

## Workshop #2

### Classification & Color

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## Lesson Objective

In this lesson, you will learn about and apply ideas around image classification, neural nets, color, as well as how they can be used to monitor water quality.

### Materials Needed:

A computer with a webcam  
A web browser (Chrome, Firefox, or Safari)

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## Workshop Structure

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**Navigate to:** <https://tinyurl.com/aaic-wq-2>

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## Review

### Last workshop we learned:

Role of Nitrogen in Water

- ▶ Nitrogen

Using Statistics to Summarize Data

Using Python to store, summarize, and visualize data

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## Meet the Buoy!

Later this semester, we will be deploying these Smokey Buoys!

### Some Important Parts:

Motorized unit to move test strips

Camera to analyze those strips on the spot

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## The Buoy: Test Strips

Smokey Buoy also uses test strips to monitor nitrate concentrations in water

Strips are on a roll rather than small strips

We place each pad on a very long piece of material and roll it up inside the buoy to keep it dry until dispensed

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## The Buoy: Test Strips



Figure 1: 1. We begin with commercial test strips and remove the pads. 2. The pads are carefully spaced out and placed on a very long piece of material. 3. The material is rolled up inside the buoy. 4. The roll is carefully positioned to be fed through the motorized roller.

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## The Buoy: Motor & Camera

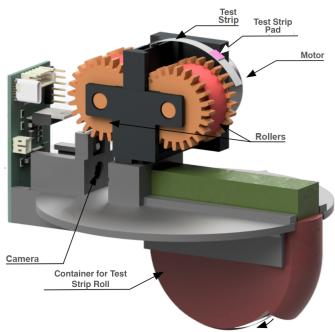


Figure 2: Modified from INSERT PAPER CITATION

### Motor

Locate the motor near the top of the diagram. The motor drives the roller, which grips and advances the test strip roll.

### Camera

When a test pad is in front of the camera, it takes a picture.

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## See It In Action!

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## Think Pair Share:

Thinking back to the nitrates activity from last week, What are the benefits to using a computerized buoy to conduct water quality tests?  
Drawbacks?

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## Intro to Classification

Checkpoint 2. a: Which banana(s) would you eat?

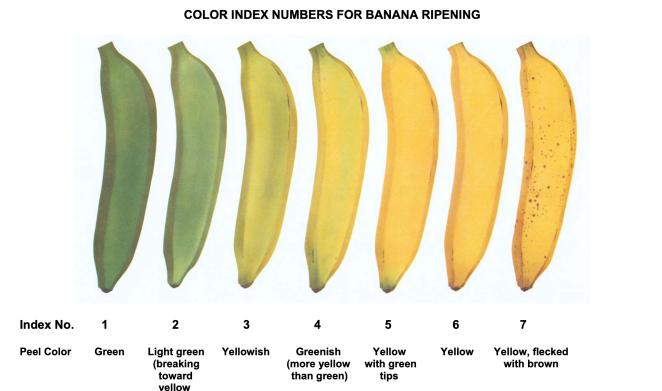


Figure 3: Source: US Department of Agriculture

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## Intro to Classification

People make decisions about ripeness daily: grocery shoppers & farmers alike.  
These decisions—judging if a fruit/vegetable is ripe—are called **classification**.  
Classification = sorting items into groups based on appearance or behavior.

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## Use of Classification in Agriculture

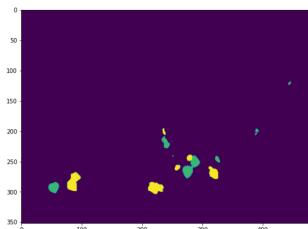
Computers can help us make classification decisions

AI can help make classification decisions, saving time and labor for farmers

Example: At University of Maryland, AI is used to identify ripe crops in fields



(a)



(b)

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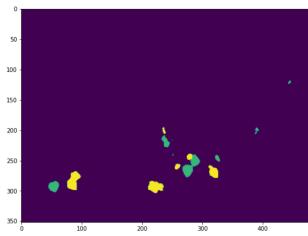
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## Use of Classification in Agriculture



(a)



(b)

Checkpoint 2. b: Review the figure above. In image (b), what do you think the yellow represents? The green?

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## Types of Classification

### Classification of Strawberries

**Binary Classification:** Two possible outcomes (e.g., Ripe vs. Not Ripe)

**Multiclass Classification:** More than two possible outcomes (e.g., Underripe, Ripe, Overripe)

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## Binary Classification

Two possible Outcomes:

Not Ripe  
Ripe

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## Multiclass Classification

More than Two Outcomes:

Underripe  
Ripe  
Molded

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## Example of Multiclass Classification in Agriculture

Project from University of Georgia, Athens [^2]

Uses multiclass classification to sort lemons

Discards underripe or molded lemons, retains only ripe ones

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## More on Classification with AI

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**Computers make classification decisions very quickly**

**Using AI has advantages and disadvantages**

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## Pros of Using AI for Classification

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**Pros:**

Handles millions of items quickly  
Spots tiny differences humans miss

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## Cons of Using AI for Classification

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**Cons:**

Needs tons of examples to train the computer  
Bad examples = bad decisions (e.g., train only on sunny photos, it fails on cloudy days).

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## Checkpoint 2. c

Checkpoint 2. c: If farmers use a certain company to train and decide when to pluck or harvest fruits/veggies, who gets to own that data? why?

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## Checkpoint 2. d

Checkpoint 2. d: Let's say the company becomes better at identifying ripe fruits because they used data from your farm. Now, they want to up their subscription fees for farmers to use their model. Is that fair? Do you have any suggestions or solutions?

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## Classification Activityfourtyeightpt-font - Train

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**Now it's your turn!**

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## Classification Activity - Train

- 1 Apple and 1 Orange per pair
- 1 Distractor (fruit, ball, etc.) per pair
- 1 Device per pair/group
- 1 lab sheet per person

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## Teachable Machine

# Teachable Machine

Uses Python in the background  
Helps users build classification models

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## Steps

1. Go to Teachable Machine at  
<https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/>

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## Steps

2. Click "Get Started"

**Get Started**

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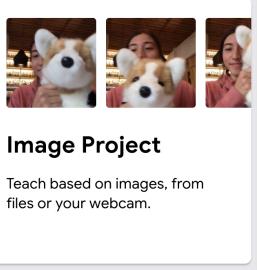
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## Steps

3. Choose "Image Project"



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## Steps

4. Select "Standard Image Model"

**Standard image model**  
Best for most uses  
224x224px color images  
Export to TensorFlow, TFLite, and TF.js  
Model size: around 5mb

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## Steps

5. To the right of "Class 1", click the pencil and type "Apple"

Class 1 

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## Steps

6. Grab your apple and get ready!!



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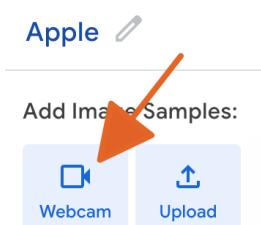
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## Steps

7. Click "webcam" to turn on and allow the computer to begin capturing images of the apple.



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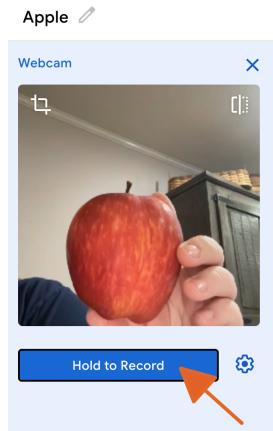
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## Steps

8. Position your apple within the frame and click the "Hold to Record" button to begin capturing images of the apple. You will want to move the apple around so it captures different angles and distances. Capture 100-200 images.



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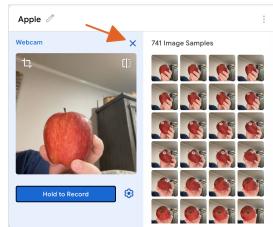
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## Steps

9. When finished, release the "Hold to Record" button and click the "x" in the top right corner to exit the Apple class.



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## Steps

Put your apple aside and grab your orange. Repeat the process above to train your model for Class 2. Try to capture **roughly** the same number of images for the orange as you did for the apple.

Class 2



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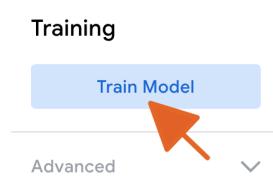
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## Steps

11. When finished capturing data for both classes, click the "Train Model" button. The website will train your own custom classification model, based on your data!



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## Evaluate Your Classifier

Some models can be very accurate, while others might struggle  
Let's put your model to the test!

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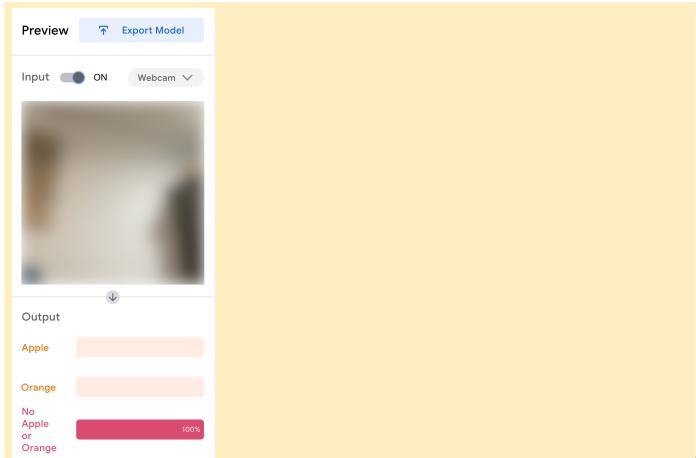
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## Evaluate Your Classifier

Use the "Preview" pane on the right side of the Teachable Machine screen



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## Putting it to the Test

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Get your lab sheet ready. Let's record some results!

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## Steps for testing

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## Steps for testing

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Take your lab sheet and review the observation table. The first item to test is an apple. If the model works well, what will it predict? Record this in the second column.

## Steps for testing

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Next, hold the apple up to your camera. What does the model predict it is? Record this in the third column of your lab sheet.

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## Steps for testing

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The model also reports confidence in its prediction. Record this percent confidence in the fourth column of your sheet.

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## Steps for testing

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Repeat this process for all other objects on the lab sheet.

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## Reflecting

### Discuss these Questions

- How did your model perform?
- Were any objects classified incorrectly?
- Were any objects classified with low confidence (< 80%)?

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## Classification Activity - Buoy

### How a classification model works.

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## Your Turn: Be the Buoy

### Materials Needed:

- 1 test strip

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## Your Turn: Be the Buoy

Train Model with two classes:

Classes:

- strip present - strip not present

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## How Does It Work?

Checkpoints on this Page:

**Checkpoint 5.a:** Neural Network Layers

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## How Does Your Model Work?

Under the hood of a classification model is a **Convolutional Neural Net (CNN)**

CNNs are trained to recognize patterns in images

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## How Does Your Model Work?

Prioritize understanding big picture over math

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## How Does Your Model Work?

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## Checkpoint 5. a: Neural Network Layers

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Compare and contrast the input layer, the hidden layers, and the output layer. What function do they each have in a neural net?

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## Color Activity

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**Checkpoints on this Page:**

**Checkpoint 6.a:** Pixels & RGB

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## Understanding RGB

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Computers understand color through numbers, not like humans with eyes

When a computer displays or processes an image, that image is really a combination of millions of little squares called pixels

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## Understanding RGB

Notes

Each pixel has a value for Red (R), Green (G), and Blue (B)  
The color of each pixel is a combination of these three values

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## Pixels and RGB Values

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Checkpoint 6. a: Exploring pixels and RGB Values

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## Materials Needed

### Materials Needed:

#### APPLET

- ▶ This will open in a new tab.
- ▶ You may need to grant access to your camera for it to work.
- ▶ Apple, Orange, Lime (from previous activity)

Handout

Pencil

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## Pixels and RGB Values

### Notes

Use the applet and follow the instructions on the handout, which are also listed below.

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## Pixels and RGB Values

### Notes

The applet starts with "What Humans See" selected. Hold the apple up to the camera. Notice it captures its likeness?

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## Pixels and RGB Values

### Notes

Change the mode to "What Computers See". It will default to the Red channel first.

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## Pixels and RGB Values

### Notes

Focus on an area at the center of the apple and record the value for R.

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## Pixels and RGB Values

Use the dropdown menu to change the channel to G. Look at the same area (or as close to possible) on the apple, record the value for G.

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## Pixels and RGB Values

Change the channel to B and record the value for B.

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## Pixels and RGB Values

Repeat this process for the orange, lime, and each of the purple cards.

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## How Do Computers See Color?

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### Checkpoints on this Page:

**Checkpoint 7.a:** Using RGB Values to Create Color

**Checkpoint 7.b:** Using Color to Predict Fruit

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## How Do Computers See Color?

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We learned every pixel has a value for Red (R), Green (G), and Blue (B)

Each value can range from 0 to 255

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## Creating Color with RGB Values

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**Slide the sliders to create different colors!**

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

Use the slider tool above to answer the RGB questions  
Record your answers on the handout

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

Slide all values to zero. When R = 0, G = 0, and B = 0, what color do you see?  
Slide all values to 255. When R = 255, G = 255, and B = 255, what color do you see?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

Slide all values to 0. Change R to 255. What happens to the color?  
Slide all values to 0. Change G to 255. What happens to the color?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Slide all values to 0. Change B to 255. What happens to the color?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Now let's try some of the colors you observed in the last activity. Get your handout ready!

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Adjust the sliders to the RGB values you recorded for your apple. What color do you see? Is it similar to your apple?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Repeat this for your orange's RGB values. What color do you see? Is it similar to your orange?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Finally, repeat this for your lime's RGB values. What color do you see? Is it similar to your lime?

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## Using RGB Values to Create Color

### Notes

Checkpoint 7. b: What color does this RGB value represent? (110, 164, 212) Just like the computer, predict what fruit this could be from!

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## Exit Ticket

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