

# Supervised Learning

## Deep Dive

From Linear Regression to Decision Trees

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# Learning Goals

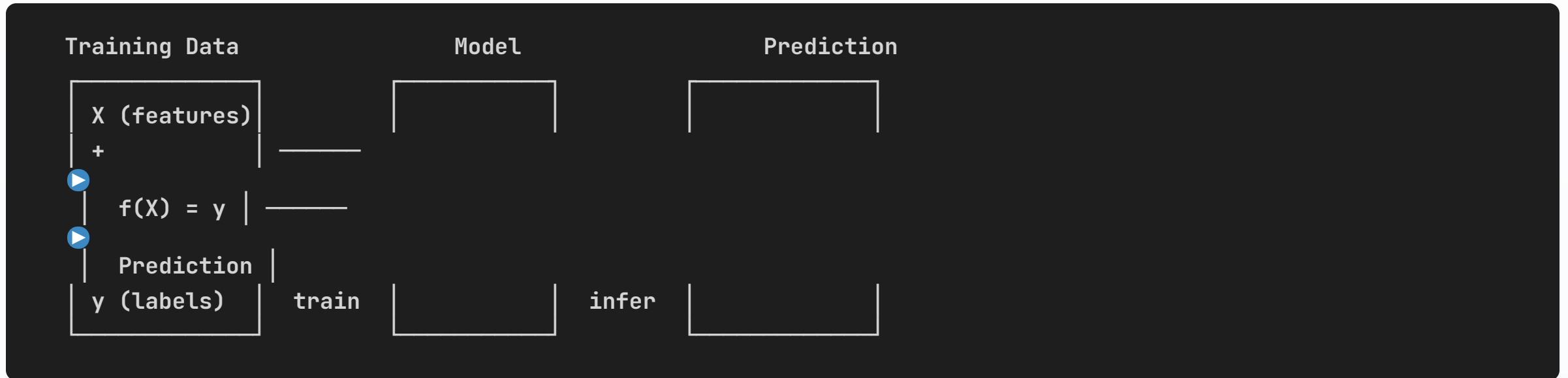
By the end of this lecture, you will:

Goal	What You'll Learn
<b>Understand</b>	How 4 core ML algorithms work
<b>Implement</b>	Linear/Logistic Regression, Trees, K-NN
<b>Evaluate</b>	Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1, MSE, $R^2$
<b>Choose</b>	Which algorithm for which problem
<b>Interpret</b>	Model outputs and predictions

# Recap: Supervised Learning

**Input:** Features (X) + Labels (y)

**Goal:** Learn function  $f$  where  $f(X) \approx y$



# Two Types of Supervised Learning

If y is...	Task	Output	Example
Category	Classification	Class label	Spam or Not
Number	Regression	Continuous value	House Price

The **type of label** determines the **type of problem**.

# Today's Algorithm Menu

Algorithm	Type	Key Idea	Best For
Linear Regression	Regression	Fit a line	Linear relationships
Logistic Regression	Classification	Probability + threshold	Binary classification
Decision Trees	Both	If-then rules	Interpretable models
K-Nearest Neighbors	Both	Vote by neighbors	Simple patterns

# Part 1: Linear Regression

The Line of Best Fit

# The Simplest ML Model

**Question:** Given house size, predict price?

Size (sqft)	Price (₹ lakhs)
1000	40
1500	60
2000	80
2500	100

**What would a 1750 sqft house cost?**

# Spotting the Pattern



**Observation:** Points fall on a line!  $\text{Price} = 0.04 \times \text{Size}$



# Linear Regression: The Idea

Find the **best fitting line** through the data.

$$\hat{y} = wx + b$$

Symbol	Name	Meaning	Example
$x$	Input	Feature value	1500 sqft
$\hat{y}$	Output	Predicted value	₹60 lakhs
$w$	Weight	Slope (sensitivity)	0.04
$b$	Bias	Intercept (baseline)	0

# The Slope Intuition

What does the slope ( $w$ ) mean?

$w = 0.04$	Interpretation
Per unit change in $x$	$y$ changes by $w$
+100 sqft	+₹4 lakhs
+500 sqft	+₹20 lakhs

**The weight tells you sensitivity:** How much does output change when input changes?

# The Intercept Intuition

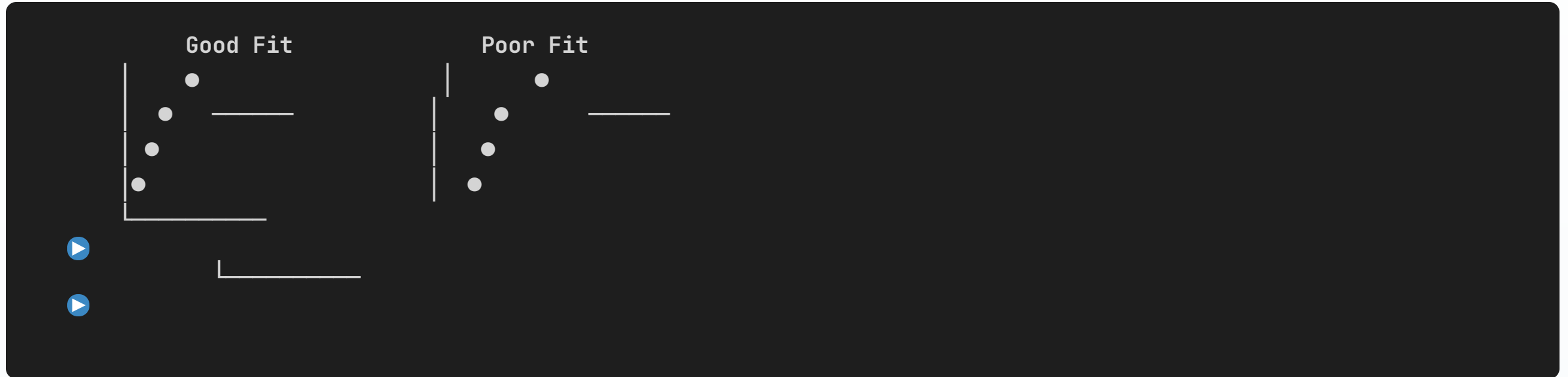
What does the bias (b) mean?

b = 0	b = 10
0 sqft → ₹0	0 sqft → ₹10 lakhs
Line passes through origin	Line shifted up by 10

**Real-world:** Intercept captures the "baseline" - minimum cost regardless of size (land, permits, etc.)

# What is "Best Fitting"?

**Problem:** Many lines can pass through/near the points.



**Question:** How do we define "best"?

# Measuring Error: Residuals

**Residual** = Actual - Predicted =  $y - \hat{y}$



**Goal:** Make residuals as small as possible!

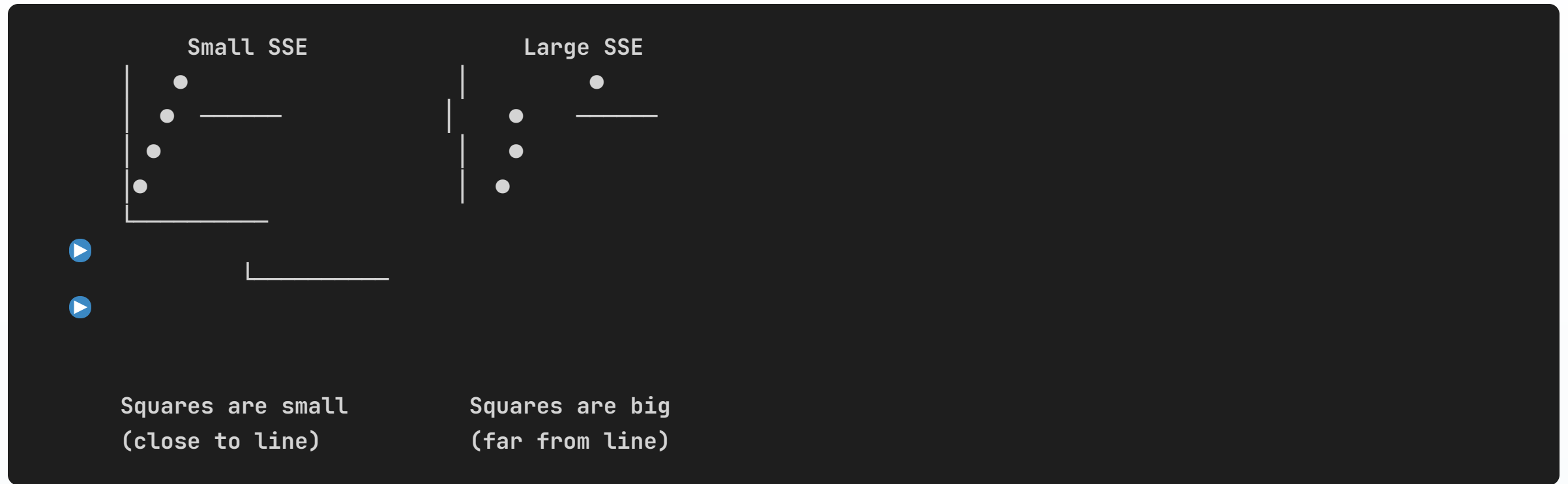
# Why Squared Errors?

We minimize **Sum of Squared Errors (SSE)**:

$$\text{SSE} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Property	Why It Helps
<b>Always positive</b>	Errors don't cancel (+3 and -3)
<b>Penalizes big errors</b>	Error of 10 costs 100, not 10
<b>Differentiable</b>	Can use calculus to find minimum
<b>Closed-form solution</b>	Can solve directly with math

# Visualizing SSE



Best line minimizes total area of squares!

# Finding the Best Line

The math (don't memorize!):

$$w = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$
$$b = \bar{y} - w\bar{x}$$

Term	Meaning
$\bar{x}$	Mean of all x values
$\bar{y}$	Mean of all y values

sklearn does this for you automatically!



# Linear Regression in sklearn

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
import numpy as np

# Data: Size (sqft) → Price (lakhs)
X = np.array([[1000], [1500], [2000], [2500]])
y = np.array([40, 60, 80, 100])

# Create and train model
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X, y)

# Predict
model.predict([[1750]]) # → 70.0 (₹70 lakhs)
```

# Understanding the Learned Model

```
print(f"Weight (w): {model.coef_[0]}")      # 0.04
print(f"Intercept (b): {model.intercept_}") # 0.0

# The learned equation:
# Price = 0.04 × Size + 0
# For 1750 sqft: 0.04 × 1750 = ₹70 lakhs
```

Attribute	Meaning	Value
<code>model.coef_</code>	Weights (one per feature)	[0.04]
<code>model.intercept_</code>	Bias term	0.0

# Multiple Features

What if we have more than one feature?

$$\hat{y} = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + b$$

```
# Features: [sqft, bedrooms, bathrooms]
X = [[1500, 3, 2],
      [2000, 4, 3],
      [1200, 2, 1],
      [1800, 3, 2]]
y = [60, 90, 45, 75]

model.fit(X, y)
print(model.coef_) # → [w_sqft, w_beds, w_baths]
```

# Interpreting Multiple Weights

```
# Example output:  
# coef_ = [0.03, 5.0, 8.0]  
# intercept_ = -10
```

Feature	Weight	Interpretation
sqft	0.03	+100 sqft → +₹3 lakhs
bedrooms	5.0	+1 bedroom → +₹5 lakhs
bathrooms	8.0	+1 bathroom → +₹8 lakhs

Each weight shows feature's contribution to price!

# When Linear Regression Works

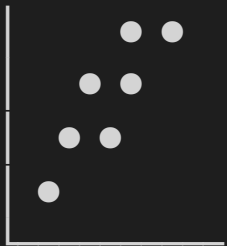
Scenario	Works?	Why
Linear relationship	✓	Points follow a line
Continuous target	✓	Predicting real numbers
Independent features	✓	No multicollinearity



Works Well



Doesn't Work



Linear pattern

Curved pattern

# When Linear Regression Fails

Problem	Example	Solution
<b>Curved patterns</b>	Diminishing returns	Polynomial features
<b>Outliers</b>	One mansion in data	Robust regression
<b>Discrete targets</b>	Pass/Fail	Use classification
<b>Non-linear relationships</b>	Complex interactions	Trees, Neural Nets

# Polynomial Features

For curved relationships:

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
```

```
# Original: [x]
```

```
# After poly(degree=2): [1, x, x2]
```

```
poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=2)
```

```
X_poly = poly.fit_transform(X)
```

```
model = LinearRegression()
```

```
model.fit(X_poly, y) # Now fits curves!
```

# Part 2: Logistic Regression

Predicting Categories



# The Classification Problem

**Question:** Given email features, is it spam?

num_exclamations	has_FREE	contains_offer	is_spam
5	Yes	Yes	✓ Spam
0	No	No	✗ Not Spam
3	Yes	Yes	✓ Spam
1	No	No	✗ Not Spam

**Output is a category, not a number!**

# Why Not Linear Regression?

**Problem:** Linear regression predicts any number ( $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ )

Linear Regression Output:

-2.5, -1.0, 0.3, 0.7, 1.5, 2.8, ...

But we need:

0 (not spam) or 1 (spam)

Issue	Example
Predictions outside [0,1]	"Probability = 1.5" ✗
No clear decision boundary	When to say spam?

# The Sigmoid Function

**Solution:** Squash any number to range (0, 1)

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Input (z)	Output $\sigma(z)$	Interpretation
-10	0.00005	Very low probability
-2	0.12	Low probability
0	0.50	50-50
+2	0.88	High probability
+10	0.99995	Very high probability

# Sigmoid Visualization



# Logistic Regression Model

$$P(\text{spam}|x) = \sigma(wx + b) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(wx+b)}}$$

Two-step process:

Step	Operation	Example
1. Linear	$z = wx + b$	$z = 0.5 \times 5 + (-1) = 1.5$
2. Sigmoid	$P = \sigma(z)$	$P = \sigma(1.5) = 0.82$

**Output:** 82% probability of spam

# The Decision Rule

**Threshold:** Usually 0.5

If $P(\text{spam})$	Decision
$> 0.5$	Predict SPAM
$\leq 0.5$	Predict NOT SPAM



# Logistic Regression in sklearn

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

# Data: [num_exclamations, has_FREE]
X = [[5, 1], [0, 0], [3, 1], [1, 0], [4, 1], [0, 0]]
y = [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0] # 1=spam, 0=not spam

# Train
model = LogisticRegression()
model.fit(X, y)

# Predict class
model.predict([[4, 1]]) # → [1] (spam)

# Predict probability
model.predict_proba([[4, 1]]) # → [[0.12, 0.88]]
#                               [P(not spam), P(spam)]
```

# Understanding predict\_proba

```
probs = model.predict_proba([[4, 1]])  
# → [[0.12, 0.88]]  
  
print(f"P(not spam) = {probs[0][0]:.2f}") # 0.12  
print(f"P(spam) = {probs[0][1]:.2f}")     # 0.88
```

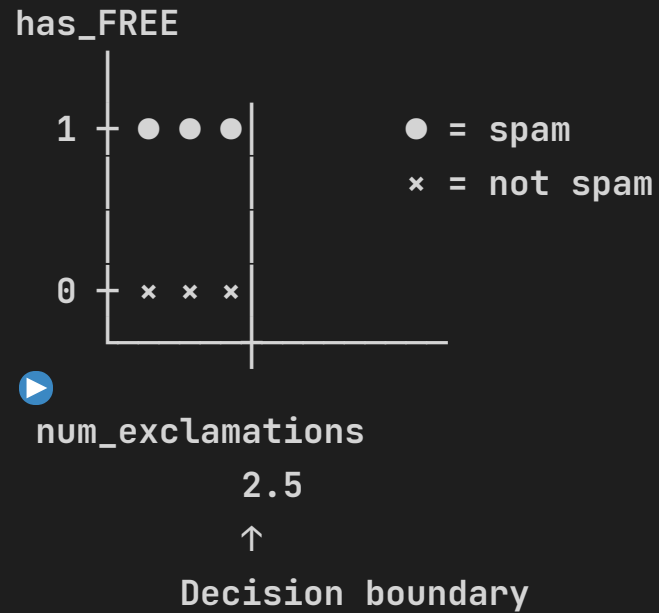
Class	Index	Probability
Not Spam (0)	probs[0][0]	12%
Spam (1)	probs[0][1]	88%

**Always sums to 1.0!**



# Decision Boundary

Logistic regression learns a **linear decision boundary**:



**Where:**  $w x + b = 0$  ( $P = 0.5$ )

# Interpreting Weights

```
print(f"Weights: {model.coef_}")      # [[0.8, 2.1]]  
print(f"Intercept: {model.intercept_}") # [-1.5]
```

Feature	Weight	Effect on P(spam)
num_exclamations	0.8	More ! → Higher spam prob
has_FREE	2.1	"FREE" present → Much higher spam prob

**Positive weight → increases spam probability**

**Negative weight → decreases spam probability**

# Multi-class Classification

What if more than 2 classes? (dog, cat, bird)

```
model = LogisticRegression(multi_class='multinomial')
model.fit(X, y)

# predict_proba gives probability for each class
probs = model.predict_proba([[features]])
# → [[0.1, 0.7, 0.2]] = [P(dog), P(cat), P(bird)]
```

**Softmax:** Generalizes sigmoid to multiple classes.

# Logistic vs Linear Regression

Aspect	Linear Regression	Logistic Regression
<b>Output</b>	Any number	Probability [0, 1]
<b>Task</b>	Regression	Classification
<b>Loss function</b>	MSE	Cross - entropy
<b>Decision</b>	Direct value	Threshold

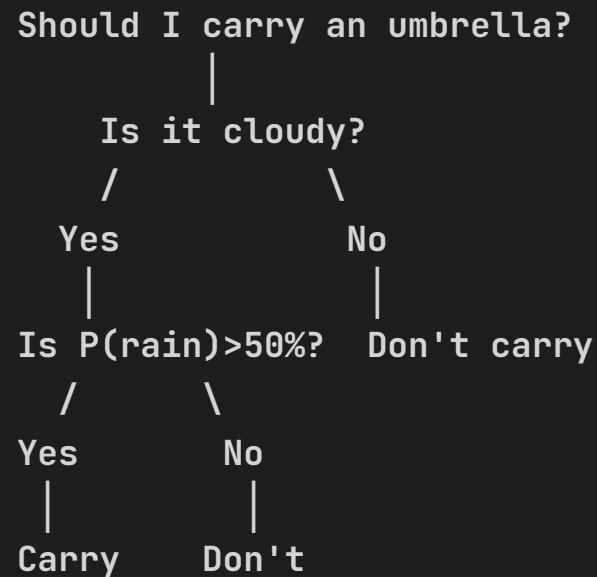
Despite the name, Logistic Regression is for **classification**, not regression!

# Part 3: Decision Trees

Rule-Based Learning

# The Most Intuitive Model

How humans make decisions:



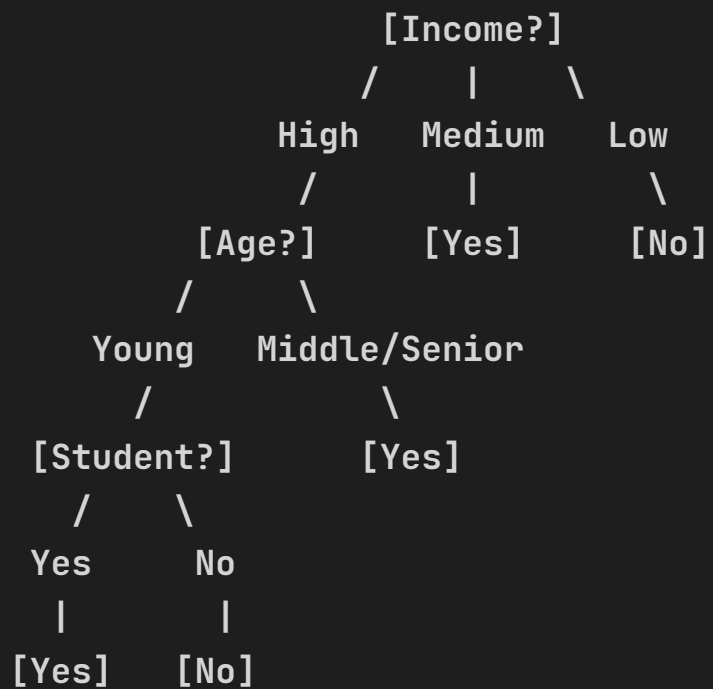
Decision Trees learn these rules from data!

# A Real Example

**Task:** Predict if someone will buy a product

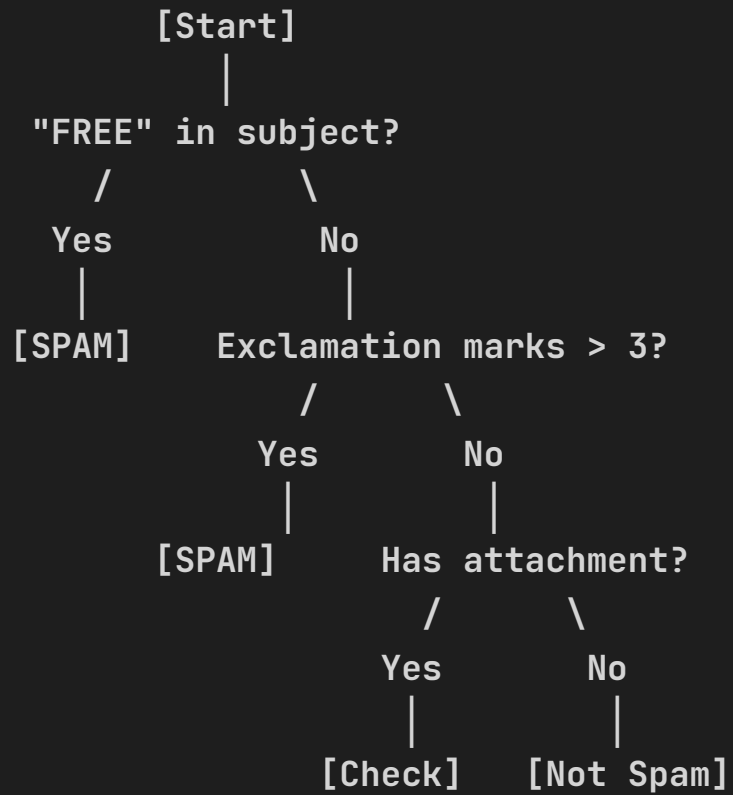
Age	Income	Student	Buys
Young	High	No	No
Young	High	Yes	Yes
Middle	High	No	Yes
Senior	Medium	No	Yes
Senior	Low	Yes	No

# The Learned Tree





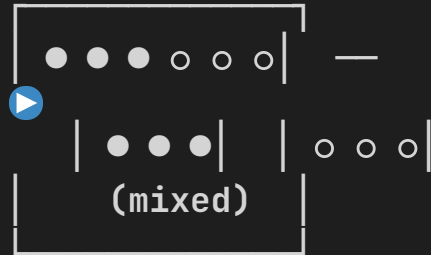
# Decision Tree for Email Spam



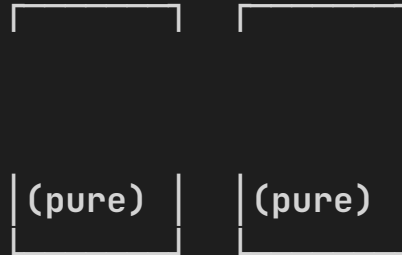
# How Trees Learn: The Key Question

**At each node:** Which feature creates the "purest" split?

Before Split:



After Split (Good):



After Split (Bad):



# Measuring Purity: Gini Impurity

$$\text{Gini} = 1 - \sum_i p_i^2$$

Node Composition	Gini	Purity
All same class (100% A)	0.0	Perfect
90% A, 10% B	0.18	Very pure
50% A, 50% B	0.50	Maximum impurity

**Lower Gini = Better split!**

# Example: Calculating Gini

Node with 8 spam, 2 not-spam:

$$\text{Gini} = 1 - (0.8)^2 - (0.2)^2 = 1 - 0.64 - 0.04 = 0.32$$

Node with 5 spam, 5 not-spam:

$$\text{Gini} = 1 - (0.5)^2 - (0.5)^2 = 1 - 0.25 - 0.25 = 0.50$$

First node is purer!

# Information Gain (Alternative)

$$\text{Entropy} = - \sum_i p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

Concept	Intuition
Entropy	Surprise/uncertainty in data
Information Gain	Reduction in entropy after split

**Higher Information Gain = Better split!**

# Decision Tree in sklearn

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

# Data
X = [[5, 1], [0, 0], [3, 1], [1, 0], [4, 1], [2, 0]]
y = [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0] # spam or not

# Train
model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=3)
model.fit(X, y)

# Predict
model.predict([[4, 1]]) # → [1] (spam)
```

# Visualizing the Tree

```
from sklearn.tree import plot_tree
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
plot_tree(model,
          feature_names=['num_exclaim', 'has_FREE'],
          class_names=['Not Spam', 'Spam'],
          filled=True,      # Color by class
          rounded=True,     # Rounded boxes
          fontsize=12)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('tree_visualization.png')
```

# Feature Importance

```
# Which features matter most?
importance = model.feature_importances_

for name, imp in zip(['num_exclain', 'has_FREE'], importance):
    print(f"{name}: {imp:.3f}")

# Output:
# num_exclain: 0.35
# has_FREE: 0.65 ← More important!
```

Higher value = Feature used more in splits



# Trees for Regression

**DecisionTreeRegressor:** Predict numbers

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor

# Predict house prices
model = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=4)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Prediction = average of leaf node examples
predictions = model.predict(X_test)
```

**Leaf prediction = mean of training samples in that leaf**

# The Overfitting Problem

Shallow Tree (max\_depth=2)

May miss patterns  
(underfitting)

Simple rules

Training accuracy: 75%

Test accuracy: 73%

Deep Tree (max\_depth=10)

Memorizes training  
data (overfitting)

Complex rules

Training accuracy: 100%

Test accuracy: 60% ← Bad!

# Controlling Tree Complexity

```
model = DecisionTreeClassifier(  
    max_depth=5,          # Maximum depth of tree  
    min_samples_leaf=10,  # Minimum samples per leaf  
    min_samples_split=20, # Minimum samples to split  
    max_features='sqrt',  # Features to consider per split  
)
```

Parameter	Effect of Increasing
<code>max_depth</code>	More complex, more overfitting risk
<code>min_samples_leaf</code>	Simpler, less overfitting
<code>min_samples_split</code>	Fewer splits, simpler tree

# Tree Pros and Cons

## Pros

- Easy to understand/explain
- No feature scaling needed
- Handles non-linear patterns
- Works with categorical data
- Shows feature importance

## Cons

- Prone to overfitting
- Unstable (small data changes → different tree)
- Not smooth predictions
- Biased toward high-cardinality features
- Greedy (may miss global optimum)

# Part 4: K-Nearest Neighbors

Learning by Similarity

# The Simplest Idea

"You are the average of your friends"

To predict for a new point:

1. Find the K closest training examples
2. For classification: Vote (majority wins)
3. For regression: Average

No explicit training - just store the data!

# K-NN Visualization (K=3)

Class A: ●    Class B: ×    New point: ?



← 3 nearest: 2× and 1●



Vote: 2 × vs 1 ● → Predict Class B (×)

# Distance Matters

Euclidean Distance (most common):

$$d(a, b) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

Distance Type	Formula	Best For
Euclidean	$\sqrt{\sum (a_i - b_i)^2}$	Continuous features
Manhattan	$\sum  a_i - b_i $	Grid-like data
Cosine	$1 - \cos(\theta)$	Text, high-dimensional



# K-NN in sklearn

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

# "Training" (just stores the data!)
model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Prediction (finds 5 nearest, votes)
predictions = model.predict(X_test)

# Can also get probabilities
probs = model.predict_proba(X_test)
```

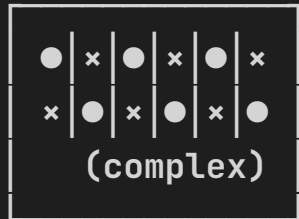
# Choosing K

K Value	Behavior	Trade - off
K=1	Use single nearest	Very sensitive to noise
K=3 - 5	Small neighborhood	Often works well
K=sqrt(n)	Rule of thumb	Balanced
K=large	Big neighborhood	Might miss local patterns

**Use odd K for binary classification to avoid ties!**

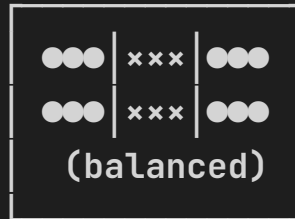
# Effect of K

K = 1 (Noisy)



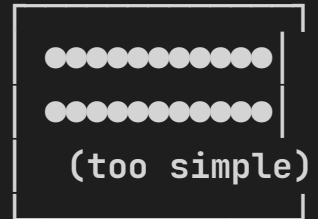
Follows every point

K = 5 (Smooth)



Smooth boundary

K = 100 (Too Smooth)



Almost constant

# K-NN for Regression

Instead of voting, take the average:

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor

model = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=5)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Prediction = average of 5 nearest neighbors' values
# If neighbors have prices: [50, 55, 60, 52, 58]
# Prediction = mean([50, 55, 60, 52, 58]) = 55
```

# Feature Scaling is Critical!

**Problem:** Features with larger range dominate distance.

```
# Without scaling:  
# Feature 1: Age (20-80)  
# Feature 2: Income (20000-200000)  
  
# Distance dominated by Income!  
# Age difference of 60 vs Income difference of 180000
```

**Solution:** Always scale features for K-NN!

# Scaling in Practice

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

# Scale features to mean=0, std=1
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test) # Use same scaler!

# Now use K-NN
model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)
model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
predictions = model.predict(X_test_scaled)
```

# K-NN Pros and Cons

## Pros

- No training time (lazy learning)
- Simple to understand
- No assumptions about data
- Works for any number of classes
- Naturally handles multi-class

## Cons

- Slow prediction ( $O(n)$  per query)
- Memory intensive (store all data)
- Sensitive to feature scaling
- Curse of dimensionality
- Sensitive to irrelevant features

# The Curse of Dimensionality

**Problem:** In high dimensions, "nearest" becomes meaningless.

Dimensions	Volume of unit cube
1D	1
2D	1
10D	1
100D	1

**But!** Points spread out exponentially. Need exponentially more data!



# Part 5: Evaluation Metrics

Measuring Model Performance

# The Golden Rule

Always evaluate on data the model has never seen!

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y,
    test_size=0.2,      # 20% for testing
    random_state=42     # Reproducibility
)

# Train ONLY on training data
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Evaluate ONLY on test data
score = model.score(X_test, y_test)
```

# Classification Metric: Accuracy

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Predictions}}$$

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

predictions = model.predict(X_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy:.1%}") # e.g., 95.0%
```

Correct	Total	Accuracy
95	100	95%

# The Accuracy Trap

**Scenario:** Detecting rare disease (1% of population)

Model	Strategy	Accuracy
Dumb	Always predict "Healthy"	99%
Smart	Tries to detect disease	95%

The "dumb" model has 99% accuracy but **misses ALL sick patients!**

Accuracy is misleading for imbalanced data.

# The Confusion Matrix

	Predicted Negative	Predicted Positive
Actual Negative	True Negative (TN)	False Positive (FP)
Actual Positive	False Negative (FN)	True Positive (TP)

```
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix

cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
print(cm)
# [[TN, FP],
#  [FN, TP]]
```

# Confusion Matrix Example

## Spam Detection (100 emails):

	Pred: Not Spam	Pred: Spam
Actual: Not Spam	85 (TN)	5 (FP)
Actual: Spam	2 (FN)	8 (TP)

Outcome	Meaning	Count
TN	Correctly said "not spam"	85
FP	Wrong! Said spam (was normal)	5
FN	Missed spam!	2
TP	Correctly caught spam	8

# Precision: "Of my positive predictions..."

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

"Of the emails I marked as spam, how many were actually spam?"

Predicted Spam	Actually Spam	Precision
13	8	8/13 = 62%

High precision = Few false alarms

# Recall: "Of actual positives..."

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

"Of all the actual spam, how many did I catch?"

Actual Spam	Caught	Recall
10	8	8/10 = 80%

High recall = Few missed positives



# Precision vs Recall Trade-off

Scenario	Priority	Favor
<b>Spam Filter</b>	Don't lose important emails	Precision
<b>Cancer Screening</b>	Don't miss any cancer	Recall
<b>Fraud Detection</b>	Don't miss fraud	Recall
<b>Search Results</b>	Show relevant results	Precision

There's usually a trade-off: Increasing one often decreases the other!

# F1 Score: The Balance

Harmonic mean of precision and recall:

$$F1 = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Precision	Recall	F1 Score
0.90	0.90	0.90
0.95	0.50	0.65
0.50	0.95	0.65
0.00	1.00	0.00

F1 penalizes extreme imbalance!

# All Metrics in Python

```
from sklearn.metrics import (  
    accuracy_score,  
    precision_score,  
    recall_score,  
    f1_score,  
    confusion_matrix  
)  
  
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, pred):.2f}")  
print(f"Precision: {precision_score(y_test, pred):.2f}")  
print(f"Recall: {recall_score(y_test, pred):.2f}")  
print(f"F1: {f1_score(y_test, pred):.2f}")
```

# Classification Report

```
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
class 0	0.95	0.98	0.97	85
class 1	0.80	0.62	0.70	15
accuracy			0.93	100
macro avg	0.88	0.80	0.83	100
weighted avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	100

# Regression Metrics: MSE

## Mean Squared Error:

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

```
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, predictions)
print(f"MSE: {mse:.2f}") # e.g., 2500.0
```

Interpretation	Issue
Average squared error	Units are squared ( $\text{€}^2$ )

# RMSE: Interpretable Error

Root Mean Squared Error:

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\text{MSE}}$$

```
import numpy as np

rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, predictions))
print(f"RMSE: ₹{rmse:.2f} lakhs") # e.g., ₹50.0 lakhs
```

RMSE has same units as target - interpretable!

"On average, our predictions are off by ₹50 lakhs"

# R<sup>2</sup> Score: Explained Variance

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

R <sup>2</sup> Value	Interpretation
1.0	Perfect predictions
0.8 - 0.9	Good model
0.5 - 0.8	Moderate
0.0	Same as predicting mean
< 0	Worse than predicting mean

# R<sup>2</sup> in Python

```
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score

r2 = r2_score(y_test, predictions)
print(f"R2 Score: {r2:.3f}") # e.g., 0.856

# Interpretation:
# "Our model explains 85.6% of the variance in prices"
```



# Metrics Summary Table

Task	Metric	When to Use	Range
Classification	Accuracy	Balanced classes	[0, 1]
Classification	Precision	FP costly	[0, 1]
Classification	Recall	FN costly	[0, 1]
Classification	F1	Balance P/R	[0, 1]
Regression	MSE	General	[0, $\infty$ )
Regression	RMSE	Interpretable	[0, $\infty$ )
Regression	R <sup>2</sup>	Compare models	( $-\infty$ , 1]

# Complete Workflow

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

# 1. Split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# 2. Train
model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=5)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# 3. Predict
predictions = model.predict(X_test)

# 4. Evaluate
print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
```

# Algorithm Comparison

Choosing the Right Tool

# When to Use What?

Scenario	Recommended
Linear relationship, predict number	Linear Regression
Binary classification	Logistic Regression
Need interpretable rules	Decision Tree
Similar items should predict similarly	K-NN
High - dimensional data	Logistic Regression
Non - linear patterns	Decision Tree

# Comparison Table

Aspect	Linear Reg	Logistic Reg	Tree	K-NN
Task	Regression	Classification	Both	Both
Scaling needed	No	No	No	Yes
Interpretable	Yes	Somewhat	Very	Somewhat
Training speed	Fast	Fast	Fast	None
Prediction speed	Fast	Fast	Fast	Slow
Handles non-linear	No	No	Yes	Yes

# Key Takeaways

1. **Linear Regression:** Fit a line, minimize squared error, predict numbers
2. **Logistic Regression:** Sigmoid for probability, threshold for decision
3. **Decision Trees:** If-then rules, prone to overfitting, very interpretable
4. **K-NN:** Predict by neighbors, no training, scale features!
5. **Metrics:** Accuracy isn't everything - precision/recall matter for imbalanced data

# You Now Know 4 Algorithms!

Next: Model Selection & Ensembles

**Lab:** Implement these algorithms on real datasets

*"All models are wrong, but some are useful."*

— George Box

Questions?