

Machine Learning

Think of ML like teaching a kid.

1 Supervised Learning → “Teacher helps”

You give:

- Question
- Correct Answer

Kid learns by seeing examples again and again.

Two Types inside Supervised Learning

(i) Classification → Choose a category

Model predicts *labels*.

Examples:

- Cat vs Dog
- Spam vs Not spam
- Disease vs No disease

Methods used:

- Logistic Regression
- SVM
- Decision Trees

- Random Forest
 - KNN
 - Naive Bayes
 - Neural Networks
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(ii) Regression → Predict a number

Model predicts *continuous value*.

Examples:

- House price
- Temperature
- Salary

Methods used:

- Linear Regression
- Polynomial Regression
- SVR
- Decision Tree Regressor
- Random Forest Regressor

 **Model learns: Input → Output**

2 Unsupervised Learning → “Kid explores alone”

No answers given.

Kid finds hidden patterns by himself.

Types of Unsupervised Learning

(i) Clustering → Group similar things

Examples:

- Group customers (rich, medium, low spenders)
- Google Photos grouping faces

Methods used:

- K-Means
 - Hierarchical Clustering
 - DBSCAN
 - Gaussian Mixture Models
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(ii) Dimensionality Reduction → Compress information

Examples:

- Reduce 100 features → 2 features
- Remove noise
- Visualize data

Methods used:

- PCA

- t-SNE
 - UMAP
 - Autoencoders
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(iii) Association Rule Learning → Find items that go together

Examples:

- Amazon “People also bought”
- Market basket

Methods used:

- Apriori
- FP-Growth

 **Model learns: Patterns, groups, similarities**

3 Semi-Supervised Learning → “Teacher gives few answers”

A little labeled data + lots of unlabeled data.

Useful when **labeling is expensive**.

Examples:

- Medical images
- Speech recognition

- Google Photos face grouping

Methods used:

- Pseudo-labeling
- Self-training
- Consistency regularization
- Graph-based methods



Model uses both:

Few examples + a lot of raw data

4 Reinforcement Learning → “Kid learns by trial & error”

Kid tries → reward or penalty → learns best behavior.

Examples:

- Self-driving car
 - Robotics
 - Chess AI
 - Stock trading bots
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Types inside Reinforcement Learning

(i) Value-Based Methods

Learn value of states/actions.

- Q-Learning
- Deep Q-Networks (DQN)

(ii) Policy-Based Methods


Learn the best policy directly.

- REINFORCE
- PPO (Proximal Policy Optimization)

(iii) Actor–Critic Methods

Combination of value + policy learning.

- A2C
- A3C
- DDPG

 **Model learns: Do → Get Reward → Improve**

5 Self-Supervised Learning → “Kid creates his own questions”

The model creates labels from data itself.

It hides some part of input → predicts missing part.

Examples:

- GPT predicting next word
- BERT masking words

- Vision transformers predicting image patches

Methods used:

- Masked Language Modeling (MLM)
- Next Token Prediction (GPT)
- Contrastive Learning (SimCLR, MoCo)
- Autoencoders
- BYOL / DINO

 **Model learns internal structure of data**
(This is the core of modern Deep Learning)

★ THE BEST MEMORY TRICK (Now with Types + Methods)

Student Type	ML Type	How They Learn	Sub-types	Main Algorithms
Teacher + Answers	Supervised	Labeled data	Classification, Regression	SVM, LR, RF, NN
No teacher	Unsupervised	Finds patterns	Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction, Association	K-Means, PCA, Apriori
Few answers	Semi-supervised	Mix of both	Pseudo-label, Graph methods	Self-training, Consistency loss
Learns by reward	Reinforcement	Trial & error	Value, Policy, Actor-Critic	Q-learning, PPO, DQN
Creates own questions	Self-supervised	Predict missing parts	Masking, contrastive	BERT, GPT, SimCLR