

CS 760: Machine Learning

ML Overview

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Announcements

- **HW 1:**
 - Self-test, should feel mostly easy
- Class roadmap:

Tuesday Sept. 13	ML Overview
Thursday Sept. 15	Supervised Learning I
Tuesday Sept. 20	Supervised Learning II
Thursday Sept. 22	Evaluation
Tuesday Sept. 27	Regression I

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Outline

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- **Supervised learning concepts**

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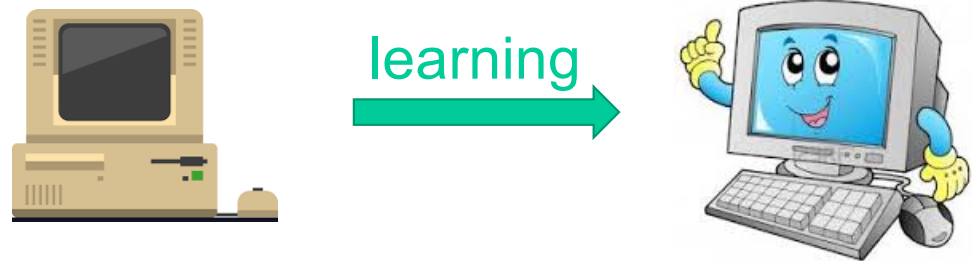
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Review: ML Overview: Definition

What is machine learning?

“A computer program is said to learn from experience **E** with respect to some class of tasks **T** and performance measure **P**, if its performance at tasks in **T** as measured by **P**, improves with experience **E**.” *Machine Learning*, Tom Mitchell, 1997



ML Overview: Flavors

Supervised Learning

- Learning from examples, as above
- **Workflow:**
 - Collect a set of examples {data, labels}: **training set**
 - “**Train**” a model to match these examples
 - “**Test**” it on new data

- **Image classification:**



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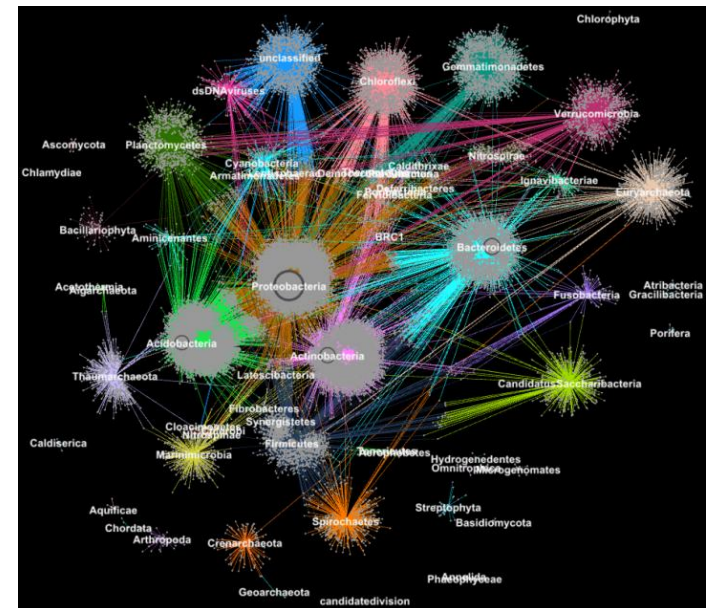


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ML Overview: Flavors

Unsupervised Learning

- Data, but no labels. No input/output.
- Goal: get “something”: structure, hidden information, more
- **Workflow:**
 - Collect a set {data}
 - Perform some algorithm on it
- **Clustering:** reveal hidden structure



ML Overview: Flavors

Reinforcement Learning

- Agent interacting with the world; gets rewards for actions
- Goal: learn to perform some activity
- **Workflow:**
 - Create an environment, reward, agent
 - **Train:** modify policy to maximize rewards
 - **Deploy** in new environment
- **Controlling aircraft:** learn to fly






Break & Quiz

Q1-1: Which generally is NOT a supervised learning task?

1. Binary classification
2. Email spam detection
3. Handwriting recognition
4. Eigenvalue calculation

Q2-1: Which generally is NOT a supervised learning task?

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Eigenvalue calculation is a mathematical problem, and we do not have any labels for this problem.

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Supervised Learning

- Can I eat this?
- Safe or poisonous?
 - **Never seen it before**
- How to decide?



Supervised Learning: Training Instances

- I know about other mushrooms:

safe



poisonous



- Training set of **examples/instances/labeled data**

Supervised Learning: Formal Setup

Problem setting

- Set of possible instances

$$\mathcal{X}$$

- Unknown *target function*

$$f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

- Set of *models* (a.k.a. *hypotheses*):

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h | h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}\}$$

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Supervised Learning: Objects

Three types of sets

- Input space, output space, hypothesis class

$$\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{H}$$

- **Examples:**

- Input space: feature vectors $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$

- Output space:

- **Binary**

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{-1, +1\}$$

- **Continuous**

$$\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$



safe poisonous

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Input Space: Feature Vectors

- Need a way to represent instance information:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \langle \text{bell,} \quad \text{fibrous,} \quad \text{gray,} \quad \text{false,} \quad \text{foul,} \dots \rangle$$

cap-shape *cap-surface* *cap-color* *bruises* *odor*



safe

- For each instance, store features as a vector.
 - What kinds of features can we have?

Input Space: Feature Types

- *nominal* (including Boolean)

- no ordering among values (e.g. *color* $\in \{\text{red}, \text{blue}, \text{green}\}$ (vs. *color* = 1000 Hertz))

- *ordinal*

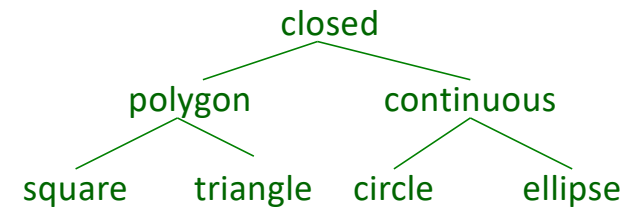
- values of the feature are totally ordered (e.g. *size* $\in \{\text{small}, \text{medium}, \text{large}\}$)

- *numeric* (continuous)

weight $\in [0 \dots 500]$

- *hierarchical*

- possible values are partially *ordered* in a hierarchy, e.g. *shape*



Input Space: Features Example

cap-shape: bell=b,conical=c,convex=x,flat=f, knobbed=k,sunken=s
cap-surface: fibrous=f,grooves=g,scaly=y,smooth=s
cap-color: brown=n,buff=b,cinnamon=c,gray=g,green=r, pink=p,purple=u,red=e,white=w,yellow=y
bruises?: bruises=t,no=f
odor: almond=a,anise=l,creosote=c,fishy=y,foul=f, musty=m,none=n,pungent=p,spicy=s
gill-attachment: attached=a,descending=d,free=f,notched=n
gill-spacing: close=c,crowded=w,distant=d
gill-size: broad=b,narrow=n
gill-color: black=k,brown=n,buff=b,chocolate=h,gray=g, green=r,orange=o,pink=p,purple=u,red=e, white=w,yellow=y
stalk-shape: enlarging=e,tapering=t
stalk-root: bulbous=b,club=c,cup=u,equal=e, rhizomorphs=z,rooted=r,missing=?
stalk-surface-above-ring: fibrous=f,scaly=y,silky=k,smooth=s
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veil-type: partial=p,universal=u
veil-color: brown=n,orange=o,white=w,yellow=y
ring-number: none=n,one=o,two=t
ring-type: cobwebby=c,evanescent=e,flaring=f,large=l, none=n,pendant=p,sheathing=s,zone=z
spore-print-color: black=k,brown=n,buff=b,chocolate=h,green=r, orange=o,purple=u,white=w,yellow=y
population: abundant=a,clustered=c,numerous=n, scattered=s,several=v,solitary=y
habitat: grasses=g,leaves=l,meadows=m,paths=p, urban=u,waste=w,woods=d

sunken is one possible value
of the *cap-shape* feature



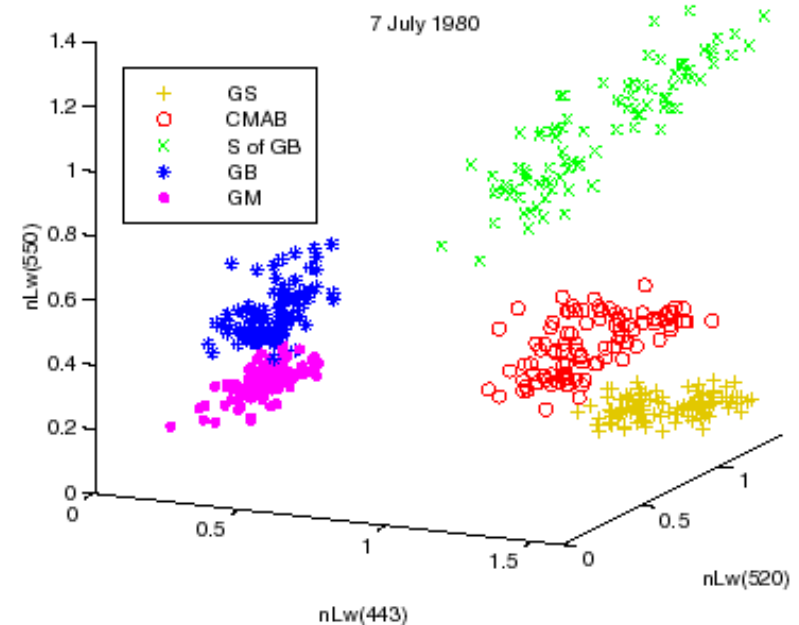
Mushroom features (UCI Repository)

Input Space: Feature Spaces

- Can think of each instance as a point in a d -dimensional feature space where d is the number of features

- **Example:** optical properties of oceans in three spectral bands

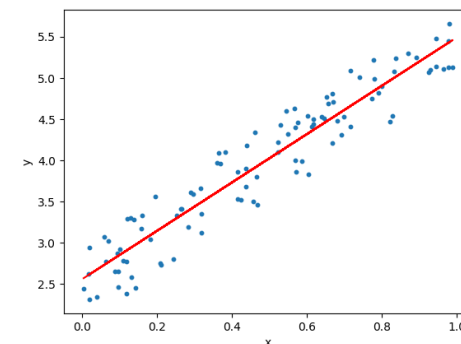
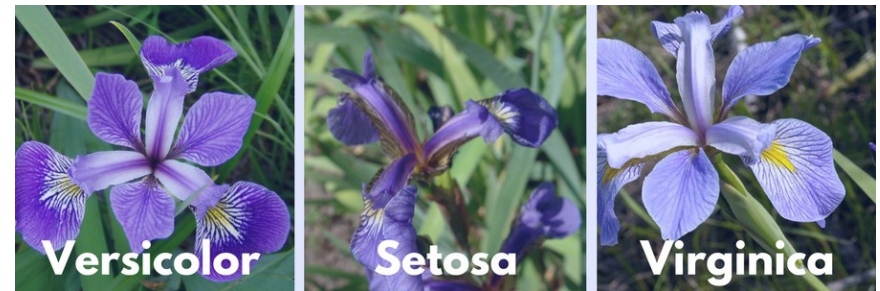
[Traykovski and Sosik, *Ocean Optics XIV Conference Proceedings*, 1998]



Output space: Classification vs. Regression

Choices of \mathcal{Y} have special names:

- Discrete: “**classification**”. The elements of \mathcal{Y} are **classes**
 - Note: doesn't have to be binary
- Continuous: “**regression**”
 - Example: linear regression
- There are other types...

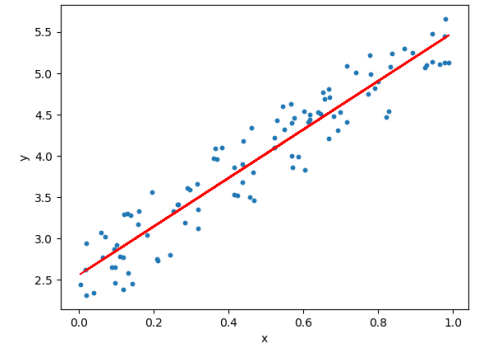


Hypothesis class

We talked about \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{Y} what about \mathcal{H} ?

- Recall: hypothesis class / model space.
 - Theoretically, could be all maps from \mathcal{X} to \mathcal{Y}
 - Doesn't work! Many reasons why.
- Pick specific class of models. Ex: linear models:

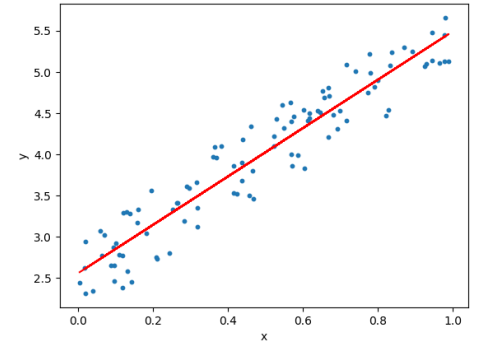
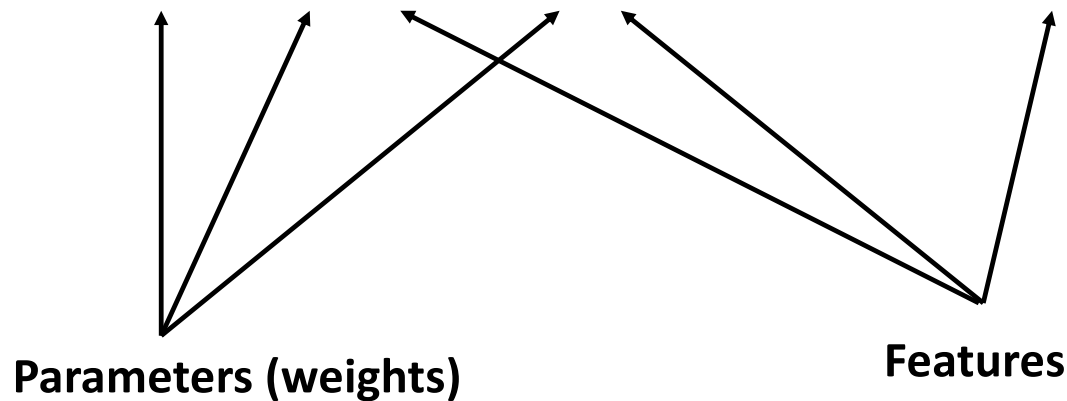
$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$$



Hypothesis class: Linear Functions

- **Example** class of models: linear models

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- How many linear functions are there?
 - Can any function be fit by a linear model?

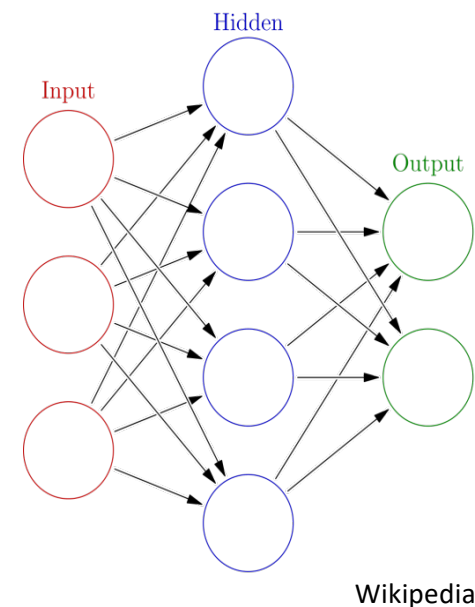
Hypothesis class: Other Examples

Example classes of models: neural networks

$$f^{(k)}(x) = \sigma(W_k^T f^{(k-1)}(x))$$

Feedforward network

- Each layer:
 - linear transformation
 - Non-linearity
- What are the parameters here?



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Supervised Learning: Training

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- One way: empirical risk minimization (ERM)

$$\hat{f} = \arg \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(h(x^{(i)}), y^{(i)})$$

Hypothesis Class

Loss function (how far are we)?

Model prediction

Batch vs. Online Learning

- **Batch learning:** get all your instances at once

$$(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$$



- **Online learning:** get them sequentially
 - Train a model on initial group, then update

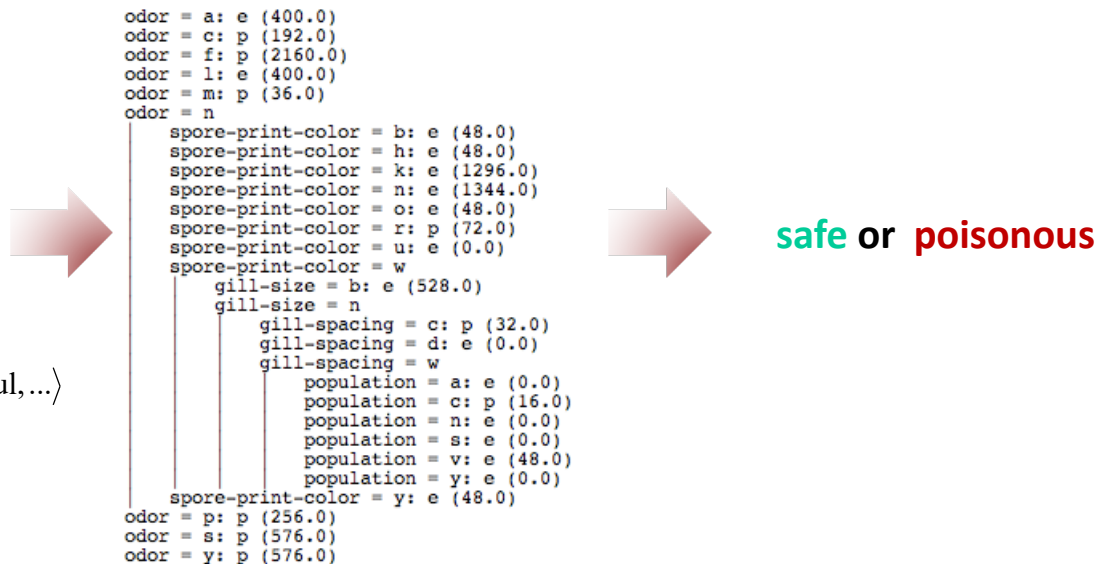
$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\} \quad \{(x^{(m+1)}, y^{(m+1)})\}$$

Supervised Learning: Predicting

Now that we have our learned model, we can use it for predictions.



$x = \langle \text{bell, fibrous, brown, false, foul, ...} \rangle$



Interlude: Polynomials

Another class of models: polynomials:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_d x^d + \theta_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x + \theta_0$$

- How to fit a polynomial?

Lagrange basis

$$L(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \ell_i(x) \quad \downarrow$$

$$\ell_i(x) = \prod_{0 \leq m \leq n, m \neq i} \frac{x - x_m}{x_i - x_m}$$

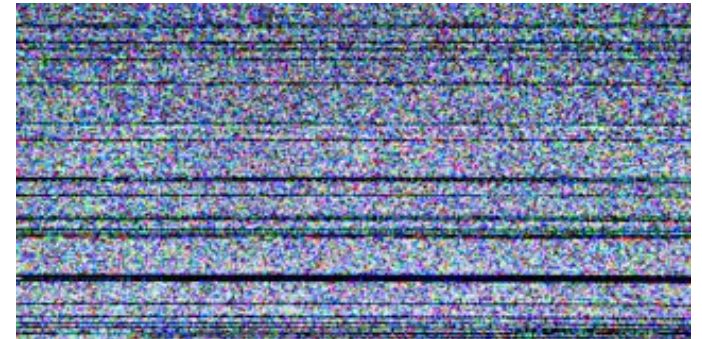


Interlude: Polynomials

- Lagrange interpolation produces a **perfect fit**, e.g.,

$$L(x_i) = y_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

- So, are we done?
 - More advantages: no training required. Just write down the L
 - **Q**: what degree are the x_i ?
 - How sensitive to noise?
 - How will they **extrapolate**?



Generalization

Fitting data isn't the only task, we want to **generalize**

- Apply learned model to unseen data:

- For $(x, y) \sim \mathcal{D}$,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\ell(\hat{f}(x), y)]$$

- Can study theoretically or empirically
 - For theory: need assumptions, ie, training instances are iid
 - Not always the case!
 - Sequential data




Break & Quiz

Q2-1: Which is a NOMINAL feature introduced in the lecture?

1. Cost $\in [0, 100]$
2. Awarded $\in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$
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Every color image has 3 channels (RGB) and $32*32$ pixels, so the dimension is $3*32*32=3072$.

Q2-3: Are these statements true or false?

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(A) Instances from time series usually have dependencies on the previous instances.

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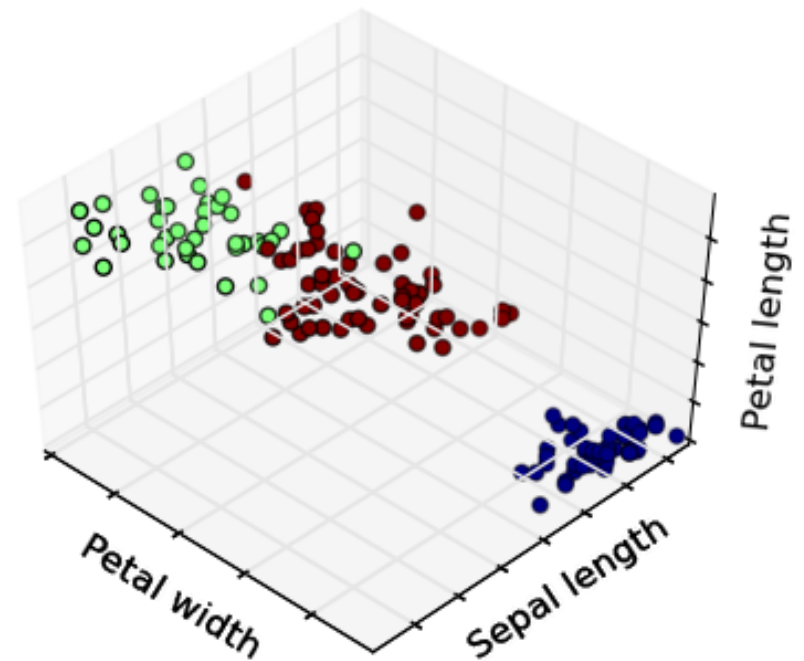
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Unsupervised Learning: Setup

- Given instances $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}\}$
- **Goal:** discover interesting regularities/structures/patterns that characterize the instances. Ex:
 - clustering
 - anomaly detection
 - dimensionality reduction

Clustering: Setup

- Given instances $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}\}$
- **Goal:** model h divides the training set into clusters with
 - intra-cluster similarity
 - inter-cluster dissimilarity
- Clustering *irises*:

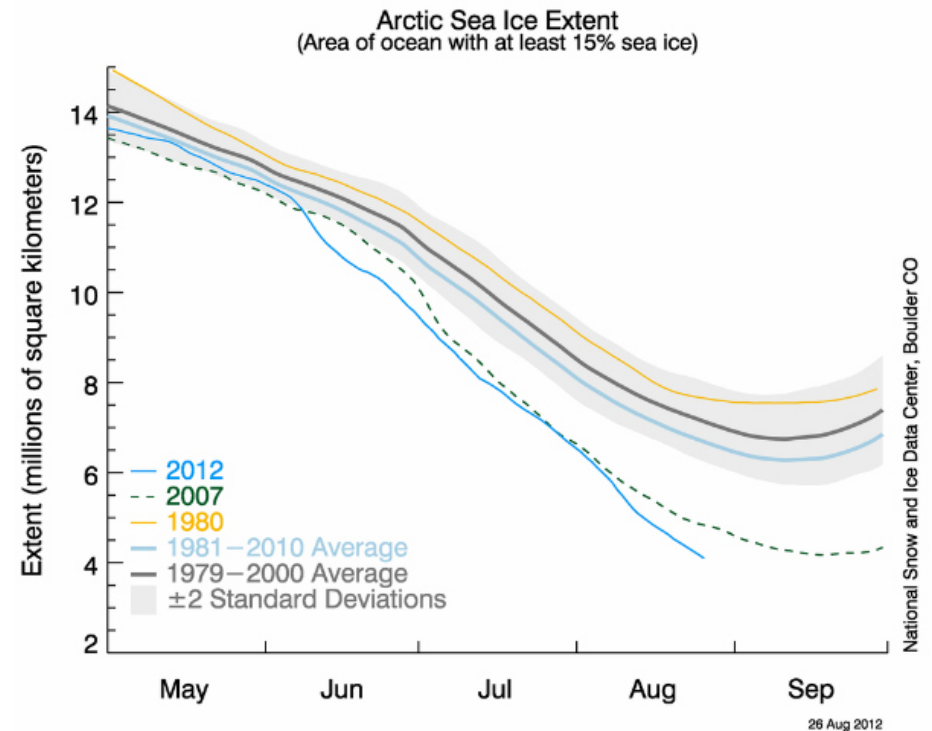


Anomaly Detection: Setup

- Given instances $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}\}$
- **Goal:** model h that represents “normal” x
 - Can apply to new data to find anomalies

Let's say our model is represented by: 1979-2000 average, ± 2 stddev

Does the data for 2012 look anomalous?



Dimensionality Reduction: Setup

- Given instances $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}\}$
- **Goal:** model h that represents x with
 - lower-dim. feature vectors
 - preserving information
- Example: Eigenfaces



Dimensionality Reduction: Setup

Example: Eigenfaces

$$\text{Image of a man} = \alpha_1^{(1)} \times \text{Eigenface 1} + \alpha_2^{(1)} \times \text{Eigenface 2} + \dots + \alpha_{20}^{(1)} \times \text{Eigenface 20}$$

$$x^{(1)} = \langle \alpha_1^{(1)}, \alpha_2^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{20}^{(1)} \rangle$$

$$\text{Image of a woman} = \alpha_1^{(2)} \times \text{Eigenface 1} + \alpha_2^{(2)} \times \text{Eigenface 2} + \dots + \alpha_{20}^{(2)} \times \text{Eigenface 20}$$

$$x^{(2)} = \langle \alpha_1^{(2)}, \alpha_2^{(2)}, \dots, \alpha_{20}^{(2)} \rangle$$

What dimension are we using now?

Lots of models!

scikit-learn
algorithm cheat-sheet

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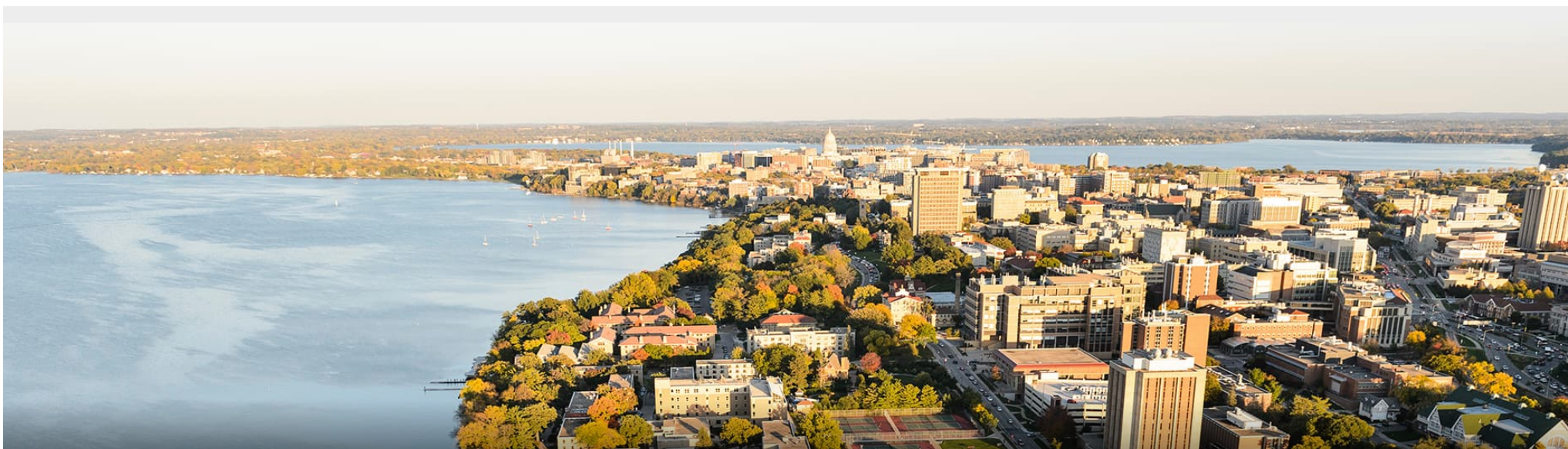
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1. Principal component analysis is a problem of dimensionality reduction.
2. You can think fraud detection as an anomaly detection problem.
3. CIFAR-10 image classification is a classification task for labeled image data.
4. Community detection is some clustering problem.



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