

TOWARDS DATA DRIVEN AND MACHINE LEARNING BASED CONTROL

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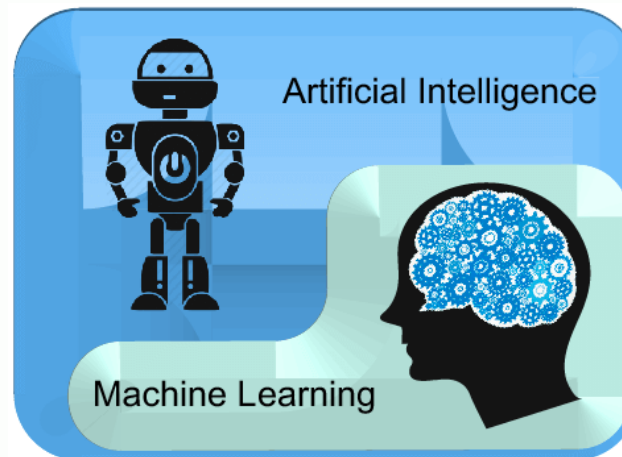
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE VS MACHINE LEARNING

AI is a technology that enables a machine to simulate human behaviour (decision-making or problem solving).

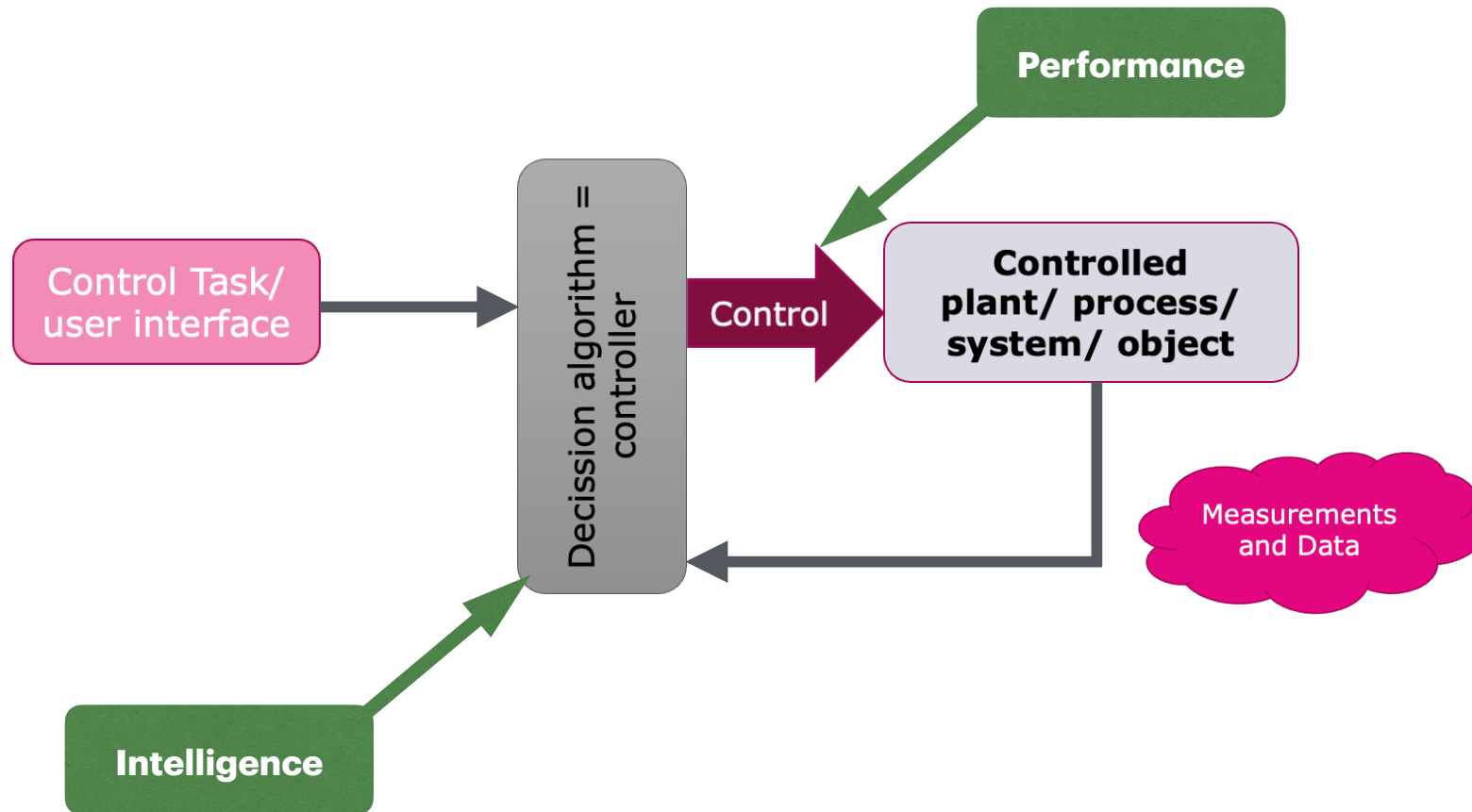
The **focus** of AI is on solving problems.

ML is a subset of AI which allows a machine to automatically learn from past data without programming explicitly.

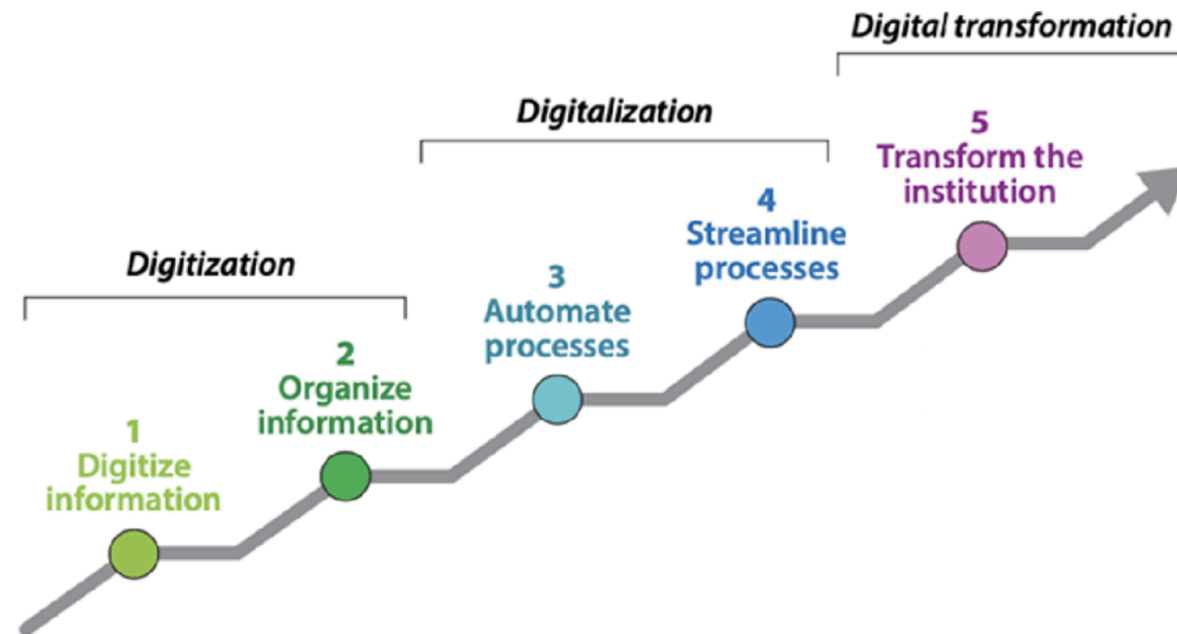
The **focus** of ML is on accuracy.



INTELLIGENT CONTROL



TRANSITION STEPS FROM NON-DIGITIZED WORLD TO THE DIGITIZED ONE



MACHINE LEARNING

- Requires data
- Data has to be preprocessed/ presented in a suitable form
- Data should be reliable, clean, sufficient etc.

Remember the main rule:

Garbage in - Garbage out!

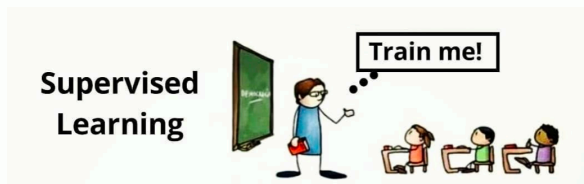
TRAINING/LEARNING

SUPERVISED

Learning by example

Output is known

Suitable for classification and regression

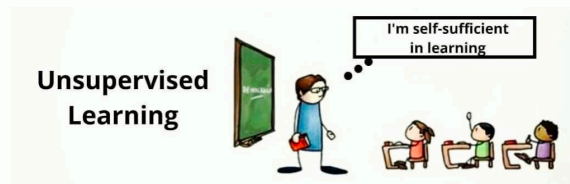


UNSUPERVISED

Learning by reasoning

Target is not provided

Suitable for clusterisation

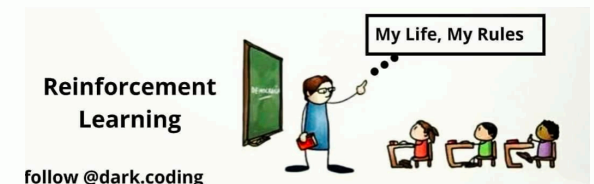


REINFORCEMENT

Learning by interacting with the environment

Target is provided

Output is unknown



SUPERVISED LEARNING

- Classification

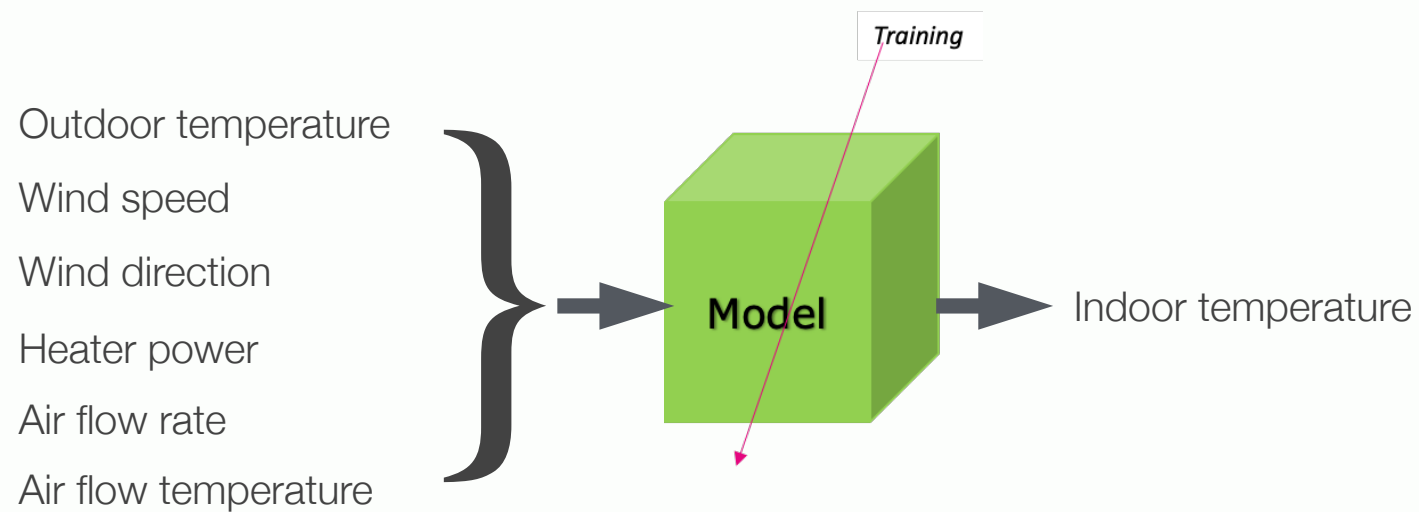
Assigning objects/inputs/patterns to some pre-existing classes or categories.

- Regression

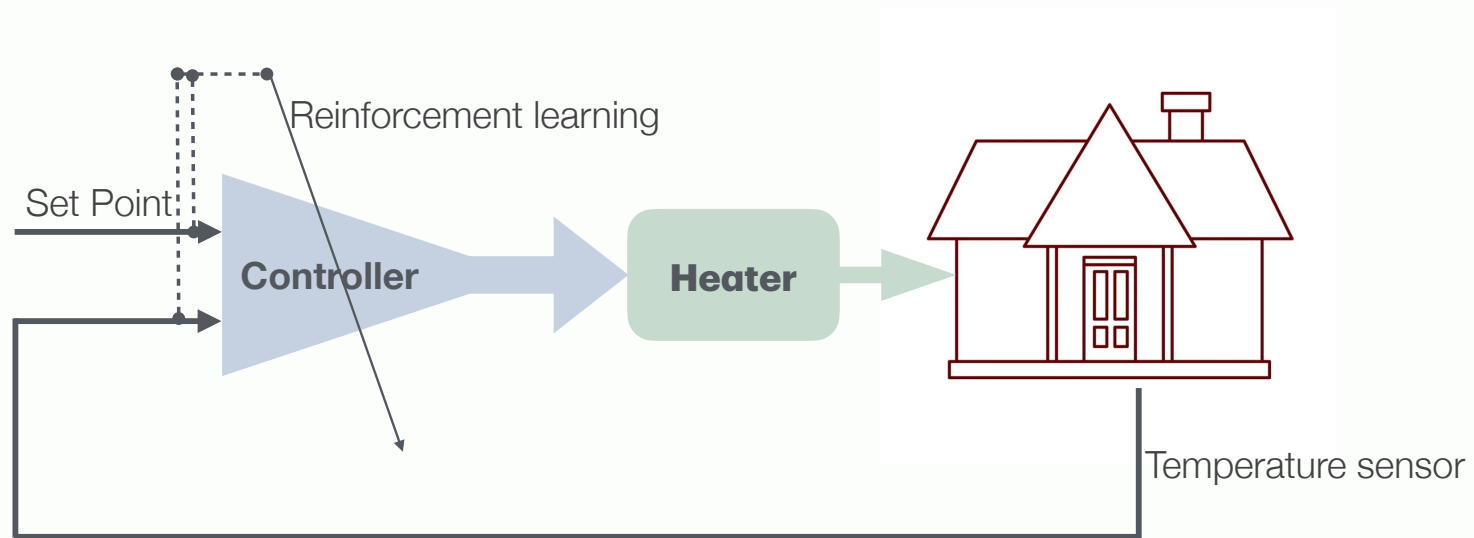
Determining the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. Output is a real number.

SUPERVISED LEARNING

Regression Example



REINFORCEMENT LEARNING



Artificial Neural Networks

STRUCTURE OF A BIOLOGICAL NEURON

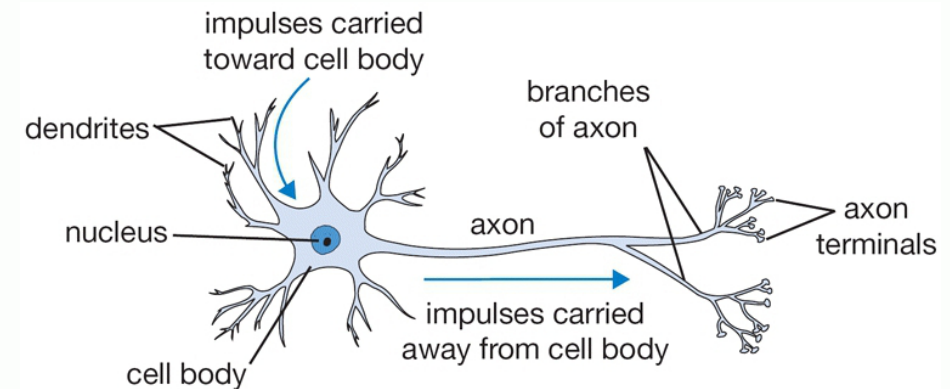
A biological neuron has three types of main components:

dendrites, soma(or **cell body**) and **axon**.

Neurons pass information from one to another using action potentials. They connect with one another at **synapse**, which are junctions between one neuron's axon and another's dendrite.

Information flows from:

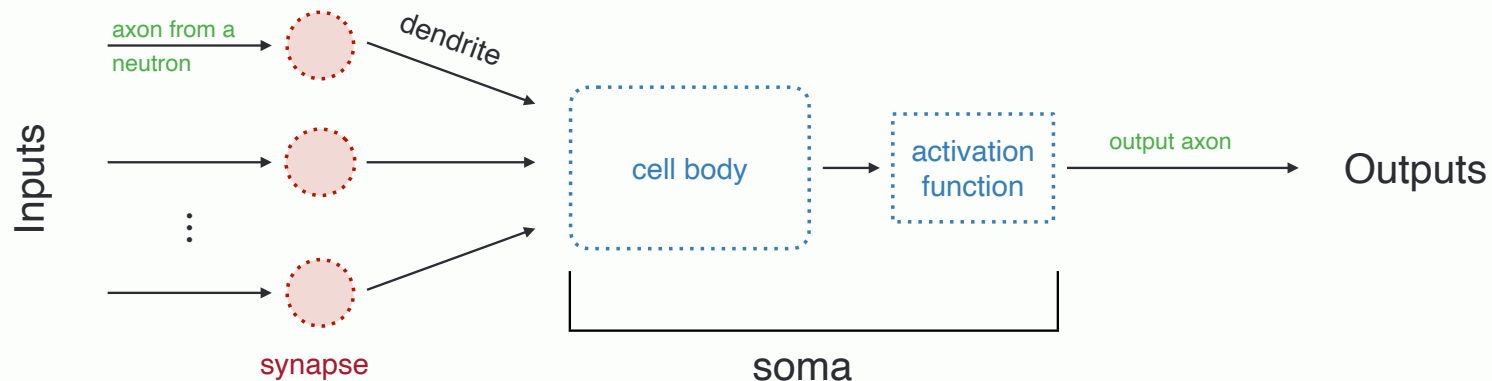
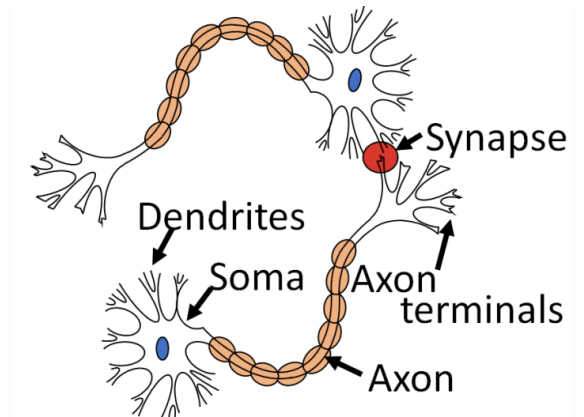
- the dendrite
- to the cell body
- through the axons
- to a synapse connecting the axon to the dendrite of the next neuron.



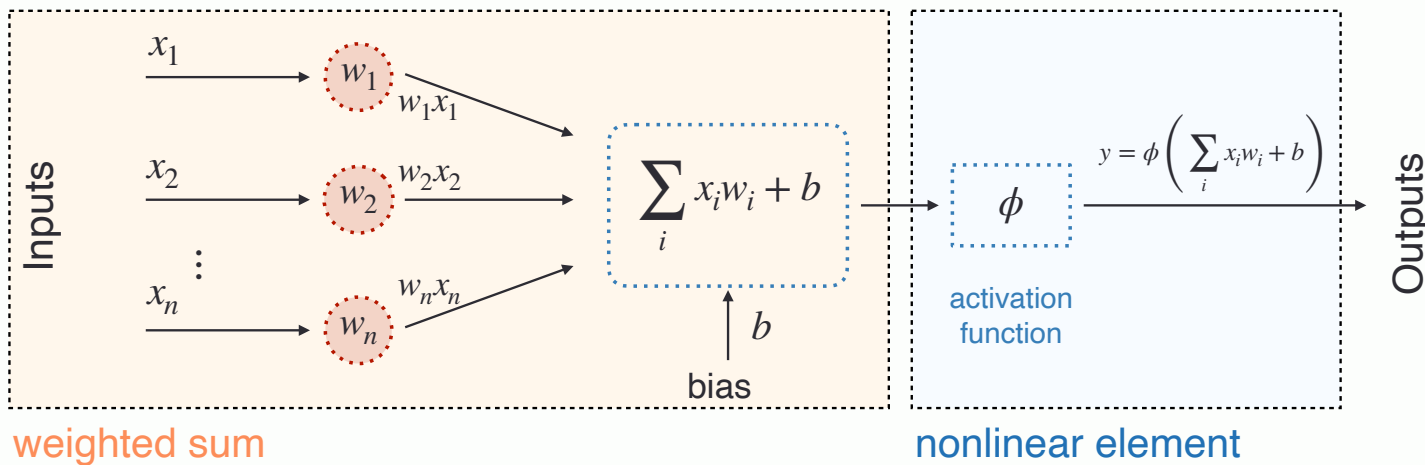
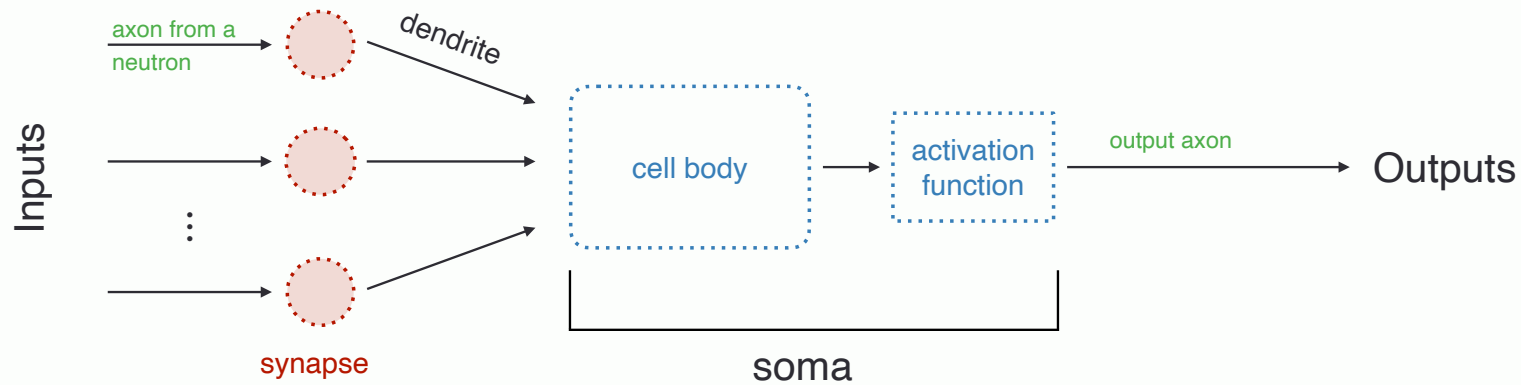
ARTIFICIAL NEURON

An artificial neuron is a mathematical function conceived as a model of biological neurons.

We use a simplified model of the neuron that only models the information flow.



ARTIFICIAL NEURON (2)



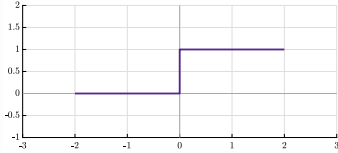
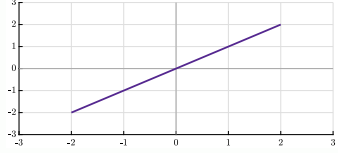
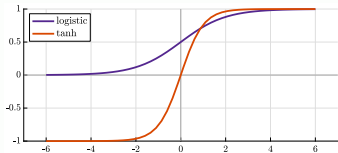

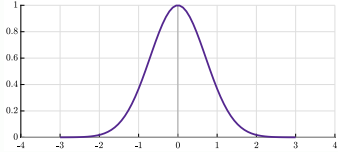
Matrix notation:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$$

$$y = \phi(WX + b)$$

TYPICAL ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS

	Function $g(x)$	Derivative	
Binary	$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$	0	
Identity	x	1	
Logistic/sigmoid	$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$	$g(x)(1 - g(x))$	
Hyperbolic tangent	$\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$	$1 - g^2(x)$	
ReLU	$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$	
Gaussian	e^{-x^2}	$-2xe^{-x^2}$	

From a single neuron to ANNs

DEFINITION OF ANN

... a computing system made up of a number of simple, highly interconnected processing elements, which process information by their dynamic state response to external inputs.

Dr. Robert Hecht-Nielson as quoted in “Neural Network Primer: Part I” by Maureen Caudill, AI Expert, Feb. 1989

HISTORY

- 1943 - Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts introduced the first model of a neural network, which was based on the biological neurons in the brain.
- 1950s - Frank Rosenblatt developed the Perceptron, a neural network that could learn to recognize patterns in data.
- 1960s and 1970s - neural networks became less popular due to the limitations of the hardware available at the time.
- 1980s - backpropagation algorithm was developed, which made it possible to train neural networks with more than one layer. This led to a resurgence of interest in neural networks.
- Early 2000s - deep learning emerged as a new approach to building neural networks with multiple layers
- Nowadays ...
















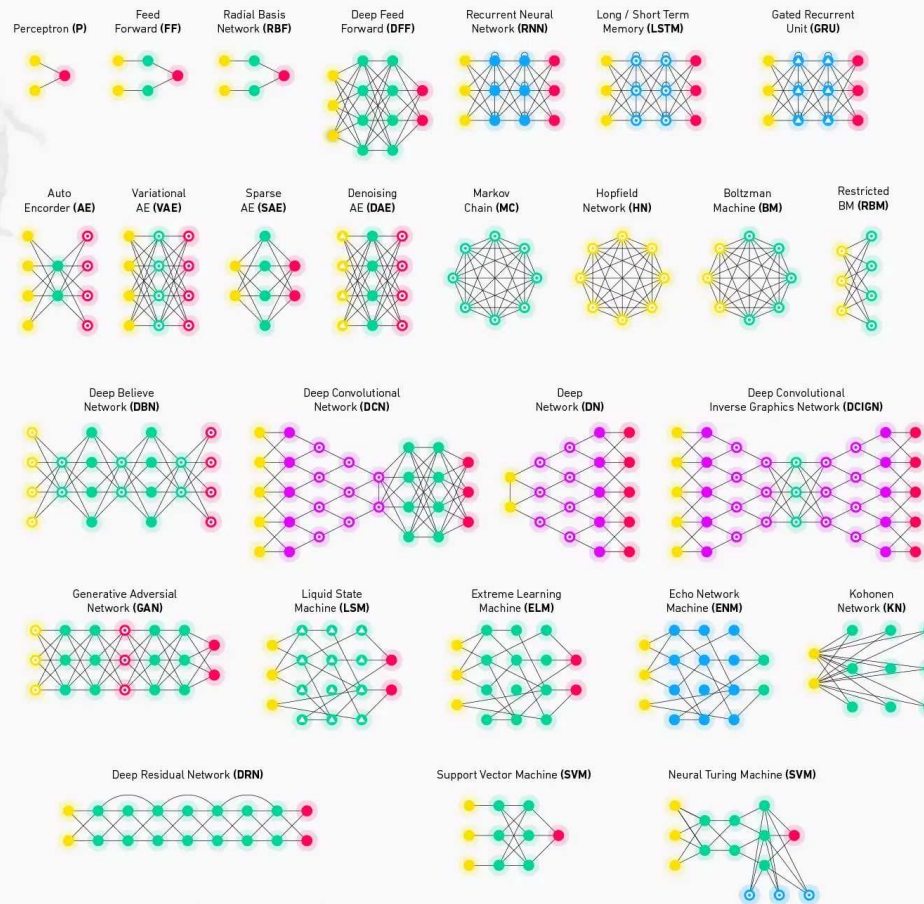
SOME STRUCTURES ...

Neural Networks Basic Cheat Sheet

BecomingHuman.AI

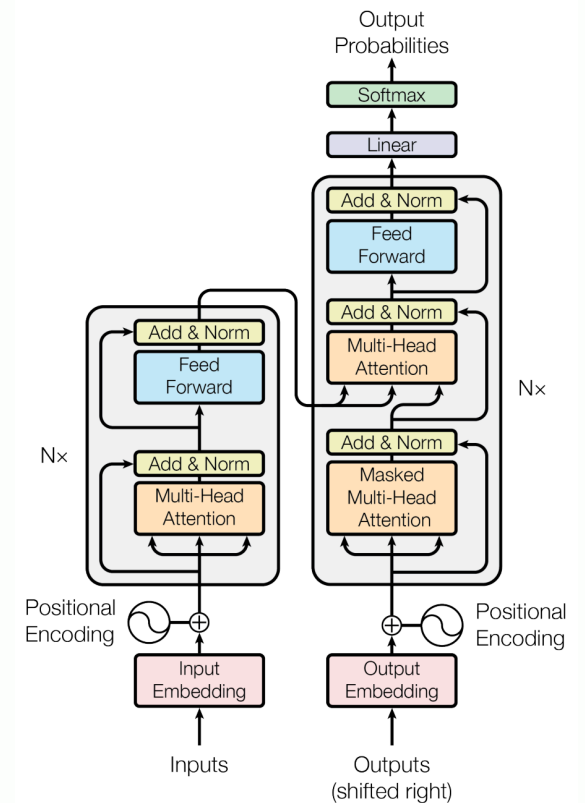
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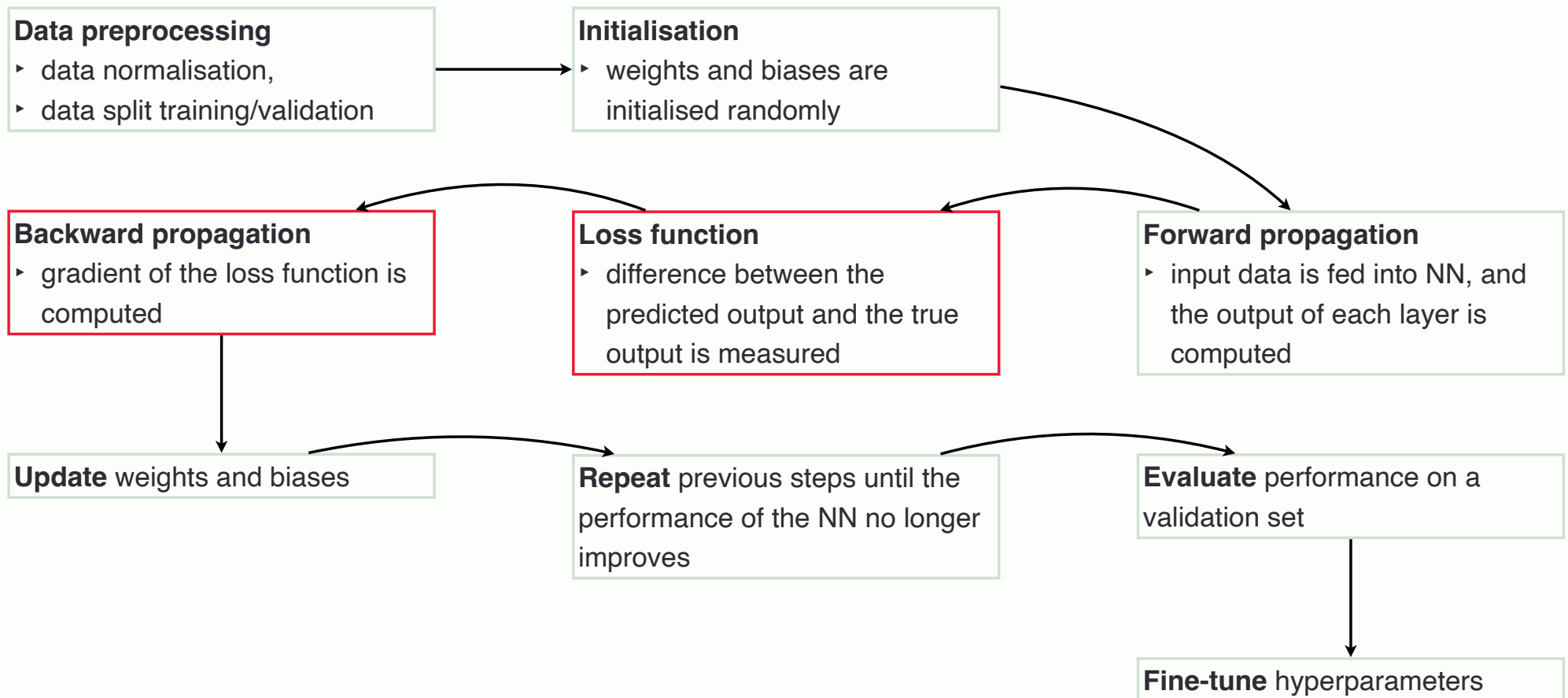


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Transformers



TRAINING: GENERAL FLOW



BIG RACE IN AI



TYPICAL APPLICATION DOMAINS

GAMES	CREATIVE	HOME & LIFESTYLE
PROFESSIONAL	FINANCE	ADMINISTRATIVE
INDUSTRIAL	AGRICULTURAL	TRANSPORT
GOVERNMENT	EDUCATION	MEDICINE
SCIENCE	SECURITY	COMPUTING
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	VISION	ROBOTICS

CLUSTERING

What is it?

Unsupervised machine learning technique that groups unlabeled examples based on their similarity to each other.

Clustering

- uses **unlabeled data** and looks for similarities between groups (clusters) and
- attempt to segment the data into separate clusters.

Note!

- Clustering doesn't provide any labels to the groups
- If groups are labeled, it is called classification

BASIC IDEA OF CLUSTERING

Clustering 2-dimensional data

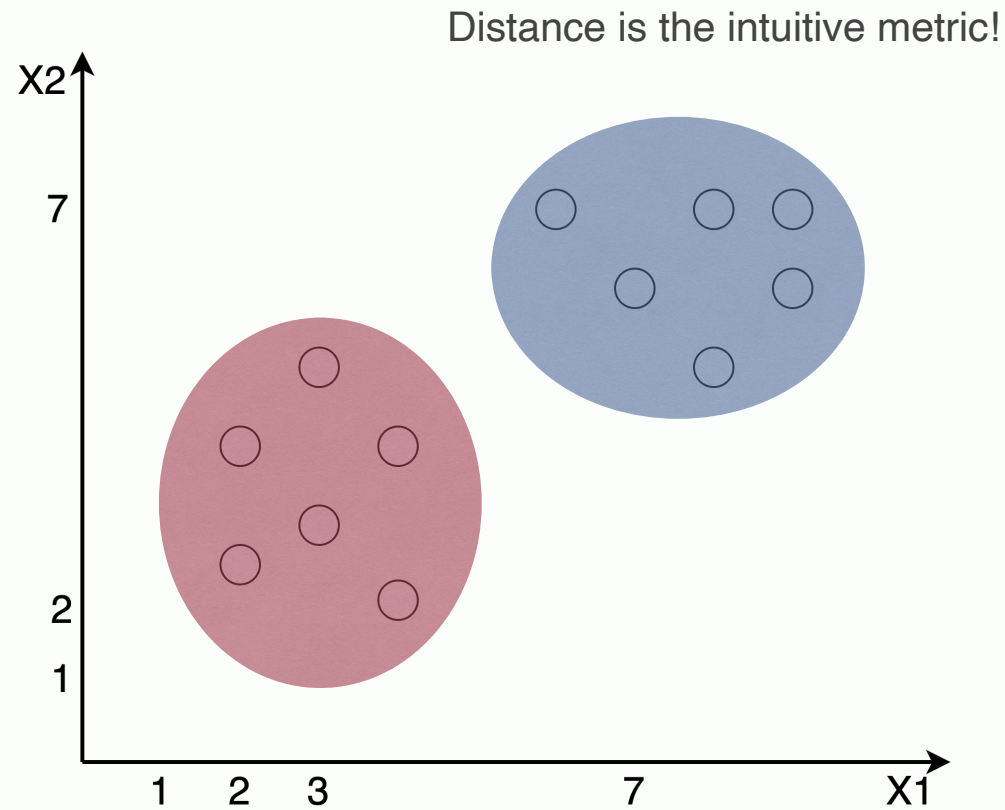
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2	4
2	2.5
3	3
3	5
4	2
4	4
6	7
7	6
8	5
8	7
9	6
9	7

- We have only features (input data)
- How could we cluster this data together?
- Let's plot the data

BASIC IDEA OF CLUSTERING (2)

Clustering 2-dimensional data

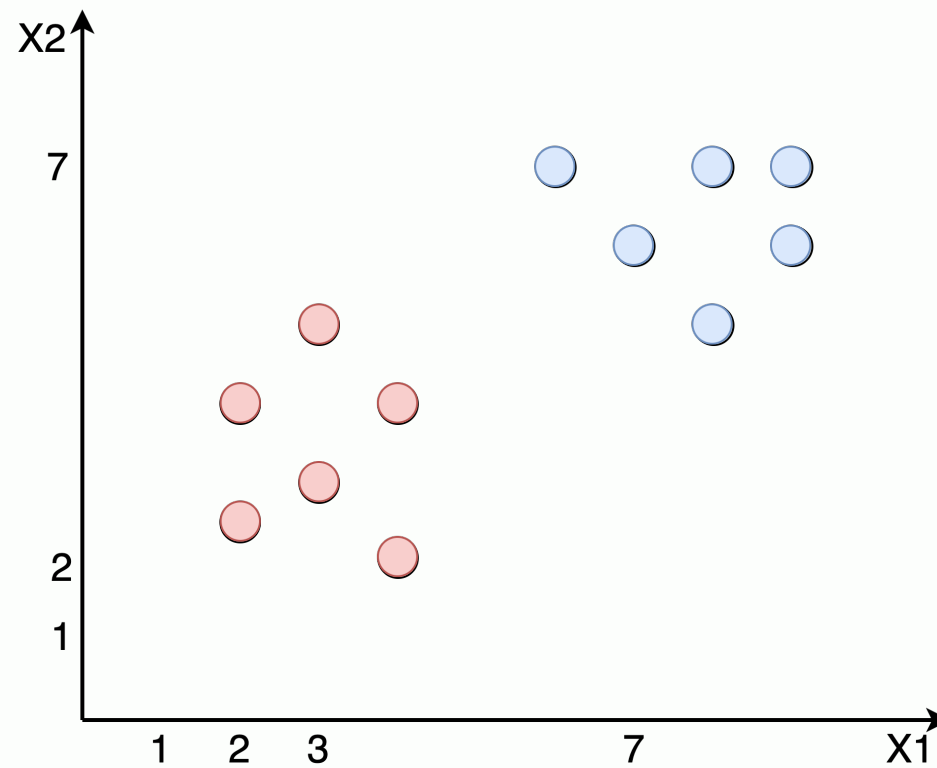
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BASIC IDEA OF CLUSTERING (3)

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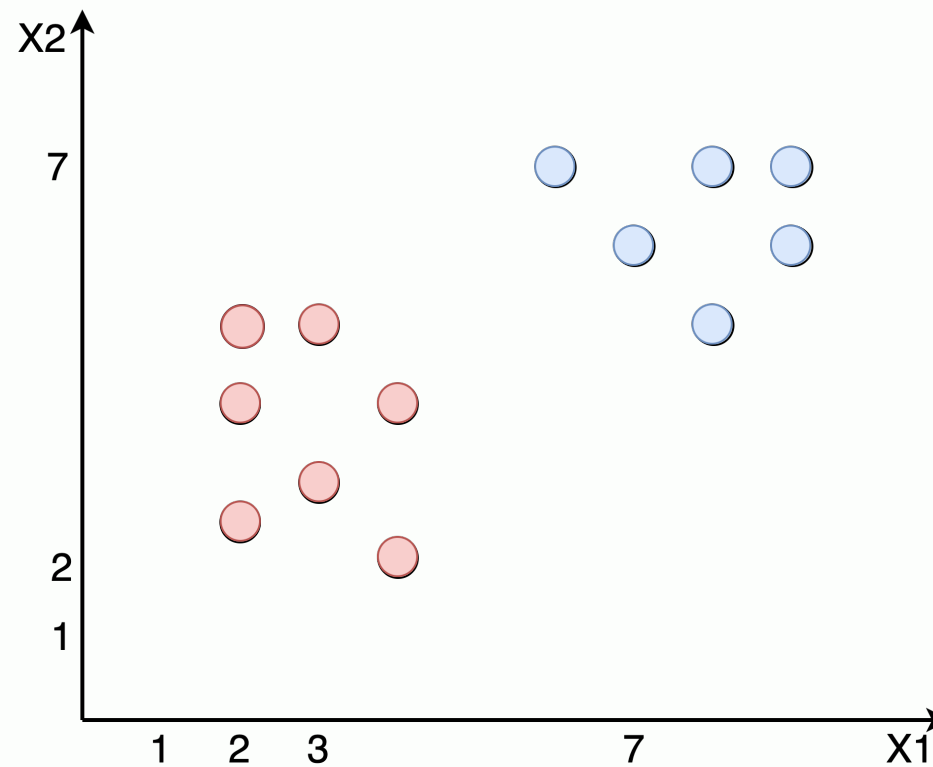
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BASIC IDEA OF CLUSTERING (4)

Clustering a new pattern

X1	X2
2	5



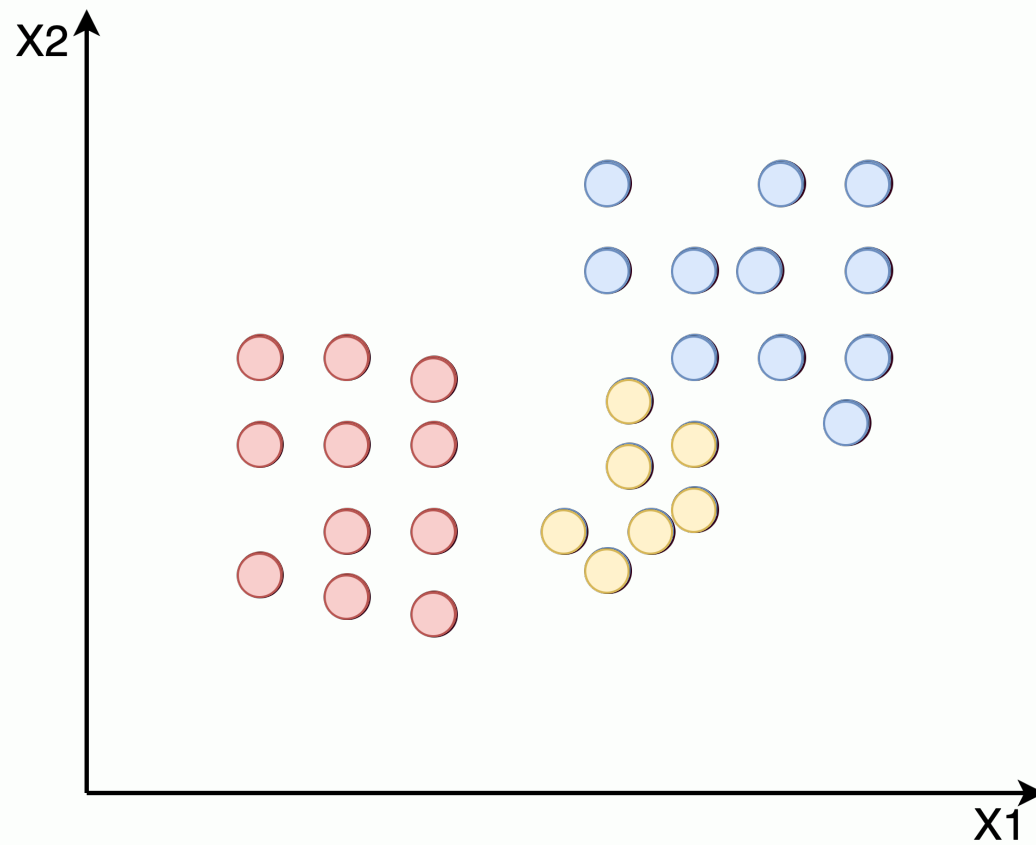
MAIN CHALLENGES

- Actually, we don't know for sure if this was a correct way of grouping together these data points or not.
- There were no correct labels to validate the result!
- What about situations that are not so obvious or multi-dimensional?



MAIN CHALLENGES

How many clusters?

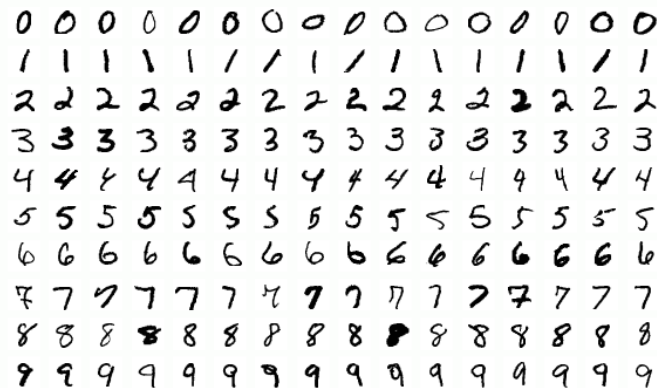


CLUSTERING OF PATTERNS

On example of small images (handwritten digits)

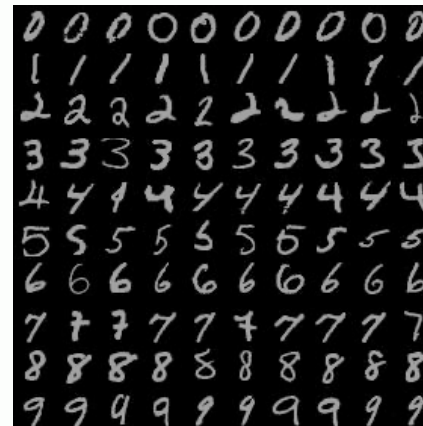
MNIST database of handwritten digits

- 28x28px
- 60 000 labeled images and 10 000 test images

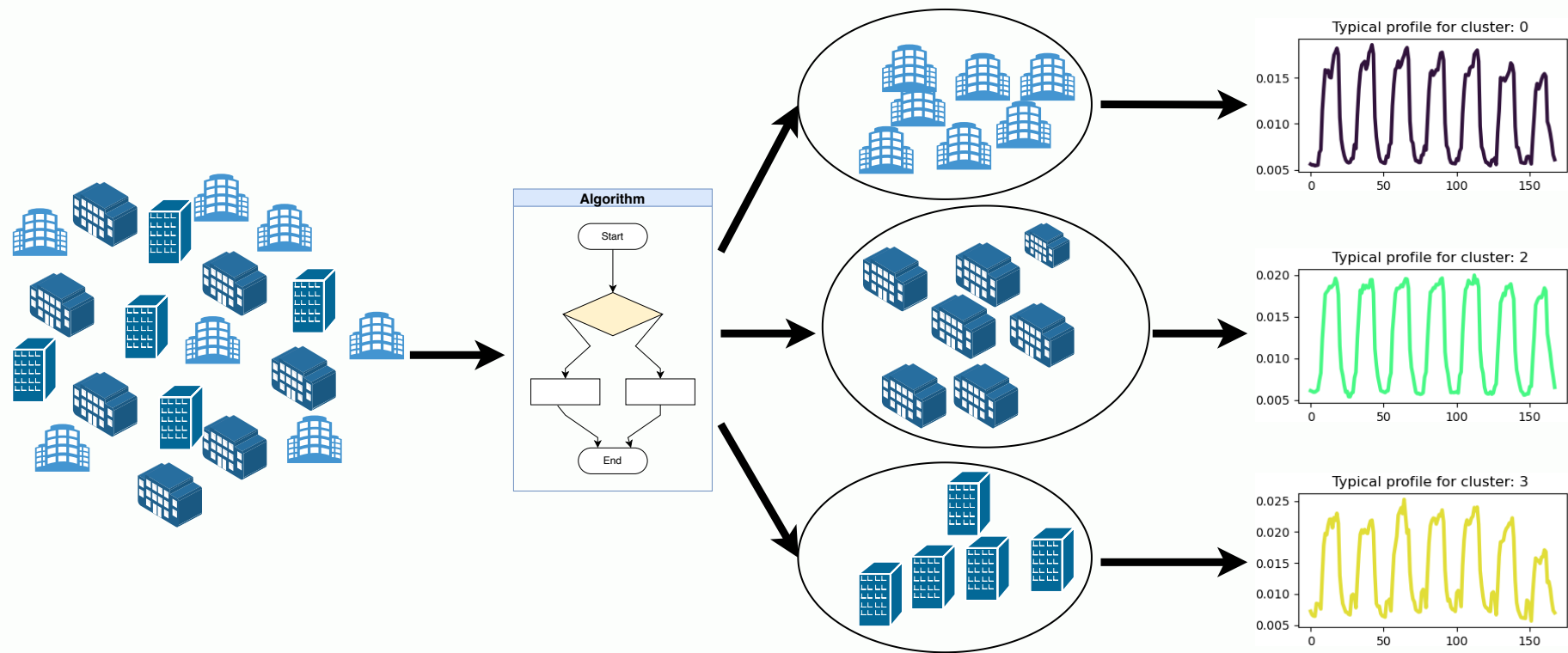


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- 1593 handwritten digits from around 80 persons
- 16x16px

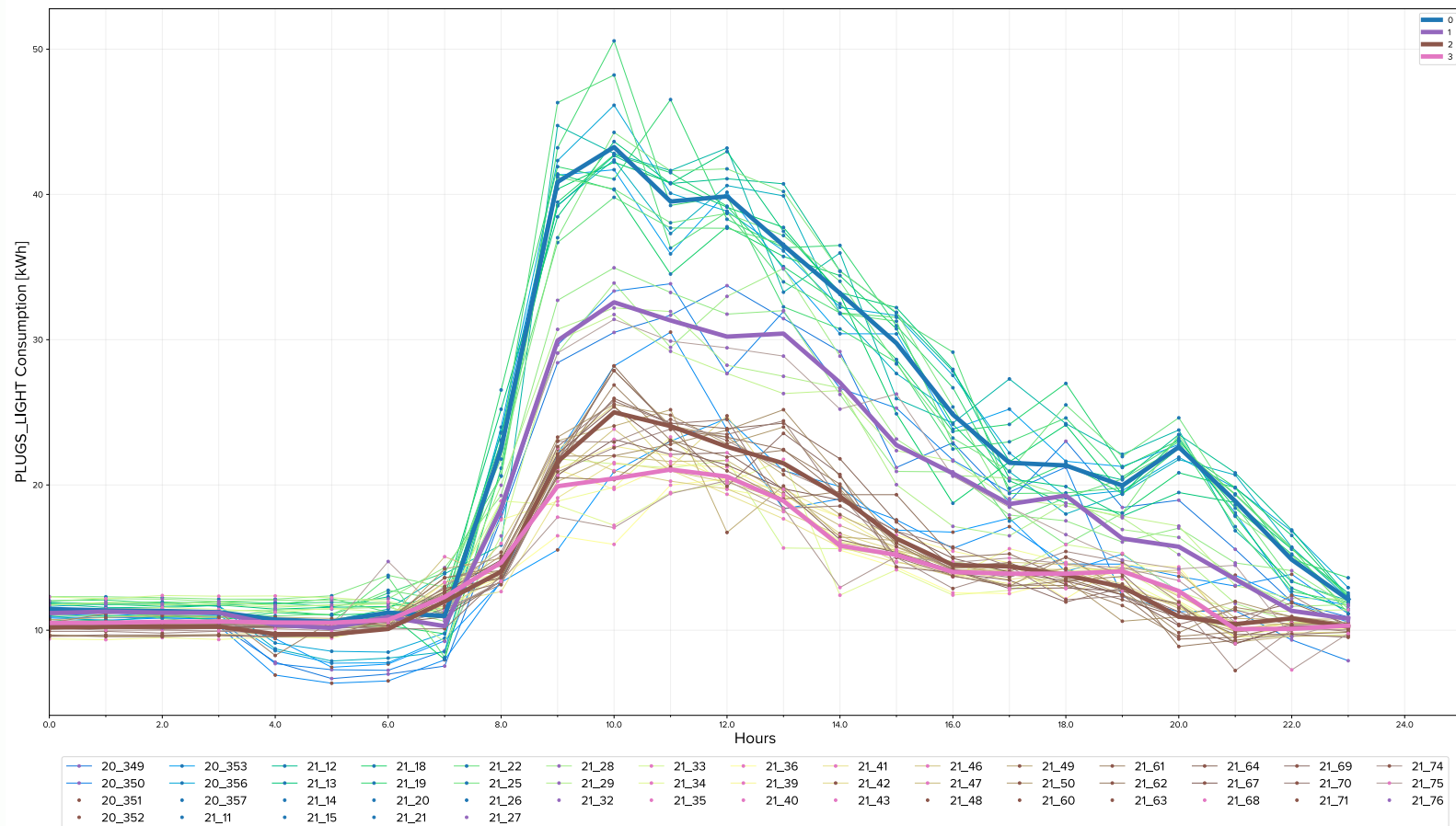


CLUSTERING BUILDINGS BY ENERGY PERFORMANCE



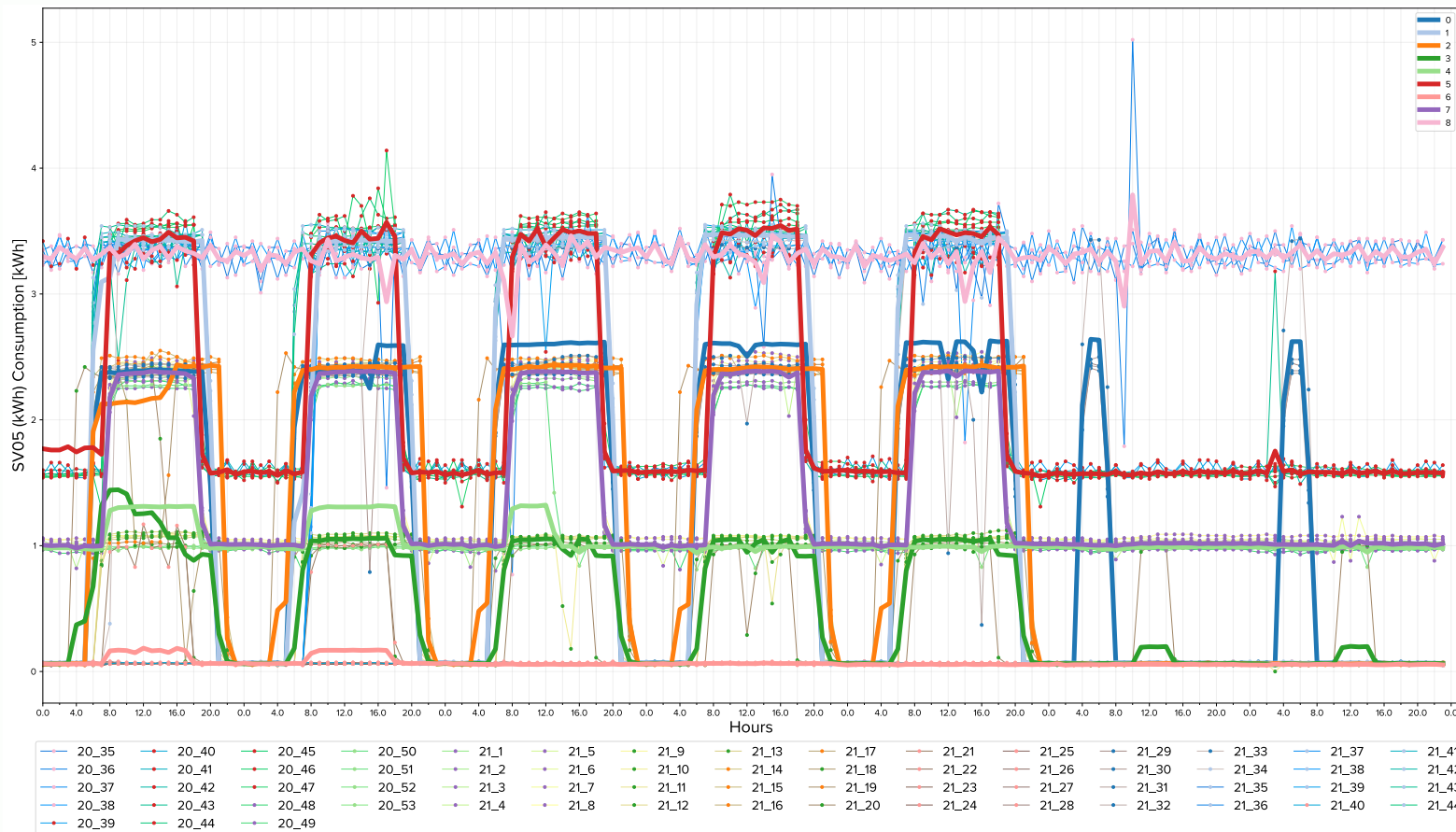
CLUSTERING BUILDINGS BY ENERGY PERFORMANCE

Daily consumption of plugs and light in a building



CLUSTERING BUILDINGS BY ENERGY PERFORMANCE

Weekly consumption of a ventilation unit in a building



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGES

Data availability	Collection of data from different sources and machines requires intensive number of sensors and inter-connectivity.
Data quality and accessibility	Failure to access high quality data will mislead the systems and models.
Data transmission	High speed and reliable communication are necessary for transferring vital data
Trojan and poisoning attacks	Manipulation of data may lead to significant loss in making decisions.
Securing communications	Unsecure communications can have unpredicted results for system.
Trustworthiness	Humans need to trust the machine produced results and predictions.
Computational cost	Most algorithms are complicated for deployment in real applications.
Real time performance	Some critical sections demand for real time decision makings and interpretation. Like autonomous drivers.
Black box AI	Majority of AI models are not clearly explainable
Unmature technologies	Technologies like block chain are still unmatrue for real world applications
User privacy	Collecting data specially related to society and people always has challenges related to user privacy

BENEFITS OF AI-DRIVEN CONTROL

- Analyzes huge amounts of data (“Big Data”)
- Can model and predict complex dynamics
- Can make forecasts and be proactive
- Considers many different parameters
- Can learn
- Significant improvement in performance without additional hardware
- Can synchronizes many sub-components

As the result...

- Improved performance

CHALLENGES RELATED AI-DRIVEN CONTROL

- Explainability: Black box and grey box models
- Complexity
- Computational costs
- Data quality, availability and amount
- Trustworthiness
- Safety
- Reliability
- Stability

Thank you!