

# TYPES OF ML ALGORITHMS

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By the end of class today, you will be able to:

- Distinguish between types of machine learning algorithms (in more detail)
- Determine the classes and features of a given algorithm
- Determine whether a given algorithm is supervised or unsupervised

# COURSE UPDATES

- Milestone 3 is due December 7<sup>th</sup> (a week from today)
  - Draft of paper, official conference template
  - Get preliminary results

# REVIEW: TYPES OF ALGORITHMS

*Supervised Learning*

*Unsupervised Learning*

Representation

*Discrete*

classification or categorization

clustering

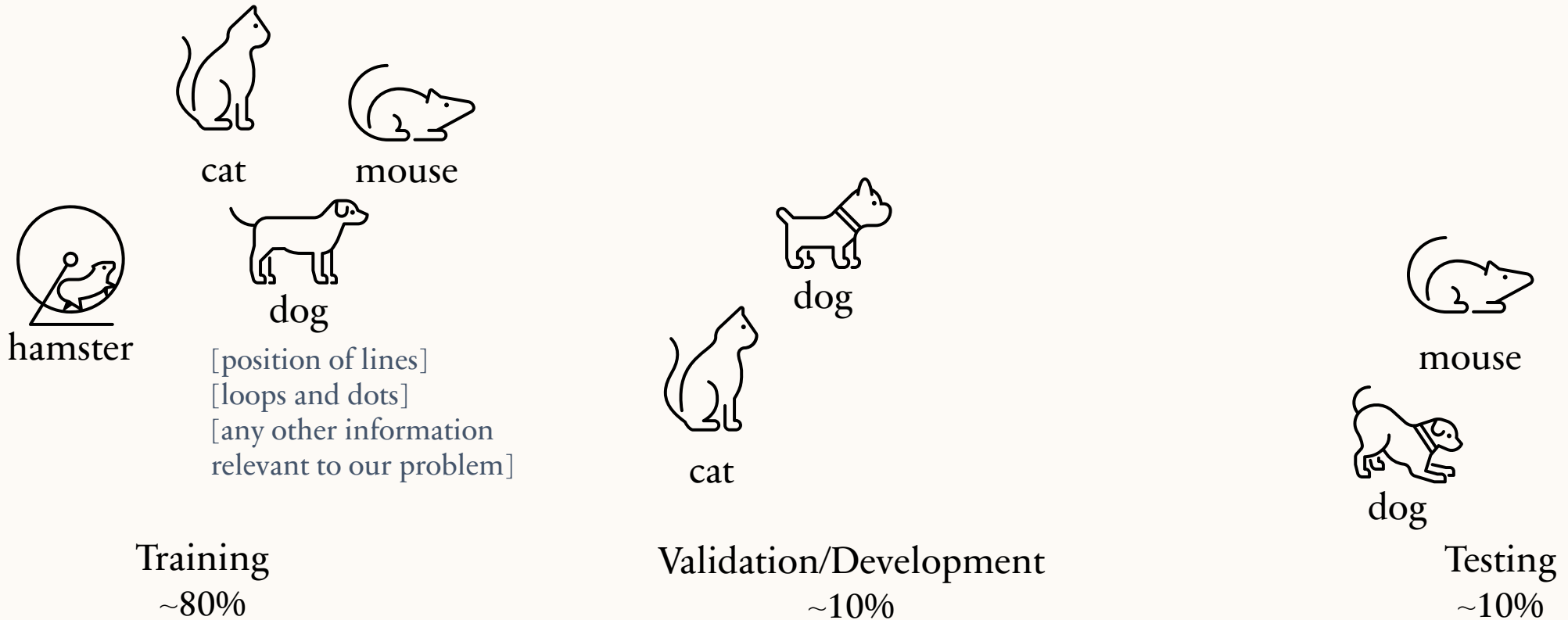
*Continuous*

regression

dimensionality reduction

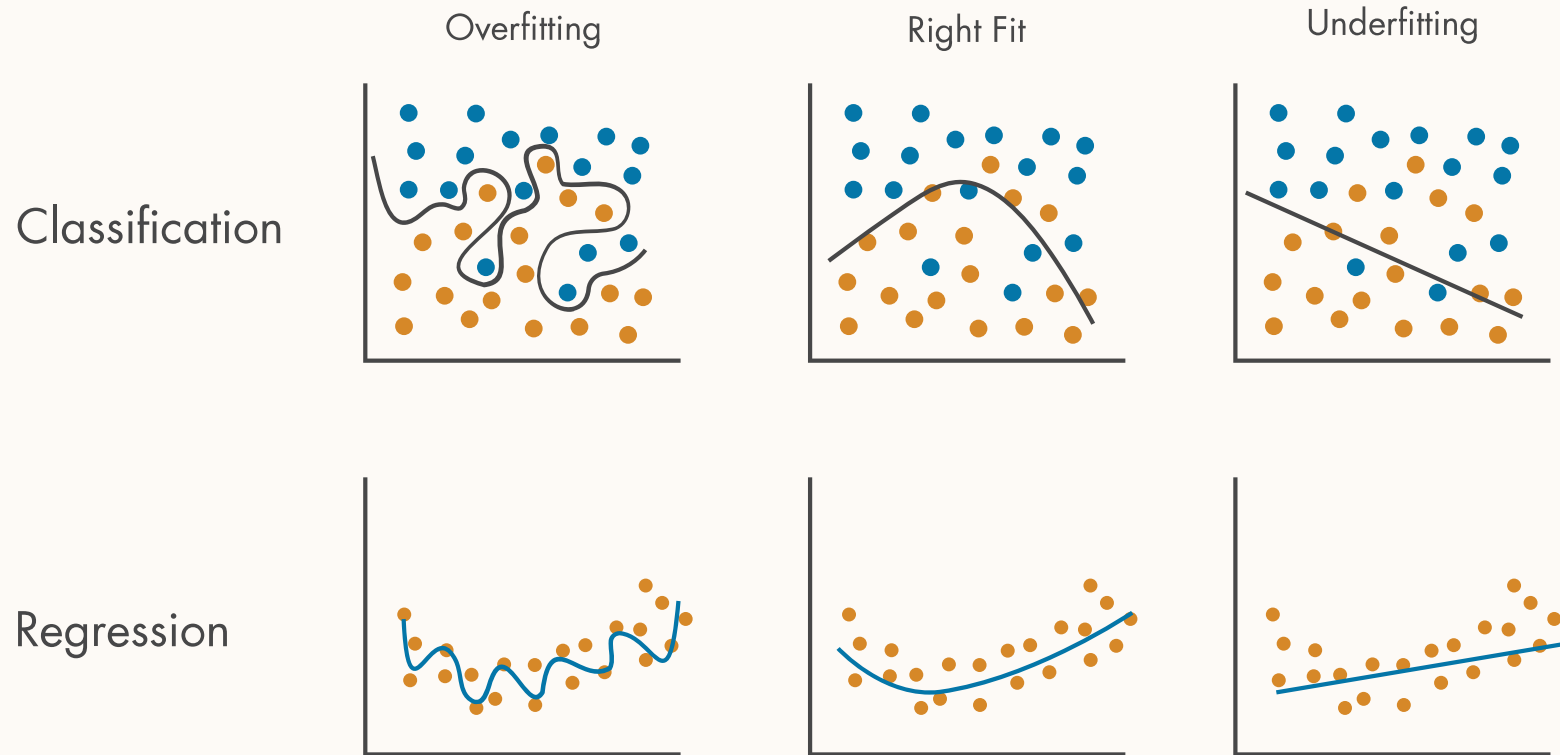
e.g.,  
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

# REVIEW: DIVIDING UP DATA FOR TRAINING



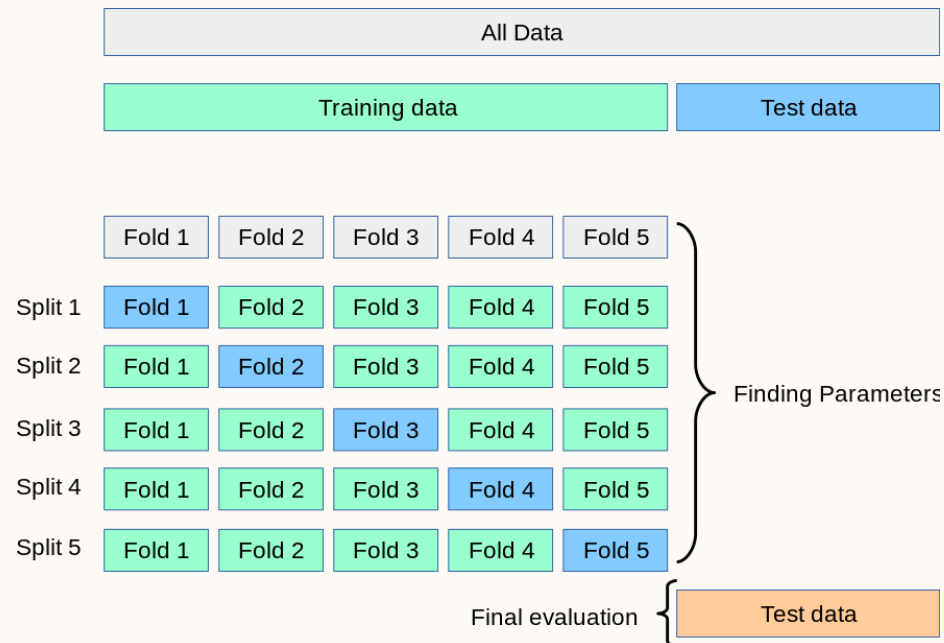
Why would we do this? To prevent overfitting!

# OVERFITTING



# K-FOLD CROSS-VALIDATION

- Another way of avoiding overfitting
- Not usually helpful when you need a model for generation → better for data analysis



# THE MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORK

$$y = f(\mathbf{x})$$

output

prediction  
function

feature(s) of  
input

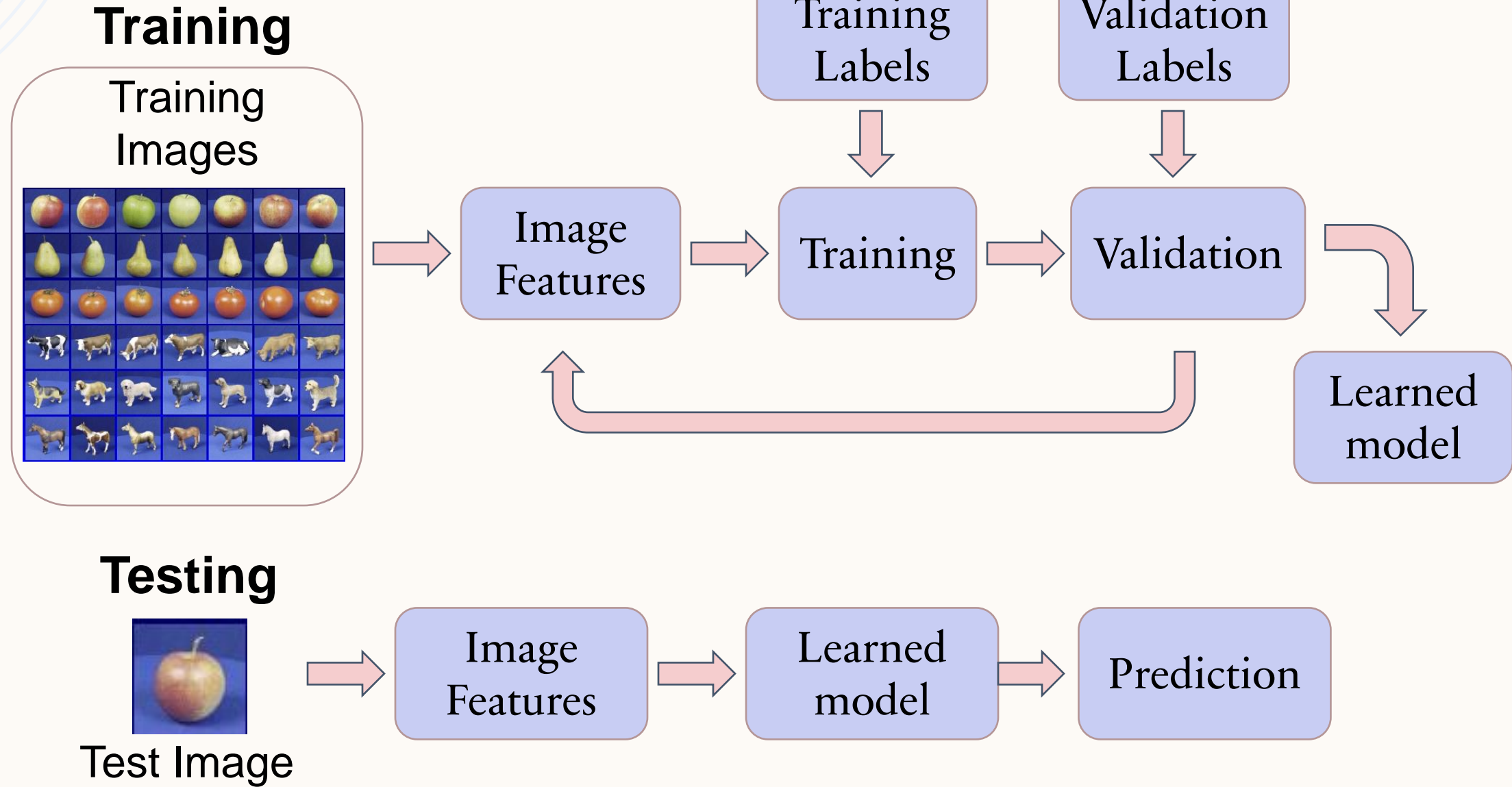
- **Training:**

given a *training set* of labeled examples  $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)\}$ ,  
estimate the prediction function  $f$   
by minimizing the prediction error on the training set

- **Testing:**

apply  $f$  to a never before seen *test example*  $\mathbf{x}$  and output the predicted value  $y = f(\mathbf{x})$

# STEPS

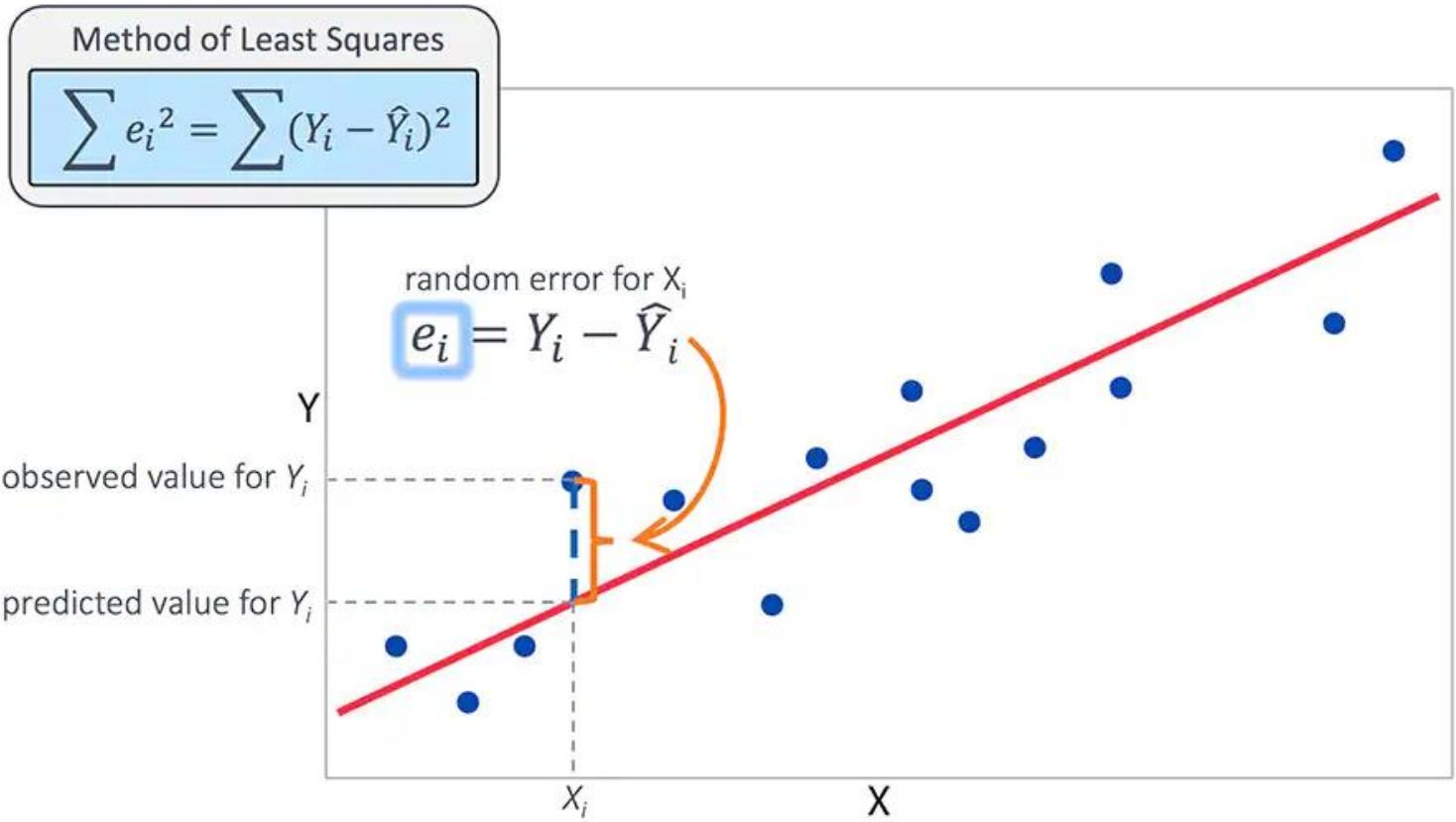




# **SOME POPULAR MODELS**

- **Linear Models**
- **Support Vector Machines (SVMs)**
- **K-Means**
- **K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)**
- **Decision Trees**
- **Logistic Regression**
- **Hidden Markov Models (HMM)**
- **Naïve Bayes**
- **Reinforcement Learning**
- **Neural Networks**

# LINEAR MODELS



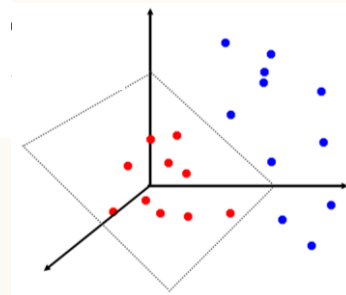
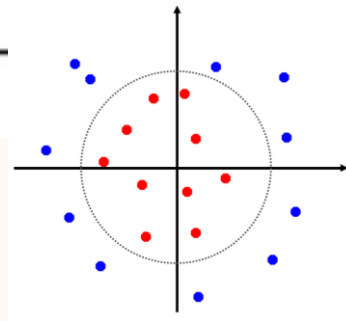
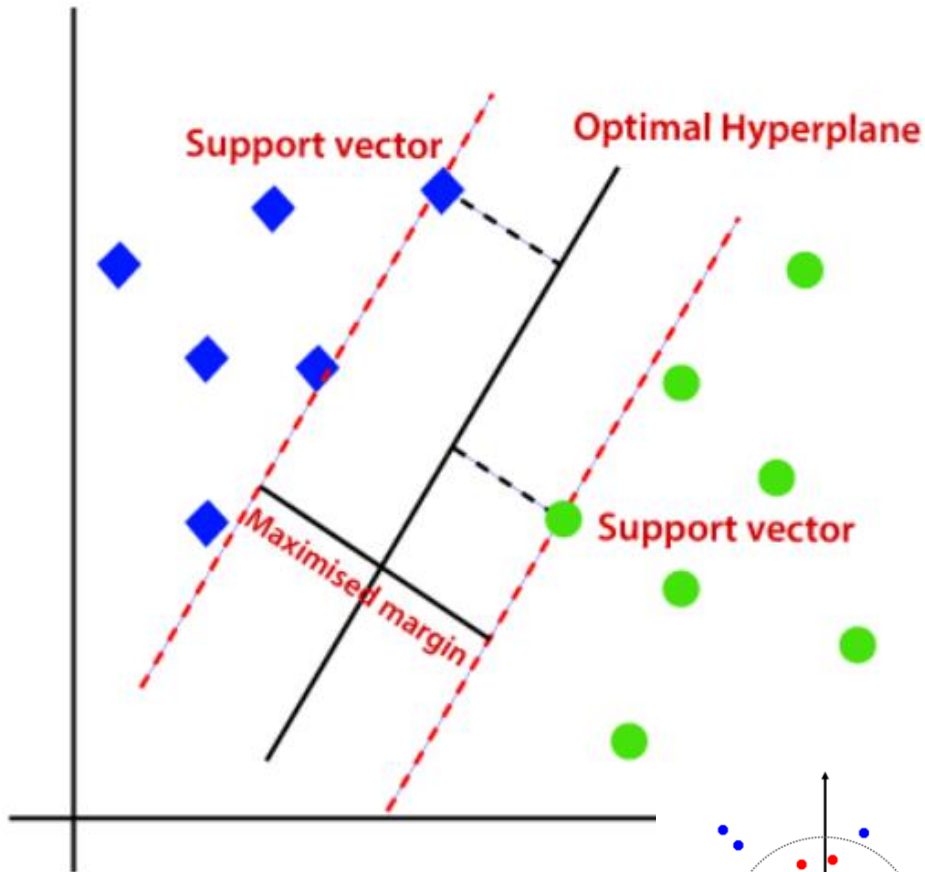
$$y = mx + b$$

↑                    ↑                    ↑                    ↑  
 class            slope            feature            height

What would be our classes and features?

Is this supervised or unsupervised?  
 Supervised

# SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (SVM)

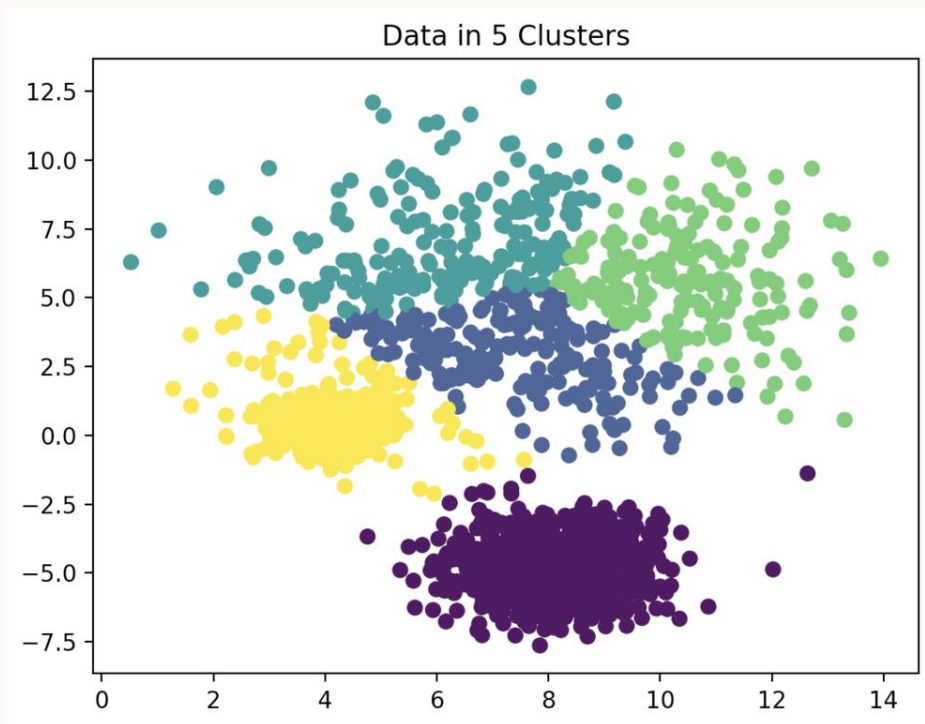


- Find the separator with the max margin
- Only support vectors matter → other training examples are ignorable
- Can be non-linear, depending on the “kernel” (Kernel SVM)
  - Choosing the right kernel can be hard

# K-MEANS CLUSTERING

1. Specify how many clusters ( $k$ )
2. Cluster the points  $\mathbf{x}$  such that each one has a minimal distance to its mean/centroid of the cluster  $\mu_i$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_S \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_i} \|\mathbf{x} - \mu_i\|^2$$



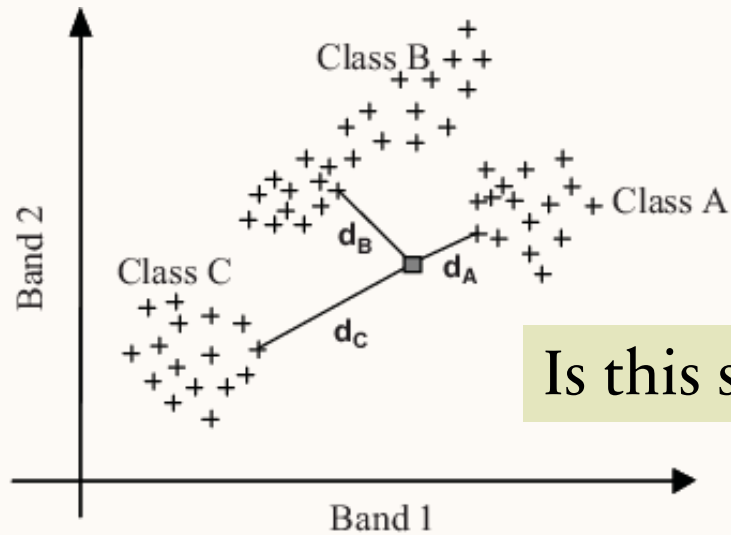
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# K-NEAREST NEIGHBOR (KNN)

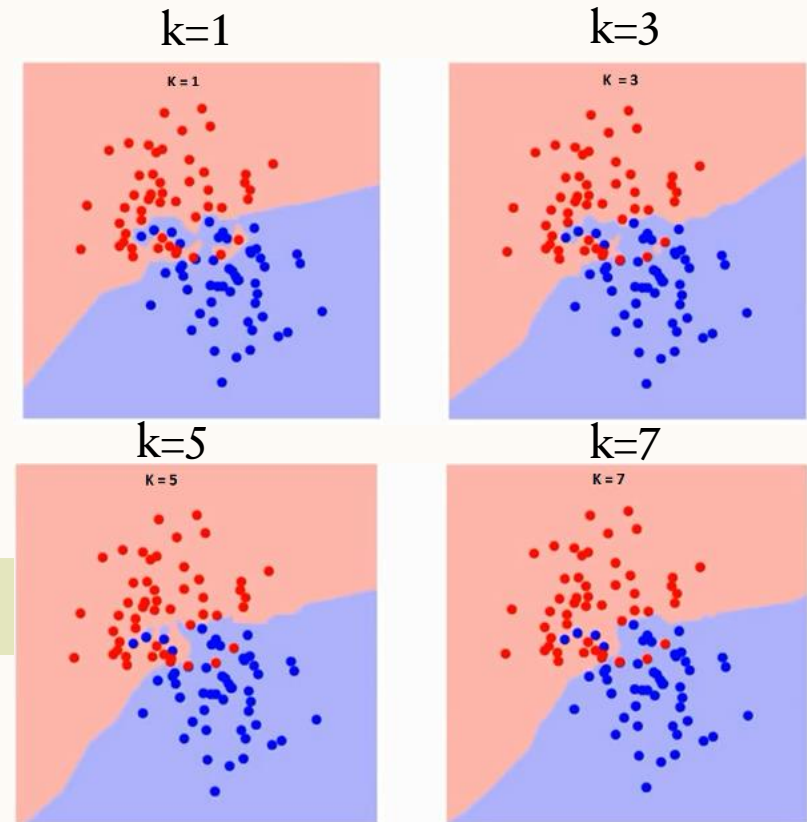
1. Find the distance between the current point to every other point
2. Pick the top k closest points
3. Return the predicted class



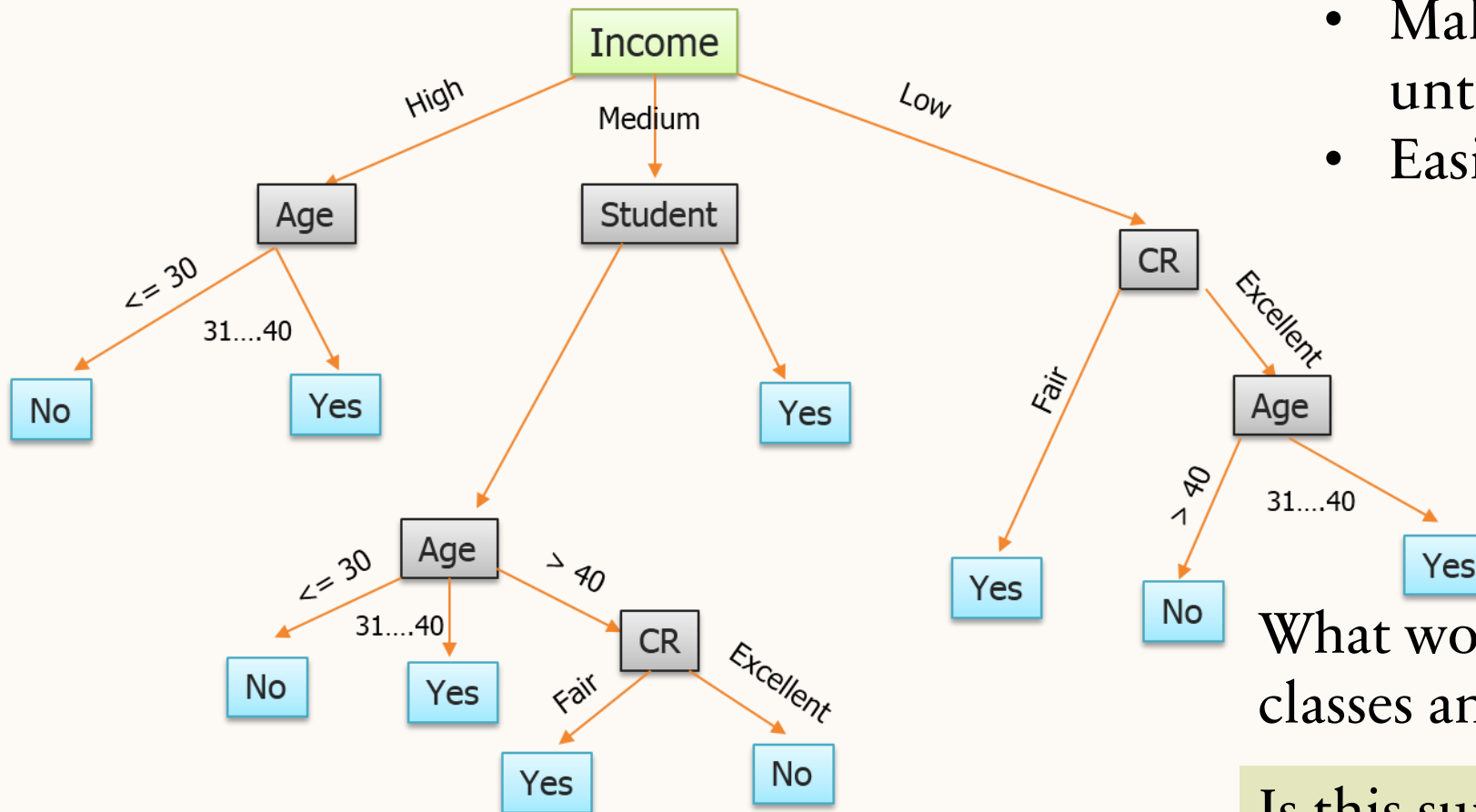
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# DECISION TREES



- Make a **decision** at each node until you reach the leaves
- Easily interpretable

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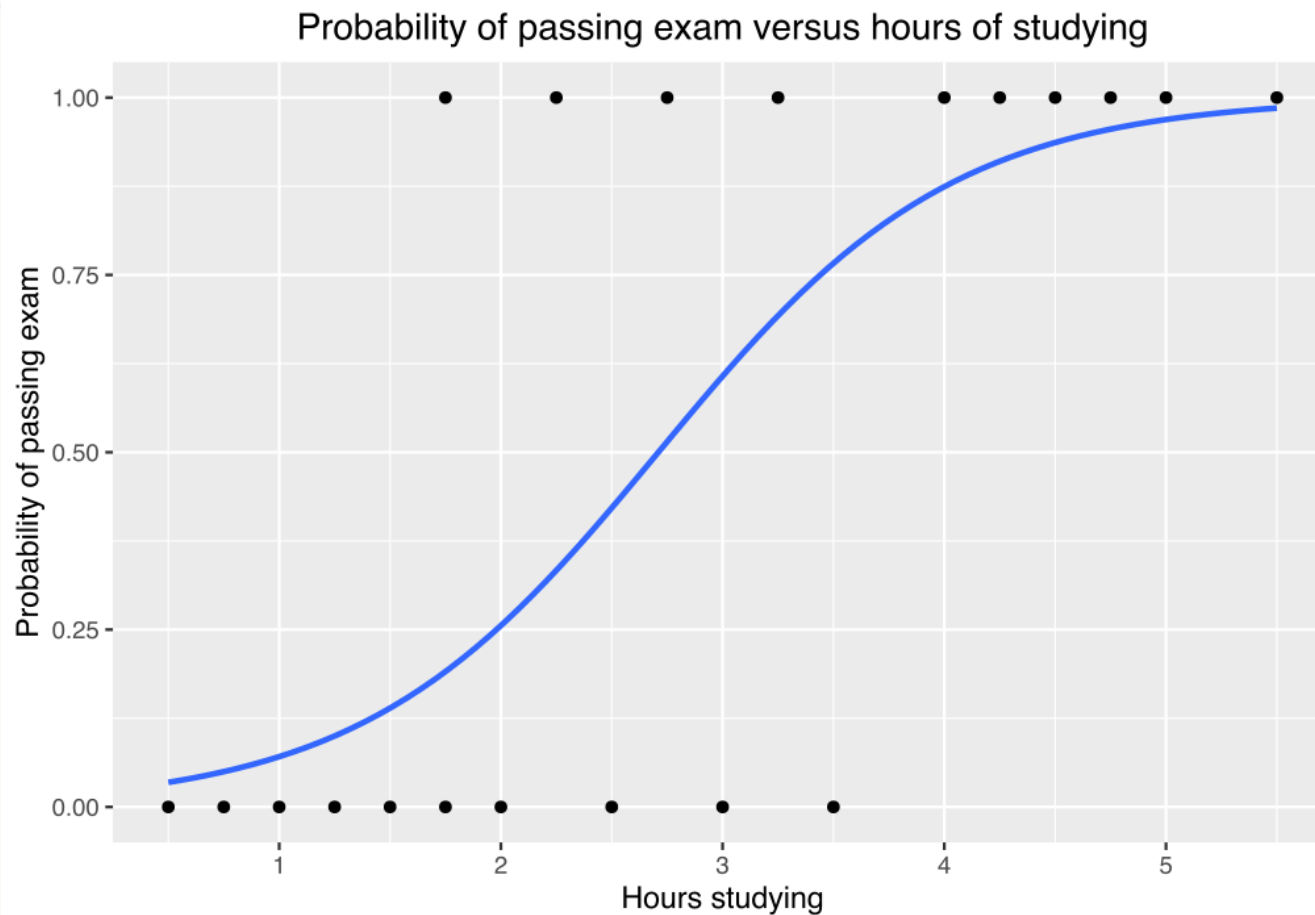
# MAKE A DECISION TREE

Datum	Features										Outcome (Label)
	alternatives	bar	Friday	hungry	people	\$	rain	reservation	type	wait time	Wait?
X <sub>1</sub>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Some	\$\$\$	No	Yes	French	0-10	Yes
X <sub>2</sub>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Thai	30-60	No
X <sub>3</sub>	No	Yes	No	No	Some	\$	No	No	Burger	0-10	Yes
X <sub>4</sub>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Full	\$	Yes	No	Thai	10-30	Yes
X <sub>5</sub>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full	\$\$\$	No	Yes	French	>60	No
X <sub>6</sub>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Some	\$\$	Yes	Yes	Italian	0-10	Yes
X <sub>7</sub>	No	Yes	No	No	None	\$	Yes	No	Burger	0-10	No
X <sub>8</sub>	No	No	No	Yes	Some	\$\$	Yes	Yes	Thai	0-10	Yes
X <sub>9</sub>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Full	\$	Yes	No	Burger	>60	No
X <sub>10</sub>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$\$\$	No	Yes	Italian	0-30	No
X <sub>11</sub>	No	No	No	No	None	\$	No	No	Thai	0-10	No
X <sub>12</sub>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Burger	30-60	Yes

## Hints:

- Try to combine as many data points as possible into a single leaf
- You can use a feature more than once but it's better to make as few decisions as possible

# LOGISTIC REGRESSION



$$p(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x-\mu)/s}}$$

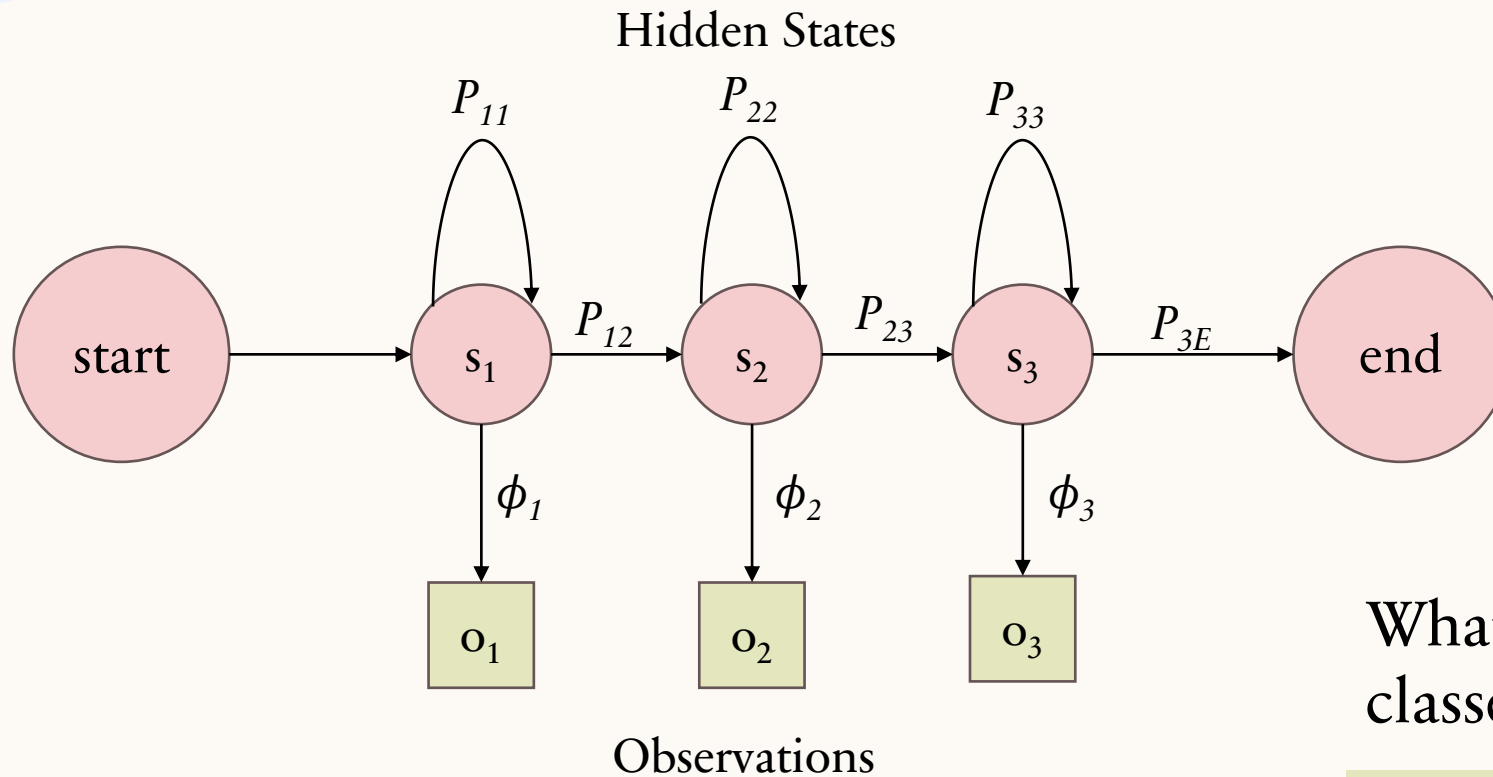
- $\mu$  is the midpoint of the curve  
 $s$  is the scale parameter (squish)
- Parameters are often estimated using MLE

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# HIDDEN MARKOV MODELS (HMM)



- Markovian – probabilities to transition from one state to another
- Good for sequences

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Semi-supervised