

# Smart Home Health Analytics Spring 2017

## Machine Learning

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# Machine Learning?

- Machine learning is programming computers to optimize a performance criterion using example data or past experience
  - We don't have a specific algorithm to identify spam emails
- There is no need to “learn” to calculate payroll
  - No need to learn to sort the numbers
- Learning is used when:
  - Human expertise does not exist (navigating on Mars)
  - Humans are unable to explain their expertise (speech recognition)
  - Solution changes in time (routing on a computer network)
  - Solution needs to be adapted to particular cases (user biometrics)

# What We Talk About When We Talk About “Learning”

- Learning general models from a data of particular examples
  - Consider a superstore example: we don’t know exactly what people are going to buy
  - If we knew we can write algorithm & code
- Data is cheap and abundant (data warehouses, data marts)
  - knowledge is expensive and scarce
- Example: Customer transactions to consumer behavior:
  - *People who buy “pasta” may also buy “pasta sauce”*

# What is learning?

- A process that explains the data we observe
  - Details of the process underlying the generation of data is unknown
  - Not completely random
- Build a model that is *a good and useful approximation* to the data
  - detect certain patterns or regularities
  - help us to understand process
  - use those patterns to make predictions

# Data Mining

- Application of machine learning methods to large databases is called data mining
- **Retail:** Market basket analysis, Customer relationship management (CRM)
- **Finance:** Credit scoring, fraud detection
- **Manufacturing:** Control, robotics, troubleshooting
- **Medicine:** Medical diagnosis
- **Telecommunications:** Spam filters, intrusion detection
- **Bioinformatics:** Motifs, alignment
- **Web mining:** Search engines
- ...

# What is Machine Learning?

- Optimize a performance criterion using example data or past experience
  - It is not just a database problem, it is also a part of artificial intelligence
- A system with *ability to learn* in changing environment & adapt to such changes
  - Designer does not need to foresee and provide all possible solutions
- Theory of Statistics: Inference from a sample
- Role of Computer Science: Design efficient algorithms to
  - Solve the optimization problem
  - Represent and evaluate the model for inference

# Machine Learning Applications

- Learning Association
- Supervised Learning
  - Classification
  - Regression
- Unsupervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning

# Learning Associations

- Basket analysis:

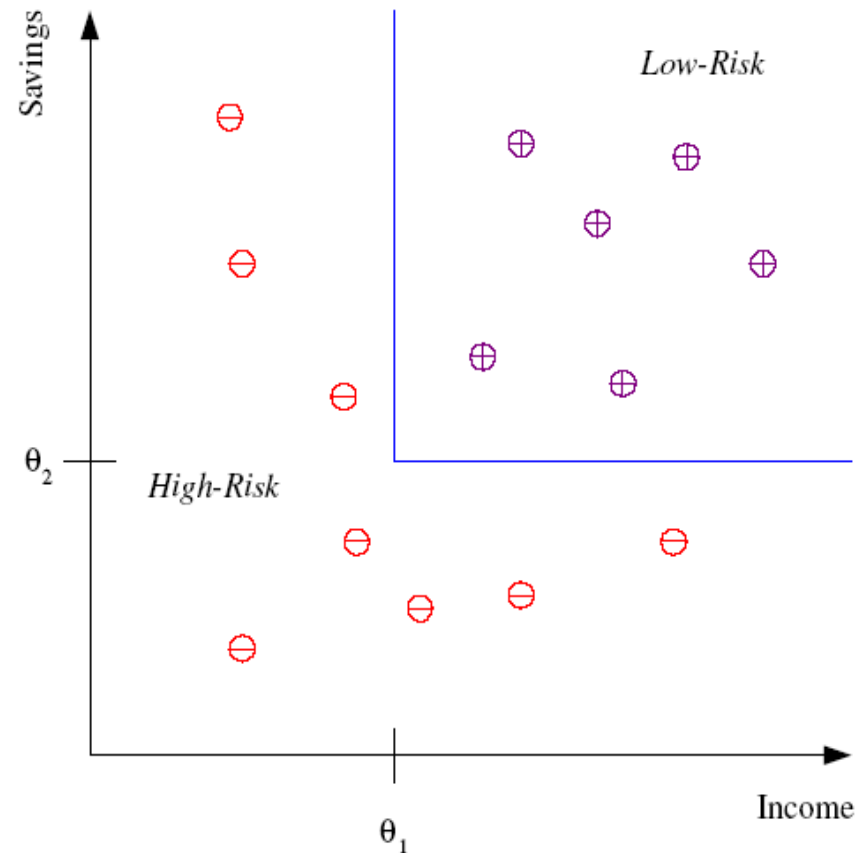
$P(Y | X)$  probability that somebody who buys  $X$  also buys  $Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are products/services.

Example:  $P(\text{chips} | \text{beer}) = 0.7$



# Classification

- Example: Credit scoring
- Differentiating between **low-risk** and **high-risk** customers from their *income* and *savings*



Discriminant: IF  $income > \theta_1$  AND  $savings > \theta_2$

THEN **low-risk** ELSE **high-risk**

# Classification: Applications

- Aka Pattern recognition
- **Face recognition:** Pose, lighting, occlusion (glasses, beard), make-up, hair style
- **Character recognition:** Different handwriting styles
- **Speech recognition:** Temporal dependency
- **Medical diagnosis:** From symptoms to illnesses
- **Biometrics:** Recognition/authentication using physical and/or behavioral characteristics: Face, iris, signature, etc
- Knowledge extraction, compression, outlier detection....

# Face Recognition

Training examples of a person



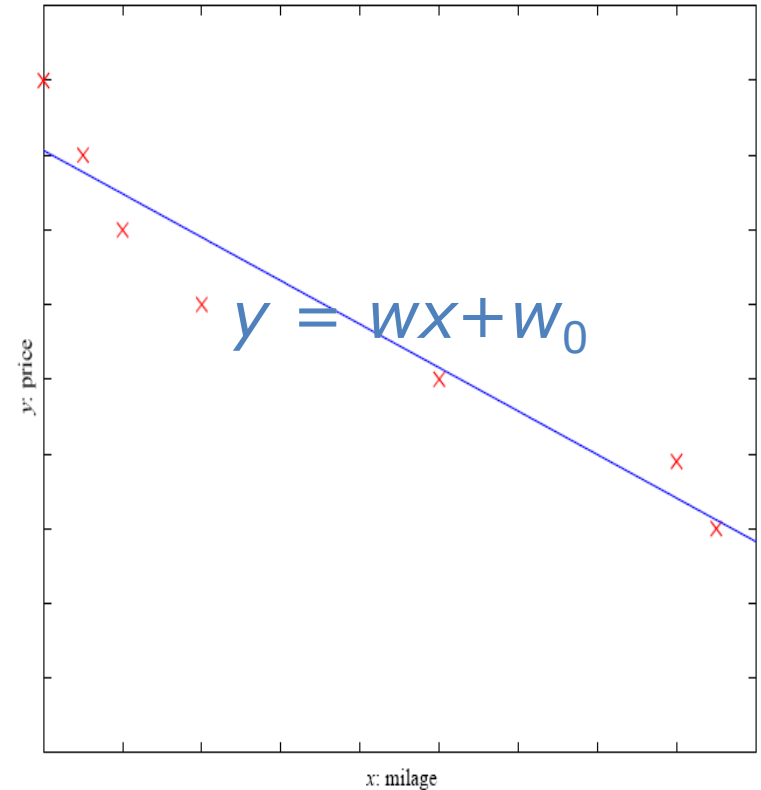
Test images



ORL dataset,  
AT&T Laboratories, Cambridge UK

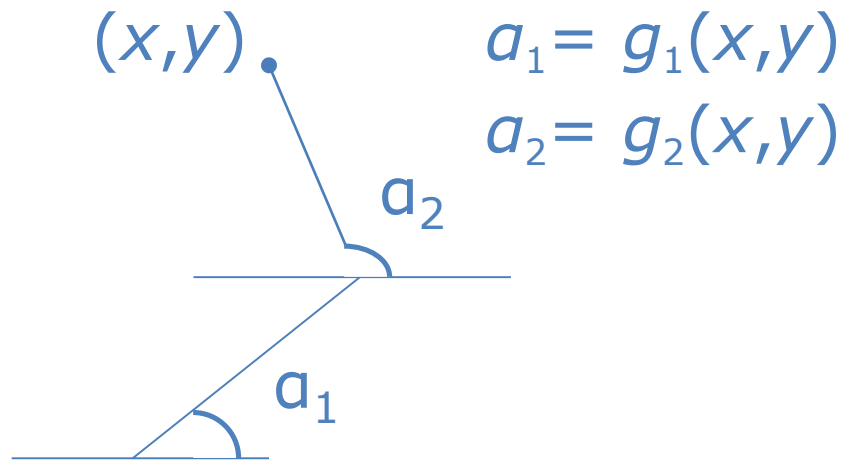
# Regression

- Example: Price of a used car
- $x$  : car attributes;  $y$  : price
- Collect training data
- ML program fits a function to this data to learn  $y$
- *Assume a model*  
$$y = g(x | \theta)$$
$$g(\ ) \text{ model, } \theta \text{ parameters}$$
- Regression and classification:  
Supervised problem?

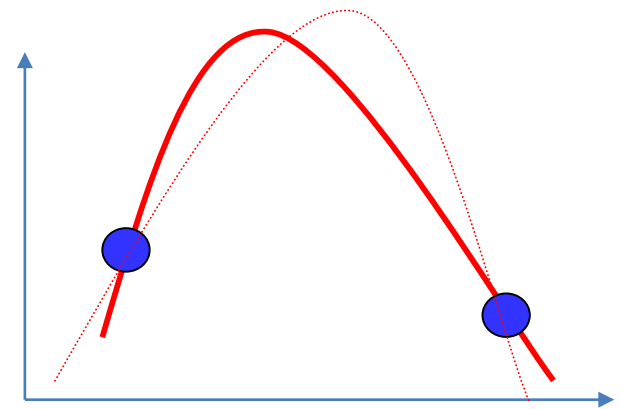


# Regression Applications

- Navigating a car: Angle of the steering
- Kinematics of a robot arm



- Response surface design



# Supervised Learning

- **Prediction of future cases:** Use the rule to predict the output for future inputs
- **Knowledge extraction:** The rule is easy to understand
- **Compression:** The rule is simpler than the data it explains
- **Outlier detection:** Exceptions that are not covered by the rule, e.g., fraud

# Unsupervised Learning

- Supervised learning:
  - Learn a mapping from the input to an output
  - Correct values of the output provided by a supervisor
- Unsupervised learning
  - No such supervisor
  - Only have input data, no output
  - Find the regularities in the input
  - Exploit the structure of the input space
  - Certain patterns occur more often than others
  - *Density estimation*
    - Example: clustering

# Unsupervised Learning

- Clustering: Grouping similar instances
- Example applications
  - Customer segmentation in CRM
  - Image compression: Color quantization
  - Bioinformatics: Learning motifs



# Reinforcement Learning

- Learning a policy: A **sequence** of outputs
  - A sequence of good actions to reach the goal
  - An action is good if it is part of a good policy
  - Assess the goodness of policies and learn from past
  - No supervised output but delayed reward
- Game playing
  - Single move by itself is not that important
  - Sequence of right moves that is good
- Robot navigating
  - Partial observability, ...May not know its exact location, but only that there is a wall to its left
  - Multiple agents (team of robots playing soccer)

# ML Resources: Datasets

- UCI Repository:

<http://www.ics.uci.edu/~mlearn/MLRepository.html>

- UCI KDD Archive:

<http://kdd.ics.uci.edu/summary.data.application.html>

- Weka: <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/>

# ML Resources: Journals

- Journal of Machine Learning Research [www.jmlr.org](http://www.jmlr.org)
- Machine Learning
- Neural Computation
- Neural Networks
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
- Annals of Statistics
- Journal of the American Statistical Association
- ...

# ML Resources: Conferences

- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
- European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML)
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
- Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
- Computational Learning Theory (COLT)
- International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks (ICANN)
- International Conference on AI & Statistics (AISTATS)
- International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)
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# Questions

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