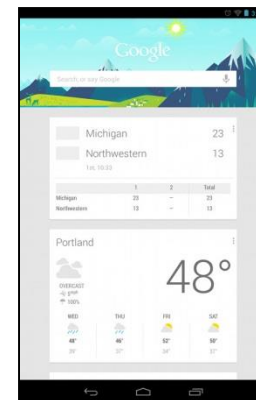


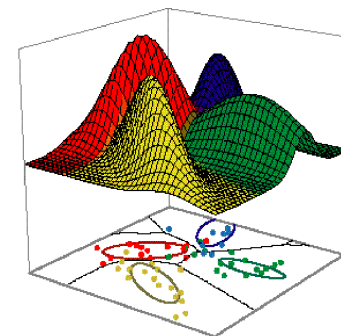
# Machine Learning

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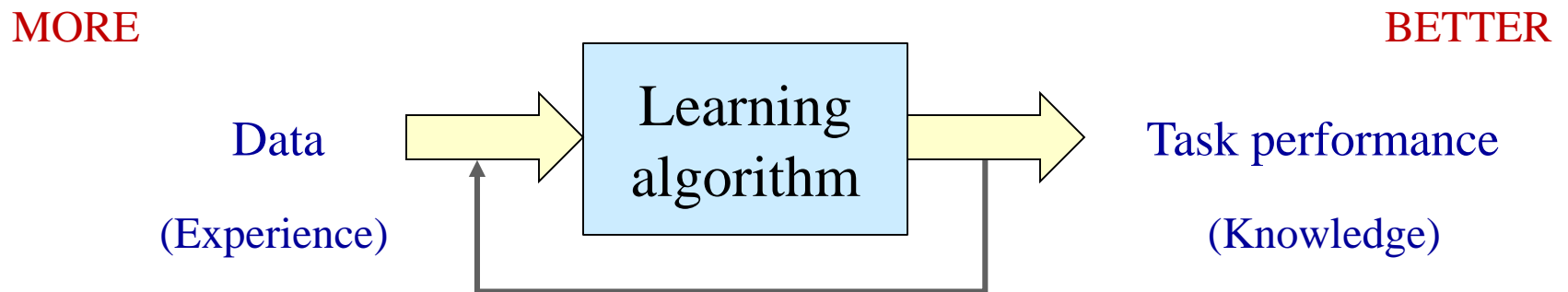
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# Introduction to machine learning

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Machine learning is *the design and analysis of algorithms that improve their **performance** at some **task** with **experience***



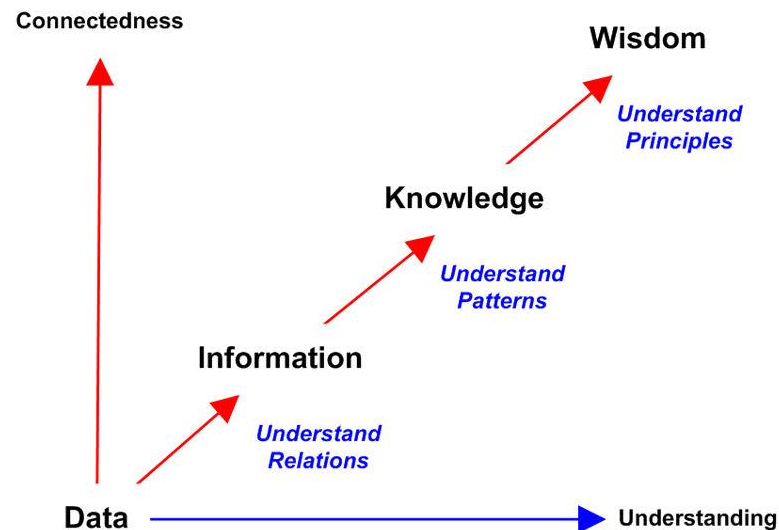
The learning may take place **offline** (before the execution of the task) –  
e.g., face detection, spam detection

It may take place **online** (as a task progresses) – e.g., an adaptive interface

It may do **both** – e.g., speech recognition systems

# The big picture

- We wish to develop **methods and tools for building learning machines** that can **solve problems** in combination with available **data sets of training examples**
- Ultimately, to move up the “**DIKW pyramid**”
  - To be able to reveal principles, reveal directions, answer questions, make decisions, determine action
  - From understanding the past to empowering the future



Big Data!

# Some applications of machine learning

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- Search engines
- Machine perception
- Computer vision, including object recognition
- Natural language processing
- Bioinformatics
- Syntactic pattern recognition
- Medical diagnosis
- Brain-machine interfaces
- Cheminformatics
- Detecting credit card fraud
- Stock market analysis
- Classifying DNA sequences
- Sequence mining
- Robot locomotion
- Speech and handwriting recognition
- Game playing
- Software engineering
- Adaptive websites
- Computational advertising
- Computational finance
- Structural health monitoring
- Sentiment analysis (or opinion mining)
- Affective computing
- Information retrieval
- Recommender systems

# How do we learn?

*When a machine improves its performance at a given task over time, without reprogramming, it can be said to have learned something*

## Some ways of learning for people:

- Rote learning, i.e., memorization or “muscle learning”
- Conditioning (associative learning)
- Learning from specific instructions
- Learning from explanations
- Learning from advice
- Learning from examples (episodic learning)
- Learning by doing
- Learning by exploration and discovery
- Learning by analogy



# The typical machine learning problem

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- Given a collection of examples (the **training data**), we want to build a **model** to predict something about **novel examples**
- For example:
  - Spam filtering
    - Is this email spam or ham?
  - Medical diagnosis
    - Do these test results indicate malignant or benign?
  - Natural language processing
    - What does the sentence ask for?
  - Face recognition
    - Who is this a picture of?
  - Chess
    - What move to make now?

# Machine learning?

The output depends on the learning task!

- What's the next number in the sequence:

- 1, 2, 4, 8, ... **20**

- “A big dog had the run of the land and fiercely protected it and the animals on it.”



Best Friends:  
A Bedtime Story

- How about this sequence:

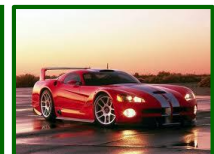
- 3, 4, 5, 2, ... **5**

- 3.141592653589793

- Is this image in the same class as these images?



No, it's indoors



- What's the outlier in this group:

- California, Virginia, Connecticut, France, Mississippi, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts
  - Mississippi – I've lived in the other locations!

# What is a learning problem?

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- Learning involves **improving performance**
  - at some **task  $T$**
  - with **experience  $E$**
  - evaluated in terms of **performance measure  $P$**
- Example: learn to play checkers
  - **Task  $T$** : playing checkers well
  - **Experience  $E$** : playing against itself
  - **Performance  $P$** : percent of games won against humans
- What exactly should be learned?
  - How might this be represented?
  - What specific algorithm(s) should be used?



# Components of a learning problem

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- **Task:** the behavior or task that's being improved; e.g., classification, object recognition, acting in an environment
- **Data:** the **experiences** that are being used to improve performance in the task
- **Measure of performance:** How can the improvement be measured? Examples:
  - Provide more accurate solutions (e.g., increasing the accuracy in prediction)
  - Cover a wider range of problems
  - Obtain answers more economically (e.g., improved speed)
  - Simplify codified knowledge
  - New skills that were not presented initially

# Machine learning ingredients

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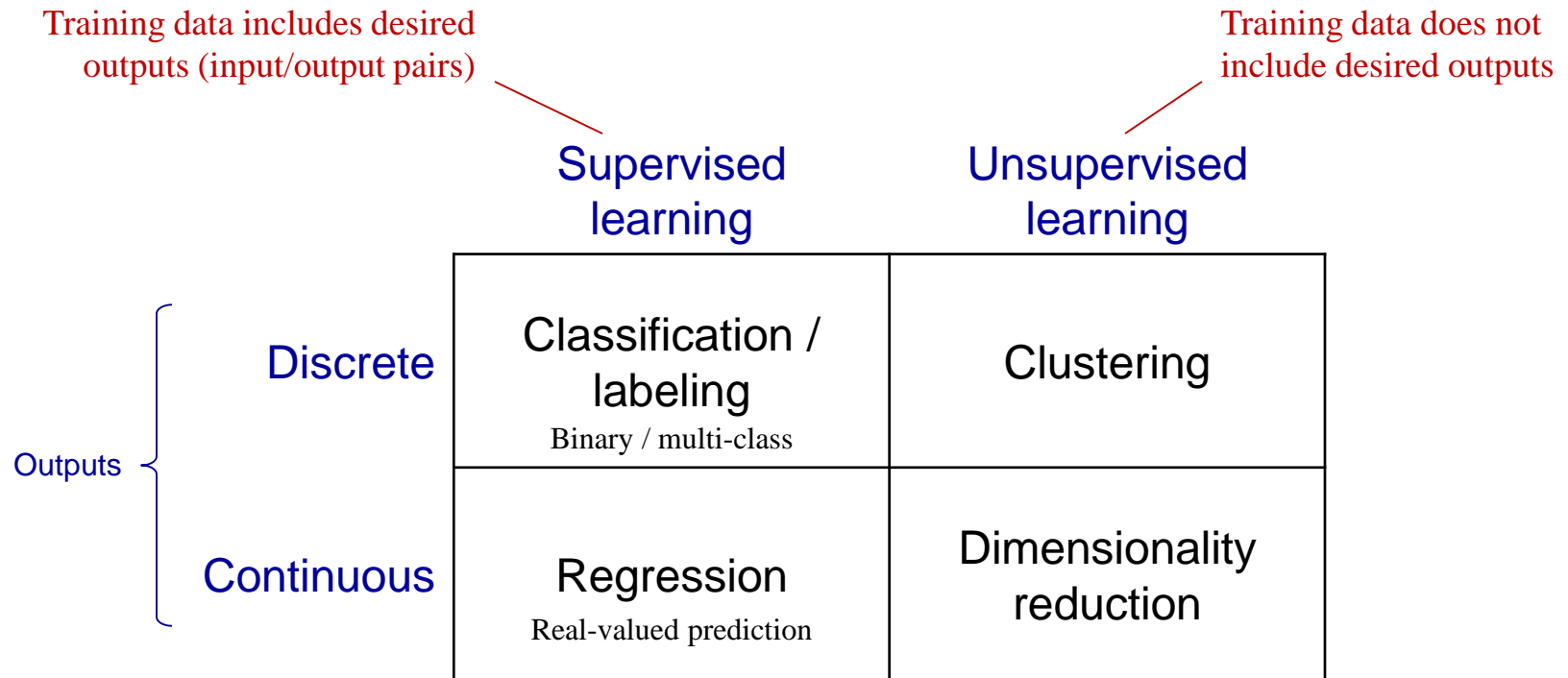
- Prior assumptions
  - What do we know a priori about the problem?
- Data
  - What kind of data do we have?
- Representation
  - How do we represent the data?
- Model / hypothesis space
  - What hypotheses are we willing to entertain to explain the data?
- Feedback / learning signal
  - What kind of learning signal do we have (labels, delayed)?
- Learning algorithm
  - How do we update the model (or set of hypotheses) from feedback?
- Evaluation
  - How well did we do? Should we change the model?

# Key types of machine learning

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- Supervised learning
  - Provide *labeled* training data
  - Give the correct answers – input/output pairs
- Semi-supervised learning
  - Provide *some* labeled training data, other data unlabeled
  - Give *some* correct answers, others unknown
- Reinforcement learning
  - Provide occasional, usually delayed, information or reward
  - E.g., win or lose game (but no feedback on individual moves)
- Unsupervised learning
  - No direct learning signal or labels
  - The task is typically to find structure in the data (e.g., clustering, dimensionality reduction)

# Some machine learning problems



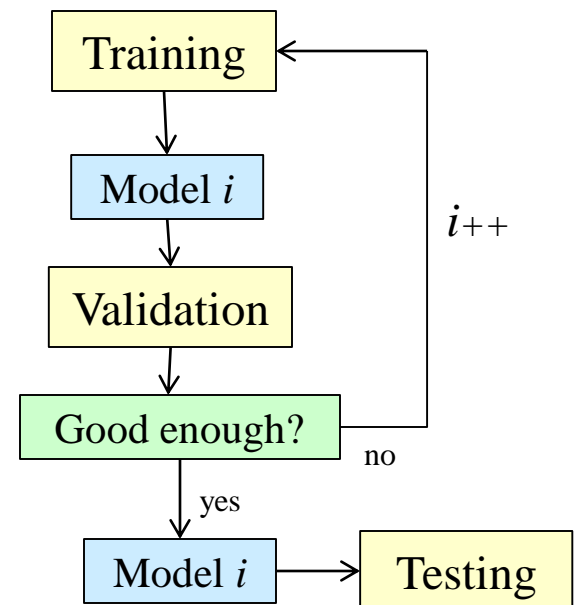
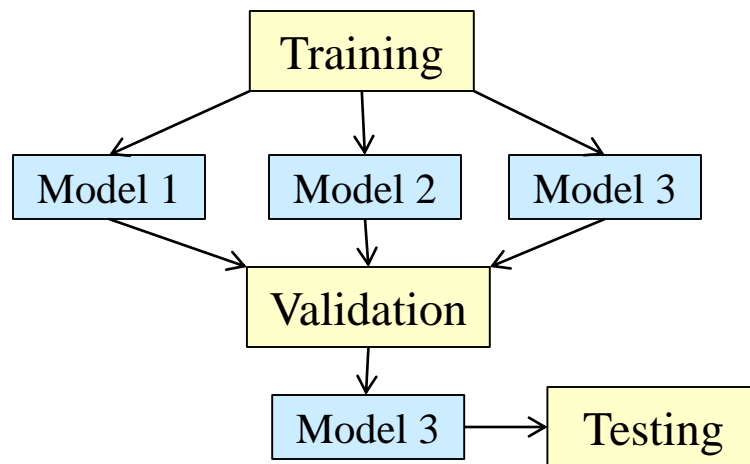
Also semi-supervised learning, reinforcement learning, etc.

Training data includes  
*some* desired outputs

Learning through trial-and-error  
interactions with the environment

# Training, validation, and test datasets

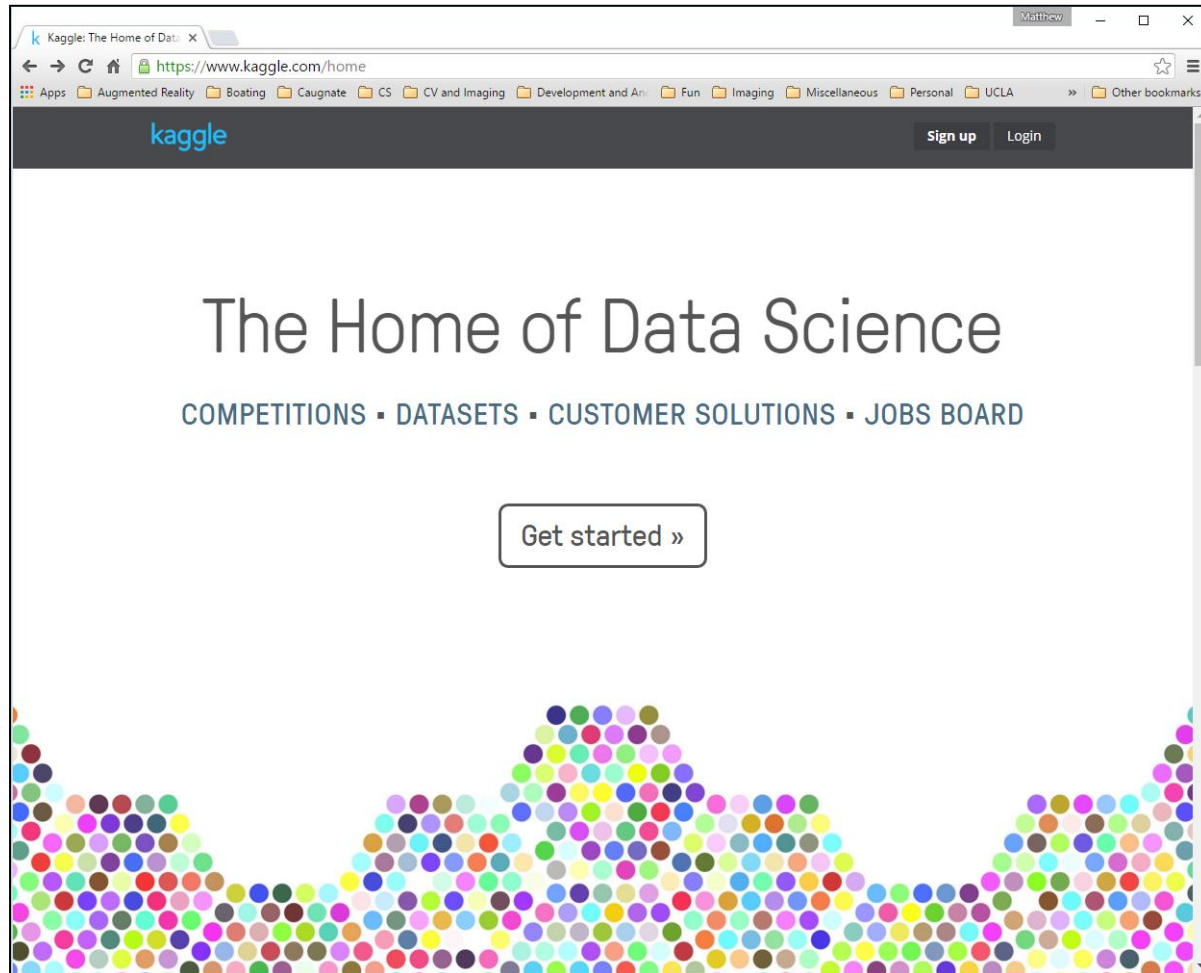
- We typically divide the dataset into three subsets:
  - **Training data** is used for learning the parameters of the models
  - **Validation data** is used to decide which model to employ
  - **Test data** is used to get a final, unbiased estimate of how well the model works



Sometimes reduced to training and testing a single mode (no validation step)

# Kaggle

## Data science competitions



# The Netflix Prize

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- The Netflix Prize sought to substantially improve the accuracy of predictions about how much someone is going to enjoy a movie based on their movie preferences
- \$1M grand prize awarded in 2009
- Provided teams with:
  - Anonymous rating data
  - A prediction accuracy bar that was 10% better than what Netflix could do on the same training data set



Winner: BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos

# DARPA Grand Challenges

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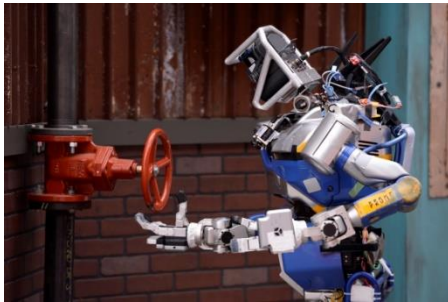
## 2004, 2005 Grand Challenges



## 2007 Urban Challenge



## 2012-2015 Robotics Challenge



## 2013 FANG Challenge

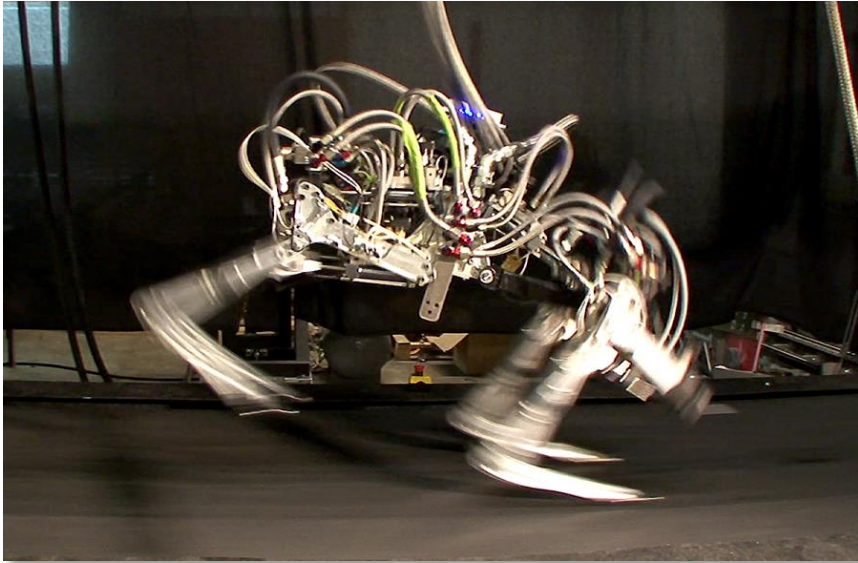
Fast Adaptable Next-Generation Ground Vehicle



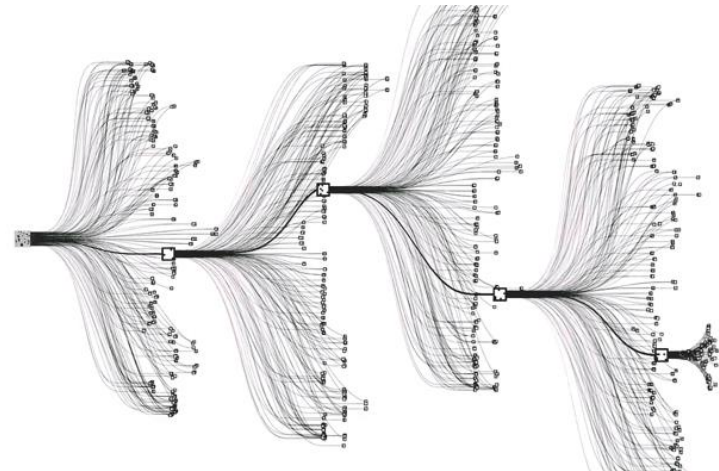
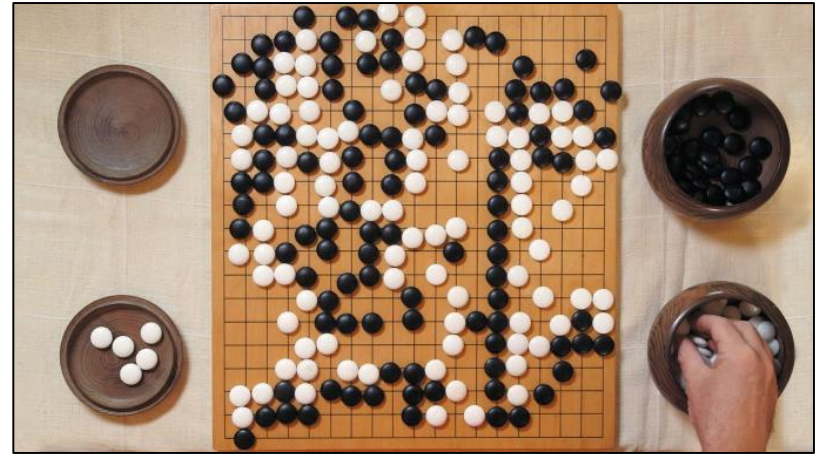


# Boston Dynamics

<http://www.youtube.com/BostonDynamics>



- The first computer program to beat a professional player at the game of Go
- Defeated top Go player in the world, Lee Sedol, in March 2016, 4-1
- Uses deep neural networks that are trained by a novel combination of supervised learning from human expert games, and reinforcement learning from games of self-play.
  - DeepMind Technologies acquired by Google in 2014



# 165B course web site

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- <http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~mturk/ML>
  - Home page: info and announcements
  - Syllabus
  - Schedule
    - Lecture notes
      - Need userid and password: **machine | learning**
  - Assignments
  - Links
- Bookmark this and visit often!
- Will also use the course Gauchospace page
  - Primarily for assignments and grading
  - Piazza also

# How to succeed in 165B

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- Do the assigned reading
  - The lectures will overlap somewhat with the reading, but nowhere near 100% – both lecture and assigned reading are critical
  - The textbook supplements the lecture (providing additional depth, examples, and topics not mentioned in class)
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- Attend the discussion sessions
  - Various topics: review material (like this week), more details on lecture material, algorithms examples, homework help, questions, etc.
- Be engaged in class
  - Ask questions, offer feedback, laugh at my jokes....
  - Review the lecture notes after class (posted soon after class ends)
- Get started on the homework assignments early

Machine learning is the systematic study of algorithms and systems that improve their knowledge or performance with experience.

## What is machine learning?

“machine” + “learning”

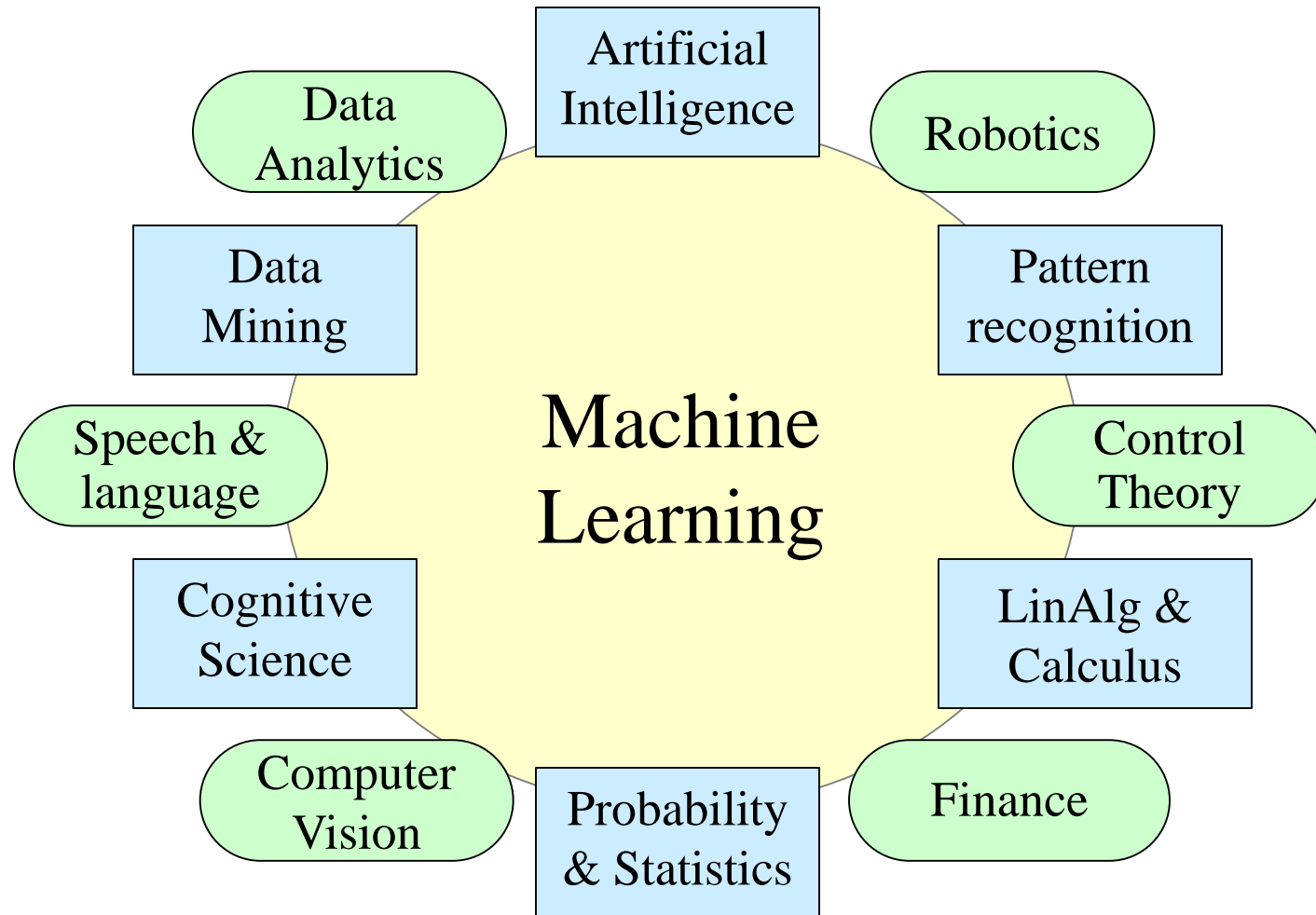
Algorithms  
Programs  
Systems

...that...

Make sense of data  
Learn from data  
Improve with experience  
Adapt to the user/situation

# Related topics

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Application areas

Foundations

... and many more!



# Classical AI vs. machine learning approach

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## Classical AI

- Think about the world
- Write down rules that encapsulate intelligent behavior
- Hope that these adequately cover the range of real-world situations

Deductive reasoning

## Machine learning

- Collect massive amounts of data
- Provide an architecture for learning (primed with some goals)
- Hope that the data can be abstracted into meaningful general concepts

Inductive reasoning

# Deductive and inductive learning

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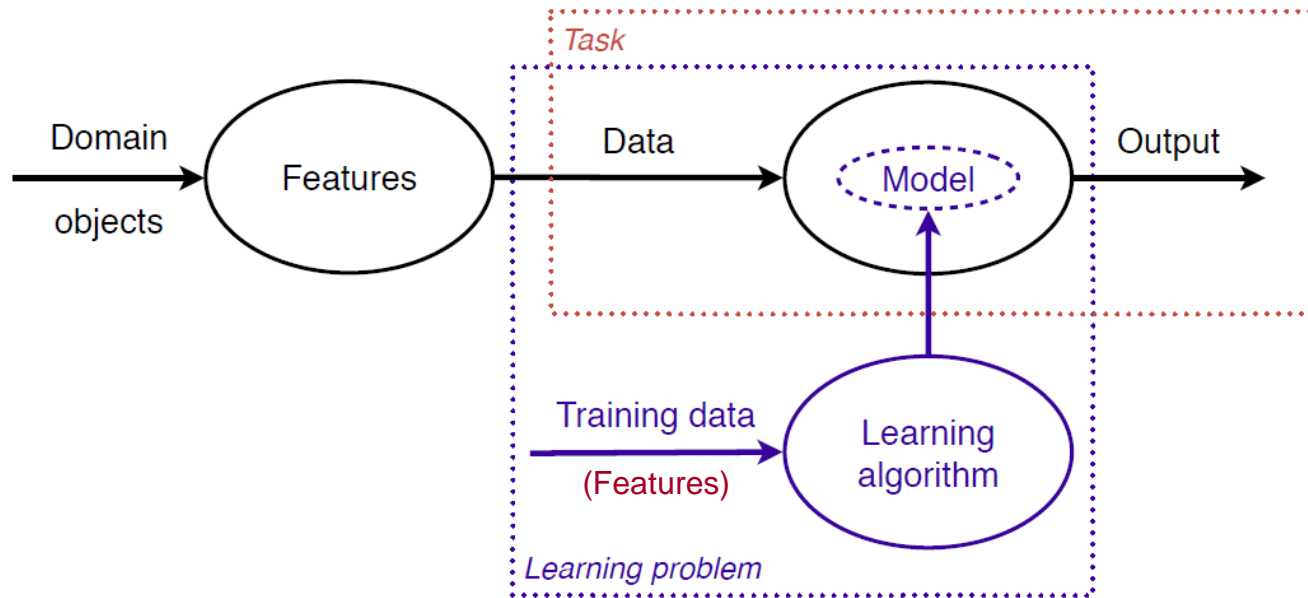
- **Deductive Learning:** Learning from a set of known facts and rules to produce additional rules or conclusions that are guaranteed to be true.
  - From general knowledge to specific knowledge
  - E.g., modus ponens
- **Inductive Learning:** Learning from a set of examples to produce a general rules. The rules should be applicable to new examples, but there is no guarantee that the result will be correct.
  - Generalizing from specific examples
  - I.e., learning from experience



# Some key machine learning concepts

Textbook prologue

# A machine learning system



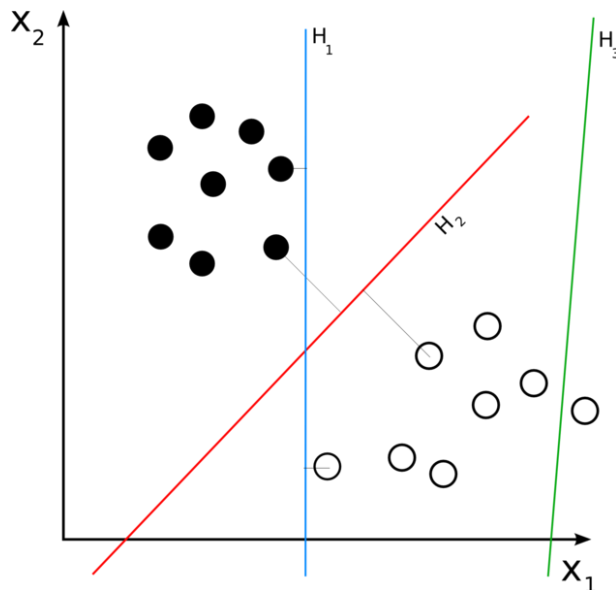
A **task** requires an appropriate mapping – a **model** – from data described by **features** to outputs. Obtaining such a model from training data is what constitutes a **learning problem**.

Tasks are addressed by **models**.

Learning problems are solved by **learning algorithms** that produce **models**.

# Linear classification

- Outputs a classification (one of  $N$  possible classes) based on the value of a linear combination of the characteristics (features)

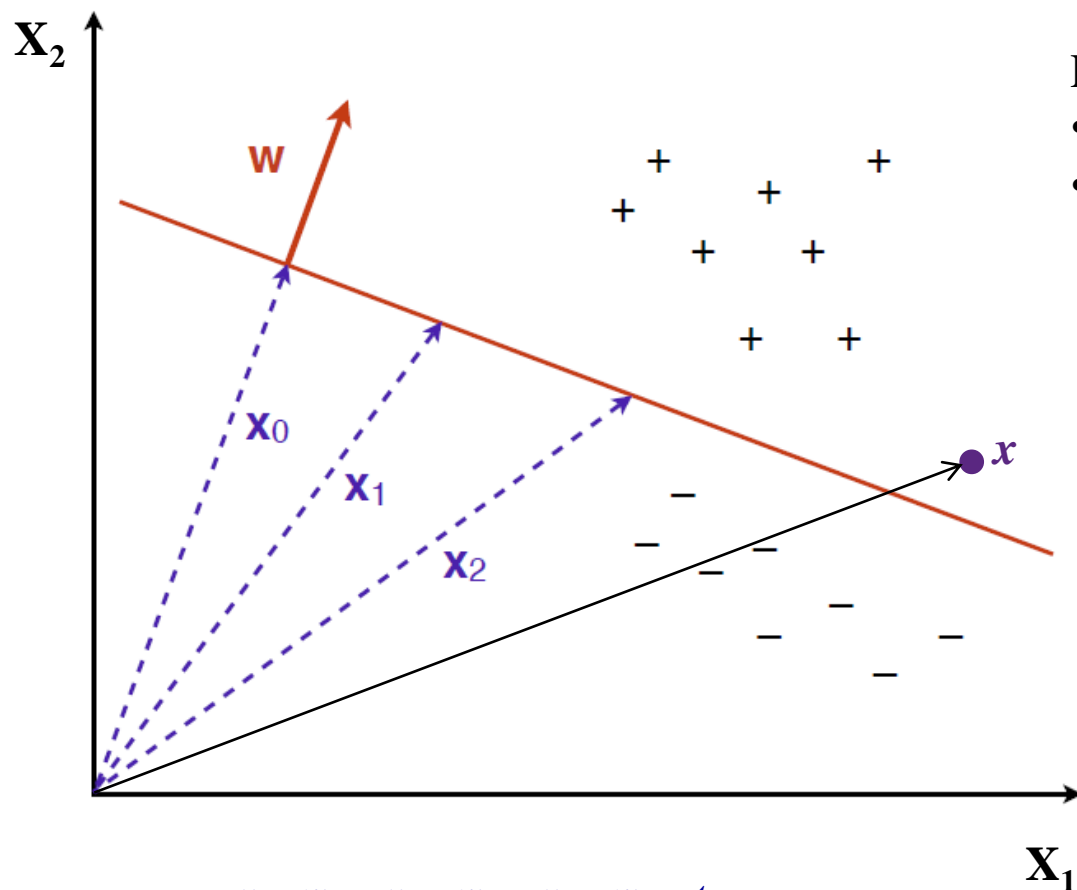


Example with 2 features – 2D feature vector  $(x_1, x_2)$ :

- Linear classifiers  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  successfully partition the two classes of dots
- $H_3$  does not

Which is better,  $H_1$  or  $H_2$ ? Why?

# Linear classification



$$x_0 \cdot w = x_1 \cdot w = x_2 \cdot w = t$$

$$x \cdot w = x^T w$$

How to determine if a feature vector  $x$  is on the + or – side of the line?

Evaluate the dot product of  $x$  and  $w$ :

- If  $x \cdot w > t$ , then +
- Otherwise –

2 features means 2D classification and a 1D classification boundary

N features means N dimensional classification and an N-1 dimensional classification boundary

Dimensions	Linear boundary
1	Point
2	Line
3	Plane
>3	Hyperplane