

INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE

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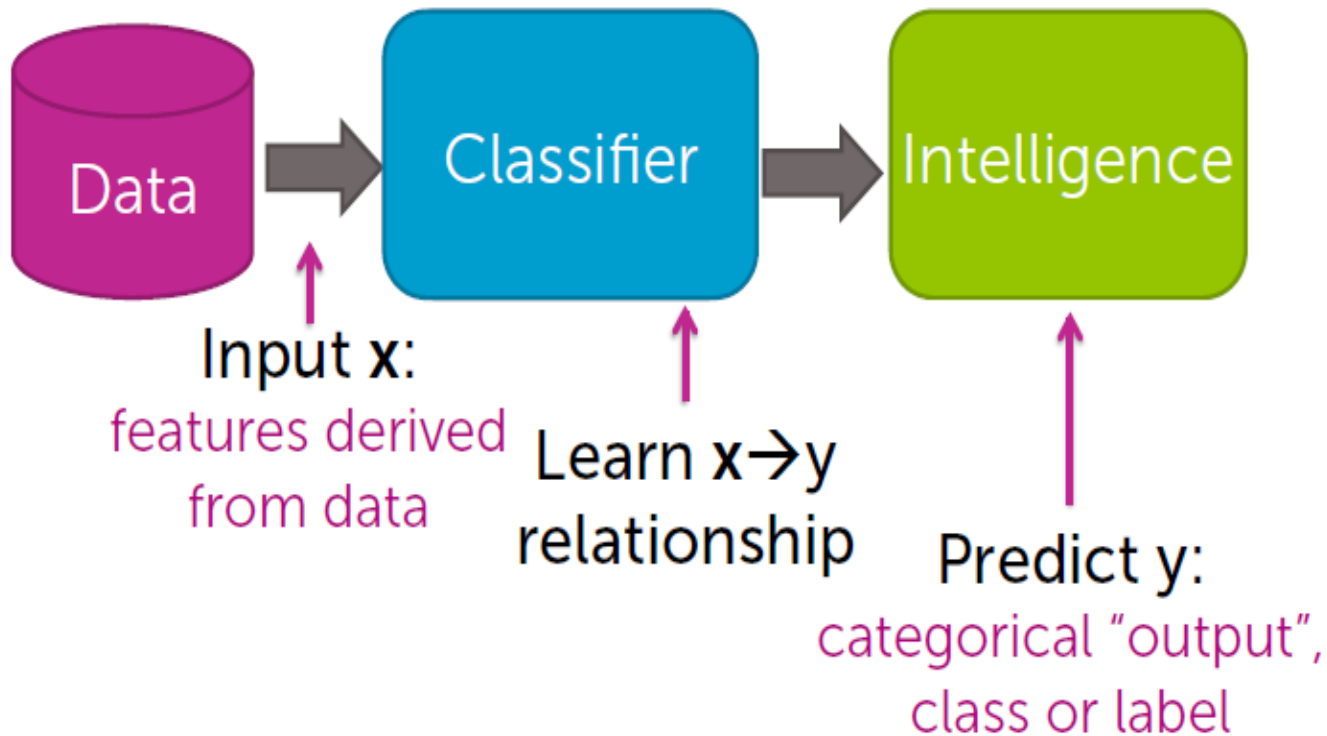
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What is classification?

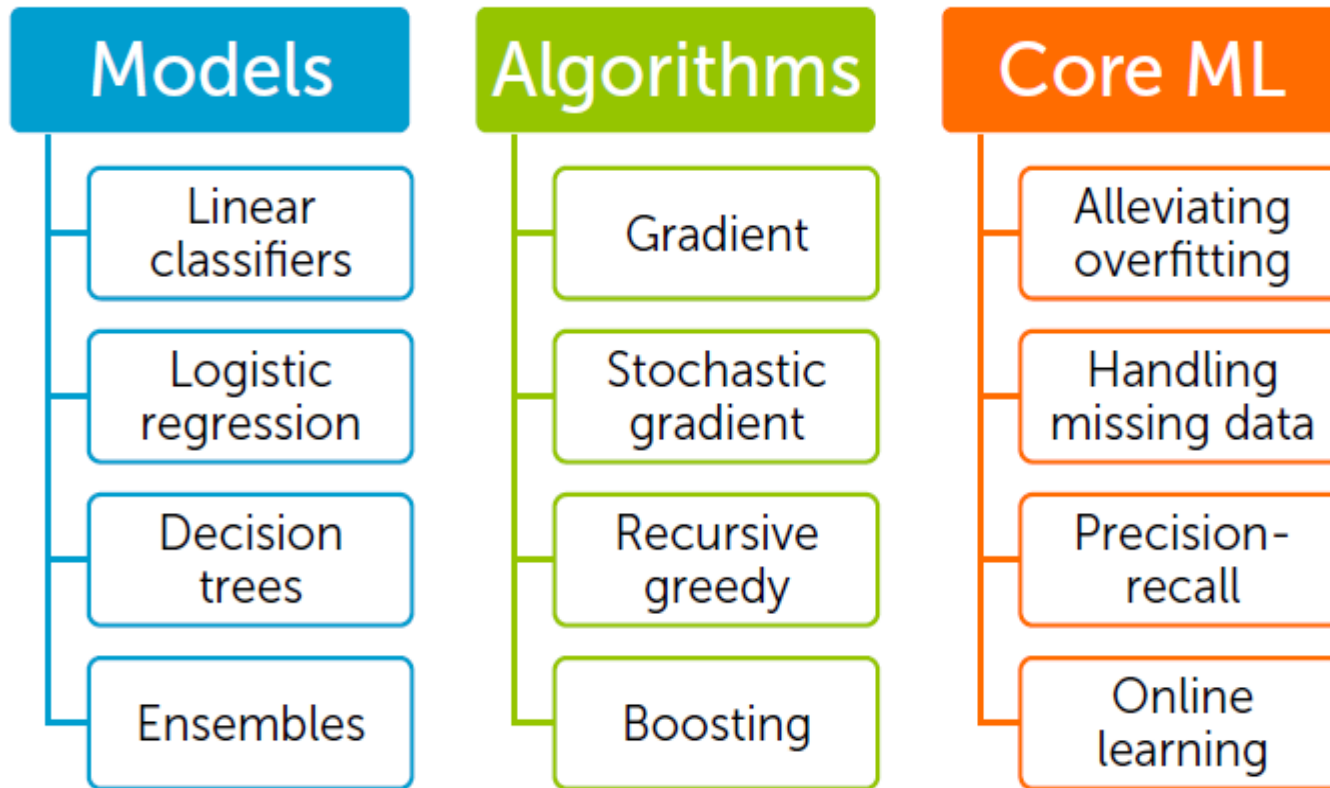
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From features to predictions



Overview of content

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Sentiment classifier

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Input x : Easily best sushi in Seattle.



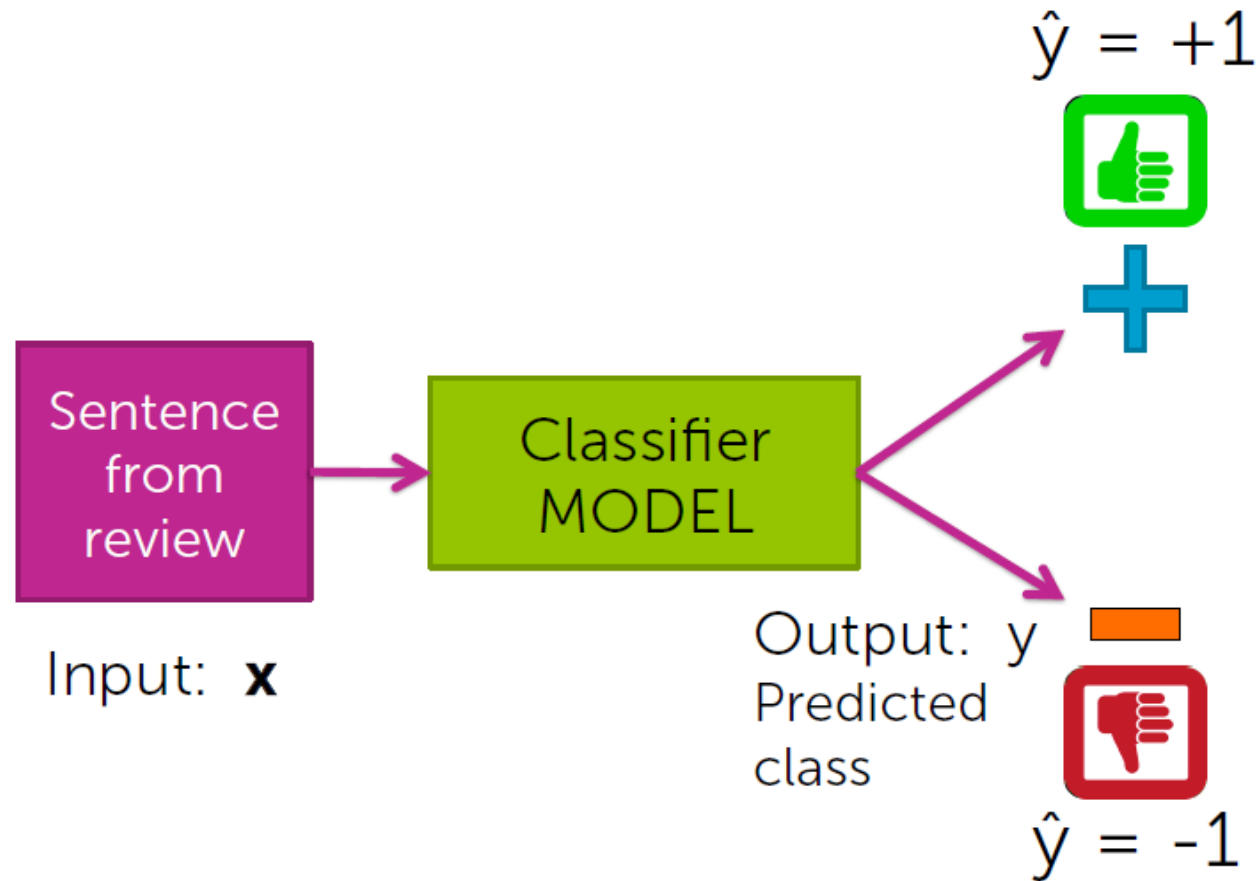
Sentence Sentiment
Classifier

Output: y
Sentiment



Classifier

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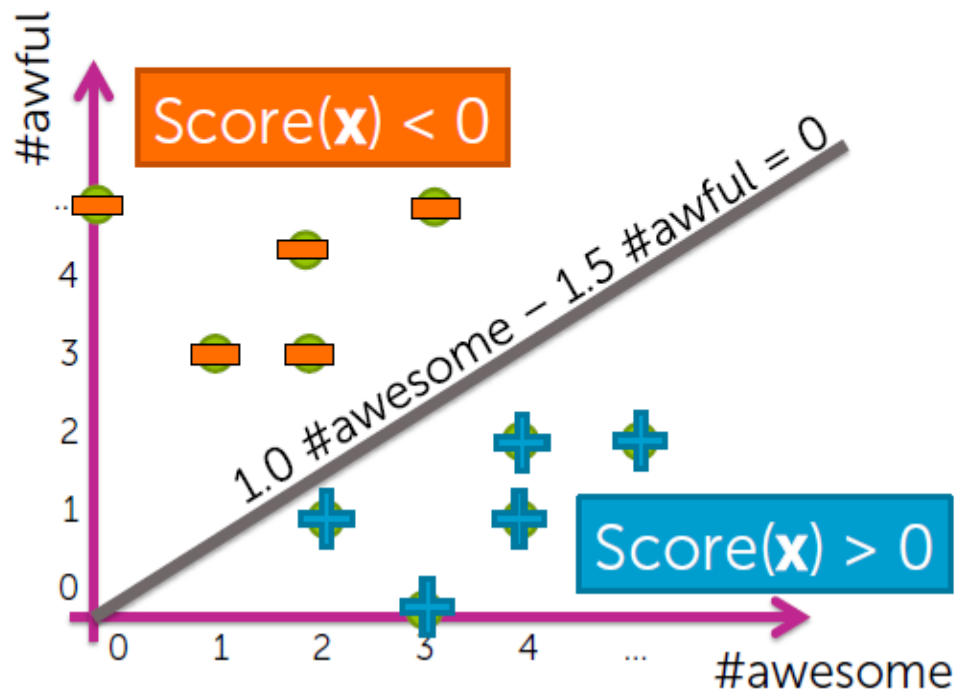
Note: we'll start talking about 2 classes, and address multiclass later

Linear classifiers

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Word	Coefficient
#awesome	1.0
#awful	-1.5

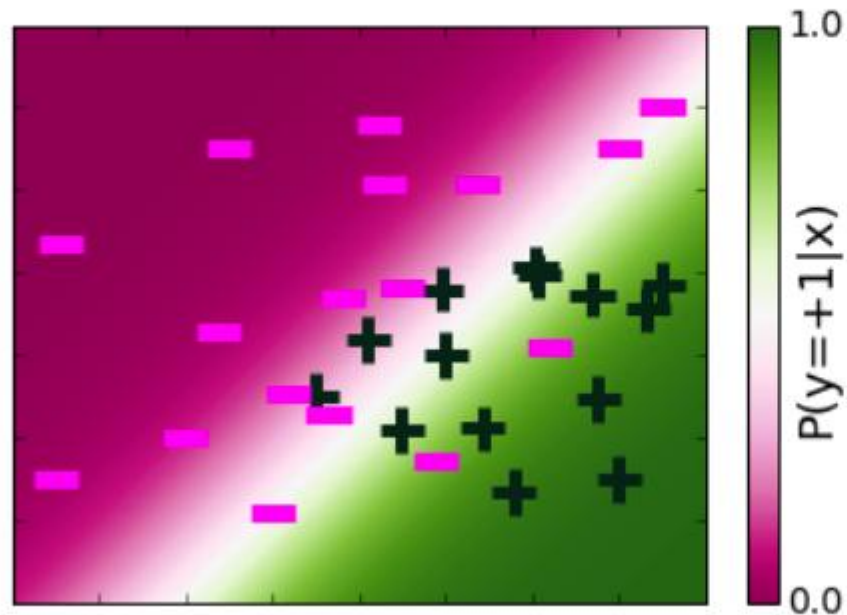
→ $\text{Score}(x) = 1.0 \text{ #awesome} - 1.5 \text{ #awful}$



Logistic regression represents probabilities

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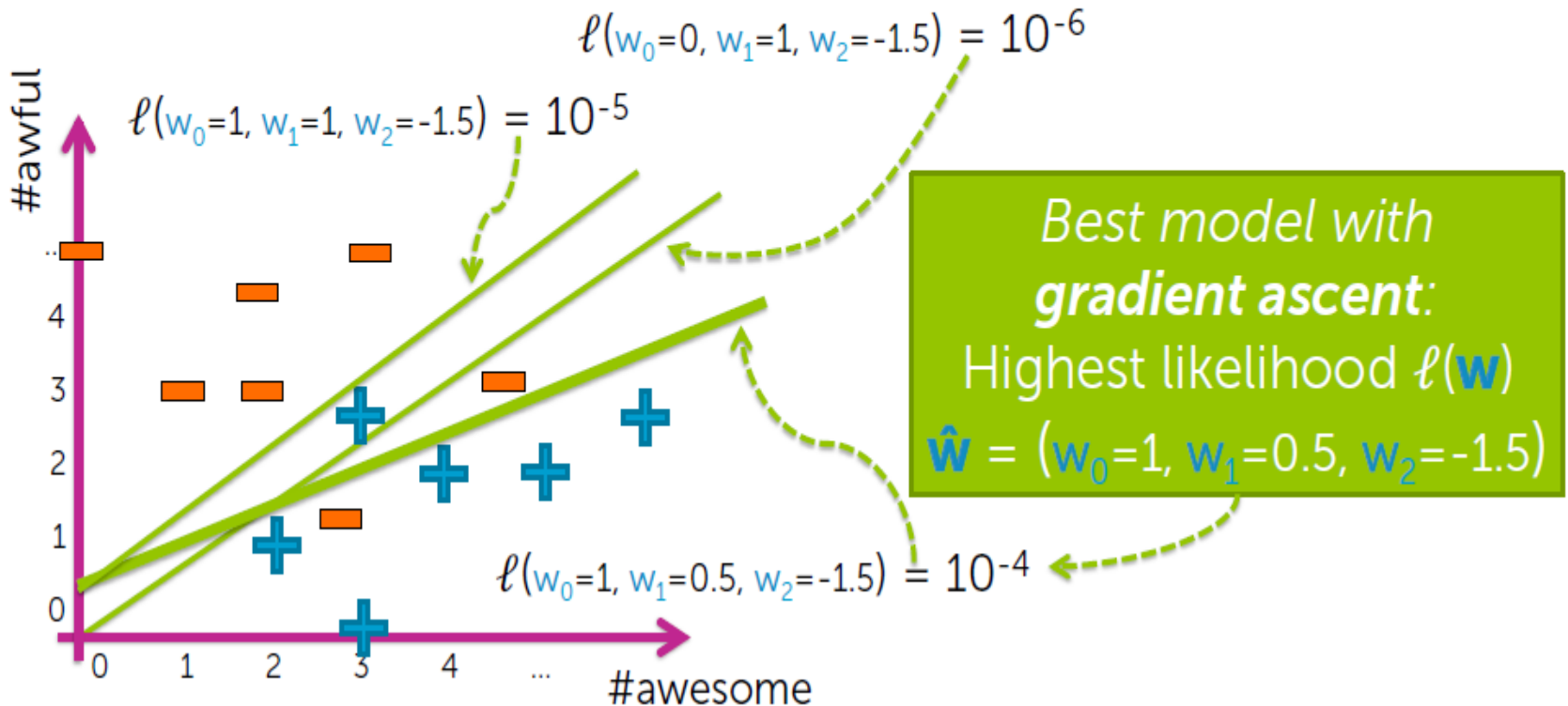
$$\hat{P}(y=+1|\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{w}}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\hat{\mathbf{w}}^T h(\mathbf{x})}}$$



Learning „best” classifier

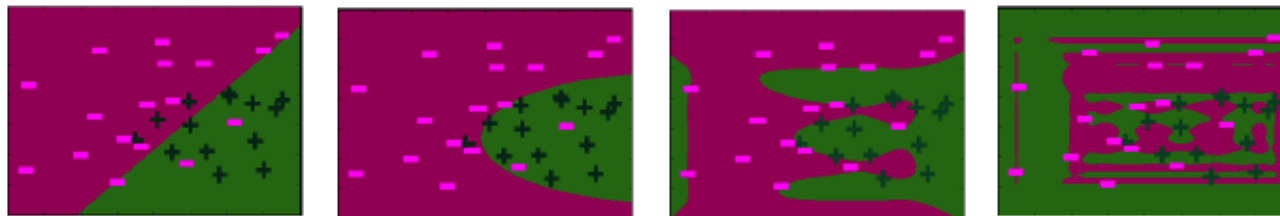
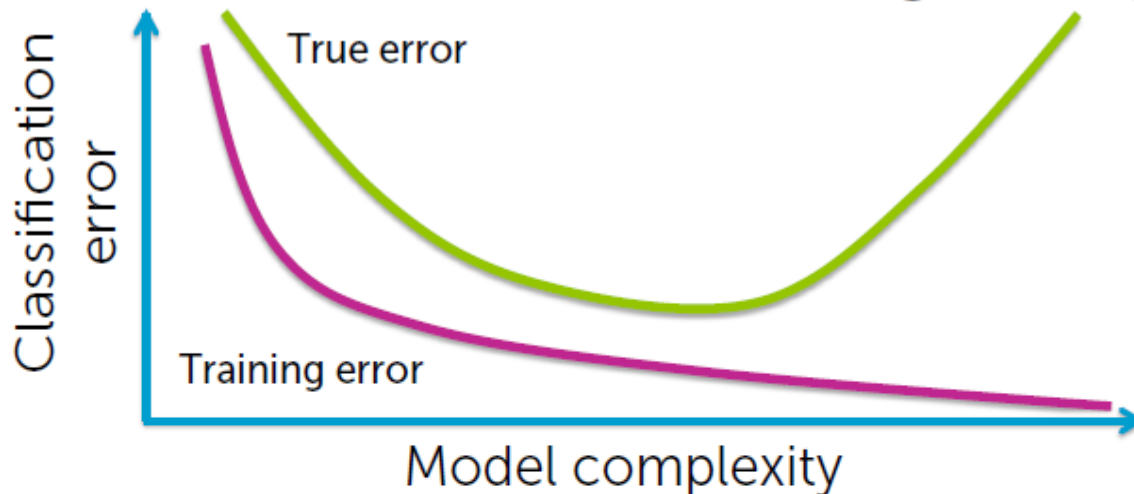
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Maximize likelihood over all possible w_0, w_1, w_2



Overfitting & regularisation

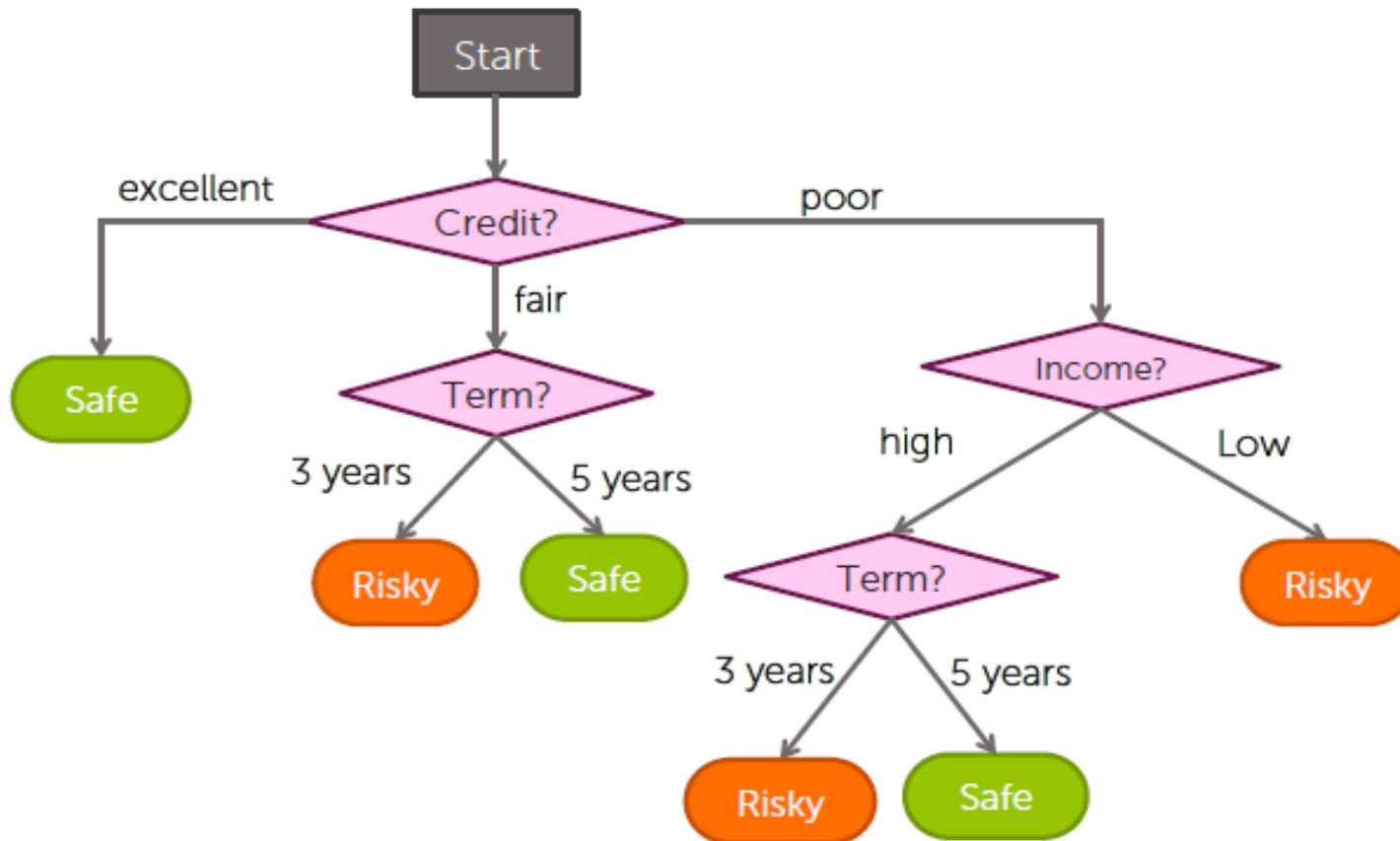
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Use regularization penalty to mitigate overfitting $\ell(\mathbf{w}) - \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$

Decision trees

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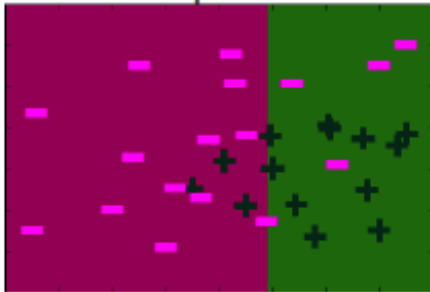


Overfitting & decision trees

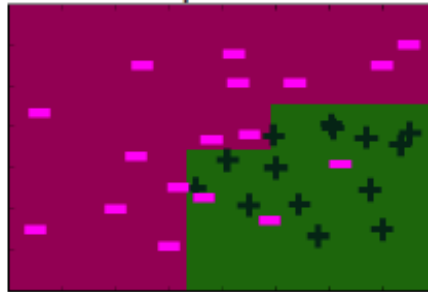
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Decision Tree

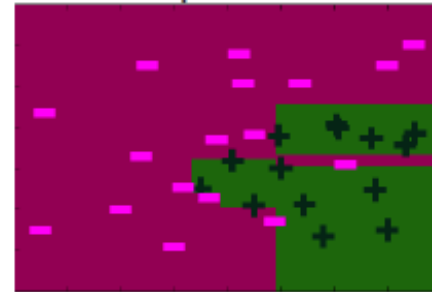
Depth 1



Depth 3



Depth 10

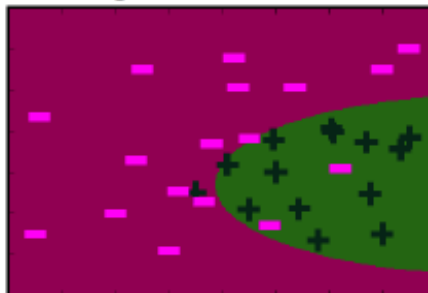


Logistic Regression

Degree 1 features



Degree 2 features



Degree 6 features

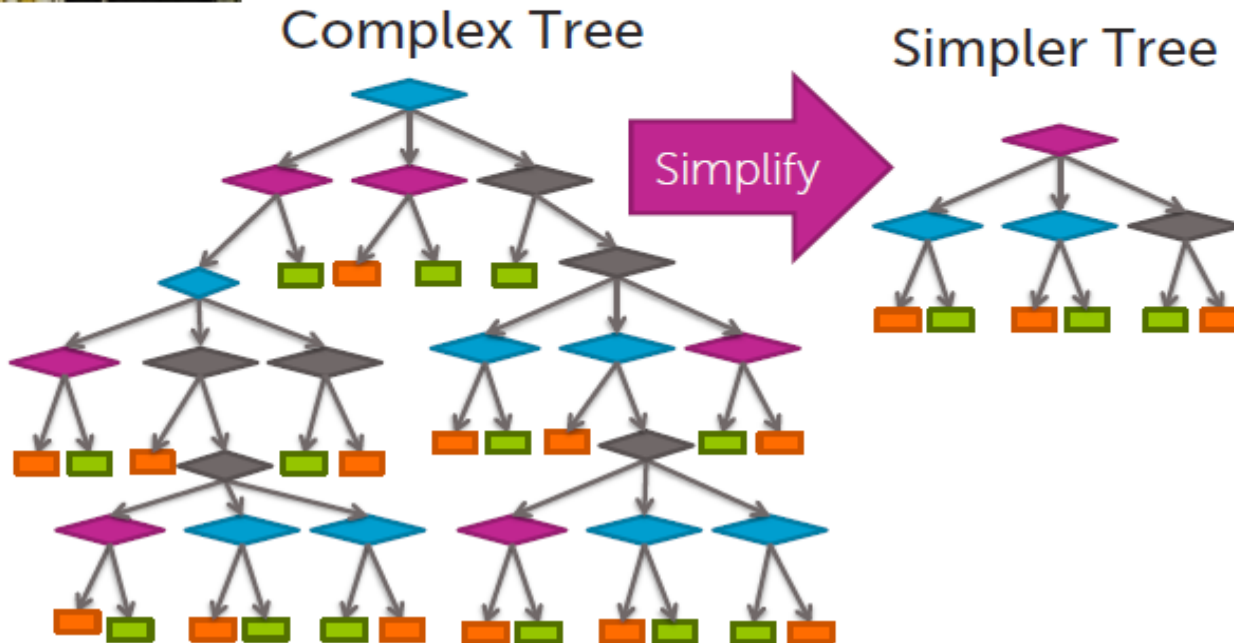


Alleviate overfitting by learning simpler trees

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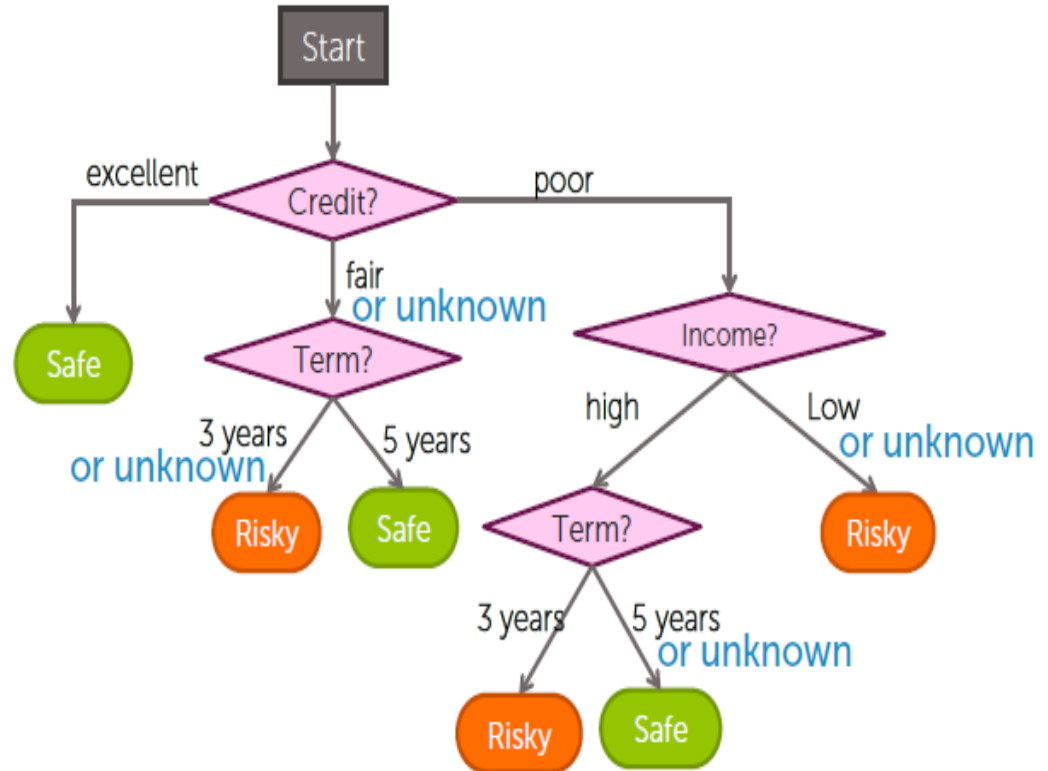
Occam's Razor: "Among competing hypotheses, the one with fewest assumptions should be selected", William of Occam, 13th Century



Handling missing data

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Credit	Term	Income	y
excellent	3 yrs	high	safe
fair	?	low	risky
fair	3 yrs	high	safe
poor	5 yrs	high	risky
excellent	3 yrs	low	risky
fair	5 yrs	high	safe
poor	?	high	risky
poor	5 yrs	low	safe
fair	?	high	safe



Boosting questions

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“Can a set of weak learners be combined to create a stronger learner?” *Kearns and Valiant (1988)*



Yes! *Schapire (1990)*



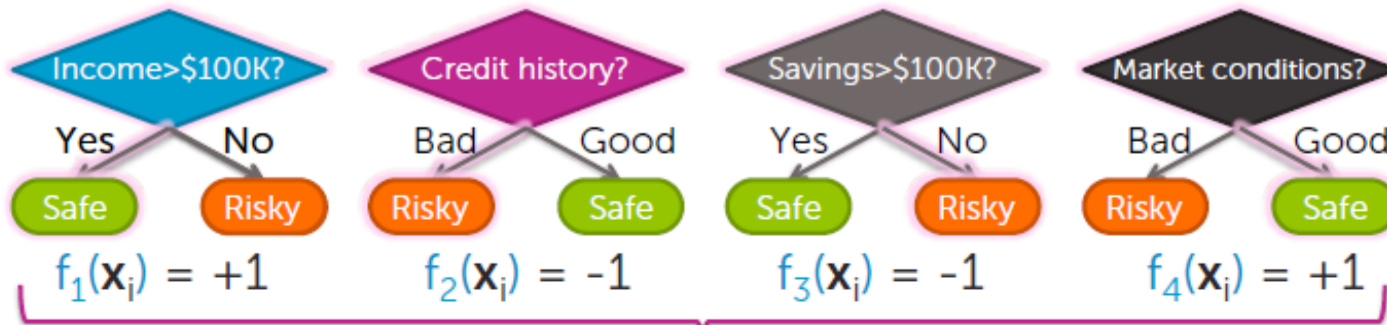
Boosting



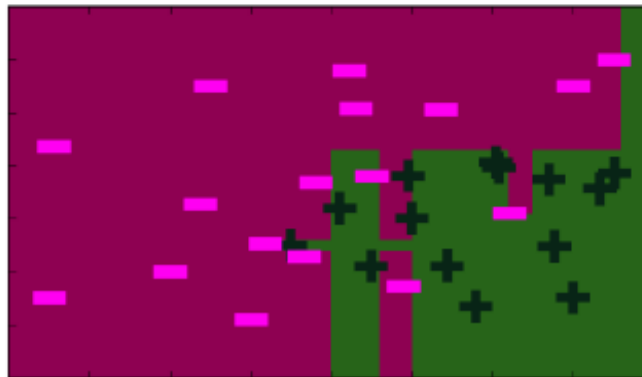
Amazing impact: • simple approach • widely used in industry • wins most Kaggle competitions

Boosting using AdaBoost

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Ensemble: Combine votes from many simple classifiers to learn complex classifiers



Precision - recall

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Scaling to huge dataset & on-line learning

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4.8B webpages

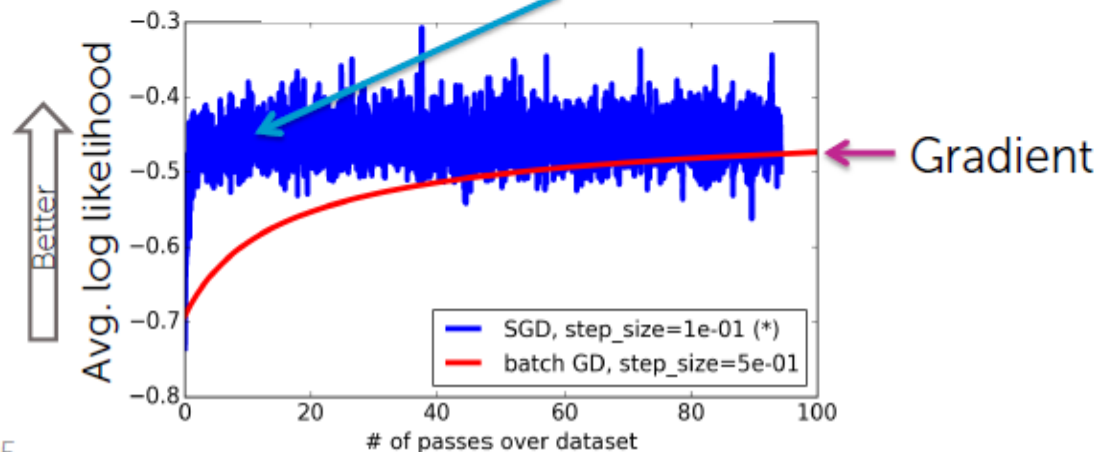
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500M Tweets/day



5B views/day

Stochastic gradient: tiny modification to gradient, a lot faster, but annoying in practice



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