



Introduction to Machine Learning

Topic 5, Module 1, Part 3

Duration: 1 Hour





1. What we'll cover

This module will introduce,

- Useful terminology } Part 1
- Key concepts

- Some basic mathematical background } Part 2
- Our first learning system

- A number of machine learning algorithms from first principles } Part 3
- Examples you can try for yourself

Aim: to help you acquire the foundational knowledge required to apply machine learning in practice.



2. Learning in Name Only...



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- What we've talked about so far - this isn't really learning right?
- It's a search for parameters that minimise some error rate.
- Learning effectively reduced to a parameter search!
- When this works well it provides the illusion of intelligence – but this isn't how you or I learn.

3. Classification Algorithms



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- Classification algorithms come in all shapes and sizes.
- Inside they are comprised of functions, that attempt to perform the mapping from x to y in different ways.
(Examples to labels)
- What they have in common:

All are evaluated against some feedback metric,
which guides their learning - call this the error rate.

They must choose (find) parameter values
that minimise the error rate.

4. Types of Classifier



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Discriminative

- Learns the differences between the examples in a training set.
- Use those differences to classify and make predictions.
- We often think similarly, like in the Fossa example.

Generative

- Learns a “model” of the classes in the training set.
- This model can be then compared against.
- We don’t usually think this way, e.g. given all the cats we’ve seen, what is the probability that this animal is a cat?

5. Generative Decision Making



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Probability of mystery disease

$$P(\text{disease}) = 0.1$$

Probability of red spotty rash

$$P(\text{symptom}) = 0.1$$

Probability of red rash for those with disease

$$P(\text{symptom}|\text{disease}) = 0.8$$

$$P(\text{hypothesis}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data}|\text{hypothesis}) \times P(\text{hypothesis})}{P(\text{data})}$$

Bayes' Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{disease}|\text{symptoms}) &= \frac{0.8 \times 0.1}{0.1} \\ &= 0.80 = 80\% \end{aligned}$$

So the probability of having the mystery disease is 80%, if you have a red rash.



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40 to 60 year old's

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Mystery disease = Chicken pox!

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{disease}|\text{symptoms}) &= \frac{0.8 \times 0.001}{0.1} \\ &= 0.8\% \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the data used during training, must be representative of the data to be faced in the real-world.

We've actually just learned our next ML algorithm - Naïve Bayes. It makes predictions using probability.



7. Activity 1 – Naïve Bayes



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Overview

- We'll try and explore how Naïve Bayes works via some examples.
- We can work through 2 of the examples manually.
- The final example requires you to run some code using Python, Jupyter notebooks, and the Scikit-Learn API.

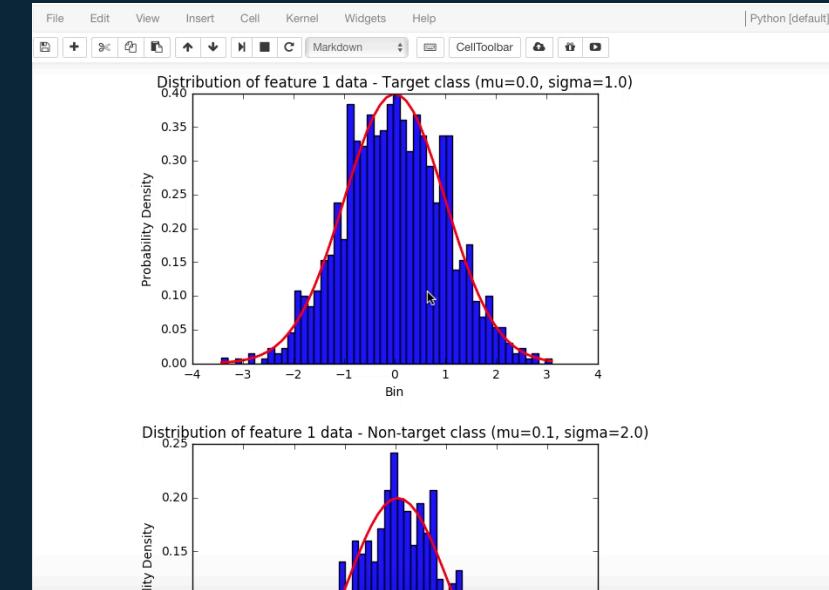




8. Tools: Scikit-Learn

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- Machine Learning software Library
- Interacted with via Python Programming language.
- Widespread adoption.
- Require some programming experience.
- Pre-requisites can be tricky to understand for beginners.



<https://jupyter.org/>

<https://scikit-learn.org>

<https://www.anaconda.com>



9. Activity 1.1 – Estimate the probability

- Suppose we have a bag containing 8 marbles.
 - 3 marbles are white, 3 are blue and 2 are yellow.
1. What is the chance of randomly picking out a blue marble, i.e. what is $P(\text{marble} = \text{blue})?$ $= \frac{3}{8}$
 2. What is the chance of picking a white marble, if we already picked a yellow marble out the bag:
 $P(\text{marble} = \text{white} | \text{yellow marble picked})?$

$$P(\text{yellow}) \times P(\text{white} | \text{yellow marble picked})$$

$$P(\text{yellow}) = \frac{2}{8} \quad P(\text{white} | \text{yellow marble picked}) = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{2}{8} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{3}{28} = 0.107 \text{ to 3.d.p.} = \text{approx } 10\% \text{ chance.}$$



$P(x)$ Can be read as, the probability of outcome x .

$P(x|y)$ Can be read as, the probability of outcome x , given the outcome y .



10. Activity 1.2 – Predict the outcome

| Weather | Play |
|----------|------|
| Sunny | No |
| Overcast | Yes |
| Rainy | Yes |
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| Frequency (play vs no play) | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|------|
| Weather | No play | Play |
| Overcast | 0 | 4 |
| Rainy | 3 | 2 |
| Sunny | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 5 | 9 |

| Likelihood | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Overcast | 4/14=0.29 |
| Rainy | 5/14=0.36 |
| Sunny | 5/14=0.36 |
| Play | 9/14=0.64 |
| No play | 5/14=0.36 |

- We have data describing the use of sports facilities, along with the corresponding weather.
- Suppose it's sunny today. What is the chance that there will be play today, $P(\text{play}|\text{sunny})$?

$$P(\text{play}|\text{sunny}) = \frac{P(\text{sunny}|\text{play}) \times P(\text{Play})}{P(\text{sunny})}$$

$$P(\text{sunny}) = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$P(\text{play}) = \frac{9}{14}$$

$$P(\text{sunny}|\text{play}) = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$\frac{\frac{3}{9} \times \frac{9}{14}}{\frac{5}{14}} = \frac{0.333 \times 0.643}{0.357} =$$

0.600 to 3. d. p. = approx 60% chance.



11. Activity 1.2 – Predict the outcome

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|----------|------|
| Sunny | No |
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- Now do the same for, $P(\text{no play}|\text{sunny})$?

$$P(\text{sunny}) = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$P(\text{sunny}|\text{no play}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{5}{14}}{\frac{5}{14}} = \frac{0.400 \times 0.357}{0.357} =$$

0.400 to 3. d. p. = approx 40% chance.

Predict play, as chance of play greater than no play.

12. Activity 1.3 – Python Environment



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- Go to URL: <https://colab.research.google.com/>
- Login using your Gmail ID.
- Open a file: File -> New Python 3 Notebook
- Familiarize yourself with Jupyter Notebooks. Go through the Jupyter tutorials if unfamiliar with Jupyter. Also learn about markdown language.
- We'll use the Python Scikit APIs mentioned earlier, to build the machine learning models in this exercise.
- Execute the examples given in the file: IOC-5-1-Intro-to-ML.ipynb
- All practical examples will be in this file.

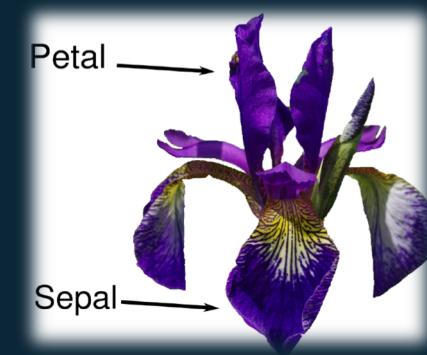


13. Activity 1.3 – Practical

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- The notebook contains code that allows you to build a Naïve Bayes Classifier for a real dataset. Scroll down to the Naïve Bayes section in the notebook.
- The data we'll use contains details of the length and width of petals and sepals for various flowers. The goal is to correctly classify the petals assigning them their correct class label - setosa (0), versicolor (1), virginica (2).
- There are four features plus a class label for each example.
- Move through the cells in the notebook, executing them as you go.
- Each cell takes you through a stage in the ML process:

1. Loading the data.
2. Preparing the test / training data sets – here we split the data to build these.
3. Building the model.
4. Evaluating the model.
5. Applying the model to new data.



- Alter the settings for yourself, experiment with what happens. Change the training/test dataset split – what's the effect?



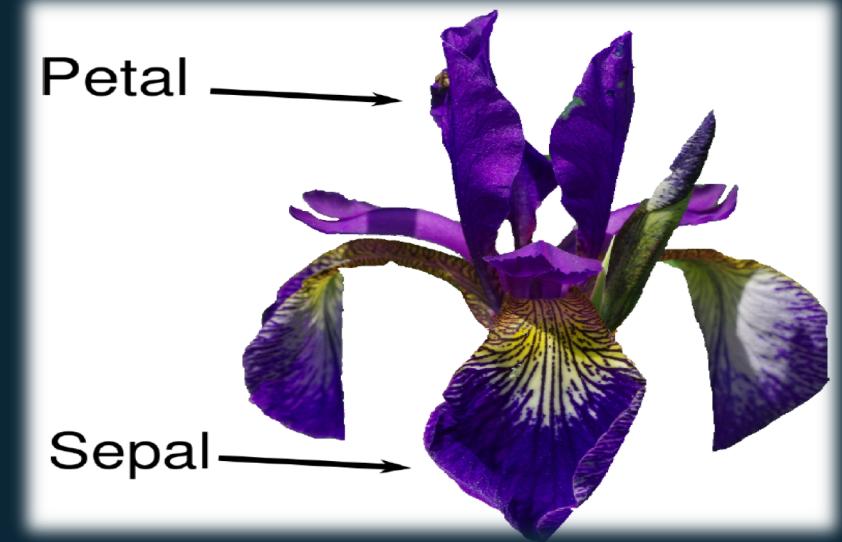
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Comments on Naïve Bayes:

- Very fast to train and predict.
- Easy to understand.
- Few parameters to tune.



15. Tree Learning – Discriminative Model

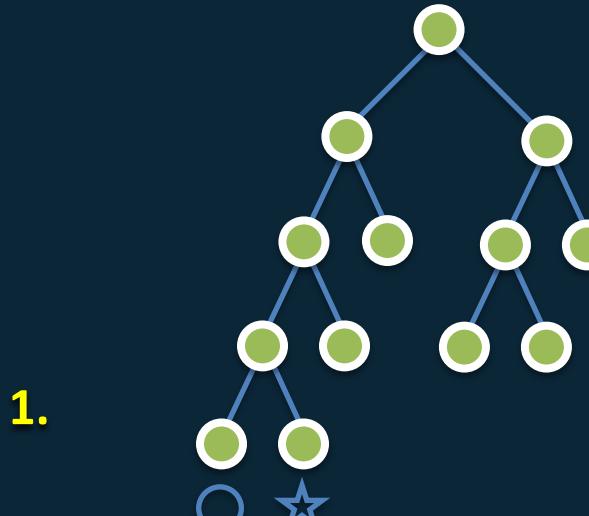
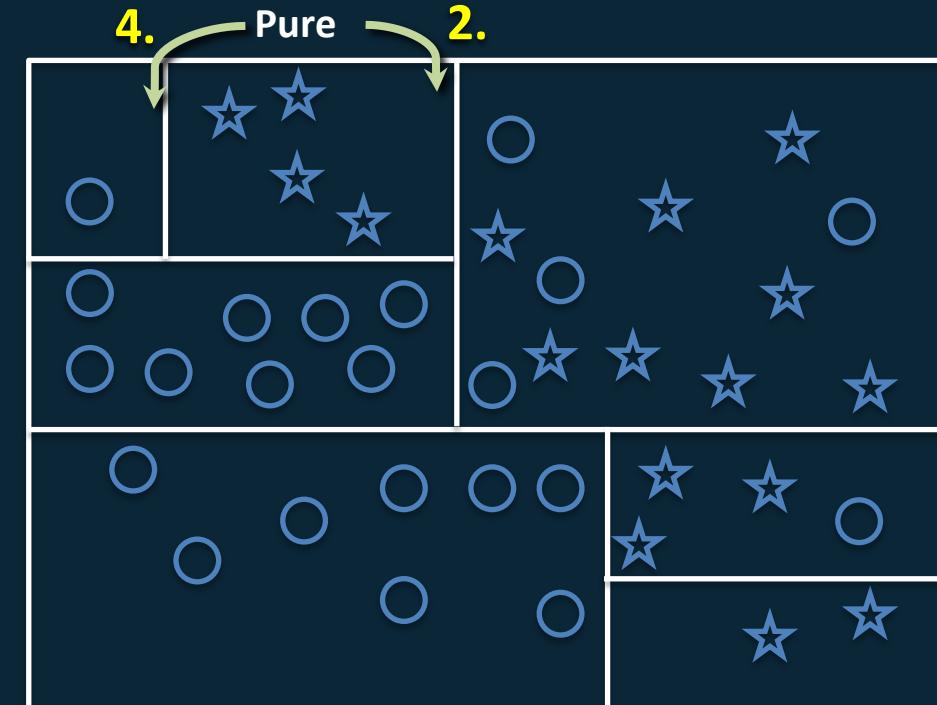


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Suppose we have a dataset containing 2 classes:

- Stars
- Circles

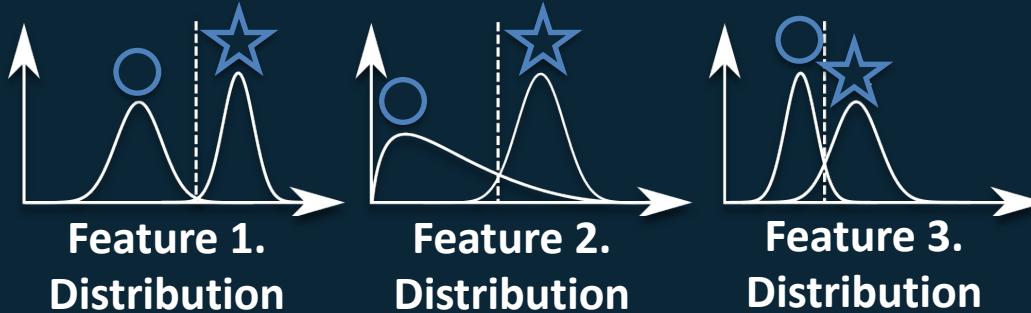
Goal is to separate them as accurately as possible.



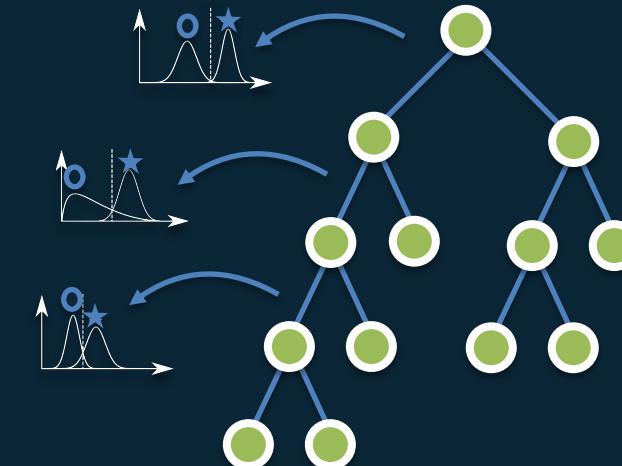
- Non-linear model.
- Successively discriminates into classes via partitioning the data.
- Each partition forms an extra decision boundary.
- Key question – which feature to split on at any given time?



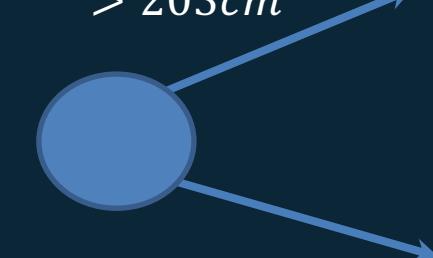
16. Tree Split Choice



- At each split point, find the feature that maximises the separation between each class.
- Done by considering the statistical distribution of the features.
- Via an optimisation method (search over the possible split-points, find the best).



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> 203cm*



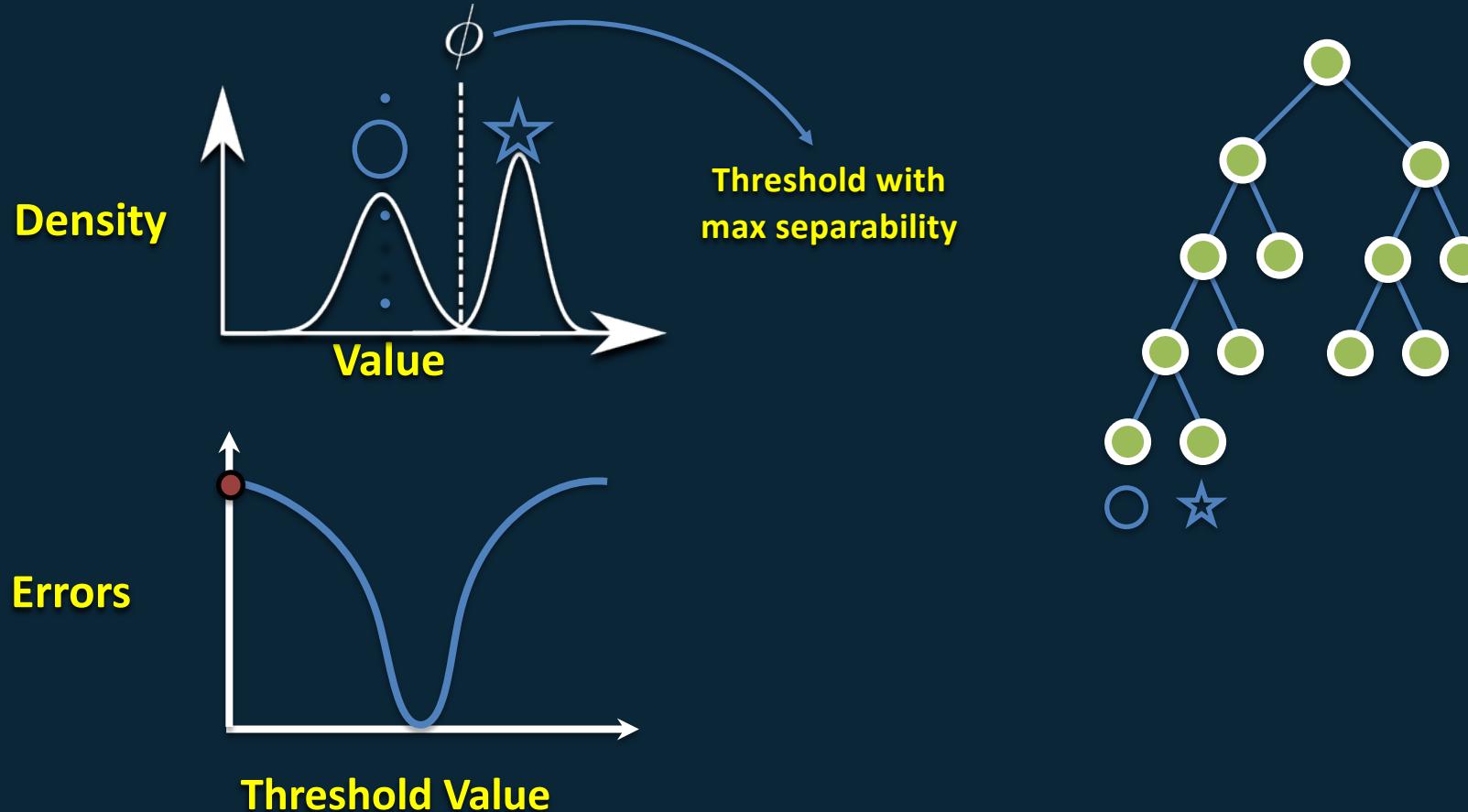
Mountain
Lion



Mass
roughly
equal



17. Splitting Guided by Error



18. Activity 2 – Practical



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- The notebook contains code that allows you to build a decision tree for a real dataset.
Scroll down to the Decision tree section.
- Here we apply the decision tree to the Breast Cancer Dataset.
- Step through the cells in the notebook.
- You'll find that accuracy on the test set increases after restricting the depth of the tree to 4 layers.
- Play around with various user defined parameters and see how they impact the accuracy.
- Decision trees can be susceptible to overfitting – once finished with the Decision Tree section, scroll down to the Random Forest section.
- A Random Forest is an algorithm that combines multiple Decision Trees to achieve better results.
- Execute the Random Forest cells.
- You might find that the Random Forest can overcome some of the decision tree's inherent deficiencies.

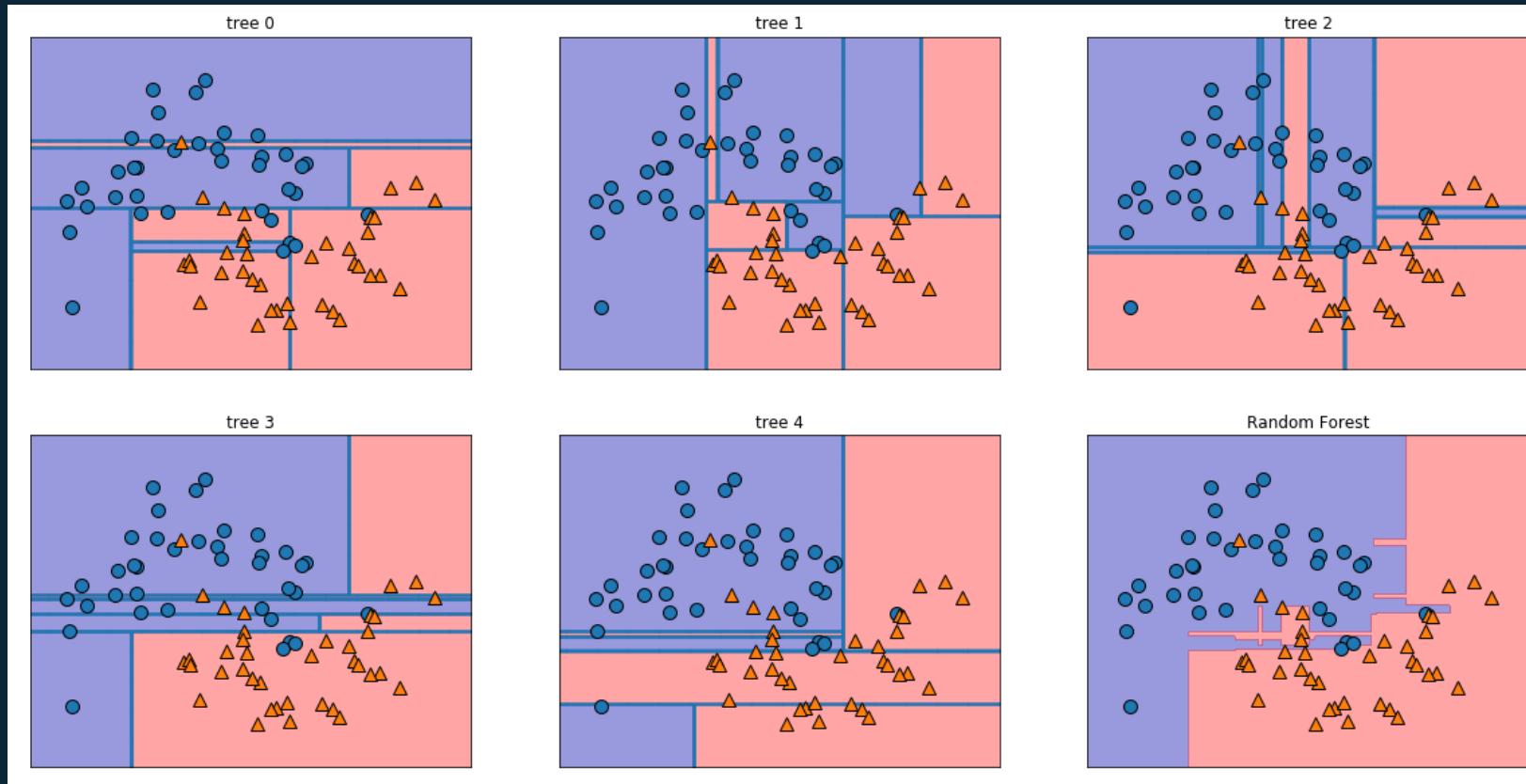




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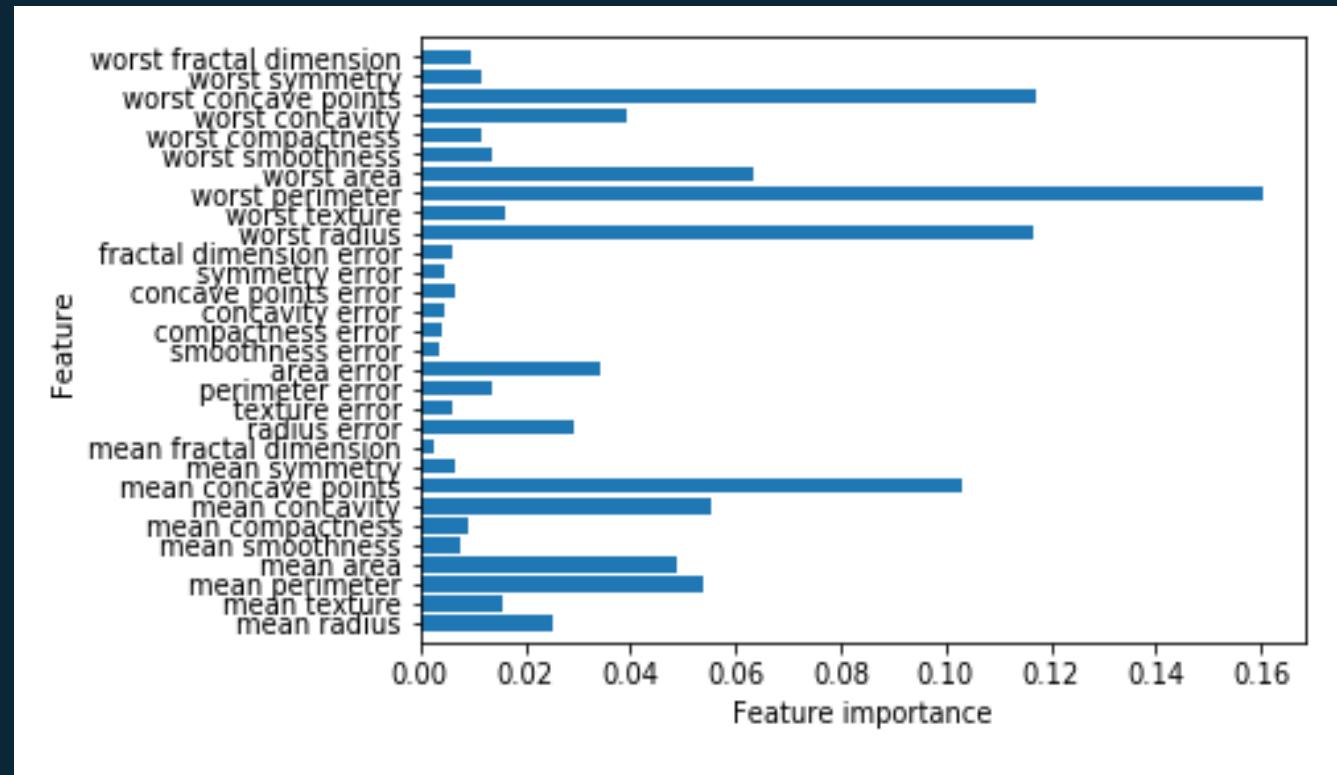
- That can be seen when studying the decision boundaries of the trees we've trained, versus the boundary produced by the Random Forest.





20. Activity 2 – Practical

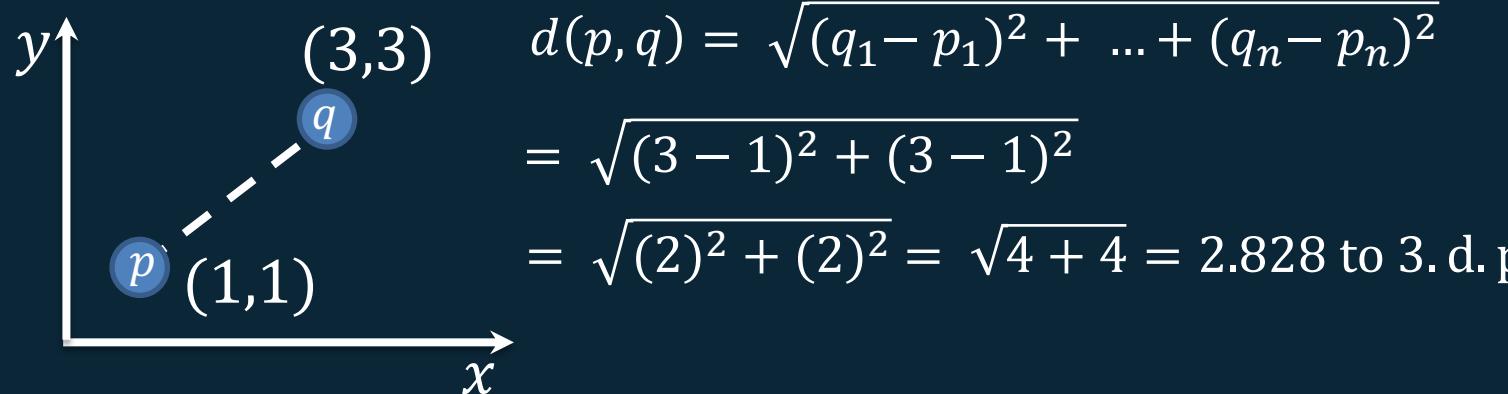
- Compare the results of the Random Forest with those obtained using Decision trees for the Breast Cancer data.
- Compare the feature importance in both cases. One can see that more features participate in Random Forest decision making.



21. Unsupervised learning



- To make a prediction for a data point, unsupervised algorithms try to group them together with the points closest to them in the training set – i.e. group according to the “nearest neighbors”.
- Closest / nearest neighbors are computed using distance measures e.g. Euclidean distance:

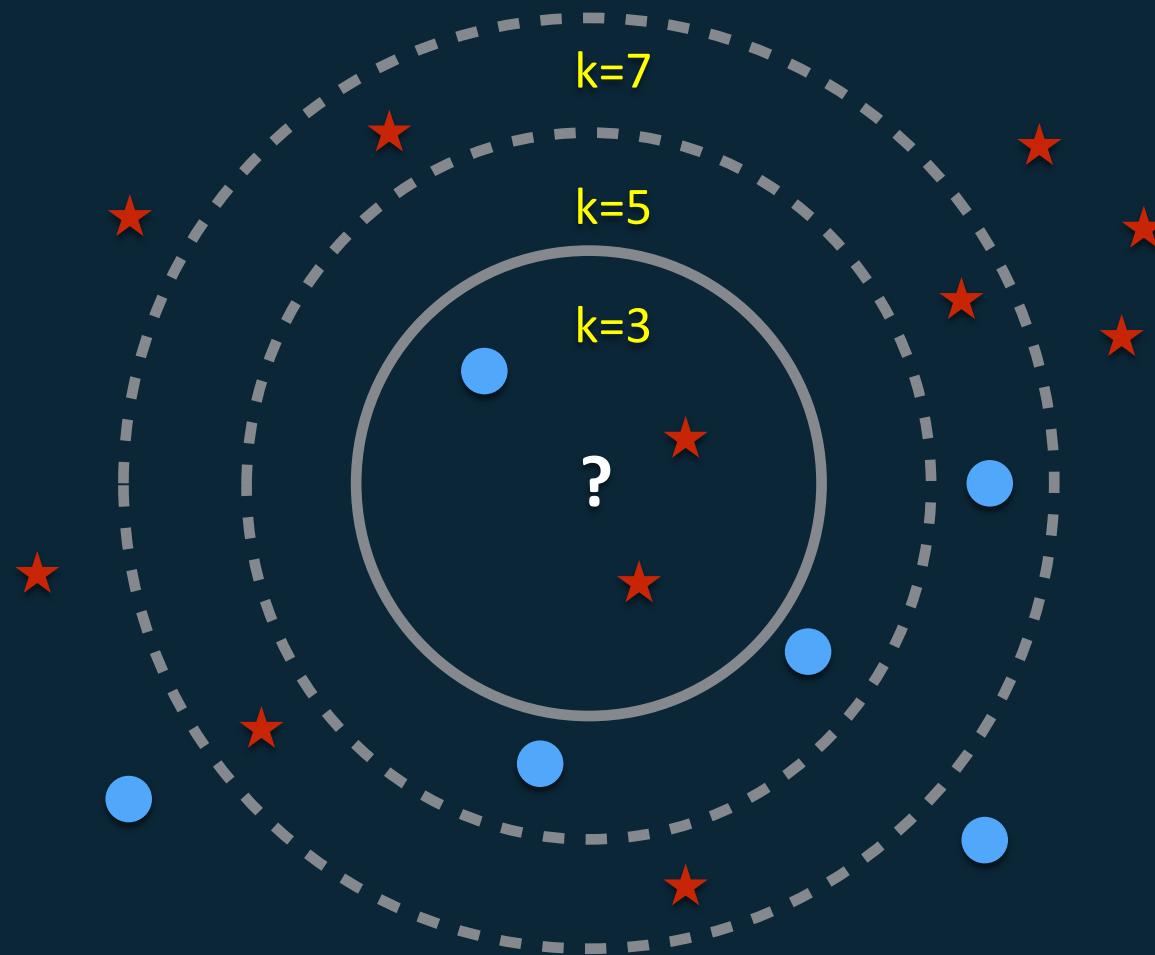


- Once we find the nearest neighbours of a data point via a method like above, we determine the most popular label amongst it's nearest neighbours.
- We assign the majority label of the neighbours to the unlabeled data point.
- We need to determine how many of it's nearest neighbours, k , we should use to decide.

22. K-nearest Neighbours



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| K value | Prediction |
|---------|-------------|
| 3 | Red Star |
| 5 | Blue Circle |
| 7 | Red Star |



23. Activity 3 – Practical

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- The notebook contains code that allows you to build a k -NN classifier for the IRIS dataset.
- Step through the cells in the notebook.
- Execute this code on Google Colab.
- The program has the following parts
 1. Load the data.
 2. Analyse the dataset.
 3. Prepare the training/ test datasets.
 4. Create & Train classifier Model.
 5. Evaluate the model using test set.

```
1 from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
2 iris_dataset = load_iris()
3 print("Keys of iris_dataset: \n{}".format(iris_dataset.keys()))
4 print("Target Names: {}".format(iris_dataset['target_names']))
5 print("Feature names: \n{}".format(iris_dataset['feature_names']))
6 print("Type of data: {}".format(type(iris_dataset['data'])))
7 print("Shape of data: {}".format(iris_dataset['data'].shape))
8 print("First five rows of data:\n{}".format(iris_dataset['data'][:5]))
9 print("Type of target: {}".format(type(iris_dataset['target'])))
10 print("Shape of target: {}".format(iris_dataset['target'].shape))
11 print("Target:\n{}".format(iris_dataset['target']))
12 print(iris_dataset['DESCR'][:193] + "\n...")
```

```
1 # Prepare Training and Testing Dataset
2 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
3 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
4     iris_dataset['data'], iris_dataset['target'], random_state=0)
5
6 print("X_train shape: {}".format(X_train.shape))
7 print("y_train shape: {}".format(y_train.shape))
8
9 print("X_test shape: {}".format(X_test.shape))
10 print("y_test shape: {}".format(y_test.shape))
```

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X_train shape: (112, 4)
y_train shape: (112,)
X_test shape: (38, 4)
y_test shape: (38,)
```

24. Activity 3 – Practical



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- ***k*-NN is easy to implement and easy to understand.**
- **Only two parameters need to be selected - number of neighbors (*k*) and distance measure (e.g. Euclidean distance)**
- **Good baseline method to try before considering more advanced techniques.**
- **The prediction can be slow for very large datasets or datasets with large number of features (> 100).**
- **It does not perform well with sparse datasets (where most feature values are 0).**



25. Evaluation

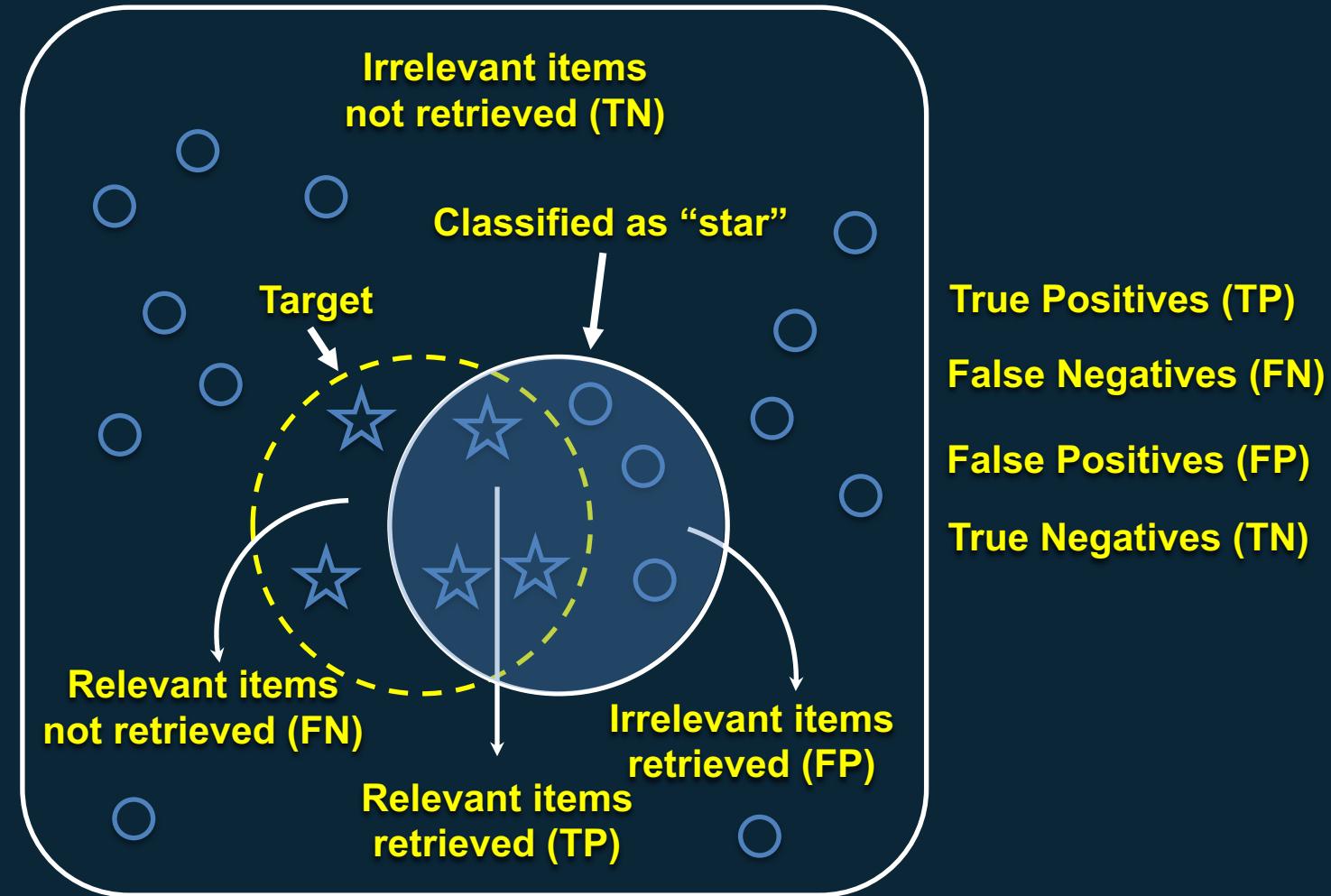
By counting the outcomes, we can evaluate performance. To do this we use “metrics” that quantify performance.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

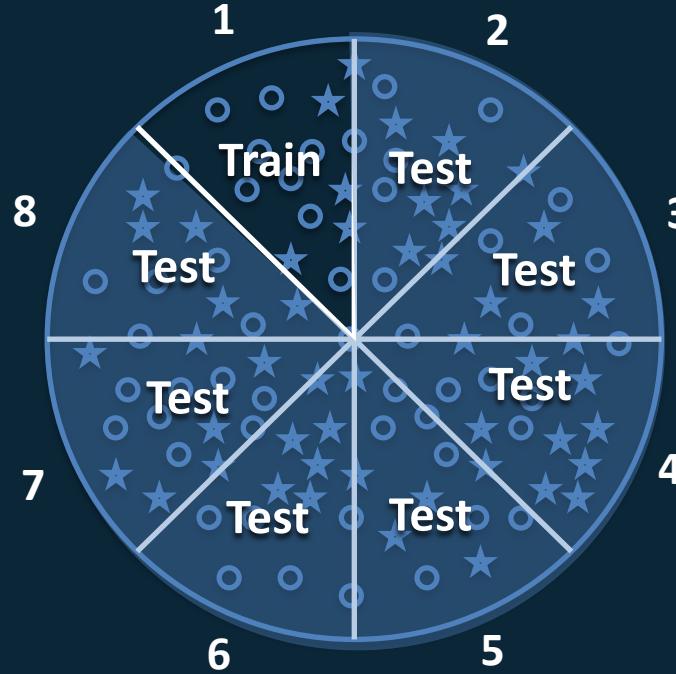
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

Many, many more metrics!





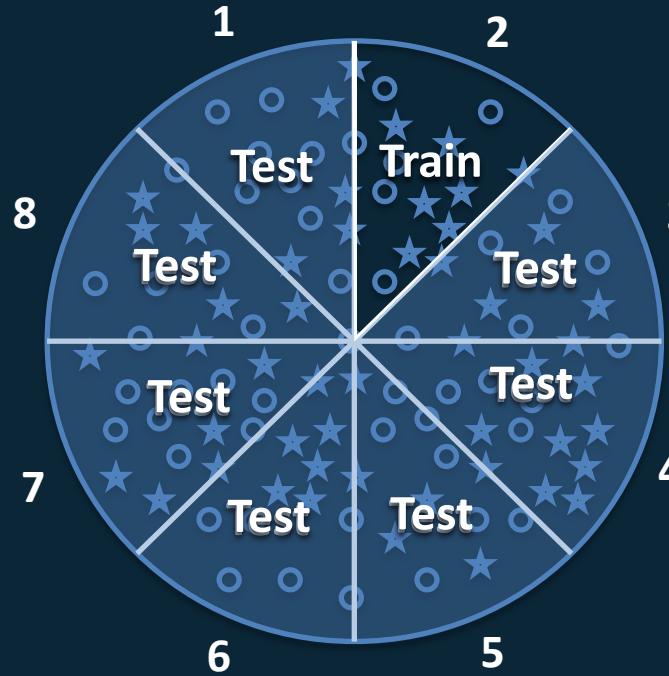
26. Practical Evaluation



1. Randomly split labelled data in to n equally sized portions called "folds". Ensure each fold has the correct proportion of examples for each class, when compared to the complete labelled data set.
2. Label the folds using numbers.
3. Use the first fold to train a model, then test on the remaining folds.
4. Record the result achieved.



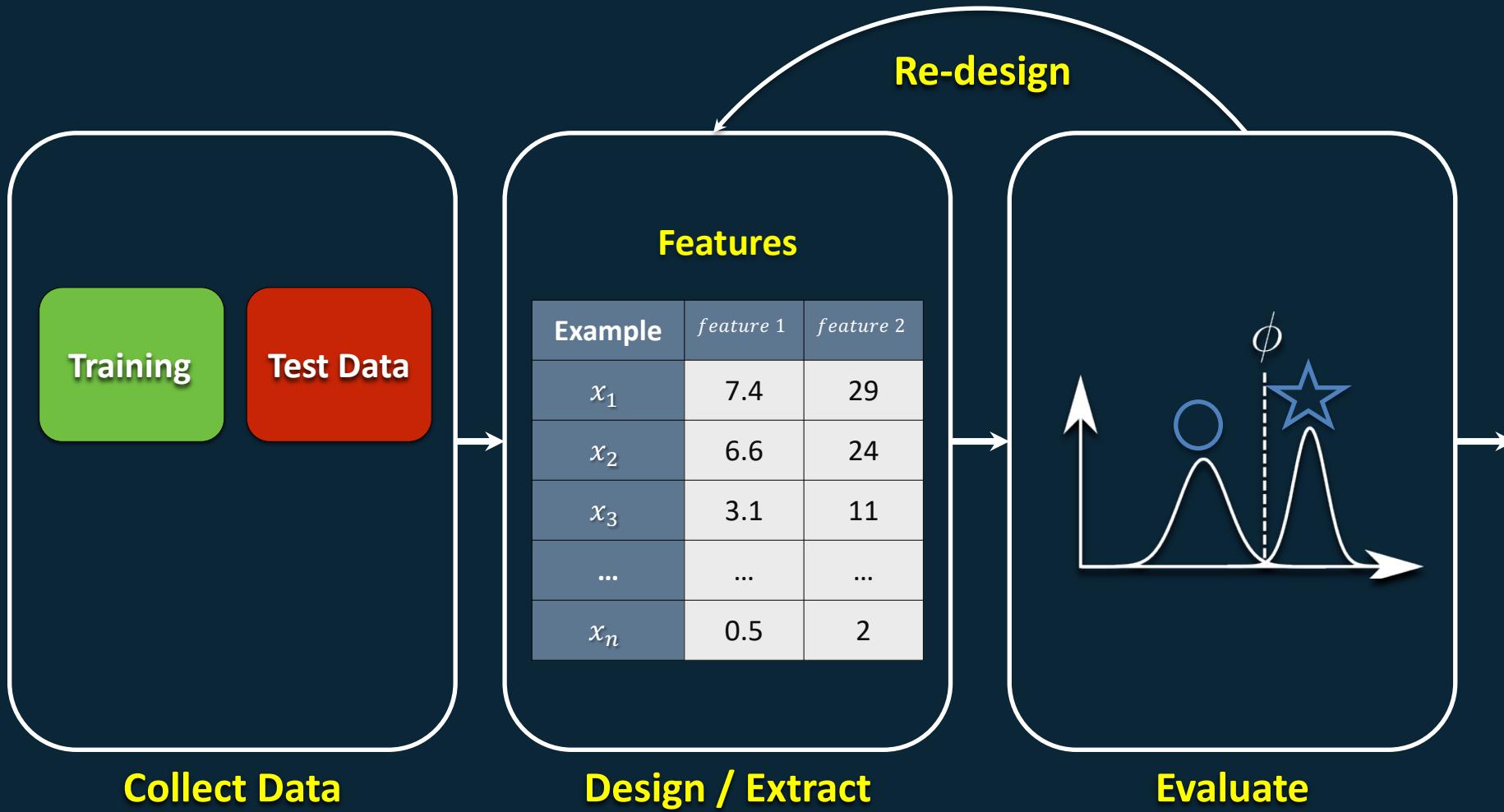
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4. Record the result achieved.
5. Now use the second fold to train the model. All other folds (including the the first) now used for testing.
6. Repeat this process until all folds have been used for training.
7. Aggregate the results on each fold, and compute averages. This allows a more rounded impression of performance.

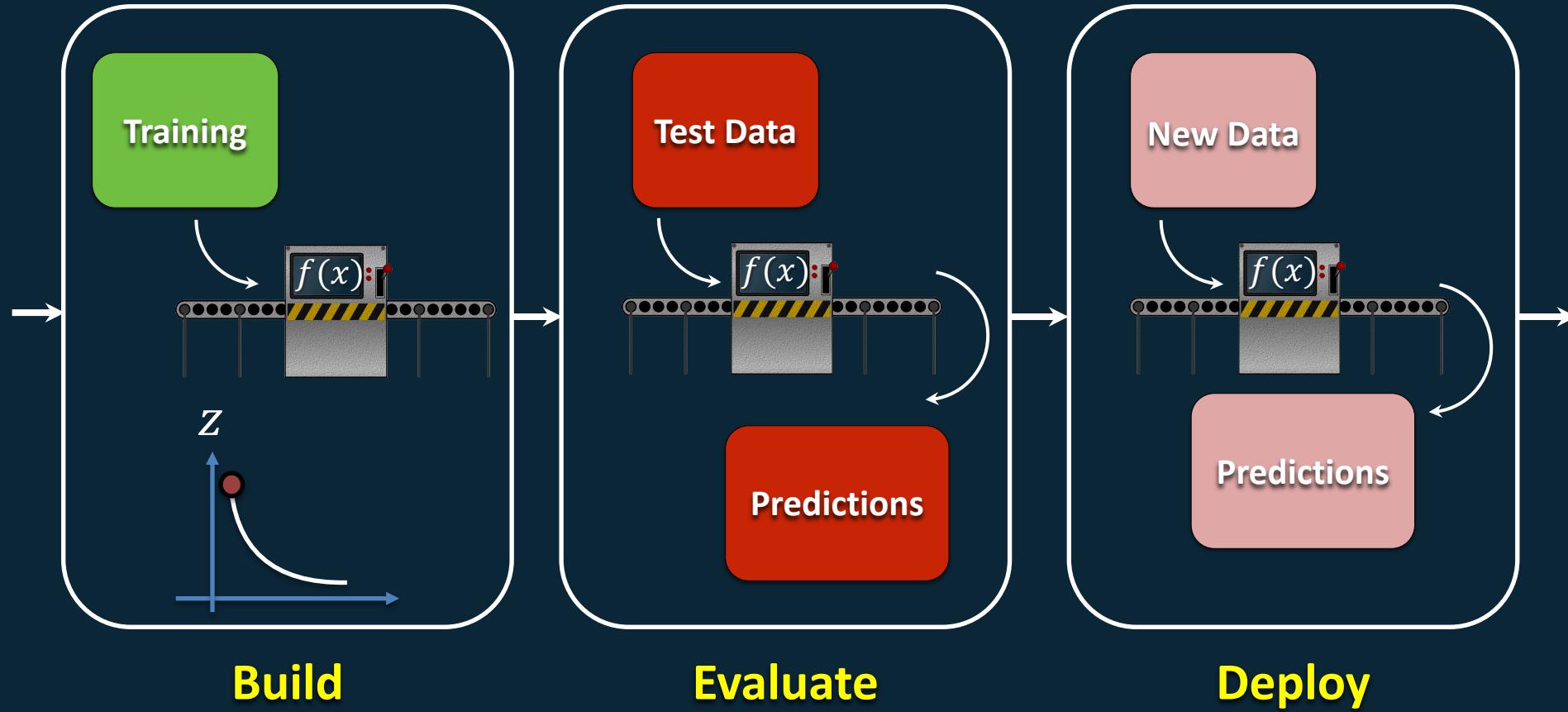


27. Summary of Process (1)





28. Summary of Process (2)



29. Summary



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We've covered a great deal in this module,

- Data sets, features, and class labels.
- Labelled and unlabelled datasets.
- Different types of learning that we're capable of.
- Bias.
- The concept of classification.
- Generalisation, and under/over fitting.
- Functions.
- Different ML algorithms: Decision stumps, Decision trees, Naïve Bayes, k-nearest neighbours.
- How we evaluate our algorithms.
- How to run and build some example algorithms.

We hope this inspires you to learn more, perhaps you'll continue reading and researching the subject! There are some resources you may find interesting...



30. Resources



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Books:

- “*Machine Learning*”, Mitchell, T., 1997, <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/mlbook.html>
- “*Data Mining*”, Witten, I. H., et. al, 2011, <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/book.html>
- “*Artificial Intelligence*”, Norvig, P. & Russel, S., 2009, <http://aima.cs.berkeley.edu>
- “*Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning*”, Bishop, C. M., 2007, Springer.

Toolkits:

- Matlab: http://www.mathworks.co.uk/help/stats/index.html#btq_uq5
- SciKit-Learn: <http://scikit-learn.org/stable/>
- Weka: <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/>
- Orange: <http://orange.biolab.si>

Pulsar Classification

<https://github.com/astro4dev/OAD-Data-Science-Toolkit/tree/master/Teaching%20Materials/Machine%20Learning/Supervised%20Learning/Examples/PPC>

31. Resources



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Useful links:

- **Women in Machine Learning**, <https://wimlworkshop.org/>
- **Girl Geeks**, <https://www.girlgeeks.uk/>
- **Women in Data**, <https://womenindata.co.uk/>
- **Women in data science**, <https://www.turing.ac.uk/research/research-projects/women-data-science-and-ai>
- **Her + Data**, <http://herplusdata.org/chapters/>