

Lecture 1

Machine Learning Basics

Gestió i Distribució de Senyals Audiovisuals (GDSA)

UPC ESEIAAT, Terrassa. Autumn 2020



Xavier Giro-i-Nieto

Associate Professor

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya



[@DocXavi](https://twitter.com/DocXavi)



xavier.giro@upc.edu



UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA
DE CATALUNYA
BARCELONATECH

ATENEA



Acknowledgements



Kevin McGuinness

kevin.mcguinness@dcu.ie

Research Fellow

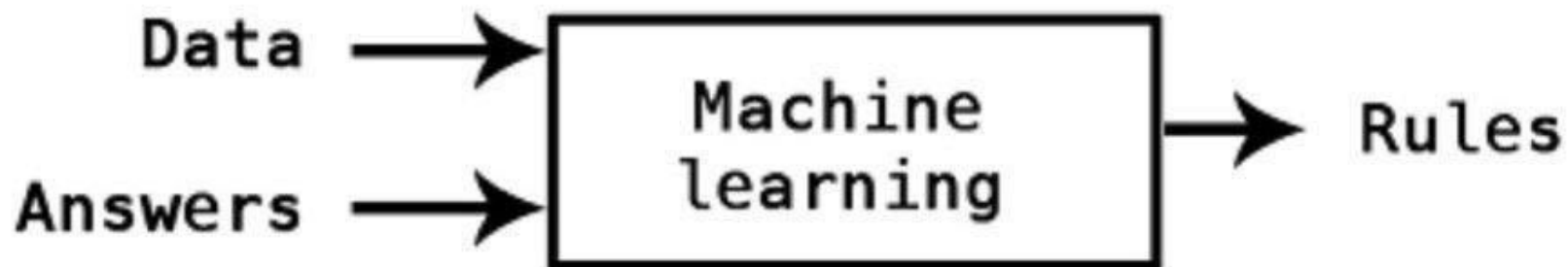
Insight Centre for Data Analytics
Dublin City University



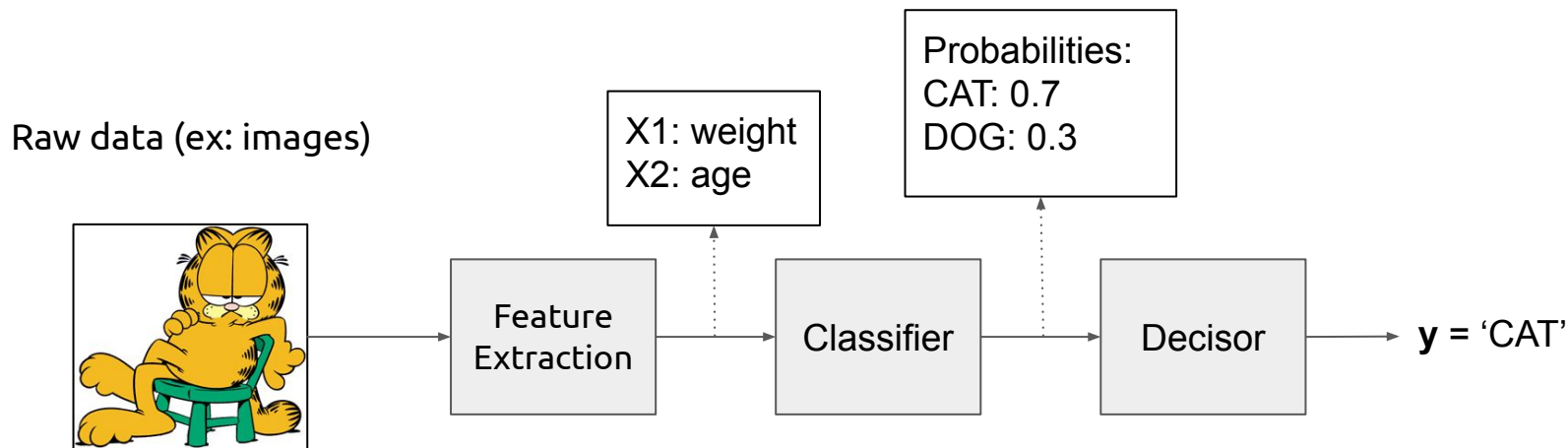
MACHINE LEARNING



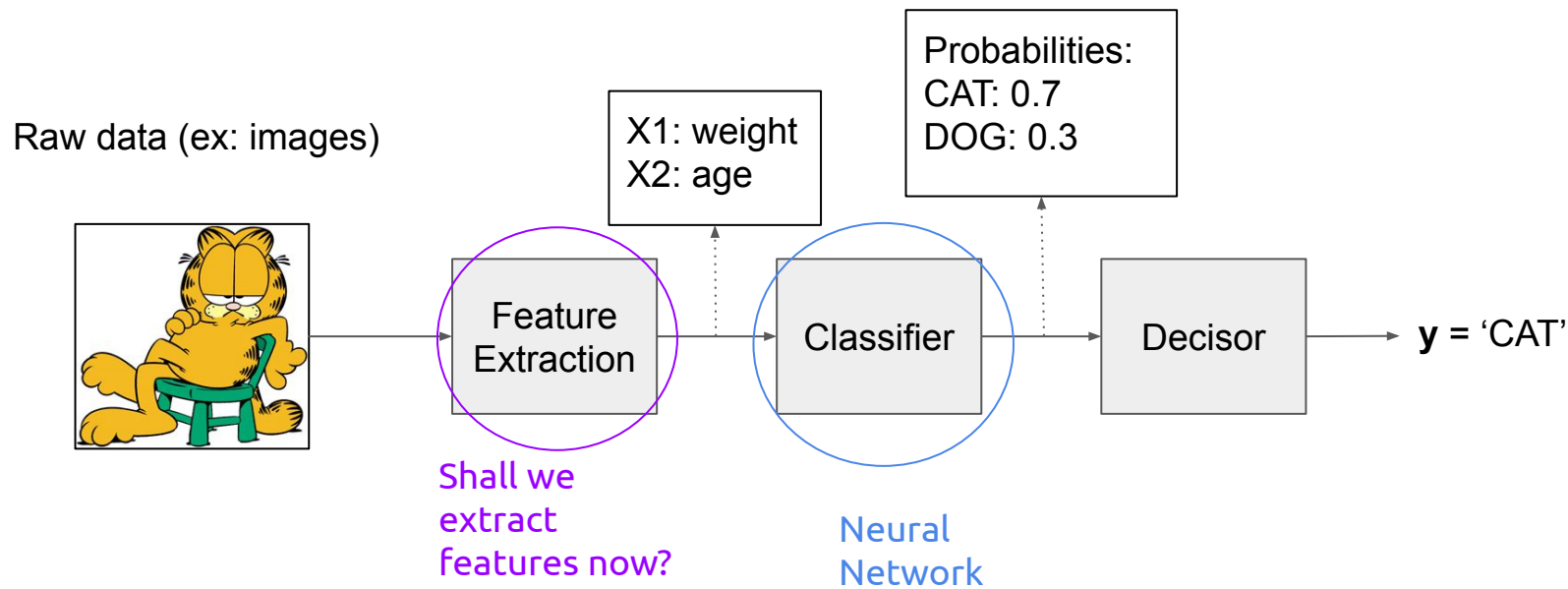
MACHINE LEARNING EVERYWHERE!



Representation + Learning pipeline

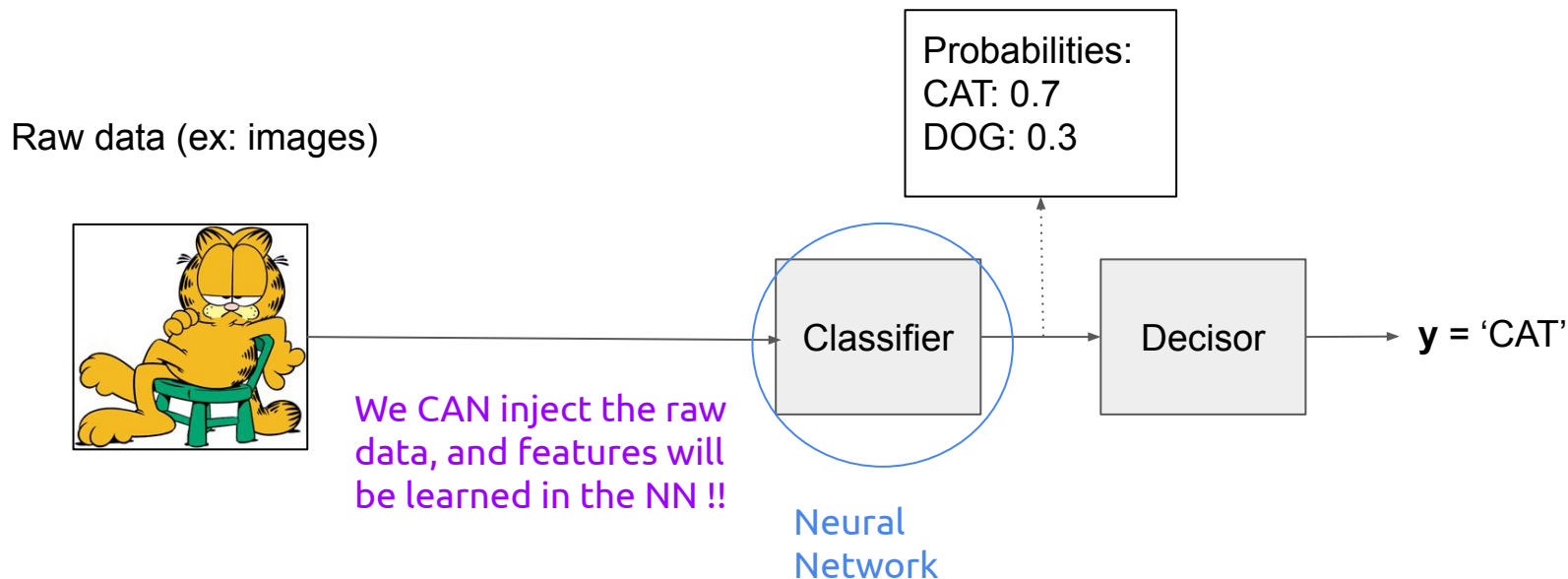


Representation + Learning pipeline



End-to-end Representation Learning

End to End concept



Types of Machine Learning

Yann Lecun's Black Forest cake

■ "Pure" Reinforcement Learning (cherry)

- ▶ The machine predicts a scalar reward given once in a while.
- ▶ **A few bits for some samples**

■ Supervised Learning (icing)

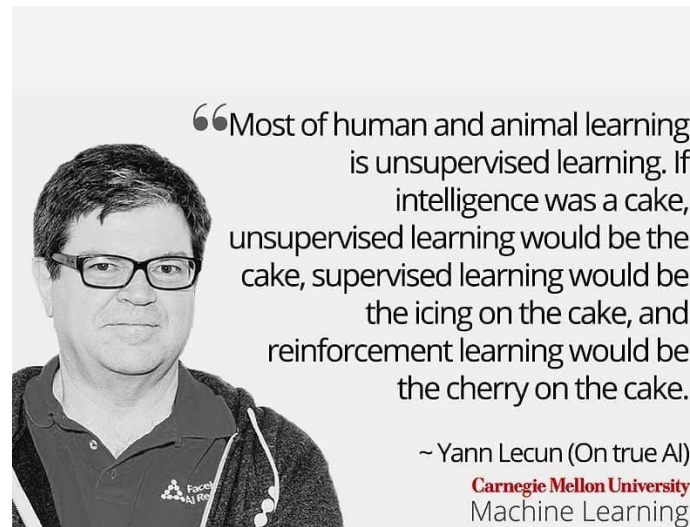
- ▶ The machine predicts a category or a few numbers for each input
- ▶ Predicting human-supplied data
- ▶ **10→10,000 bits per sample**

■ Unsupervised/Predictive Learning (cake)

- ▶ The machine predicts any part of its input for any observed part.
- ▶ Predicts future frames in videos
- ▶ **Millions of bits per sample**



■ (Yes, I know, this picture is slightly offensive to RL folks. But I'll make it up)



Machine Learning

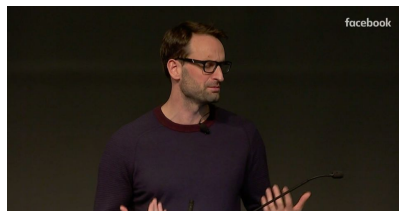
	...with a teacher	...without a teacher
Active agent...	Reinforcement learning (with extrinsic reward)	Intrinsic motivation / Exploration.
Passive agent...	Supervised learning	Unsupervised learning



Slide inspired by Alex Graves (Deepmind) at
["Unsupervised Learning Tutorial"](#) @ NeurIPS 2018.

Machine Learning

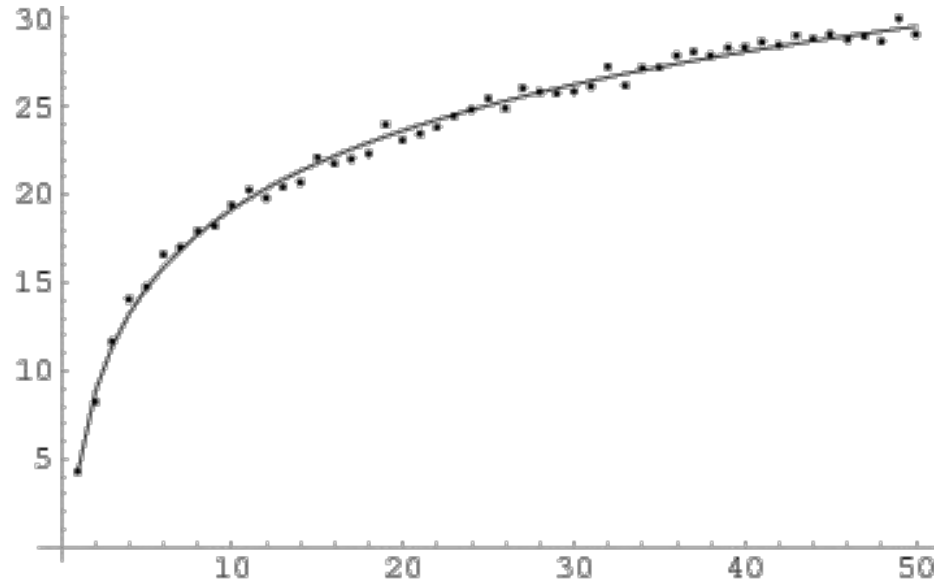
	...with a teacher	...without a teacher
Active agent...	Reinforcement learning (with extrinsic reward)	Intrinsic motivation / Exploration.
Passive agent...	Supervised learning	Unsupervised learning



Slide inspired by Alex Graves (Deepmind) at
[“Unsupervised Learning Tutorial”](#) @ NeurIPS 2018.

Supervised learning

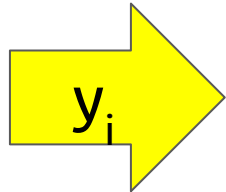
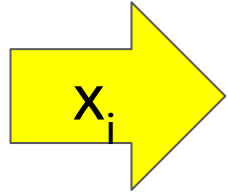
Fit a function: $y = f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$



Supervised learning

Fit a function: $y = f(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Given paired training examples $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$



Supervised learning

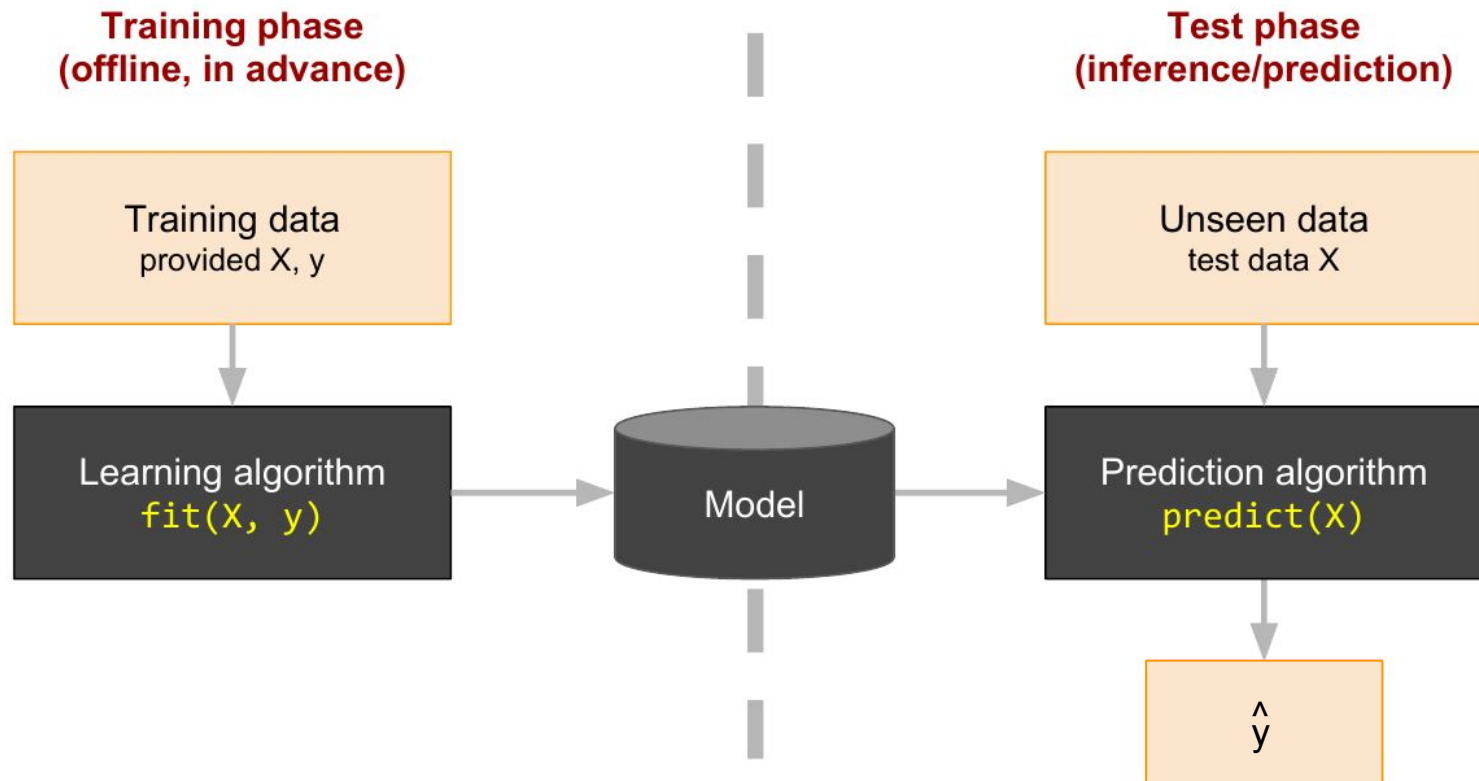
Fit a function: $y = f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Given paired training examples $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}$

Key point: **generalize well to unseen examples**



Black box abstraction of supervised learning



Regression vs Classification

Depending on the type of target y we get:

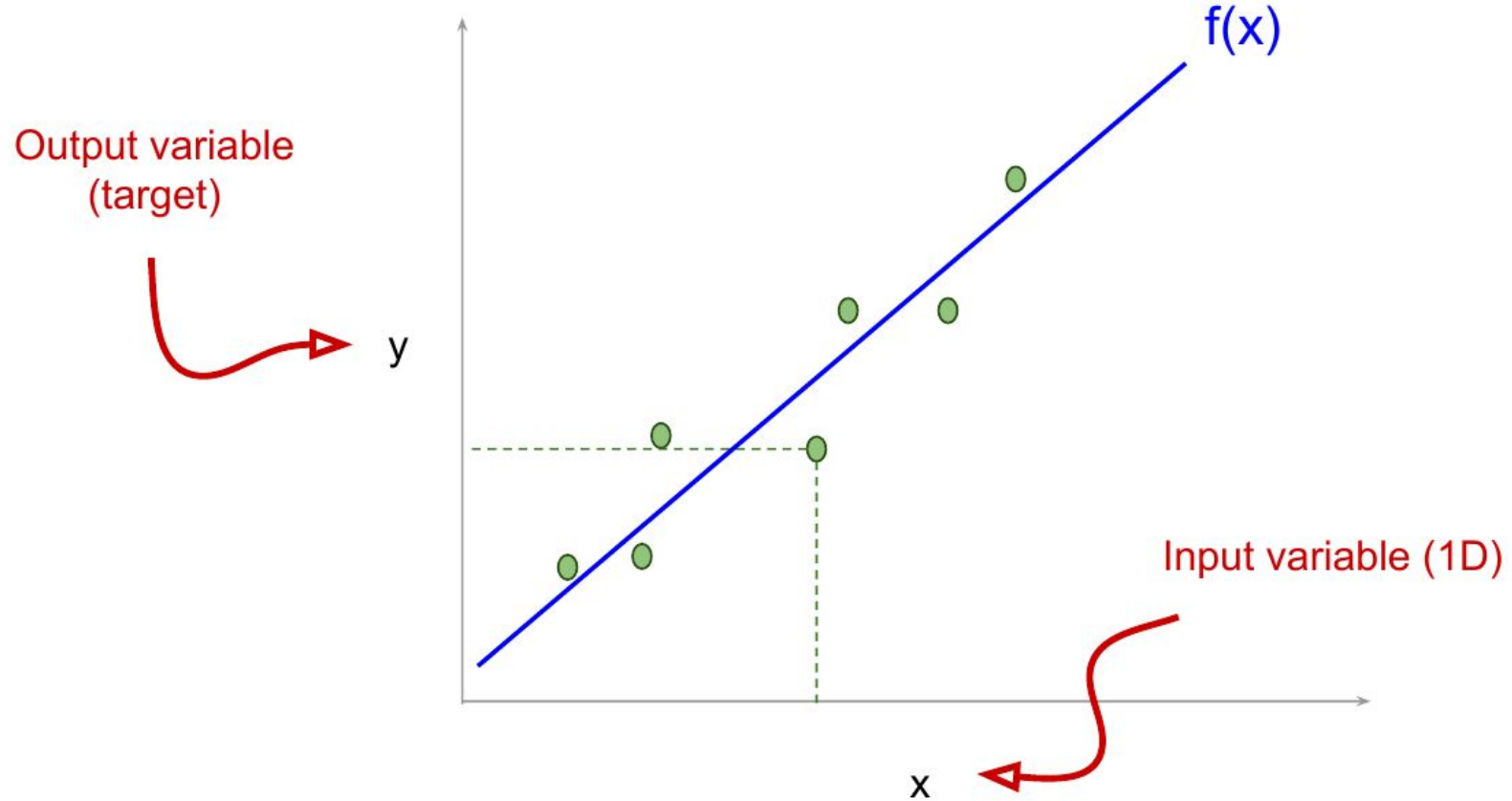
- **Regression**: $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is **continuous** (e.g. temperatures $y = \{19^\circ, 23.2^\circ, 22.8^\circ\}$)
- **Classification**: y is **discrete** (e.g. $y = \{\text{"dog"}, \text{"cat"}, \text{"ostrich"}\}$).

Regression vs Classification

Depending on the type of target y we get:

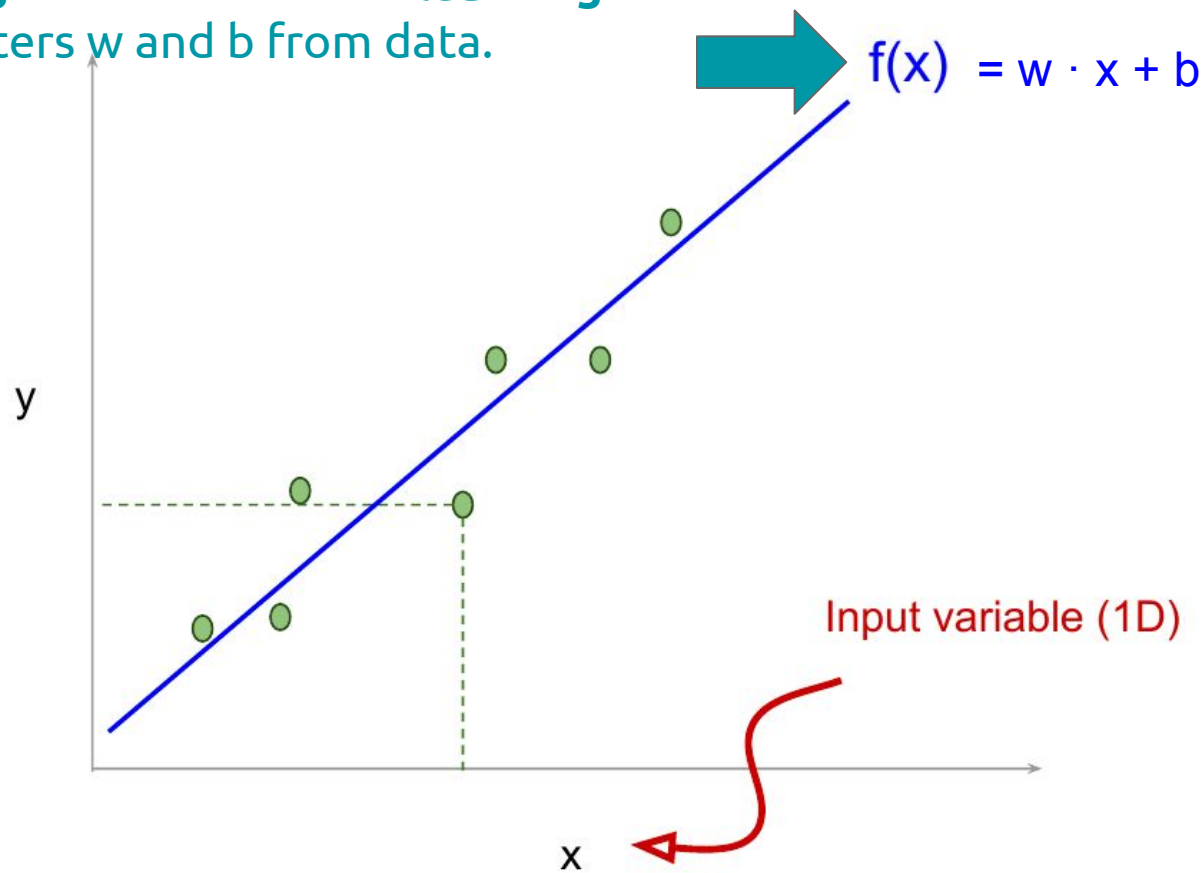
- **Regression**: $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is **continuous** (e.g. temperatures $y = \{19^\circ, 23.2^\circ, 22.8^\circ\}$)
- **Classification**: y is **discrete** (e.g. $y = \{\text{"dog"}, \text{"cat"}, \text{"ostrich"}\}$).

Linear Regression (eg. 1D input - 1D output)



Linear Regression (eg. 1D input - 1D output)

Training this model means **learning** parameters w and b from data.



Linear Regression (eg. M-D input - 1D output)

Input data can also be M-dimensional with vector \mathbf{x} :

$$\boxed{y = \mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} + b} = w1 \cdot x1 + w2 \cdot x2 + w3 \cdot x3 + \dots + wM \cdot xM + b$$

e.g. we want to predict the **price of a house (y)** based on:

$x1$ = square-meters (sqm)

$x2,3$ = location (lat, lon)

y = price = $w1 \cdot (\text{sqm}) + w2 \cdot (\text{lat}) + w3 \cdot (\text{lon}) + b$

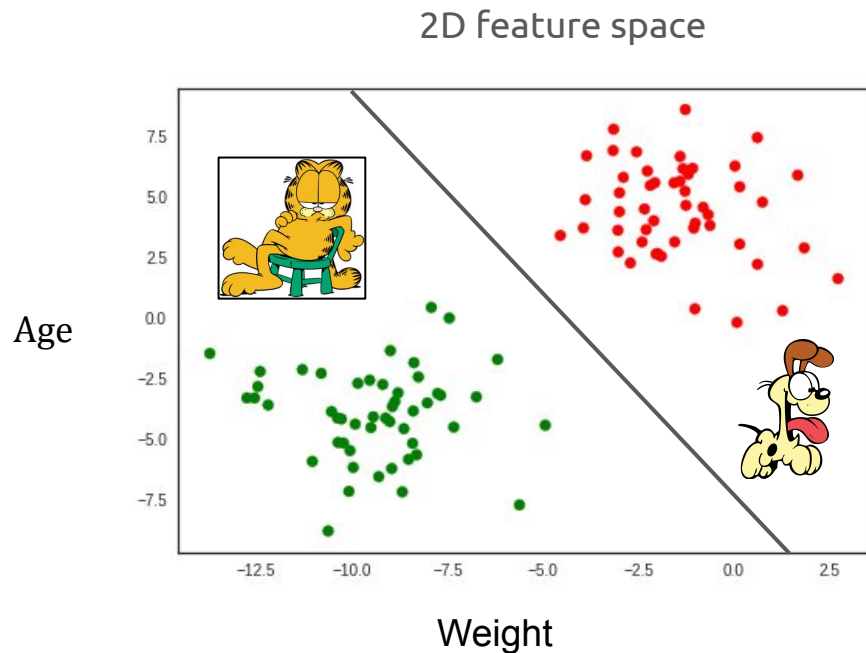


Regression vs Classification

Depending on the type of target y we get:

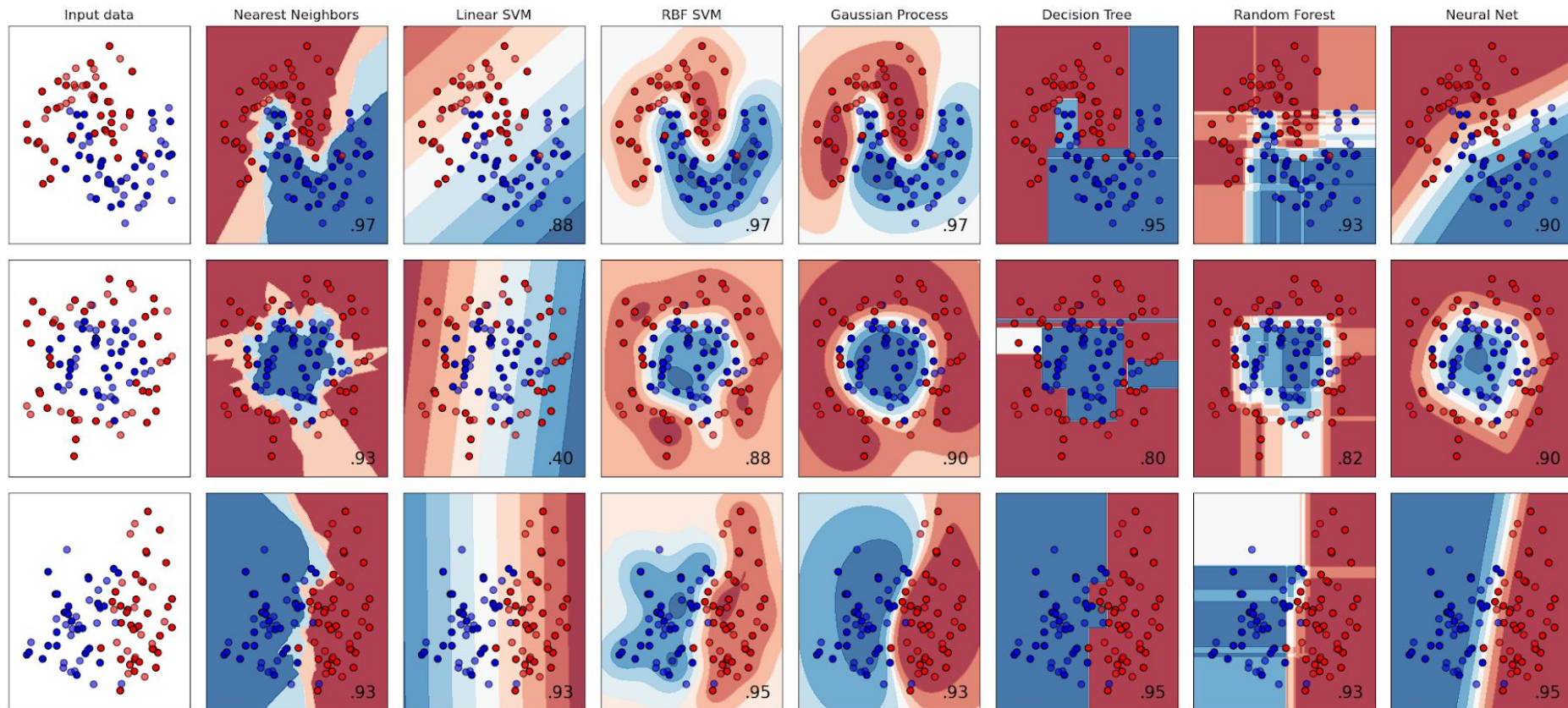
- **Regression**: $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is **continuous** (e.g. temperatures $y = \{19^\circ, 23.2^\circ, 22.8^\circ\}$)
- **Classification**: y is **discrete** (e.g. $y = \{\text{"dog"}, \text{"cat"}, \text{"ostrich"}\}$).

Binary Classification (eg. 2D input, 1D output)



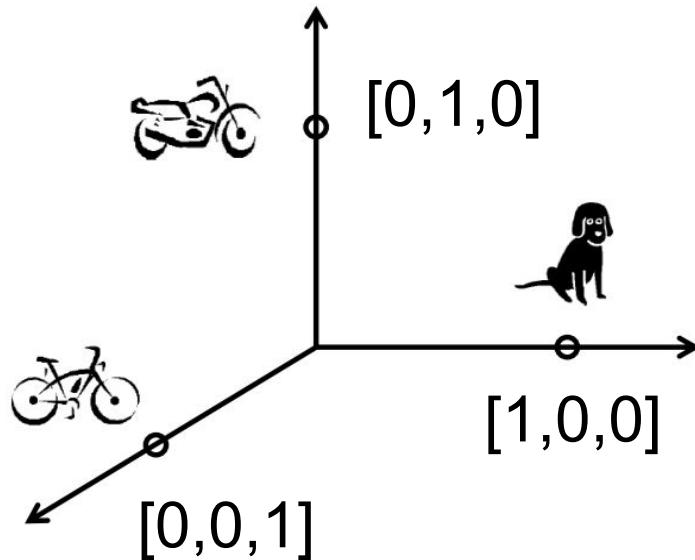
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \text{Odie} & \text{if } w \cdot x + b > 0 \\ \text{Garfield} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Binary Classification (eg. 2D input, 1D output)



Multi-class Classification (N-D output)

- **Classification:** y is **discrete** (e.g. $y = \{\text{"dog"}, \text{"bike"}, \text{"motorbike"}\}$).
 - Classes are often coded as **one-hot vector** (each class corresponds to a different dimension of the output space)



One-hot
representations

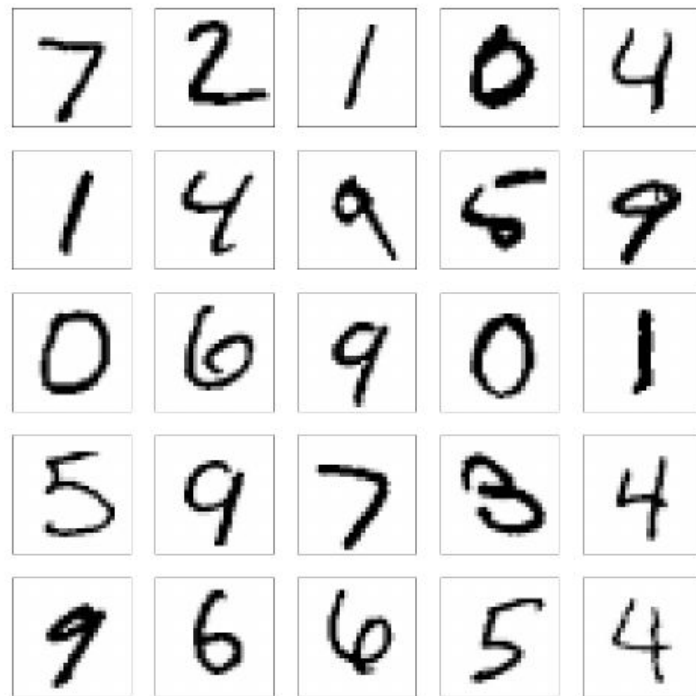
Multi-class Classification (N-D output)

Produce a classifier to map from pixels to the digit.

- ▶ If images are grayscale and 28×28 pixels in size, then $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$
- ▶ $y_i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

Example of a **multi-class classification** task.

Handwritten Digits from the
MNIST dataset



Multi-class Classification (N-D output)

Number of words, $|V|$?

B2: 5K

C2: 18K

LVSR: 50-100K

Wikipedia (1.6B): 400K

Crawl data (42B): 2M

cat: $\mathbf{x}^T = [1, 0, 0, \dots, 0]$

dog: $\mathbf{x}^T = [0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$

.

.

house: $\mathbf{x}^T = [0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$

.

.

.

**One-hot
representations**

Discussion

Can intelligence be modelled by curve fitting ?
(click on the tweet to read the thread discussion for arguments)



michael_nielsen
@michael_nielsen



Whenever I see this kind of headline, I always think "But what if intelligence is mostly about curve-fitting, and we're merely too un-self-aware to notice?"

**AI today and tomorrow is mostly
about curve fitting, not intelligence**

9:16 PM · Nov 23, 2019 · [Twitter Web App](#)

Questions ?

Undergradese

What undergrads ask vs. what they're REALLY asking

"Is it going to be an open book exam?"

Translation: "I don't have to actually memorize anything, do I?"

"Hmm, what do you mean by that?"

Translation: "What's the answer so we can all go home."

"Are you going to have office hours today?"

Translation: "Can I do my homework in your office?"

"Can i get an extension?"

Translation: "Can you re-arrange your life around mine?"

"Is this going to be on the test?"

Translation: "Tell us what's going to be on the test."

"Is grading going to be curved?"

Translation: "Can I do a mediocre job and still get an A?"

JORGE CHAM © 2008



WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM