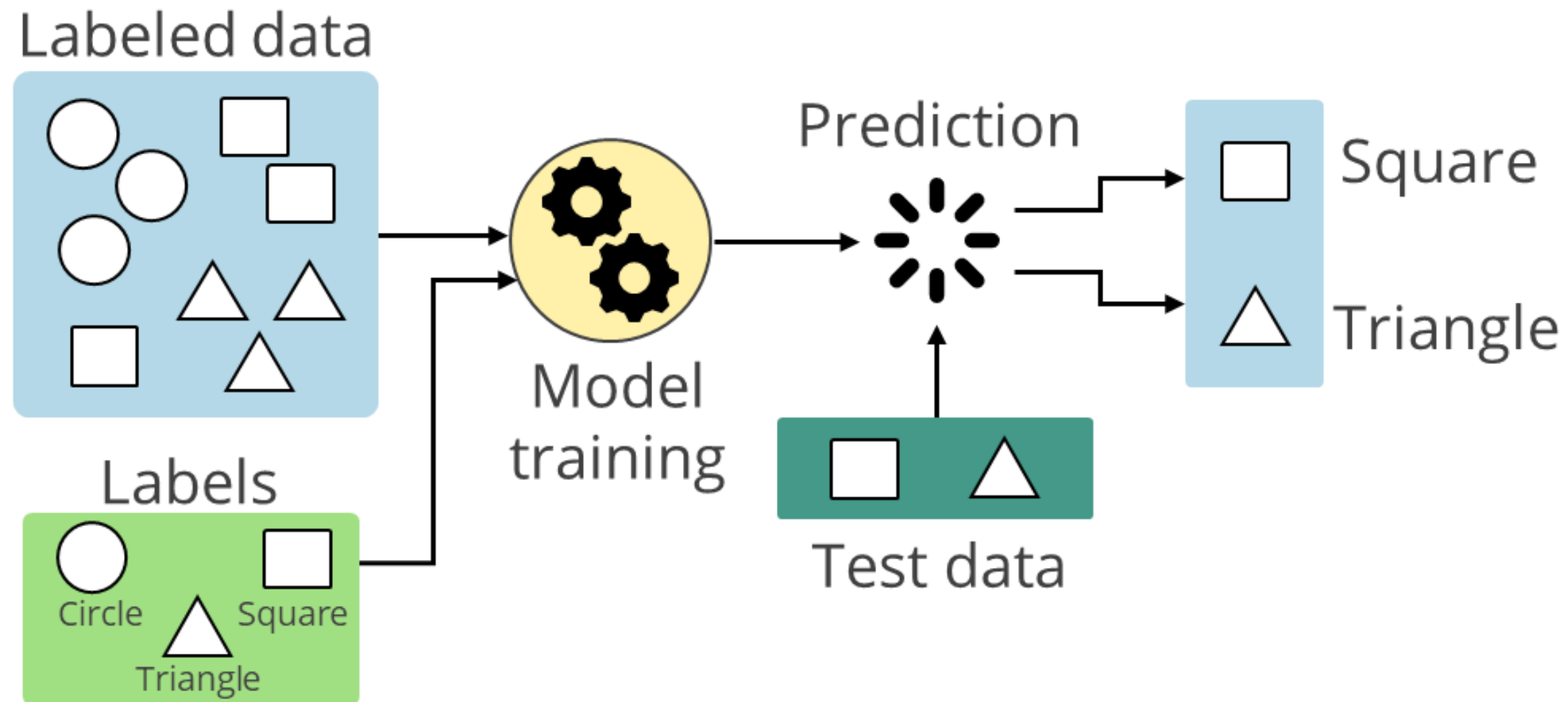
Here, both inputs and outputs are known.

Supervised Learning Algorithms

Some commonly known supervised learning algorithms are:

Linear regression

Decision trees

Logistic regression

Support vector machines

Supervised Learning: Examples

Some examples of supervised learning are:

Predicting temperature rise based on yearly temperature trends

Predicting crop yield based on seasonal crop quality changes

Sorting waste based on known waste items and their corresponding waste types

In spam filtering, computers learn from labeled emails to decide if new emails are spam or not.

Unsupervised Learning

It allows models to identify patterns and structures in unlabeled data without explicit guidance.

Some examples are:

Image segmentation for object detection

Identification of user groups based on commonalities

Identification of anomalies over geographical landscapes based on the data patterns

The unlabeled dataset is provided to an unsupervised learning algorithm to discover hidden patterns and recognize their relationship.

Unsupervised Learning: Example

It automatically groups images into distinct categories based on similarities, such as age group or gender, without any prior labels.
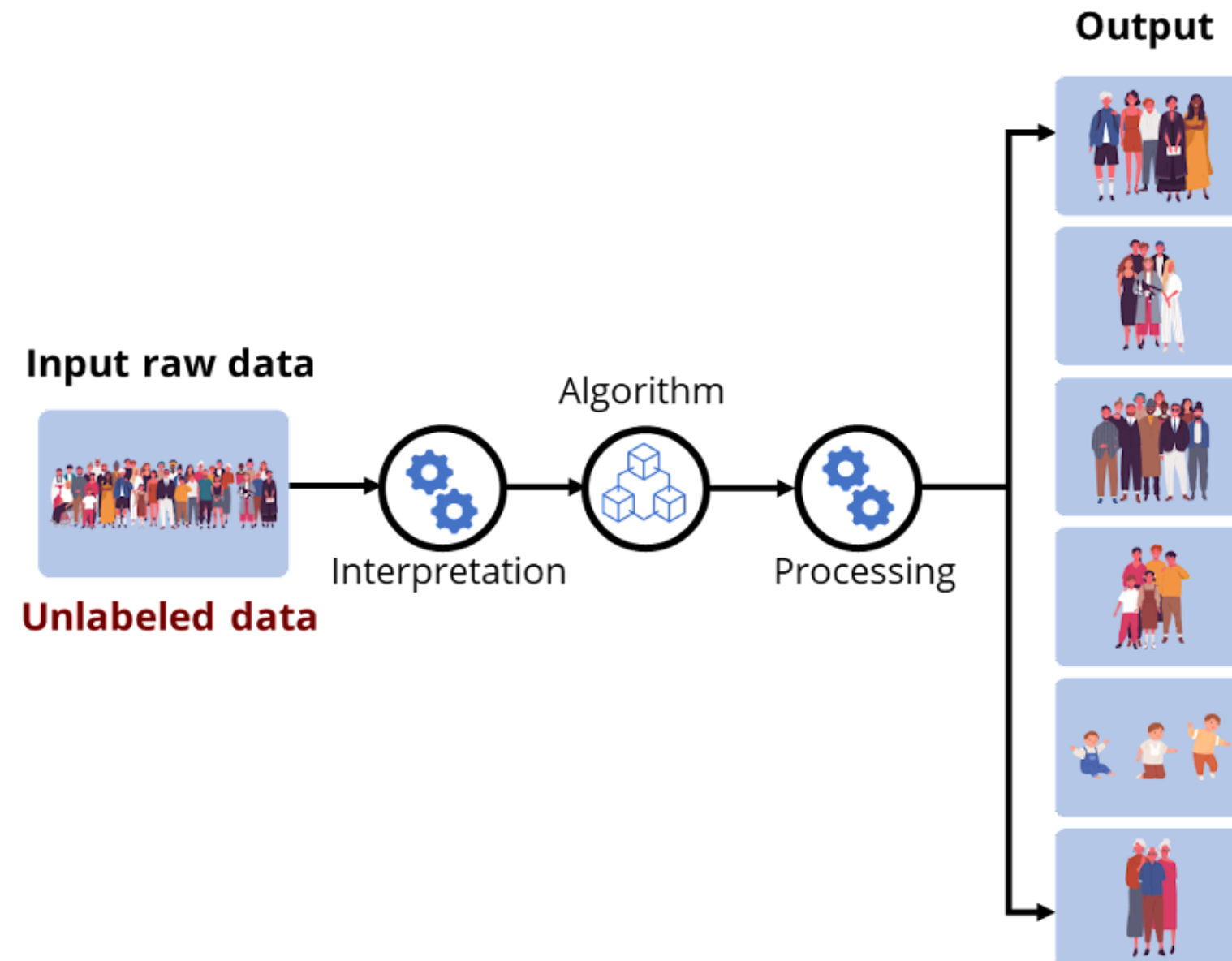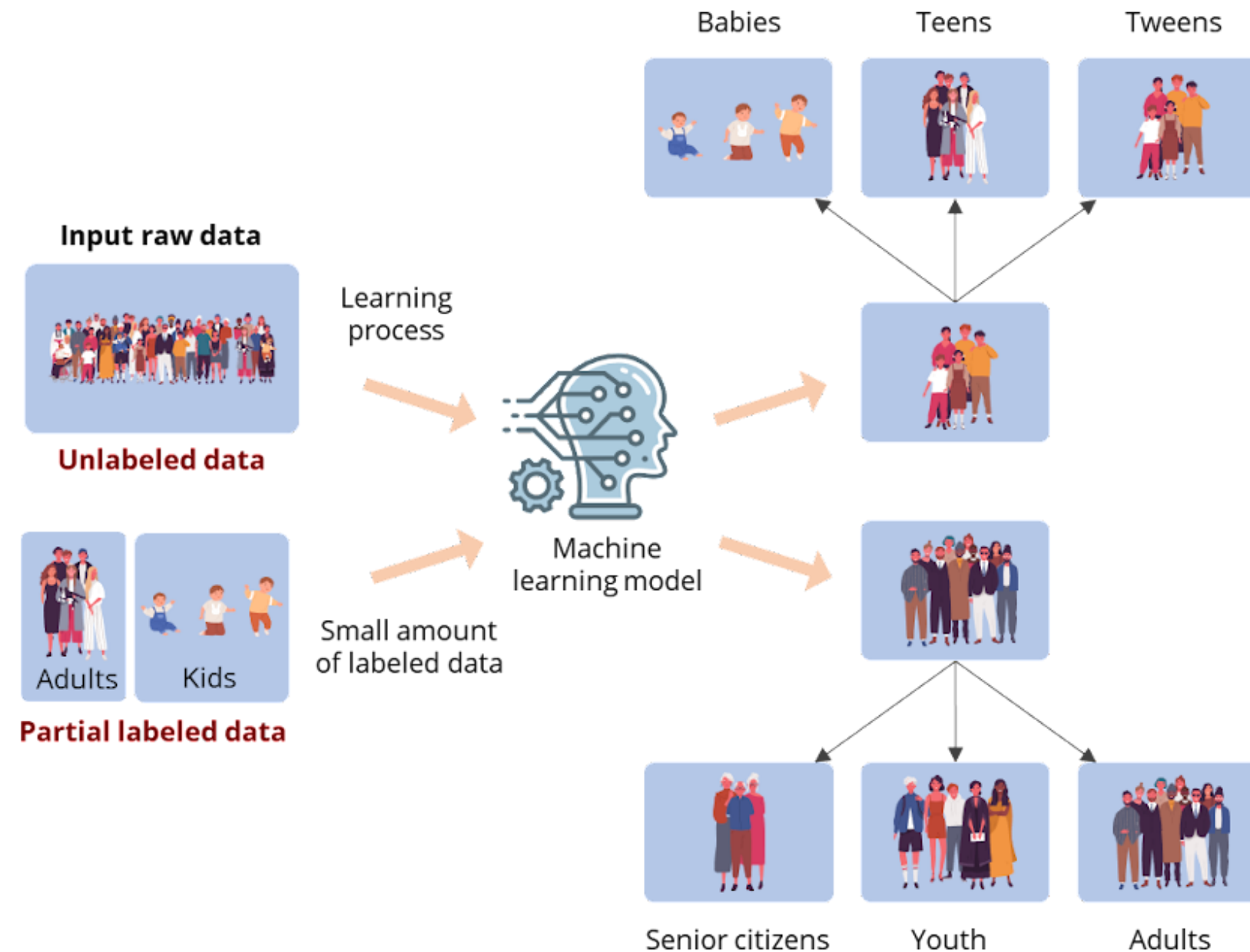
Semi-Supervised Learning

It uses a combination of a small amount of labeled data and a large amount of unlabeled data for training.

Like supervised learning, it aims to learn a function that can accurately predict the output variable from the input variables.

It uses unlabeled input to assist the learning process by collecting more information or improving model generalization.

Hence, it falls between supervised and unsupervised learning.

Semi-Supervised Learning: Example

This dataset contains both labeled and unlabeled data. Hence, semi-supervised learning is applied.

Semi-Supervised Learning: Example

Google Photos is a popular example of semi-supervised learning.

Whenever a picture is taken, it gets stored in the Google Cloud platform or a database.

In various instances, uploaders label images. Despite Google's lack of knowledge regarding image names, its algorithm can identify them by analyzing visual features like shapes and colors.

Reinforcement Learning

Reinforcement learning is a type of machine learning where algorithms learn from the environment by performing actions and receiving either rewards or penalties as feedback.

If the program finds the correct solution, the interpreter rewards the algorithm.

If the outcome is incorrect, the algorithm is penalized for incorrect predictions. It must reiterate until it finds a better result.

Reinforcement Learning

It involves an agent interacting with an environment, learning from rewards and states, to choose the best actions and improve performance over time.

Reinforcement Learning: Example

This type of learning is best seen in YouTube recommendations, where a user searches for a particular song, and the program shows the list of available songs.

When the user selects a specific song, the system trains itself to remember and deliver a similar result for future searches based on user interactions, such as likes, views and shares.
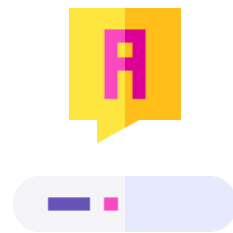
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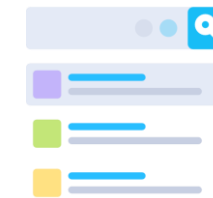
Examples of reinforcement learning include:
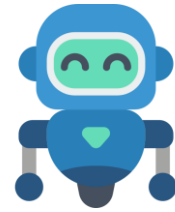
Games where players can play with bots

Self-driving cars

Autocorrect tools

Search recommendation engines

Introduction to Python Packages for Machine Learning

Python Libraries Used in Machine Learning

Some Python libraries used in machine learning include:

NumPy is a powerful library for numerical computing in Python.

Matplotlib performs data visualization and graphical plotting.

Pandas is a versatile data manipulation library in Python, offering data structures like DataFrames.

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SciPy solves mathematical equations and processes algorithms.

Scikit-learn offers efficient versions of common algorithms, facilitating the development of machine learning models.

Key Takeaways

- Machine learning refers to a machine's ability to learn from data and replicate human behavior.

- AI includes machine learning and deep learning, each with unique capabilities for simulating intelligence.

- There are four main types of machine learning: supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

- Python packages are folders with modules that organize code for easy reuse and maintenance, improving development efficiency.

Knowledge Check

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The correct answer is **A**

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The correct answer is   **C**

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Thank You