

Supervised learning

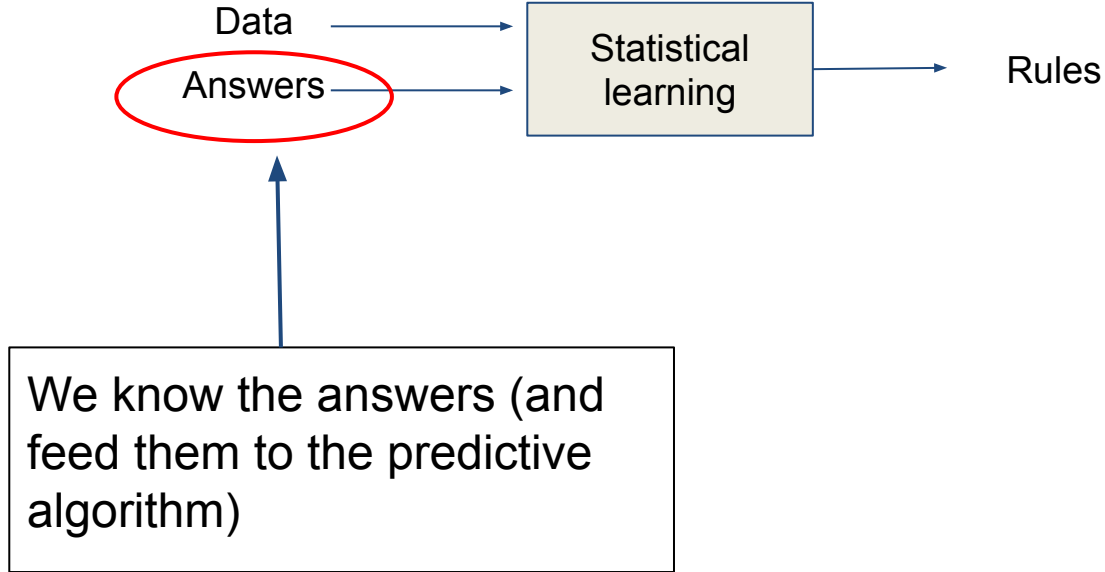
Train the learners

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Supervised learning problems



Why supervised?

Training examples

measured variables / features
on n examples

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labels / target
variables (e.g.
phenotypes) on n
examples



Unsupervised learning

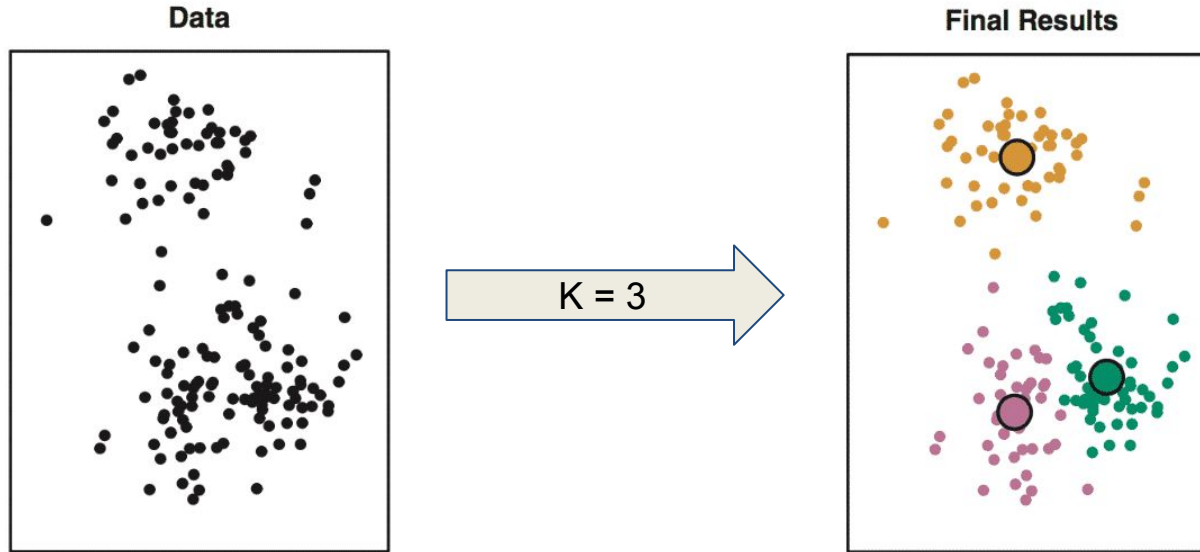
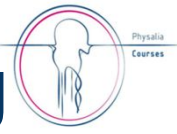
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Unsupervised example: K-means clustering



source:
<https://www.iotforall.com/machine-learning-crash-course-unsupervised-learning>

Supervised learning: Regression and classification

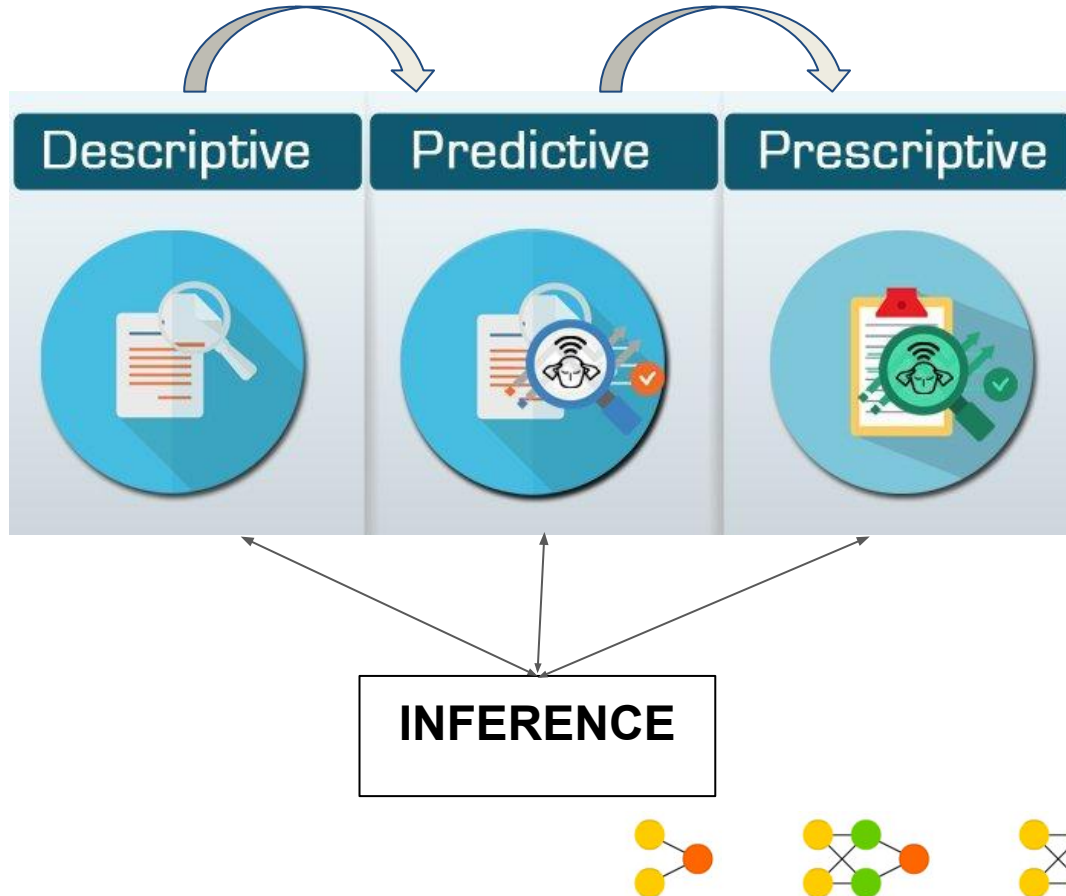


Supervised learning problems

- Regression (**predictive**) problems
- Classification (**predictive**) problems

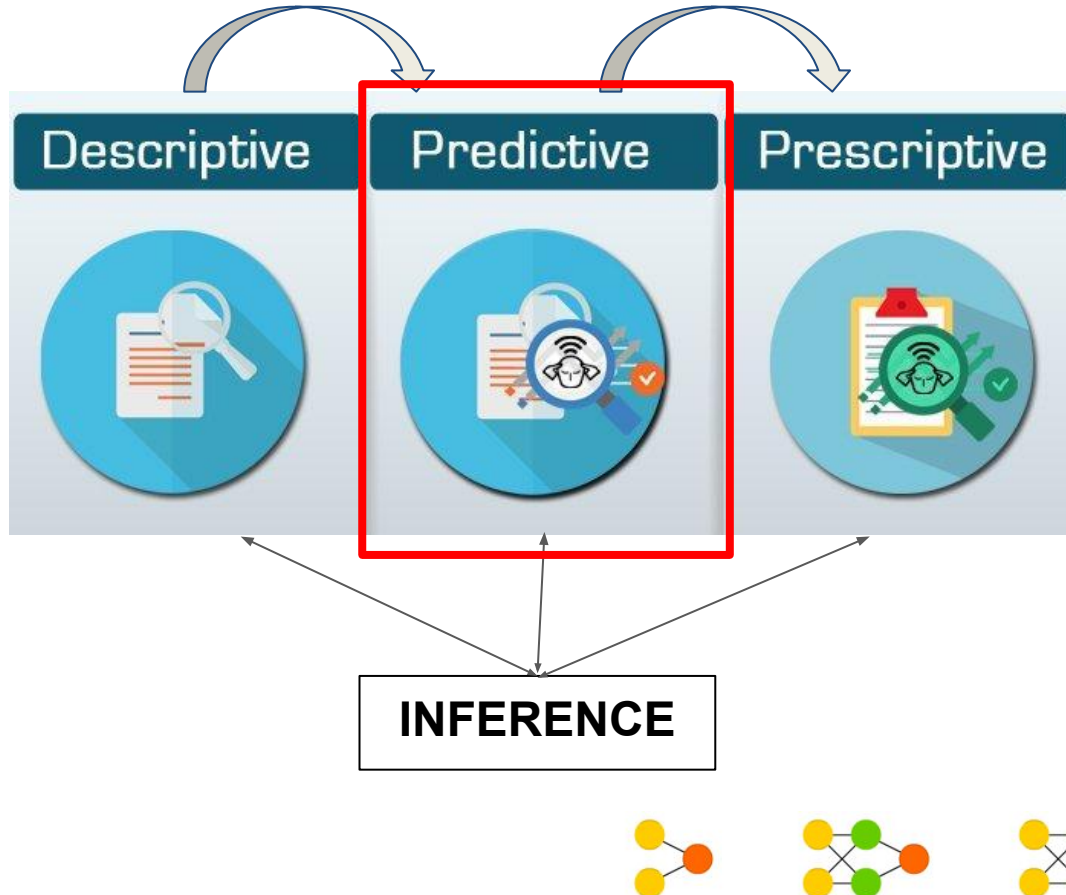


Supervised learning problems



- Know the past
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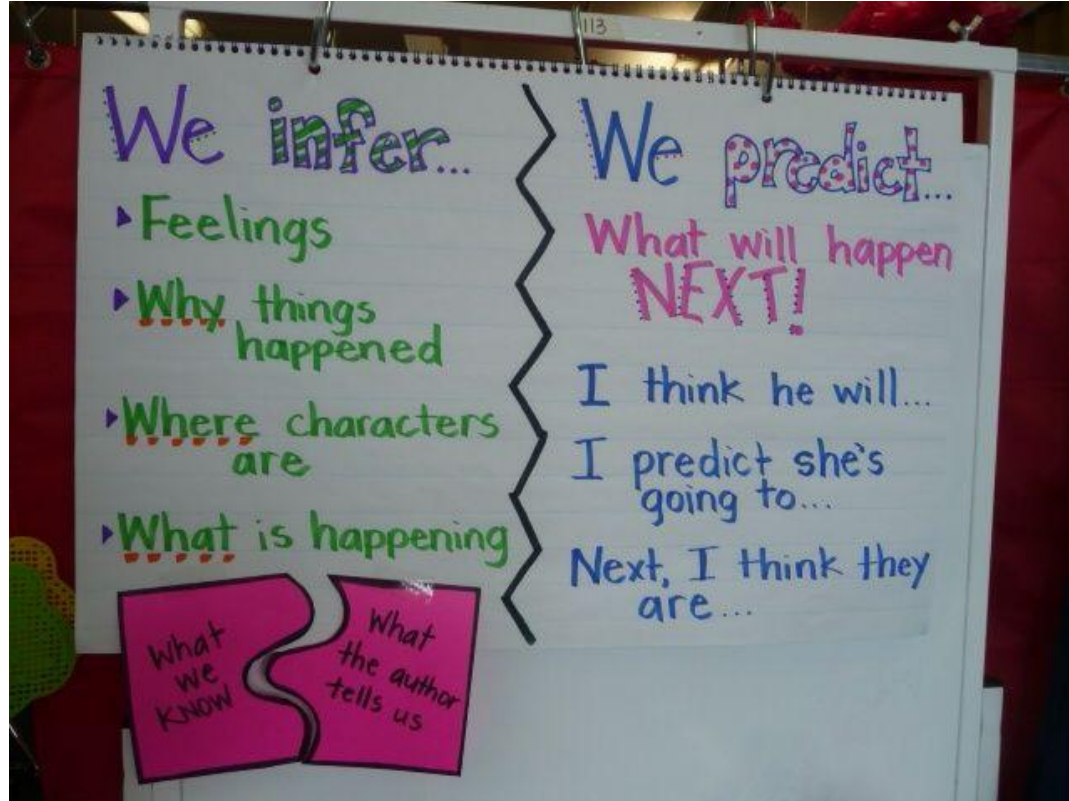
Supervised learning problems



- Know the past
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- Act consequently

- A catch-all term
- Can be confusing

Inference vs Prediction



- different statistical problems
- different objectives, different rules ... different ballparks
- inference is in general more difficult than prediction



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Predictive machines!

- Classifiers
- Regressors



source:

<https://blog.bigml.com/2013/03/12/machine-learning-from-streaming-data-two-problems-two-solutions-two-concerns-and-two-lessons/>

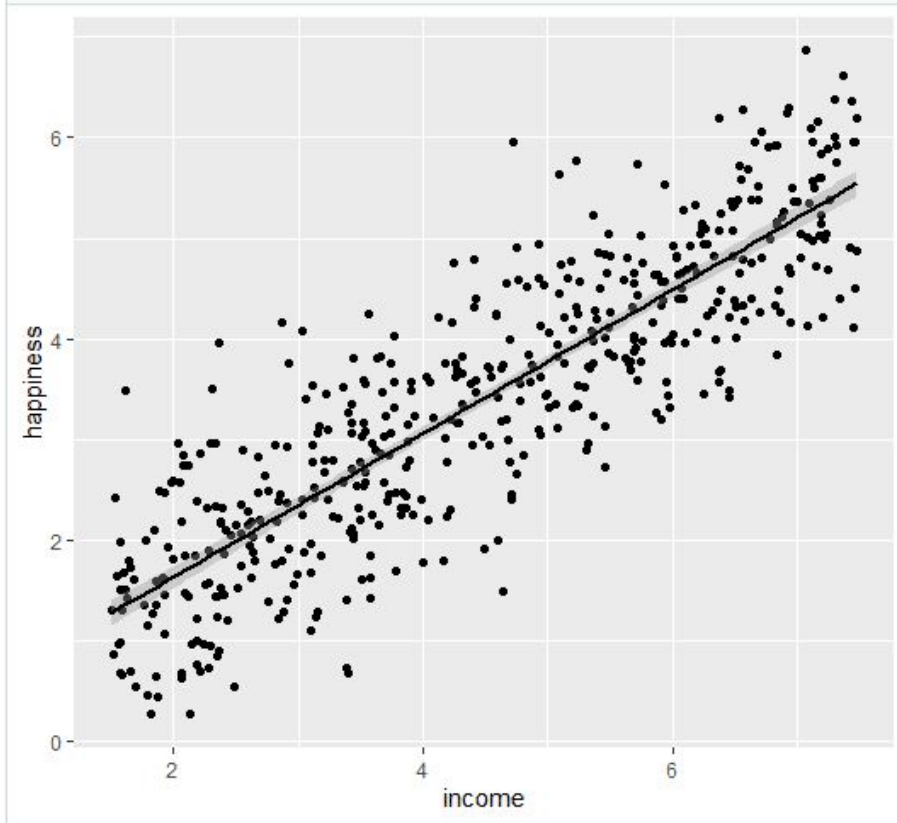
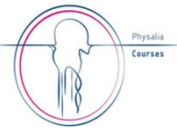


Regression problems

- the response variable **y** is **quantitative**
- e.g.: *height, weight, yield (milk, crops), blood sugar concentration*
- **y** = **target** (dependent) variable (a.k.a. response, objective variable)
- **X** = matrix of **features** (continuous, categorical)
- **regressor**: $y = f(x) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}) \leftarrow$ [predictive machine]



Regression problems - simple regression



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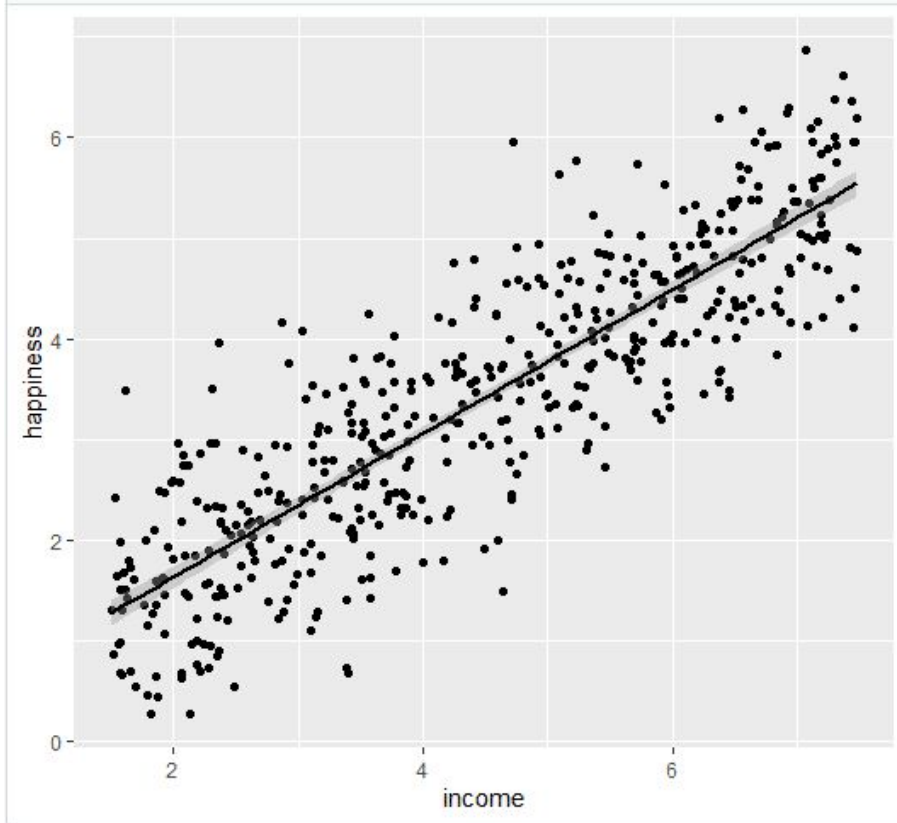
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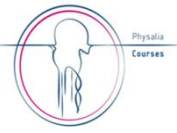
cause → effect?

1. Can we predict backwards?
2. Can we make predictions if there is no cause-effect relationship?

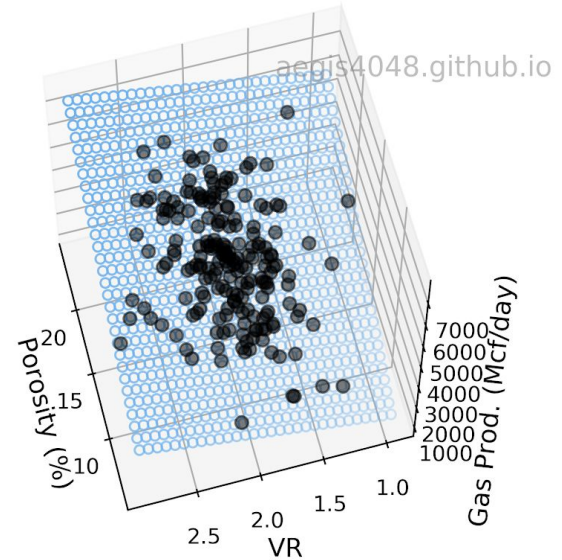
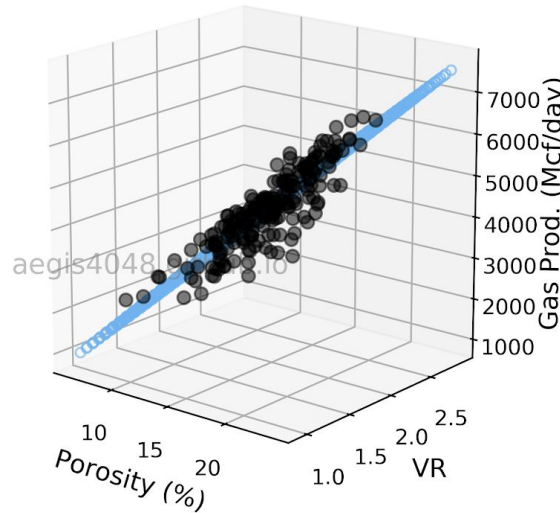
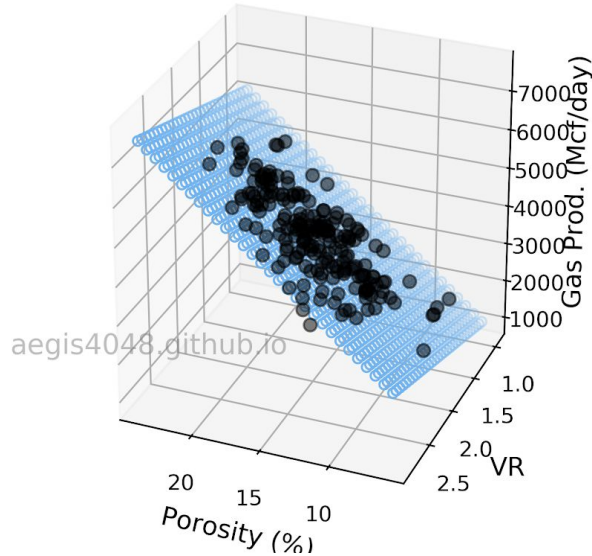
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Regression problems - multiple regression



$$R^2 = 0.79$$



- Gas production
- Well porosity %
- Vitrinite reflectance %

Source: https://aegis4048.github.io/mutiple_linear_regression_and_visualization_in_python



Multiple linear regression

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$

- y : target variable
- β 's: model coefficients
- X 's: features (predictors, independent variables, factors)



Multiple linear regression

$$\mathbf{y} = \beta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{e}$$

- matrix (compact) notation
- vectors of observations (\mathbf{y}), coefficients (β) and residuals (\mathbf{e})
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Multiple linear regression

$$\mathbf{y} = \beta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{e}$$

estimation of
coefficients
(learning!)

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\beta} \mathbf{X}$$

→ predictions!

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→ **how do we obtain the model coefficients β ?**



Supervised learning recap

- **deep learning** is one of many methods that can be used to solve supervised learning problems
- deep learning is mainly used in **predictive problems**
- (could be used though also for inferential problems and for unsupervised learning)
- we'll see later how to use deep learning to solve linear regression

