

Machine Learning & Data Science

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About me



Python coder since my Ph.D. in Physics.



Worked for 2 years in IT consultancy.



Last 4 years, **Lead Data Scientist** @Gruppo MutuiOnline:

- Built the Machine Learning team.
- Projects: email classification, document classification, ...



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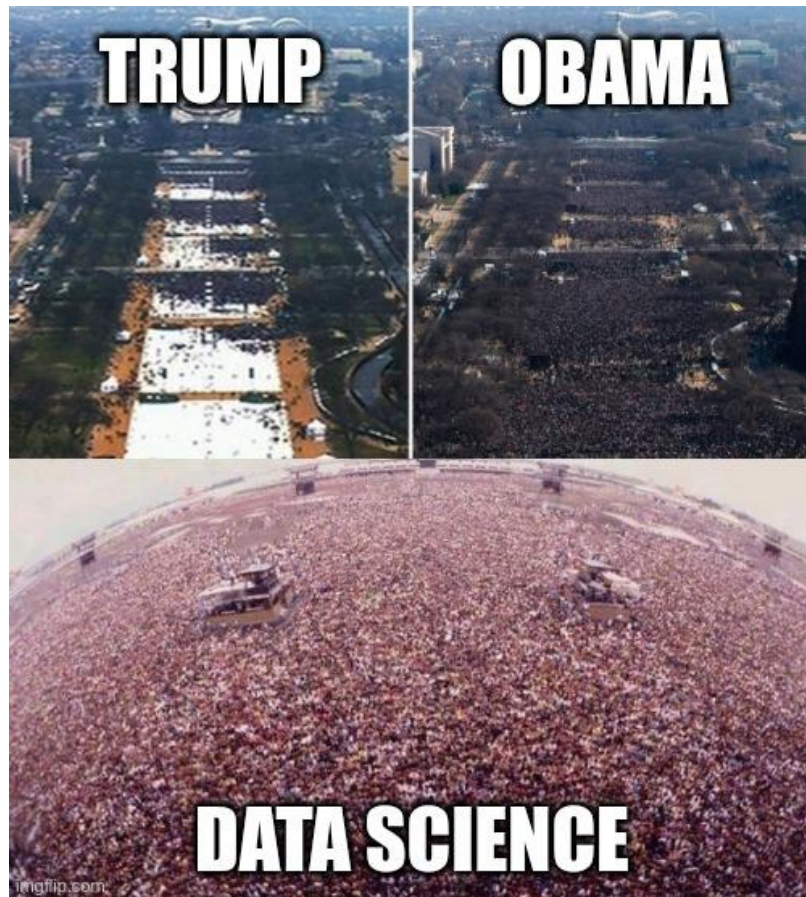
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Yet another online course...?

"How was the online class? What did you get from it?"

Me:



- Books,
- Papers,
- Bootcamps, academies, masters,
- Online courses,
- Online platforms,
- Conferences,
- Videos,
- Blogs,
- More blogs,
- ...

But we can do something different!



- **Hands on:** we will see and write a lot of code.
- **Collaborative:** we will work together and/or in groups.

This course is designed around the idea of participation:

- Ask questions!
- Give feedback!
- Turn your camera on!
- Communicate your ideas!

Learning Objectives

Knowledge

- Structure of a data project
- Tools for data science in Python
- Fundamentals of Machine Learning

Skills

- Techniques for data exploration
- Training ML models
- Ability to deal with complex data

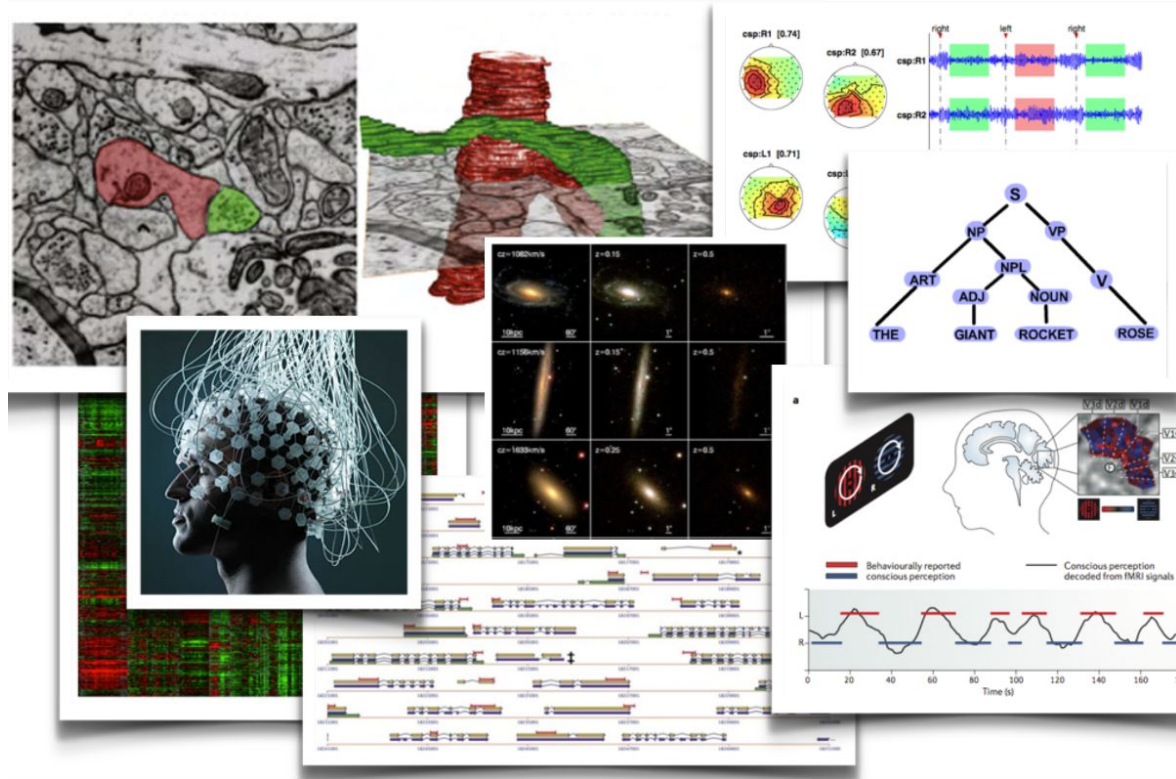
Attitude

- Critical thinking about data
- Creativity with data analytics

Learning Tools

Slides (PDF):

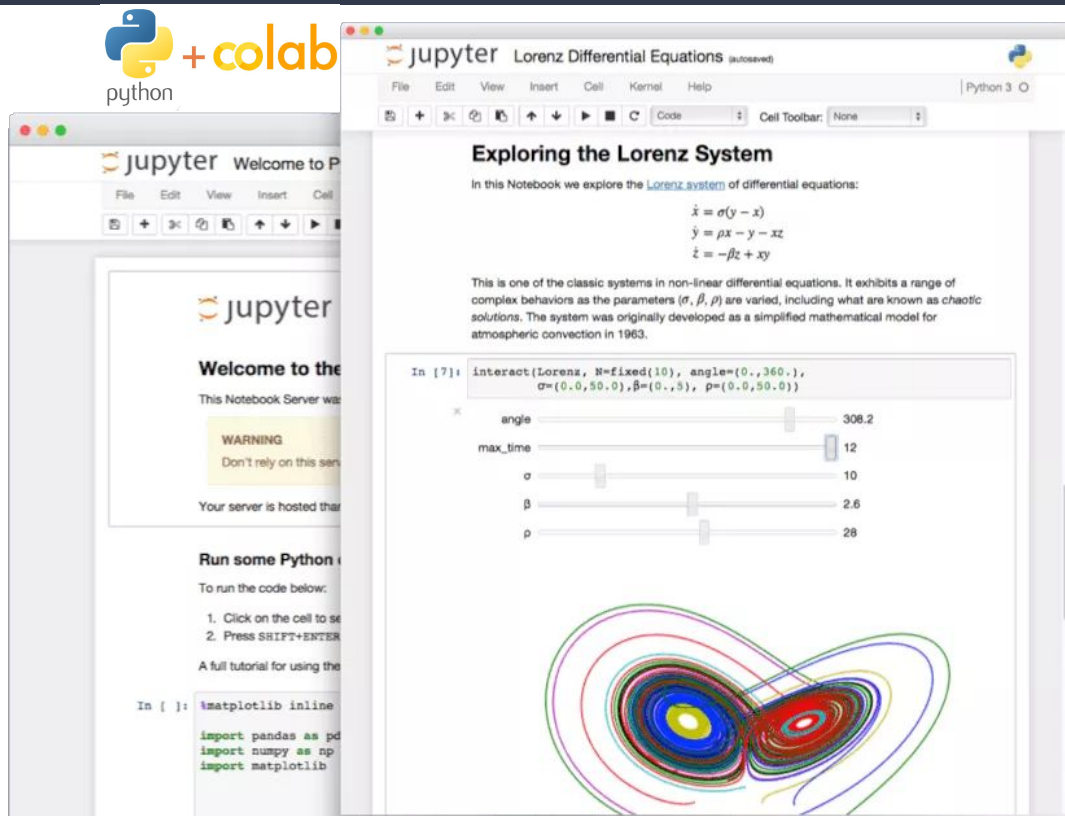
- Introduction to the topics,
- Theoretical concepts,
- No-code examples.



Learning Tools

Jupyter notebooks (Colab):

- Example code,
- Exercises,



Learning Tools

Quizzes (Google Forms):

- Short and simple questions,
- Useful to self-assess learning path,
- Helpful for Q&A session,
- No grades.

Sample Quiz

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Sample question

- ☐ Option 1
- ☐ Option 2
- ☐ Option 3
- ☐ Option 4

Submit

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Learning Tools

Collaboration:

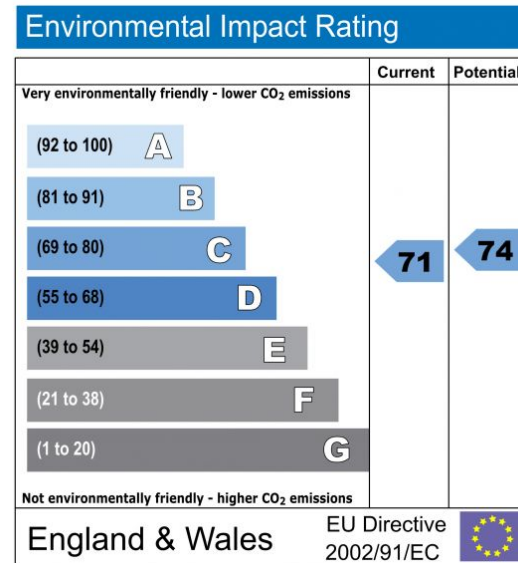
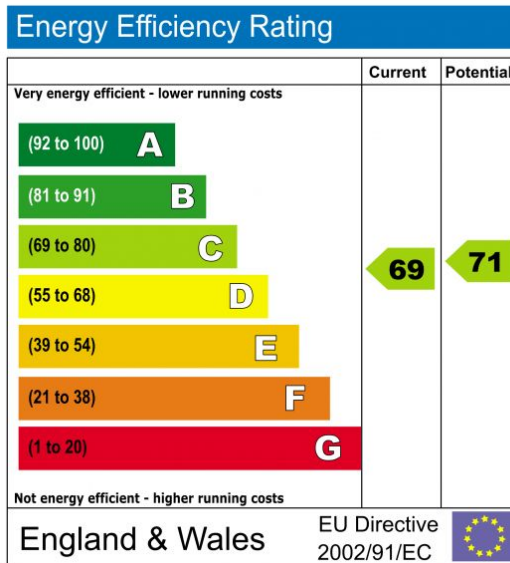
- GitHub (<https://github.com/darioka/impactdeal-2022>),
- Teams,
- Telegram.



Project

Estimation of Building Energy Efficiency

We will try to build a **machine learning model** able to predict the **Energy Efficiency Rating (EER)** of a dwelling, using historical data of Energy Performance Certificates of **England and Wales**.



Project

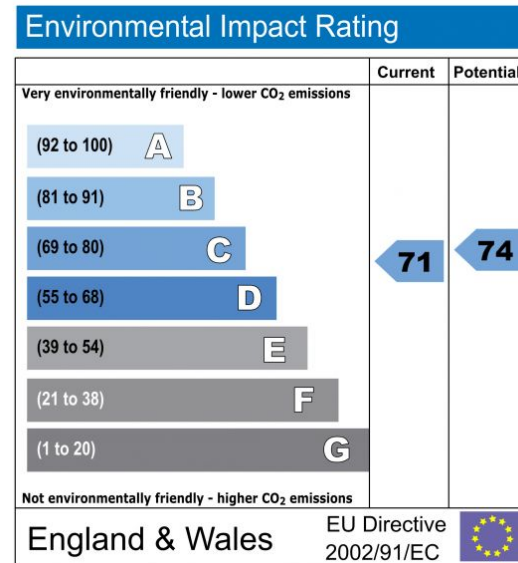
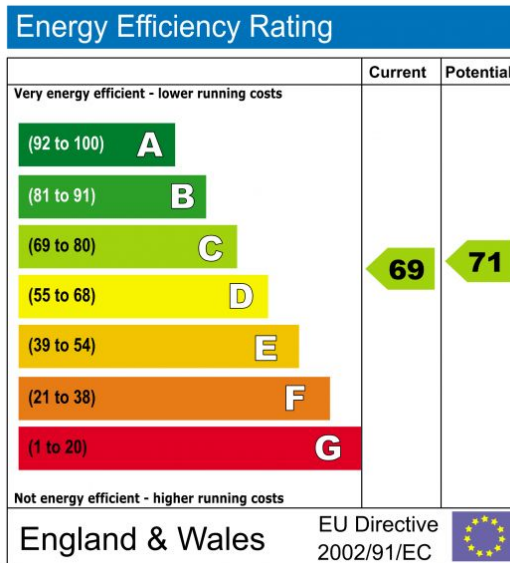
Estimation of Building Energy Efficiency

What is a EPC rating?

EPC is a review of the energy efficiency of a property, which is labelled from A (very efficient) to G (inefficient). EPC are valid for 10 years and are needed whenever a property is sold or rented.

How is EPC rating calculated?

A trained professional conducts an inspection of the property and assesses the energy efficiency of walls, windows, heating and water systems, etc.



Project

Estimation of Building Energy Efficiency

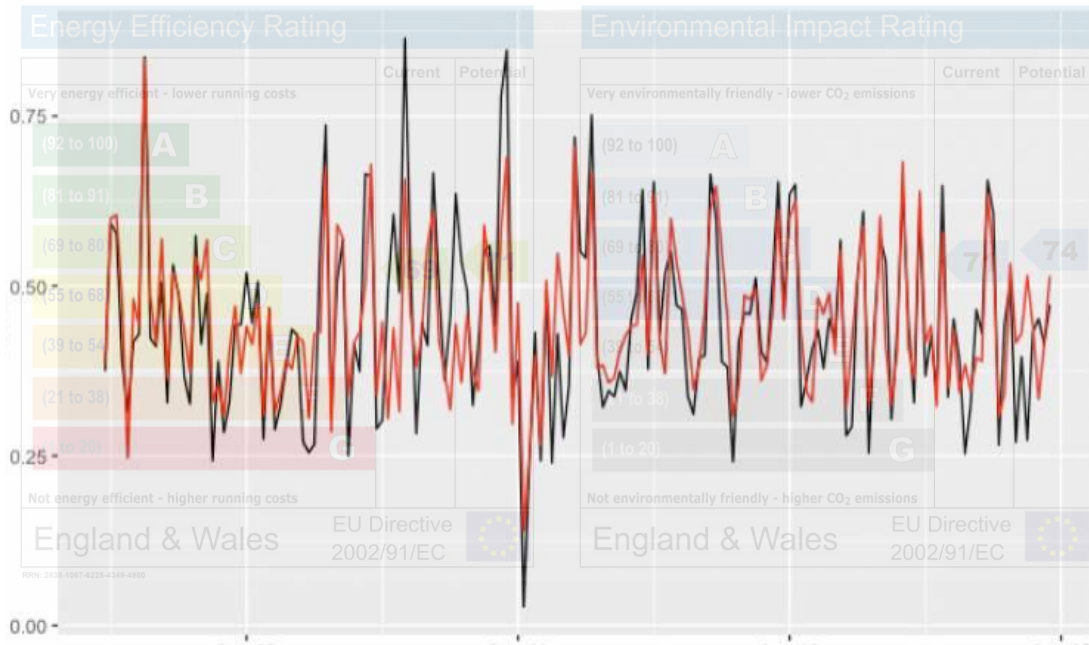
What is the goal of this project?

We want to build a machine learning model to predict the EPC band of a property. The model will be trained on historical EPC data, available on opendatacommunities.org.

How do we do it?

We will follow the project throughout the course, applying the techniques we will be learning and discussing their implications on the EPC prediction problem. Analyses and training will be performed on EPC data from three major UK cities (*) and can be done entirely on Colab notebooks.

(*) the data has been downloaded, subsampled, pseudonymized (address and postcode) and uploaded to the course's Github repository.



Data Science Fundamentals

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 - b. What is Machine Learning?
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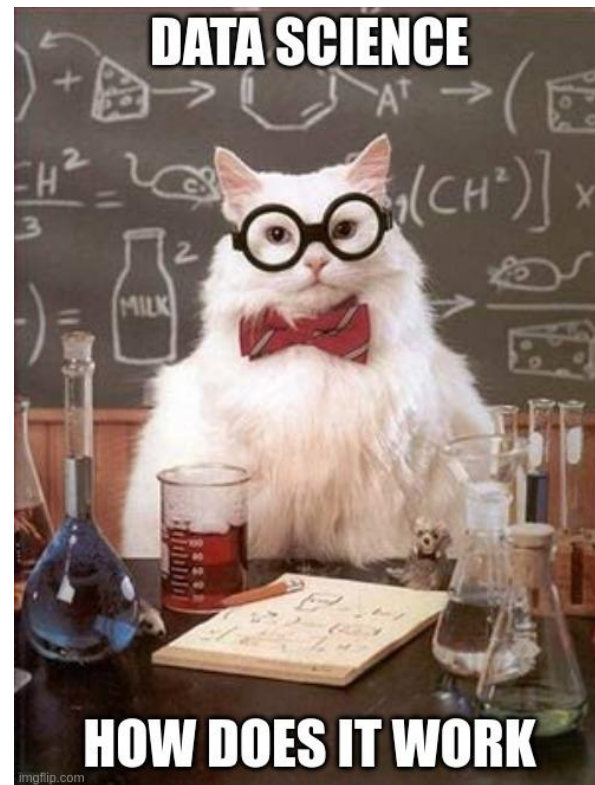
What is Data Science?

Not very well defined...

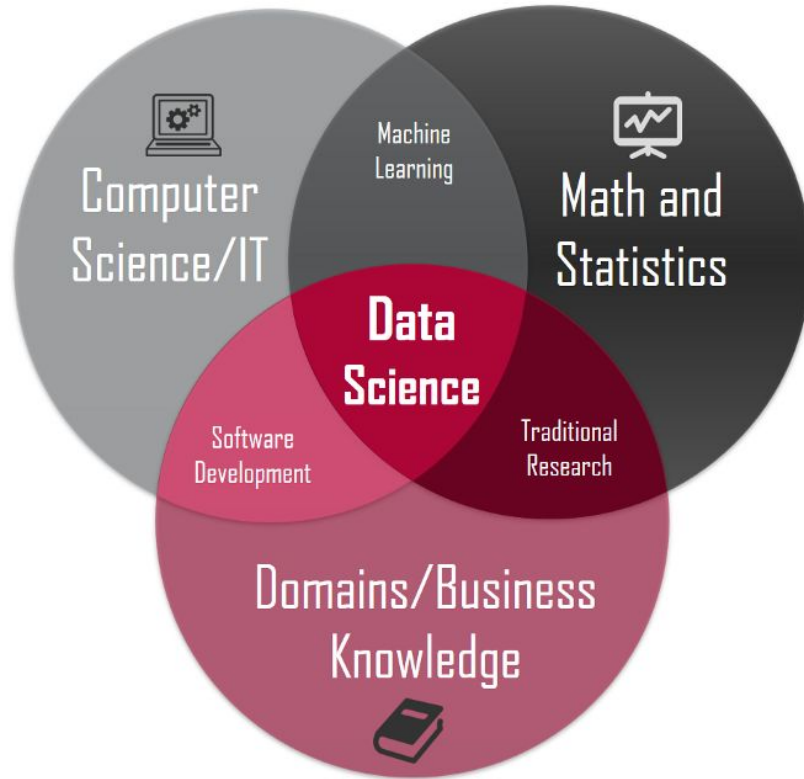
- **Circular:**
 - *Data science is what data scientists do*
- **General:**
 - *Data science is the science of learning from data*

Very broad field, but:

- it has to do with **science**,
- it has to do with **data**.



What is Data Science?

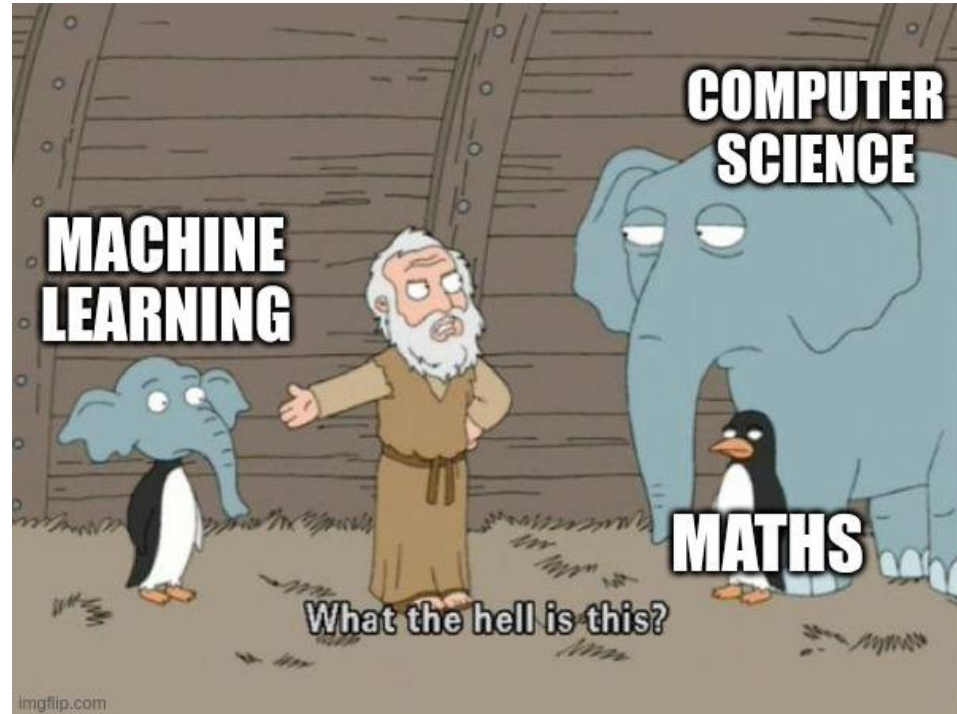


What is Machine Learning?

Better definitions:

The study of computer algorithms that can “learn” from data to solve tasks, without being explicitly programmed to do so.

Machine learning algorithms are based on **training data** and are often formulated as **minimization** of some **loss function** i.e. as **optimization** problems.

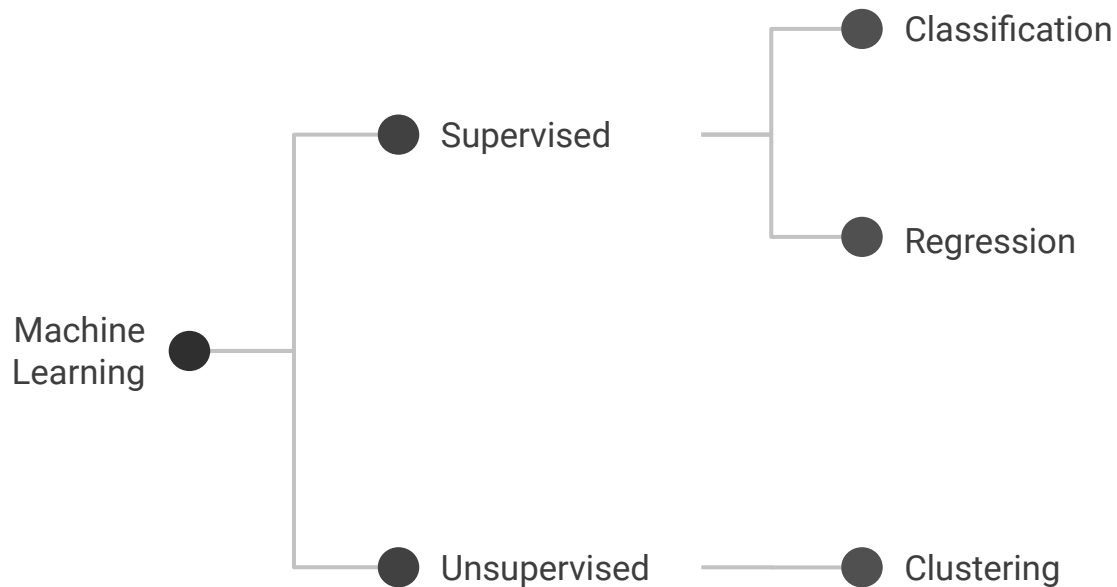


What is Machine Learning?

Examples:

- **Recommenders:**
 - Not explicitly programmed to suggest object A if object B has been chosen. Not a set of rules.
 - Try to predict users' preferences, based on historical data.
- **Image recognition:**
 - Does not require manual feature extraction or expert computer vision knowledge,
 - Learn properties and relationships of pixels in images.

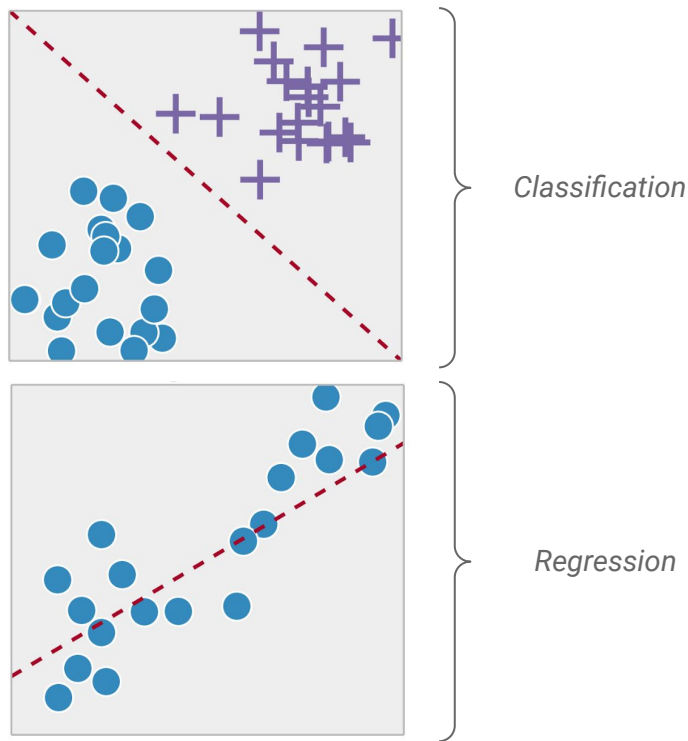
Machine Learning Approaches



Machine Learning Approaches

Supervised

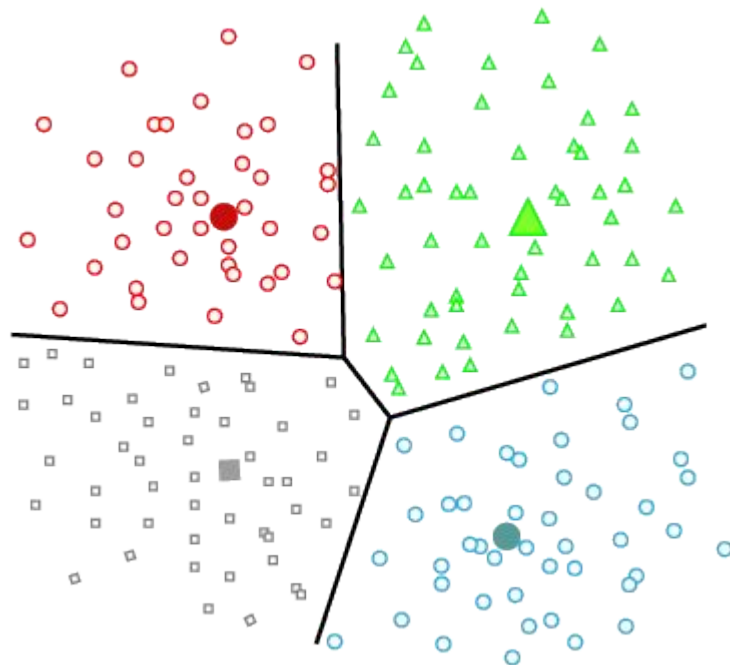
- **Predict the value of the target** for each sample,
- Models requires both **features** and **target** in the training data (i.e. labeled data).
- **Classification:**
 - Target is a discrete variable,
 - Model example: logisitic regression,
 - Application example: fraud detection.
- **Regression:**
 - Target is a continuous variable,
 - Model example: linear regression,
 - Application example: demand forecasting



Machine Learning Approaches

Unsupervised

- **Find patterns in the data,**
- There is not “target” value to predict or the target is absent from training data.
- **Clustering:**
 - Divide input samples into groups,
 - Model example: K-means,
 - Application example: customer segmentation



Machine Learning Approaches

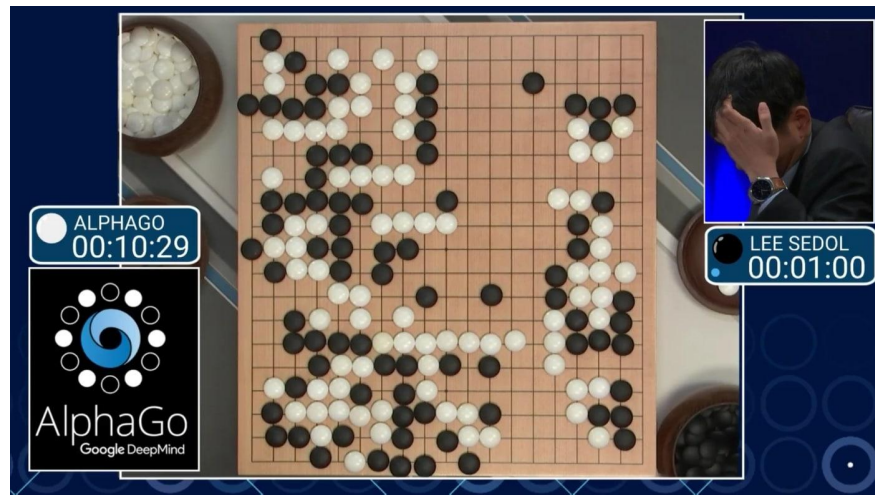
There are techniques and/or tasks that may be either supervised, unsupervised or both:

- **Semi-supervised learning:** training dataset has both labeled and unlabeled samples.
- **Dimensionality reduction** and **manifold learning:** transformations of data from a high-dimensional space to a low-dimensional representation.
- **Association rule learning:** methods for discovering relationships and strong rules between variables in large databases.

Machine Learning Approaches

Reinforcement Learning

- **Agents** interacting and taking **actions** in an environment.
- Solve a task trying to find an optimal strategy that maximizes a **reward** for the agent.
- Different approach: no need of large training data.
- Usually much harder than supervised/unsupervised. Active research area.
- Examples: AlphaGo

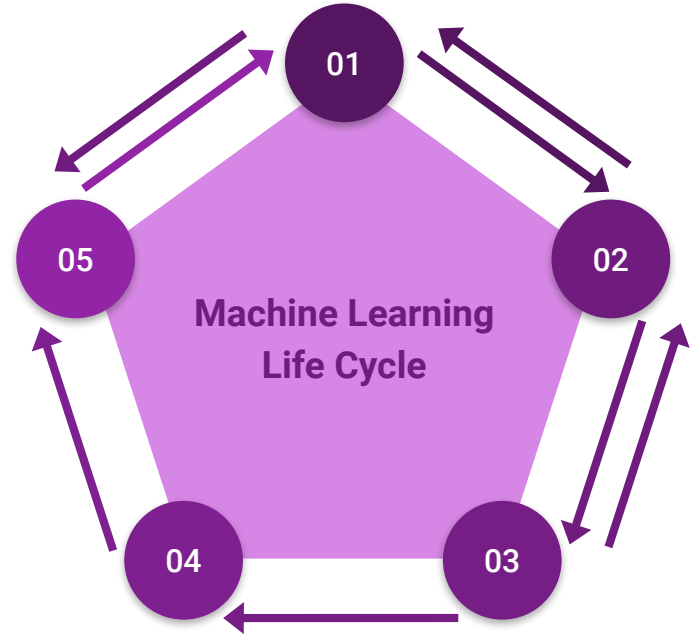


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Project Workflow

1. Business Understanding
2. Data Preparation
3. Modeling
4. Deployment
5. Management



Project Workflow

1. Business Understanding

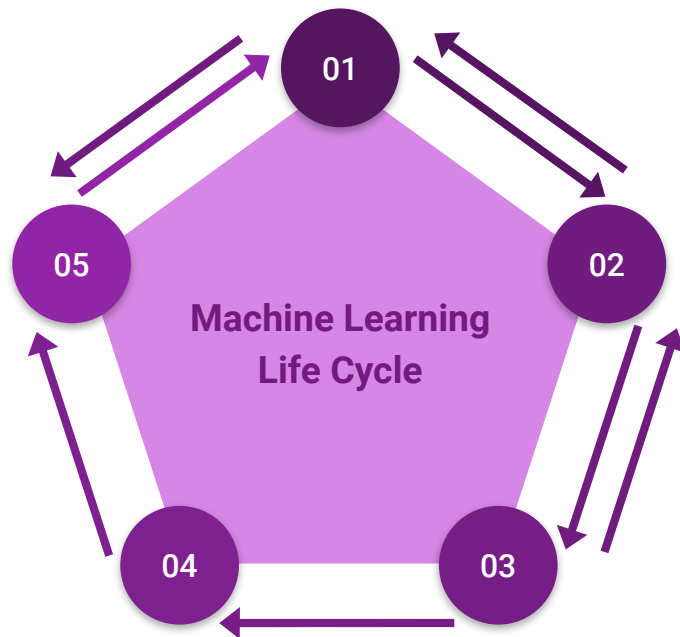
- Problem definition
- Objectives
- Expected outcomes
- Assessments (risk, infrastructure, ...)
- Understand integration/deploy

2. Data Preparation

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Project Workflow

1. Business

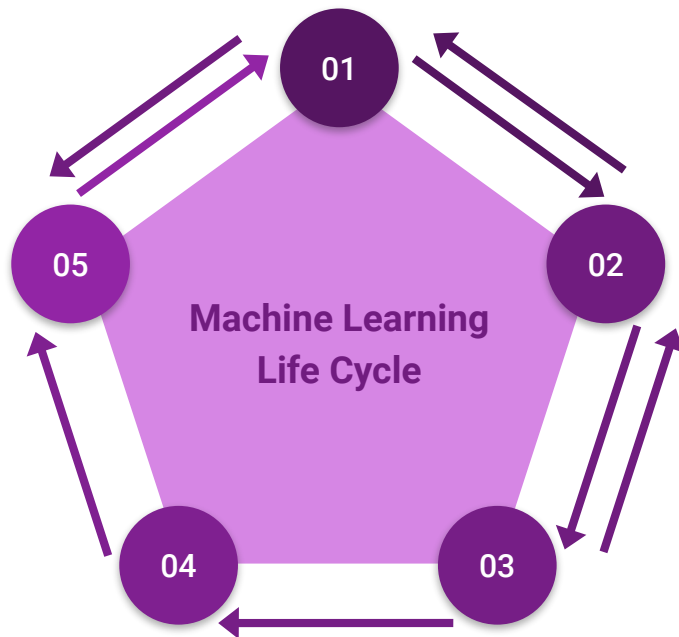
2. Data

- Data gathering
- Data exploration
- Data cleaning/preprocessing
- Feature engineering

3. Modeling

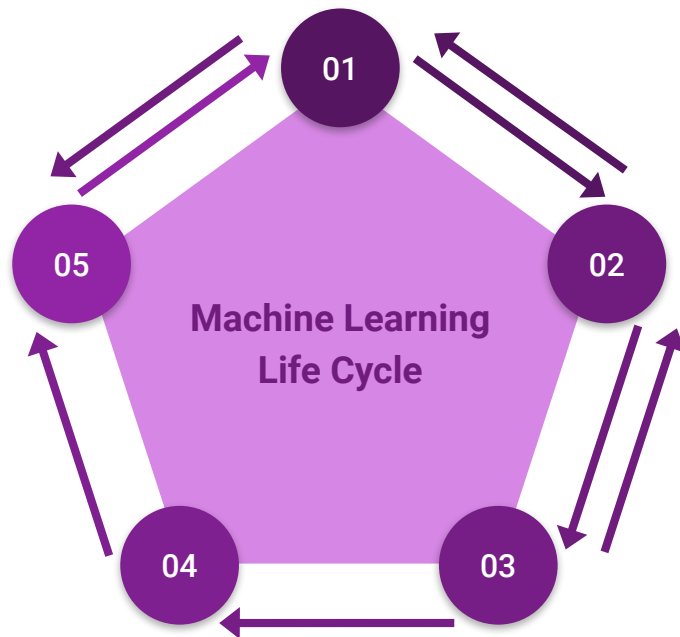
4. Deployment

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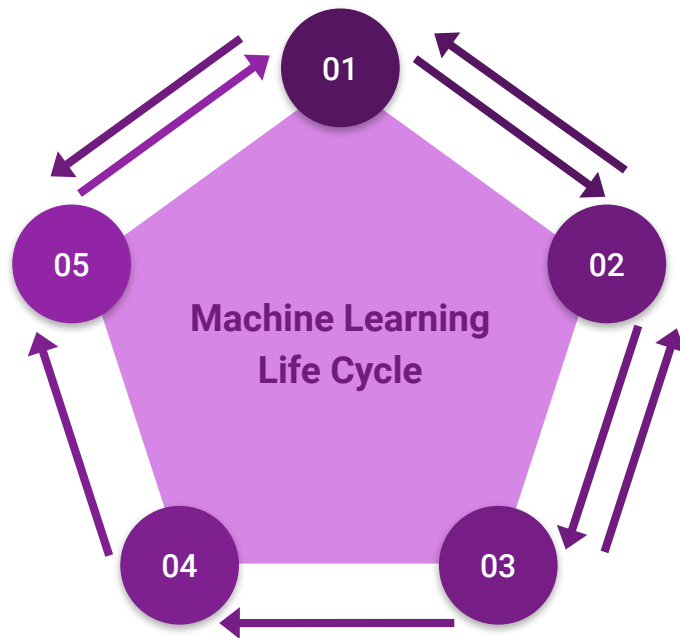
Project Workflow

1. Business Understanding
2. Data Preparation
- 3. Modeling**
 - Design experiments
 - Train models
 - Evaluate and test models
 - Interpret results
 - Review and cross-check
4. Deployment
5. Management



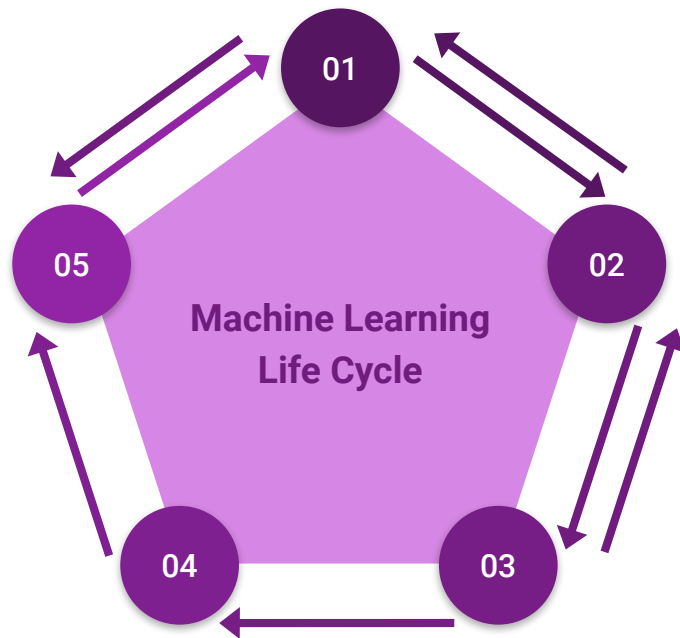
Project Workflow

1. Business Understanding
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- 4. Deployment**
 - Create model artifacts
 - Write production-ready code
 - Integration
 - Plan maintenance
5. Management



Project Workflow

1. Business Understanding
2. Data Preparation
3. Modeling
4. Deployment
- 5. Management**
 - Monitoring input/output
 - Monitoring performances
 - Model updates



Project Workflow



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graph LR; A[Data Exploration] --> B[Modeling]; B --> C[Deploy];
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Data Exploration

Modeling

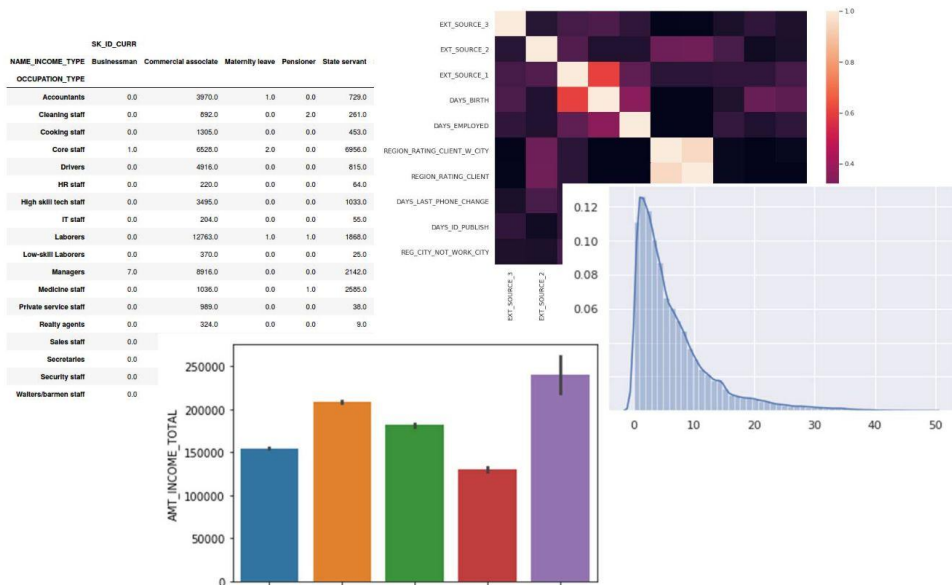
Deploy

Data Exploration

It's the process of analyzing a dataset to understand its characteristics.

It is a mixture of:

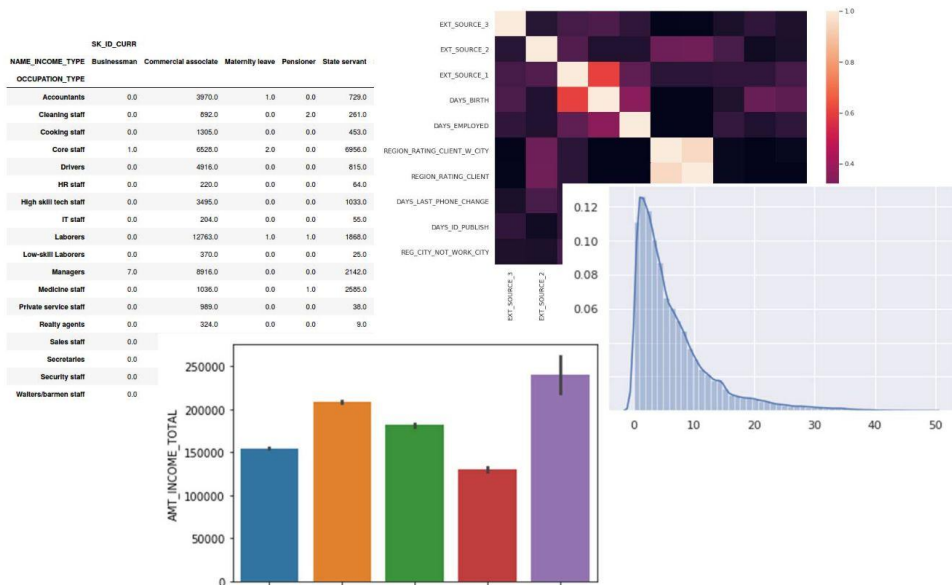
- summary statistics,
- data visualization,
- hypothesis testing,
- manual drill-down.



Data Exploration

Typical steps in data exploration are:

- Variable identification,
- Univariate analysis,
- Bivariate analysis,
- Missing data analysis.



Data Exploration

Variable identification

What kind of information does the dataset contain?

- Identify the target (if any),
- Understand the meaning of the variables,
- Identify data types.

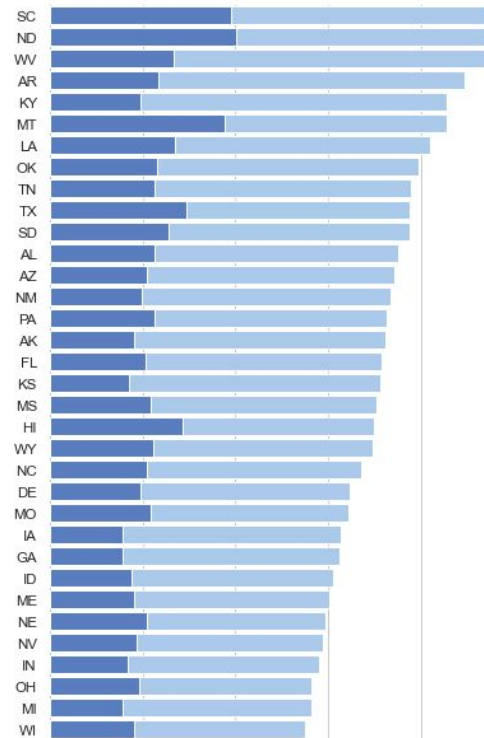
Data Exploration

Univariate analysis

How the data is distributed?

For categorical variables:

Methods	Visualization
Counts Frequencies	Bar plots



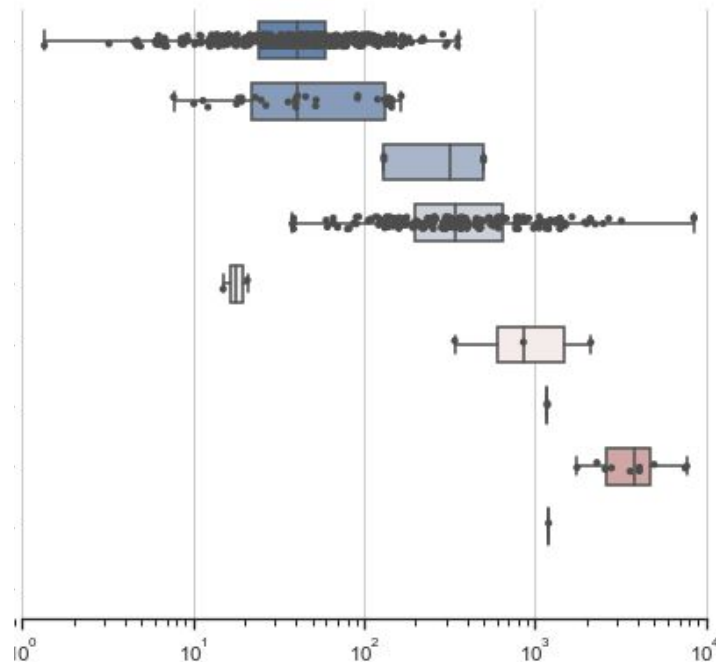
Data Exploration

Univariate analysis

How the data is distributed?

For numerical variables:

Methods	Visualizations
Central tendency (mean, median, ...)	Histograms Box Plots Violin plots
Dispersion (range, quartiles, variance, ...)	

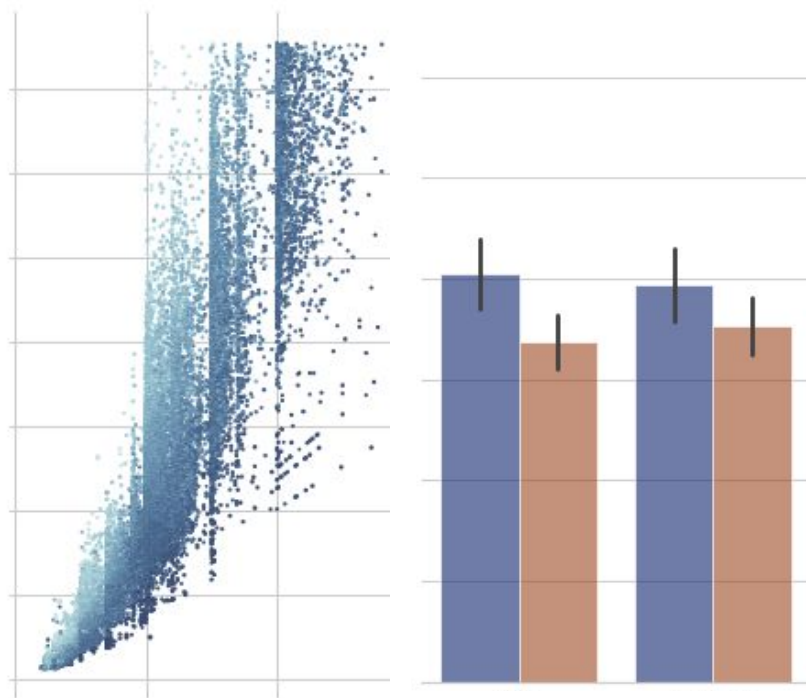


Data Exploration

Bivariate analysis

What are the relationships between the variables?

Methods	Visualizations
Correlation	Scatter plots Heatmap
Joint frequencies Distribution difference between groups	Histograms Box Plots Violin plots



Data Exploration

Missing Values

Is the data complete?

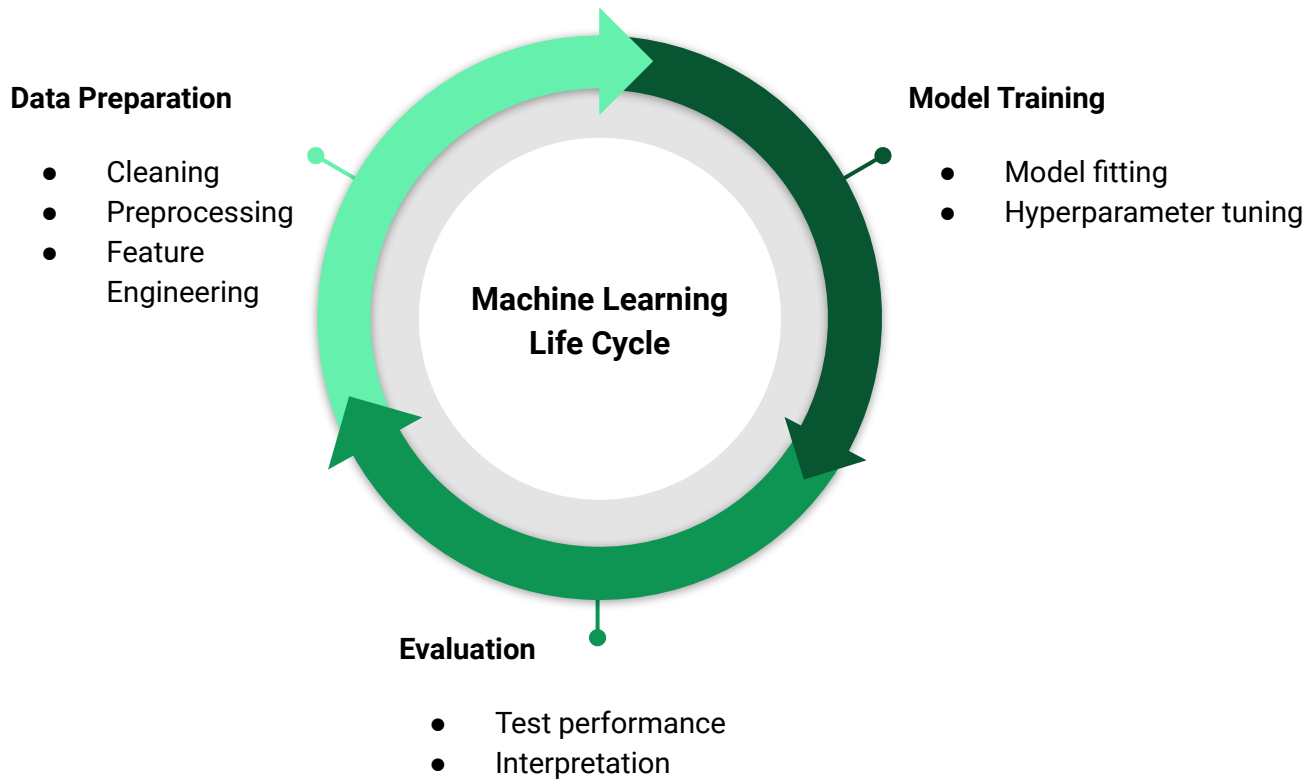
Common situation with real-world data sets, where some variables contains no information, for example because of errors during the data collection process.

Missing data can be a problem for any analysis:

- Loss of information and statistical power,
- If systematic, introduce bias and distortions.

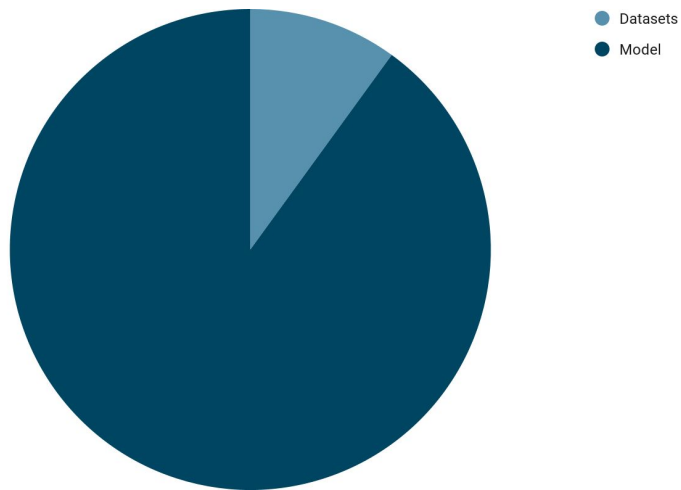


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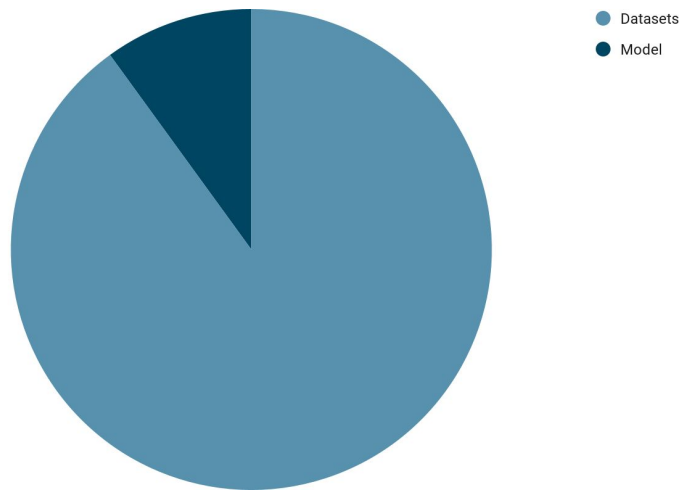


Modeling

You may think this is how data scientists spend their time...



...but it is the other way around.



Deploy

Deployment is the integration of a machine learning model into a production environment.

Examples:

- A program that targets customer at risk of churning and send them personalized offers every month.
- An online bank website that recognizes uploaded documents.
- A virtual assistant device that answers to questions.

Deploy

Challenges:

- Integration,
- Reproducibility,
- Scalability,
- Drift.



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Python for Machine Learning

why use python for machine learning

A screenshot of a Google search results page for the query "why use python for machine learning". The search bar at the top contains the query. Below the search bar, the results show "About 2,740,000,000 results (0.61 seconds)". The first search result is titled "Why Python is Best for AI, ML, and Deep Learning - RTInsights" with a URL "https://www.rtinsights.com > why-python-is-best-for-ai-ml...". Below this, there is a section "People also ask" with four questions: "Why do we use Python for machine learning?", "Why Python is used in machine learning than Java?", "Is Python better for machine learning?", and "Why Python is the best for AI?". The second search result is titled "Why Use Python for AI and Machine Learning? - SteelKiwi" with a URL "https://steelkiwi.com > blog > python-for-ai-and-machi...". Below this, there is a section "Why I Think Python is Perfect for Machine Learning and ..." with a URL "https://towardsdatascience.com > 8-reasons-why-python...".

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