

# Demystifying ML, AI & Automation Part I

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# Intro

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## About

BSc Automation Engineering – Telematic Applications

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Current Research field – Applied ML, time series analysis

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# Why Lectures?

- Get a better overview of the current landscape in ML, AI & Automation, because they can potentially help us on:
    - Reducing complexity of network
    - Improving experience by Time-to-market, Time-to-repair
    - Repetitive caused costs can be targeted and reduced
    - Forecasting, Automating, Making predictions smarter
  - “Start with the problem” philosophy
- Pros cons, Tools, etc. should not dictate what we should use!
- Identify what we want to solve
  - Work to the algorithms & models needed
  - Utilise best approach
- Start changing mindset and attitude...

“AI is the New  
Electricity”

Andrew Ng

# Simplistic Definitions

- Automation Comes from ancient compound greek word which means the thing that wishes on its own or the has a will or fury by itself
- Artificial Intelligence<sup>1c</sup> is Human Intelligence Exhibited by Machines
- Machine Learning<sup>1a</sup> is a field of computer science that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed
- Deep learning<sup>1b</sup> is part of a broader family of machine learning methods based on learning data representations, as opposed to task-specific algorithms.

def·i·ni·tion  
defəˈniʃ(ə)n  
noun  
a statement of the exact meaning of a word,  
especially in a dictionary.

1a Machine Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine\\_learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning)

1b Deep Learning, Wikipedia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep\\_learning#Definitions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_learning#Definitions)

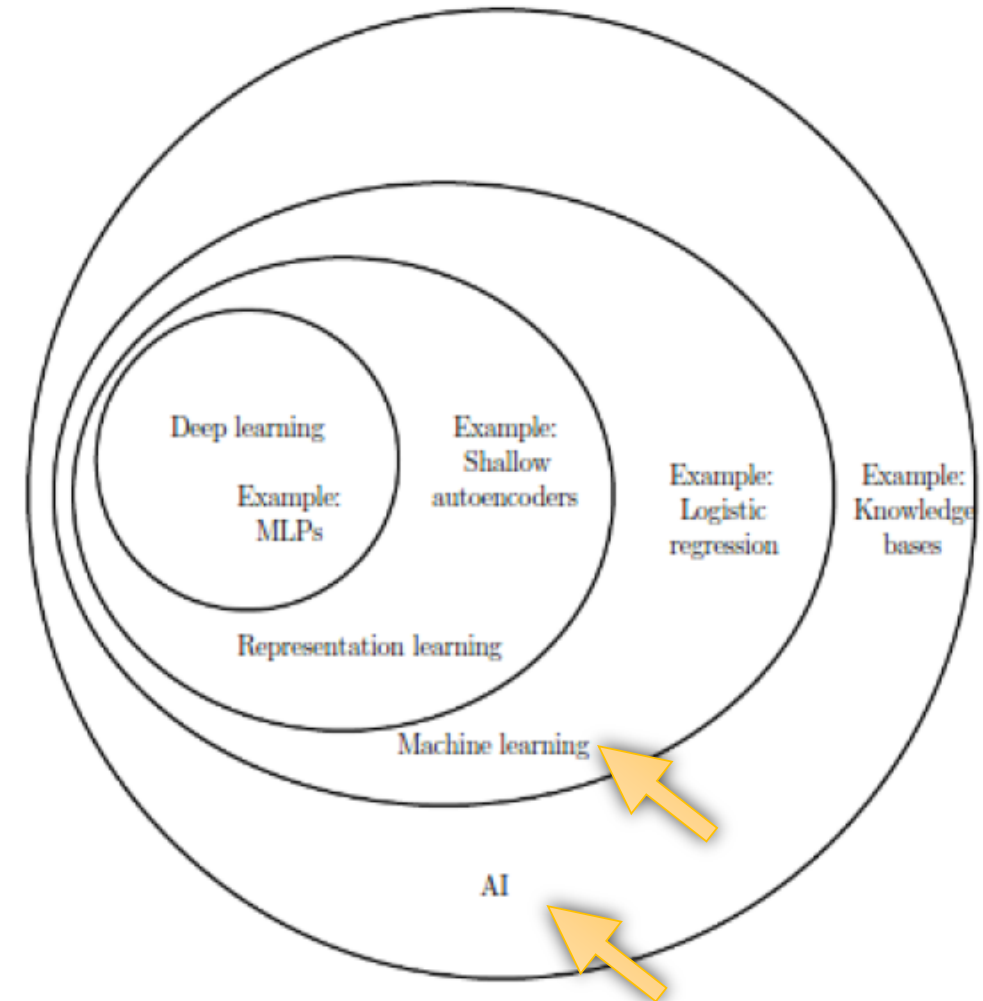
1c What's the Difference Between Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning?, Copeland, Nvidia Web page, 09 Nov 2017

<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2016/07/29/whats-difference-artificial-intelligence-machine-learning-deep-learning-ai/>

# Landscape overview

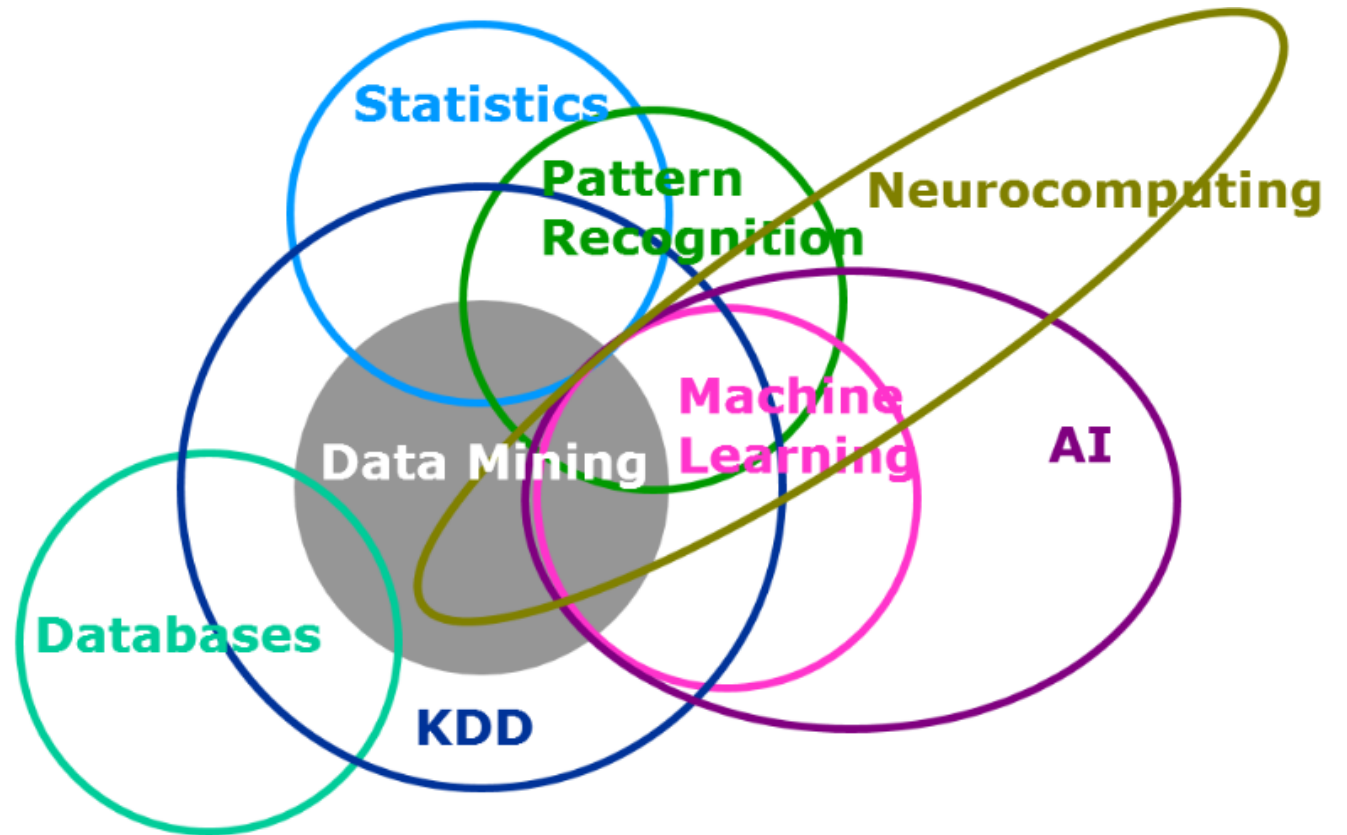
Landscape and focus<sup>2</sup> areas vary:

- Automation
- Statistics & Probability
- Data Mining
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
  - Supervised Learning
  - Unsupervised Learning
  - Reinforcement Learning
- Deep Learning
- Other Areas
  - Deep Reinforcement Learning



# Landscape overview

Landscape and focus<sup>3</sup> areas of ML also could have overlaps with other scientific disciplines such as Data Mining, AI, Big Data and other.



# Bayes Theorem

- $P(A|B) \Rightarrow$  Probability of A given that B

- Exercise on Bayes<sup>4</sup>

Out of 3000 emails received over a certain period, 2000 are spam and 1000 are not. The word “Rolex” appeared in 250 out of the 2000 which are spam and in 5 out of the 1000. So, if an email is received, i.e. email<sub>3001</sub>, and contains the word “Rolex”, what is the possibility that it is a spam?

Let S be the event that the message is spam, and E be the event that the message contains the word w. Under our assumption from before, we have that:

$$P(S|E) = \frac{P(E|S)}{P(E|S) + P(E|\bar{S})}$$

# Bayes Theorem exercise

- Example – Solution:

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$$P(S|E) = \frac{P(E|S)}{P(E|S) + P(E|\bar{S})}$$

$$P(S|E) = \frac{\frac{250}{2000}}{\frac{250}{2000} + \frac{5}{1000}} =$$

$$\frac{0.125}{0.125 + 0.005} \approx 0.962$$



# Markov Chains

- Statistics & Probability - Markov Chains<sup>5</sup>

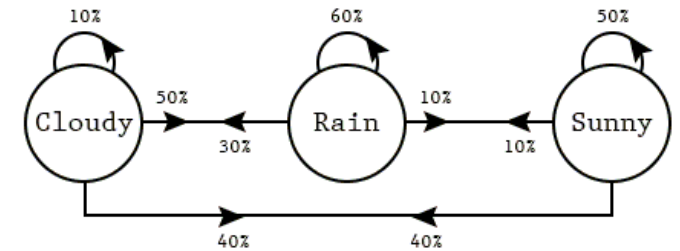
Markov Chains is a probabilistic process, that relies on the current state to predict the next state. For Markov chains to be effective the current state has to be dependent on the previous state in some way;

For instance, from experience we know that if it looks cloudy outside, the next state we expect is rain. We can also say that when the rain starts to subside into cloudiness, the next state will most likely be sunny.

MARKOV TABLE OF PROBABILITIES

| STATE  | NEXT STATE | PROBABILITY | %   |
|--------|------------|-------------|-----|
| CLOUDY | CLOUDY     | 0.1         | 10% |
| CLOUDY | RAIN       | 0.5         | 50% |
| CLOUDY | SUNNY      | 0.4         | 40% |
| RAIN   | CLOUDY     | 0.3         | 30% |
| RAIN   | RAIN       | 0.6         | 60% |
| RAIN   | SUNNY      | 0.1         | 10% |
| SUNNY  | CLOUDY     | 0.4         | 40% |
| SUNNY  | RAIN       | 0.1         | 10% |
| SUNNY  | SUNNY      | 0.5         | 50% |

Markov State Diagram



Current State Vector

| C | R | S |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 |

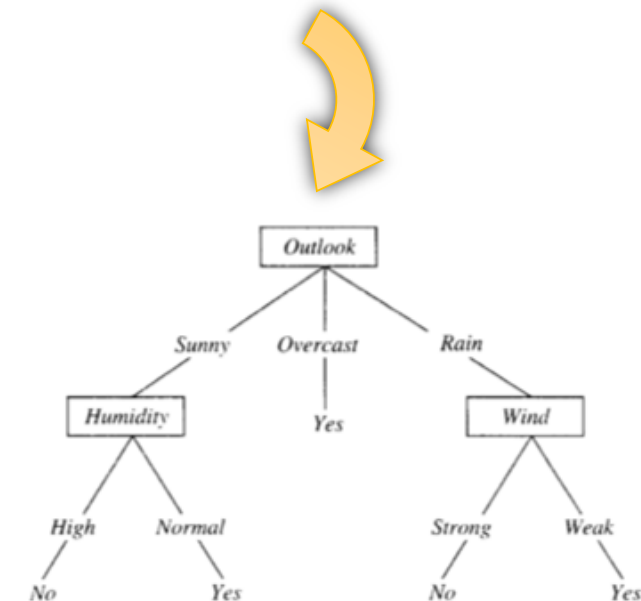
Figure 4

# Supervised Learning

## Decision Trees

- Decision Tree Learning  
DTL is method for approximating discrete valued target functions, in which the learned function is represented by a decision tree.  
(Weka example will follow)
- Example<sup>7a</sup> dataset converted via algorithm to Decision tree
- Methodology<sup>7b</sup> of is whenever a feature is able to tell us more about our class, it is selected as a node

| No. | 1: outlook | 2: temperature | 3: humidity | 4: windy | 5: play |
|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|
|     | Nominal    | Numeric        | Numeric     | Nominal  | Nominal |
| 1   | sunny      | 85.0           | 85.0        | FALSE    | no      |
| 2   | sunny      | 80.0           | 90.0        | TRUE     | no      |
| 3   | overcast   | 83.0           | 86.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| 4   | rainy      | 70.0           | 96.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| 5   | rainy      | 68.0           | 80.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| 6   | rainy      | 65.0           | 70.0        | TRUE     | no      |
| 7   | overcast   | 64.0           | 65.0        | TRUE     | yes     |
| 8   | sunny      | 72.0           | 95.0        | FALSE    | no      |
| 9   | sunny      | 69.0           | 70.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| ... | rainy      | 75.0           | 80.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| ... | sunny      | 75.0           | 70.0        | TRUE     | yes     |
| ... | overcast   | 72.0           | 90.0        | TRUE     | yes     |
| ... | overcast   | 81.0           | 75.0        | FALSE    | yes     |
| ... | rainy      | 71.0           | 91.0        | TRUE     | no      |



7a Machine Learning, Mitchell, McGraw, 1997.

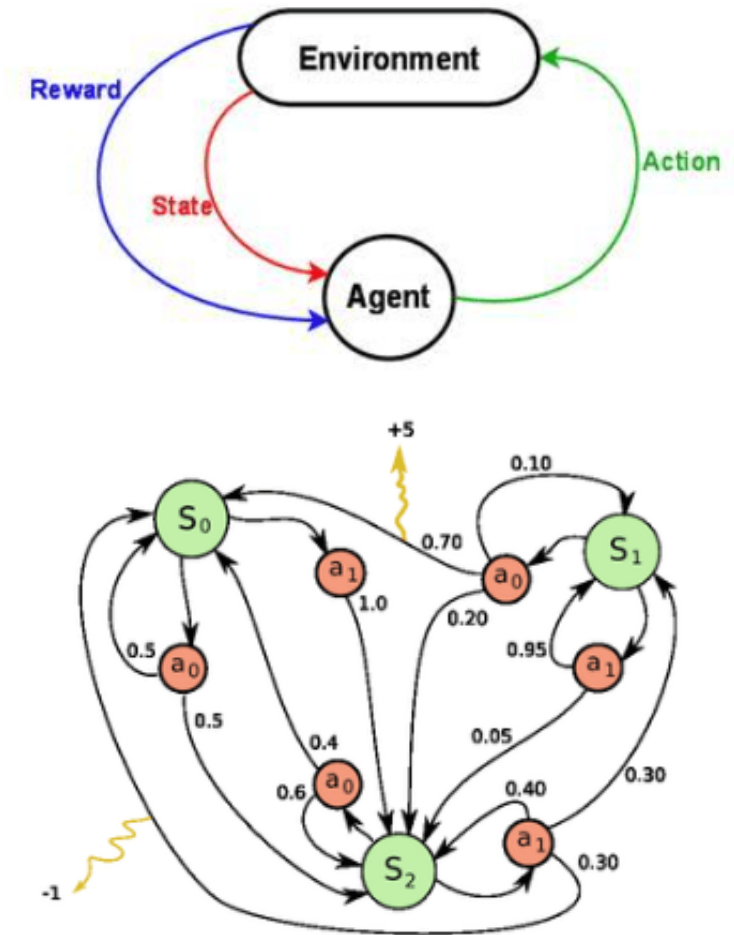
<http://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spr07/cos424/papers/mitchell-dectrees.pdf>

7b Classification Methods, Padhye, 2017.

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~padhy005/Chapter5.html>

# Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- Reinforcement Learning<sup>8</sup> is learning what to do--how to map situations to actions--so as to maximise a numerical reward signal.
- Reinforcement learning is defined not by characterising learning methods, but by characterising a learning problem.



# Tools – Landscape<sup>11</sup>

| Category                        | Sub-category                       | Description   | Examples  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Packages of ML Implementations  | Statistical Software Packages      | Software toolkits with a large set of implementations of ML algorithms, typically with visualization support                            | SAS, R, Matlab, SPSS                              |
|                                 | Data Mining Toolkits               | Software toolkits with a relatively limited set of ML algorithms, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance | Weka, AzureML, ODM, MADlib, Mahout, Hazy-Classify |
|                                 | Developability-oriented Frameworks | Software frameworks and systems that aim to improve developability, typically from academic research                                    | GraphLab, Bismarck, MLBase                        |
|                                 | SRL Frameworks                     | Implementations of statistical relational learning (SRL)  | DeepDive  |
|                                 | Deep Learning Systems              | Implementations of deep neural networks   | Google Brain, Microsoft Adam                      |
|                                 | Bayesian Inference Systems         | Systems providing scalable inference for Bayesian ML models   | SimSQL, Elementary, Tuffy                         |
| Linear Algebra- based Systems   | Statistical Software Packages      | Systems offering an interactive statistical programming environment   | SAS, R, Matlab                                    |
|                                 | R-based Analytics Systems          | Systems that provide R or an R-like language for analytics, typically over a data platform, possibly with incremental maintenance       | RIOT, ORE, SystemML, LINVIEW                      |
| Model Management Systems        |                                    | Systems that provide querying, versioning, and deployment support   | SAS, LongView, Velox                              |
| Systems for Feature Engineering |                                    | Systems that provide abstractions to make feature engineering easier  | Columbus , DeepDive                               |
| Systems for Algorithm Selection |                                    | Systems that provide abstractions to make algorithm selection easier  | MLBase, AzureML                                   |
| Systems for Parameter Tuning    |                                    | Systems that provide abstractions to make parameter tuning easier   | SAS, R, MLBase, AzureML                           |

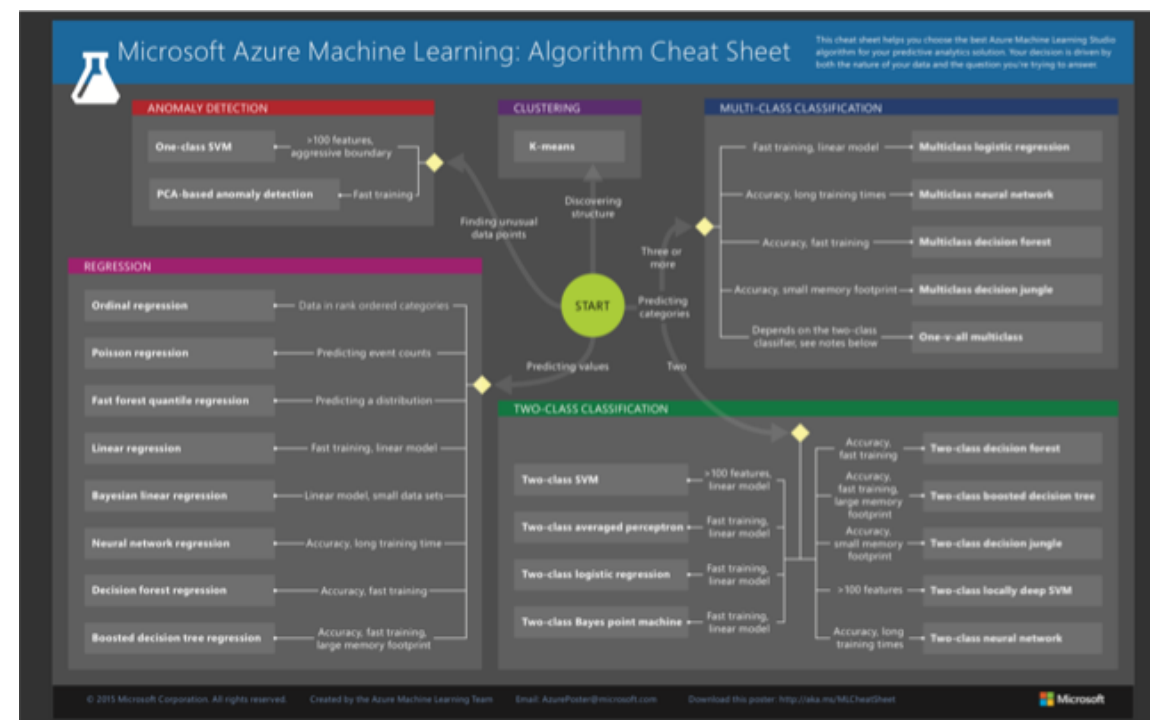
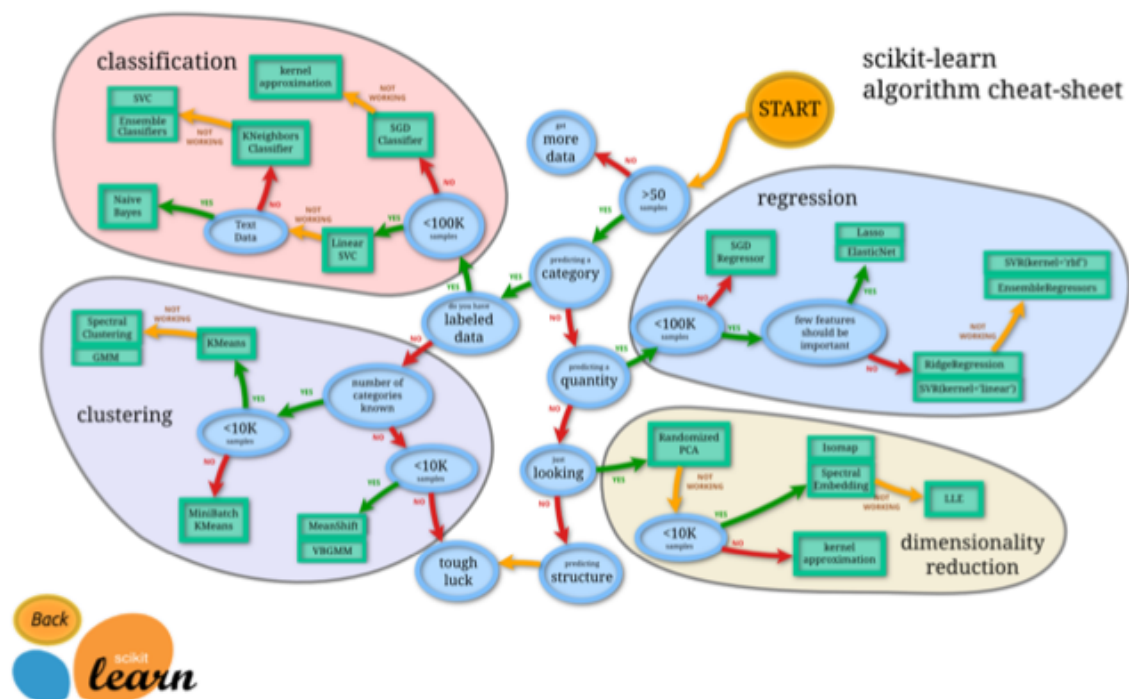
<sup>11</sup> A Survey of the Existing Landscape of ML Systems, Kumar; McCann; Naughton; Patel, 27 Nov 2015

<https://minds.wisconsin.edu/handle/1793/73834>

# Deep Learning Toolkits comparison<sup>12</sup>

| Toolkit           | GPU Support | Other  |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Caffe             | Yes         | JSON-like text file to describe the network architecture |
| Deeplearning4j    | Yes         | Java on Scala API  |
| <b>Tensorflow</b> | Yes         | Google backing, high adoption - Python                   |
| Theano            |             | Python   |
| <b>Keras</b>      |             | Python - uses Theano or Tensorflow as backend            |
| MXNet             | Yes         | C++  |
| Lasagne           |             | Python - uses Then                                       |
| CNTK              |             | VS for ML - developed by Microsoft                       |
| DIGITS            |             | Nvidia - web based tool                                  |
| Torch             |             | Written in C   |
| PyTorch           | Yes         | Python frontend  |
| Pylearn2          |             | Python   |
| Chainer           |             |  |

# Choose an algorithm<sup>10a, 10b</sup>



10a Microsoft Azure Machine Learning: Algorithm Cheat Sheet, Microsoft website, 09 Nov 2017

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/6/1/A613E11E-8F9C-424A-B99D-65344785C288/microsoft-machine-learning-algorithm-cheat-sheet-v6.pdf>

10b Scikit-Learn Algorithm selection Procedure, Scikit-learn website, 23 Oct 2017

[http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/machine\\_learning\\_map/index.html](http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/machine_learning_map/index.html)

# Before-Selecting-a-Tool Checklist

- Things to consider for a toolkit/tool/ecosystem
  - ✓ Environment ease of use
  - ✓ Dev & Exec speed
  - ✓ Training Speed
  - ✓ GPU Support
  - ✓ Community support & contributors
  - ✓ License contamination
  - ✓ Language to be used



# Workflow – The ML Pipeline<sup>9</sup>

| High Level Step           | Short Description   | Possible Skills<br><i>(actual skills &amp; roles will vary,<br/>even from project to project!)</i> |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Define Objective          | Start with the question or problem we want to solve                                       | <i>Analytics, Operational</i>  |
| Allocate proper data      | Find proper data and sources, prepare data set (train/dev/test)                           | <i>Data Engineering, Big Data</i>  |
| Prepare & Evaluate Data   | Identify features, flatten data in observations per row, clean, Exploratory Data Analysis | <i>Data Engineering, Analytics</i>   |
| Develop Model             | Select ML algorithm suitable for selected problem   | <i>Data Science, ML</i>  |
| Train Model               | Train, classify dataset   | <i>Data Science, ML</i>  |
| Analysis and Testing      | Test your model for performance - errors, correct classifications                         | <i>Data Science, ML, Analytics</i>   |
| Deploy, Monitor & Operate | Publish model in live environment   | <i>Development, Operational</i>  |
| Accuracy Improvement      | Evaluate accuracy of predictions/forecasts  | <i>Operational, Analytics</i>  |



<sup>9</sup> Deep Learning Dissected: The Role of DevOps Teams and Workflows, Adel El-Hallak, 08 Nov 2017

<https://thenewstack.io/deep-learning-dissected-devops-teams-workflows/>

<sup>9</sup> End-to-End Predictive Model in AzureML using Linear Regression, Tejaswi, 15 Nov 2014

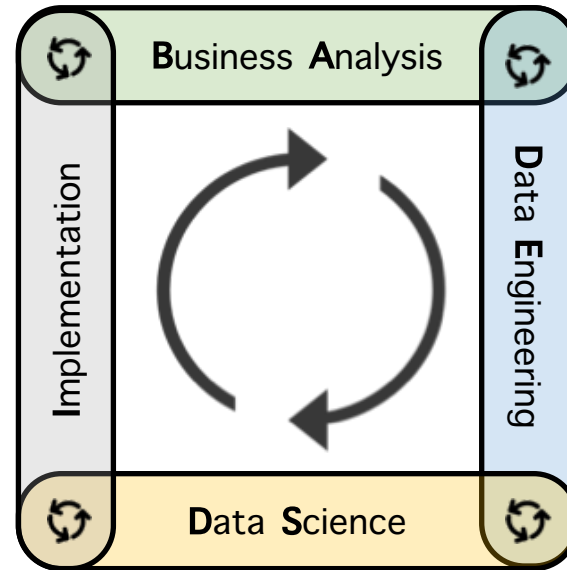
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<sup>9</sup> The 7 Steps of Machine Learning, Yufeng G, 31 Aug 2017

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# Workflow – More practical view on roles



- **Business Analysis** role is responsible to define the problem, verify added value of results.
- **Data Engineering** includes tasks such as collecting data, cleaning, sanitizing and creating working & qualitative data frames and data sets.
- **Data Science** includes the activities needed to derive correlations, information, analysis, forecasts and set an ML / AI agent to decide on its own.
- **Implementation** takes the outcomes from the Data Scientists and verifies it with the Business Analysts to deliver as expected. Also, within the role, activities may include O&M of the Automation & ML.

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# Dataset semantics for supervised learning

*(we have a problem and we would like to do predictions!)*

- Dataset

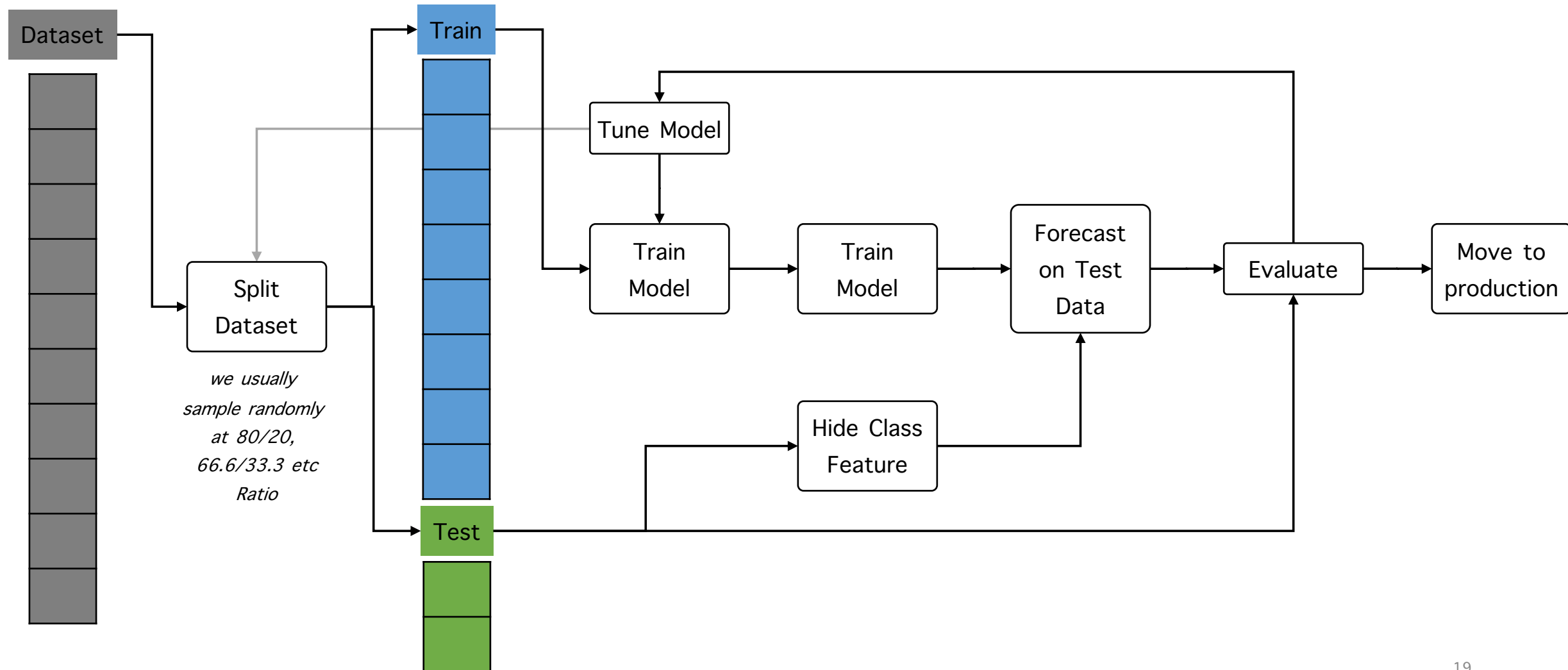
- Features or Labels
- Labels or Classes
- Instances or Observations

The diagram illustrates the mapping between dataset terminology and the table structure. Arrows from the list items point to the table as follows:

- 'Features or Labels' points to the 'Age' column.
- 'Labels or Classes' points to the 'Job' column.
- 'Instances or Observations' points to the third row (35, Japanese, PhD, Assistant).

| Age | Nationality | Education | Job       |
|-----|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 25  | Greek       | MSc       | Engineer  |
| 38  | American    | MSc       | Analyst   |
| 35  | Japanese    | PhD       | Assistant |
| ... | ...         | ...       | ...       |

# Training/Testing Workflow – simplified view



# Practice (fun part :-)

- Weka - Supervised Learning - Decision Trees
- R Studio - Basic Statistics on Large Files
- Anaconda Python - Data Frames / Dask / Keras
- Orange Data Mining - SL Example - Predictions

on:

- bitcoin (prices, open/close in time)
- cars (values based on various features)
- flights (features for flights in US 1989-2004)
- milano\_cells (Telecom Italia Milano area cell traffic)
- Maintenance\_data (machine break down prediction) <<<<



Lectures & Data Sources Page  
<https://github.com/sgez/MLAI>

# Important takeaways

- Start with the problem  
*you are doing the analysis for a reason*
- Be persistent  
*you will have up's and down's*
- Be methodical  
*evaluate, be critical, do not be biased*



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# Now what?

## Resources to get you up to speed!

- Data Science Portals
  - Kaggle
  - KDnuggets
- Youtube channels
  - Siraj Raval
  - Stanford
- Online Lessons
  - Coursera
  - Udacity
  - Udemy
  - Datacamp
- Important DL/ML personalities



# Thank you!

