#### Strategic Data Science (SDS)

# Machine Learning in Social Science

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In practice, this means developing computer programs that can make predictions based on data. Just as humans can learn from experience, so can computers, where:

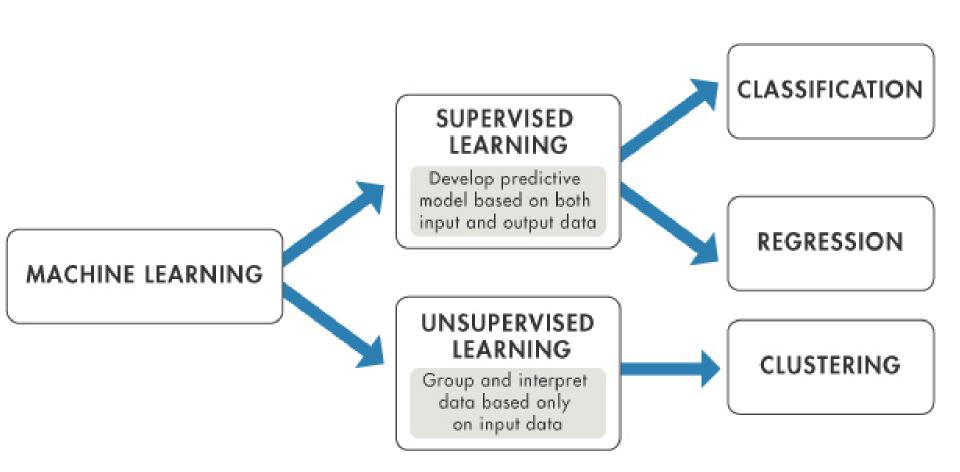
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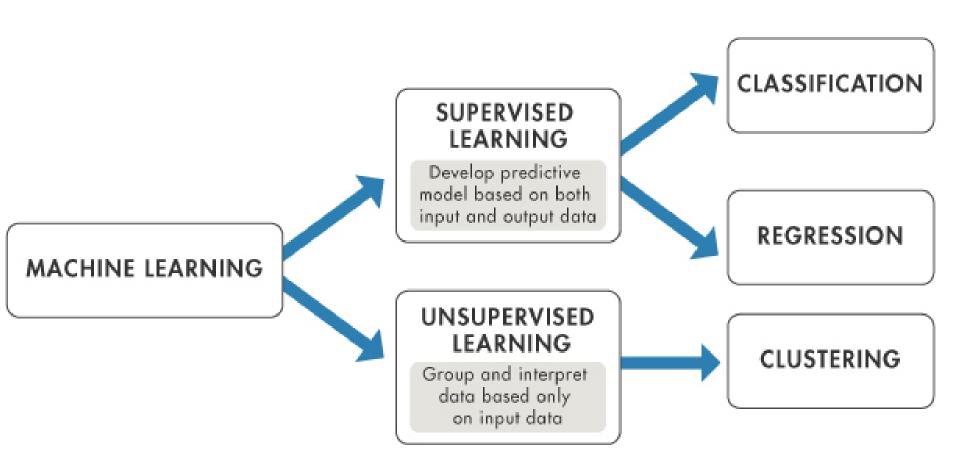
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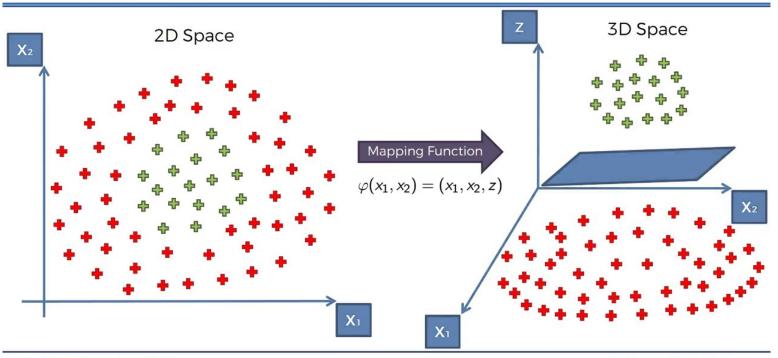
Starting with patient-level observations, algorithms sift through vast numbers of variables, looking for combinations that reliably predict outcomes...where machine learning shines is in handling enormous numbers of predictorssometimes, remarkably, more predictors than observations-and combining them in nonlinear and highly interactive ways."





Source: https://www.mathworks.com

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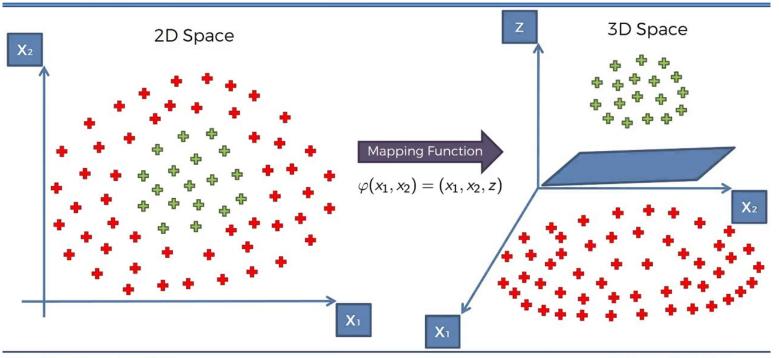


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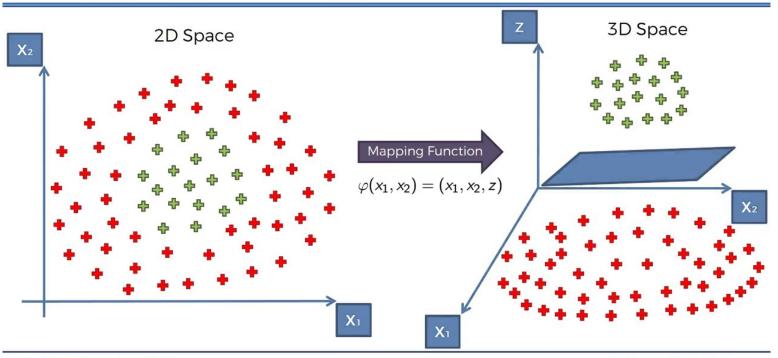


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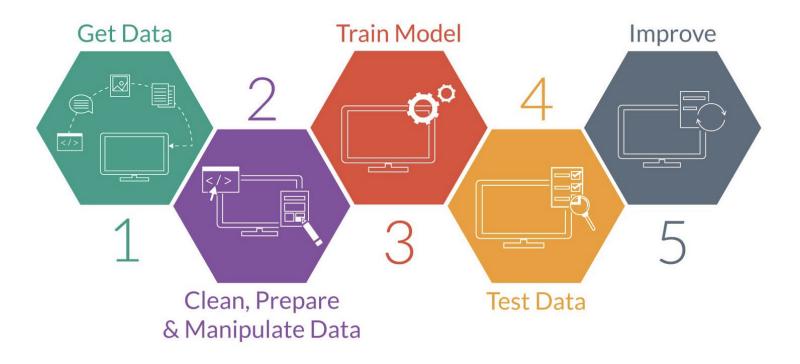


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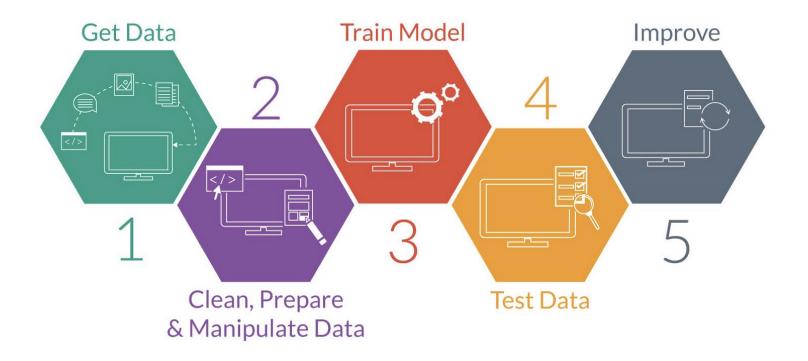
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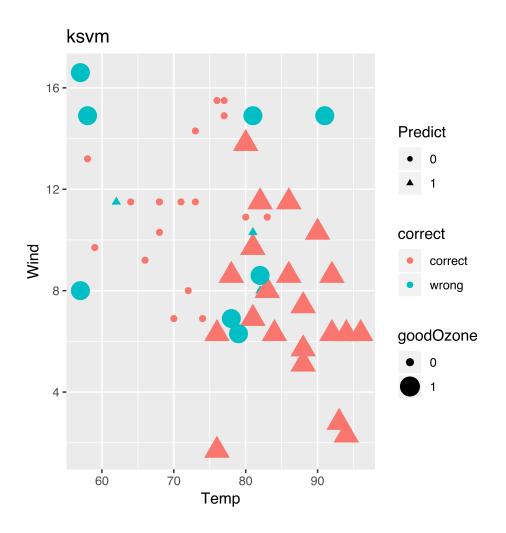
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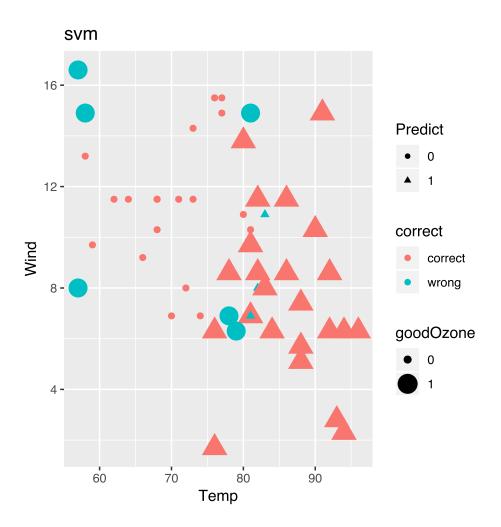


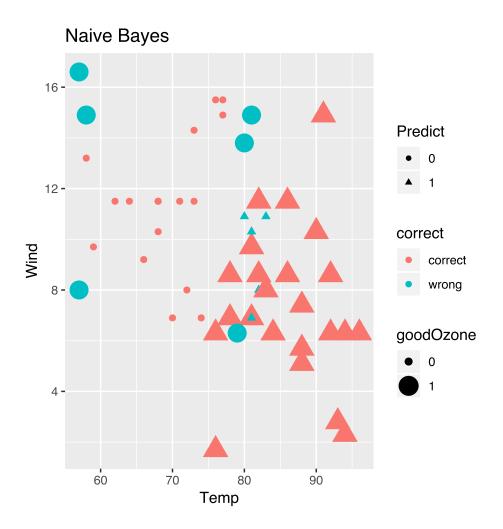
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Source: UPX academy (https://upxacademy.com/introduction-machine-learning/)







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