

Neural Networks and Learning Systems
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Lecture 1

Introduction

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Course information

- All information will be available on Lisam
- Lectures will be published during the course
- You must register for classes and labs on Lisam
 - Choose group A or B for classes – and follow your group!
 - Choose group “Wednesday” or “Thursday” for the labs (not connected to class)



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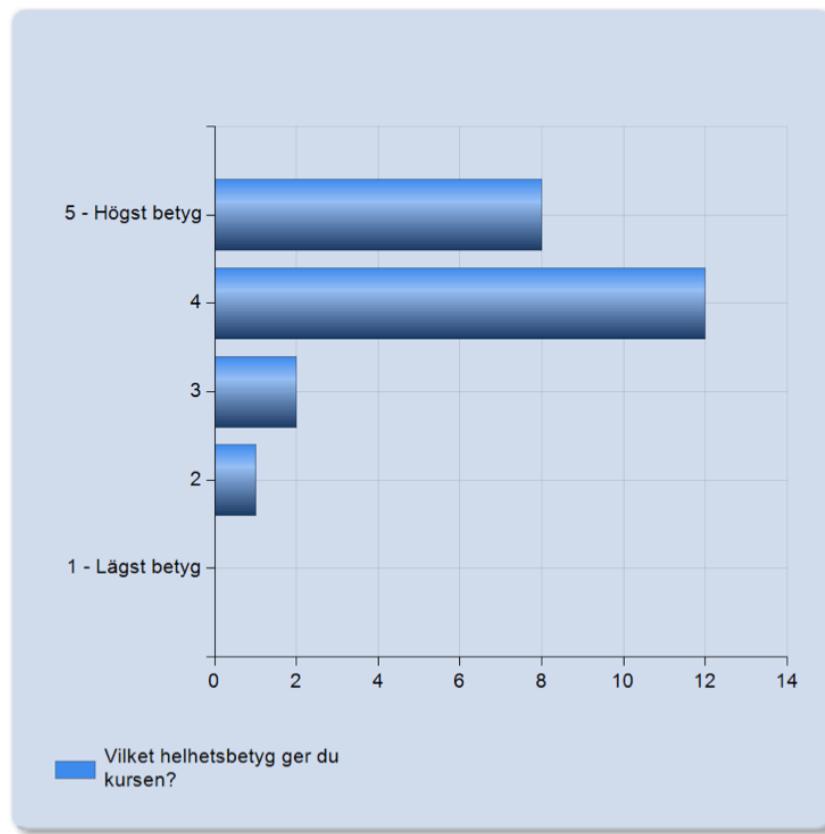
Course evaluation and development

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Vilket helhetsbetyg ger du kursen?	Antal svar
5 - Högst betyg	8 (35%)
4	12 (52%)
3	2 (9%)
2	1 (4%)
1 - Lägst betyg	0 (0%)
Summa	23 (100%)

Average score 2020: 4.17

Course evaluation 2020

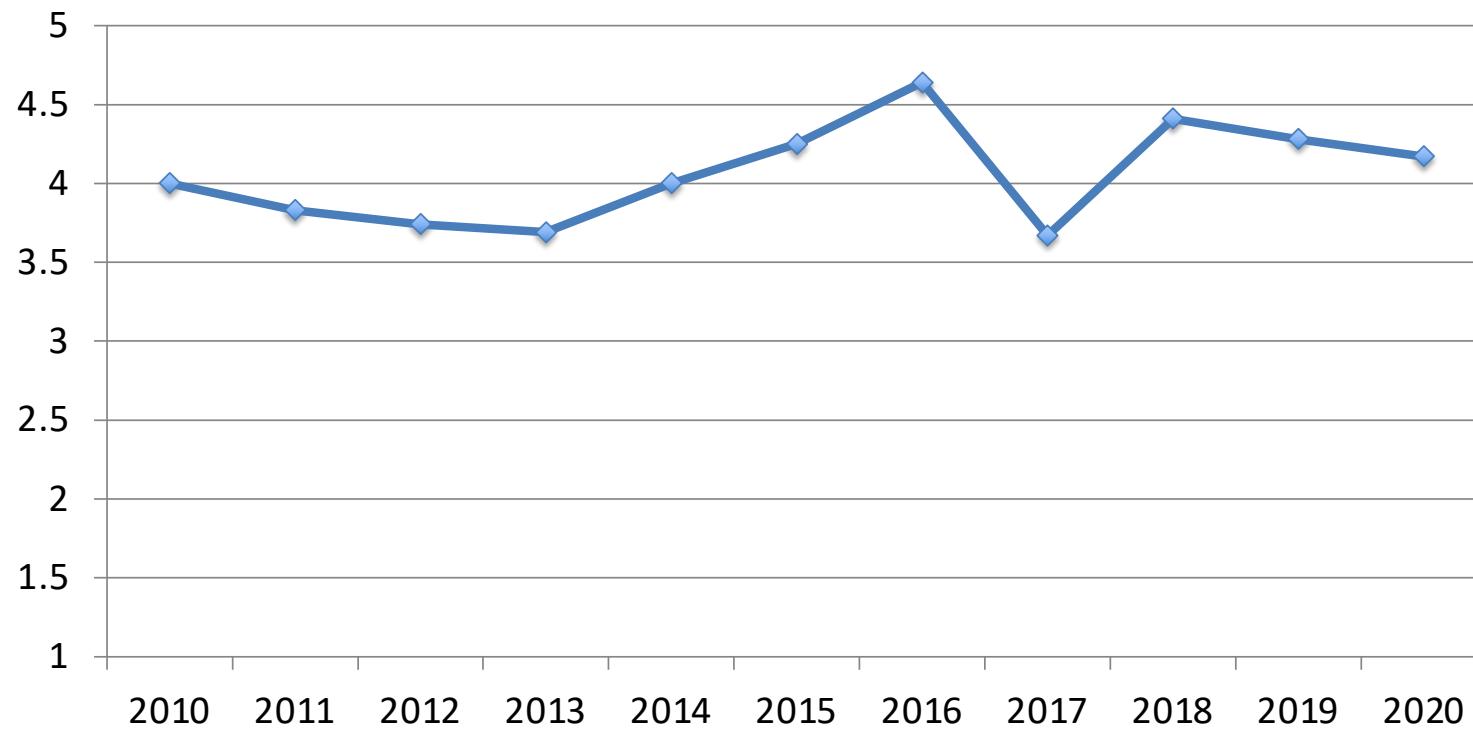


Course evaluation and development

- Main criticism 2020 was regarding the part on deep learning which was outsourced to another department.
- Changes 2021
 - All parts of the course are now given by the same team at IMT
 - New lectures, lesson and laboratory exercise on deep learning



Overall credit over time



The Course - Overview

- 9 lectures
 - 9 lessons (classes)
 - 4 assignments
 - 1 written exam
- } Mandatory
- Course language is English.



The Course - Lectures

PPT lectures, handouts on course page

1. Introduction
2. Supervised learning - Linear classification
3. Neural networks
4. Deep learning
5. Ensemble learning & Boosting methods
6. Generative Adversarial Networks
7. Reinforcement learning
8. Unsupervised learning – Dimensionality reduction, Clustering
9. Kernel methods



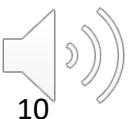
Lectures in distance mode

- Lectures will be pre-recorded and published on Lisam
- Please email questions to the lecturer (me or Anders)
 - magnus.borga@liu.se
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- Questions and answers will be published in the Lecture folder on Lisam



The Course - Lessons

- One lesson after each lecture
- Pen & paper exercises
- Complementary presentations
- Preparations and help with lab assignments
- Choose group (A or B) on Lisam and follow that group



The Course - Assignments

- 4 laboratory exercises/assignments:
 1. Pattern recognition using linear classifiers and neural networks
 2. Deep learning
 3. Face recognition in images using Boosting techniques
 4. Reinforcement learning
- Matlab and Python (Jupyter Notebook in lab 2)
- Assignments are done in pairs. (Not more than 2 students together!)
- Supervision time scheduled (“LA” in schedule) –
 - Choose lab group (Wednesday or Thursday) on Lisam and follow that group!
- Deadlines for written reports.
- Late reports may not be corrected until next re-exam (June/August).



Course literature

- Lecture notes
- Exercise collection
- Assignments
- Additional links in lecture notes (not required reading)



Challenges this year

- Distance mode!
- New lab-assignment on deep learning.

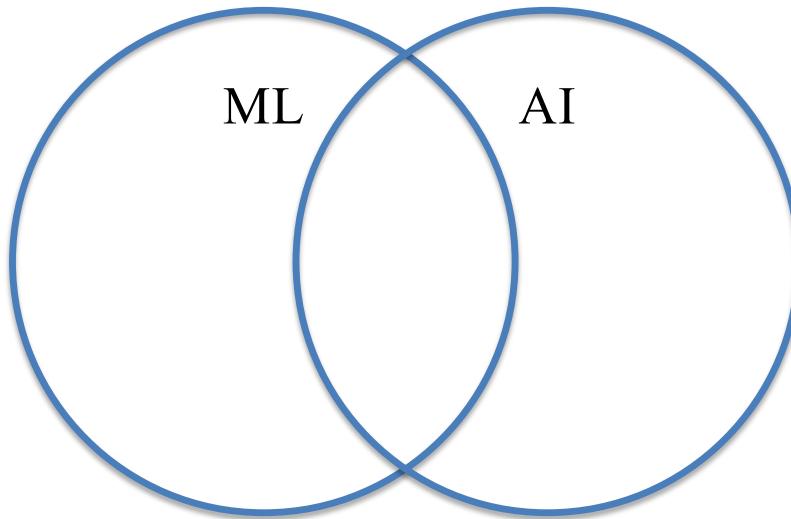


What is machine learning?

The ability of a system to learn from data and generalize to new data



ML vs AI



- AI aims at simulating “intelligent” behaviour, but not necessarily by learning
- ML does not always aim at doing something “intelligent”



How can a machine learn?

Learning: "Any relatively permanent change in behaviour resulting from past experience."

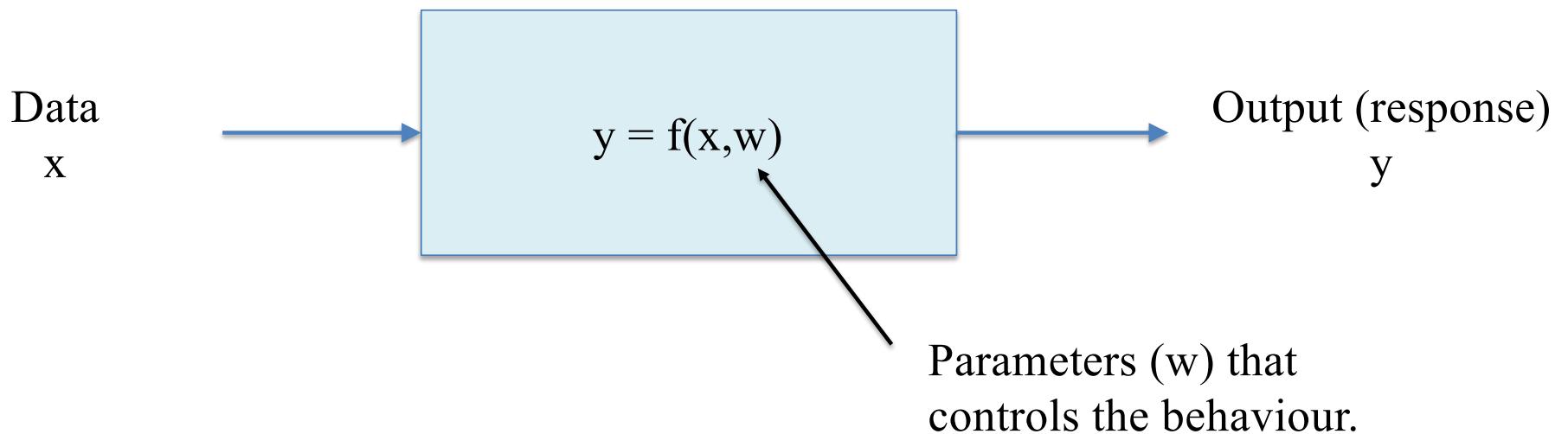
(Encyclopaedia Britannica 1964)

- The "behaviour" of the machine is determined by its parameters.
- "past experience" is previously observed data.

- Machine learning = changing parameter values (behaviour) as a result of observed data (experience).



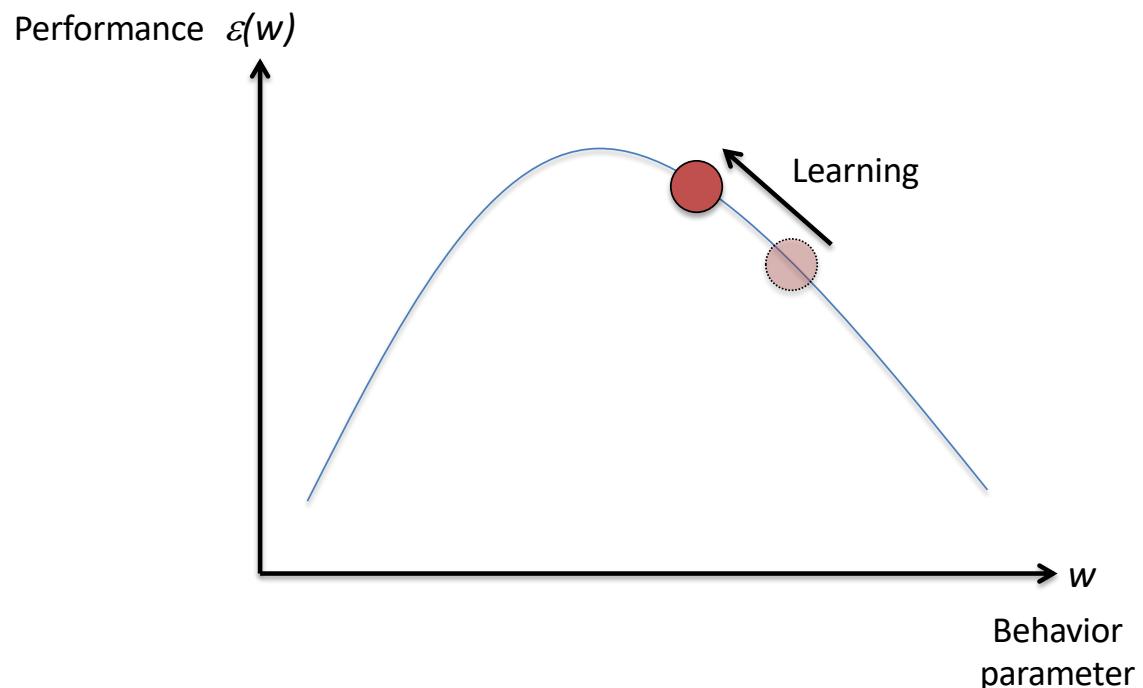
Machine Learning



Machine learning: The system changes its parameters (w) in order to improve its performance



Learning = optimization of performance



What is being learnt depends on how we define performance!



Mathematical foundations of machine learning

Find parameters for
optimal behaviour

Machine Learning

Optimization
theory

Statistics

Model
uncertainty

Multidimensional calculus

Linear algebra



Prerequisites

- Linear algebra
 - Vectors, scalar products, eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Multidimensional calculus
 - Gradients, partial derivatives
- Mathematical statistics
 - Mean, variance, covariance, correlation, Gaussian distribution,
- Programming
 - Some programming experience
 - Matlab and Python experience helps a lot



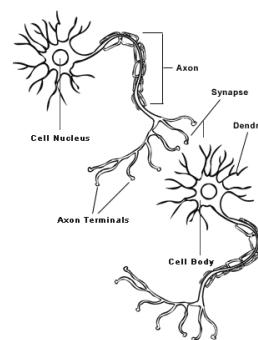
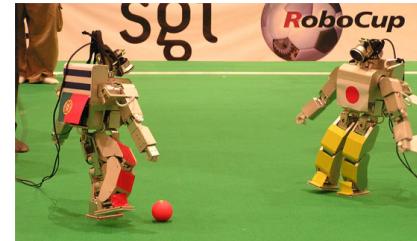
Why machine learning?

- Algorithm too complex for a human to design, but we can easily provide examples of what the algorithm should do.
- Relationships in high-dimensional data too complex for a human to see, but a computer can find these.
- The computer should learn and adapt continuously to new situations.



Applications of machine learning

- Pattern and speech recognition
- Robots & autonomous systems
- Big data
- Expert systems & decision support
- Games
- Models of the brain



Three main categories of machine learning methods

- **Supervised learning (predictive)**

Learn to generalize and classify new data based on labelled training data.

- Pattern recognition
- Classification
- Regression

- **Unsupervised learning (descriptive)**

Discover structure and relationships in complex high-dimensional data.

- **Reinforcement learning (active)**

Generate policies/strategies that lead to a (possibly delayed) reward. Learning by doing.



Pattern recognition examples

Face recognition



Organ segmentation



Pattern recognition examples

Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

0 0 0 0..
1 1 1 1..
2 2 2 2..
9 9 9 9..

Source: <http://blog.damiles.com>

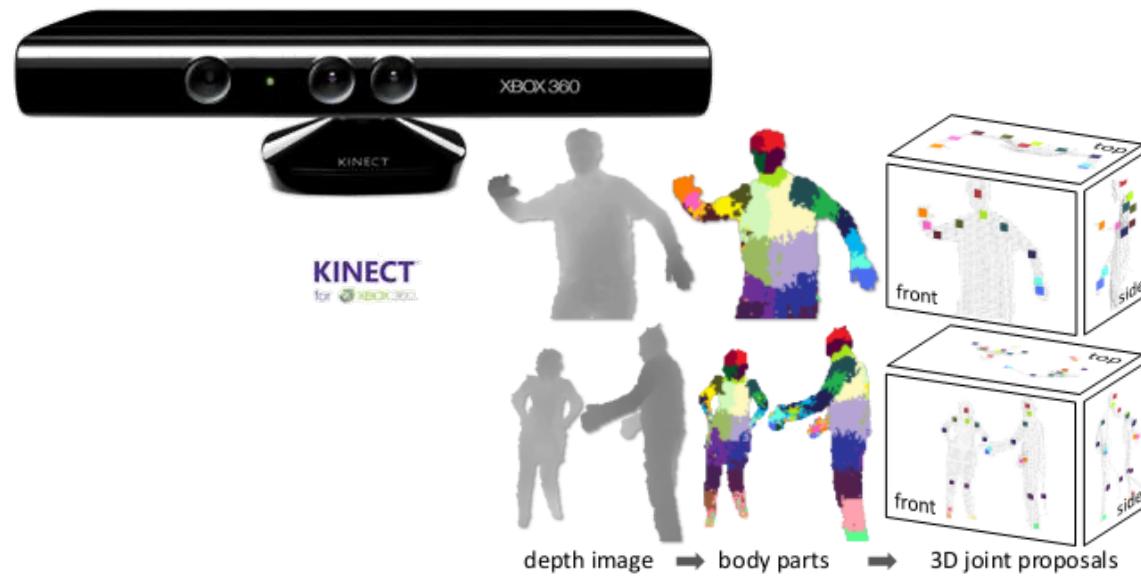
How do I optimize the handwriting?
You must write from left to right.
The lines of text must be horizontal.
Try and maintain a steady writing direction.
Keep the size of the letters relatively constant.
An upper-case letter is twice the size of a lowercase.
Leave enough space between words.
You cannot edit a sentence, once it has been captured.
Add unrecognized words to your dictionary.

The following sentences are random and historical facts;
They allow us to collect the remainder of the writing samples.
TINTIN was first published in 1929.
The Cape Verde Islands are in the Atlantic Ocean.
The 1000 Lakes Rally takes place in Finland.
Goulash is a Hungarian beef stew.
Dunlop invented the bicycle wheel in 1888.
Rio de Janeiro is overlooked by Sugarloaf mountain.
Concord's first flight was on 17 March 1909.
An alexandrine is a verse of twelve syllables.
The top of Mount EVEREST is 8,848m high (Himalayas).
On 21 July 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon.
Oliver Stone made the film Platoon in 1987.
Honshu is the largest island in the Japanese archipelago.
A sheet of A4 paper measures 21x29.7 cm.
The island of Cuba is 180 km south of Florida.
The Richter scale measures the magnitude of earthquakes.



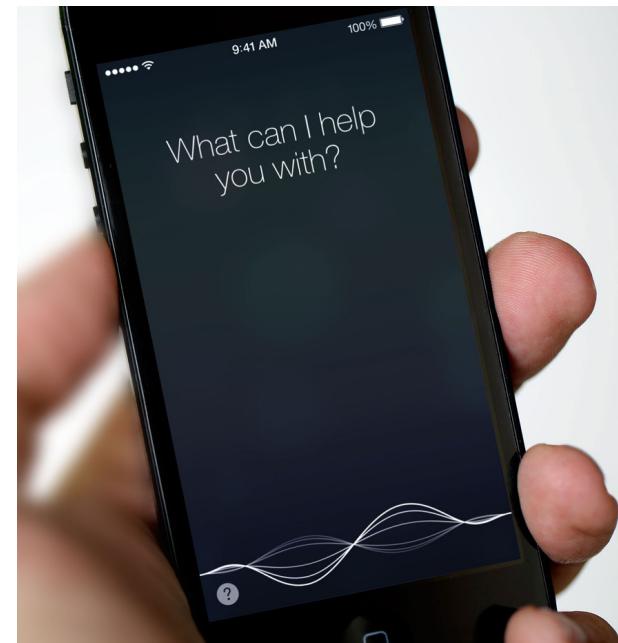
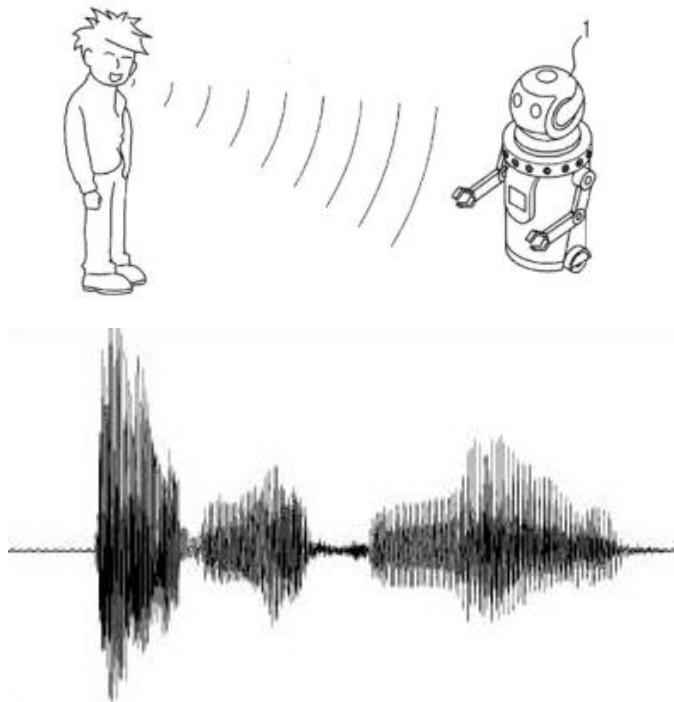
Pattern recognition examples

Xbox Kinect – Pose estimation



Pattern recognition examples

Speech recognition



Pattern recognition examples

Game positions

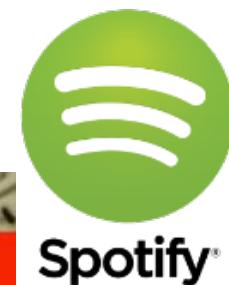


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#1
100% satisfied
4U
Accept credit cards
Act Now!
Additional Income
Affordable
All natural

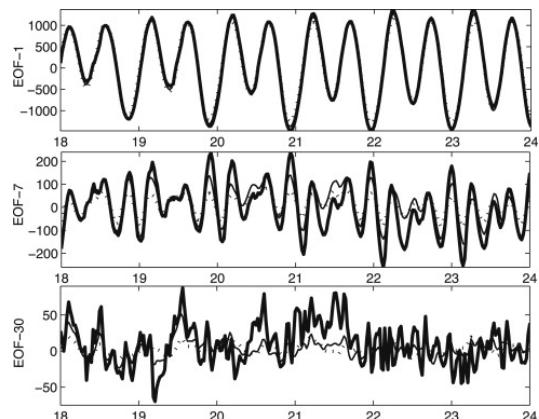
Movie & music recommendation



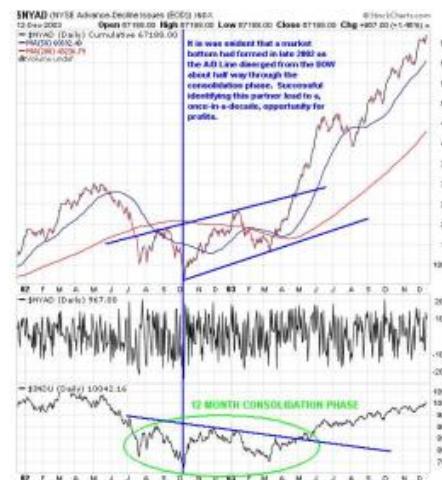
Regression examples

Prediction and forecasting

Weather and natural phenomena



Financial markets



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Features

- A feature is a measurement or scalar number that describes some aspect of a phenomenon or object
 - Size, length, shape, velocity
 - Intensity and color (RGB)
 - Position (x,y)
 - Signal frequency
 - Sensor measurements (e.g., temperature)
 - Game piece present at certain location (yes/no)
 - Word present in an email (yes/no)
- Feature extraction is the process of measuring features from data.



Features – Iris dataset



Iris setosa



Iris versicolor



Iris virginica

Fisher's Iris Data

Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width	Species
5.7	4.4	1.5	0.4	<i>I. setosa</i>
5.8	2.6	4.0	1.2	<i>I. versicolor</i>
5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	<i>I. virginica</i>

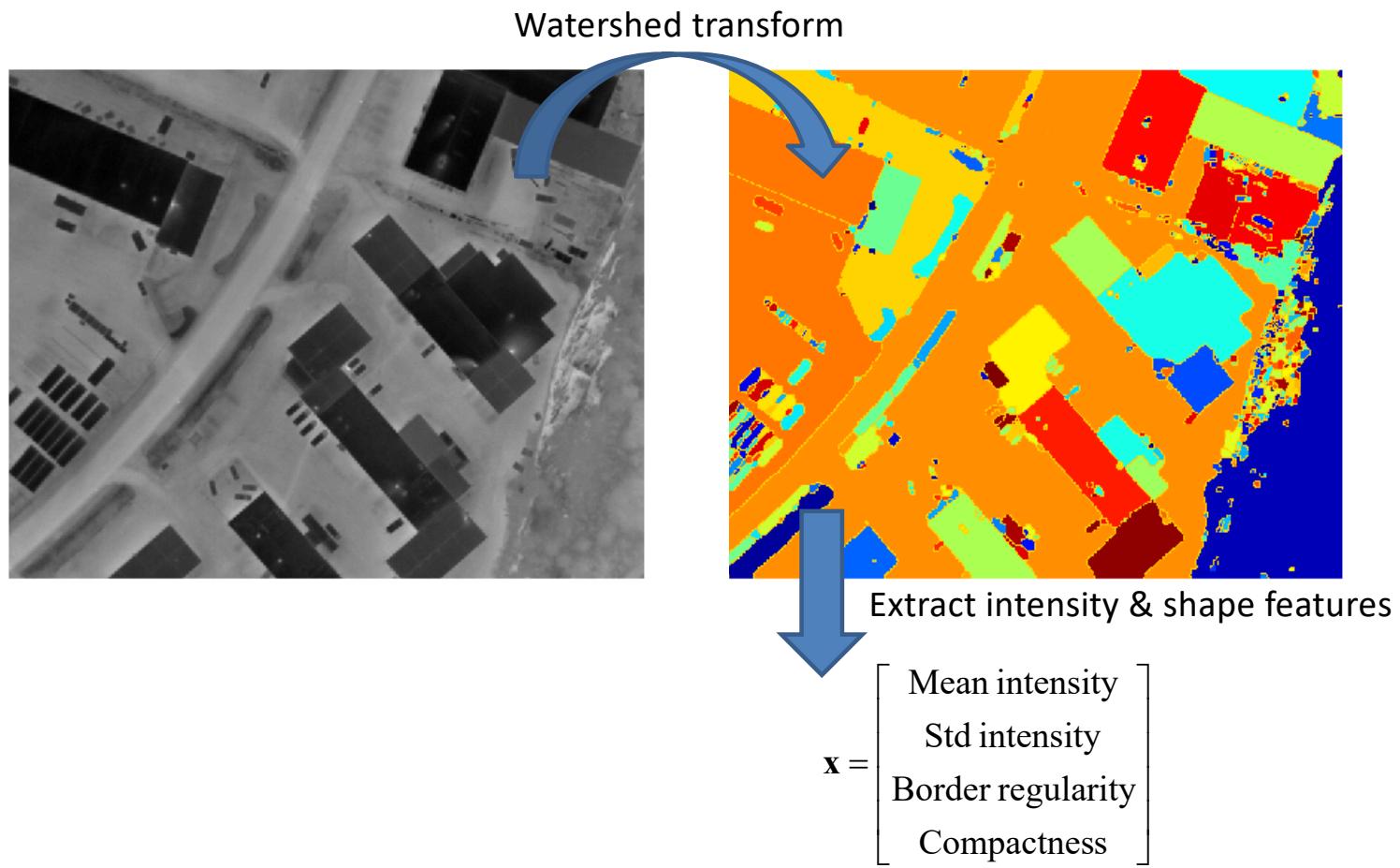
From Wikipedia

Feature vectors:

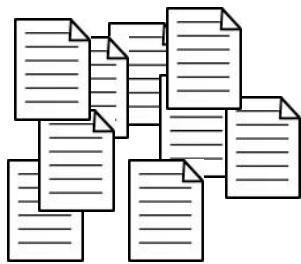
$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5.7 \\ 4.4 \\ 1.5 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5.8 \\ 2.6 \\ 4.0 \\ 1.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5.8 \\ 2.7 \\ 5.1 \\ 1.9 \end{bmatrix}$$



Features – Image classification



Features – Document analysis

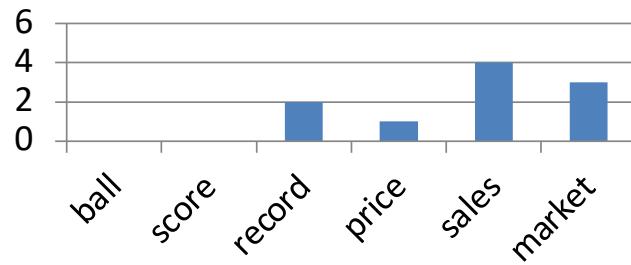


Articles, mail, web pages, ...

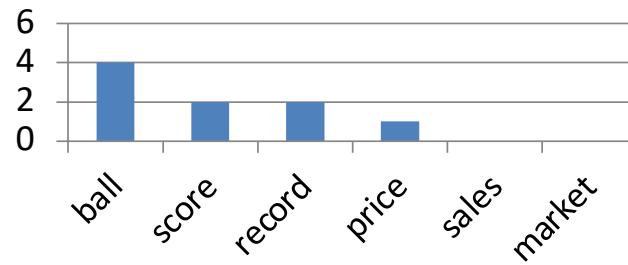
Dictionary:

{'ball', 'score', 'record', 'price', 'sales', 'market'}

Financial document



Sports document

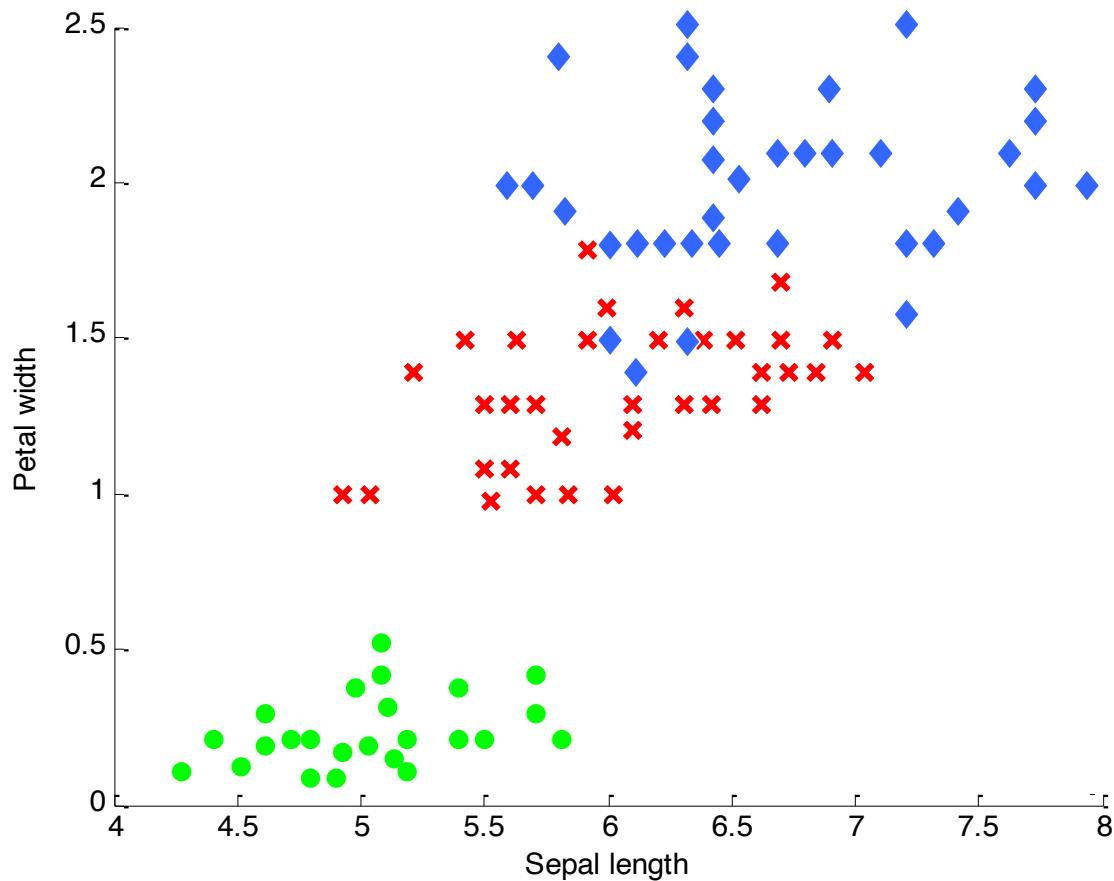


$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \#'\text{ball}' \\ \#'\text{score}' \\ \#'\text{record}' \\ \#'\text{price}' \\ \#'\text{sales}' \\ \#'\text{market}' \end{bmatrix}$$

Bag-of-words model



Feature space



Iris setosa



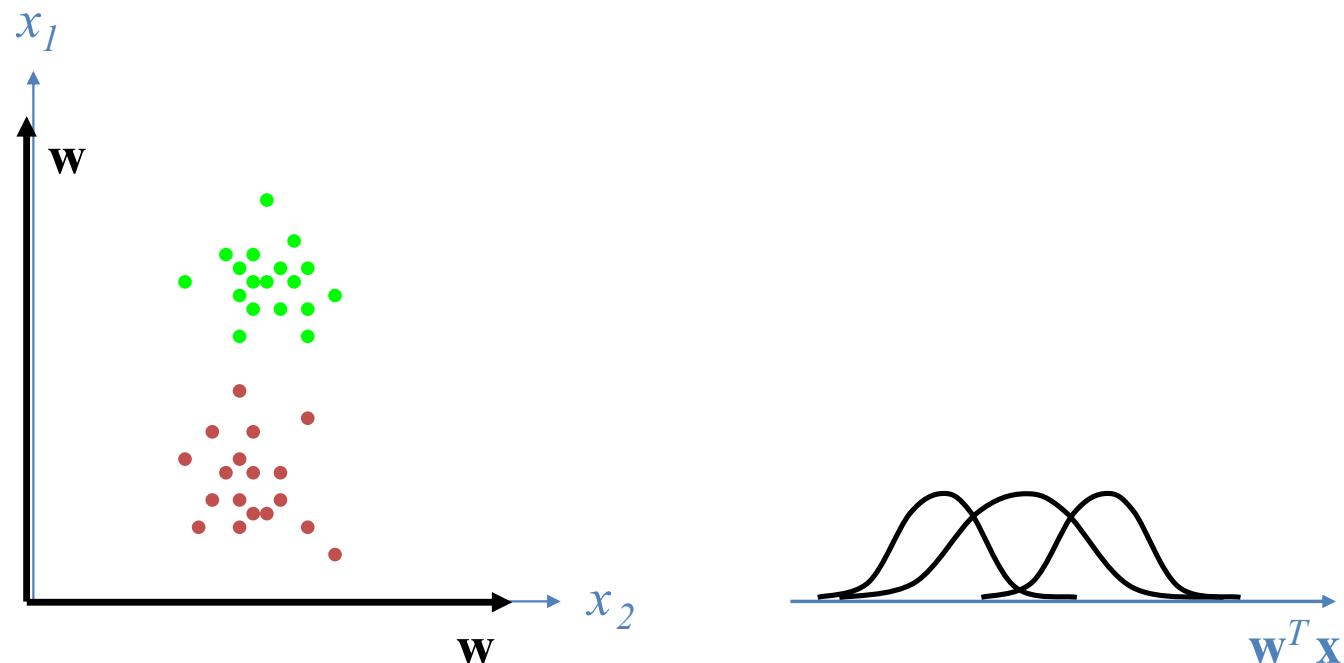
Iris versicolor



Iris virginica



Representation



Supervised learning

- **Task:** Learn to predict/classify new data from labeled examples.
- **Input:** Training data examples $\{x_i, y_i\}$, $i=1\dots N$, where x_i is a feature vector and y_i is a class label in the set Ω .
- **Output:** A function $f(x; w_1, \dots, w_k) \rightarrow \Omega$

Find a function f and adjust the parameters w_1, \dots, w_k so that new feature vectors are classified correctly. ***Generalization!!***

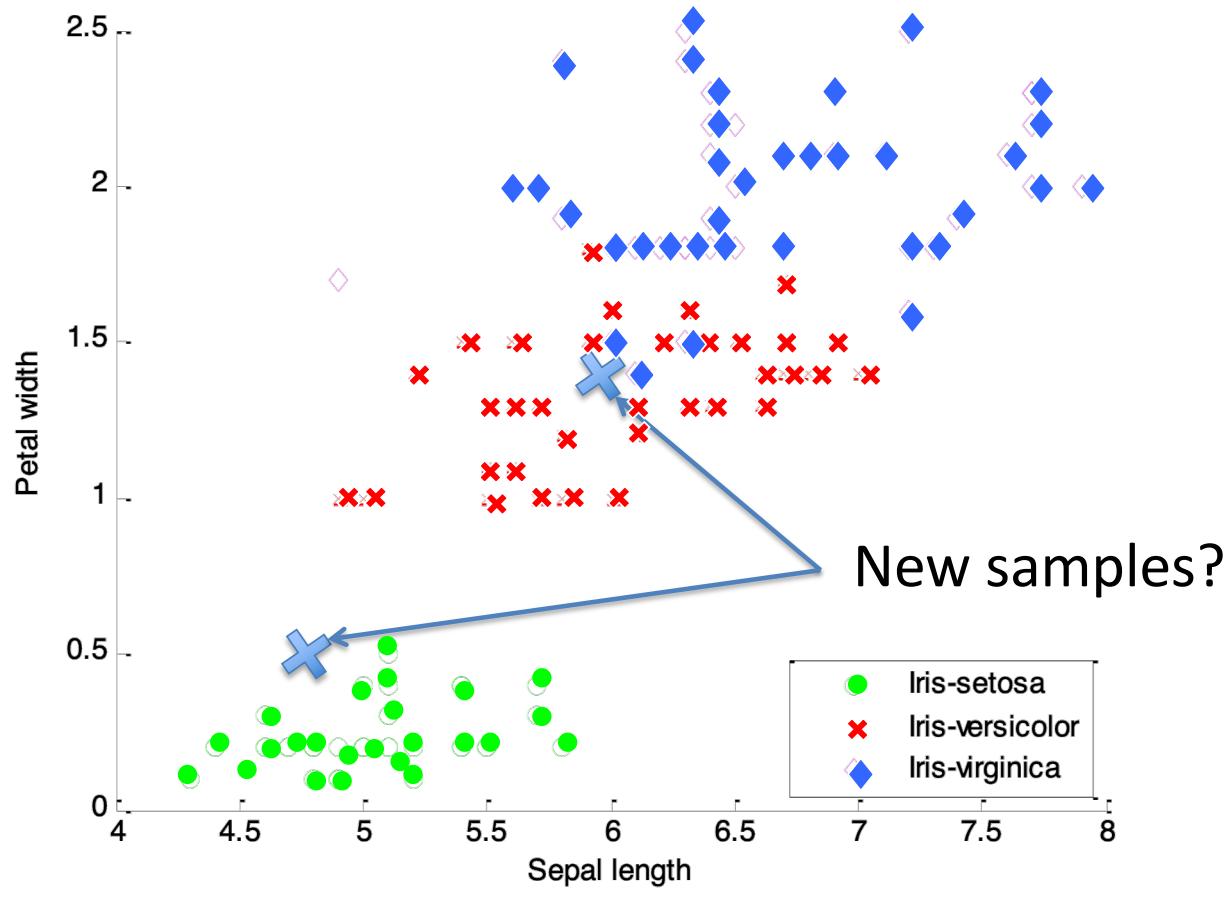


Classification vs. regression vs. ranking

- **Classification:** Select one of a discrete set of classes (the set Ω is discrete).
 - Which horse is going to win this race?
 - Which letter does this image depict?
 - Is this email spam (yes/no)?
- **Regression:** Learn to predict a continuous value ($\Omega = \mathbb{R}$).
 - Learn to predict the temperature tomorrow.
 - What is the *probability* that this image depicts the letter ‘a’?
- **Ranking:** Learn to rank a set of items ($\Omega = \mathbb{R}$).
 - Rank webpages, movies, etc.



Example - Classification



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k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN)

- Save all training data.
- For a new case, find similar examples among the training data.
- Requires a similarity measure (metric), for example the Euclidian distance

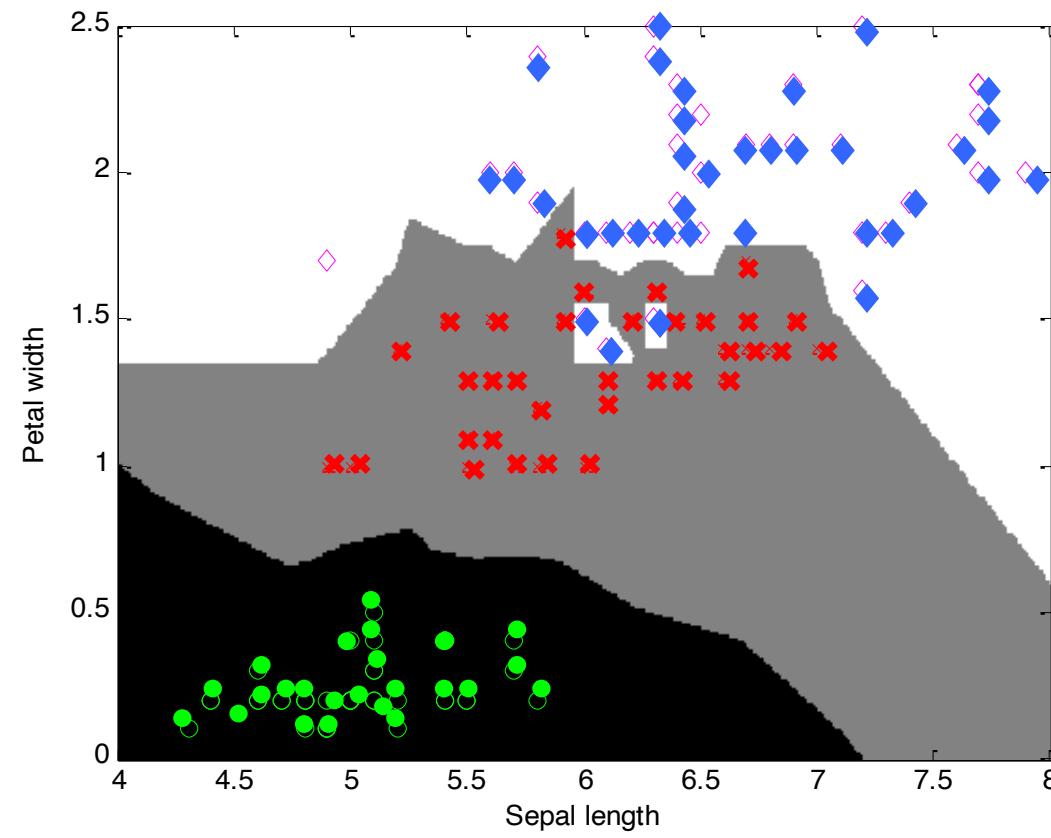
$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

- A majority vote among the k nearest neighbours decides the class, where k can be 1,2,3,4...



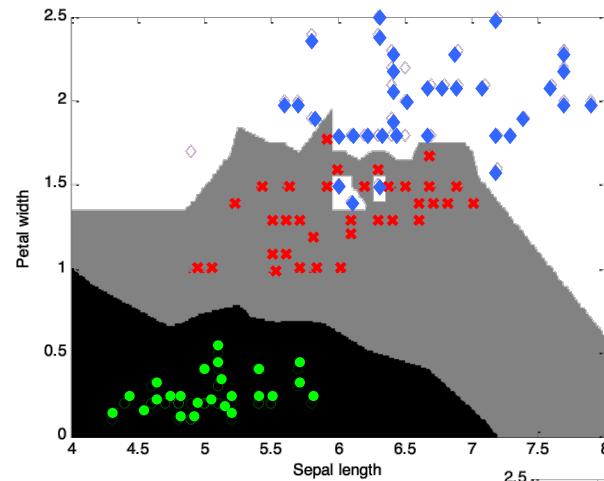
Classification areas

$k = 1$

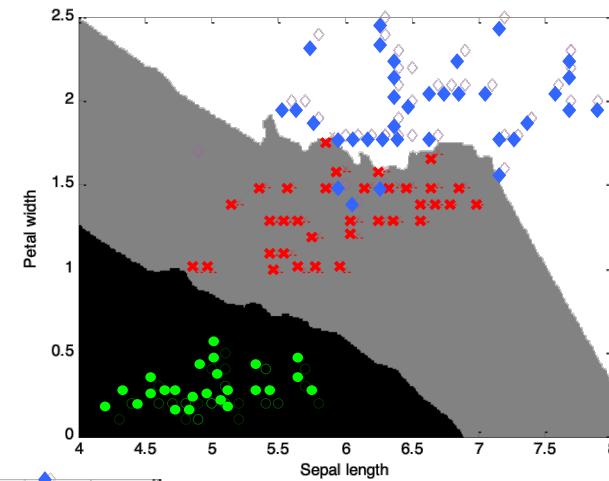


Classification areas

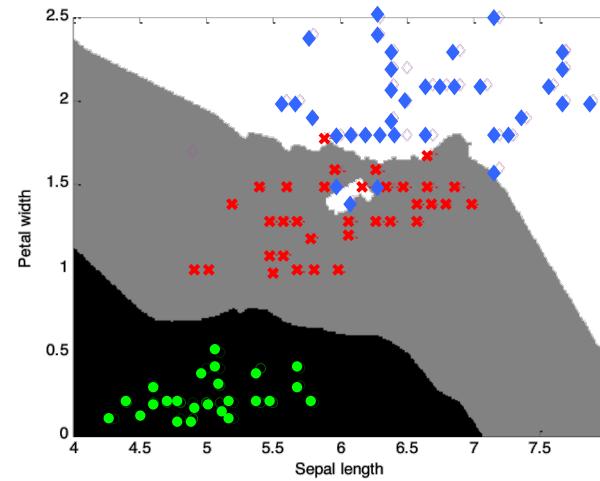
$k = 1$



$k = 7$



$k = 3$



Pros and cons of k-NN

- Very simple – no “training” or modeling required
- Must store all training data – problem for large data sets:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \underline{w_1, \dots, w_k}) \rightarrow \Omega$$

Parameters equal to training data \mathbf{x}_i

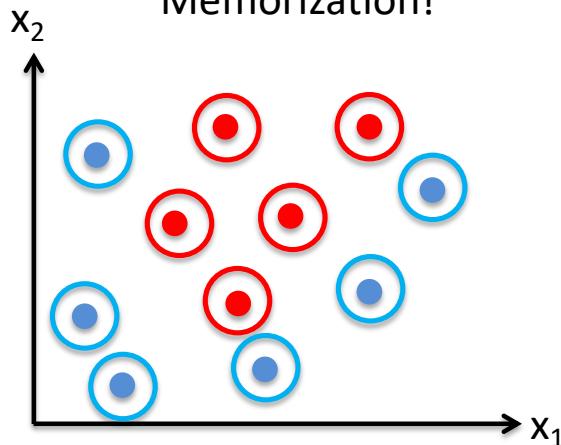
- Slow classification for large data sets – must compare new samples with all stored samples.



Generalization!

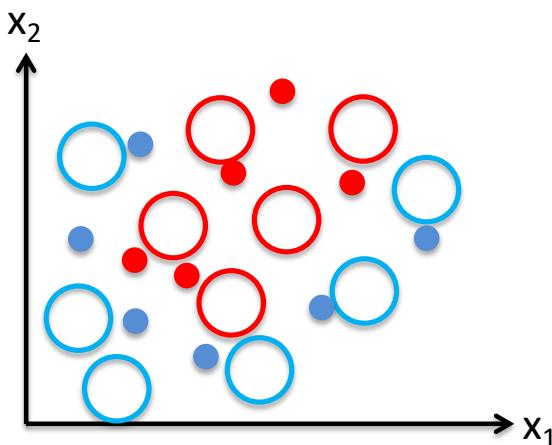
Classifying training data is trivial.

Memorization!



$$f(\mathbf{x}; w_1, \dots, w_k) \rightarrow \Omega$$

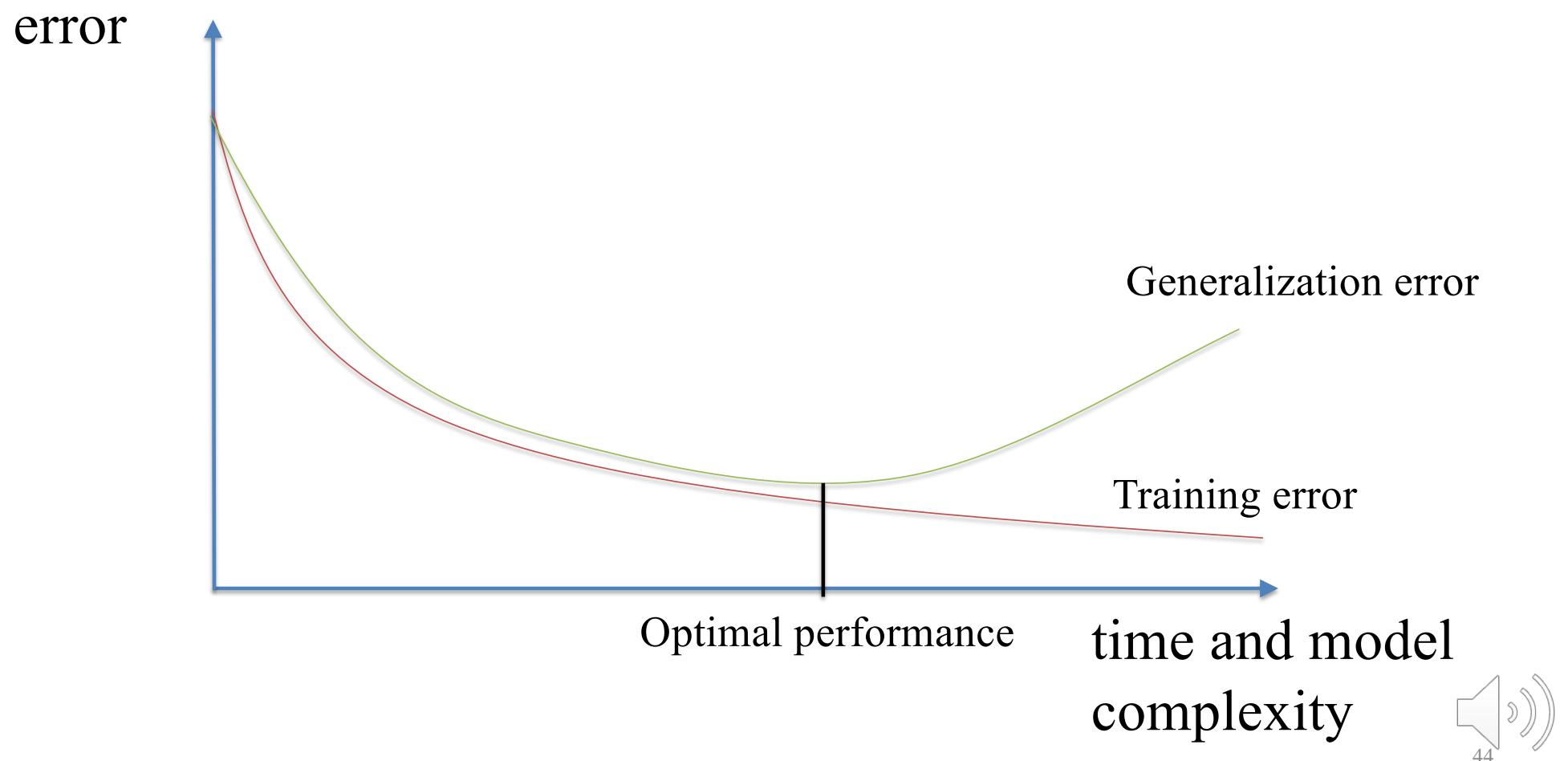
Classifying **new data** is the challenge!



Generalization error!



Overfitting



Training data vs. validation data

- A classifier must be able to generalize, i.e., it must be evaluated using previously unseen data.
- Evaluating using training data will give an overly optimistic accuracy.
- Three ways to perform the evaluation:
 - Hold out
 - Cross validation
 - Leave one out



Hold out

- Simplest approach, hold out one part of the entire data set as validation data.

Training data

Validation data



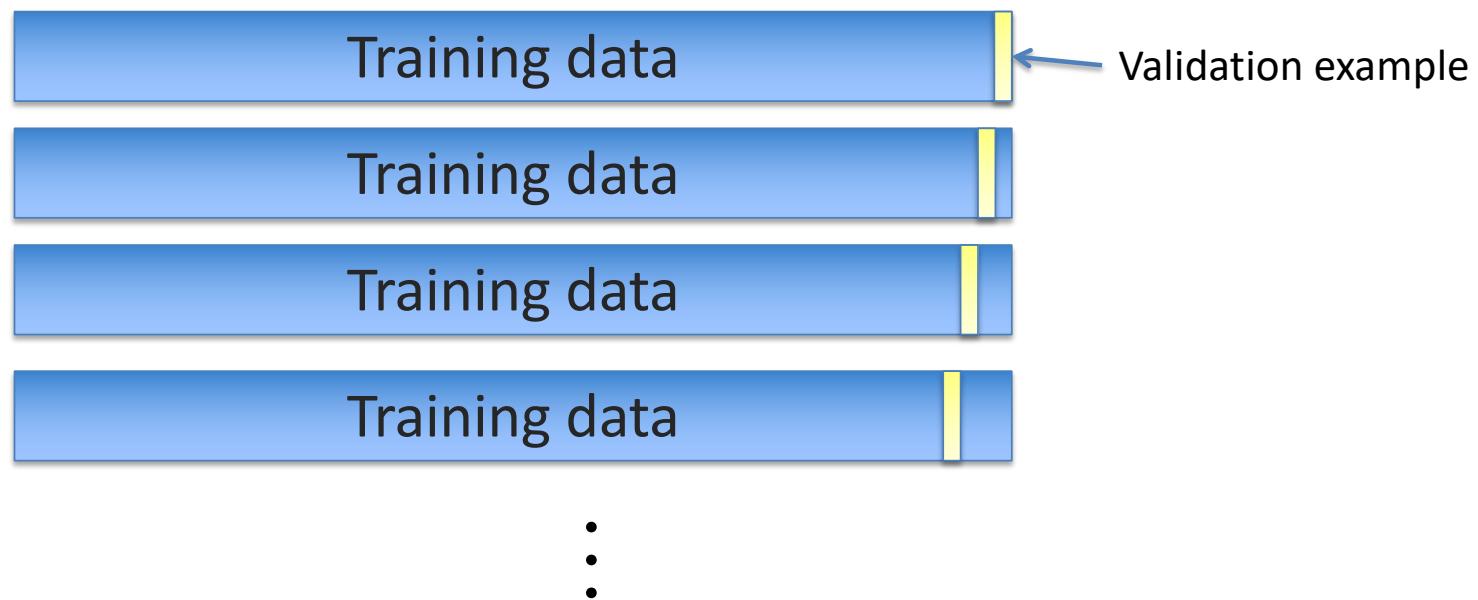
n-fold Cross-Validation

- Divide data set into n segments. Train using n-1 segments and validate using the n:th.
- Example of 3-fold Cross-Validation:



Leave-one-out

- Extreme case of Cross-Validation: Use all data but one example for training and use the last one to evaluate

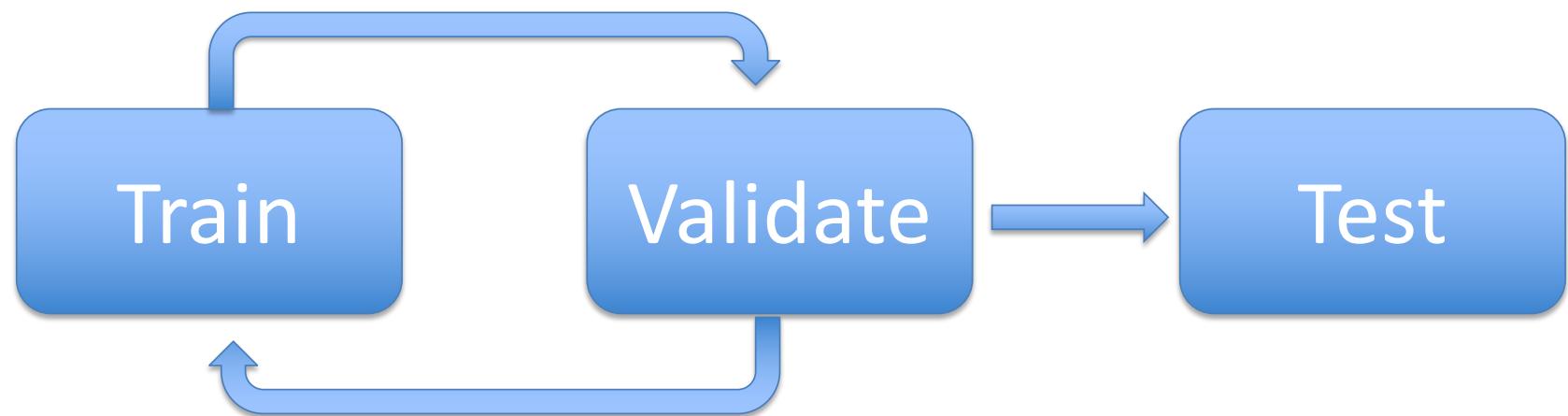


How can we find the minimum generalization error?

- What happens if the generalization error is not low enough?
- Modify the classifier (change the model) and train again...
- But – then the validation data is used to select the model!
- How do we know how well the new model generalizes?
- Need new validation data to test the final model – this dataset is called test data.
- Test data must never be used more than once!



Training – Validation – Testing



Evaluating classifiers – The Confusion matrix



Iris setosa



Iris versicolor



Iris virginica

		Predicted class		
		Setosa	Versicol.	Virginica
Actual class	Setosa	50	0	0
	Versicol.	0	45	5
	Virginica	0	7	43

Accuracy: $\frac{50 + 45 + 43}{150} = 92\%$

