CS 60050
Machine Learning

Introduction

Some slides taken from course materials of Andrew Ng and P. Domingos

Course Logistics

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Evaluation

- Mid-semester exam (20%)
- End-semester exam (40%)
- Assignments (40%)
  - 4-5 in number
  - Programming in C / C++ / Java / Python

Text & Reference Materials

- R. Duda, et al., **Pattern Classification**, Wiley
- T. Mitchell, **Machine Learning**, McGraw-Hill
- C. Bishop, **Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning**, Springer
- Tan, Steinbach, Kumar, **Introduction to Data Mining**, Pearson

- Many resources available freely on Web

A Few Quotes

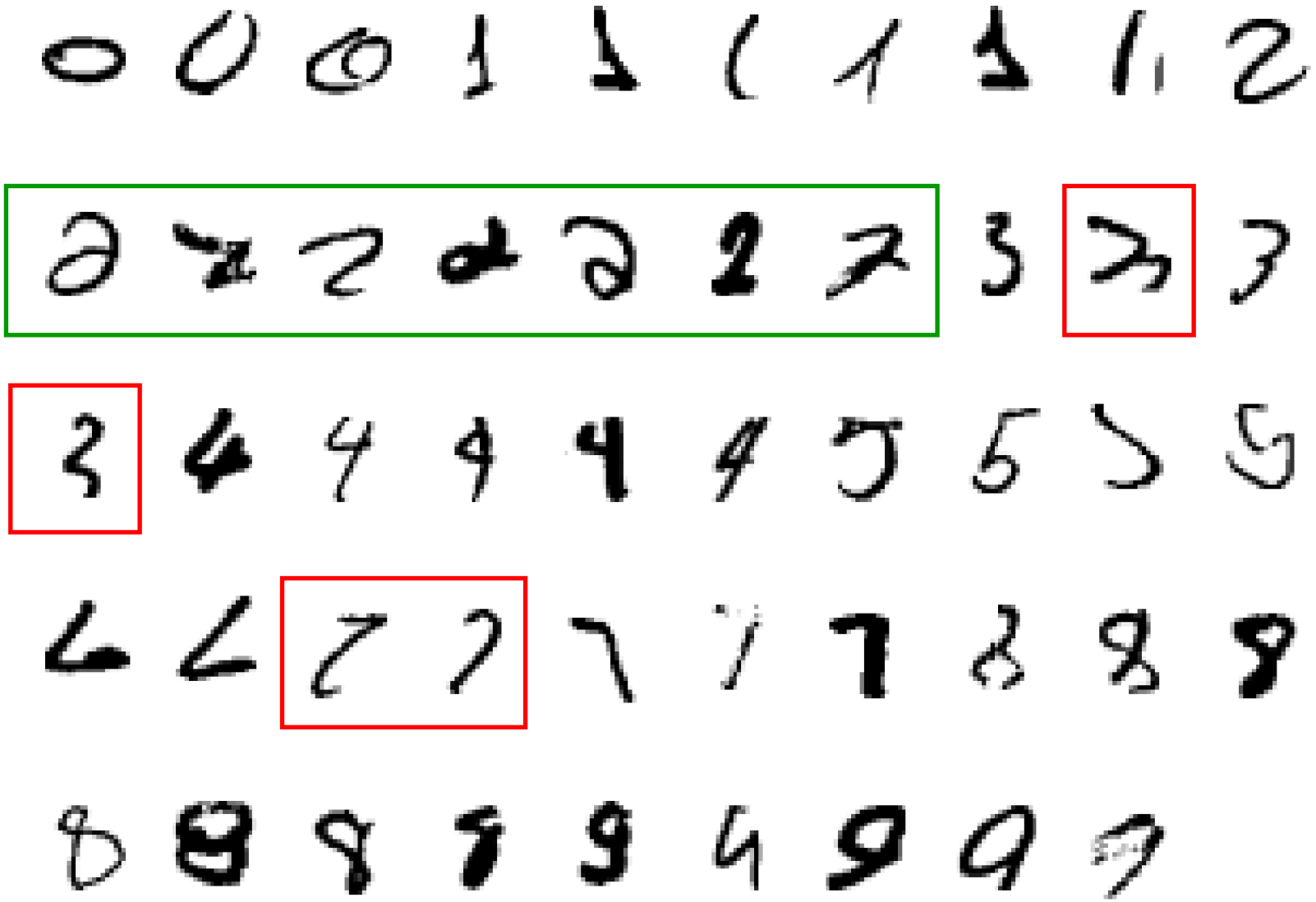
- “A breakthrough in machine learning would be worth ten Microsofts” (Bill Gates, Chairman, Microsoft)
- “Machine learning is the next Internet”
  (Tony Tether, Director, DARPA)
- Machine learning is the hot new thing”
  (John Hennessy, President, Stanford)
- “Web rankings today are mostly a matter of machine learning” (Prabhakar Raghavan, Dir. Research, Yahoo)

Motivation for ML

- It is hard to write programs for certain tasks
  - Human face or handwriting recognition
  - Playing complex games like chess
  - Recommending movies that a person will like

- Why?
  - We do not ourselves know how to solve
  - Algorithm will be too complicated
  - Too many instances of the program needed (e.g., one for every user)

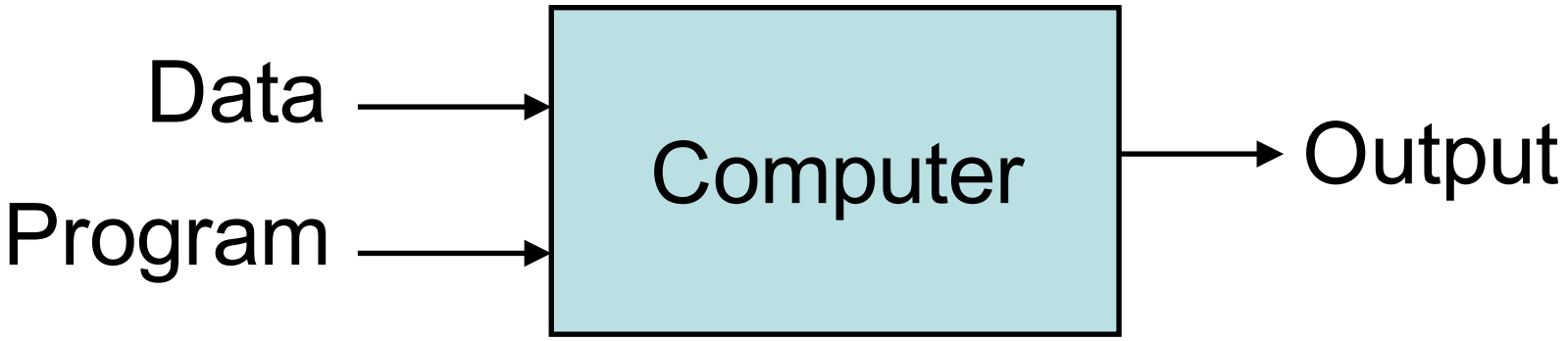
A classic example of a task that requires machine learning: It is very hard to say what makes a 2



Motivation for ML

- Instead of writing a program by hand, collect lots of examples that specify the correct output for a given input.
- A machine learning algorithm takes these examples and produces a program that does the job.
- If done right, the program works for new cases as well as the ones we trained it on.

Traditional Programming



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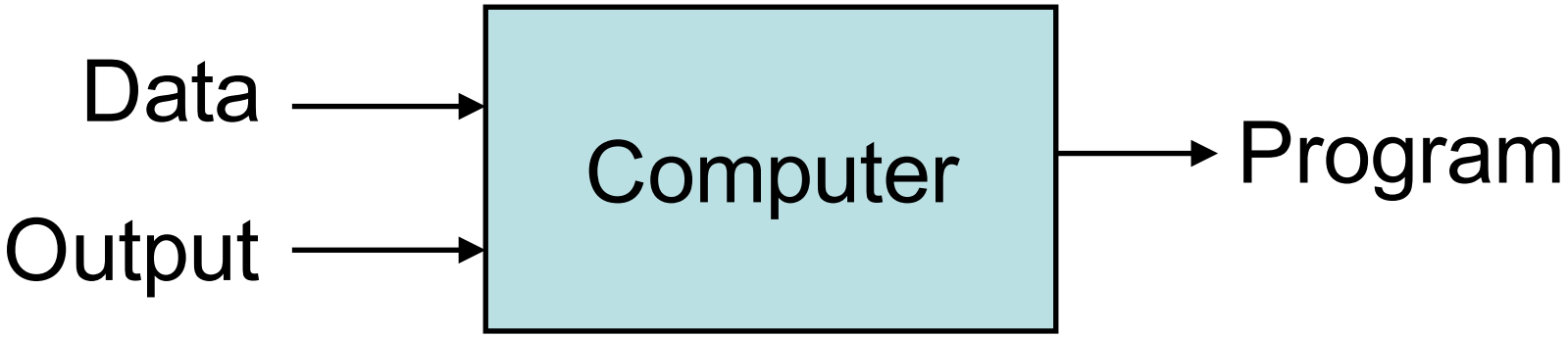


Machine Learning definition

- Arthur Samuel (1959):

Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.

- Tom Mitchell (1998):

Well-posed Learning Problem: A computer program is said to *learn* from experience E with respect to some task T and some performance measure P, if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

Some more examples of tasks that are best solved by using a learning algorithm

- Recognizing patterns
  - Facial identities or facial expressions
  - Handwritten or spoken words
  - Medical images
- Generating patterns
  - Generating images or motion sequences
- Recognizing anomalies
  - Unusual sequences of credit card transactions
  - Unusual patterns of sensor readings in a nuclear power plant or unusual sound in your car engine.
- Prediction
  - Future stock prices or currency exchange rates

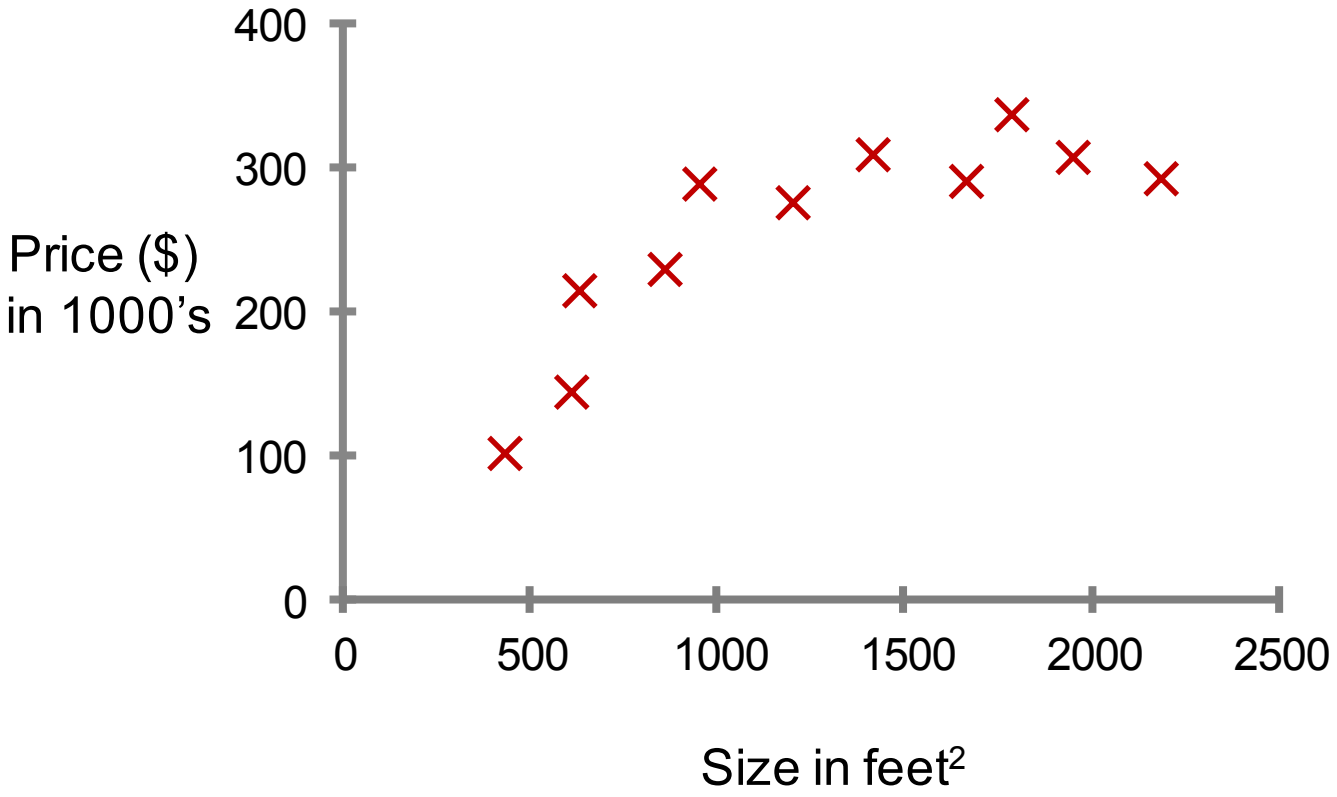
Some web-based examples of machine learning

- The web contains a lot of data. Tasks with very big datasets often use machine learning
- Spam filtering, fraud detection
  - The enemy adapts so we must adapt too.
- Recommendation systems
  - Need to adapt to millions of individuals. E.g., Youtube video, Netflix movies recommendation
- Information retrieval
  - Find documents or images with similar content.
- Data Visualization
  - Display a huge database in a revealing way

Types of Learning

- **Supervised (inductive) learning**
  - Training data includes desired / correct outputs or labels
- **Unsupervised learning**
  - Training data does not include desired outputs
- **Semi-supervised learning** (various forms)
  - Training data includes a few desired outputs
  - Training data has desired outputs, but for a different (related) task
- **Reinforcement learning**
  - Rewards from sequence of actions

Housing price prediction.

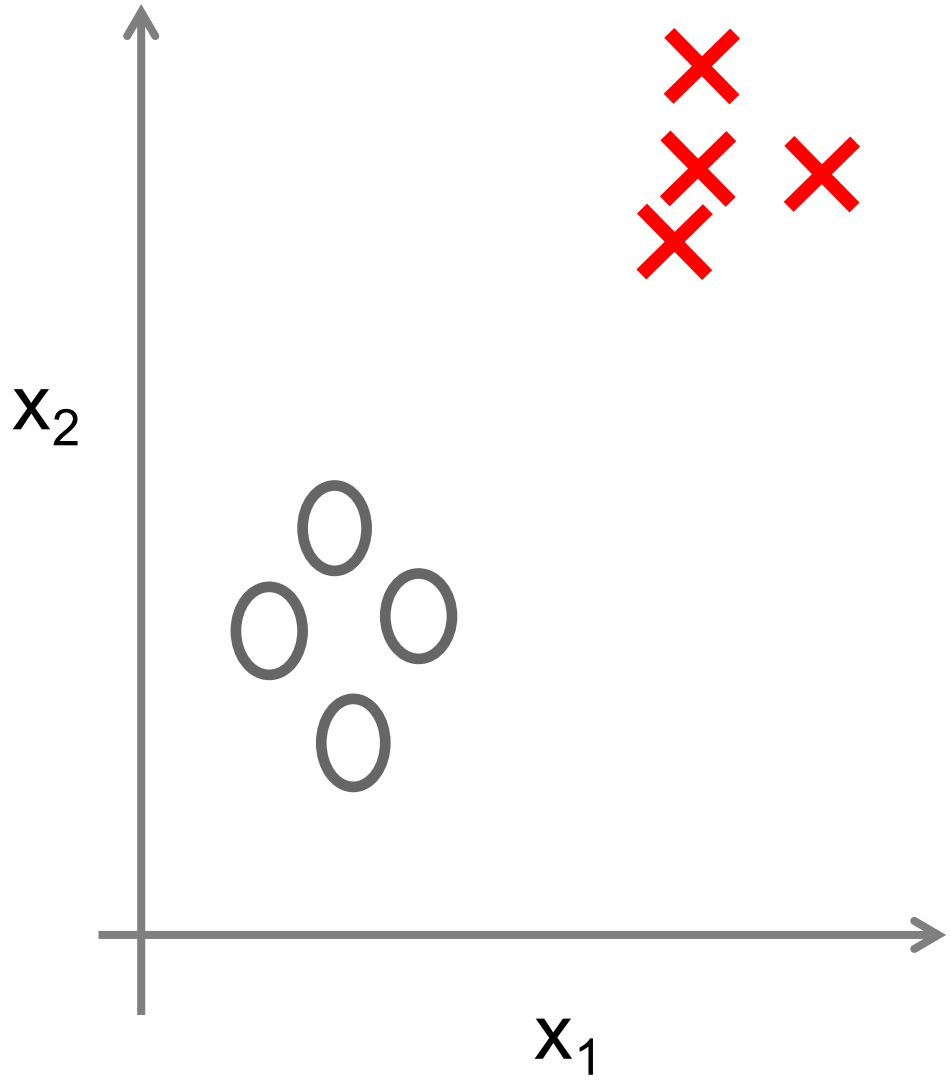


Supervised Learning

"right answers" given

Regression: Predict continuous valued output (price)

Supervised Learning: Classification



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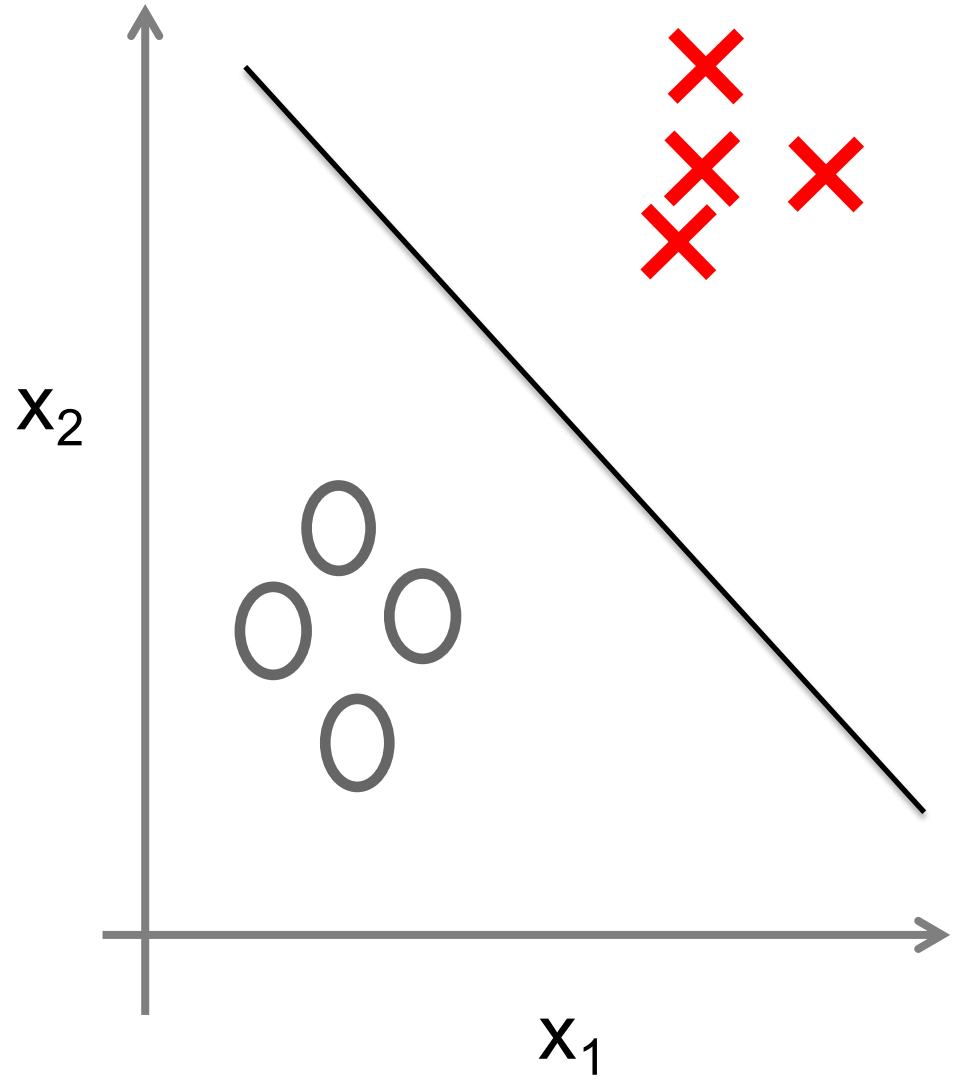

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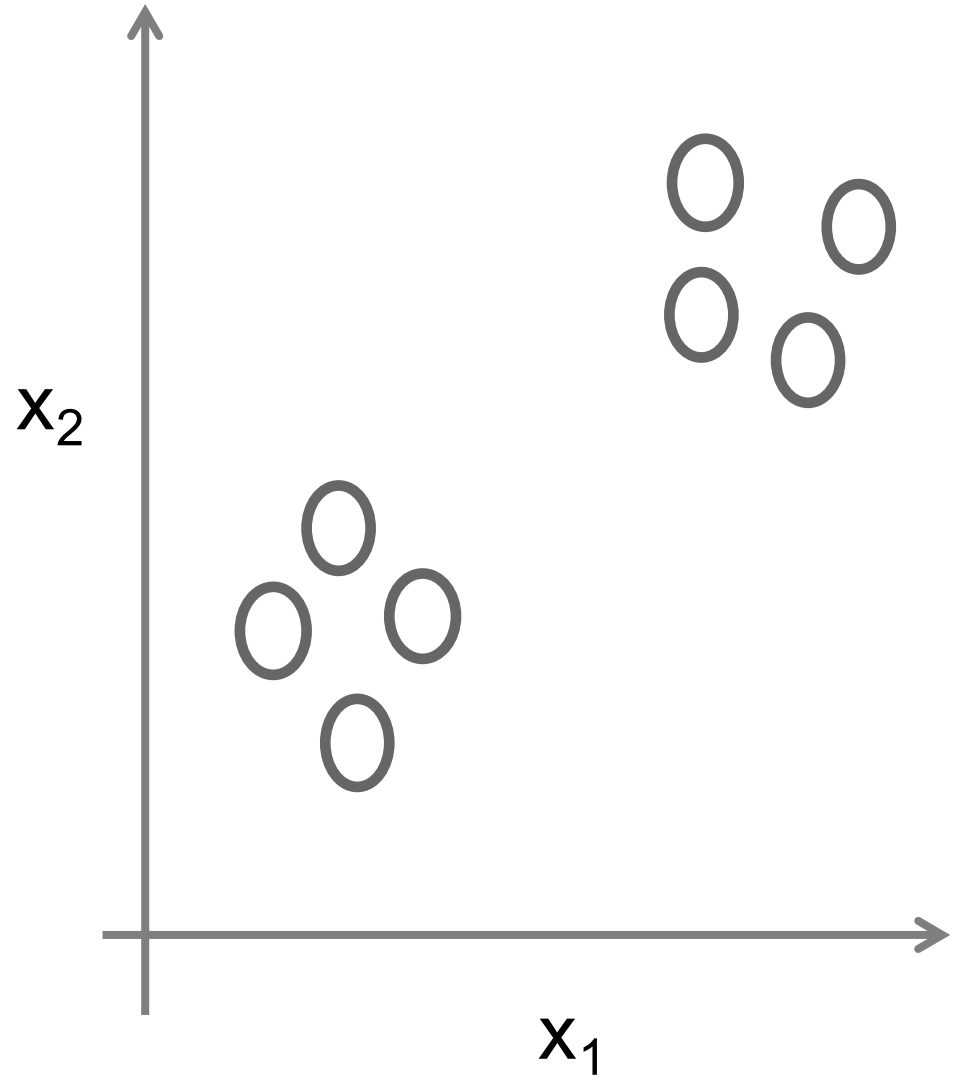

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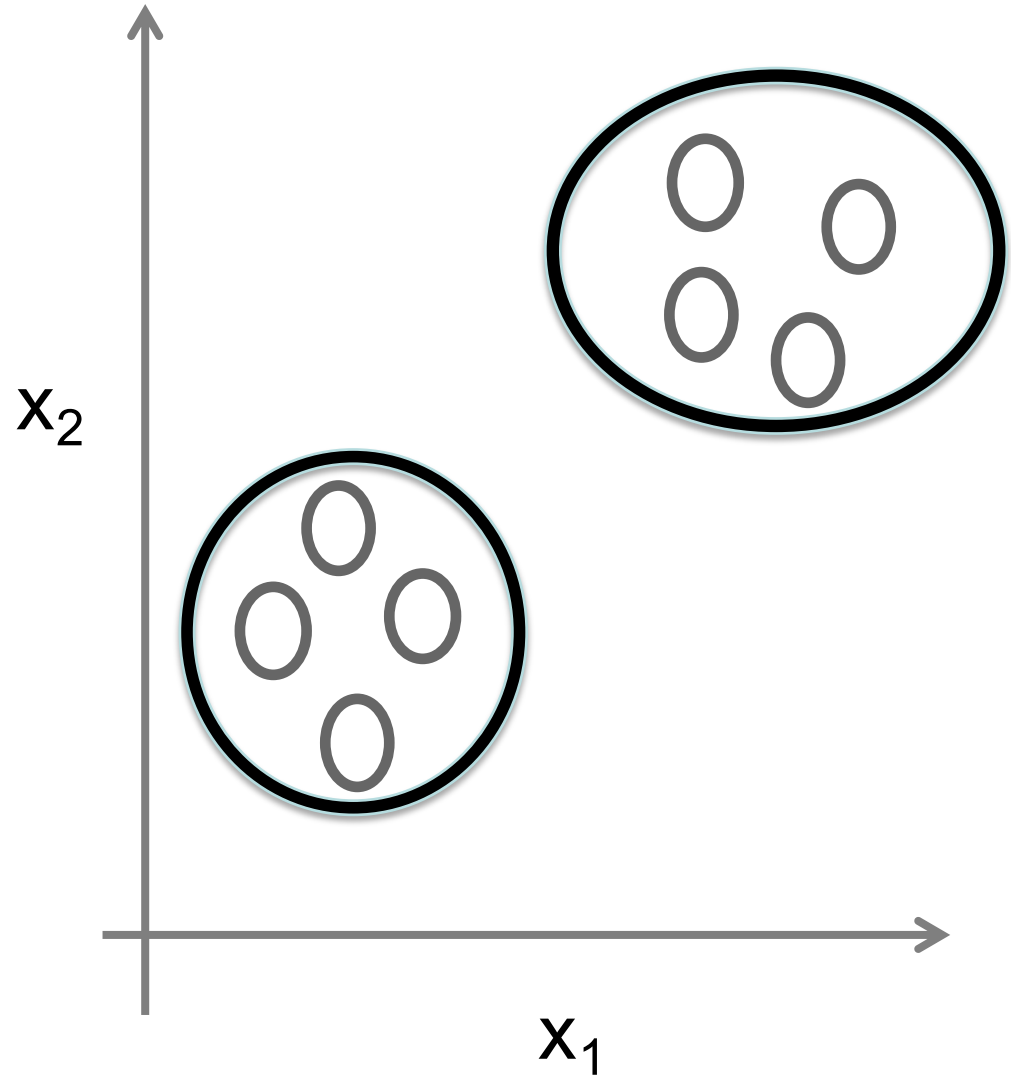

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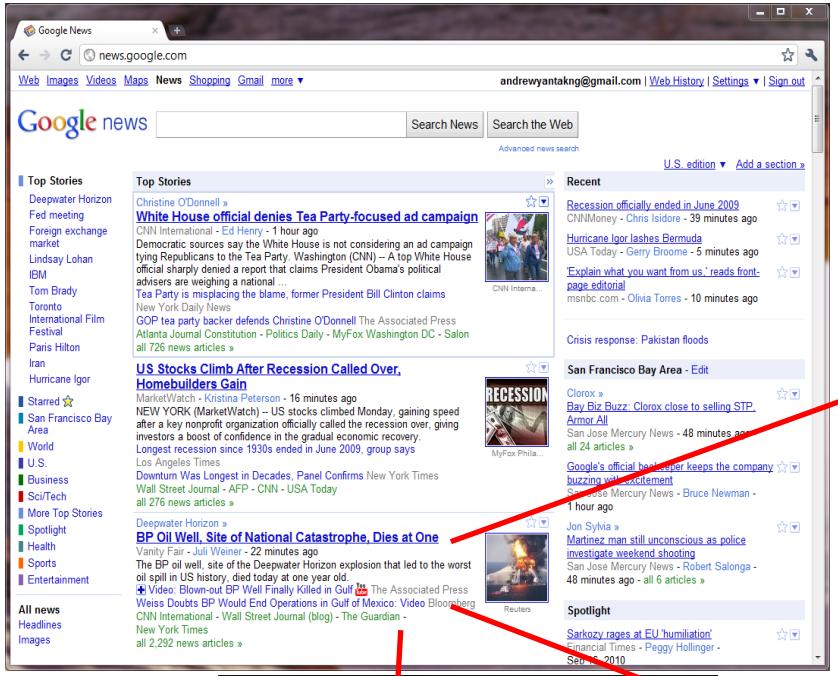
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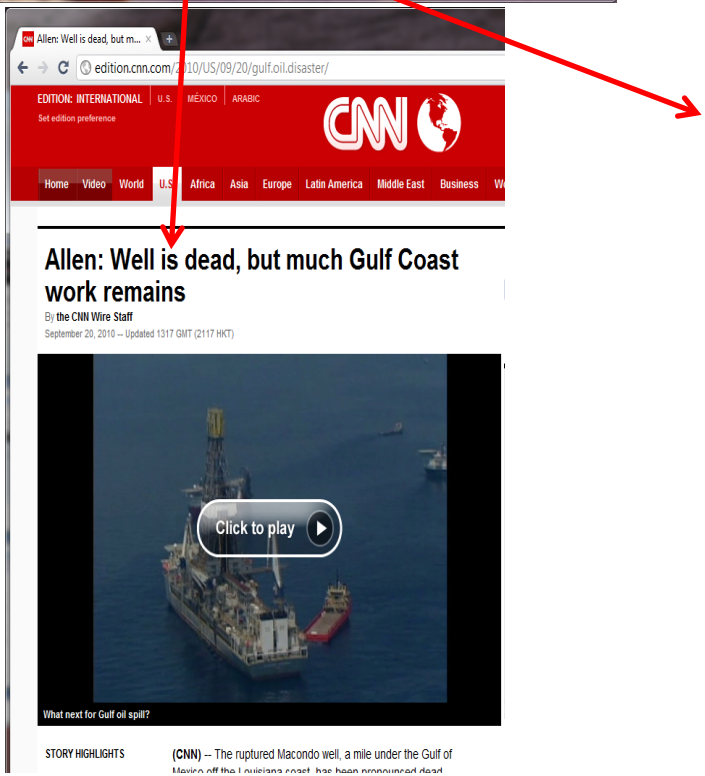
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What we will cover

- **Supervised learning**
  - Linear Regression (single and multiple variable)
  - Classification (logistic regression, decision tree, support vector machines, etc.)
  - Neural networks
- **Unsupervised learning**
  - Clustering
  - Dimensionality reduction
- **Ensemble Learning**: Bagging, Boosting
- **Applications of ML**
- **Theory of Generalization**

ML in Practice

- Understanding domain, prior knowledge, and goals
- Data integration, cleaning, pre-processing, selection, etc.
- Feature selection – some features may be sensitive, protected, etc.
- Learning models
- Evaluating and interpreting results
- Consolidating and deploying discovered knowledge
- Loop