



## Why

It is natural to want to infer a relation which is consistent with the dataset.

## Definition

Let  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  be a dataset in  $X \times Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the set of all relations on  $X \times Y$ .

A *consistent inductor*  $\{G_n : (X \times Y)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}\}_n$  is one for which, for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , for all  $D_n \in (X \times Y)^n$ ,  $D$  is consistent with  $G_n(D_n)$ . In other words, a consistent inductor always produces a relation with which the dataset is consistent.

The interpretation follows. Fix a relation  $R^*$ . And let every dataset “shown” to the algorithm  $G_n$  be constructed by selecting elements from  $R^*$ . In other words, every dataset is a sequence in  $R^*$ .



