

# Introduction to Machine Learning 1

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## What is machine learning?

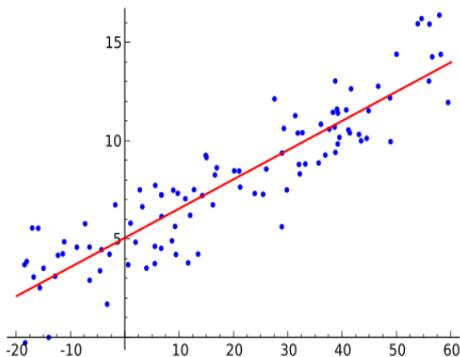
Arthur Samuel (1959): Ability to learn without being explicitly programmed

Tom Mitchell (1998): Computer program learns from experience  $E$  with respect to task  $T$  if its performance,  $P$ , improves after experience  $E$ .

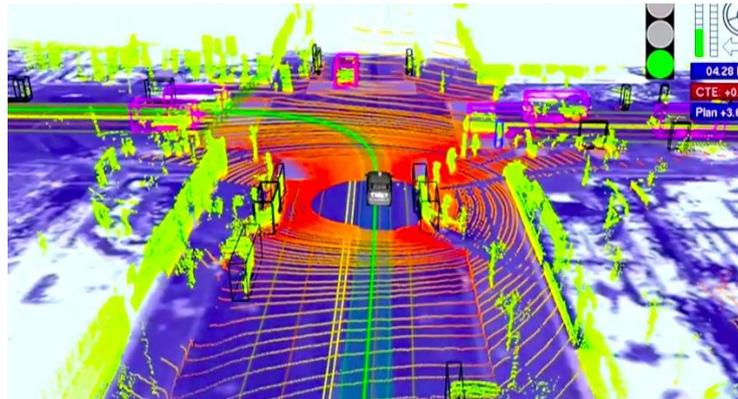
When is machine learning successful?

Tasks which humans can learn, but have trouble explaining how

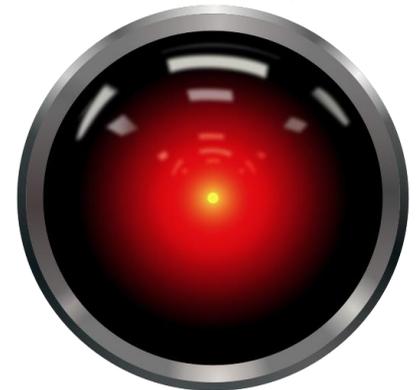
Regression



Neural networks



Sentient computers



## Topics

### **Supervised learning (examples with labels):**

- ML framework/terminology
- Regression vs. classification
- Parameteric vs. non-parametric models

### **Unsupervised learning (examples, no labels):**

- Clustering, anomaly/breakout detection, generation

### **Reinforcement learning (examples, partial labels):**

- Control, games, optimization

Goal from Lecture 1: Learn terminology and framework of ML

Goal from Lecture 2: See examples of ML in accelerator physics

# Supervised learning: Parametric models

## Least Squares Regression

Start from a simple problem: can we predict house price?

- “Training set” consists of  $m$  examples
- Each example has  $n$  attributes ( $\mathbf{x}$ ) and one label ( $y$ )

Our goal: given a new example,  $x'$ , can we predict its label,  $y'$ ?



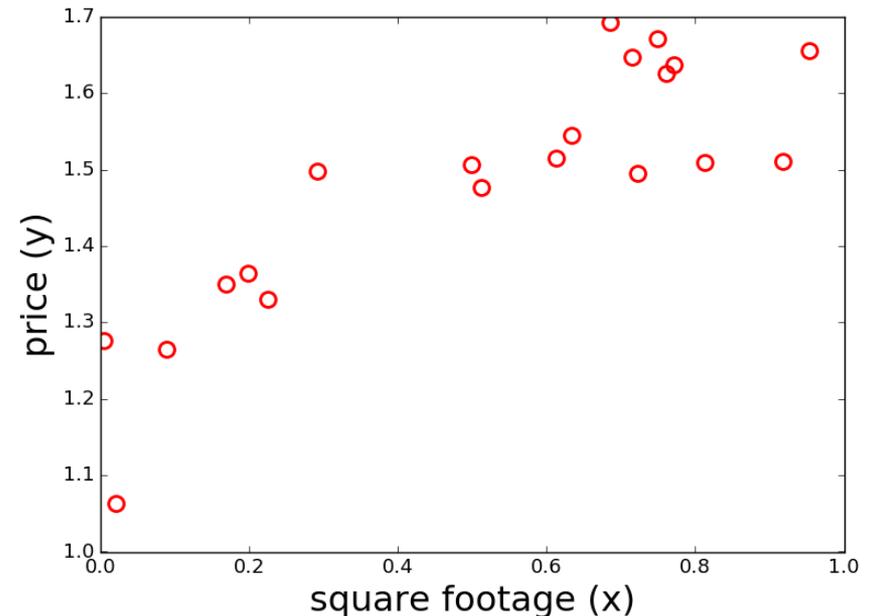
Hypothesis:

$$h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) = \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j x_j^{(i)} = \theta^T x^{(i)}$$

Annotations for the equation above:

- example  $i$  (points to  $x^{(i)}$ )
- sum over  $n$  attributes (points to the summation symbol)
- guess for  $y$  (points to  $h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})$ )
- “Parameters/weights” (points to  $\theta_j$ )

$$h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1^{(i)}$$



# Supervised learning: Parametric models

## Least Squares Regression

The core of machine learning: how do we learn best  $\theta$  given data  $x, y$ ?

Need a metric for “best”: Cost/Loss function  $h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) = \theta^T x^{(i)}$

Examples: mean square error (MSE), absolute error, etc.

MSE:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

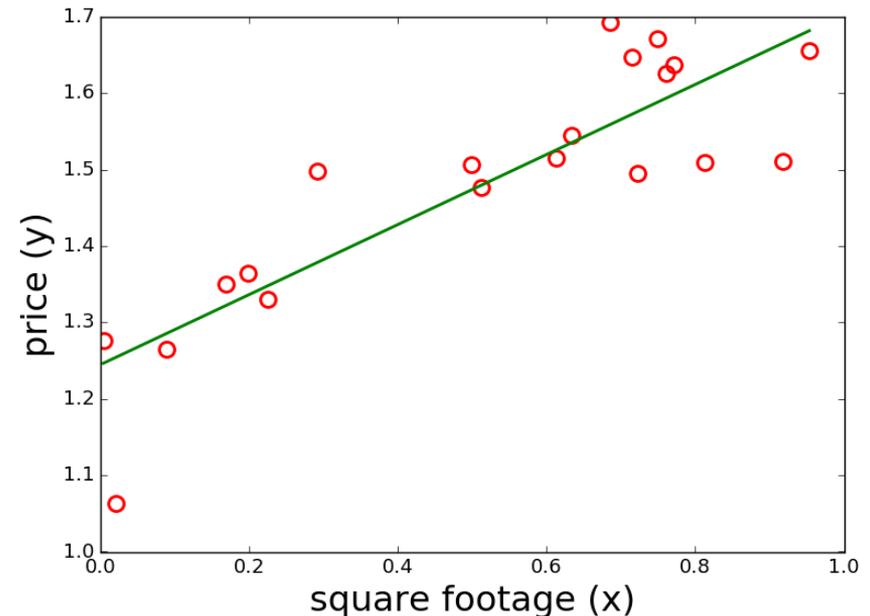
Annotations for the MSE equation:  
-  $m$ : # of examples  
-  $y^{(i)}$ : groundtruth=label

$$= \frac{1}{2} (X\theta - \vec{y})^T (X\theta - \vec{y})$$

Annotations for the matrix equation:  
-  $X\theta$ :  $n+1 \times 1$   
-  $X$ :  $m \times n+1$   
-  $\vec{y}$ :  $m \times 1$

Optimal  $\theta$ :

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}.$$



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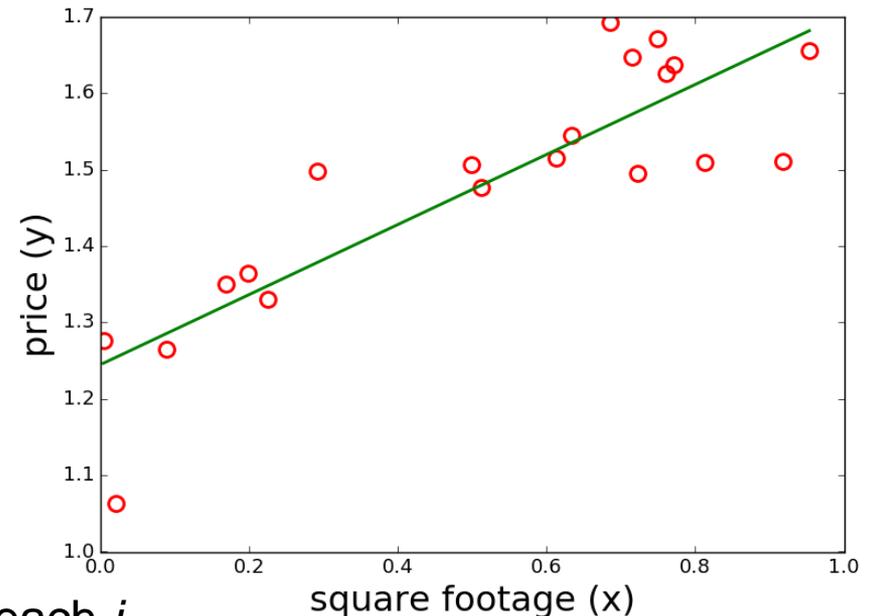
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# of examples  $\downarrow$   $m$   
groundtruth  $\downarrow$   $y^{(i)}$

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)}_{\sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}}$$

Learning rate  $\nearrow$



“Stochastic gradient descent”: update  $\theta$  after each  $i$

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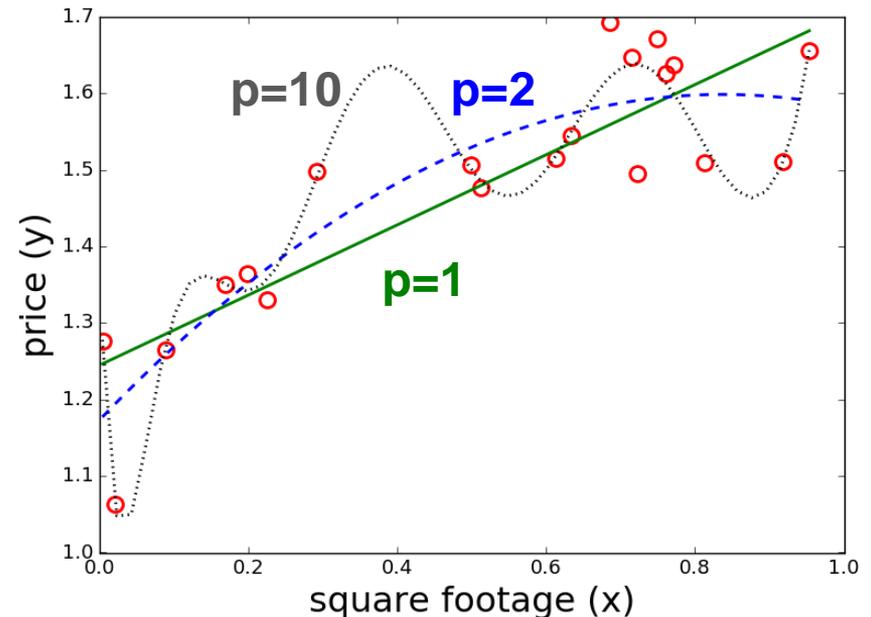
“Hyper-parameters”: how do we choose model itself?

e.g. pick model architecture, cost function, learning rate, etc.

$$\begin{aligned}h_{\theta}(x) &= \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^p \theta_k x^k\end{aligned}$$

$x \rightarrow \phi(x) = [x, x^2, \dots]$

↑ attributes      ↑ features



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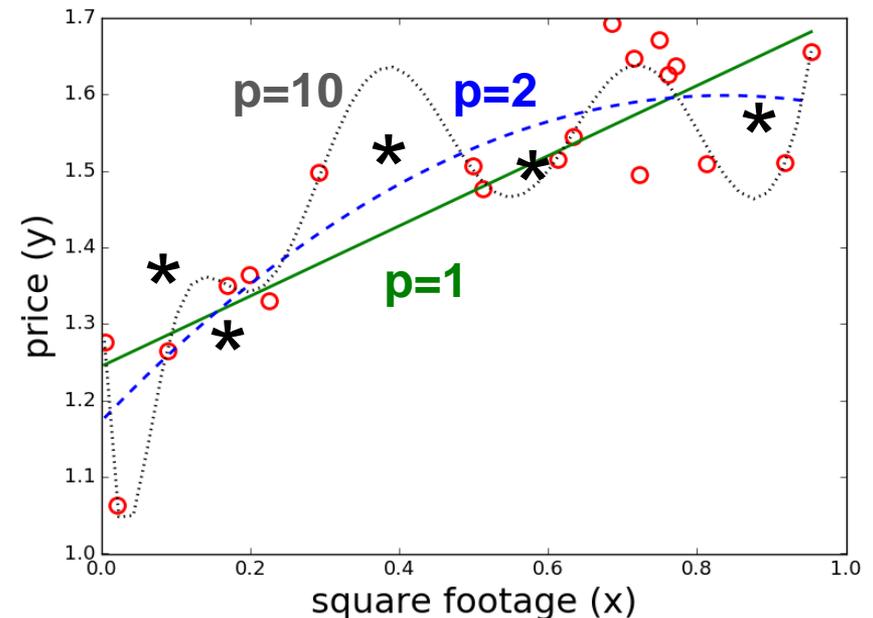
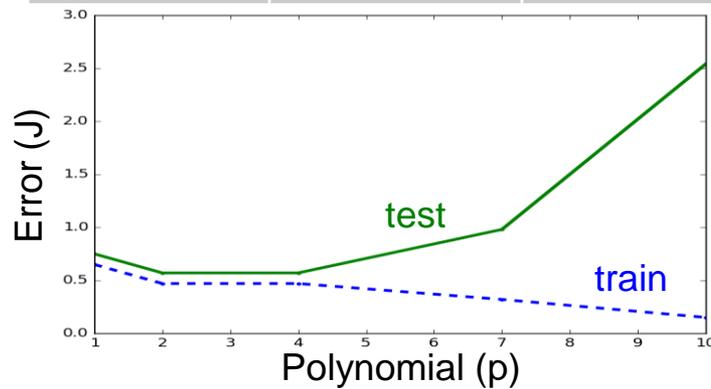
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Split data into training and test (and validation) sets

Typical split: 80/20 or 80/10/10

Degree (p)	Train error	Test error
1	0.65	0.75
2	0.47	0.57
10	0.15	2.54

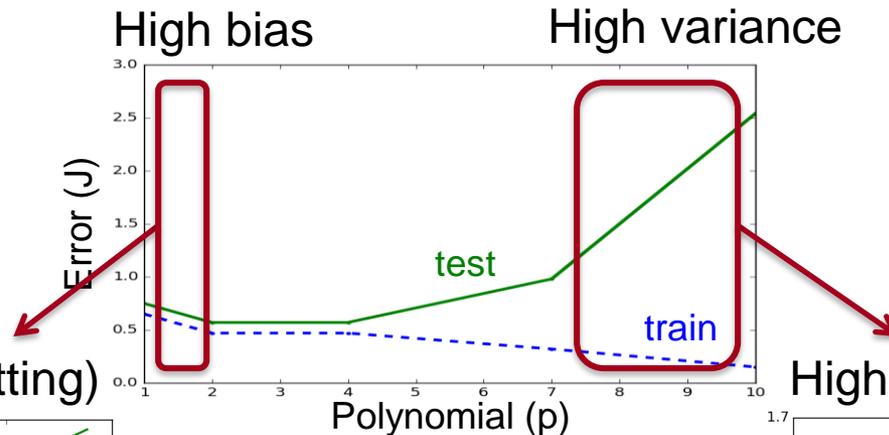


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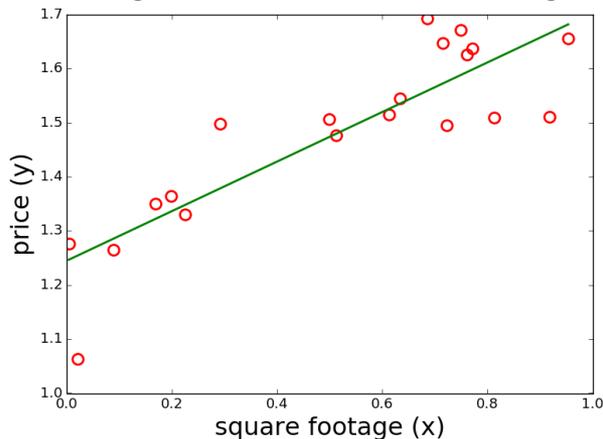
## Bias-Variance Tradeoff

High bias → Collect new attributes, create new features, more parameters

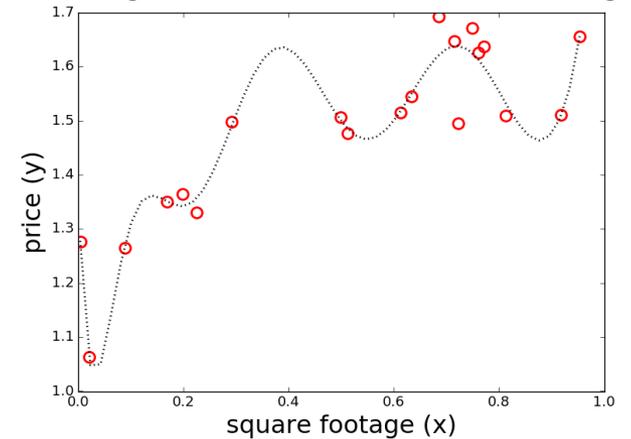
High variance → Fewer features (e.g. “mutual information”), more data



High bias (under-fitting)



High variance (over-fitting)



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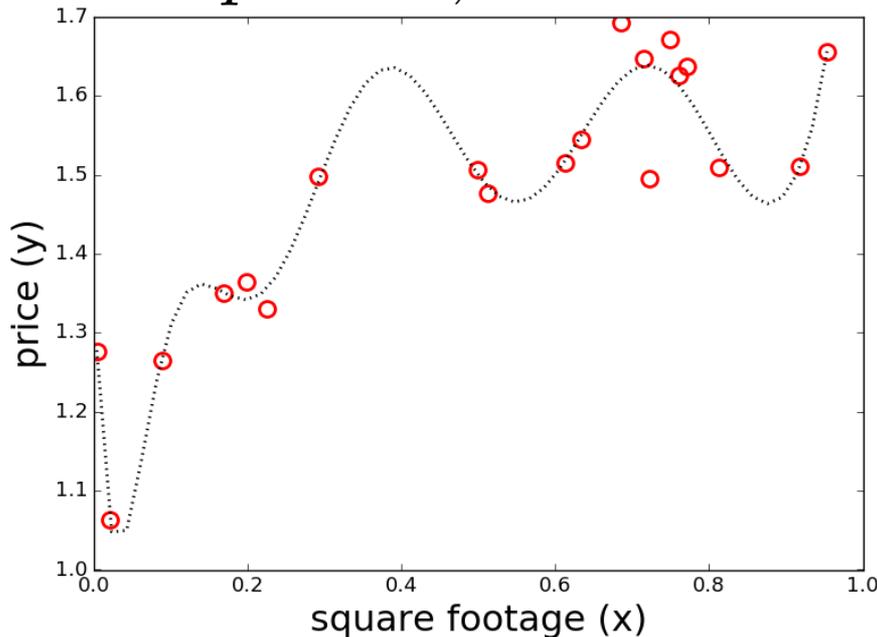
Regularization: modify the cost function

$$J(\theta) = ||h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - y||^2 + \lambda ||\theta||^2$$

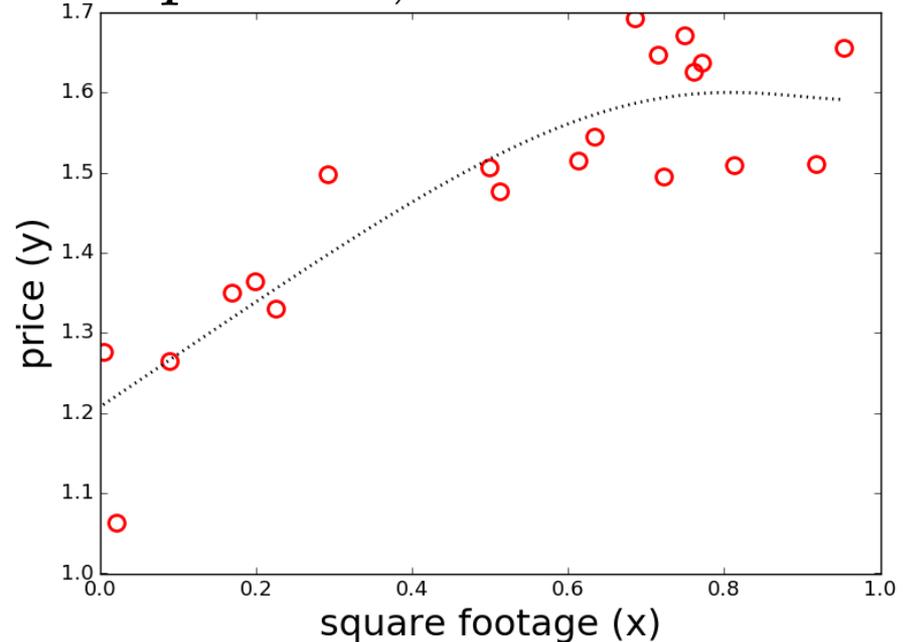
Penalizes large amplitudes of  $\theta$



$p = 10, \lambda = 0$



$p = 10, \lambda = 0.02$

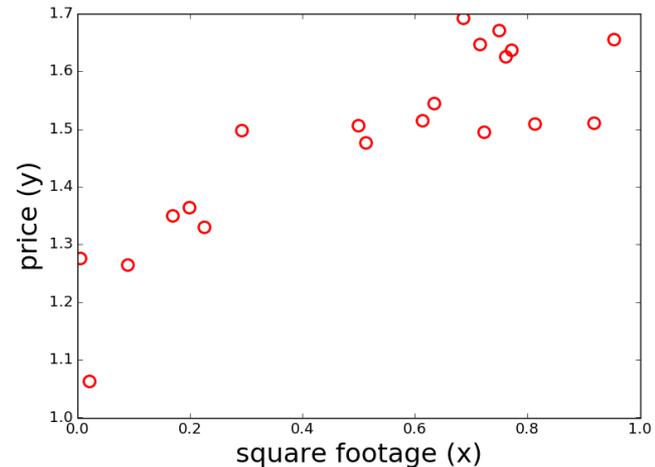


# Supervised learning: Parametric models

## Least Squares Regression: Probabilistic interpretation

$$y^{(i)} = \theta^T x^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}$$

$$p(\epsilon^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\epsilon^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



➔ 
$$p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Define “Likelihood”:

“Most likely”  $\theta = y^{(i)} / x^{(i)}$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^m p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

## Least Squares Regression: Probabilistic interpretation

“Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)”

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta) &= \log L(\theta) \quad \text{“log likelihood”} \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \cancel{m \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}_{\text{Least squares}} \end{aligned}$$

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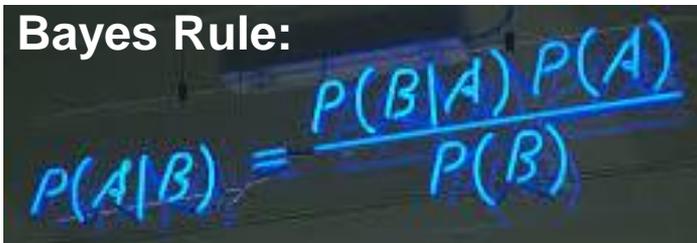
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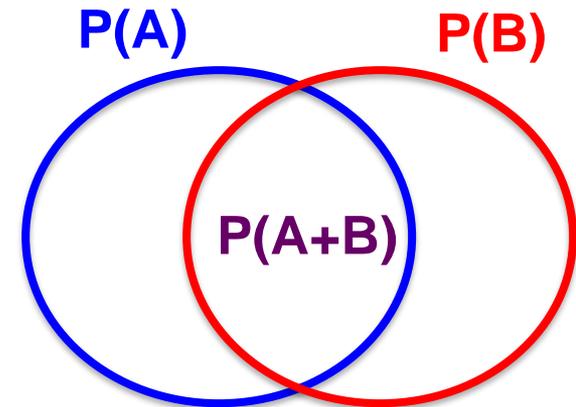
	Sick (1% of pop.)	Healthy (99% of pop.)
Positive test	90%	10%
Negative test	10%	90%

Given positive result, what is probability of correct diagnosis?

~8%

Bayes Rule:


$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$



$$P(A|B) = P(A + B)/P(B)$$

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$$\Rightarrow P(\theta|y) = \frac{P(y|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(y)}$$

Regularization term

“Maximum a posteriori (MAP)”  $\theta_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^m p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}, \theta) p(\theta)$



## Logistic Regression

**Classification problem: Did a house sell?**  $h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) = \theta^T x^{(i)}$

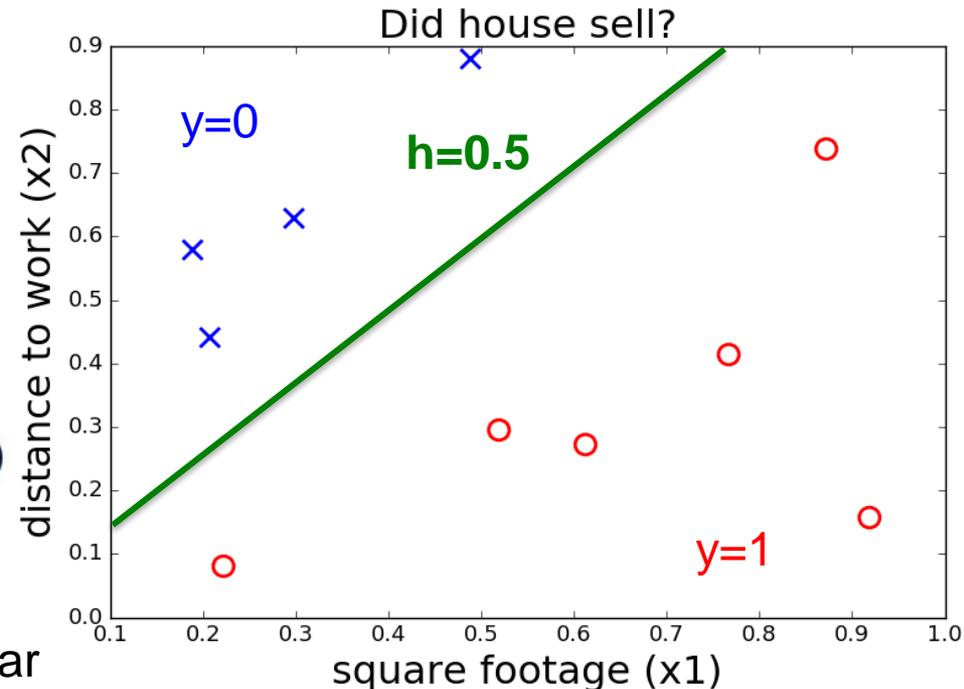
Output limited to range  $[0, 1]$   $\rightarrow$  full regression seems awkward

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$
$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Use MLE to derive update rule:

$$\theta_j := \theta_j + \alpha (y^{(i)} - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}$$

Same as OLS except now  $h$  is non-linear

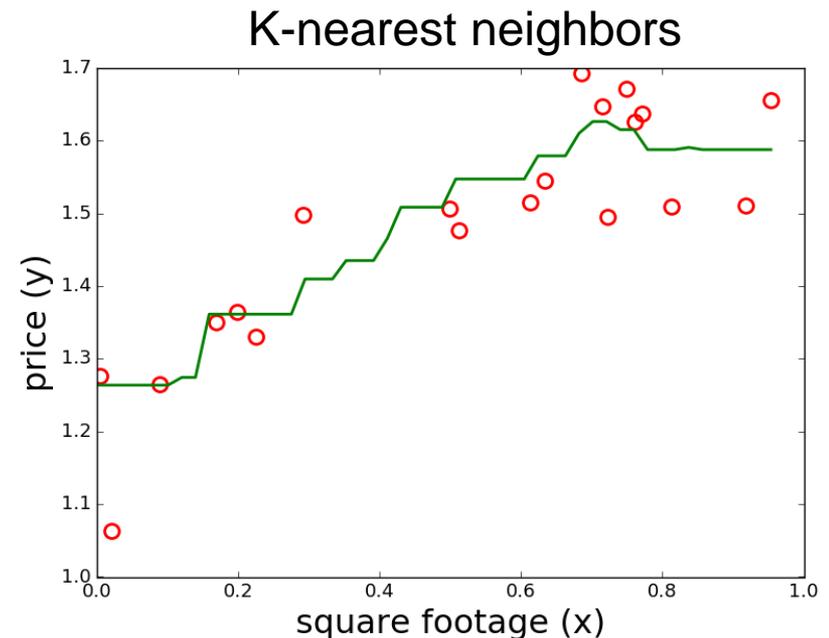
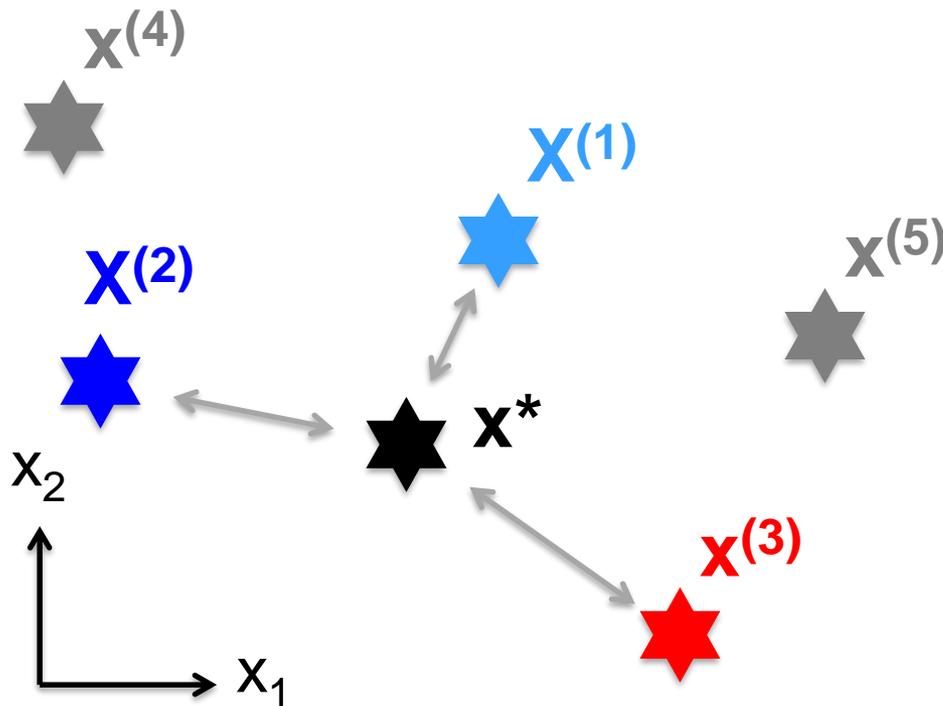


# Supervised learning: Non-parametric

## Instance-based learning

Parametric model:  $h_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n}(x)$

Non-parametric model:  $h_{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}}(x)$

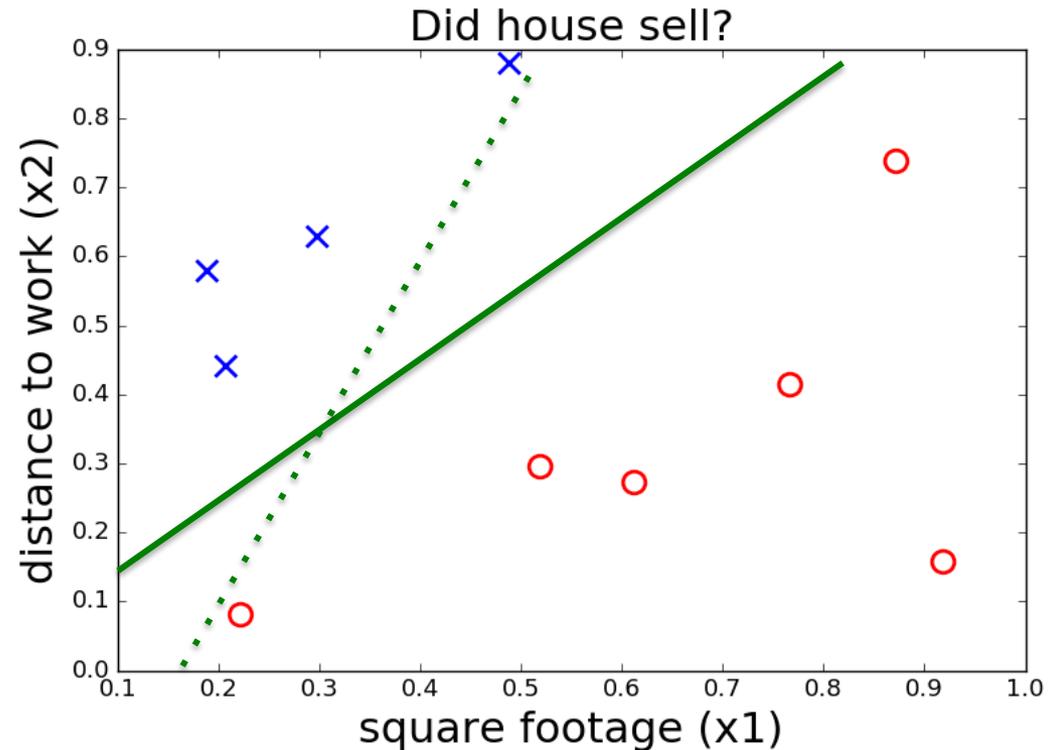


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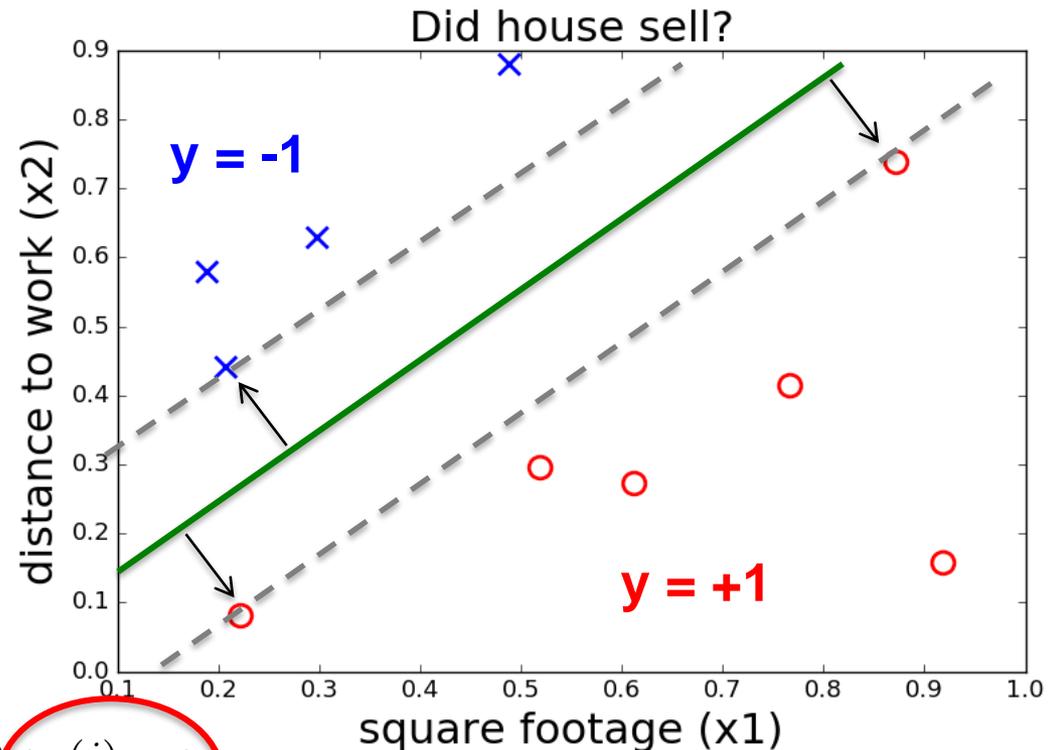
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Support vector machine (SVM):

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } y^{(i)}(w^T x^{(i)} + b) \geq 1$$



Prediction rule:

$$h(x) = \text{sgn}(w^T x + b) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} \langle x^{(i)}, x \rangle + b$$

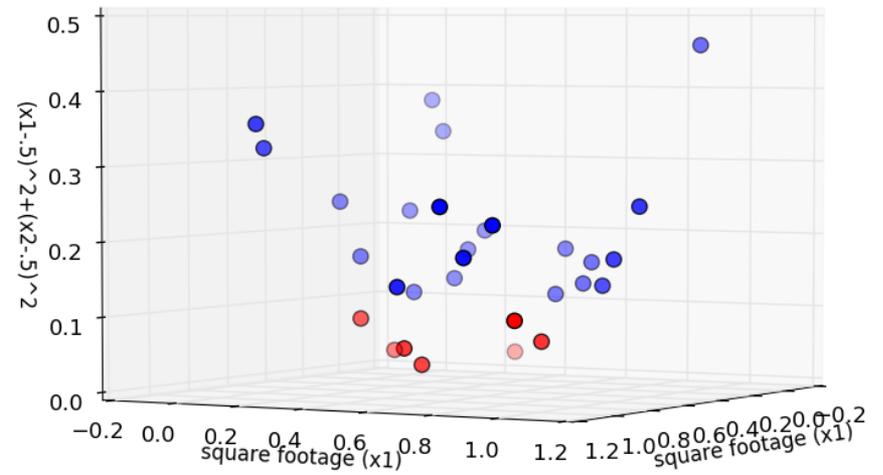
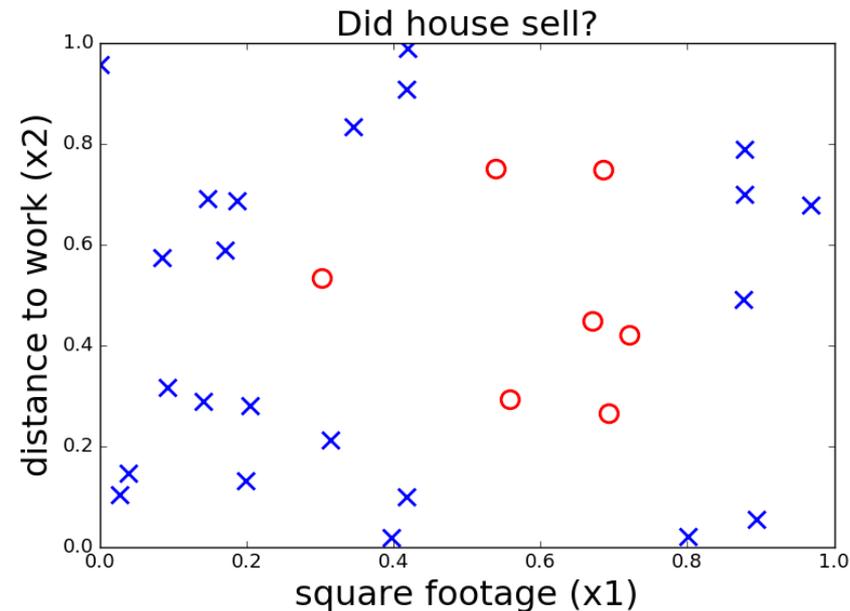
## Support Vector Machines

What happens if classes aren't separable?

Try adding new features: e.g.  $x_1^2 + x_2^2$

$$x \rightarrow \phi(x)$$

Did house sell?



## SVMs and Kernels

Feature mapping:  $x \mapsto \phi(x)$      $\langle x, z \rangle \mapsto \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$

SVM equation:  $w^T x + b = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} \langle \phi(x^{(i)}), \phi(x) \rangle + b$

Define “kernel”:  $K(x, z) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle = \phi(x)^T \phi(z)$

New SVM equation:  $w^T x + b = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y^{(i)} K(x^{(i)}, x) + b$

$$K(x, z) = (x^T z)^2 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \phi(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_i x_j$$

$O(n)$   $O(n^2)$

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$$K(x, z) = e^{-\|x-z\|^2/2\sigma^2} \longleftrightarrow \phi(x)$$

**Mercer’s theorem:  $K(x,z)$  is kernel iff symmetric, positive, semi-definite**

$O(n)$

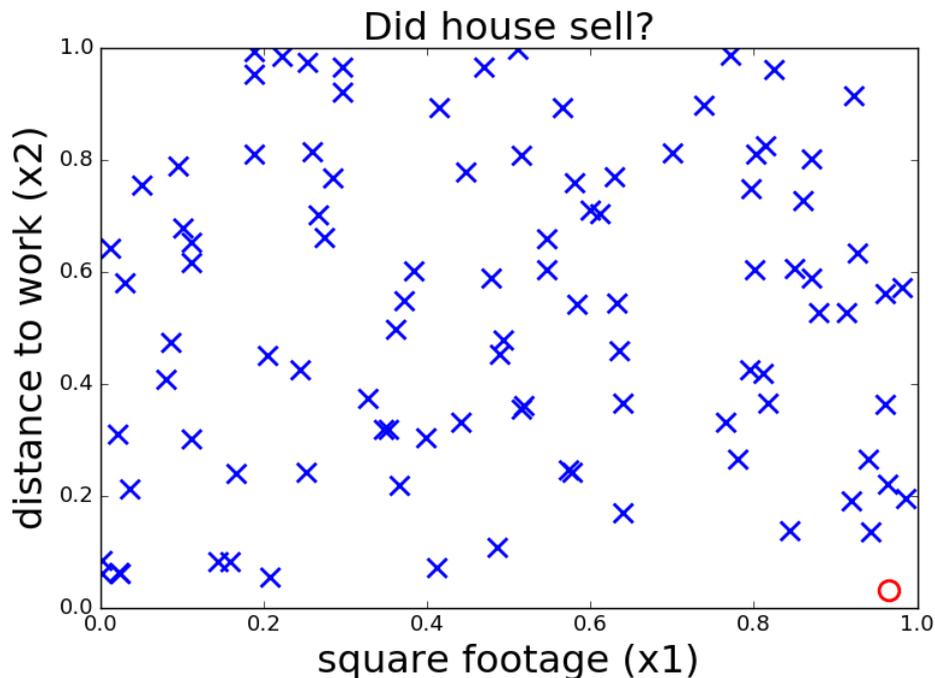
“Kernel trick”

$O(\infty)$

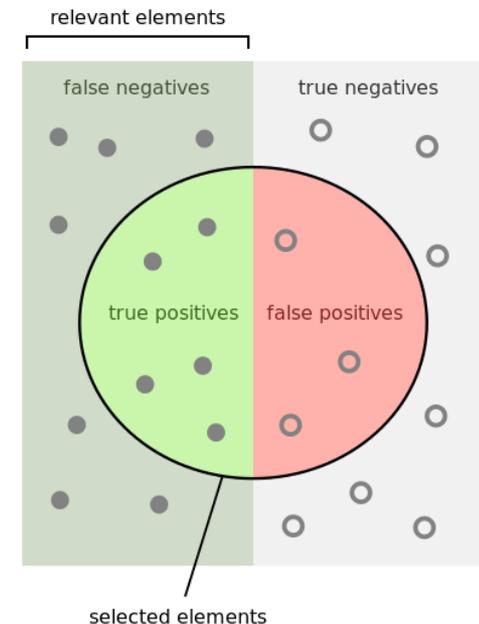
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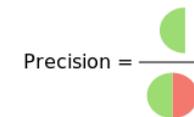
$$h(x) = 0 \quad 99\% \text{ accurate!}$$



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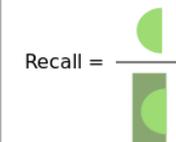


How many selected items are relevant?



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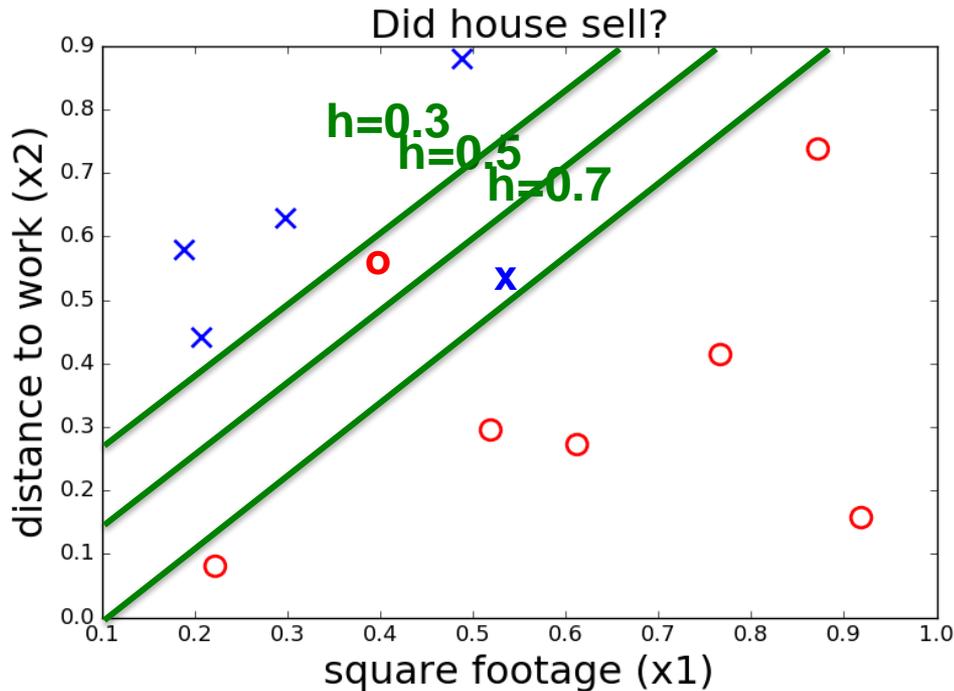


$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives}}$$

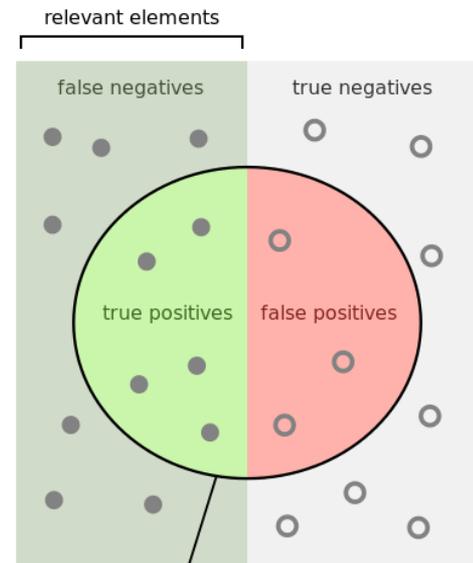
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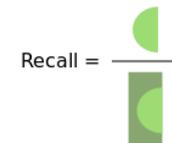


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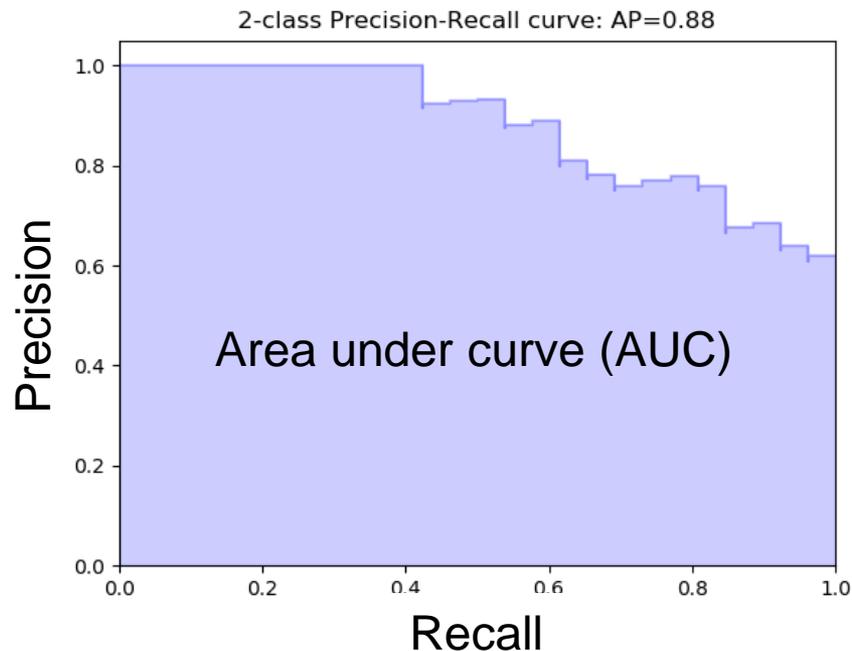
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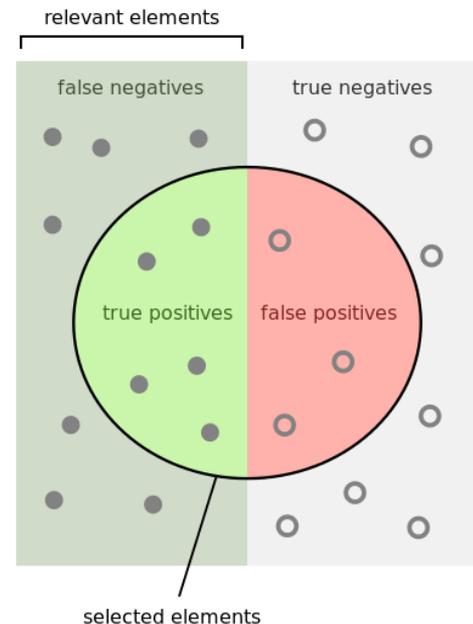
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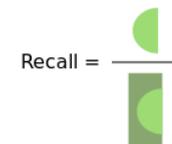


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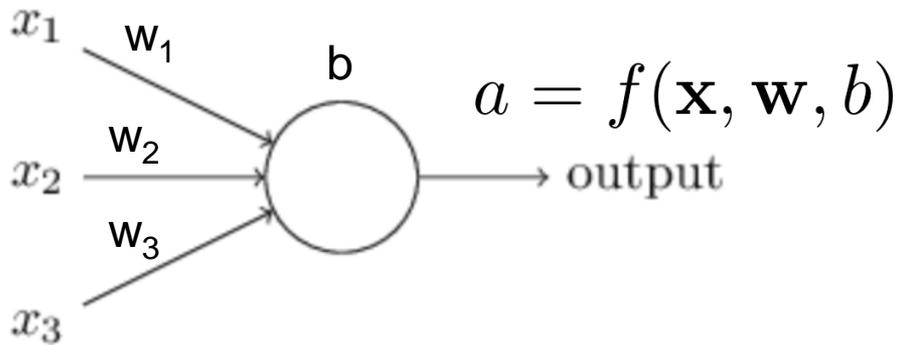
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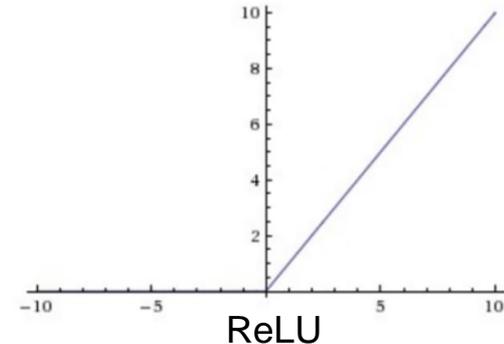
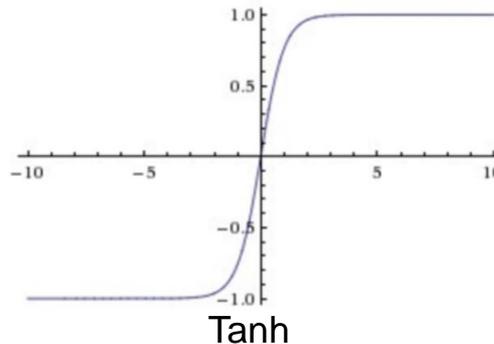
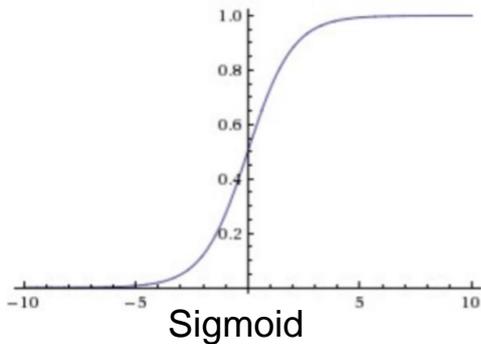


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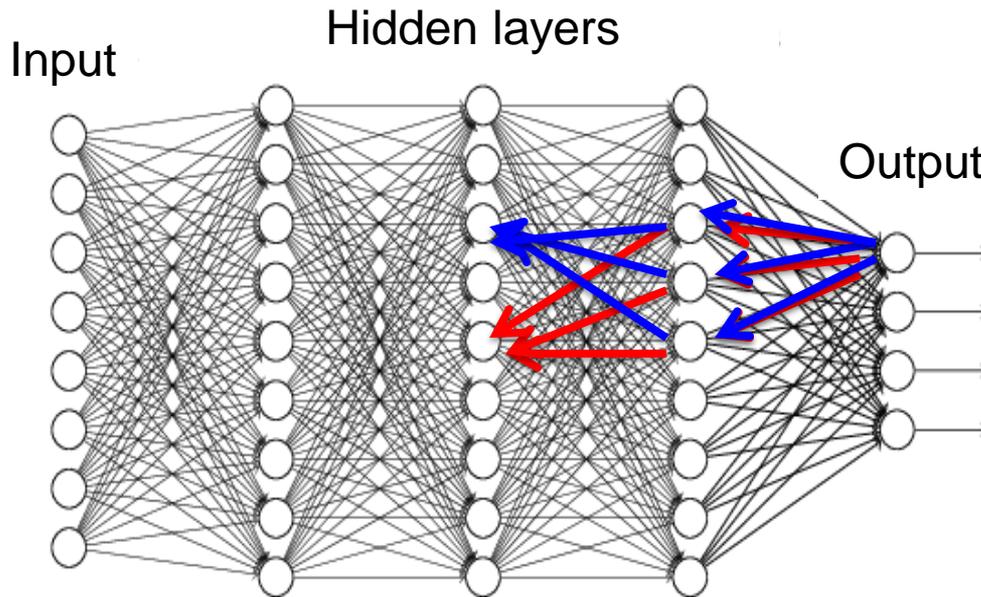
## The Perceptron



$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} - b}}$$



## Artificial Neural Networks



Cost function, e.g. MSE

$$C_{\mathbf{w},b} = ||a_{\mathbf{w},b} - y||^2$$
$$w_j := w_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} C_{\mathbf{w},b}$$

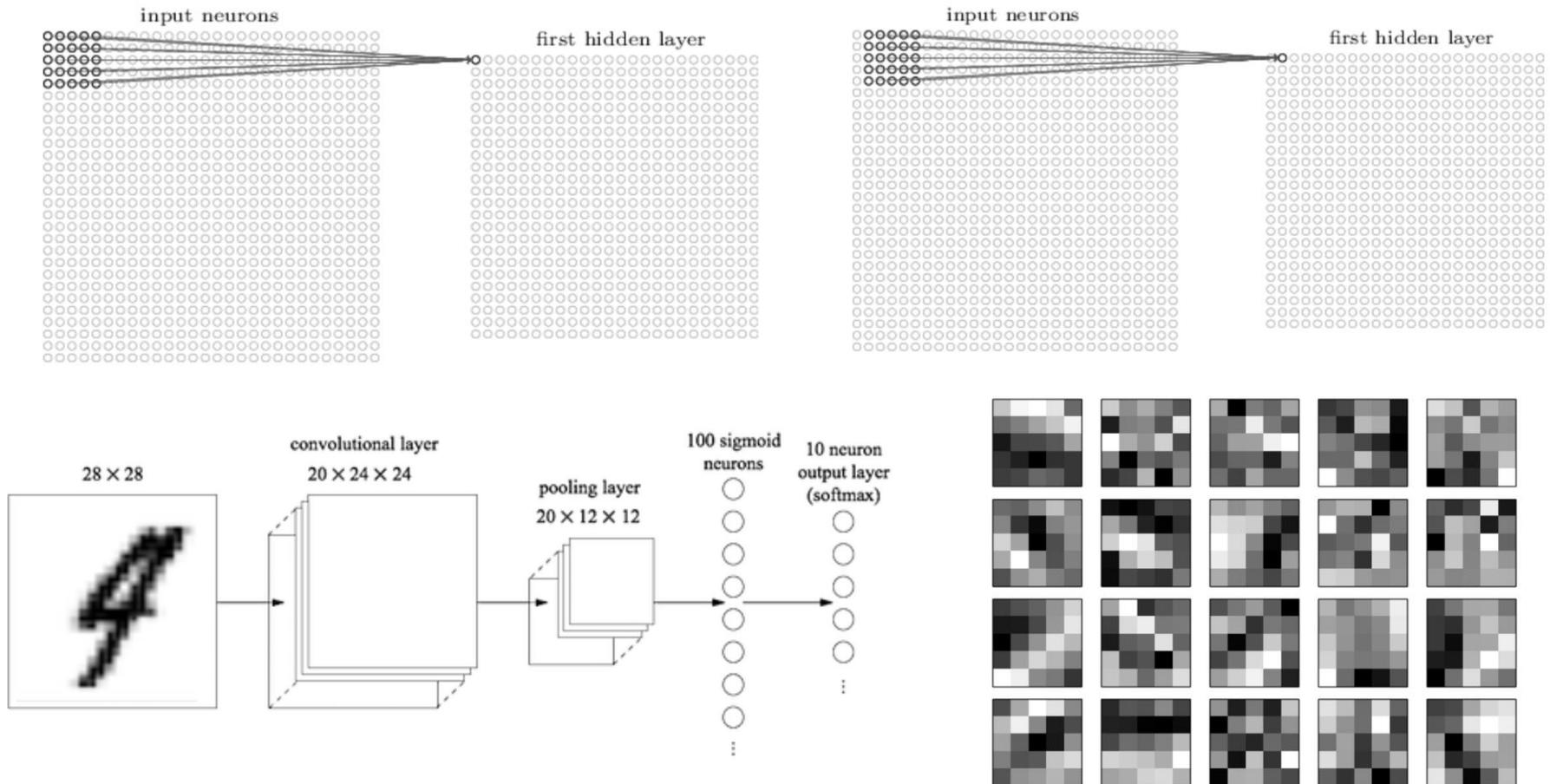
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_j} \approx \frac{C(w + \epsilon e_j) - C(w)}{\epsilon}$$

Problem:  $O(n^2)$

Clever idea to the rescue: Use the chain rule!  
→ Backpropagation

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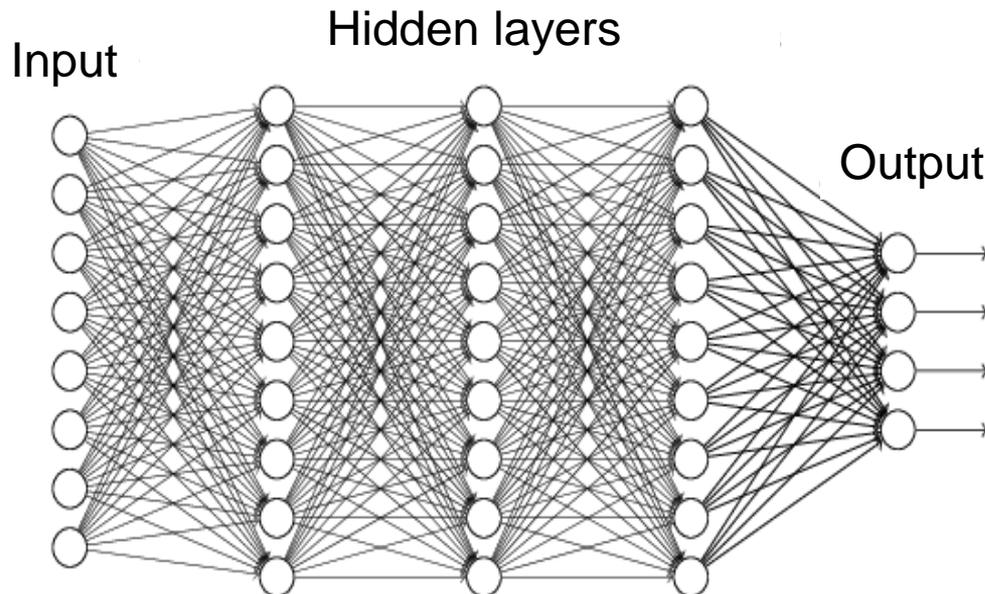
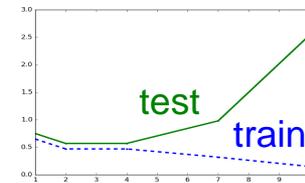
## Convolutional Neural Networks



# Supervised learning: Parametric models

## ANNs practical tips

1. Training is slow → use GPUs
2. Large models can have millions of parameters, prone to over-fitting  
→ Use regularization, drop-out, noise-layers, lots of data
3. Always plot training AND validation loss → shows bias vs. variance
4. Not training? → Try different loss functions, activations, architectures, mini-batch parameters, optimization algorithms, learning rates, data quality ...



What can be accomplished without labels?

Supervised learning:  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}$

Unsupervised learning:  $\mathbf{X}$

What can we hope to accomplish?

1. Clustering (classification)
2. Decomposition (e.g. separating audio signals)
3. Anomaly/breakout detection (e.g. fault detection/prediction)
4. Generation (e.g. creating new examples within a class)

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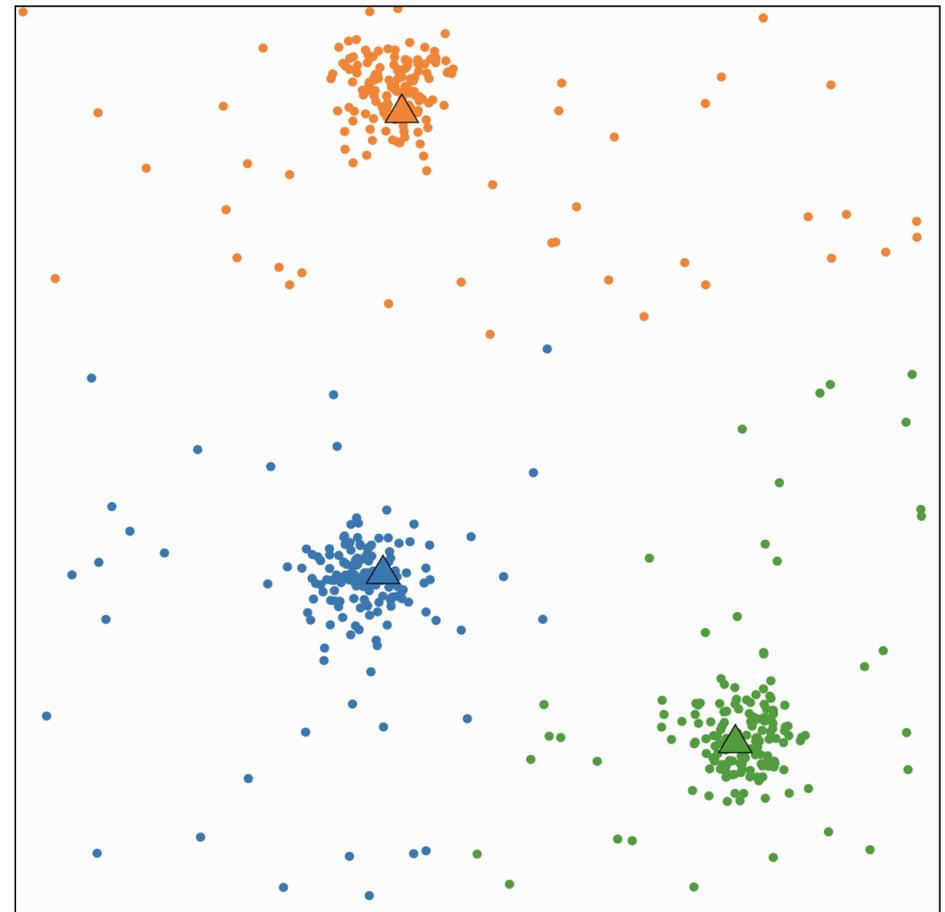
Clustering: Divide  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $\mathbf{k}$  categories

K-means algorithm:

- a. Pick 'k' random centroids
- b. Loop until convergence {
  1. Assign examples to nearest centroid
  2. Update centroids to mean of clusters}

See also: **Hierarchical clustering**,  
**DBSCAN**, etc...

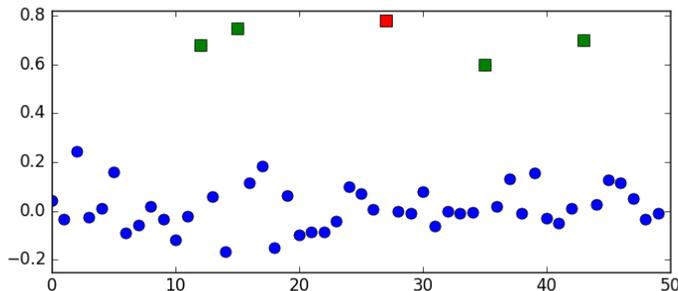
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## Time series data: Anomaly/Breakout/Changepoint Detection

### Anomaly detection:

identify points that are statistical outliers from a distribution



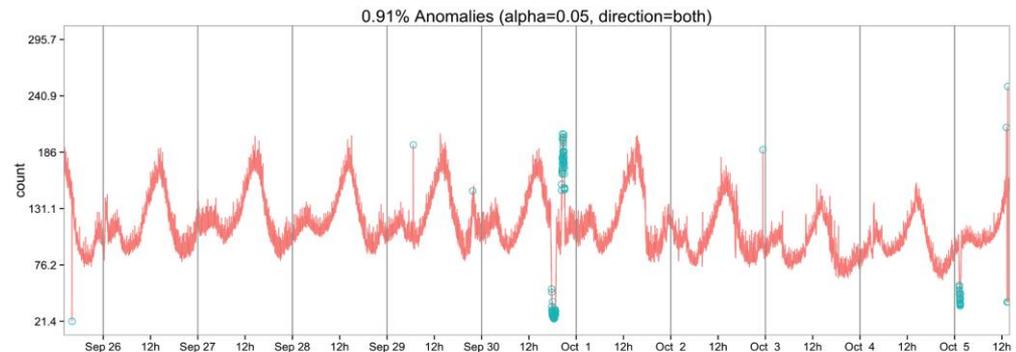
PyAstronomy: Generalized ESD (GESD)  
(Available from pip install)

### Breakout/Changepoint detection:

Find point in time at which distribution changed

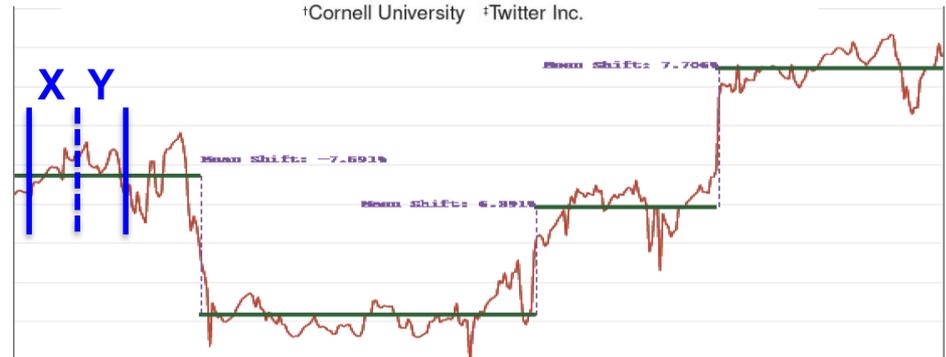
$$\mathcal{E}(X, Y) = 2E|X - Y| - E|X - X'| - E|Y - Y'|$$

twitter / AnomalyDetection



### Leveraging Cloud Data to Mitigate User Experience from 'Breaking Bad'

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<sup>†</sup>Cornell University <sup>‡</sup>Twitter Inc.



## Generating new data

Unsupervised learning with neural networks:  
train a model to generate new examples based on training set

### Deep dreaming of dogs



If you train a network to  
recognize dogs...

...it will hallucinate dogs

### Style transfer



Gatys, et al.

## Generating new data

### Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)



Cross entropy (log loss)

$$J^{(G)} = -J^{(D)}$$

$$J^{(D)} = \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h(x^{(i)}))$$

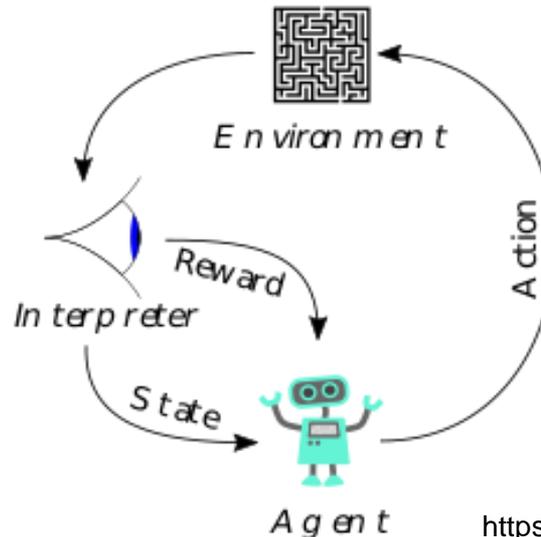
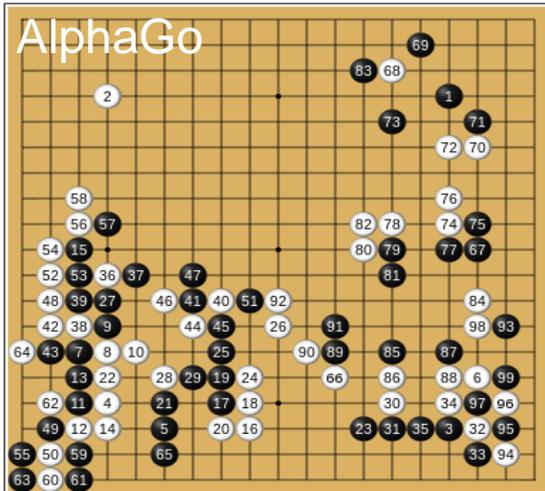
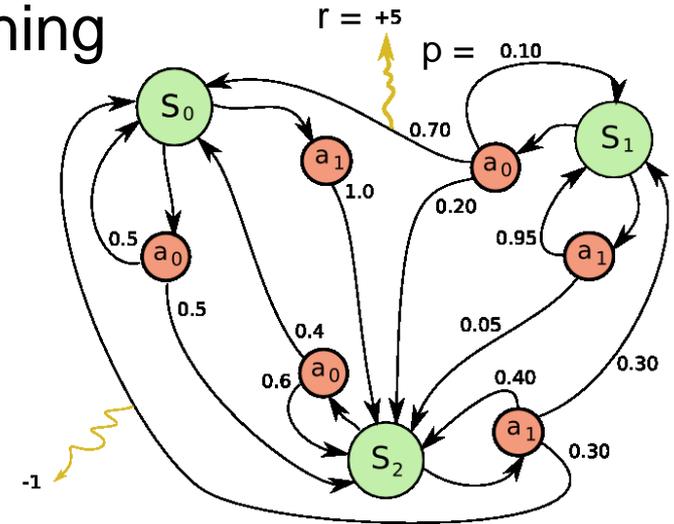
# Partial supervision

## Reinforcement Learning

Third category: partial supervision

e.g. when playing a game, will not have a known label for every position

Goal is to find “policy”:  
optimal action  $a_s$ , given state  $s$



Actions:  $a$   
States:  $s$   
Transition probability:  $p$   
Rewards:  $r$