Introduction to Machine learning

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- Machine learning definition
- Taxonomy of machine learning



What is machine learning?





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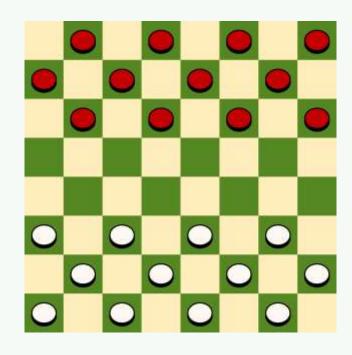
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- Learning simply means incorporating information from the training examples into the system





• Arthur Samuel (1959): Machine Learning is the field of study that gives the computer the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.







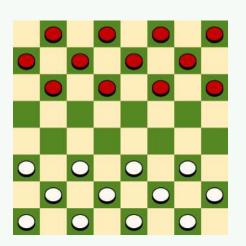


• Tom Mitchell (1998): a computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P, if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.



Experience (data): games played by the program (with itself)

Performance measure: winning rate

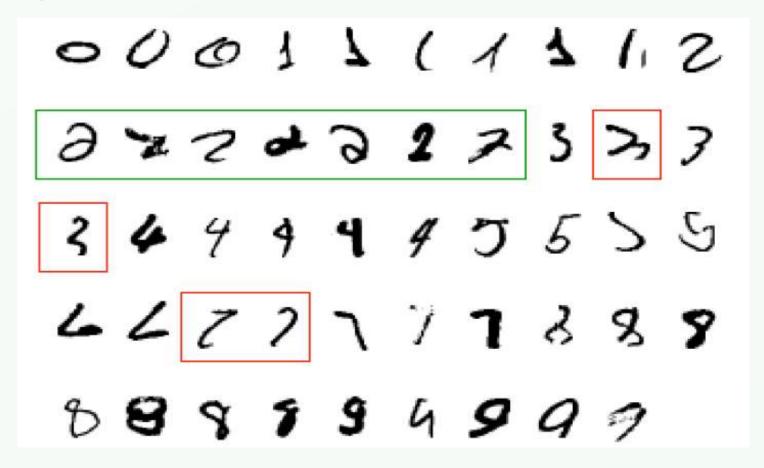




Tasks that requires ML



- What makes a 2?
- What distinguishes a 2 from a 7?





Tasks that requires ML



How can we make a robot cook?





Learning algorithms are useful in many tasks



- Machine learning grew out of work in Al
- New capability for computers
- Examples:
 - ➤ Data mining

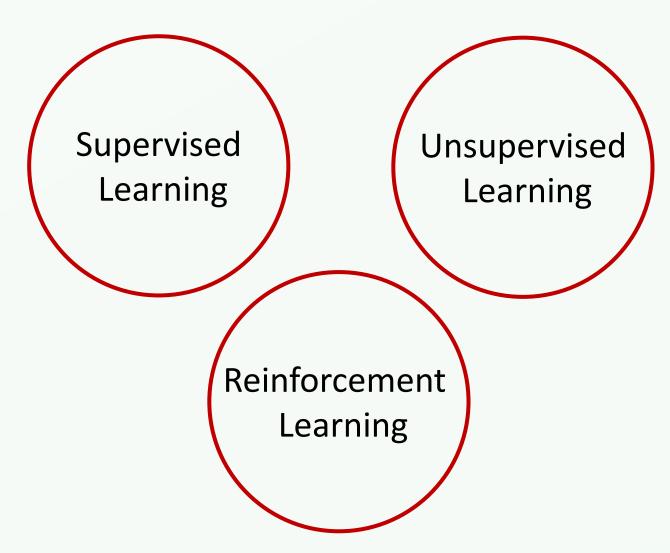
Large datasets from growth of automation/web E.g., Web click data, medical records, biology, engineering

- Application can't program by hand
 E.g., Autonomous helicopter, handwriting recognition, most of Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computer Vision
- ➤ Self-customizing programs
 E.g., Amazon, Netflix product recommendations
- ➤ Understanding human learning (brain, real AI)



Taxonomy of Machine Learning (A Simplistic View Based on Tasks)





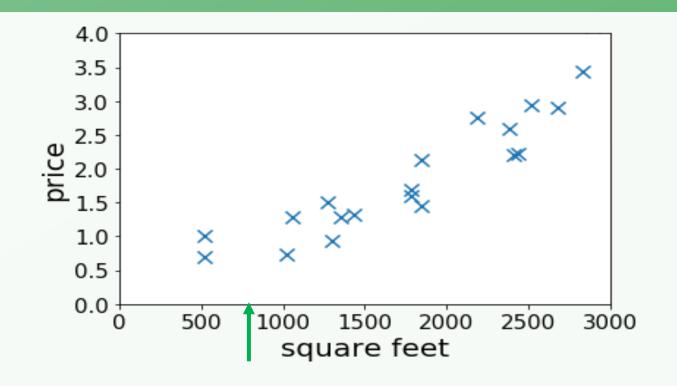


Supervised Learning



Housing Price Prediction





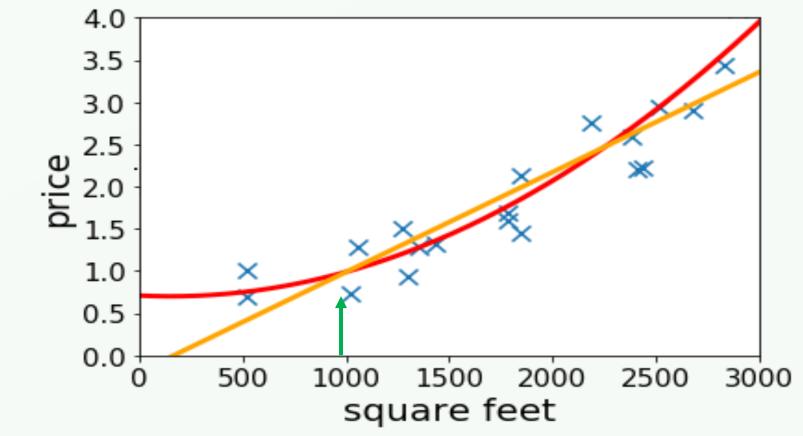
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 - : "right answers" given

- Regression
 - : Predict continuous valued output (price)

Housing Price Prediction



• Task: if a residence has x square feet, predict its price?



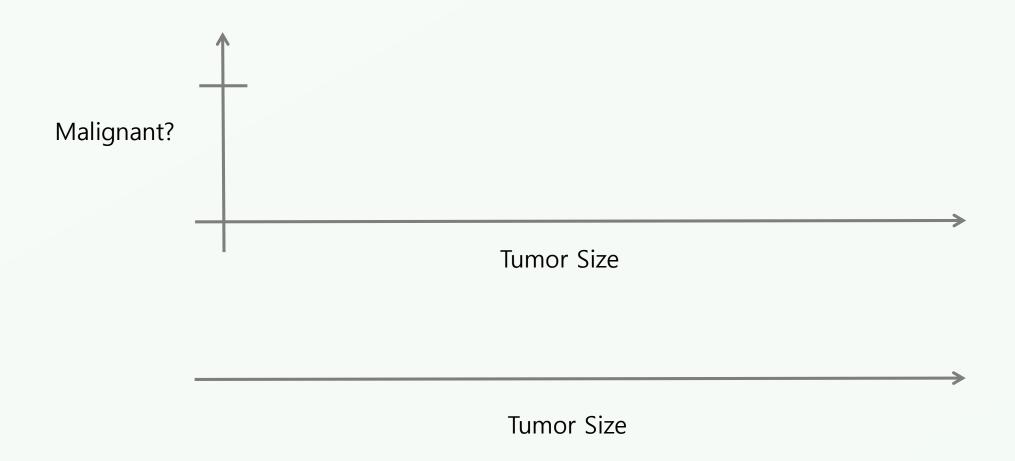
> Lecture 2&3: fitting linear/quadratic functions to the dataset



Breast cancer (malignant, benign)



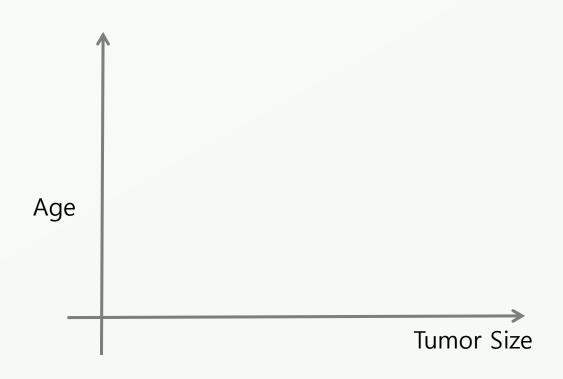
• Classification: Discrete valued output (0 or 1)





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More features

- Clump Thickness
- Uniformity of cell size
- Uniformity of cell shape



Supervised Learning in Computer Vision



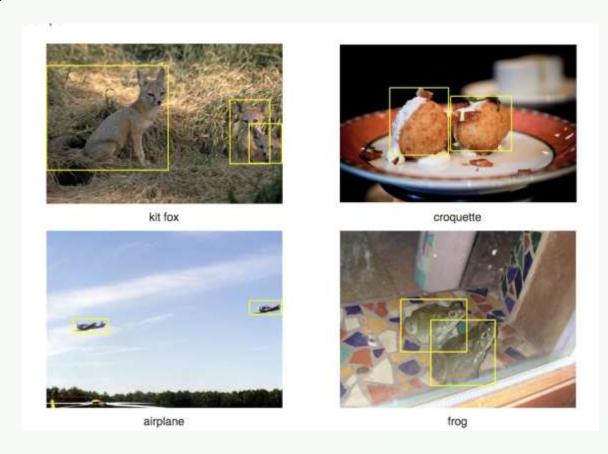
- Image Classification
 - X = raw pixels of the image
 - Y = the main object



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- Object localization and detection
 - X = raw pixels of the image
 - Y = the bounding boxes

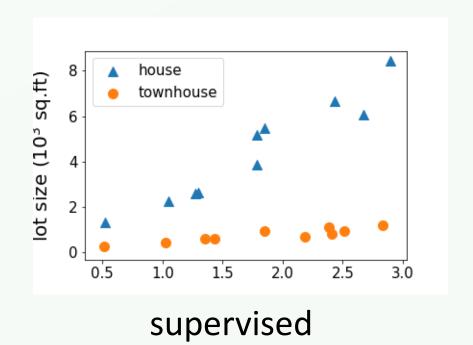


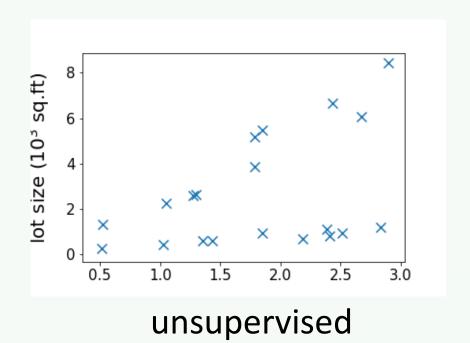






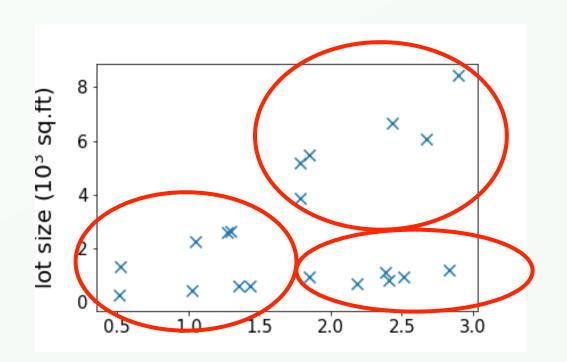
- Dataset contains no labels
- Goal (vaguely-posed): to find interesting structures in the data

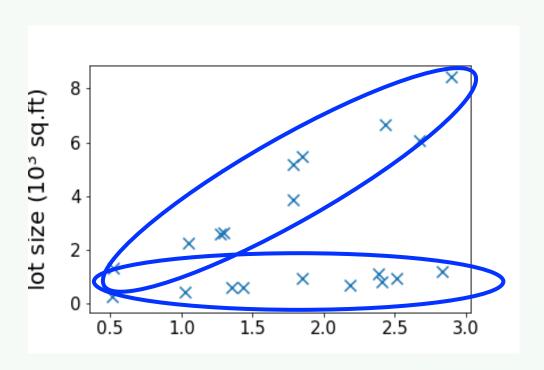






Clustering



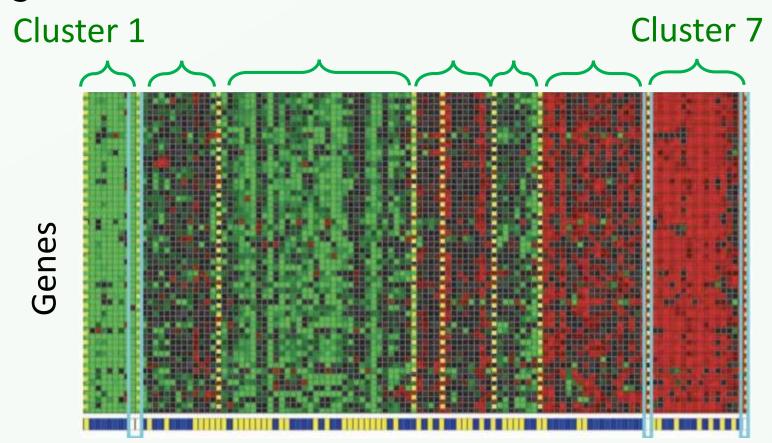


➤ Lecture 12&13: k-mean clustering, mixture of Gaussians





Clustering genes

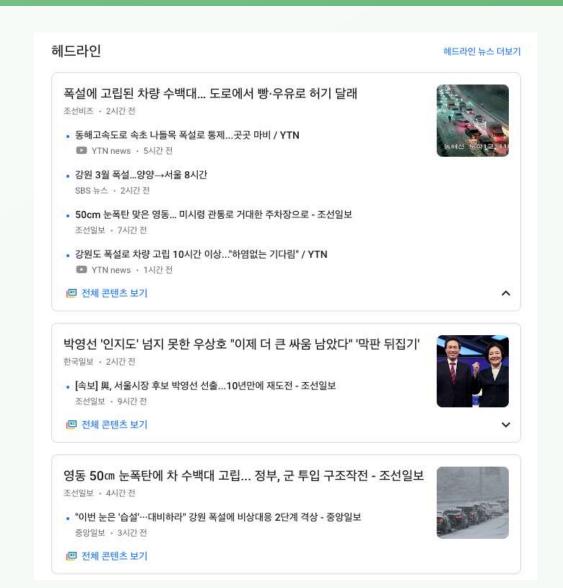


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