

# Machine Learning

## Lecture 1 - Introduction to Machine Learning

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- Machine Learning History
- Machine Learning Today
- Definitions of Machine Learning
- Machine Learning Approach
- Types of Learning:
  - Unsupervised Learning
  - Supervised Learning
  - Semi-supervised Learning
  - Reinforcement Learning
  - Evolutionary Learning
  - Inductive Learning
  - Deductive Learning
  - Deep Learning
  - Deep Reinforcement Learning

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# The world's most valuable resource is no longer oil, but data

*The data economy demands a new approach to antitrust rules*



David Parkins



BIGGER DATA



BETTER HARDWARE



SMARTER  
ALGORITHMS



Every 60 seconds, 136,000 photos are uploaded, 510,000 comments are posted, and 293,000 status updates are posted.



More than five billion instances of people listening to songs online have been catalogued by Facebook within 5 months



4 intermediary Facebook friends are usually enough to introduce anyone to a random stranger according to a study analyzing 69 billion friend connections among 721 million people



### Your mobile phone apps

- Know where you are and your daily habits
- Know what you say
- Know your preferences
- ... with your consent



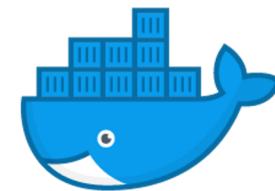


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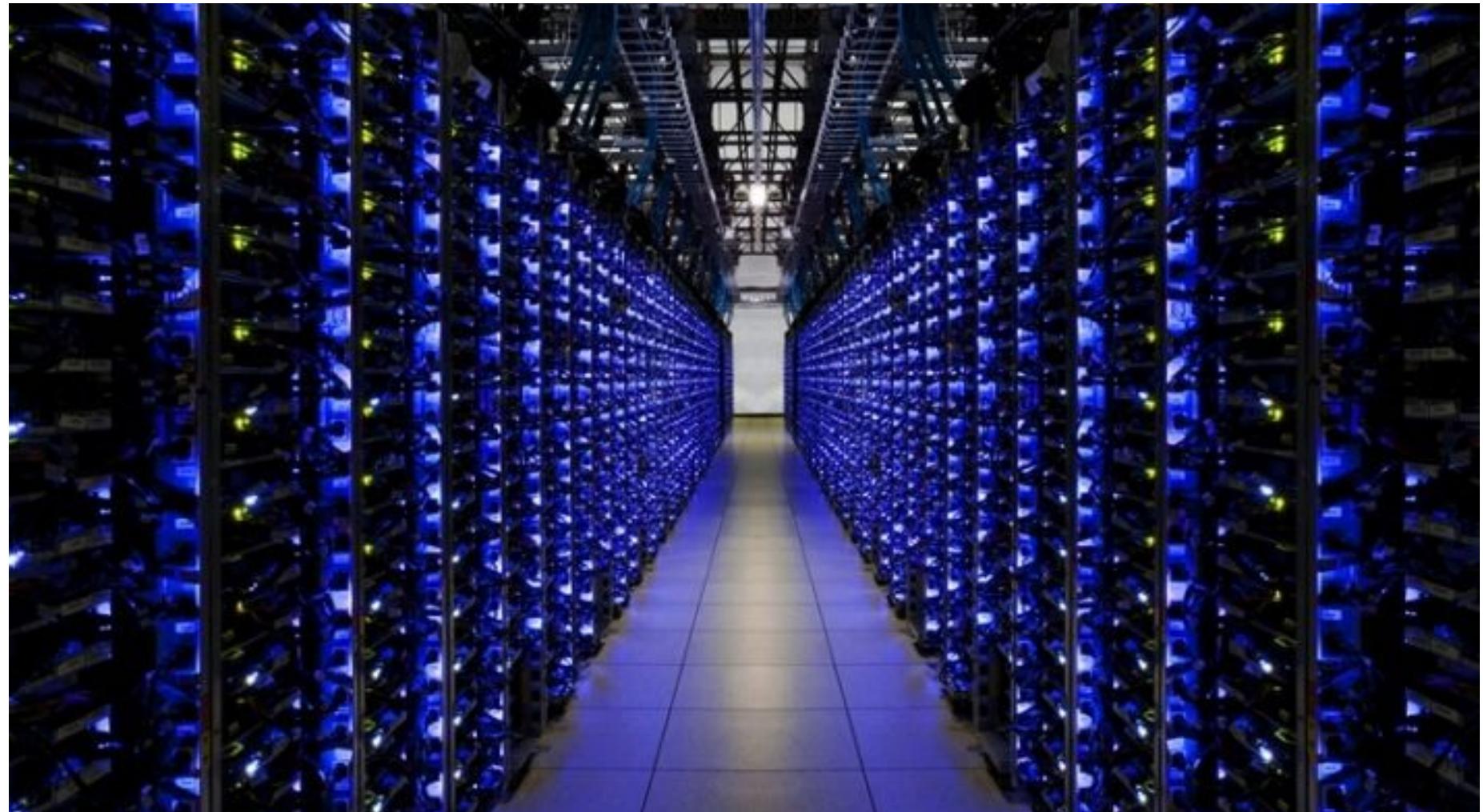
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# A Glimpse on AI



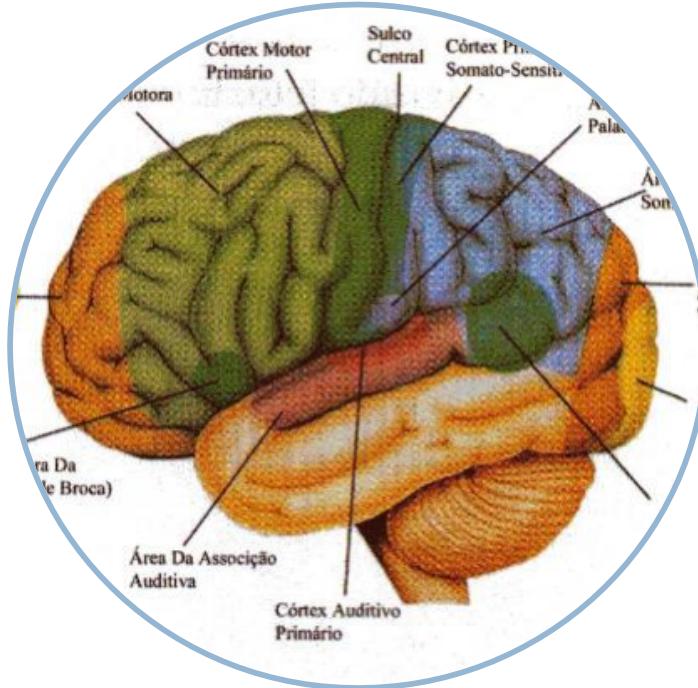
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# Turing Test

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- Our discussions with other human beings are the only evidence that we have that they feel the same way we do. If we are reluctant in assigning consciousness to machines in this scenario, so we should also be reluctant in assigning it to other human beings...
- Intelligent behavior: “ability to reach the performance of a human in all cognitive tasks enough to make the interrogator to decide wrongly”
- The capacity to program a computer to pass the “Turing Test” involves:
  - Natural language processing
  - Knowledge representation
  - Automated reasoning
  - Learning
  - ...
- Are we close to passing the test?

## Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence (1956)



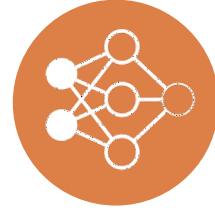
How AI is divided



## Symbolic

linguistic metaphor

ex. production systems, agents, planning, learning



## Connectionist

brain metaphor

ex. neural networks and reinforcement learning



## Evolutionist

metaphor of nature

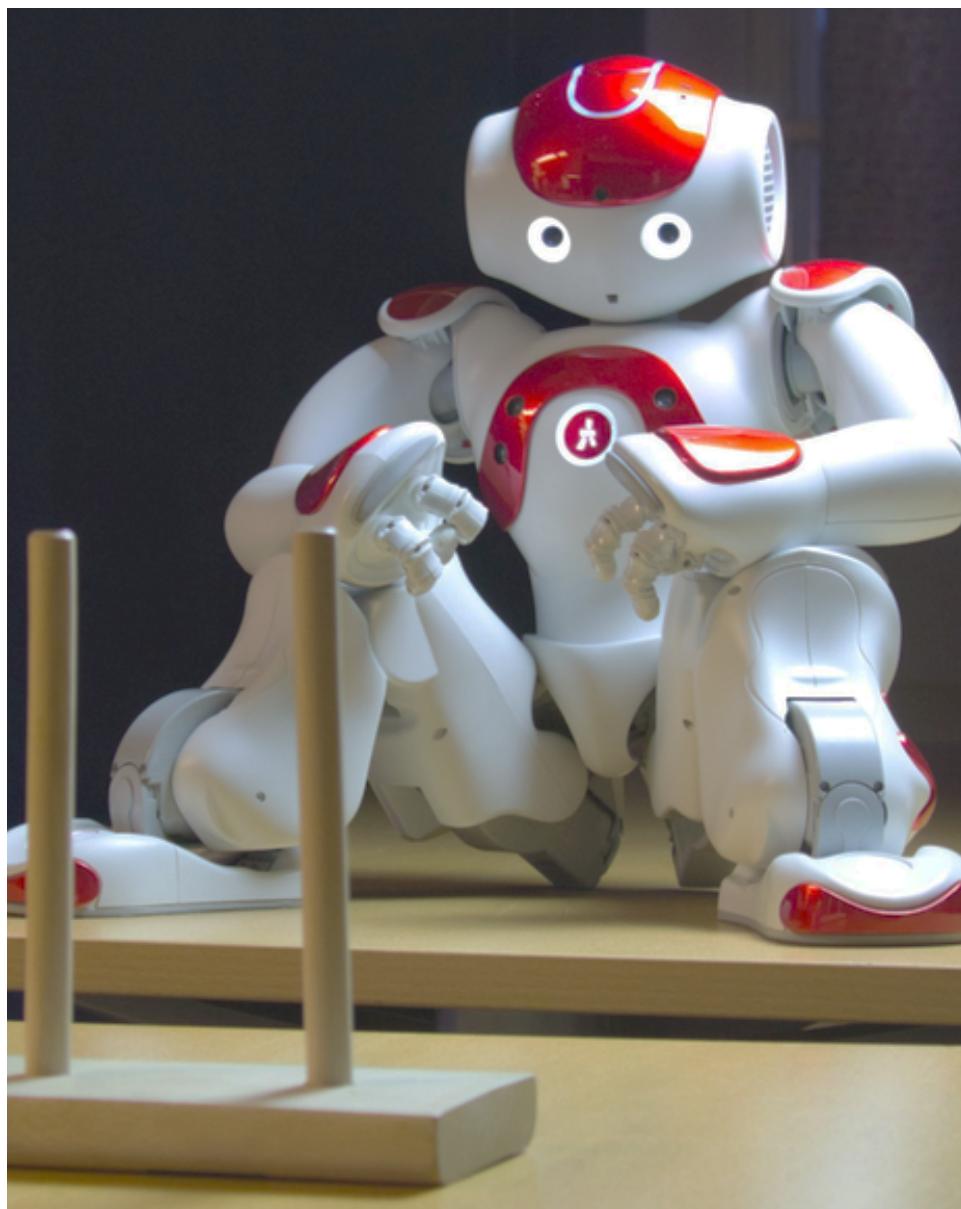
ex. genetic algorithms, artificial life and collective intelligence



## Statistical / Probabilistic

uncertainty metaphor

ex. Bayesian networks and fuzzy systems



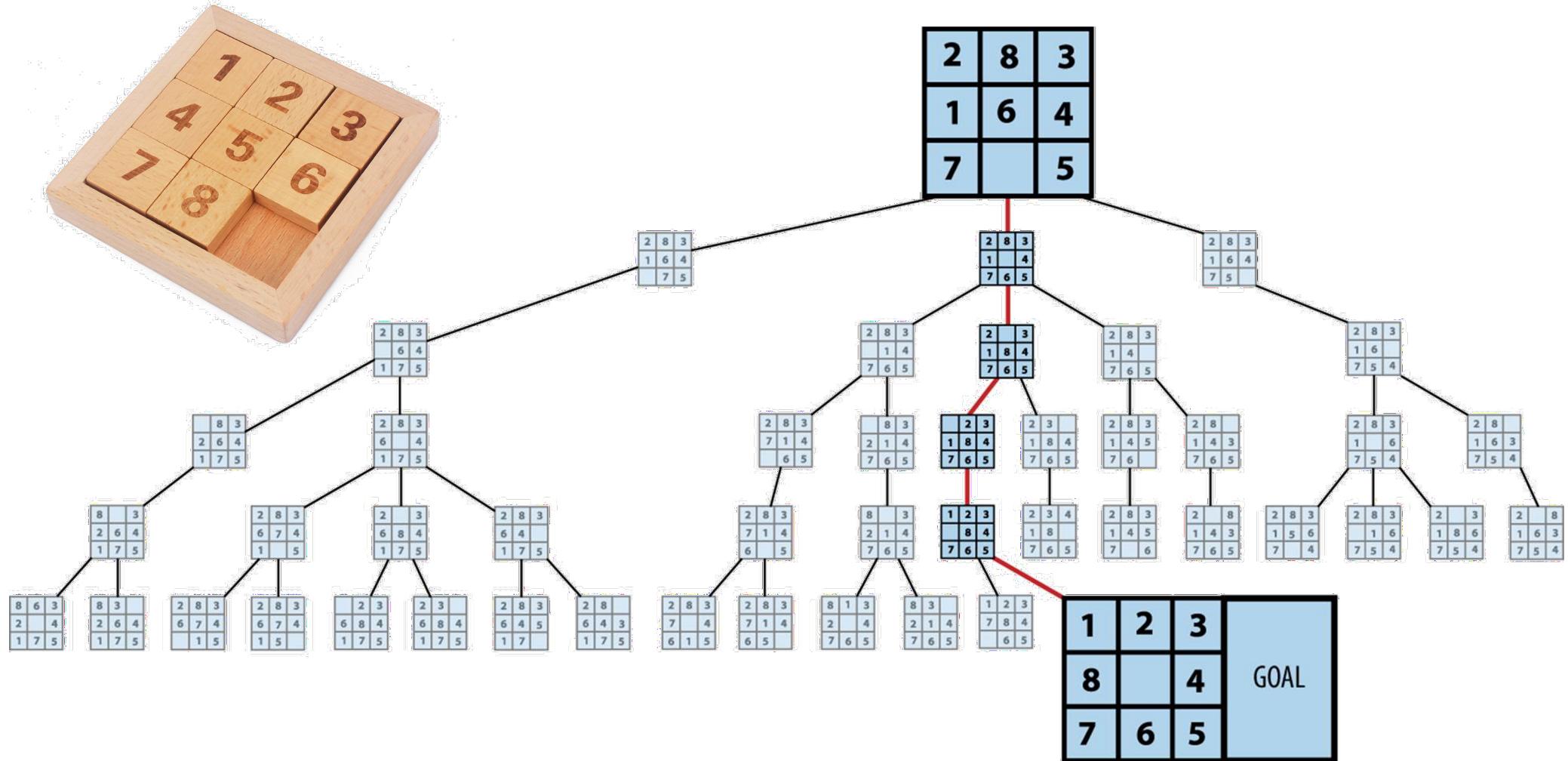
In a system with physical symbols (or formal system) there are symbols that are combined in structures (expressions) and manipulated (through specific processes) to produce new expressions

### **Physical symbol system hypothesis:**

“A physical symbols system has the necessary and sufficient means for intelligent action in general”

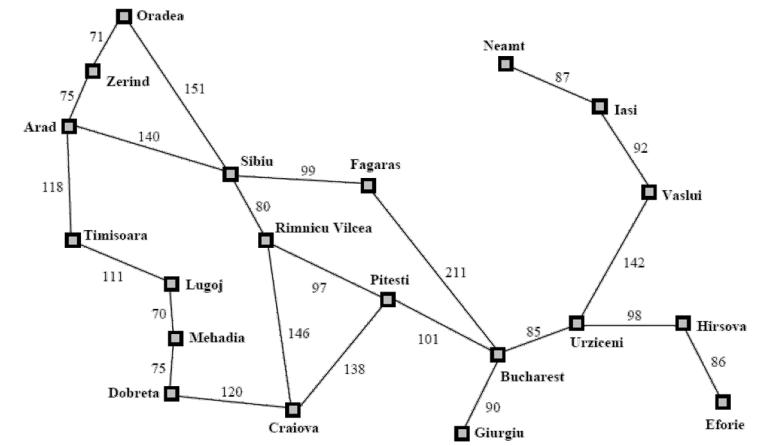
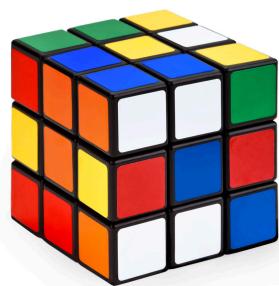
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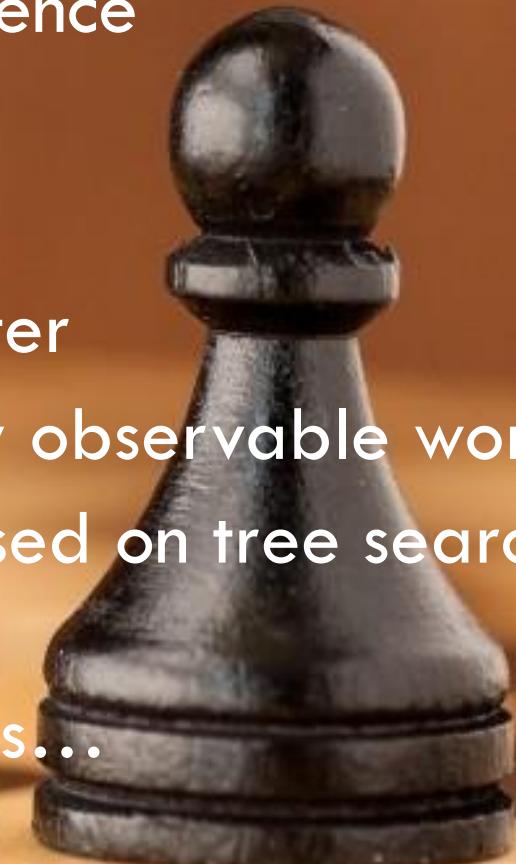
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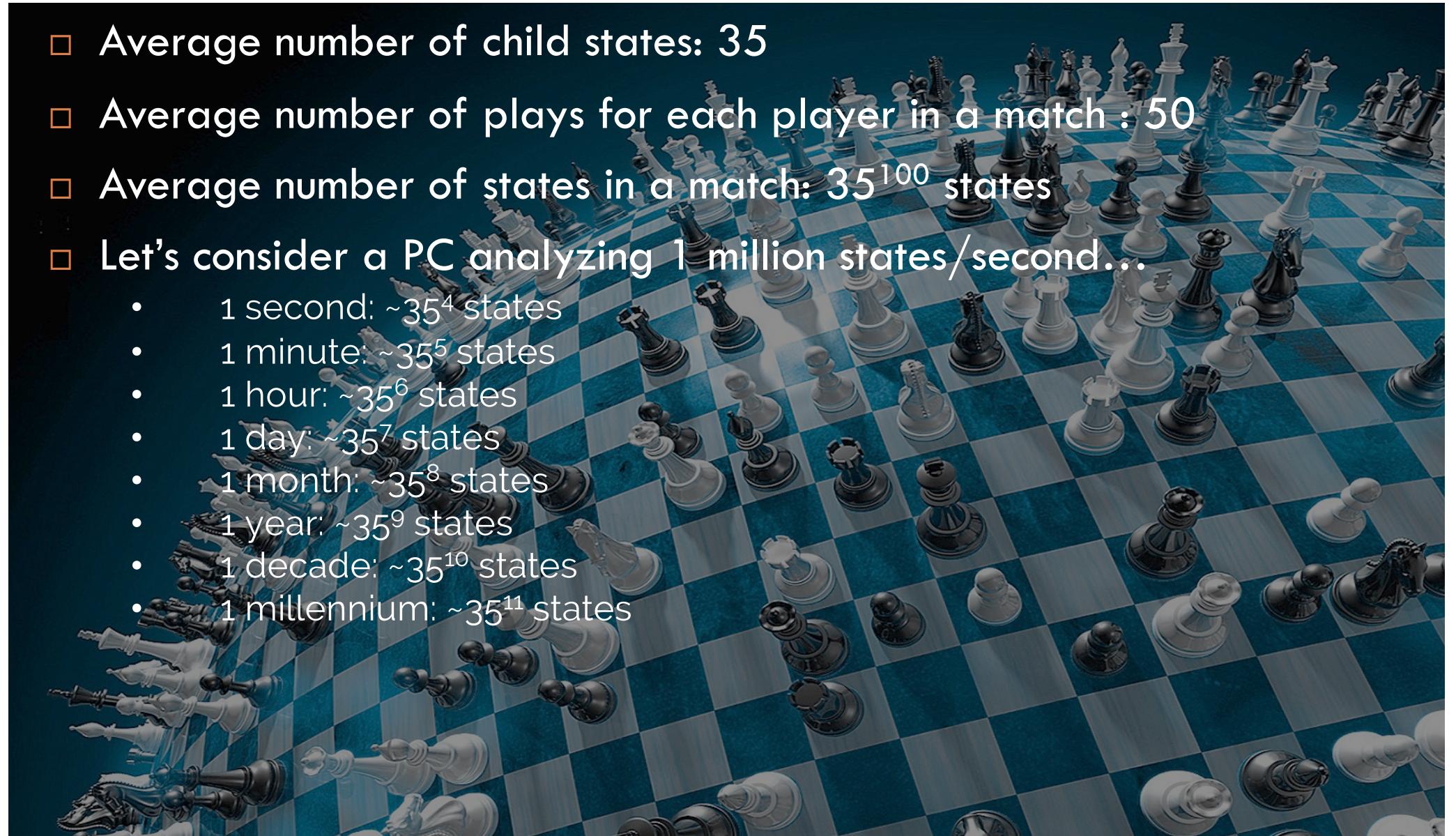




- Platform that allows comparison
- Task that computers did not perform (so far)
- Task associated to the human intelligence
- Task with limited time
- Based in a simple set of rules
- Rules easily represented in a computer
- States could be fully described (fully observable world)
- Supports computational solutions based on tree search algorithms
- Problem hard to solve with computers...



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- 16 billion years (end of universe?):  $\sim 35^{16}$  states



- Software:
  - New function to evaluate states (measures the quality of a state)
- Hardware:
  - 256 processors (200 million positions per second)

Source:

<https://www.research.ibm.com/deepblue/>



# Chess history (50 years)

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- 1950 – 1<sup>st</sup> chess program (Claude Shannon and Alan Turing)
- 1956 (MANIAC) – 1<sup>st</sup> computer to win against a human (amateur) in 23 movements (Los Alamos Scientific Lab)
- 1966-68 (Mac Hack) – computer wins match in MIT (student x professor)
- 1968-78 (Chess x.x) – 1<sup>st</sup> computer to win a tournament against humans (1.500 positions per second). Master chess player David Levy warns of the fact that, soon, there could be a surprise with the software
- 1981 (Cray Blitz) – 1<sup>st</sup> computer to win against a chess master (Joe Sente) in a tournament, and the 1<sup>st</sup> to receive a master score
- 1989 (CMU-IBM Deep Thought) – It finished a tournament in 1<sup>st</sup> place (tied with a human), ahead of a former world champion (Mikhail Tal). Deep Thought has lost 2 matches of Kasparov
- 1996 (IBM Deep Blue) – Match of 6 games against Kasparov. Kasparov lost the first, won 3 and conceded 2 draws
- 1997 (IBM Deep Blue) – Improved version of Deep Blue played 6 games against Kasparov. Kasparov won the 1<sup>st</sup>, lost the 2<sup>nd</sup>, yielded 3 draws, and then lost the final. 1<sup>st</sup> computer to beat the world champion in a match.

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| <p>The automation of activities that we associate with human thinking (decision-making, problem solving, learning...)</p> <p>(Bellman, 1978)</p> | <p>The science that attempts to understand intelligent entities</p> <p>(Russel &amp; Norvig, 1995)</p>                          | <p>The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models</p> <p>(Charniak and McDermott, 1985)</p>                          | <p>A field of study that seeks to explain and emulate intelligent behavior in terms of computational processes</p> <p>(Schalkoff, 1990)</p> |
| <p>The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence performed by people</p> <p>(Kurzweil, 1990)</p>                 | <p>The study of how to make computers to things at which, at the moment, people are better</p> <p>(Rich &amp; Knight, 1991)</p> | <p>The branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior</p> <p>(Luger &amp; Stubblefield, 1993)</p> | <p>The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason and act</p> <p>(Winston, 1992)</p>                               |



# Machine Learning



- Why learn?
  - The ability to learn is a fundamental part of the concept of intelligence
  - A learner agent is more flexible
  - Learning allows you to deal with new situations (the world is dynamic)
  - Gives agent autonomy
  - Facilitates the designer task
  - Only the essential is programmed and the system learns the rest
  - To allow for adaptability of the dynamic environment system
  - Reactivity
- How to build programs (agents) that automatically improve with experience?

# ●●●● Historical perspective

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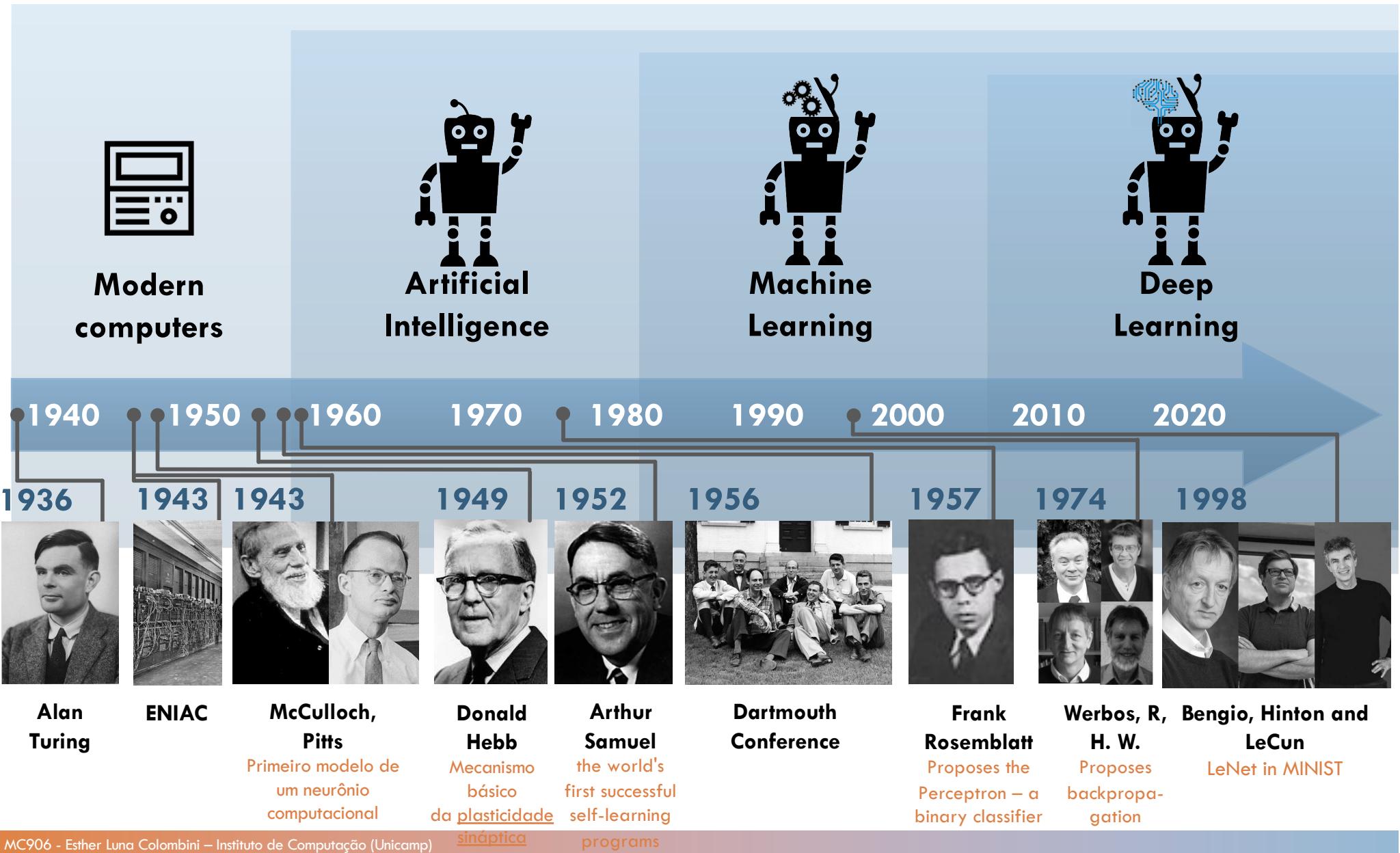
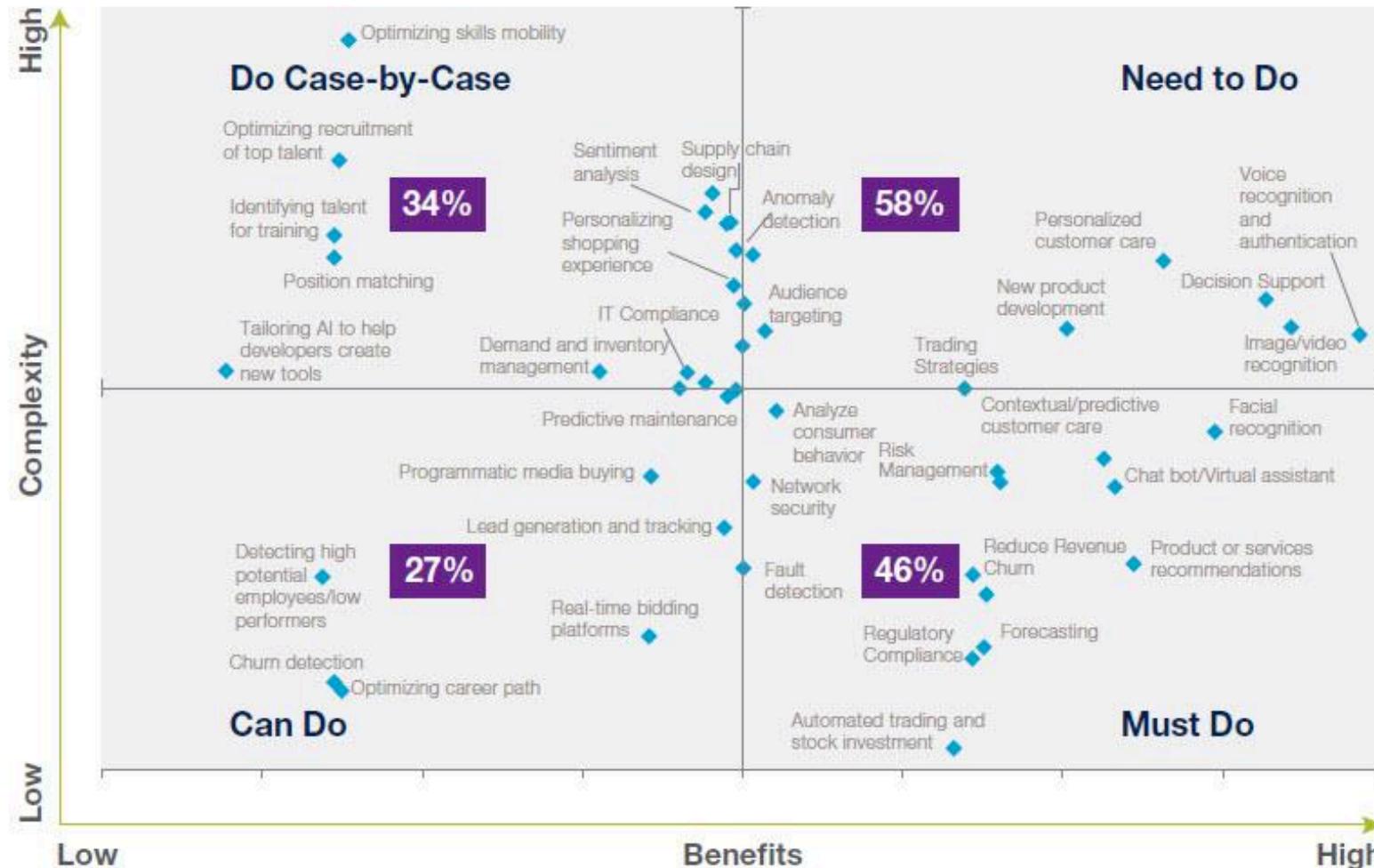


Figure 9. Distribution of use cases by benefits and complexity

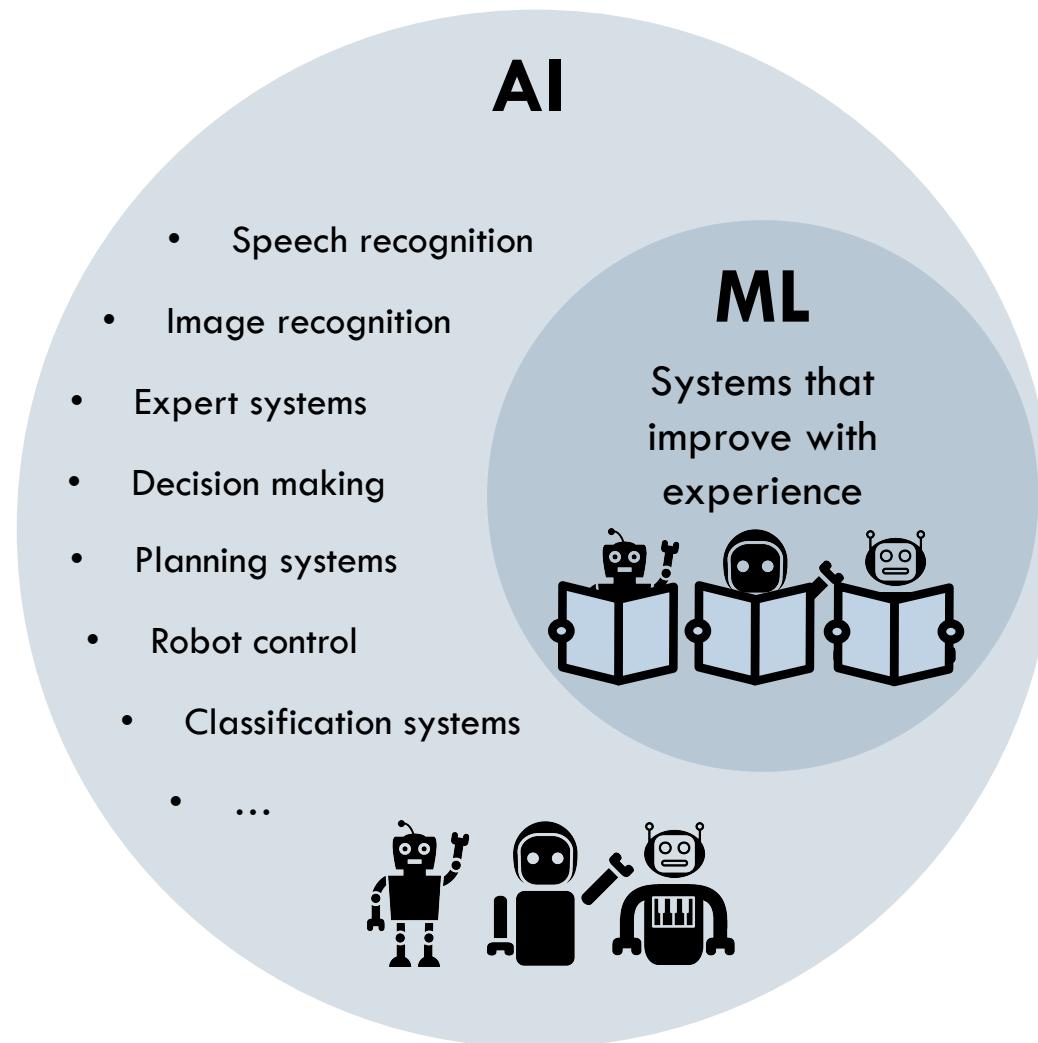


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- ... the field of study that gives computers the ability to **learn** without being explicitly programmed (Arthur Samuel, 1959)
- ... adapting the system such that it can perform the same task or the task in the same population **more efficiently next time** (Simon, 1983)
- ... a set of methods that can automatically detect patterns in data, and then **use the uncovered patterns** to predict future data, or to perform other kinds of decision making under uncertainty (Murphy, 2012)

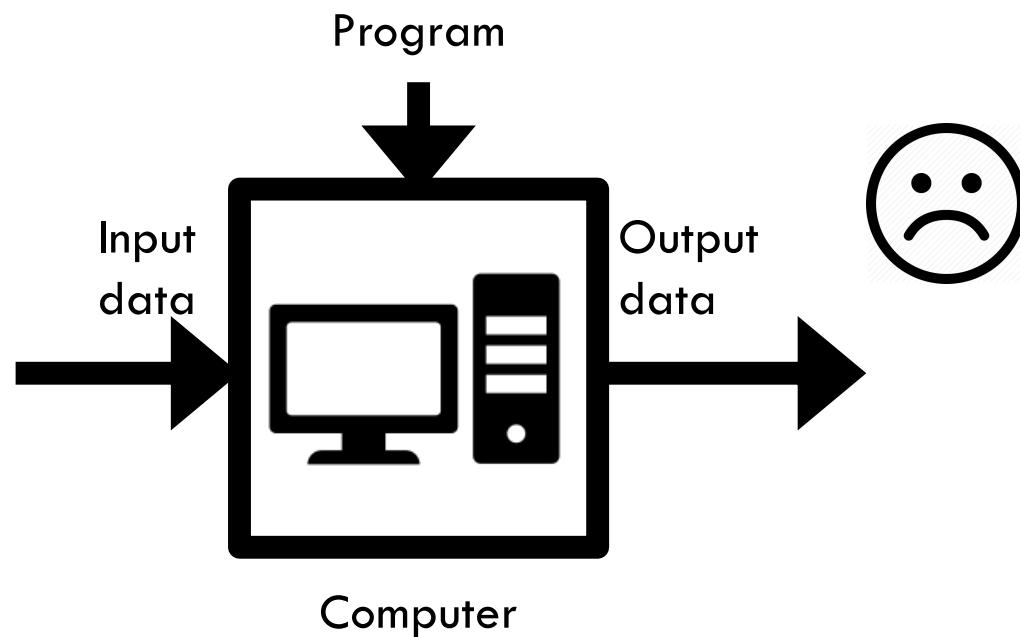
- ... programming computers to **optimize a performance criterion** using example data or past experience (Alpaydin, 2014)
- ... making computers **modify or adapt their actions** (whether these actions are making predictions or controlling a robot) so that these actions get more accurate, where accuracy is measured by how well the chosen actions reflect the correct ones (Marsland, 2015)
- ... the science (and art) of programming computers so they can **learn from data** (Géron, 2017)

- ... the field concerned with the question of how to construct computer programs that automatically **improve with experience** (Mitchell, 1987)
- Formally:
  - A computer program is said to **learn** from experience  $E$  with respect to some class of task  $T$  and performance measure  $P$ , if its performance at tasks in  $T$ , as measured by  $P$ , improves with experience  $E$



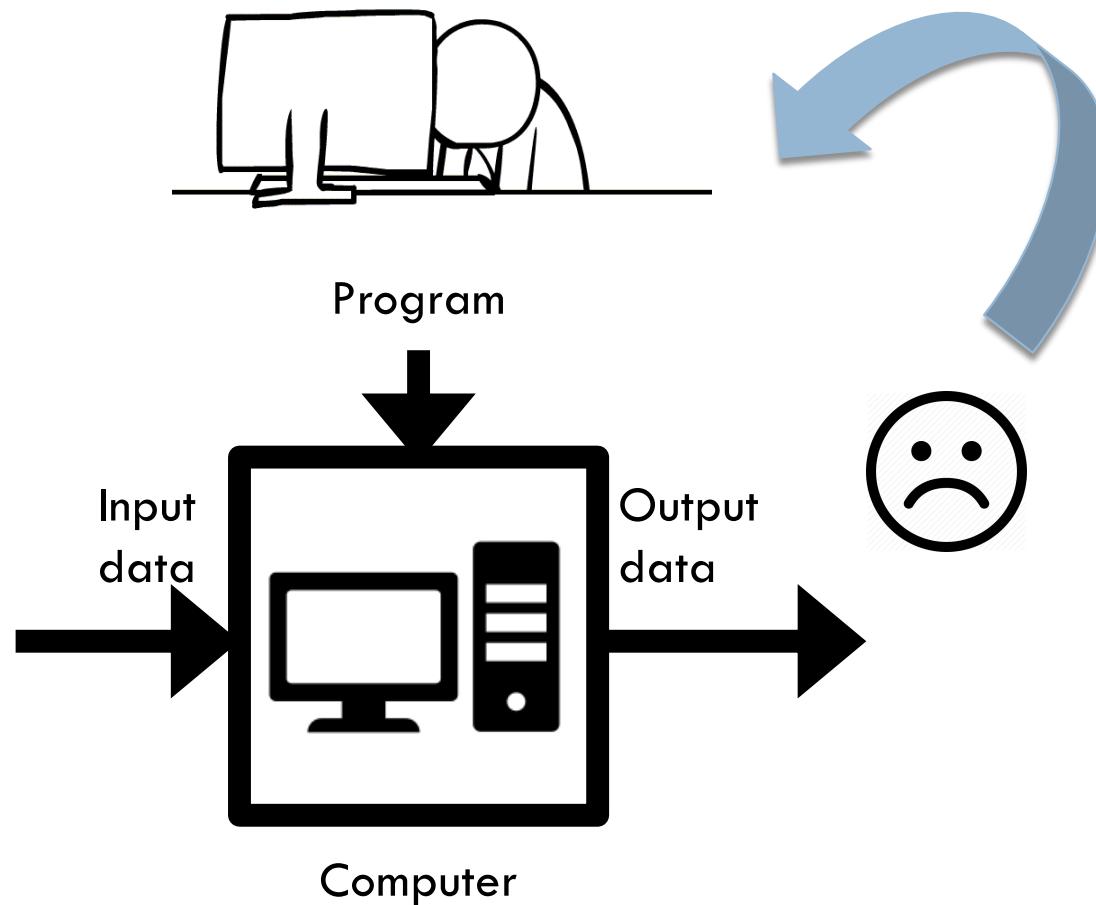
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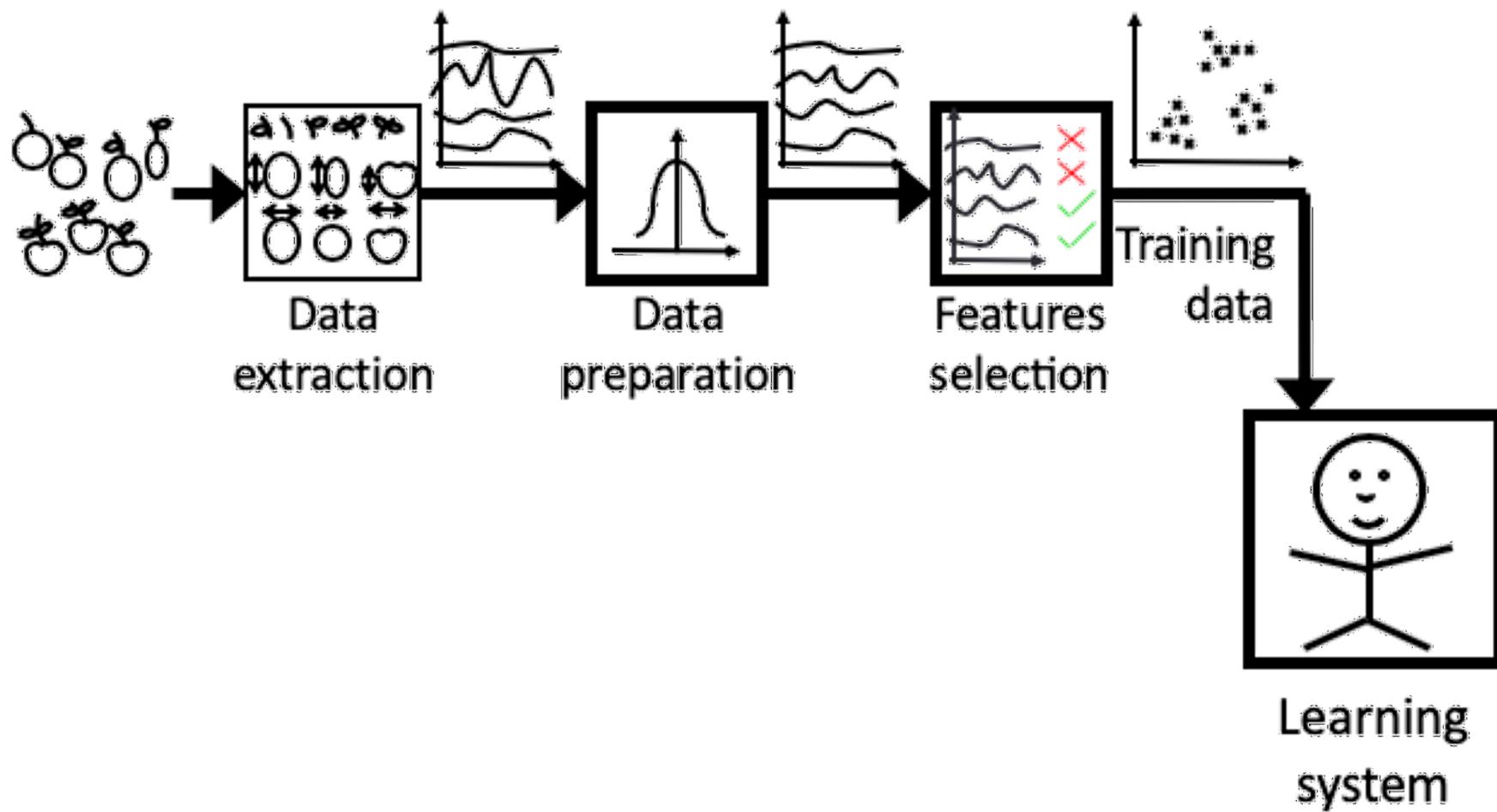
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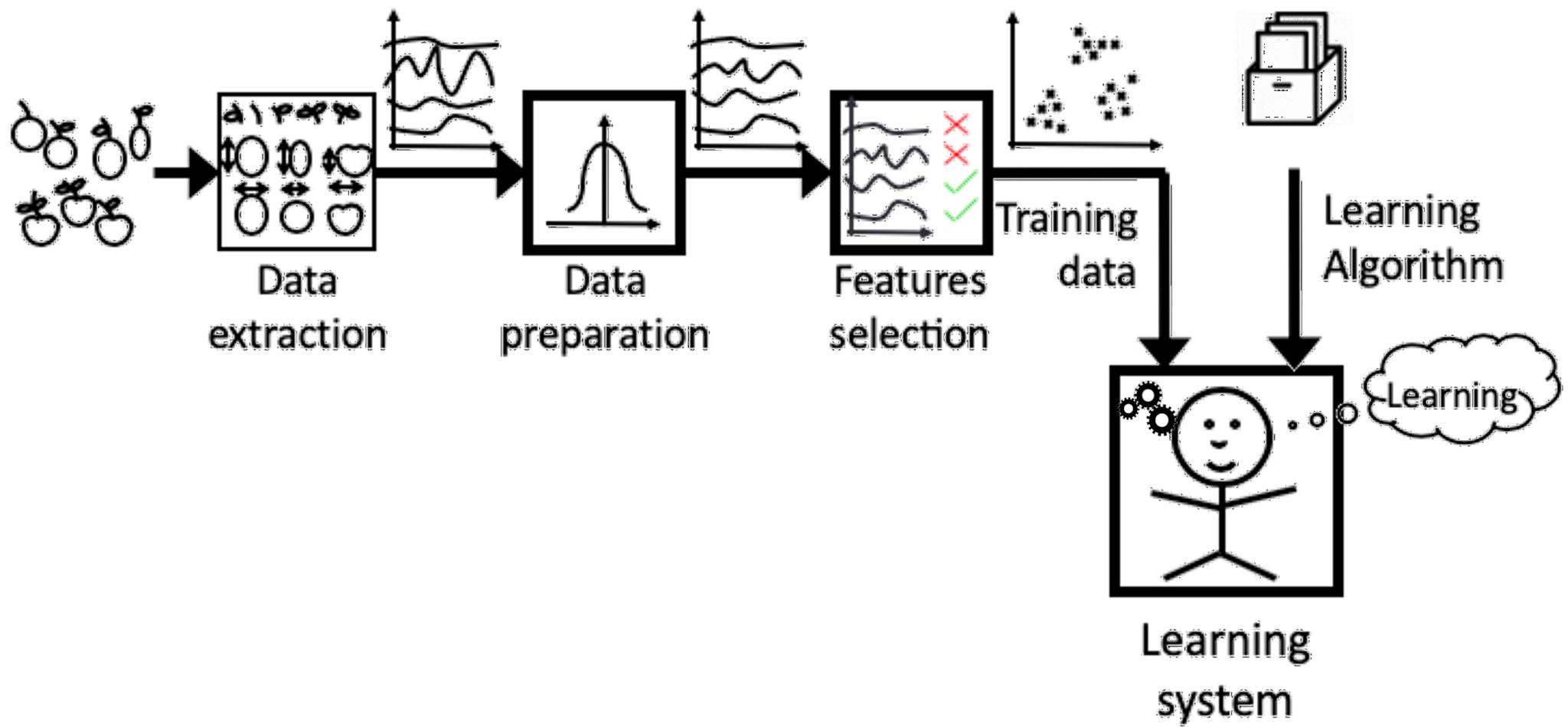


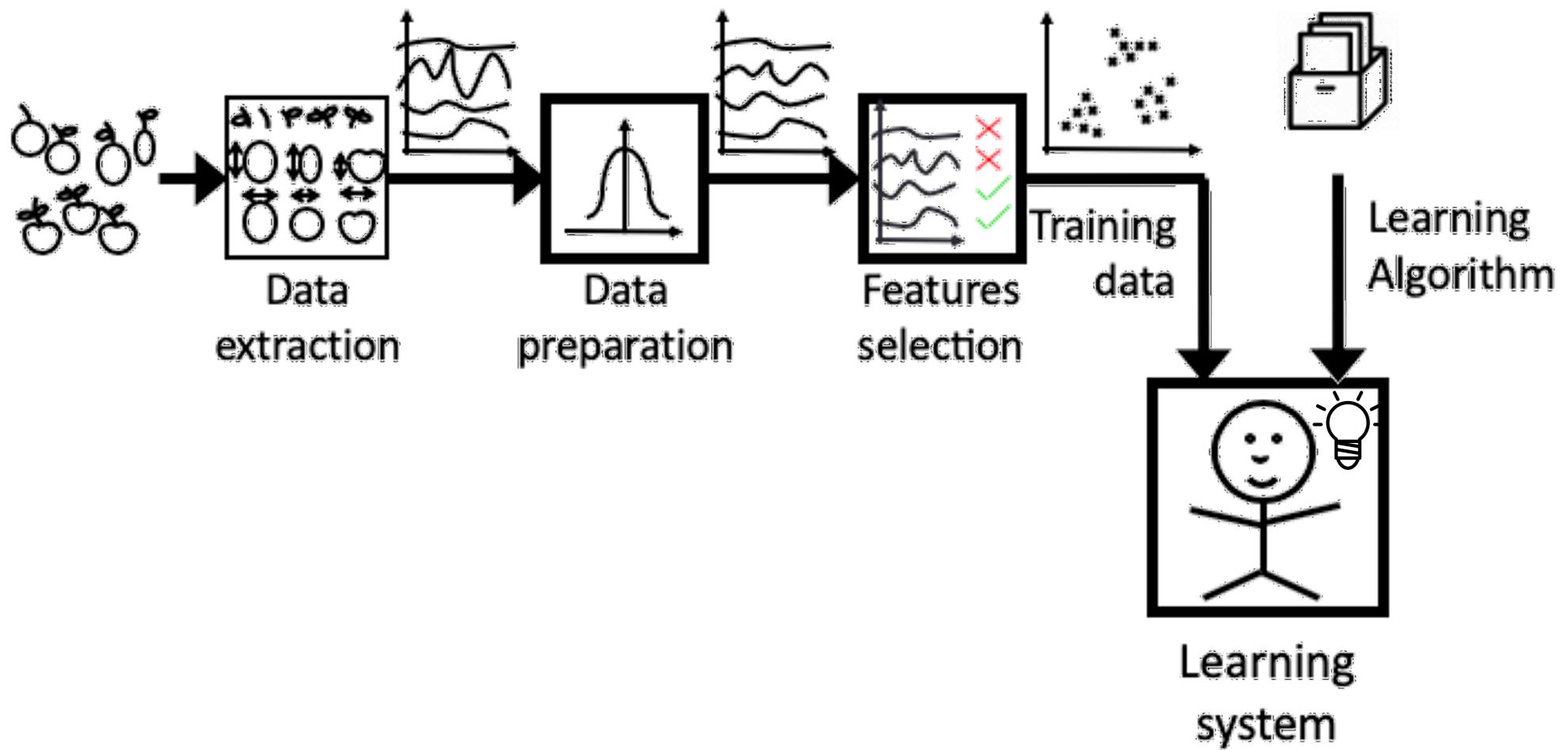
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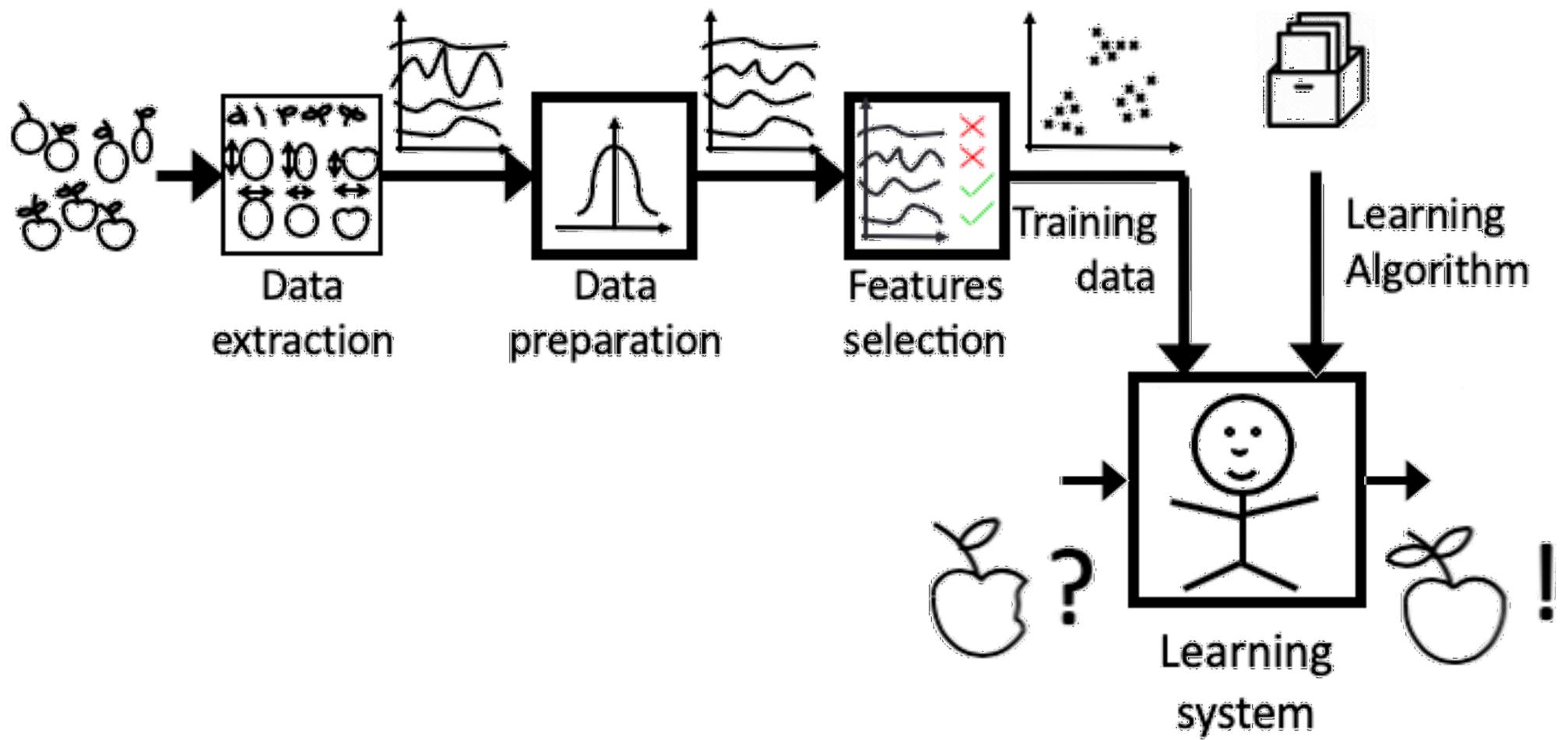
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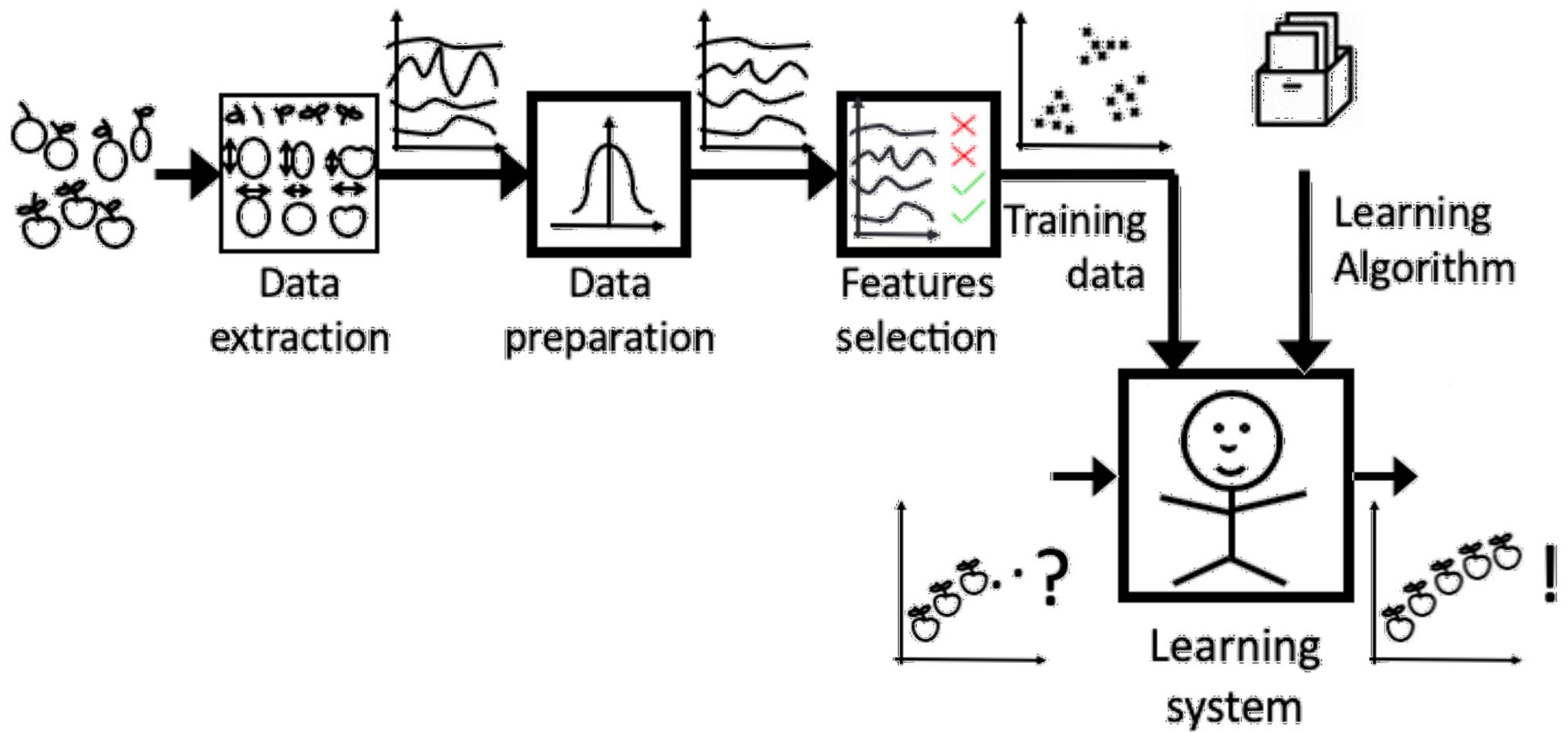




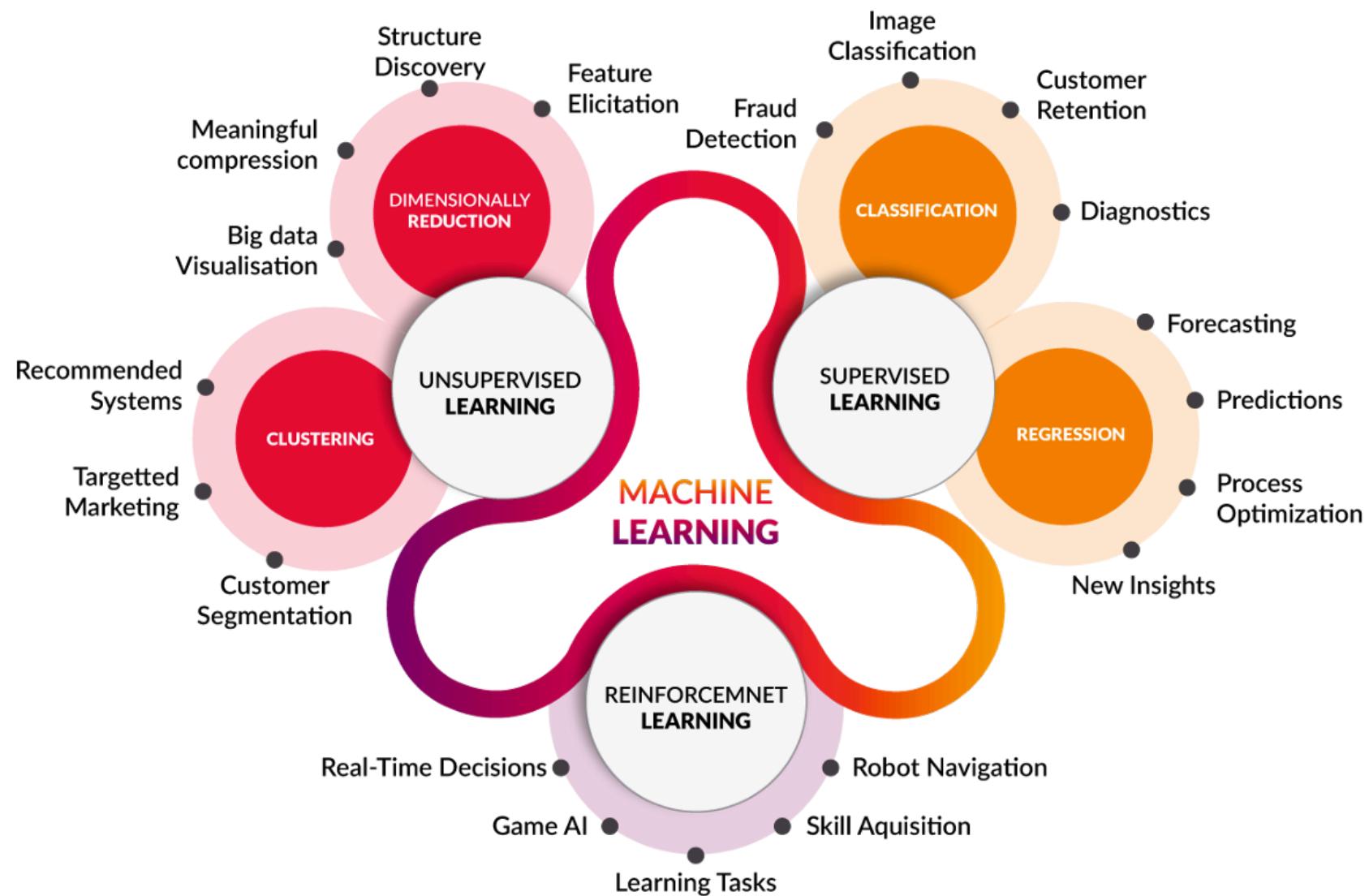




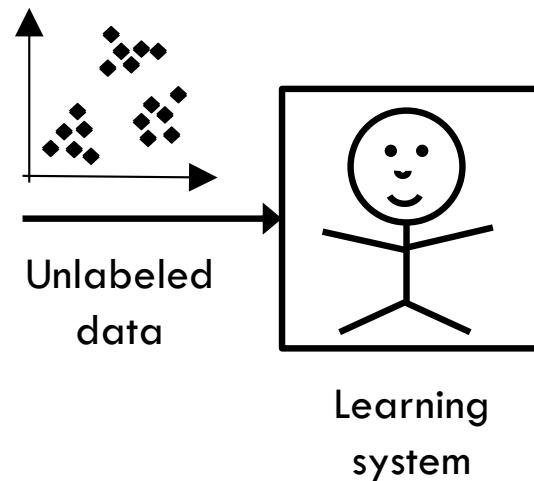




- According to the input/output relation:
  - Supervised learning
  - Unsupervised learning
  - Semi-supervised learning
  - Reinforcement learning
- According to the data/model relation:
  - Inductive learning
  - Deductive learning
- According to the nature of the algorithms:
  - Evolutionary Learning
  - Deep learning
  - Deep reinforcement learning
  - ...

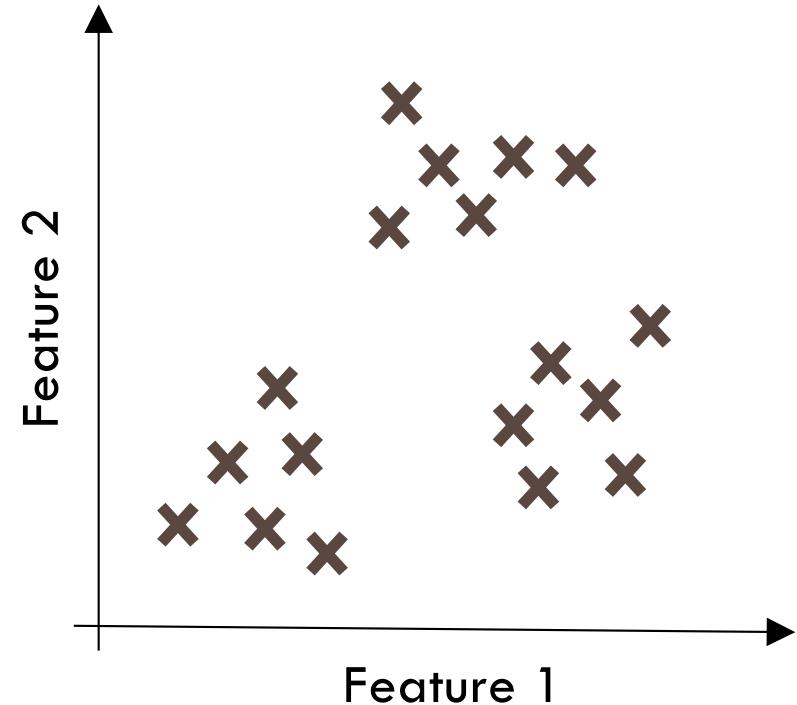


- The learning has **no teacher**. Learning algorithms try to identify relations between data with no additional information
- Examples in **training set** have no labels/targets



$$X = \left\{ x_i \right\}_{i=1}^N = \left\{ x_{il}, \dots, x_{id} \right\}_{i=1}^N$$

- X: training set  
x: training example  
N: number of training examples of the training set  
d: number of dimensions (attributes or features) of the examples

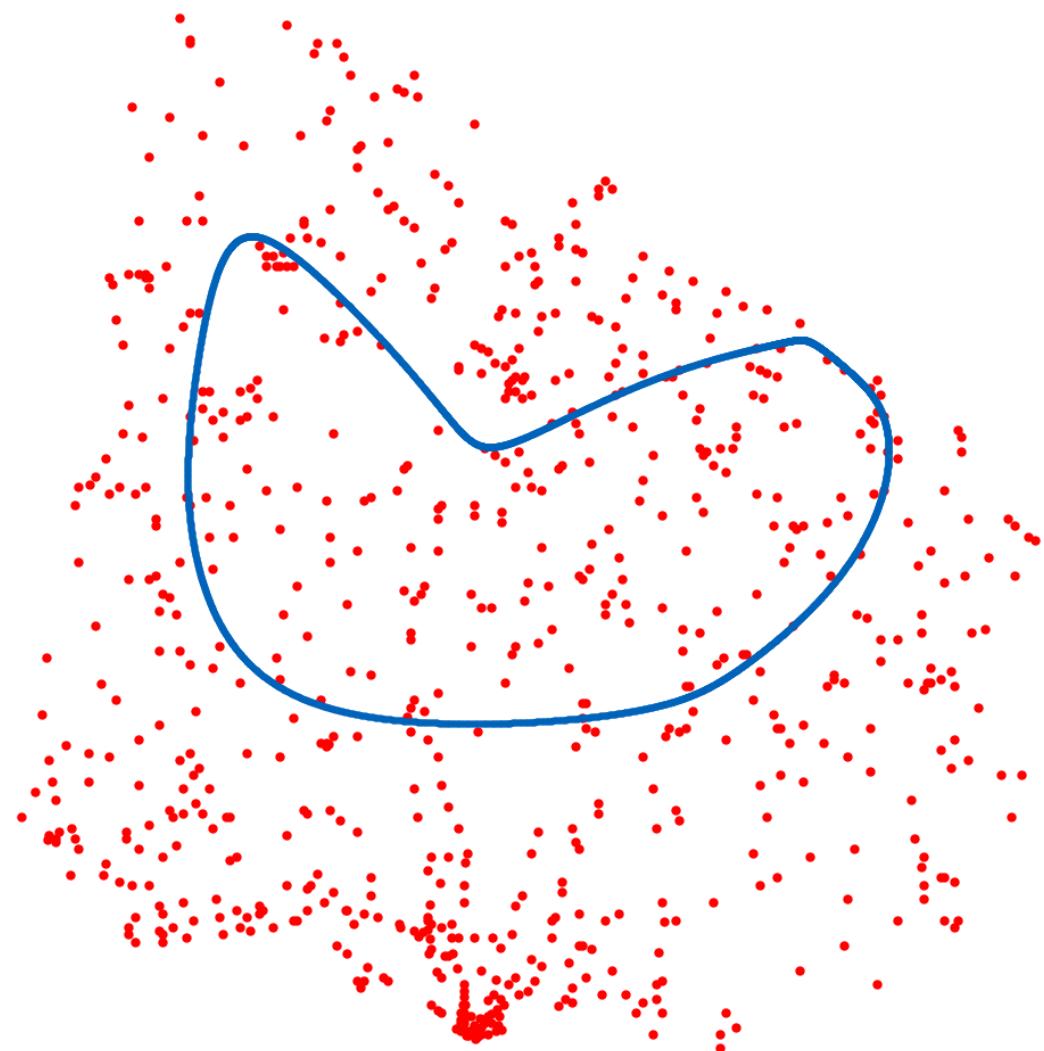




# Unsupervised Learning

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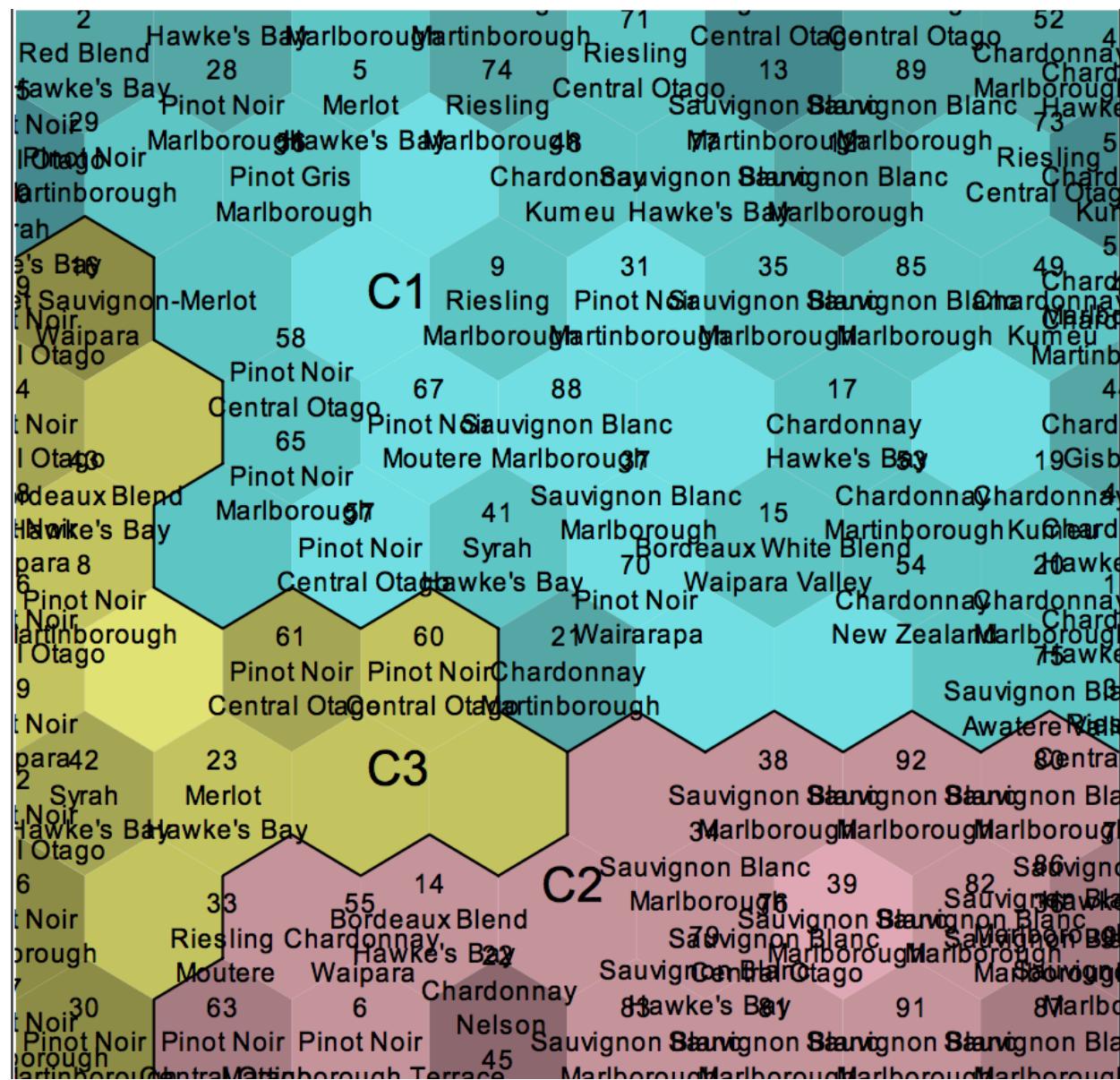
SOM to solve TSP



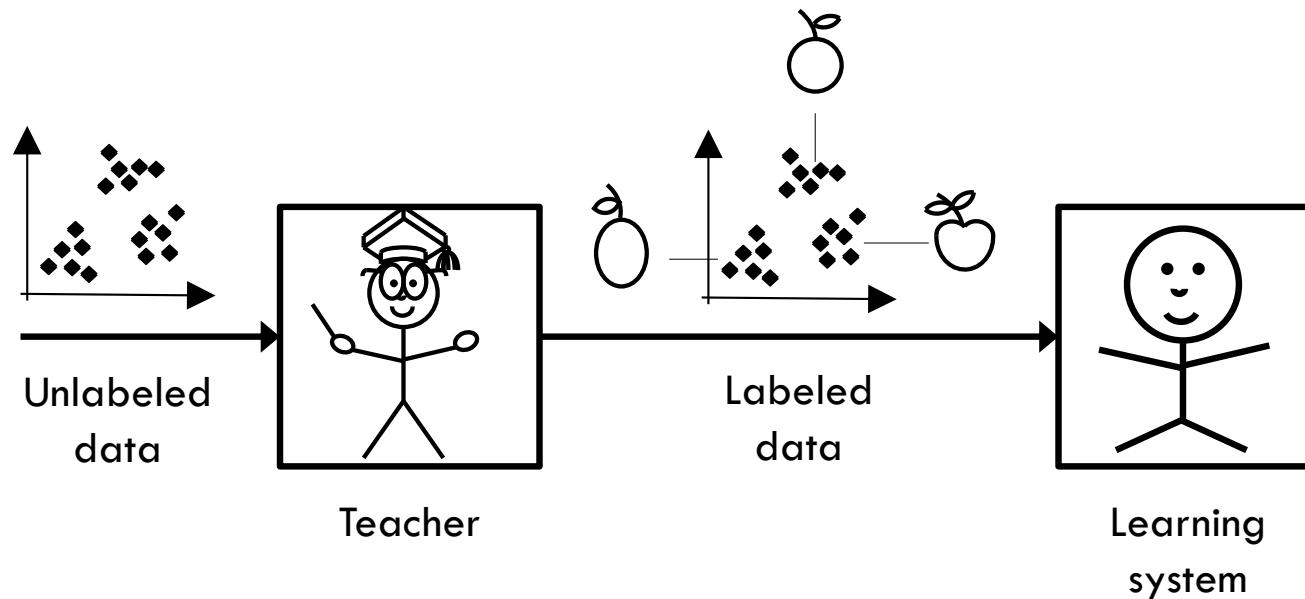


# Unsupervised Learning

Kohonen self-organising maps in the data mining of wine taster comments. P. Sallis<sup>1</sup>, S. Shanmuganathan<sup>1</sup>, L. Pavese<sup>1</sup> & M. C. J. Muñoz<sup>2</sup>. Auckland University of Technology, Australia <sup>2</sup> Universidad Católica del Maule, Chile



- The learning has a **teacher**, that is, someone that assigns the correct labels to the training examples
- The examples in **training set** have correct responses (targets or labels)



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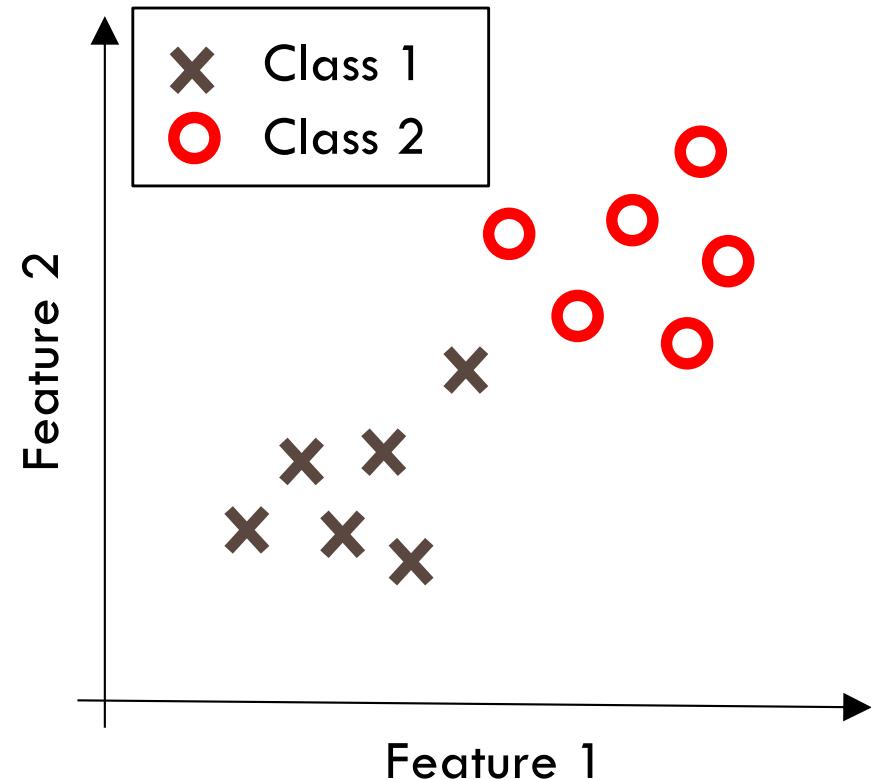
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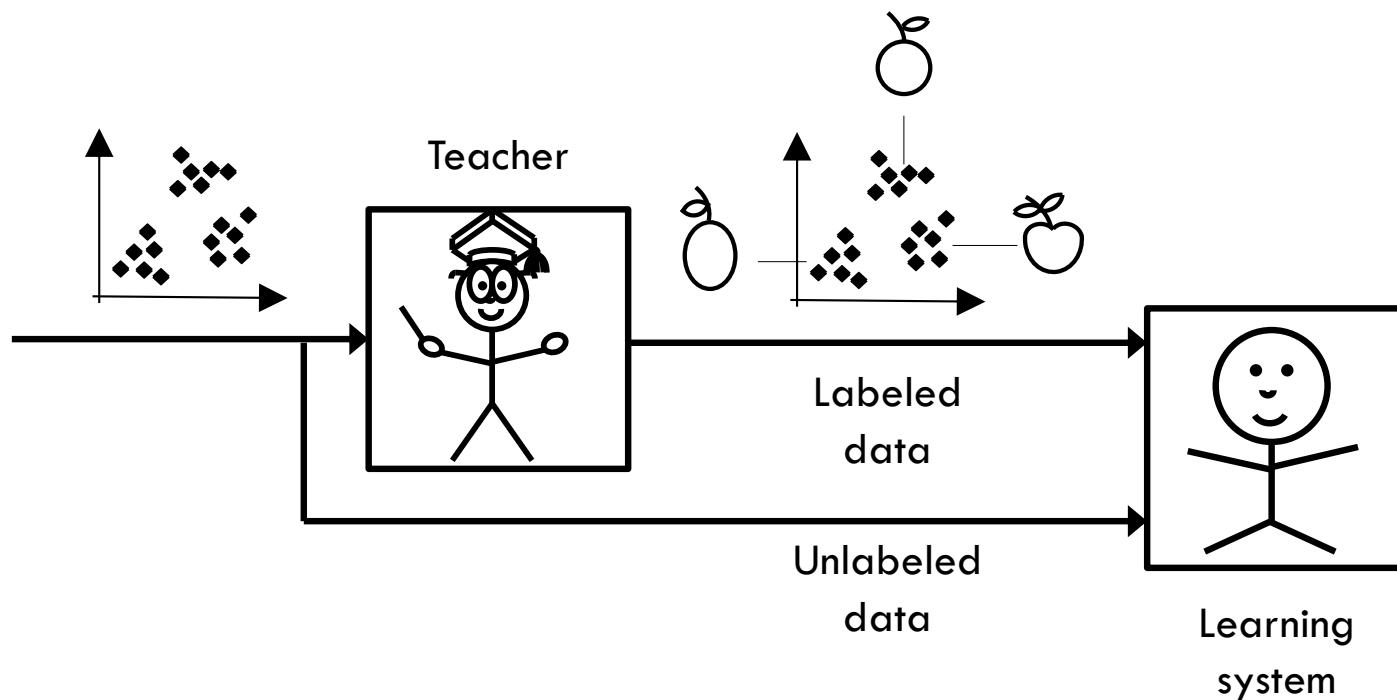
d: number of dimensions (attributes or features) of the training examples

t: target or label, that relates the training example to one of the classes available

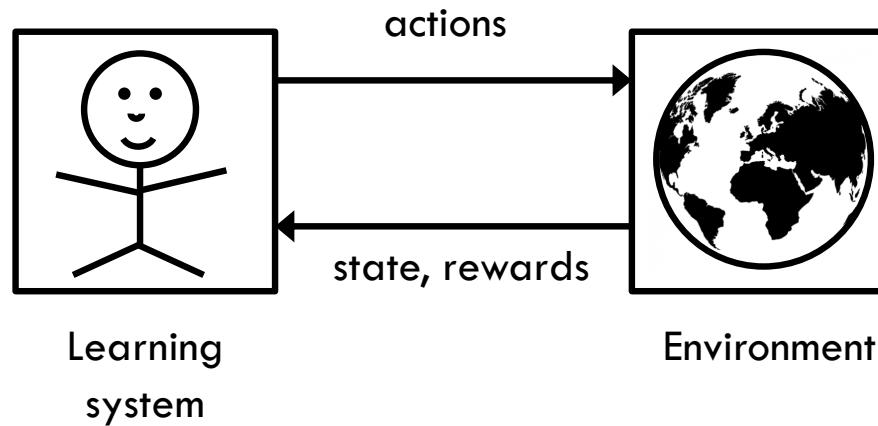




- It is a framework of algorithms proposed to improve the performance of supervised algorithms through the use of both **labeled** and **unlabeled** data



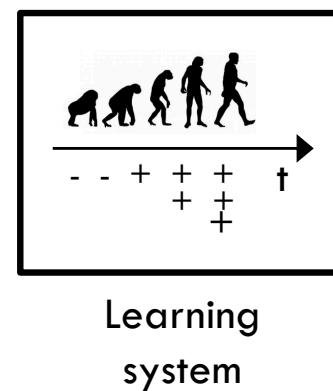
- The learning process is based on **trial and error**
- The learning system chooses **actions** and receives **feedbacks** from the environment (rewards/punishments) that tells it how good is the system performance
- There is **no training set**



Chelsea Finn, Sergey Levine, Pieter Abbeel

# End-to-End Training of Deep Visuomotor Policies

- The learning process is inspired on the **evolution** of biological organisms
- The learning system has internal models of a **population** that successively generates descendants with some **mutations** in order to stimulate the development of individuals with better chance to achieve a successful **performance** in the environment
- There is **no training set**

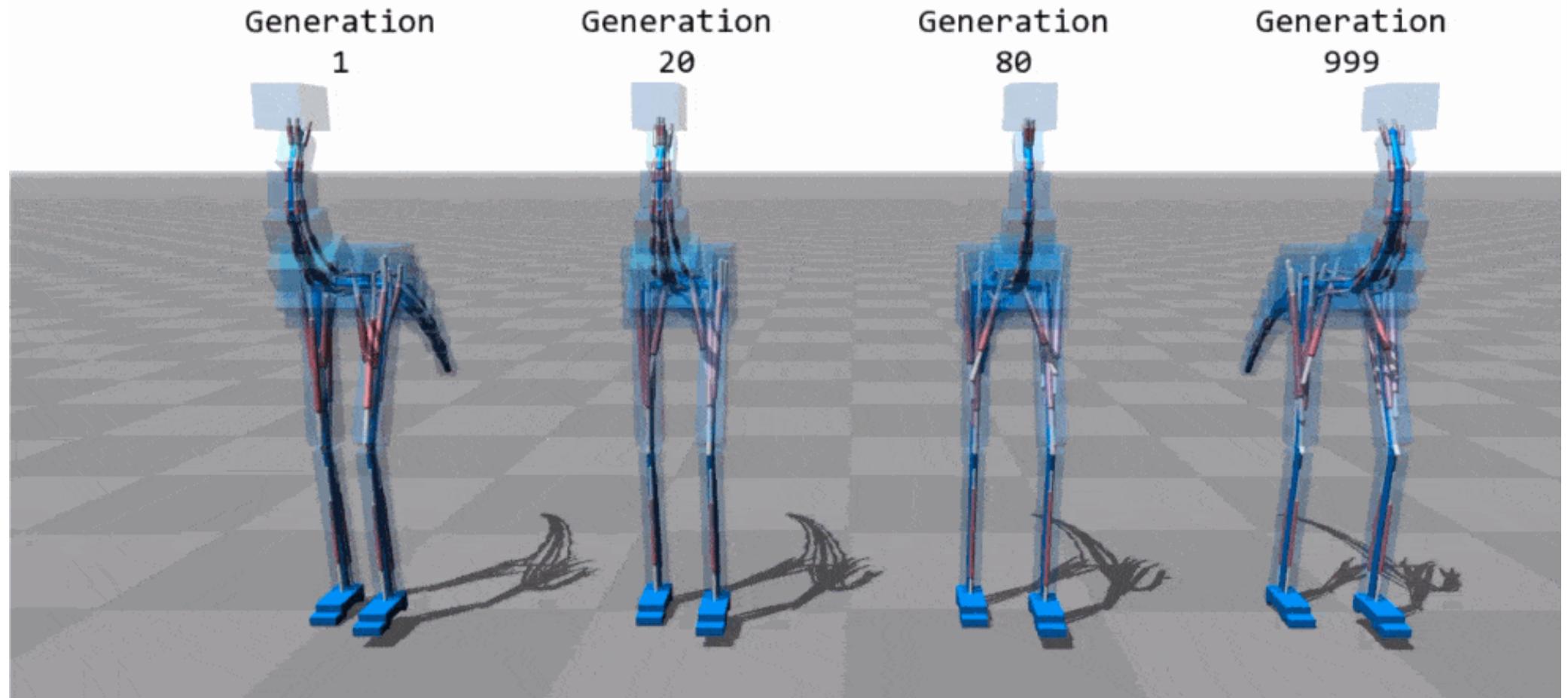


# ●●●● Evolutionary Learning Example

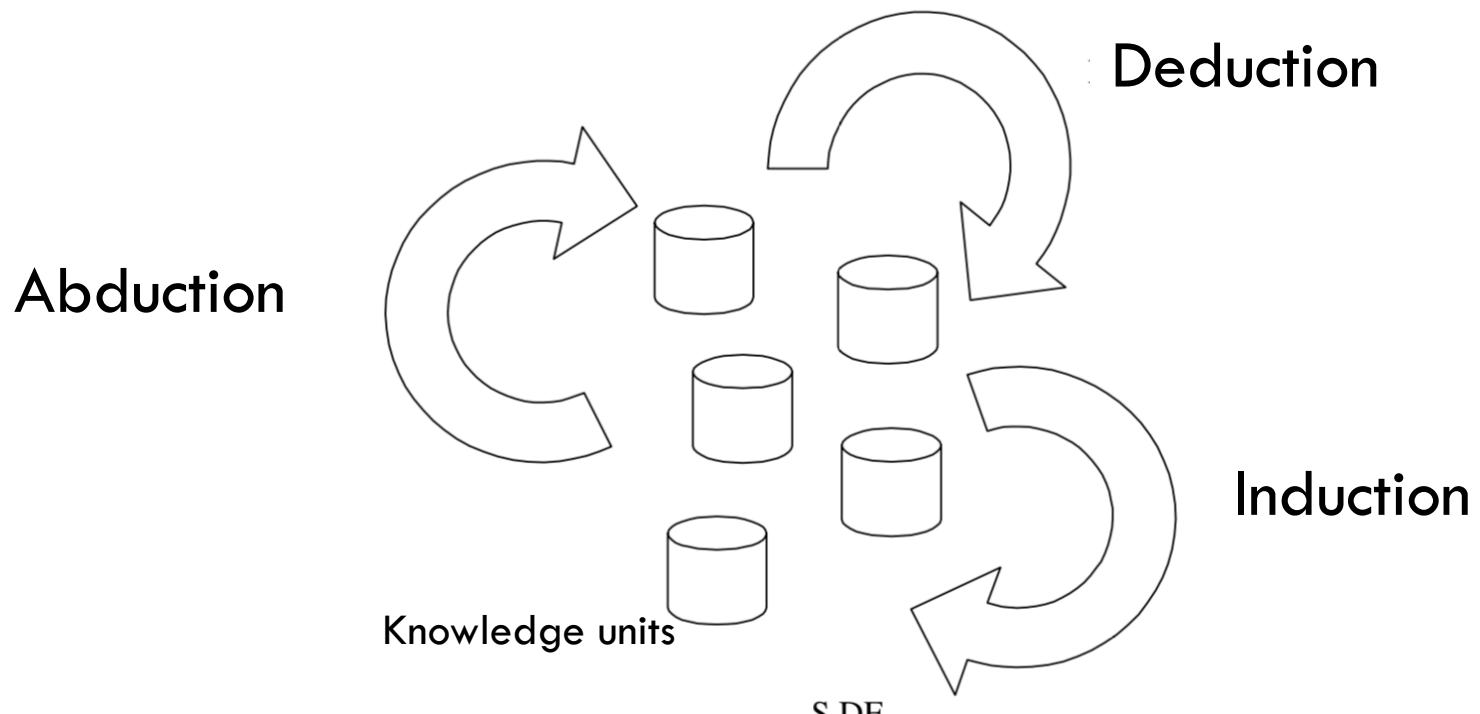
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<https://dzone.com/articles/feature-selection-using-genetic-algorithms-in-r>

## □ Feature Selection using GA



- Reasoning is usually performed in three ways:
  - **Abductive reasoning deals with guesswork**, involves reasoning toward possible conclusions based on guesswork (a best guess)
    - It is a type of reasoning that is used in formulating a hypothesis for further testing



# Inductive x Deductive Learning

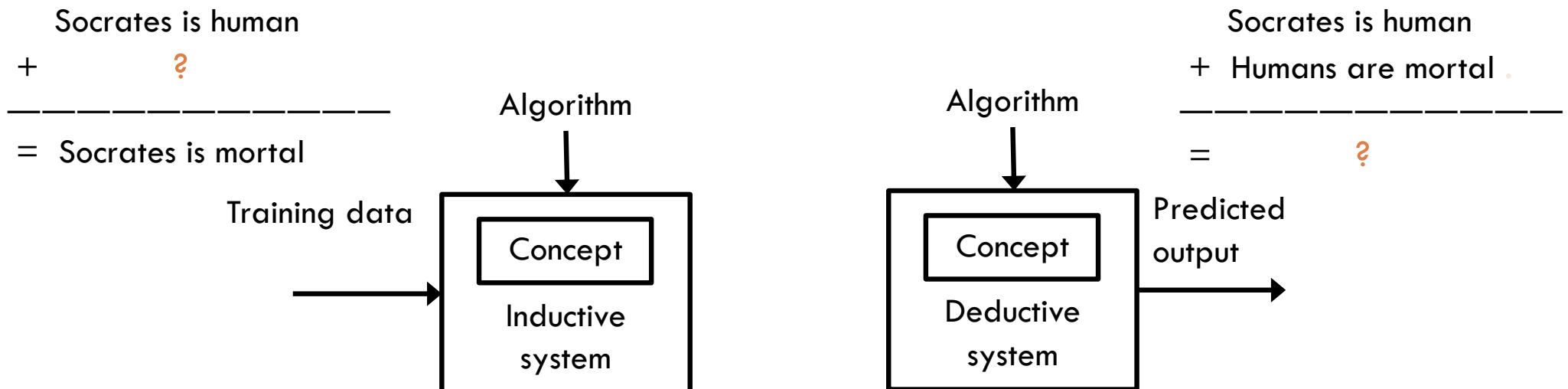
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## □ Inductive learning:

- System obtains new knowledge (refines its model/concept) from specific information/data
- New data can change the knowledge
- Is the reasoning which, after considering a sufficient number of particular cases, concludes a general truth
- **Inductive reasoning deals with probability** and involves reasoning toward likely conclusions based on data

## □ Deductive learning:

- System obtains new knowledge (refines its model/concept) typically using logic
- Uses assumptions arguments to obtain a conclusion. The conclusion makes explicit an already existing knowledge in the premises
- The knowledge is not new (it is implicit in initial knowledge)
- **Deductive reasoning deals with certainty** and involves reasoning toward certain conclusions



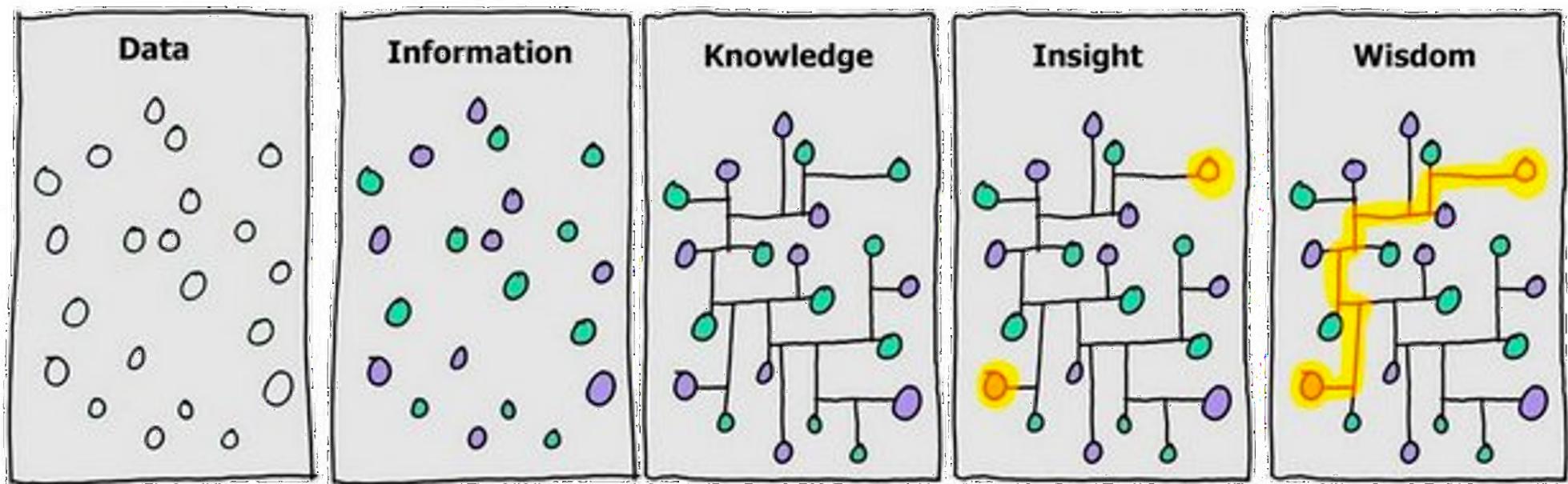
- In Summary:

- **Abduction** is forming a hypothesis
  - taking your best shot
- **Induction** is like analyzing the data from testing a hypothesis
  - conclusion merely likely
- **Deduction** would be used in drawing certain logical conclusions from the data gathered
  - conclusion guaranteed

- A learning approach that enables the computer to learn **complicated concepts** by organizing them **hierarchically**, in a way that, if we draw a graph showing how these concepts are built on top of each other, the graph is deep, with many layers (Goodfellow et al, 2016)
  
- **Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL)** is a method based on deep learning technique that extends the traditional Reinforcement Learning (RL) to the entire process from sensors to motors

●●●● Path from data to wisdom...

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Learning is a constructive process carried out by the subject and by no one else through **physical actions** (acting on the objects) and **mental actions** (reorganizing mental structures)



To learn, each subject will **mentally construct the objects of his environment** and this will happen through **his own action** and not through the action of the teacher or any other person



It can not be "deposited", "absorbed" or "awakened"



The **action of the subject** is the starting point

●●●● ML in real world applications

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## Lecture 1

## □ Activities

### ■ Tutorial 1

- What is ML?

### ■ Reading:

- What can machine learning do? Workforce implications. By Erik Brynjolfsson and Tom Mitchell
- Other reference papers available in the website

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