

Machine Learning & Data Mining

CS/CNS/EE 155

Lecture 17:
Survey of Advanced Topics

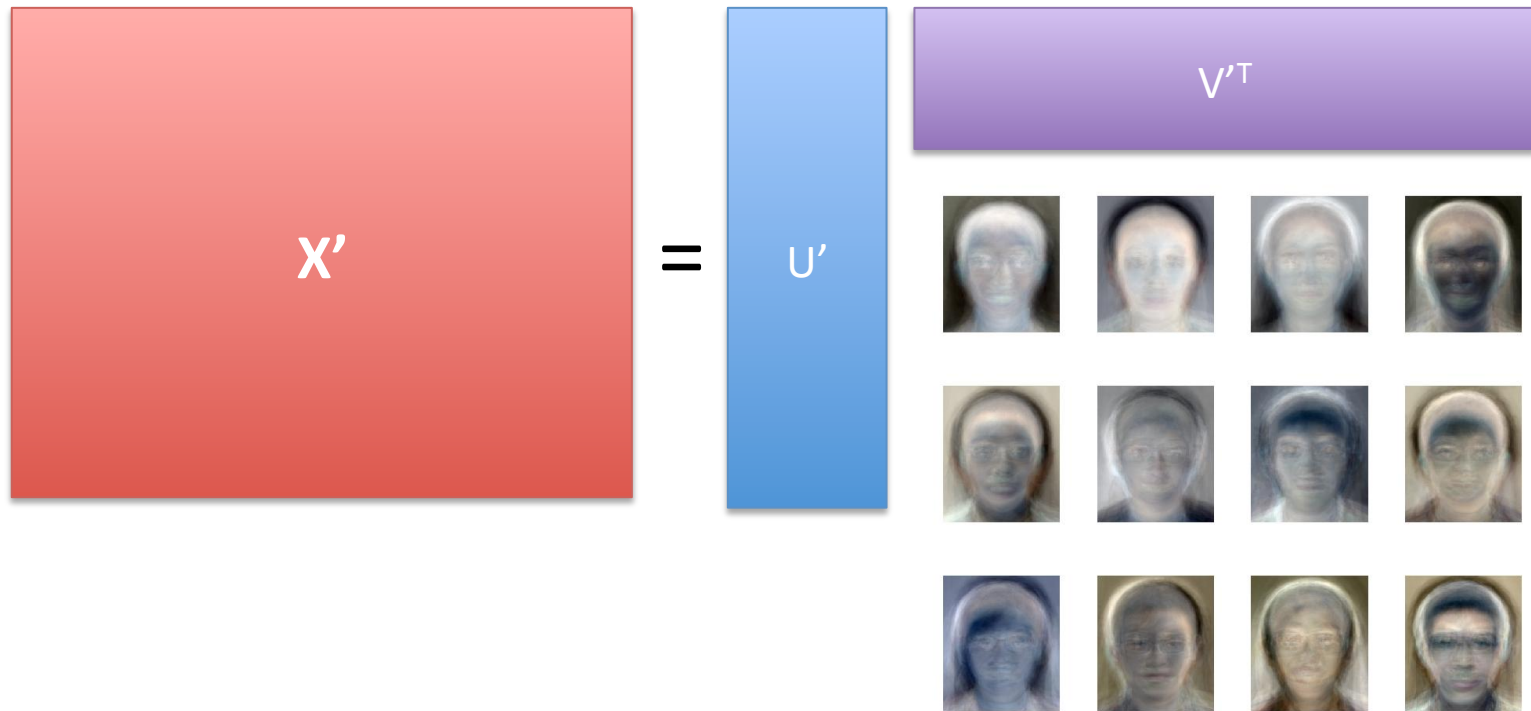
What We Covered

Basic Supervised Learning

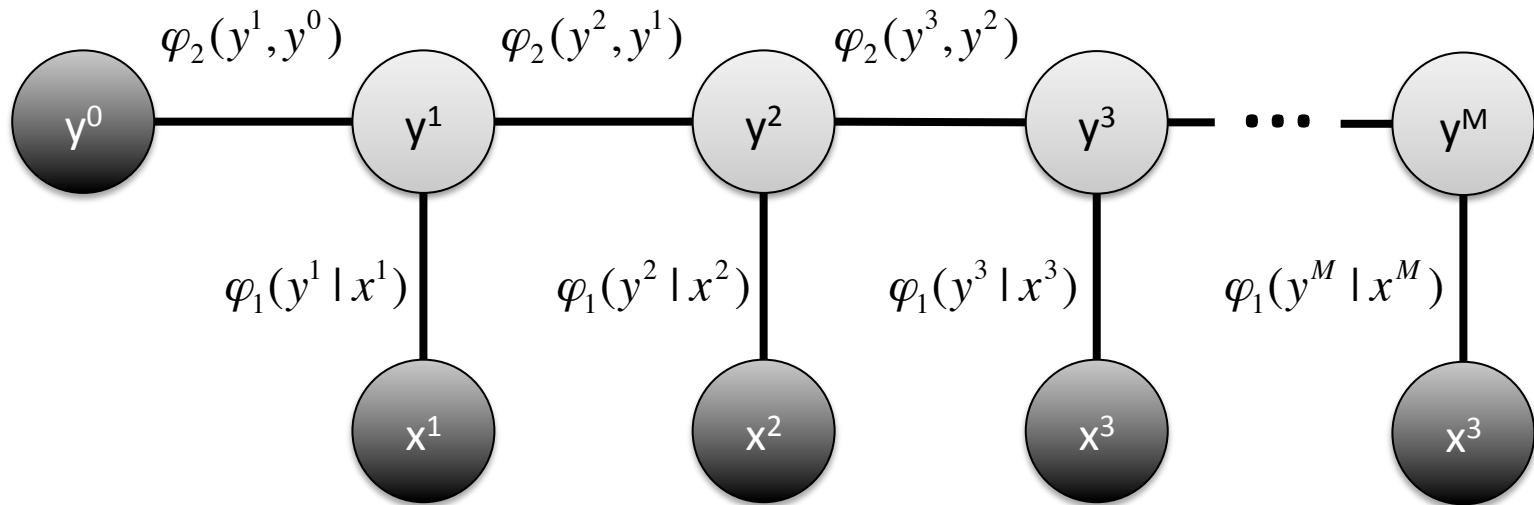
- Training Data: $S = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$
 $y \in \{-1, +1\}$
- Model Class: $f(x | w, b) = w^T x - b$ **Linear Models**
- Loss Function: $L(a, b) = (a - b)^2$ **Squared Loss**
- Learning Objective: $\operatorname{argmin}_{w, b} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i | w, b))$

Optimization Problem

Basic Unsupervised Learning

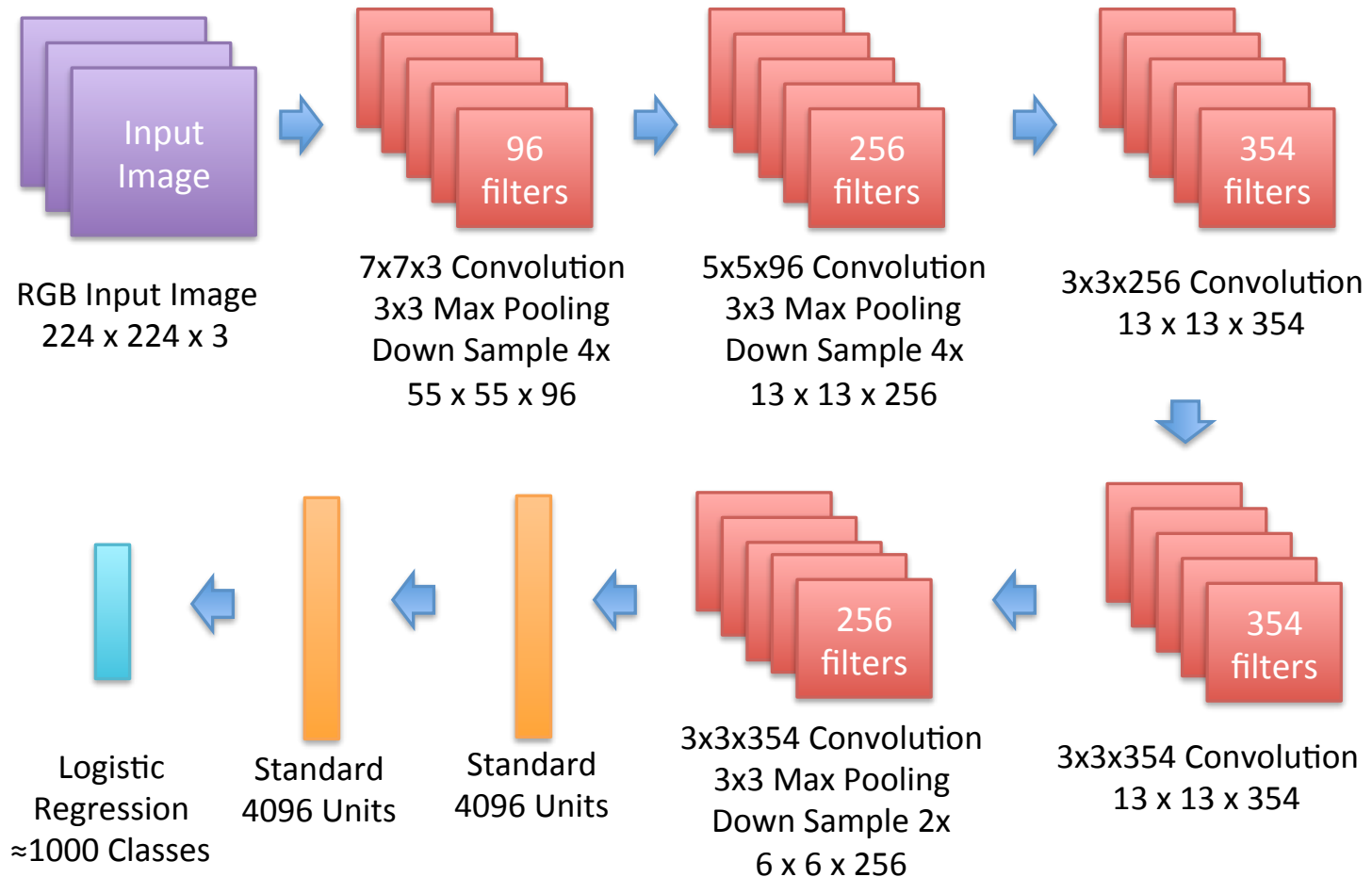


Sequence Prediction



$$\varphi^j(a, b | x) = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1^j(a | x) \\ \varphi_2(a, b) \end{bmatrix}$$

Intro to Deep Learning



Simple Optimization Algorithms

- Stochastic Gradient Descent
- EM algorithm (for HMMs)

Other Basic Concepts

- Cross Validation
- Overfitting
- Bias-Variance Tradeoff

Learning Theory

Generalization Bounds

- Formal characterization of overfitting
- Example result:

With Prob. $\geq 1-\delta$:

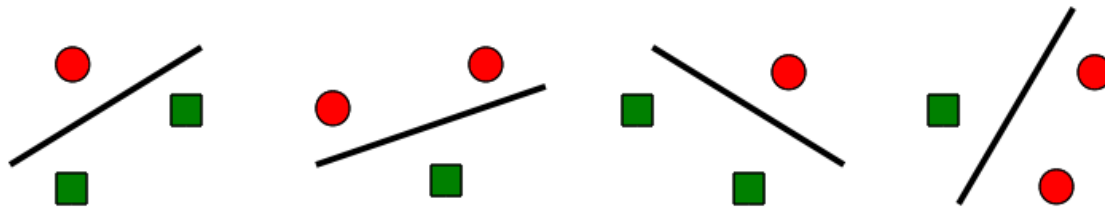
$$E_{out}(h) \leq E_{in}(h) + O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

Diagram annotations:

- Test Error (points to $E_{out}(h)$)
- Training Error (points to $E_{in}(h)$)
- Trained Model (points to h)
- Training Size (points to N)
- Make rigorous! (bracketed over the O term)

Shattering

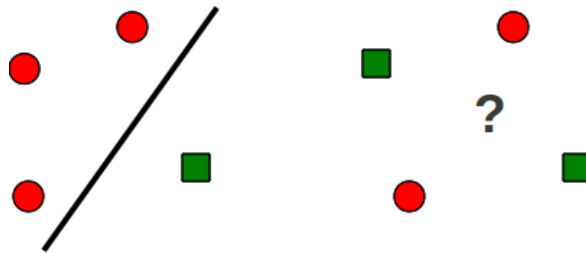
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In 2D, any 3 points can always be shattered by linear models!

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In 2D, linear models cannot shatter 4 points!

VC Dimension

- $VC(H)$ = most # points that can be shattered
 - If H is linear models in 2D feature space:
 - $VC(H) = 3$

With Prob. $\geq 1-\delta$:

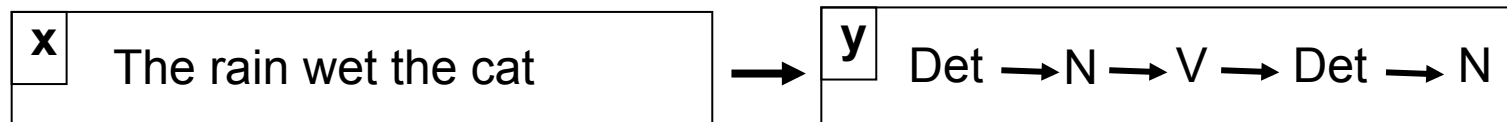
$$E_{out}(h) \leq E_{in}(h) + O\left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{2N}{VC(H)} + 1\right) + \log\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

Structured Prediction

Examples of Complex Output Spaces

- Part-of-Speech Tagging

- Given a sequence of words x , predict sequence of tags y .
- Dependencies from tag-tag transitions in Markov model.



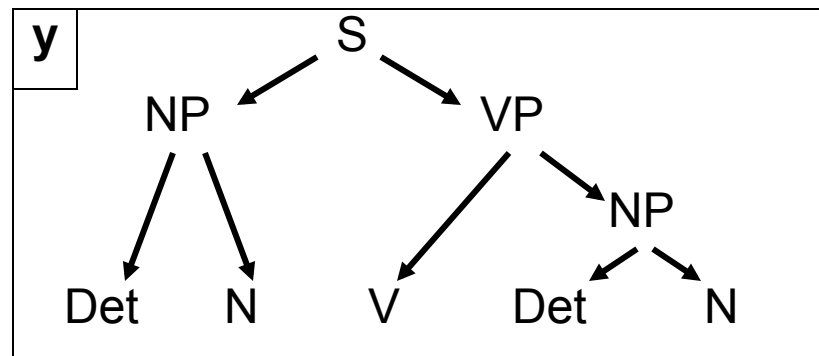
→ Similarly for other sequence labeling problems, e.g., RNA Intron/
Exon Tagging.

Examples of Complex Output Spaces

- Natural Language Parsing

- Given a sequence of words x , predict the parse tree y .
- Dependencies from structural constraints, since y has to be a tree.

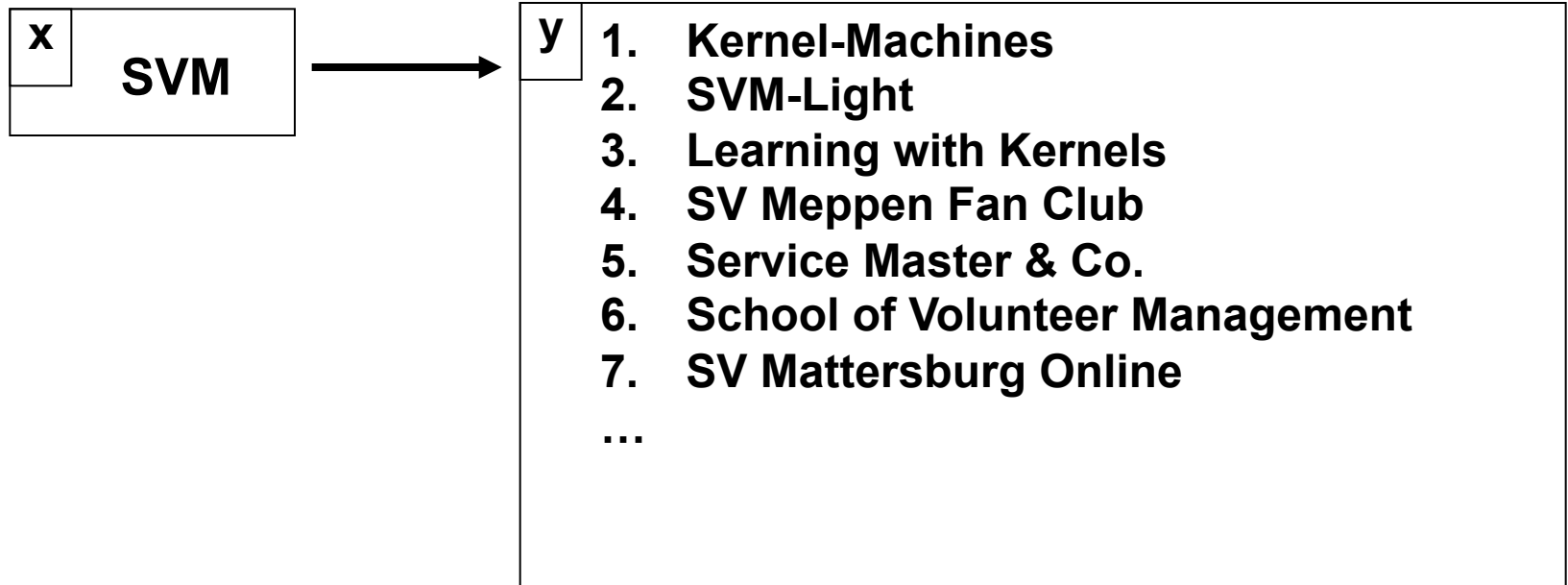
x The dog chased the cat



Examples of Complex Output Spaces

- Information Retrieval

- Given a query x , predict a ranking y .
- Dependencies between results (e.g. avoid redundant hits)
- Loss function over rankings (e.g. Average Precision)



General Formula (Linear Models)

- Assume scoring function F

$$h(\mathbf{x}; w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in Y(\mathbf{x})} F(\mathbf{x}, y; w)$$

- Assume F is linear:

$$F(\mathbf{x}, y; w) = w^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

Example 1

$$h(\mathbf{x}; w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in Y(\mathbf{x})} F(\mathbf{x}, y; w) \quad F(\mathbf{x}, y; w) = w^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

Binary Classification:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, y) = y\mathbf{x}$$

$$Y(\mathbf{x}) = \{-1, +1\}$$

$$F(\mathbf{x}, y; w) = y(w^T \mathbf{x})$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}; w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{-1, +1\}} y(w^T \mathbf{x})$$

Examples

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1st Order Sequences:

$Y(\mathbf{x}) =$ all possible output sequences

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_j \phi(y^j, y^{j-1} \mid \mathbf{x})$$

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; w) = w^T \sum_j \phi(y^j, y^{j-1} \mid \mathbf{x})$$

Solve using Viterbi!

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$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; w) = w^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

Integer Linear Program:

$Y(\mathbf{x}) =$ Feasible settings of \mathbf{y}

Each $y^j \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_j y^j \phi^j(\mathbf{x})$$

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; w) = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} w^T \phi^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ w^T \phi^2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}; w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in Y(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{c}$$

Structured Prediction Learning Problem

- **Efficient Inference/Prediction**

$$h(\mathbf{x}; w) = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} w^T \Psi(y, \mathbf{x})$$

- Viterbi in sequence labeling
- CKY Parser for parse trees
- Sorting for ranking

- **Efficient Learning/Training**

- Learn parameters w from training data $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1..N}$
- Structural SVM: Hinge Loss Minimization
- Conditional Random Fields: Log Loss Minimization
- Structured Perceptron, etc...

Perceptron Learning Algorithm

- $w^1 = 0, b^1 = 0$
- For $t = 1 \dots$
 - Receive example (x, y)
 - If $h(x | w^t) = y$
 - $[w^{t+1}, b^{t+1}] = [w^t, b^t]$
 - Else
 - $w^{t+1} = w^t + yx$
 - $b^{t+1} = b^t + y$

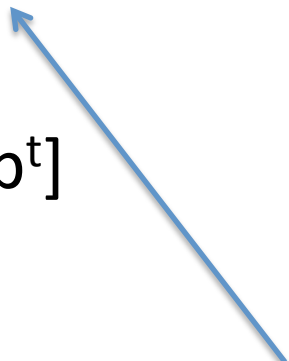
$$h(x | w) = \text{sign}(w^T x - b)$$

Training Set:

$$S = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$y \in \{+1, -1\}$$

Go through training set
in arbitrary order
(e.g., randomly)



Structured Perceptron

- $w^1 = 0$

$$h(x | w) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y'} w^T \Psi(x, y')$$

- For $t = 1 \dots$

- Receive example (x, y)

- If $h(x | w^t) = y$

- $w^{t+1} = w^t$

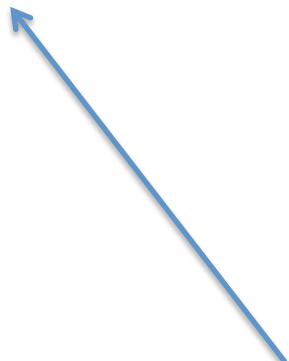
- Else

- $w^{t+1} = w^t + \Psi(x, y)$

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Conventional SVMs

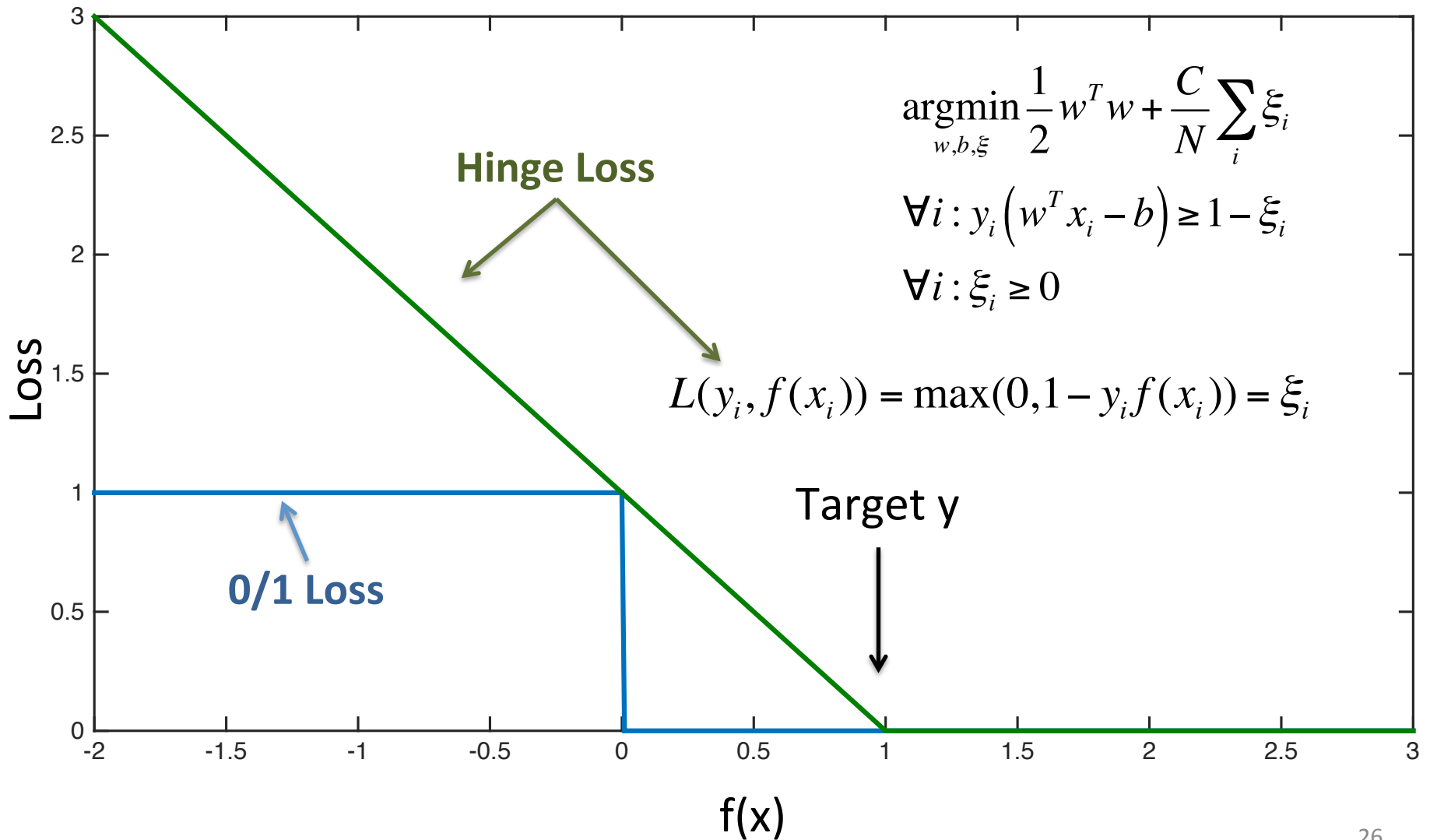
- Input: x (high dimensional point)
- Target: y (either +1 or -1)
- Prediction: $\text{sign}(w^T x)$

- Training:
$$\arg \min_{w, \xi} \frac{1}{2} w^2 + \frac{C}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i$$

subject to:
$$\forall i: y_i \cdot (w^T x_i) \geq 1 - \xi_i$$

- **The sum of slacks $\sum_i \xi_i$ upper bounds the 0/1 loss!**

Conventional SVMs



Structural SVM

- Let \mathbf{x} denote a structured input (sentence)
- Let \mathbf{y} denote a structured output (POS tags)
- Standard objective function: $\frac{1}{2} w^2 + \frac{C}{N} \sum_i \xi_i$
- Constraints are defined for each incorrect labeling \mathbf{y}' over each \mathbf{x} .

$$\forall i, \forall \mathbf{y}' \neq \mathbf{y}^{(i)} : \underbrace{w^T \Psi(\mathbf{y}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})}_{\text{Score}(\mathbf{y}^{(i)})} \geq \underbrace{w^T \Psi(\mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x}^{(i)})}_{\text{Score}(\mathbf{y}')} + \underbrace{\Delta_i(\mathbf{y}')}_{\text{Loss}(\mathbf{y}')} - \underbrace{\xi_i}_{\text{Slack}}$$

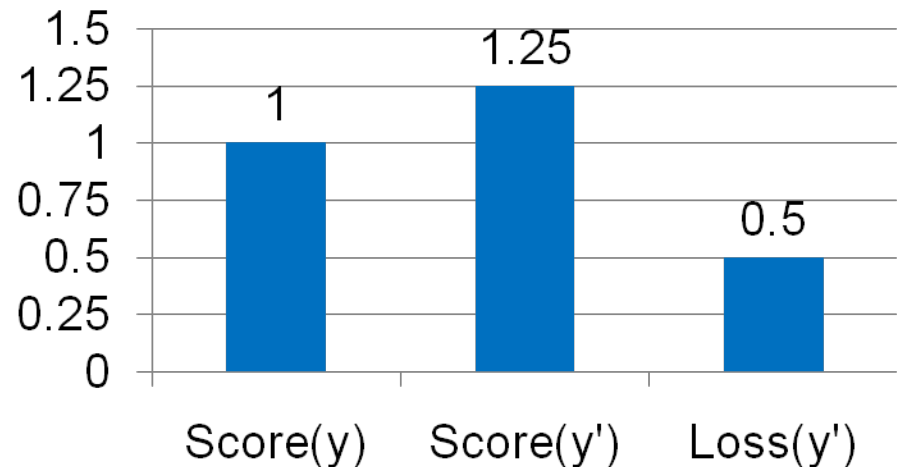
Interpreting Constraints

$$\frac{1}{2} w^2 + \frac{C}{N} \sum_i \xi_i$$

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Suppose for incorrect \mathbf{y}' :

Then: $\xi_i \geq 0.75 \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}')$



Crowdsourcing

Acquiring Labels from Annotators

Keyword Tagging Attractions in Paris!

- Please inspect the attraction below.
- **SELECT ALL** keywords that are appropriate for this attraction.
- Selected keywords will turn **RED**.
- The right pane below displays additional information (e.g., wikipedia page) for your convenience.



Place de la Madeleine

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| • Ancient Ruin | • Palace / Mansion |
| • Architecture | • Performance |
| • Art | • Plaza / Open Area |
| • Bridge | • Recreational |
| • Cabaret | • Relaxing / Leisure |
| • Cemetary | • Religious |
| • Comedy | • Scenic -- Nature |
| • Culture | • Scenic -- Urban |
| • Dining | • Scenic -- Water |
| • Fountain | • Shopping |
| • Garden / Park | • Sightseeing |
| • Historical | • Spa / Massage |
| • Large Building | • Sports |
| • Memorial | • Street |
| • Monument / Statue | • Theater / Opera |
| • Museum -- Art | • Tour |
| • Museum -- Other | • Transportation |
| • Nightlife | • Walking / Strolling |
| • Outdoors | • Zoo / Aquarium |

Submit

Search Wikipedia

La Madeleine, Paris



The Madeleine church

L'**église de la Madeleine** (French pronunciation: [ɛgliz də la madɛlɛn], *Madeline Church*; more formally, **L'église Sainte-Marie-Madeleine**; less formally, just **La Madeleine**) is a Roman Catholic church occupying a commanding position in the 8th arrondissement of Paris.

The Madeleine Church was designed in its present form as a temple to the glory of **Napoleon's army**. To its south lies the **Place de la Concorde**, to the east is the

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mechanical turk
beta




How Reliable are Annotators?

- If we knew what the labels were
 - Can judge workers on label quality
- If we knew who the good workers were
 - Can create labels from their annotations
- **Chicken and egg problem!**

Worker Reliability as Latent Variable

- Let z_m denote the reliability of worker m

Estimated label


$$y_i = \frac{1}{\sum_m z_m} \sum_m y_{im} z_m$$



$$z_m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L(y_i, y_{im})$$

Differing Ambiguities Across Tasks

- Often collecting annotations for many tasks
- Some tasks are harder than others
- How many labels to collect for each task?

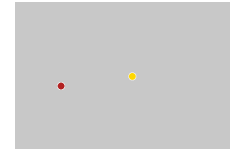
Structured Annotations



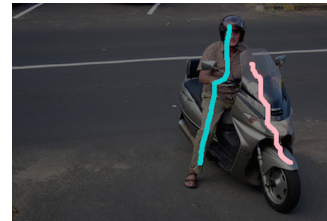
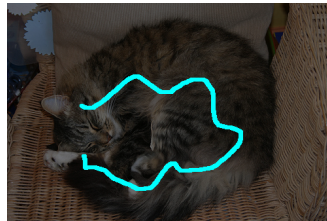
Full supervision



Image-level supervision



Point-level supervision

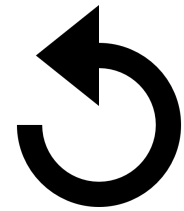


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Active Learning

Crowdsourcing

Unlabeled



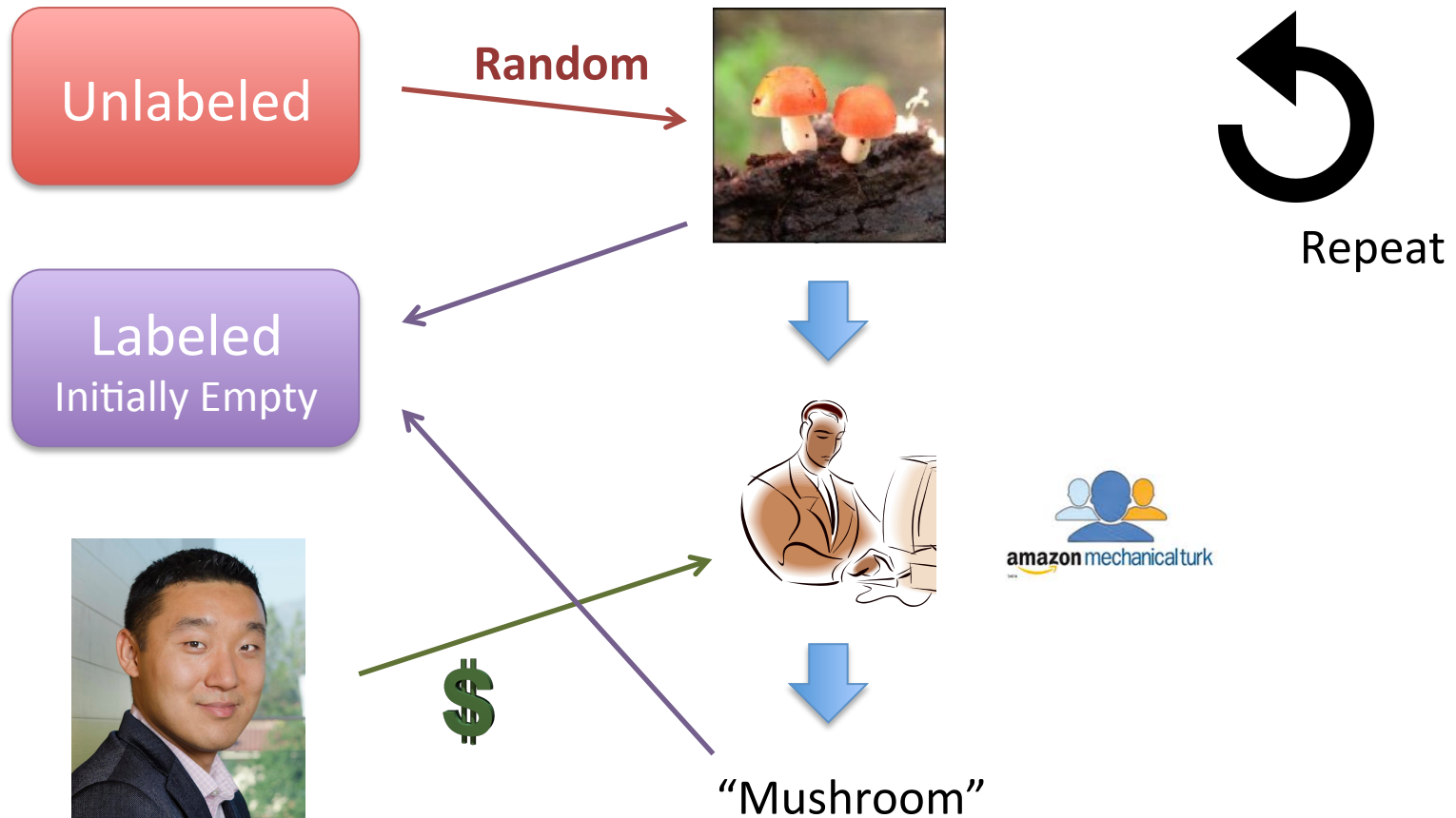
Repeat

Labeled
Initially Empty

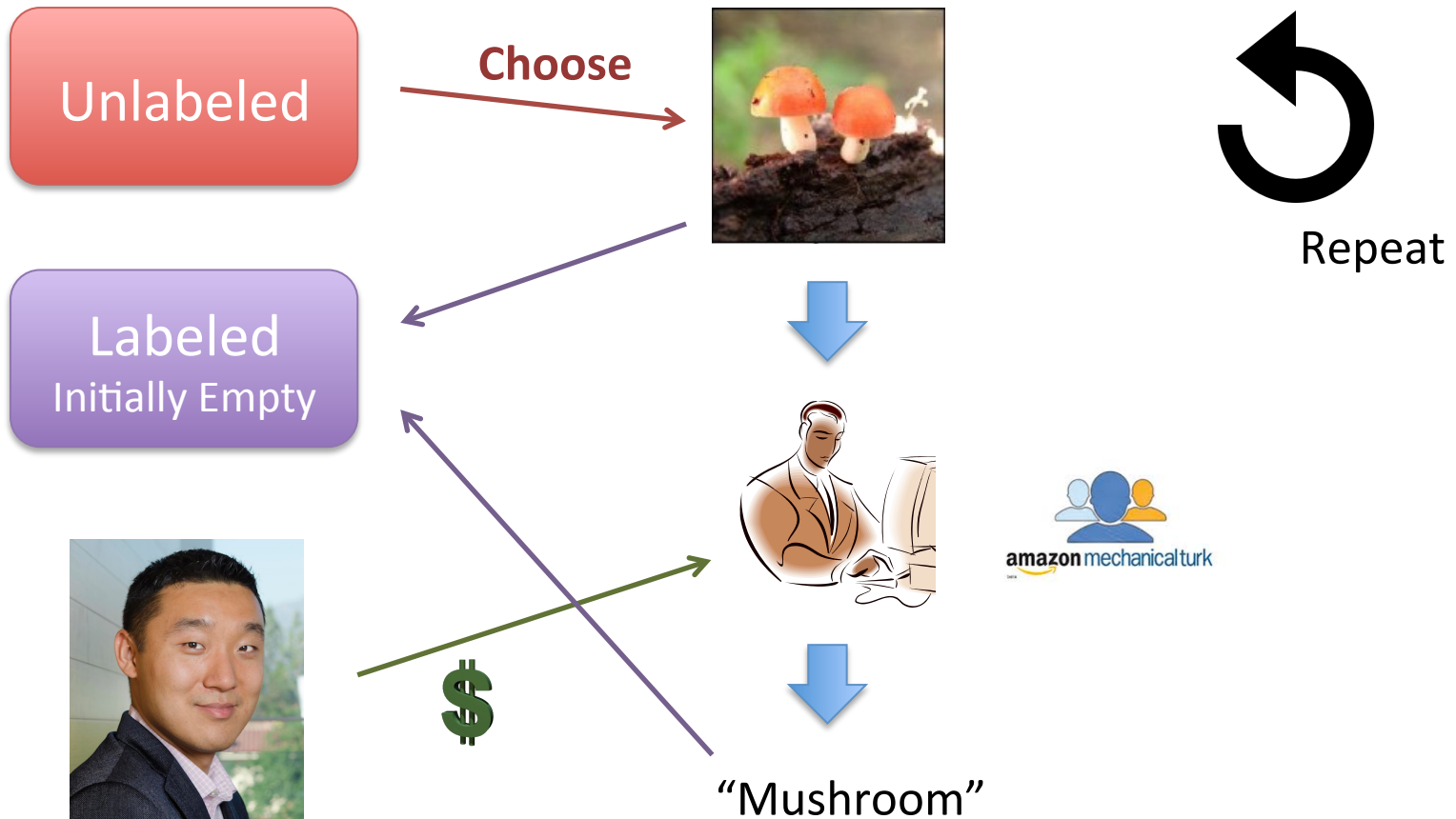


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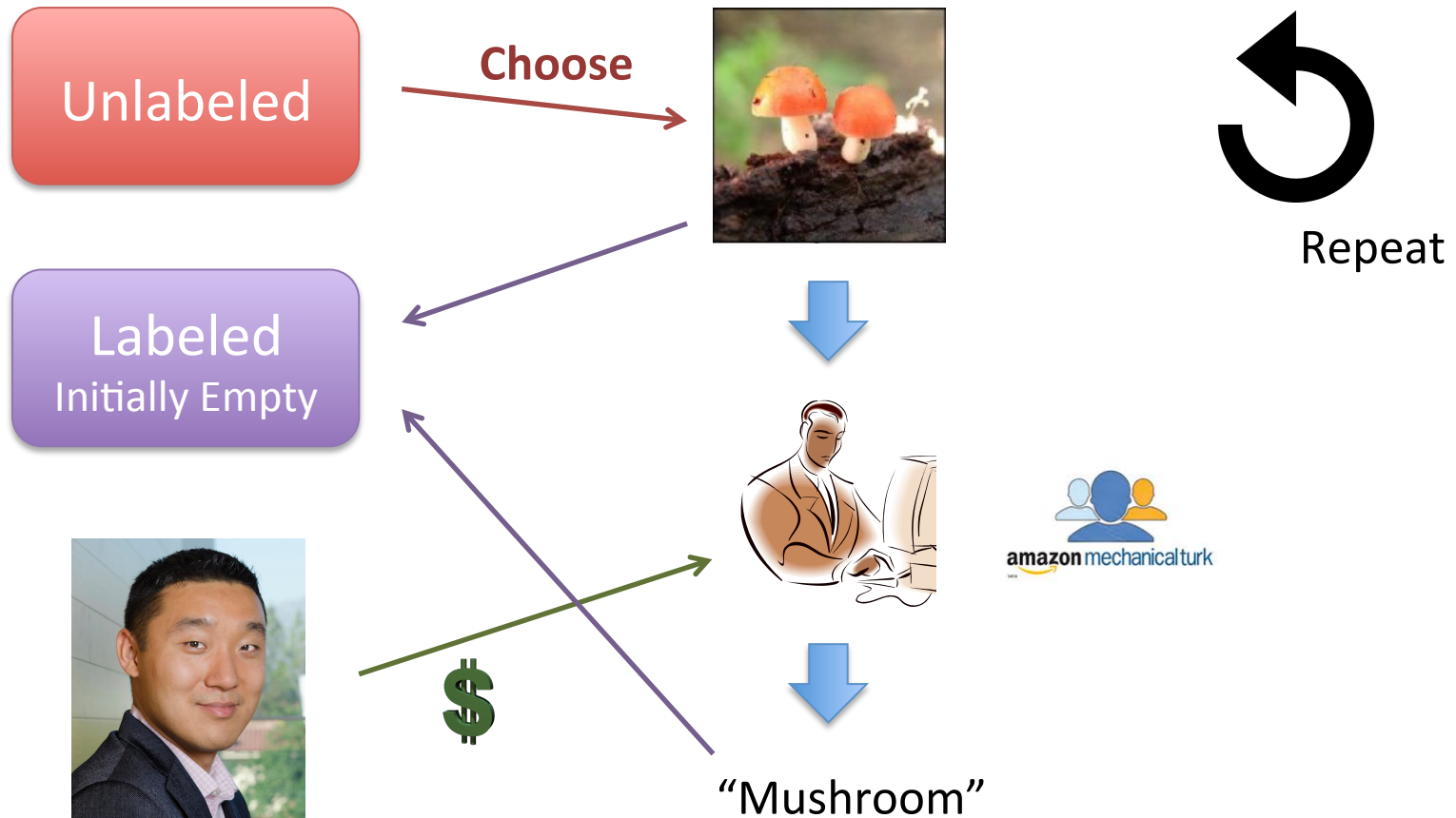
Passive Learning



Active Learning



Goal: Maximize Accuracy with Minimal Cost

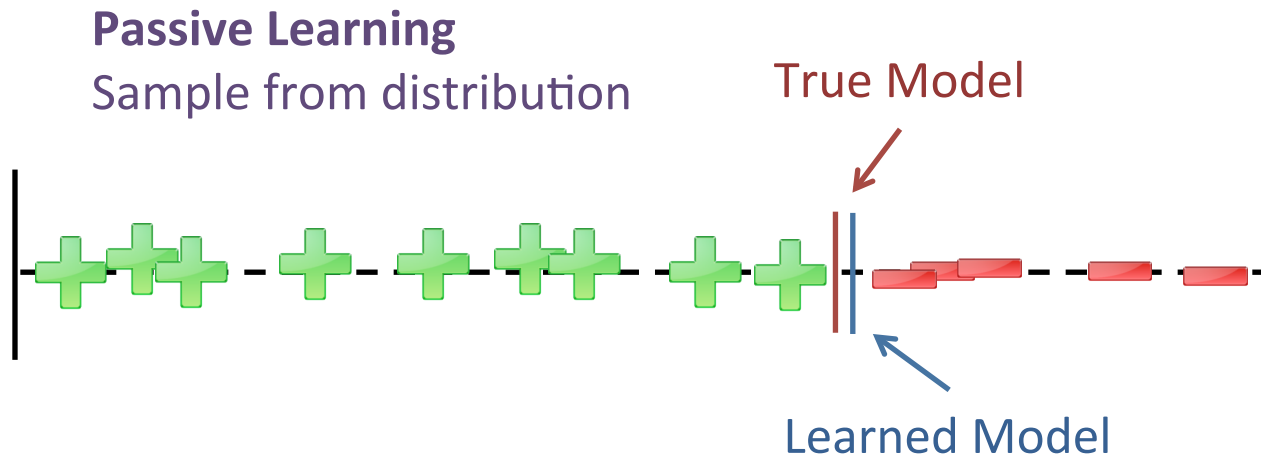


Comparison with Passive Learning

- Conventional Supervised Learning is considered “Passive” Learning
- Unlabeled training set sampled according to test distribution
- So we label it at random
 - **Very Expensive!**

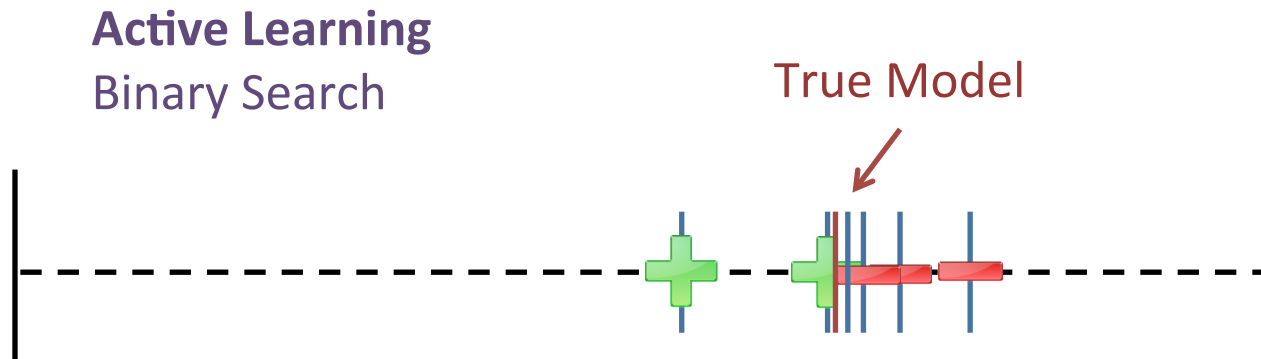
Simple Example

- 1 feature
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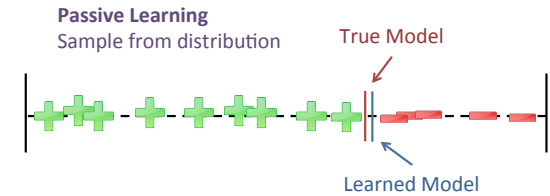
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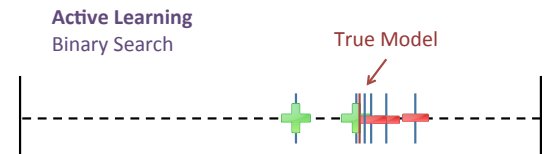
Comparison with Passive Learning

- # samples to be within ϵ of true model

- Passive Learning: $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$



- Active Learning: $O\left(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$

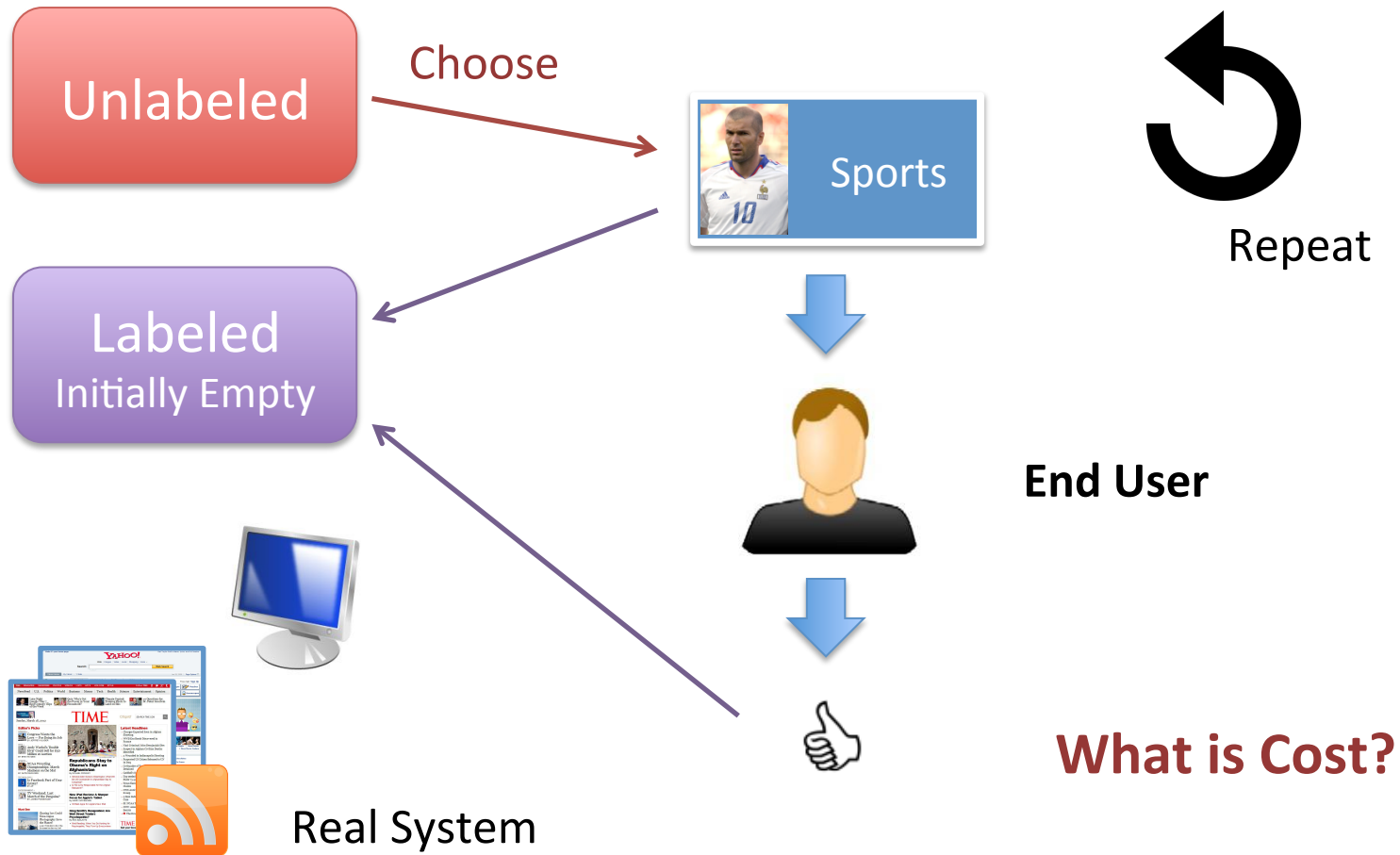


Multi-Armed Bandits

Problems with Crowdsourcing

- Assumes you can label by proxy
 - E.g., have someone else label objects in images
- But sometimes you can't!
 - Personalized recommender systems
 - Need to ask the user whether content is interesting
 - Personalized medicine
 - Need to try treatment on patient
 - **Requires actual target domain**

Personalized Labels



Formal Definition

- K actions/classes
- Each action has an average reward: μ_k
 - Unknown to us
 - Assume WLOG that u_1 is largest
- For $t = 1 \dots T$
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 - Expectation $\mu_{a(t)}$

Basic Setting
K classes
No features

Algorithm Simultaneously
Predicts & Receives Labels

- **Goal:** minimize $Tu_1 - (\mu_{a(1)} + \mu_{a(2)} + \dots + \mu_{a(T)})$

If we had perfect information to start

Expected Reward of Algorithm

Interactive Personalization

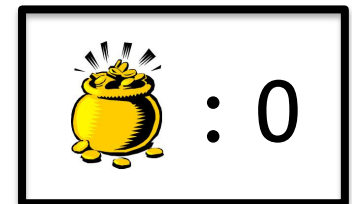
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Average Likes

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Interactive Personalization

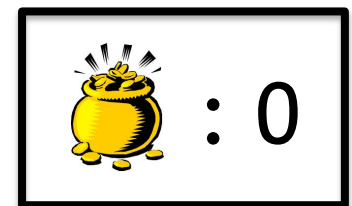
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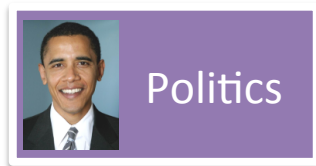
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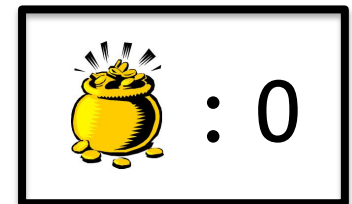
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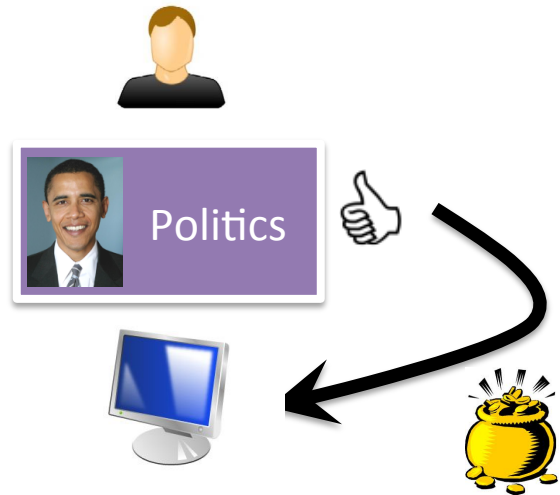
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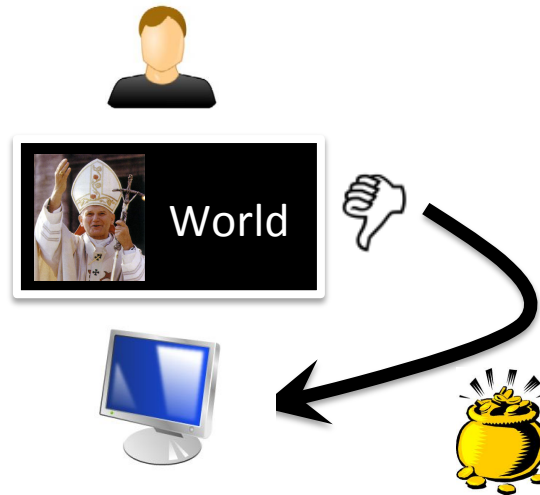


					
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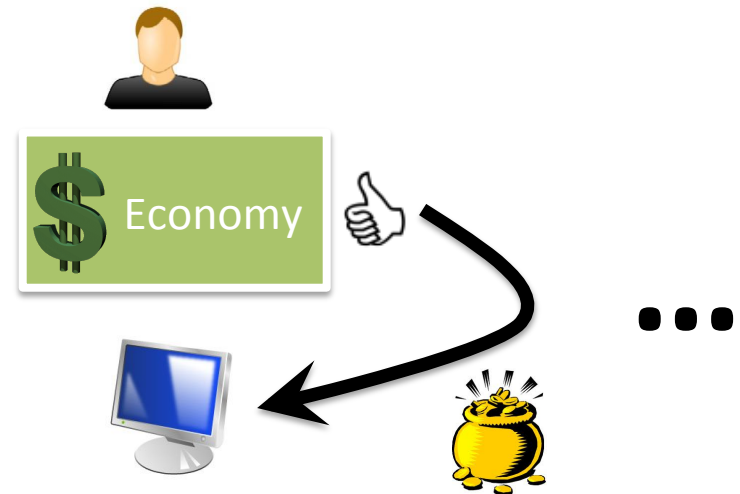


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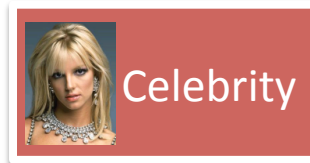


What should Algorithm Recommend?

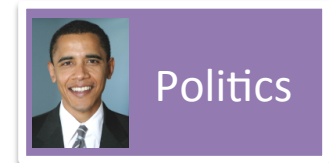
Exploit:



Explore:



Best:



How to Optimally Balance Explore/Exploit Tradeoff?
 Characterized by the Multi-Armed Bandit Problem

					
Average Likes	--	0.44	0.4	0.33	0.2
# Shown	0	25	10	15	20



$$\text{Pots}(\text{OPT}) = \text{Pots}(\text{Obama}) + \text{Pots}(\text{Obama}) + \text{Pots}(\text{Obama}) \dots$$

$$\text{Pots}(\text{ALG}) = \text{Pots}(\text{Messi}) + \text{Pots}(\text{Obama}) + \text{Pots}(\text{Pope}) \dots$$

Time Horizon

Regret: $R(T) = \text{Pots}(\text{OPT}) - \text{Pots}(\text{ALG})$

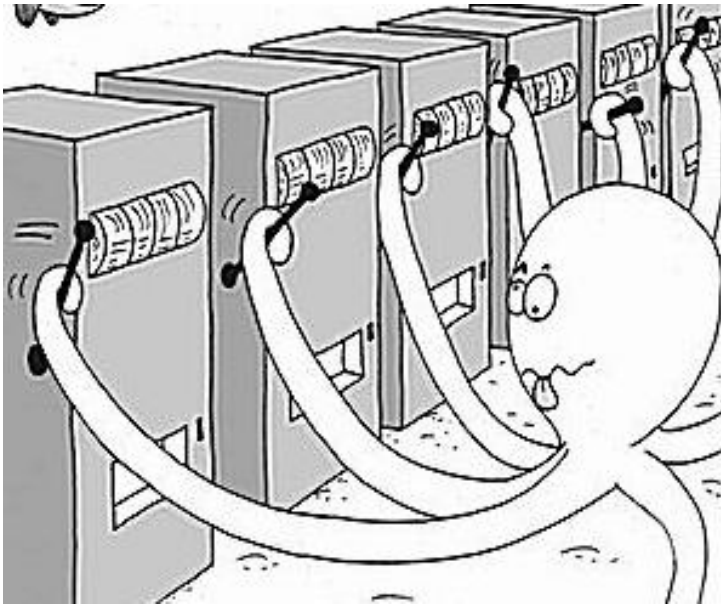
- Opportunity cost of not knowing preferences
- “no-regret” if $R(T)/T \rightarrow 0$
 - Efficiency measured by convergence rate

Recap: The Multi-Armed Bandit Problem

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- Algorithm Simultaneously
Predicts & Receives Labels
- Regret

The Motivating Problem

- Slot Machine = One-Armed Bandit



Each Arm Has
Different Payoff

- **Goal:** Minimize regret From pulling suboptimal arms

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multi-armed_bandit

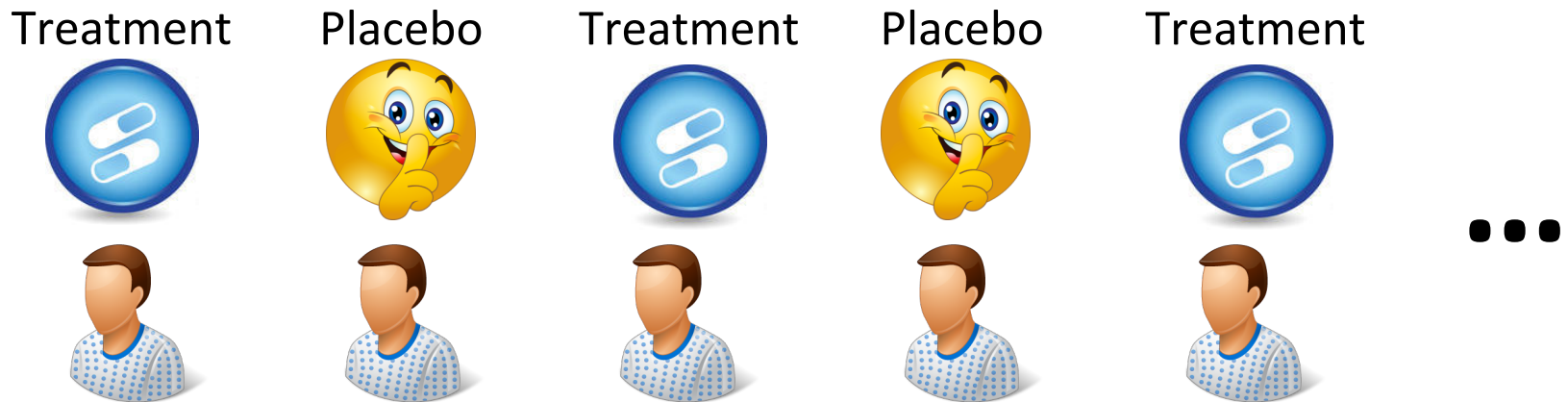
Implications of Regret

Regret: $R(T) = \text{👛}(\text{OPT}) - \text{👛}(\text{ALG})$

- If $R(T)$ grows linearly w.r.t. T :
 - Then $R(T)/T \rightarrow \text{constant} > 0$
 - I.e., we converge to predicting something suboptimal
- If $R(T)$ is sub-linear w.r.t. T :
 - Then $R(T)/T \rightarrow 0$
 - I.e., we converge to predicting the optimal action

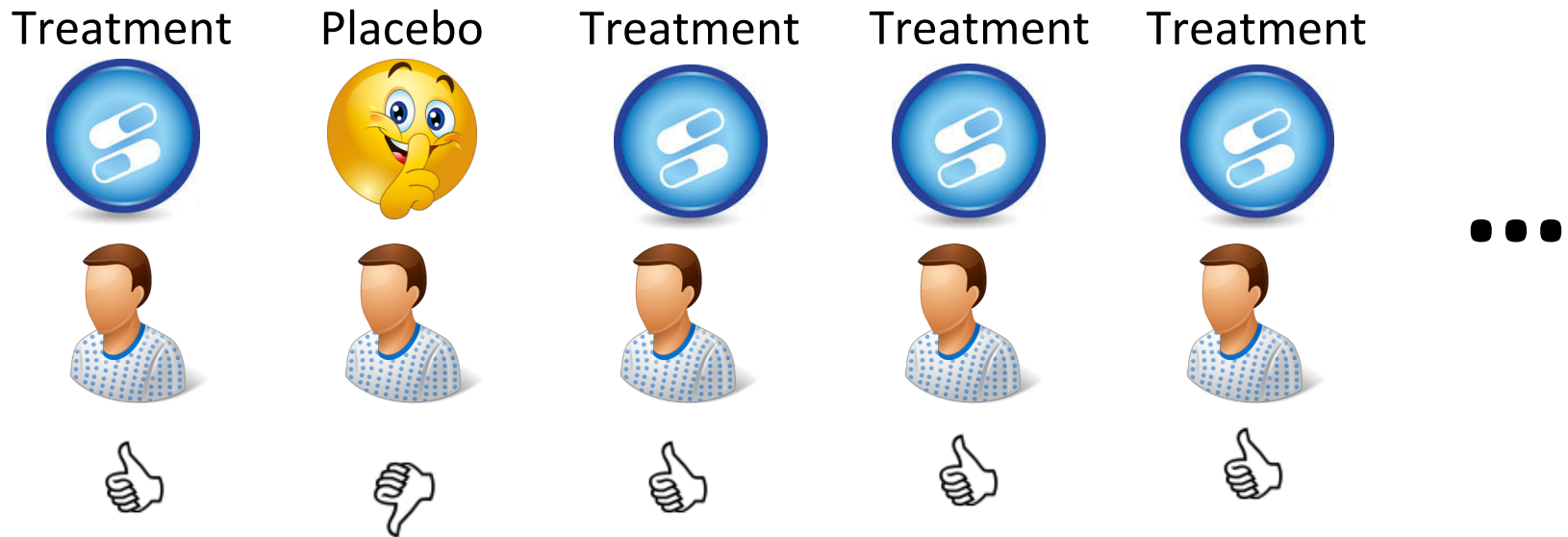
Experimental Design

- How to split trials to collect information
- **Static Experimental Design**
 - Standard practice
 - (pre-planned)



Sequential Experimental Design

- Adapt experiments based on outcomes



Sequential Experimental Design Matters



Monica Almeida/The New York Times, left

Two Cousins, Two Paths Thomas McLaughlin, left, was given a promising experimental drug to treat his lethal skin cancer in a medical trial; Brandon Ryan had to go without it.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/19/health/research/19trial.html>

Sequential Experimental Design

- MAB models <sup>↑
basic</sup> sequential experimental design!
- Each treatment has hidden expected value
 - Need to run trials to gather information
 - “Exploration”
- In hindsight, should always have used treatment with highest expected value
- **Regret = opportunity cost of exploration**

Online Advertising

The screenshot shows a Google search for "macbook". The search bar contains "macbook" and a search icon. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for "Web", "Shopping", "News", "Images", "Videos", "More", and "Search tools". The "Web" tab is selected. Below the navigation tabs, it says "About 97,000,000 results (0.39 seconds)".

The main content area displays a "Shop for macbook on Google" section, which is a sponsored shopping carousel. It features five product listings:

- Apple MacBook Air... \$899.00, Fry's Electroni... In store
- Apple® MacBook Pro... \$719.00, Nomorerrack
- Refurbished Mac - MacBo... \$249.00, Mac of All Tra...
- MacBook Pro with Retina di... \$1,299.00, Apple Store
- Apple MacBook Pro... \$550.05, GainSaver, Special offer

Below the shopping carousel is an advertisement for the "Official Apple Store®". The ad includes the URL "store.apple.com/MacBook", a 4.4-star rating, and text describing MacBook Pro and MacBook Air, free two-day shipping, and contact information for a store in Glendale, CA. It also features links for "Buy MacBook Pro", "Special Financing Offer", "Buy MacBook Air", and "Free In-Store Pickup".

At the bottom of the ad is a link to "Apple - MacBook Pro" with the URL "https://www.apple.com/macbook-pro/" and a description of the latest-generation Intel processors, all-new graphics, and faster flash storage. It also includes links for "Buy MacBook Pro with Retin..." and "Compare Mac notebooks", and a link for "More results from apple.com »".

Largest Use-Case
of Multi-Armed
Bandit Problems

The UCB1 Algorithm

<http://homes.di.unimi.it/~cesabian/Pubblicazioni/ml-02.pdf>

Confidence Intervals

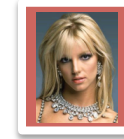
- Maintain Confidence Interval for Each Action
 - Often derived using Chernoff-Hoeffding bounds (**)



= [0.1, 0.3]






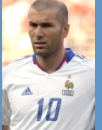

= [0.25, 0.55]



Undefined

Average Likes

Shown

				
--	0.44	0.4	0.33	0.2
0	25	10	15	20

** <http://www.cs.utah.edu/~jeffp/papers/Chern-Hoeff.pdf>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoeffding%27s_inequality

UCB1 Confidence Interval

Expected Reward
Estimated from data






$$\bar{\mu}_k \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 \ln t}{t_k}}$$

Total Iterations so far
(70 in example below)

#times action k was chosen

Average Likes

Shown

				
--	0.44	0.4	0.33	0.2
0	25	10	15	20

The UCB1 Algorithm

- At each iteration
 - Play arm with highest **Upper Confidence Bound**:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_k \bar{\mu}_k + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_k}$$

					
Average Likes	--	0.44	0.4	0.33	0.2
# Shown	0	25	10	15	20

Balancing Explore/Exploit

“Optimism in the Face of Uncertainty”

$$\operatorname{argmax}_k \bar{\mu}_k + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_k}$$

Exploitation Term
Exploration Term

					
Average Likes	--	0.44	0.4	0.33	0.2
# Shown	0	25	10	15	20

Analysis (Intuition)

$$a(t+1) = \operatorname{argmax}_k \bar{\mu}_k + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_k}$$

With high probability (**):

Upper Confidence Bound of Best Arm

Value of Best Arm

$$\bar{\mu}_{a(t+1)} + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_{a(t+1)}} \geq \overbrace{\bar{\mu}_1 + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_1}}^{\text{Upper Confidence Bound of Best Arm}} \geq \underbrace{\mu_1}_{\text{Value of Best Arm}}$$

$$\mu_{a(t+1)} \geq \bar{\mu}_{a(t+1)} - \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_{a(t+1)}}$$

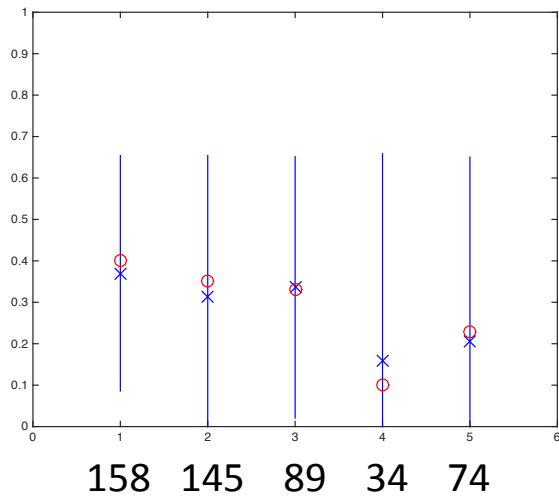
The true value is greater than the lower confidence bound.

$$\mu_1 - \mu_{a(t+1)} \leq 2\sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_{a(t+1)}}$$

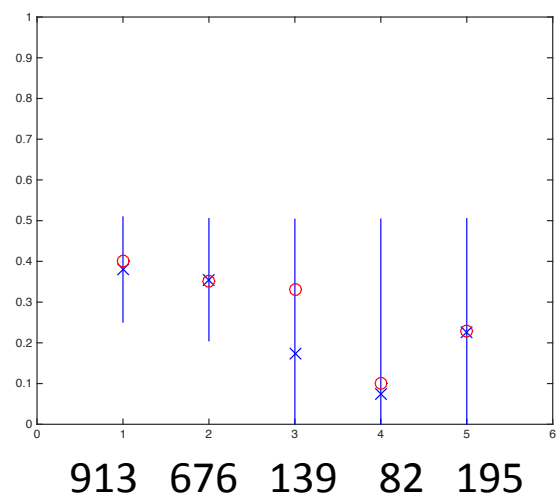
Bound on regret at time t+1

** Proof of Theorem 1 in <http://homes.di.unimi.it/~cesabian/Pubblicazioni/ml-02.pdf>

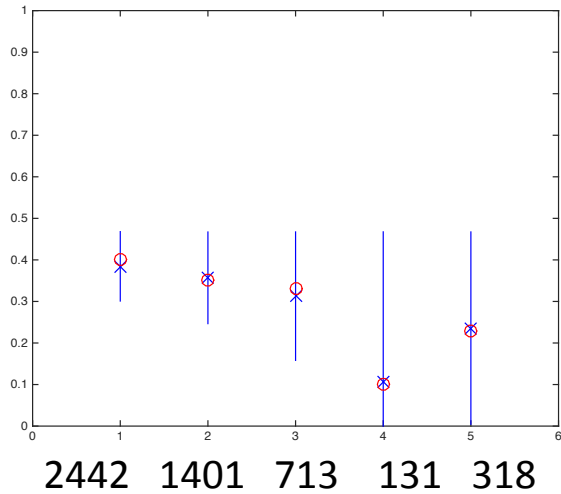
500 Iterations



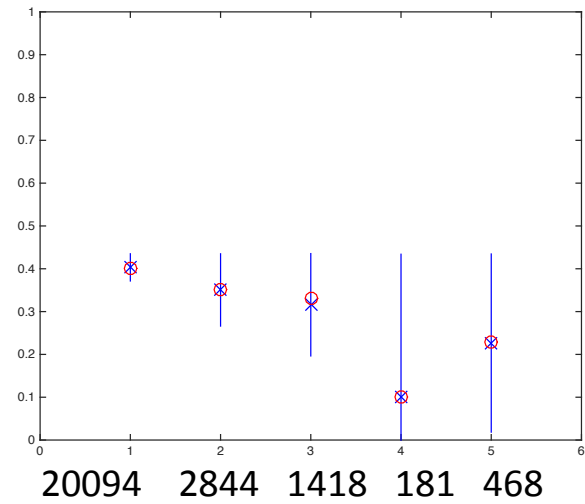
2000 Iterations



5000 Iterations



25000 Iterations



How Often Sub-Optimal Arms Get Played

- An arm never gets selected if:

$$\mu_k + \sqrt{(2 \ln t) / t_k} \leq \mu_1$$

Bound grows
slowly with time

Shrinks quickly
with #trials

- The number of times selected: $O\left(\frac{\ln t}{(\mu_1 - \mu_k)^2}\right)$
 - Prove using Hoeffding's Inequality

Theorem 1 in <http://homes.di.unimi.it/~cesabian/Pubblicazioni/ml-02.pdf>

Regret Guarantee

- With high probability:
 - UCB1 accumulates regret at most:

$$R(T) = O\left(\frac{K}{\varepsilon} \ln T\right)$$

#Actions

Time Horizon

Gap between best & 2nd best
 $\varepsilon = \mu_1 - \mu_2$

Theorem 1 in <http://homes.di.unimi.it/~cesabian/Pubblicazioni/ml-02.pdf>

Extensions

- Contextual Bandits
 - Features of environment
- Dependent-Arms Bandits
 - Features of actions/classes
- Dueling Bandits
 - Learn from pairwise feedback

Recap: MAB & UCB1

- Interactive setting
 - Receives reward/label while making prediction
- Must balance explore/exploit
- Sub-linear regret is good
 - Average regret converges to 0

Reinforcement Learning

Actions Impact State

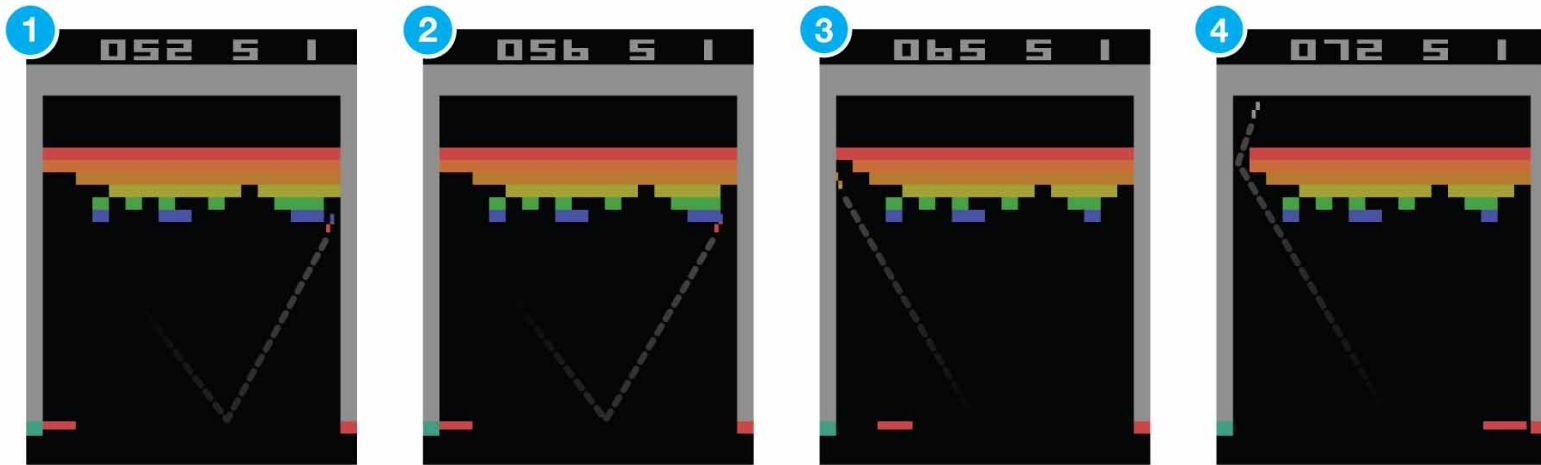
- In MAB:
 - Actions do not impact state
 - Constant reward function
- Reinforcement Learning
 - Actions effect state you're in
 - Reward function depends on state

Video Demo

(Deep Reinforcement Learning for Atari)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqXKQf2BOSE>

What is State?



Reward of each action varies depending on state!

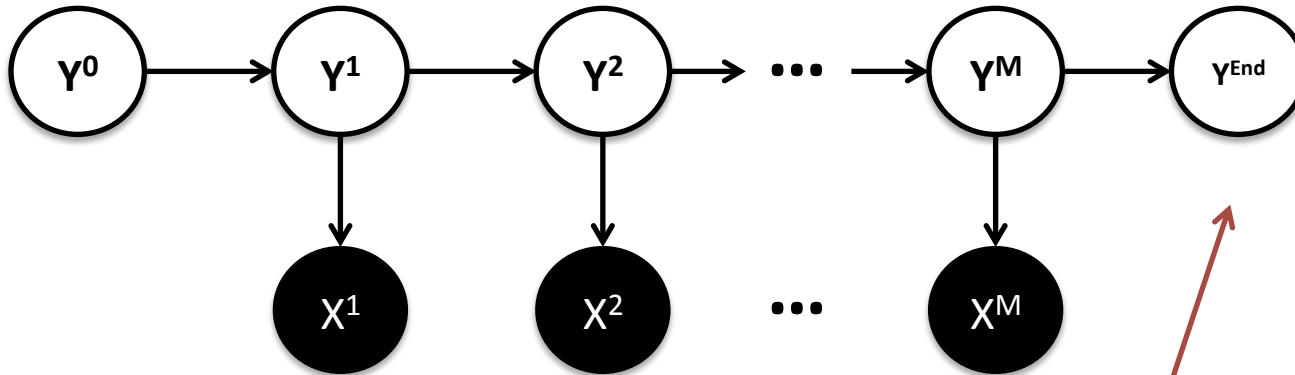
Action at current state impacts future states!

Much harder to do exploration!

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v518/n7540/pdf/nature14236.pdf>

Non-Convex Optimization

Recall: Hidden Markov Models



Optional

$$P(x, y) = P(\text{End} | y^M) \prod_{i=1}^M P(y^i | y^{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^M P(x^i | y^i)$$

Recall: EM Algorithm for HMMs

- If we had y 's \rightarrow max likelihood.
- If we had (A,O) \rightarrow predict y 's

Chicken vs Egg!

1. Initialize A and O arbitrarily

Expectation Step

2. Predict prob. of y 's for each training x

3. Use y 's to estimate new (A,O)

Maximization Step

4. Repeat back to Step 1 until convergence

Non-Convex Optimization Problem! Converges to local optimum.

- If we had y 's \rightarrow max likelihood.
- If we had (A,O) \rightarrow predict y 's

Chicken vs Egg!

1. Initialize A and O arbitrarily

Expectation Step

2

3

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Can We Train HMMs Optimally?

Inspiration from Dimensionality Reduction

- Find best rank K approximation to Y:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}} \|Y - UV^T\|_2^2$$

- Non-convex optimization problem!
 - Due to non-convex feasible region
- **But optimally solved via SVD!**

Spectral Learning of HMMs

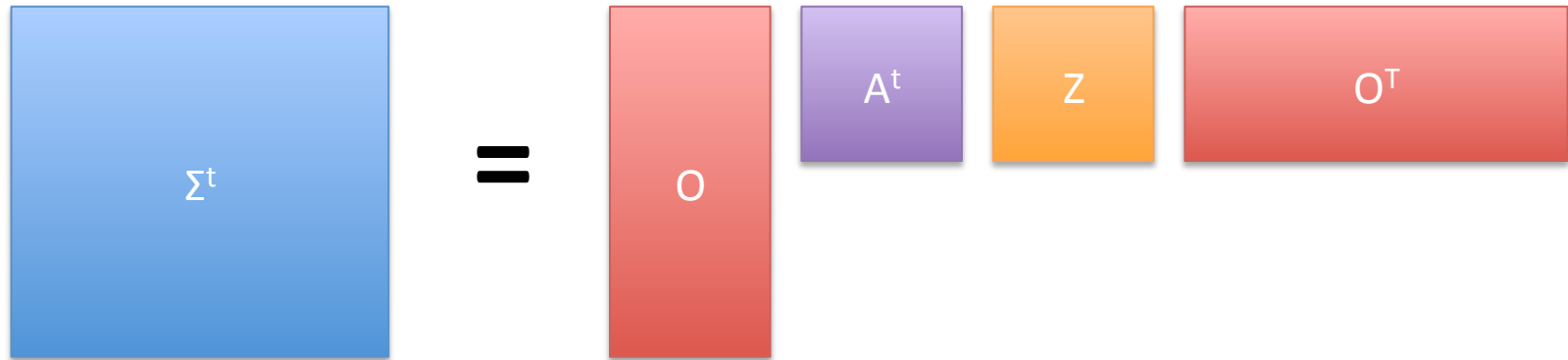
**Want to
Estimate:**

$$P(y^j | y^{j-1}) = A \quad P(x^j | y^j) = O$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^t &= E \left[x^{j+t} (x^j)^T \right] = E \left[E \left[x^{j+t} (x^j)^T \mid y^j \right] \right] \\ &= E \left[E \left[x^{j+t} \mid y^j \right] E \left[(x^j)^T \mid y^j \right] \right] \\ &= E \left[(OA^t k y^j) (O y^j)^T \right] \\ &= OA^t E \left[y^j (y^j)^T \right] O^T \\ &= OA^t Z O^T \end{aligned}$$

Treat each x^j and y^j
as indicator vector

Spectral Learning of HMMs



Rank-K SVD of Σ^1

Optimal Solution: $A = U^T \Sigma^2 \left(U^T \Sigma^1 \right)^{-1}$

The text "Rank-K SVD of Σ^1 " has a purple arrow pointing to the $U^T \Sigma^1$ term in the equation above.

(requires a lot of data)

...and many more topics!

- Probabilistic Models
- Representation Learning
 - Deep learning is the most visible example
- Causal Reasoning
- ML + Game Theory
- ML + Systems
 - Large Scale Machine Learning
- Etc ...

CS 159

- Special Topics in Machine Learning
 - Taught Every Spring Term
 - Topics Rotate
- **Next Term:**
 - “Online Learning, Interactive Machine Learning, and Learning from Human Feedback”
- Paper Reading & Presenting + Final Project
 - Graded on participation and final project