# Machine Learning Lecture 1

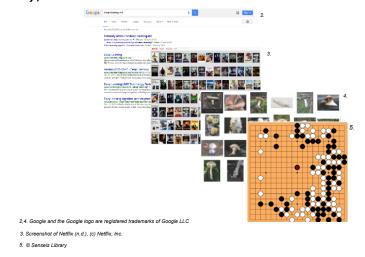
# Machine learning: what is it?

A brief definition

Machine learning as a discipline aims to design, understand and apply computer programs that learn from experience (i.e., data) for the purpose of modeling, prediction, or control

#### Machine learning is everywhere

 Search, content recommendation, image/scene analysis, machine translation, dialogue systems, automated assistants, game playing, sciences (biology, chemistry, etc), ...



## **Prediction problems**

About future events

Aarket value

#### Time

→ Also collision avoidance, monitoring, medical risk, etc.

#### **Prediction problems**

About properties we don't yet know



would I like this movie?



soluble in water?



what is the image about?

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"ML is very cool"

what is it in Spanish?

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- E.g., image classification (1K categories)

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#### **Example: supervised learning**

- It is easier to express tasks in terms of examples of what you want (rather than how to solve them)
- No limit to what you can learn to predict...

#### **English Spanish**

h( Is it real? ;  $\theta)$  =  $\dot{\epsilon}$  Es real?

Will it continue? ¿Continuará?

For how long? ¿Por cuanto tiempo?

...

Already in production for some language pairs (Google)

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• Learning to predict preferences from just a little data...











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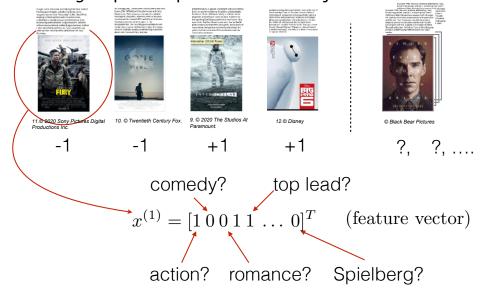
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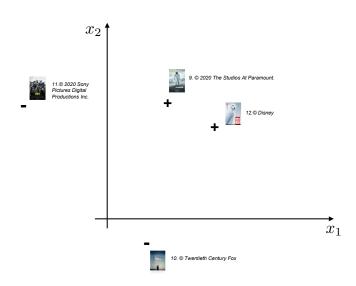


#### **Supervised learning**

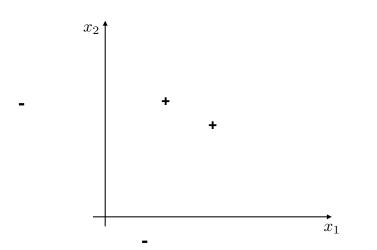
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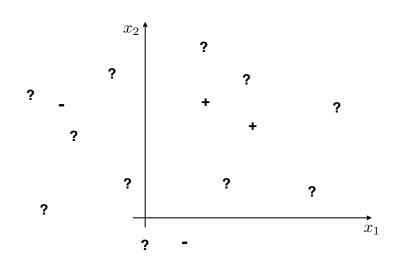
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# Supervised learning: training set

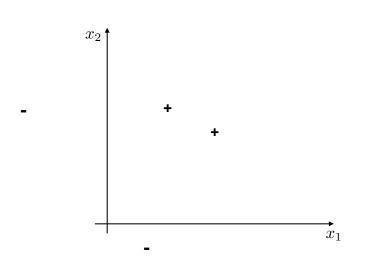


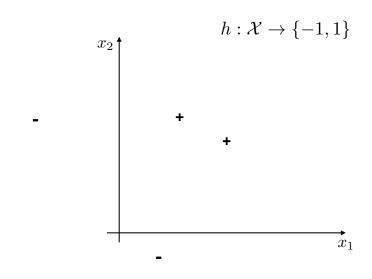
#### **Supervised learning: test set**



# Supervised learning: training set

# **Supervised learning: classifier**

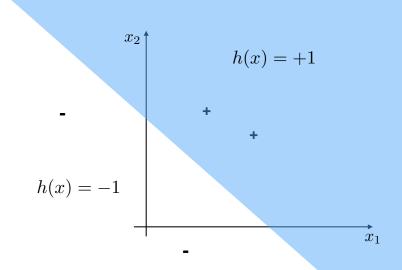




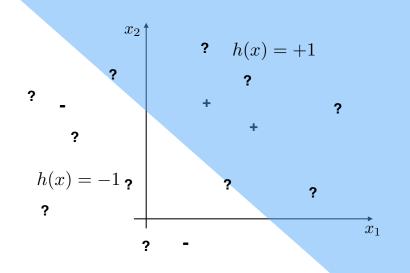
# Supervised learning: classifier

# $h(x) = -1 \qquad h(x) = +1$ $+ \qquad +$ $- \qquad x_1$

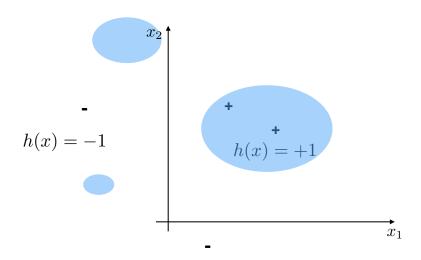
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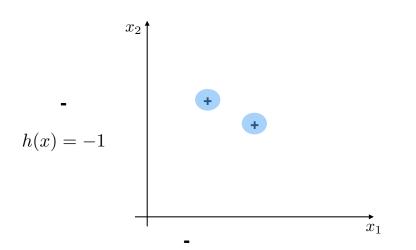
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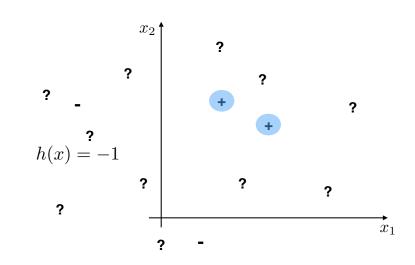
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## **Supervised learning: generalization**



#### **Supervised learning +**

Multi-way classification (e.g., three-way classification)

$$h\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}\right) = \text{politics} \qquad h: \mathcal{X} \to \{\text{politics, sports, other}\}$$

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Regression

$$h\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \end{array}\right) = \$1,349,000 \qquad h: \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$$

Structured prediction

$$h\left(\begin{array}{c} A \text{ group of people} \\ A \text{ shopping at an} \\ A \text{ outdoor market} \end{array}\right)$$

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# **Key things to understand**

 $h: \mathcal{X} \to \{\text{English sentences}\}$ 

- Posing supervised machine learning problems
- Supervised classification
- The role of training/test sets
- A classifier
- A set of classifiers
- Errors, generalization

#### Types of machine learning

- Supervised learning
  - prediction based on examples of correct behavior
- Unsupervised learning
  - no explicit target, only data, goal to model/discover
- Semi-supervised learning
  - supplement limited annotations with unsupervised learning
- Active learning
  - learn to query the examples actually needed for learning
- Transfer learning
  - how to apply what you have learned from A to B
- Reinforcement learning
  - learning to act, not just predict; goal to optimize the consequences of actions
- Etc.

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