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# Machine Learning in 45 Minutes

...and some Deep Learning applications in HEP

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# Outline



**what is ML?**

**taxonomy**

**anatomy**

**what is DL?**

**applications**

# I won't teach you Machine Learning in 45 mins...

## but here is a checklist of what we are covering today

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# What is Machine Learning?

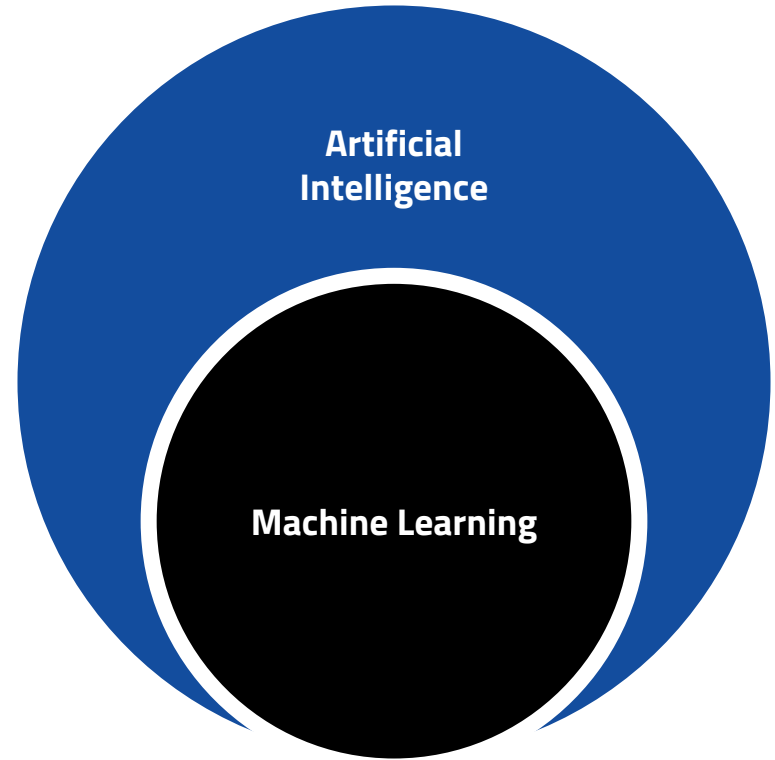
From an Artificial Intelligence Perspective

“ *Artificial Intelligence is the quest of creating machines that think and act intelligently*

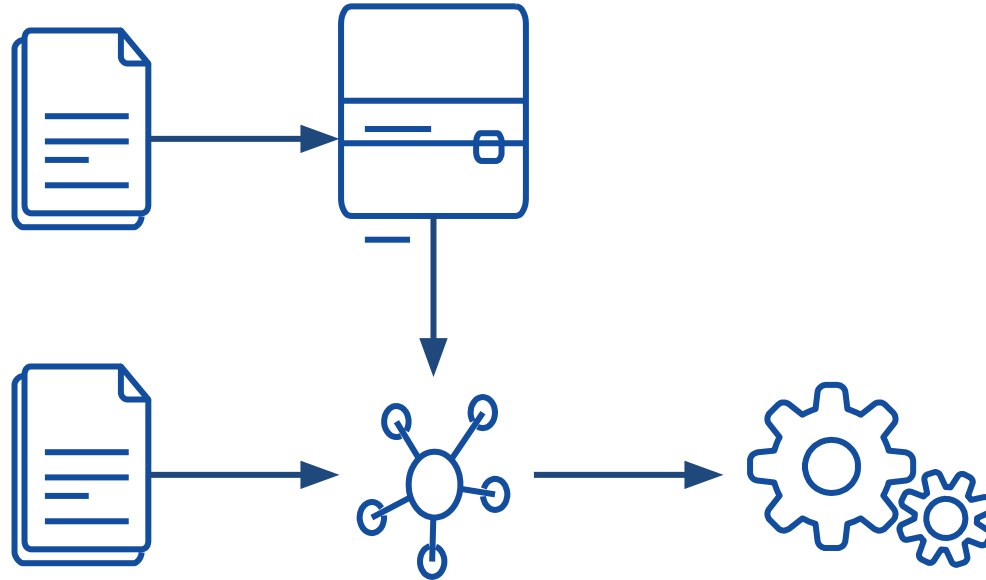
# Artificial Intelligence is a big topic and covers many problems

- Reasoning and Problem-solving
- Knowledge Representation
- Planning
- Learning
- Natural Language Processing
- Perception
- Motion and Manipulation
- Social Intelligence
- "General Intelligence"

**Machine Learning is the subfield of AI that concerns how a machine can learn to perform tasks**



A machine learns how to perform a task by creating  
a model **that will act intelligently on new data**



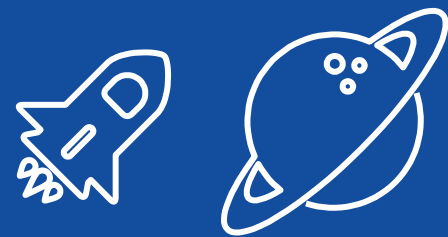


# **Acting intelligently depends greatly on the model**

- How suitable the chosen model is
- How well the model learned from training data
- How the model generalises to new data

**From a Statistics point of view: The model is an estimator.  
These issues are addressed by Statistical Learning.**

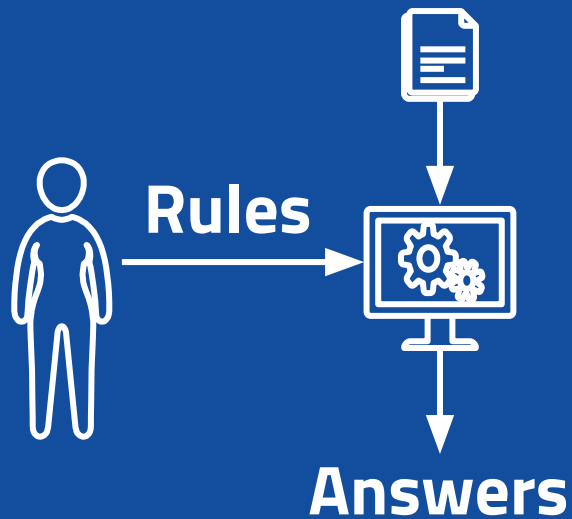
**From an AI point of view: the model is a function that  
encodes decision-making rules.**



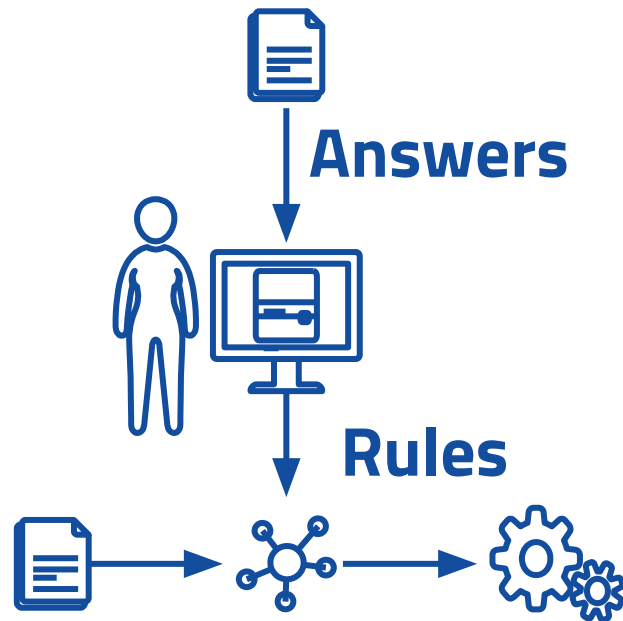
# Self-Taught Code

Machine Learning is a different  
paradigm of computing: a program  
that learns what it has to do

# Classical Programming



# Machine Learning



# Checkpoint

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# Machine Learning Taxonomy

What is out there and what tasks can we solve?

# Machine Learning

## Taxonomy: Types of Learning

The main differentiator is the type of learning, i.e. by **task**

- Supervised
  - Data includes the answers
- Unsupervised
  - Algorithm embodies the answers
- Other types that we won't have time to talk about
  - Semi-supervised
  - Self-supervised
  - Reinforcement

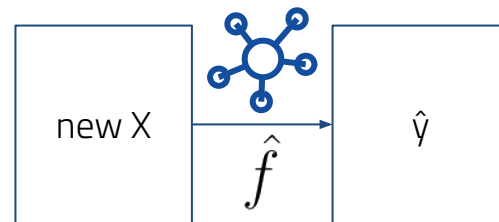
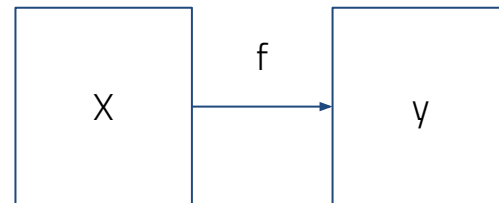
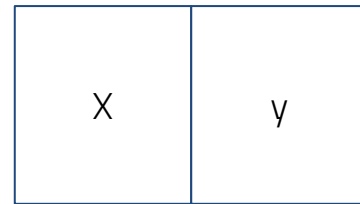
# Machine Learning

## Taxonomy: Supervised Learning

- The training data includes the answer we want to reproduce
  - $\mathcal{D} = \{(X_i, y_i)\}$
  - X: Independent Variables/Features
  - y: Target Variables/Labels
- Assume (hope?) there exists a relation such that

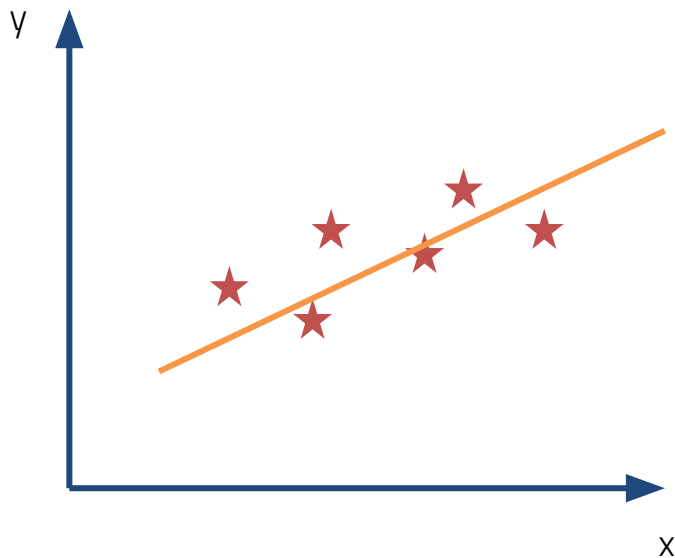
$$f : X_i \mapsto y_i$$

- The model will approximate  $f$ ,  $\hat{f}$
- The type of y defines two sub-classes
  - y is a real variable: **Regression**
  - y is categorical: **Classification**



# Regression Example

## Linear Regression

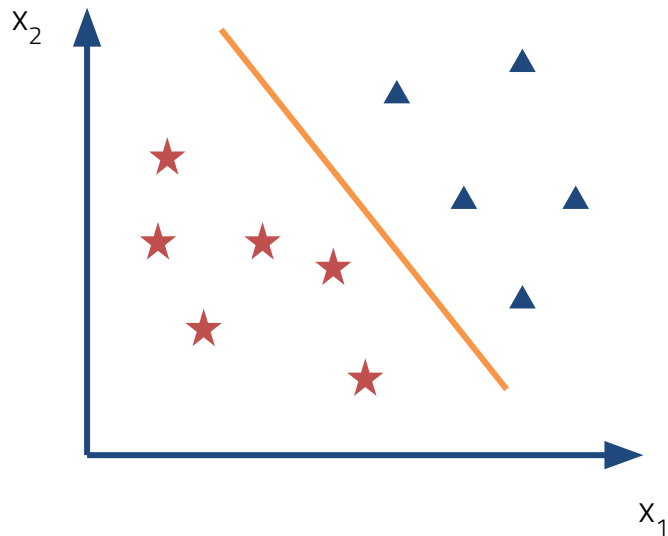


$$y = wx + b$$



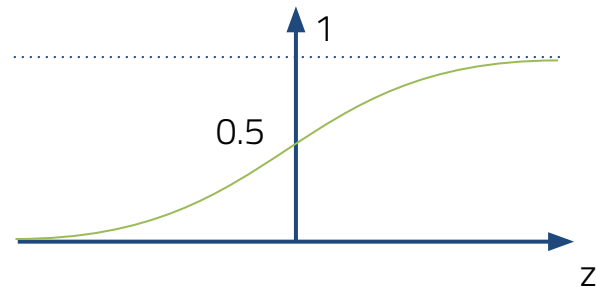
# Classification Example

## Logistic Regression



$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

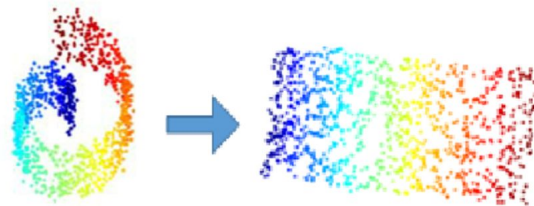
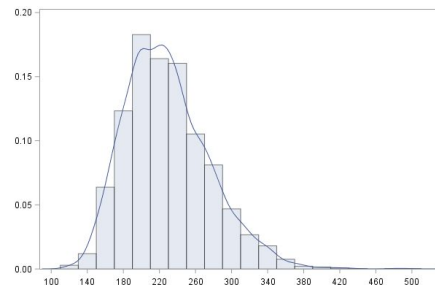
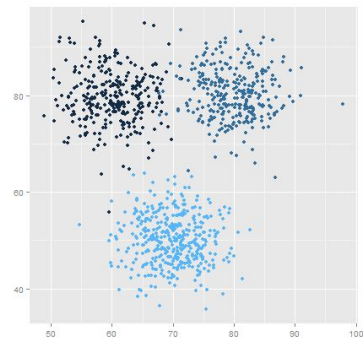
$$z = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b$$



# Machine Learning

## Taxonomy: Unsupervised Learning

- The training data does not include the answer we want to reproduce
- $\mathcal{D} = \{X_i\}$
- The answer is embodied in the Learning Algorithm (i.e. provided by a human)
- The model will learn how to map the  $X$  to the answers,  $\hat{f}$
- Answers define the type of model
  - Clustering
  - Density Estimation
  - Dimensional Reduction



# Machine Learning

## Taxonomy: Parametric vs Non-parametric

If  $\hat{f}$  has parameters:

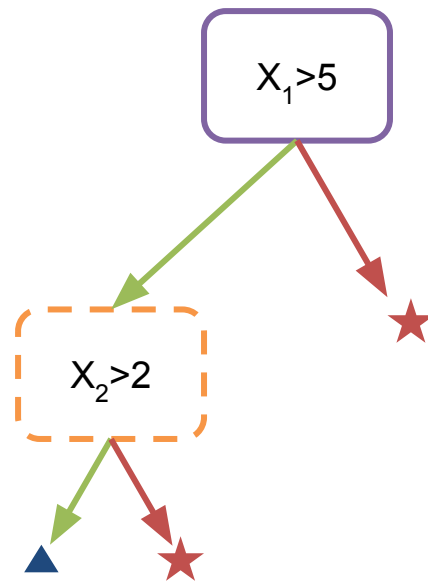
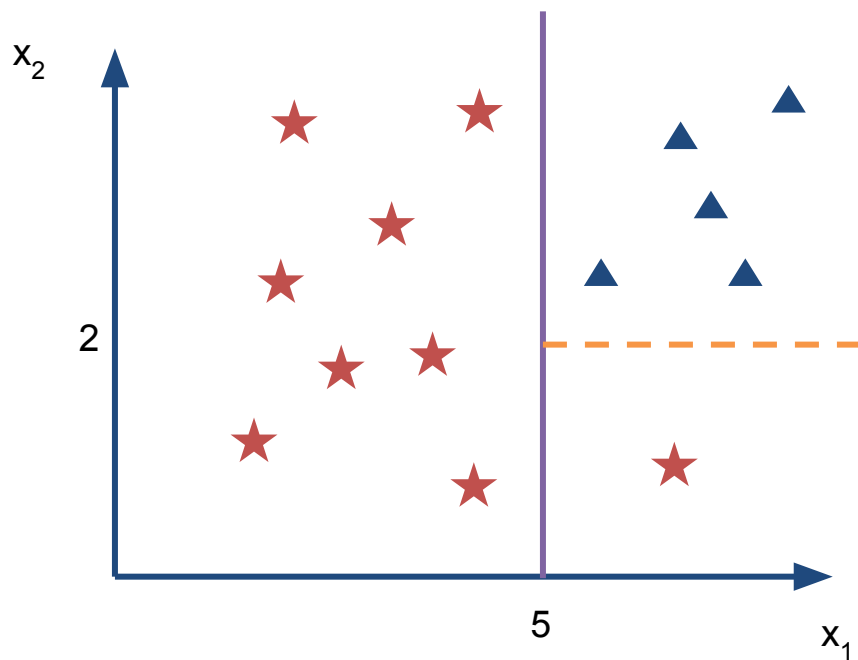
- Parametric
  - Functional form set before training
    - Linear and Logistic Regressions
    - Neural Networks
  - Training = Adapting Parameters

If it allows for “infinite” parameters:

- Non-parametric
  - Functional form depends on the training set
    - Trees
    - Histograms and K-Nearest Neighbours
  - Training = “Memorising” Training Set

# Machine Learning

## Taxonomy: Explicit Non-parametric example



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# Machine Learning Anatomy

How a Machine Learning Algorithm  
works and produces a model

# Machine Learning

## Anatomy: The components of an Algorithm

- A family of models:
  - A function that performs the task
- A Loss function:
  - Measures how badly the model performs the task
- An optimisation goal:
  - To minimise the Loss function
- An Optimiser:
  - A process to modify the model to achieve the optimisation goal

# Anatomy Model

- No single rule to pick the best model: **No Free Lunch Theorem**
- Many attributes will impact decision:
  - Capacity
    - Flexibility to fit  $f$  on training data
  - Generalisation
    - How well it performs on new data
  - Training Time
  - Inference Time

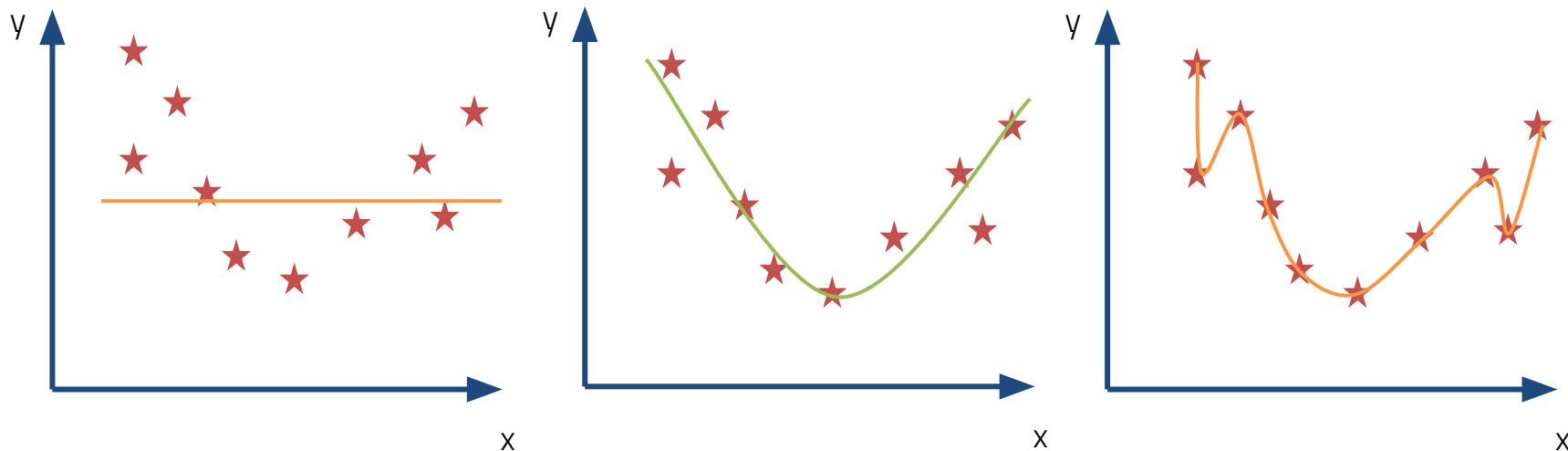


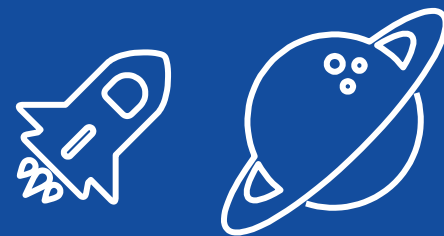
# Anatomy

## Model Capacity

A model with insufficient capacity will fail to fit  $f$ : **underfitting**.

A model with too much capacity will fit the noise: **overfitting**.





# Regularisation

In practice, one usually overestimates the capacity needed and then applies regularisation to prevent overfitting

# Anatomy

## Loss Function

Loss function measures how badly the model is performing the task  $\Rightarrow$   
Depends on the task

Common Loss functions:

- Regression: Mean Squared Error

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N (y_i - \hat{f}(x_i))^2$$

- Classification: Cross-Entropy

$$L = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N \sum_c^K y_{i,k} \log p_{i,k}$$

# Anatomy

## Optimisation Goal

Taken that  $L$  measures how badly the model is performing: Minimise  $L$

- For parametric models this becomes the statement:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}(x, \hat{w}) \text{ s.t. } \nabla_w L = 0$$

- For non-parametric models we have:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_f L(f)$$

# Anatomy

## Optimiser

In general, an optimiser is an iterative process of updating the model such that the Loss function becomes minimal

This is often Loss- and model-dependent and specific to each algorithm

For parametric models, a very common broad class of optimisers is that of **Gradient Descent**

$$w^{t+i} = w^t - \eta \nabla L$$

# Anatomy

## Training and deploying

The optimisation process is often called **Training** or **Fitting**

Once the optimiser converges, the model is **trained** and can be used to perform the task on **new data**



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# Deep Learning

In 5 minutes or less



# Deep Learning

## Neural Networks

Neural Networks are simply a **class of parametric Machine Learning algorithms**

They provide **a lot of capacity** and are easy to regularise

Neural Networks have striking **representational power** and are capable of **feature abstraction**

All state-of-the-art Machine Learning applications are based on Deep Learning and implement Neural Networks

# Deep Learning

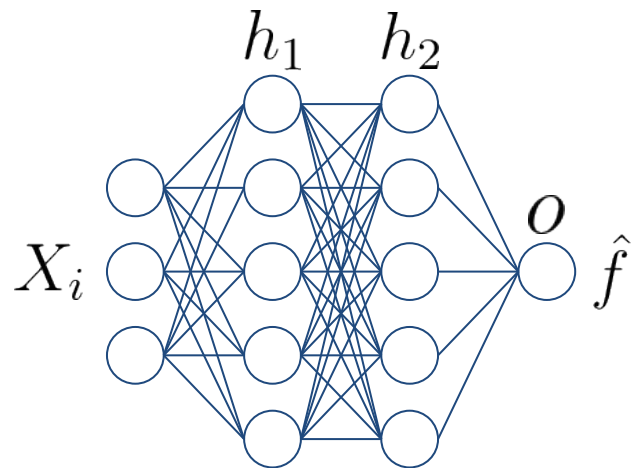
## Neural Networks

A Neural Net is composed of layers formed of units (neurons)

Each layer is a function of the outputs of the previous layer

The output,  $\hat{f}$ , is a composite function of all the inner layers and the inputs

Evaluating  $\hat{f}(x)$  is called **feed-forward**



$$\vec{h}_1 = a_1(\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{b}_1)$$

$$\vec{h}_2 = a_2(\mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \vec{h}_1 + \vec{b}_2)$$

$$o = a_o(\vec{w}_o \cdot \vec{h}_2 + b_o)$$

$$a_i = \{\tanh, \sigma, \text{ReLU}, \dots\}$$

# Deep Learning

## Neural Networks

Optimisation is done using Gradient Descent implemented using **Backpropagation**:

- The parameters of each layer are updated in isolation
- Updated parameters only depend on how the error propagates from the output to that layer

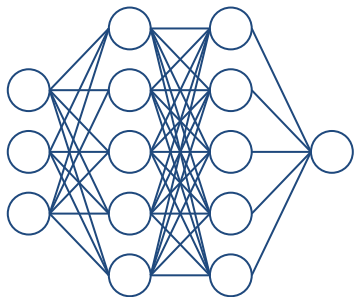
There are many optimisers that perform this operation

- Adam, Nadam, RMSprop, Adagrad, Adadelta, ...

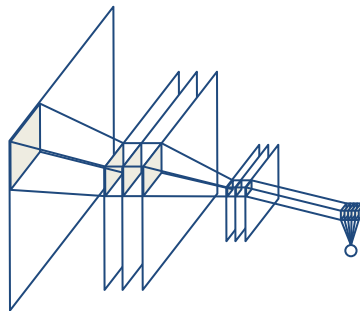
# Deep Learning

## Types of Neural Networks

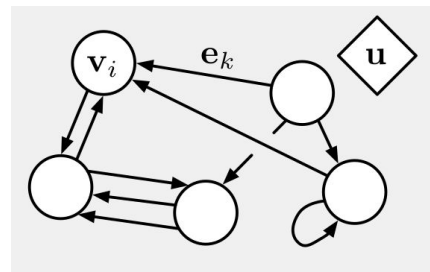
Different architectures exist that excel at different tasks



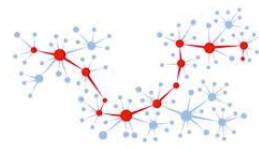
Dense



Convolutional



Graph



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# Applications in HEP

Just a few highlights

# Applications

## Machine Learning in HEP

Machine Learning has been used in HEP for a long time

However, new developments that have led to the current Deep Learning era are still being explored and there is a growing research effort in bringing Deep Learning to HEP

For reviews on applications to Particle Physics:

- 1807.02876: Machine Learning in High Energy Physics Community White Paper
- 1905.06047: Supervised deep learning in high energy phenomenology: a mini review

# Applications

## Jet Discrimination

Jets are the cornerstone observables at colliders, from which we infer the physical processes that originated them

While traditional Machine Learning has been used to perform particle identification, Deep Learning has the potential of providing new approaches

- Can we train models to detect *generic* new physics signals?
- Can deep models provide better signal efficiency and lead to better bounds on new physics?
- Can we use calorimeter images for this task, as opposed to observables from reconstructed objects?
- Can we learn new physics from what the machine has learned?



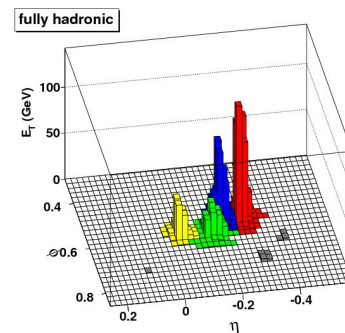
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## Jet Discrimination from images

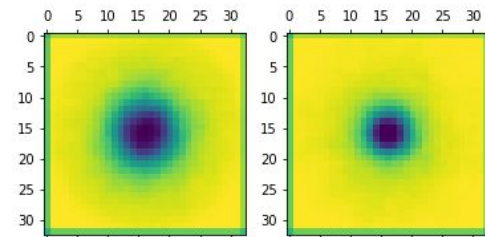
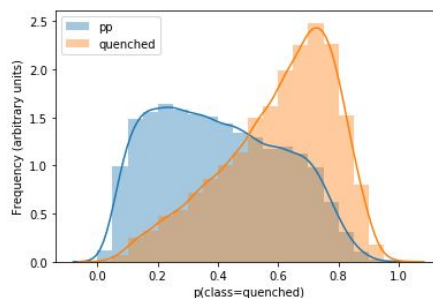
Convolutional Neural Nets are being studied to discriminate between Quark and Gluon jets (1612.0155) using  $(\eta-\phi)$  planes

-> Study if we can use a similar approach to differentiate between vacuum and quenched jets (WIP)

=> We want to “reverse engineer” what the Net uses to learn the Physics of quenched jets



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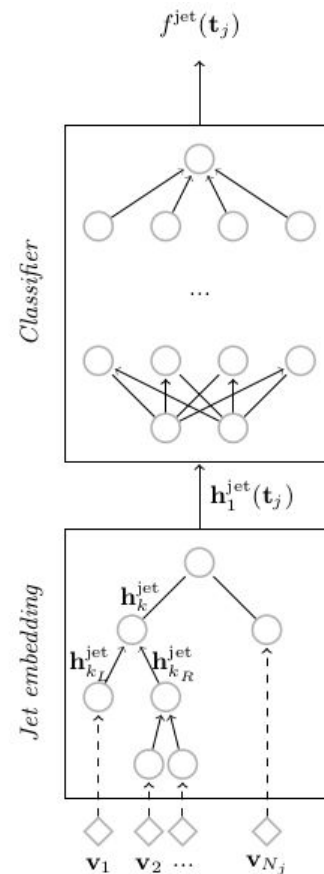


# Applications

## Jet Discrimination from “jet-trees”

Recursive Nets have been used to for jet discrimination using the jet reconstruction algorithm tree

Input	Architecture	ROC AUC	$R_{\epsilon=50\%}$
particles	$k_t$	$0.9195 \pm 0.0009$	$74.3 \pm 2.4$
particles	C/A	<b><math>0.9222 \pm 0.0007</math></b>	$81.8 \pm 3.1$
particles	anti- $k_t$	$0.9156 \pm 0.0012$	$68.3 \pm 3.2$
particles	asc- $p_T$	$0.9137 \pm 0.0046$	$54.8 \pm 11.7$
particles	desc- $p_T$	$0.9212 \pm 0.0005$	<b><math>83.3 \pm 3.1</math></b>
particles	random	$0.9106 \pm 0.0035$	$50.7 \pm 6.7$



# Applications

## One model to discriminate all

Exclusion bounds often rely on specific model variations and a selection of parameter-space benchmark points

But the background, i.e. the Standard Model, is the same for all new physics models and parameter combinations

In the same vein as other studies (1808.08979, 1811.10276, 1906.02694) we are exploring the potential of **Anomaly Detection** in Deep Learning to create a discriminator to find **any** VLQ signals

# Applications

## Beyond experiment... BSM model building

Experimental HEP is not the only data-intensive endeavour in HEP

When model building, one is often faced with vast parameter spaces and a myriad variations of a model

Recent developments have shown that Deep Learning can be used to perform highly efficient parameter-space scans (1708.06615, 1906.03277)

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \exp[(o_{\text{model}}(\lambda_j) - o_{\text{exp}})^2 / \sigma]$$

Can we completely (or partially) automate model building? (I think so)

# Applications

## But it's not only Particle Physics!

Some recent developments:

- 1704.04650: Big Universe, Big Data: Machine Learning and Image Analysis for Astronomy
- 1701.00008: Deep Neural Networks to Enable Real-time Multimessenger Astrophysics
- 1711.03121: Deep Learning for real-time gravitational wave detection and parameter estimation: Results with Advanced LIGO data

Strangely, I haven't found many (or at all) references to the usage of Deep Learning to Supernovae detection, etc. **Any astronomers in the audience who want to collaborate?**

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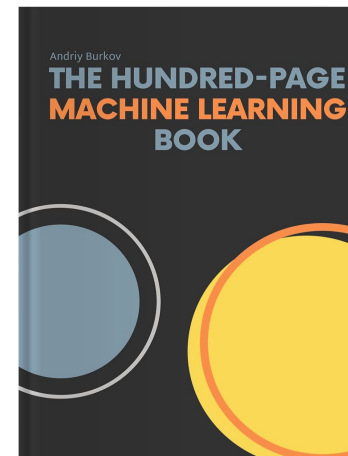
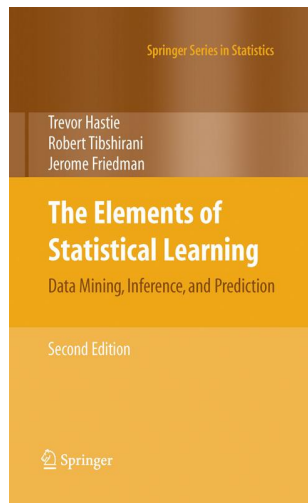
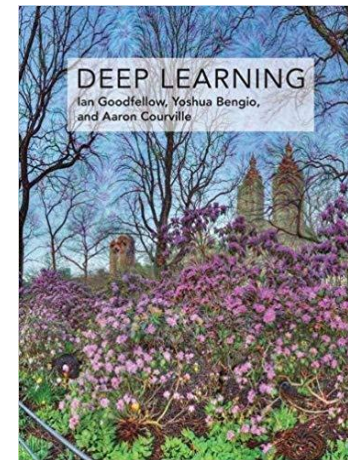
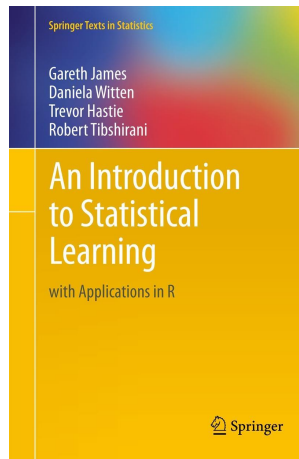
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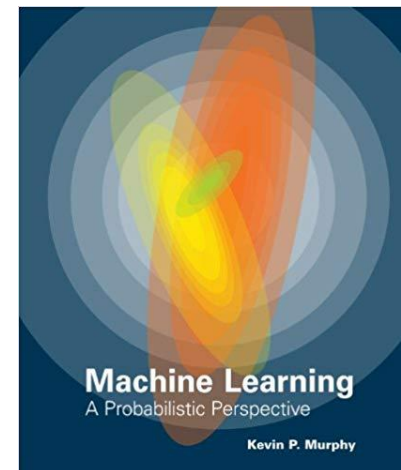
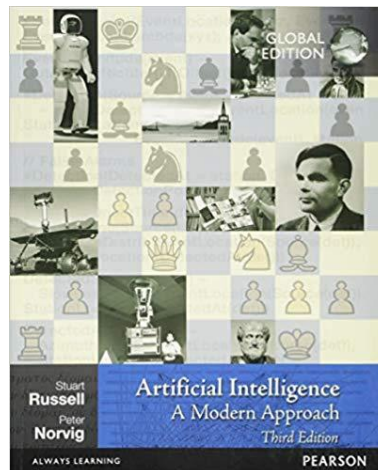
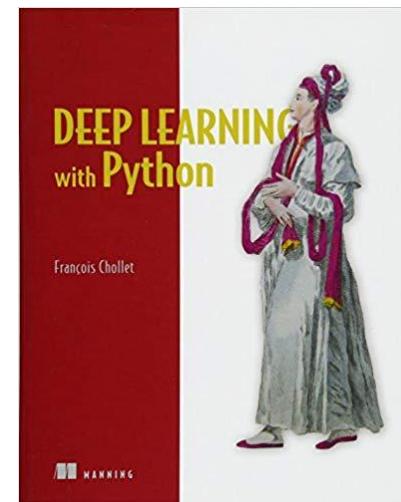
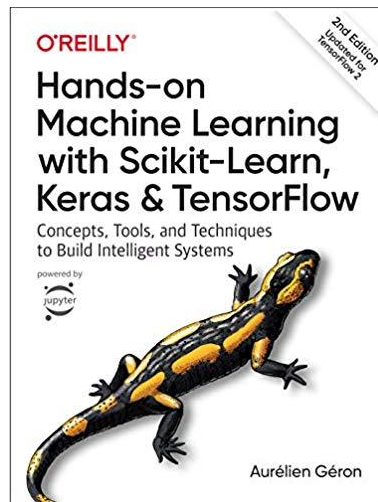
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