

# Announcement

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- Course project
  - 3~5 per team
  - Group registration: <https://wj.qq.com/s2/7551413/2fd0/>
  - Due on Nov 30

# Project

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- Proposal presentation
  - 6min presentation: topic, motivation, possible methods
  - Dec. 14, 16, in class
  - Presentation schedule will be sent out later
- Project evaluation criteria
  - Novelty, soundness and depth
  - Relevance to this course
  - Quality of report and presentation

# Supervised Machine Learning



AIMA Chapter 18, 20


# Machine Learning

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- Up until now: how use a model to make optimal decisions
- Machine learning: how to acquire a model from data / experience
  - Learning parameters (e.g. probabilities)
  - Learning structure (e.g. BN graphs)
  - Learning hidden concepts (e.g. clustering)
- Related courses
  - SI151 Optimization and Machine Learning
  - CS282 Machine Learning
  - CS280 Deep Learning

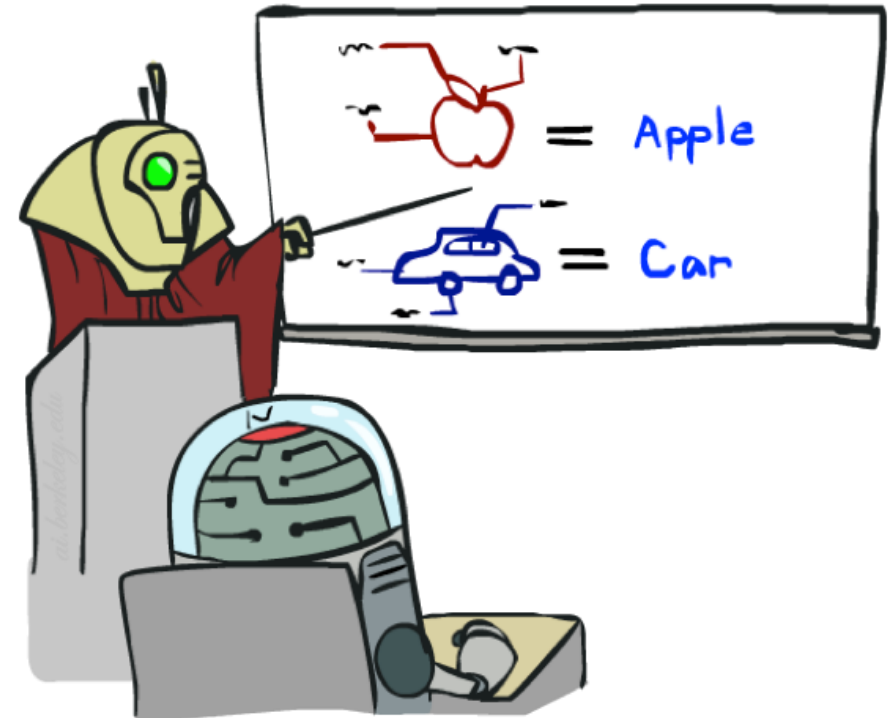
# Types of Learning

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- Supervised learning 
  - Training data includes desired outputs
- Unsupervised learning
  - Training data does not include desired outputs
- Semi-supervised learning
  - Training data includes a few desired outputs
- Reinforcement learning
  - Rewards from sequence of actions

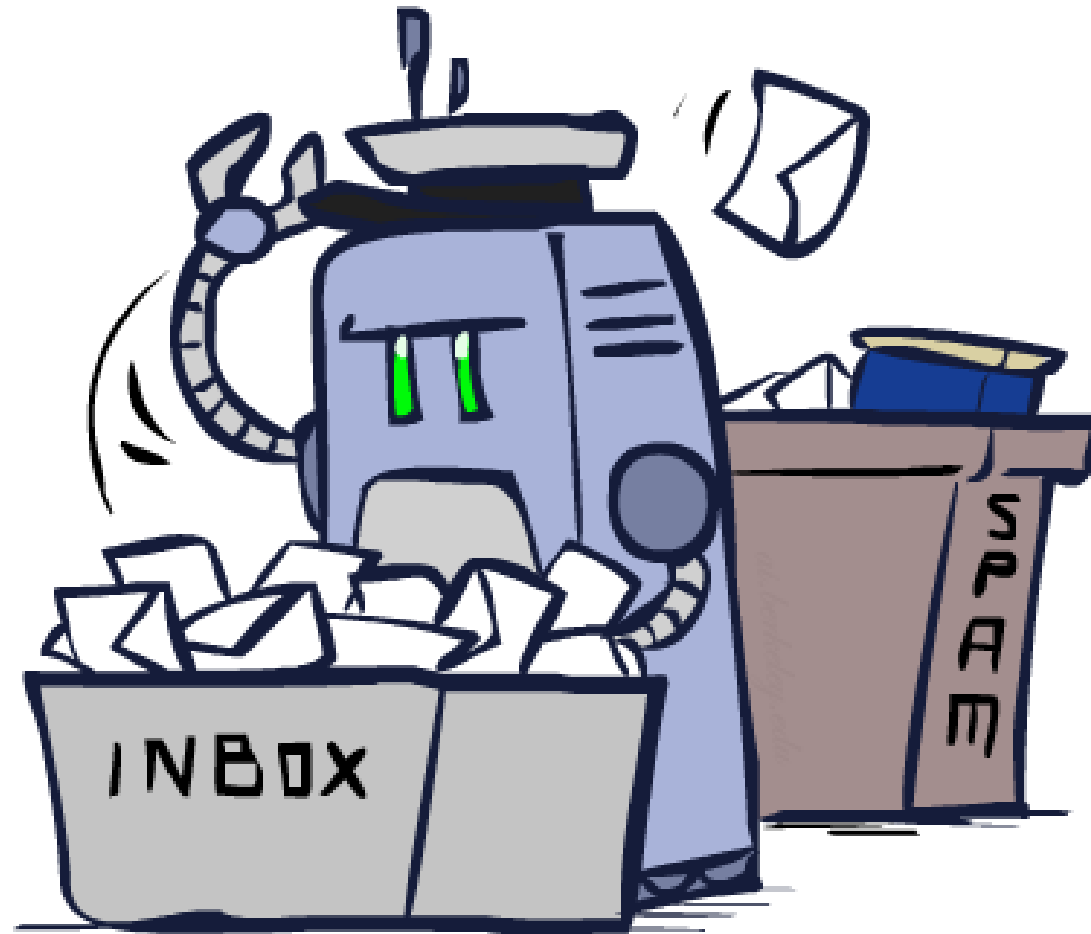
# Supervised learning

- To learn an unknown *target function*  $f$
- Input: a *training set* of *labeled examples*  $(x_j, y_j)$  where  $y_j = f(x_j)$
- Output: *hypothesis*  $h$  that is “close” to  $f$
- Types of supervised learning
  - Classification = learning  $f$  with discrete output value
  - Regression = learning  $f$  with real-valued output value
  - Structured prediction = learning  $f$  with structured output



# Classification

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# Example: Spam Filter

- Input: an email
- Output: spam/ham
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example emails, each labeled “spam” or “ham”
  - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future emails
- Features: The attributes used to make the ham / spam decision
  - Words: FREE!
  - Text Patterns: \$dd, CAPS
  - Non-text: SenderInContacts
  - ...



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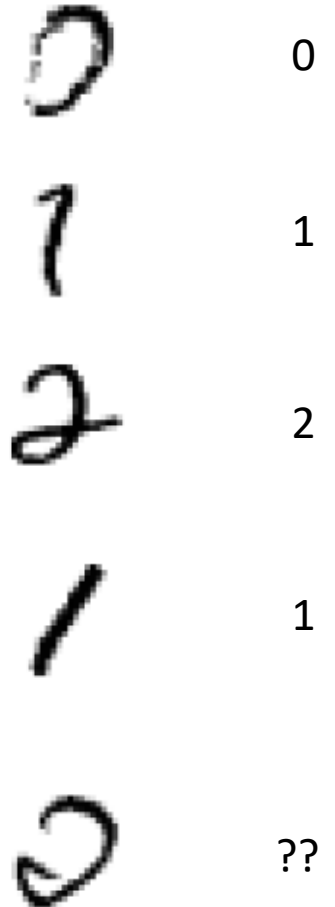
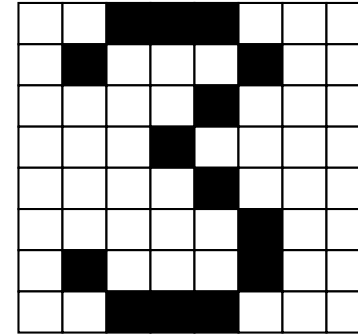


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# Example: Digit Recognition

- Input: images / pixel grids
- Output: a digit 0-9
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example images, each labeled with a digit
  - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future digit images
- Features: The attributes used to make the digit decision
  - Pixels: (6,8)=ON
  - Shape Patterns: NumComponents, AspectRatio, NumLoops
  - ...

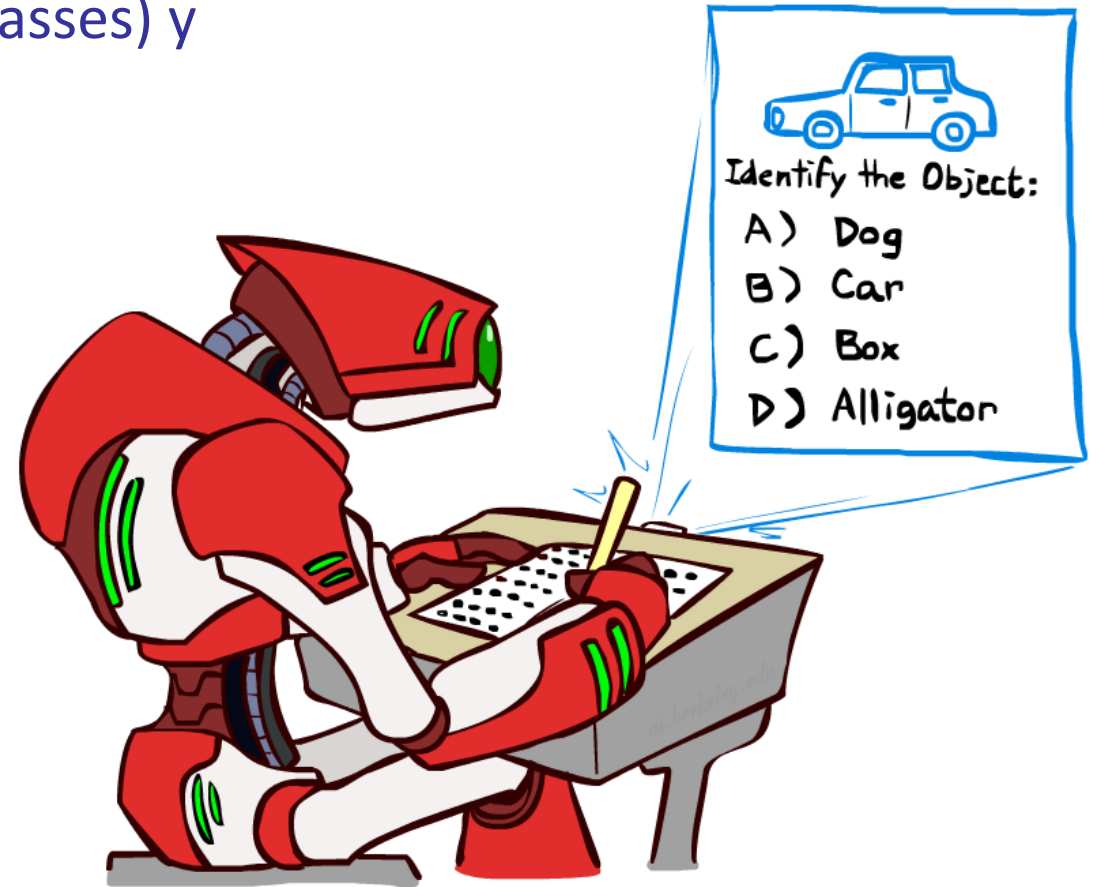


# Other Classification Tasks

- Classification: given inputs  $x$ , predict labels (classes)  $y$

- Examples:

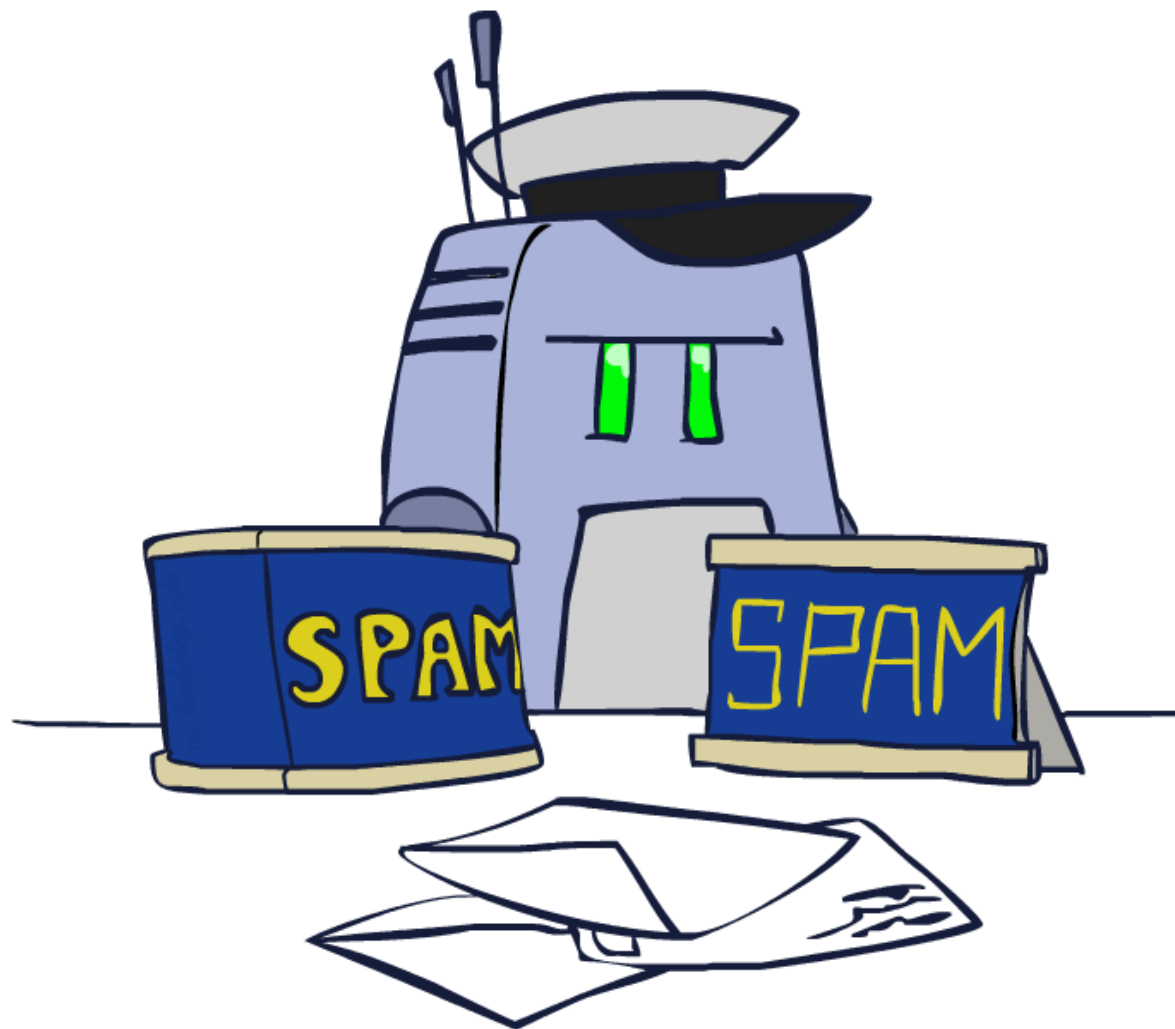
- Spam detection (input: document, classes: spam / ham)
- OCR (input: images, classes: characters)
- Medical diagnosis (input: symptoms, classes: diseases)
- Automatic essay grading (input: document, classes: grades)
- Fraud detection (input: account activity, classes: fraud / no fraud)
- Customer service email routing
- ... many more



- Classification is an important commercial technology!

# Model-Based Classification

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# Model-Based Classification

- Model-based approach
  - Build a model (e.g. Bayes' net) where both the label and features are random variables
  - Instantiate any observed features
  - Query for the distribution of the label conditioned on the features
- Challenges
  - What structure should the BN have?
  - How should we learn its parameters?




# Naïve Bayes for Digits

- Naïve Bayes: Assume all features are independent effects of the label

- Simple digit recognition version:

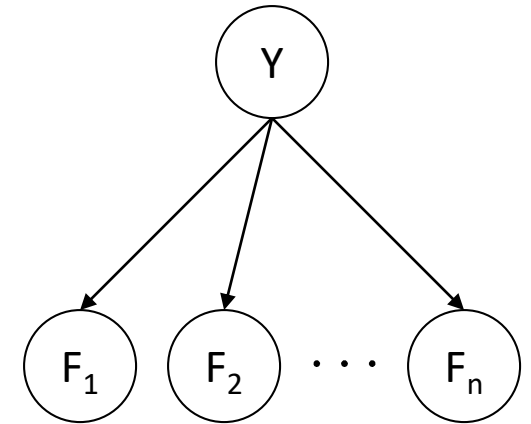
- One feature (variable)  $F_{ij}$  for each grid position  $\langle i,j \rangle$
- Feature values are on / off, based on whether intensity is more or less than 0.5 in underlying image
- Each input maps to a feature vector, e.g.

  $\rightarrow \langle F_{0,0} = 0 \ F_{0,1} = 0 \ F_{0,2} = 1 \ F_{0,3} = 1 \ F_{0,4} = 0 \ \dots F_{15,15} = 0 \rangle$

- Here: lots of features, each is binary valued

- Naïve Bayes model:  $P(Y|F_{0,0} \dots F_{15,15}) \propto P(Y) \prod_{i,j} P(F_{i,j}|Y)$

- What do we need to learn?



# General Naïve Bayes

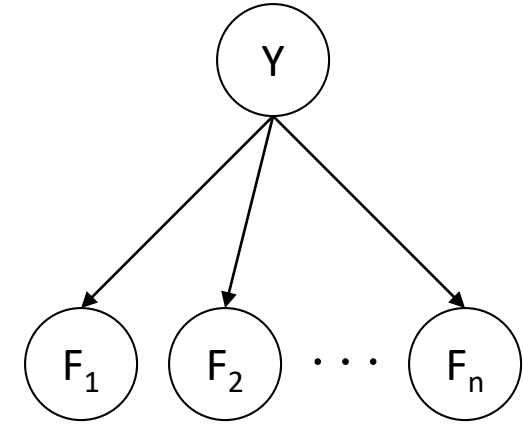
- A general Naive Bayes model:

$|Y|$  parameters

$$P(Y, F_1 \dots F_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(F_i|Y)$$

$|Y| \times |F|^n$  values

$n \times |F| \times |Y|$   
parameters



- We only have to specify how each feature depends on the class
- Total number of parameters is *linear* in  $n$
- Model is very simplistic, but often works anyway

# Inference for Naïve Bayes

- Goal: compute posterior distribution over label variable  $Y$ 
  - Step 1: get joint probability of label and evidence for each label

$$P(Y, f_1 \dots f_n) = \begin{bmatrix} P(y_1, f_1 \dots f_n) \\ P(y_2, f_1 \dots f_n) \\ \vdots \\ P(y_k, f_1 \dots f_n) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P(y_1) \prod_i P(f_i|y_1) \\ P(y_2) \prod_i P(f_i|y_2) \\ \vdots \\ P(y_k) \prod_i P(f_i|y_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P(f_1 \dots f_n)$$

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- Step 2: sum to get probability of evidence
- Step 3: normalize by dividing Step 1 by Step 2

$$P(Y|f_1 \dots f_n)$$

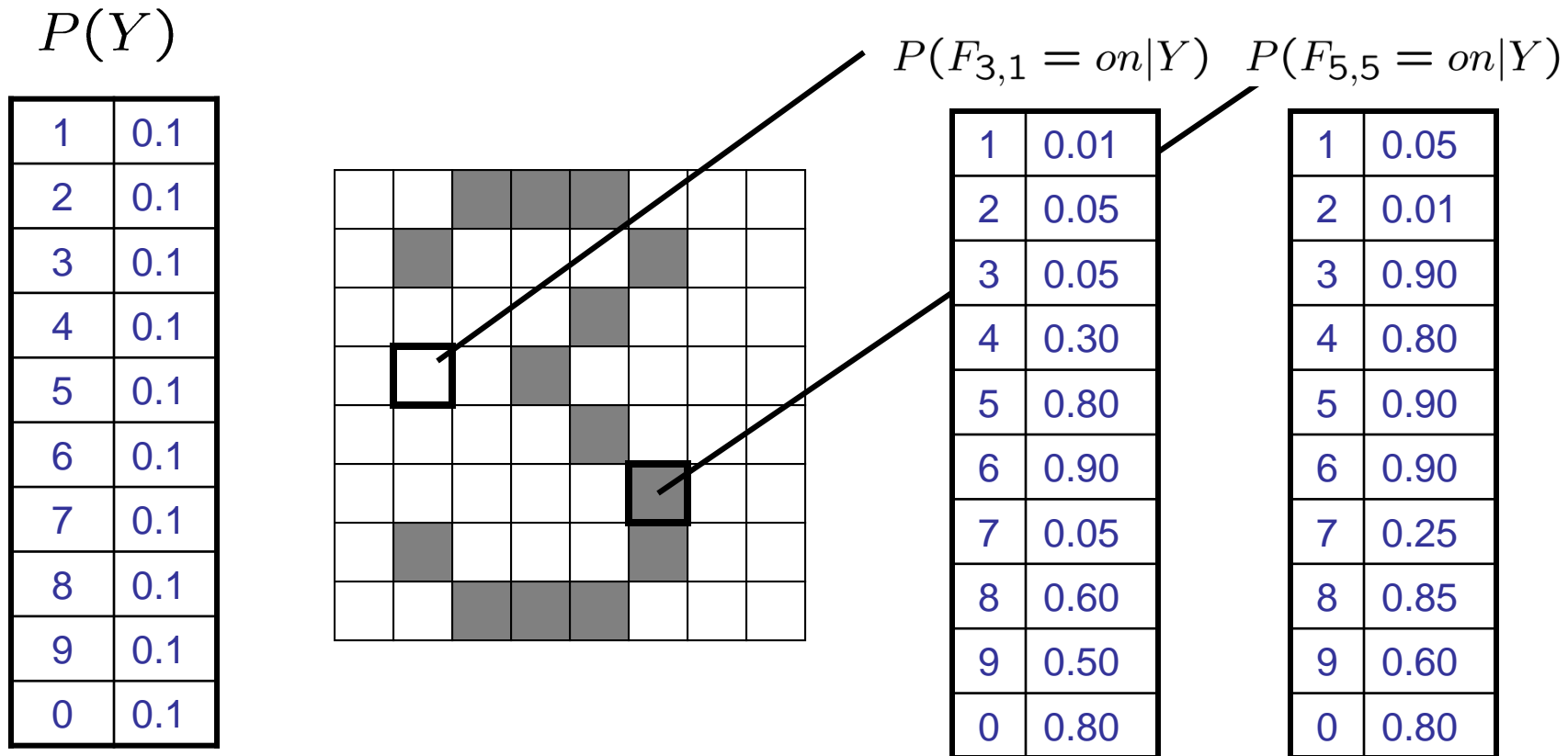
# General Naïve Bayes

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- What do we need in order to use Naïve Bayes?
  - Inference method (we just saw this part)
    - Start with a bunch of probabilities:  $P(Y)$  and the  $P(F_i|Y)$  tables
    - Use standard inference to compute  $P(Y|F_1...F_n)$
    - Nothing new here
  - Estimates of local conditional probability tables
    - $P(Y)$ , the prior over labels
    - $P(F_i|Y)$  for each feature (evidence variable)
    - These probabilities are collectively called the *parameters* of the model and denoted by  $\theta$
    - Up until now, we assumed these appeared by magic, but...
    - ...they typically come from training data counts: we'll look at this soon



# Example: Conditional Probabilities



# A Spam Filter

- Naïve Bayes spam filter

- Data:

- Collection of emails, labeled spam or ham
- Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
- Split into training, held-out, test sets



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- Classifiers

- Learn on the training set
- (Tune it on a held-out set)
- Test it on new emails



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# Naïve Bayes for Text

- Bag-of-words Naïve Bayes:

- Features:  $W_i$  is the word at position  $i$ 
  - how many variables are there?
  - how many values?
- As before: predict label conditioned on feature variables (spam vs. ham)
- As before: assume features are conditionally independent given label
- New: each  $W_i$  is identically distributed

- Generative model:  $P(Y, W_1 \dots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i|Y)$

*Word at position  
 $i$ , not  $i^{th}$  word in  
the dictionary!*

- “Tied” distributions and bag-of-words

- Usually, each variable gets its own conditional probability distribution  $P(W_i|Y)$
- In a bag-of-words model
  - Each position is identically distributed
  - All positions share the same conditional distribution
  - Why make this assumption?
- Called “bag-of-words” because model is insensitive to word order or reordering

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sitting the the the to to up wake when you**

# Example: Spam Filtering

- Model:  $P(Y, W_1 \dots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i|Y)$
- What are the parameters?

$P(Y)$

ham	: 0.66
spam	: 0.33

$P(W|\text{spam})$

the	: 0.0156
to	: 0.0153
and	: 0.0115
of	: 0.0095
you	: 0.0093
a	: 0.0086
with:	0.0080
from:	0.0075
...	

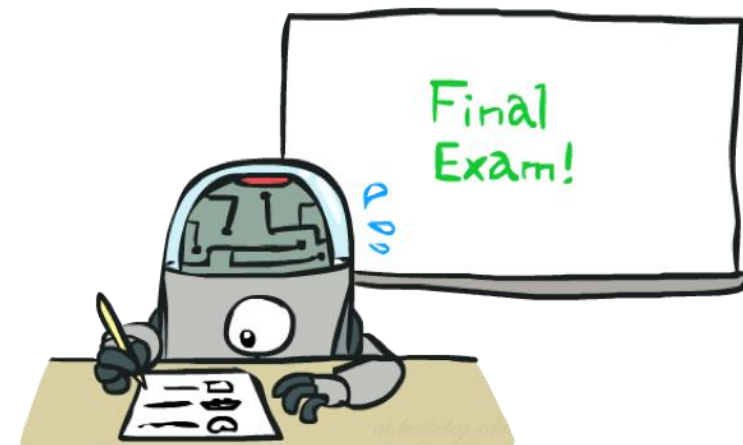
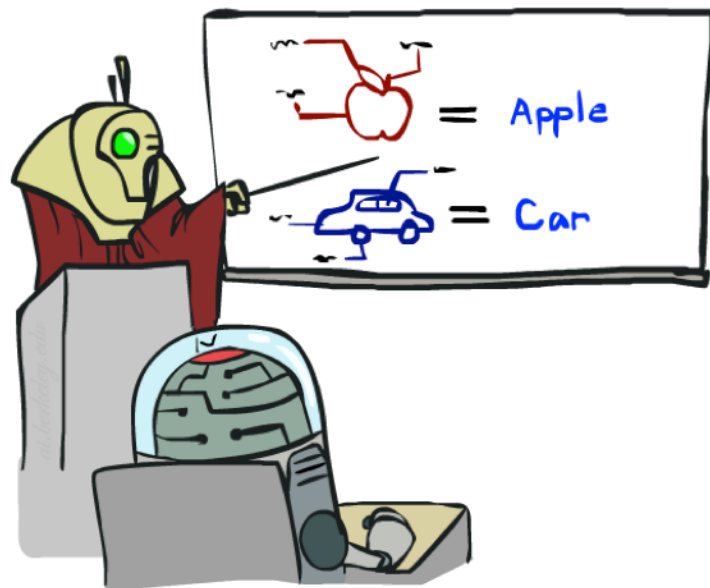
$P(W|\text{ham})$

the	: 0.0210
to	: 0.0133
of	: 0.0119
2002:	0.0110
with:	0.0108
from:	0.0107
and	: 0.0105
a	: 0.0100
...	

- Where do these tables come from?

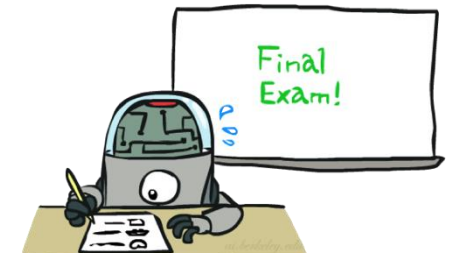
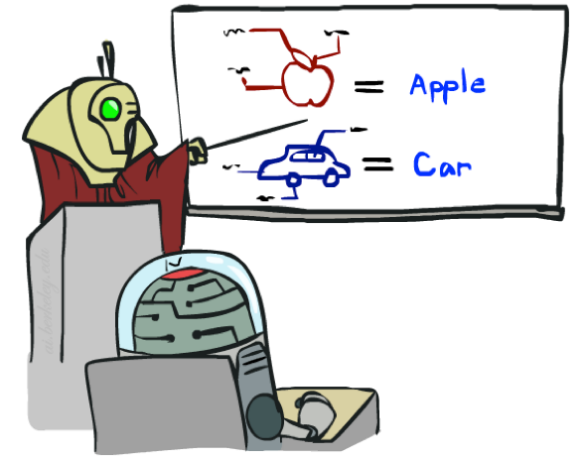
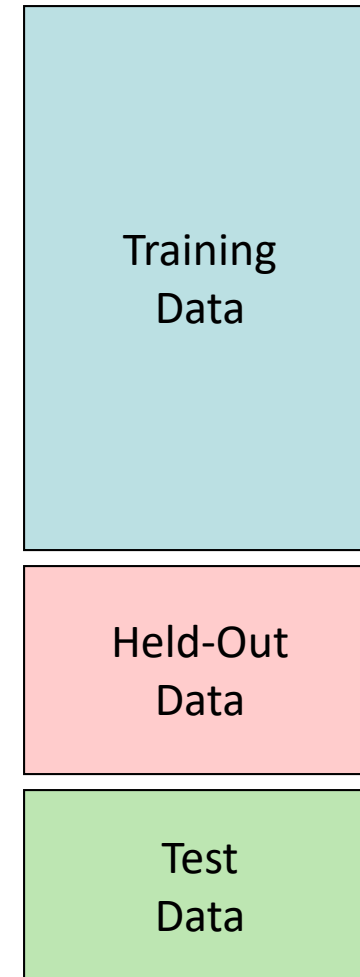
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# Training and Testing

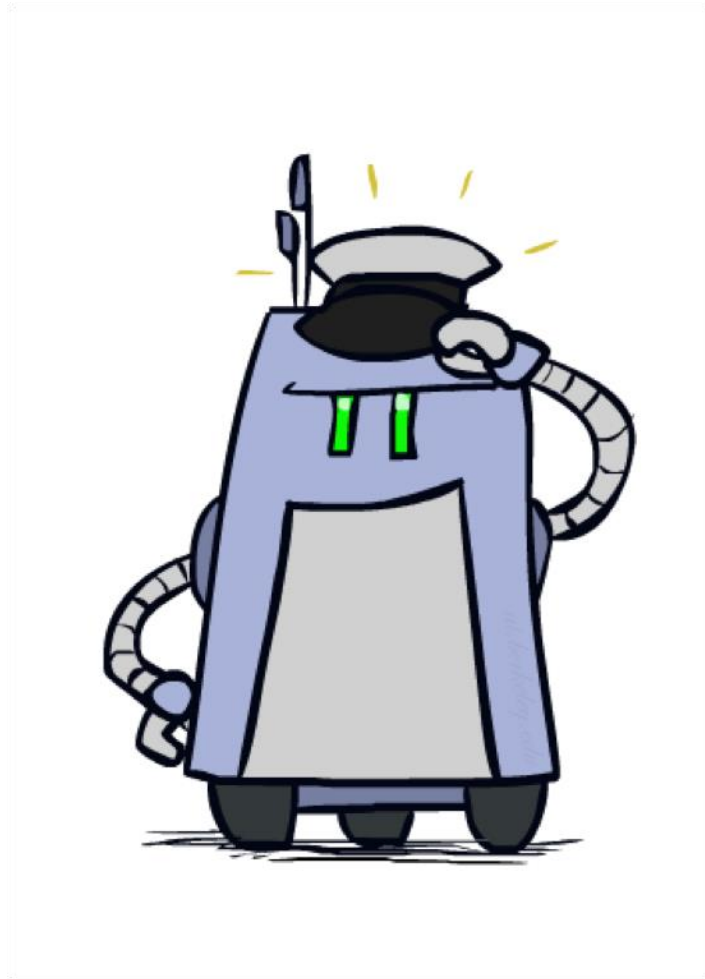
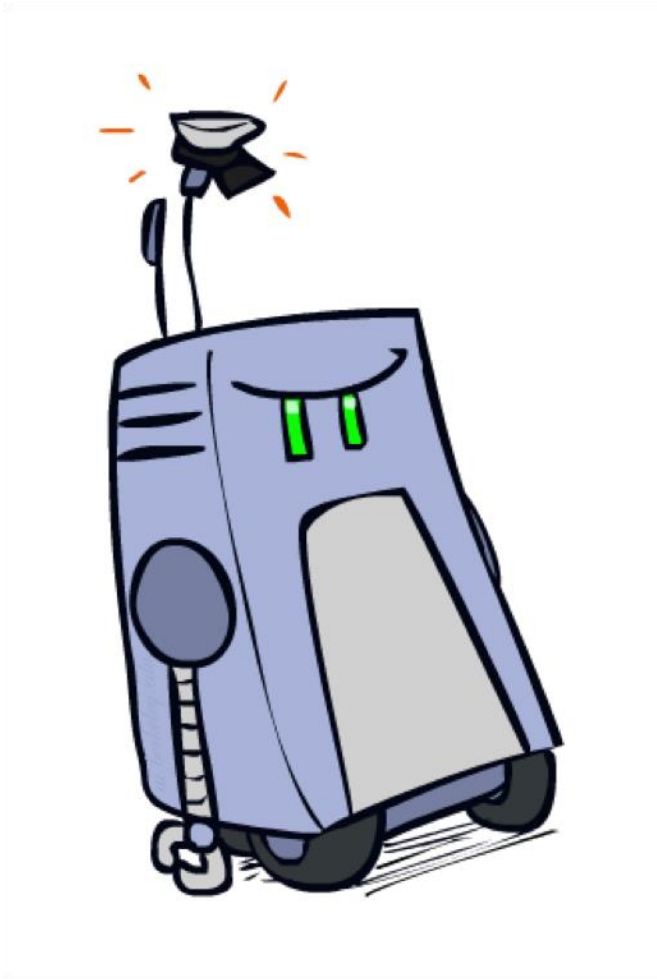


# Important Concepts

- Data: labeled instances, e.g. emails marked spam/ham
  - Training set
  - Held out set
  - Test set
- Features: attribute-value pairs which characterize each  $x$
- Experimentation cycle
  - Learn parameters (e.g. model probabilities) on training set
  - (Tune hyperparameters on held-out set)
  - Compute accuracy of test set
  - Very important: never “peek” at the test set!
- Evaluation
  - Accuracy: fraction of instances predicted correctly
- Overfitting and generalization
  - Want a classifier which does well on *test* data
  - Overfitting: fitting the training data very closely, but not generalizing well
  - Underfitting: fits the training set poorly

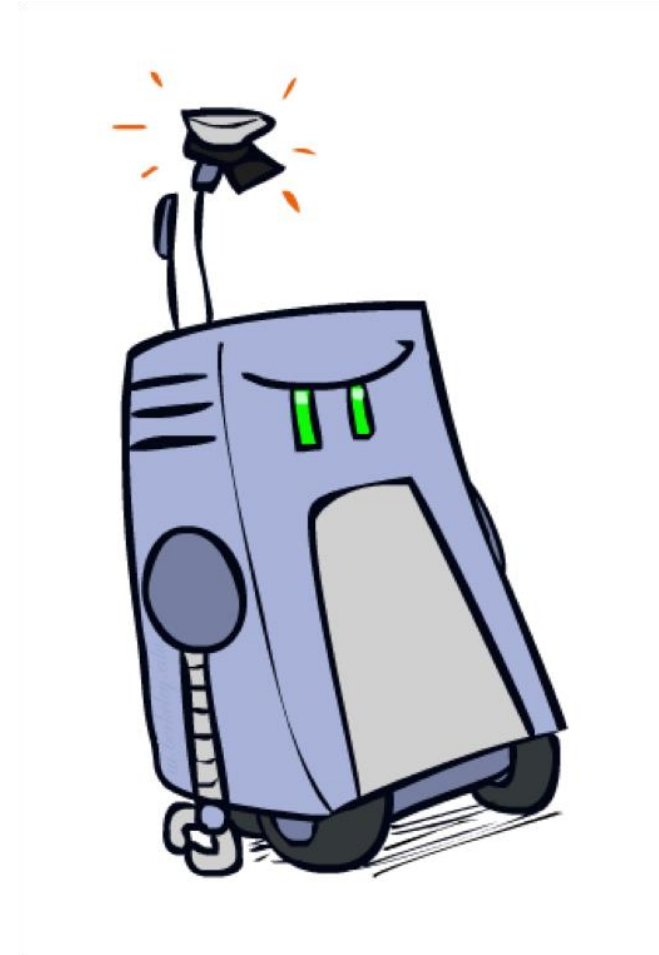
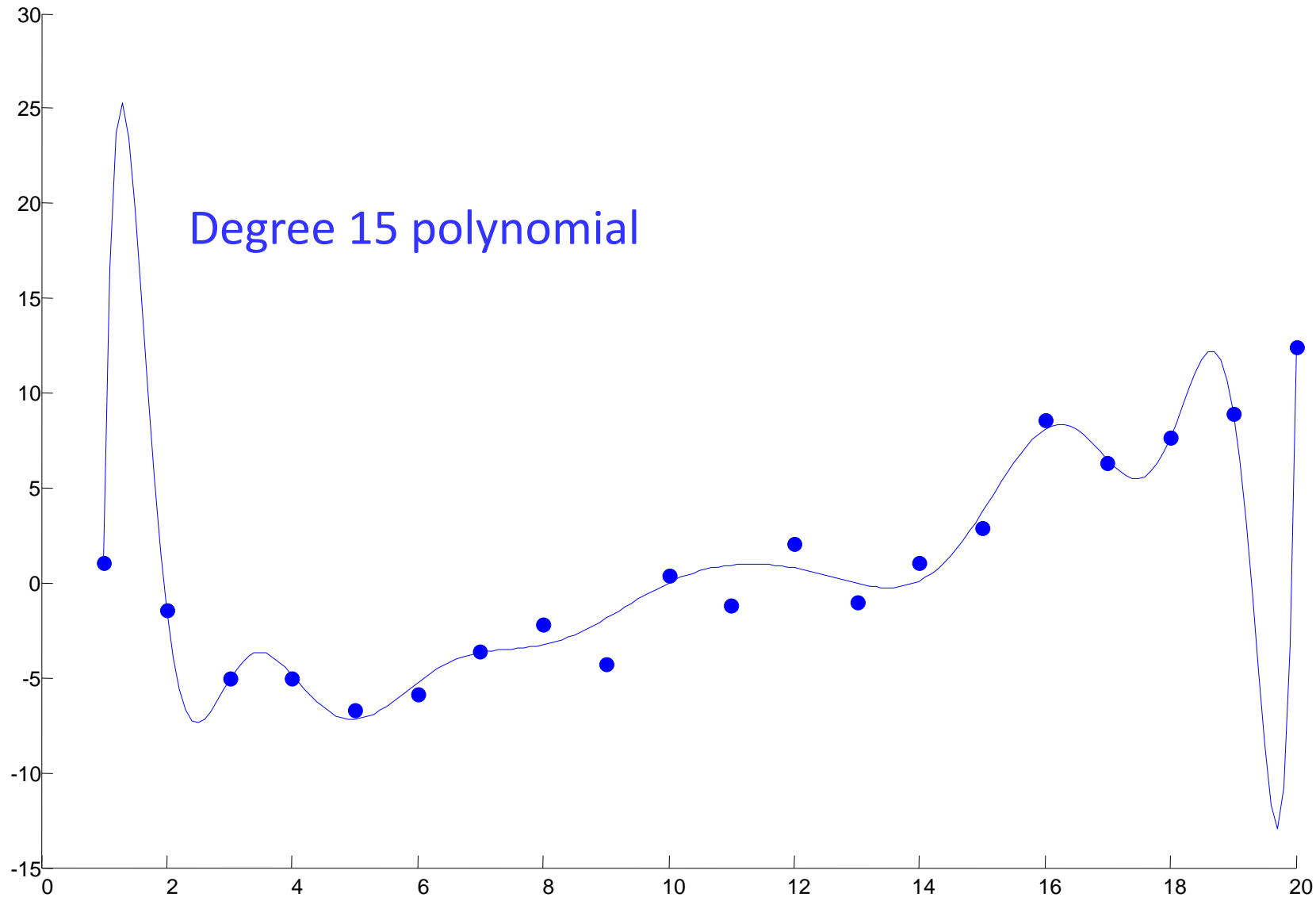


# Underfitting and Overfitting





# Overfitting



# Example: Overfitting

$P(\text{features}, C = 2)$

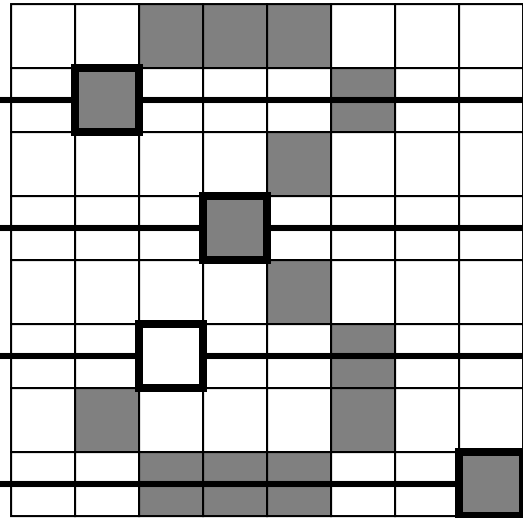
$$P(C = 2) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.8$$

$$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{off}|C = 2) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.01$$



$P(\text{features}, C = 3)$

$$P(C = 3) = 0.1$$

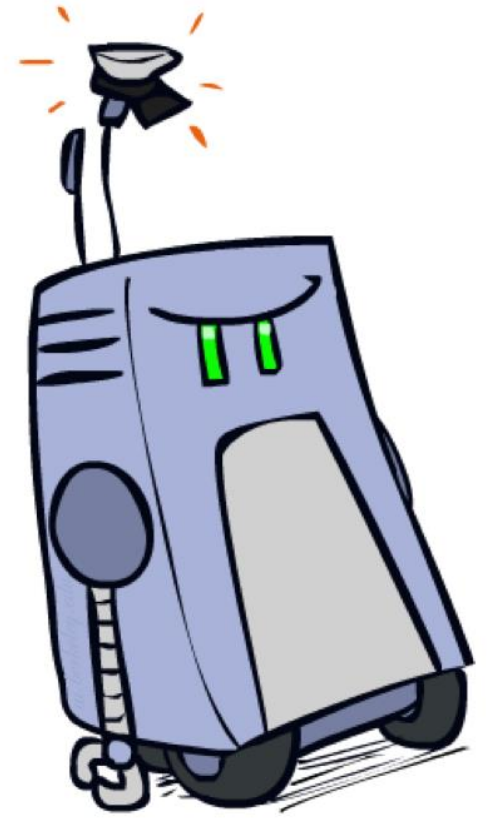
$$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.8$$

$$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.9$$

$$P(\text{off}|C = 3) = 0.7$$

$$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.0$$

*2 wins!!*



# Example: Overfitting

- Posterior determined by *relative* probabilities (odds ratios):

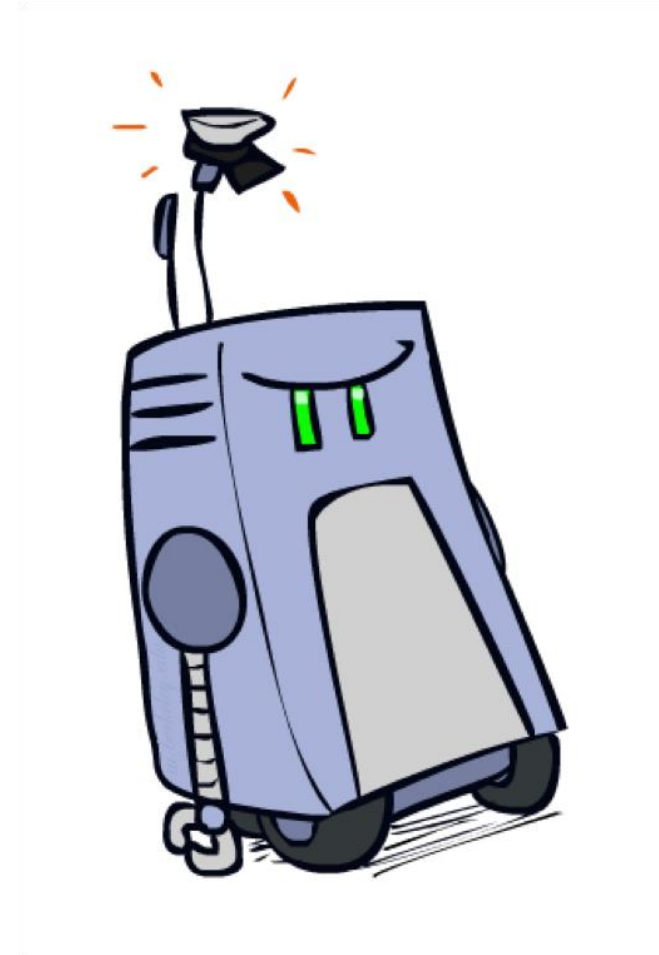
$$\frac{P(W|\text{ham})}{P(W|\text{spam})}$$

south-west	: inf
nation	: inf
morally	: inf
nicely	: inf
extent	: inf
seriously	: inf
...	

$$\frac{P(W|\text{spam})}{P(W|\text{ham})}$$

screens	: inf
minute	: inf
guaranteed	: inf
\$205.00	: inf
delivery	: inf
signature	: inf
...	

*What went wrong here?*

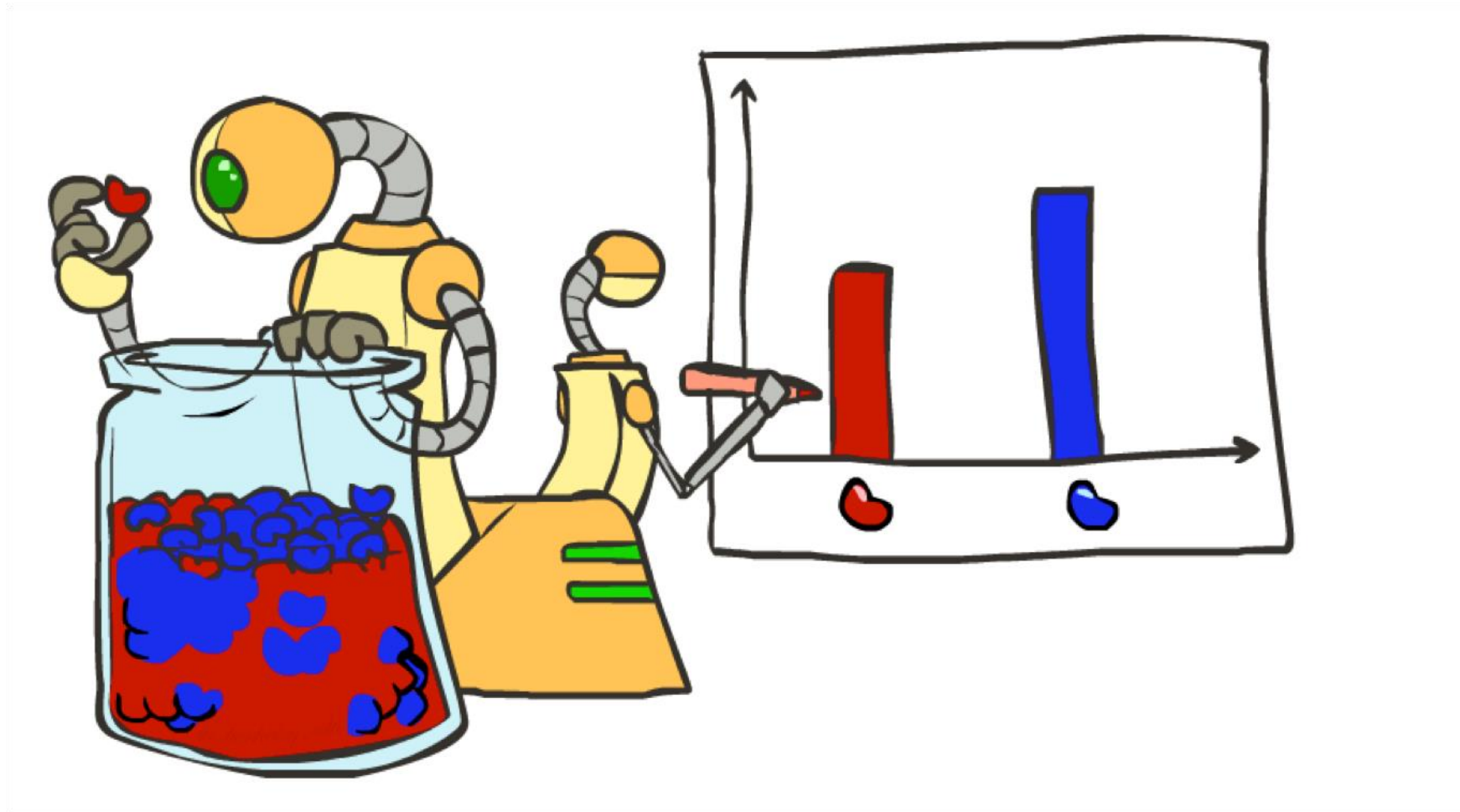


# Generalization and Overfitting

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- Relative frequency parameters will **overfit** the training data!
  - Just because we never saw a 3 with pixel (15,15) on during training doesn't mean we won't see it at test time
  - Unlikely that every occurrence of "minute" is 100% spam
  - Unlikely that every occurrence of "seriously" is 100% ham
  - What about all the words that don't occur in the training set at all?
  - In general, we can't go around giving unseen events zero probability
- As an extreme case, imagine using the entire email as the only feature
  - Would get the training data perfect (if deterministic labeling)
  - Wouldn't *generalize* at all
  - Just making the bag-of-words assumption gives us some generalization, but isn't enough
- To generalize better: we need to **smooth** or **regularize** the estimates

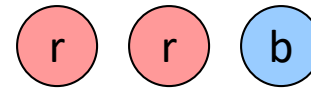
# Parameter Estimation



# Parameter Estimation

- Estimating the distribution of a random variable
- *Elicitation*: ask a human (why is this hard?)
- *Empirically*: use training data (learning!)
  - E.g.: for each outcome  $x$ , look at the *empirical rate* of that value:

$$P_{\text{ML}}(x) = \frac{\text{count}(x)}{\text{total samples}}$$



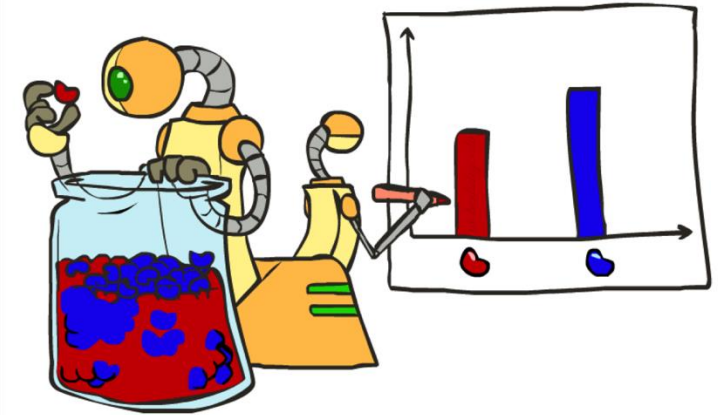
$$P_{\text{ML}}(r) = 2/3$$

- This is the estimate that maximizes the *likelihood of the data*

$$L(x, \theta) = \prod_i P_{\theta}(x_i) = \theta \cdot \theta \cdot (1 - \theta)$$

$$P_{\theta}(x = \text{red}) = \theta$$

$$P_{\theta}(x = \text{blue}) = 1 - \theta$$



# Your First Consulting Job

- A billionaire tech entrepreneur asks you a question:
  - **He says:** I have thumbtack, if I flip it, what's the probability it will fall with the nail up?
  - **You say:** Please flip it a few times:



- **You say:** The probability is:
  - $P(H) = 3/5$
- **He says: Why???**
- **You say:** Because...

# Your First Consulting Job

- $P(\text{Heads}) = \theta$ ,  $P(\text{Tails}) = 1 - \theta$



- Flips are *i.i.d.*:  $D = \{x_i \mid i=1 \dots n\}$ ,  $P(D \mid \theta) = \prod_i P(x_i \mid \theta)$ 
  - Independent events
  - Identically distributed according to unknown distribution
- Sequence  $D$  of  $\alpha_H$  Heads and  $\alpha_T$  Tails

$$P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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- **Data:** Observed set  $D$  of  $\alpha_H$  Heads and  $\alpha_T$  Tails
- **Hypothesis space:** Binomial distributions
- **Learning:** finding  $\theta$  is an optimization problem
  - What's the objective function?

$$P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

- **MLE:** Choose  $\theta$  to maximize probability of  $D$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \ln P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta)\end{aligned}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= \arg \max_{\theta} \ln P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \ln \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}\end{aligned}$$

- Set derivative to zero, and solve!

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \ln P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} [\ln \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}]$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} [\alpha_H \ln \theta + \alpha_T \ln(1 - \theta)]$$

$$= \alpha_H \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln \theta + \alpha_T \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln(1 - \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_H}{\theta} - \frac{\alpha_T}{1 - \theta} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\alpha_H}{\alpha_H + \alpha_T}}$$