

Lecture 2

Elements of Machine Learning

Eg. want to predict whether a face is male/female, smiling, old/young, etc.

Key: Different face types have different models

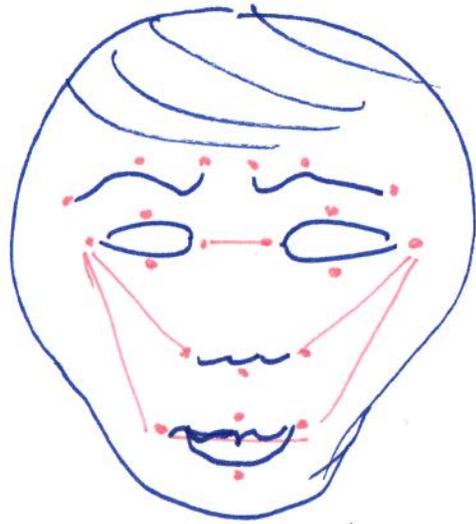
model = mathematical description of the data

① collect data — eg. photographs w/ faces.

② preprocessing = changing data to simplify subsequent operations w/o losing relevant ~~to~~ information

e.g. crop images to only contain one face,
center face
resize so all faces are same size.

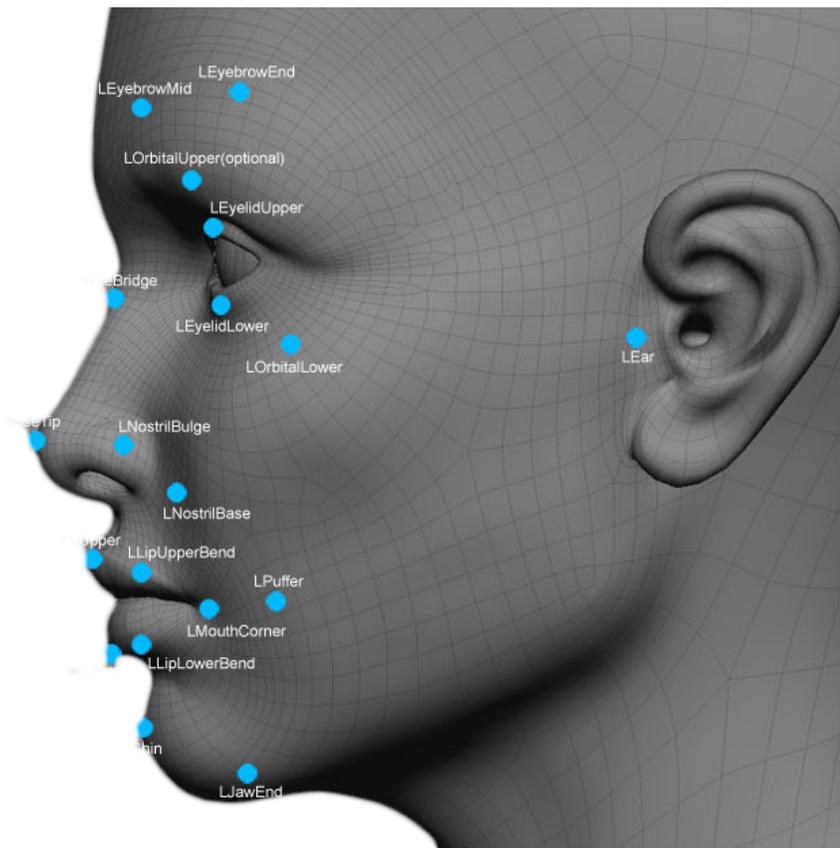
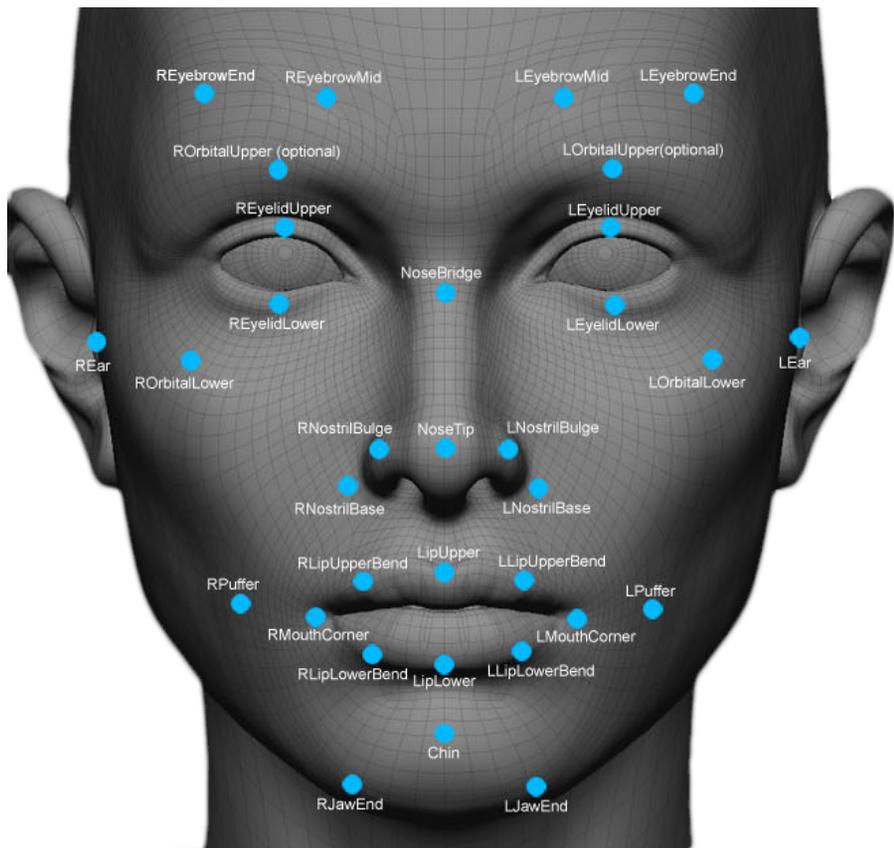
③ feature extraction = reduce raw data by extracting feature or properties relevant to model



e.g. distance between facial landmarks

④ generate training samples = large collection of examples we can use to learn model

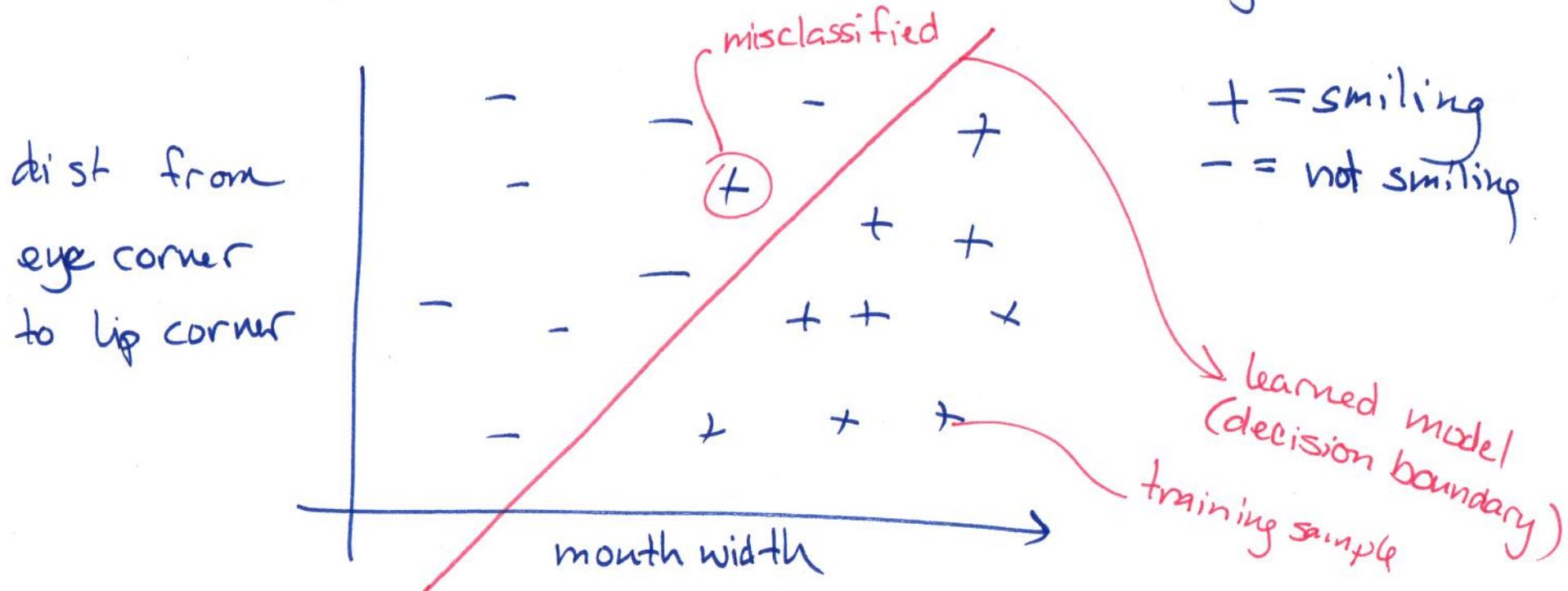
e.g. preprocess and extract features from many different images of faces



⑤ To learn model, we choose a **loss function**
= a measure of how well a model fits data
(e.g. % of samples misclassify "smiling")

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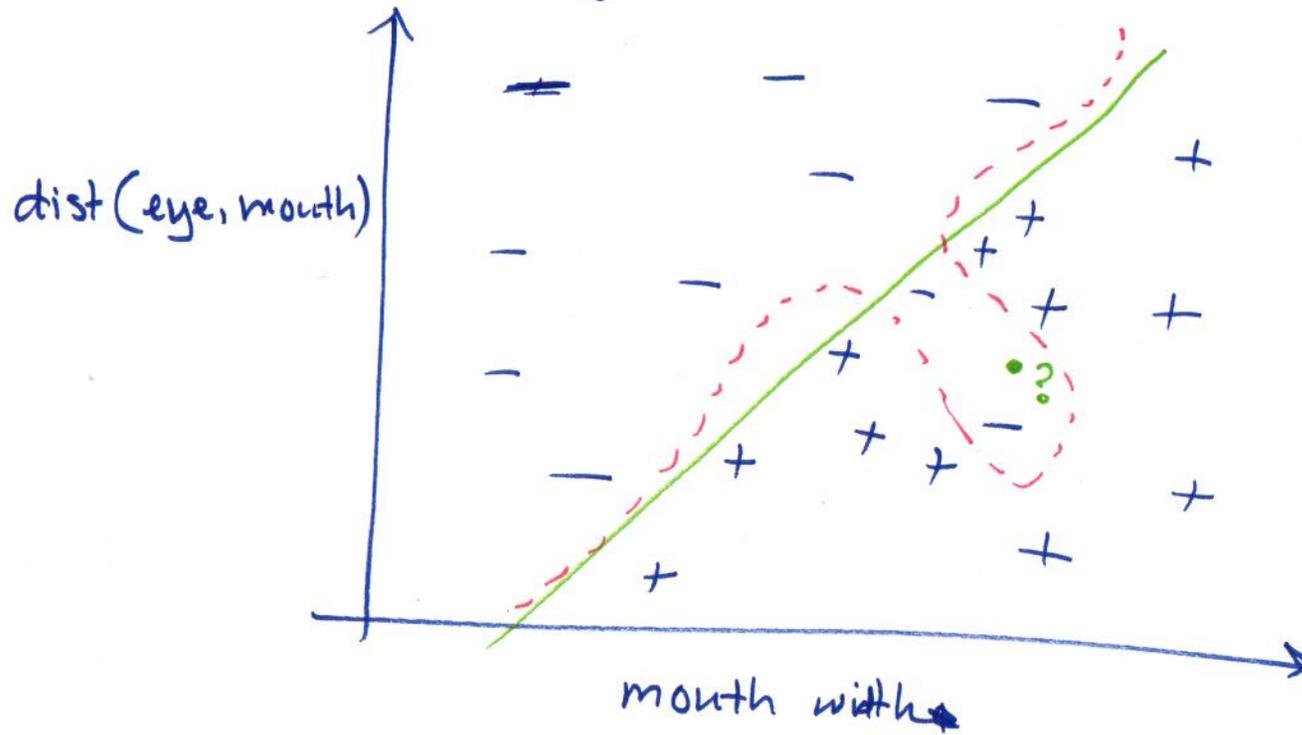
④ finally **learn the model** = search over collection
of candidate models or model parameters to
find one that minimizes loss on training data



⑦ Characterize generalization error = error of

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out predictions on new data that was not used for training



example model:

$$\text{label } \hat{y} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$

weights feature

This corresponds to an inner product

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(transpose:

$$\underline{x}^T = [x_1 \quad x_2]$$

$$\text{inner product} = \langle \underline{x}, \underline{w} \rangle = \underline{x}^T \underline{w} = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2$$

$$\text{our model: } \hat{y} = \langle \underline{x}, \underline{w} \rangle$$

if we have p features and p weights, then

$$\langle \underline{x}, \underline{w} \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^p x_j w_j, \quad \text{write } \underline{x}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{inside space of} \\ \text{real-valued vect.} \\ \text{of length } p \end{array} \right)$$

now let's say we have n training samples $\underline{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$,
 $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

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our model says

$$\hat{y}_i = \langle \underline{x}_i, \underline{w} \rangle \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

we can combine all these n equations:

$$\hat{\underline{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1^T \\ \underline{x}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{bmatrix} \iff \hat{\underline{y}} = \underline{X} \underline{w}$$

$\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
vector

$\underline{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$
matrix (n rows, p columns)

matrix-vector multiplication

model $\hat{y} = X \underline{w}$

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computing $X \underline{w}$ means taking the inner product of each row of X with w , and storing the results in a vector \hat{y}

note:

- number of columns in X = length of \underline{w}
- number of rows in X = length of \hat{y}

Example:

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$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 10 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 features

3 training samples

$$\text{1st sample} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}^T \underline{w} = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2$$

$$X \underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

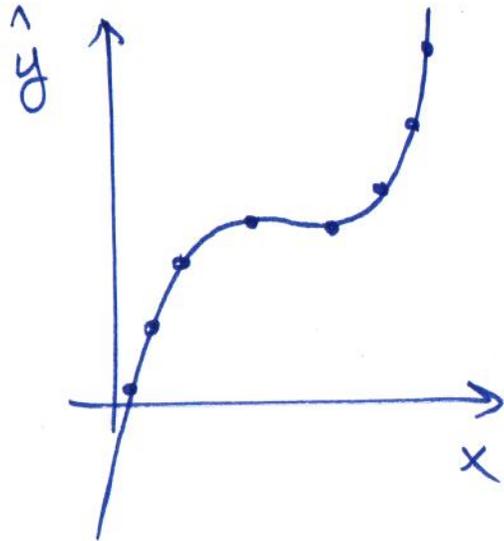
another perspective:

$X \underline{w}$ gives a weighted sum of the columns of X , where \underline{w} are the weights

$$X \underline{w} = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

example: ($p = 1$)

$$\text{model: } \hat{y}_i = w_3 \cdot x_i^3 + w_2 \cdot x_i^2 + w_1 \cdot x_i^1 + \underbrace{w_0 x_i^0}_{\equiv w_0}$$



$$\hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_n \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1^3 & x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^3 & x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^3 & x_n^2 & x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_X \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} w_3 \\ w_2 \\ w_1 \\ w_0 \end{bmatrix}}_w$$

"Vandermonde matrix"