



Computer  
Science

# CSC380: Principles of Data Science

## Predictive Modeling and Classification 1

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# Announcements

Midterm grade will be out by this Thursday.

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- Probability
- Statistics

- Data Visualization

- Predictive modeling
- Linear models
- Nonlinear models
- Clustering

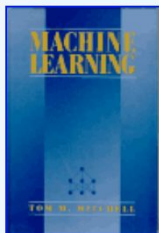
# Introduction to Machine Learning

# What is machine learning?

- **Tom Mitchell** established Machine Learning Department at CMU (2006).

**Machine Learning, Tom Mitchell, McGraw Hill, 1997.**

**“through experience”**



*Machine Learning is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience.* Applications range from datamining programs that discover general rules in large data sets, to information filtering systems that automatically learn users' interests.

*This book provides a single source introduction to the field.* It is written for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, and for developers and researchers in the field. No prior background in artificial intelligence or statistics is assumed.

- A bit outdated with recent trends, but still has interesting discussion (and easy to read).
- A subfield of **Artificial Intelligence** – you want to perform nontrivial, smart tasks. The difference from the traditional AI is “**how**” you build a computer program to do it.

# AI Task 1: Image classification

- Predefined categories:  $\mathcal{C} = \{\text{cat}, \text{dog}, \text{lion}, \dots\}$
- Given an image, classify it as one of the categories  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  with the highest accuracy.
- **Use**: sorting/searching images by category.
- **Other example**: categorize types of stars/events in the Universe (images taken from large surveying telescopes)



# AI Task 2: Recommender systems

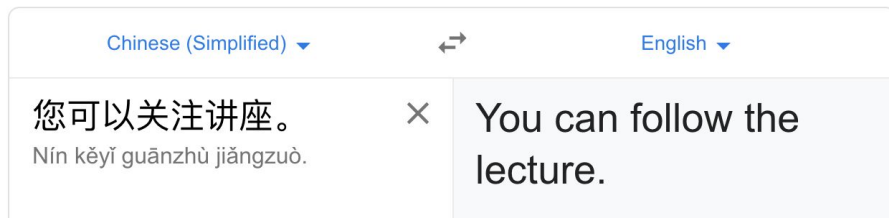
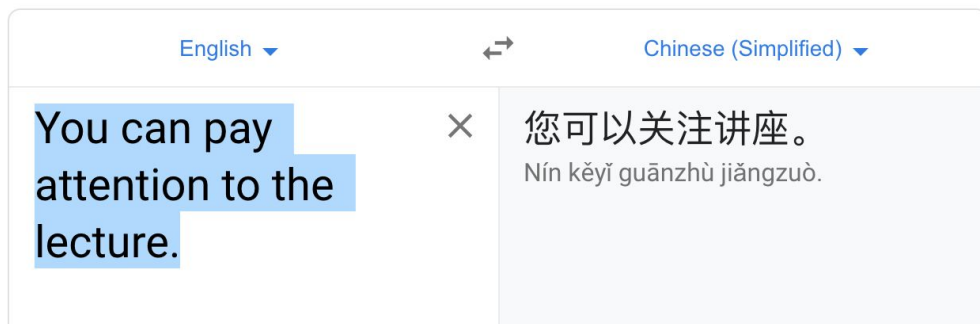
- Predict how user would rate a movie
- **Use**: For each user, pick an unwatched movie with the high predicted ratings.
- **Idea**: compute user-user similarity or movie-movie similarity, then compute a weighted average.

	User 1	User 2	User 3
Movie 1	1	2	1
Movie 2	?	3	1
Movie 3	2	5	2
Movie 4	4	?	5
Movie 5	?	4	5

“collaborative filtering”

# AI Task 3: Machine translation

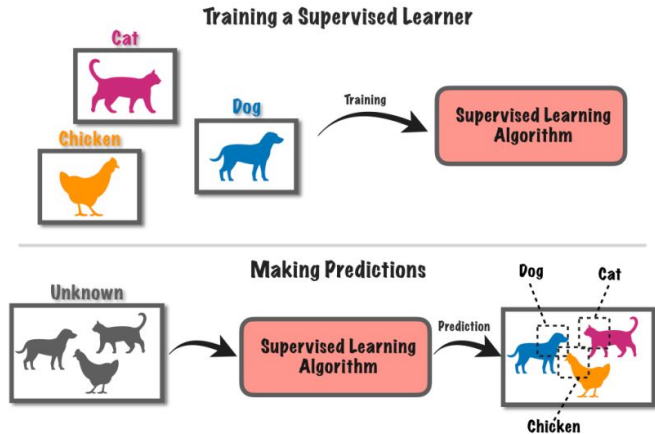
- No need to explain how useful it is.



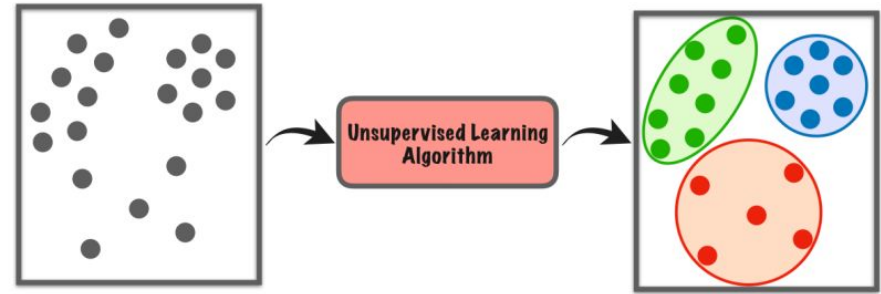


# Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

- **Supervised Learning** - Training data consist of inputs and outputs
  - Classification, regression, translation, ...



- **Unsupervised Learning** – Training data only contain inputs
  - Clustering, dimensionality reduction, segmentation, ...

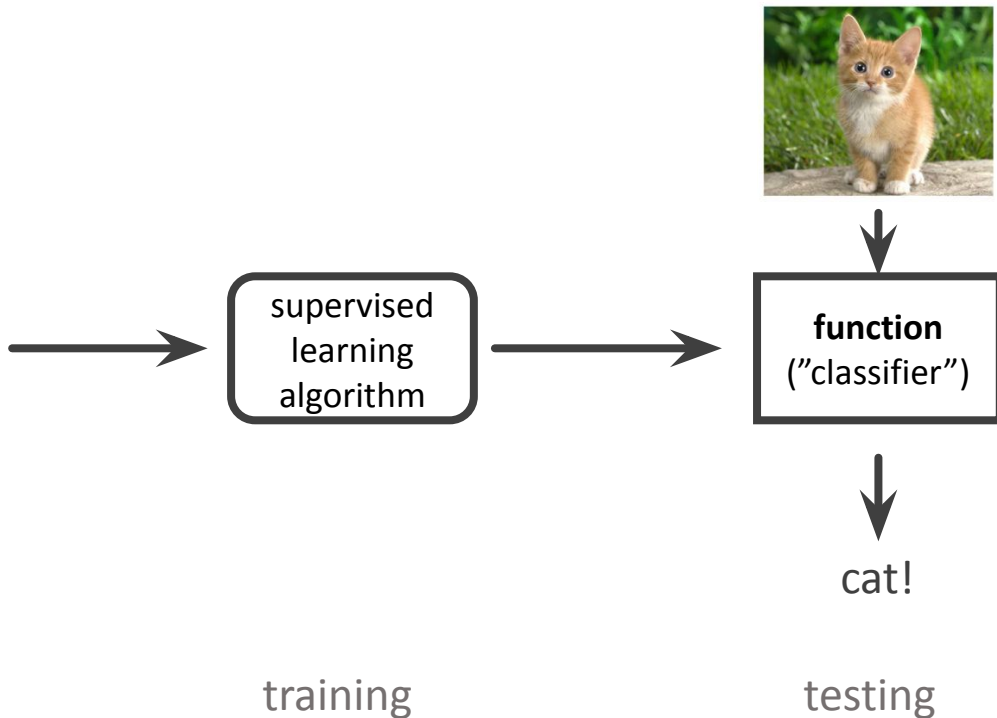
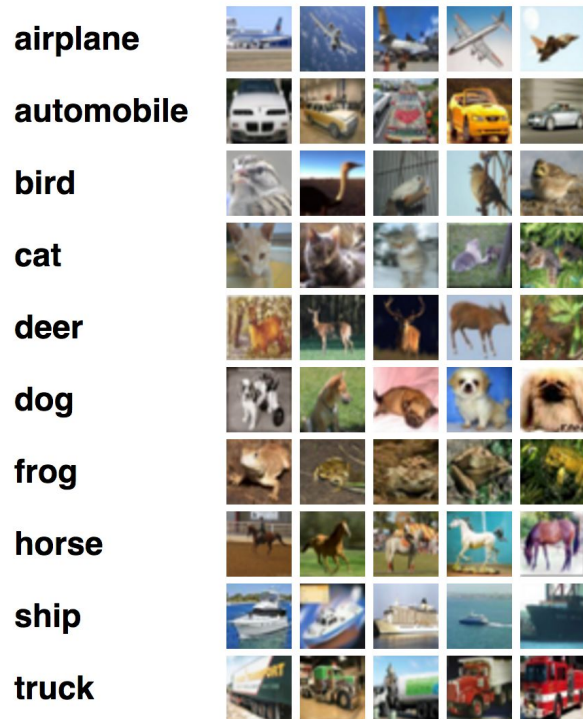


# Supervised learning

example = data point  
labeled = categorized

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- Train data: dataset comprised of labeled examples: a pair of (input, label)

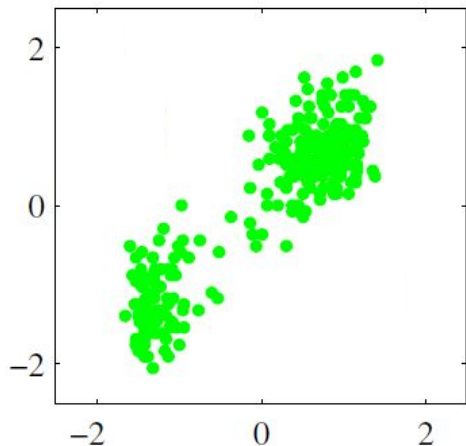


# Unsupervised learning: Clustering

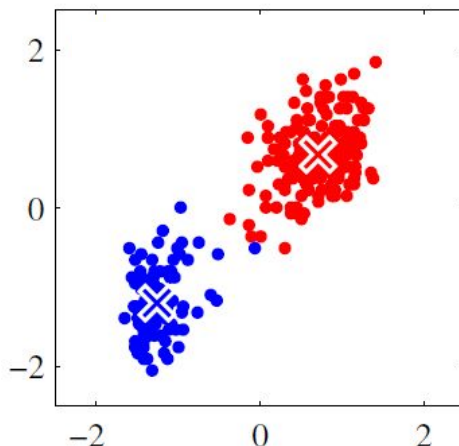
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Identify groups (clusters) of similar data

**Input Data**



**Cluster Output**



Useful for interpreting large datasets

Clusters are assigned arbitrary labels (e.g. 1, 2, ..., K).  
=> afterwards, you may look at the data and name each group.

Common clustering algorithms: K-means, Expectation Maximization (EM)

# Decision Trees

The most basic classifier you can think of.

How to train:

- Given: A (train) dataset with  $m$  data points  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^m$  with  $C$  classes.
- Compute the most common class  $c^*$  in the dataset.

$$c^* = \arg \max_{c \in \{1, \dots, C\}} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{I}\{y^{(i)} = c\}$$

- Output a classifier  $f(x) = c^*$ .

Stupid enough classifier! Always try to beat this classifier.

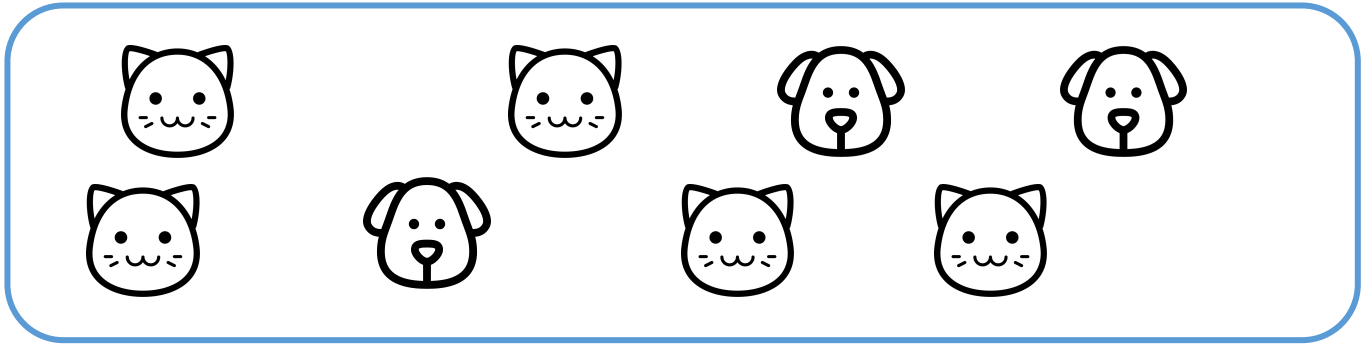
Often, state-of-the-art ML algorithms perform barely better than the majority vote classifier..  
⇒ happens when there is no association between features and labels in the dataset

- Suppose the ML algorithm has trained a function  $f$  using the dataset  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^m$  where  $x^{(i)}$  is input and  $y^{(i)}$  is label.
- Train set accuracy:

$$\widehat{acc}(f) := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{I}\{f(x^{(i)}) = y^{(i)}\}$$

# Train set accuracy

If the model is majority vote classifier..

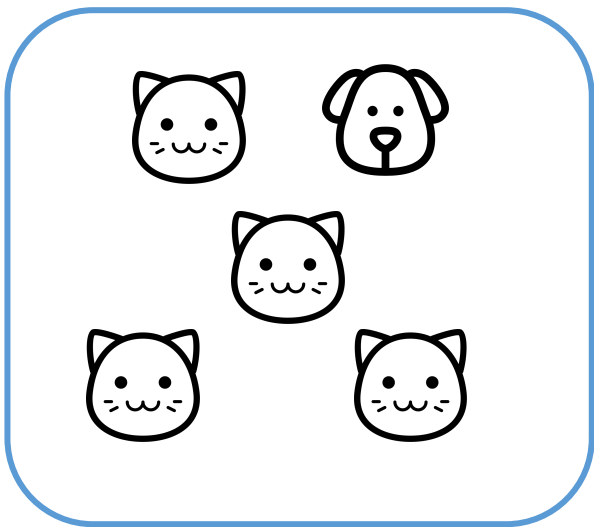


Majority vote: cat

Q: what is the accuracy?

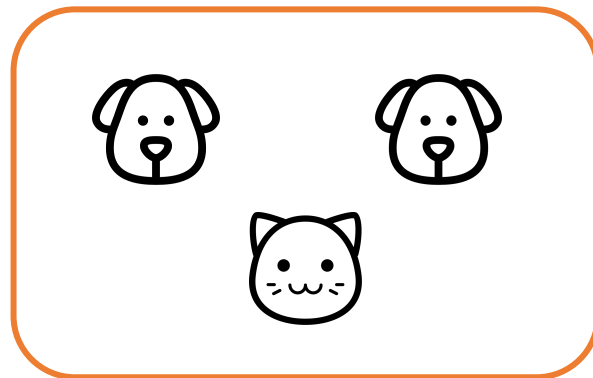
$$\frac{5}{8}$$

# Train set accuracy



Majority vote: cat

Suppose the model is a little bit smarter than majority vote classifier..



Majority vote: dog

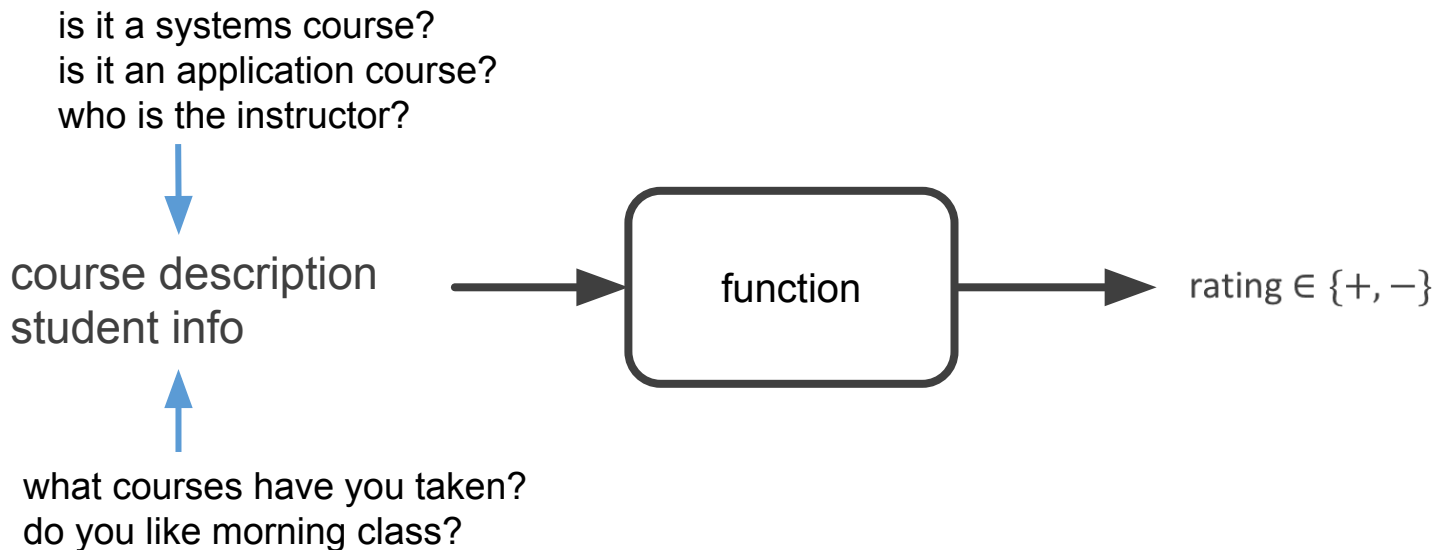
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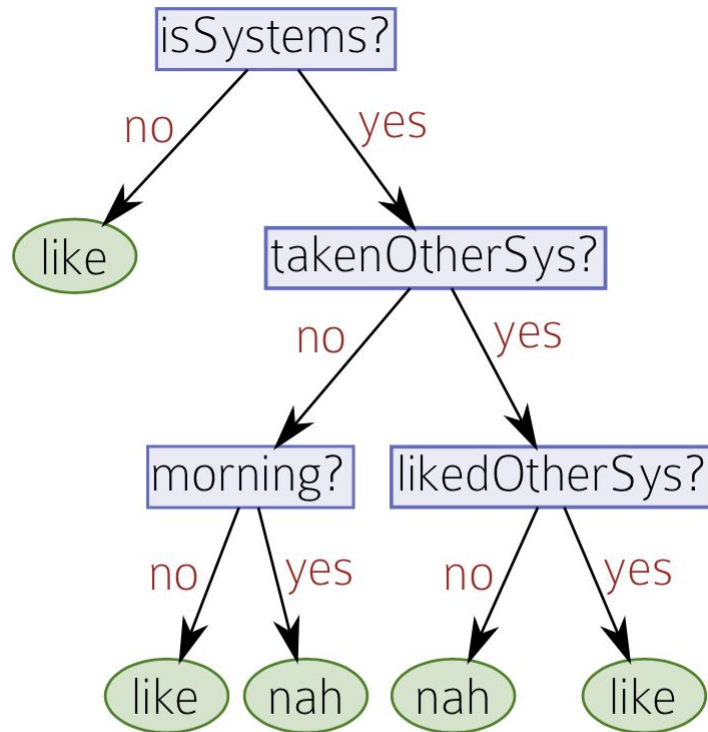
$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$$



# Example: course recommendation

- Data: given a student, know the preferences and a set of courses already took
- Task: predict if the student like the course or not





Wouldn't it be nice to construct such a tree automatically by a computer algorithm?

Wouldn't it be nice if it accurately predicts?

You can, if you have data!

HasTakenPrereqs (= Prereq)

HasTakenACourseFromTheSameLecturer (= Lecturer)

HasLabs

Rating	Easy?	<del>Art?</del>	<del>Sys?</del>	<del>Thy?</del>	Morning?
+2	y	y	n	y	n
+2	y	y	n	y	n
+2	n	y	n	n	n
+2	n	n	n	y	n
+2	n	y	y	n	y
+1	y	y	n	n	n
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consider  
it to be  
'like'consider  
it to be  
'dislike'

For example, this table is data D;

Each row is a course you have rated;

 $x^{(i)}$  is a sequence of 5 yes/no for the i-th course; $y^{(i)}$  is the sign of rating for the i-th course.

Define the data  $D = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^m$

$\in \{y, n\}^d$   $\in \{+, -\}$

Each dimension of  $x^{(i)}$  is called a **feature**.  
 $x^{(i)}$  is called a **feature vector**.

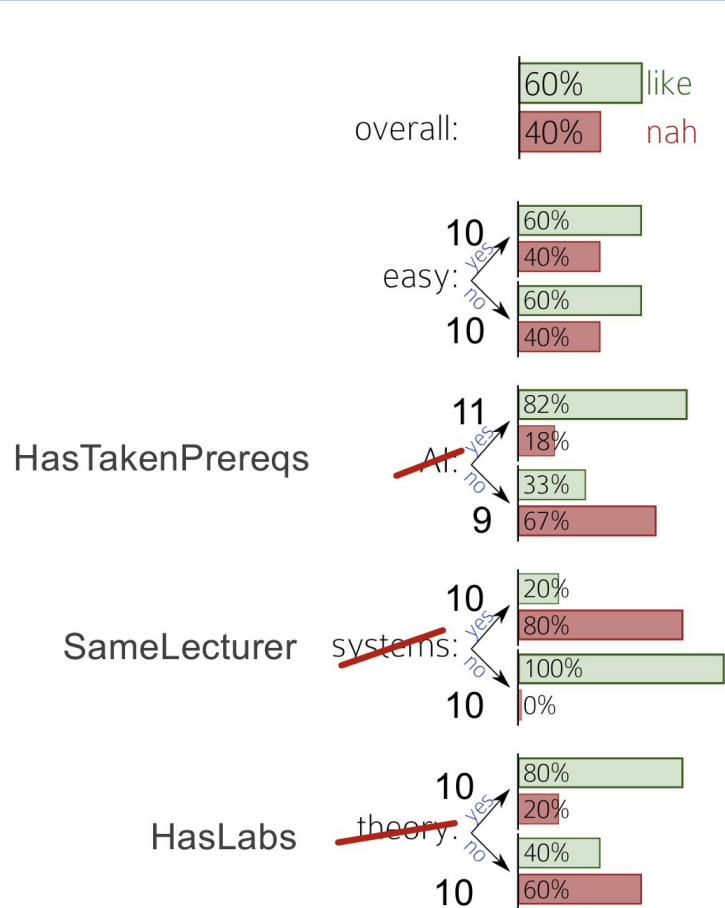
- Main principle: Find a tree that has a high train set accuracy

$$\widehat{acc}(f) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{I}\{f(x^{(i)}) = y^{(i)}\}$$

- This is essentially the main principle governing pretty much all the machine learning algorithms!
  - “**Empirical risk minimization**” principle  
(empirical risk := 1 – train\_accuracy)

# How to construct a tree: choosing root

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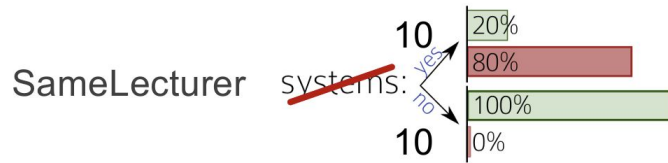


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# How to construct a tree

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When SameLecturer = no:

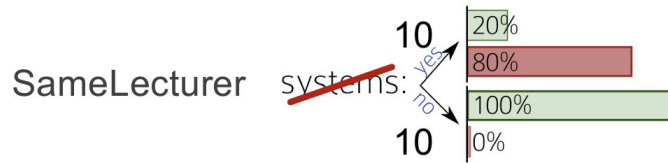


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		↓	↓	↓	
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# How to construct a tree

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When SameLecturer = yes:



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		↓	↓	↓	
Rating	Easy?	<del>AI?</del>	<del>Sys?</del>	<del>Thy?</del>	Morning?
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-2	y	n	y	n	y

# How to construct a tree: majority vote

Baseline: majority vote classifier

Q: What is the train set accuracy?

$$12/20 = 0.60$$

Rating

+2

+2

+2

+2

+2

+1

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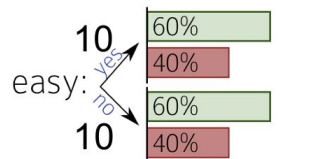
# How to construct a tree: choosing root

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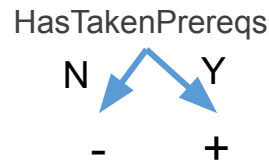
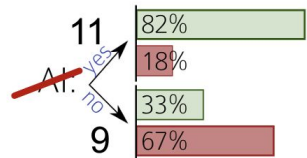
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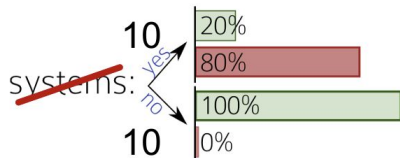


Suppose we place the node HasTakenPrereqs at the root.  
Set the prediction at each leaf node as the majority vote.

HasTakenPrereqs



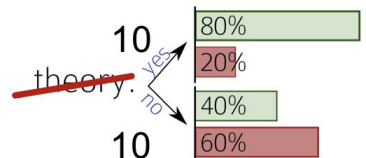
SameLecturer



What is the train set accuracy now?

$$\frac{9}{20} \cdot \frac{6}{9} + \frac{11}{20} \cdot \frac{9}{11} = \frac{15}{20} = 0.75 \quad \text{improved!}$$

HasLabs



What is the train set accuracy now?

$$\frac{9}{20} \cdot \frac{6}{9} + \frac{11}{20} \cdot \frac{9}{11} = \frac{15}{20} = 0.75$$

Accuracy for two groups:

- Prereqs = yes (11): 9/11
- Prereqs = no (9): 6/9

For the 11 people prereqs = y, use the majority vote label **like** (9 like, 2 dislike).

Predicted label for 11 people is **like**, 9 people are correctly predicted.

			Prereqs	Lecturer	HasLabs	
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consider it to be 'dislike'	0	y	y	y	y	y
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	-2	y	n	y	n	n
	-2	y	n	y	n	y

HasTakenPrereqs

N

Y

True label:        +, +, +, -, -, -, -, -, -

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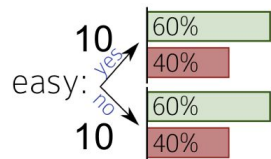
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+ , + , + , + , + , + , + , + , + , + , +

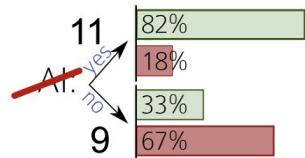
Accuracy:         $\frac{9}{20} \cdot \frac{6}{9} + \frac{11}{20} \cdot \frac{9}{11} = \frac{15}{20} = 0.75$

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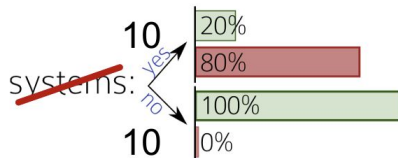
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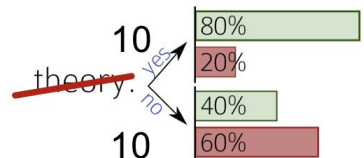
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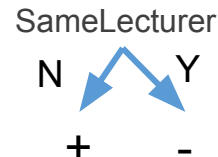
SameLecturer



HasLabs



Suppose placing the node SameLecturer at the root.



What is the train set accuracy now?

$$\frac{10}{20} \cdot \frac{10}{10} + \frac{10}{20} \cdot \frac{8}{10} = \frac{18}{20} = 0.9 \quad \text{even better!}$$

What would you do to build a depth-1 tree?

try out each feature and choose the one that leads to the largest accuracy!

# How to construct a tree

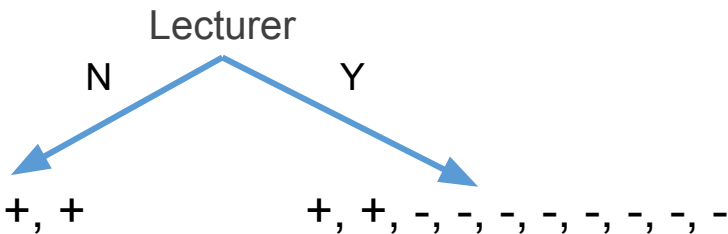
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	-2	y	n	y	n	y	

# How to construct a tree



True label:           +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +

$$+, +, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -$$

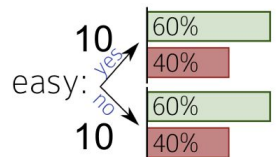
Predicted label: +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +

—, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —

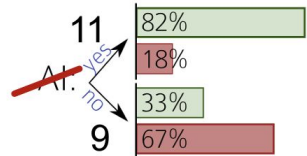
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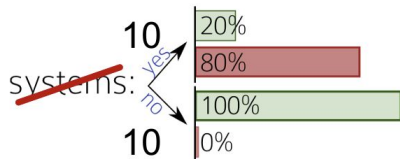
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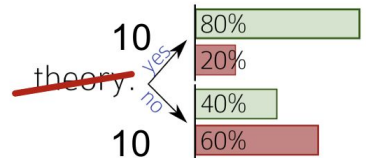
HasTakenPrereqs



SameLecturer

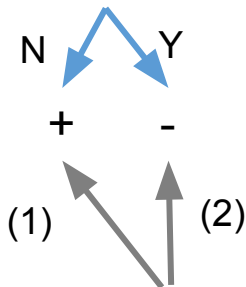


HasLabs



What about depth 2?

SameLecturer



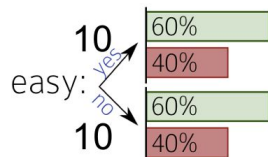
Which nodes to put at each leaf node?

Focus on (2). Try placing HasTakenPrereqs

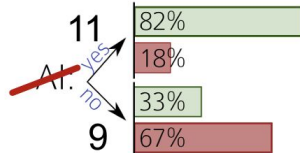
All the data on (1) has same label "like", no need to do further splitting.

# How to construct a tree

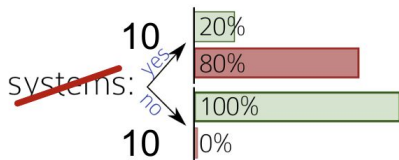
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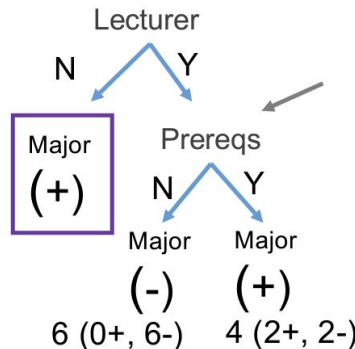
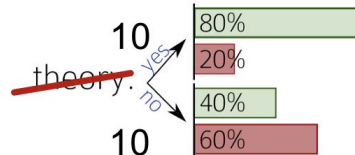
HasTakenPrereqs



SameLecturer



HasLabs



Q: How many training data points fall here? **10**

Q: How many training data points arrive at these two leaves? How many for each label?

Q: what prediction should we use for each leaf?

Q: What is the train set accuracy, conditioning on SameLecturer=Y?

'local' train set accuracy

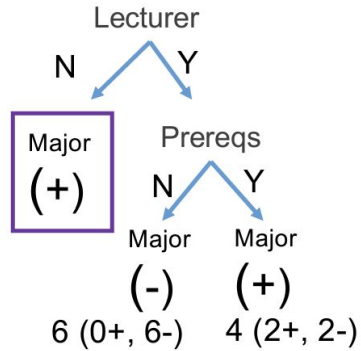
$$\frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{6}{6} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \frac{8}{10}$$

Try all the other nodes and pick the one with the largest acc.!  
Then, repeat the same for SameLecturer=N branch!  
=> but this has 1 local train set acc. So leave it be!



# How to construct a tree

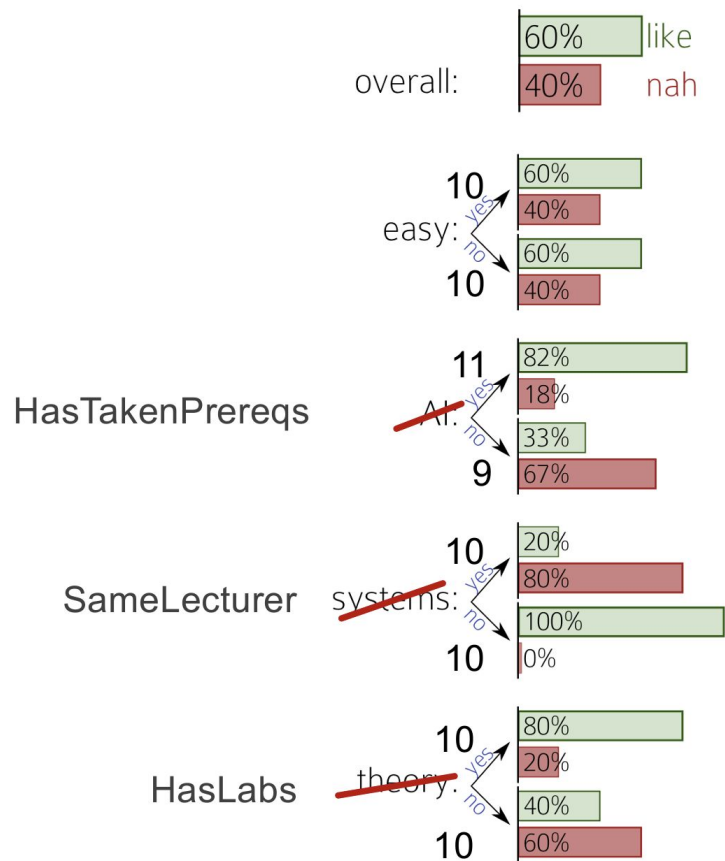
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Q: What is the train set accuracy, conditioning on SameLecturer=Y?

$$\frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{6}{6} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \frac{8}{10}$$

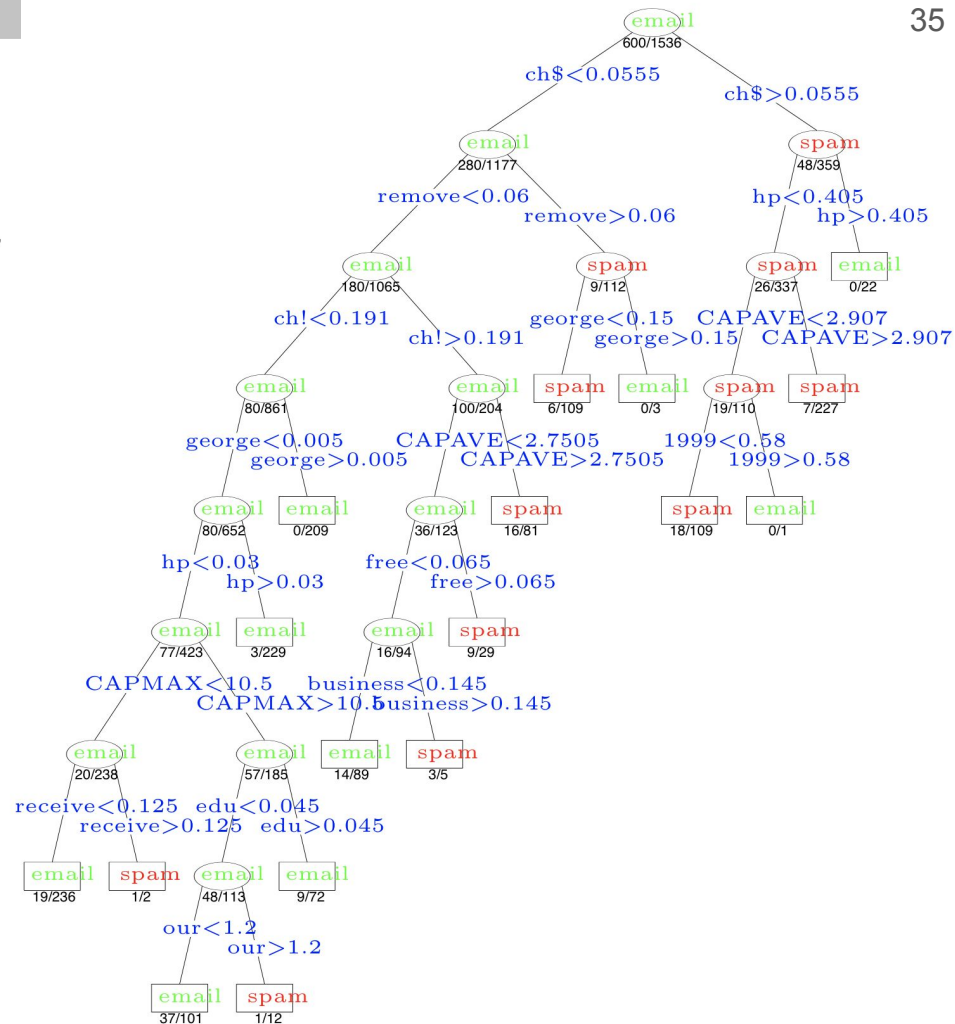
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-2	y	n	y	n	y



Overall idea:

1. Set the root node as a leaf node.
2. Grab a leaf node for which its 'local' train accuracy is not 1.
3. Find a feature that maximizes the 'local' train accuracy and replace the leaf node with a node with that feature; add leaf nodes and set their predictions by majority vote.
4. If local accuracy is 1, no need to split the leaf node.
5. Repeat 2-3.

- ▶ Spam dataset
- ▶ 4601 email messages, about 39% are spam
- ▶ Classify message by spam and not-spam
- ▶ 57 features
  - ▶ 48 are of the form “percentage of email words that is (WORD)”
  - ▶ 6 are of the form “percentage of email characters is (CHAR)”
  - ▶ 3 other features (e.g., “longest sequence of all-caps”)
- ▶ Final tree after pruning has 17 leaves, 9.3% test error rate



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**Algorithm 1** `DECISIONTREETRAIN`(*data*, *remaining features*)

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1: guess  $\leftarrow$  most frequent answer in data // default answer for this data
2: if the labels in data are unambiguous then // <= i.e., all data points have the same label
3:   return LEAF(guess) // base case: no need to split further
4: else if remaining features is empty then
5:   return LEAF(guess) // base case: cannot split further
6: else // we need to query more features
7:   for all  $f \in \text{remaining features}$  do // <= there is no point in adding a feature that
8:     NO  $\leftarrow$  the subset of data on which  $f=no$  // appeared in its parent!
9:     YES  $\leftarrow$  the subset of data on which  $f=yes$ 
10:    score[f]  $\leftarrow$  ( # of majority vote answers in NO // <= answer = label
11:      + # of majority vote answers in YES ) /
12:      size(data)
13:   end for
14:   f  $\leftarrow$  the feature with maximal score(f)
15:   NO  $\leftarrow$  the subset of data on which  $f=no$ 
16:   YES  $\leftarrow$  the subset of data on which  $f=yes$ 
17:   left  $\leftarrow$  DECISIONTREETRAIN(NO, remaining features  $\setminus \{f\}$ )
18:   right  $\leftarrow$  DECISIONTREETRAIN(YES, remaining features  $\setminus \{f\}$ )
19:   return NODE(f, left, right)
20: end if

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**Algorithm 2** `DECISIONTREETEST`(*tree*, *test point*)

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1: if tree is of the form LEAF(guess) then  
2:   return guess  
3: else if tree is of the form NODE(f, left, right) then  
4:   if f = no in test point then  
5:     return DECISIONTREETEST(left, test point)  
6:   else  
7:     return DECISIONTREETEST(right, test point)  
8:   end if  
9: end if
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