



Bayesian Learning

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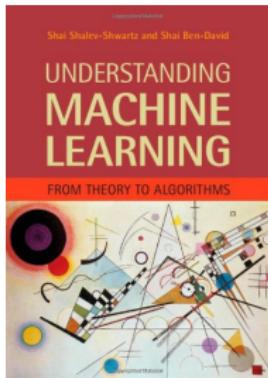
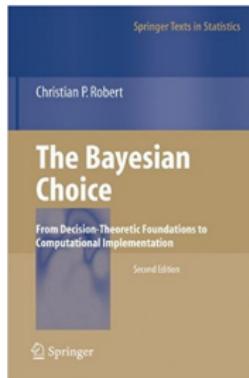
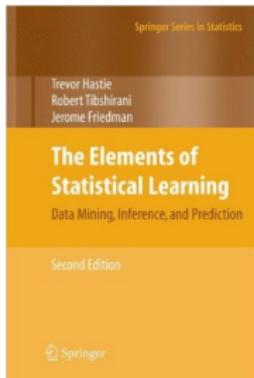
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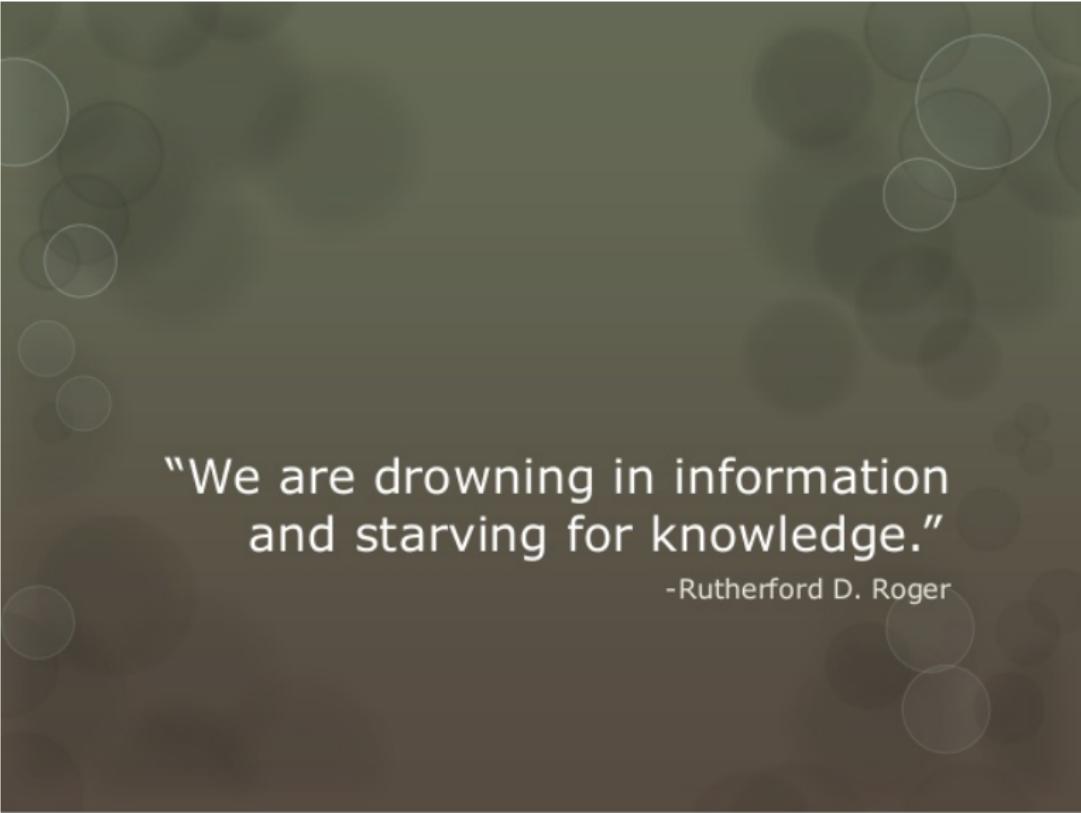


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1. Introduction to statistical / machine learning
2. The Bayesian framework
3. Quasi-Bayesian learning
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The rising of AI

Introduction



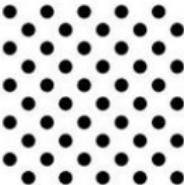
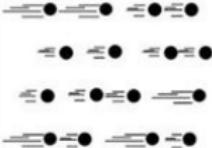
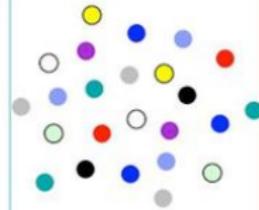
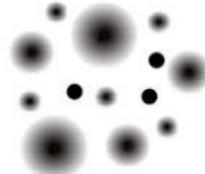
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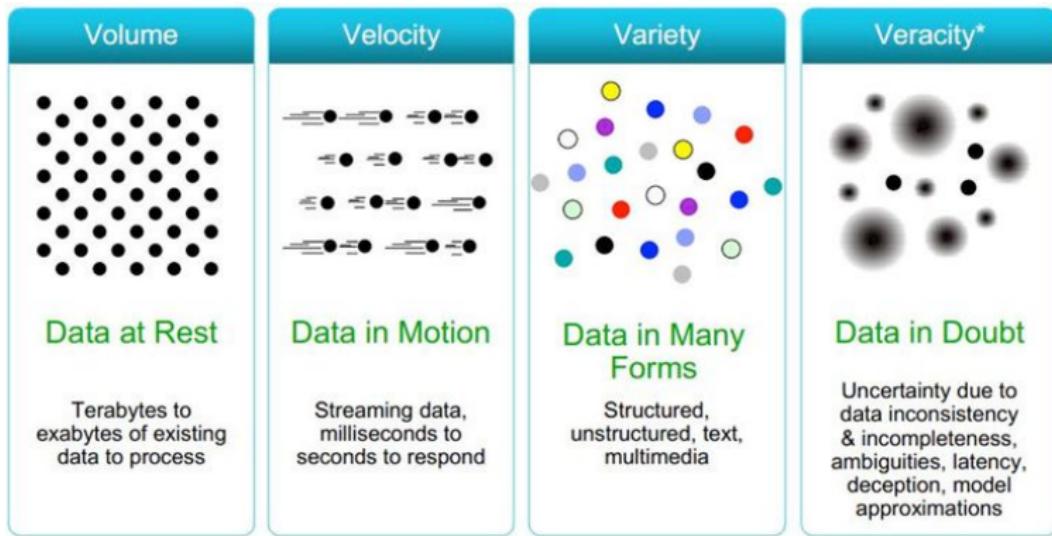
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that information - in the
sense of raw data - is not
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knowledge is not wisdom,
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foresight. But information
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to all of these.

Arthur C Clarke

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→ Value (\$)

Data Scientists: 100,000 jobs by 2020. Demand is expected to exceed supply by 50 to 60% (McKinsey, 2015)

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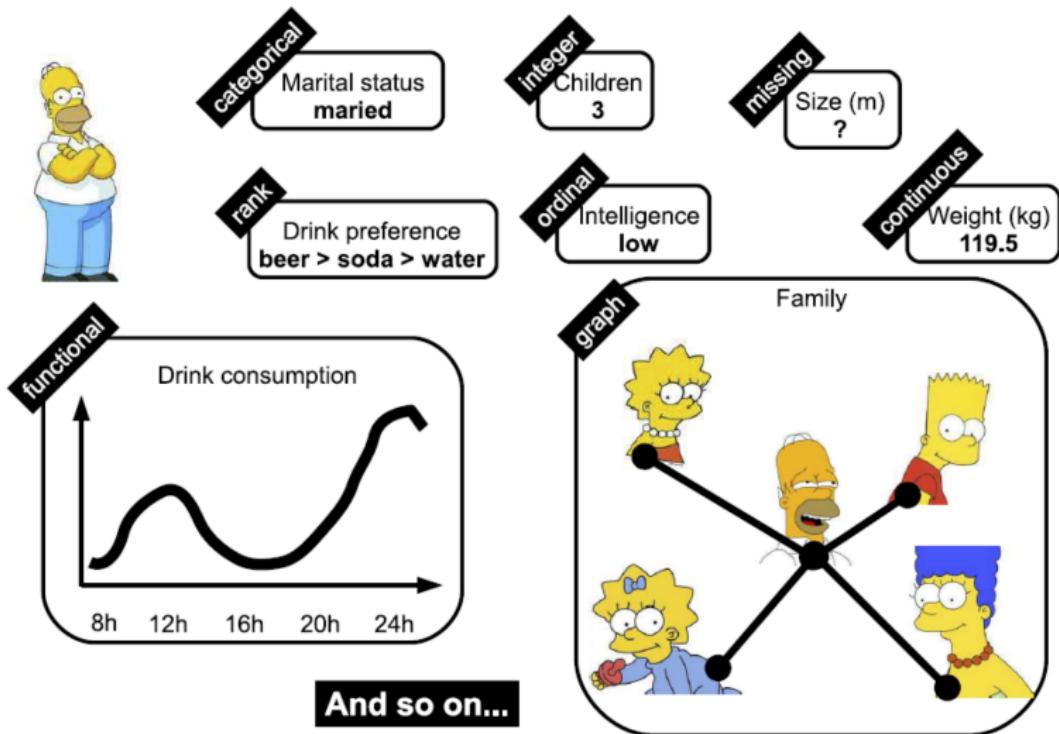
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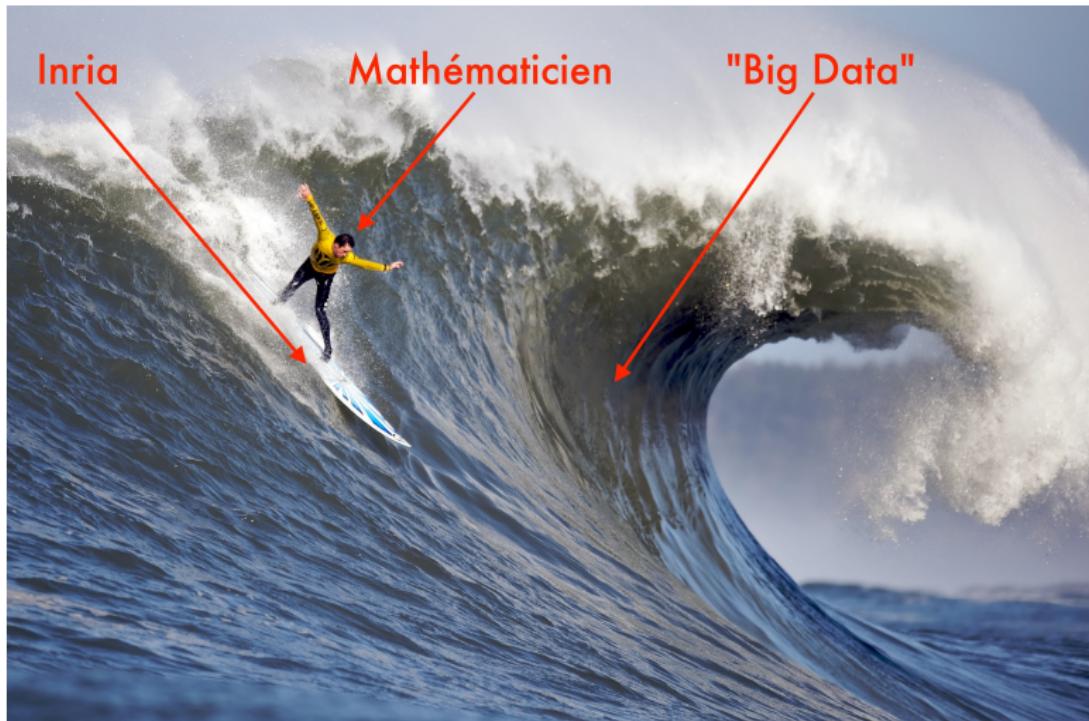
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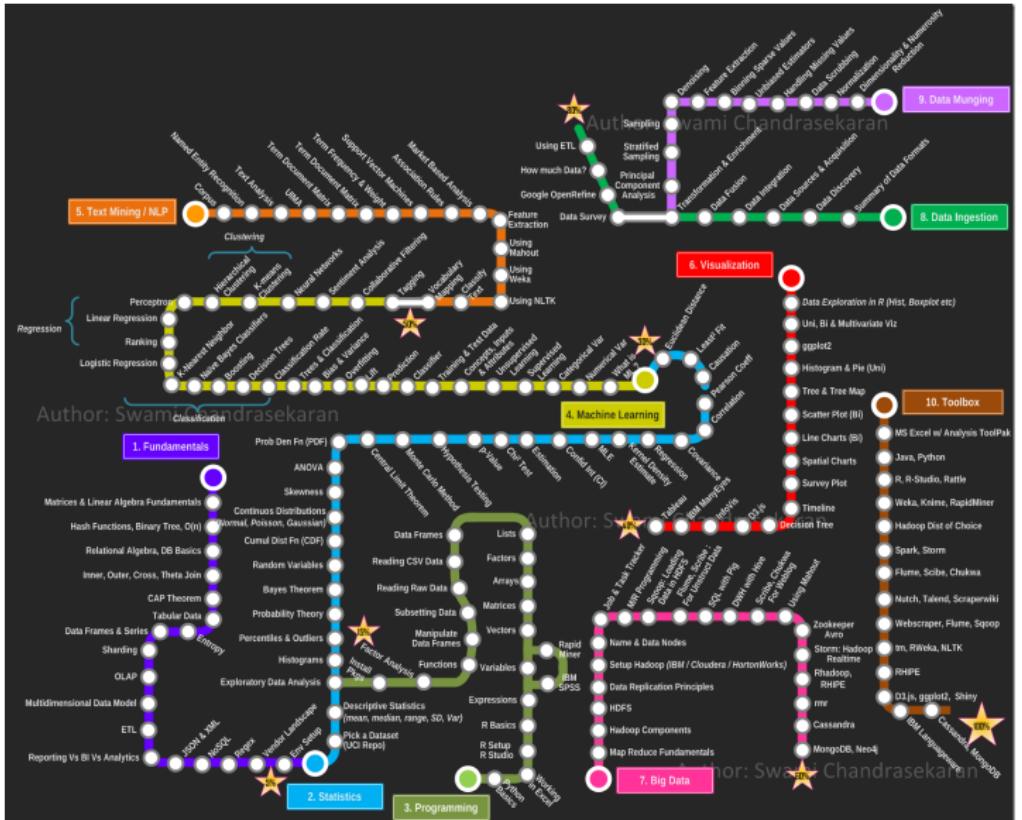
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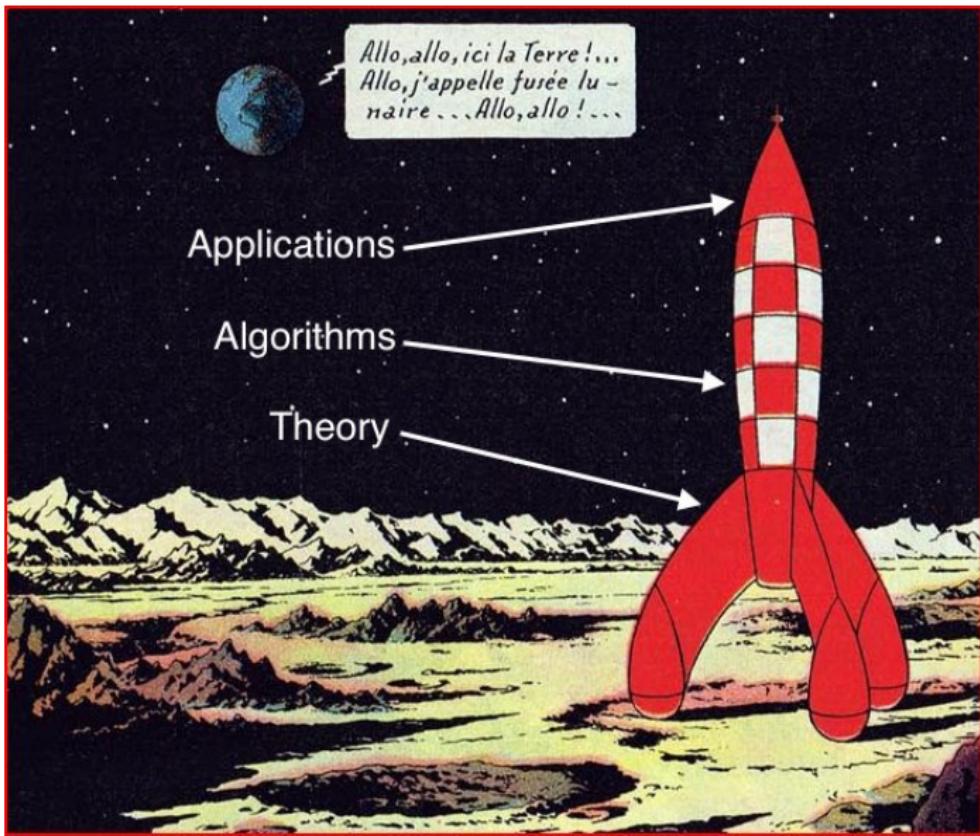
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My job (allegory)







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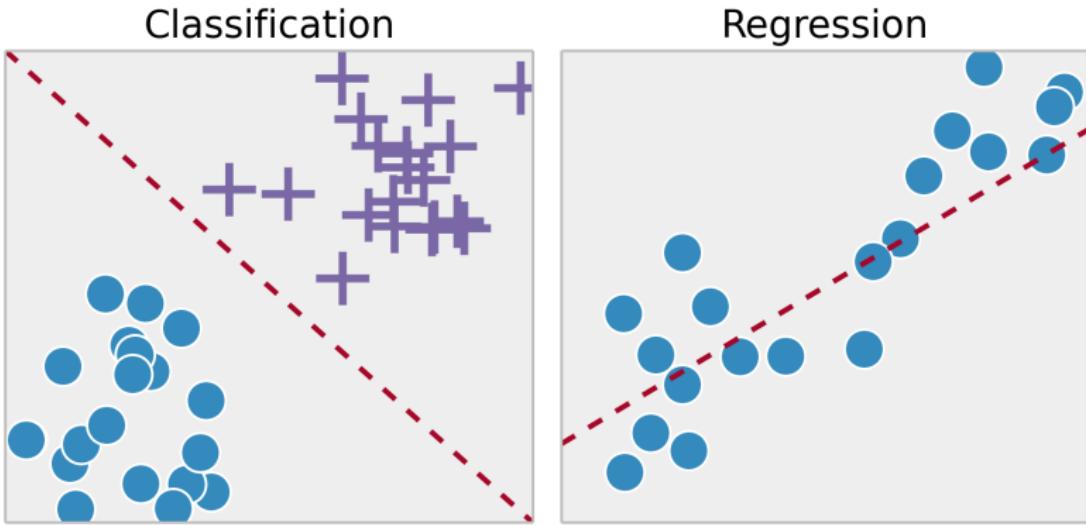
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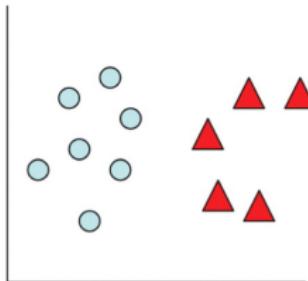
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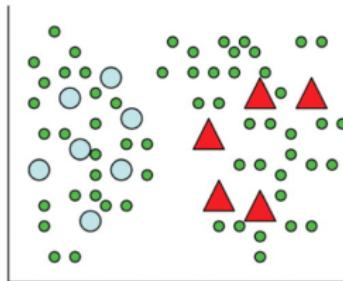


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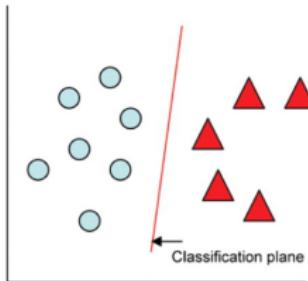
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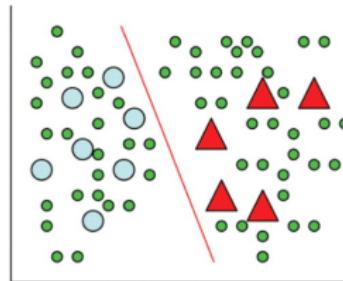
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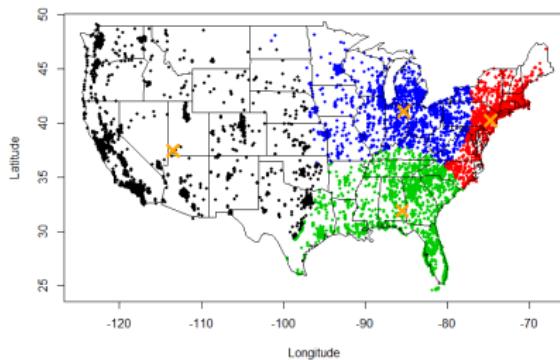
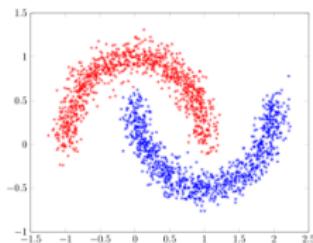
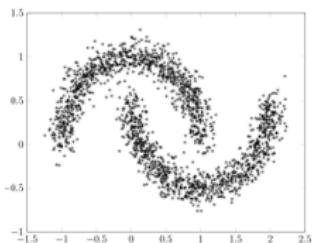
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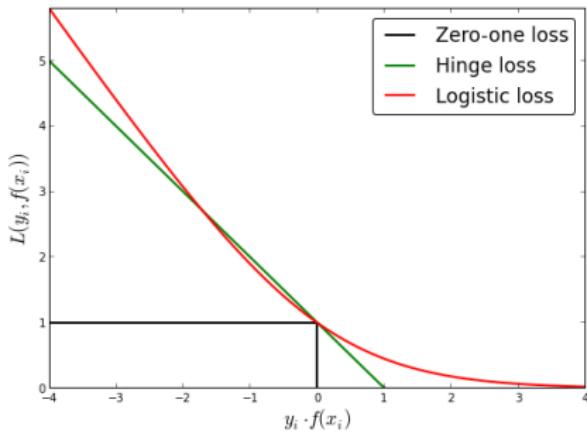
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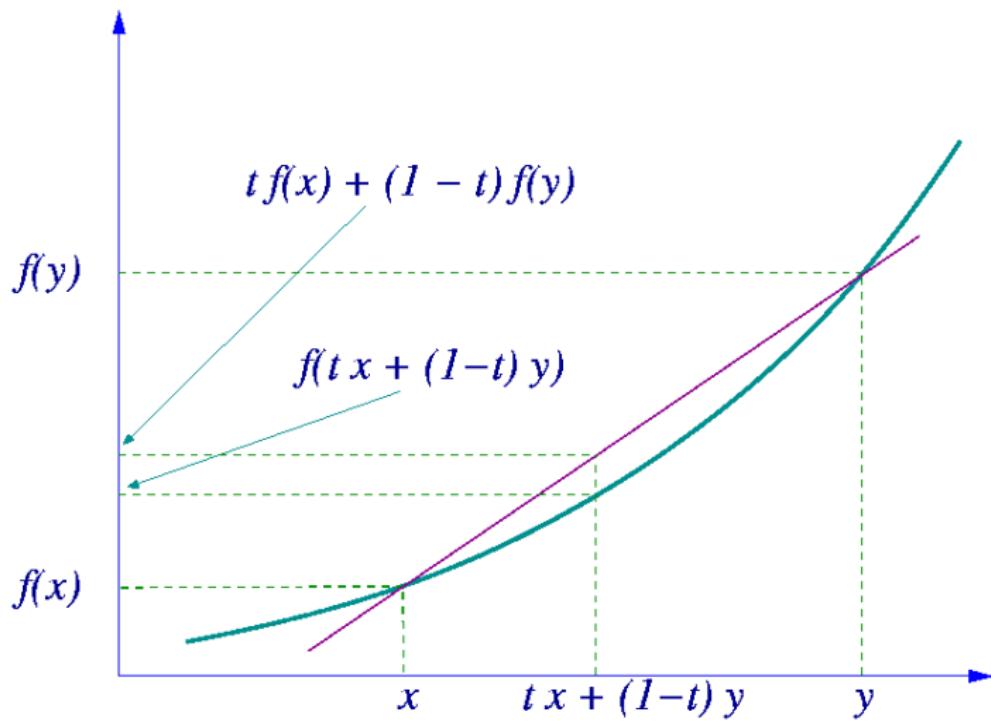
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*All models are wrong
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Example $f(\cdot|\theta) = \mathcal{N}(\theta, 1)$.

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(due to Thomas Bayes, published in 1764)

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Reverend Thomas Bayes (ca. 1702–1761) Presbyterian minister in Kent from 1731. Election to the Royal Society based on a tract of 1736 where he defended the views and philosophy of Newton. Sole probability paper, "Essay Towards Solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances", published posthumously in 1763 and containing the seeds of Bayes' Theorem.

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A Bayesian model

. . . is made of a parametric (in this course) statistical model defined through its likelihood $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ and a prior distribution on the parameter $\pi(\theta)$.

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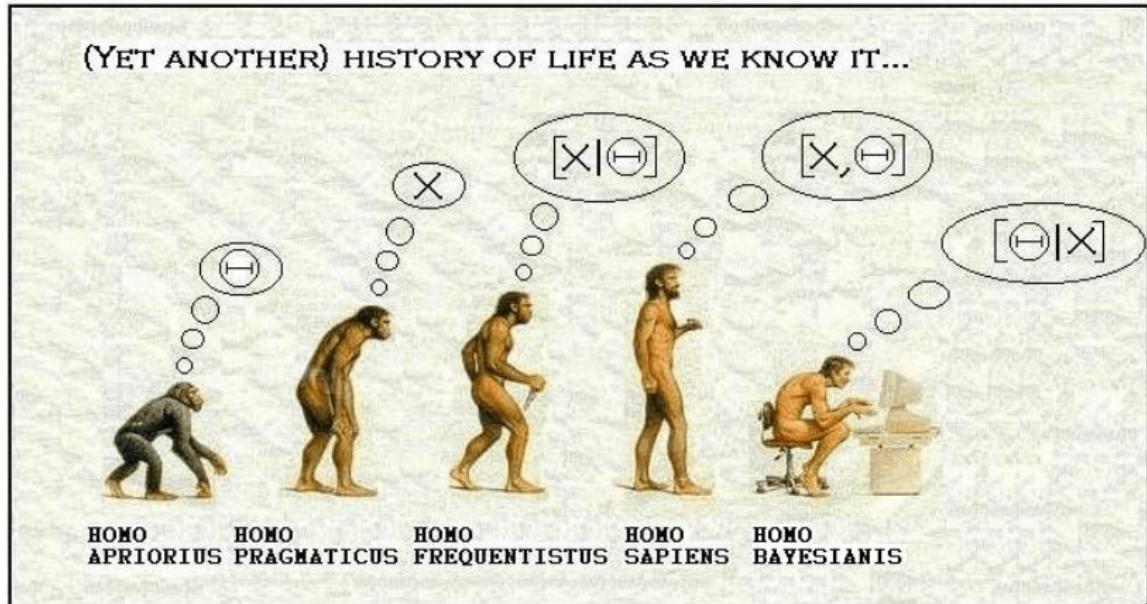
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Bayes' question: given X , what inference can we make on p ?

Mathematical translation

Derive the posterior distribution of p given X , when $p \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ and $X \sim \mathcal{B}(n, p)$.

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then

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i.e., $p|x \sim \mathcal{B}(x+1, n-x+1)$.
(Beta distribution)