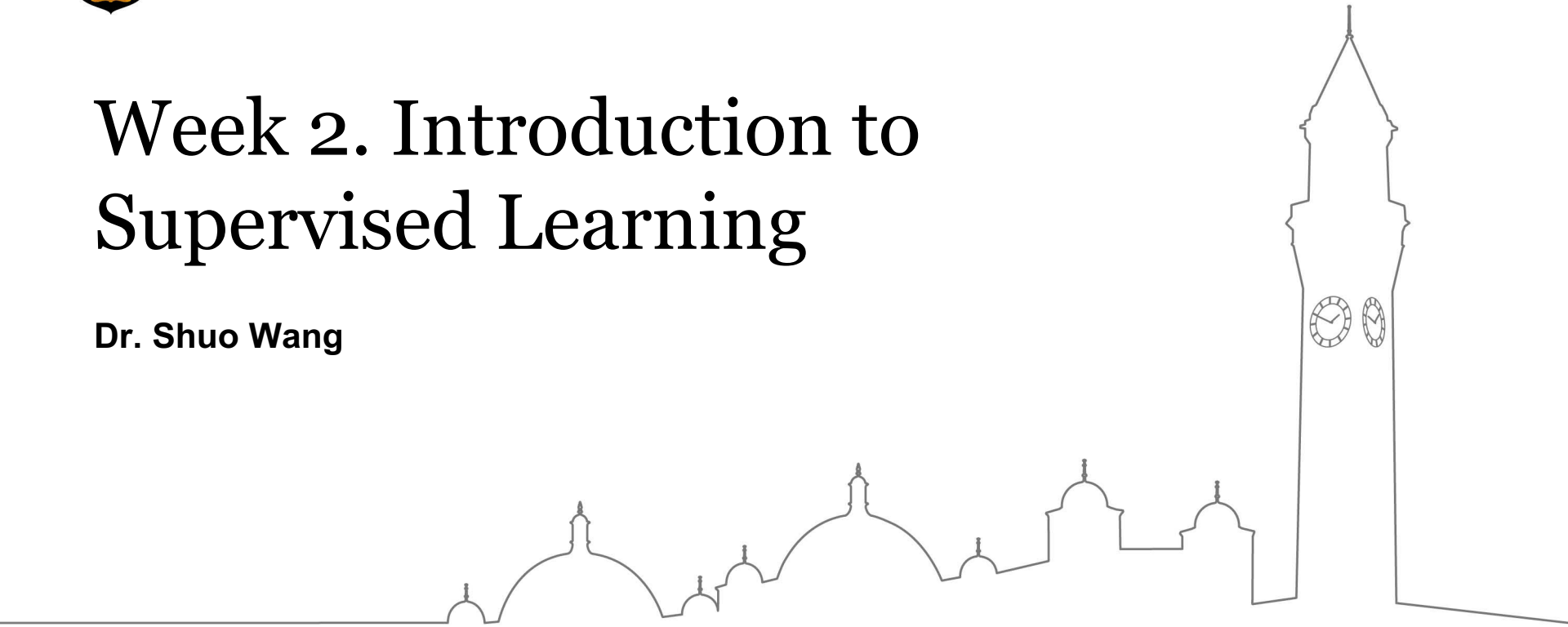
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

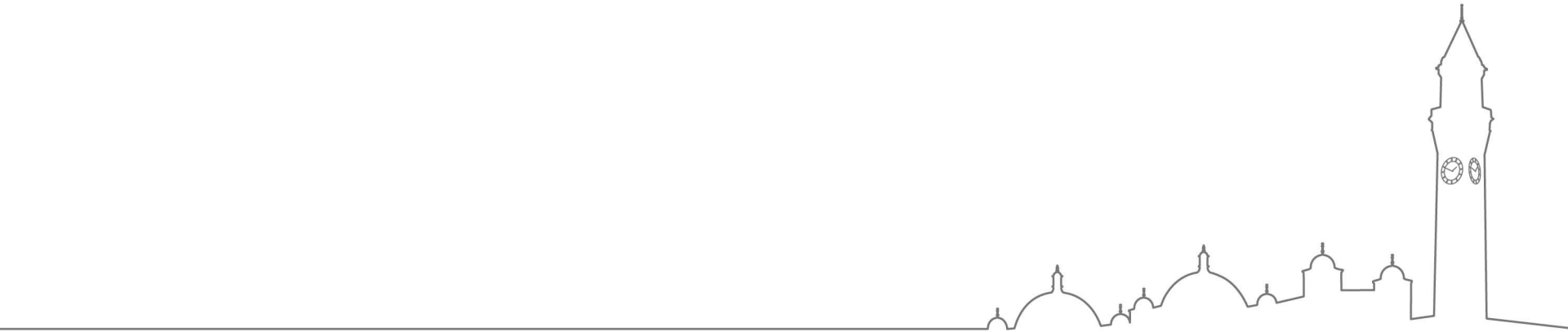
Week 2. Introduction to Supervised Learning

Dr. Shuo Wang



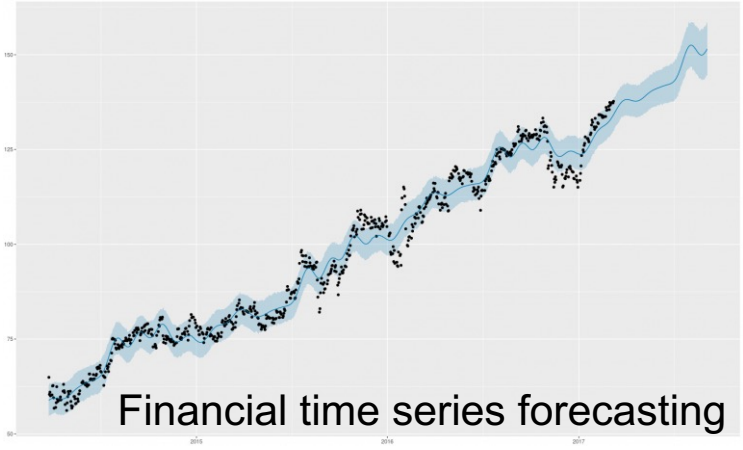
Overview

- Different forms of machine learning
- Supervised learning
- Regression and classification



Machine Learning Problems

Machine learning problems are those that require a model to be built automatically from data, e.g. to make classifications, estimations or predictions.



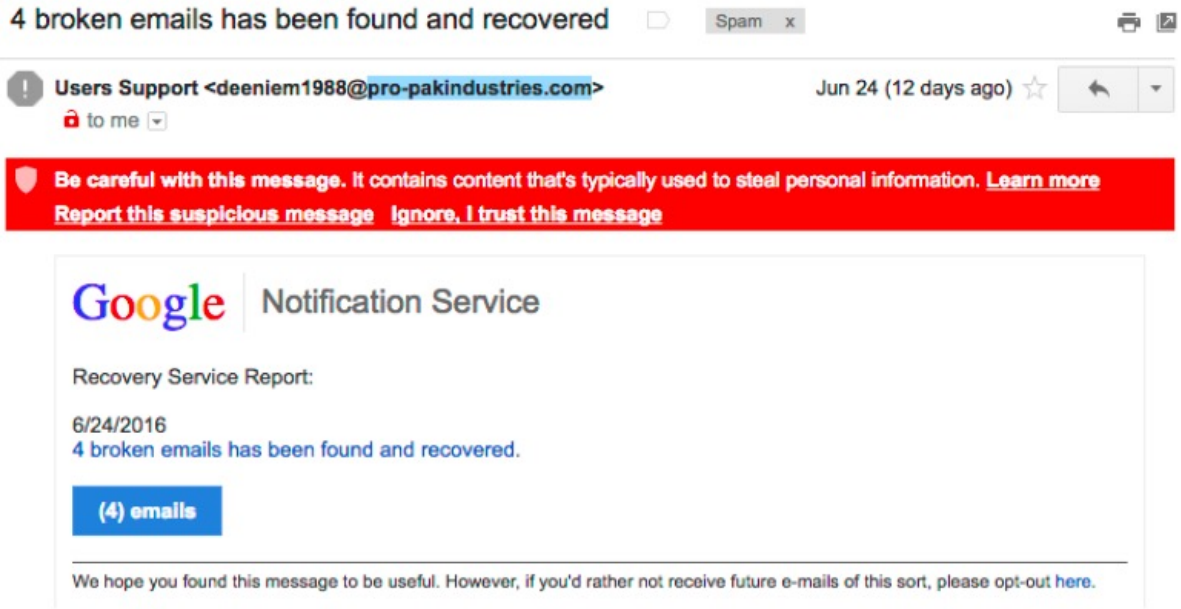
Forms of Machine Learning

- Three forms: supervised learning, unsupervised learning, reinforcement learning
- Supervised learning
  - The most prevalent form
  - Learning with a teacher
  - Teacher: expected output, label, class, etc.
  - Solve 2 types of problems: classification, regression problems

Example: Spam detection

- Input:
  Emails received

- Output:
  Spam, or not spam

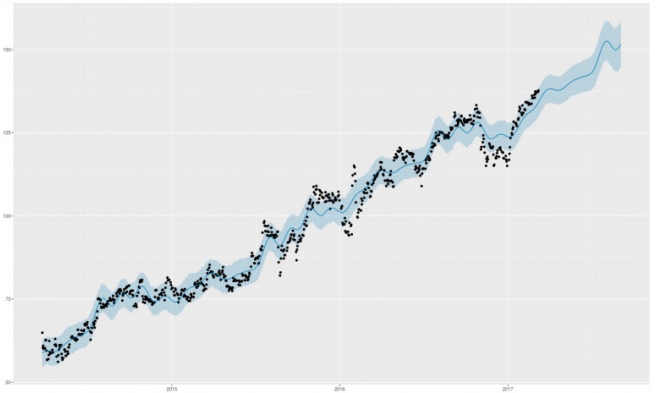


Example: Stock price prediction

- Input:
  Historical records of stock prices

www.shutterstock.com · 598155299

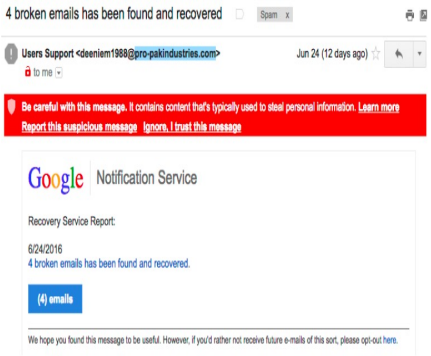
- Output:
  Next day's stock price

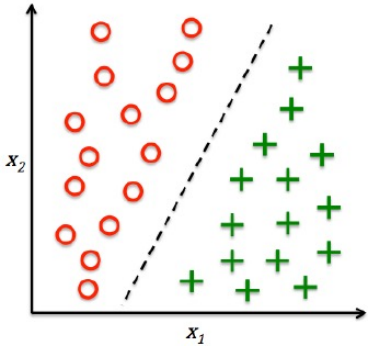


UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

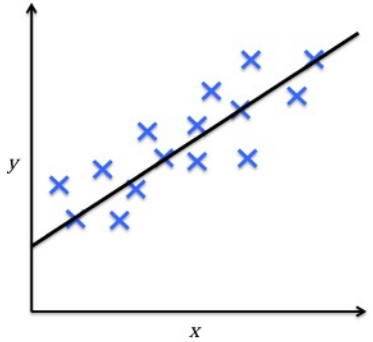
Types of supervised learning

Spam detection





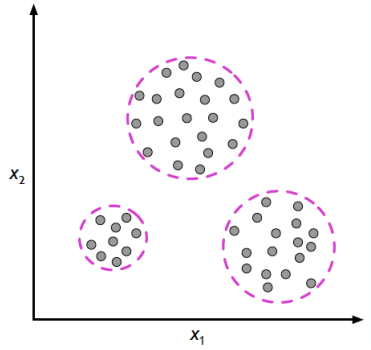
Stock price prediction



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

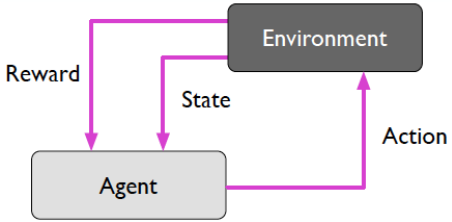
Forms of Machine Learning

- Unsupervised learning
  - Learning without a teacher
  - To find hidden structure/insights in data
  - Clustering, e.g. product recommendation, sport strategy discovery



Clustering

- Reinforcement learning
  - Learning with (delayed) feedback/reward
  - Learn series of actions, e.g. chess, robots, …



RL

How does supervised learning work?

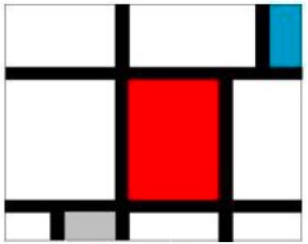
Formulate supervised learning

- Task:
  - Given some input x,
  - Predict an appropriate output y
- Goal: a function f such that $f(x) = y$

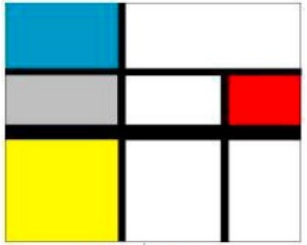
The learning process:

1) Have: examples of input-output pairs → training data
   $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \ldots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$
2) Supervised learning helps find a good f → training/modelling
3) Given a new input $x^{(n+1)}$, predict its output $y^{(n+1)}$ → prediction

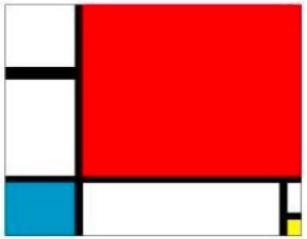
Is painting 8 a genuine Mondrian?



1. No

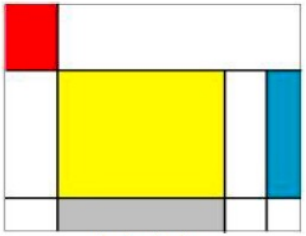


2. No

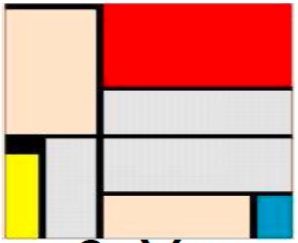


3.Yes

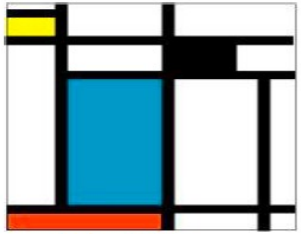
4. Yes



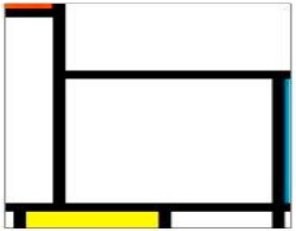
5.No



6. Yes



7. No



8. ?

Annotated training data

Attributes

Labels

Examples

Number	Lines	Line types	Rectangles	Colours	Mondrian?
1	6	1	10	4	*No*
2	4	2	8	5	*No*
3	5	2	7	4	Yes
4	5	1	8	4	Yes
5	5	1	10	5	*No*
6	6	1	8	6	Yes
7	7	1	14	5	*No*

Number	Lines	Line types	Rectangles	Colours	Mondrian?
8	7	2	9	4	**???**

Painting 8

How quick will your team complete a project?

(programming language)	(team expertise)	(estimated size)	…	(required effort)
Java	low	1000	…	10 p-month
C++	medium	2000	…	20 p-month
Java	high	2000	…	8 p-month
…	…	…	…	…

General notations we often use

Lines	Line types	Rectangles	…	Mondrian?
$\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)}$				$y^{(1)}$
$\boldsymbol{x}^{(2)}$				$y^{(2)}$
$\boldsymbol{x}^{(3)}$				$y^{(3)}$
…				…

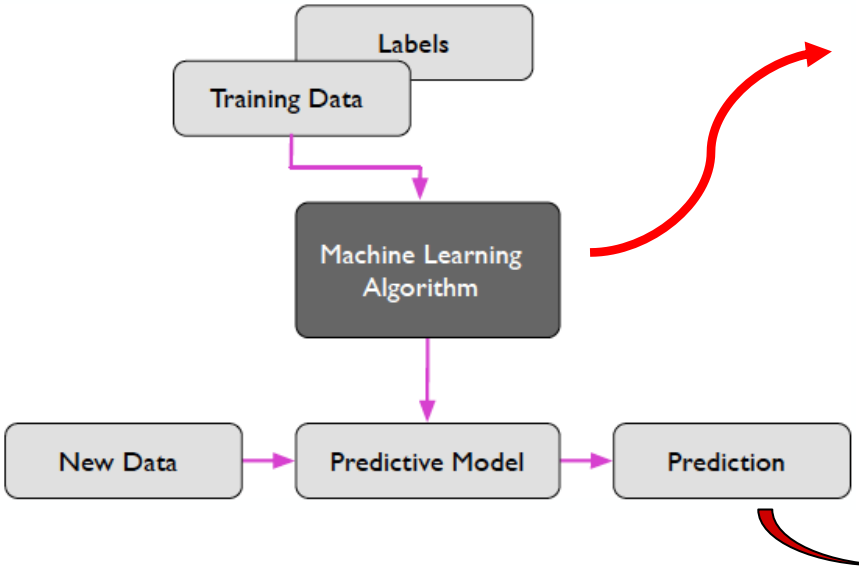
Vector notation:

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} = \left(x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, x_3^{(i)}, \ldots, x_d^{(i)}\right)$$

The input of the i-th example

Attributes, d-dimensional

Supervised learning workflow



Training phase:

$$\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}\right), \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}\right), \ldots, \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\right)$$

$$f(\boldsymbol{x}) = y$$

Test/Use phase:

$$\boldsymbol{x} \rightarrow f(\boldsymbol{x}) \rightarrow y$$

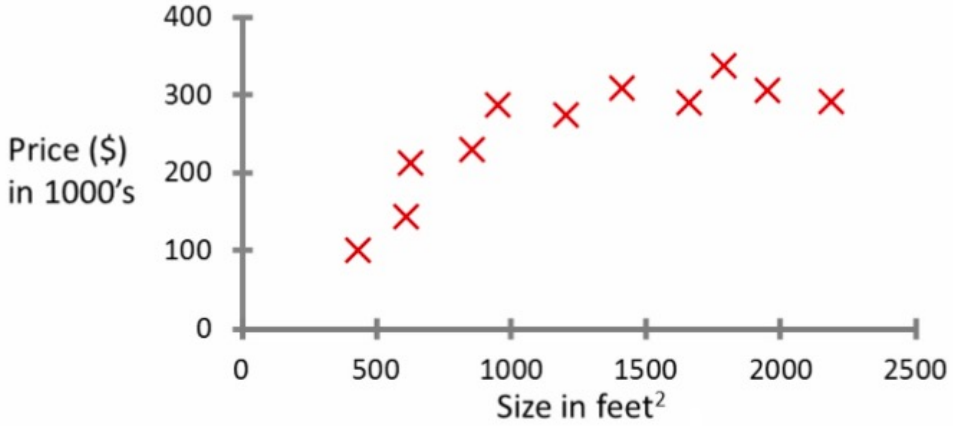
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Source: Python machine learning, 2nd ed, Sebastian Raschka

Pictorially

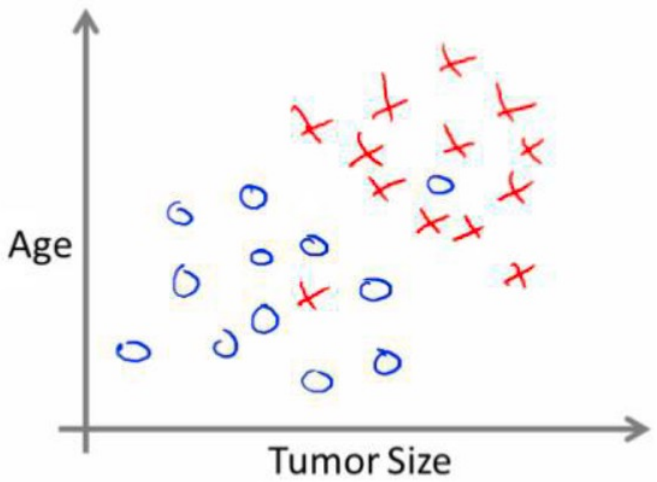
Regression problem

Housing price prediction.



Classification problem

Breast cancer prediction



Terminology in supervised learning

- Input = attribute(s) = feature(s) = independent variable(s)
- Output = target = response = dependent variable
- Function = hypothesis = predictor

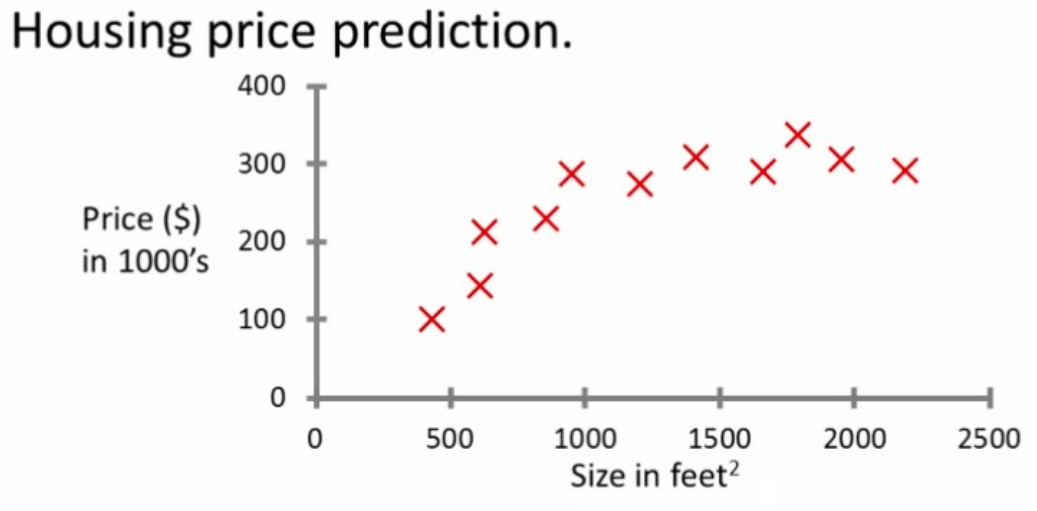
Pause. Is this some magic?

So…

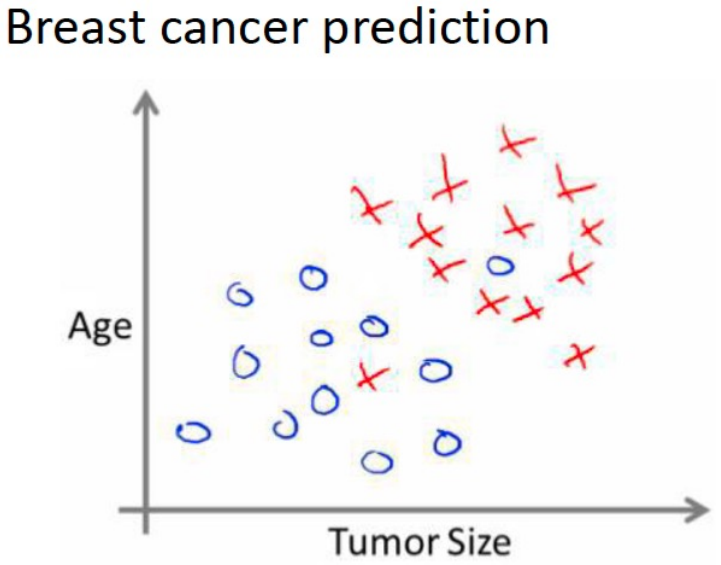
- There is an unknown function we are after.
- We are given the function values at n specific points only (training set)
- Is it really possible to find out the function values at other points?

How many predictors are there for each case?

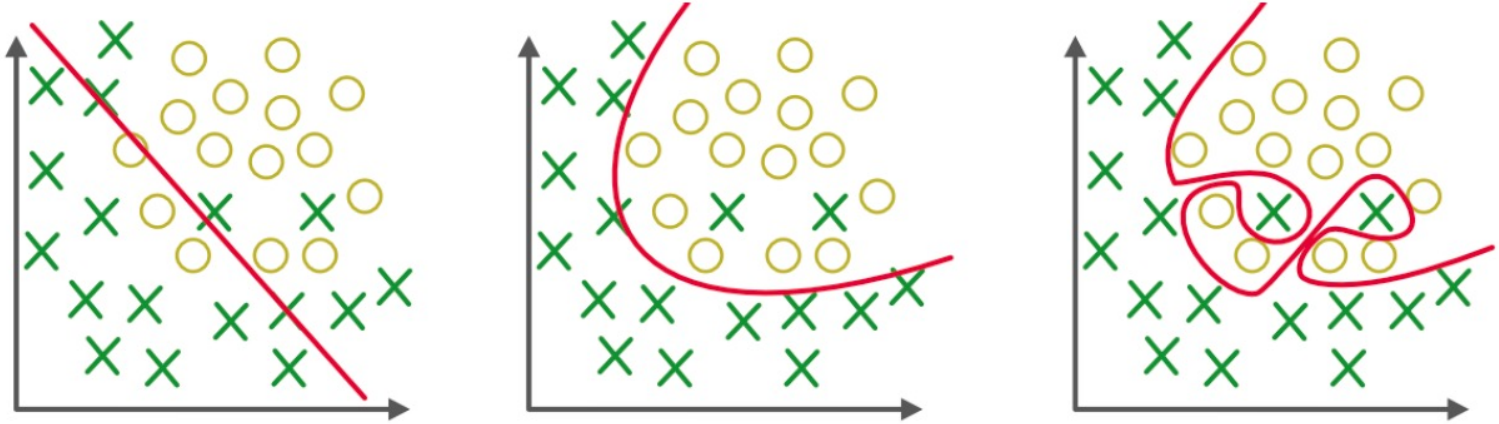
Regression problem



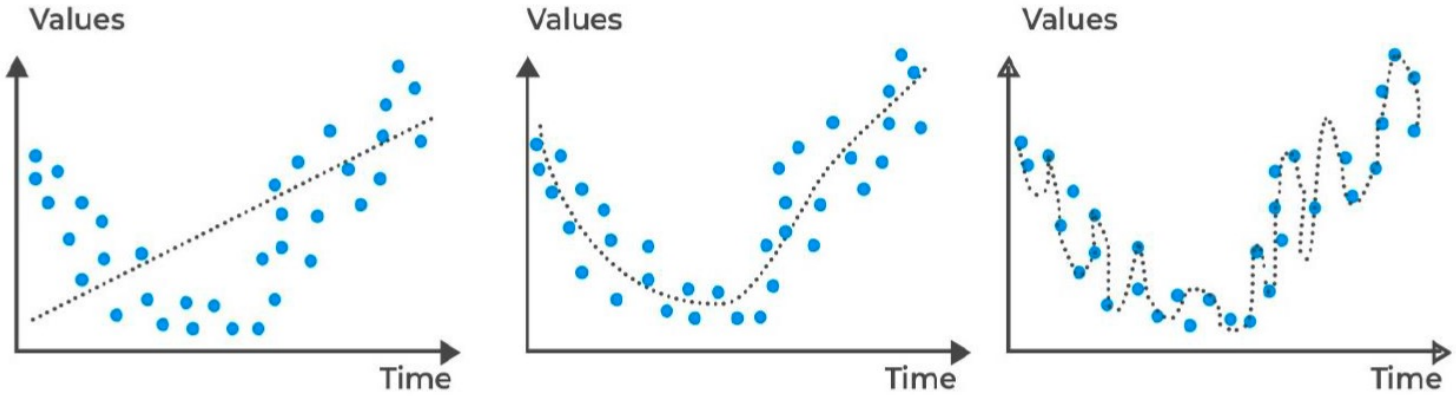
Classification problem



Classification



Regression



Applications of Supervised Learning

- Handwriting recognition
  - When you write an envelope, algorithms can automatically route envelopes through the post.
- Computer vision & graphics
  - When you go out during lockdown, object detection & vision tracking algorithms can automatically detect compliance with the rules.
- Bioinformatics
  - Algorithms can predict protein function from sequence.
- Human-computer interaction
  - Algorithms can recognize speech, gestures, intention.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Q/A

Teams Channel for Week2
Office Hour and Dropin Sessions
See Canvas module homepage