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Lecture Objectives

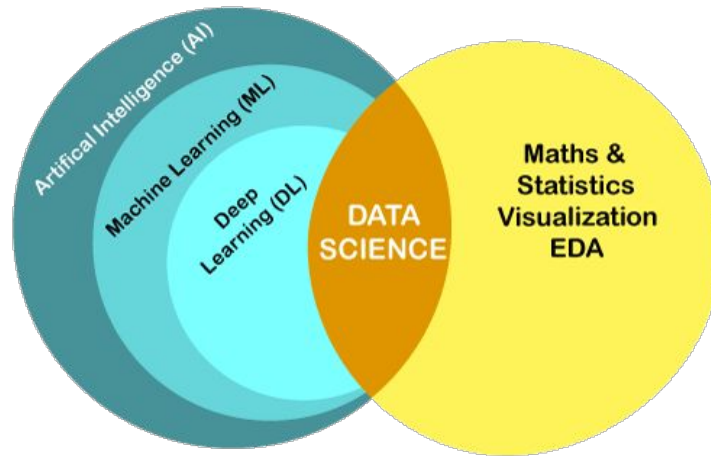
- Distinguish between **supervised**, **unsupervised**, and **semi-supervised learning** by identifying key characteristics and application scenarios, directly applying this knowledge to categorise real-world problems.

Lecture Objectives

- **Select and justify machine learning algorithms** for various case studies, with an emphasis on understanding the **suitability of regression or classification approaches** based on dataset analysis.

Machine Learning

- ★ **Machine Learning (ML)** is a subset of artificial intelligence (AI) that enables systems to learn and improve from experience **without being explicitly programmed**.



Machine Learning

- ★ ML powers many of today's advanced technologies, from **recommendation systems** to **self-driving cars**, enhancing decision-making and creating new opportunities for innovation.

Types of Machine Learning

- ★ **Supervised Learning:** Learning a function that **maps an input to an output** based on example input-output pairs.
- ★ **Unsupervised Learning:** Uncovering hidden patterns from data without any explicit instructions on what to look for.
- ★ **Semi-supervised Learning:** Combines a small amount of labeled data with a large amount of unlabeled data during training.

Supervised vs. Unsupervised vs. Semi-Supervised Learning

★ Key Characteristics:

- Supervised learning uses **labeled datasets** to train algorithms.
- Unsupervised learning deals with data **without historical labels**.
- Semi-supervised learning uses **both labeled and unlabeled data** for training.

Supervised vs. Unsupervised vs. Semi-Supervised Learning

★ Application Scenarios:

- **Supervised learning:** Spam detection, image recognition.
- **Unsupervised learning:** Market basket analysis, customer segmentation.
- **Semi-supervised learning:** Large-scale image classification with limited labeled data.

Classification (Supervised Learning)

- ★ Classification is a supervised learning task that involves predicting discrete class labels
- ★ The goal is to assign input instances to predefined categories or classes
- ★ Classification algorithms learn from labeled training data and make predictions on unseen data

Classification (Supervised Learning)

- ★ **Logistic Regression:** Estimates the probability of an instance belonging to a class
- ★ **Decision Trees:** Builds a tree-like model of decisions based on feature values
- ★ **Random Forests:** Ensemble method that combines multiple decision trees
- ★ **Support Vector Machines (SVM):** Finds an optimal hyperplane that separates classes

Classification (Supervised Learning)

- ★ **Use cases:** Email spam detection, sentiment analysis, image classification

Classification (Supervised Learning)

- ★ Evaluation metrics for classification:
 - **Accuracy:** Proportion of correct predictions
 - **Precision:** Proportion of true positive predictions among positive predictions
 - **Recall (Sensitivity):** Proportion of true positive predictions among actual positive instances
 - **F1-score:** Harmonic mean of precision and recall

Decision Trees with the Iris Dataset (Supervised Learning)

- ★ Decision trees classify data by learning **decision rules** inferred from features.
- ★ **Objective:** Learn how to classify species of Iris flowers based on sepal and petal measurements.

★ Libraries Used:

- **pandas and numpy** for data manipulation.
- **sklearn.datasets** for accessing the Iris dataset.
- **sklearn.model_selection** for data splitting.
- **sklearn.tree** for decision tree algorithms and visualization.
- **matplotlib.pyplot** for plotting.

★ Dataset: Iris dataset features and targets.

- Features: Sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width.
- Targets: Species of Iris (setosa, versicolor, virginica).

★ Splitting Data

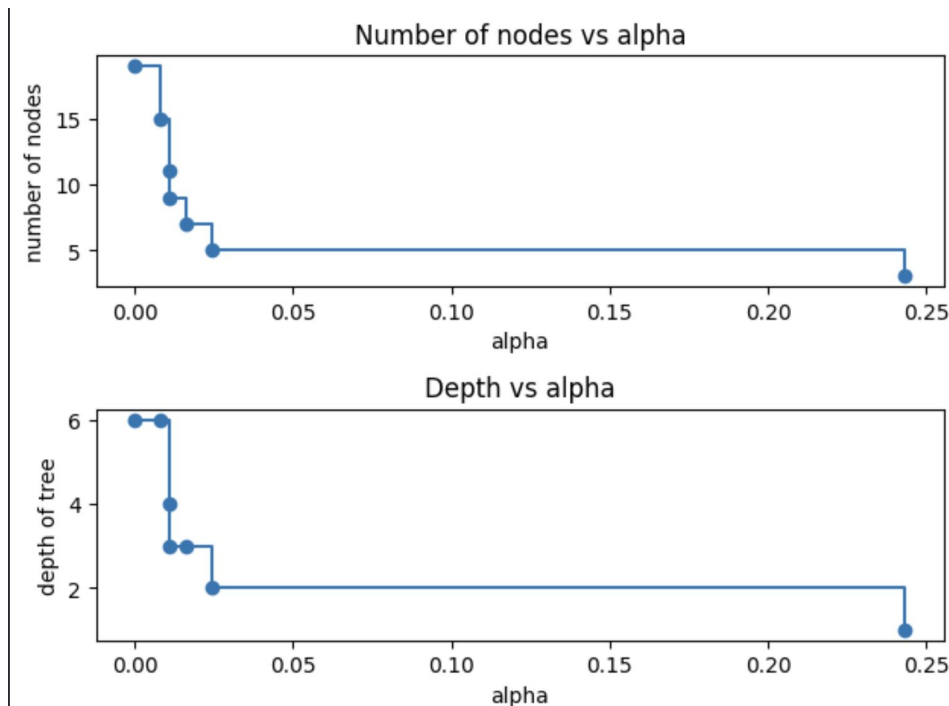
- **Objective:** Prepare data for model training and evaluation.
- **Method:** Use `train_test_split` to divide the dataset into training and testing sets.
- **Split Ratio:** 80% training data, 20% testing data, with a consistent split using `random_state=42`.

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

★ Creating and Training the Model

- **Model:** Decision Tree Classifier without a maximum depth to fully grow the tree.
- **Training:** The model learns to classify Iris species based on the training dataset.

```
# Create and Train the Model with no max_depth limit to make the full tree  
clf_full = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)  
clf_full.fit(X_train, y_train)
```



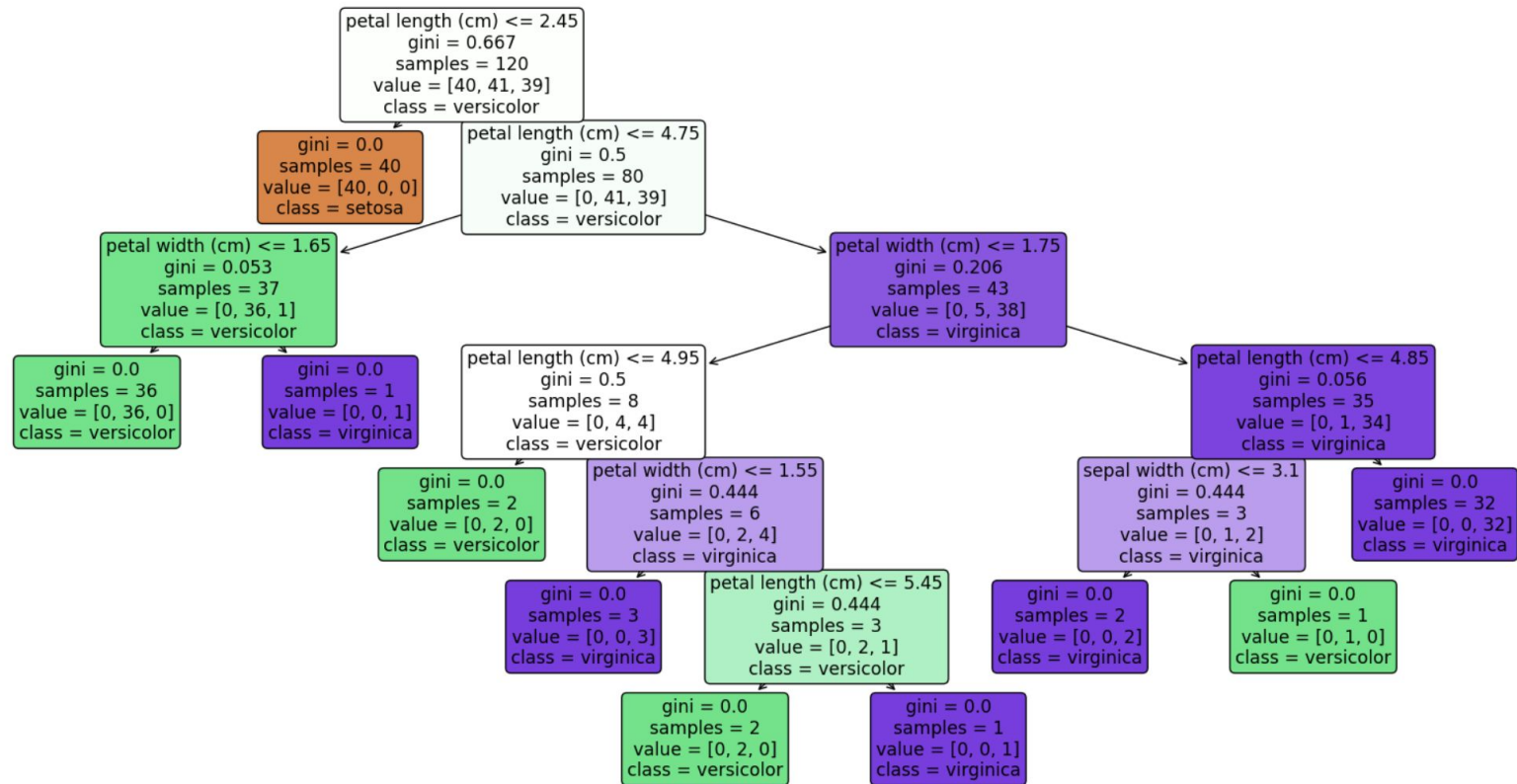
Pruning the Tree

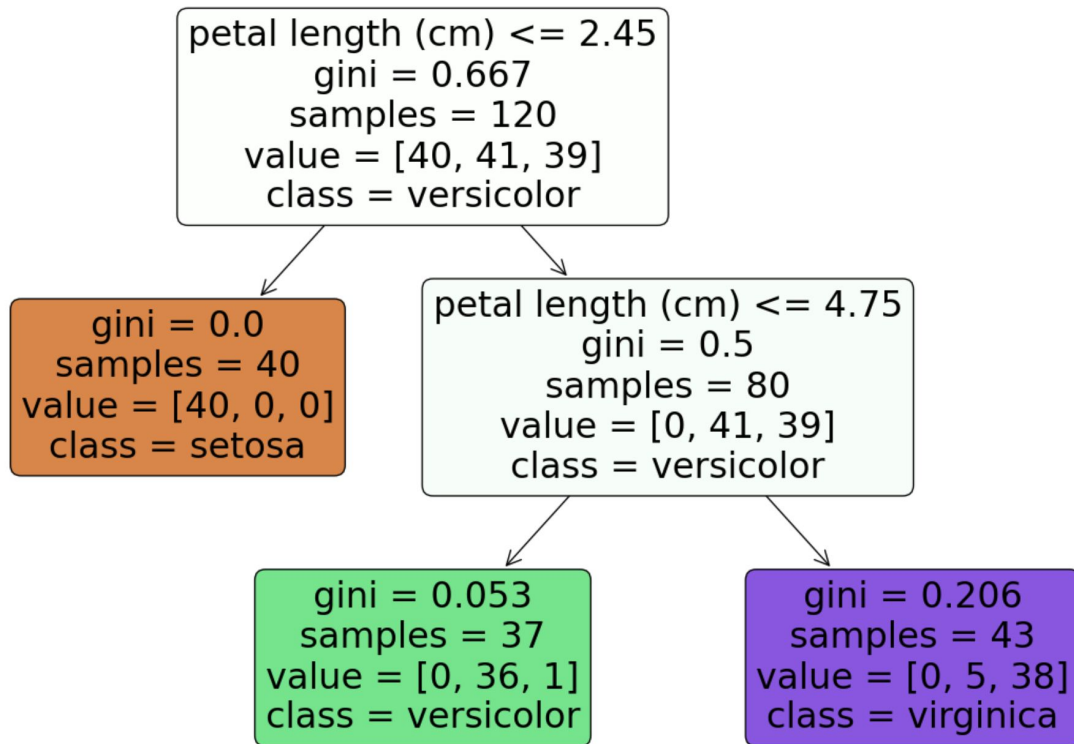
- ★ **Purpose:** Reduce the complexity of the decision tree to prevent overfitting.
- ★ **Method:** Apply cost complexity pruning to find the optimal balance between tree depth and accuracy.

★ Visualizing the Decision Tree

- **Visualization:** Use `tree.plot_tree` to visually represent the decision tree's structure.
- **Features:** Display how decisions are made based on feature values.

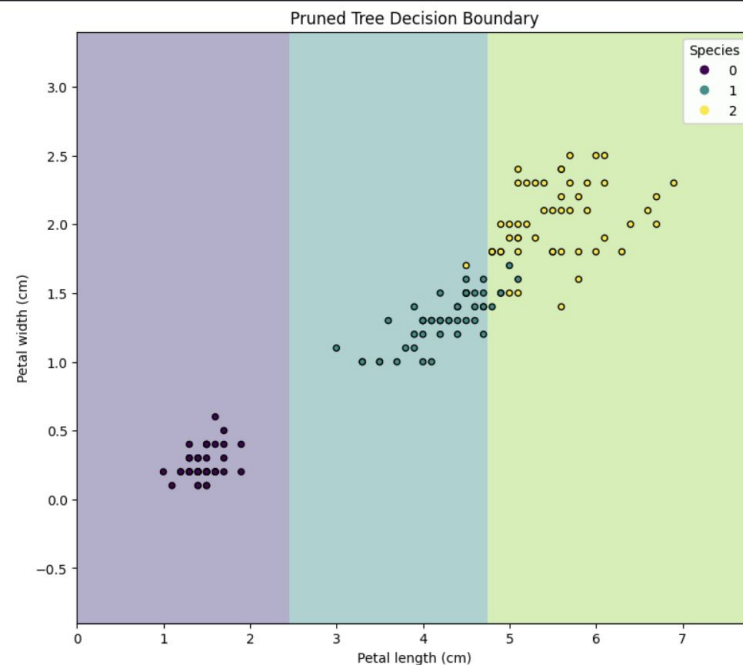
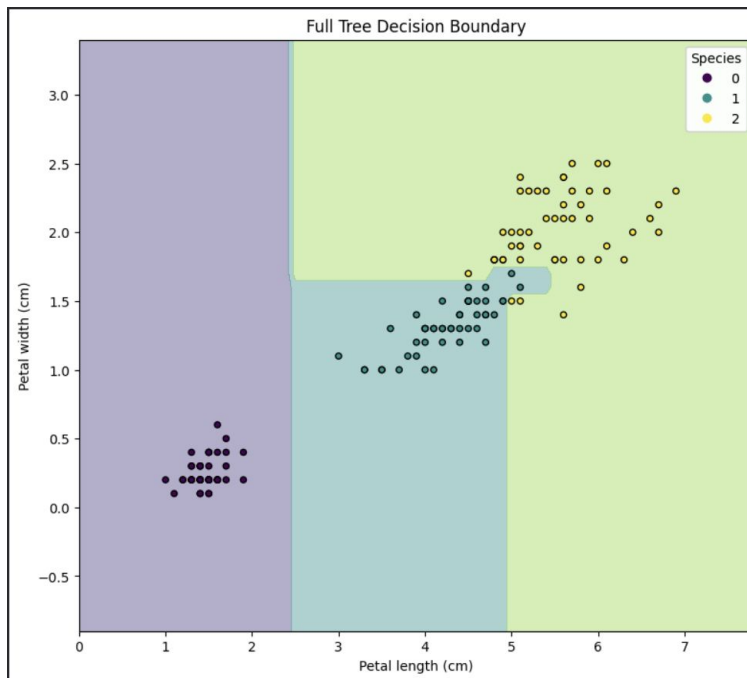
```
# Visualize the Decision Tree
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
tree.plot_tree(
    clf_full,
    filled=True,
    rounded=True,
    feature_names=iris.feature_names,
    class_names=iris.target_names
)
plt.show()
```





★ Decision Boundaries Visualization

- **Objective:** Show how the decision tree classifies Iris species based on petal length and width.
- **Comparison:** Display decision boundaries for both the full and pruned trees to highlight the **effect of pruning on model complexity and generalization**.



★ Model Evaluation

- **Accuracy Measurement:** How well the model predicts Iris species on test data.
- **Evaluation Metrics:** Use accuracy score, confusion matrix, and classification report for detailed analysis.

Accuracy: 1.0					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	10	
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	9	
2	1.00	1.00	1.00	11	
accuracy			1.00	30	
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	30	
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	30	

Accuracy and f1-scores are good for the full model. Too good perhaps?

This could indicate overfitting.

```
Accuracy: 0.9666666666666667
      precision    recall  f1-score   support

     0         1.00      1.00      1.00        10
     1         1.00      0.89      0.94         9
     2         0.92      1.00      0.96        11

 accuracy                   0.97        30
 macro avg              0.97      0.96      0.97        30
 weighted avg           0.97      0.97      0.97        30
```

The accuracy of the pruned model might be slightly less, but the benefit from a reduction in complexity could easily outweigh the reduction in accuracy. Making a model less complex reduces the chances that it overfits and as a result does not generalize to unseen data.

Regression Analysis

- ★ Regression analysis is a **statistical method** for **modelling the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables**.
- ★ The main goal is to understand **how the typical value of the dependent variable changes when any one of the independent variables is varied** while the other independent variables are held fixed.

Let's Breathe!

**Let's take a small break
before moving on to the
next topic.**

Linear Regression

- ★ A linear approach to modelling the relationship between a scalar response and one or more explanatory variables.
- ★ One use case is **predicting housing prices** based on various features such as size, location, and number of bedrooms.

Simple Linear Regression

- ★ Models the relationship between one independent variable and one dependent variable.
- ★ Equation: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$
 - y : Dependent variable
 - x : Independent variable
 - β_0 : Intercept
 - β_1 : Slope (coefficient)
 - ε : Error term
- ★ Example: Predicting house prices based on the size of the house.

Multiple Linear Regression

- ★ Models the relationship between multiple independent variables and one dependent variable.
- ★ Equation: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n + \varepsilon$
 - y : Dependent variable
 - x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n : Independent variables
 - β_0 : Intercept
 - $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$: Slopes (coefficients)
 - ε : Error term
- ★ Example: Predicting house prices based on the size of the house, number of bedrooms, and location.

Key Differences

- ★ Number of independent variables:
 - Simple linear regression has only one independent variable.
 - Multiple linear regression has two or more independent variables.

- ★ Model complexity:
 - Simple linear regression is less complex and easier to interpret.
 - Multiple linear regression is more complex and may require more data and computational resources.

Key Differences

- ★ Capturing relationships:
 - Simple linear regression can only capture the linear relationship between one independent variable and the dependent variable.
 - Multiple linear regression can capture the linear relationships between multiple independent variables and the dependent variable.

Housing Price Prediction Example

- ★ **Objective:** Use linear regression to predict housing prices based on various housing features.

- ★ **Key Concepts:**
 - **Feature Selection:** Identifying which features most significantly impact the prediction.
 - **Multiple Regression Model:** Utilizes multiple independent variables to predict an outcome.
 - **Model Evaluation:** Employ metrics like R-squared and Mean Squared Error (MSE) to assess model performance.

Housing Price Prediction Example

★ R-Squared - Coefficient of Determination

- R^2 measures the **proportion of the variance** in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variables.
- A value of 0 indicates that the model **explains none of the variability of the response data around its mean.**
- A value of 1 indicates that the model **explains all the variability of the response data around its mean.**
- R^2 is **particularly useful in linear regression to assess the goodness of fit of the model.**

Housing Price Prediction Example

★ Mean Squared Error (MSE)

- MSE measures the average of the squares of the errors—that is, **the average squared difference between the estimated values and the actual value.**
- $MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$ where Y_i are the actual values and \hat{Y}_i are the predicted values.
- **A lower MSE indicates a better fit of the model to the data.** It is always non-negative, and values closer to zero are ideal.

Housing Price Prediction Example

1. Data Preparation:

- a. Load the dataset.
- b. Preprocess data by dropping irrelevant features.

2. Feature Selection:

- a. Select features believed to influence housing prices.

3. Splitting Dataset:

- a. Divide the data into training and testing sets for model evaluation.

4. Model Training:

- a. Train a Linear Regression model on the training set.

5. Evaluation:

- a. Use MSE and R-squared values to evaluate model accuracy.

Housing Price Prediction Example

- ★ After following the process (which you could follow along with in the code alongside this lecture) we get:

Mean Squared Error: 10068422549.4956

R-squared: 0.9146818498916276

- ★ Here we see quite a **high MSE**, although it also has quite a **high R-squared** value, indicating that much of the variance can be explained by our current modeling - meaning it could potentially have a high goodness of fit.

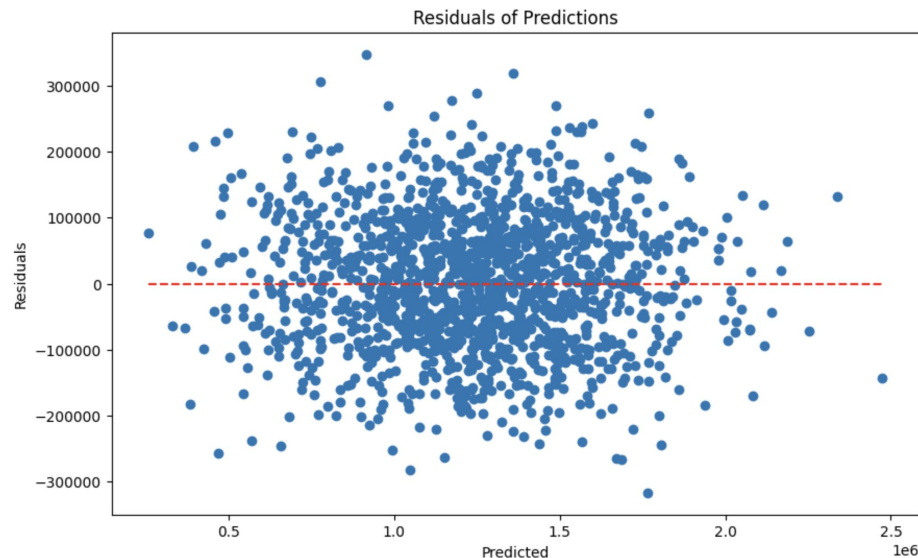
Housing Price Prediction Example

- ★ One way to verify that our predictions are close to the actual values is plotting them against each other. If the line is straight it indicates a very good model.



Housing Price Prediction Example

- ★ Another valuable graph is looking at the residuals, which should be random for the model to be fitted well. In this case we can't see a clear pattern, suggesting a good model.



Key Takeaways from Regression

- ★ Linear regression provides a simple yet powerful tool for **predicting quantitative outcomes**.
- ★ **Applications:** From real estate to finance, linear regression plays a crucial role in predictive analytics.
- ★ **Limitations:** While useful, it **assumes a linear relationship between variables which may not always hold** in real-world scenarios.

Unsupervised Learning

- ★ Unsupervised learning uncovers hidden patterns or structures in unlabeled data
- ★ Techniques beyond clustering:
 - **Dimensionality Reduction:** Reduces the number of features while preserving important information (e.g., PCA, t-SNE)
 - **Anomaly Detection:** Identifies rare or unusual instances that deviate from the norm
 - **Association Rules:** Discovers interesting relationships or co-occurrences among items

Unsupervised Learning

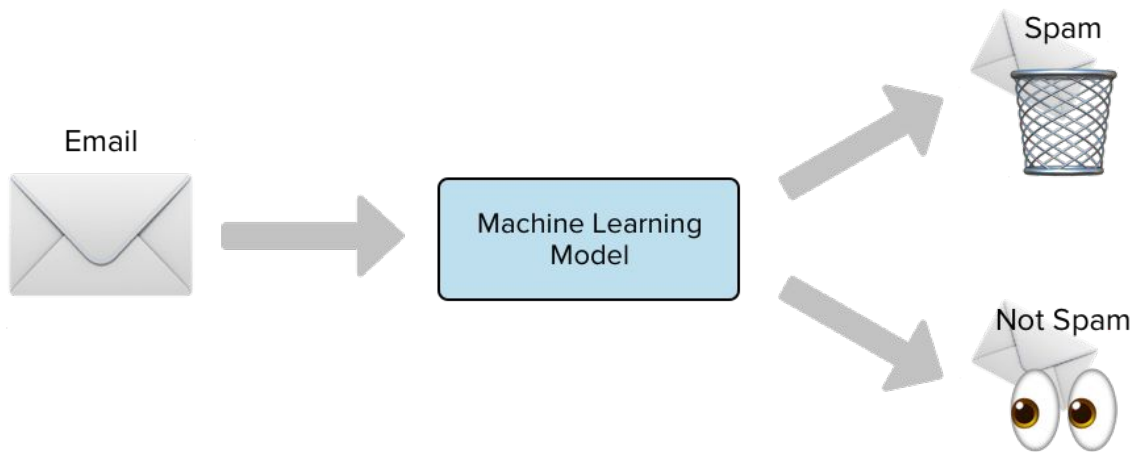
- ★ Real-world applications:
 - Customer segmentation in marketing
 - Fraud detection in financial transactions
 - Topic modeling in text mining
 - Recommender systems in e-commerce

Unsupervised Learning

- ★ Goals and outputs:
 - Discover inherent groupings or clusters
 - Identify outliers or anomalies
 - Extract meaningful features or representations
 - Generate association rules or frequent itemsets

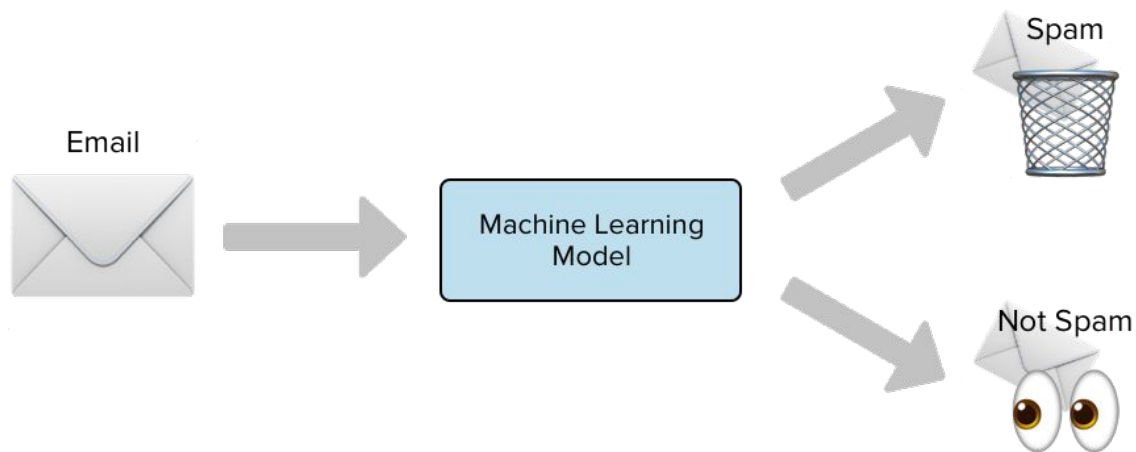
Binary Classification

- ★ Binary Classification involves **categorizing data into two distinct groups**. For example, distinguishing between spam and non-spam emails.



Logistic Regression

- ★ Used for binary classification to **predict the probability that a given data entry belongs to one of two categories.**



Spam Email Classification Example

- ★ **Objective:** Utilize logistic regression to classify emails.
- ★ **Key Concepts:**
 - **Sigmoid Function:** Maps predictions to probabilities.

Spam Email Classification Example

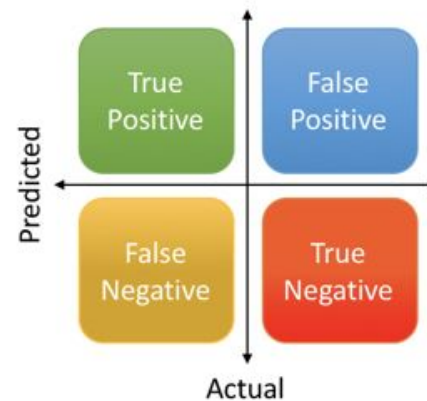
1. **Data Loading:**
 - a. Import email dataset.
2. **Text Preprocessing:**
 - a. Convert email texts into a numerical format using TF-IDF.
3. **Model Training:**
 - a. Train a Logistic Regression model.
4. **Evaluation:**
 - a. Assess model performance using accuracy, precision, recall, and ROC AUC.

Spam Email Classification Example

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Actual Results}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Predicted Results}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{True Positive} + \text{True Negative}}{\text{Total}}$$



Spam Email Classification

Example

★ Precision

- **Definition:** The ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to the **total predicted positive observations**. Also known as Positive Predictive Value.
- **Interpretation:** High precision **indicates a low rate of false positives**. It's crucial when the cost of false positives is high.

Spam Email Classification

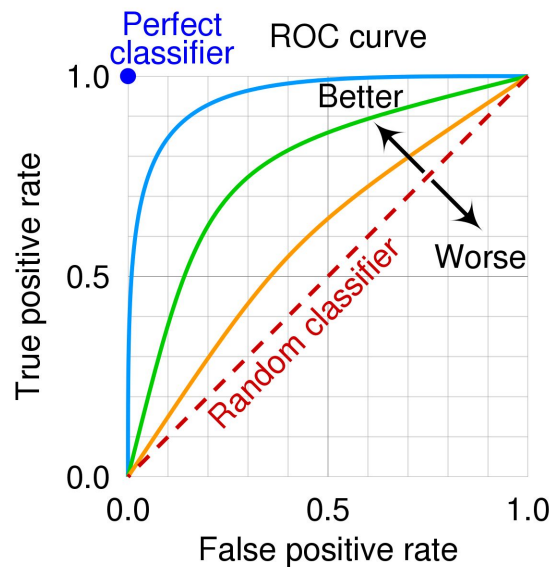
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★ Recall (Sensitivity)

- **Definition:** The ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to all observations **in the actual class**. It measures the model's ability to find all the relevant cases.
- **Interpretation:** High recall indicates a model that captures a large proportion of positive cases. It's important when the cost of false negatives is high.

Spam Email Classification

Example



Spam Email Classification

Example

★ Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve

- **Definition:** A plot that illustrates the diagnostic ability of a binary classifier system **as its discrimination threshold is varied**. It is created by plotting the true positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at various threshold settings.
- **Interpretation:** The closer the curve follows the left-hand border and then the top border of the ROC space, the more accurate the test.

Spam Email Classification

Example

★ Area Under the Curve (AUC)

- **Definition:** A summary measure of the ROC curve. It represents the probability that a randomly chosen positive instance is ranked higher than a randomly chosen negative one.
- **Interpretation:** An AUC of 1 represents a perfect model; an AUC of 0.5 represents a worthless model. **Higher values indicate better model performance.**

Spam Email Classification

Example

- ★ After training our email classifier (which you could see in the code alongside this lecture) we get:

Accuracy: 0.967713004484305

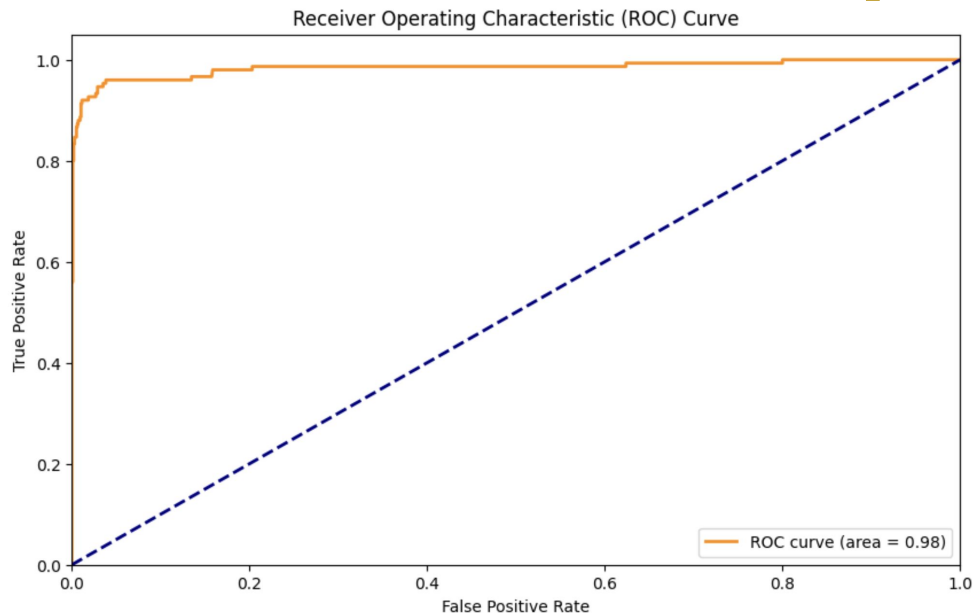
Precision: 0.9913793103448276

Recall: 0.7666666666666667

ROC AUC: 0.984

Spam Email Classification

Example

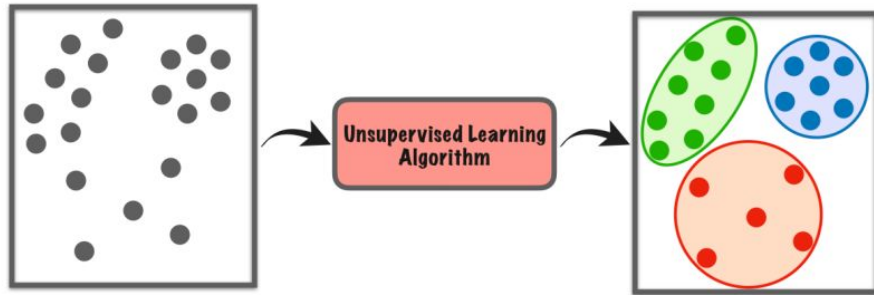


We also get the following ROC curve with an AUC of 0.98.

These metrics suggest that we have a model that makes accurate predictions.

Unsupervised Learning

- ★ **Definition:** Unsupervised learning involves drawing inferences from datasets without labeled responses.
- ★ **Objective:** The main goal is to model the underlying structure or distribution in the data to learn more about the data itself.



Quick Detour: Feature Scaling

- ★ Feature scaling is a crucial preprocessing step in many machine learning algorithms. It **ensures that all features contribute equally to the model, enhancing the performance and stability of the algorithm.**
- ★ **Challenge:** Features on different scales can distort the distance metrics, **leading to biased results in models** relying on distance calculations.
- ★ **Solution:** Scaling methods, such as standardization and normalization, **adjust features to a common scale.**

Standardization

- ★ Standardization transforms data to have **a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one.**
- ★ **Formula:** $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$
 - x : original value
 - μ : mean of the feature
 - σ : standard deviation of the feature
- ★ Standardization does not bound values to a specific range, making it suitable for algorithms not sensitive to the magnitude of values.

Standardization

- ★ **Effectiveness:** Particularly useful in optimization algorithms, e.g., gradient descent, where it accelerates convergence.
- ★ **Applications:** Essential for algorithms like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and k-nearest neighbors (k-NN).

Normalization (Min-Max Scaling)

- ★ **Normalization rescales the data into a fixed range**, typically $[0, 1]$.
- ★ **Formula:**
$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$
 - x : original value
 - $\min(x), \max(x)$: minimum and maximum values of the feature
- ★ Normalization is sensitive to outliers since the presence of a single outlier can reduce the range of the normalized values.

Normalization (Min-Max Scaling)

- ★ **Suitability:** Ideal for algorithms that assume data is on a bounded interval, e.g., neural networks.
- ★ **Visualization:** Enhances the interpretability of features with bounded values, making it easier to visualize data distributions.

Normalization vs Standardization

★ Considerations:

- **Algorithm requirements:** Some models inherently require data on a similar scale.
- **Data distribution:** Standardization is less affected by outliers, whereas normalization provides bounded scaling.

★ Best Practice: Experiment with both methods to determine which yields better performance for your specific dataset and algorithm.

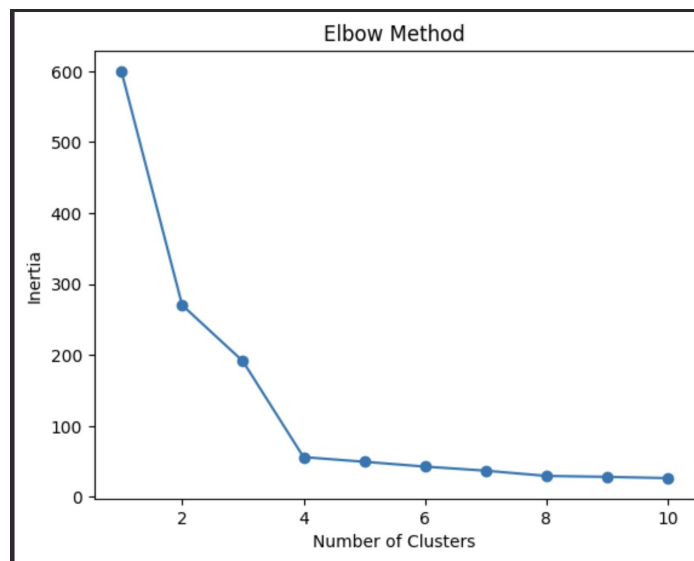
K-Means Clustering Example

★ Determine the Optimal Number of Clusters

- **Elbow Method:** A heuristic used to determine the optimal number of clusters by identifying the "elbow" point on a plot of the explained variation versus the number of clusters.
- **Process:** Calculate and plot the inertia for a range of cluster numbers to find **the elbow point** indicating the recommended number of clusters.

K-Means Clustering Example

- ★ After implementing K-Means, which you could see in the code along with this lecture, we get:



K-Means Clustering Example

- ★ This result suggests that 4 clusters are optimal in our case, which we can confirm by visualising the clusters:



Choosing the Right Machine Learning Approach

- ★ Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning:
 - **Supervised:** Labeled data available, goal is to predict or classify
 - **Unsupervised:** No labeled data, goal is to discover patterns or structures
 - Consider the availability of labeled data and the desired outcome

Choosing the Right Machine Learning Approach

- ★ Regression vs. Classification:
 - **Regression:** Predict continuous numerical values
 - **Classification:** Predict discrete class labels
 - Consider the nature of the target variable and the problem requirements

Choosing the Right Machine Learning Approach

- ★ Example: **Predicting housing prices**
 - Supervised learning problem since historical data with prices is available
 - Regression task as the target variable (price) is continuous

Choosing the Right Machine Learning Approach

★ Example: **Customer segmentation**

- Unsupervised learning problem as no predefined labels are available
- Clustering algorithms can be used to group similar customers based on their behavior

Practical Considerations

- ★ Machine learning workflows are iterative
 - Data preprocessing and cleaning
 - Feature engineering and selection
 - Model training and evaluation
 - Hyperparameter tuning and model refinement

Practical Considerations

★ Common pitfalls:

- **Overfitting:** Model performs well on training data but poorly on new data
- **Underfitting:** Model is too simple to capture underlying patterns
- **Leakage:** Information from the test set leaks into the training process

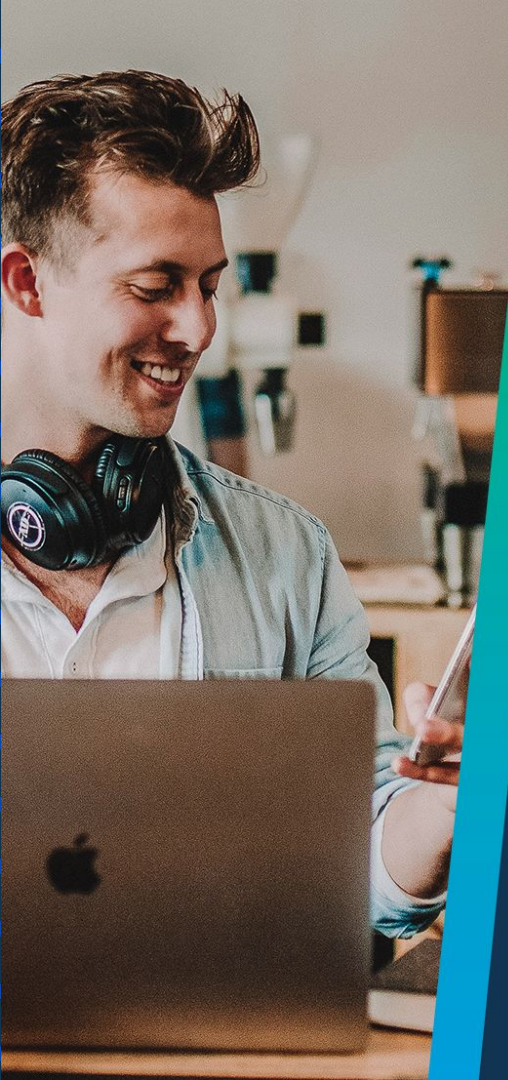
Practical Considerations

- ★ Best practices:
 - Use cross-validation to assess model performance
 - Handle class imbalance in classification tasks
 - Normalize or standardize features for better model convergence
 - Interpret and communicate results effectively

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Q & A SECTION

**Please use this time to ask
any questions relating to the
topic, should you have any.**



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Thank you for joining us

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2. Stay hydrated
3. Avoid prolonged screen time
4. Practise good posture
5. Get regular exercise

“With great power comes great responsibility”
