



# Supervised Learning

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Session 3



**What are you going  
to be for Halloween?**



# Recap



# Key Terms

- **Artificial Intelligence** - The **theory** and **development** of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require **human intelligence**.
- **Machine Learning** - A type of AI that provides computers with the ability to **learn** without being **explicitly programmed**.
- **Deep Learning** - An ML learning method based on **artificial neural networks**.



## AI

- if-else statements
- Decision Trees + Bayesian decision-making
- data mining

- natural language processing

## ML

- supervised learning
- unsupervised learning
- reinforcement learning
- deep learning
  - neural networks



# Supervised Learning?

It's one of the most widely used forms of machine learning!



*guided*

*directed*

**Supervised**

*helped*

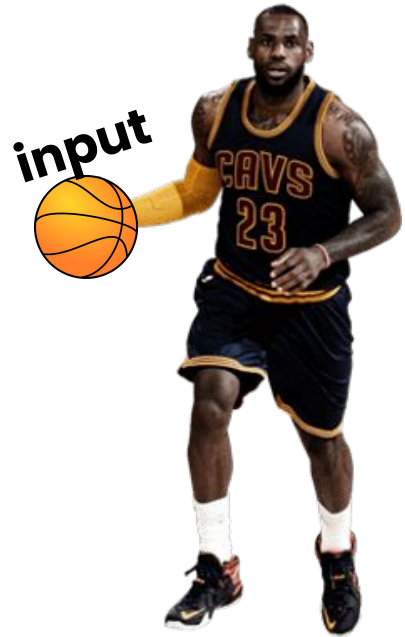


Let's imagine a basketball game...



...with 3 seconds left, down by 1!





Our captain (**Mr. Supervisor**)  
has the ball (**input**)!





but is trapped!





**Mr. Supervisor**  
passes to **Mr. Model**  
who can score!



However, **Mr. Model** actually doesn't know how to play basketball 🤔

...he was given the ball (**input data**) but...

...doesn't know what to do (**output**)

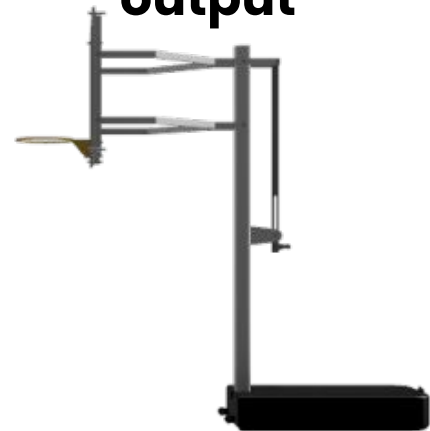
**input**



MODEL



**output**





**Mr. Model** needs a supervisor to point him in the right direction. . .

**Mr. Supervisor** is here to tell him the **output** (what he should do)



**input**



MODEL

**output**





**Mr. Supervisor:** I DON'T CARE HOW  
you do it, just make sure the ball  
goes in the basket!

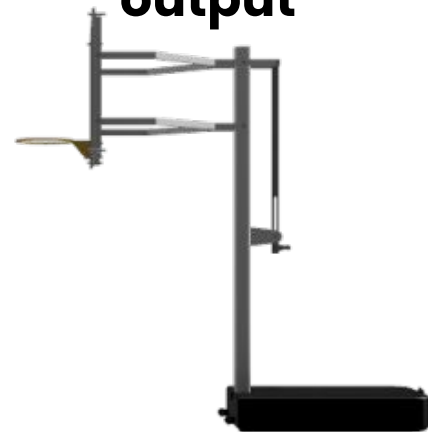


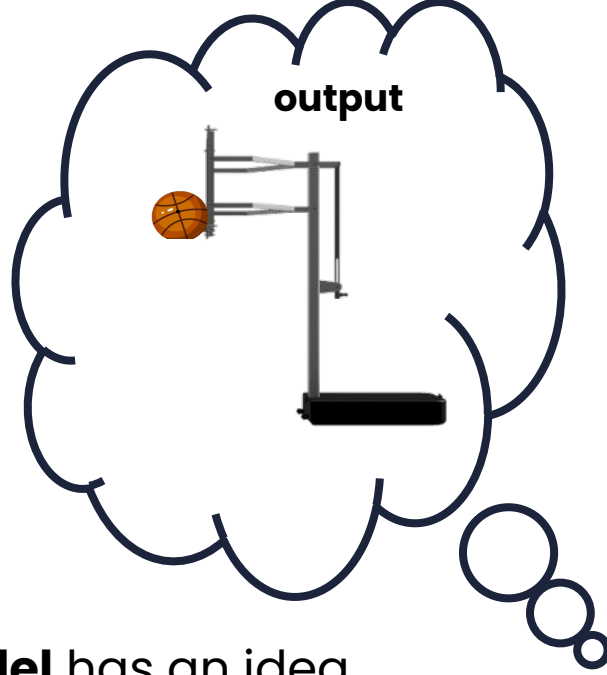
**input**



**MODEL**

**output**





Now that **Mr. Model** has an idea of the end result (**output**)...

**Mr. Model** can use the ball (**input**) to score!

**input**



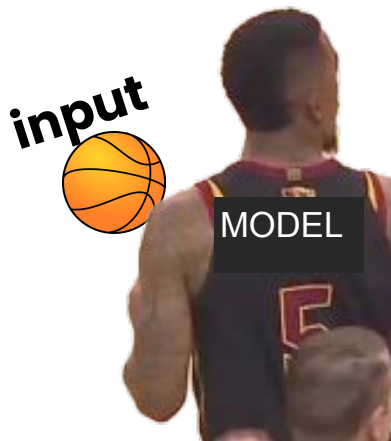


In other words...

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**labeled  
output**

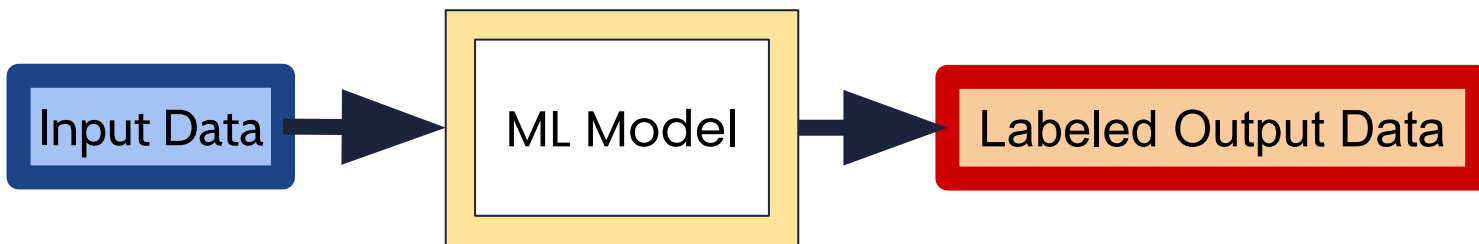






## Supervised Learning:

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$$f(x)$$

it's like a big math function!

\*Except instead of figuring out the output, we're figuring out the *relationship* of input- $\rightarrow$ output



For reference...

$$f(x) = y$$

### Normal/AI outside ML

- **Given:** input and defined relationship / function
- **Find:** the output

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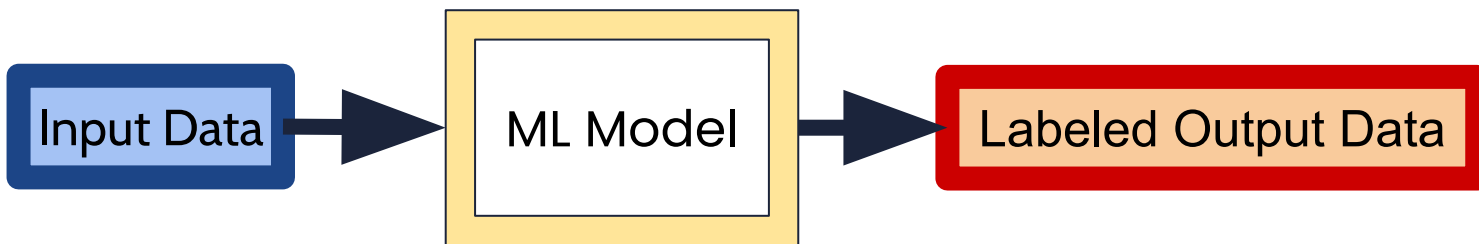
### Machine Learning

- **Given:** input and output
- **Find:** the relationship / function



## Supervised Learning:

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It's "supervised" because we *tell* the model the labeled output *beforehand*

take a moment  
to let that sink in!





## Recap So Far:

- A Machine Learning *model* is a big function
- A Supervised Machine Learning model uses labeled output data, hence the name “supervised”
  - Labeled: output data we help *give* the model
- Supervised Learning **maps the relationship of:**  
input → labeled output

**LABELED DATA**



**UNLABELED DATA**





# Training Models



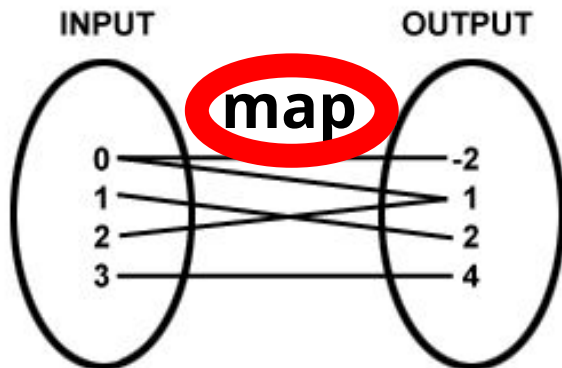
Not these types of models!





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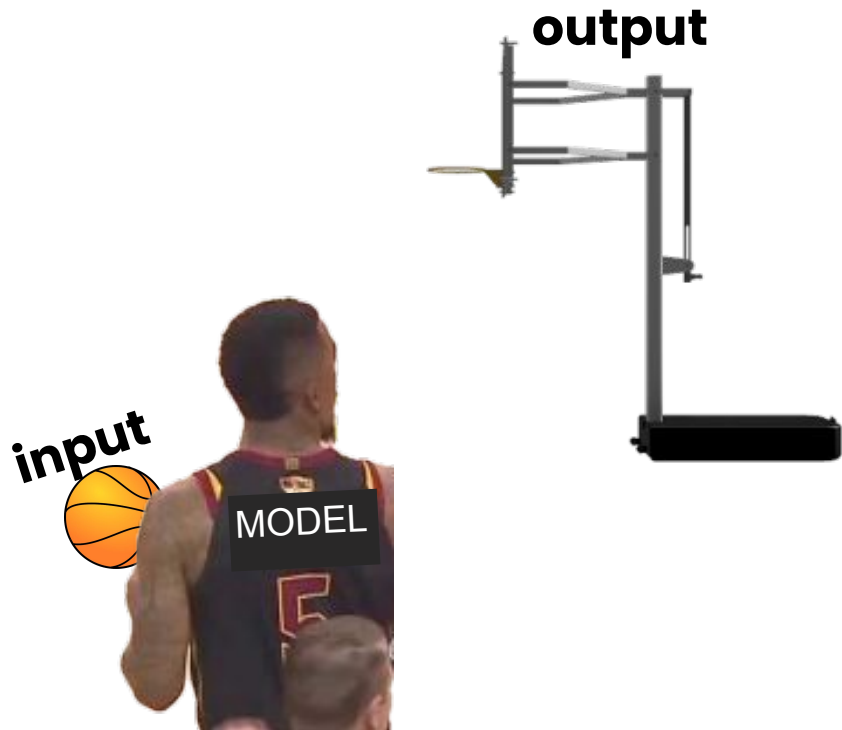


Recall that **Mr. Model** doesn't know how to play basketball

He doesn't know how to:

- shoot
- dribble
- dunk!

He has to **train** to learn those skills!





# Training

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**Mr. Model** must **train** so he gets good at scoring baskets  
(input → output)





# A Model in Training

- A model “training” means it’s **learning** ways to correctly *map* input data to output data
- Hence “machine *learning*”
- “Training” and “Learning” are interchangeable terms



# A “Trained” Model

So after hours of training... **Mr. Model** is now trained and able to score hoops!

Training a machine learning model is a long, hefty mathematical process

We'll learn how it specifically works in the coming weeks!



Me: \*uses machine learning\*

Machine: \*learns\*

Me:





# How to Effectively Train Models



# Effective Training

During preseason, in preparation for the NBA season **Mr. Model** trains *a lot*

He trains by playing against the B team, his **training data**







A **training dataset** is any dataset that allows our model to *train* (map input -> output)



Let's take a closer look at our **B Team** data!



**B Team**

In our case, the B Team is our training dataset: **Mr. Model** trains on them in order to learn how to play bball



# Training on the B Team



4 feet

The average height of the B Team is 4 feet. . .

So **Mr. Model** just dunks on them everytime

\*\*It's so effective, it becomes the only thing **Mr. Model** learns how to do



# Testing our training abilities

Now that preseason is over, it's time to test **Mr. Model's** new bball skills...

...on the NBA!



**Trained Model**





# Test Dataset

When we want to test to see if our *model* is well trained, we *test* our model on a **test dataset**



Test Data  
(NBA)

The **test dataset** is an example of what the model will see in the real world... it's a true test of its abilities!



# Effective Training??

As we test **Mr. Model** plays against the tall, skilled players of the NBA we almost forgot...

...that he only knows how to dunk!



He's only able to dunk on people that are 4 feet tall! (B Team)





# (In)effective Training

Did **Mr. Model** have good training? Especially if he plans to play against the tall, skilled players of the NBA?



8 feet!



# (In)effective Training (cont'd)

Did **Mr. Model** have good training? Especially if he plans to play against the tall, skilled players of the NBA?



**NO**





# (In)effective Training (cont'd)

**Mr. Model** has become so accustomed to dunking on the short players of the B Team that...

...he sucks at playing against anyone taller than 6 feet because dunking won't work on them!



**Mr. Model had bad training!**





# Overfitting

Whenever a model has become too accustomed to a specific dataset (playing against B team too much), it's called ***overfitting***.

- The model is too mode-specific
- Not “general” enough to handle real-world randomness
  - Randomness of players: tall AND short, fast AND slow, good AND bad, clueless AND intelligent



## Overfitting (cont.)

- **Overfitting** occurs when model becomes too **sample-specific** (only knows how the B Team plays)
- Generally, a model *should* be trained to perform well on the **entire population** of data (well-rounded players)
  - Better for Tesla cars to drive all streets **decently well** rather than one specific street **perfectly**



# Combatting Overfitting

What are some ways **Mr. Model** could've avoided overfitting?

- Playing against diverse set of teams/players
  - Use a diverse input/output dataset for your model
- Train more! Train skills *other* than dunking too
  - Using *more* diverse data for your model always helps



# Combatting Overfitting (cont.)

What does this tell us about the **training dataset**?

- Our training dataset was NOT diverse enough!
- Ideally, we want the training dataset to fairly represent the *majority* of the population





\*\*Avoid training against a small subset of your population, or else you'll get creamed like **Mr. Model** in the NBA!



# Underfitting

Conversely, if **Mr. Model** is lazy (doesn't have much data to train on) he can be susceptible to ***underfitting***



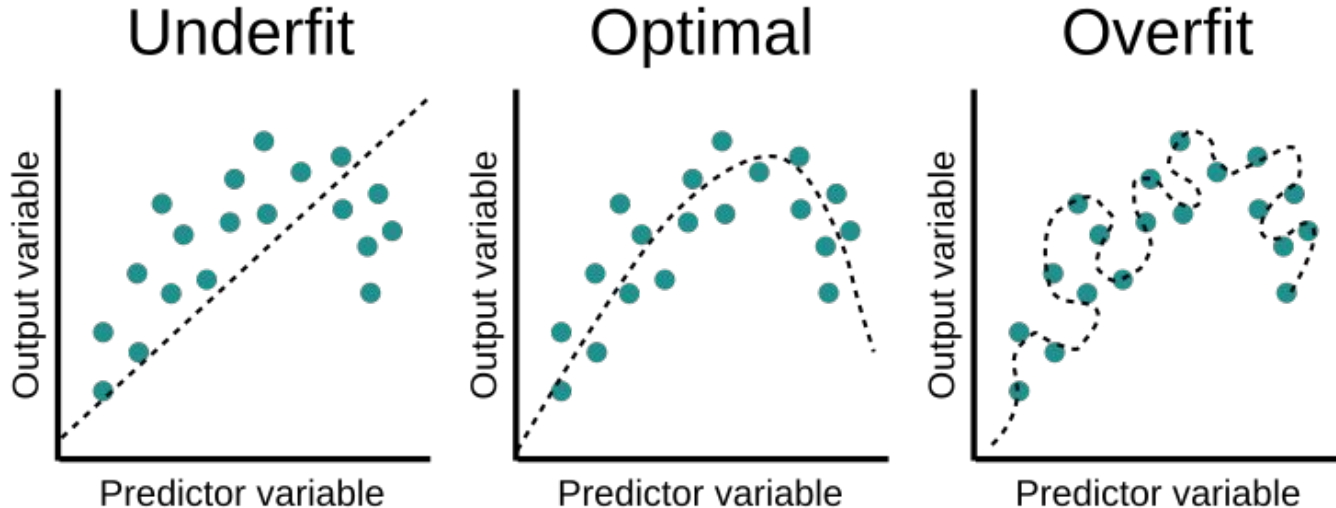
**Underfitting:** when the model is too *basic*, and doesn't work effectively in most situations

How do we combat this?

Gather more data to train on!

# Training (graphically)

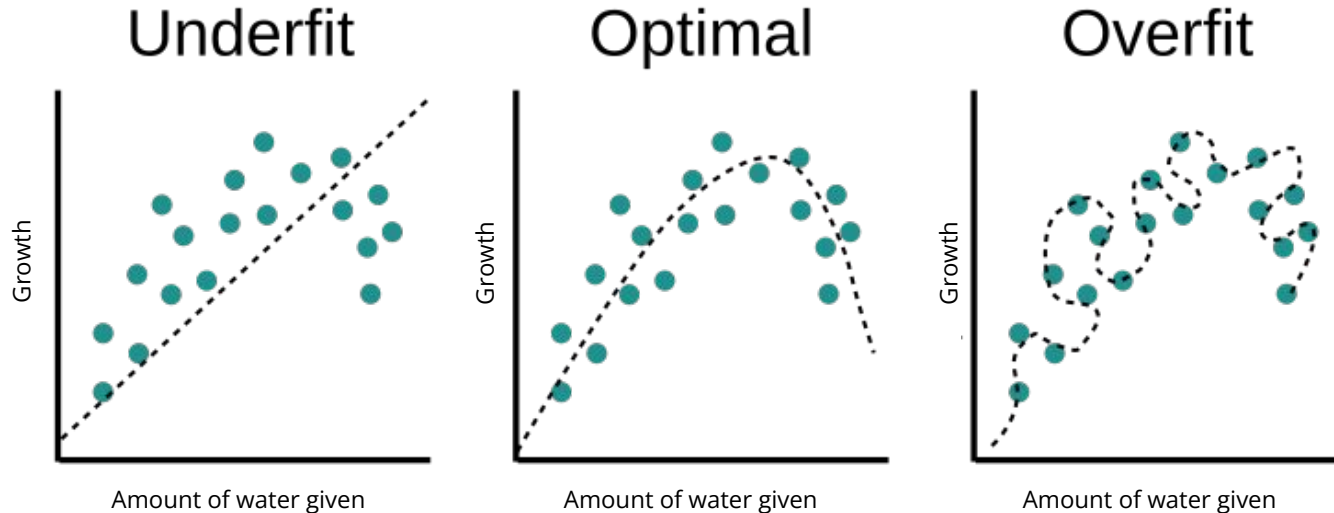
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*The black dotted line represents our model.*







# iKahoot!



# Homework (optional)



# Closing Comments



# Key Takeaways

1. Supervised ML Models are just big functions!
2. ML Models "*train*": finding the relation between input → output
3. Train on A LOT of diverse data to avoid overfitting/underfitting



# Thanks!

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