

Machine Learning
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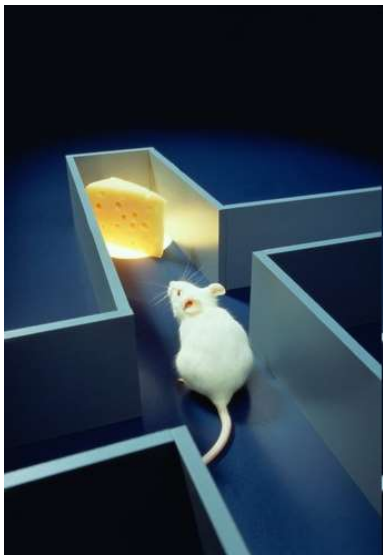
- Arthur Samuel (1959): Machine learning is the field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.
- Tom Mitchell (1998): A computer program is said to **learn** from **experience E** with respect to some class of **tasks T** and performance **measure P**, if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

Three categories

Supervised learning



Reinforcement learning

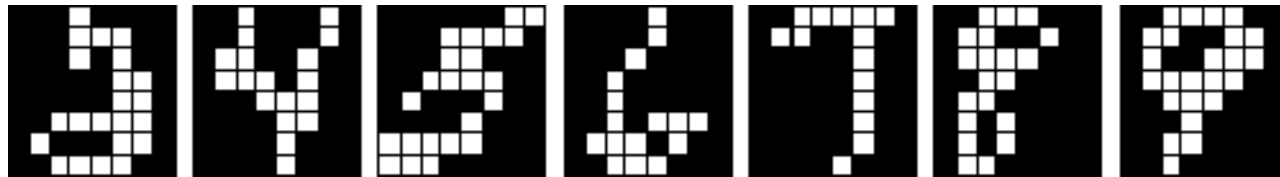


Unsupervised learning

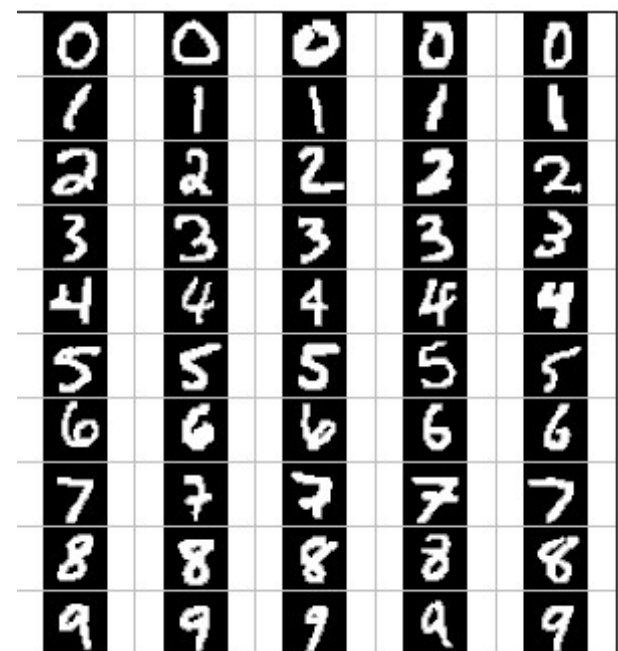


Supervised Learning

- Example: digit recognition (postal code)



- Simplest approach:
memorization



Supervised Learning

- Nearest neighbour:

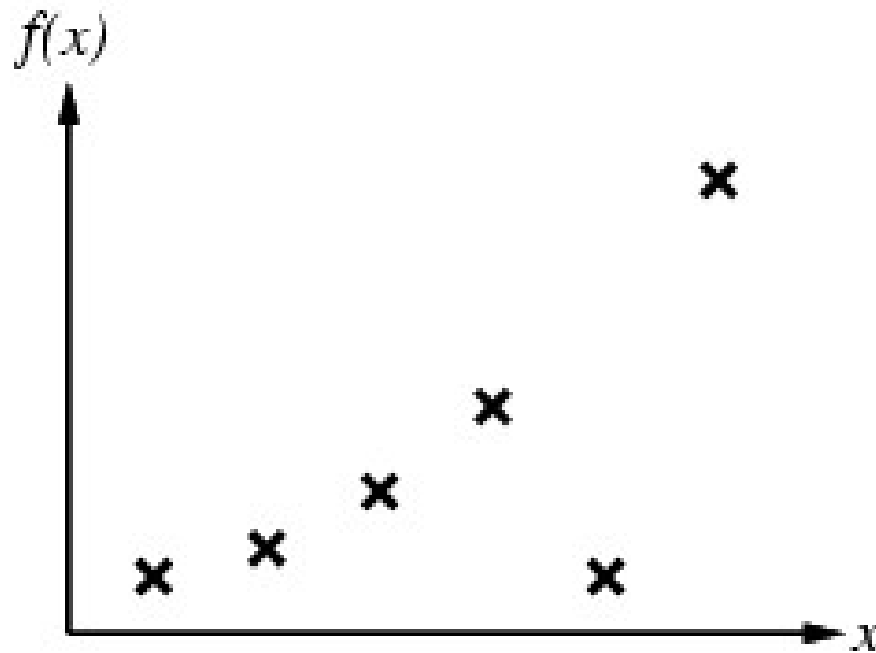


More Formally

- Inductive learning:
 - Given a **training set** of **examples** of the form $(x, f(x))$
 - x is the input, $f(x)$ is the output
 - Return a function h that approximates f
 - h is called the **hypothesis**

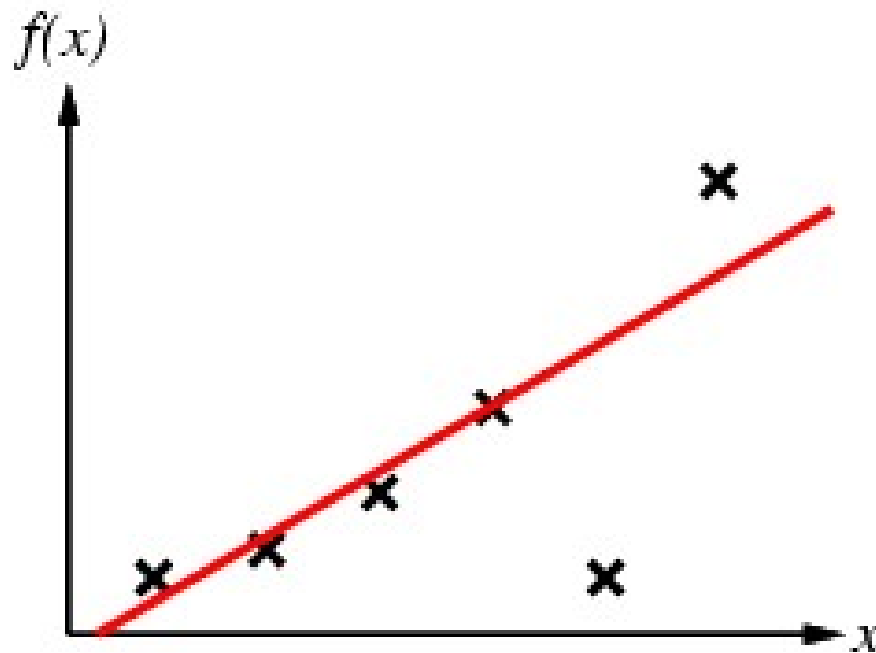
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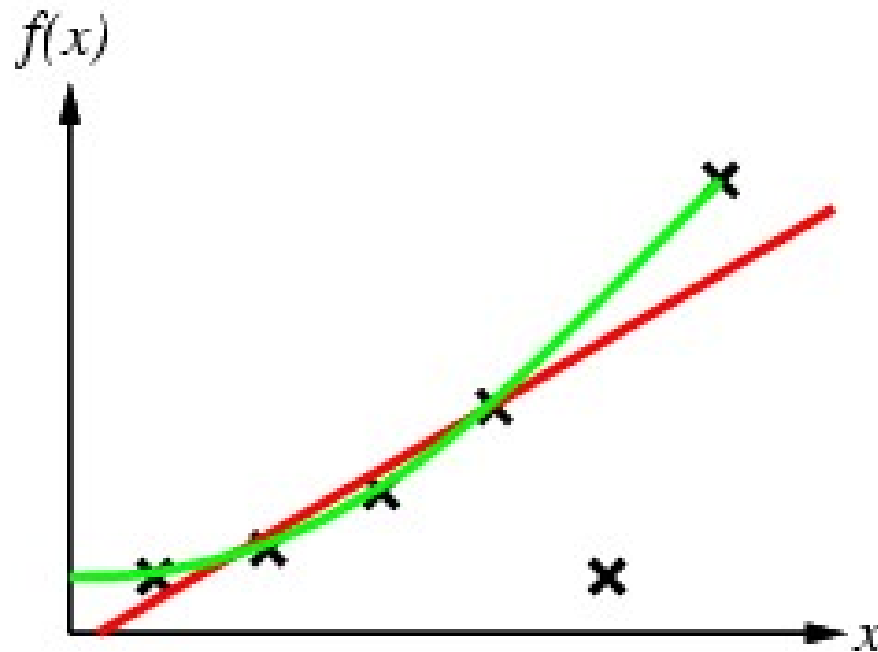
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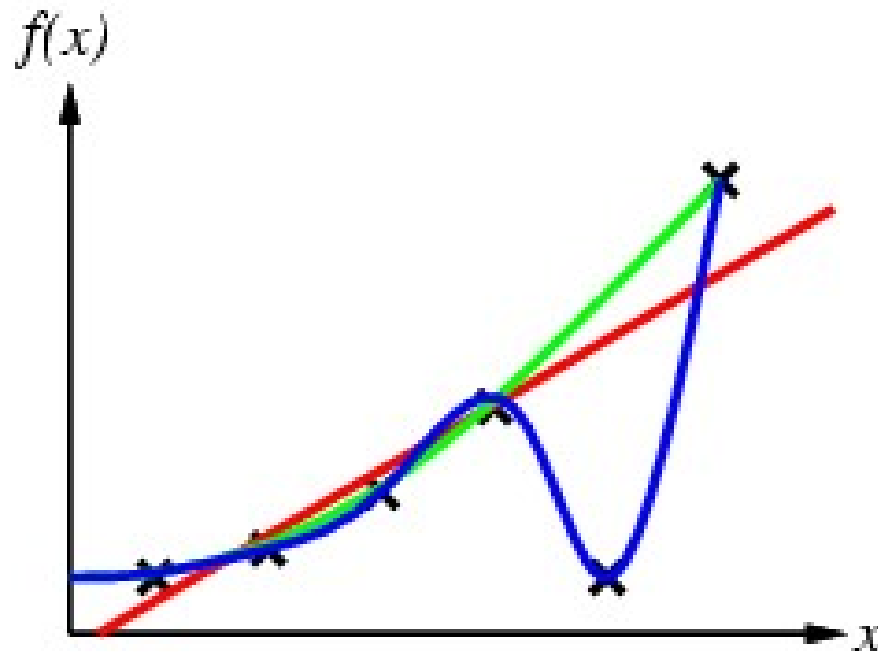
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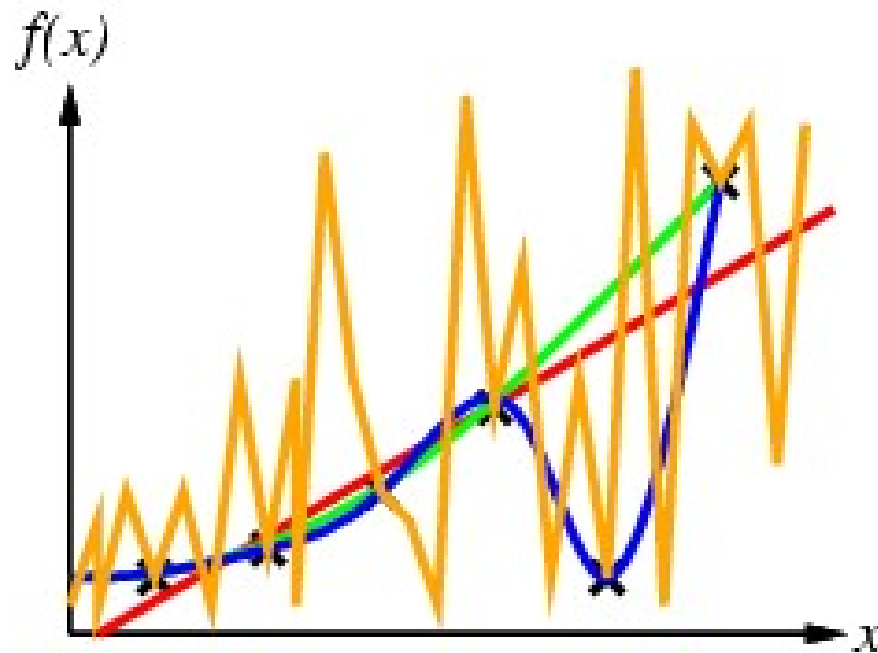
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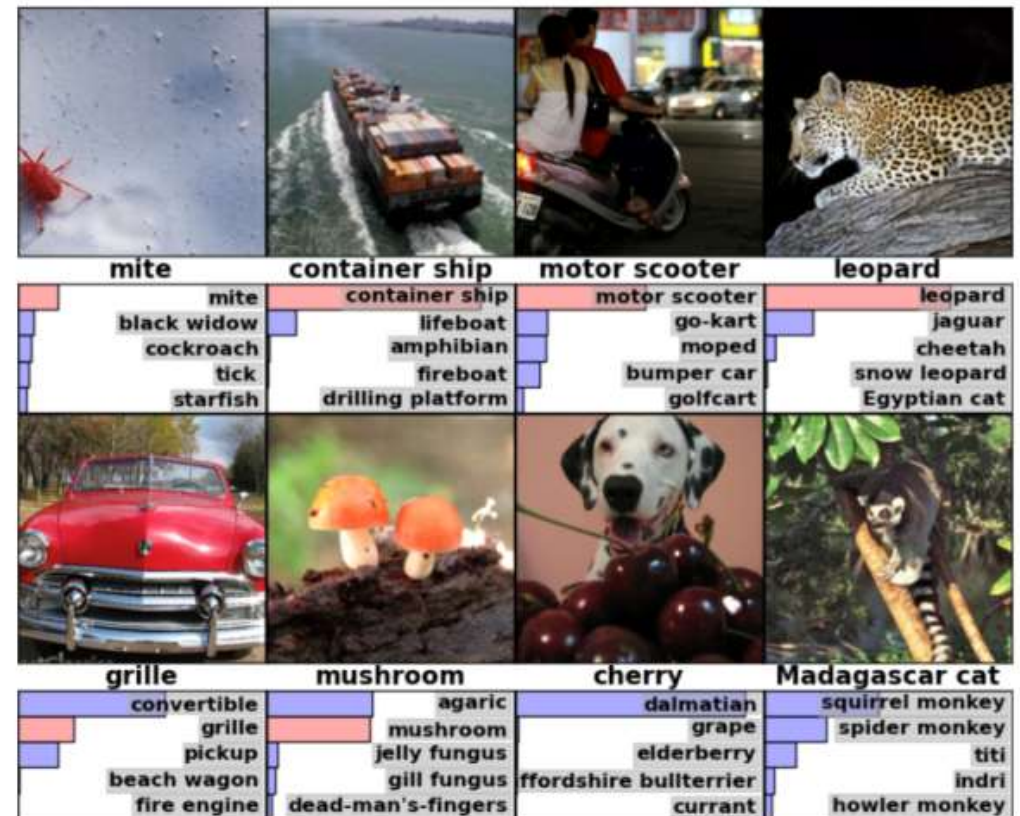


Generalization

- Key: a good hypothesis will **generalize well** (i.e. predict unseen examples correctly)
- **Ockham's razor**: prefer the simplest hypothesis consistent with data

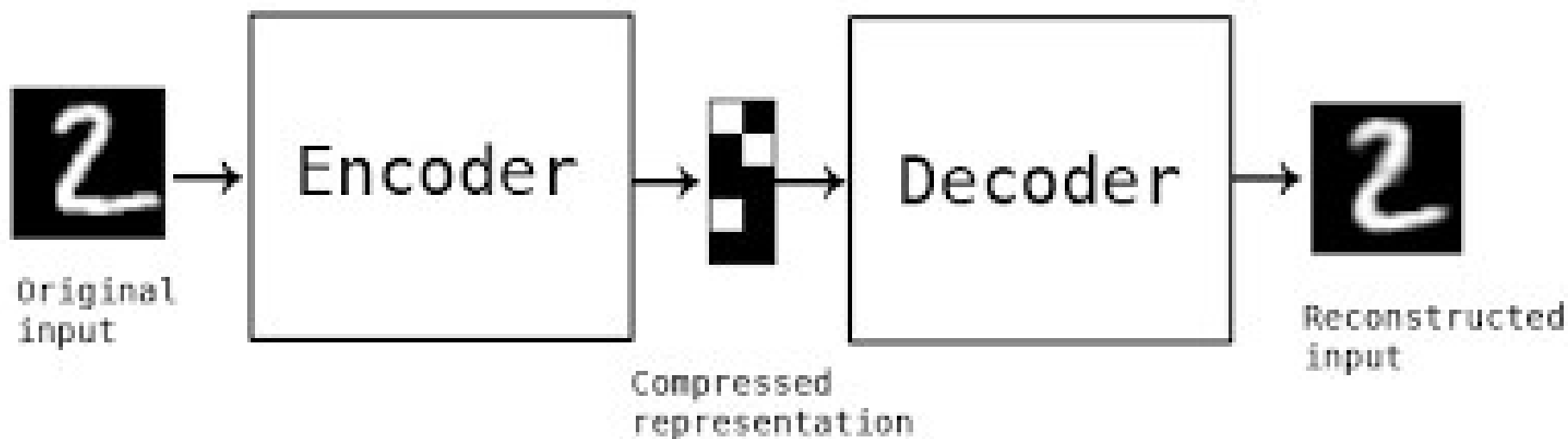
ImageNet Classification

- 1000 classes
- 1 million images
- Deep neural networks (supervised learning)



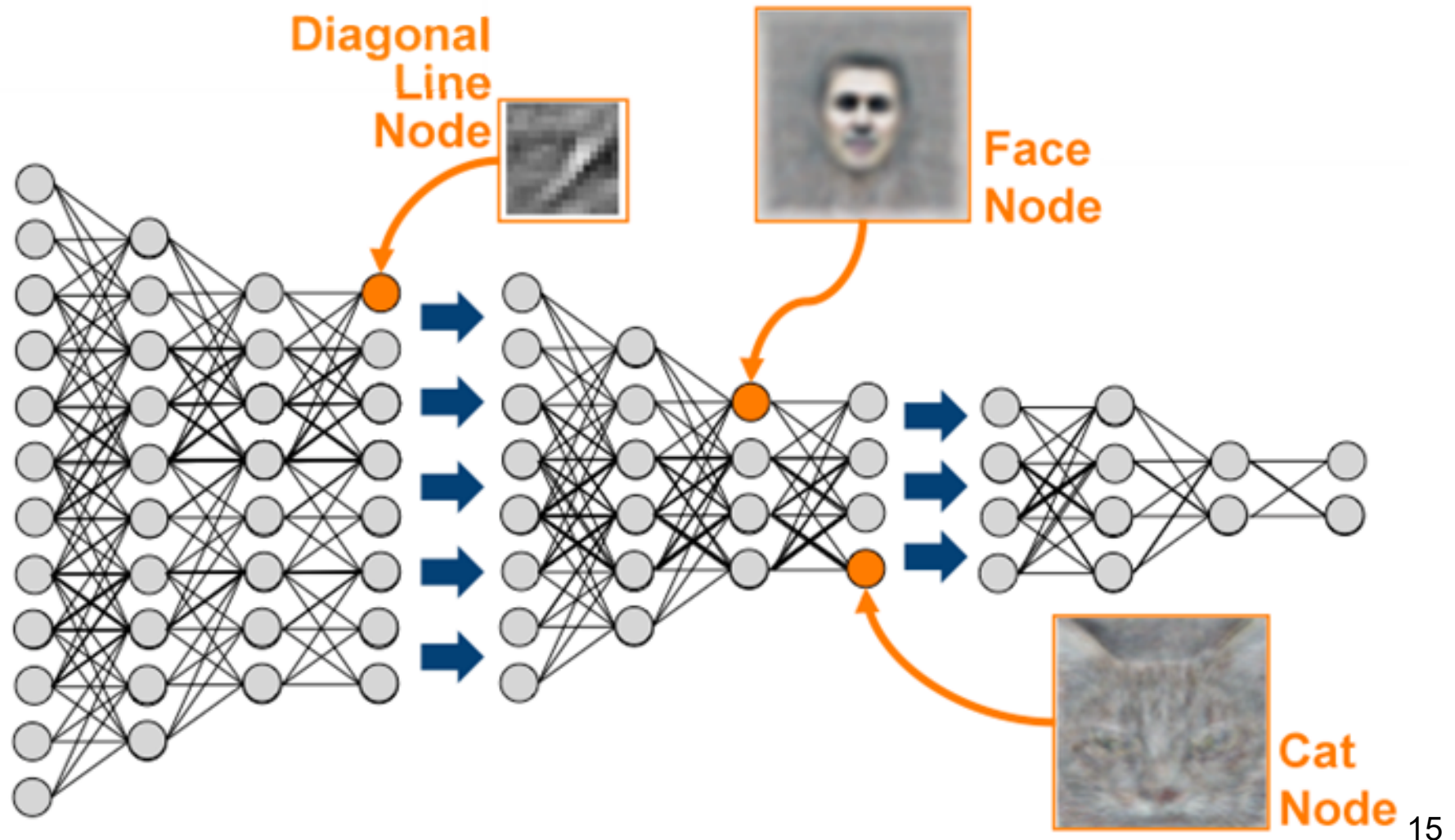
Autoencoders

- Unsupervised learning
- Compress and then reconstruct input



Unsupervised Feature Generation

- Encoder trained on large number of images



Reinforcement Learning

- Differs from supervised learning

Supervised learning



Reinforcement learning



Ouch!

Animal Psychology

- Negative reinforcements:
 - Pain and hunger
- Positive reinforcements:
 - Pleasure and food
- Reinforcements used to train animals
- Let's do the same with computers!

Helicopter Control

- Difficult to control:
 - Highly unstable



- Andrew Ng (Stanford, 2006):
 - Autonomous control by reinforcement learning
 - **Step 1:** learn neural net simulator based on flight data with human pilot
 - **Step 2:** optimize controller based on reinforcements for following a predefined trajectory

Smart Walker

- UW Researchers: Farheen Omar, Richard Hu, Adam Hartfiel, Mathieu Sinn, James Tung, Pascal Poupart



walker

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Force sensors
Load sensors
Video cameras
Microphone
Speech synthesizer
Servo-brakes
etc.

devices



assist



caregivers



users

Smart walker

Research Goals

- Long-term goals:
 - Identify context and triggers of falls
 - Improved policies for wheelchair prescription & assisted living
 - Assess balance control and stability
 - Diagnose movement disorders
- Research performed:
 - Automated activity recognition (context)
 - 3D pose modeling (balance assessment, movement disorders)

Activity Recognition

- State of the art: kinesiologyists hand label sensor data by looking at video feeds
 - Time consuming and error prone!

Backward view



Forward view



Raw Sensor Data

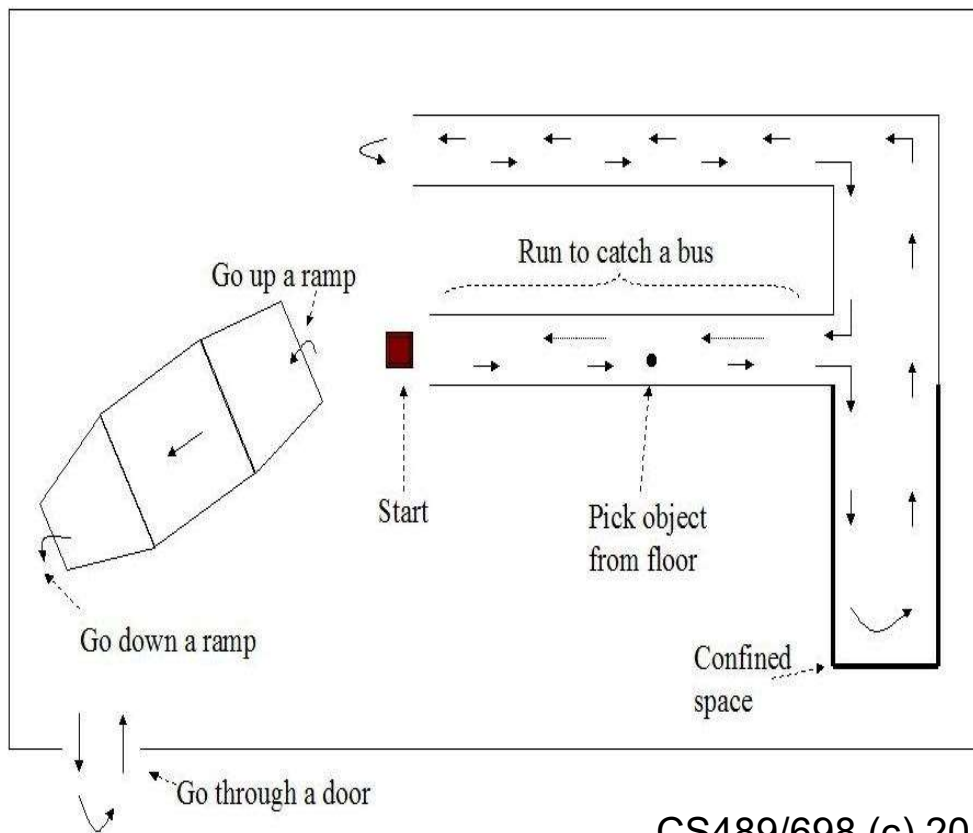
- 8 channels:
 - Forward acceleration
 - Lateral acceleration
 - Vertical acceleration
 - Load on left rear wheel
 - Load on right rear wheel
 - Load on left front wheel
 - Load on right front wheel
 - Wheel rotation counts (speed)



- Data recorded at 50 Hz and digitized (16 bits)

Experiment

- 8 walker users at Winston Park (84-97 years old)
- 12 older adults (80-89 years old) in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who do not use walkers



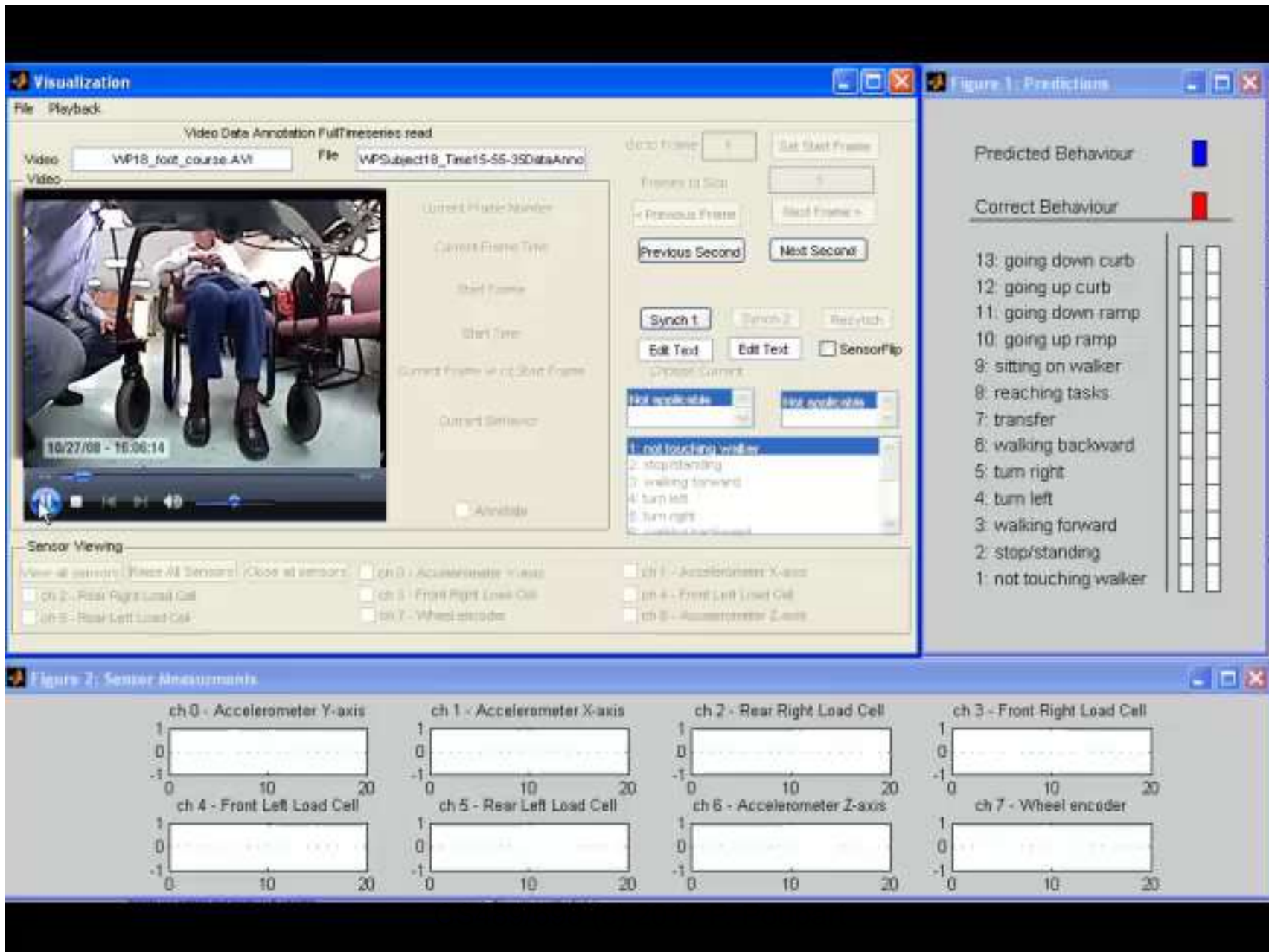
Activities

- Not Touching Walker (NTW)
- Standing (ST)
- Walking Forward (WF)
- Turning Left (TL)
- Turning Right (TR)
- Walking Backwards (WB)
- Sitting on the Walker (SW)
- Reaching Tasks (RT)
- Up Ramp/Curb (UR/UC)

Probabilistic Models

- Hidden Markov Model (HMM)
 - Supervised
 - Maximum likelihood (ML)
 - Unsupervised
 - Expectation maximization (EM)
 - Bayesian Learning
- Conditional Random Field (CRF)
 - Supervised
 - Maximum conditional likelihood
 - Automated feature extraction

Demo



Applications of Machine Learning

- Speech recognition
 - Siri, Cortana
- Natural Language Processing
 - Conversational agents
- Computer vision
 - Image and video analysis
- Robotic Control
 - Autonomous vehicles
- Intelligent assistants
 - Activity recognition, recommender systems

Vision

- **Meta-programming:** program computers to learn by themselves
- **Lifelong machine learning:** machines that continuously learn
- **Transfer learning:** machines that generalize their experience to new situations

- **Challenges:**
 - Knowledge representation
 - Computational complexity
 - Sample complexity