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- Semi-supervised learning (SSL) is a class of machine learning techniques that make use of both labeled and unlabeled data for training.
- Unsupervised Learning
  - Let X =  $(x_1,x_2,...x_n)$  be a set of n examples or points, where  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$  for all i ∈ [n] = {1,2,...,n}.
  - it is assumed that the points are drawn i.i.d. (independently and identically distributed) from a common distribution on  $\mathcal{X}$ .
  - The goal of unsupervised learning is to find interesting structure in the data X.
  - It has been argued that the problem of unsupervised learning is fundamentally that of estimating a density which is likely to have generated X.



#### supervised Learning

- The goal is to learn a mapping from x to y, given a training set made of pairs (x<sub>i</sub>,y<sub>i</sub>).
- Here, the y<sub>i</sub> ∈ Y are called the labels or targets of the examples x<sub>i</sub>
  If the labels are numbers Y denotes the column vector of labels.
- The pairs (x<sub>i</sub>, y<sub>i</sub>) are sampled i.i.d. from some distribution which here ranges over X × Y. → This task is well defined, since a mapping can be evaluated through its predictive performance on test examples
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- When y ∈ R or R<sup>d</sup> (i.e. when the labels are continuous), the task is called regression.
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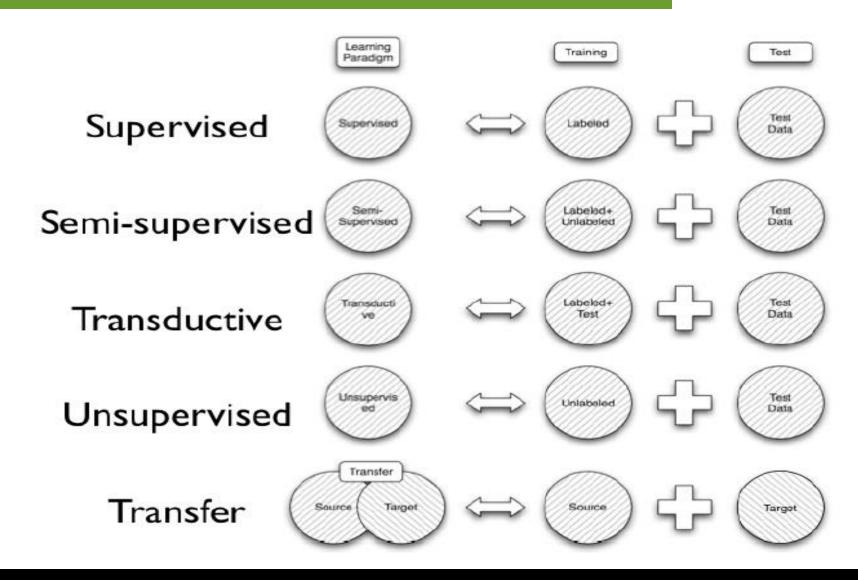


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$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{\int_{\mathbb{Y}} p(x|y)p(y)dy}.$$

Discriminative algorithms → do not try to estimate how the x<sub>i</sub> have been generated, but instead concentrate on estimating p(y/x). Some discriminative methods even limit themselves to modeling whether p(y/x) is greater than or less than 0.5. Example SVM







- Semi-supervised learning falls between
  - Unsupervised learning (without any labeled training data) and
  - Supervised learning (with completely training data)
- Learn predictive tasks
  - Uses both labeled data and unlabeled data
  - Small amount of labeled data
  - Large amount of unlabeled data
- The dataset X = (x<sub>i</sub>)<sub>i∈[n]</sub> can be divided into two parts:
  - The points  $X_1 = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l)$  for which labels  $Y_1 = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_l)$  are provided.
  - The points  $X_u = (x_{l+1}, x_{l+2}, \dots x_{l+u})$  does not know the labels
  - This is a standard semi-supervised learning
- Semi-supervised learning with constraints
  - Partial supervision is possible
  - Example: these points have the same target.



- Two types of learning will be used in Semi-supervised learning and sometime semi-supervised learning may refer either of
  - Transductive learning
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  - The idea of transduction is to perform predictions only for the test points. i.e it is used to infer the correct labels for the given unlabeled data  $(x_{l+1}, x_{l+2}, ... x_{l+u})$  only.

Given  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^l$  and  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=l+1}^{l+u}$ , learn a function  $f: \mathcal{X}^{l+u} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}^{l+u}$  so that f is expected to be a good predictor on the unlabeled data  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=l+1}^{l+u}$ .

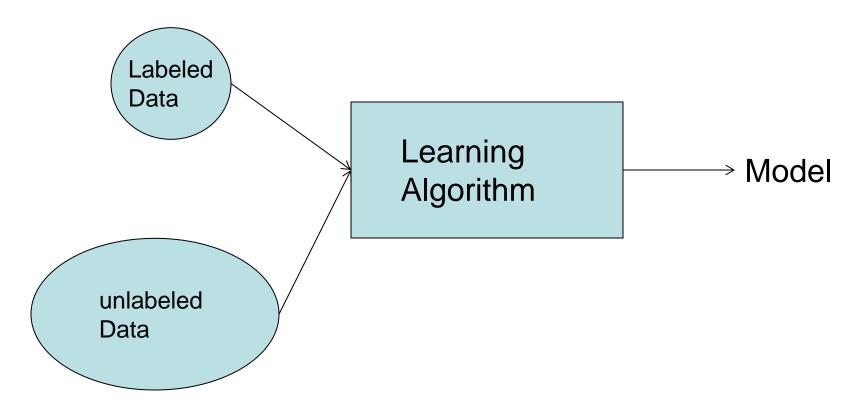
- Inductive learning
  - the goal is to output a prediction function which is defined on the entire space X. i.e. it is used to infer the correct mapping from X to Y.

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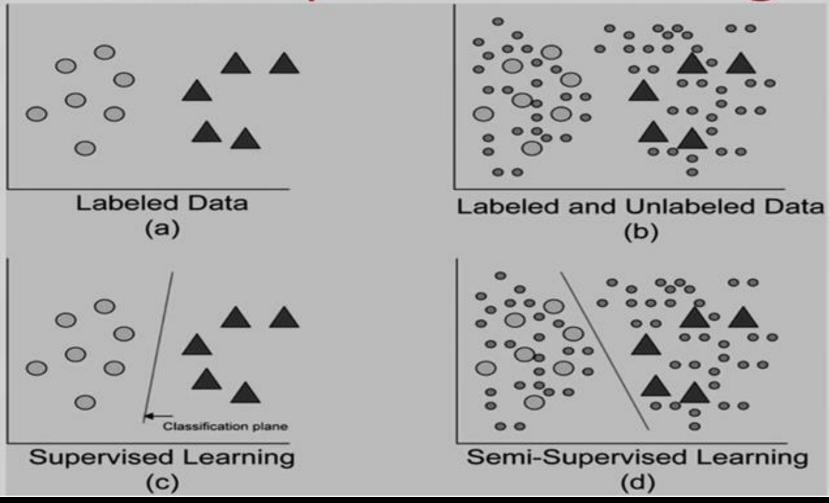
- Examples of Semi-supervised learning
  - Self-training
  - Co-training
- Applications of Semi-supervised Learning
  - Speech analysis
  - Telephone conversation transcription
    - 400 hours annotation time for each hour of speech
  - Protein sequence classification
  - Web page classification





Simple architecture of Semi-supervised learning





#### **Need of Semi-supervised Learning**



- Labeled data is costly for many applications
- The acquisition of labeled data for learning problem often requires a skilled human agent or a physical experiments
- Examples:
  - Speech Analysis
  - Classification of web based text
- Unlabeled data is not expensive and able to get large quantity also
- By using these combination, it can produce considerable improvement in learning accuracy



#### **Semi-supervised Learning**

Supervised Learning

- Class 1 sample
- Class 2 sample
- Decision boundary using supervised
  - Unlabeled sample

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Decision boundary using semi-supervise learning



- The classes of semi-supervised learning methods
  - Generative Models
  - Low Density Separation
  - Graph Based Methods
  - Change of Representation
  - Self-training
  - Co-training