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### The Learning Problem

### Today's Agenda:

- Examples of Machine Learning
- Components of Learning
- A Simple Model
- Types of Learning

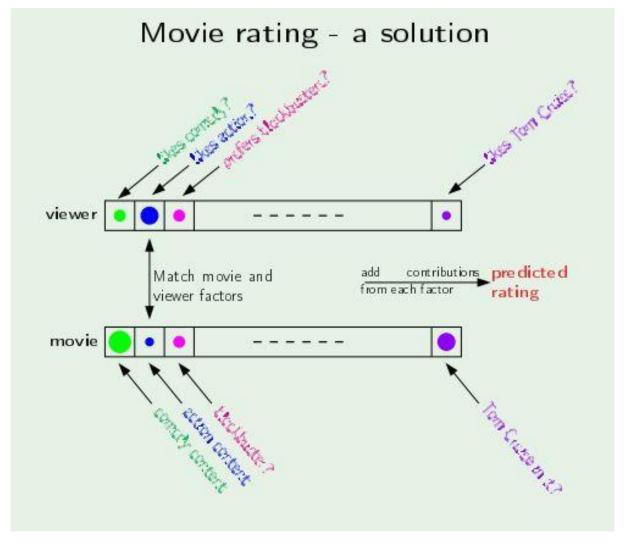
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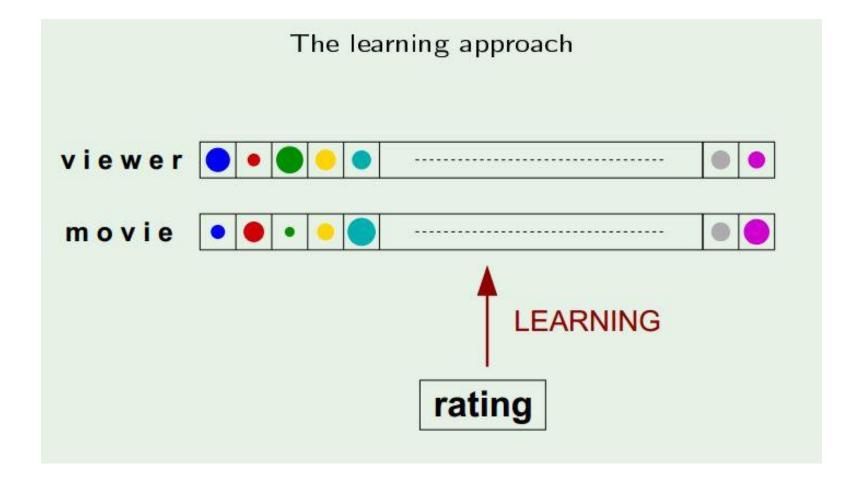
### Essene of machine learning:

• Without data no business of taking about Machine Learning

• A pattern must exists in data

• We cannot pin it down mathematically





### Components of learning

Metaphor: Credit Approval

**Applicant Information:** 

age	23 Years
gender	male
annual salary	Rs. 30,000
years in residence	1 year
years in job	1 year
current dept	Rs. 15,000

Approve credit?

### **The Learning Problem**

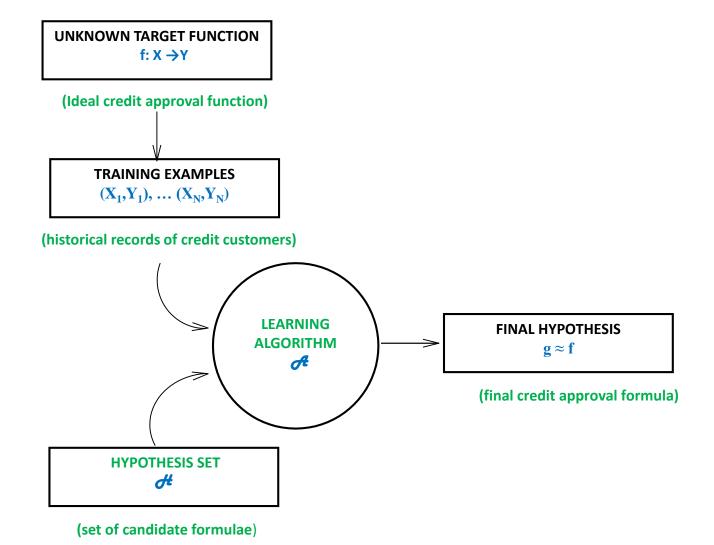
### Essene of machine learning: (Confirmation)

- A pattern exists
- We cannot pin it down mathematically
- We have data on it

### **Components of Learning**

#### Formalization:

- Input: x (customer application)
- Output: y (good/bad customer)
- Target function:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  (ideal credit approval formula)
- Data:  $(X_1, Y_1)$ ,  $(X_2, Y_2)$ , ....  $(X_N, Y_N)$  (historical records)
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- Hypothesis:  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  (formula to be used)



### **Solution Components:**

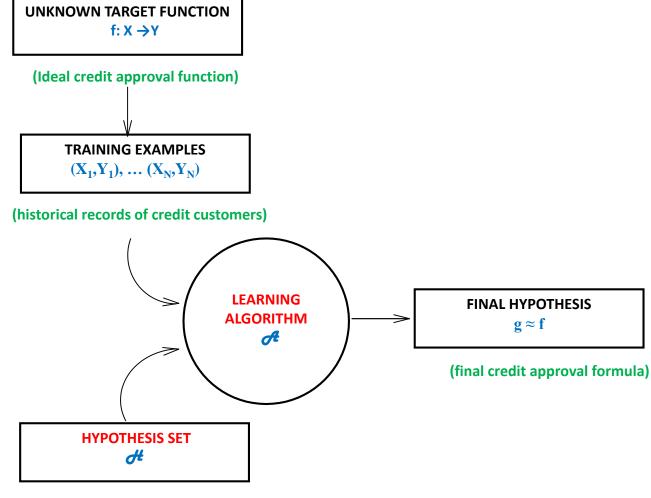
The 2 solution components of the learning problem

• The Hypothesis set

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h\} \qquad g \in \mathcal{H}$$

• The Learning Algorithm

Together, they are referred to as the learning model



#### A simple hypothesis set – the 'perceptron':

For input  $x=(x_1, x_2, ..., x_d)$  attribute of a customer

Approve credit if 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{d} w_i x_i > \text{threshold}$$

Deny credit if 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{d} w_i x_i < \text{threshold}$$

This linear formula  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  can be written as

$$d$$

$$\mathbf{A}(x) = sign \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{w}_i x_i - threshold \right)$$

A simple hypothesis set – the 'perceptron':

d

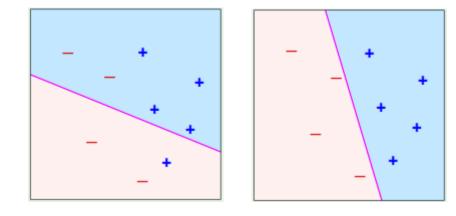
$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\mathbf{w}_i} \mathbf{x}_i \right) + \mathbf{w}_0 \right)$$

Introduce an artificial co-ordinate  $x_0=1$ :

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{d} \mathbf{w}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right)$$

In vector form, the perceptron implements

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}\left(\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}\right)$$



'linearly separable' data

#### A simple learning algorithm PLA:

The perceptron implements

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}(\mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x})$$

Given the training set:

$$(x_1,y_1), (x_2,y_2), \dots (x_N,y_N)$$

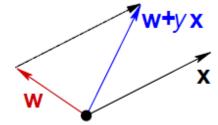
pick a misclassified point:

sign 
$$(w^T x_n) \neq y_n$$

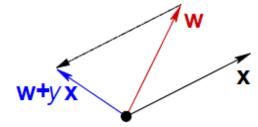
and update the weight vector

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}_n \mathbf{x}_n$$









#### **Iterations of PLA:**

• One iteration of the PLA:

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}_{n} \mathbf{x}_{n}$$

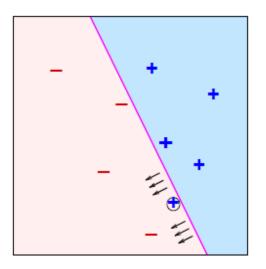
where (x, y) is a misclassified training point

• At iteration t = 1, 2, 3, .... pick a misclassified point from

$$(x_1,y_1), (x_2,y_2), \dots (x_N,y_N)$$

and run a PLA iteration on it.

• That's it!

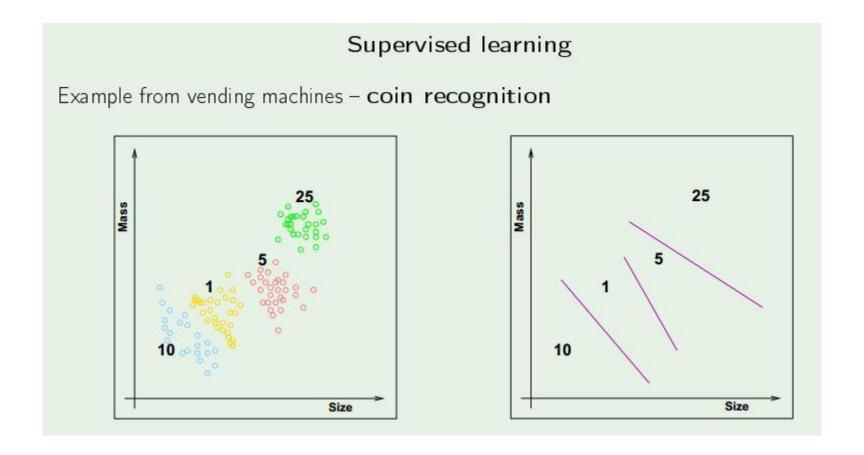


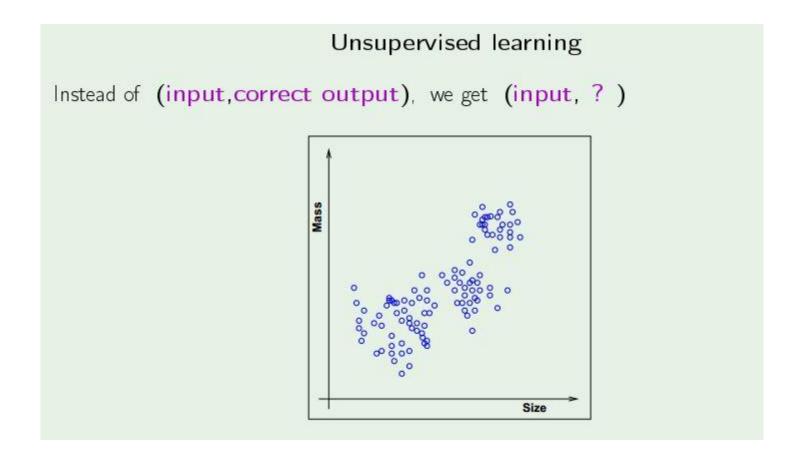
### Basic premise of learning

"using a set of observations to uncover an underlying process"

broad premise ⇒ many variations

- Supervised Learning
- Unsupervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning





### Reinforcement learning

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Instead of (input,correct output), we get (input,some output,grade for this output)
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- Multilayer Perceptron Neural Networks (MLP)
- Radial Basis Function Networks (RBFN)
- Support Vector Machines (SVMs)
- Single Decision Tree (SDT)
- Decision Tree Forests (DTF)
- Deep Learning
- Transfer Learning

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# Biologically Inspired Learning Algorithms for Classification

- Mathematical optimization is the selection of the best solution from an available set of alternatives.
- Optimization functions are generally
  - a) Convex function having unique minimum and hence converge faster
  - b) Non Convex function having many local minima and hence stuck in local minima without converging to global minima
- The following statements are true about the convex minimization problem:
  - a) if a local minimum exists, then it is a global minimum.
  - b) the set of all (global) minima is convex.
  - c) for each strictly convex function, if the function has a minimum, then the minimum is unique.
- Global Optimization is a NP complete problem and heuristic approaches like Genetic Algorithms (GA), Particle Swarm Optimization and Simulated Annealing have been used to provide near optimum solutions for non-convex optimization problems.
- Some of the existing biologically inspired optimization algorithms are:
  - a) Genetic Algorithm (GA)
  - b) Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)
  - c) Bee Colony Optimization (BCO)



My Inspirational Research Quote for ever is: "It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong"