COMP0169: Machine Learning for Visual Computing

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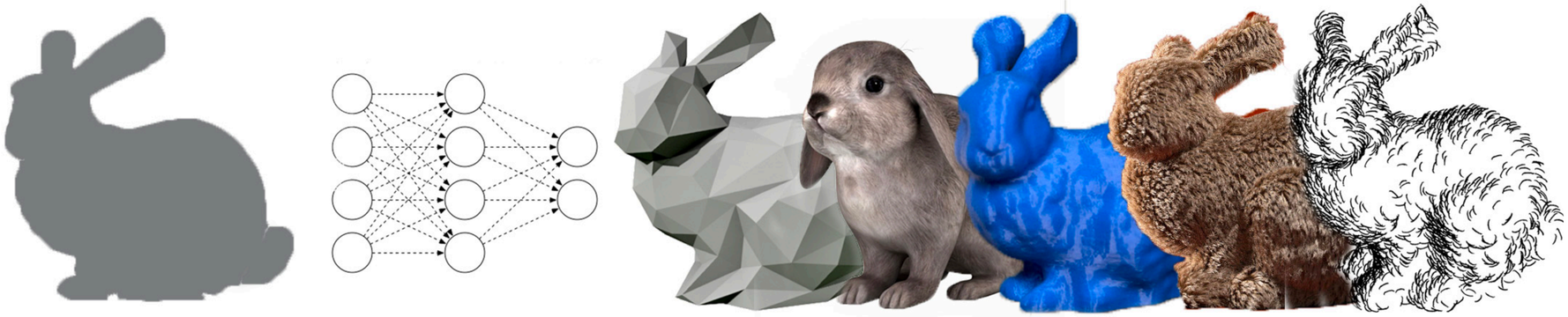

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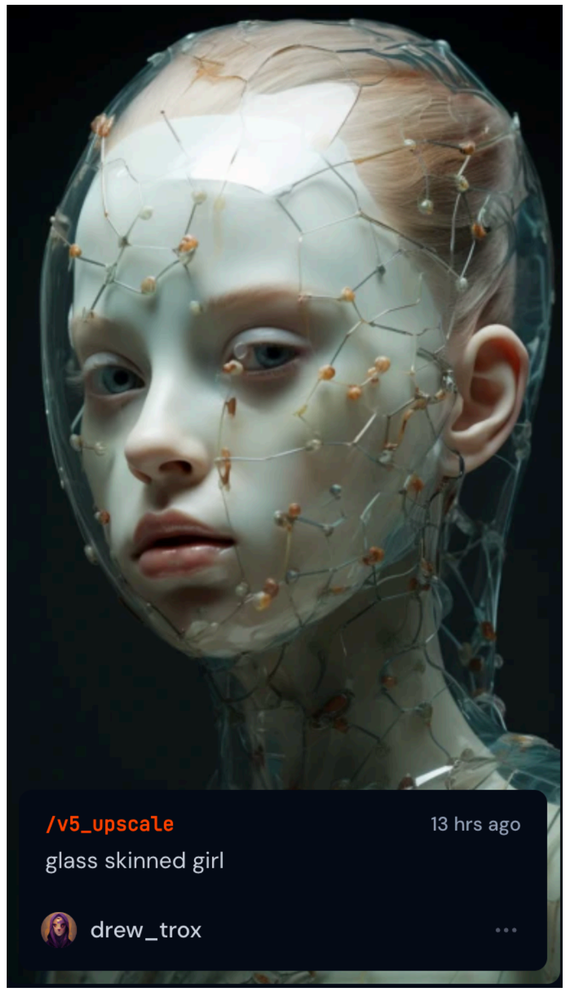

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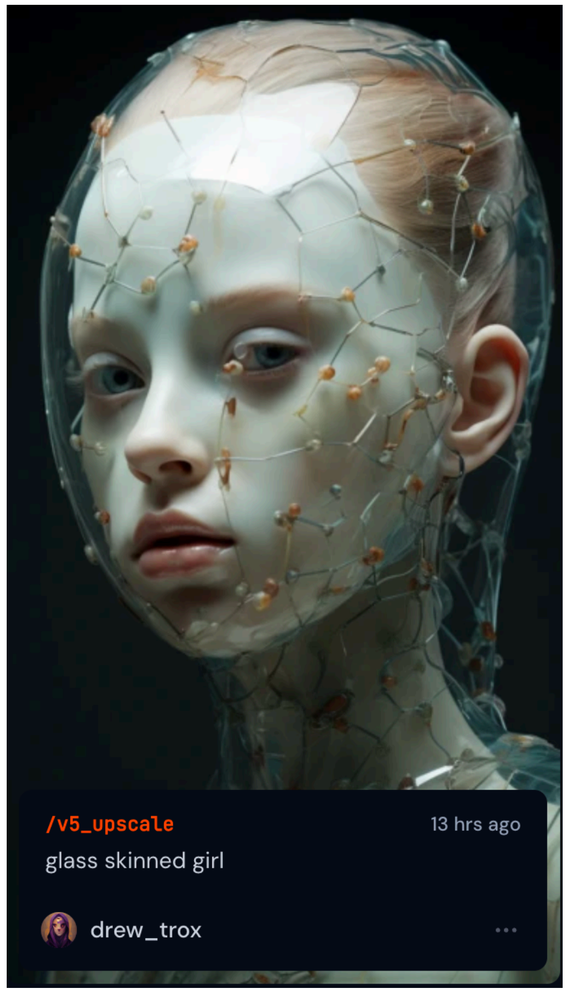

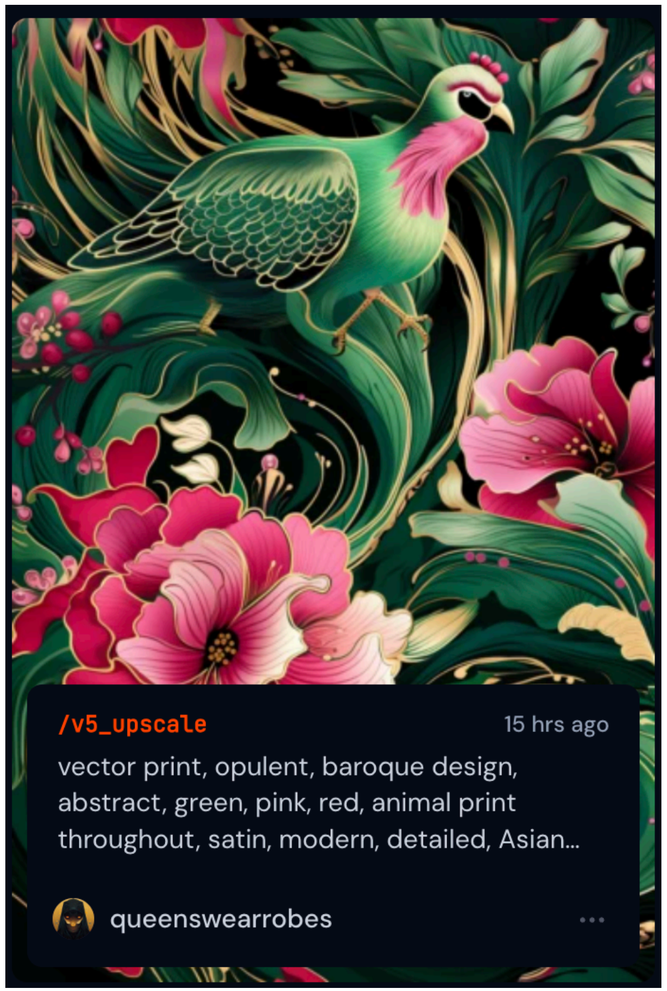

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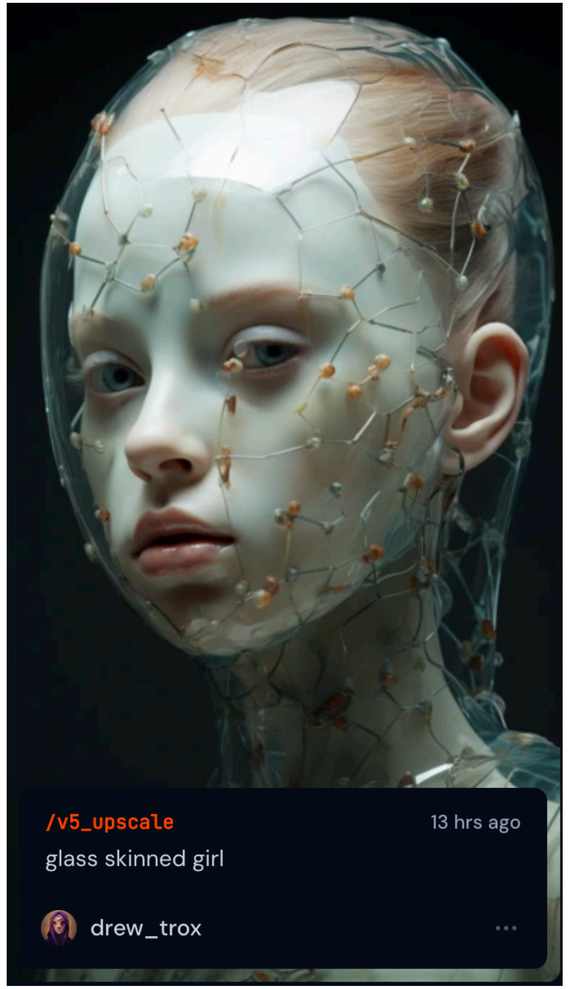

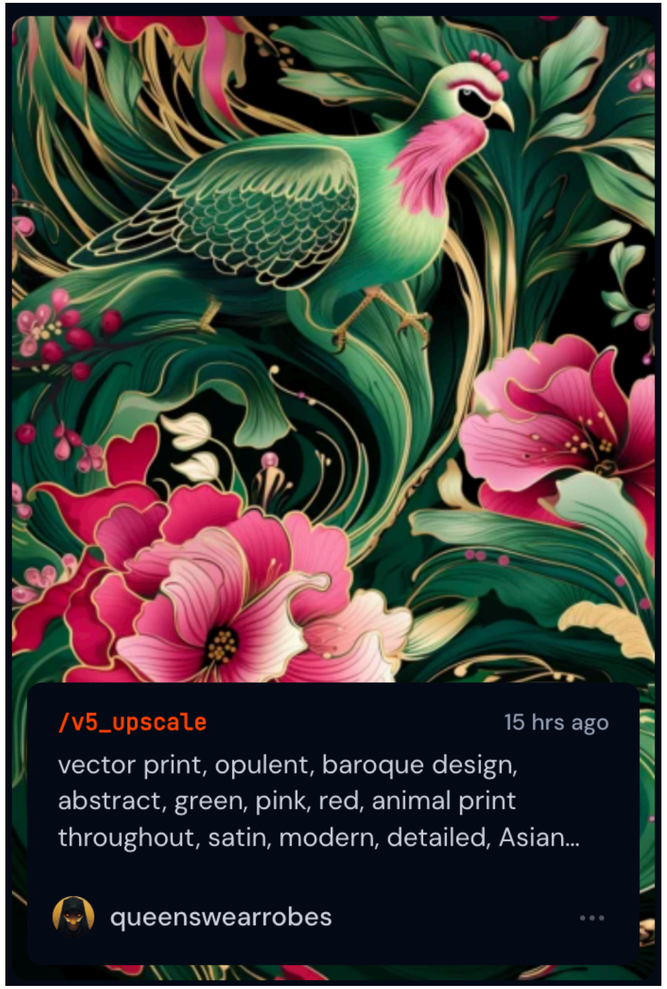

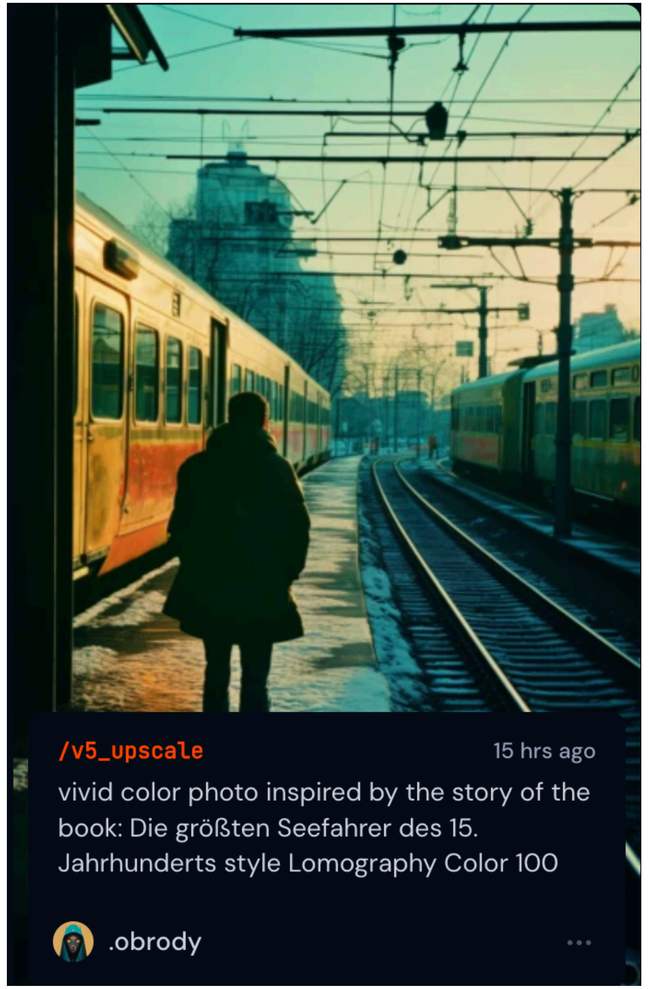

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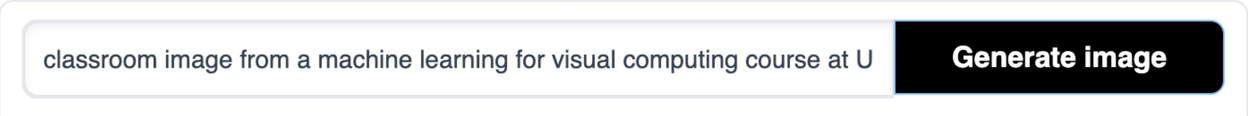

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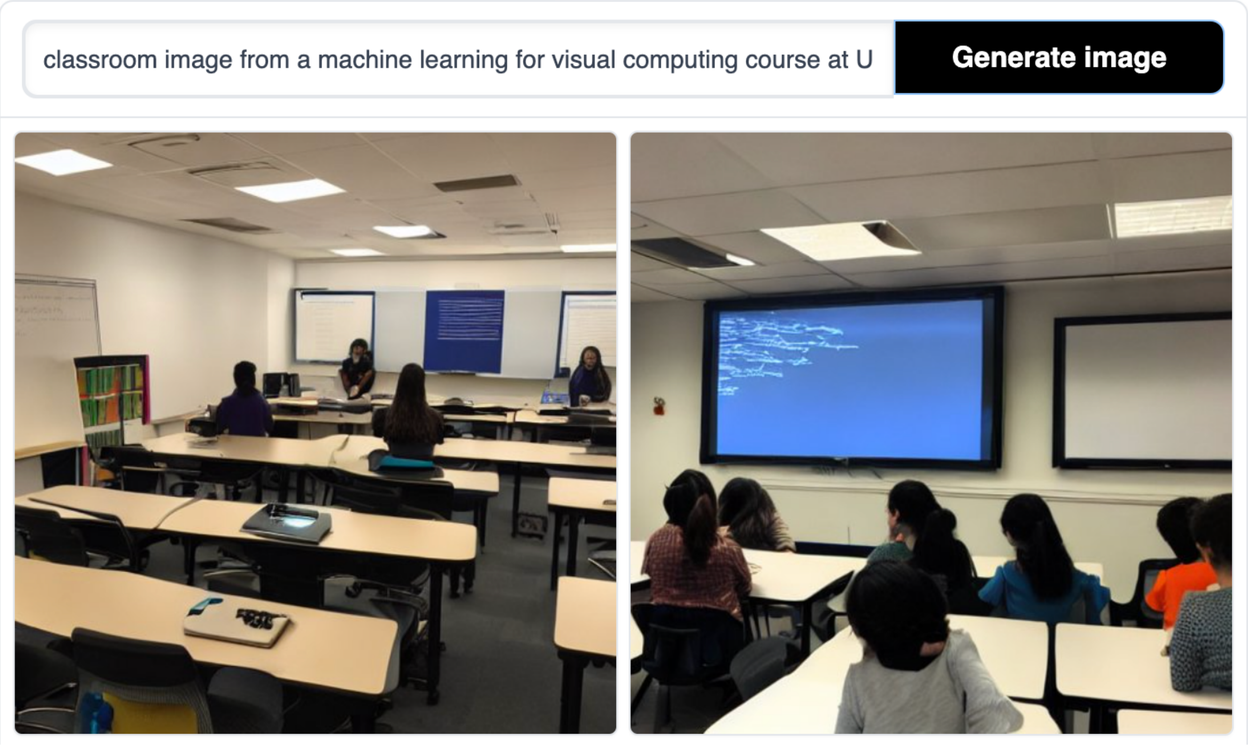

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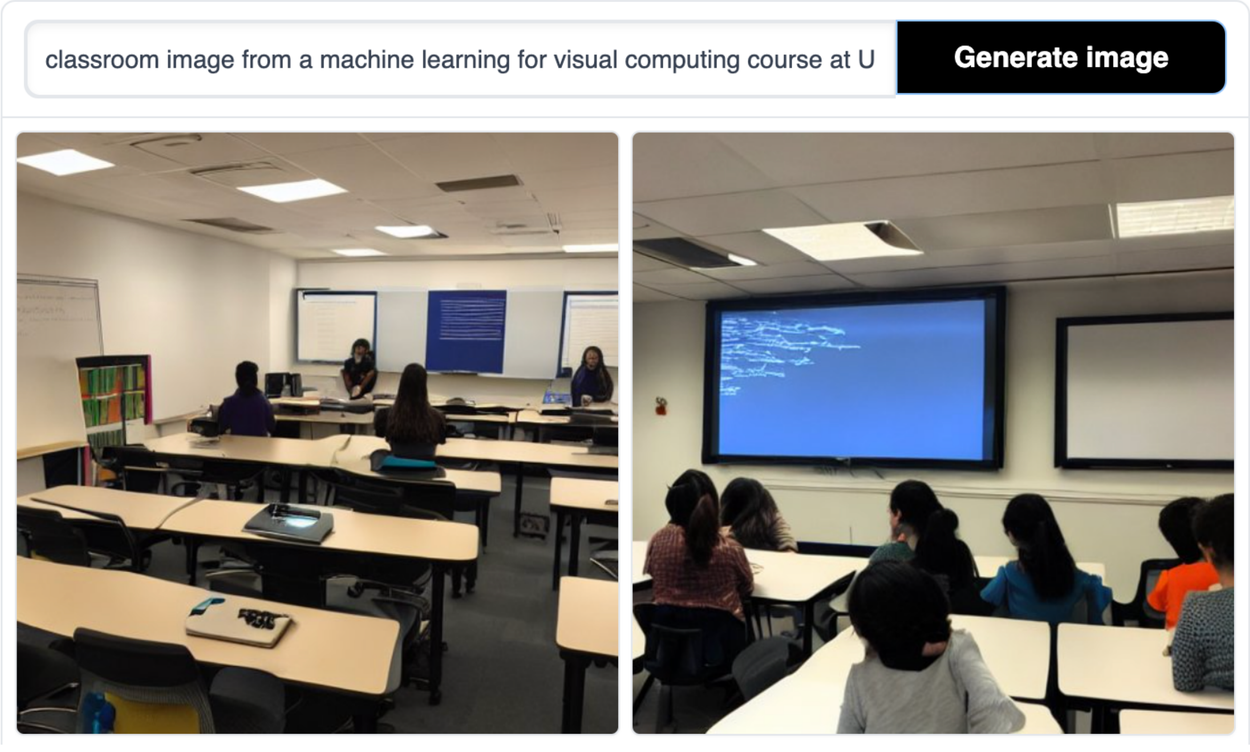

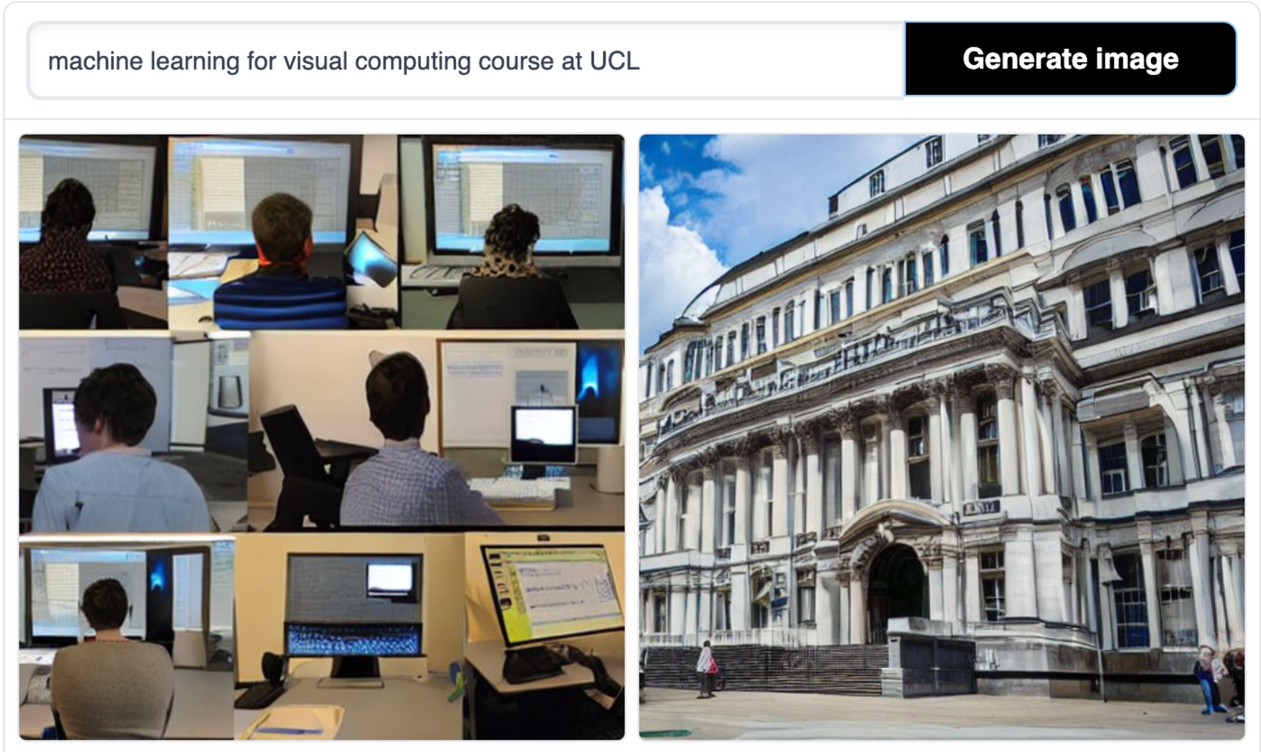

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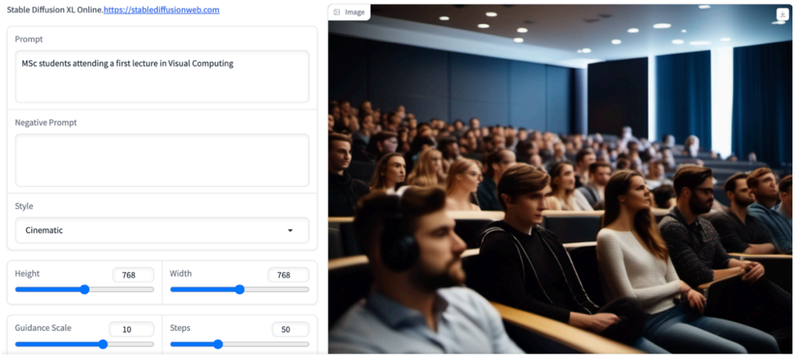

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MSc students attending a first lecture in Visual Computing

Negative Prompt

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Cinematic

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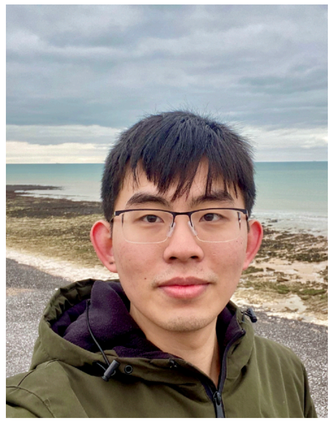

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- **Thanks to many people who helped so far with slides/comments**

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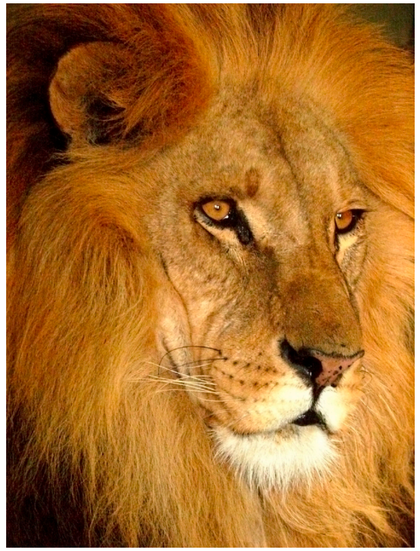

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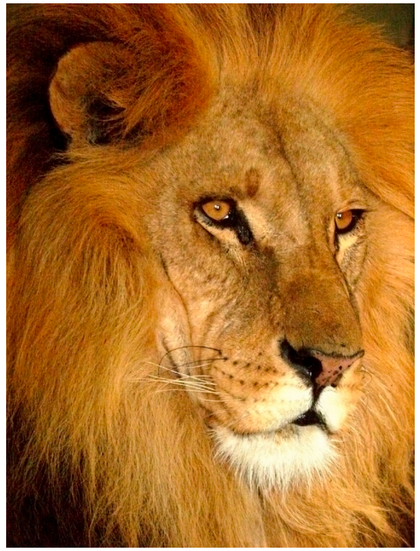

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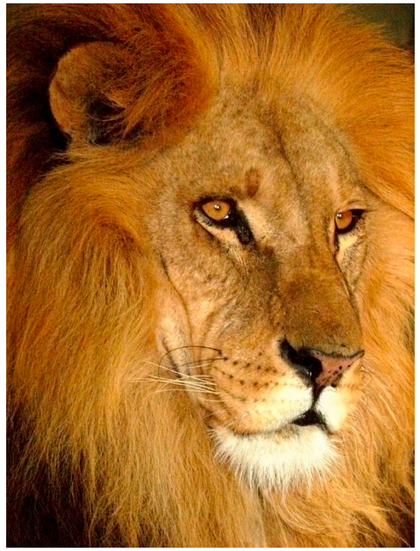

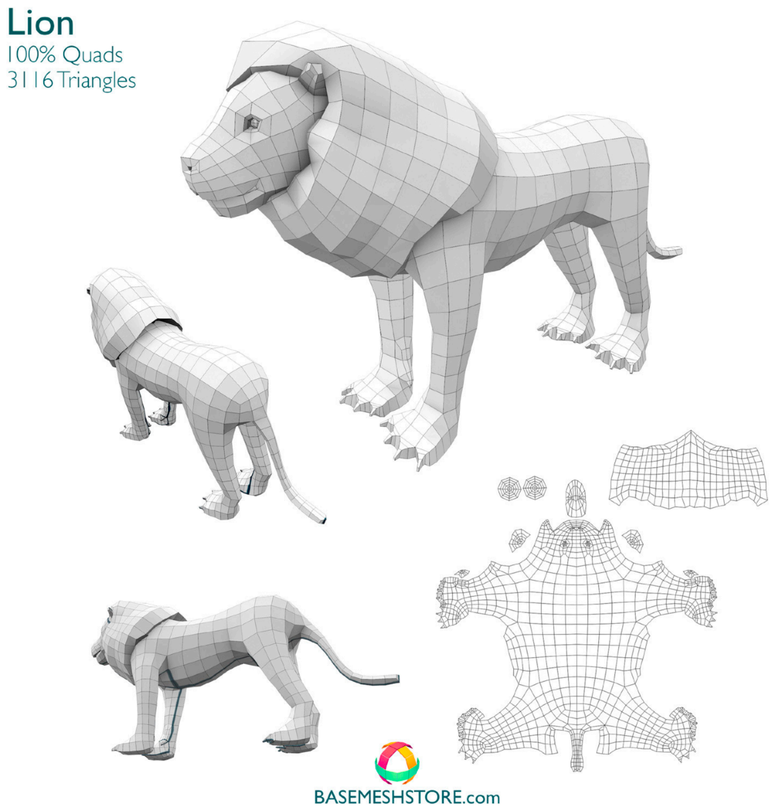

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Generative editing and Synthesis

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coarse garment | multi-lace skirt | tango skirt | double-layer skirt

Mappings in Computer Graphics

- Feature detection (image features, point features) $\mathbb{R}^{m\times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k}$
- Denoising, Smoothing, etc. $\mathbb{R}^{m\times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m\times m}$
- Embedding, Distance computation $\mathbb{R}^{m\times m, m\times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}$
- Rendering $\mathbb{R}^{m\times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m\times m}$
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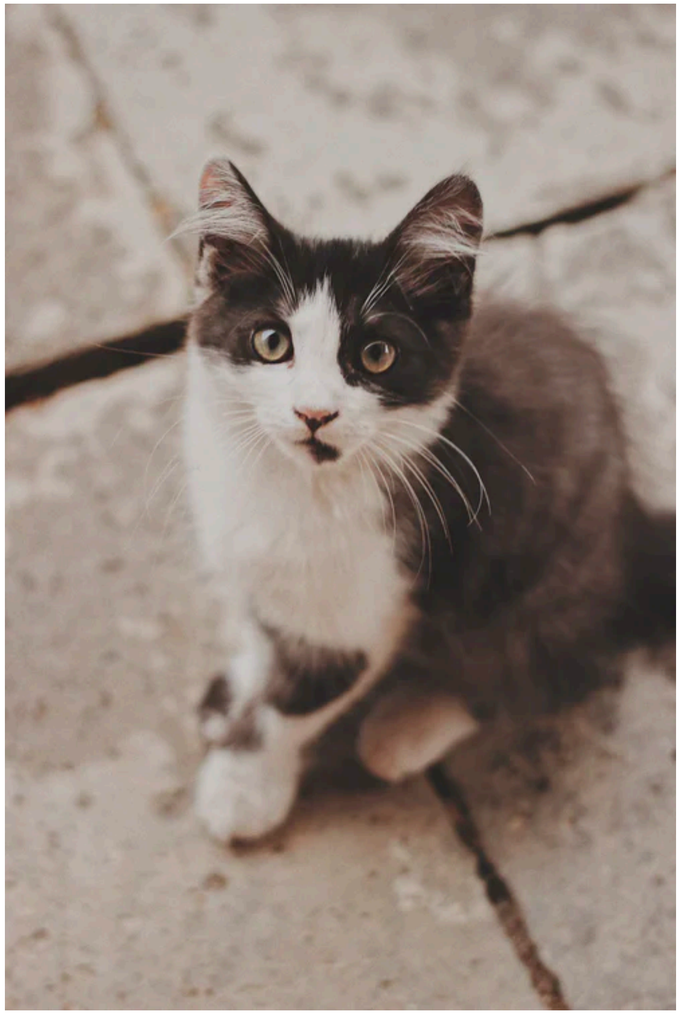

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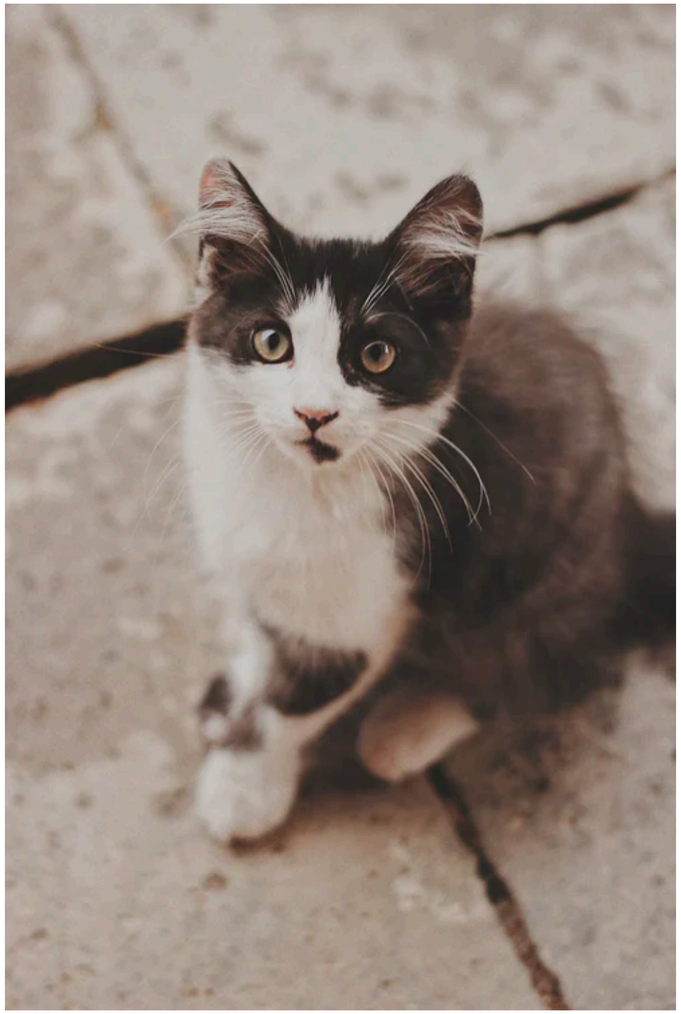

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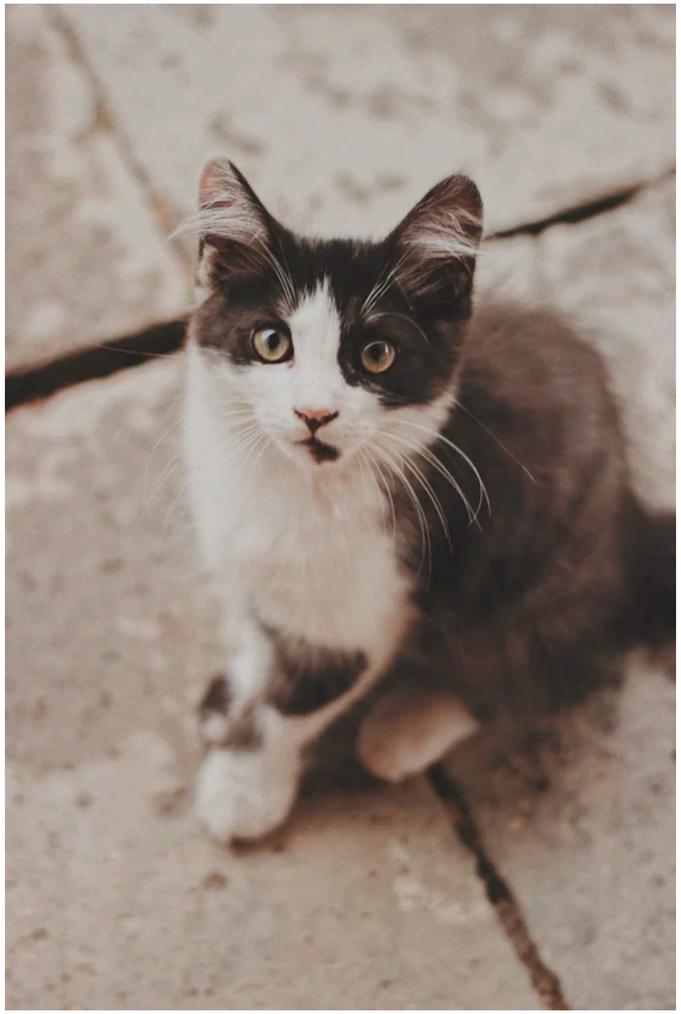

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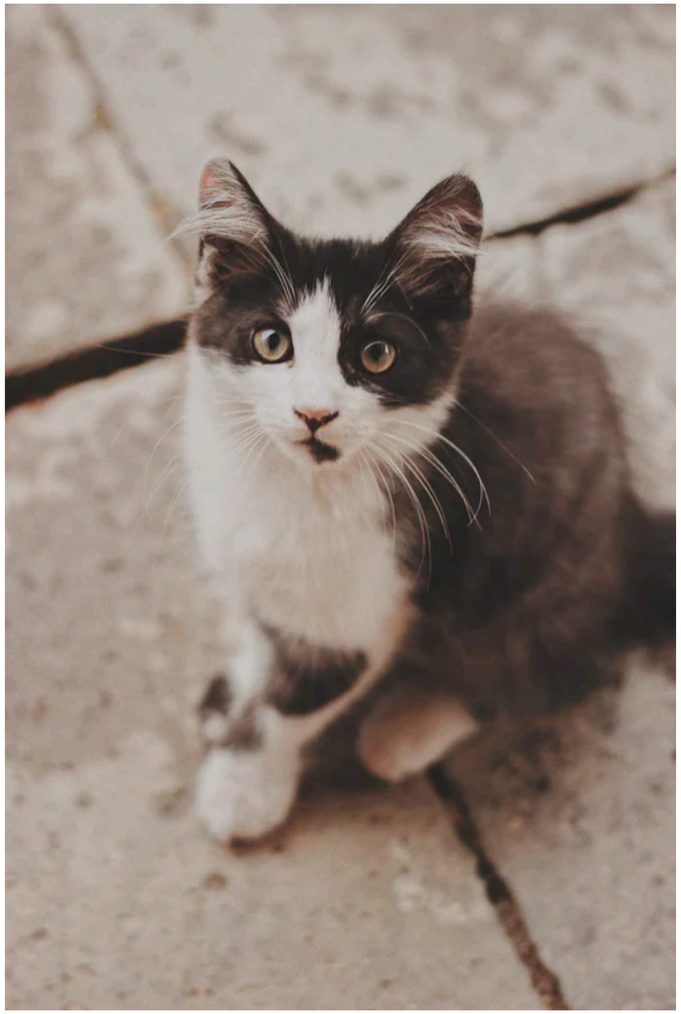

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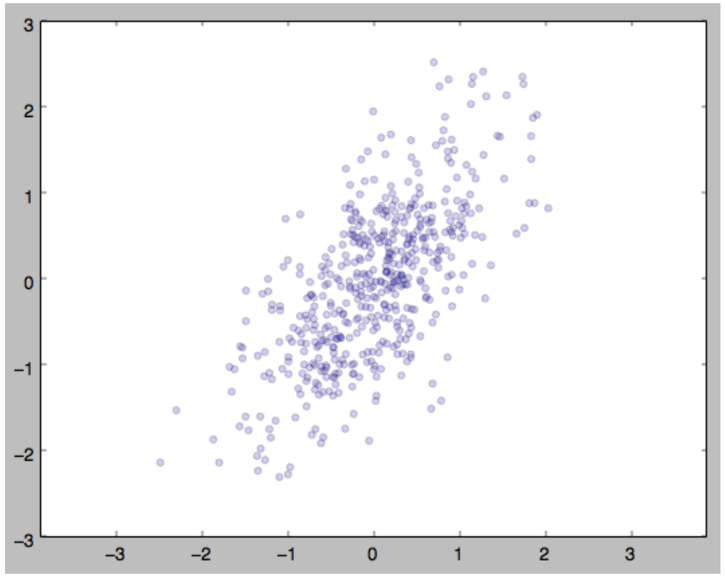

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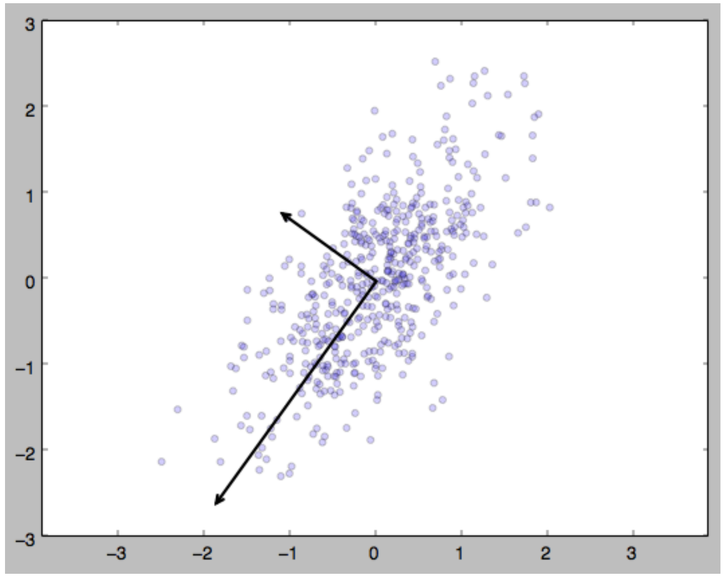

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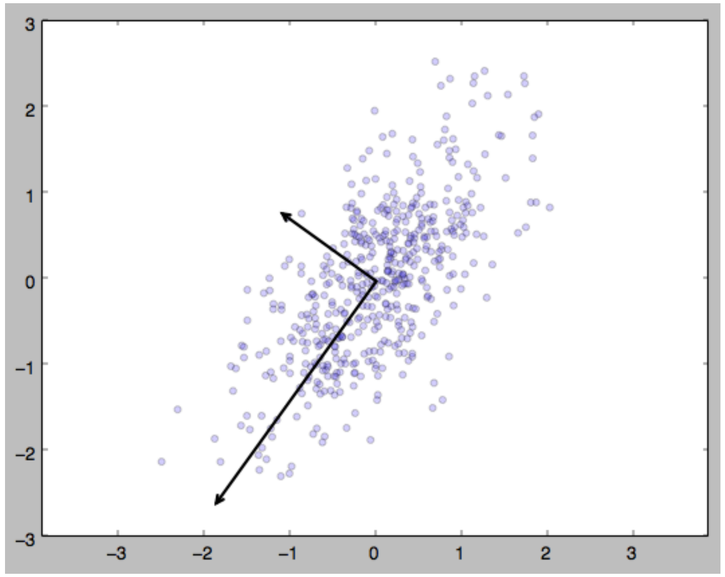


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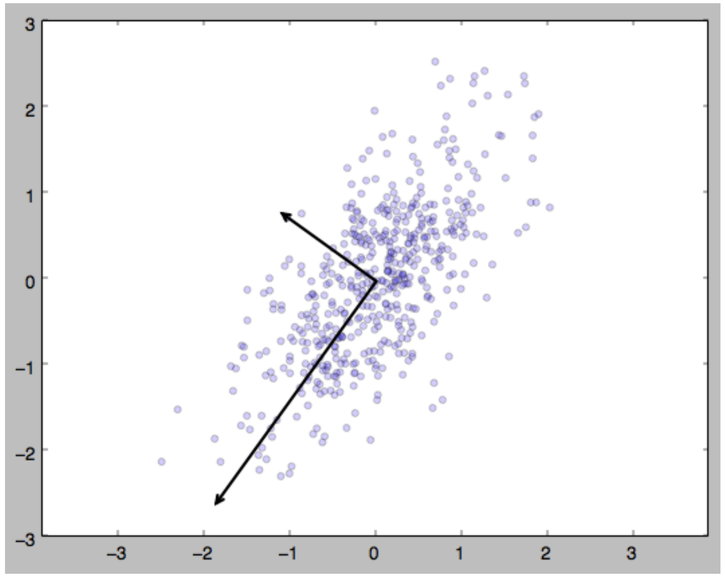


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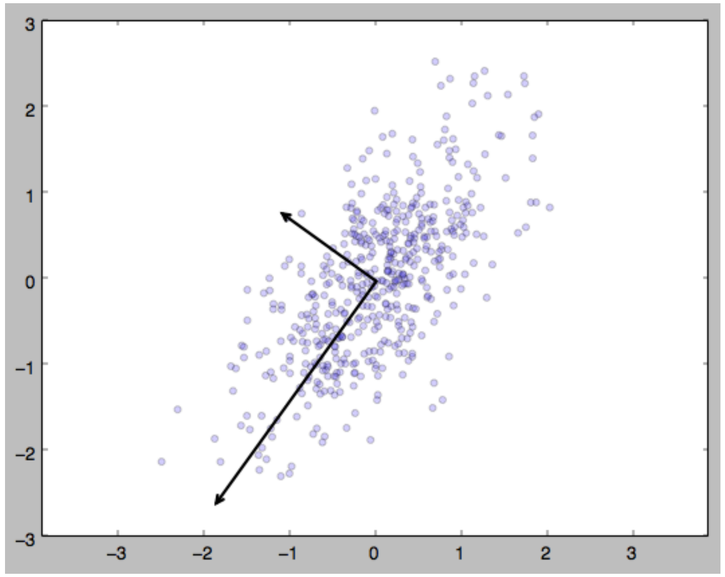


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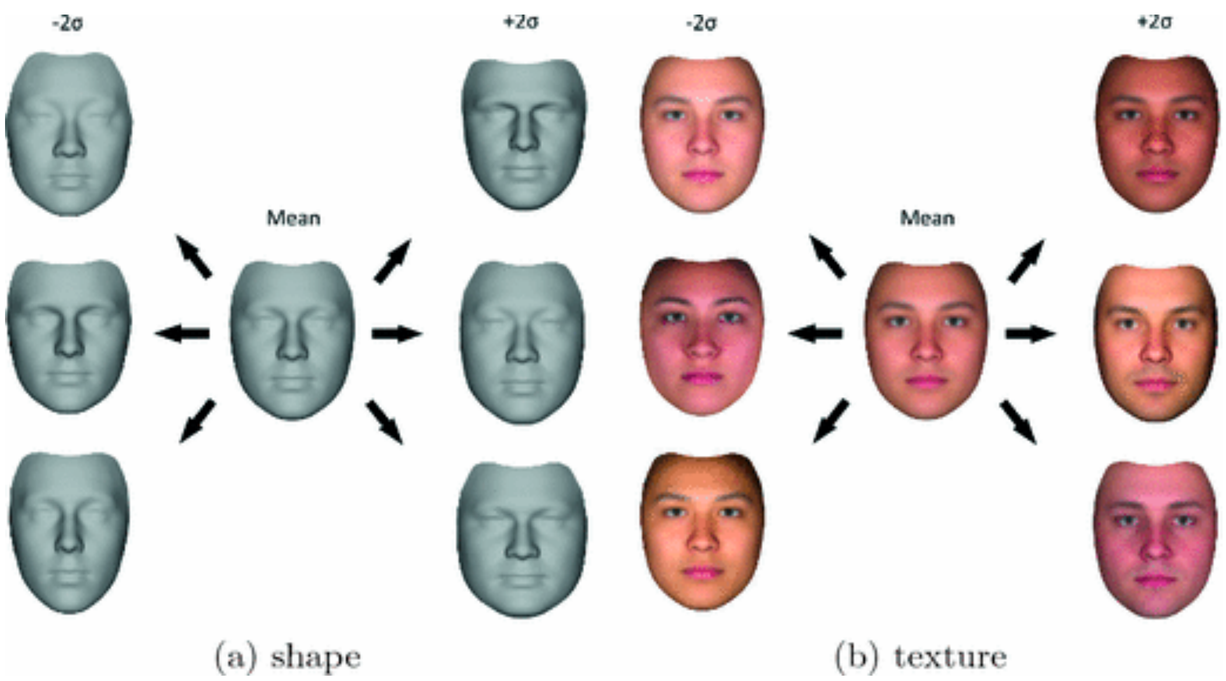

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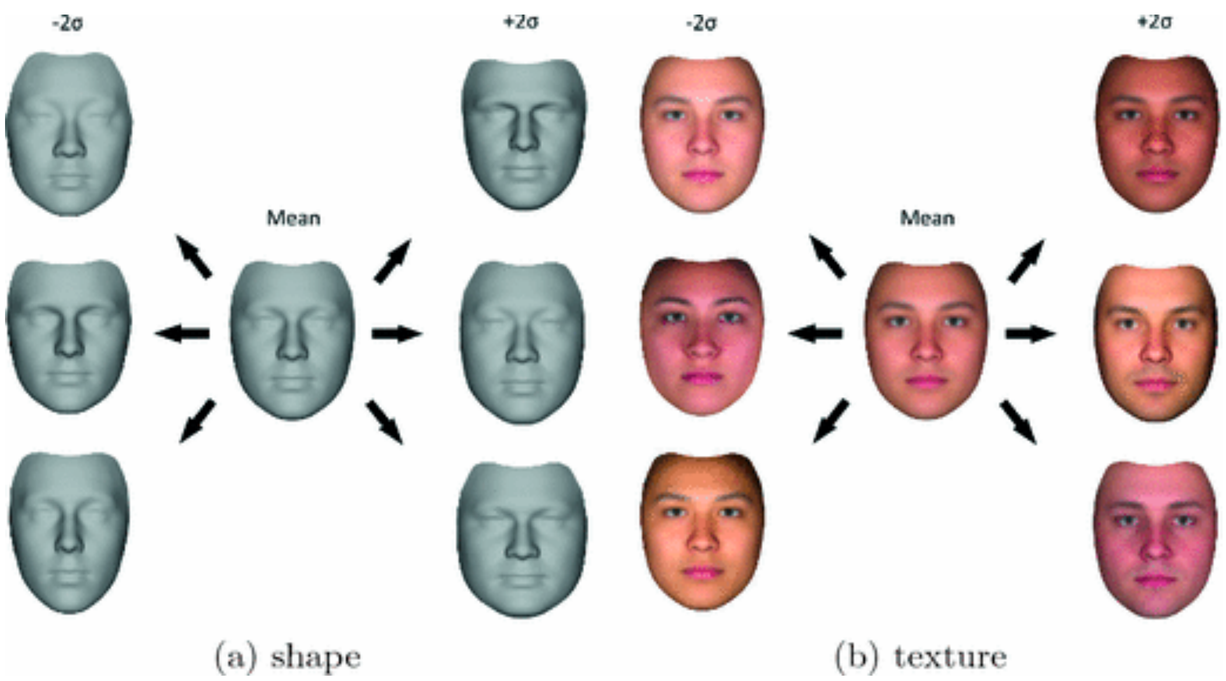

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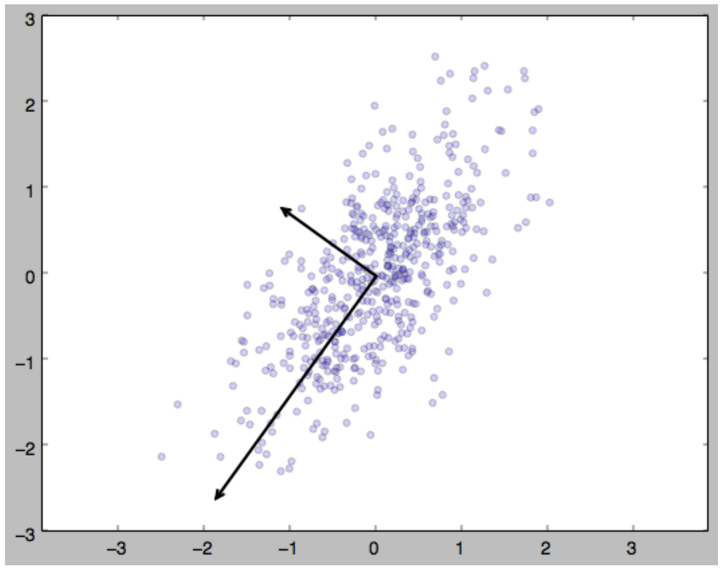


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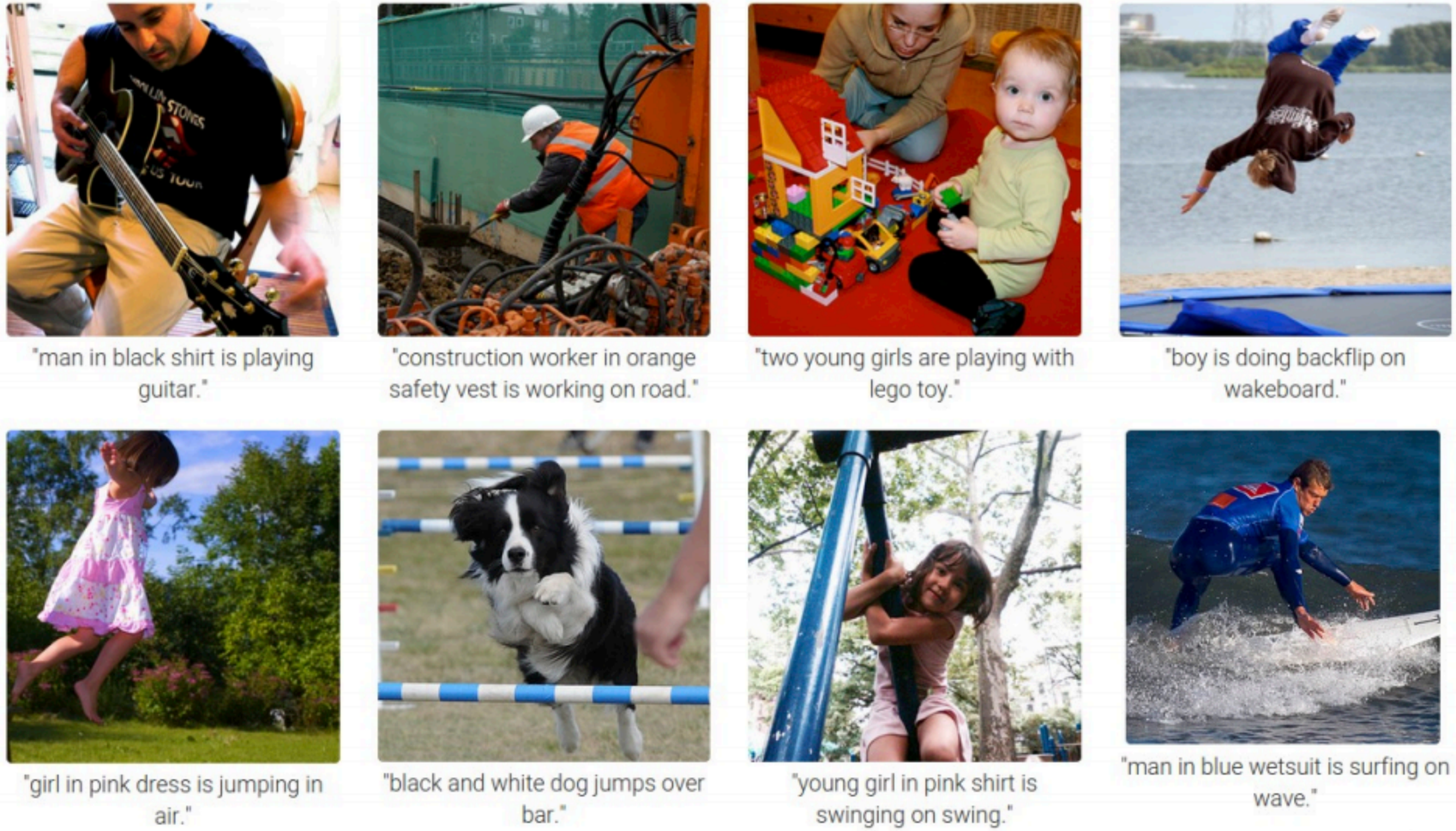

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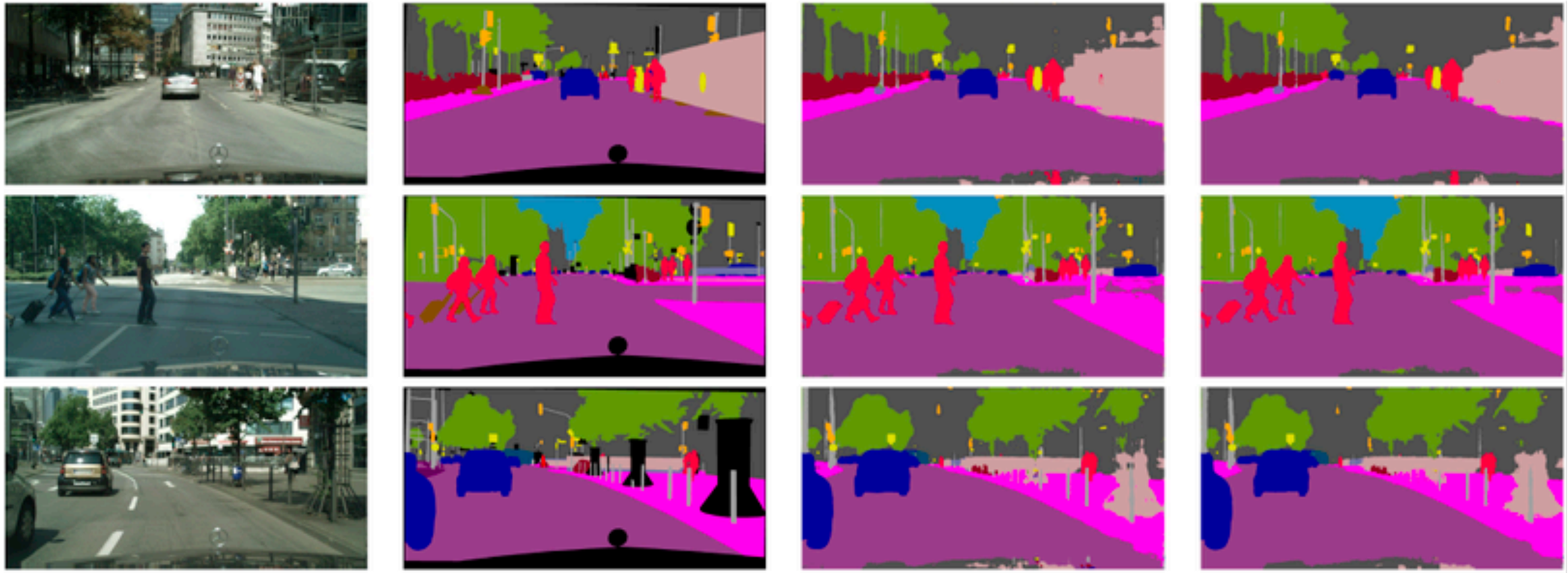

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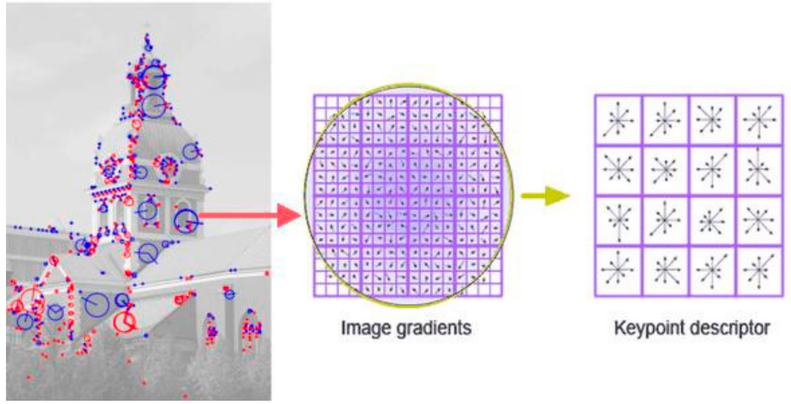

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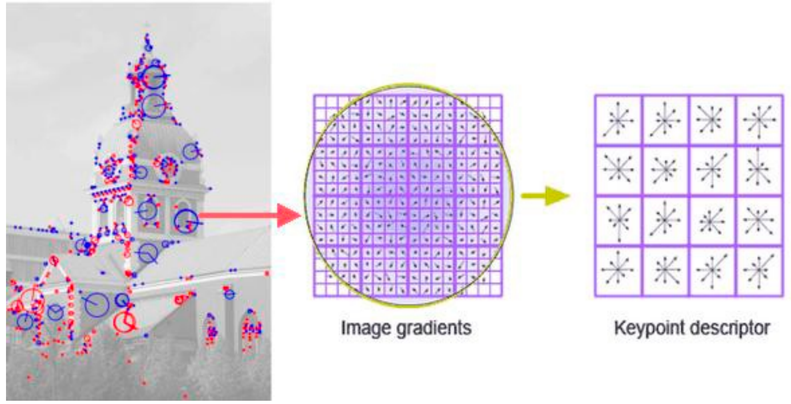

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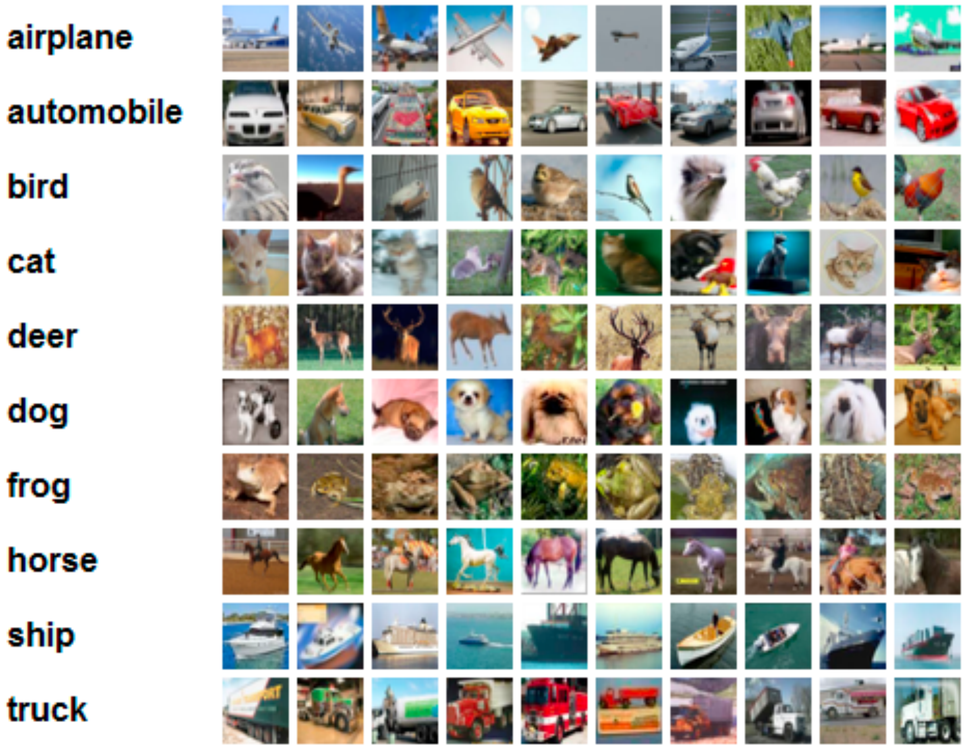

CIFAR10 dataset

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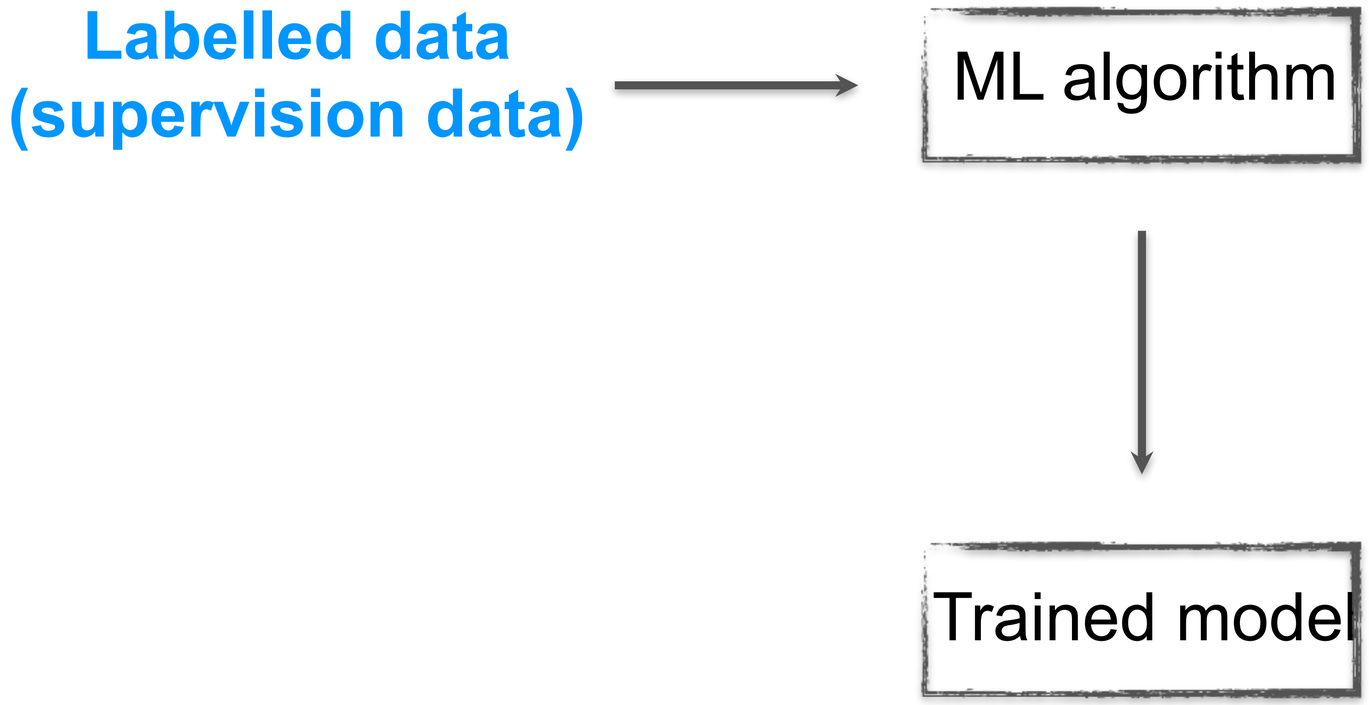

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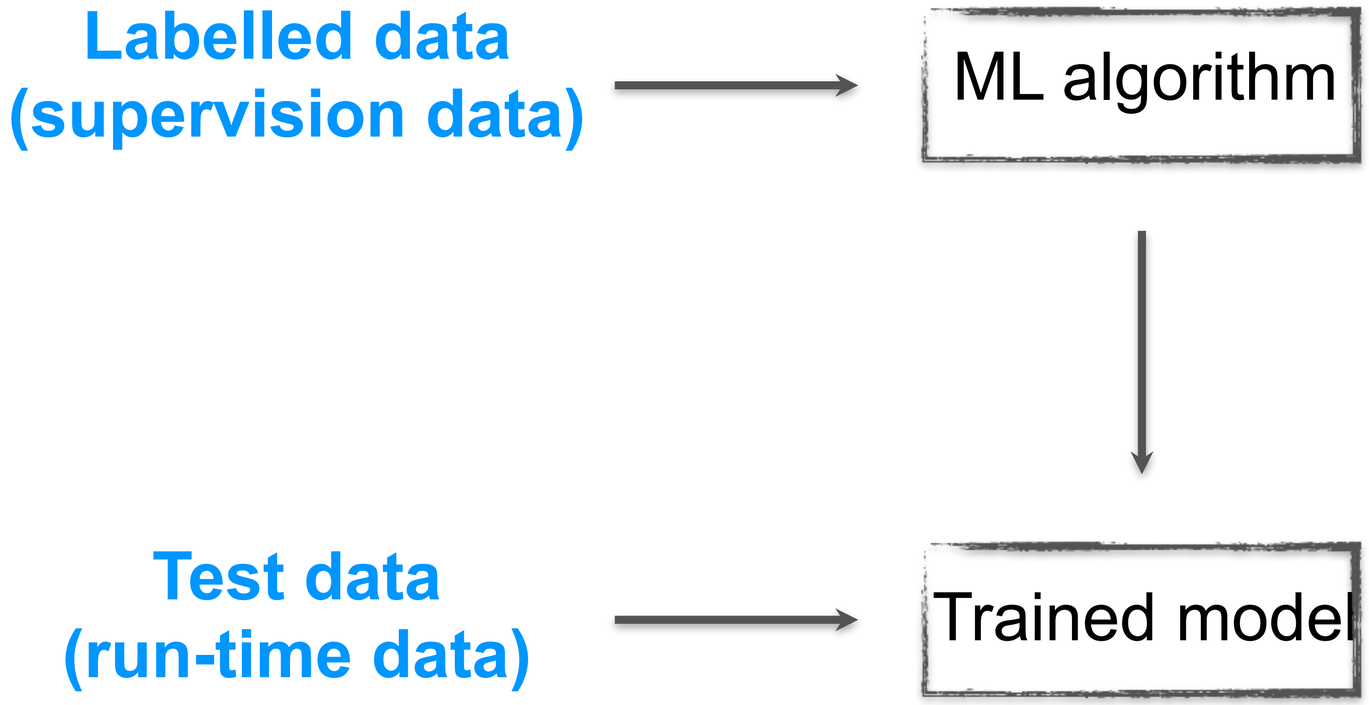

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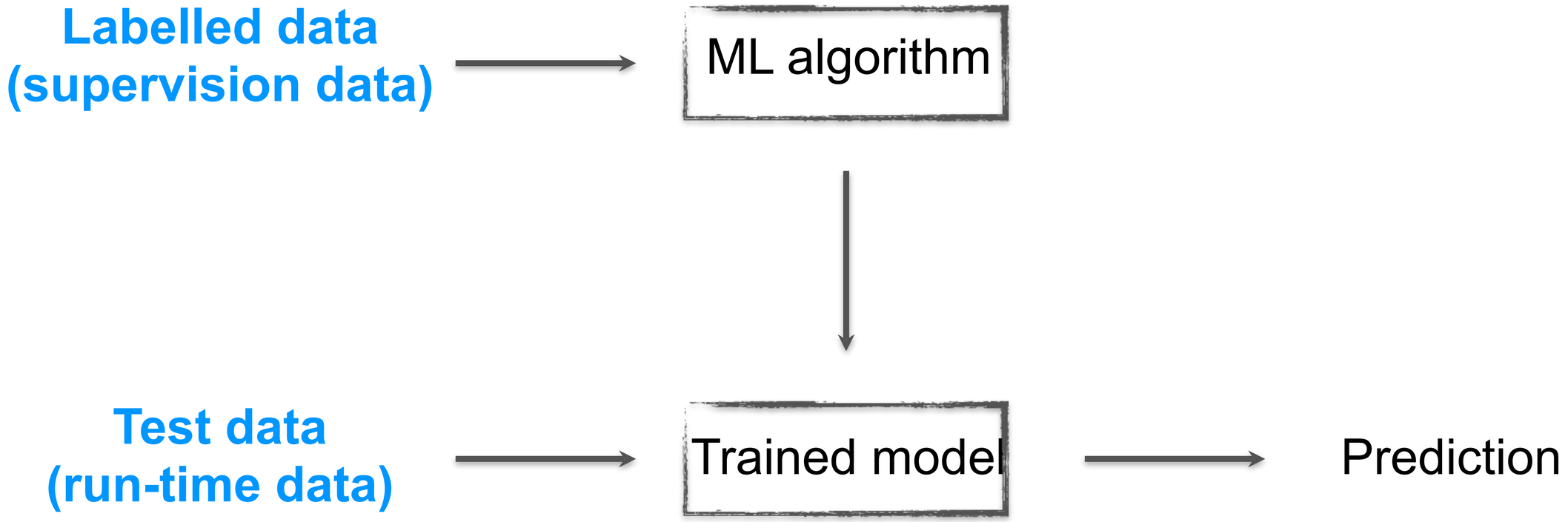

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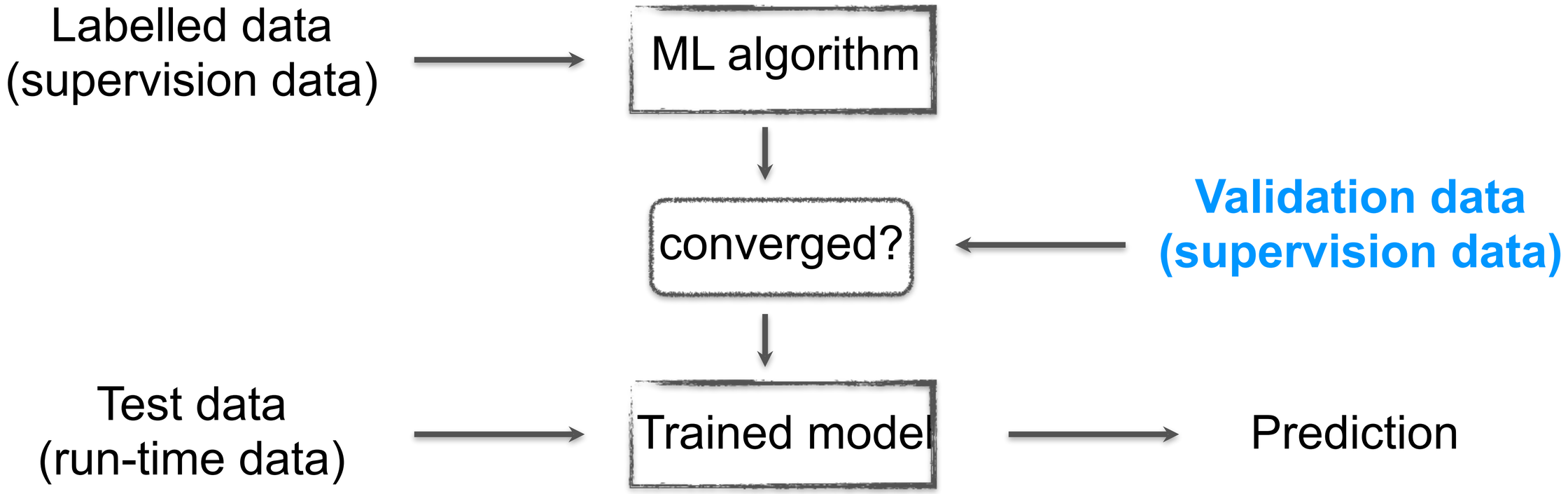

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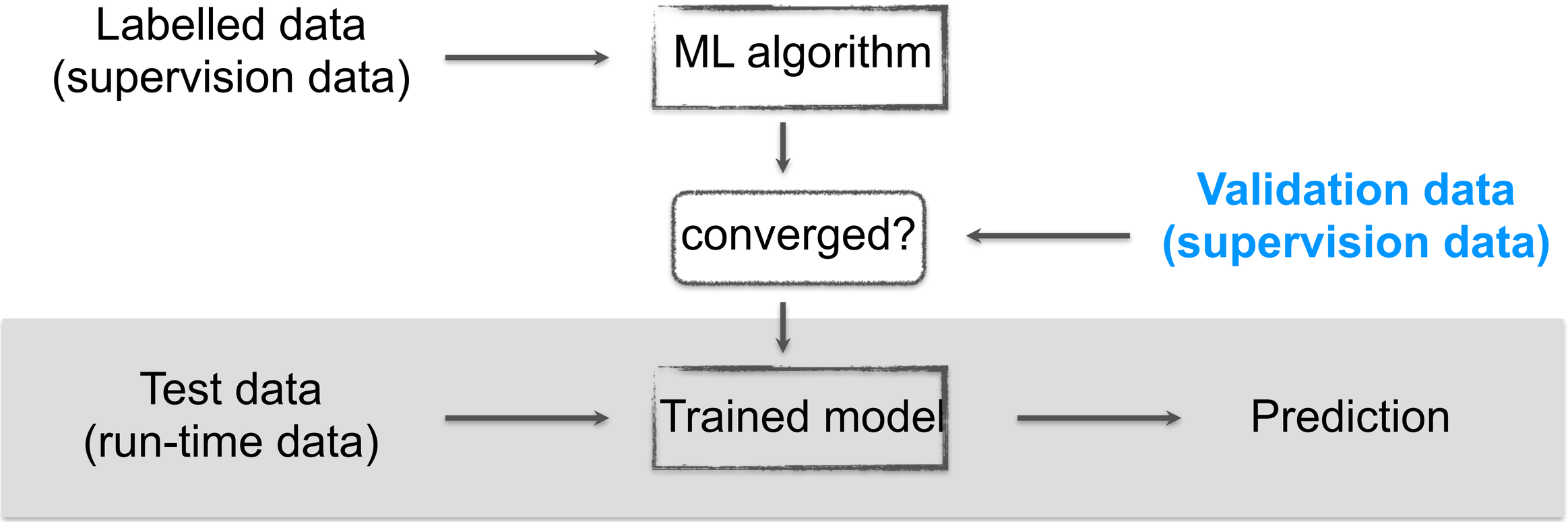

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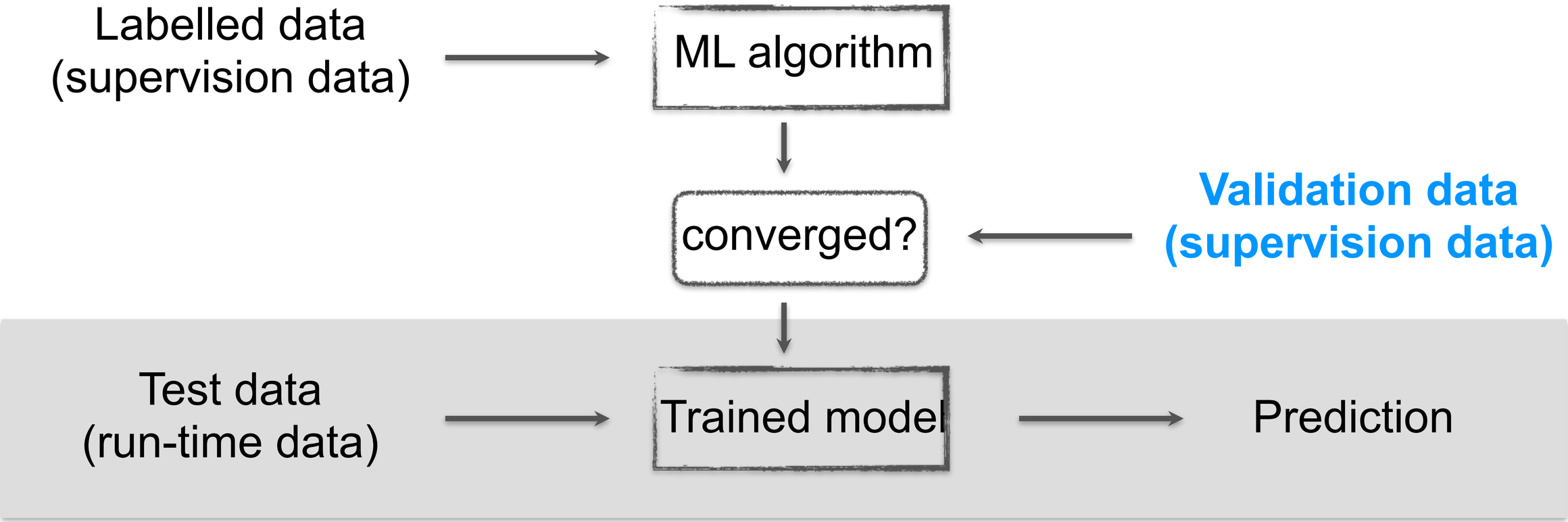

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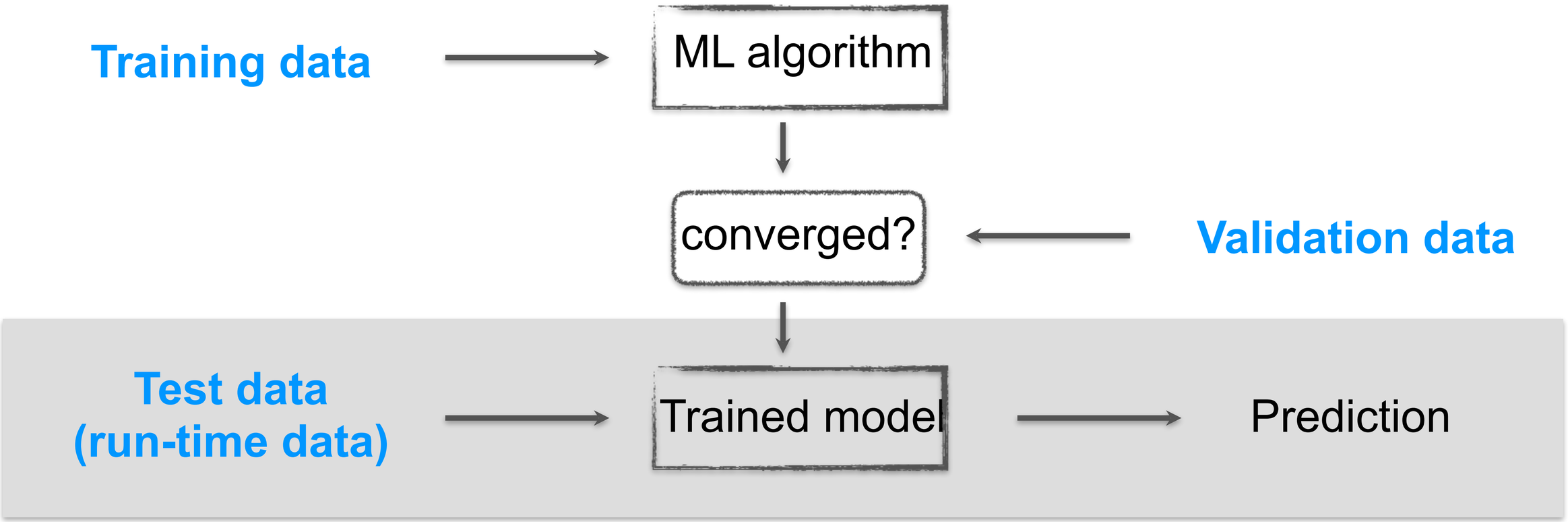

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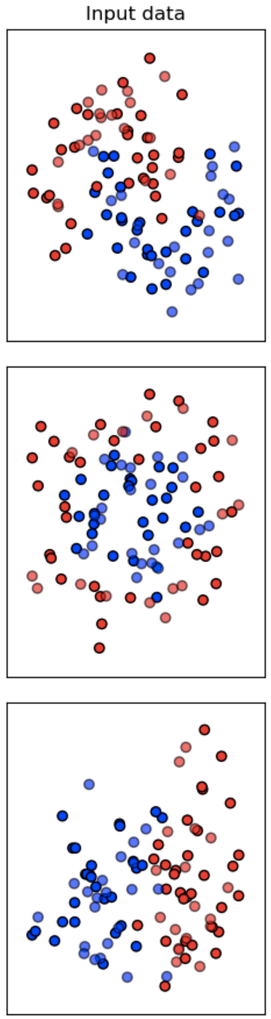

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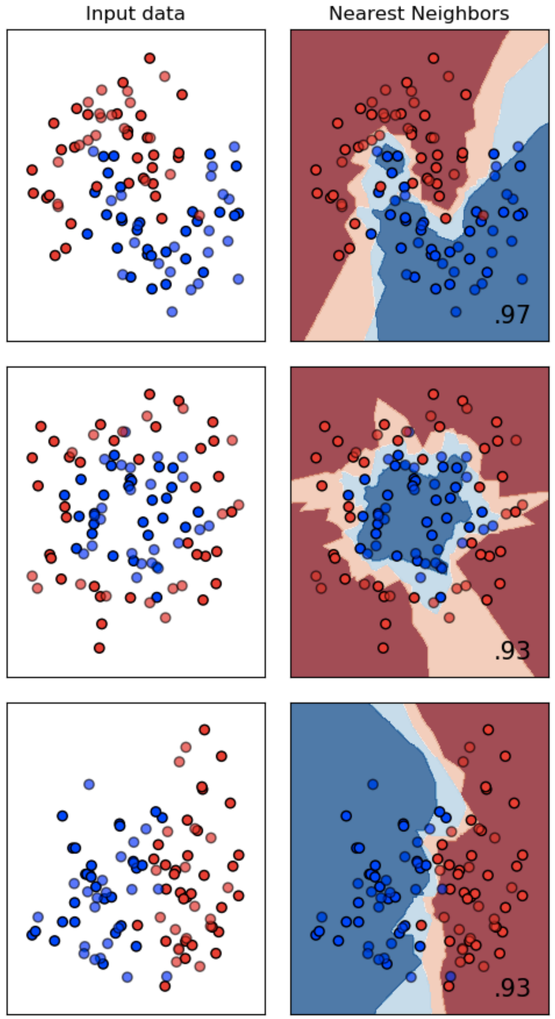

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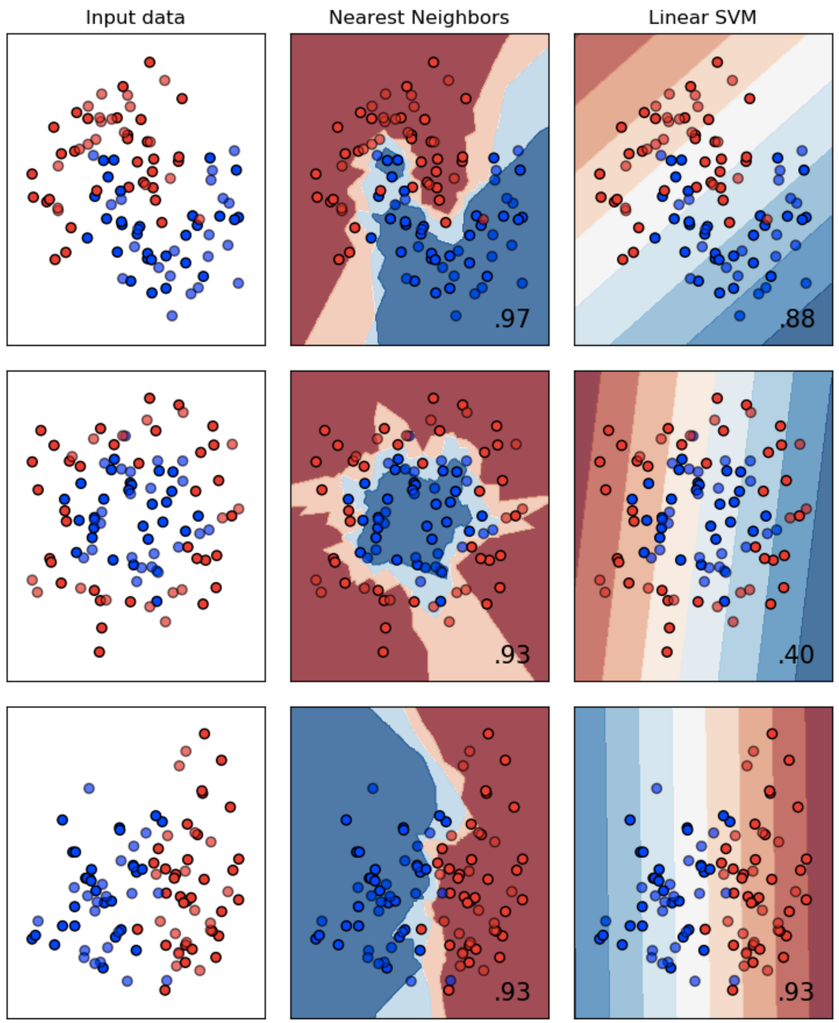

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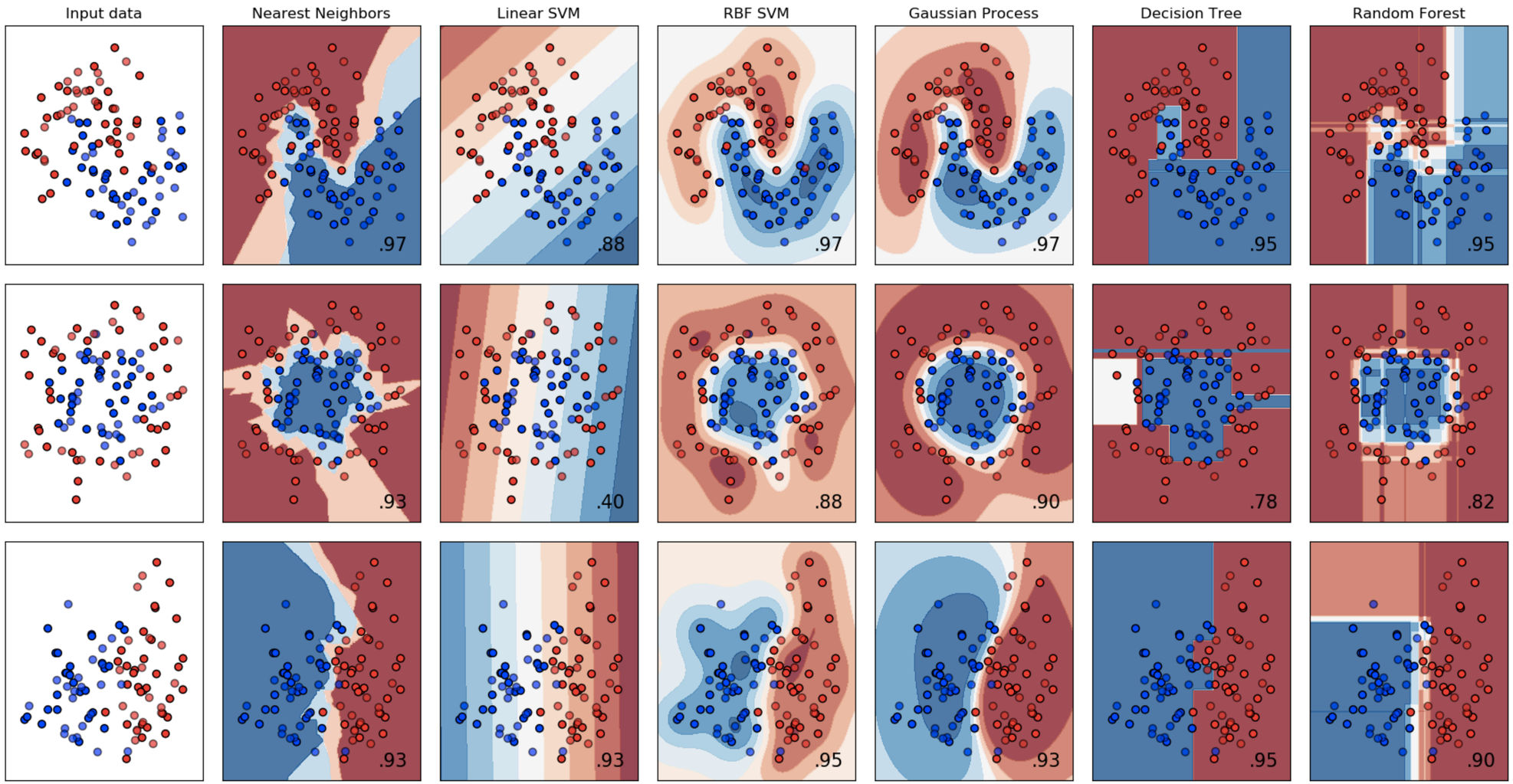

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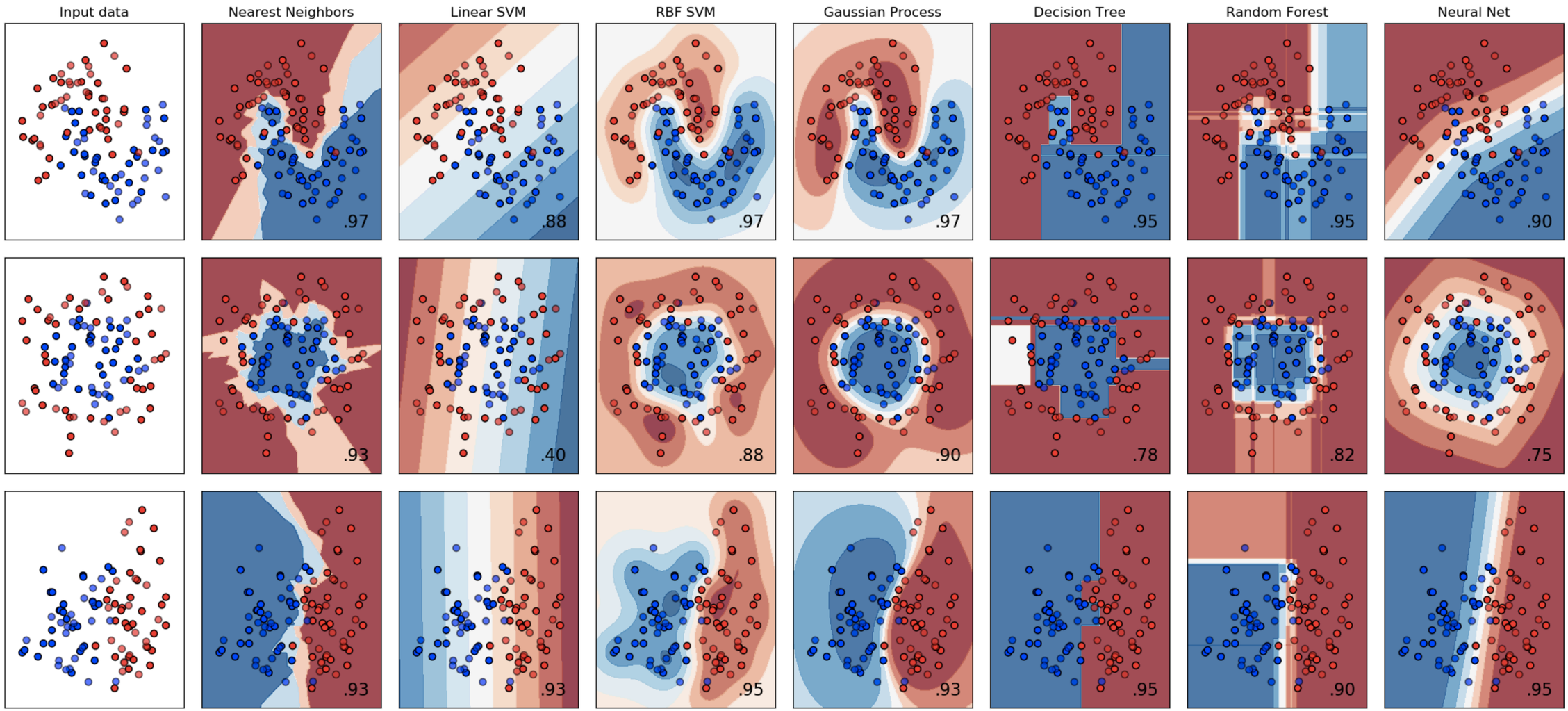

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Rise of Learning

- 1958: Perceptron
- 1974: Backpropagation
- 1981: Hubel & Wiesel wins Nobel prize for ‘visual system’
- 1990s: SVM era
- 1998: CNN used for handwriting analysis
- **2012: AlexNet wins ImageNet**

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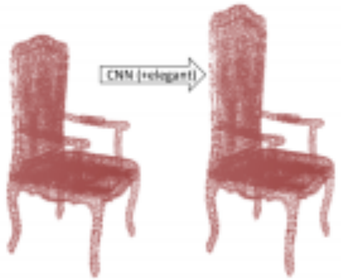

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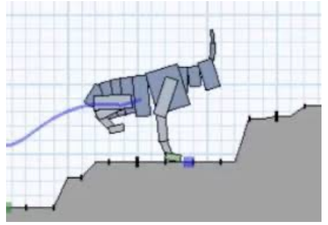

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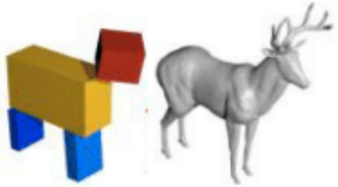

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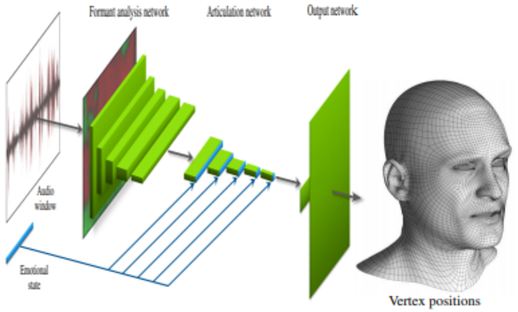

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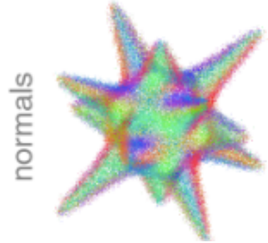

PCD processing

Course Logistics

- Lectures + QA sessions + lab sessions
- Grading: 1 coursework (50%) (**to be announced**)
- Final evaluation
- Expect to ***spend a lot of time*** on this course.
- Lecture slides and video — available on Moodle
- Reachable via email or via appointment
- Coding platform: Python and using Google Colab
- Further reading: recent research papers (check our lab pages!); CS223n (Stanford); EECS 498 (UMich), ML for CG courses (Eurographics and Siggraph)