



Machine Learning

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- Understanding human learning (brain, real AI).



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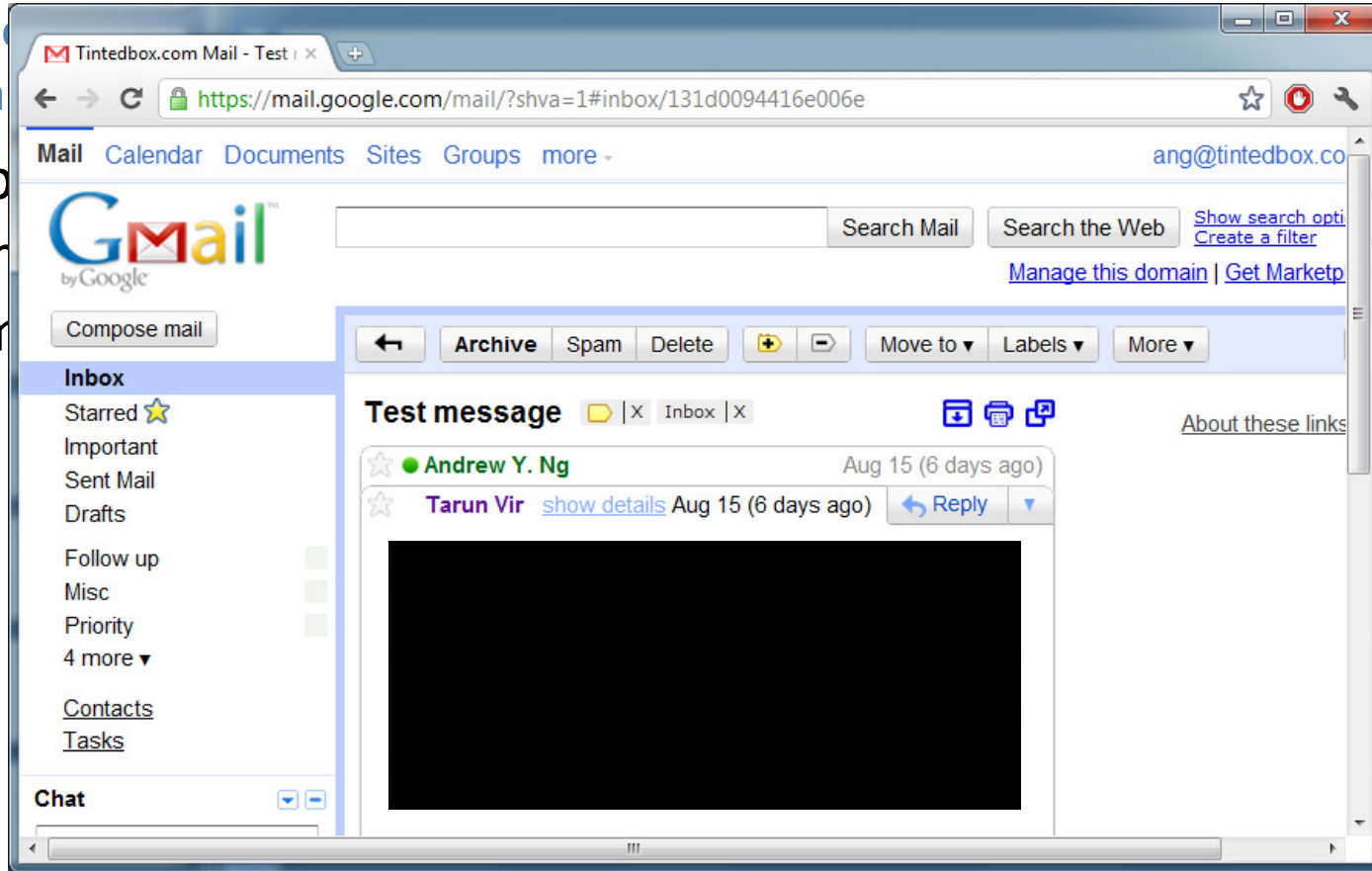
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Machine learning algorithms:

- Supervised learning
 - Unsupervised learning
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Others: Reinforcement learning, recommender systems.

Also talk about: Practical advice for applying learning algorithms.





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Supervised Learning

Housing price prediction.

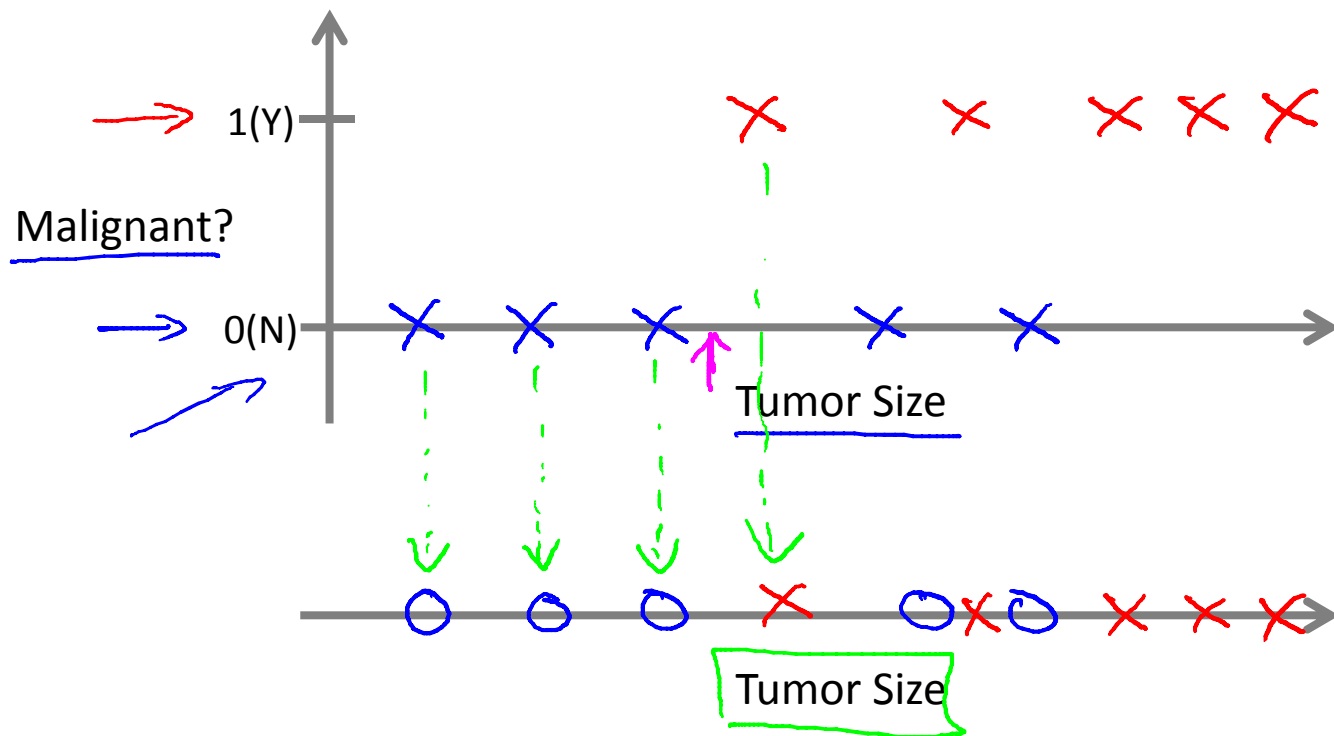


Supervised Learning

"right answers" given

Regression: Predict continuous
valued output (price)

Breast cancer (malignant, benign)



Classification

Discrete valued
output (0 or 1)

0, 1, 2, 3
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
benign type 1
cancer



- Clump Thickness
- Uniformity of Cell Size
- Uniformity of Cell Shape
- ...

You're running a company, and you want to develop learning algorithms to address each of two problems.

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↗ Problem 1: You have a large inventory of identical items. You want to predict how many of these items will sell over the next 3 months.

↗ Problem 2: You'd like software to examine individual customer accounts, and for each account decide if it has been hacked/compromised.

↗ 0 - not hacked
↗ 1 - hacked

Should you treat these as classification or as regression problems?

- ☐ Treat both as classification problems.
- ☐ Treat problem 1 as a classification problem, problem 2 as a regression problem.
- ☐ Treat problem 1 as a regression problem, problem 2 as a classification problem.
- ☐ Treat both as regression problems.



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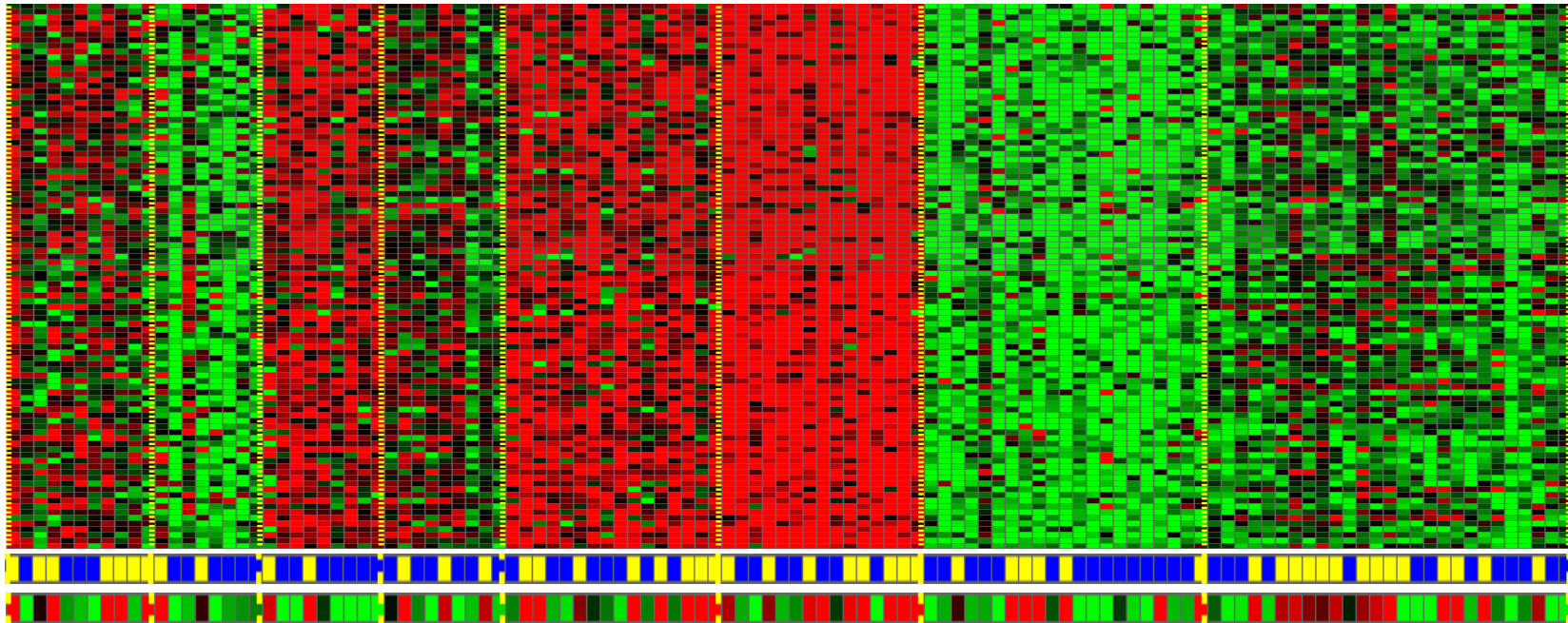
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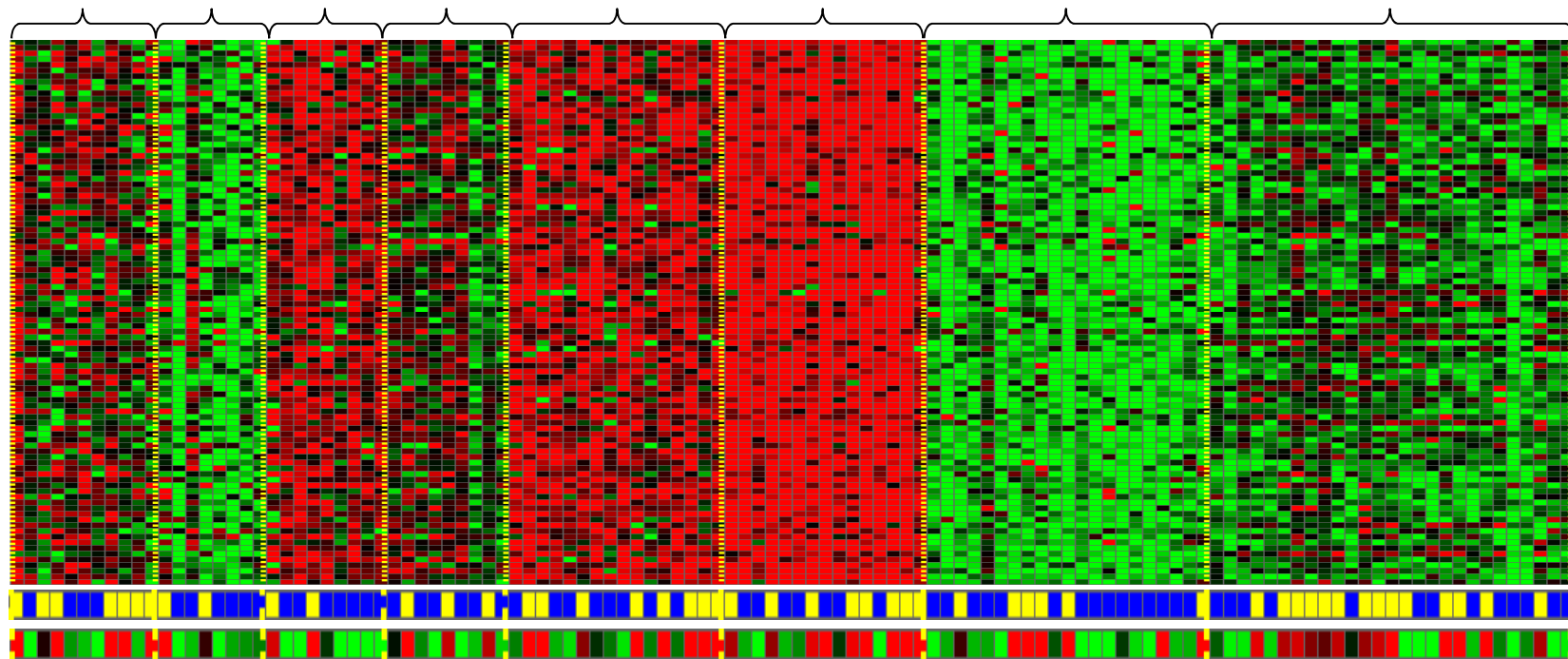
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Cocktail party problem



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Output #1: 🗣️

Microphone #2: 🗣️

Output #2: 🗣️

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Cocktail party problem algorithm

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[W,s,v] = svd(( repmat(sum(x.*x,1),size(x,1),1).*x)*x');
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Of the following examples, which would you address using an unsupervised learning algorithm? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Given email labeled as spam/not spam, learn a spam filter.
- ☐ Given a set of news articles found on the web, group them into set of articles about the same story.
- ☐ Given a database of customer data, automatically discover market segments and group customers into different market segments.
- ☐ Given a dataset of patients diagnosed as either having diabetes or not, learn to classify new patients as having diabetes or not.

