



Using Open Source Tools for Machine Learning

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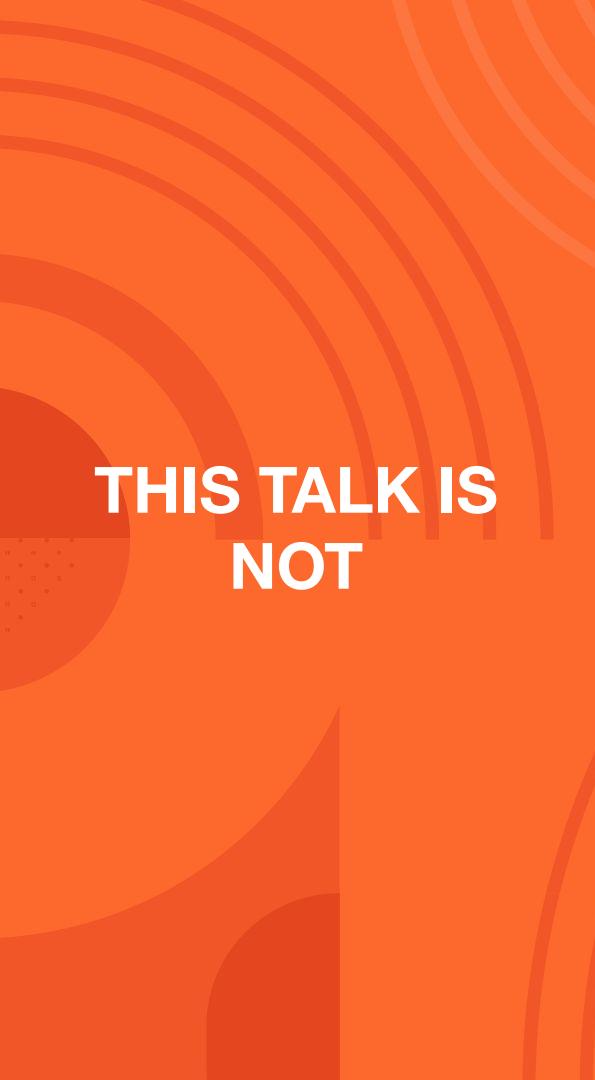


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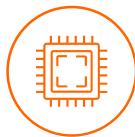
- ➔ An introduction to ML
- ➔ Friendly to newcomers
- ➔ Helpful to experienced folks
- ➔ Oriented toward application
- ➔ Respectful of theory



**THIS TALK IS
NOT**

- A substitute for a Ph. D.
- The end-all, be-all
- A detailed tutorial

Agenda



**Machine
learning
intro**



**UC0:
Credit card
applications**



**UC1:
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**UC2:
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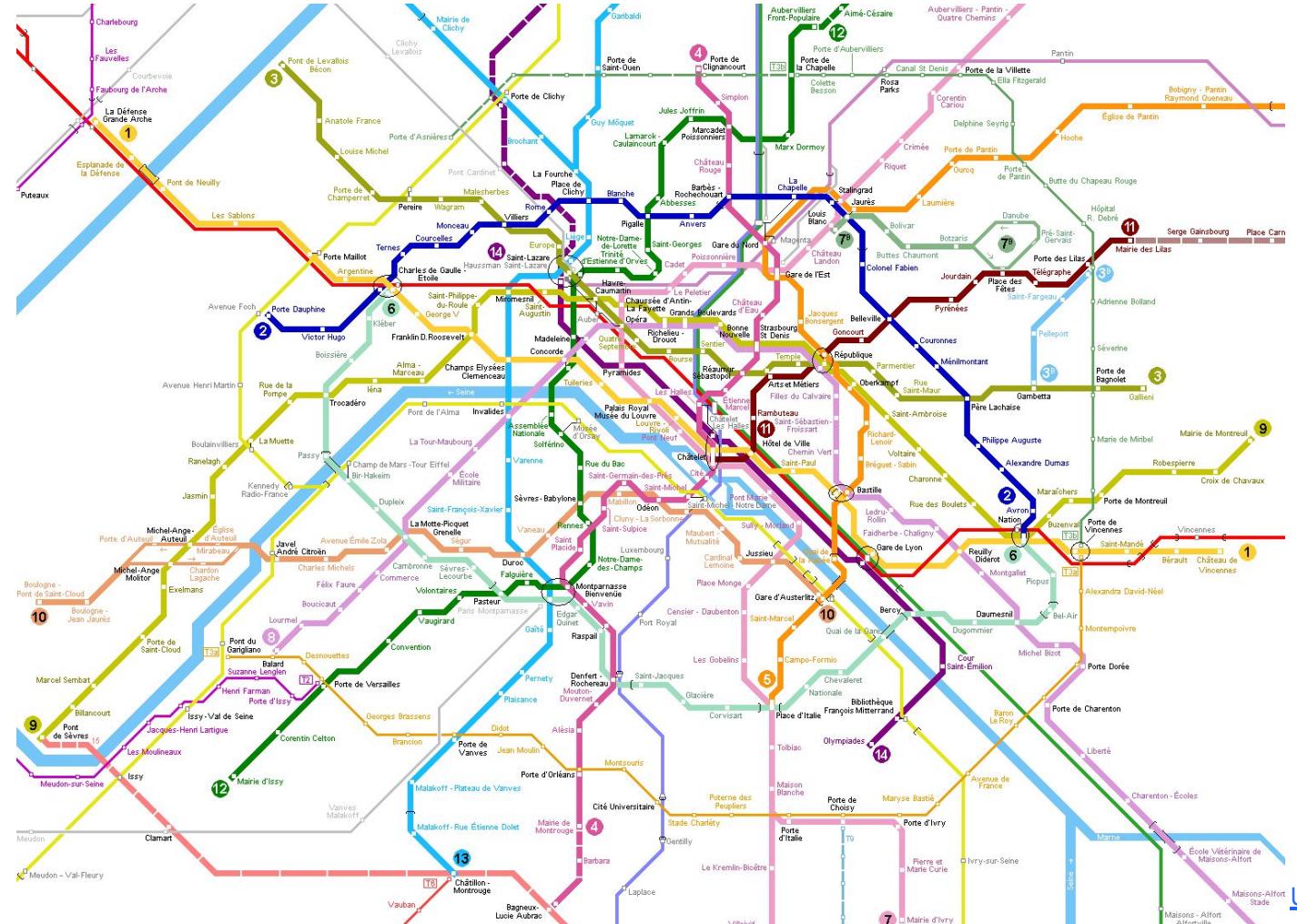


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Machine learning?



Machine learning

Supervised

Unsupervised

**Other stuff
(lots)**

Machine learning

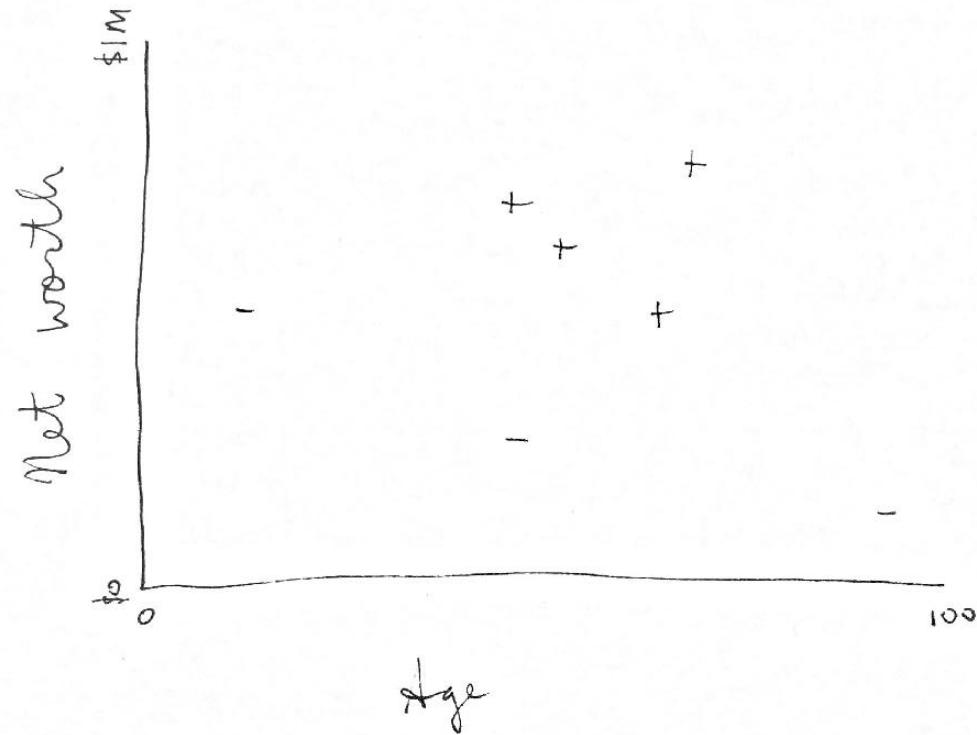
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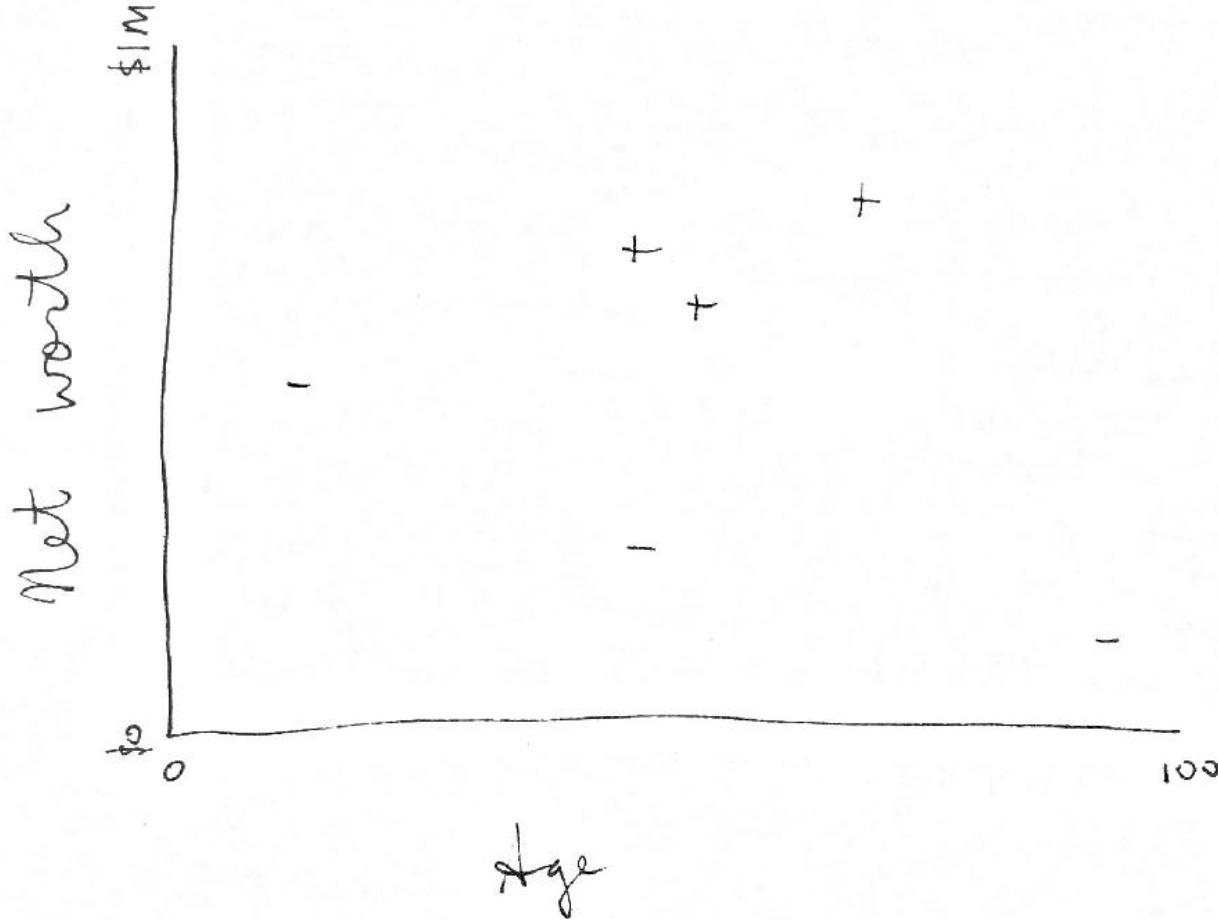
Classification
Regression

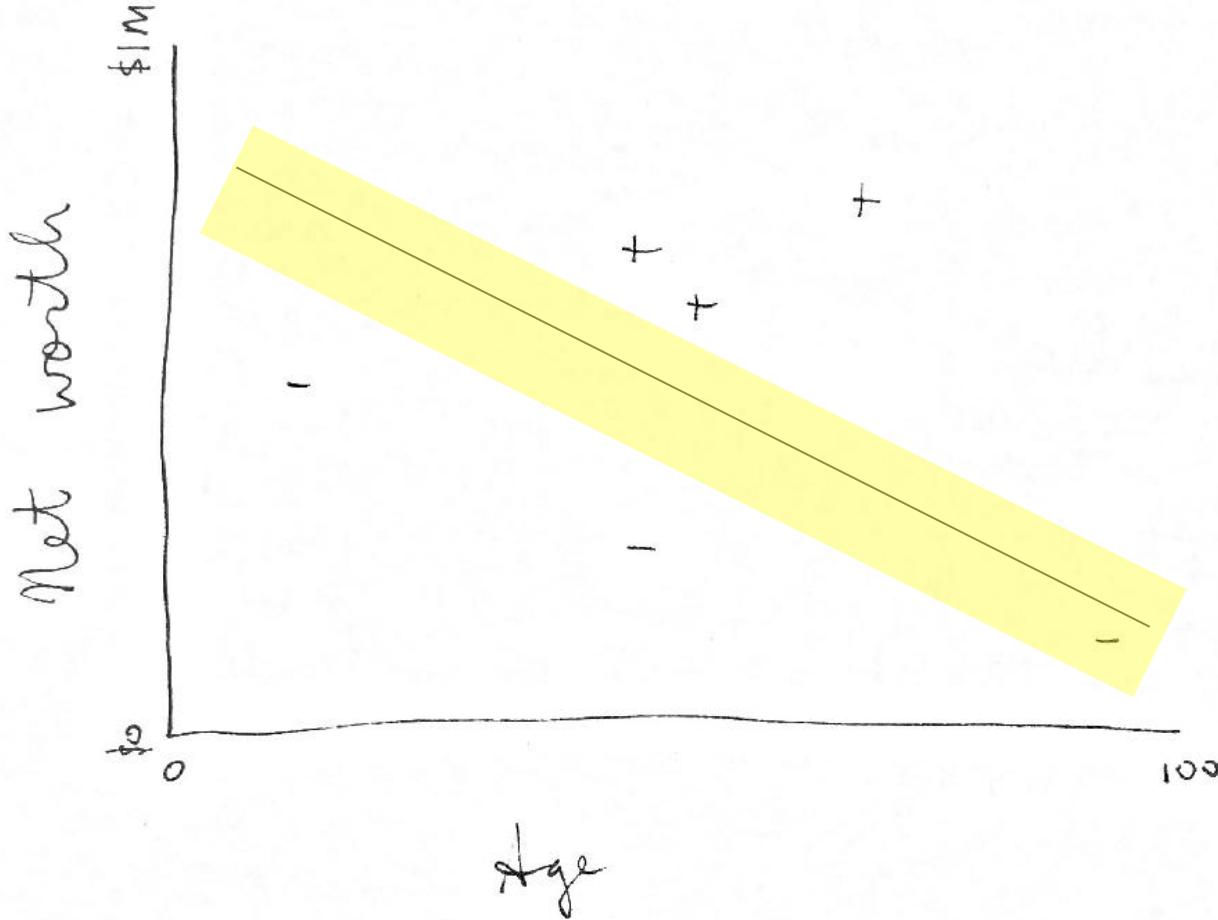
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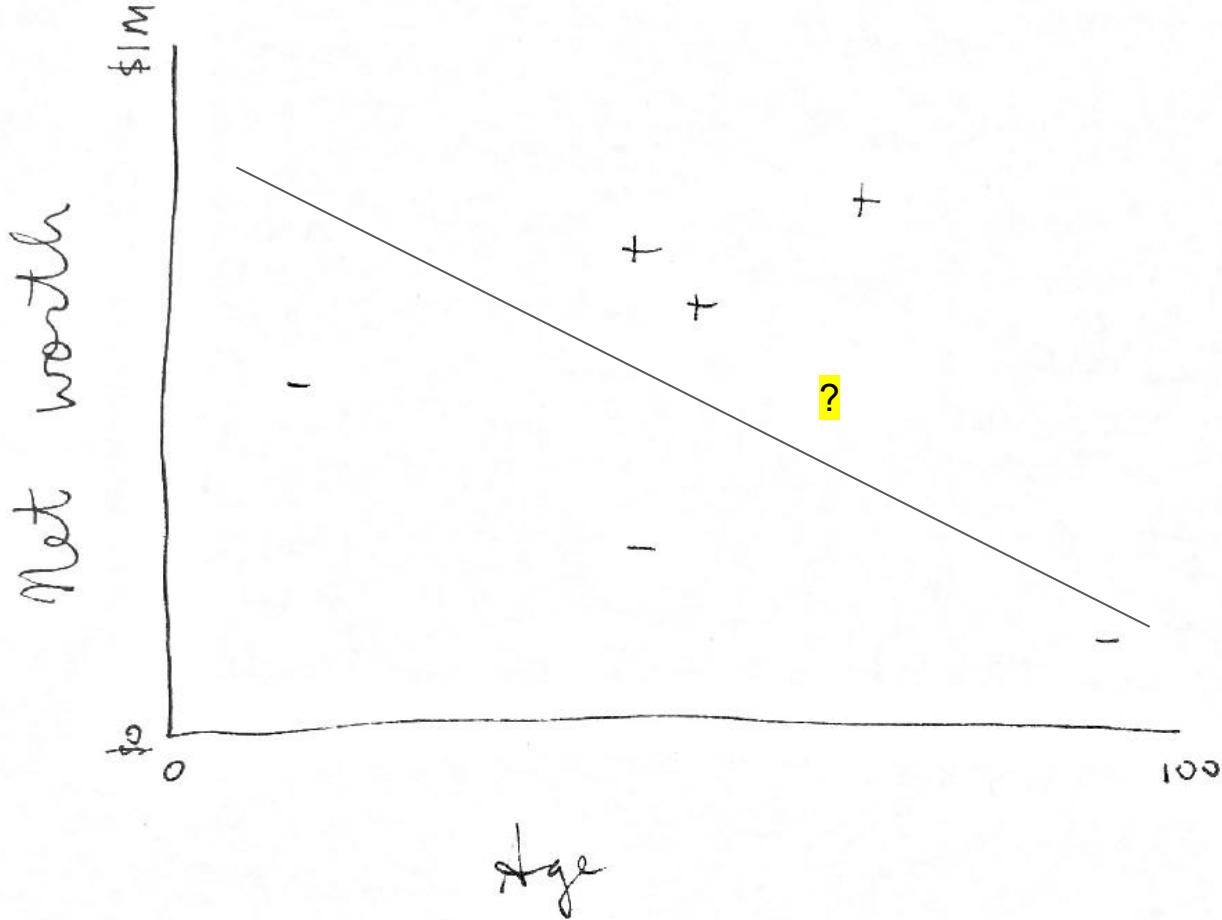
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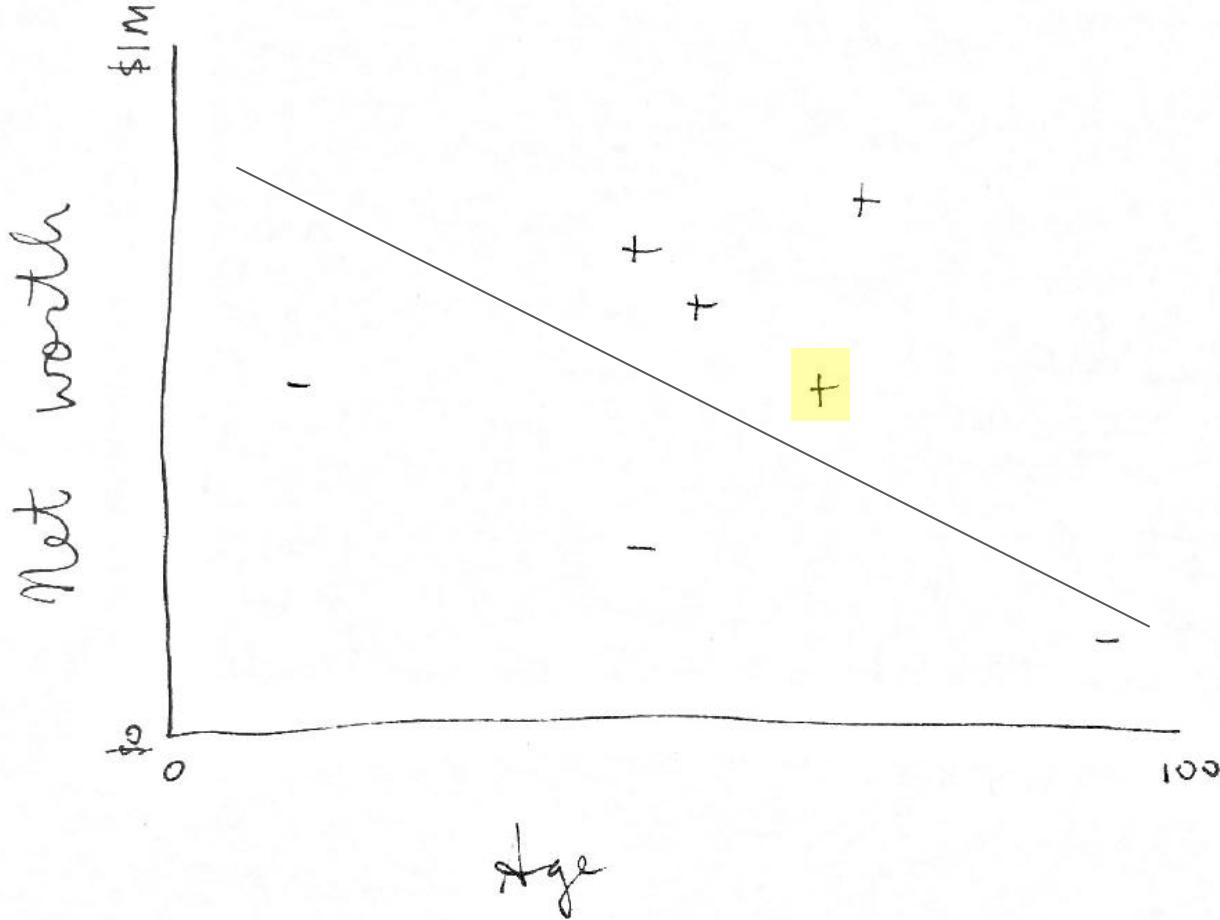
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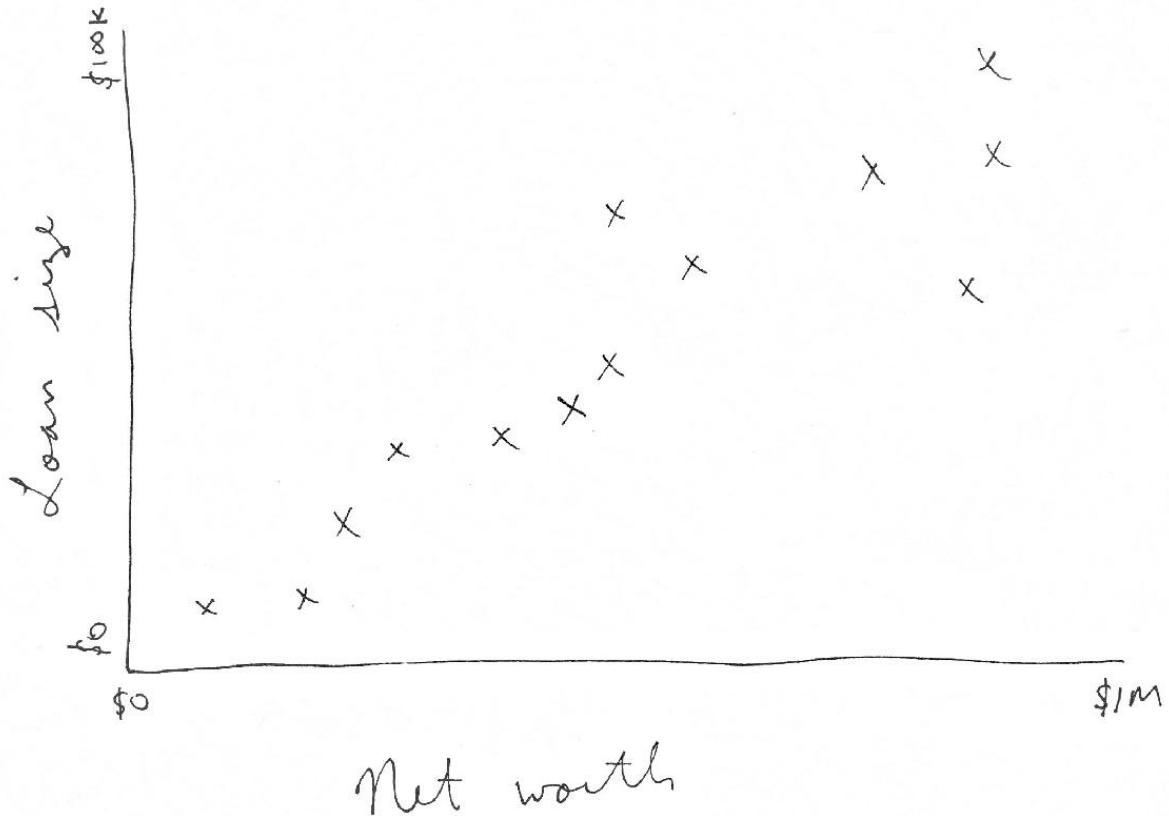
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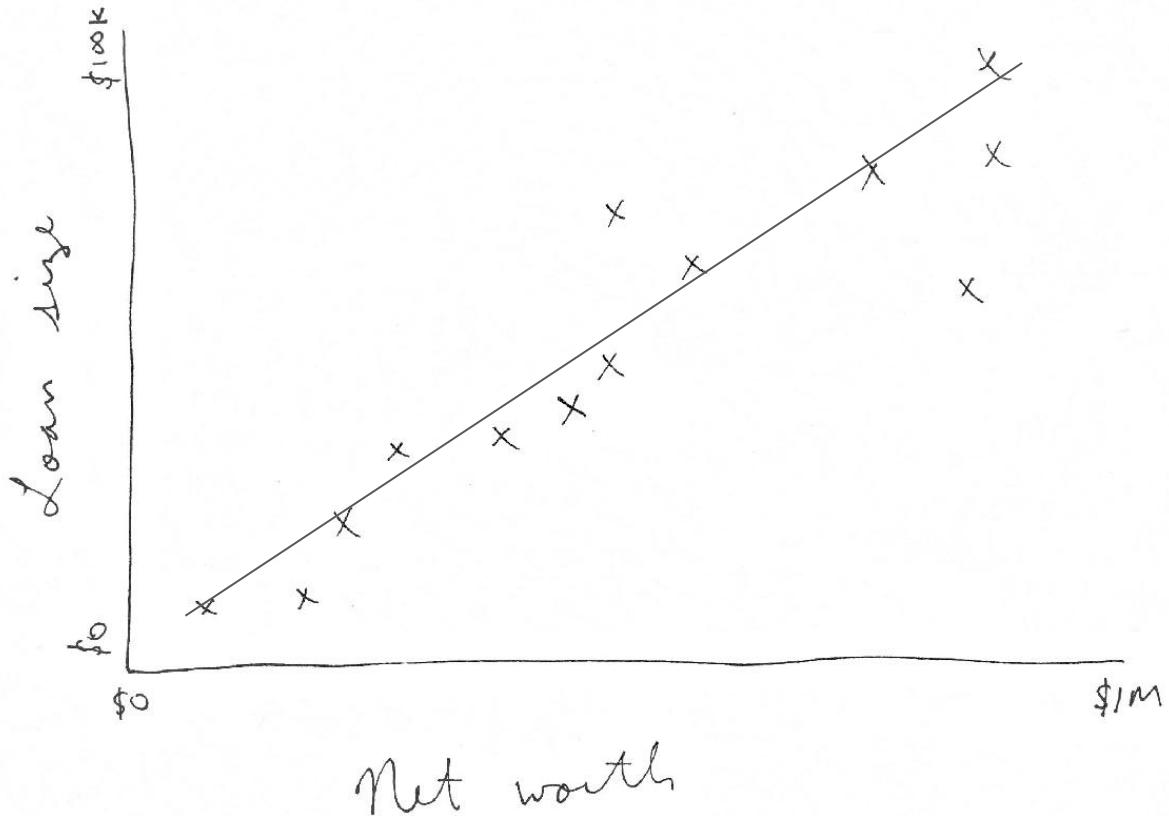
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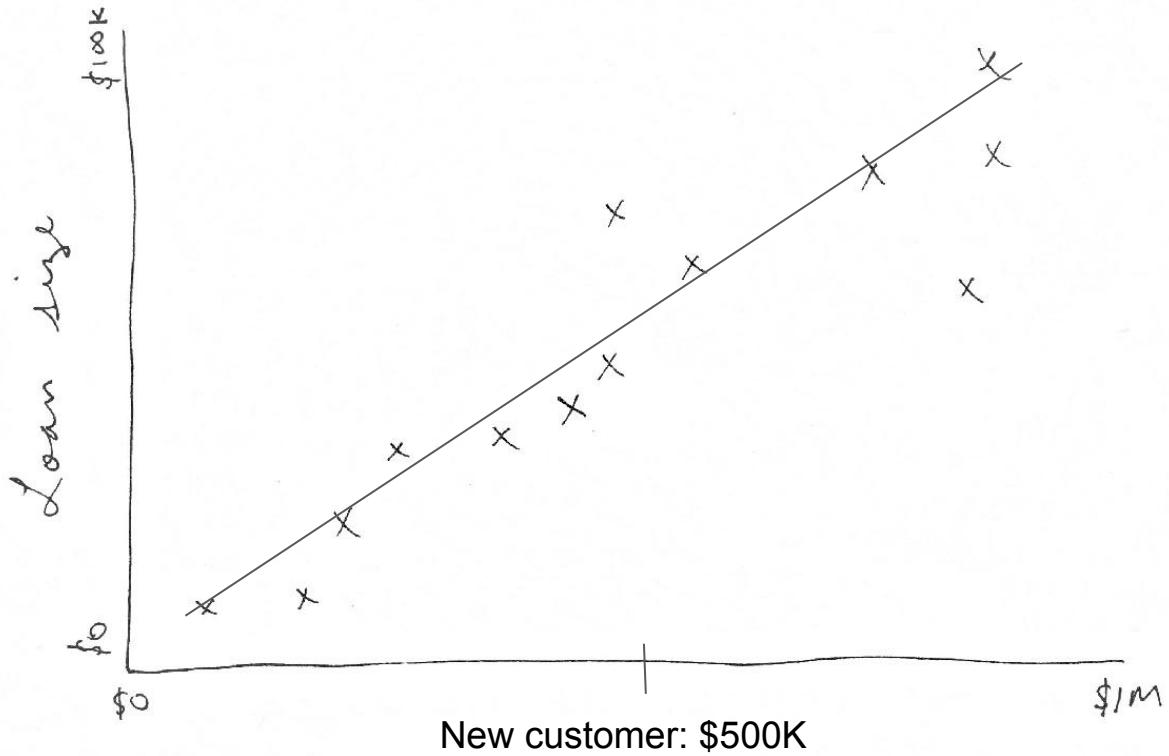
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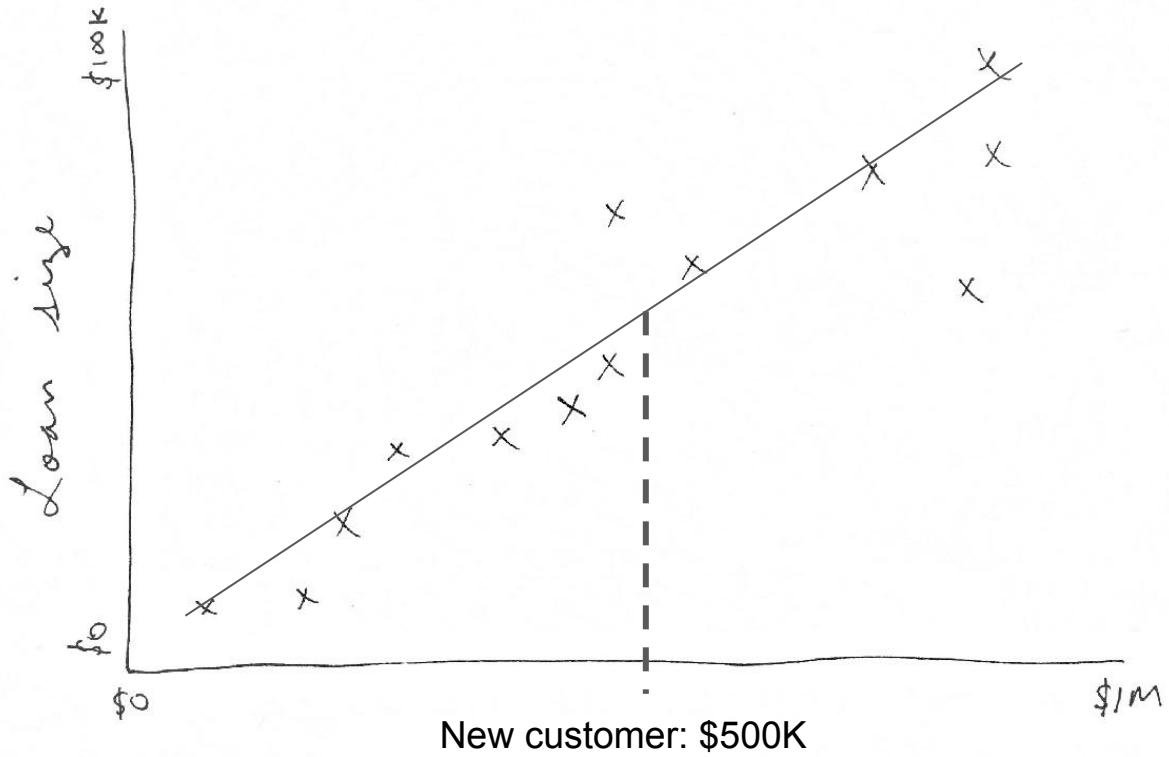
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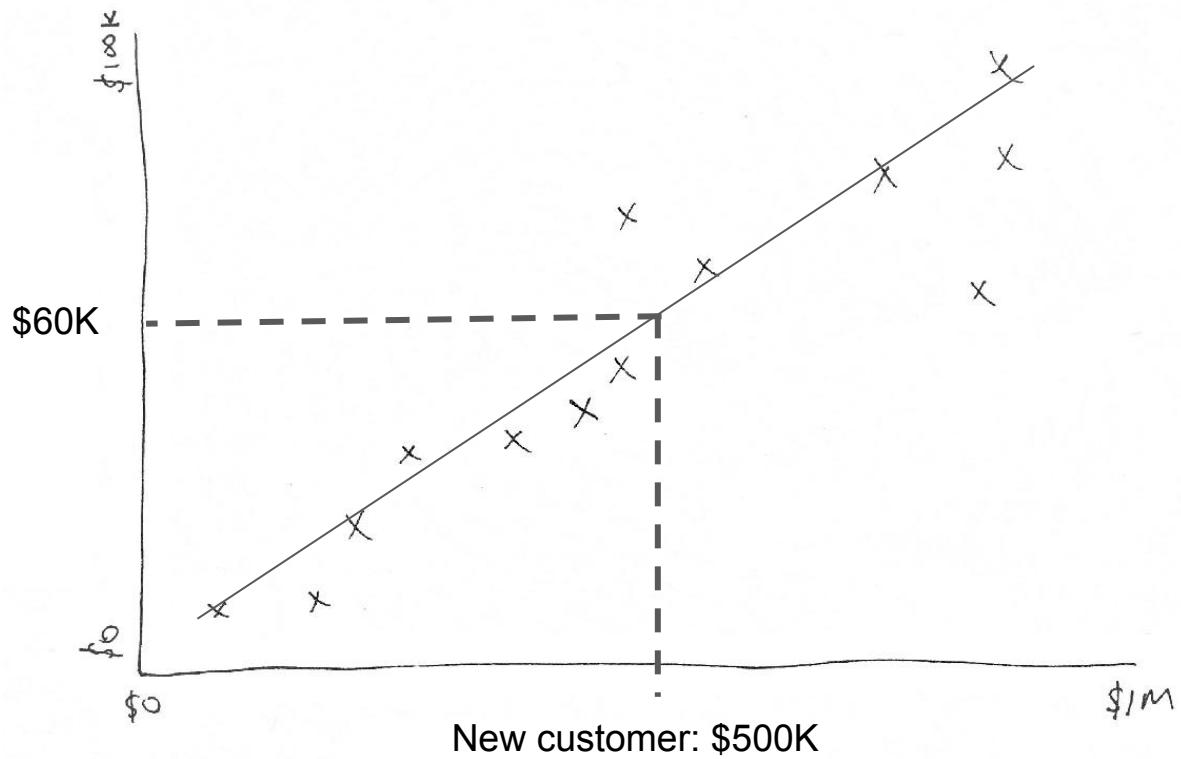
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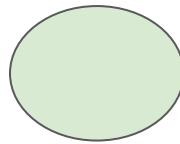
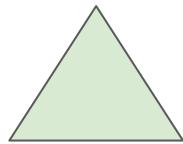
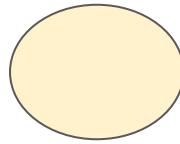
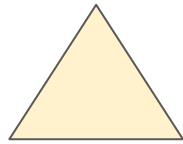
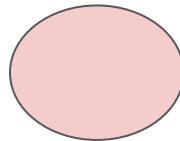
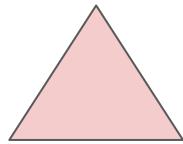


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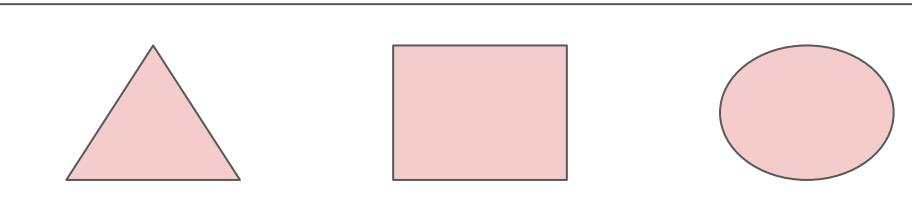
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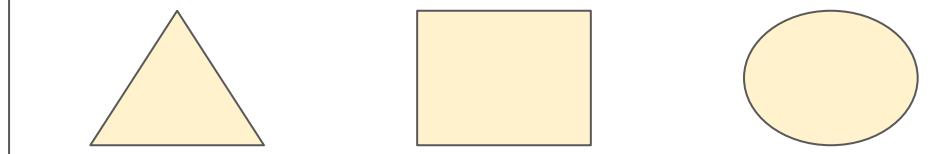
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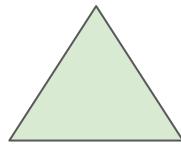
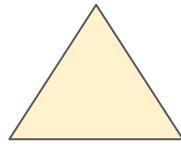
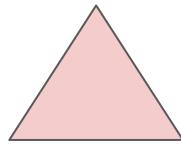
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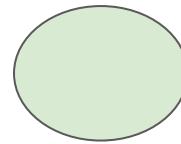
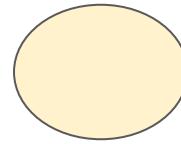
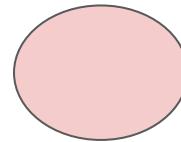
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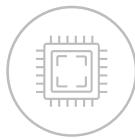
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- **What's the problem?**
- **What does the data look like?**
- **What kind of ML problem is this?**
- **Solution**
- **Lessons learned**

→ What's the problem?

**Should we (the bank)
give this consumer a credit card?**

→ What does the data look like?

Age	Net worth (K\$)	Given credit?
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50	250	No
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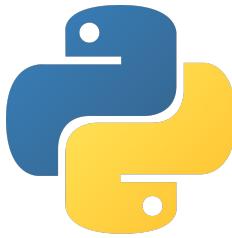


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Classification

→ Solution



e1701, rpart, igraph, nnet,
randomForest, caret, kernlab, ...



→ Solution

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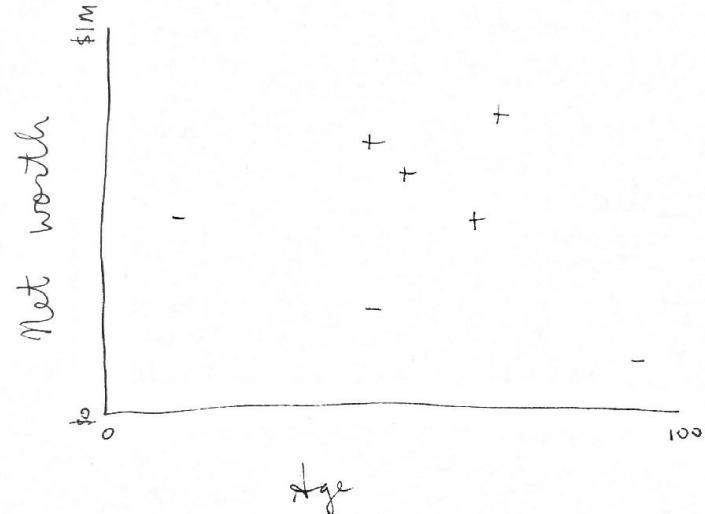
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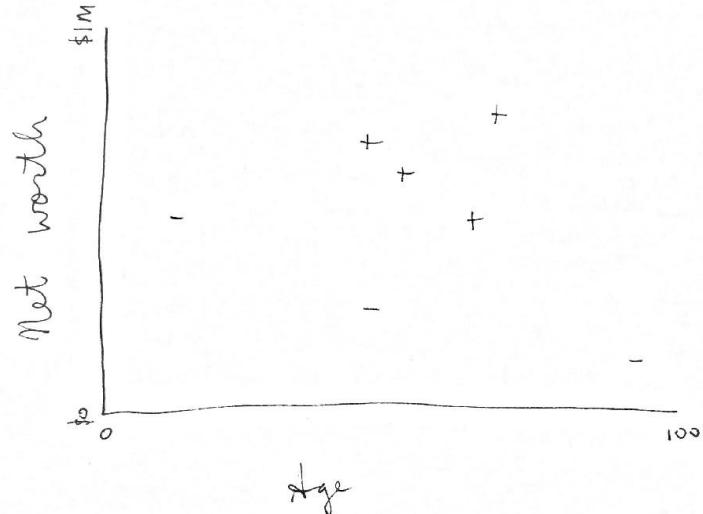
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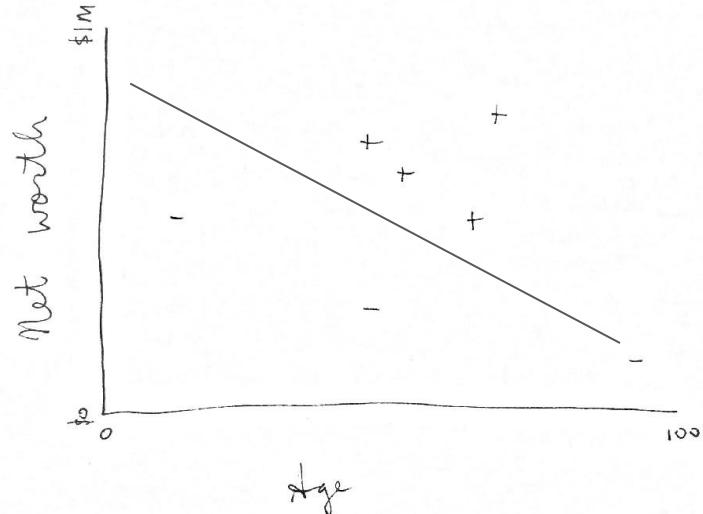
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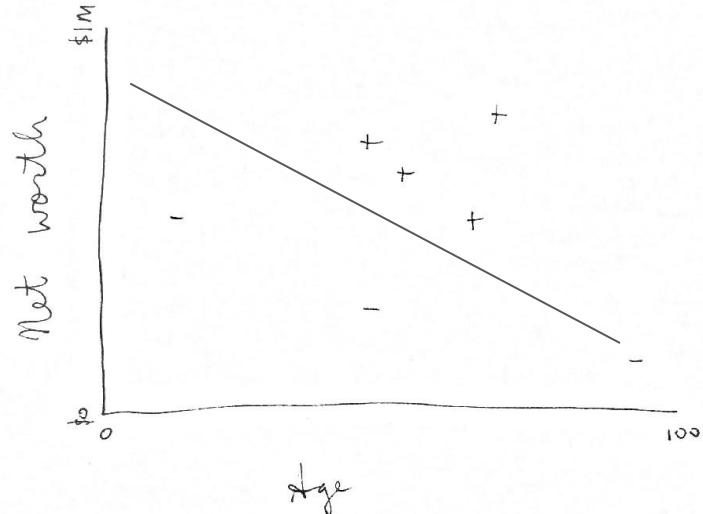
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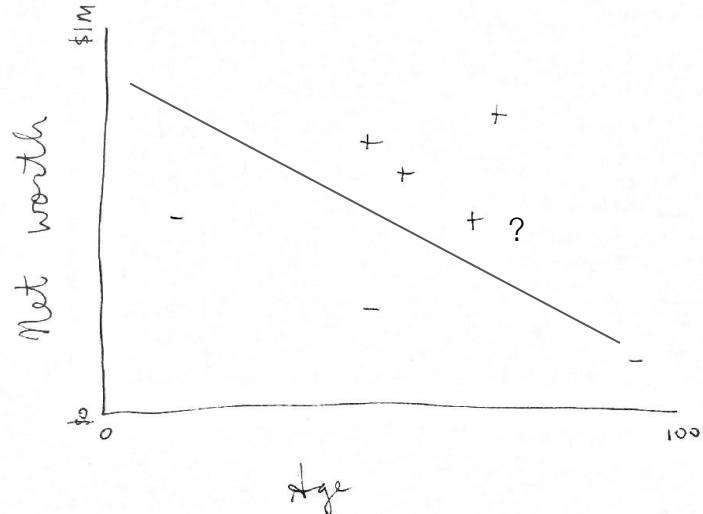
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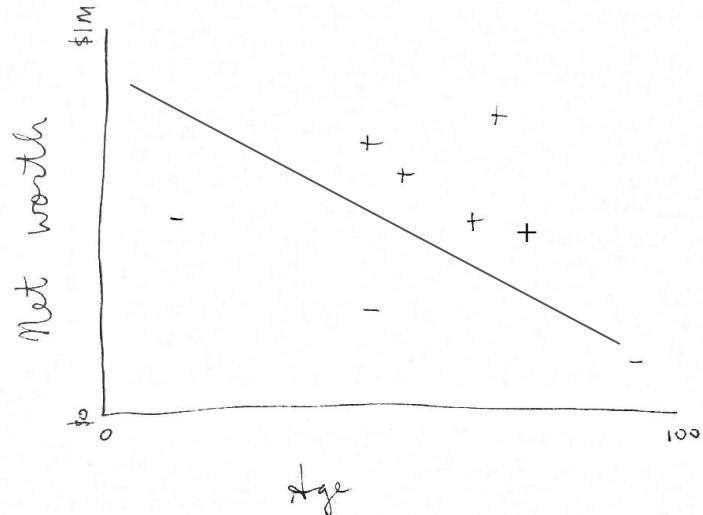
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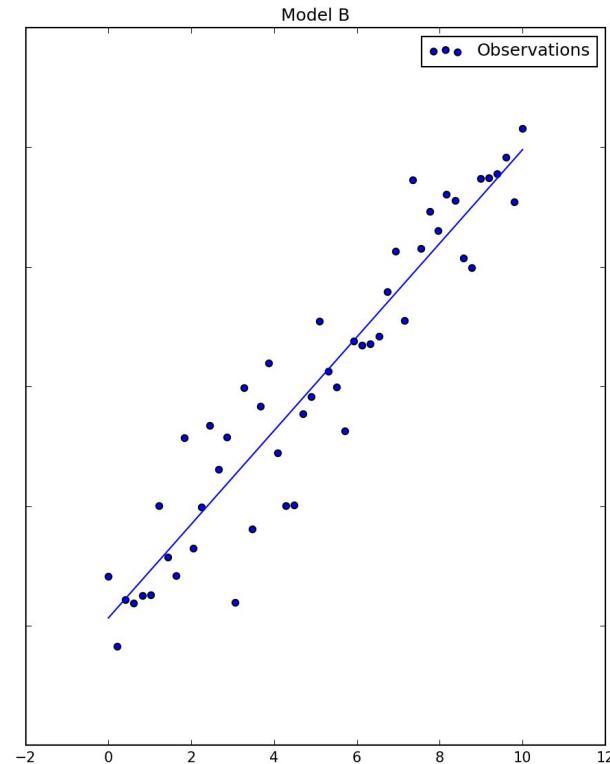
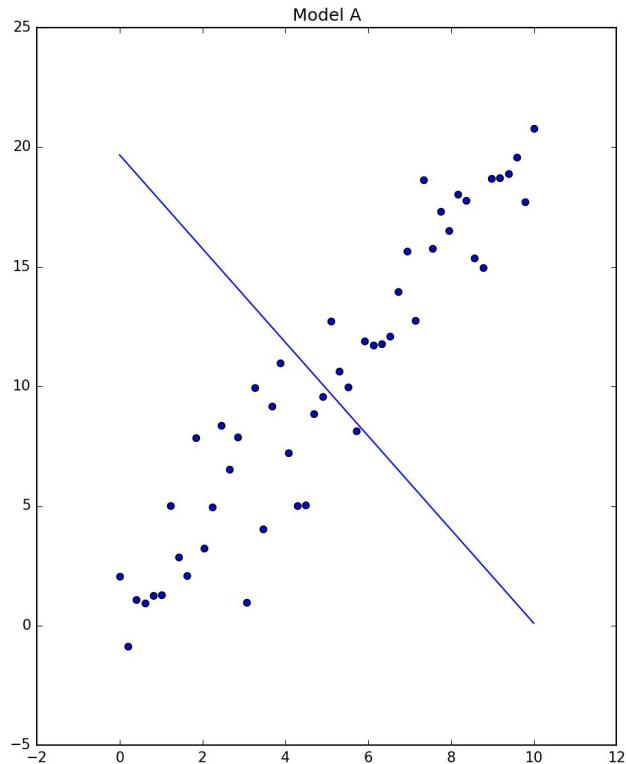
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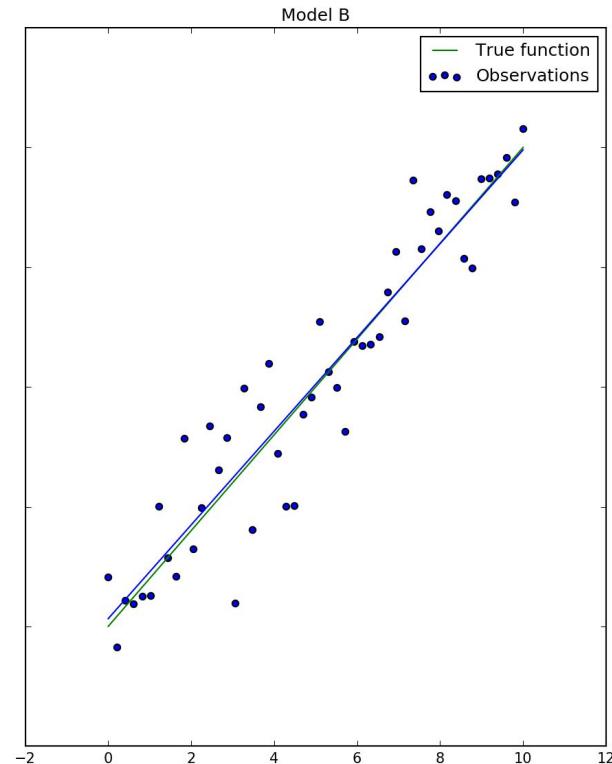
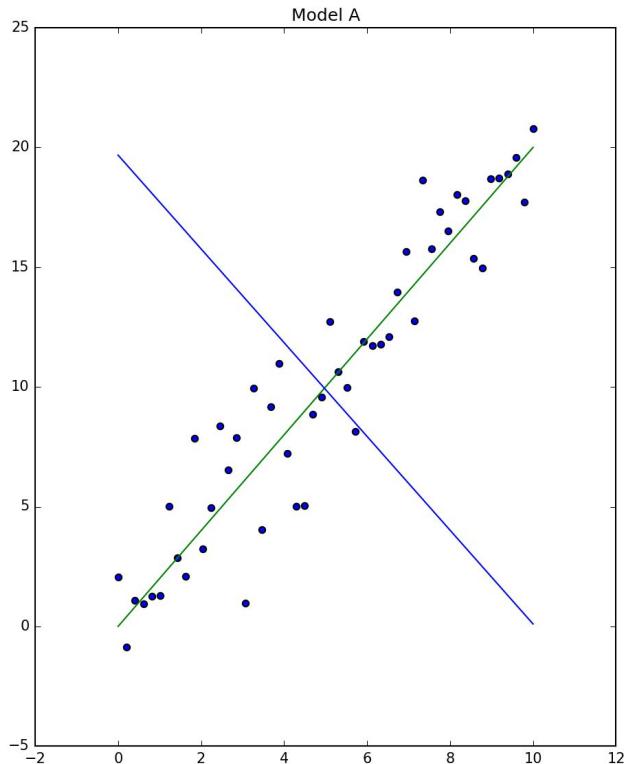


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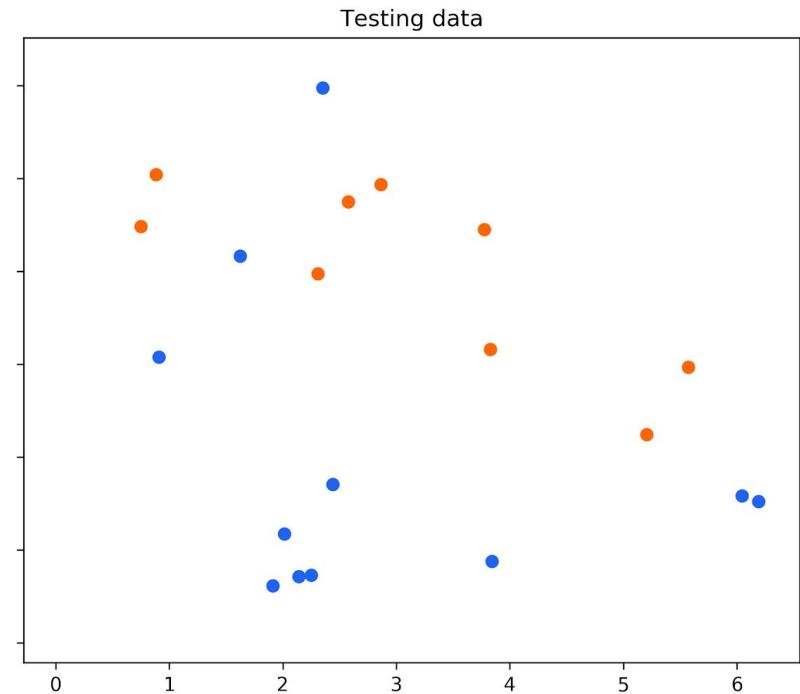
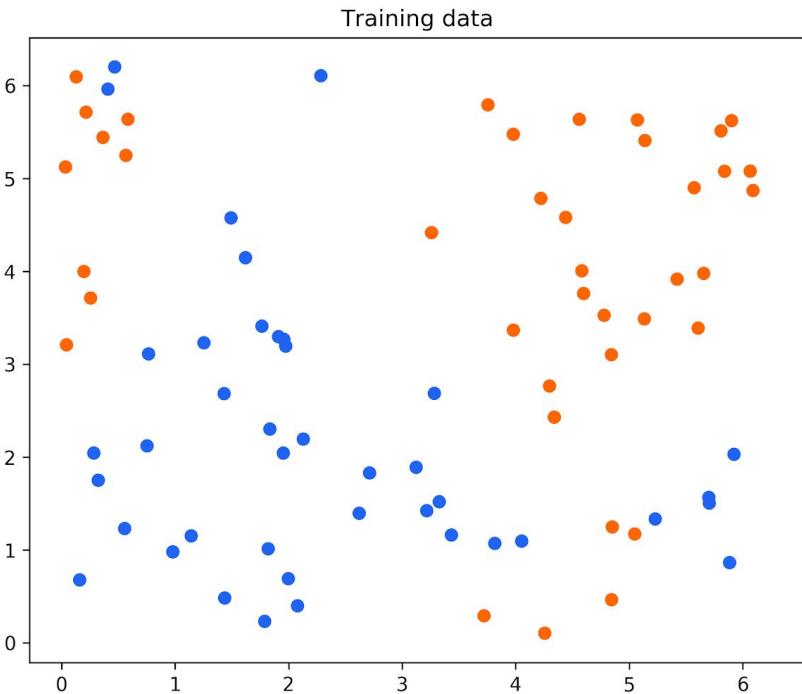
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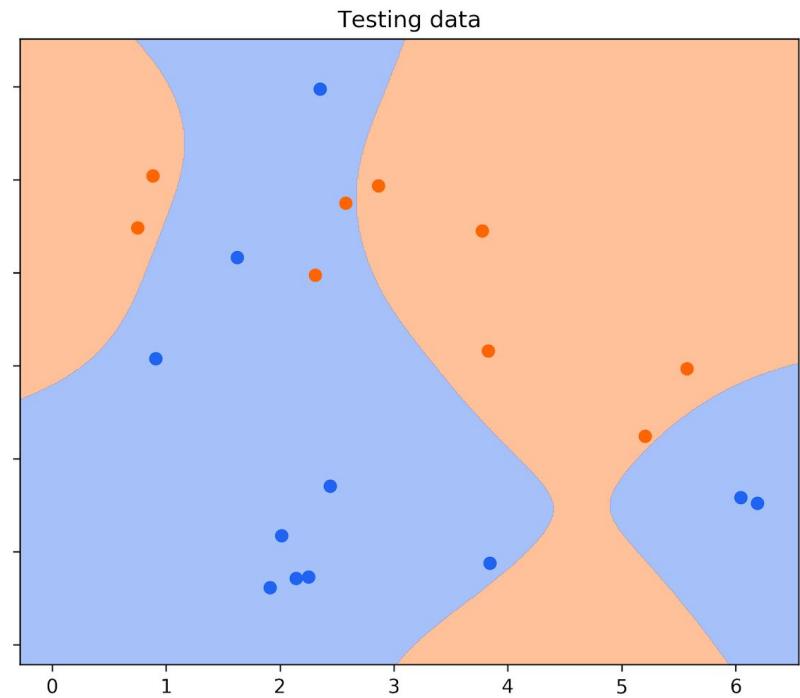
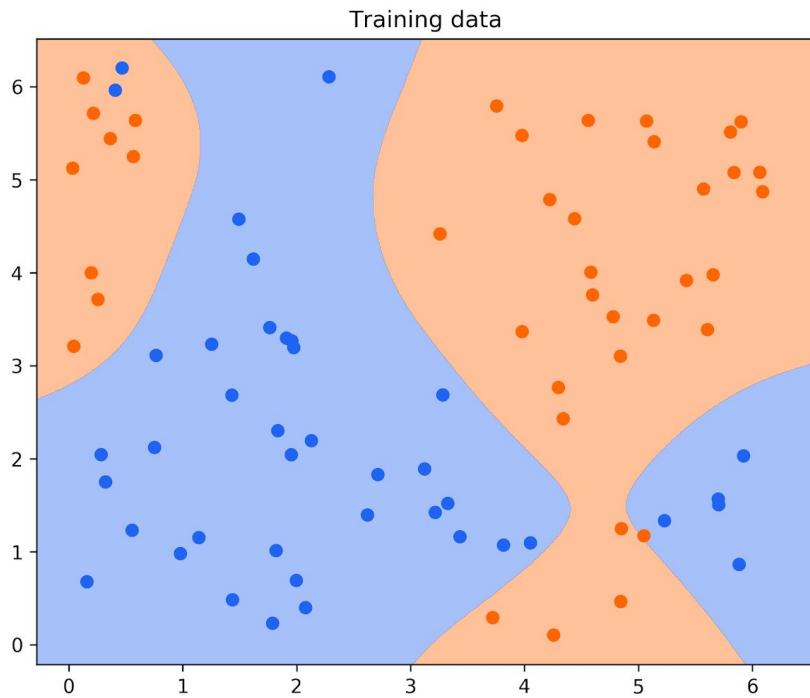
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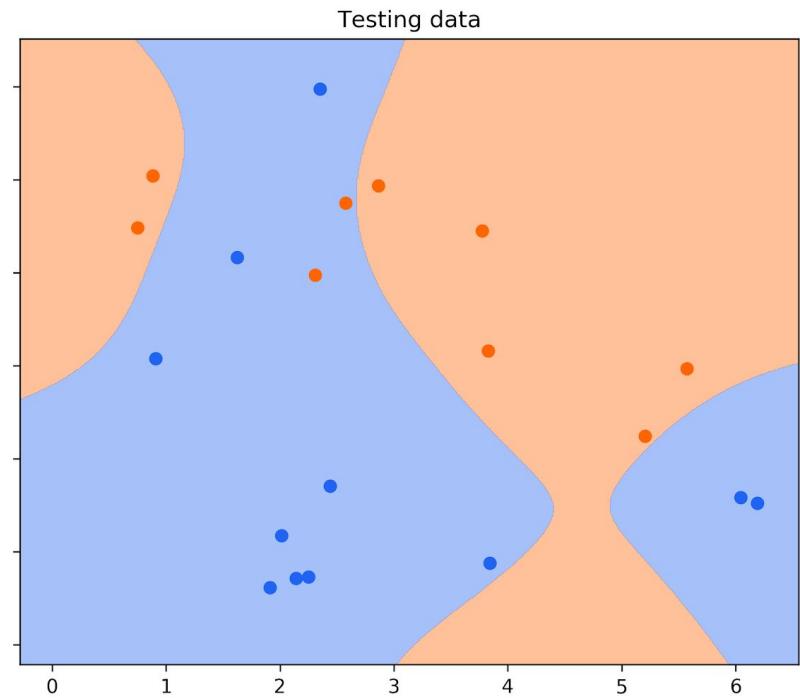
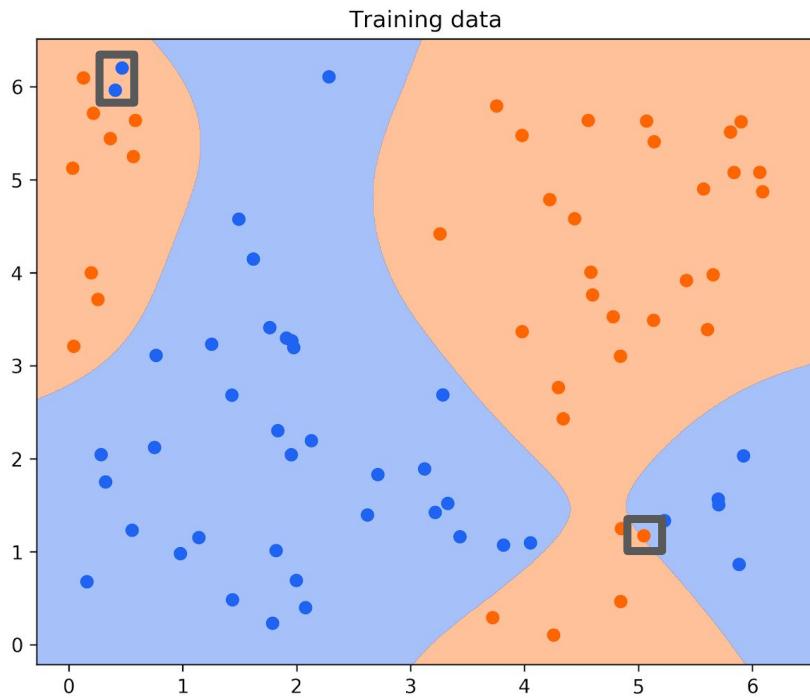
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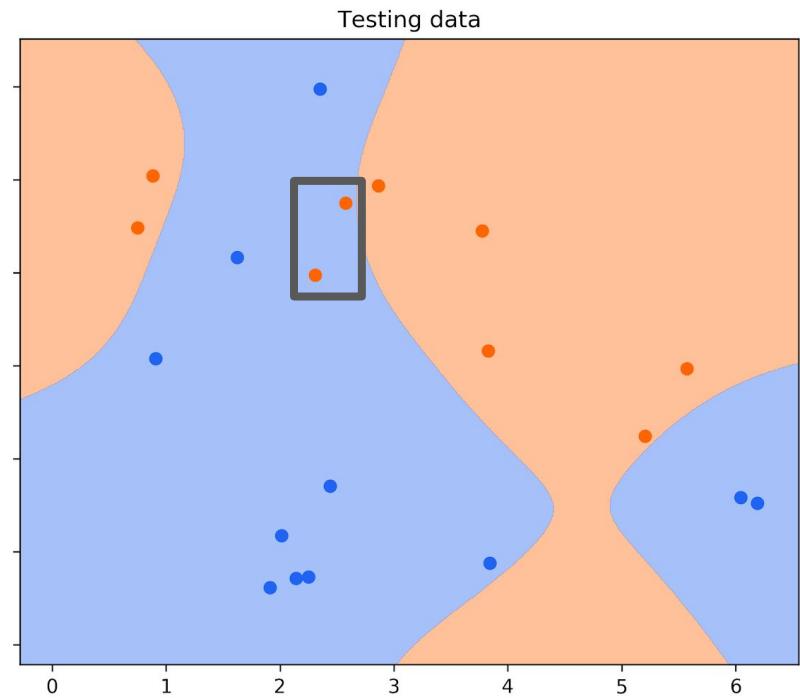
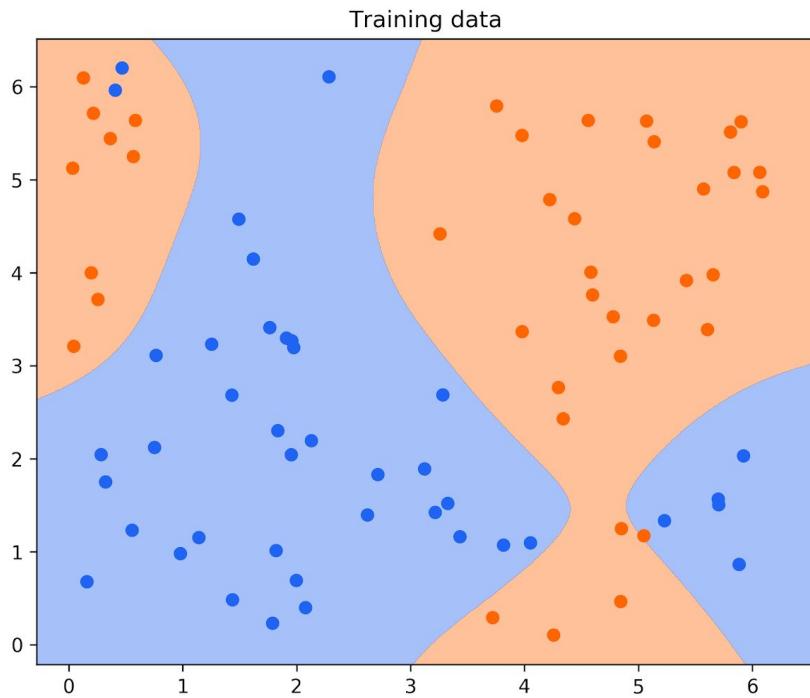
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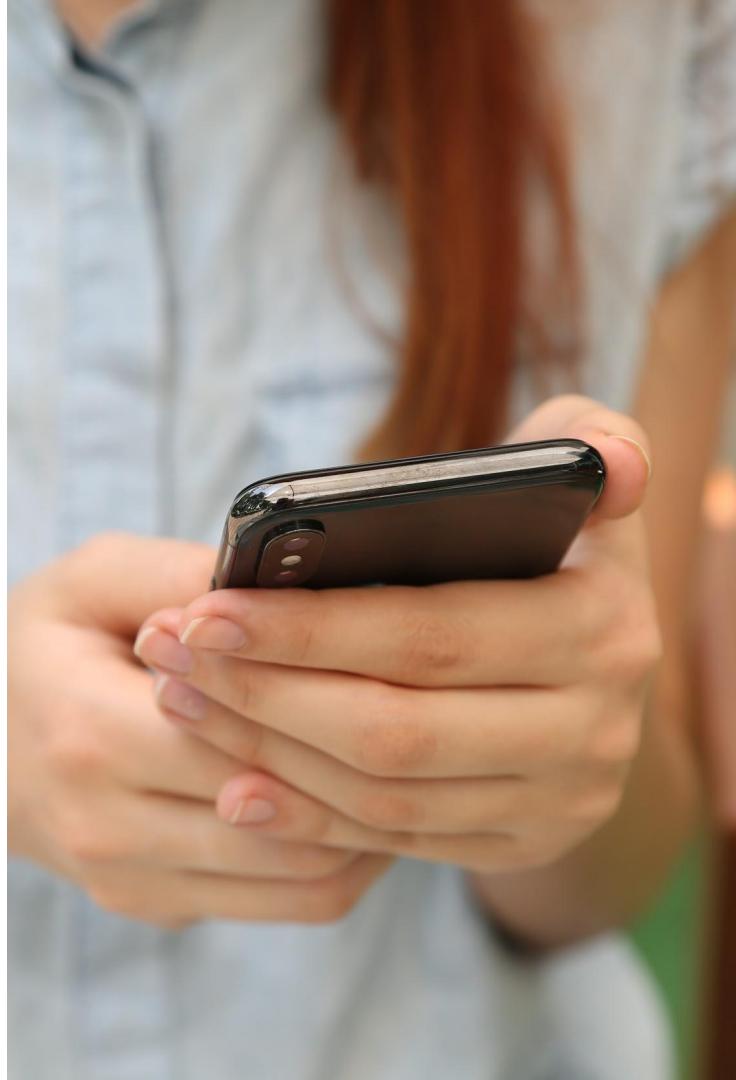
Measuring error

- Hold out some “testing data”
- Compare test data to prediction
- Ideally, calculate real cost

	Actually a warhead	Actually not a warhead
Predict a warhead	👍	Destruction of humanity
Predict not a warhead	Destruction of humanity	👍

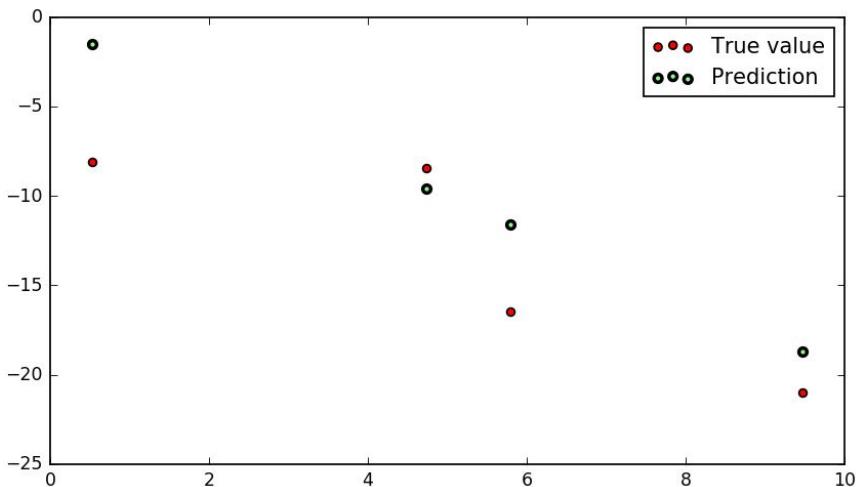


	Actually me	Actually not me
Recognize fingerprint	👉	People criticize my memes for not being funny
Reject fingerprint	I get a little annoyed	👉



Defining **real cost is not always possible**

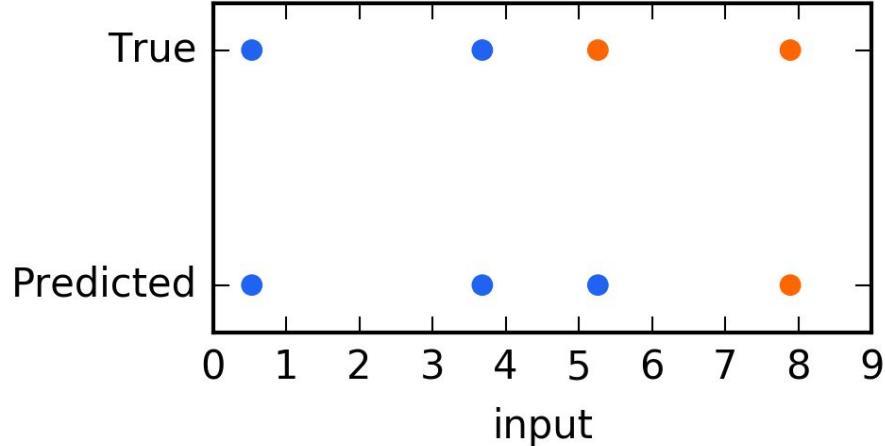
Mean squared error



Input	True	Predict	Diff	Sq. diff
0.53	-8.10	-1.51	-6.60	43.50
4.74	-8.47	-9.60	1.13	1.27
5.79	-16.45	-11.62	-4.83	23.30
9.47	-21.01	-18.70	-2.31	5.34

$$(43.5 + 1.27 + 23.3 + 5.34) / 4 = 18.35$$

Classification error

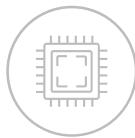


Input	True	Predict	Error?
0.53	1	1	0
3.68	1	1	0
5.26	0	1	1
7.89	0	0	0

UC0: LESSONS LEARNED

- This stuff is pretty neat
- Testing data enables evaluation

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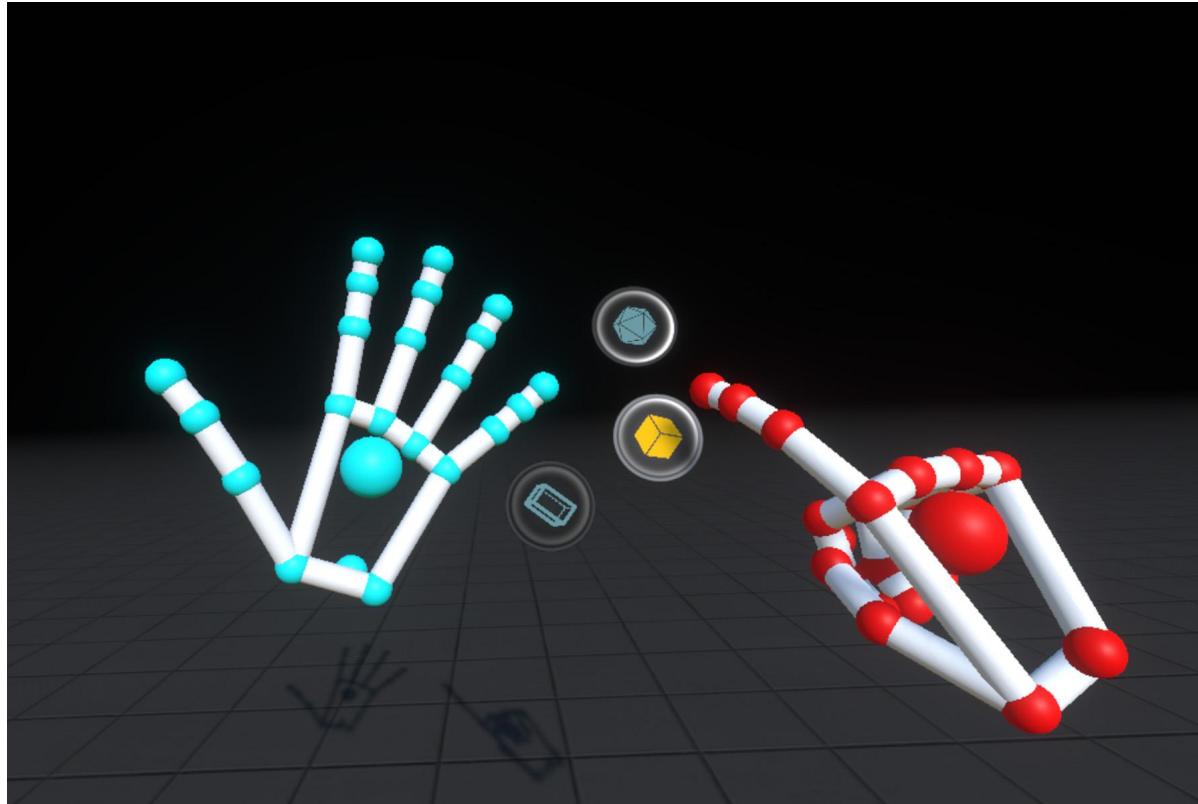
UC3:
Use ML to find
your next job

→ **What's the problem?**

I don't know sign language.



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→ What does the data look like?

joint1_x	joint1_y	joint1_z	...	joint20_x	joint20_y	joint20_z	sign
-14.24845886	-11.23913574	47.79299927	...	39.12654877	-20.38291168	-67.37110138	a
-14.24845886	-11.23913574	47.79299927	...	39.12654877	-20.38291168	-67.37110138	a
-14.24845886	-11.23913574	47.79299927	...	39.12654877	-20.38291168	-67.37110138	a
-14.66805267	-12.86016846	47.25432587	...	39.19580078	-18.27232361	-68.12595367	a
-6.099303246	3.211929321	-21.70319366	...	1.87420845	11.96398926	-98.45552063	b
-5.093156815	2.45741272	-22.05827522	...	6.529464722	14.67698669	-97.91105652	b
32.73310089	-1.139434814	-12.70455551	...	8.51625061	18.76667786	-97.07907867	b
33.09098053	1.941070557	-11.63526344	...	10.23889732	31.46665955	-93.68971252	b
-23.29023552	-0.6312103271	-21.13870239	...	14.70001984	23.49594116	-95.80595398	b
32.82236862	-1.860855103	-12.38504791	...	10.76865768	19.6521759	-96.92489624	b



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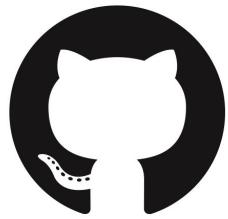
- Split data into training, testing
- Train a bunch of models on training data
- Evaluate them on test data
- Select the best one

→ Solution

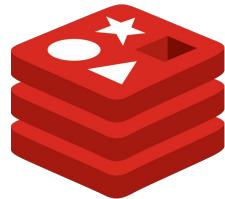
Build an application

- Keyboard... not so great
- But! It's good enough to make an educational game





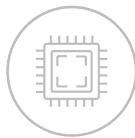
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UC1: LESSONS LEARNED

- Define the problem
- Limit scope
- Model selection
- More than the model

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→ **What's the problem?**

Must know when to schedule energy production



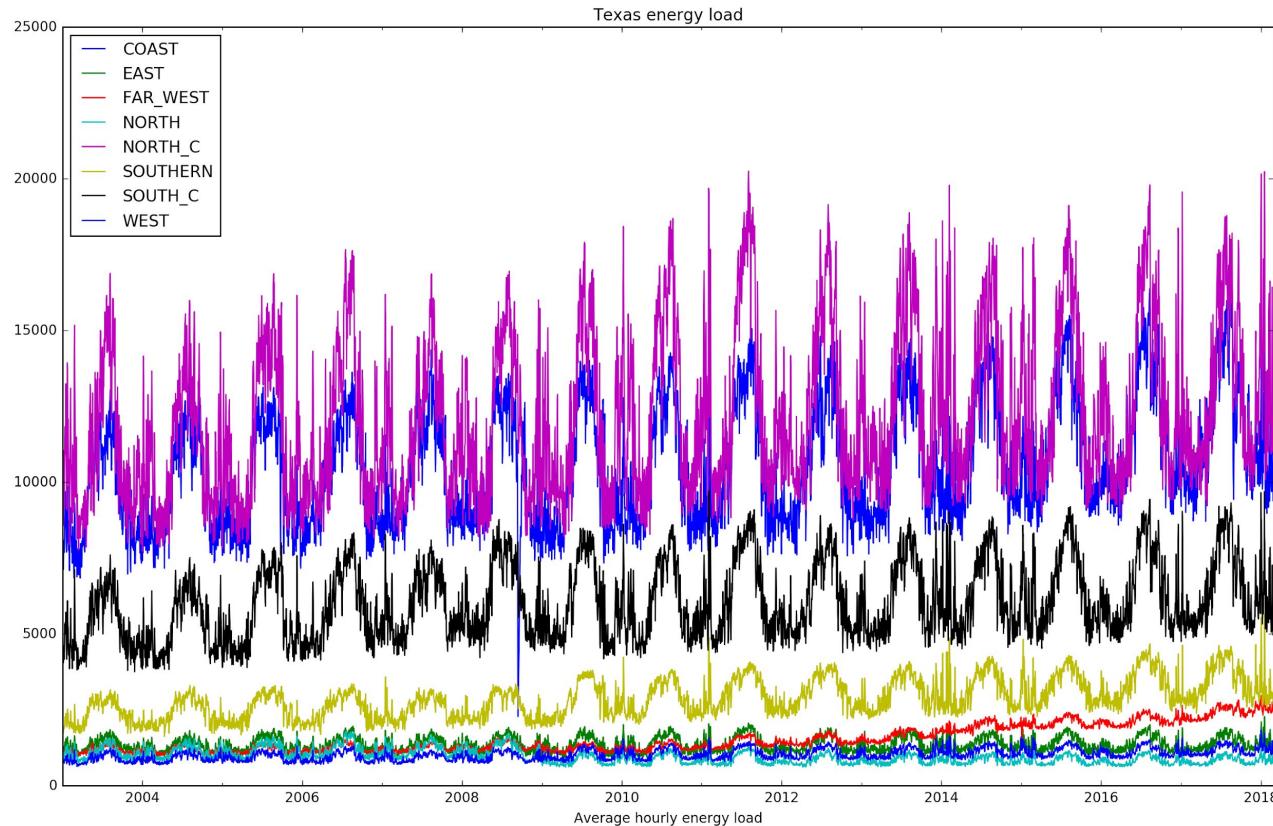


What does the data look like?

HourEnding	COAST	EAST	FWEST	NORTH	NCENT	SOUTH	SCENT	WEST	ERCOT
01/01/2018 01:00	11,425.98	1,852.66	2,823.41	1,135.36	18,584.34	3,831.65	9,151.19	1,762.47	50,567.07
01/01/2018 02:00	11,408.42	1,850.17	2,809.75	1,136.63	18,524.14	3,988.27	9,144.99	1,754.72	50,617.09
01/01/2018 03:00	11,405.20	1,858.27	2,797.80	1,135.93	18,532.06	4,076.09	9,141.04	1,747.92	50,694.30
01/01/2018 04:00	11,450.56	1,879.62	2,807.79	1,146.07	18,647.44	4,154.94	9,157.96	1,755.20	50,999.59
01/01/2018 05:00	11,631.34	1,876.48	2,822.99	1,154.19	19,002.10	4,247.45	9,214.33	1,774.85	51,723.73
01/01/2018 06:00	11,939.41	1,903.01	2,841.67	1,182.43	19,477.36	4,389.05	9,409.49	1,813.22	52,955.63
01/01/2018 07:00	12,268.83	1,961.79	2,854.74	1,212.75	19,984.22	4,512.57	9,647.19	1,860.98	54,303.08
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01/01/2018 11:00	12,915.23	1,956.00	2,862.09	1,217.57	19,996.93	5,017.00	10,061.27	1,922.83	55,948.92
01/01/2018 12:00	12,898.77	1,891.07	2,833.66	1,184.26	19,485.20	5,090.21	9,997.85	1,896.72	55,277.73
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01/01/2018 21:00	13,662.92	2,027.70	2,900.22	1,165.08	20,001.50	5,479.91	10,139.78	1,869.85	57,246.96
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01/01/2018 24:00	12,677.63	1,893.64	2,773.98	1,101.11	18,346.96	5,072.79	8,960.33	1,724.36	52,550.80



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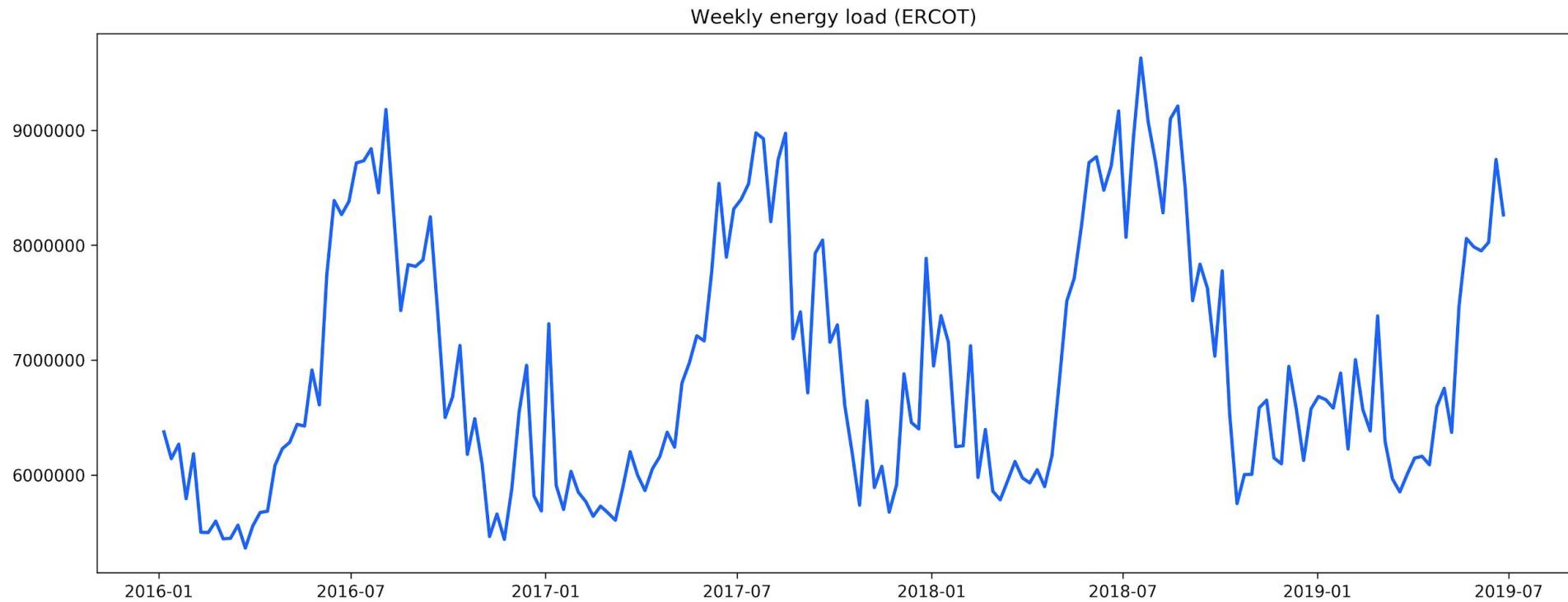


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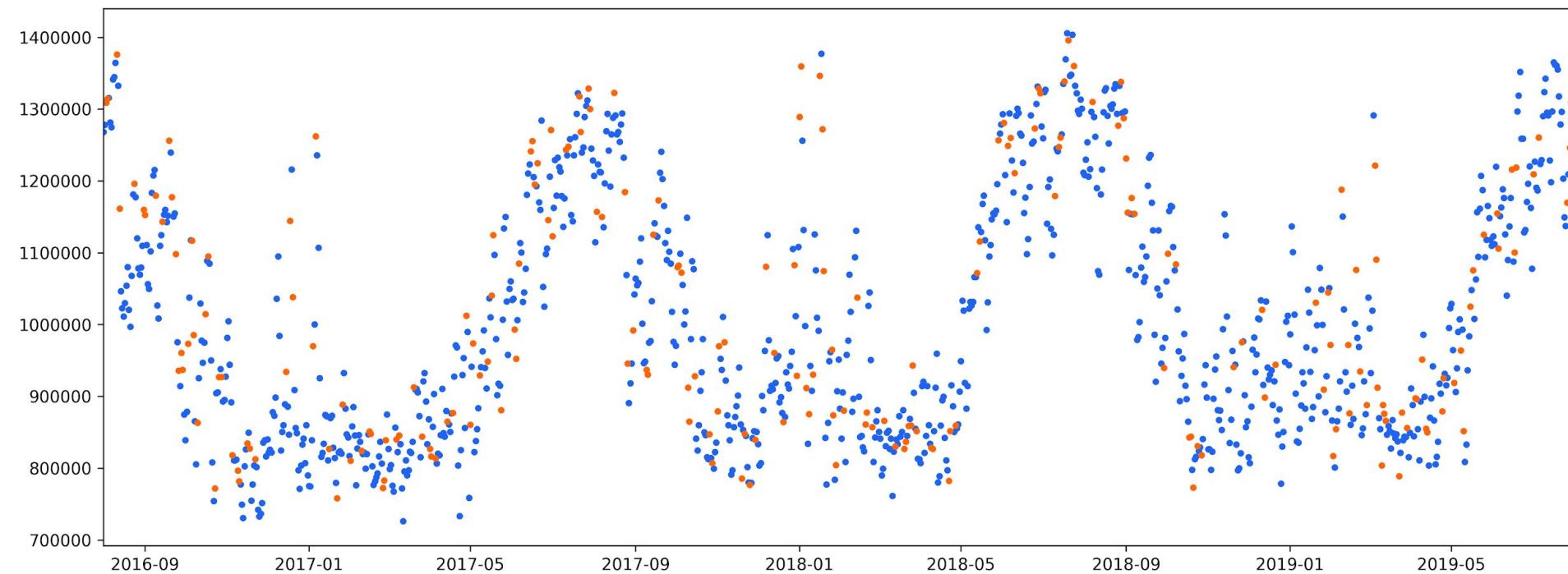
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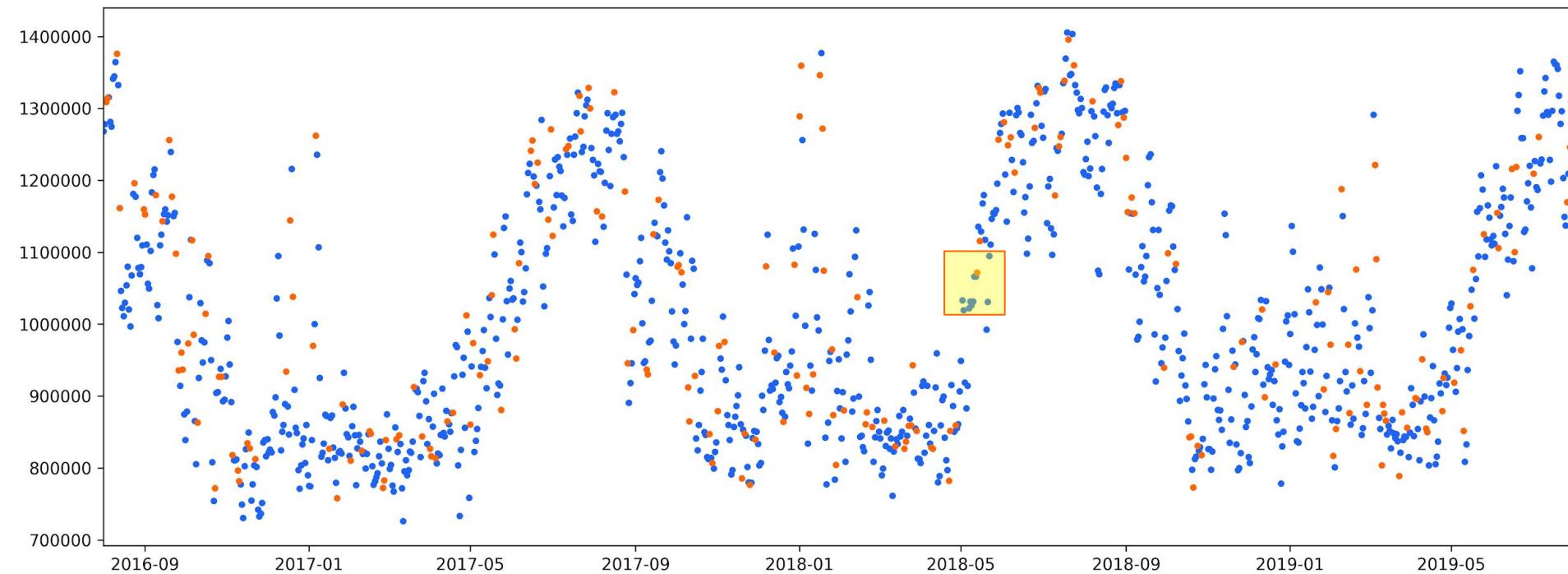
Time series data exhibits seasonality



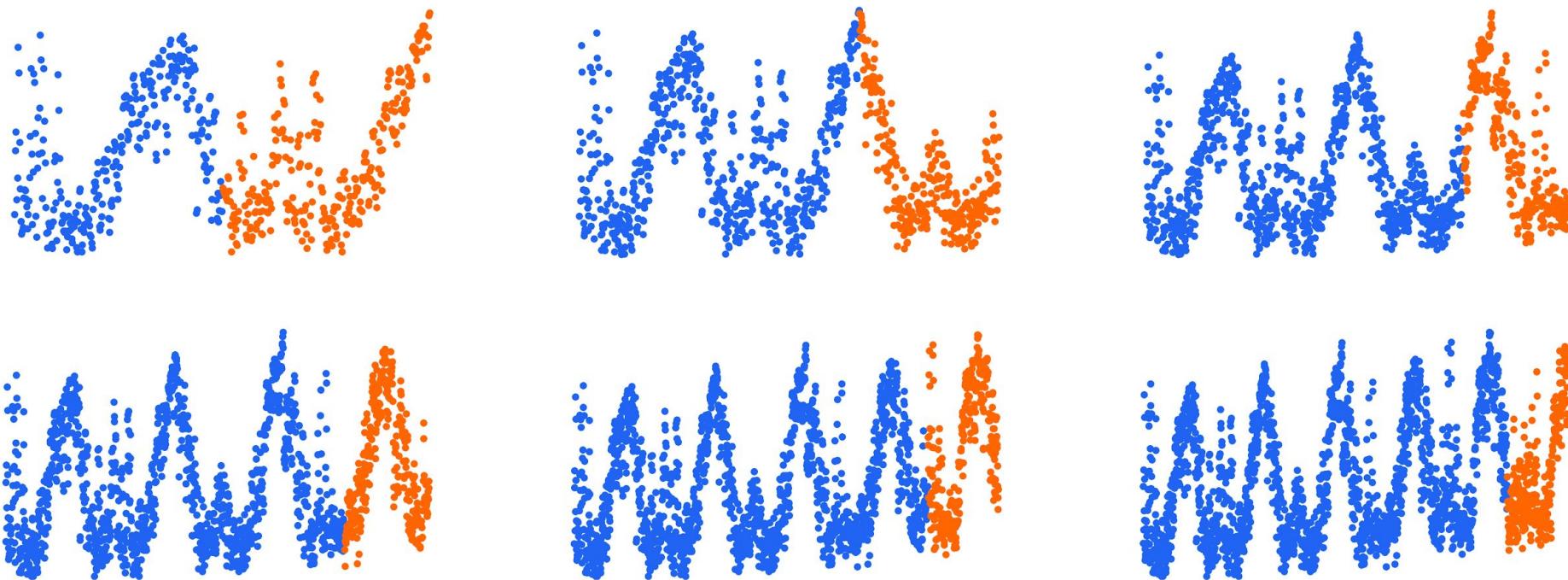
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**When using time series data,
split based on time**

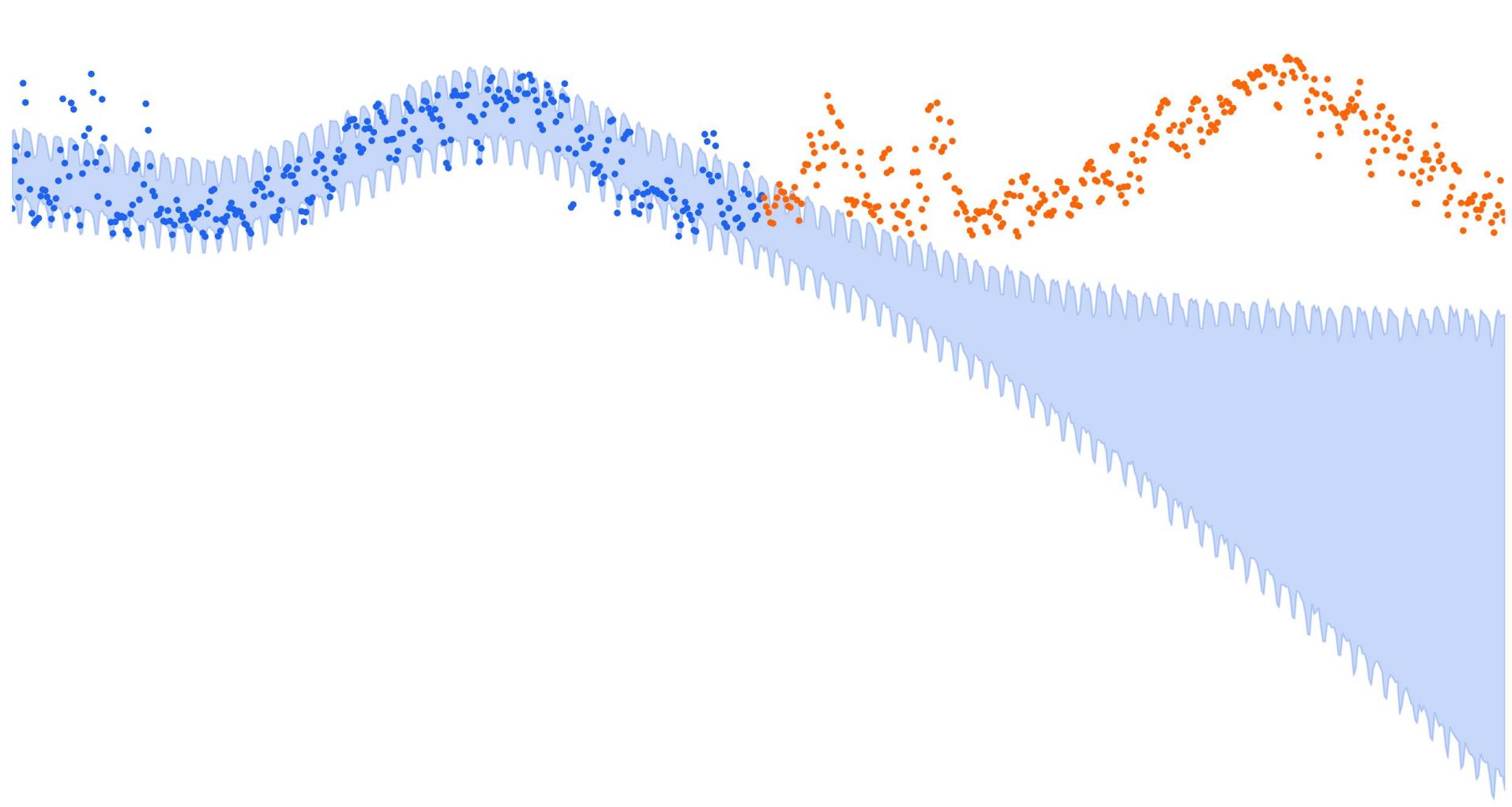


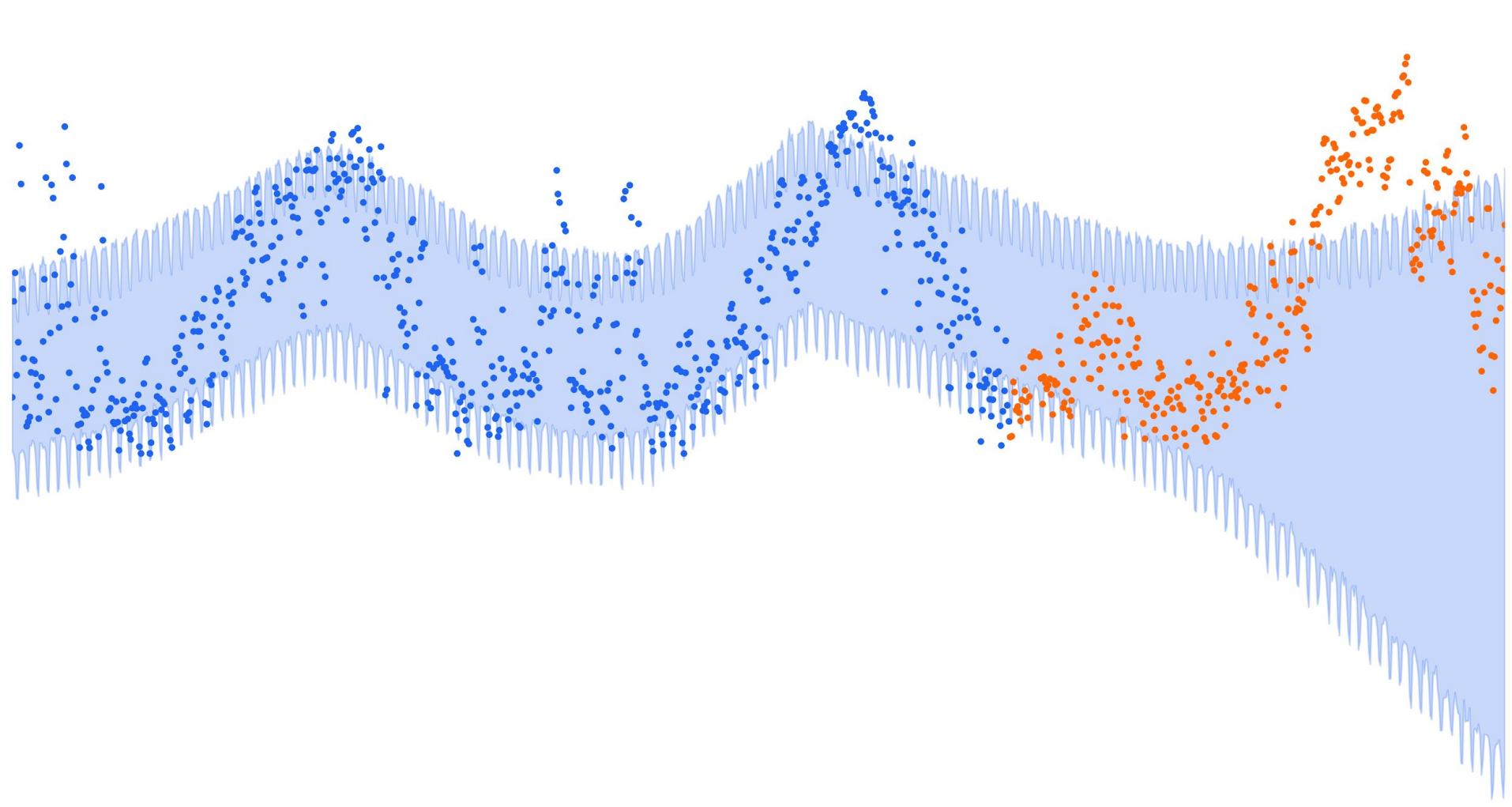
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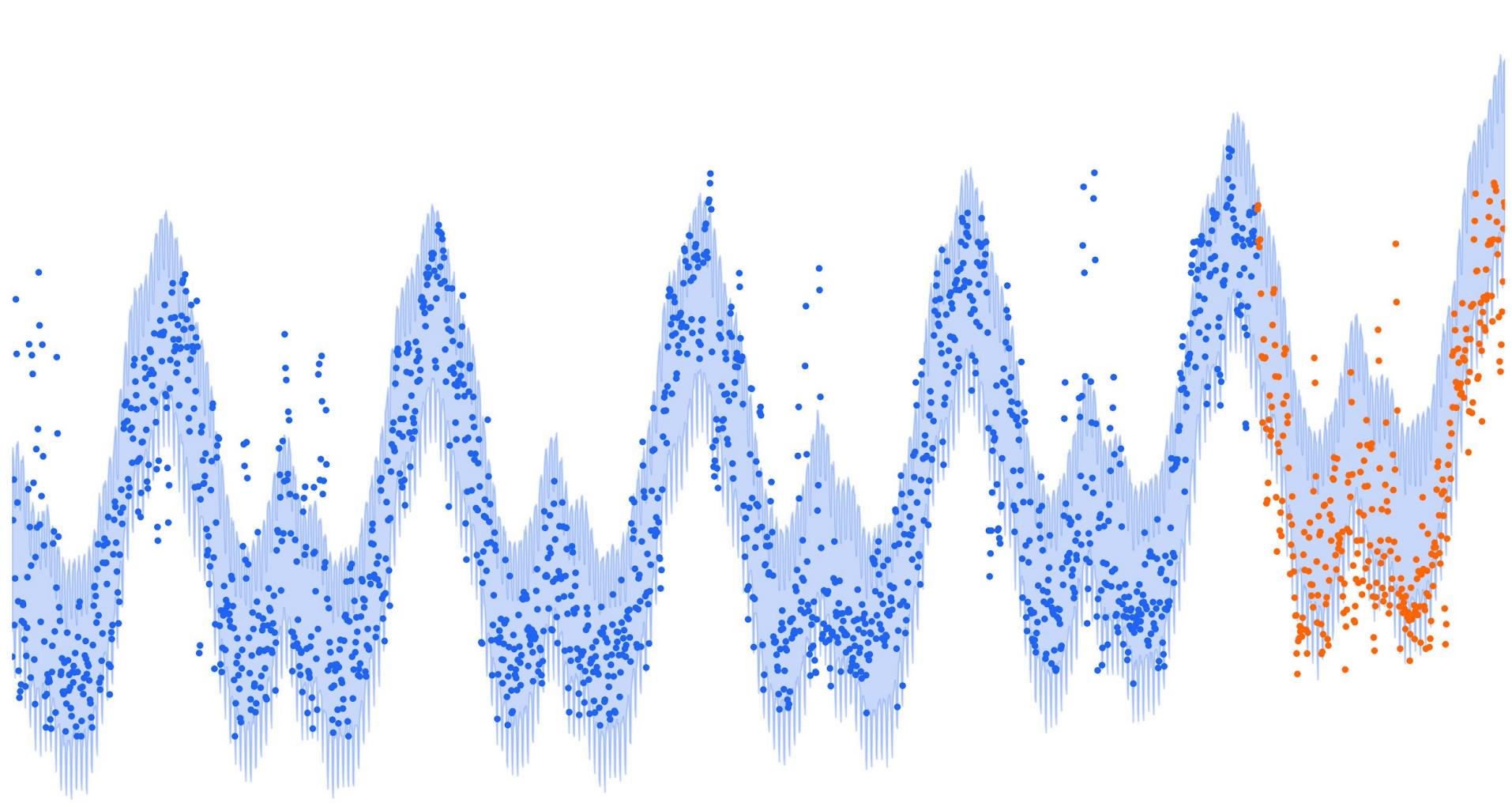




<https://facebook.github.io/prophet/>



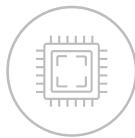




UC2: LESSONS LEARNED

- **Time series data is special**
- **Seasonality**
- **Train/test split – Don't use random!**

Agenda



Machine
learning
intro



UC0:
Credit card
applications



UC1:
Teach a
computer
ASL



UC2:
Forecasting
energy load



UC3:
**Use ML to find
your next job**

→ What's the problem?

Passive job hunting

→ What does the data look like?

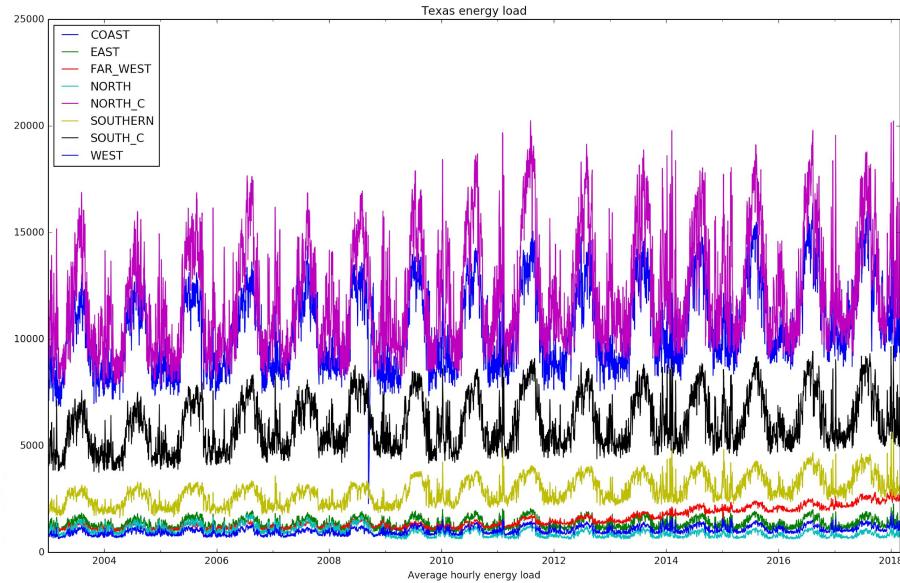
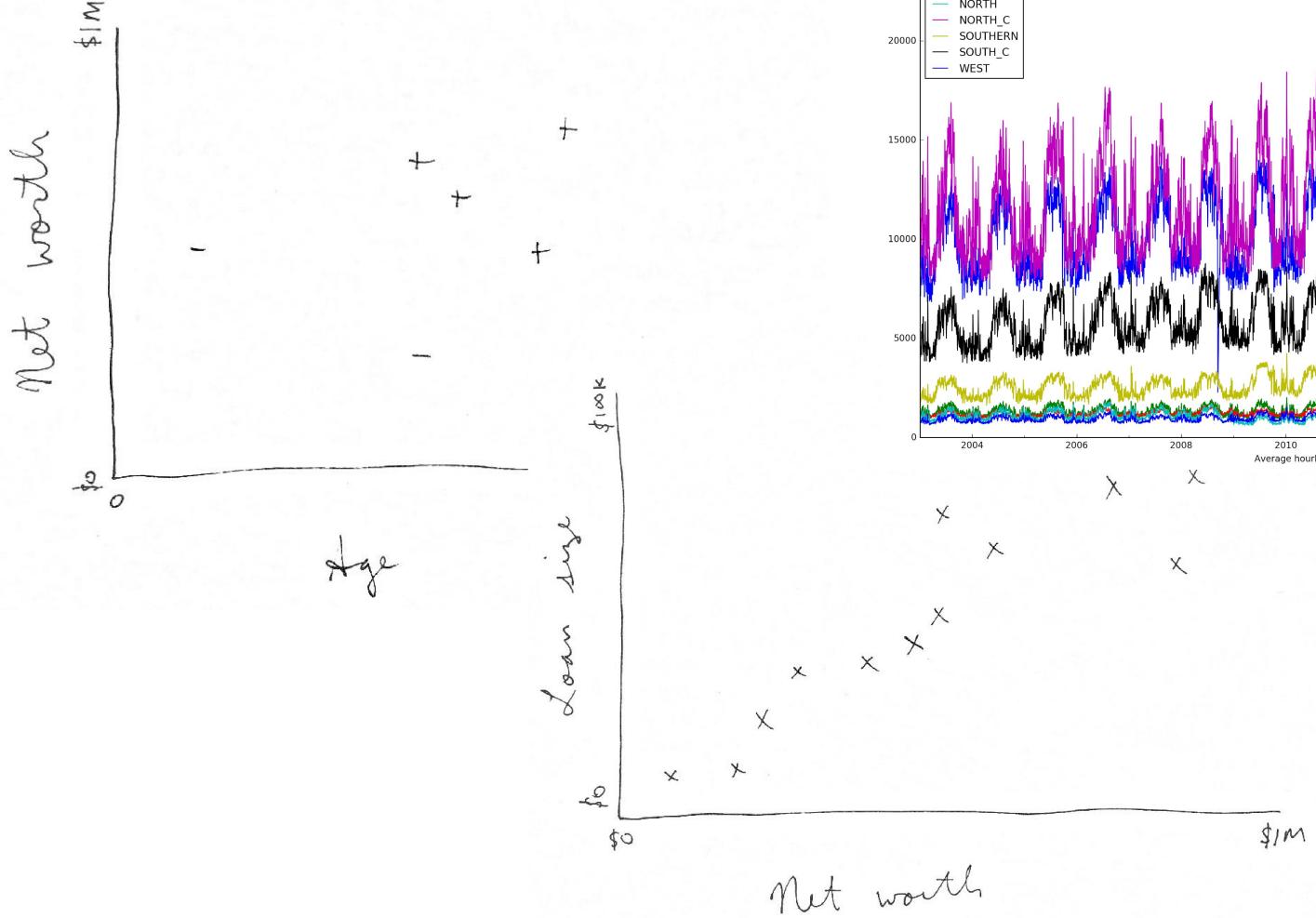
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1	Title	Company	Link	Sounds cool	
2	Principal Software Architect - Austin	General Electric	/r Link	1	
3	ASIC Power Estimation Developer (Excel-I	Encore Semi	/r Link	0	
4	Memory Subsystem Verification Engineer	Encore Semi	/r Link	0	
5	Senior DevOps Engineer	KIBO Software	/r Link	0	
6	Senior Manager of Software Engineering	MaxPoint	/r Link	1	
7	Data Analyst	Amherst	/r Link	0	
8	Senior Data Engineer	Visa	/r Link	1	
9	Product Development Engineer	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	/r Link	0	
10	Systems Analyst	Visa	/r Link	0	
11	Lead Architect - Big Data	Farmers Edge	/r Link	1	
12	Object Storage Software Engineer	IBM	/r Link	0	
13	Principal Site Reliability Engineer	Pearson	/r Link	0	
14	Senior Software Development Engineer - S	Amazon Corporate LLC	/r Link	0	
15	Systems Administrator I	University of Texas at Austin	/r Link	0	
16	Senior Database Administrator	Acxiom	/r Link	0	
17	IT Support Representative	Becker Wright Consultants	/c Link	0	



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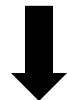
Classification



(Data Scientist, sounds_cool=True) → (5, 1)

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(1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)

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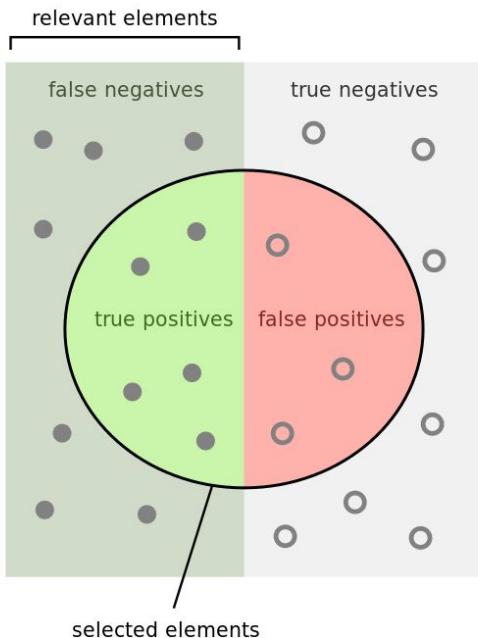
Base rate == 0.197



	Actual 0	Actual 1	Total
Predicted 0	400	100	500
Predicted 1	0	0	0
Total	400	100	

Imbalance

Better error metrics

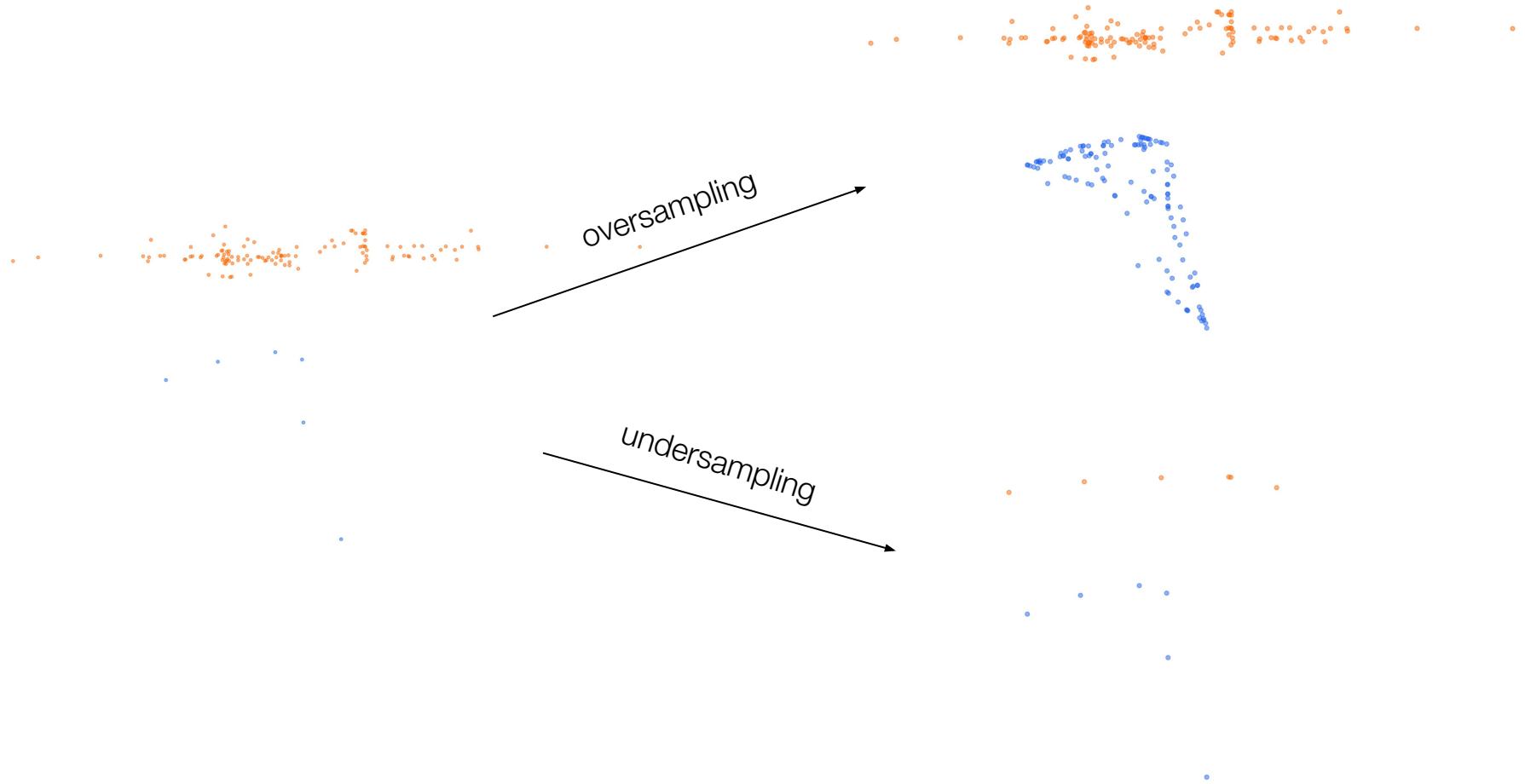


How many selected items are relevant?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{selected elements}}$$

How many relevant items are selected?

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{relevant elements}}$$



End result

Job recommendations for 2017-09-03



assistant@samueltaylor.org

to sgt

Sep 3



Sr. Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence Engineer @ ClosedLoop.ai - <http://www.indeed.com/cmp/ClosedLoop/jobs/Senior-Machine-Learning-f3f3a19d0d75b818>

Data Engineer @ Austin Fraser - https://www.austinfraser.com/en-us/job/bbbh8350-data-engineer-1503529772/?utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed

AppSumo - Python developer @ AppSumo - https://boards.greenhouse.io/appsumocareers/jobs/738433?gh_src=doqnew1

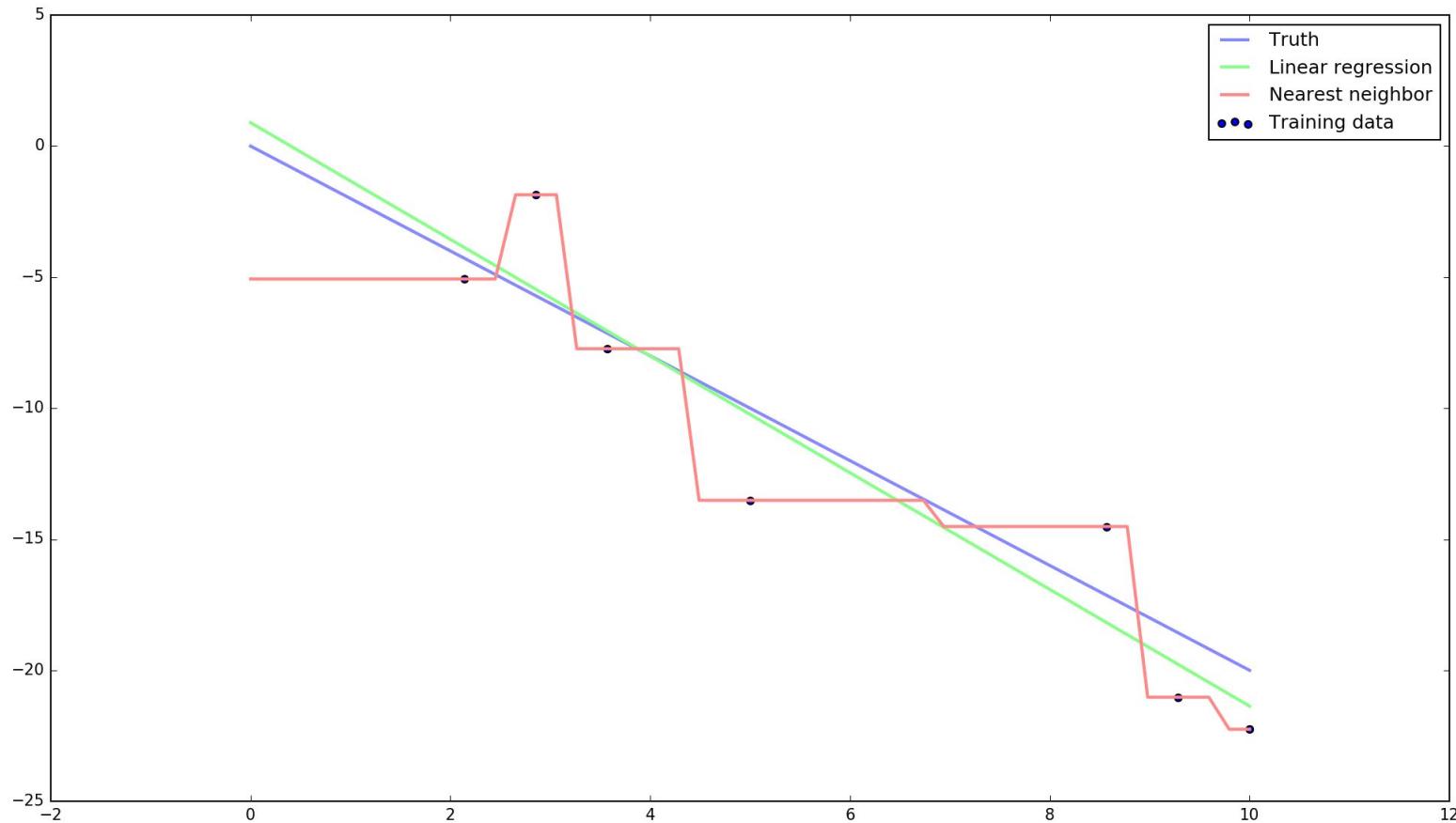
Back-End Developer (Python) @ Beyond - https://boards.greenhouse.io/beyond/jobs/814873?gh_src=ebmk7v1

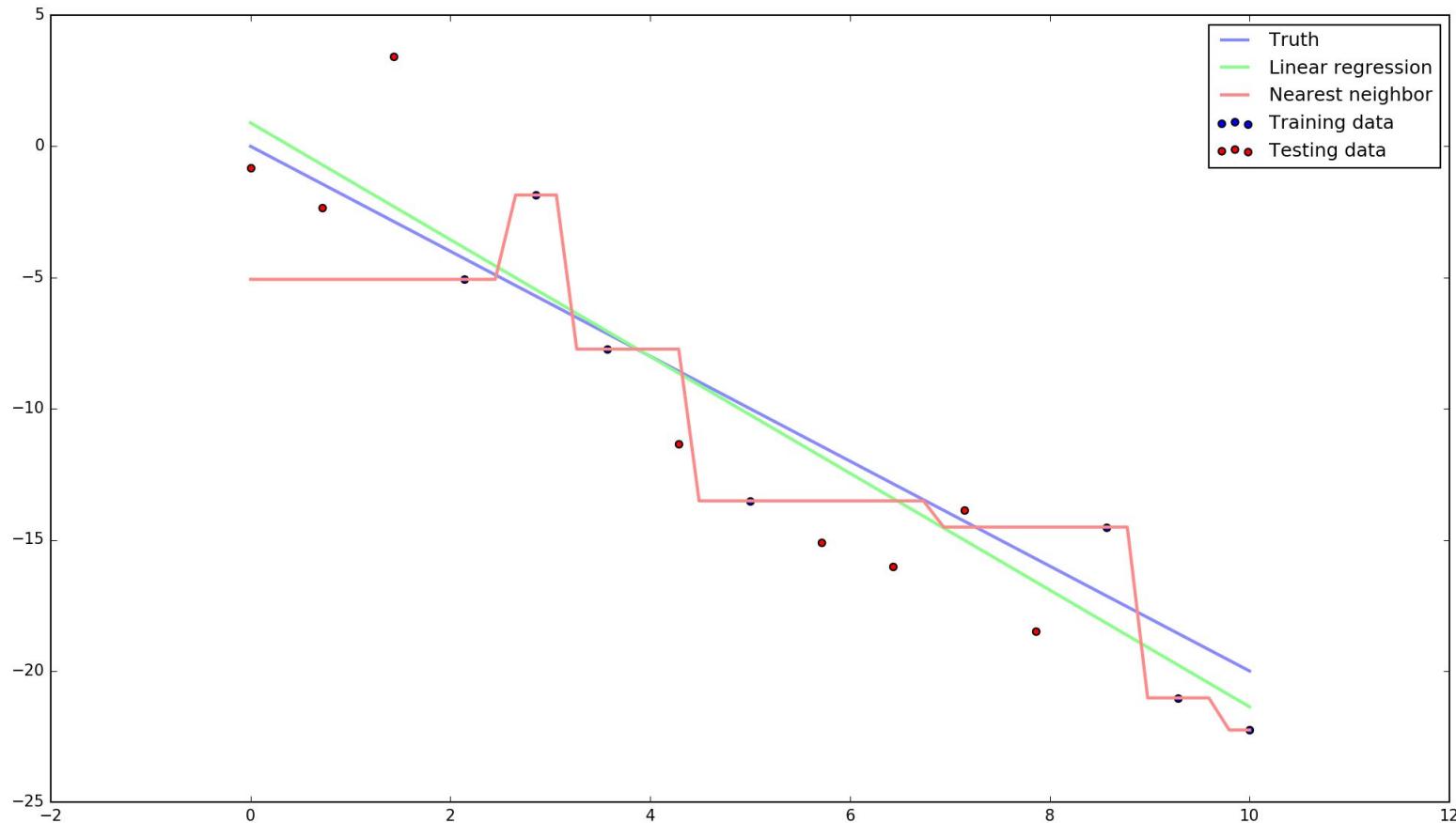
Senior Back-End Developer @ Beyond - https://boards.greenhouse.io/beyond/jobs/814896?gh_src=1xoahl1

Software Development Principal Engineer - Austin, TX @ Dell - <https://dell.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=17000FQB&tz=GMT-05:00&src=JB-11346>

UC3: LESSONS LEARNED

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also, it's easier

Deep breath, everyone

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