

MACHINE LEARNING INTRO

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We need an algorithm

...but we don't have a sufficient one for:

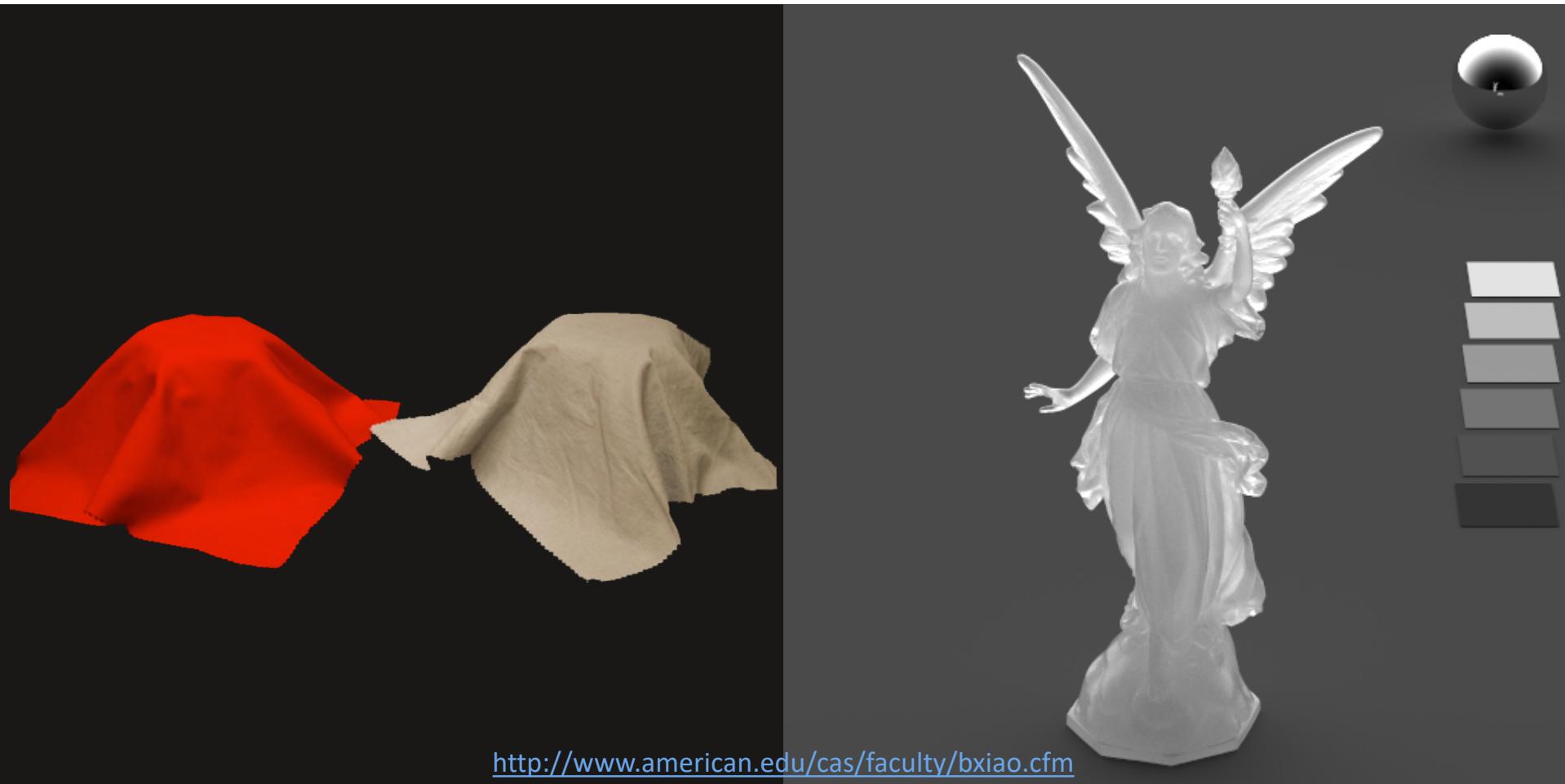
- Spam detection
- Recognizing hand-written digits
- Utility function for Go
- Image segmentation
- Playing Atari games
- Credit applications

We know what we need

mapping from input to:

- Spam detection \Rightarrow Spam or not spam
- Recognizing hand-written digits \Rightarrow 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,..
- Utility function for Go $\Rightarrow f(state)=value$
- Image segmentation \Rightarrow Segments
- Playing Atari games \Rightarrow High score
- Credit applications \Rightarrow How much \$ to loan

Estimation of Material Properties



<http://www.american.edu/cas/faculty/bxiao.cfm>

DARPA Grand Challenge 2005



Stanford
Sebastian Thrun

<https://youtu.be/TDqzyd7fDRc?t=1m27s>

Autonomous Drifting

MIT Aerospace Controls Lab

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opsmd5yuBF0>

Samim.io

<https://medium.com/@samim/obama-rnn-machine-generated-political-speeches-c8abd18a2ea0#.nr6vqxlgj>

<https://github.com/samim23/obama-rnn/>

“Good afternoon. God bless you.

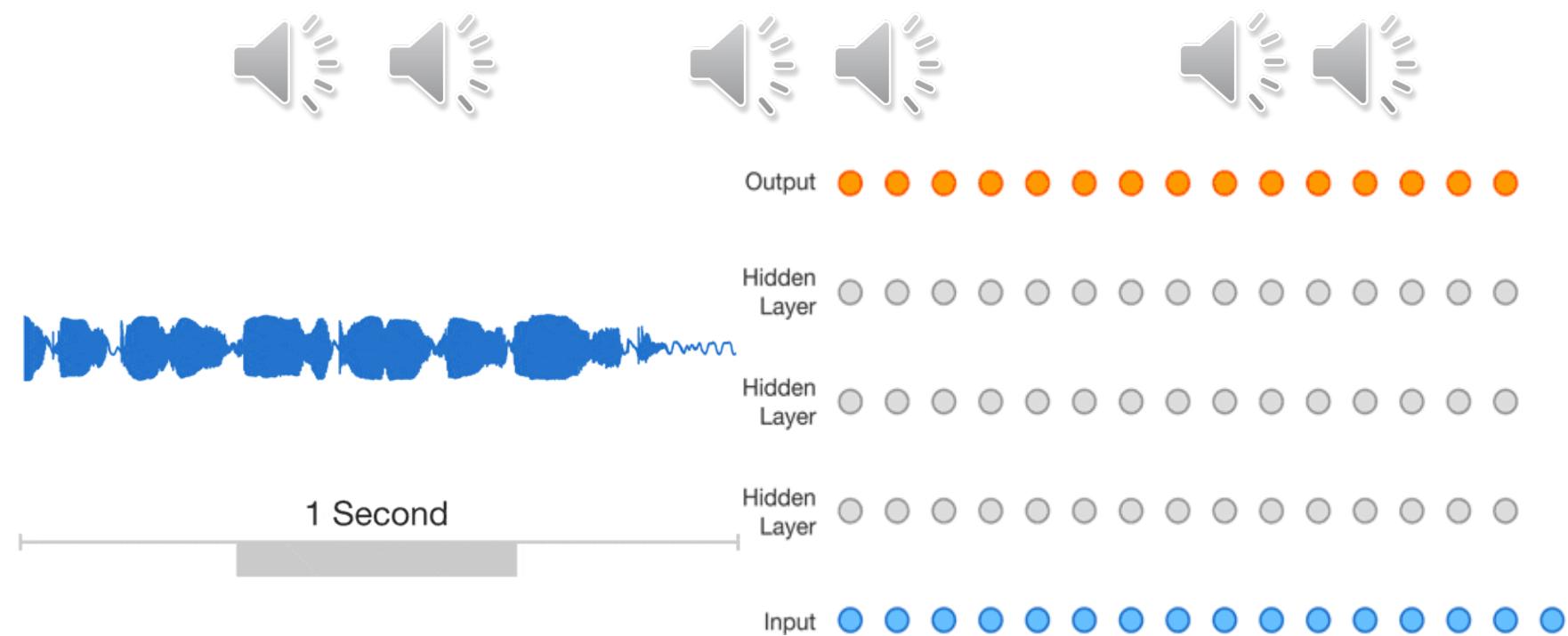
The United States will step up to the cost of a new challenges of the American people that will share the fact that we created the problem. They were attacked and so that they have to say that all the task of the final days of war that I will not be able to get this done. The promise of the men and women who were still going to take out the fact that the American people have fought to make sure that they have to be able to protect our part. It was a chance to stand together to completely look for the commitment to borrow from the American people. And the fact is the men and women in uniform and the millions of our country with the law system that we should be a strong stretches of the forces that we can afford to increase our spirit of the American people and the leadership of our country who are on the Internet of American lives. Thank you very much.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. “

DeepMind Wavenet

<https://github.com/ibab/tensorflow-wavenet>

<https://deepmind.com/blog/wavenet-generative-model-raw-audio/>



Marl/O

Gen 20 species 44 genome 1 (19%)

Fitness: 771 Max Fitness: 1297



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qv6UVVOQ0F44>

Data instead of knowledge

What we lack in knowledge we make up for in data to find patterns and regularities.

We may not be able to model the process completely but we can construct a good and useful approximation.

Original Definition of Machine Learning

Field of study that gives computers
the ability to learn without being
explicitly programmed.

Arthur Samuel, 1959

First Application

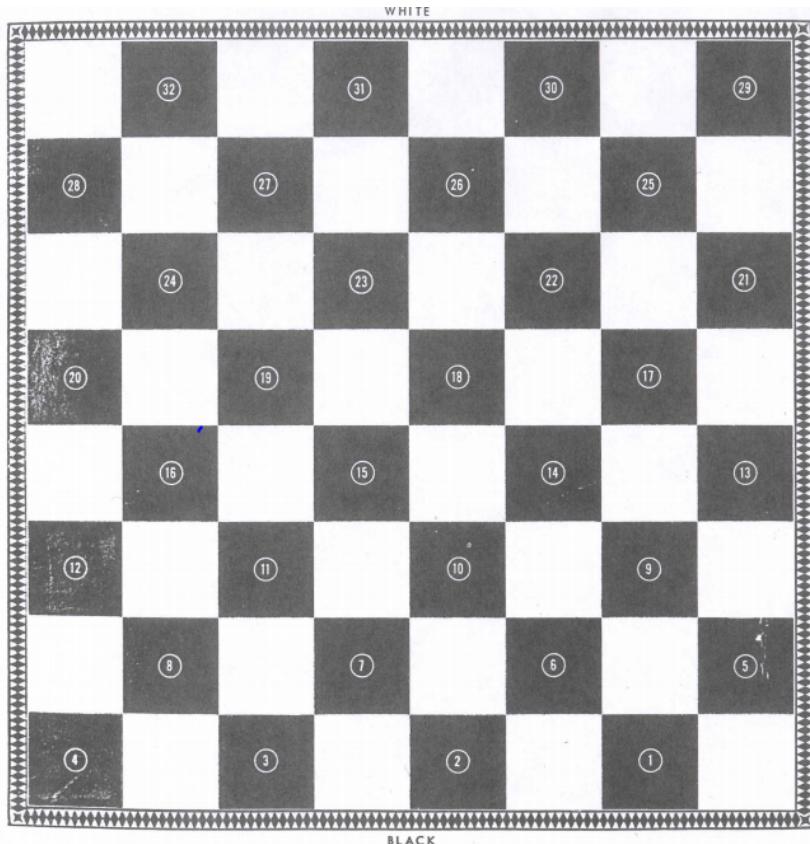
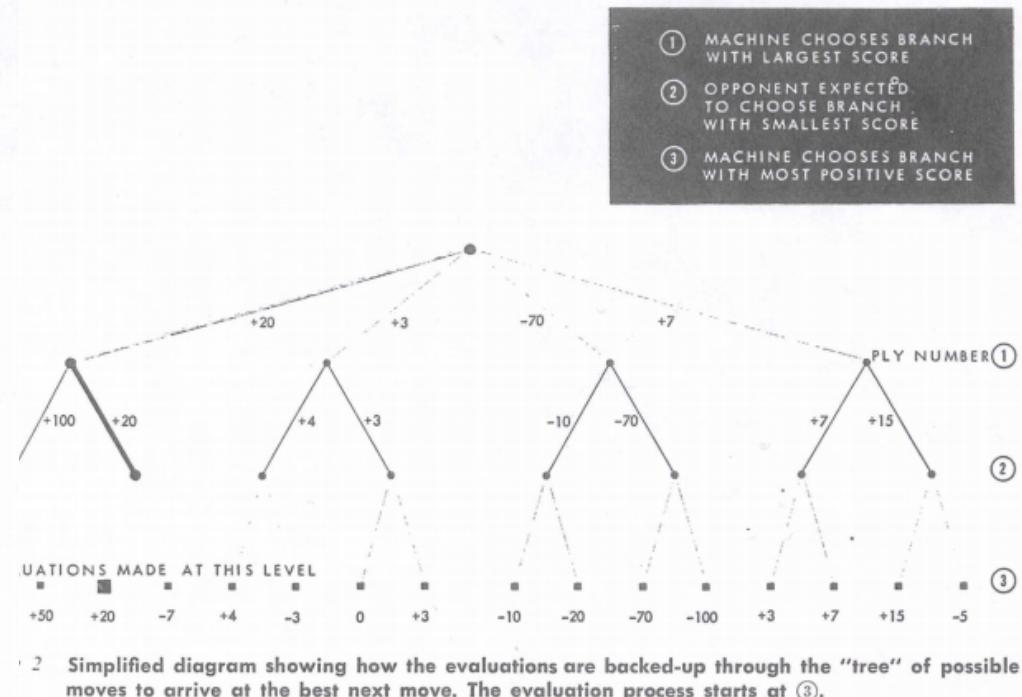


Figure B-1 Square designations used in reporting games.



2 Simplified diagram showing how the evaluations are backed-up through the "tree" of possible moves to arrive at the best next move. The evaluation process starts at ③.

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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, 1997

Learning

A agent is learning if it improves its performance on future tasks after making observations about the world

Russell and Norvig p. 693

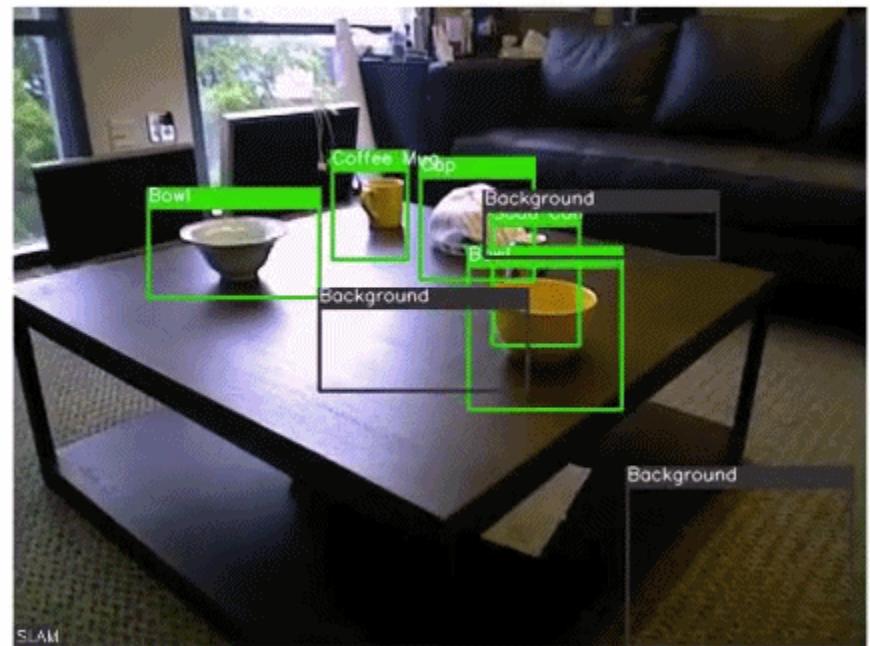
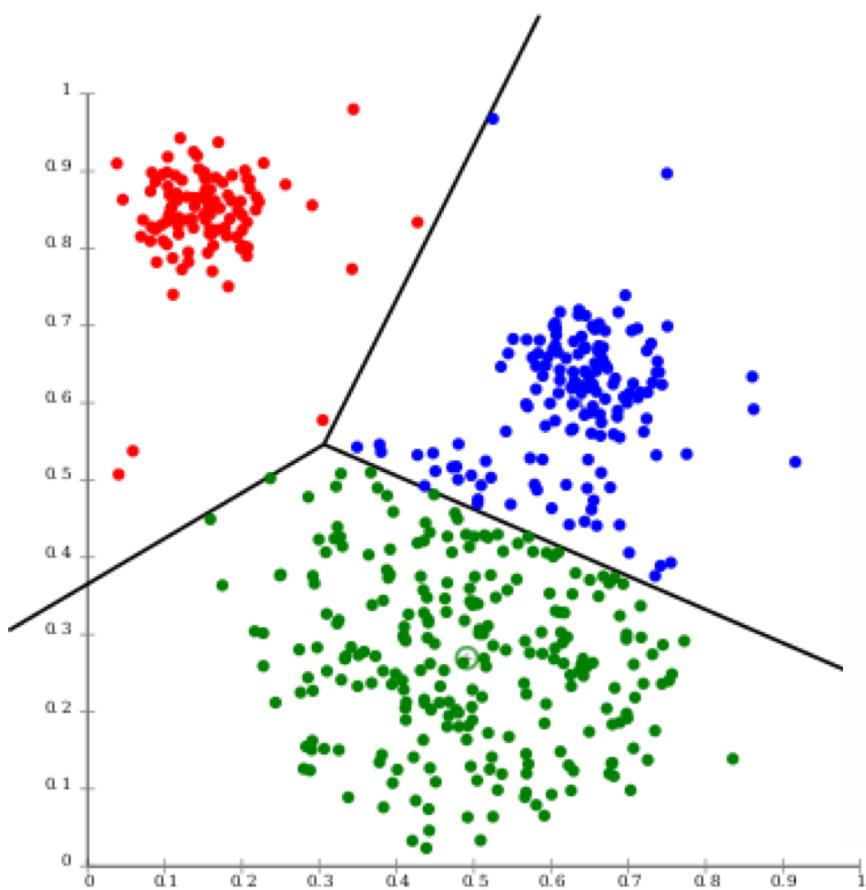
- What is learning?

observations → Learning → Skill

- Machine learning:

data → Machine Learning → Skill

Data(base|science) vs Unforeseen



Approximating Functions

Goal: find a function $h(x)$ that approximates the true but unknown function $f(x)$.

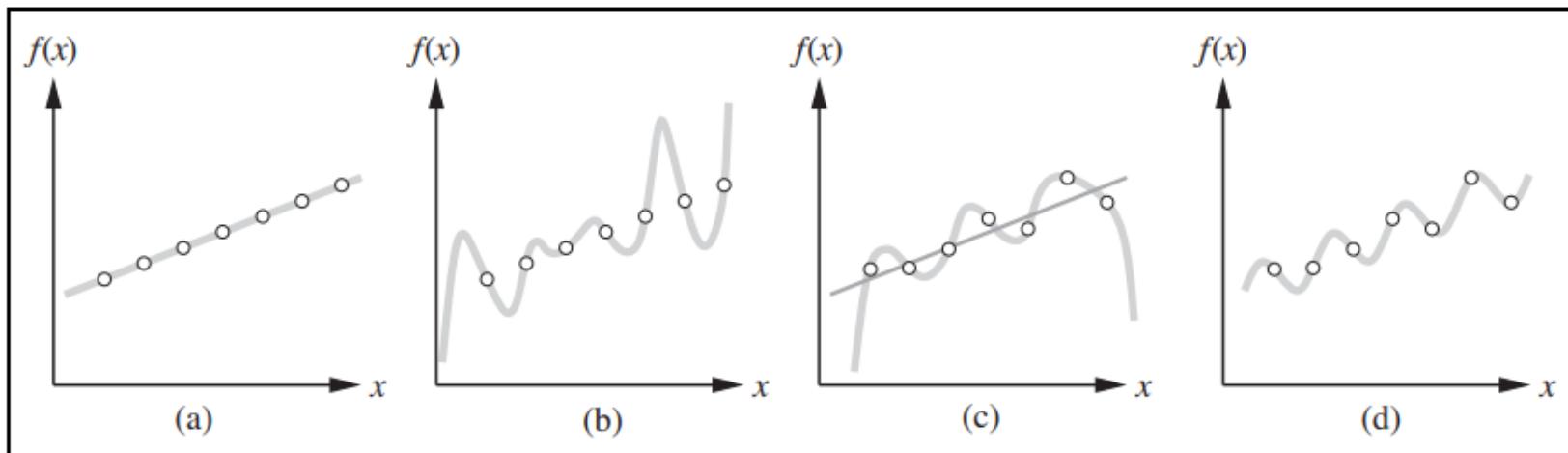


Figure 18.1 (a) Example $(x, f(x))$ pairs and a consistent, linear hypothesis. (b) A consistent, degree-7 polynomial hypothesis for the same data set. (c) A different data set, which admits an exact degree-6 polynomial fit or an approximate linear fit. (d) A simple, exact sinusoidal fit to the same data set.

Hypothesis

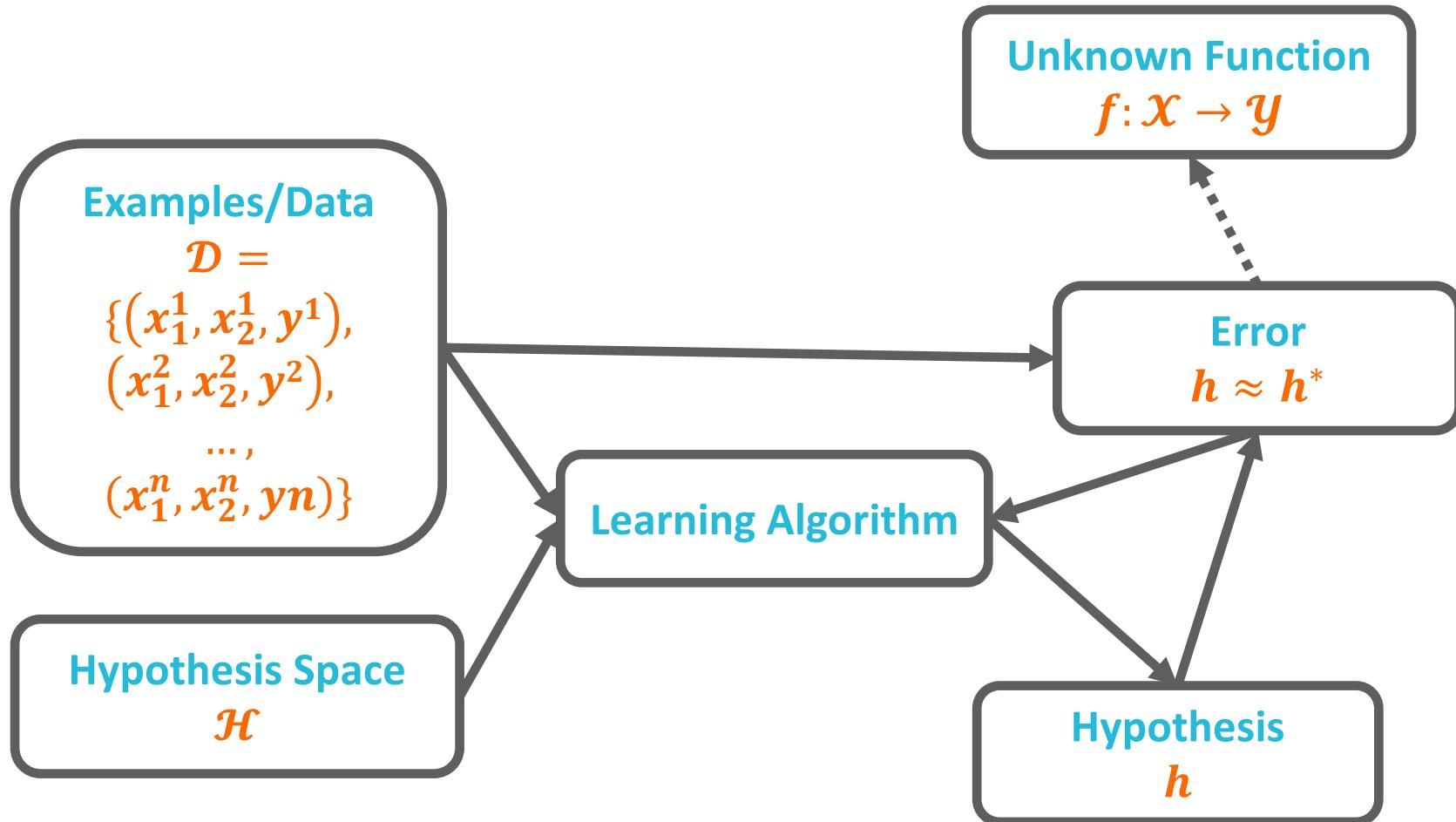
- The hypothesis h is one possible approximation of $f(x)$.
- All possible hypotheses are in the hypothesis space:
 - $h \in \mathcal{H}$
- Most probable hypothesis h^* given the data:
 - $h^* = \text{argmax } P(h|\text{data})$ where $h^* \in \mathcal{H}$

There is a tradeoff between the expressiveness of a hypothesis space and the complexity of finding a good hypothesis within that space.

Machine Learning Formalization

- Input: $x \in \mathcal{X}$
 - Ex. input with two features: $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- Output: $y \in \mathcal{Y}$
- Approximation of the unknown function
 - $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- Labeled Data
 - $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_1^1, x_2^1, y^1), (x_1^2, x_2^2, y^2), \dots, (x_1^n, x_2^n, y^n)\}$

Process



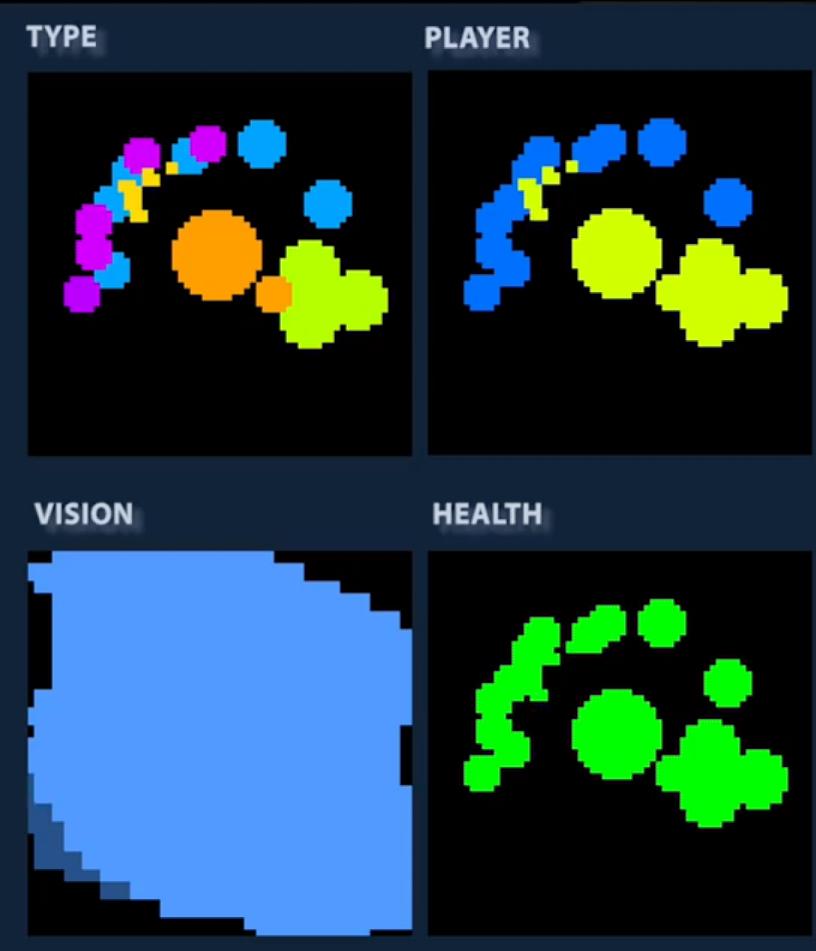
Common Mode

Factored Representation - a vector of attribute values that are often seen as tensors.

- A.K.A. **feature vectors**

Output - continuous (probabilities, scalars) or discrete values (group membership).

Example: StarCraft II



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Input features:

- Unit positions
- Resources
- Health/shields
- Vision
- Terrain/map
- Energy
- Cooldowns
- ...



Output:

- A single action or a set of game actions.

Machine Learning Styles

- Supervised
 - All $y^i \in \mathcal{Y}$ are in \mathcal{D} .
- Unsupervised
 - No $y^i \in \mathcal{Y}$ are present in \mathcal{D} .
- Semi-supervised
 - Some $y^i \in \mathcal{Y}$ are missing from \mathcal{D} .
- Reinforcement
 - Reward and punishment based on state transitions.
- Offline
 - Trains h then uses h .
- Online
 - Trains h , uses h , trains h , uses h , ...
- Deep
 - More layers and hierarchy in NNs.

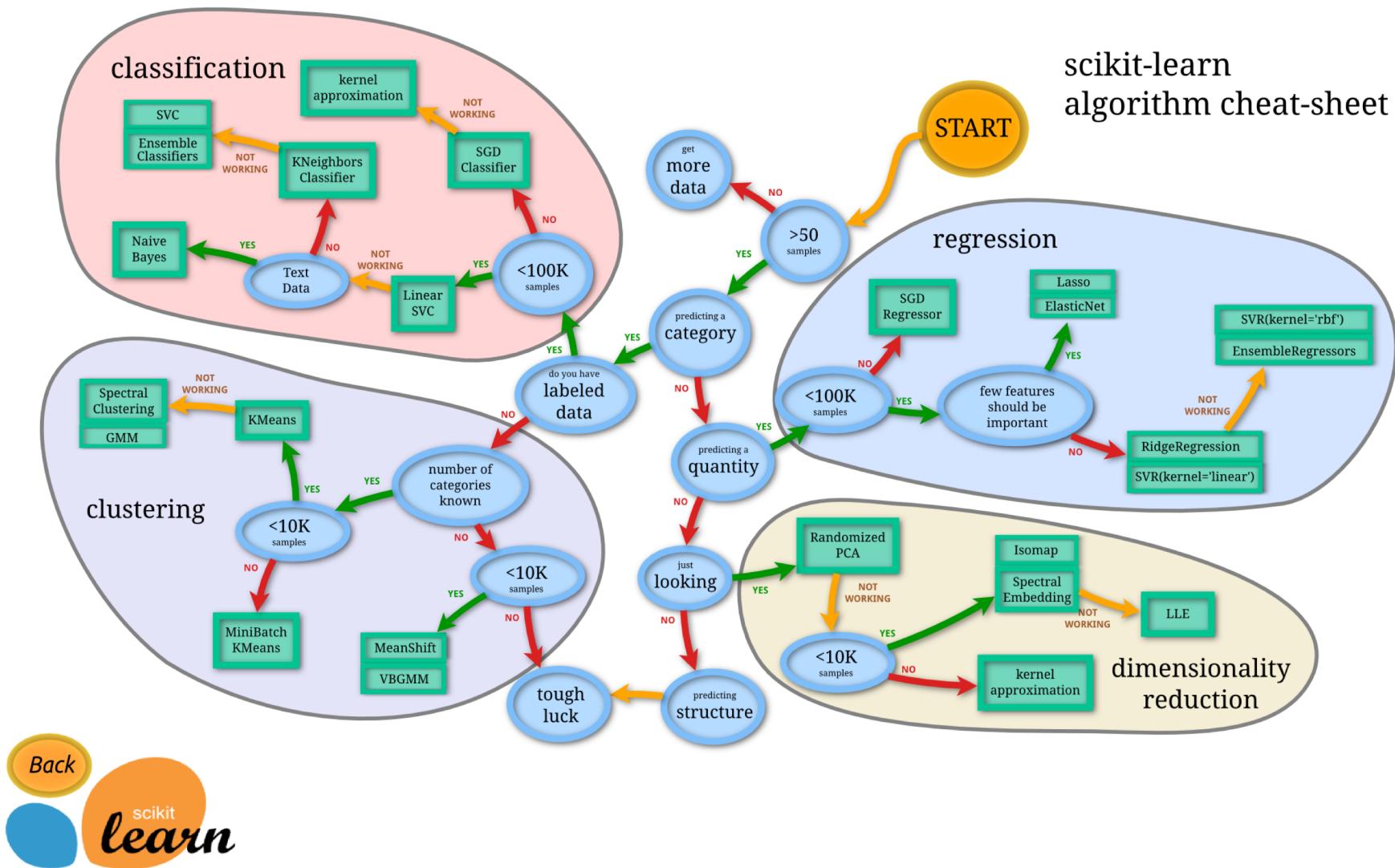
Groups of Methods

- Classification*
 - Multi-class
 - Regression*
 - Instance-based*
 - Decision Trees
 - Bayesian
 - Clustering
 - Association Rule
 - Neural Networks
 - Deep
 - Case-based
 - Dimensionality Reduction
 - Symbolic
 - Kernel
 - Anomaly Detection
 - Reinforcement
 - Genetic
 - Markov Processes
- *Broader categories based more on output type and less on algorithmic similarity.*

Enhancements, Add-ons, and Meta

- Regularization
- Ensemble
 - Boosting
 - Random Forest
- Meta
 - Inductive bias
 - Metadata

The right tool



The right tool



Microsoft Azure Machine Learning: Algorithm Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet helps you choose the best Azure Machine Learning Studio algorithm for your predictive analytics solution. Your decision is driven by both the nature of your data and the question you're trying to answer.

ANOMALY DETECTION

One-class SVM

>100 features,
aggressive boundary

PCA-based anomaly detection

Fast training

CLUSTERING

K-means

Finding unusual
data points

MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

Fast training, linear model → Multiclass logistic regression

Accuracy, long training times → Multiclass neural network

Accuracy, fast training → Multiclass decision forest

Accuracy, small memory footprint → Multiclass decision jungle

Depends on the two-class classifier, see notes below → One-v-all multiclass

REGRESSION

Ordinal regression

Data in rank ordered categories

Poisson regression

Predicting event counts

Fast forest quantile regression

Predicting a distribution

Linear regression

Fast training, linear model

Bayesian linear regression

Linear model, small data sets

Neural network regression

Accuracy, long training time

Decision forest regression

Accuracy, fast training

Boosted decision tree regression

Accuracy, fast training,
large memory footprint

START

Predicting values

Three or more
Predicting categories
Two

TWO-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

Two-class SVM

>100 features,
linear model

Two-class averaged perceptron

Fast training,
linear model

Two-class logistic regression

Fast training,
linear model

Two-class Bayes point machine

Fast training,
linear model

Accuracy,
fast training

Accuracy,
fast training,
large memory
footprint

Accuracy,
small memory
footprint

>100 features → Two-class locally deep SVM

Accuracy, long
training times → Two-class neural network

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One of the most comprehensive overviews:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_machine_learning#Machine learning methods](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_machine_learning#Machine_learning_methods)

Lacks ontology and consistency but has most algorithms listed.