

Introduction to Machine Learning

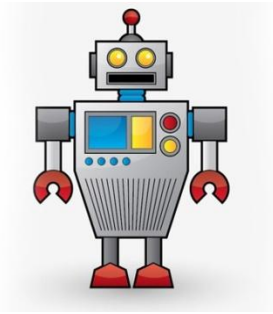
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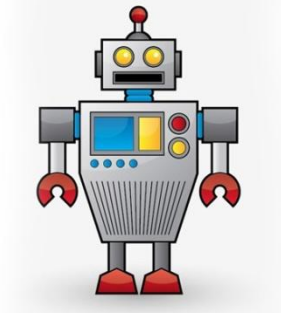
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Intelligent machine

- A machine that can be programmed to act like a human



- A machine that can be taught to learn like a human



What is Machine Learning?

Definitions

- “The field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.”
– **Arthur Samuel (1959)**
- “A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P , if its performance at tasks in T , as measured by P , improves with experience E .”
– **Tom M. Mitchell (1999)**

- “A subset of artificial intelligence focused on developing algorithms and statistical models that enable computers to learn from data and improve their performance on specific tasks without explicit programming.
- It involves collecting and preparing data, designing mathematical models, training the models on labeled data, evaluating their performance on new data, and deploying them for predictions or decision-making.
- It encompasses supervised learning (learning from labeled data), unsupervised learning (discovering patterns in unlabeled data), and reinforcement learning (learning through interaction with an environment).
- Its applications span a wide range of fields, revolutionizing technology and problem-solving across domains like image recognition, natural language processing, recommendation systems, and autonomous vehicles.”

– **ChatGPT**




<https://stablediffusionweb.com/>

Applications. Autonomous vehicles

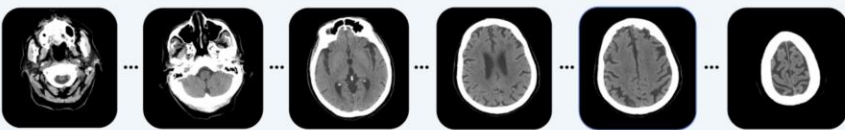
- Waymo from Google
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kJPDg207oc>
- Microsoft
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkrkgtrLdo>


Medical diagnosis support

- MedGemma - Hugging Face
 - Image classification, text analysis, report generation, patient triage
 - <https://huggingface.co/spaces/google/appoint-ready>
- Microsoft AI Diagnostic Orchestrator (MAI-DxO)
 - 304 initial real cases from the New England Journal of Medicine
 - Foundation models: GPT, Llama, Claude, Gemini, Grok, DeepSeek.
 - <https://youtu.be/JkIjmXEK0Yg?si=XDXPrTj2XamZQyLv>
- Med-Gemini - Google
 - Imaging, genomic data


 Prompt

Given the image, what are the radiology findings?



 Response

FINDINGS: mild cortical atrophy and periventricular white matter changes are noted compatible with microvasculopathy. there is proportionate ventriculomegaly. no bleed, mass effect, midline shift or abnormal intracranial fluid is seen. no evidence of acute intracranial hemorrhage, territorial infarct, abnormal fluid or mass effect. no abnormal extra-axial fluid collection is identified. no definitive evidence of intracranial hemorrhage or large territorial infarct within the limits of ct imaging. **old left basilar ganglia infarct**. no intracranial mass, swelling, hemorrhage, infarction or extra-axial collection is seen. visualized mastoid air cells: well pneumatized. visualized paranasal sinuses: well pneumatized. atherosclerotic calcification of vasculature at the skull base.

 Radiologist Written Report

FINDINGS: the fourth ventricle is midline. the remaining ventricular system is within normal limits. there is mild chronic white matter microangiopathic disease and moderate generalized cortical atrophy. no bleed, mass effect, midline shift or abnormal intracranial fluid is seen. bone windows demonstrate an intact skull. the remaining visualized paranasal sinuses and mastoids are clear. chronic white matter microangiopathic disease, mild generalized cortical atrophy, not significantly changed since 2015. no evidence of acute intracranial hemorrhage, territorial infarct, abnormal fluid or mass effect.

Deep fake

This synthetic media video example is generated using
LipSynthesis.com



A web app that enables users to effortlessly synchronize
lip movements with any person in just two clicks.

Link in description



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjwJklIuYFo>



• FAKE

OpenAI

- ChatGPT - GPT5
- OpenAI Jukebox (2020)
 - Alternative, Suno AI text-to-speech audio model (2023)
 - <https://suno.com/>
- Dall-E: text-to-image
 - <https://openai.com/index/dall-e-3/?video=866470243>
 - Included in Microsoft Copilot
 - Replaced by GPT Image 1 within ChatGPT



Still OpenAI

- Movies: OpenAI's image-making model DALL-E 2 “The Frost”
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgPvoPBrITE>
- Sora, text-to-video model
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK6y8DAPN_0
- OpenAI voice chat with ChatGPT
 - Alternative, Gemini from Google

Google Deep Mind

- Veo
 - Competitor to Sora
- Veo2 – “The Bridge”
 - <https://youtu.be/YDlME4qvER8?si=IVwfUA4MSrI6Bsr7>
- Flow – filmmaking tool with
 - Veo 3 for generative video
 - Gemini for prompts
 - Imagen for asset creation
 - <https://youtu.be/A0VttaLy4sU?si=LVHobw2AJ7NVwlkt>

Detection of AI generated content

- SynthID, Google
 - <https://youtu.be/9btDaOcfIMY?si=C0DK2Jrv-gIRDmP0>
- DeepFake Detector, Intel & McAfee
 - <https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/content-details/832352/mcafee-demo-deepfake-detector-empowering-users-to-spot-ai-scams-with-intel.html>

AI in games

- Sima, Google DeepMind
 - Trained on many video games from several game studios for visual information
 - Follows natural language instructions
 - Zero-shot generalization



Goat Simulator 3: Drive the car



Goat Simulator 3: Jump the fence



Satisfactory: Pick up iron ore



Satisfactory: Open the HUB terminal



Valheim: Find water



Valheim: Chop down trees



No Man's Sky: Go to spaceship



No Man's Sky: Shoot Asteroid

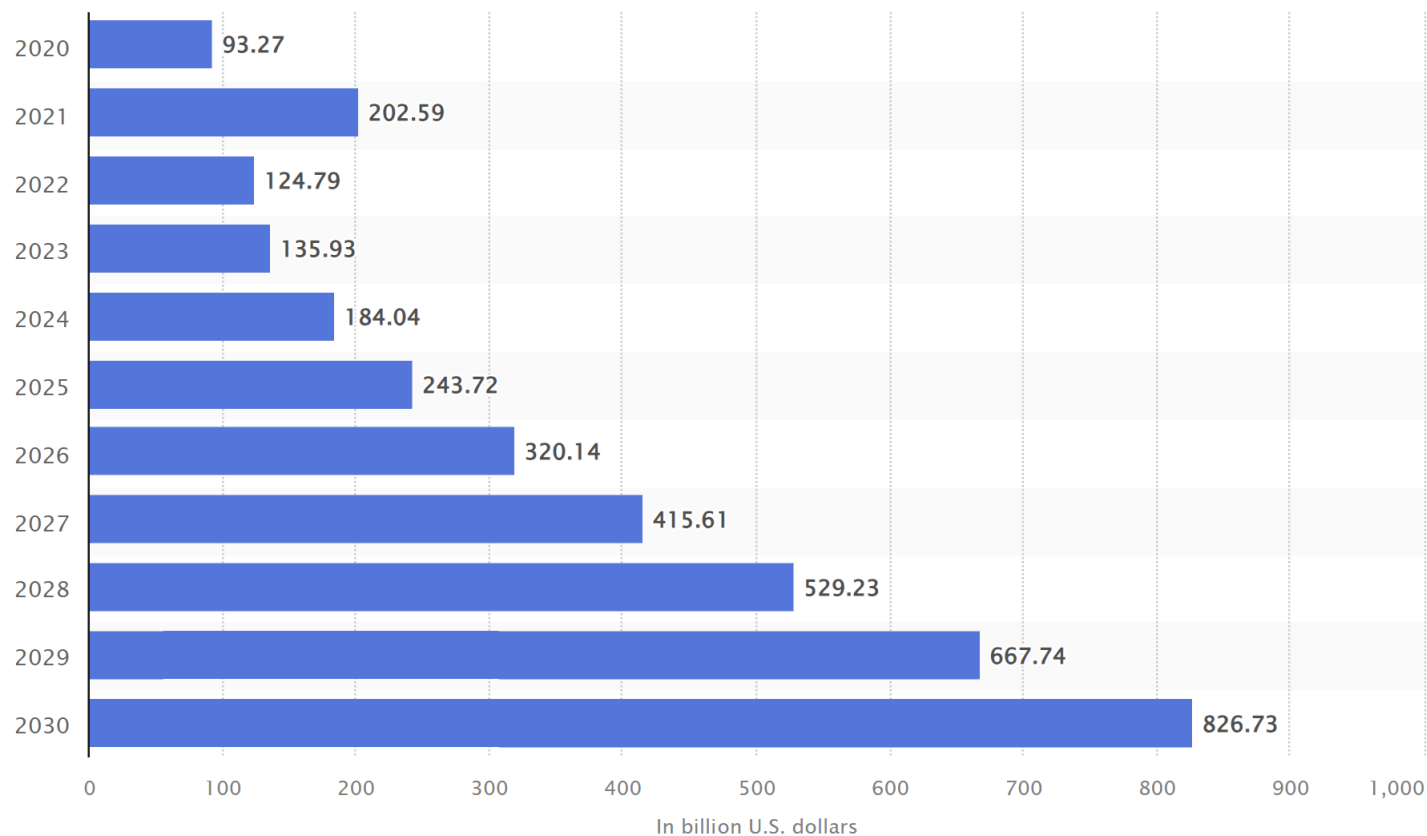


What is your favorite AI breakthrough?

ⁱ The Slido app must be installed on every computer you're presenting from

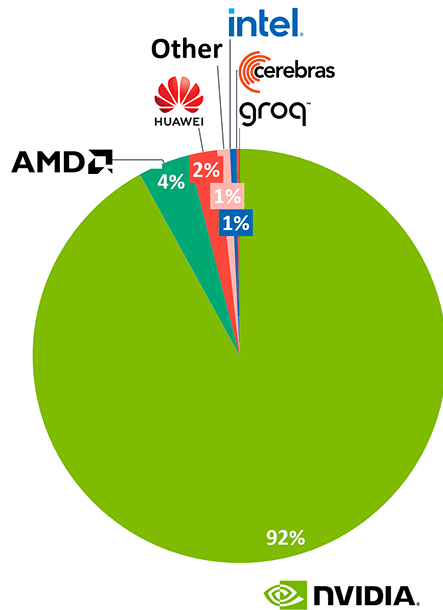
Artificial intelligence (AI) market size worldwide from 2020 to 2030

(in billion U.S. dollars)

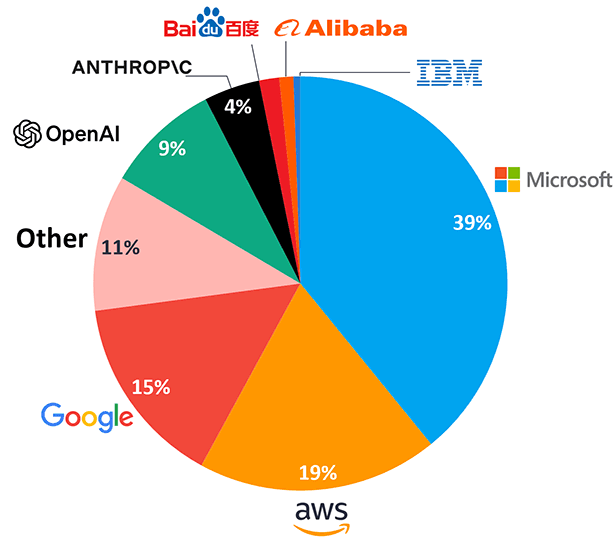


Generative AI: Market share of leading vendors

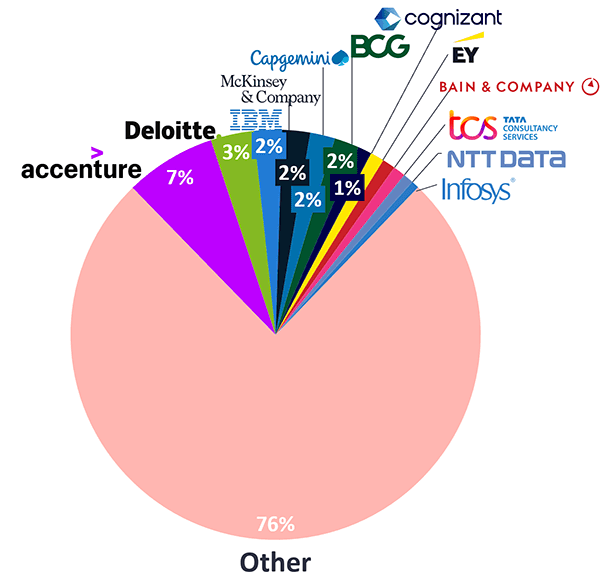
1 Datacenter GPUs



2 Foundation models & model management platforms



3 GenAI services



Note: Numbers are rounded and might not add up to 100%; Market is estimated based on first three quarters of 2024.

Source: IoT Analytics Research—Generative AI Market Report 2025–2030. We welcome republishing of images but ask for source citation with a link to the original post and company website.

AI Trends 2025

- Ethics and regulations for responsible AI
- Post-truth
- AI for cybersecurity
 - Breaches, anomaly identification, system automation
- Sustainable AI
 - Less consumption in data centers, more concentrated on renewables
 - Support for environmental protection

Recommended reading - theory

- C. M. Bishop, *Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning (Information Science and Statistics)*, Springer, 2006
- T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani, J. Friedman, *The Elements of Statistical Learning*, Springer, 2009
- M. P. Deisenroth, *Mathematics for Machine Learning*, Cambridge, 2020.
- C. Huyen, *Designing Machine Learning Systems: An Iterative Process for Production-Ready Applications*, O'Reilly, 2022
- I. Goodfellow, Y. Bengio, A. Courville, *Deep learning*, MIT, 2016
- J. Krohn, G. Beyleveld, A. Bassens, *Deep Learning Illustrated: A Visual, Interactive Guide to Artificial Intelligence (Addison-Wesley Data & Analytics Series)*, 2019

Recommended reading - lab

- A. Géron, *Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow: Concepts, Tools, and Techniques to Build Intelligent Systems* 3rd Edition, O'Reilly, 2022
- S.Raschka, *Machine Learning with PyTorch and Scikit-Learn: Develop machine learning and deep learning models with Python*, Packt, 2022
- B. Lantz, *Machine Learning with R: Learn techniques for building and improving machine learning models, from data preparation to model tuning, evaluation, and working with big data*, 4th Edition 4th Edition, Packt, 2023
- F. Chollet, *Deep Learning with Python*, Second Edition 2nd Edition, Manning, 2021

About this lecture

- Lecture: theoretical concepts, models, explanations, discussions
- Lab: model implementations in R & Python
- Final mark:
 - Written exam (30%)+
 - Lab activity (30%)
 - Project (with PPT presentation) (40%)
 - Uploaded to Classroom and presented to class

Machine Learning types

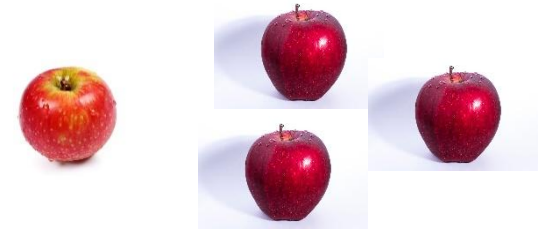
- Supervised learning:
 - Input data with labelled output
 - Learns the association between input and output
 - Prediction on the output of new data records
- Unsupervised learning:
 - Input data without labels
 - Learns/ discovers the structure, pattern of the data
- Reinforcement learning
 - Learns through response of interaction with the environment

Supervised, unsupervised, RL

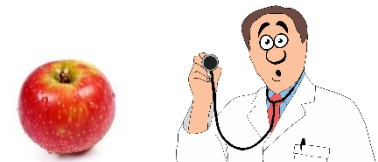
- Supervised learning
 - These are apples and these pears.



- Unsupervised learning
 - This apple is like the other apples.

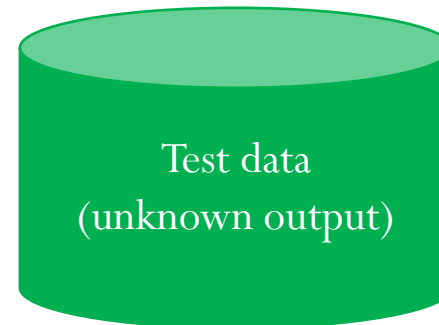
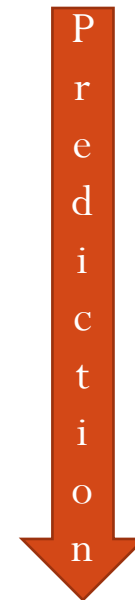
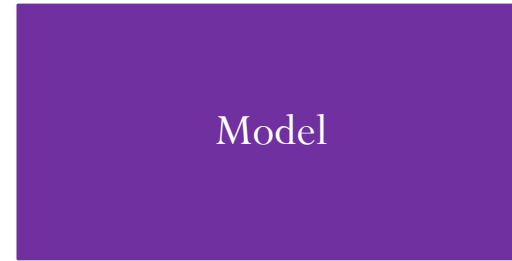
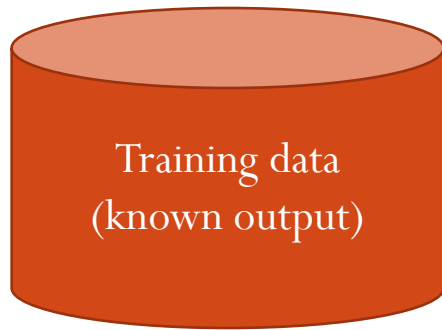


- Reinforcement learning
 - Eat this apple to keep the doctor away!

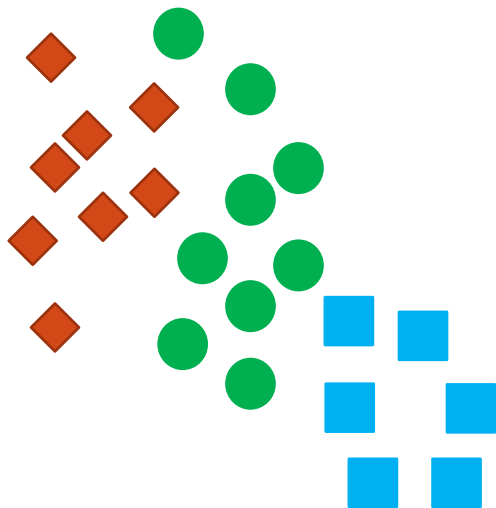


Machine Learning models

- Supervised learning:
 - Classification: data output made of several qualitative classes
 - Predict the class of new data
 - Regression: data output is quantitative
 - Predict the output value of new data
- Unsupervised learning:
 - Clustering: group data
 - Dimensionality reduction: data transformation- high to low-dimension
- Reinforcement learning
 - Trial and error to choose the best action, get reward
- Collateral:
 - Model evaluation, selection, parametrization



Classification,
regression

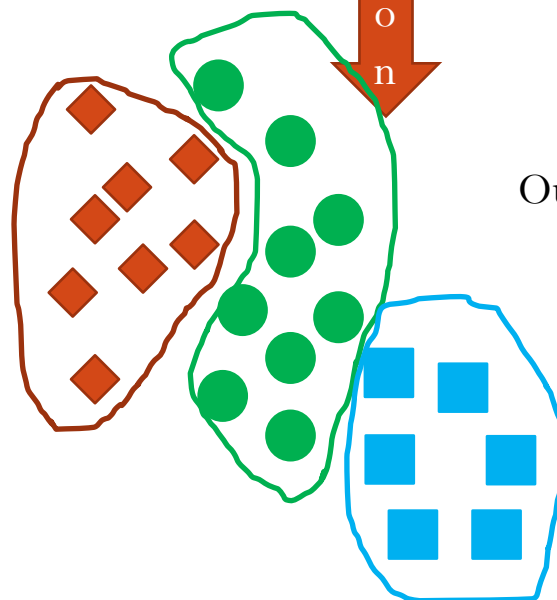


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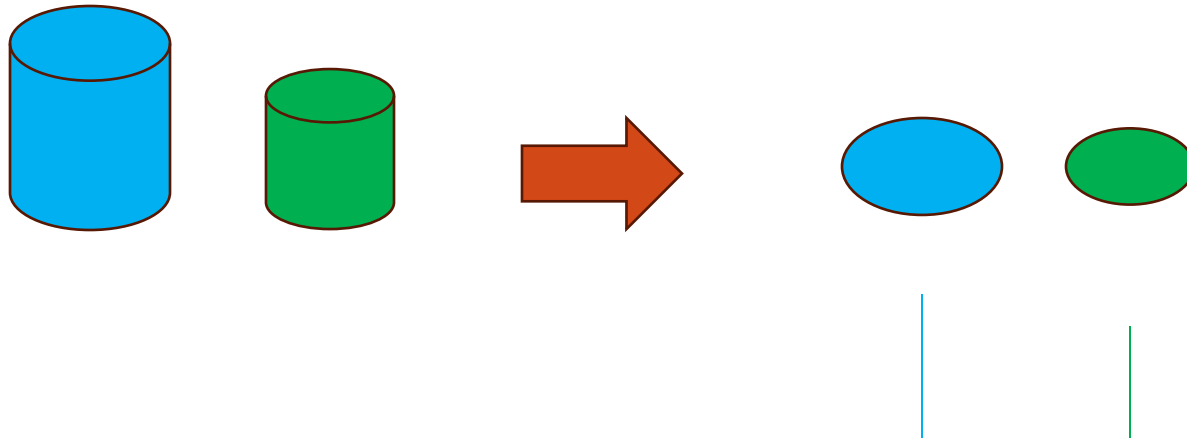


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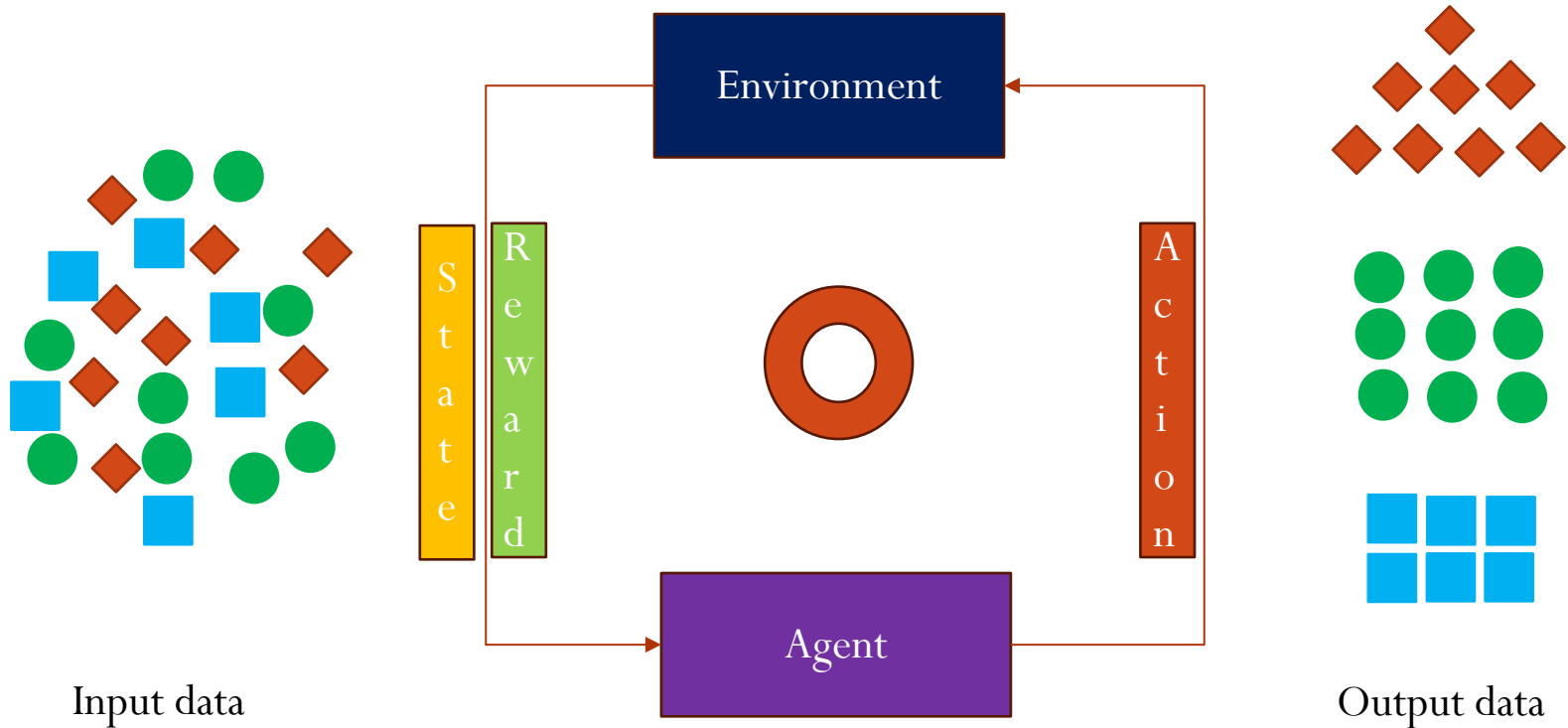


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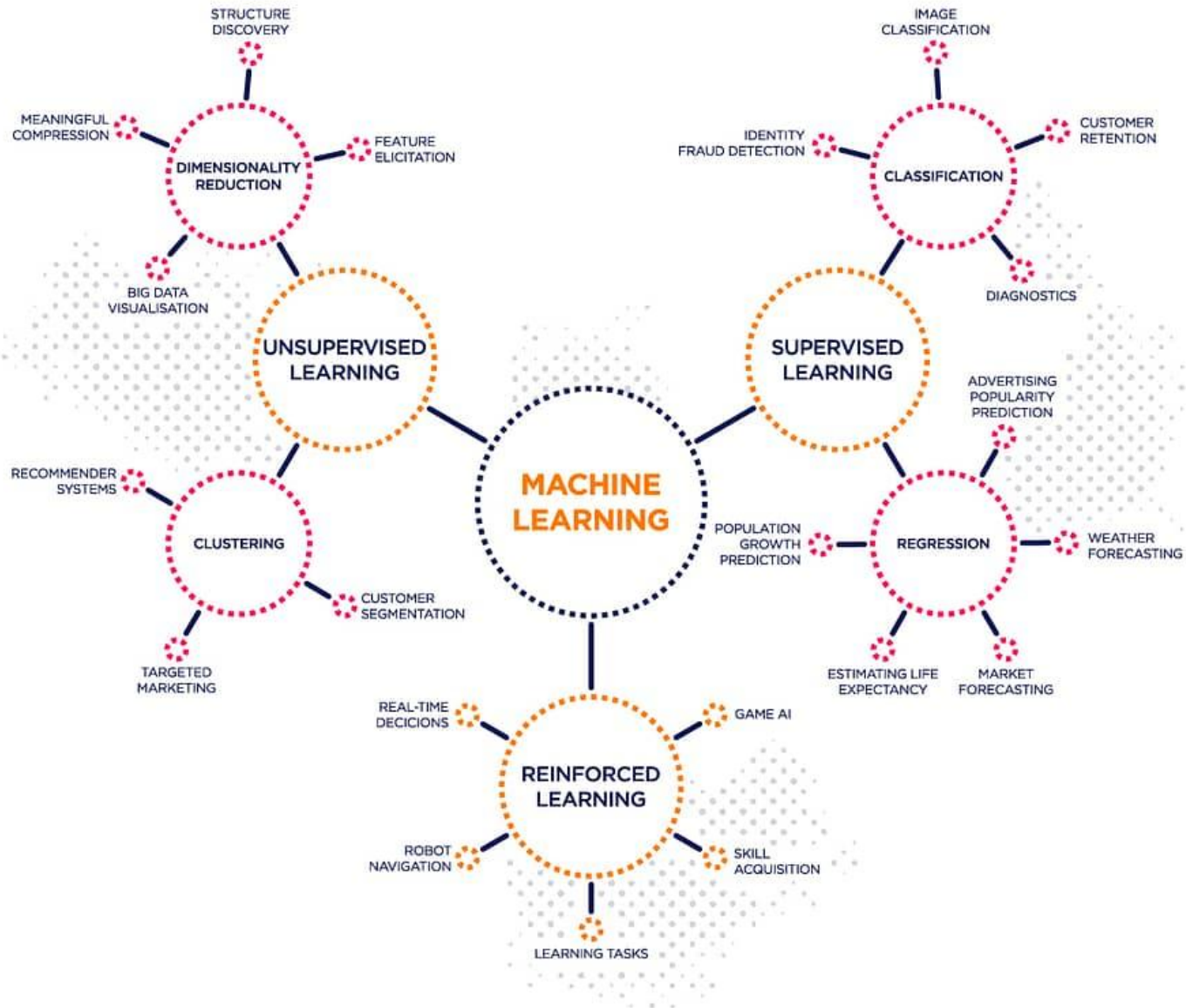


Dimensionality reduction

Reinforcement learning



Machine Learning applications



Ex. 1 – Classification Iris

Fisher's Iris Data

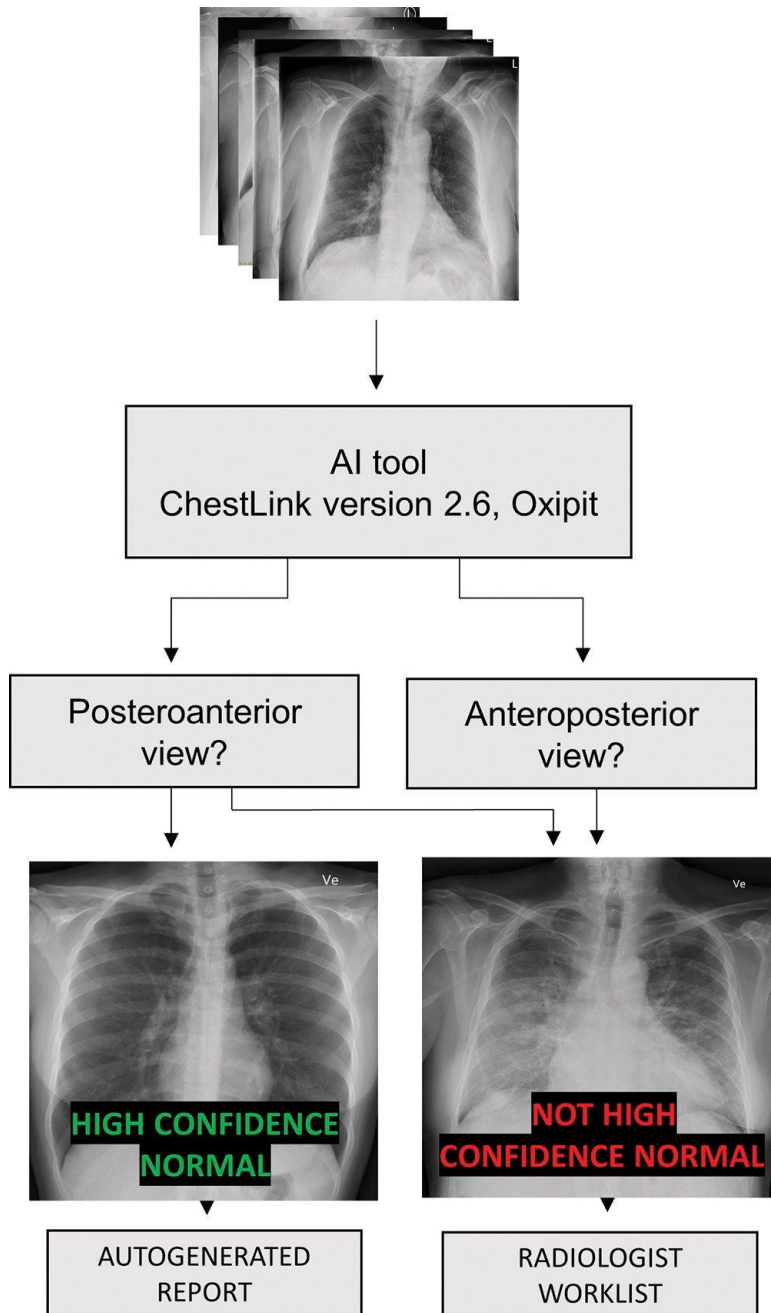
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Ex. 2 Medical diagnosis support



Ex. 3 – Regression in sport/movies



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Watchlist (9)



BRAD PITT
MONEYBALL
JONAH HILL PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN
BASED ON A TRUE STORY
THIS FALL

Contact the Production Co. on IMDbPro »

Moneyball: Arta de a învinge (2011)

"Moneyball" (original title)

PG-13 133 min - Biography | Drama | Sport -
9 December 2011 (Romania)

Your rating: ★★★★★★ -/10
Ratings: **7,6**/10 from 218.433 users Metascore: 87/100
Reviews: 287 user | 403 critic | 42 from Metacritic.com

Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to assemble a baseball team on a lean budget by employing computer-generated analysis to acquire new players.

Director: Bennett Miller
Writers: Steven Zaillian (screenplay), Aaron Sorkin (screenplay), 2 more credits »
Stars: Brad Pitt, Robin Wright, Jonah Hill |
See full cast and crew »

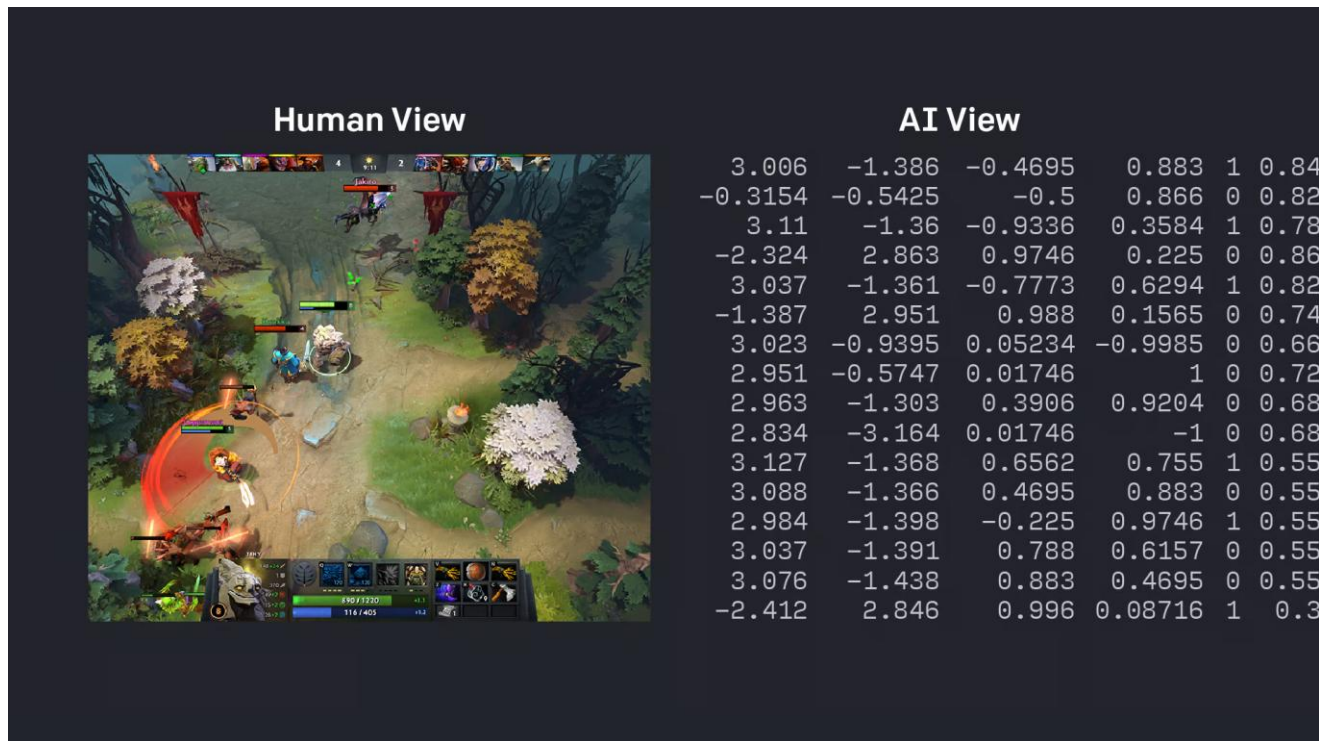
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Ex. 4 – Recommendation Clusters

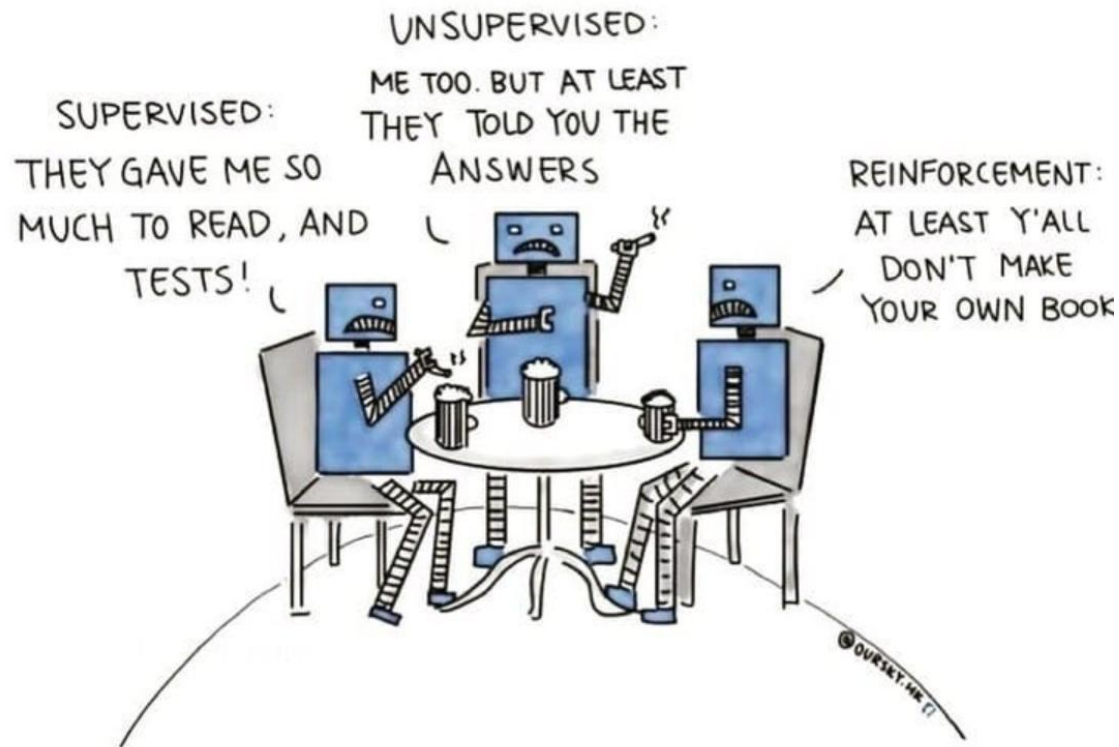


Ex. 5 RL in gaming

- OpenAI Five used deep reinforcement learning to beat the world champions in Dota 2.
- <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/410533063?t=1h14m30s>



Three main types of Machine Learning Algorithms



Lecture contents

- Linear models (LM)
- Support vector machines (SVM)
- Neural networks (NN)
- Decision trees (DT) and ensemble methods
 - Bagging
 - Boosting
 - Random Forests (RF)

Contents (cont.)

- Deep learning
 - Convolutional neural networks (CNN)
 - Semantic segmentation (U-Net)
 - Recurrent neural networks (LSTM, GRU)
 - Transformers
 - Generative models
 - Explainability
- Deep reinforcement learning (RL)

Further points

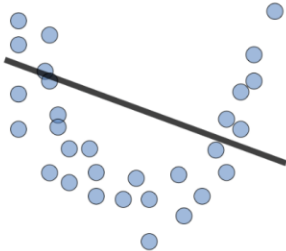
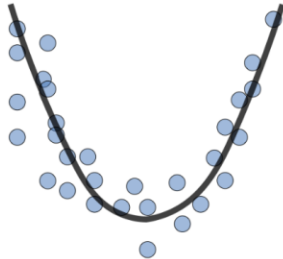
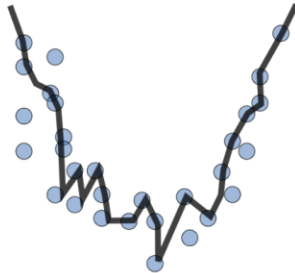
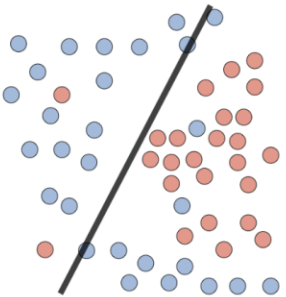
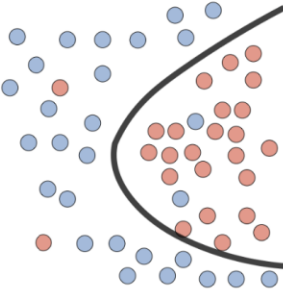
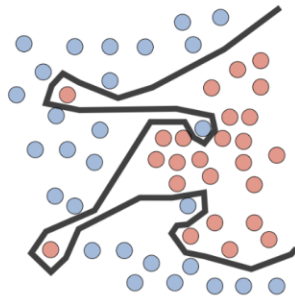
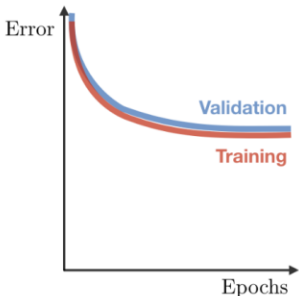
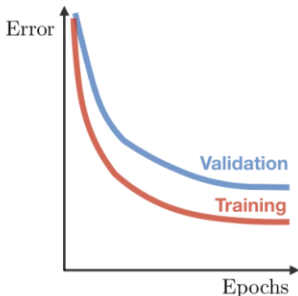
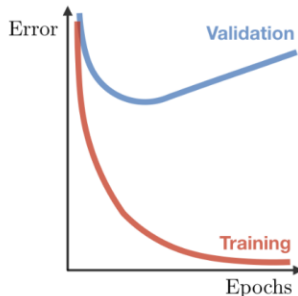
- Applications to real-world tasks
- Selection and evaluation of constructed models:
 - Model agreement with data / Model diagnosis
 - Performance measures
 - Accuracy/error estimation
 - Comparison between models – Testing the statistical significance
 - Benchmarking

Model selection

- From several possible models, choose the best for the problem under consideration.
- The problem is represented by the data



- Special attention to the trade-off between bias and variance
 - Generalization – simple model – underfitting (high bias)
 - Bias – the difference between the model prediction and the real value over the training data
 - Specialization – complex model – overfitting (high variance)
 - Variance – the inconsistency of the model prediction over different training data sets

	Underfitting	Just right	Overfitting
Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High training error • Training error close to test error • High bias 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training error slightly lower than test error 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very low training error • Training error much lower than test error • High variance
Regression illustration			
Classification illustration			
Deep learning illustration			
Possible remedies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complexify model • Add more features • Train longer 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform regularization • Get more data

Performance improvement

- Parameter tuning
 - Manual
 - Automatic
- Feature inspection
 - Feature selection
 - Reduction of the attributes to the most important
 - Feature extraction
 - Combination of the original attributes to a smaller set of new features

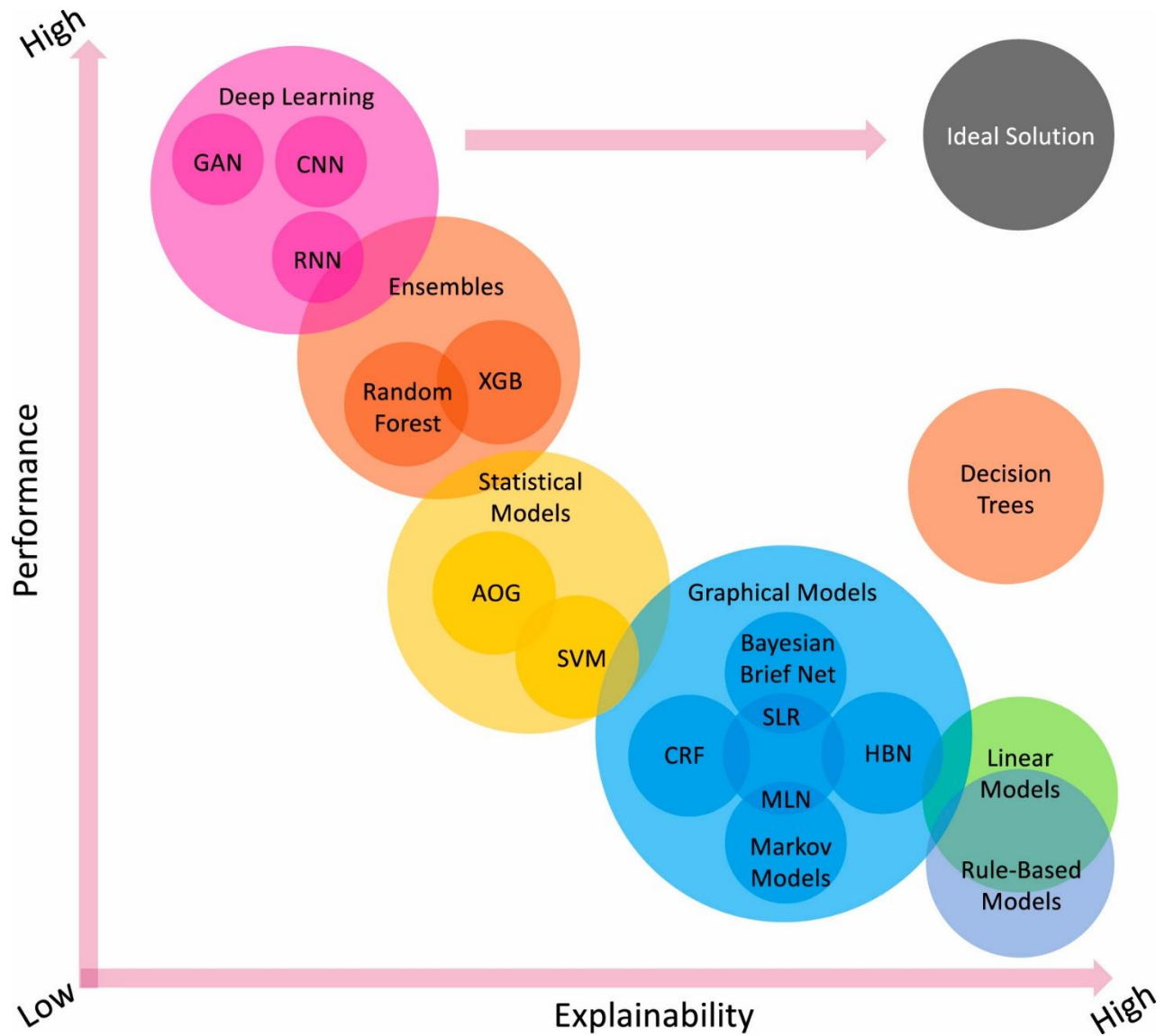
Interpretability / Explainability

- Interpretable model
 - Internal mechanisms are understood
 - How does the model work to produce its outputs?



- Explainable model
 - The reasons behind a specific prediction of a model
 - Why did it produce this output? Justification needed

XAI



THIS IS YOUR MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEM?

YUP! YOU POUR THE DATA INTO THIS BIG
PILE OF LINEAR ALGEBRA, THEN COLLECT
THE ANSWERS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

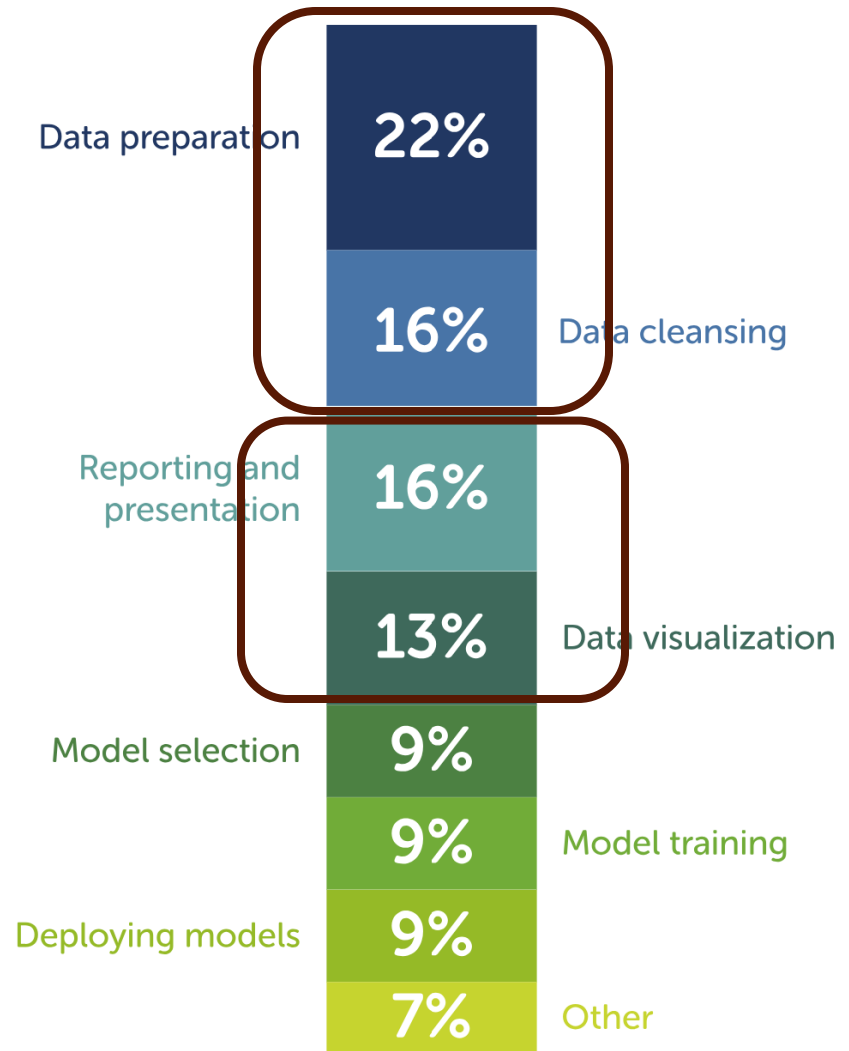
WHAT IF THE ANSWERS ARE WRONG?

JUST STIR THE PILE UNTIL
THEY START LOOKING RIGHT.



Machine Learning Memes for Convolutional Teens

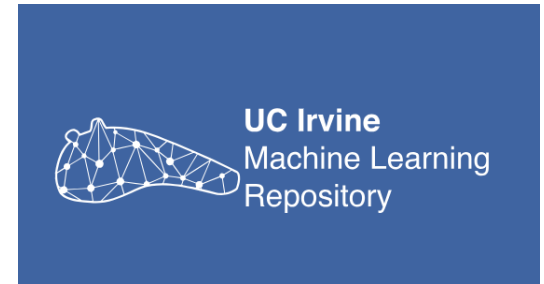
Task importance by time



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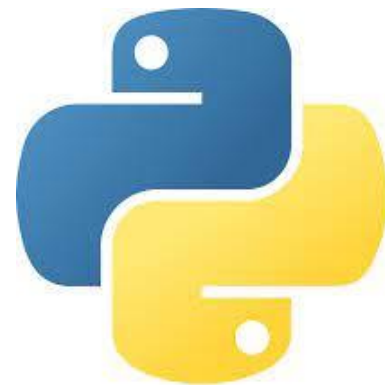
- <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/>
 - Buttons for download and for import to Python
- <https://www.kaggle.com/>
 - Data sets
 - Codes



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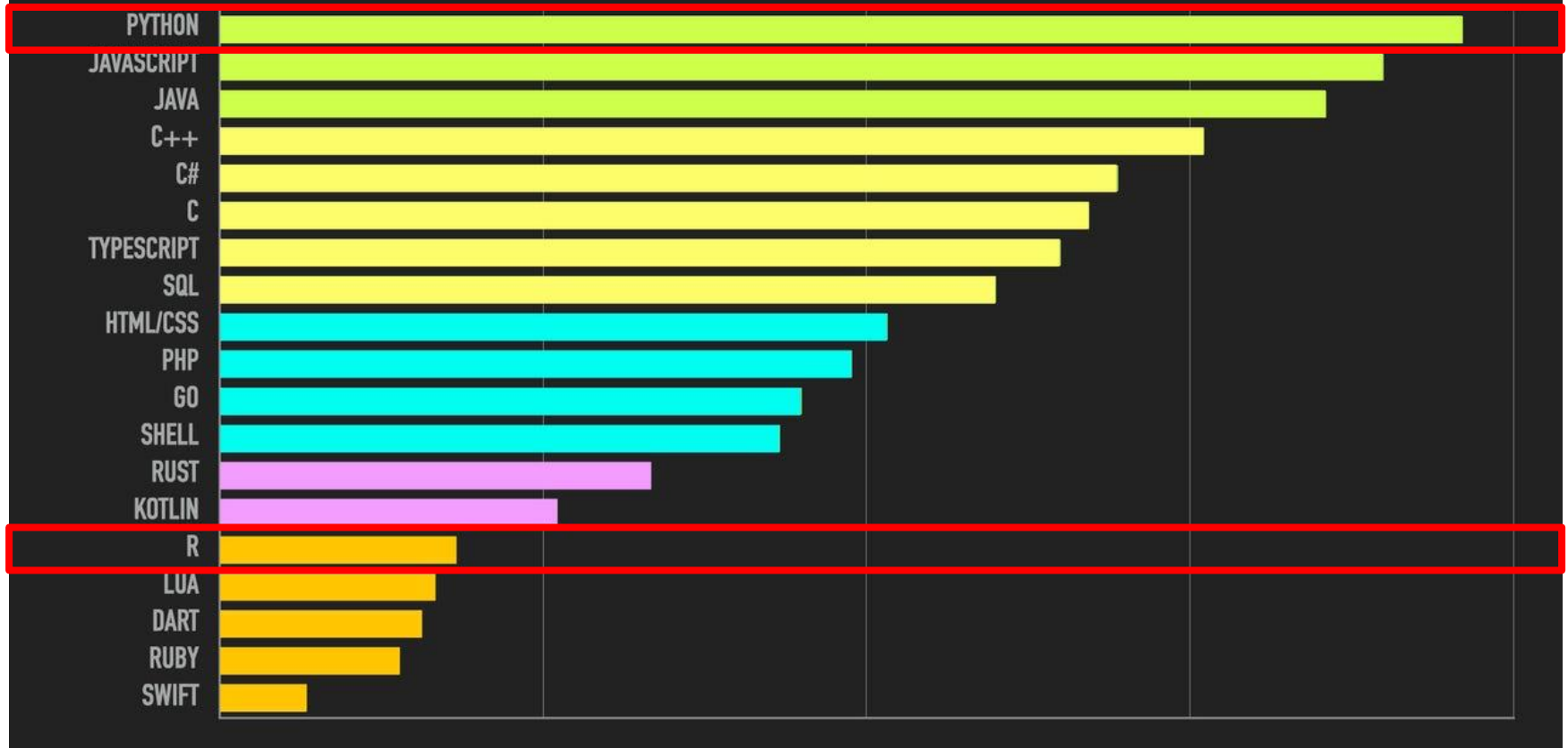
Model implementation

- Experimentation with the machine learning models can be done in R or Python.
- R – the language and environment for statistics, data mining, machine learning, graphical models
- Python – the simple language developed for general programming, but currently Lingua Franca for machine learning



Popularity 2025

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**R
VS
PYTHON**



**R
AND
PYTHON**

Python

- Anaconda (the distribution of Python)
 - <https://www.anaconda.com/download>
- conda install ipykernel (IPython Kernel for Jupyter)
- Install Visual Studio Code
 - <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Extensions -> Python (Install/Reload) -> Select Kernels -> base
- New File -> Jupyter Notebook
- Or use Google Colab

R

- Install R (<https://cloud.r-project.org/>)
- Install Visual Studio Code: <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Extensions -> R
- New File -> R file
- From terminal: `install.packages("languageserver")`
- For every new package referred in code:
 - Terminal: `install.packages("nume")`
- or Install RStudio

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R

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