

# Basic Concepts about Machine Learning

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# Basic Concepts about Machine Learning

## What is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning compose of three parts:

- Data
- Model(function)
- Loss(prediction)

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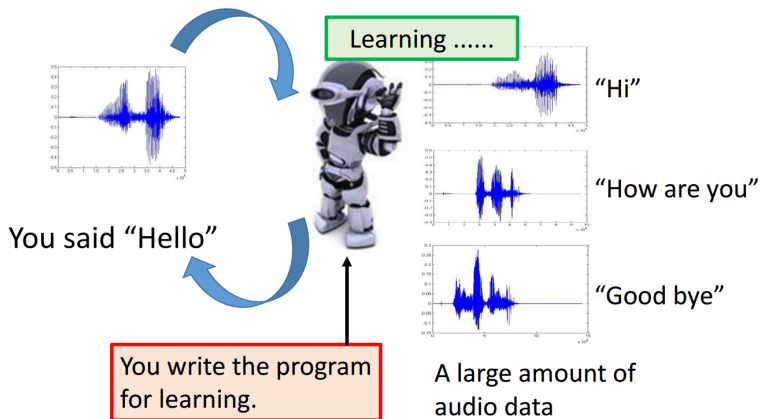


Figure: Speech Recognition

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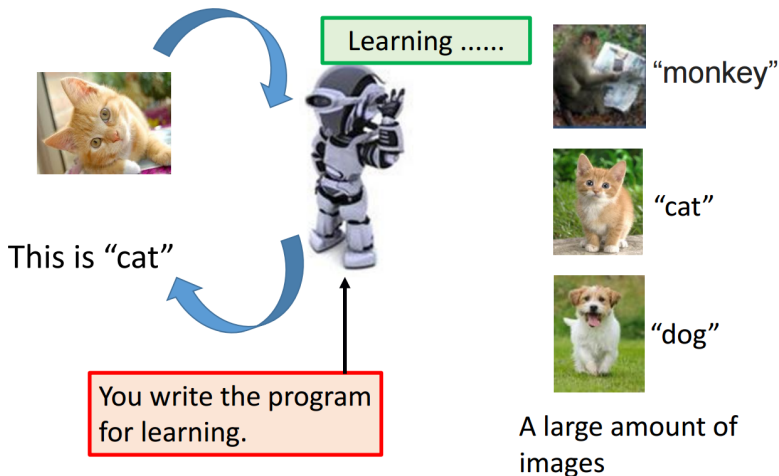


Figure: Image Recognition

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## Machine Learning $\approx$ Looking for a Function

- Speech Recognition

$$f(\text{audio waveform}) = \text{"How are you"}$$

- **Image Recognition**

$$f(\text{cat image}) = \text{"Cat"}$$

- Playing Go

$$f(\text{Go board state}) = \text{"5-5"} \quad (\text{next move})$$

- Dialogue System

$$f(\text{"Hi"} \mid \text{what the user said}) = \text{"Hello"} \quad (\text{system response})$$

# Basic Concepts about Machine Learning Framework

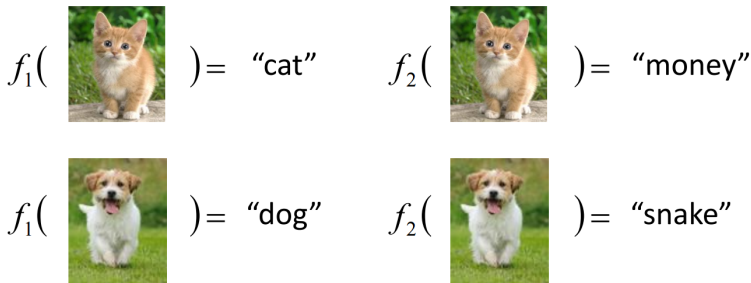
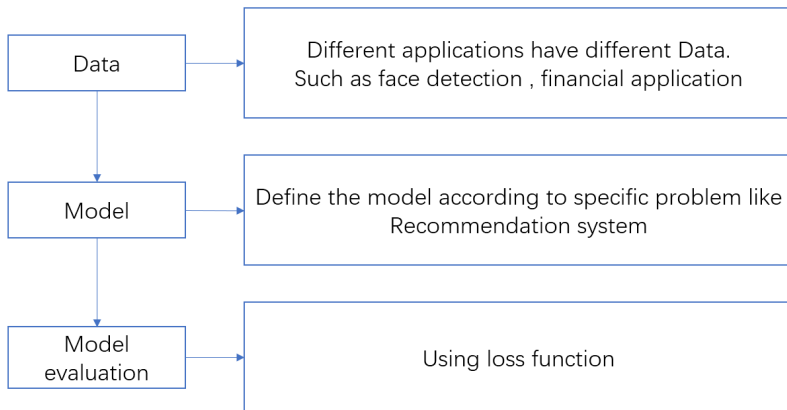


Figure: Image Recognition



# Three Main Elements of Machine Learning



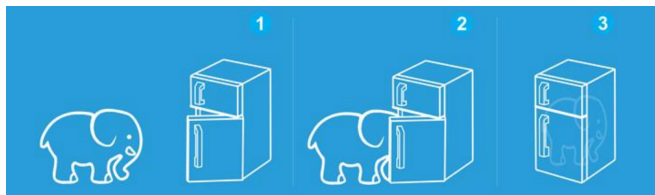
**Figure:** Three main elements of machine learning

# Basic Concepts about Machine Learning Framework

**Machine Learning is so simple ...**



Just like putting an elephant into the fridge ...

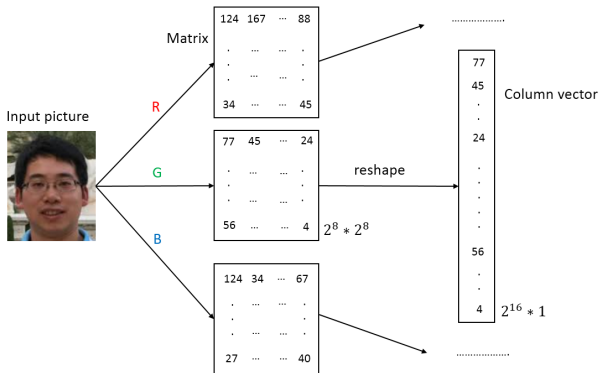


# Column Vector

- Data:

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

- $\mathbf{x}$  is input, and we usually present it as column vector
- For example,  $\mathbf{x}$  may be a picture stored as a matrix:



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- $y$  is output (for example: name of a person)
- $n$  is number
- We want to use a function predicting  $y$ :

$$\hat{y} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

- However, the prediction may be inconsistent with the groundtruth. We calculate the differences by loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \sum_{i=1}^n l(\hat{y}_i, y_i)$$

# Regression

Loss:

- Absolute value loss:

$$l(\hat{y}_i, y_i) = |\hat{y}_i - y_i|$$

- Least squares loss:

$$l(\hat{y}_i, y_i) = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

Total loss(loss function):

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n l(\hat{y}_i, y_i)$$

# Regression

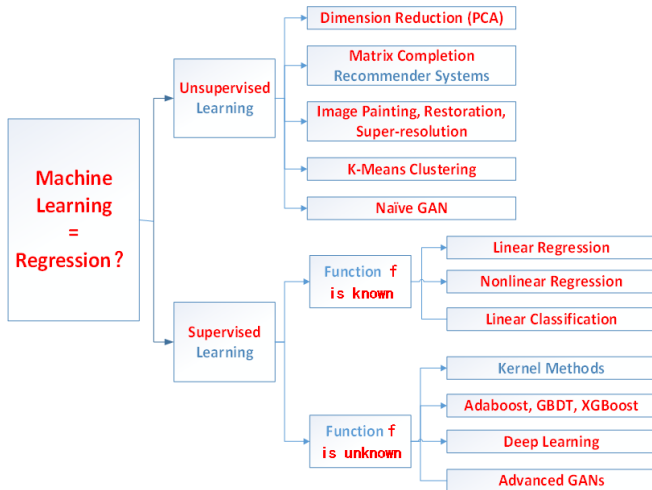
- The smaller value of  $\mathcal{L}_D$  the better, and loss function( $\mathcal{L}_D$ ) plays a major role in machine learning

Find the best  $f$  by solving the following optimization problem:

$$f^* = \min_f \sum_{i=1}^n l(f(\mathbf{x}), y_i)$$

# Supervised Optimization for Deep Learning

## Learning Map



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## Learning Map

Supervised learning is the machine learning task of inferring a function from **labeled training data**

Labelled  
data



cat



dog

Unlabeled  
data



Figure: Images of cats and dogs



# Data Sets for Supervised Learning

- Libsvm dataset

<http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/>

## LIBSVM Data: Classification, Regression, and Multi-label

This page contains many classification, regression, multi-label and string data sets stored in LIBSVM format. Many are from UCI, Statlog, StatLib and other col scale each attribute to [-1,1] or [0,1]. The testing data (if provided) is adjusted accordingly. Some training data are further separated to "training" (tr) and "vali each data set. To read data via MATLAB, you can use "libsvmread" in LIBSVM package.

A summary of all data sets is in the following. If you have used LIBSVM with these sets, and find them useful, please cite our work as: Chih-Chung Chang and Chih-Jen Lin, LIBSVM : a library for support vector machines. ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology, 2:27:1--27:27, <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm>.

Please also cite the source of the data sets (references given below).

Go to pages of classification ([binary](#), [multi-class](#)), [regression](#), [multi-label](#), and [string](#). Those interested in hierarchical data with many classes can visit [LSHTC](#) pa

Some sets are large and the connection may fail. On Linux you can use

```
> wget -t inf URL_address_of_data
```

to retry infinitely many times. If it still fails, add -c to continually get a partially-downloaded set. You can also use

```
> lftp -c 'pget -c URL_address_of_data'
```

to have several connections for reducing the downloading time.

	name	source	type	class	training size	testing size	feature
a1a		UCI	classification	2	1,605	30,956	123
a2a		UCI	classification	2	2,265	30,296	123
a3a		UCI	classification	2	3,185	29,376	123

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# Linear Regression

**Simple linear regression** describes the linear relationship between a predictor variable, plotted on the  $x$ -axis, and a response variable, plotted on the  $y$ -axis

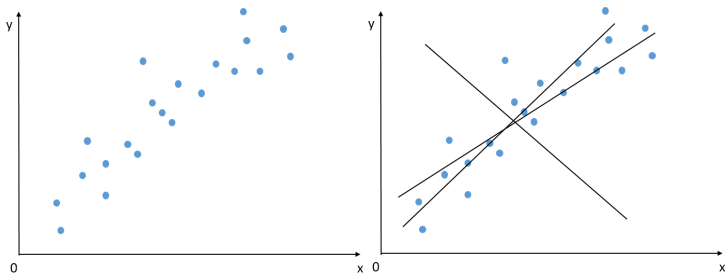


Figure: Simple linear 1D regression

# Machine Learning Setup

- Inputs

Input space  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{R}^m$

feature, covariants, predictors, etc.

- Outputs

Output space:  $\mathbf{Y}$

many different types of predictions.

- Goal: Learn a hypothesis/model  $f : \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{Y}$

# Supervised Learning

- Given set of input,output pairs

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

- Learn the "best" model based on D
- Predict  $\hat{y}$  for unseen  $\mathbf{x}$  based on  $f(\mathbf{x})$

# Linear Regression: Common

Learn  $f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$  with

- Parameters:  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m, w_0 \in \mathbb{R}$
- Input:  $\mathbf{x}$  where  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $j \in 1, \dots, m$  features
- Model Function:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}; w_0, \mathbf{w}) &= w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_m x_m \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m w_j x_j + w_0 \\ &= \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + w_0 \end{aligned}$$

# Linear Regression

- What makes a good model?

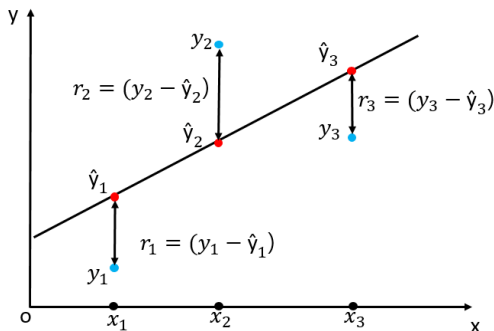


Figure: Contributing loss terms for 1D regression

# Performance Measure for Regression

- Least squared loss

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{w}))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2\end{aligned}$$

Training: find minimizer of least squared loss

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})$$



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# Matrix Presentation

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})$$

# Matrix Presentation

- Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} \right)^\top \left( \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{w} \\ \vdots \\ y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix}^\top \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{w} \\ \vdots \\ y_n - \mathbf{x}_n^\top \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{w})^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Analytical Solution

- Closed-form of linear regression:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}) \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} - \frac{\partial 2\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(-2\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^\top) \mathbf{w}) \\ &= -\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

# Analytical Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} &= -\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} &= \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

Solve for optimal parameters  $\mathbf{w}^*$

$$\mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})$$

# Problem about The Analytical Solution

Issues about the analytical solution  $\mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}$ :

- Many matrices are not invertible
- The inverse of a large matrix needs huge memory
- The inverse takes  $O(m^3)$  to compute

Any solutions? **Gradient Descent!!**

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# Machine Learning

## Training Procedure

- Identify a set of hypotheses  $f(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w})$
- Define a loss criterion  $\mathcal{L}_D$
- Pick the best  $\mathbf{w}^*$  by minimizing a loss function  $\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})$

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})$$

Learning is done through optimization



# Main Tool: Gradients

Typical case (with possibly parameterized  $g$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

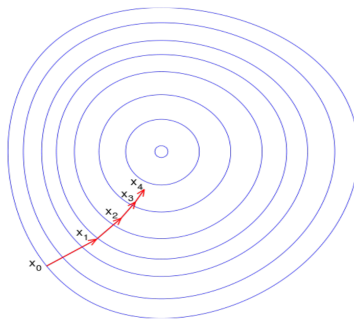
Gradient (vector of partial derivatives)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(w_1)}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(w_2)}{\partial w_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(w_n)}{\partial w_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

(We will always write as column vectors)

# Decent Direction

We use  $\mathbf{d} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$  as the **direction** of optimization



Why  $\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}') = \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w} + \eta \mathbf{d}) \leq \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) \quad (\eta \rightarrow 0 \& \eta > 0)$

# Decent Direction

- By Taylor expansion, when  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w} + \eta \mathbf{d}) &= \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right]^\top \eta \mathbf{d} + o(\eta \mathbf{d}) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}) + \eta \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right]^\top \mathbf{d}\end{aligned}$$

We have:

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w}') = \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w} + \eta \mathbf{d}) \leq \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})$$

Note that  $\eta > 0$  and

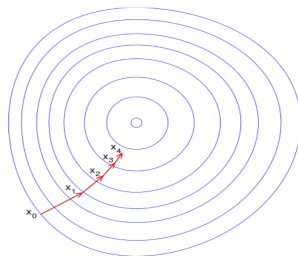
$$\eta \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right]^\top \mathbf{d} = -\eta \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0$$

# Gradient Descent

Minimize loss by repeated gradient steps (when no closed form):

- Compute gradient of loss with respect to parameters  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$
- Update parameters with rate  $\eta$

$$\mathbf{w}' \rightarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{w})}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$$



**Figure:** Gradient steps on a simple  $m = 2$  loss function.

# Learning Rate

Find out an appropriate size of step

**Learning rate  $\eta$**  has a large impact on convergence

- Too large  $\eta \rightarrow$  oscillatory and may even diverge
- Too small  $\eta \rightarrow$  too slow to converge

Adaptive learning rate(For example):

- Set larger learning rate at the begining
- Use relatively smaller learning rate in the later epochs
- Decrease the learning rate:  $\eta^{t+1} = \frac{\eta^t}{t+1}$

# THANK YOU!