

Demystifying Machine Learning

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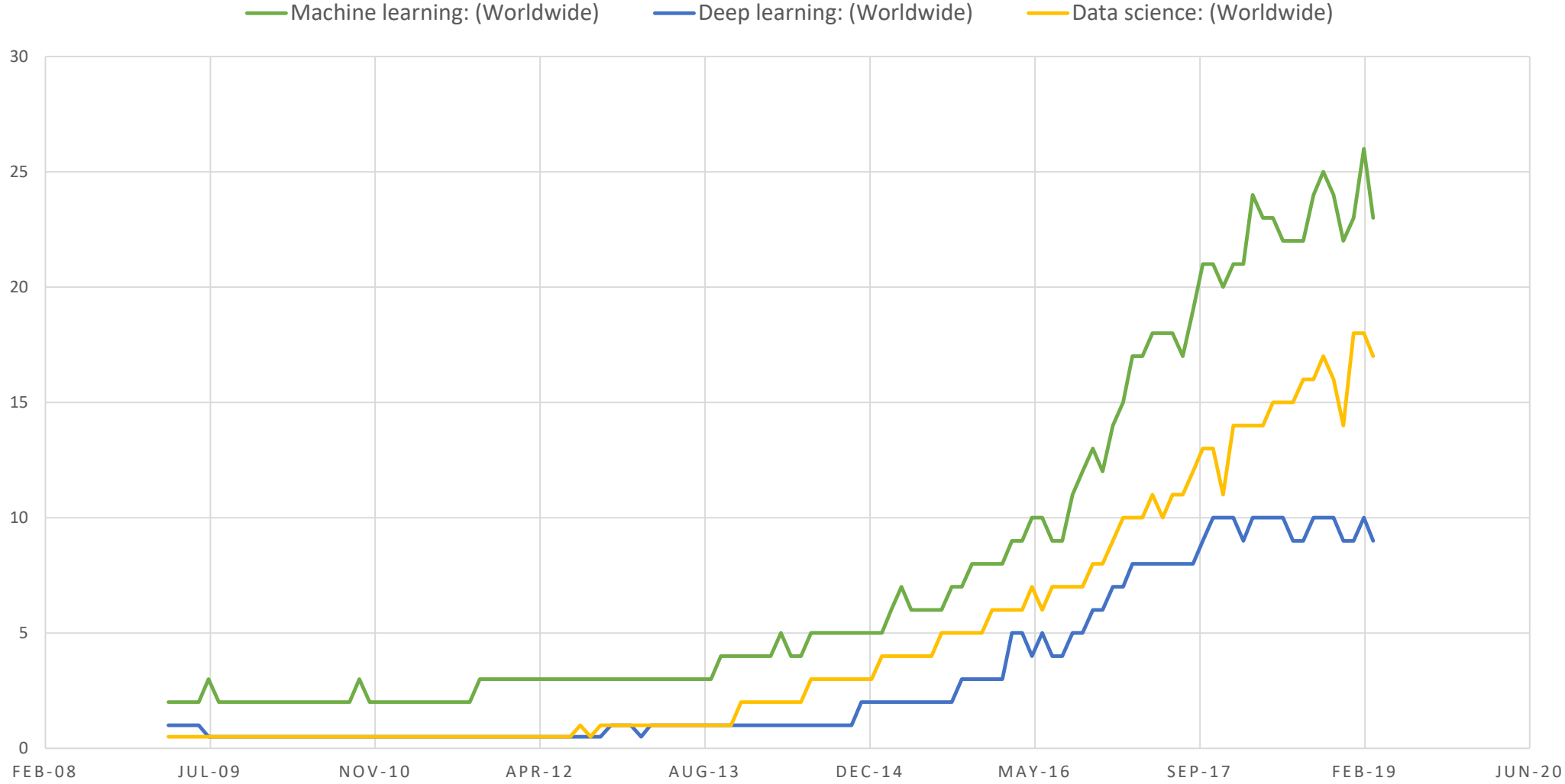
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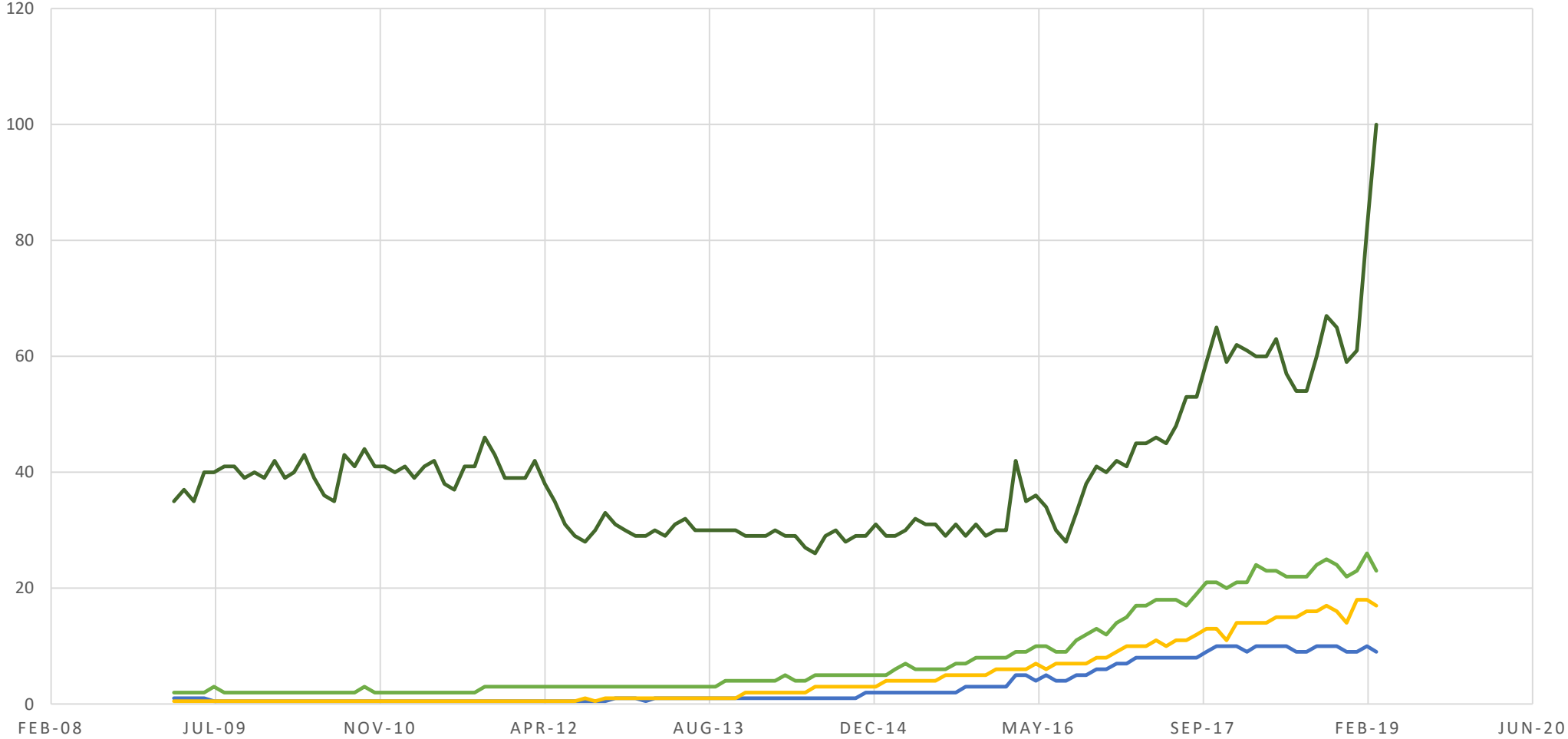


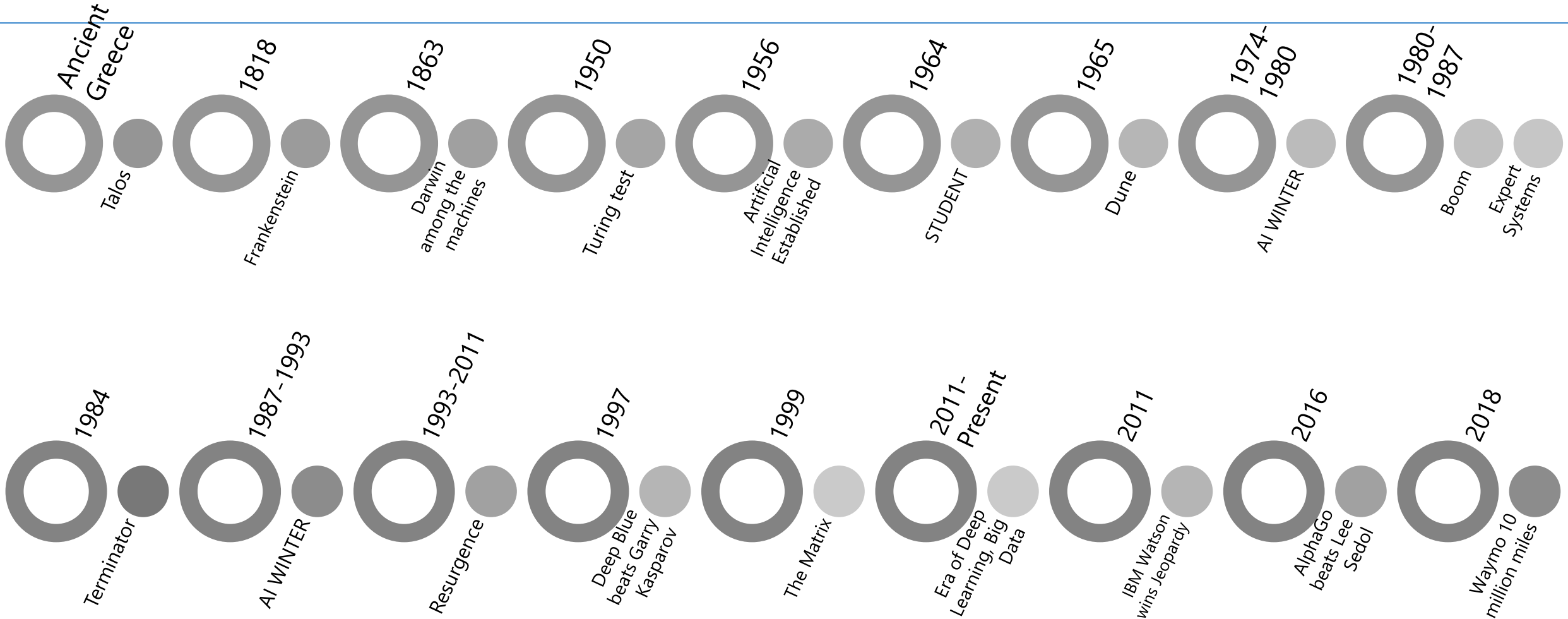
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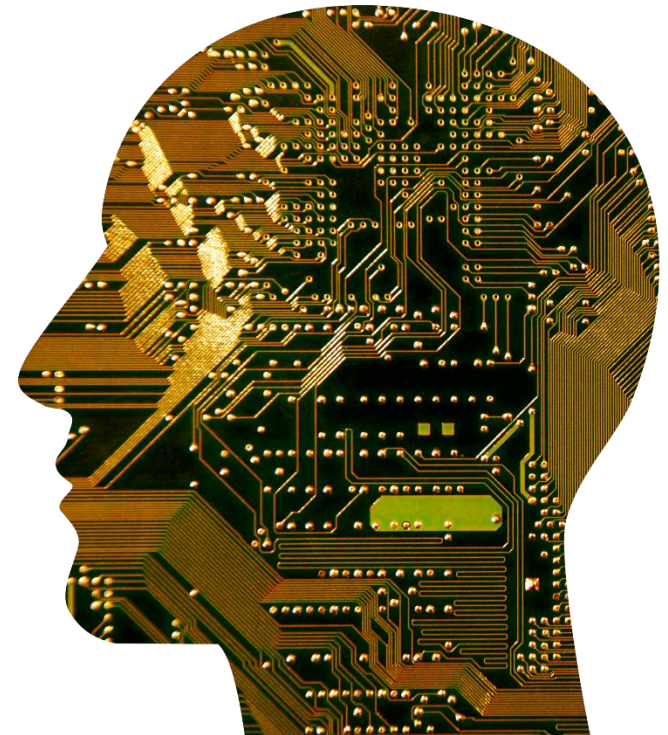


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- ▶ **Artificial Intelligence:** The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring **human intelligence**, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.



Strong vs. Weak Artificial Intelligence

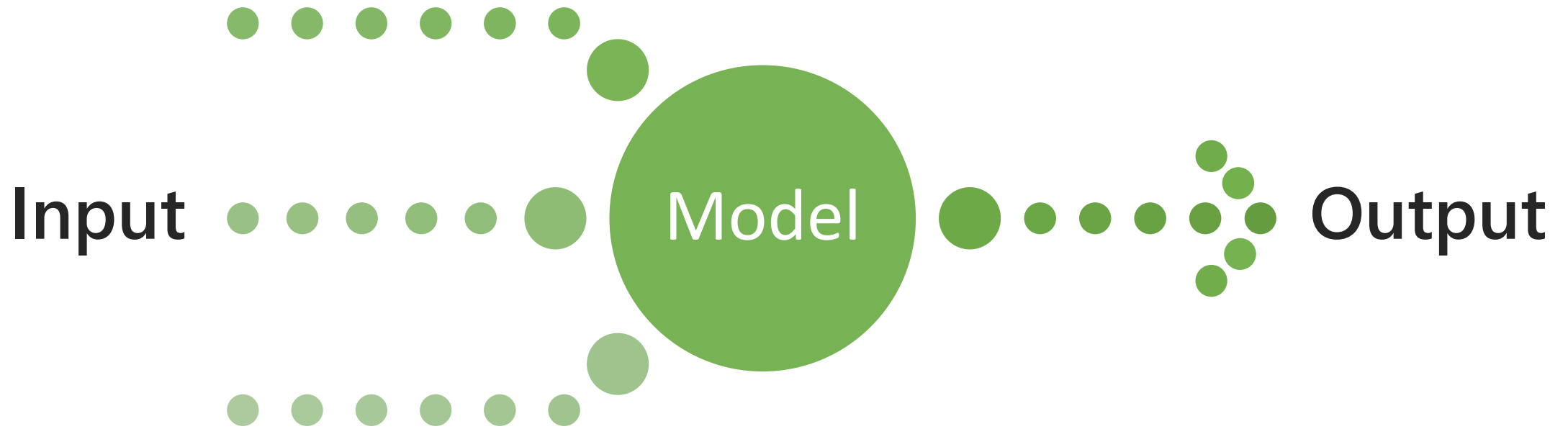
STRONG AI

- ▶ Human-like broad intelligence
- ▶ Understands problems and context
- ▶ Examples
 - HAL 9000
 - C3PO
 - Lt. Commander Data

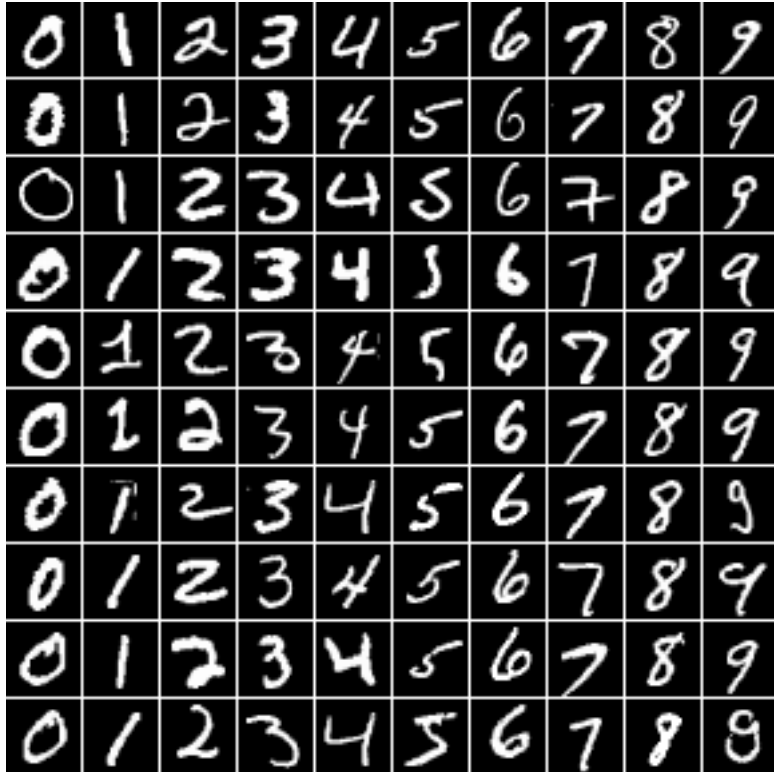
WEAK AI

- ▶ Limited to specific tasks
- ▶ Solve complex problems without understanding them
- ▶ Examples
 - Match search terms to pages
 - Recommend TV shows based on views

Machine Learning

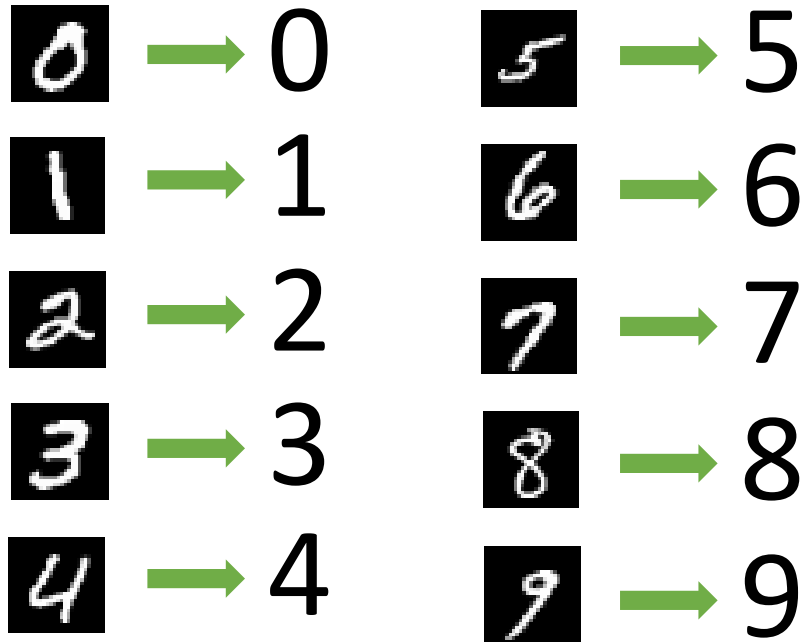


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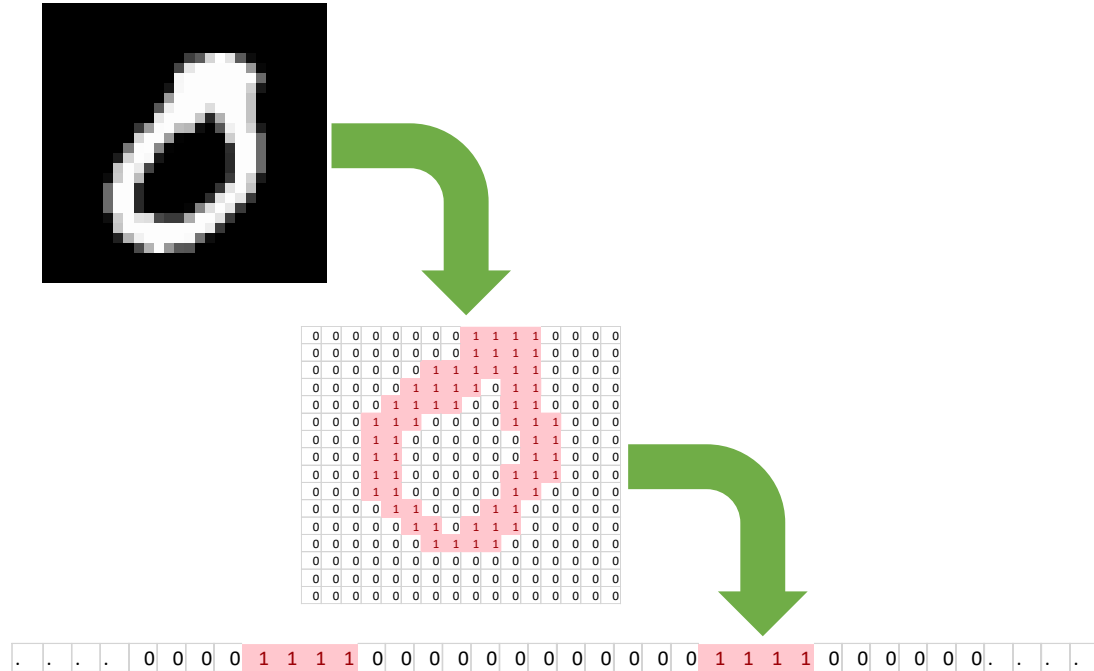
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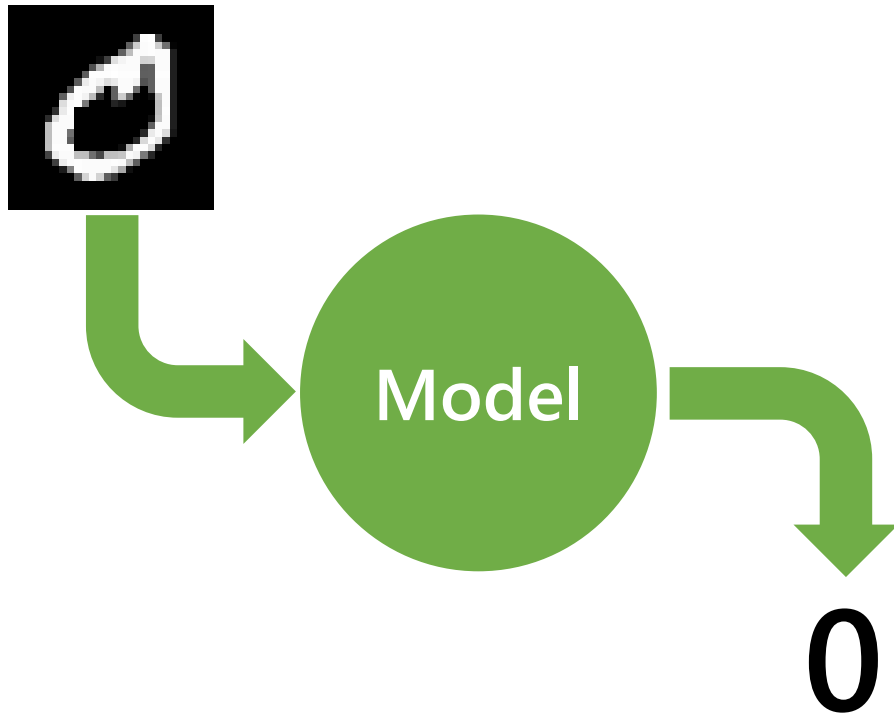
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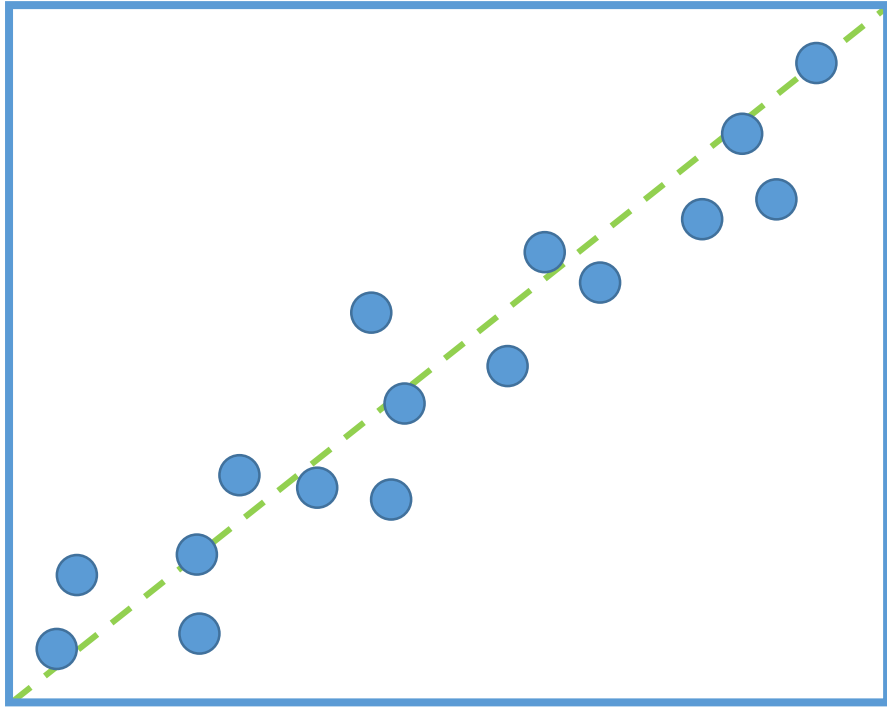
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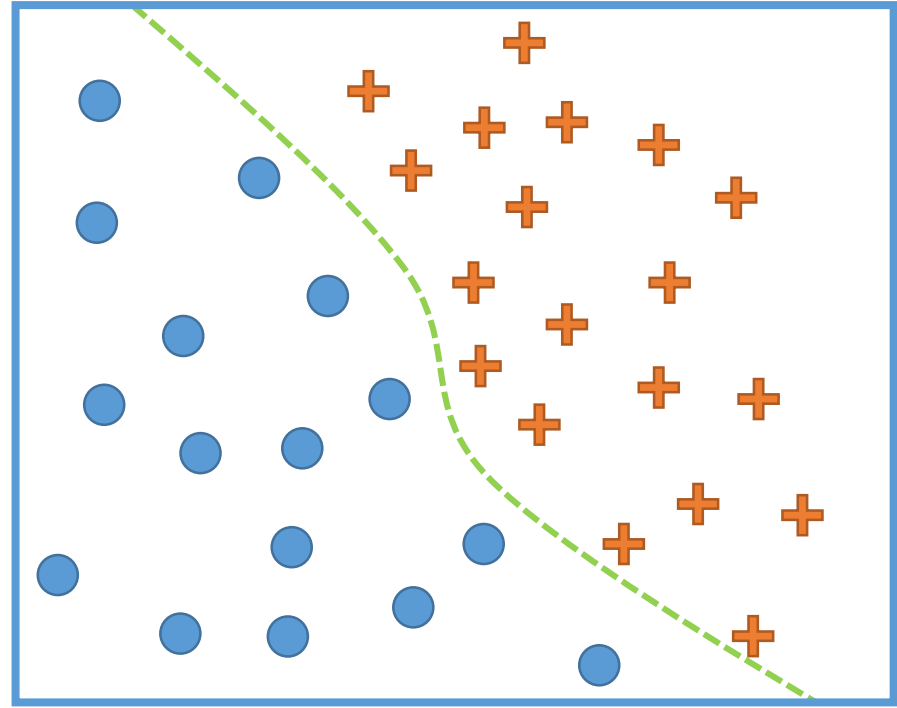


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Types of Machine Learning Problems



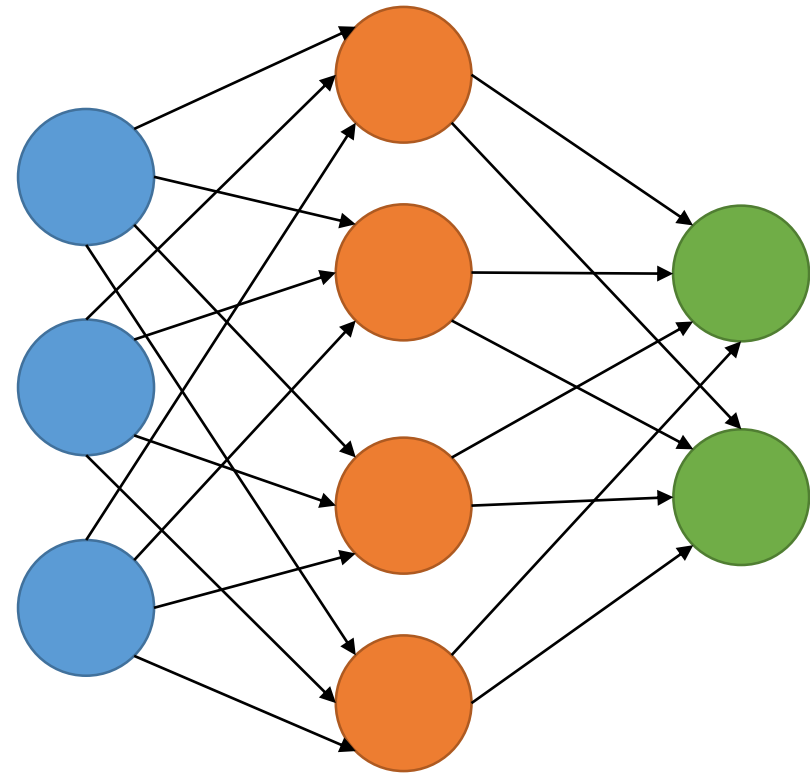
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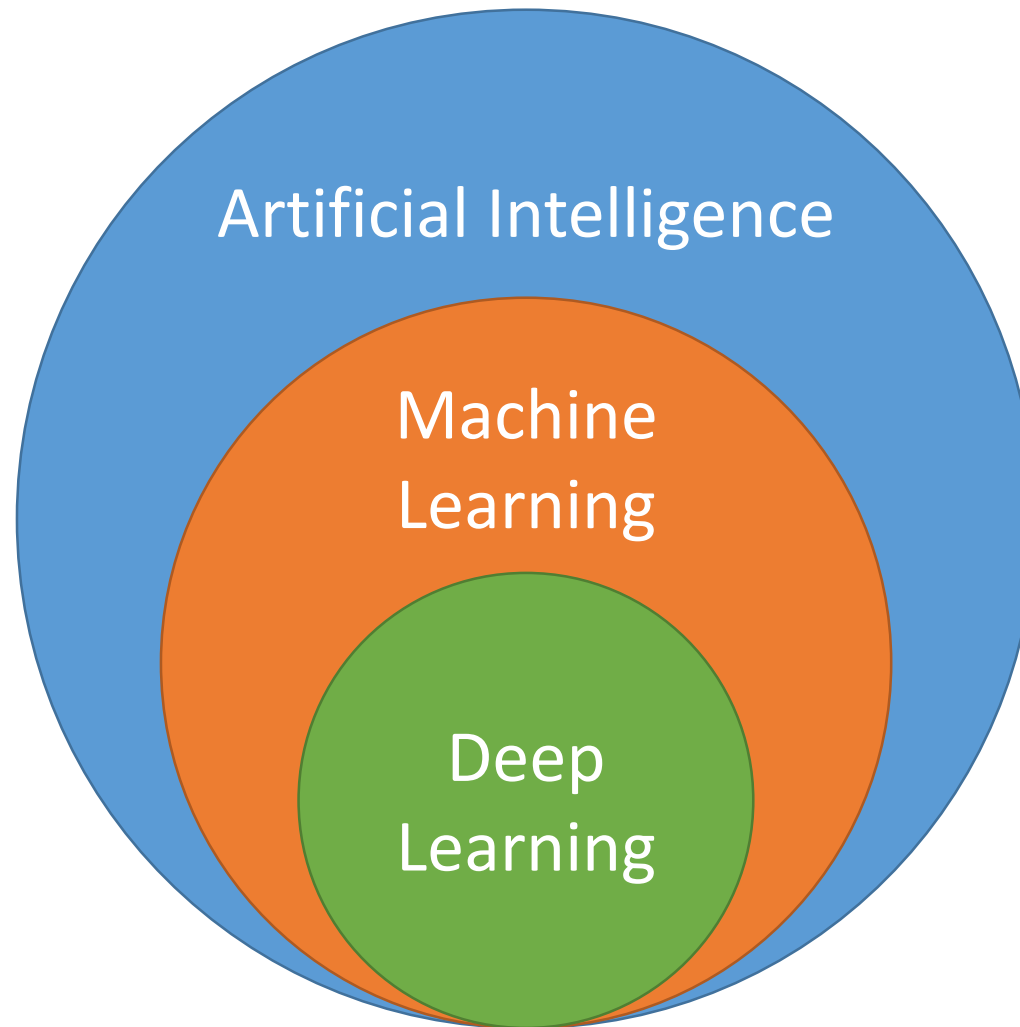
Classification

Deep Learning

- ▶ Usually an artificial neural network
- ▶ Extracts important information from data automatically
- ▶ Potential for better results than other ML methods
- ▶ Require large amounts of data
- ▶ Computationally intensive



Artificial Intelligence Hierarchy



Machine Learning Examples

▶ Personalized marketing

- Targeted ads based on browsing history
- Recommend media based on previous consumption

▶ Healthcare

- Diagnose illnesses based on symptoms
- Identify risk factors/illness in healthy patients

▶ Fraud detection

- Identify transactions that are out of character

▶ Predict outcome of sporting events

- Google NCAA March Madness predictions on Kaggle

▶ Property valuation

- Attributes of properties can be used to build models that predict possible future sales value

Before You Start



Step 1: Educate the Organization

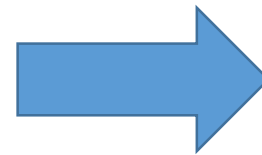
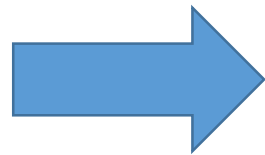
- ▶ Understand the technology.
- ▶ What questions need answering?
- ▶ Evaluate business needs before developing solutions.

Step 2: Map Problems to Technology

- ▶ Lots of data \neq need for ML
 - Data analysis
 - BI Tools/Excel
- ▶ Consider rule-based systems
- ▶ Is the problem one of:
 - Predicting outcomes?
 - Classifying objects?
 - Grouping objects?
- ▶ Use deep learning only when necessary

Step 2.5: Consider Humans

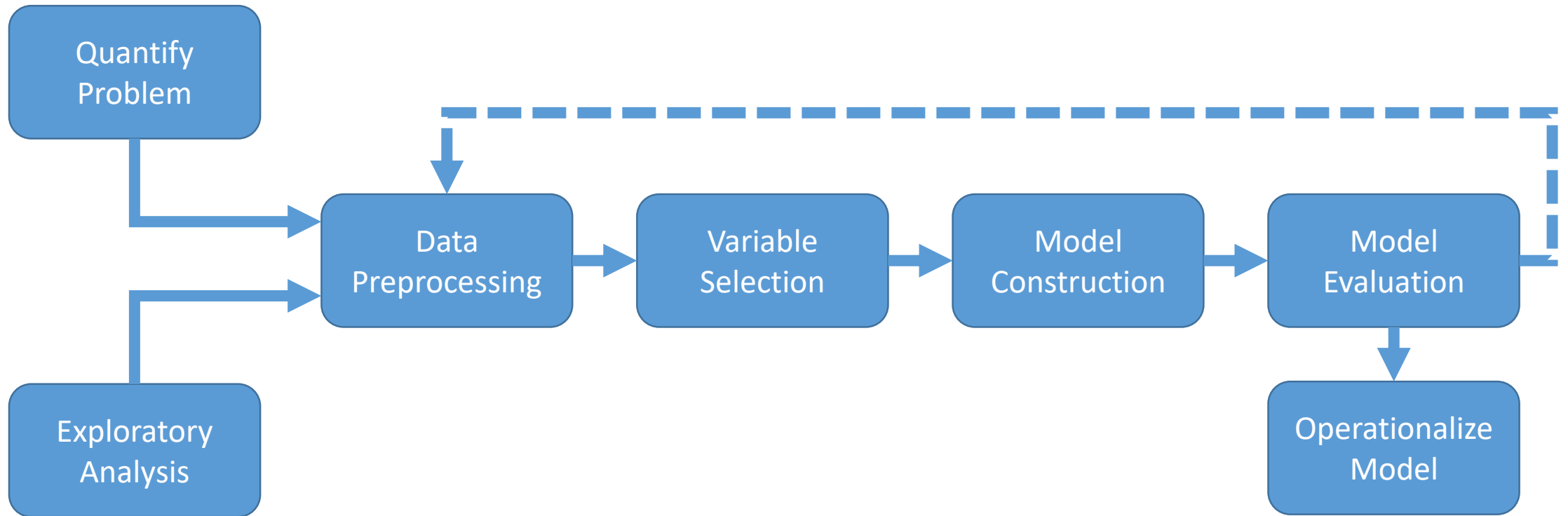
- ▶ Building ML based solutions are expensive
- ▶ The model may work, but the product may not.
- ▶ Substitute model for humans while tweaking output.



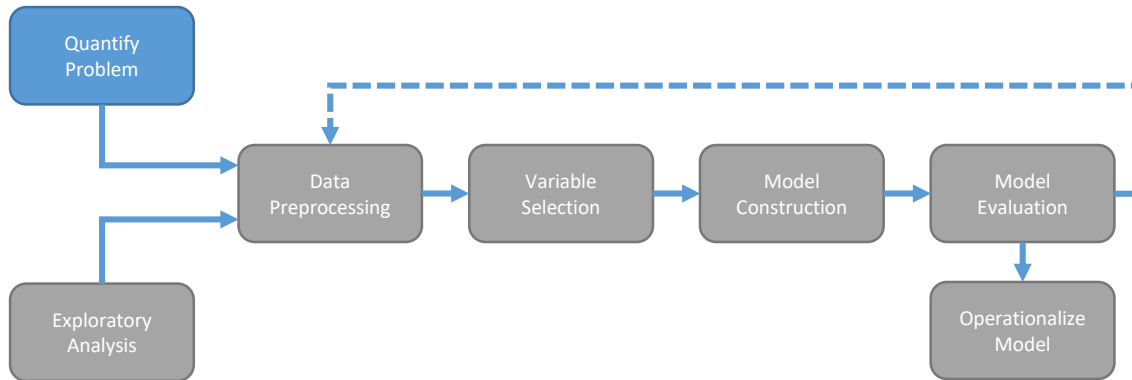
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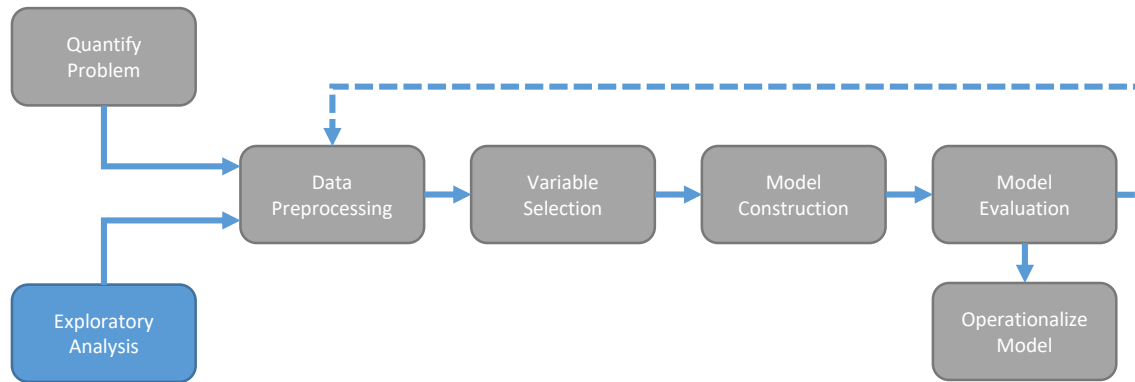


Quantify the Problem



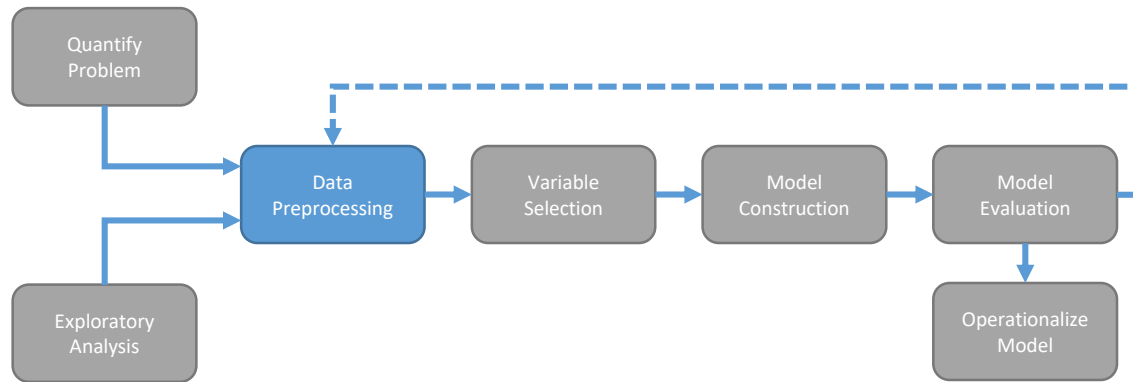
- ▶ Be very specific about what you want
- ▶ Words like “best” do not mean the same thing to everyone
- ▶ Business users and machine learning experts must communicate

Exploratory Analysis on Available Data



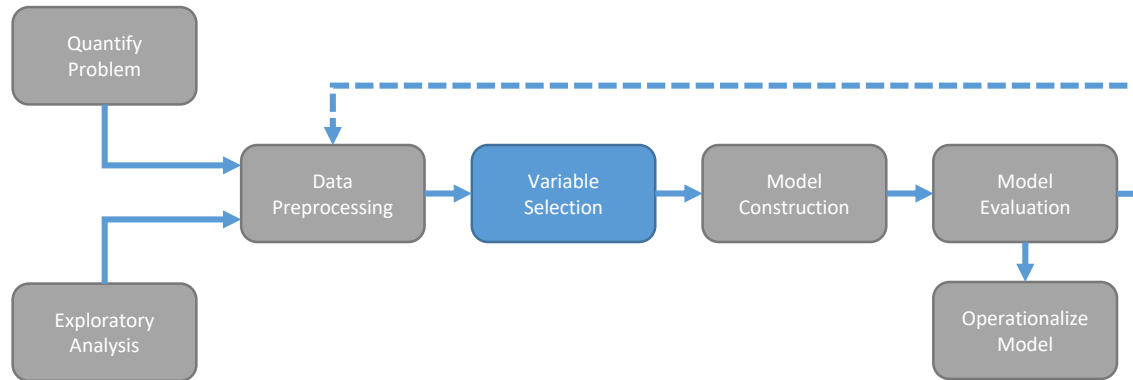
- ▶ What databases are available?
- ▶ How well are they documented?
- ▶ What is their purpose?
- ▶ What business processes are they involved in?
- ▶ What type of data do they contain?
- ▶ How are they currently used in decision making processes?

Preprocess Data



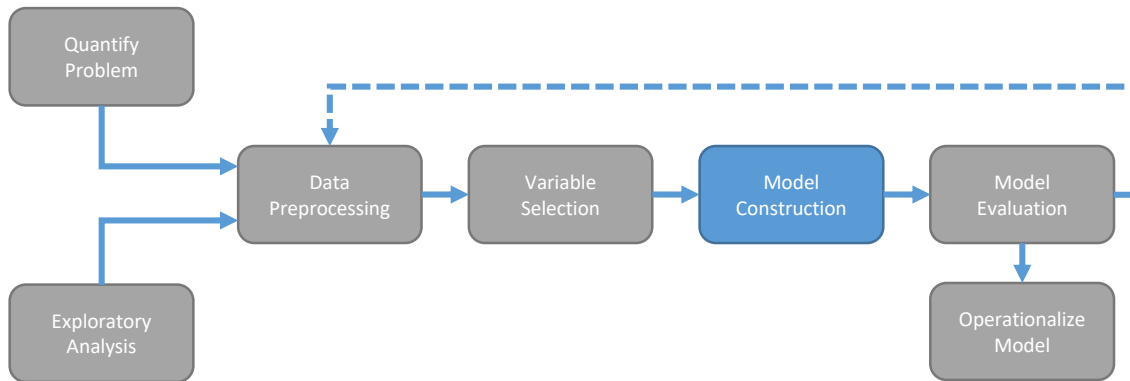
- ▶ The process of getting data ready for ML
- ▶ Creating new data from other data
- ▶ Data cleaning
- ▶ Consolidating data from different sources
- ▶ Converting between formats

Variable (Feature) Selection



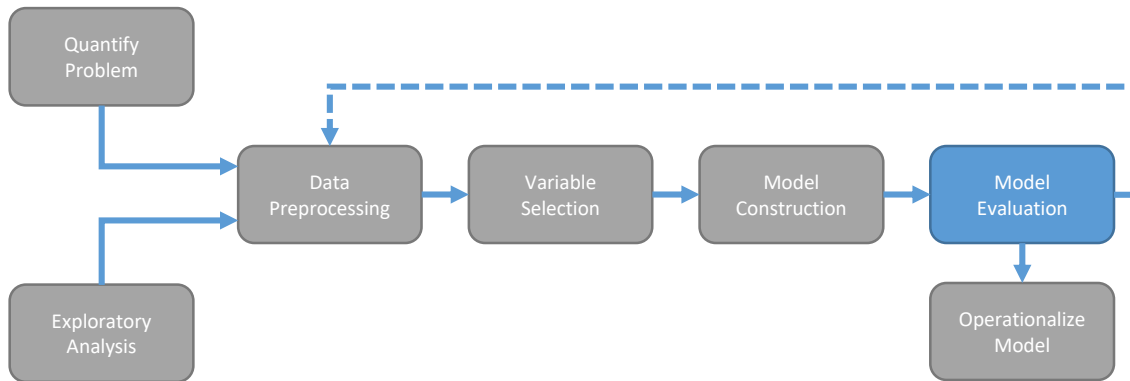
- ▶ Select relevant variables
- ▶ Discard irrelevant variables
- ▶ Leads to better results
- ▶ Shorter training times

Model Construction



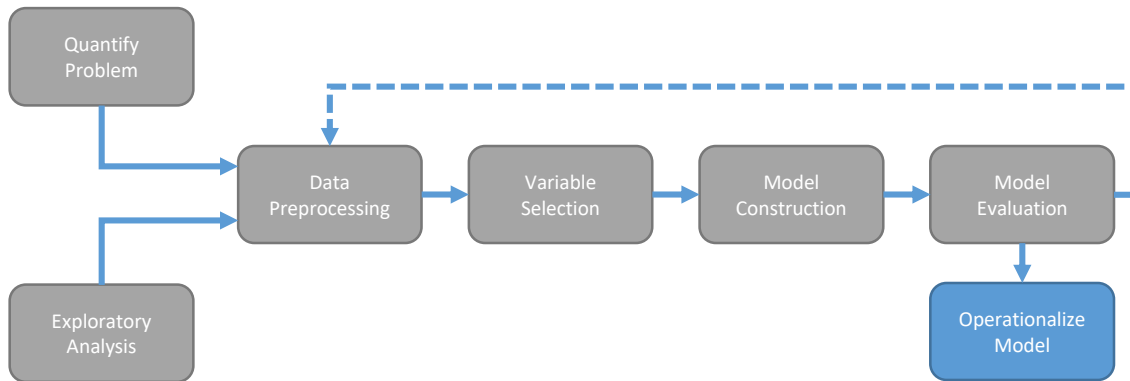
- ▶ Feed prepared data to candidate ML algorithms
- ▶ Set relevant (hyper)parameters
- ▶ Model is produced that can make predictions based on new inputs

Model Evaluation



- ▶ Evaluation on accuracy
- ▶ More sophisticated evaluation methods also required
 - Sensitivity
 - Specificity
 - AUC - ROC Curve
 - Etc.
- ▶ Machine learning is an iterative process

Operationalize Model



- ▶ Put the model to use
- ▶ Don't forget to develop software around the model
- ▶ REST API
 - Single record
 - Batch of records
 - CSV
- ▶ Model output as input of another model

AI at Demand Solutions

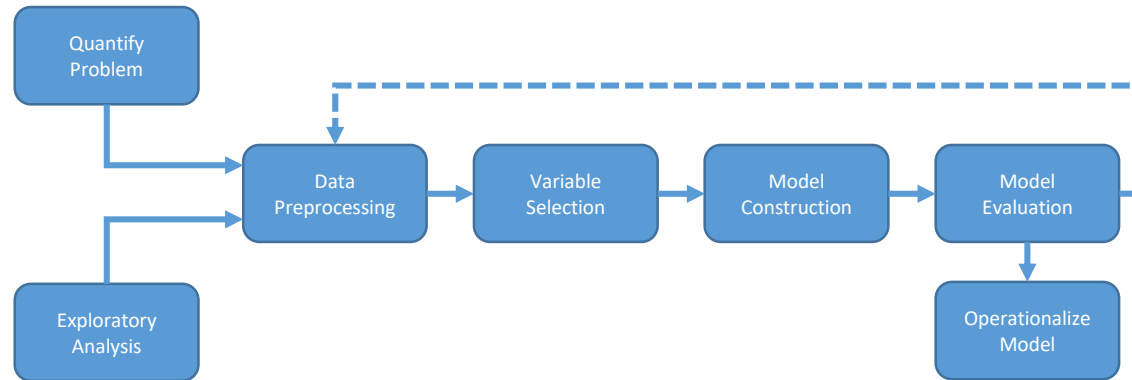
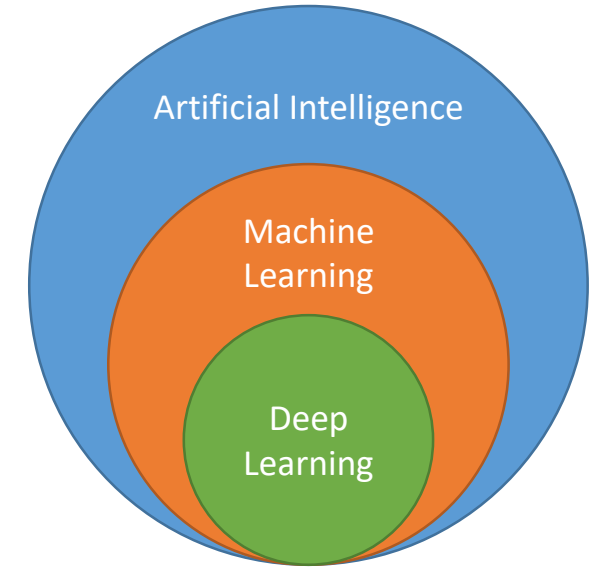
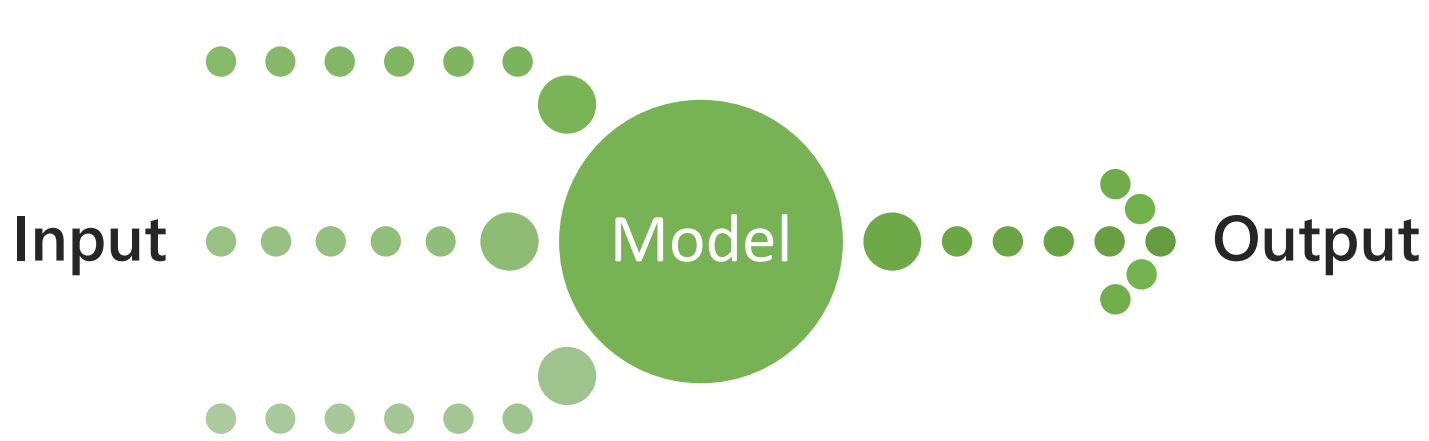
- ▶ Review of our current forecasting methodology
- ▶ New forecasting engine
 - New methods
 - Machine Learning based forecasting
- ▶ Anomaly detection
 - Clean historical data
 - Provides for more accurate forecasts

AI at Demand Solutions

- ▶ Incorporation of external data sources – ML models
- ▶ Classification of imported data – automate importing
- ▶ Natural language based commands via Cortana
- ▶ Predicting machine failure using real-time data

- ▶ **Microsoft Azure is a key component**

Conclusion



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