

# Supervised Machine Learning



AIMA Chapter 18, 20


# Machine Learning

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- Up until now: how to use a model to make optimal decisions
  - Except for reinforcement learning
- Machine learning: how to acquire a model from data / experience
- Related courses
  - CS182 Introduction to Machine Learning
  - CS282 Machine Learning
  - CS280 Deep Learning

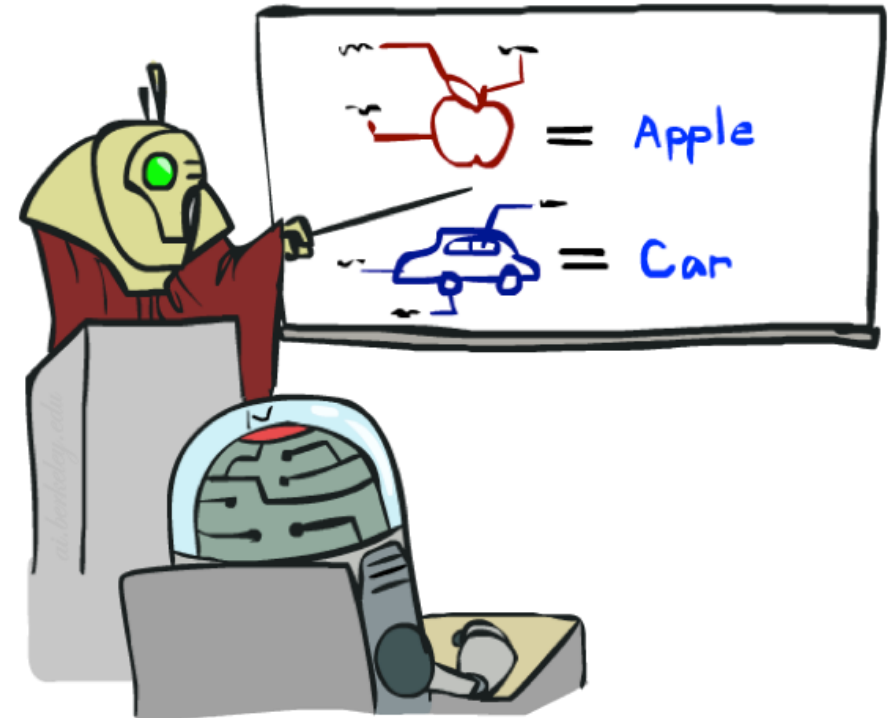
# Types of Learning

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- Supervised learning 
  - Training data includes desired outputs
- Unsupervised learning
  - Training data does not include desired outputs
- Semi-supervised learning
  - Training data includes a few desired outputs
- Reinforcement learning
  - Rewards from sequence of actions

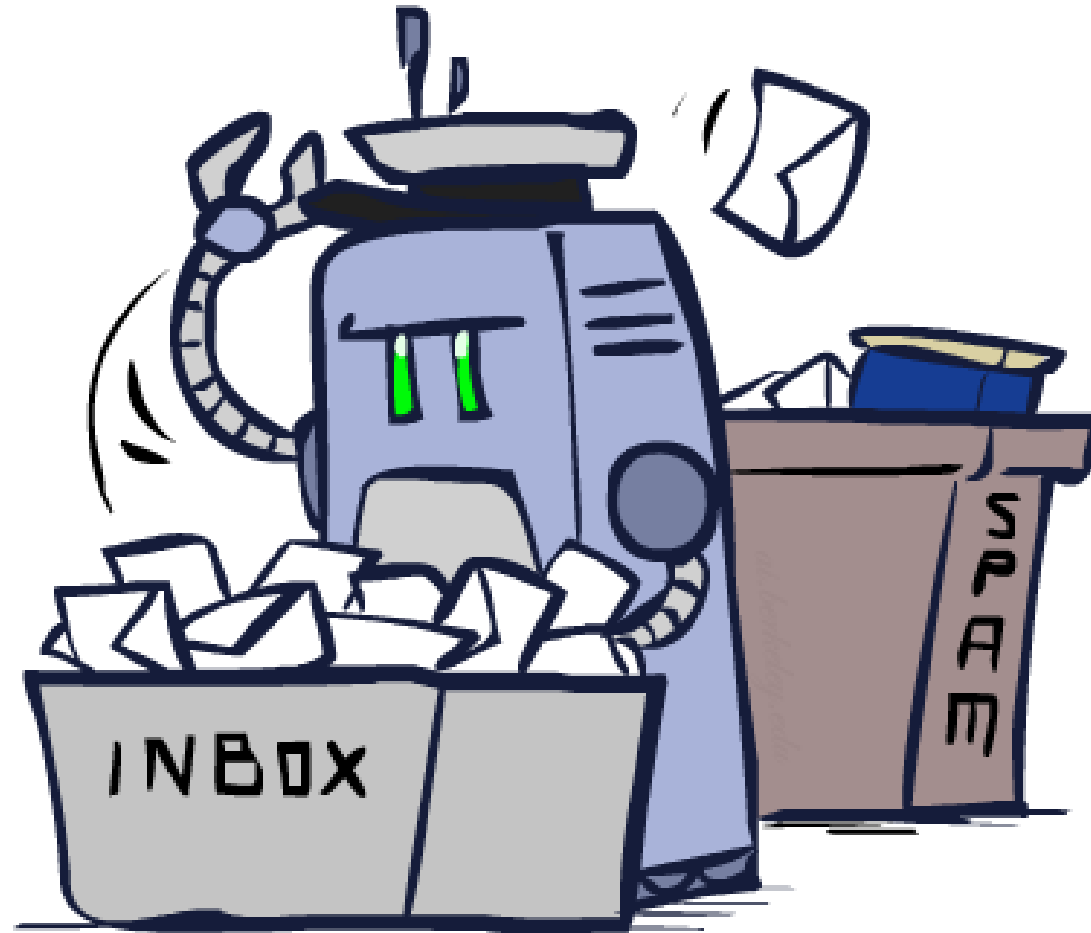
# Supervised learning

- To learn an unknown *target function*  $f$
- Input: a *training set* of *labeled examples*  $(x_j, y_j)$  where  $y_j = f(x_j)$
- Output: *hypothesis*  $h$  that is “close” to  $f$
- Types of supervised learning
  - Classification = learning  $f$  with discrete output value
  - Regression = learning  $f$  with real-valued output value
  - Structured prediction = learning  $f$  with structured output



# Classification

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# Example: Spam Filter

- Input: an email
- Output: spam/ham
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example emails, each labeled “spam” or “ham” (by hand)
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future emails
- Features: The attributes used to make the ham / spam decision
  - Words: FREE!
  - Text Patterns: \$dd, CAPS
  - Non-text: SenderInContacts
  - ...



Dear Sir.

First, I must solicit your confidence in this transaction, this is by virtue of its nature as being utterly confidential and top secret. ...



TO BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE MAILINGS, SIMPLY REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE AND PUT "REMOVE" IN THE SUBJECT.

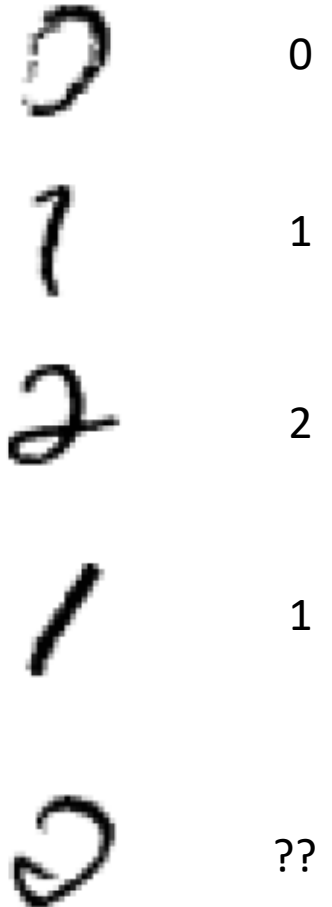
99 MILLION EMAIL ADDRESSES  
FOR ONLY \$99



Ok, I know this is blatantly OT but I'm beginning to go insane. Had an old Dell Dimension XPS sitting in the corner and decided to put it to use, I know it was working pre being stuck in the corner, but when I plugged it in, hit the power nothing happened.

# Example: Digit Recognition

- Input: images / pixel grids
- Output: a digit 0-9
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example images, each labeled with a digit
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future digit images
- Features: The attributes used to make the digit decision
  - Pixels: (6,8)=ON
  - Shape Patterns: NumComponents, AspectRatio, NumLoops
  - ...

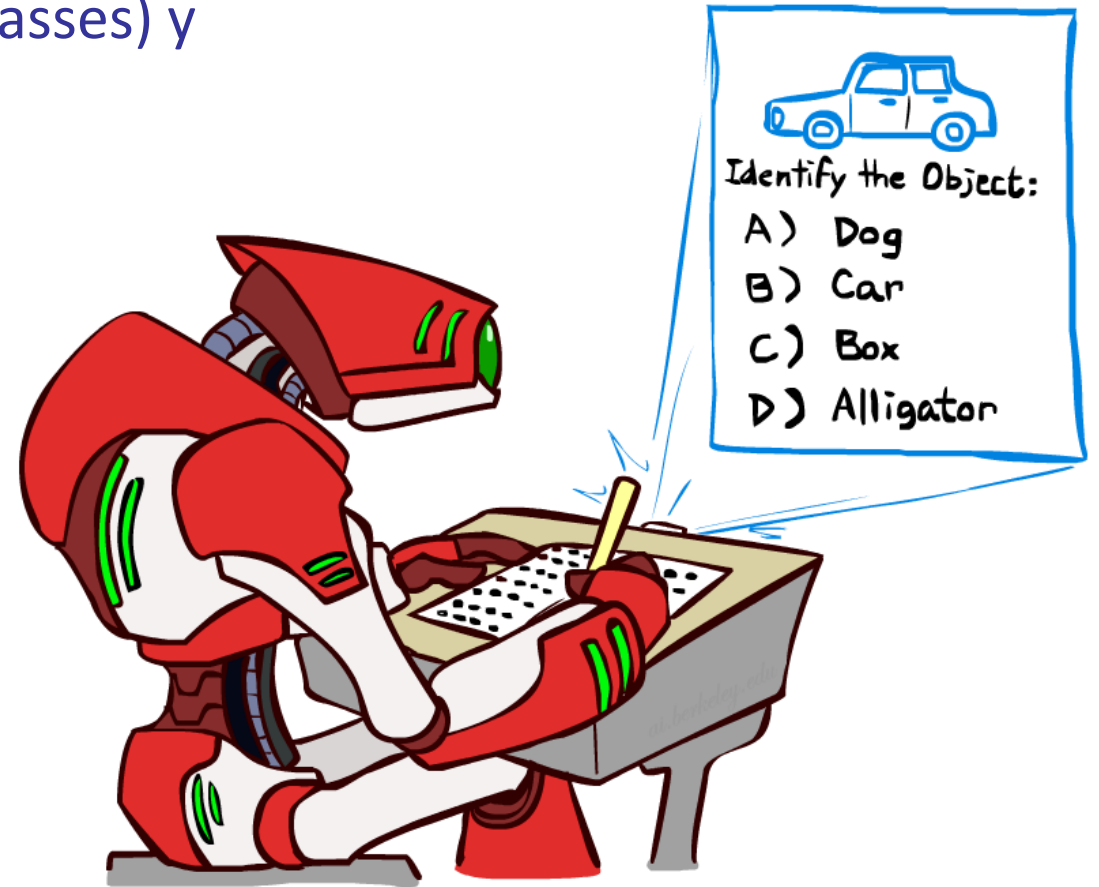


# Other Classification Tasks

- Classification: given inputs  $x$ , predict labels (classes)  $y$

- Examples:

- Spam detection (input: document, classes: spam / ham)
- OCR (input: images, classes: characters)
- Medical diagnosis (input: symptoms, classes: diseases)
- Automatic essay grading (input: document, classes: grades)
- Fraud detection (input: account activity, classes: fraud / no fraud)
- Customer service email routing
- ... many more

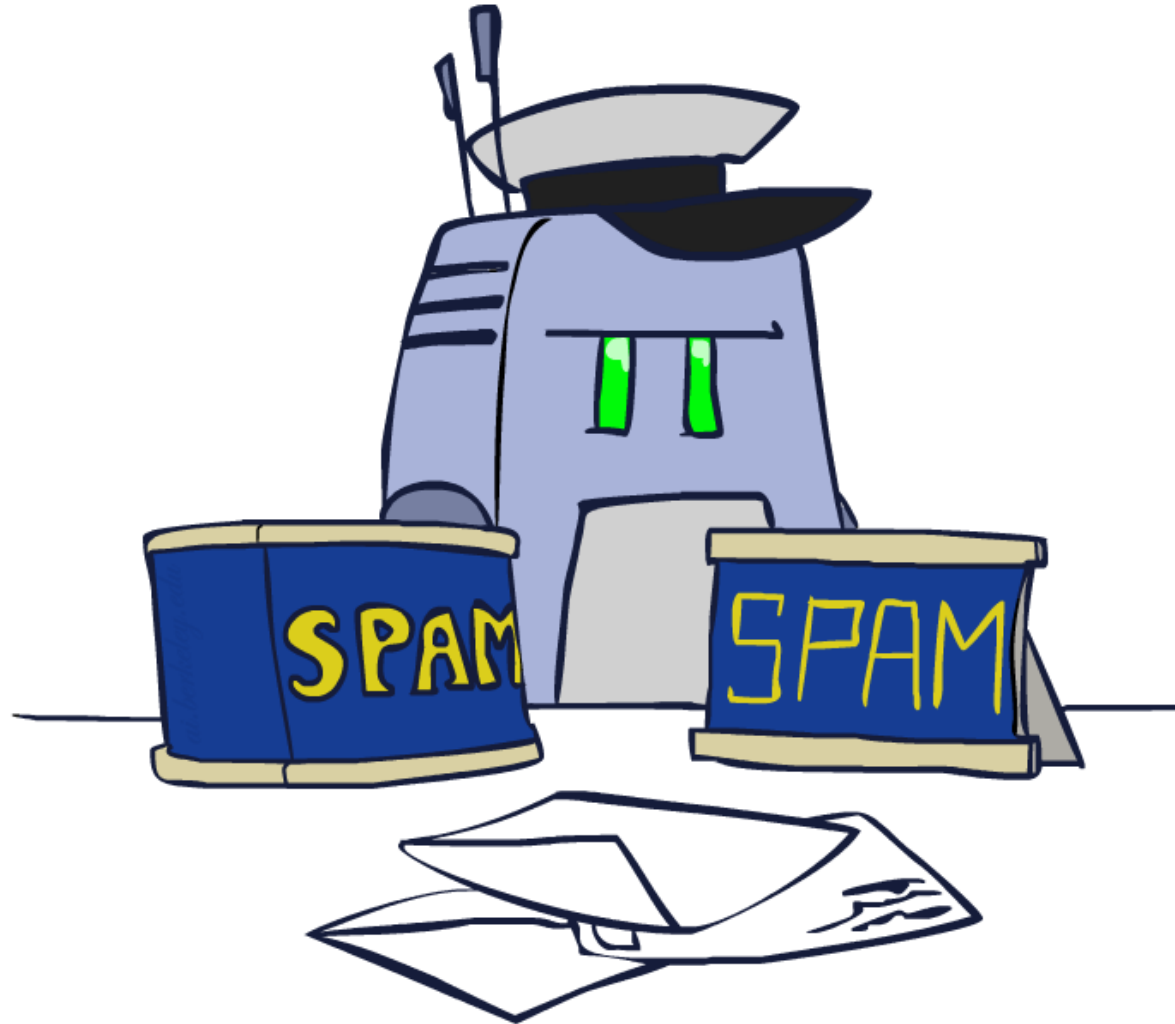


- Classification is an important commercial technology!



# Naïve Bayes Classifier

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# Model-Based Classification

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- Model-based approach

- Build a model (e.g. Bayes' net) where both the label and features are random variables
- Instantiate any observed features
- Query for the distribution of the label conditioned on the features

- Challenges

- What structure should the BN have?
- How should we learn its parameters?

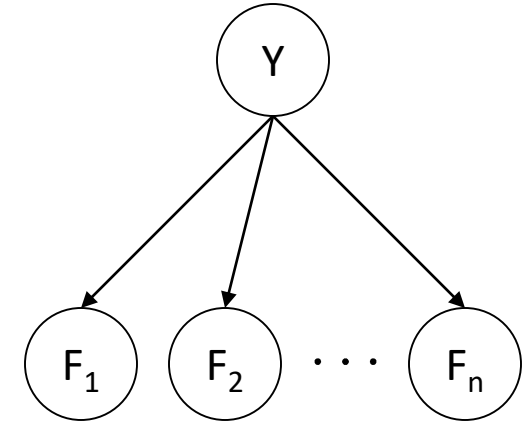
# Naïve Bayes

- Naive Bayes model:

$|Y|$  parameters

$$P(Y, F_1 \dots F_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(F_i|Y)$$

$n \times |F| \times |Y|$   
parameters




- Assume all features are independent effects of the label
- Total number of parameters is *linear* in  $n$
- Model is very simplistic, but often works anyway

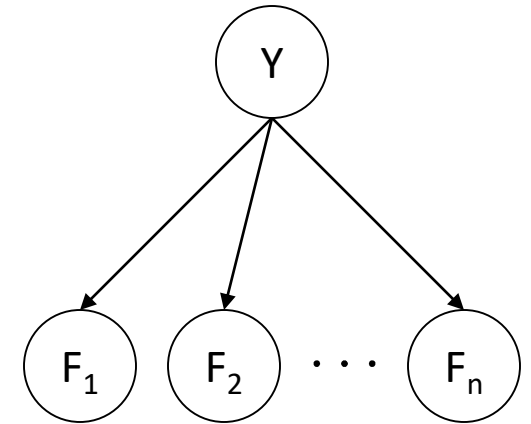
# Naïve Bayes for Digits

- Simple digit recognition version:

- One feature (variable)  $F_{ij}$  for each grid position  $\langle i,j \rangle$
- Feature values are on / off, based on whether intensity is more or less than 0.5 in underlying image
- Each input maps to a feature vector, e.g.

  $\rightarrow \langle F_{0,0} = 0 \ F_{0,1} = 0 \ F_{0,2} = 1 \ F_{0,3} = 1 \ F_{0,4} = 0 \ \dots F_{15,15} = 0 \rangle$

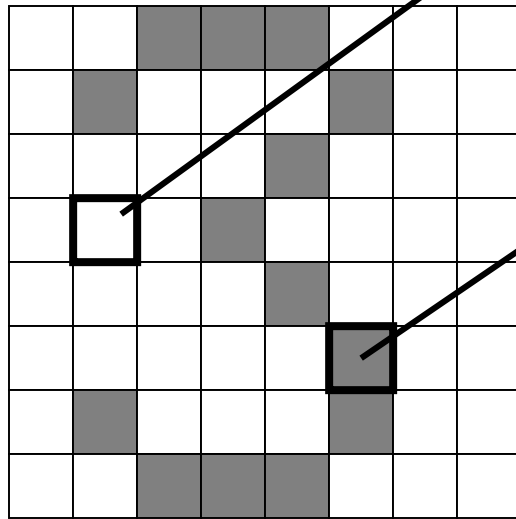
- Here: lots of features, each is binary valued



# Naïve Bayes for Digits

$P(Y)$

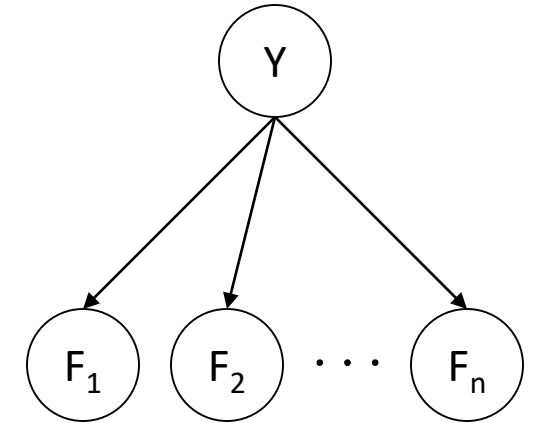
1	0.1
2	0.1
3	0.1
4	0.1
5	0.1
6	0.1
7	0.1
8	0.1
9	0.1
0	0.1



$P(F_{3,1} = on|Y)$   $P(F_{5,5} = on|Y)$

1	0.01
2	0.05
3	0.05
4	0.30
5	0.80
6	0.90
7	0.05
8	0.60
9	0.50
0	0.80

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2	0.01
3	0.90
4	0.80
5	0.90
6	0.90
7	0.25
8	0.85
9	0.60
0	0.80



# Naïve Bayes for Text

- Bag-of-words Naïve Bayes:

- Features:  $W_i$  is the word at position  $i$

$$P(Y, W_1 \dots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i | Y)$$

*Word at position  
 $i$ , not  $i^{\text{th}}$  word in  
the dictionary!*

- Usually, each variable gets its own conditional probability distribution  $P(W_i | Y)$
- Here
  - Each position is **identically distributed**
  - All positions share the same conditional probabilities  $P(W | Y)$
- This is called “**bag-of-words**” because model is insensitive to word order or reordering

# Example: Spam Filtering

- **Model:**  $P(Y, W_1 \dots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i|Y)$

$P(Y)$

ham : 0.66
spam: 0.33

$P(W|\text{spam})$

the : 0.0156
to : 0.0153
and : 0.0115
of : 0.0095
you : 0.0093
a : 0.0086
with: 0.0080
from: 0.0075
...

$P(W|\text{ham})$

the : 0.0210
to : 0.0133
of : 0.0119
2002: 0.0110
with: 0.0108
from: 0.0107
and : 0.0105
a : 0.0100
...

# Inference for Naïve Bayes

- Goal: compute posterior distribution over label variable  $Y$ :  $P(Y|f_1 \dots f_n)$ 
  - Step 1: get joint probability of label and evidence for each label

$$P(Y, f_1 \dots f_n) = \begin{bmatrix} P(y_1, f_1 \dots f_n) \\ P(y_2, f_1 \dots f_n) \\ \vdots \\ P(y_k, f_1 \dots f_n) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P(y_1) \prod_i P(f_i|y_1) \\ P(y_2) \prod_i P(f_i|y_2) \\ \vdots \\ P(y_k) \prod_i P(f_i|y_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P(f_1 \dots f_n)$$

+ ↶


- Step 2: normalization

$$P(Y|f_1 \dots f_n)$$



# Spam Example

$$P(Y|w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \propto P(Y) \prod_i P(w_i|Y)$$

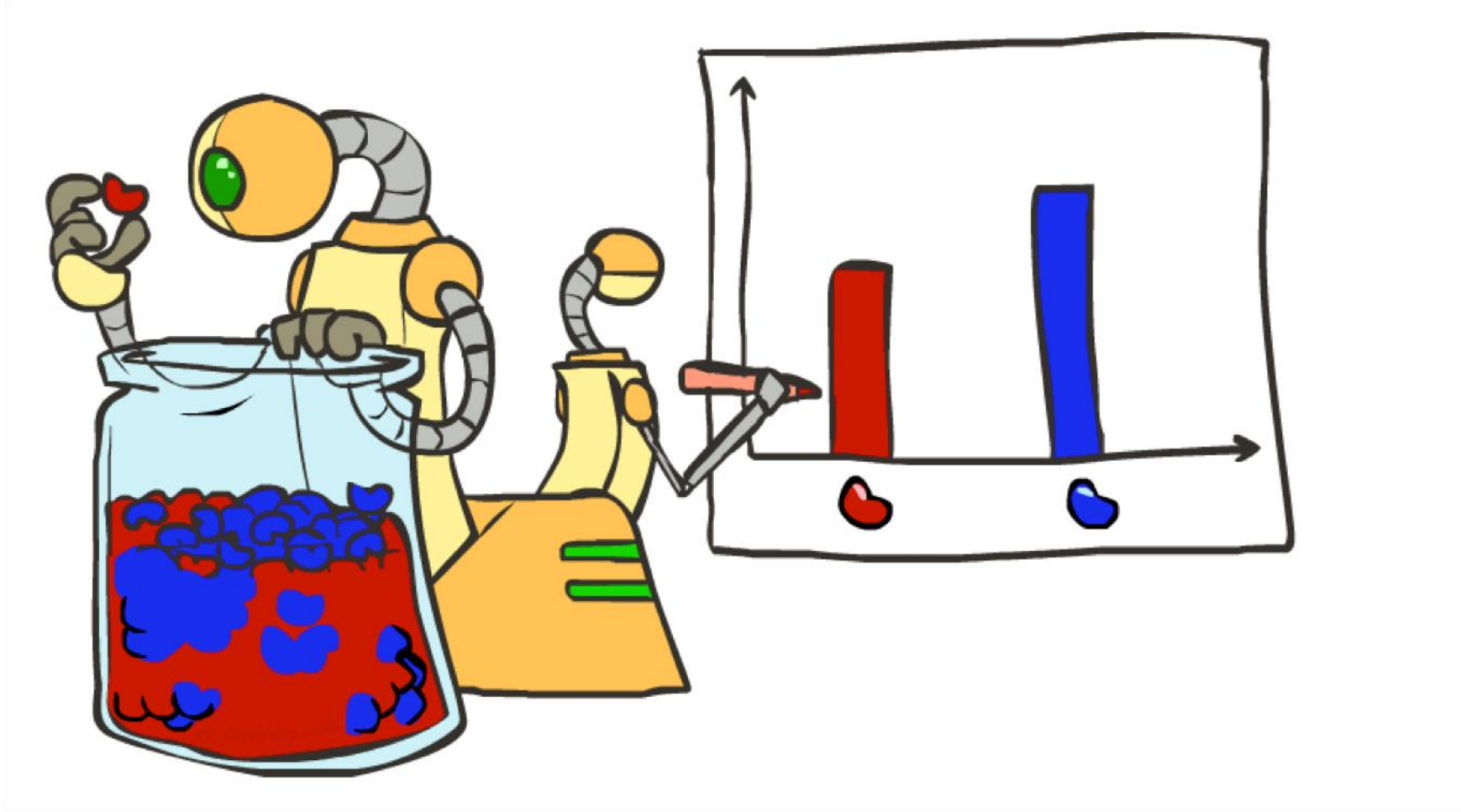


Word	P(w spam)	P(w ham)	Tot Spam	Tot Ham
(prior)	0.33333	0.66666	-1.1	-0.4
Gary	0.00002	0.00021	-11.8	-8.9
would	0.00069	0.00084	-19.1	-16.0
you	0.00881	0.00304	-23.8	-21.8
like	0.00086	0.00083	-30.9	-28.9
to	0.01517	0.01339	-35.1	-33.2
lose	0.00008	0.00002	-44.5	-44.0
weight	0.00016	0.00002	-53.3	-55.0
while	0.00027	0.00027	-61.5	-63.2
you	0.00881	0.00304	-66.2	-69.0
sleep	0.00006	0.00001	-76.0	-80.5

*Log product of  
probabilities*

$P(\text{spam} | w) = 98.9$

# Learning (Training)



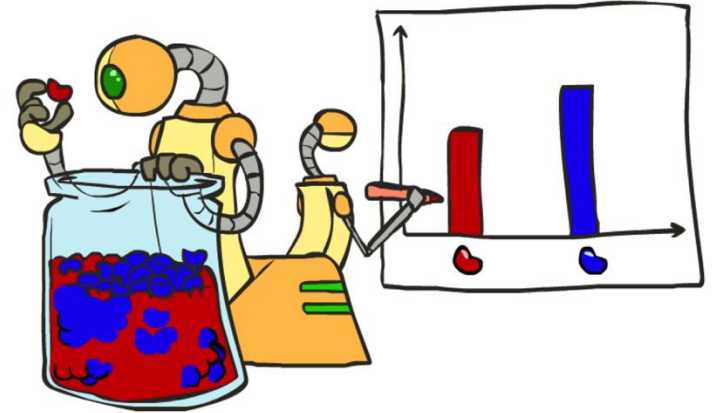
# Parameter Estimation

- For Naïve Bayes, we know the model structure; we need to estimate the CPTs (conditional distributions)
- *Elicitation*: ask a human (this is hard...)
- *Empirically*: use training data (learning!)

- For each outcome  $x$ , look at the *empirical rate* of that value

$$P_{\text{ML}}(x) = \frac{\text{count}(x)}{\text{total samples}}$$

- Ex:
  - We've seen 1000 words from spam emails, among which we see "money" for 50 times
  - So we set  $P(\text{money} \mid \text{spam}) = 0.05$
- This is the estimate that maximizes the *likelihood of the data*
  - Likelihood: conditional probability of the data given the parameters



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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- Coin flipping:
  - $P(\text{Heads}) = \theta$ ,  $P(\text{Tails}) = 1 - \theta$
- Flips are *i.i.d.*
  - Independent events
  - Identically distributed according to unknown distribution
- Sequence  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\alpha_H$  Heads and  $\alpha_T$  Tails

$$P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- **MLE:** Choose  $\theta$  to maximize probability of  $\mathcal{D}$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= \arg \max_{\theta} \ln P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \ln \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}\end{aligned}$$

- Set derivative to zero, and solve!

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \ln P(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} [\ln \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}]$$

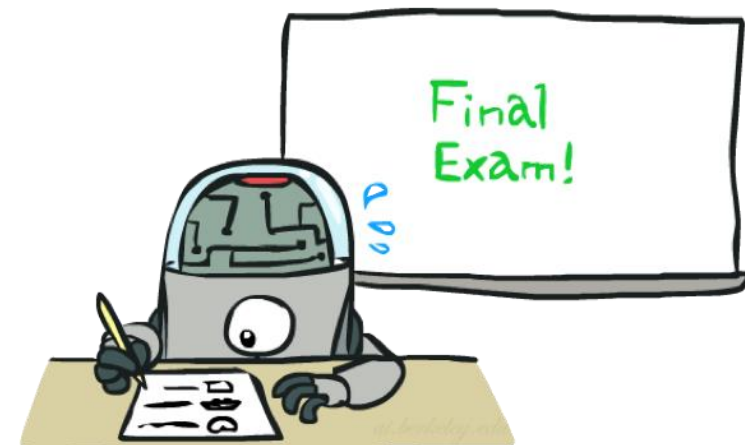
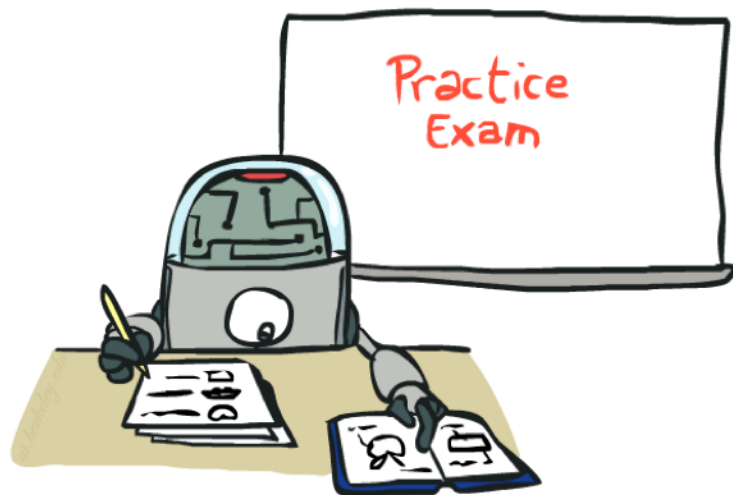
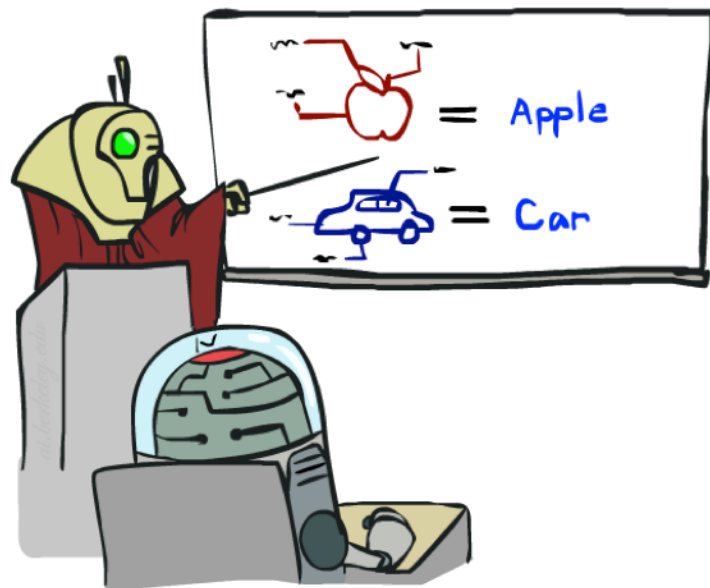
$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} [\alpha_H \ln \theta + \alpha_T \ln(1 - \theta)]$$

$$= \alpha_H \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln \theta + \alpha_T \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln(1 - \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_H}{\theta} - \frac{\alpha_T}{1 - \theta} = 0$$

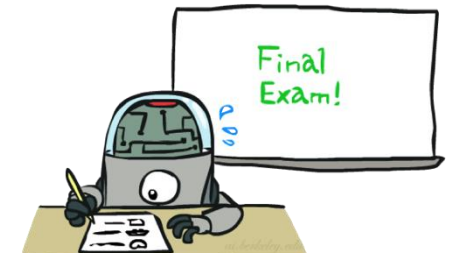
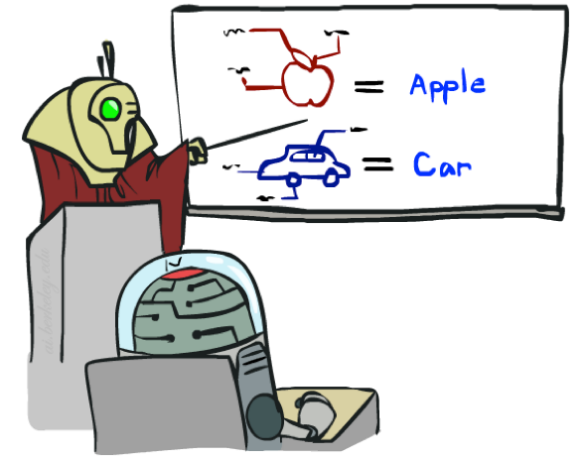
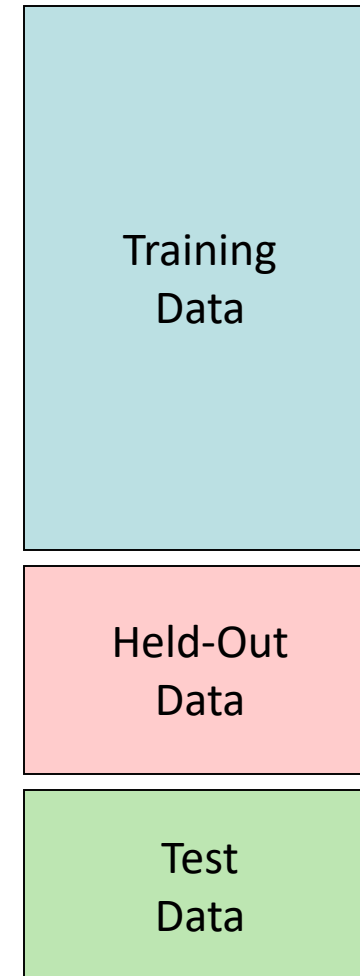
$$\boxed{\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\alpha_H}{\alpha_H + \alpha_T}}$$

# Training and Testing



# Important Concepts

- Data: labeled instances, e.g. emails marked spam/ham
  - Training set
  - Held out set
  - Test set
- Experimentation cycle
  - Learn parameters (e.g. model probabilities) on training set
  - Tune hyperparameters on held-out set
  - Compute accuracy of test set (fraction of instances predicted correctly)
  - Very important: never “peek” at the test set!
- Typical problems
  - Underfitting: fitting the training set poorly
  - Overfitting: fitting the training data very well, but not the test data



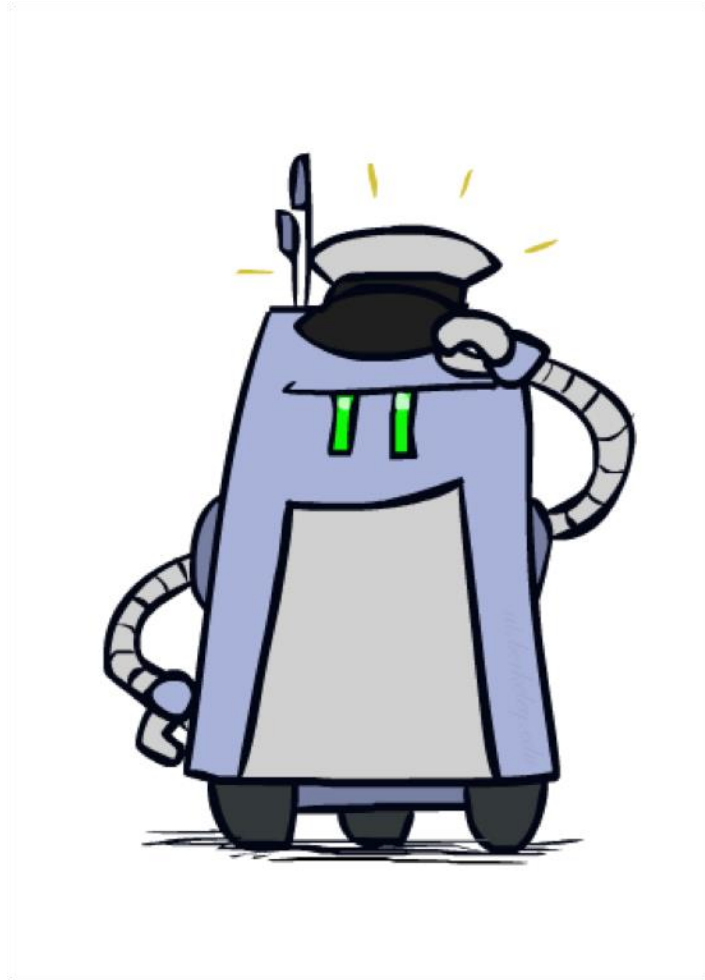
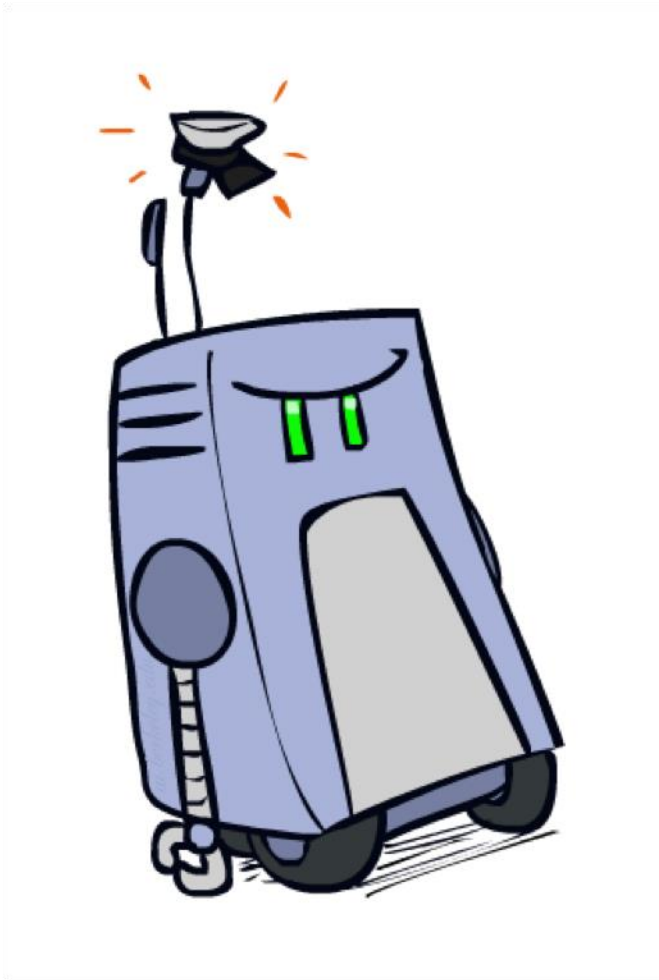
# Baselines

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- Is your testing accuracy good or bad?
- First step: get a **baseline**
  - Baselines are very simple “straw man” procedures
  - Help determine how hard the task is
  - Help know what a “good” accuracy is
- Weak baseline: most frequent label classifier
  - Gives all test instances whatever label was most common in the training set
  - E.g. for spam filtering, might label everything as ham
  - Accuracy might be very high if the problem is skewed
  - E.g. if calling everything “ham” gets 66%, then a classifier that gets 70% isn’t very good...
- For real research, usually use previous work as a (strong) baseline



# Generalization and Overfitting



# Example: Overfitting

$P(\text{features}, C = 2)$

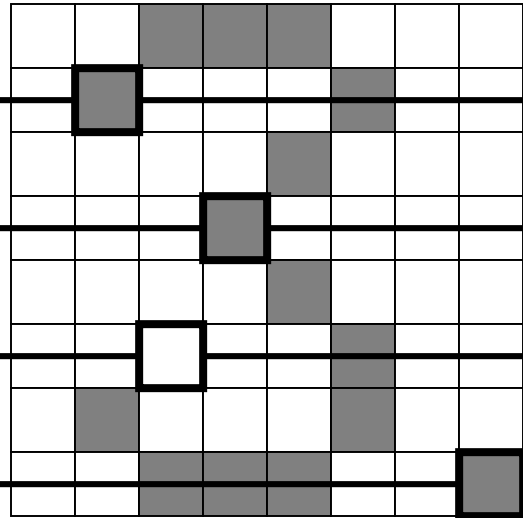
$P(C = 2) = 0.1$

$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.8$

$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.1$

$P(\text{off}|C = 2) = 0.1$

$P(\text{on}|C = 2) = 0.01$



$P(\text{features}, C = 3)$

$P(C = 3) = 0.1$

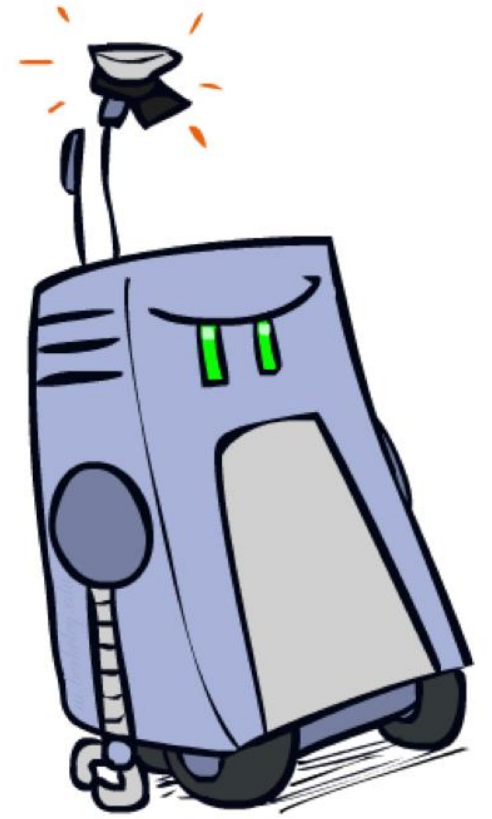
$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.8$

$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.9$

$P(\text{off}|C = 3) = 0.7$

$P(\text{on}|C = 3) = 0.0$

*2 wins!!*



# Generalization and Overfitting

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- Using empirical rate will **overfit** the training data!
  - Just because we never saw a 3 with pixel (15,15) on during training doesn't mean we won't see it at test time
  - Just because we never saw a word in spam emails during training doesn't mean we won't see it at test time
  - Therefore, we can't give unseen events zero probability
  - More generally, rates in the training data may not exactly match rates at test time

# Generalization and Overfitting

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- Overfitting: learn to fit the training data very closely, but fit the test data poorly
  - Generalization: try to fit the test data as well
- Why does overfitting occur?
  - Training data is not representative of the true data distribution
    - Too few training samples
    - Training data is noisy
  - Too many attributes, some of them irrelevant to the classification task
  - The model is too expressive
    - Ex: the model is capable of memorizing all the spam emails in the training set

# Generalization and Overfitting

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- Avoid overfitting
  - Acquire more training data (not always possible)
  - Remove irrelevant attributes (not always possible)
  - Limit the model expressiveness by regularization, early stopping, pruning, etc.
- In our previous example, we may smooth the empirical rate to improve generalization

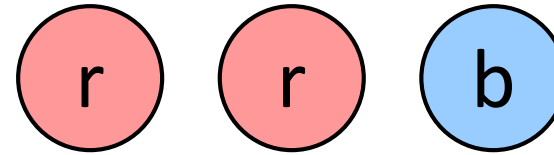
# Laplace Smoothing

- Laplace's estimate:

- Pretend you saw every outcome once more than you actually did

$$P_{LAP}(x) = \frac{c(x) + 1}{\sum_x [c(x) + 1]}$$

$$= \frac{c(x) + 1}{N + |X|}$$



$$P_{ML}(X) =$$

$$P_{LAP}(X) =$$

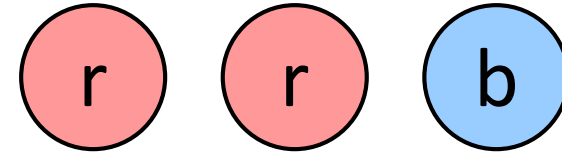
# Laplace Smoothing

- Laplace's estimate (extended):

- Pretend you saw every outcome  $k$  extra times

$$P_{LAP,k}(x) = \frac{c(x) + k}{N + k|X|}$$

- $k$  is the **strength** of the prior
- What's Laplace with  $k = 0$ ?



$$P_{LAP,0}(X) =$$

$$P_{LAP,1}(X) =$$

- Laplace for conditionals:

- Smooth each condition independently:

$$P_{LAP,k}(x|y) = \frac{c(x, y) + k}{c(y) + k|X|}$$

$$P_{LAP,100}(X) =$$

# Maximum Likelihood?

- Empirical rates are the maximum likelihood estimates

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{ML} &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X}|\theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_i P_{\theta}(X_i)\end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_{ML}(x) = \frac{\text{count}(x)}{\text{total samples}}$$

- Laplace's estimate is the most likely parameter value given the data

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{MAP} &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X}|\theta)P(\theta)/P(\mathbf{X}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_{LAP,k}(x) = \frac{c(x) + k}{N + k|X|} \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X}|\theta)P(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

↖ Dirichlet distribution (parameterized by k)

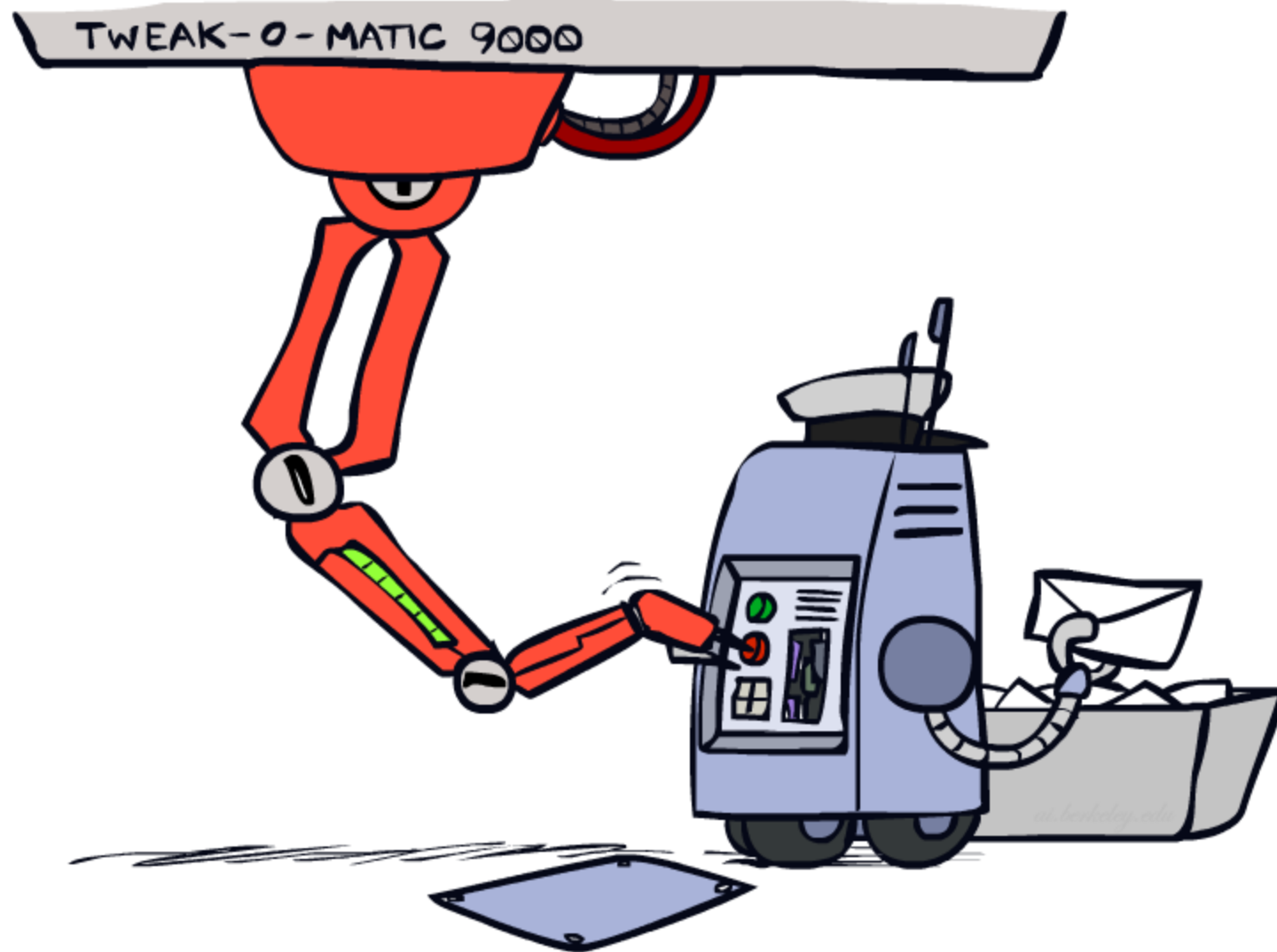


# Linear Interpolation

- In practice, Laplace often performs poorly for  $P(X|Y)$ :
  - When  $|X|$  is very large
  - When  $|Y|$  is very large
- Another option: linear interpolation
  - Also get the empirical  $P(X)$  from the data
  - Make sure the estimate of  $P(X|Y)$  isn't too different from the empirical  $P(X)$

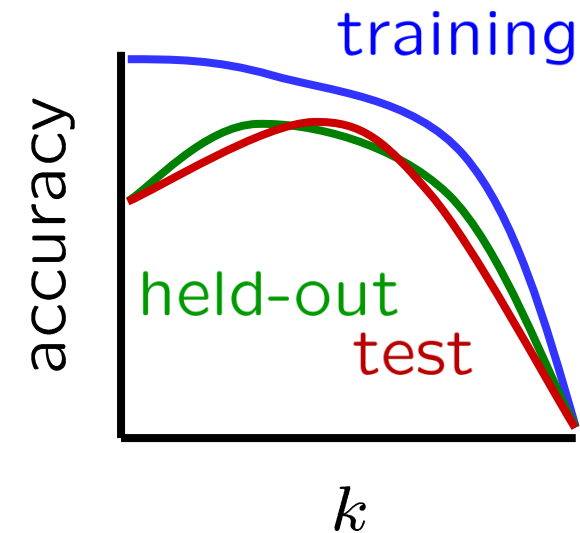
$$P_{LIN}(x|y) = \alpha \hat{P}(x|y) + (1.0 - \alpha) \hat{P}(x)$$

# Tuning



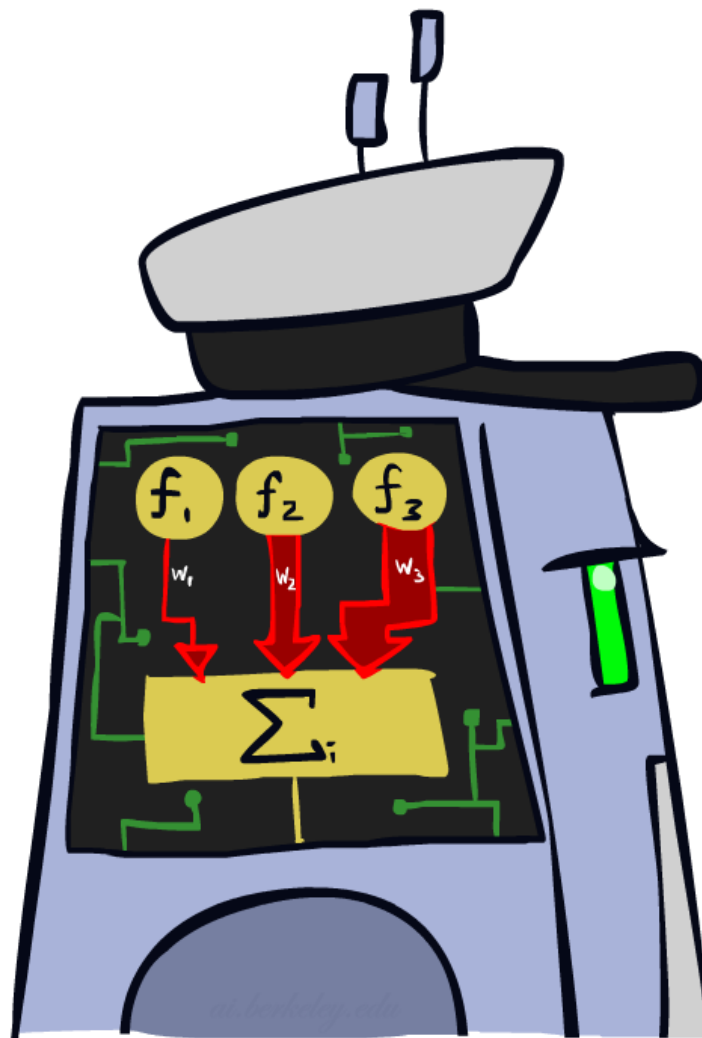
# Tuning on Held-Out Data

- Now we've got two kinds of unknowns
  - Parameters: the probabilities  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(Y)$
  - Hyperparameters: e.g. the amount / type of smoothing to do,  $k$ ,  $\alpha$
- What should we learn where?
  - Learn parameters from training data
  - Tune hyperparameters on different data
    - Why?
  - For each value of the hyperparameter, train on the training data and test on the held-out data
  - Choose the best hyperparameter value and do a final test on the test data



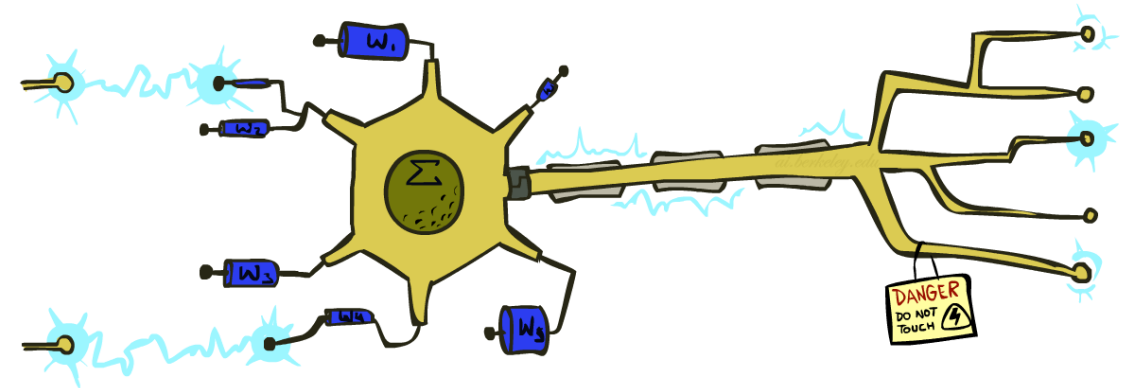
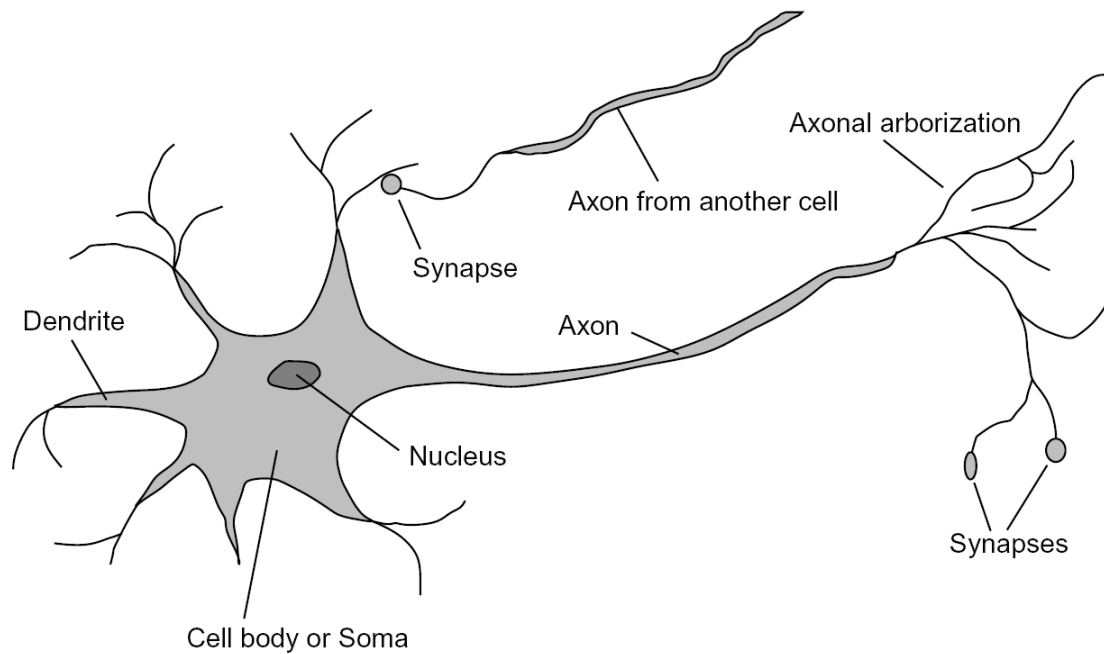
Held-out data is also known as validation data or development data

# Linear Classifiers (Perceptrons)



# Some (Simplified) Biology

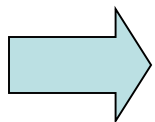
- Very loose inspiration: human neurons



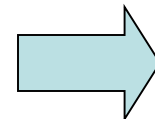
# Feature Vectors

 $x$  $f(x)$  $y$ 

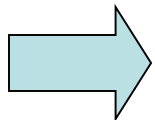
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Hello,  
  
Do you want free printr  
cartridges? Why pay more  
when you can get them  
ABSOLUTELY FREE! Just
```



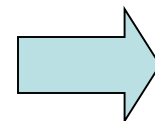
```
# free      : 2  
YOUR_NAME   : 0  
MISPELLED   : 2  
FROM_FRIEND : 0  
...
```



Spam  
or  
Ham



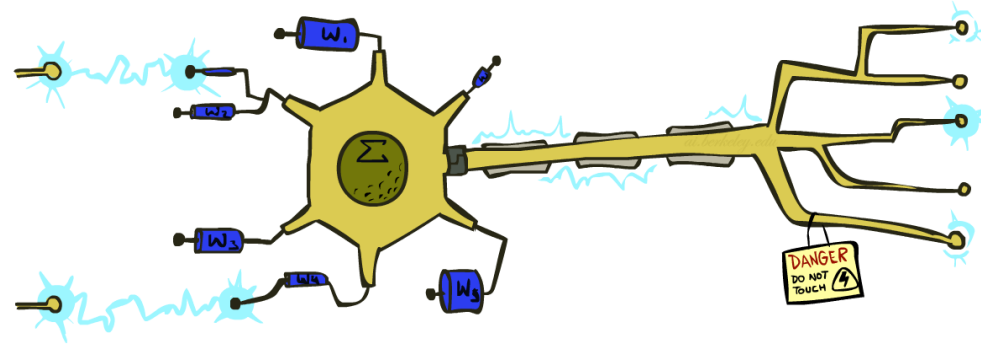
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PIXEL-7,12 : 1  
PIXEL-7,13 : 0  
...  
NUM_LOOPS  : 1  
...
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"2"

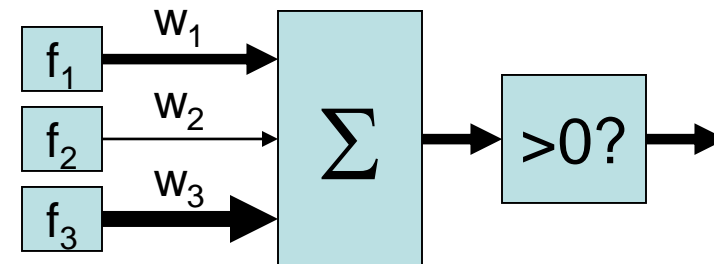
# Linear Classifiers

- Inputs are **feature values**
- Each feature has a **weight**
- Sum is the **activation**



$$\text{activation}_w(x) = \sum_i w_i \cdot f_i(x) = w \cdot f(x)$$

- Binary case: if the activation is:
  - Positive, output +1
  - Negative, output -1



# Linear Classifiers

- Sometimes we also add a **bias** term

$$\sum_i w_i \cdot f_i(x) + b = w \cdot f(x) + b$$

- This is equivalent to appending a constant feature

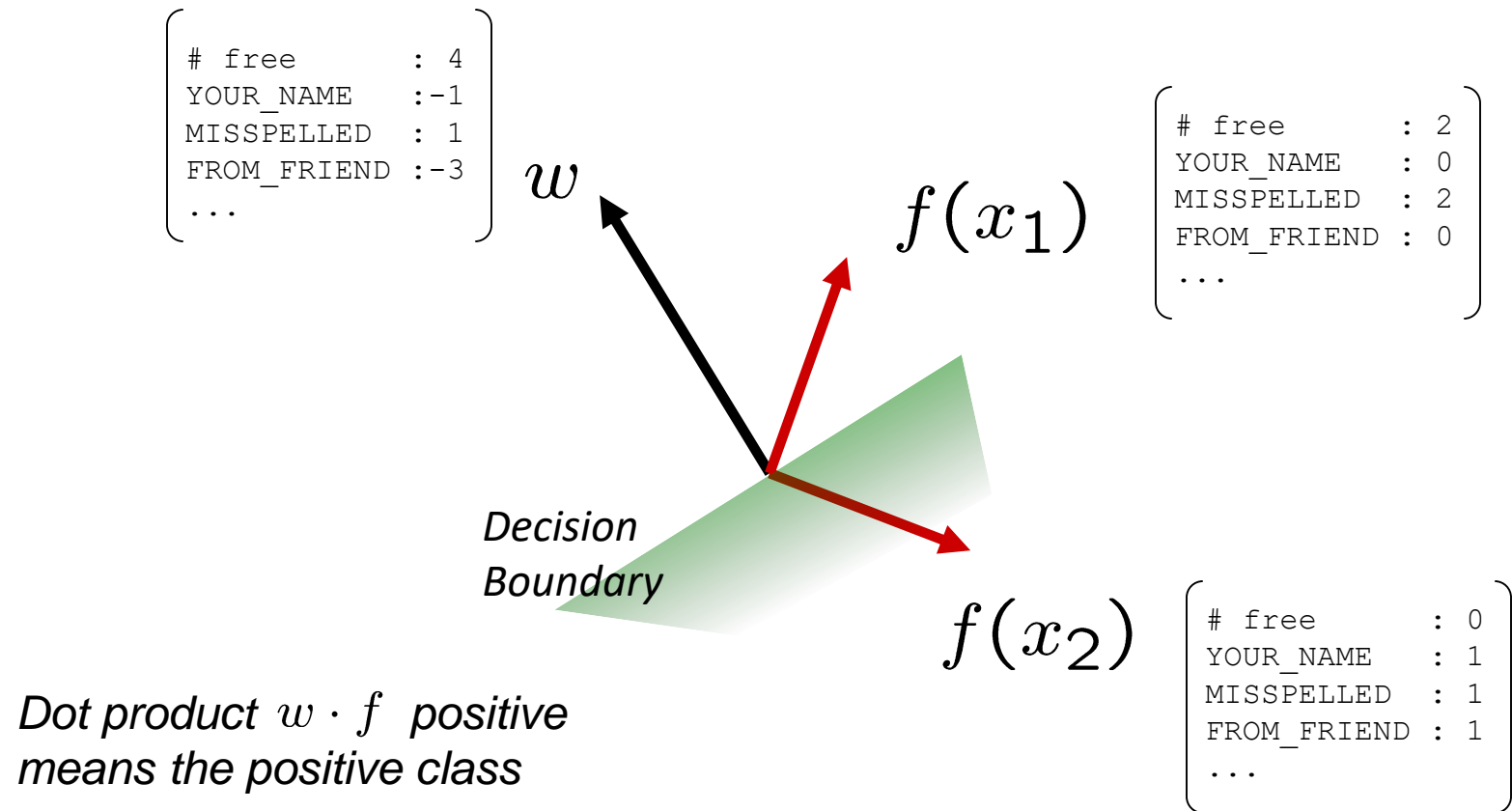
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	<b>Bias</b>	$\equiv$	<b>1</b>

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} w_i \cdot f_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot f_i(x) + w_{n+1}$$



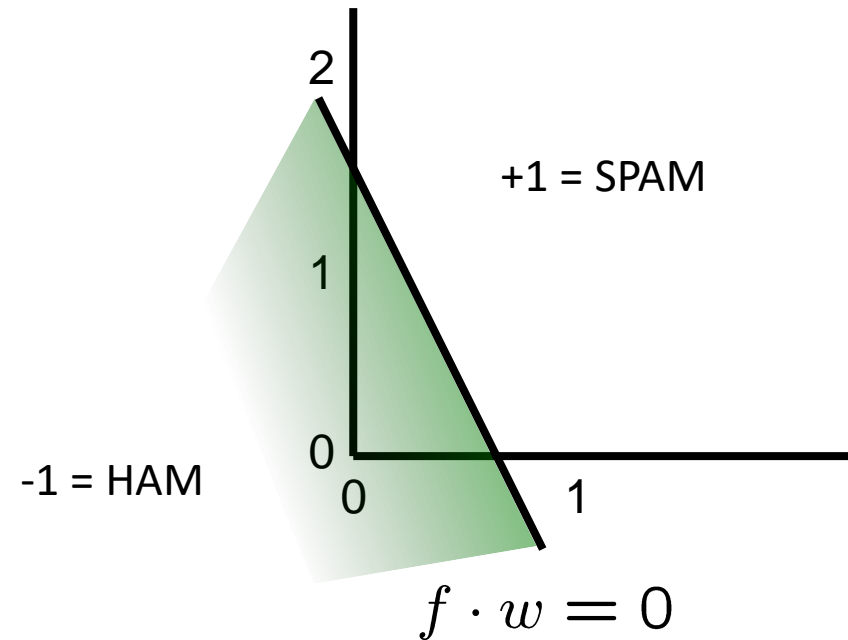
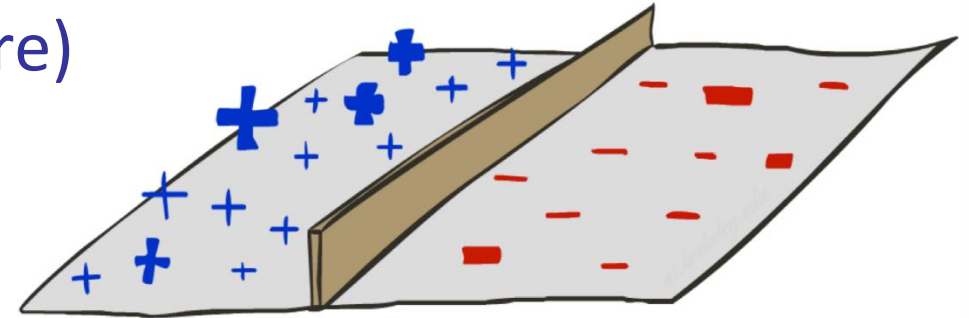
# Decision Boundary

- Binary case: compare features to a weight vector

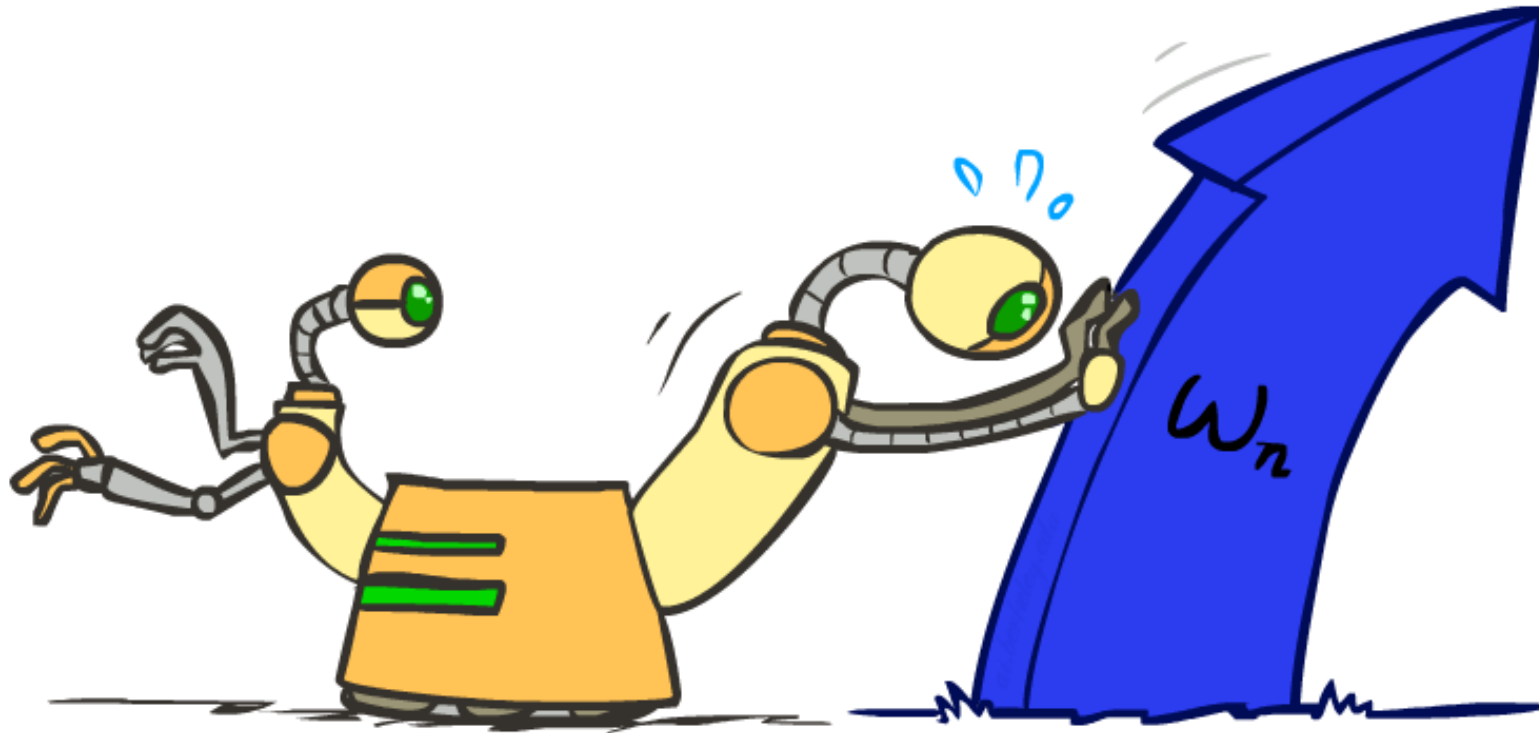


# Decision Boundary

- In the space of feature vectors (no bias feature)
  - Examples are points
  - Weight vector specifies a hyperplane
    - $w \cdot f(x) + b = 0$
  - One side corresponds to  $Y=+1$
  - Other corresponds to  $Y=-1$

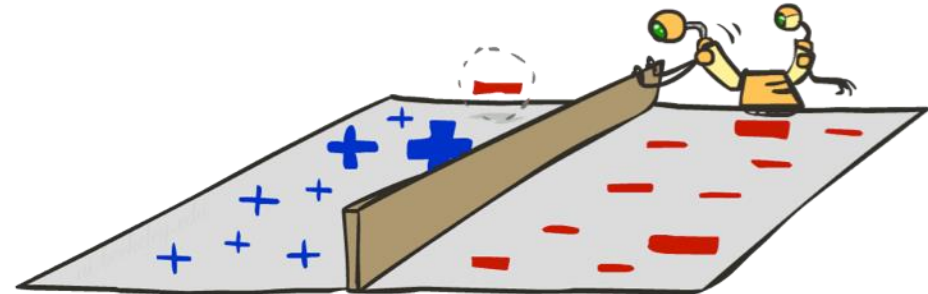
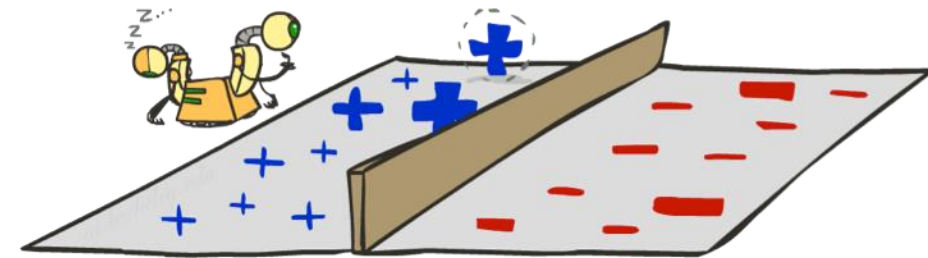
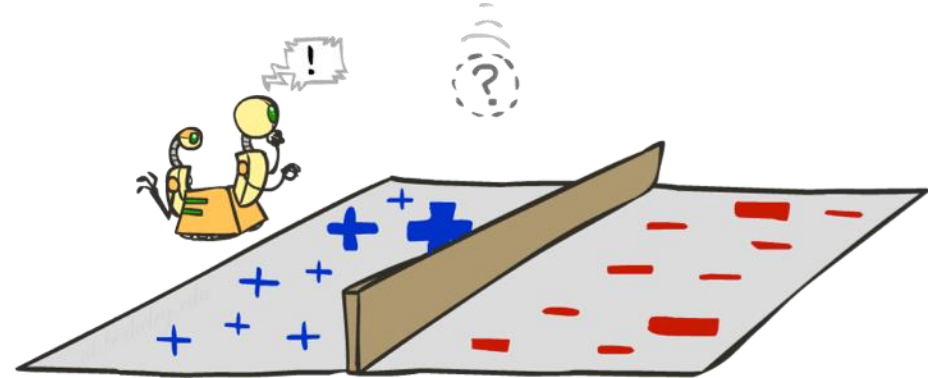


# Weight Updates



# Learning: Binary Perceptron

- Start with weights = 0
- For each training instance:
  - Classify with current weights
- If correct (i.e.,  $y=y^*$ ), no change!
- If wrong: adjust the weight vector



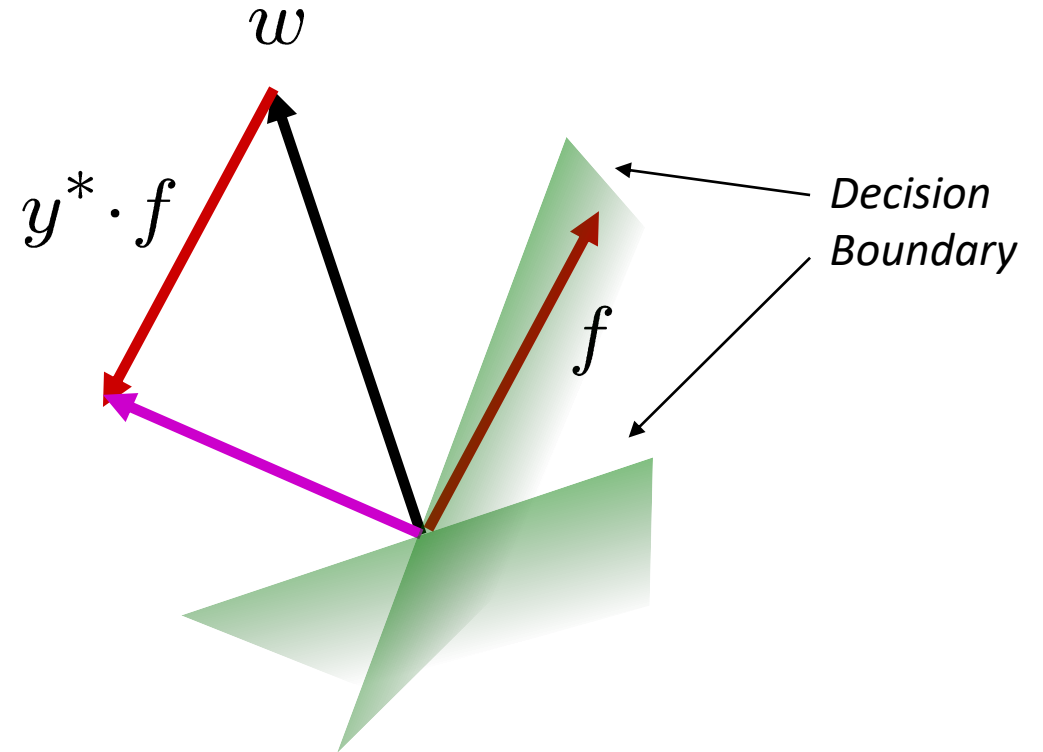
# Learning: Binary Perceptron

- Start with weights = 0
- For each training instance:
  - Classify with current weights

$$y = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } w \cdot f(x) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } w \cdot f(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- If correct (i.e.,  $y=y^*$ ), no change!
- If wrong: adjust the weight vector by adding or subtracting the feature vector.

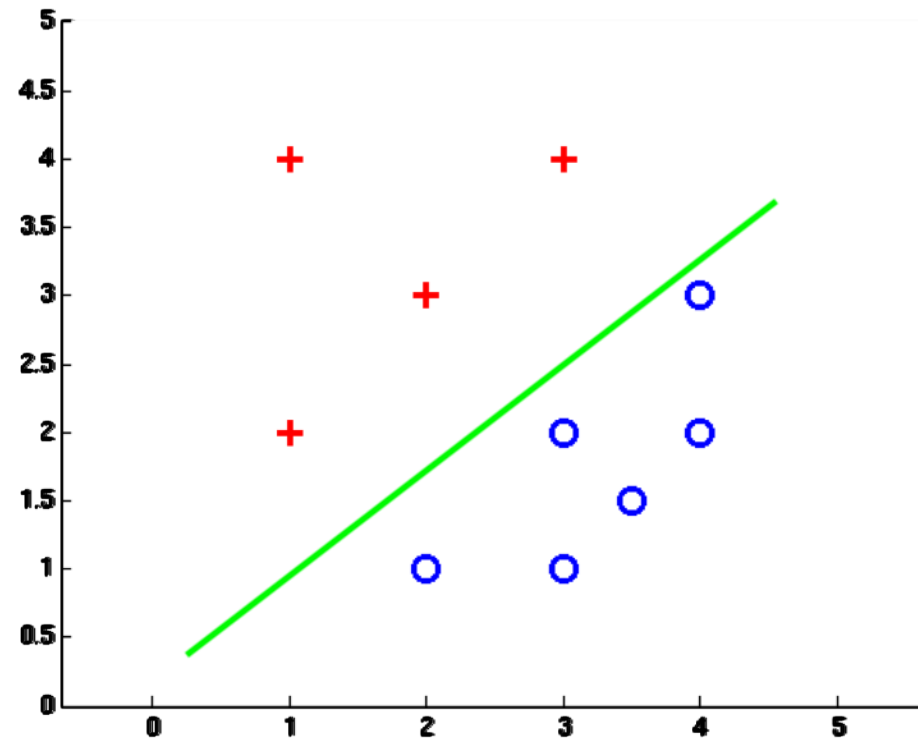
$$w = w + y^* \cdot f$$



Before:  $w \cdot f(x)$   
After:  $w \cdot f(x) + y^* \boxed{f(x) \cdot f(x)}$   $\geq 0$

# Examples: Perceptron

- Separable Case



# Multiclass Decision Rule

- If we have multiple classes:
  - A weight vector for each class:

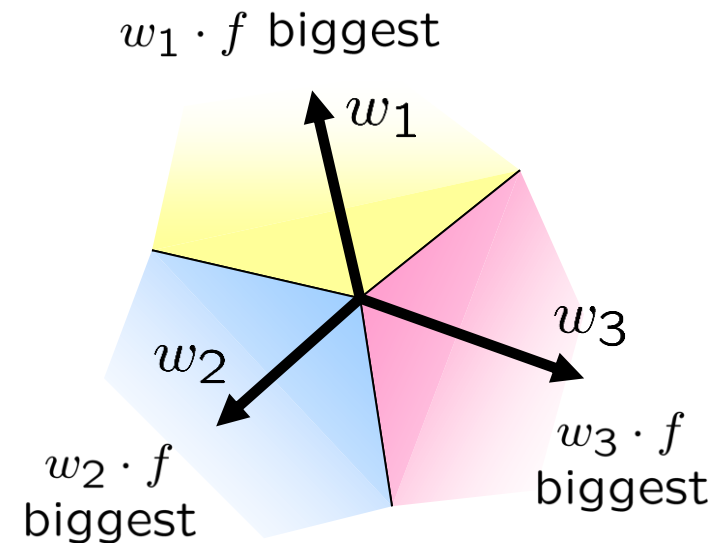
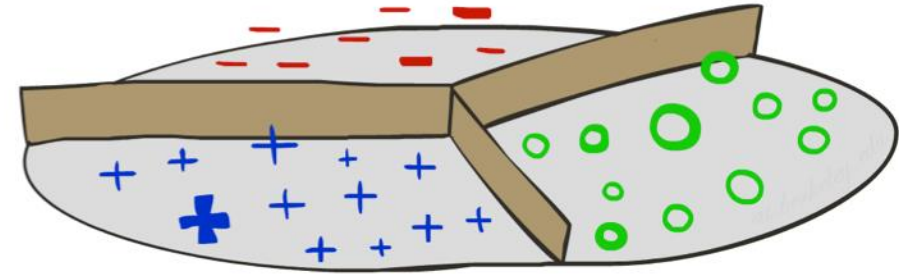
$$w_y$$

- Score (activation) of a class  $y$ :

$$w_y \cdot f(x)$$

- Prediction highest score wins

$$y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$$



*Binary = multiclass where the negative class has weight zero*

# Learning: Multiclass Perceptron

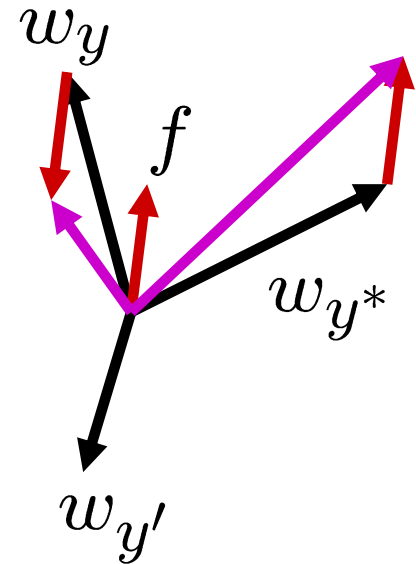
- Start with all weights = 0
- Pick up training examples one by one
- Predict with current weights

$$y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$$

- If correct, no change!
- If wrong: lower score of wrong answer, raise score of right answer

$$w_y = w_y - f(x)$$

$$w_{y^*} = w_{y^*} + f(x)$$





# Example: Multiclass Perceptron

“win the vote” [1 1 0 1 1]

“win the election” [1 1 0 0 1]

“win the game” [1 1 1 0 1]

$w_{SPORTS}$

	1	-2	-2
BIAS : 1	0		1
win : 0	-1		0
game : 0	0		1
vote : 0	-1		-1
the : 0	-1		0
...			

$w_{POLITICS}$

	0	3	3
BIAS : 0	1		0
win : 0	1		0
game : 0	0		-1
vote : 0	1		1
the : 0	1		0
...			

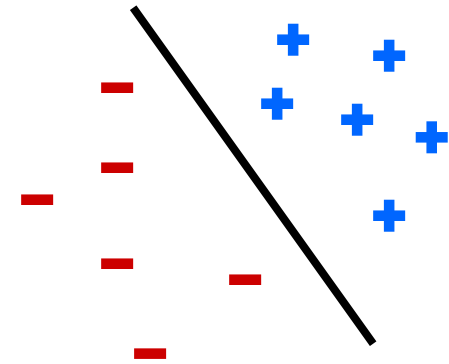
$w_{TECH}$

	0	0
BIAS : 0		
win : 0		
game : 0		
vote : 0		
the : 0		
...		

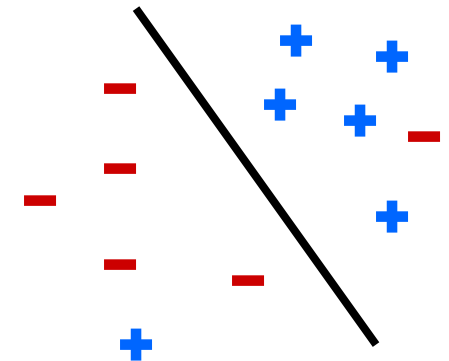
# Properties of Perceptrons

- Separability: true if some parameters get the training set perfectly correct
- Convergence: if the training set is separable, perceptron will eventually converge (binary case)

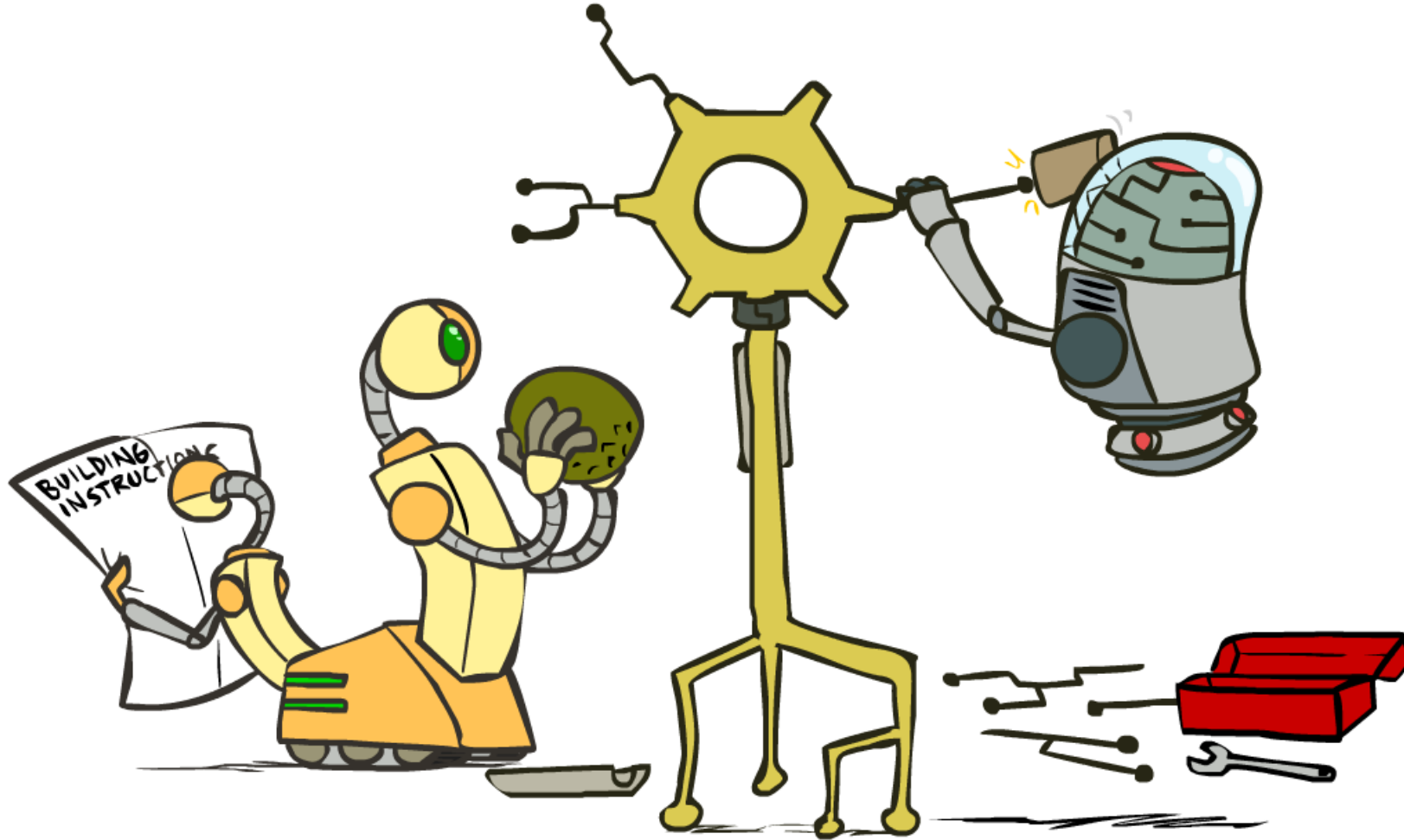
Separable



Non-Separable

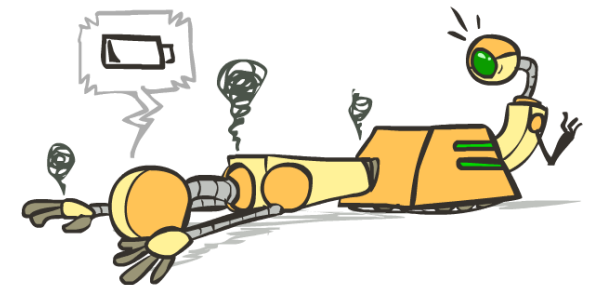
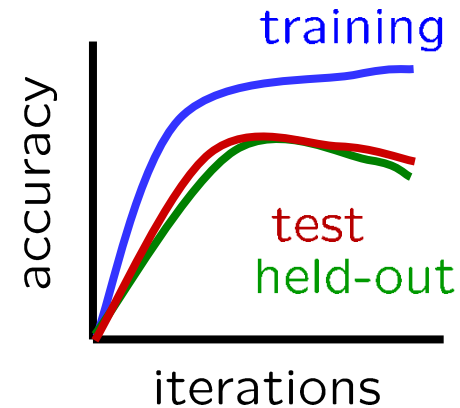
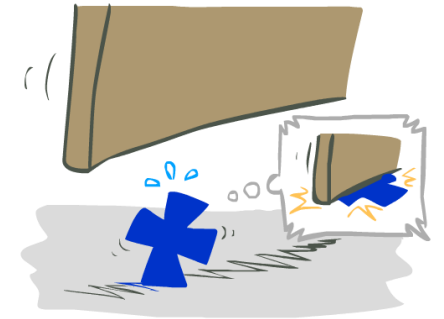
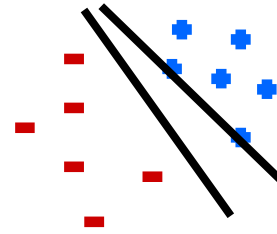
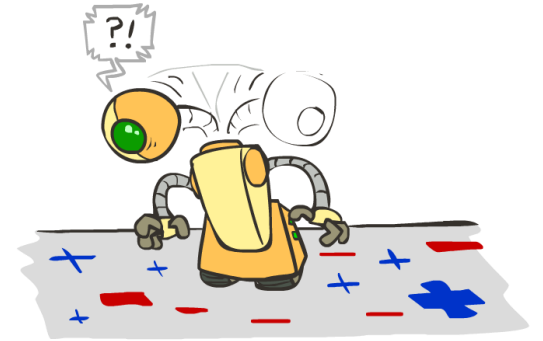
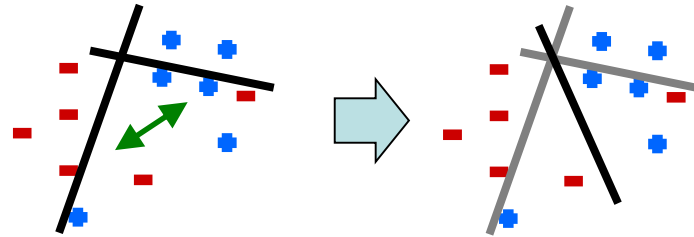


# Improving Perceptrons (Logistic Regression)



# Problems with Perceptrons

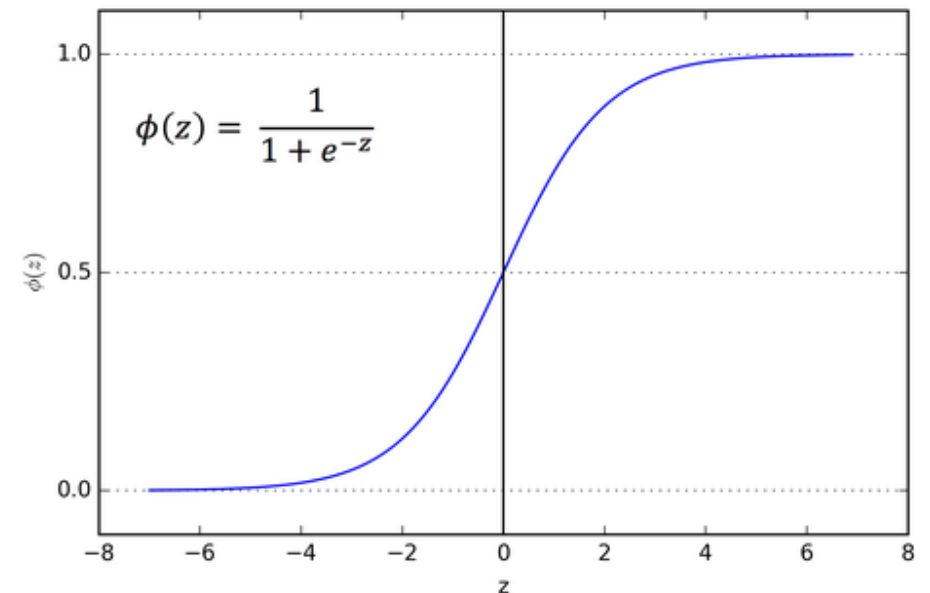
- Noise: if the data isn't separable, weights might thrash
  - Averaging weight vectors over time can help (averaged perceptron)
- Mediocre generalization: finds a "barely" separating solution
- Overtraining: test / held-out accuracy usually rises, then falls
  - Overtraining is a kind of overfitting



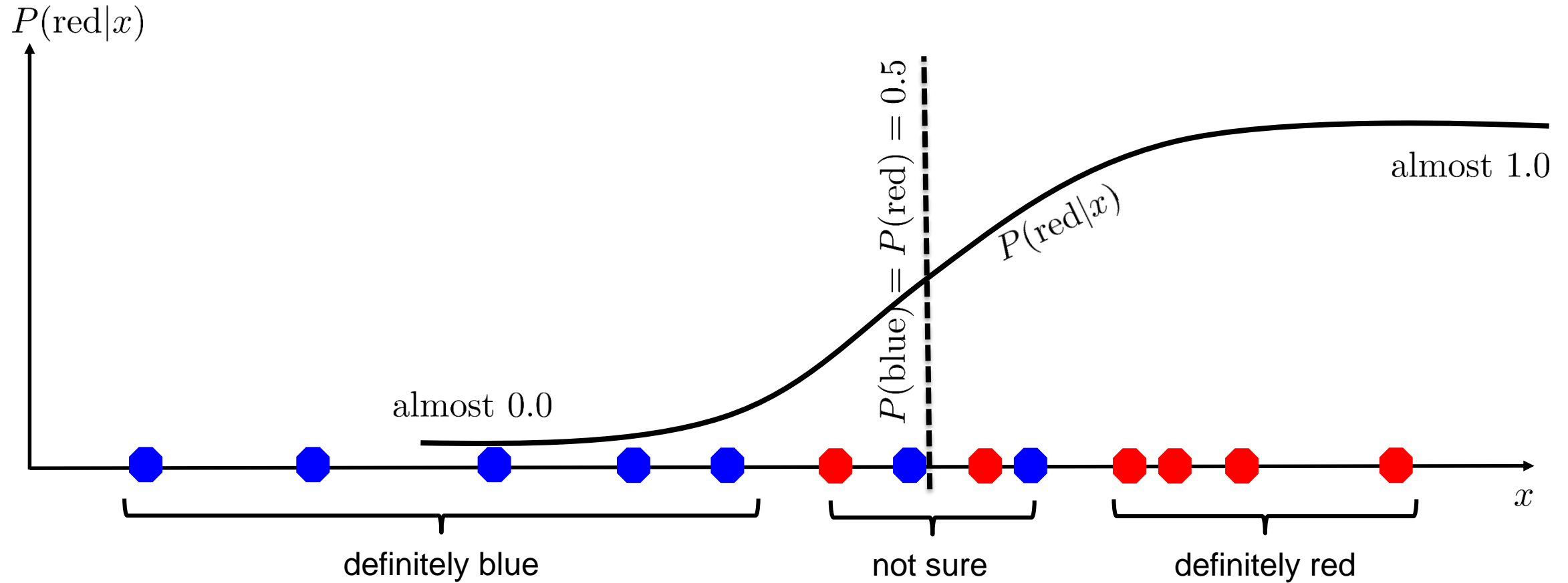
# Probabilistic decisions

- Perceptron scoring:  $z = w \cdot f(x)$ 
  - $z=0.1$  and  $z=100$  both produces +1
- Probabilistic decisions
  - $z$  very positive  $\rightarrow$  prob of +1 going to 1
  - $z$  close to 0  $\rightarrow$  prob of +1 close to 0.5
  - $z$  very negative  $\rightarrow$  prob of +1 going to 0
- Sigmoid function

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$



# A 1D Example



# Best $w$ ?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

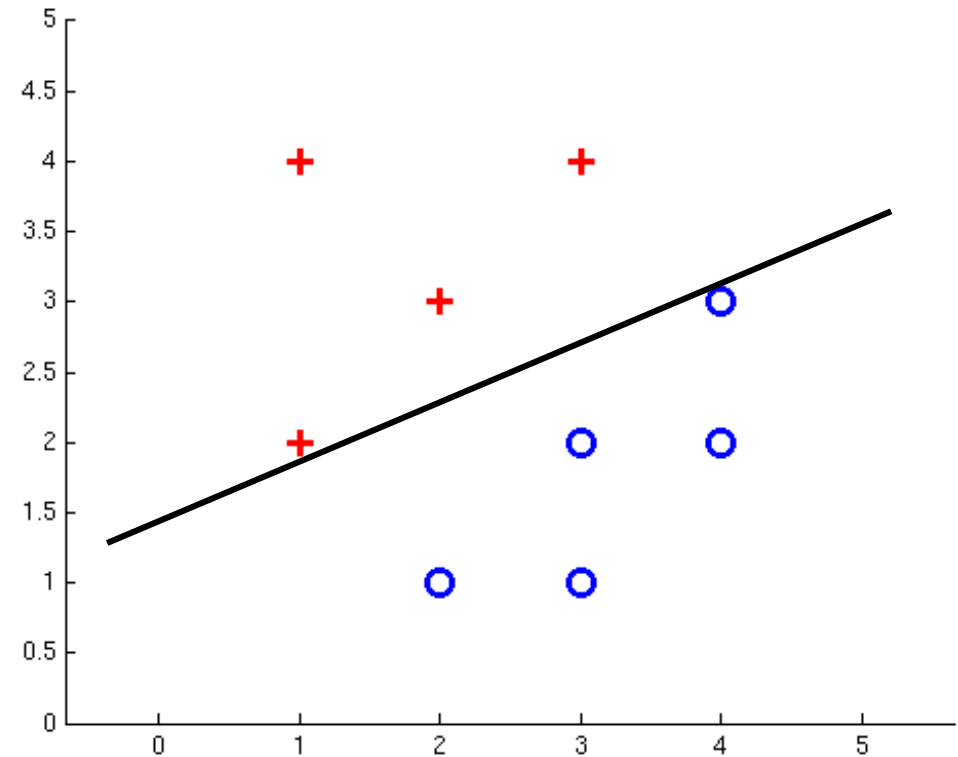
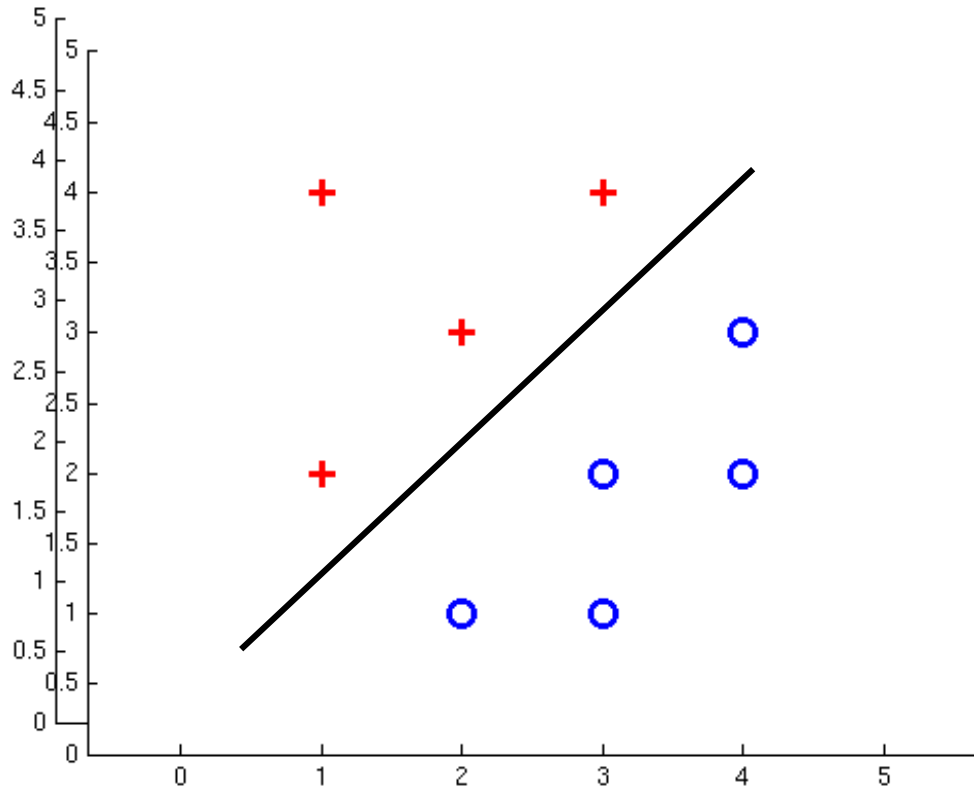
$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

with:

$$P(y^{(i)} = +1 | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$
$$P(y^{(i)} = -1 | x^{(i)}; w) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

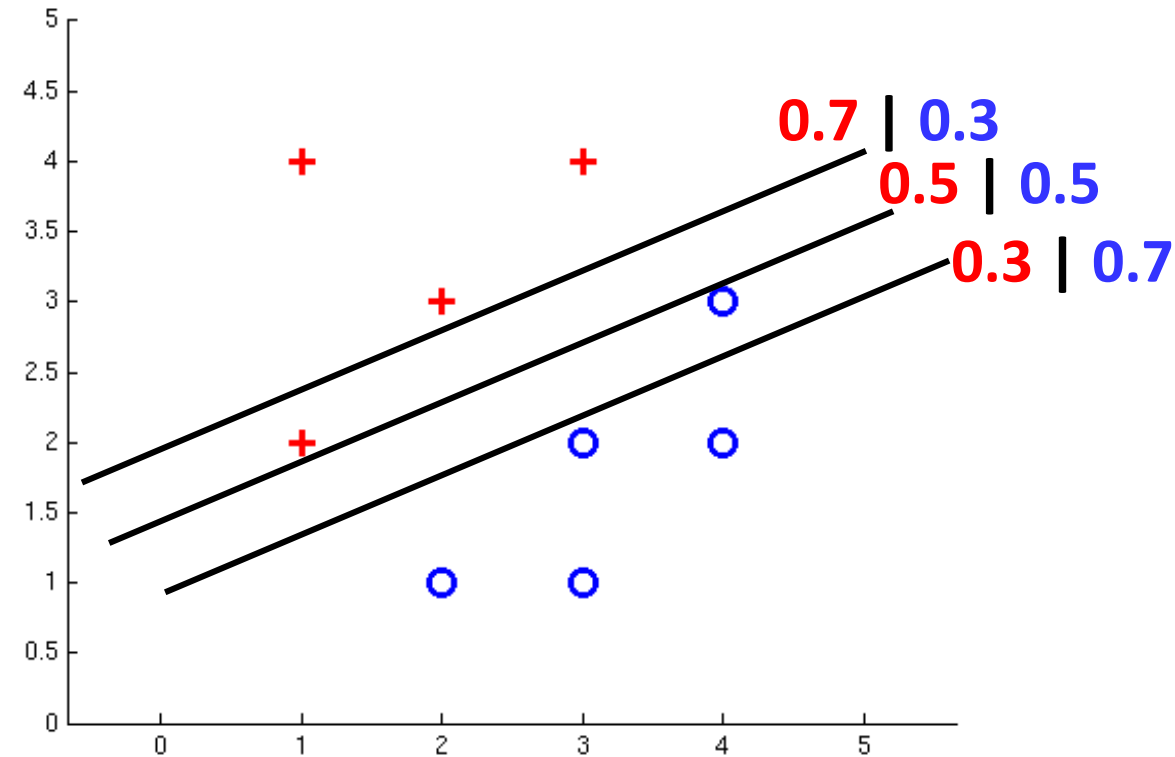
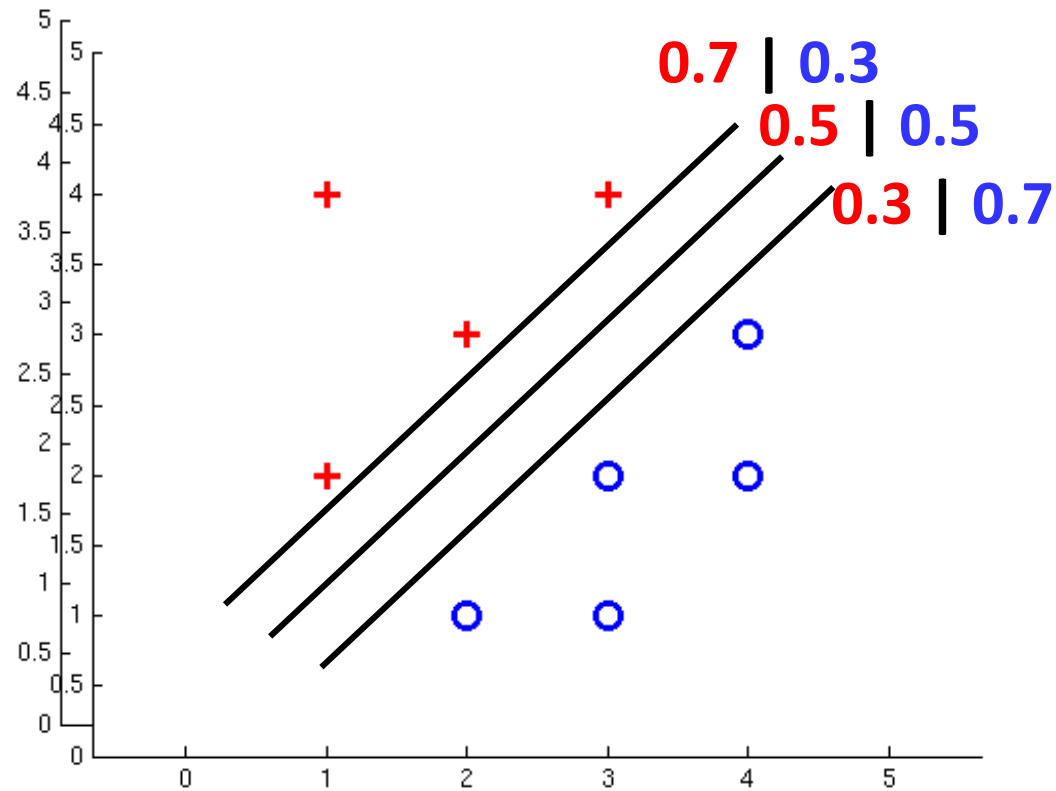
**= Logistic Regression**

# Separable Case: Deterministic Decision – Many Options





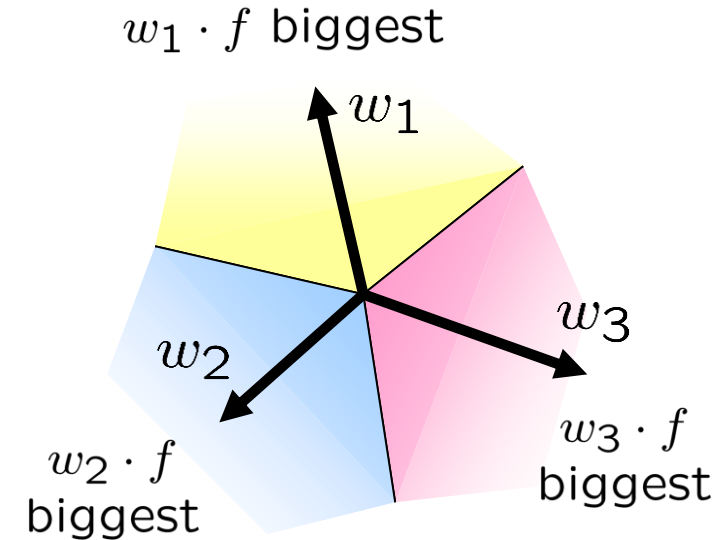
# Separable Case: Probabilistic Decision – Clear Preference



# Multiclass Logistic Regression

- Recall Perceptron:

- A weight vector for each class:  $w_y$
- Score (activation) of a class  $y$ :  $w_y \cdot f(x)$
- Prediction highest score wins  $y = \arg \max_y w_y \cdot f(x)$



- How to make the scores into probabilities?

$$\underbrace{z_1, z_2, z_3}_{\text{original activations}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_2}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}, \frac{e^{z_3}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3}}}_{\text{softmax activations}}$$

# Best w?

- Maximum likelihood estimation:

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

with:

$$P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{e^{w_{y^{(i)}} \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}{\sum_y e^{w_y \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

**= Multi-Class Logistic Regression**

# Optimization

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- How do we solve:

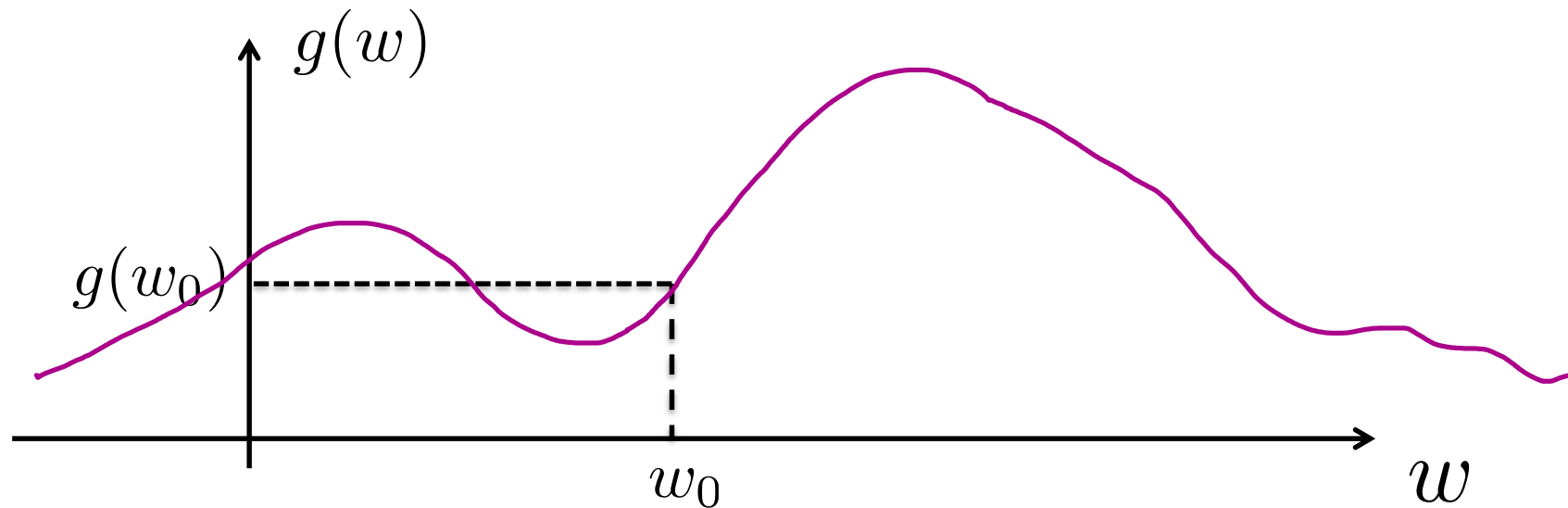
$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

# Hill Climbing

- Recall from CSP lecture: simple, general idea
  - Start wherever
  - Repeat: move to the best neighboring state
  - If no neighbors better than current, quit
- Can we do hill-climbing for multiclass logistic regression?
  - Optimization over a continuous space
    - Infinitely many neighbors!
    - How to do this efficiently?



# 1-D Optimization



- Could evaluate  $g(w_0 + h)$  and  $g(w_0 - h)$

- Then step in best direction

- Or, evaluate derivative: 
$$\frac{\partial g(w_0)}{\partial w} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(w_0 + h) - g(w_0 - h)}{2h}$$

- Tells which direction to step into

# Gradient Ascent

- Perform update in uphill direction for each coordinate
- The steeper the slope (i.e. the higher the derivative) the bigger the step for that coordinate
- E.g., consider:  $g(w_1, w_2)$

- Updates:

$$w_1 \leftarrow w_1 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w_1, w_2)$$

$$w_2 \leftarrow w_2 + \alpha * \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w_1, w_2)$$

- Updates in vector notation:

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla_w g(w)$$

$$\text{with: } \nabla_w g(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_1}(w) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial w_2}(w) \end{bmatrix} = \text{gradient}$$

# Gradient Ascent

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```
■ init  $w$   
■ for iter = 1, 2, ...  

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla g(w)$$

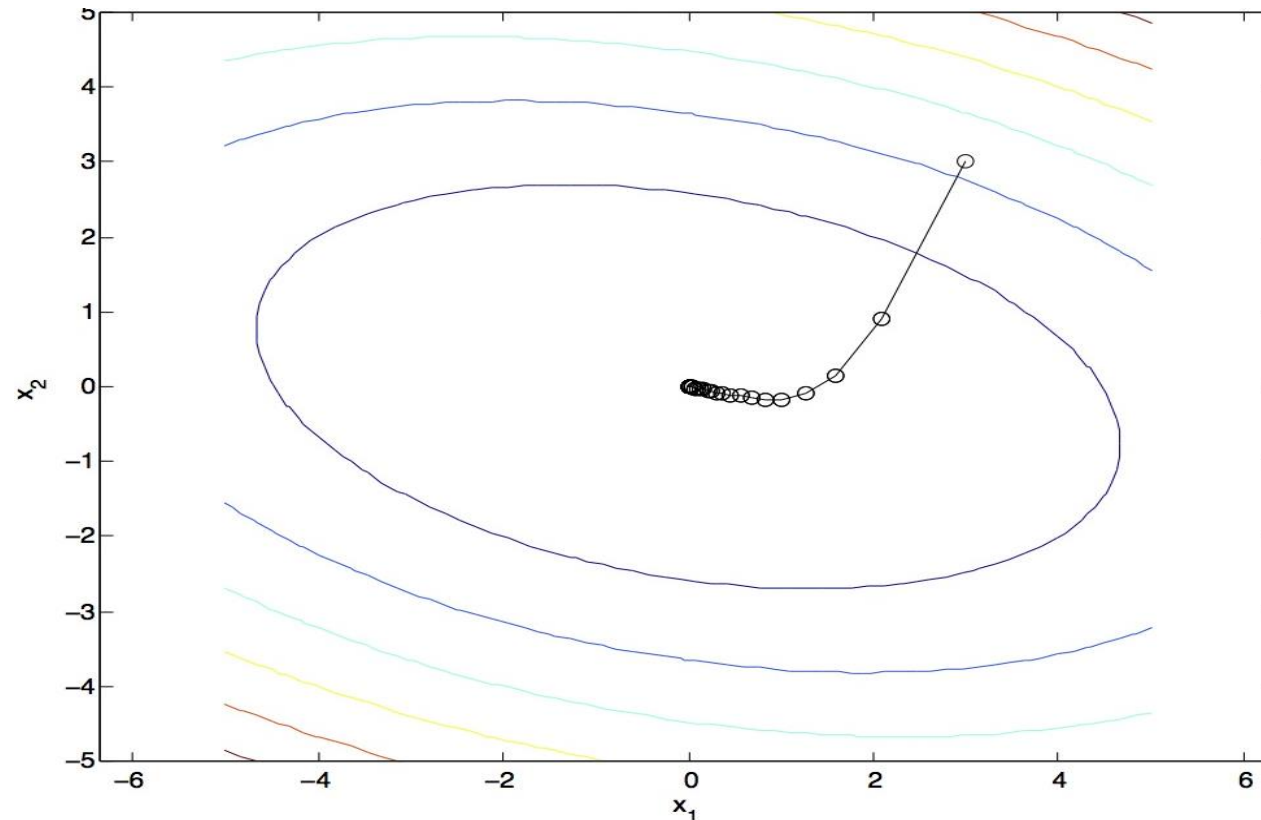
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- $\alpha$ : learning rate
  - A hyperparameter that needs to be chosen carefully



# Gradient Ascent

- Start somewhere
- Repeat: Take a step in the gradient direction



# Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \underbrace{\sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)}_{g(w)}$$

- `init  $w$`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_i \nabla \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

# What will gradient ascent do?

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_i \nabla \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

$$P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w) = \frac{e^{w_{y^{(i)}} \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}{\sum_y e^{w_y \cdot f(x^{(i)})}}$$

$$\nabla w_{y^{(i)}} f(x^{(i)}) - \nabla \log \sum_y e^{w_y f(x^{(i)})}$$

add f to weights of  
the correct class



Increase the score of  
the correct class

for y' weights:  $\frac{1}{\sum_y e^{w_y f(x^{(i)})}} e^{w_{y'} f(x^{(i)})} f(x^{(i)})$

$$P(y' | x^{(i)}; w) f(x^{(i)})$$

subtract f from y' weights in proportion  
to the current probability of y'

Decrease the scores  
of all the classes



# Stochastic Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

**Idea:** once gradient on one training example has been computed, might as well update before computing next one

- `init  $w$`
- `for iter = 1, 2, ...`
  - pick random  $j$

$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$

# Mini-Batch Gradient Ascent on the Log Likelihood Objective

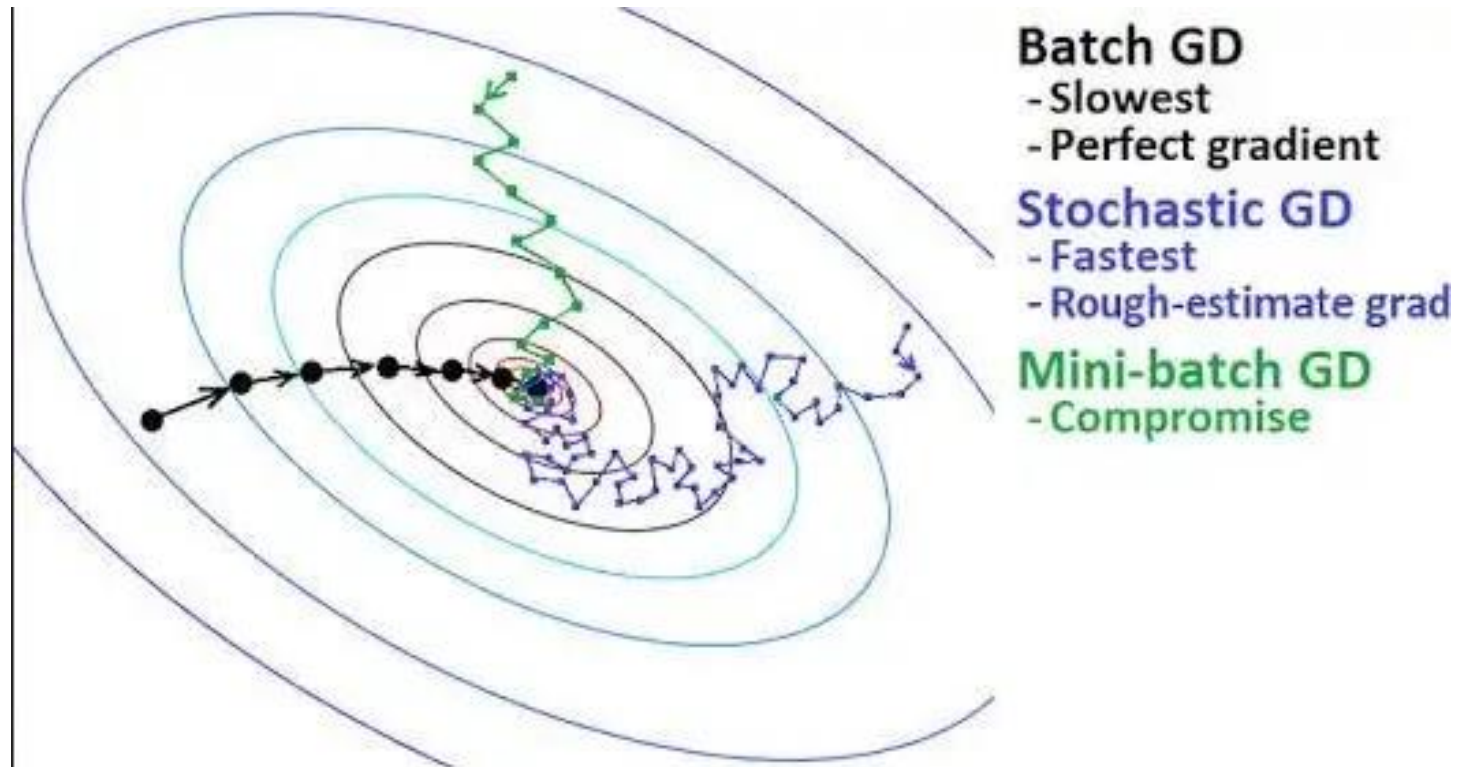
$$\max_w ll(w) = \max_w \sum_i \log P(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

**Idea:** gradient over a small set of training examples (=mini-batch) can be computed in parallel, might as well do that instead of a single one

- `init`  $w$
- `for` `iter` = 1, 2, ...
  - pick random subset of training examples  $J$

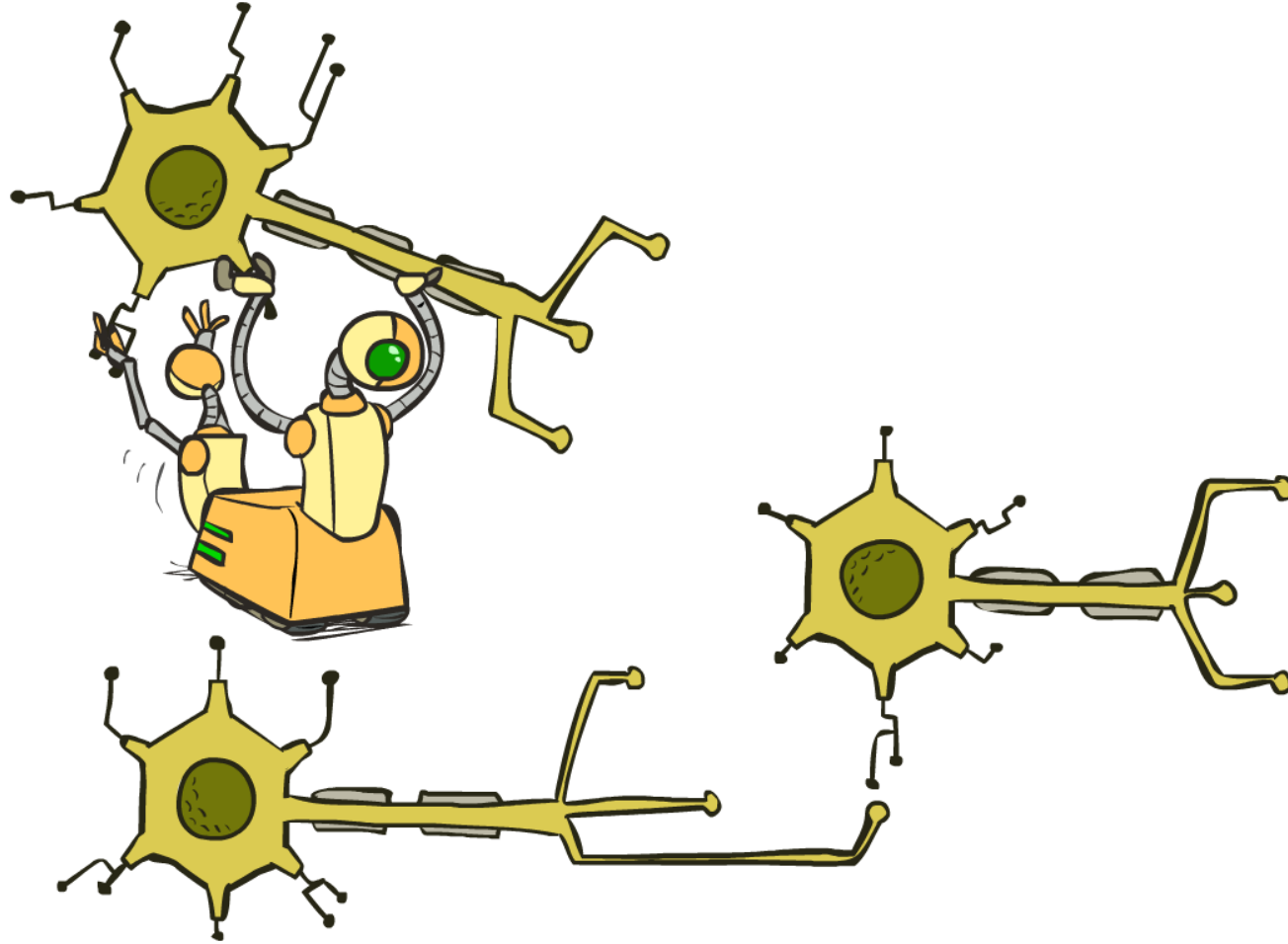
$$w \leftarrow w + \alpha * \sum_{j \in J} \nabla \log P(y^{(j)} | x^{(j)}; w)$$

# Batch vs. Stochastic vs. Mini-batch GD

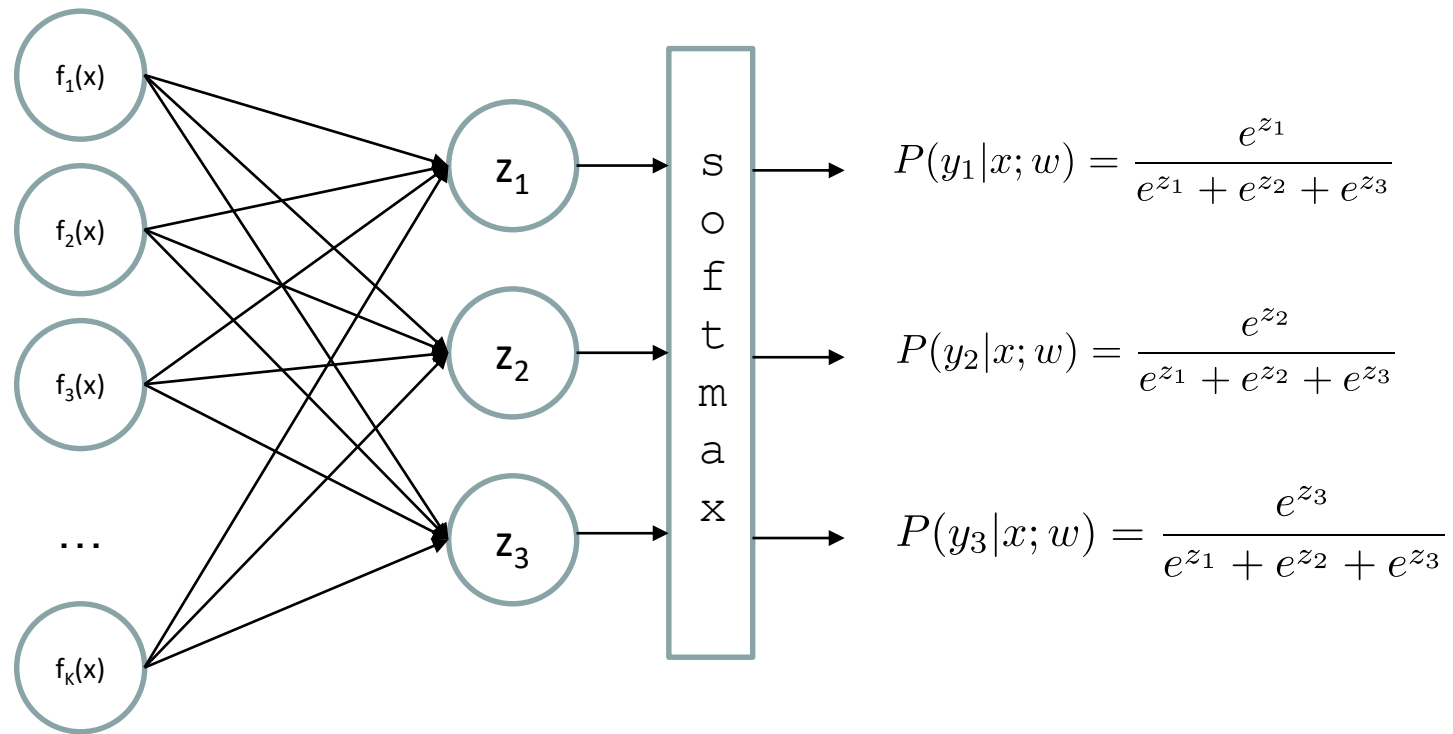


# Neural Networks

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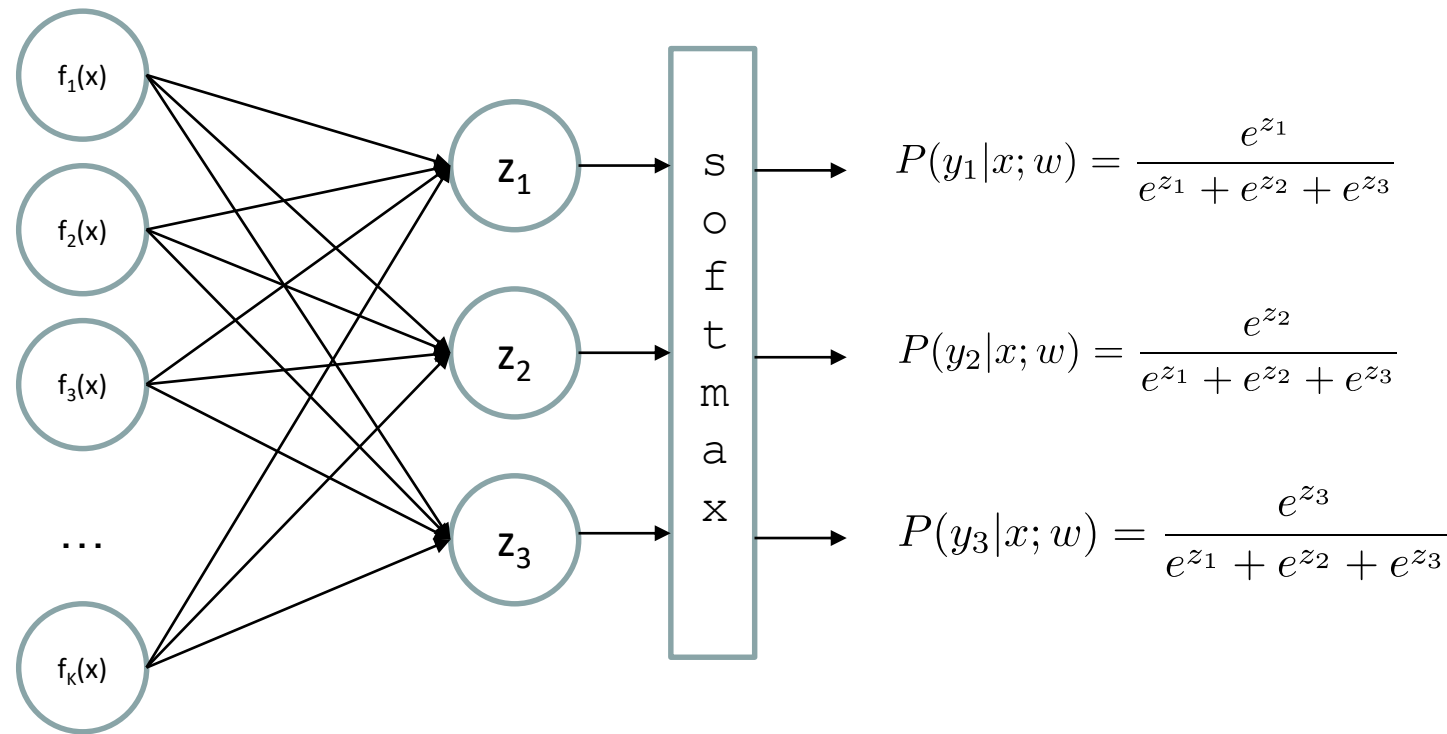


# Multi-class Logistic Regression

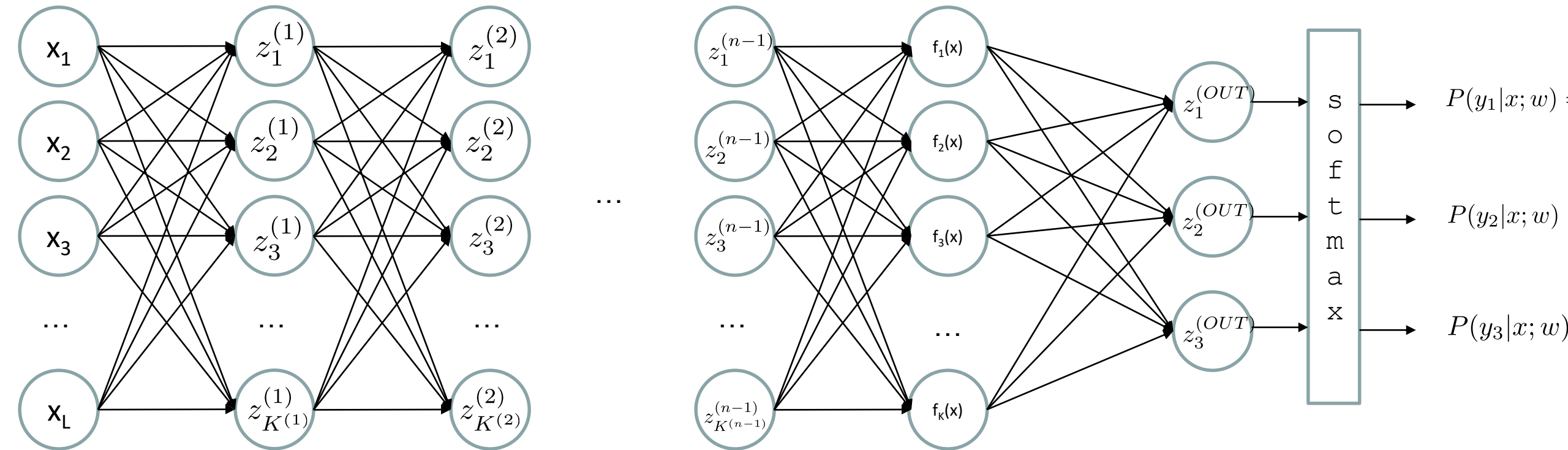




# Deep Neural Network = Also learn the features!



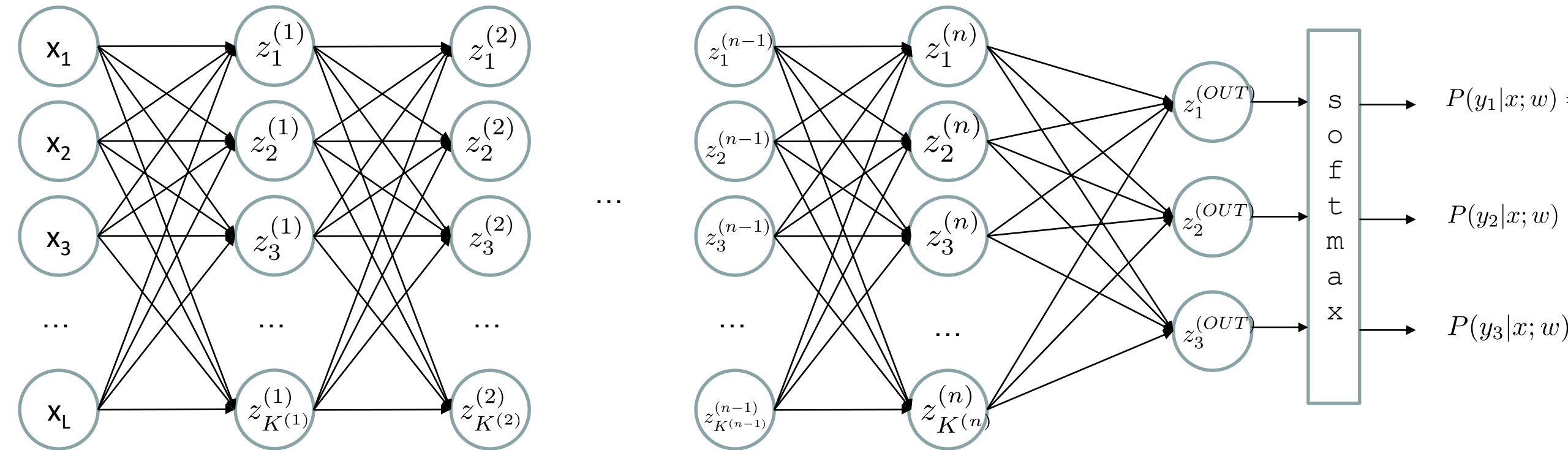
# Deep Neural Network = Also learn the features!



$$z_i^{(k)} = g\left(\sum_j W_{i,j}^{(k-1,k)} z_j^{(k-1)}\right)$$

**g = nonlinear activation function**

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