

# First Principles of ML

A Peek Inside the 'Black Box' of Machine Learning

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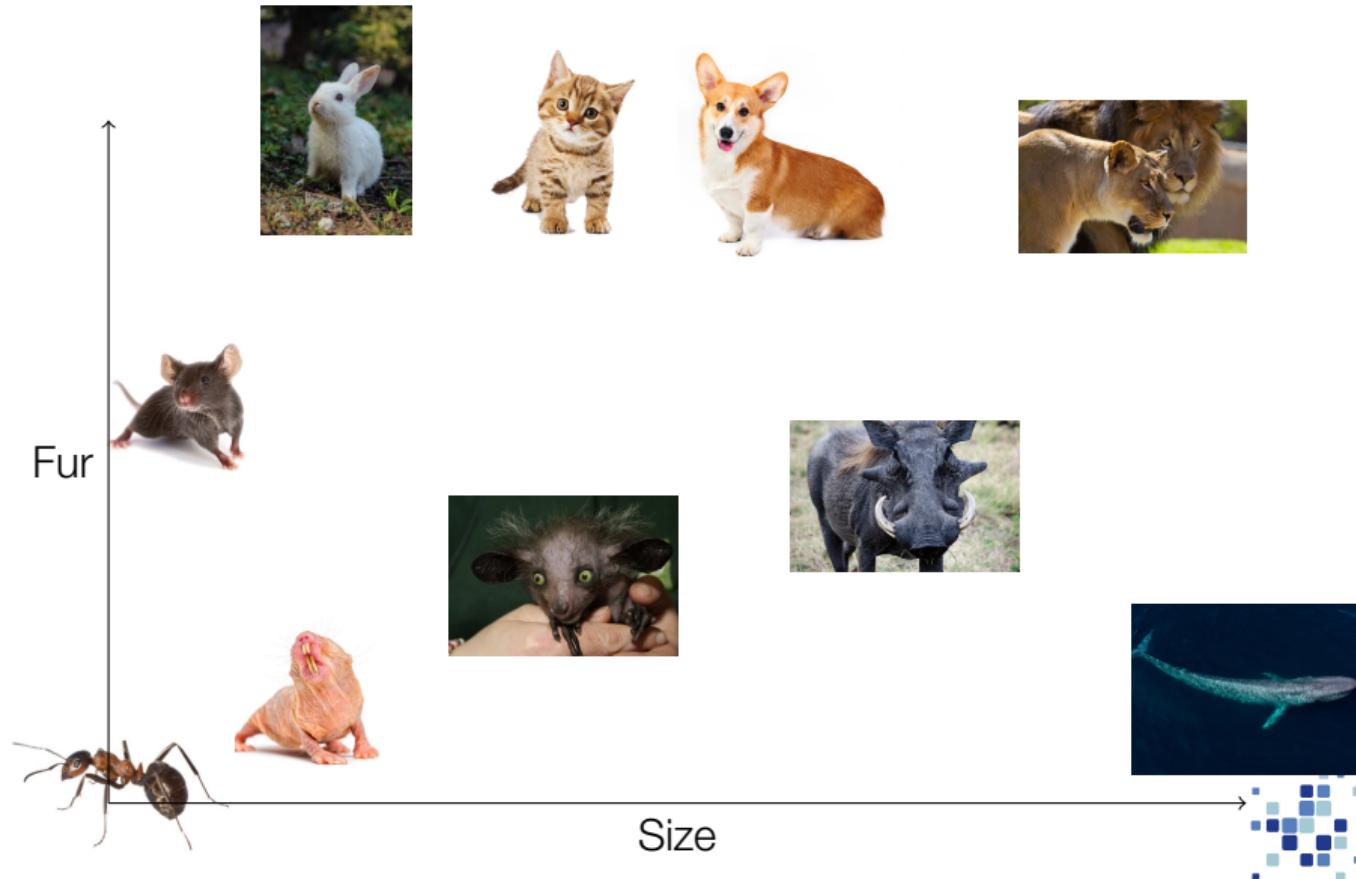
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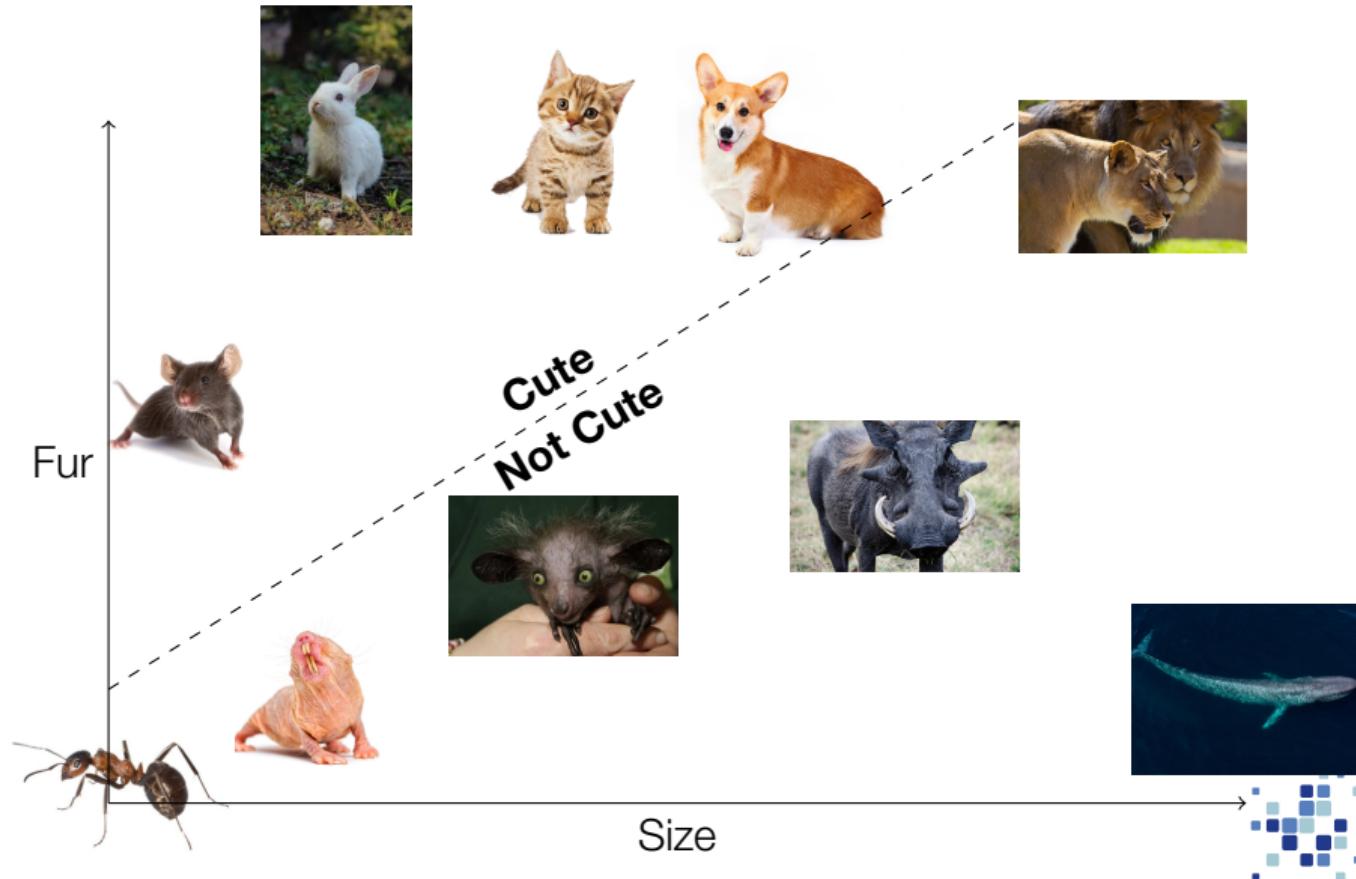
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