An Overview of Machine Learning

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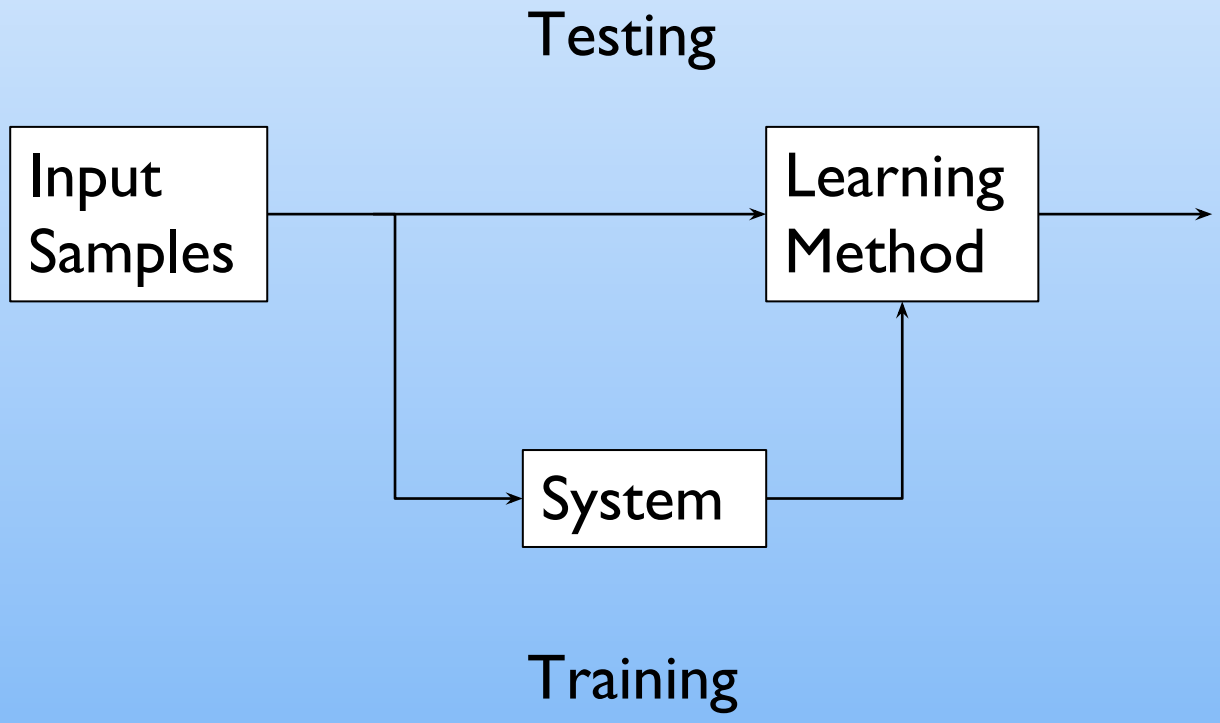
What is machine learning?

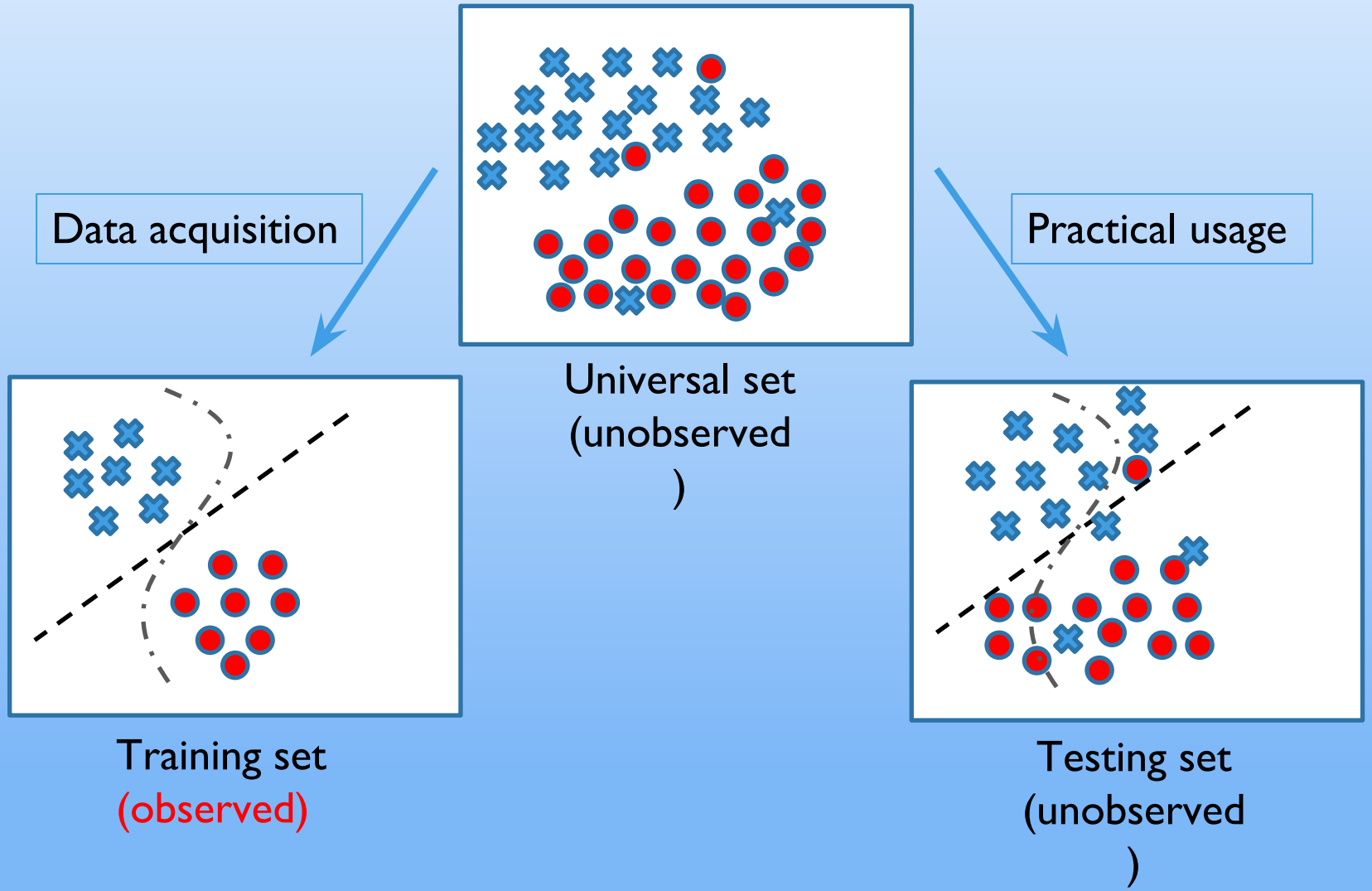
- A branch of **artificial intelligence**, concerned with the design and development of algorithms that allow computers to evolve behaviors based on empirical data.

- As intelligence requires knowledge, it is necessary for the computers to acquire knowledge.

Learning system model

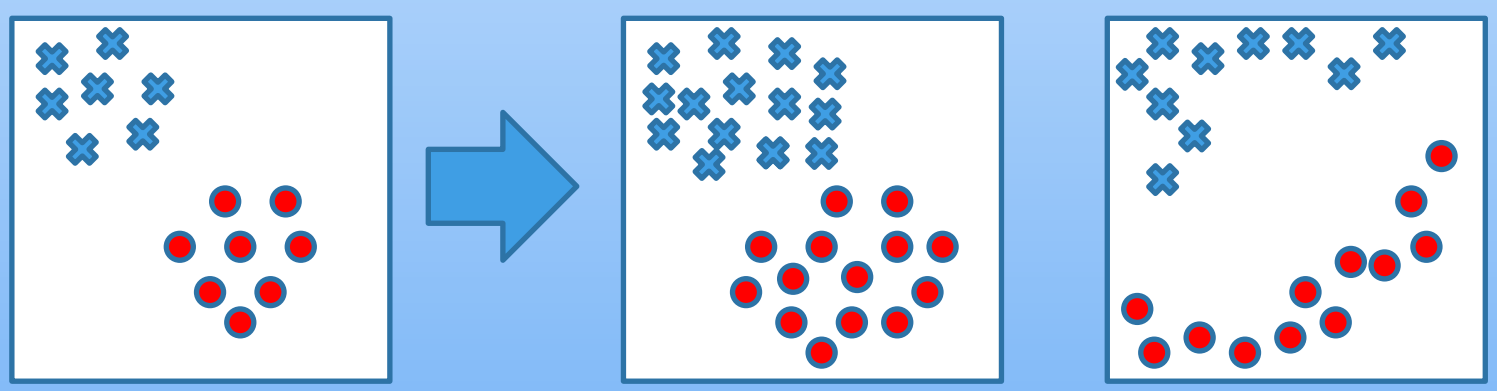


Training and testing



Training and testing

- Training is the process of making the system able to learn.
- No free lunch rule:
  - Training set and testing set come from the same distribution
  - Need to make some assumptions or bias



Performance

- There are several factors affecting the performance:
  - **Types of training** provided
  - The form and extent of any initial **background knowledge**
  - The **type of feedback** provided
  - The **learning algorithms** used

- Two important factors:
  - Modeling
  - Optimization

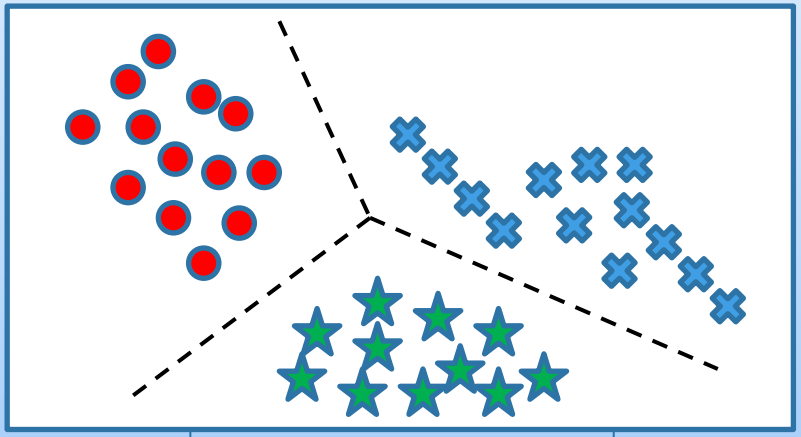
Algorithms

- The success of machine learning system also depends on the algorithms.
- The algorithms control the search to find and build the knowledge structures.
- The learning algorithms should extract useful information from training examples.

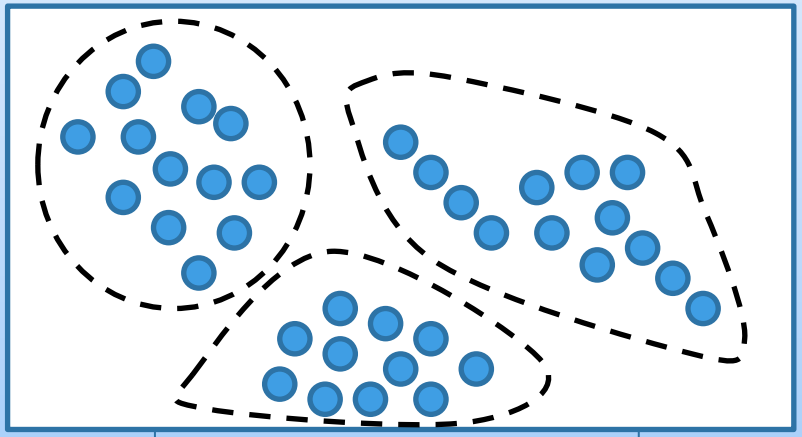
Algorithms

- **Supervised learning** ($\{x_n \in R^d, y_n \in R\}_{n=1}^N$)
  - Prediction
  - Classification (discrete labels), Regression (real values)
- **Unsupervised learning** ($\{x_n \in R^d\}_{n=1}^N$)
  - Clustering
  - Probability distribution estimation
  - Finding association (in features)
  - Dimension reduction
- **Semi-supervised learning**
- **Reinforcement learning**
  - Decision making (robot, chess machine)

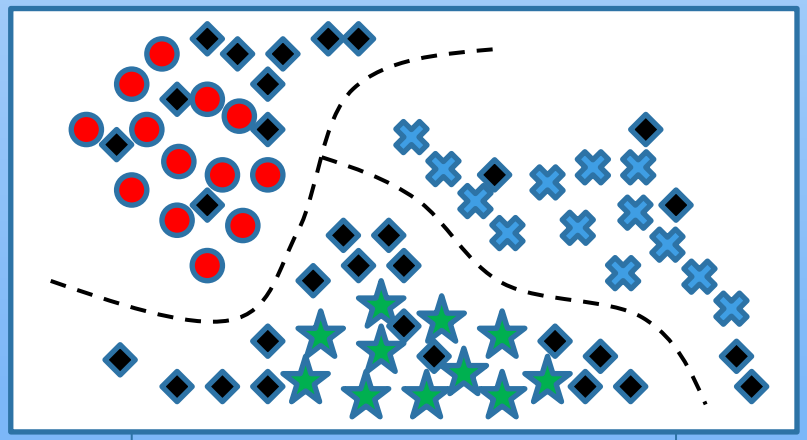
Algorithms



Supervised learning



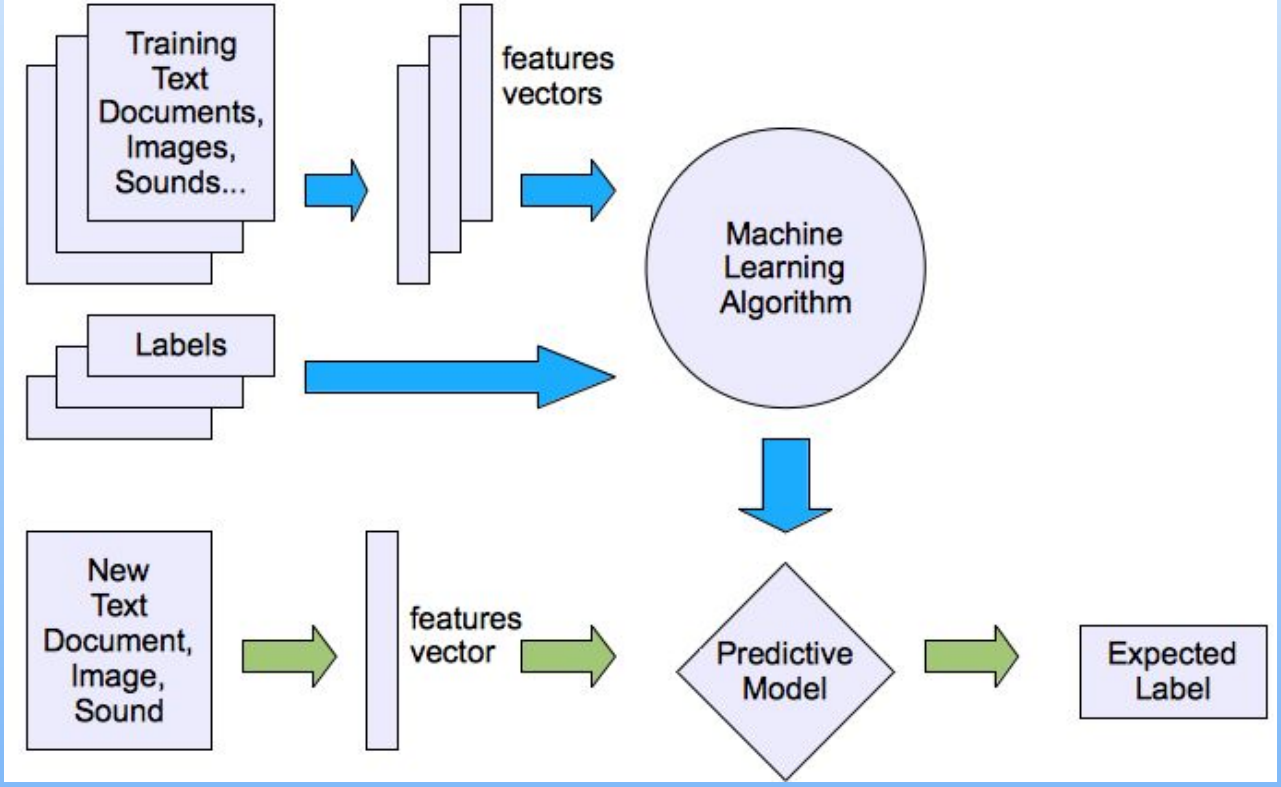
Unsupervised learning



Semi-supervised learning

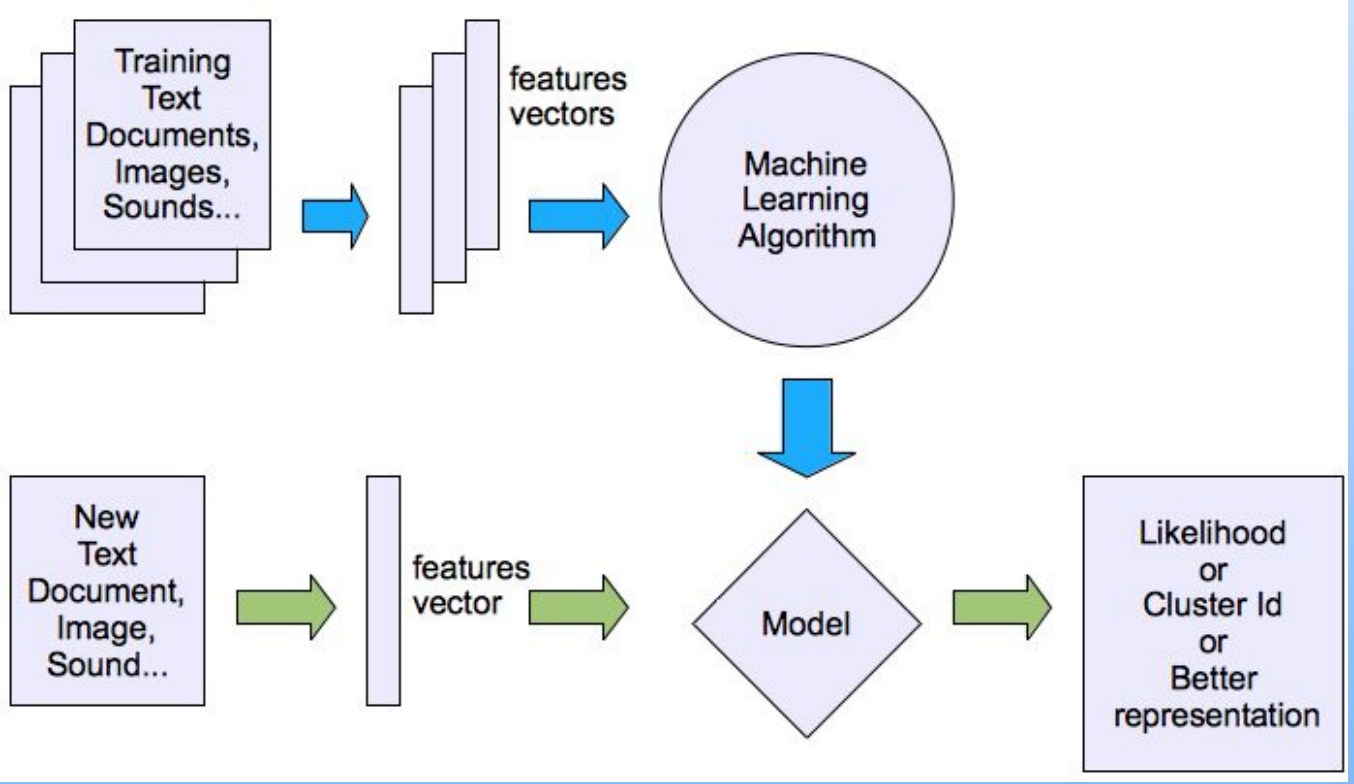
Machine learning structure

- Supervised learning



Machine learning structure

- Unsupervised learning



What are we seeking?

- Supervised: Low E-out or maximize probabilistic terms

$$error = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}[y_n \neq g(x_n)]$$

E-in: for training set
E-out: for testing set

$$Eout(g) \leq Ein(g) \pm O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d_{VC}}{N} ln\, N}\right)$$

- Unsupervised: Minimum quantization error, Minimum distance, MAP, MLE(maximum likelihood estimation)

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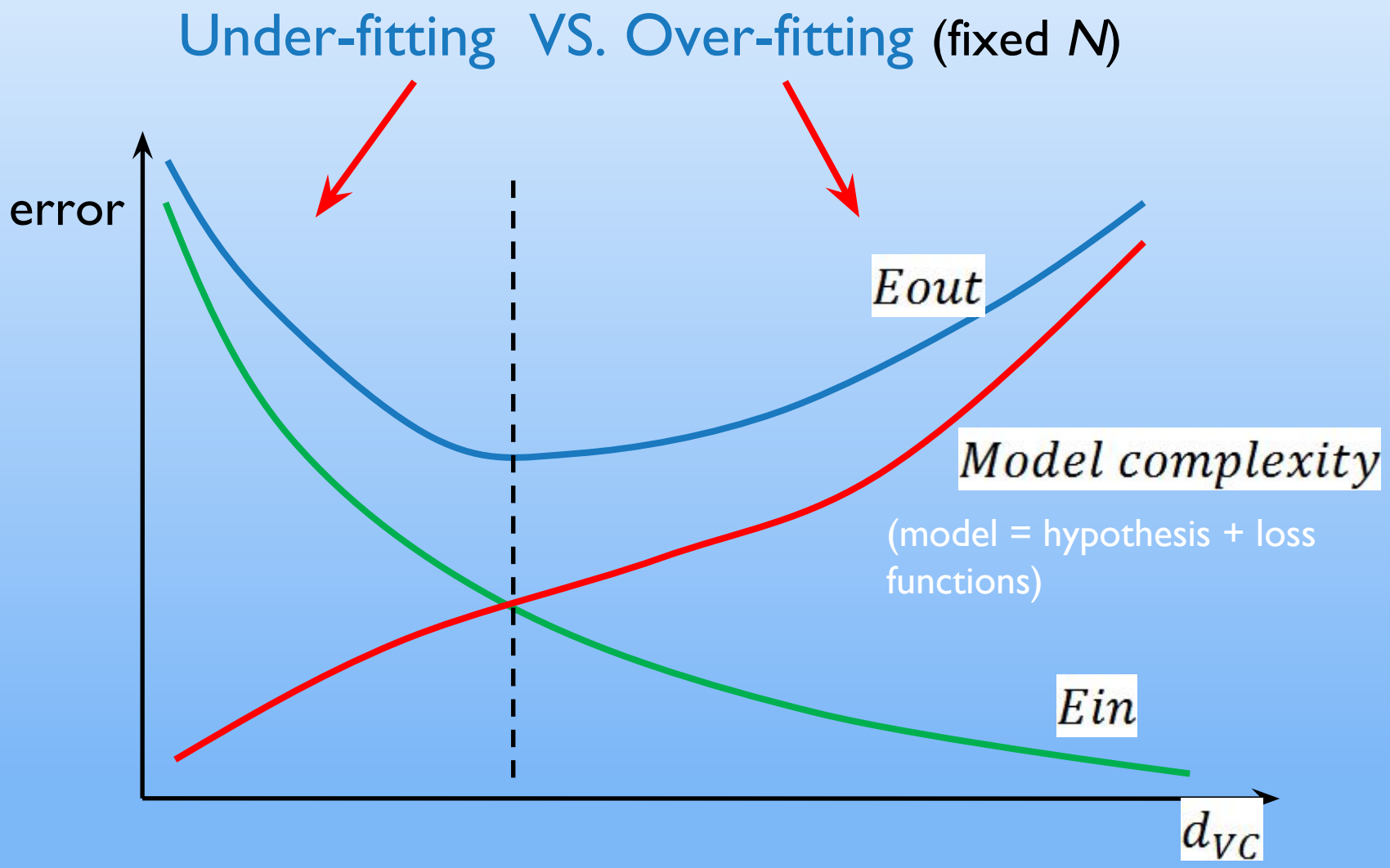
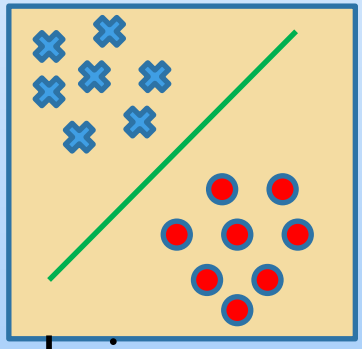


Learning techniques

- Supervised learning categories and techniques
  - **Linear classifier** (numerical functions)
  - **Parametric** (Probabilistic functions)
    - Naïve Bayes, Gaussian discriminant analysis (GDA), Hidden Markov models (HMM), Probabilistic graphical models
  - **Non-parametric** (Instance-based functions)
    - *K*-nearest neighbors, Kernel regression, Kernel density estimation, Local regression
  - **Non-metric** (Symbolic functions)
    - Classification and regression tree (CART), decision tree
  - **Aggregation**
    - Bagging (bootstrap + aggregation), Adaboost, Random forest

Learning techniques

- Linear classifier



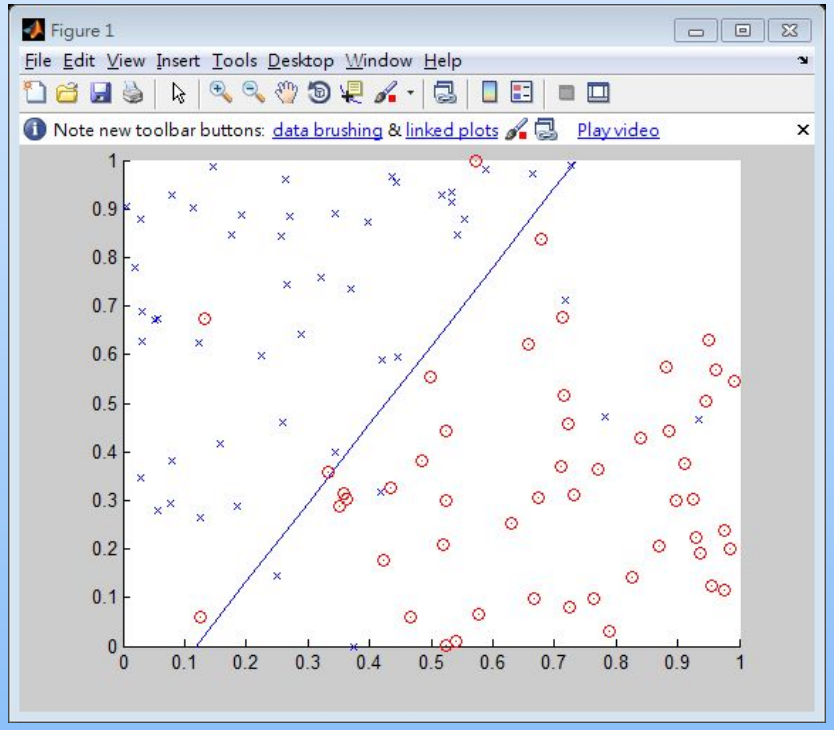
$$g(x_n) = sign(w^T x_n)$$

, where *w* is an *d*-dim vector (learned)

- Techniques:
  - Perceptron
  - Logistic regression
  - Support vector machine (SVM)
  - Ada-line
  - Multi-layer perceptron (MLP)

Learning techniques

Using **perceptron learning algorithm**(PLA)



Training

Error rate:
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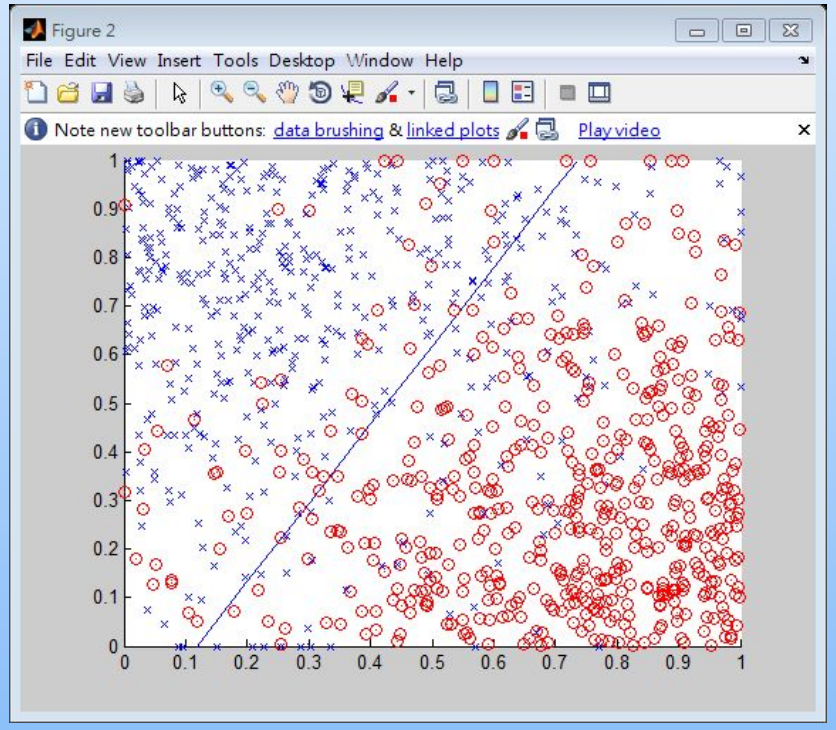
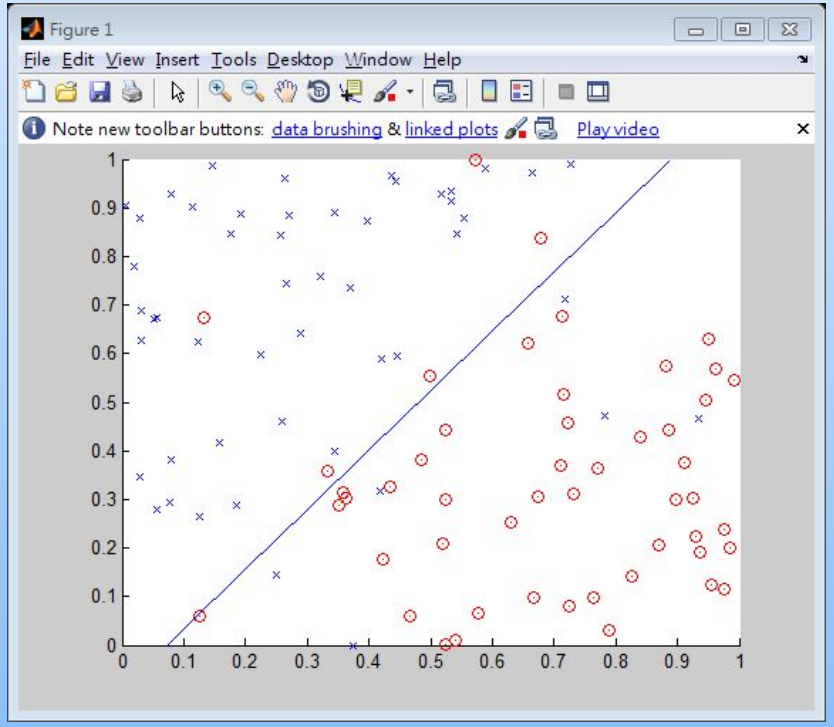


Testing

Error rate: 0.156

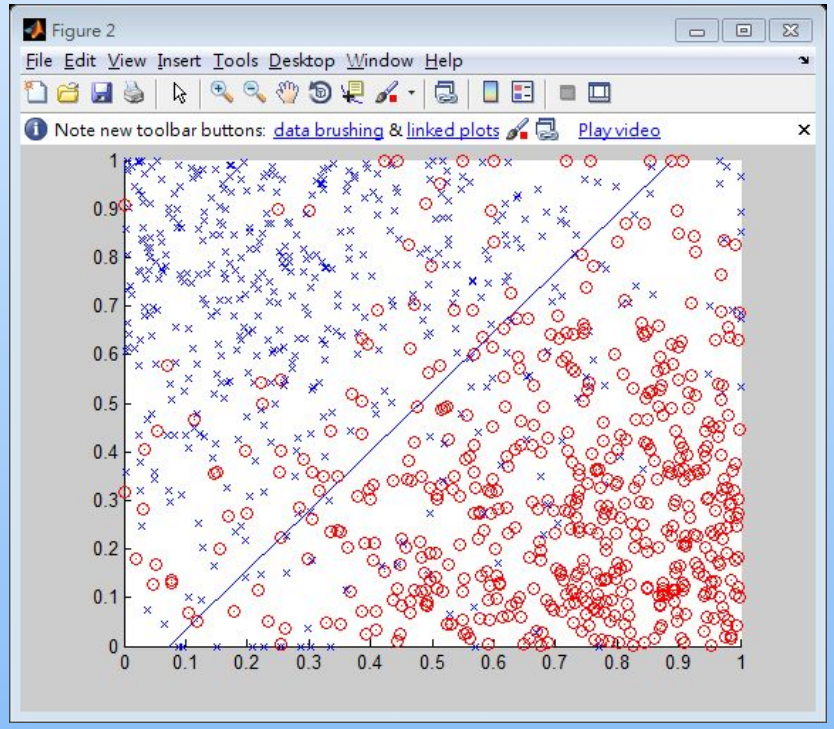
Learning techniques

Using **logistic regression**



Training

Error rate:
0.11

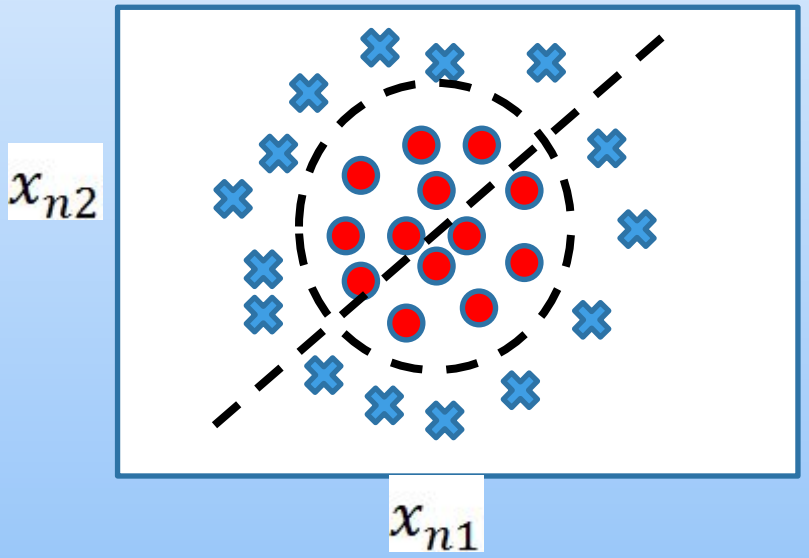


Testing

Error rate: 0.145

Learning techniques

- Non-linear case



$$x_n = [x_{n1}, x_{n2}]$$

$$x_n = [x_{n1}, x_{n2}, x_{n1} * x_{n2}, {x_{n1}}^2, {x_{n2}}^2]$$

$$g(x_n) = sign(w^T x_n)$$

- Support vector machine (SVM):
  - Linear to nonlinear: **Feature transform** and **kernel function**

Learning techniques

- Unsupervised learning categories and techniques
  - **Clustering**
    - K-means clustering
    - Spectral clustering
  - **Density Estimation**
    - Gaussian mixture model (GMM)
    - Graphical models
  - **Dimensionality reduction**
    - Principal component analysis (PCA)
    - Factor analysis

Applications

- Face detection
- Object detection and recognition
- Image segmentation
- Multimedia event detection
- Economical and commercial usage

Conclusion

We have a simple overview of some techniques and algorithms in machine learning. Furthermore, there are more and more techniques apply machine learning as a solution. In the future, machine learning will play an important role in our daily life.

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