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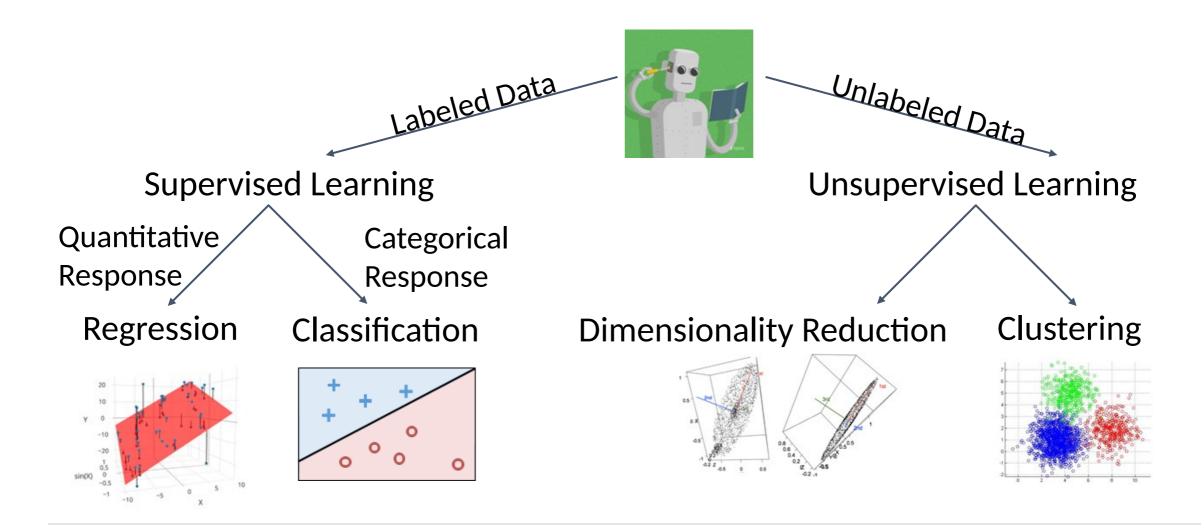
Today's class

Classification

• Reading: Chapter 16, 17

Prediction

Review: Taxonomy of Machine Learning



Guessing the Value of an Attribute

- Based on incomplete information
- One way of making predictions:
 - To predict an outcome for an individual,
 - find others who are like that individual
 - and whose outcomes you know.
 - Use those outcomes as the basis of your prediction.
- Two Types of Prediction
 - Classification = Categorical; Regression = Numeric

Prediction Example: Spam or Not?

You made a Wells Fargo payment - wellsfargo.com You recently submitted a payment The ...

BUSINESS TRUST - -- I have a legal business proposal for you worth \$23,000,000. If you kn...

Hi - Today???!!!! What a wonderful day! Congrats again! I am definitely not doing s...

Michael Kors Handbags Up To 84% Plus Free Shipping! - Shop Handbags Online & In Store...

Machine Learning Algorithm

- A mathematical model
- calculated based on sample data ("training data")
- that makes predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed to perform the task

Classification

Classification Examples

will be automatically deleted. Delete all spam messages now

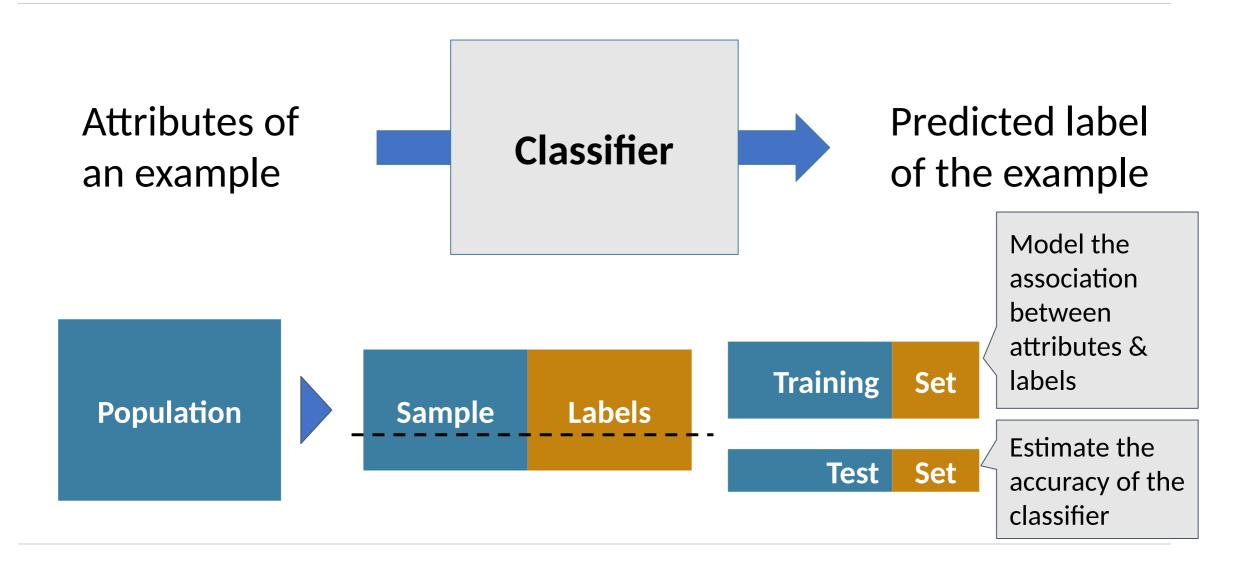
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Classification Examples

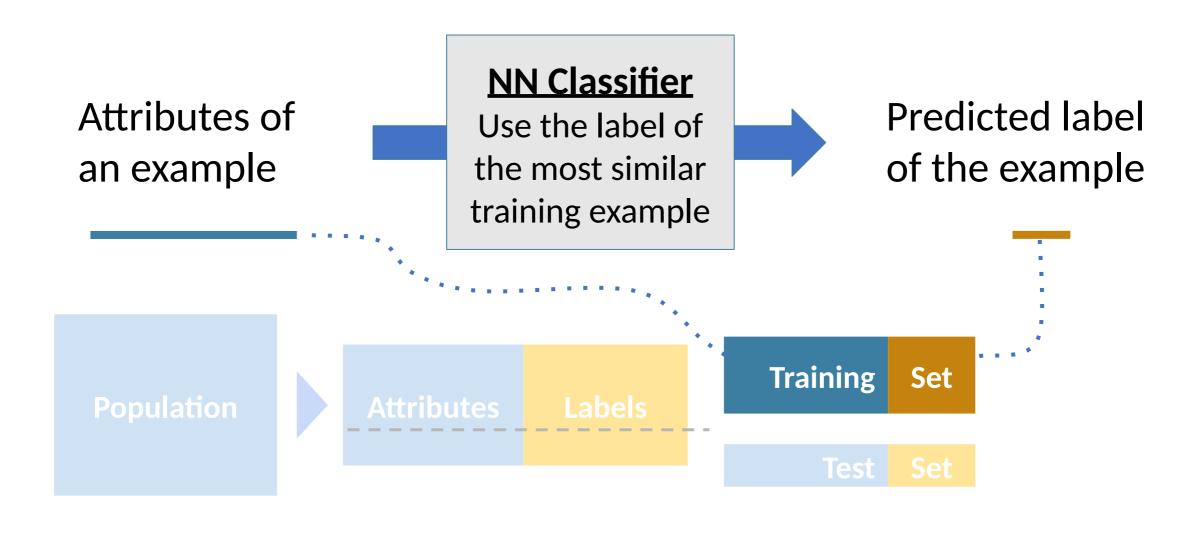


Classifiers

Training a Classifier

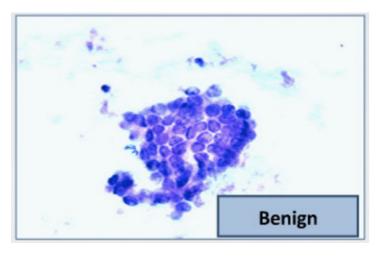


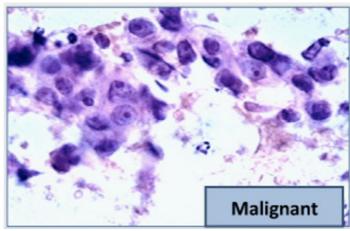
Nearest Neighbor Classifier



The Google Science Fair

- Brittany Wenger, a 17-year-old high school student in 2012
- Won by building a breast cancer classifier with 99% accuracy







Distance

Rows of Tables

Each row contains all the data for one individual

- t.row(i) evaluates to ith row of table t
- t.row(i).item(j) is the value of column j in row i
- If all values are numbers, then np.array(t.row(i))
 evaluates to an array of all the numbers in the row.
- To consider each row individually, use

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for row in t.rows:
... row.item(j) ...
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Distance Between Two Points

Two attributes x and y:

$$D = \sqrt{(x_0 - x_1)^2 + (y_0 - y_1)^2}.$$

Three attributes x, y, and z:

$$D = \sqrt{(x_0 - x_1)^2 + (y_0 - y_1)^2 + (z_0 - z_1)^2}$$

and so on ...

Nearest Neighbors

Finding the k Nearest Neighbors

To find the *k* nearest neighbors of an example:

- Find the distance between the example and each example in the training set
- Augment the training data table with a column containing all the distances
- Sort the augmented table in increasing order of the distances
- Take the top *k* rows of the sorted table

The Classifier

To classify a point:

- Find its *k* nearest neighbors
- Take a majority vote of the k nearest neighbors to see which of the two classes appears more often
- Assign the point the class that wins the majority vote

Evaluation

Accuracy of a Classifier

The accuracy of a classifier on a labeled data set is the proportion of examples that are labeled correctly

Need to compare classifier predictions to true labels

If the labeled data set is sampled at random from a population, then we can infer accuracy on that population

