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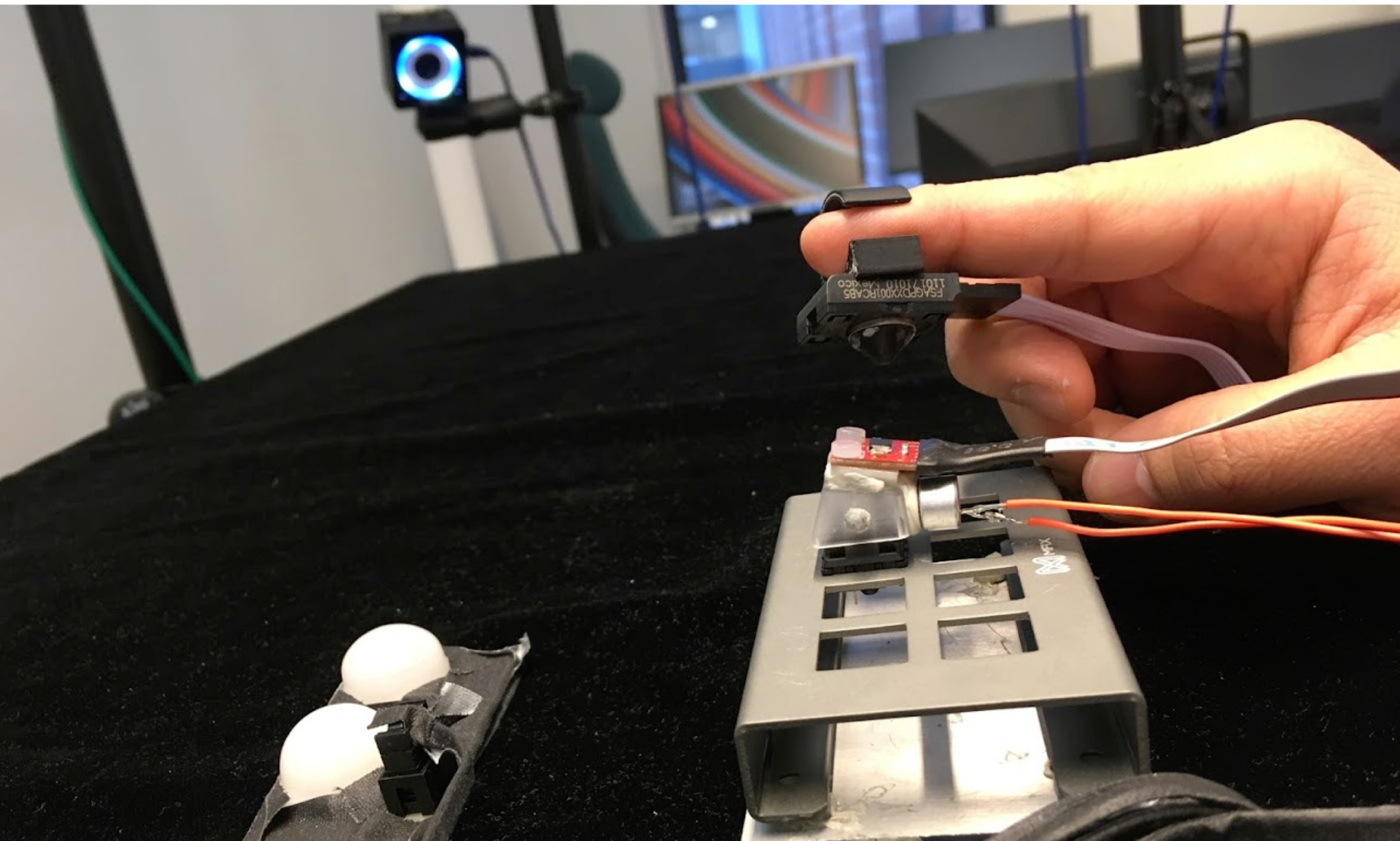
Lecture VI: Input Engineering

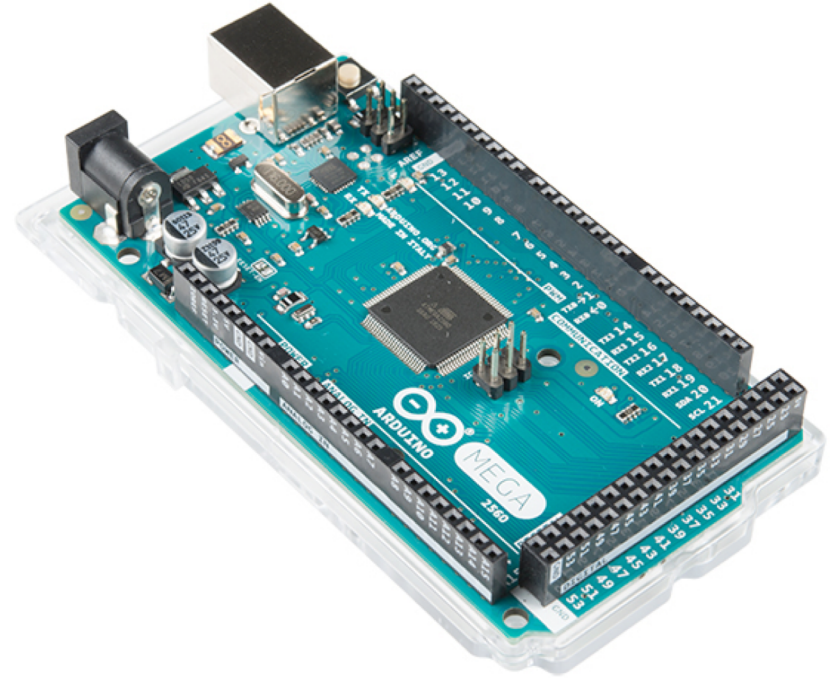
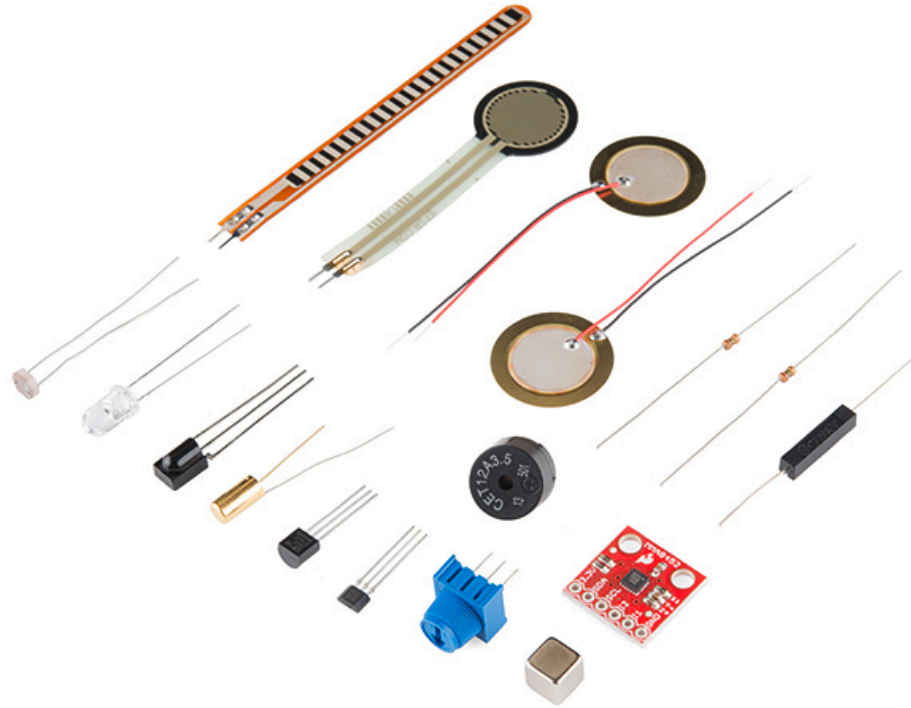
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Ice-breaking

Find a pair and take pen + paper.
Mark names and student IDs.

One task today:

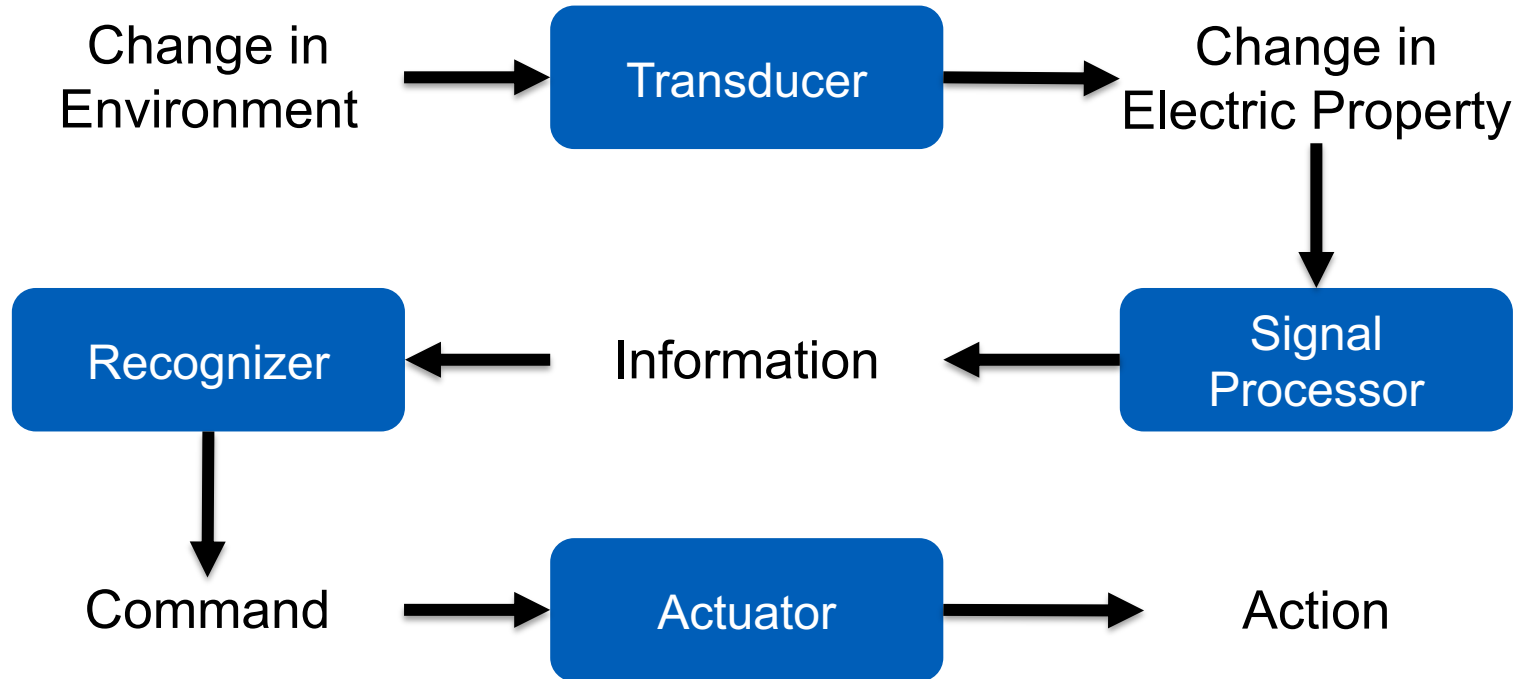
What happens when you move a mouse?

Describe the signal processing pathway
from the **physical movement of a mouse**
to a **cursor movement on a screen**,
AS DETAIL AS POSSIBLE.

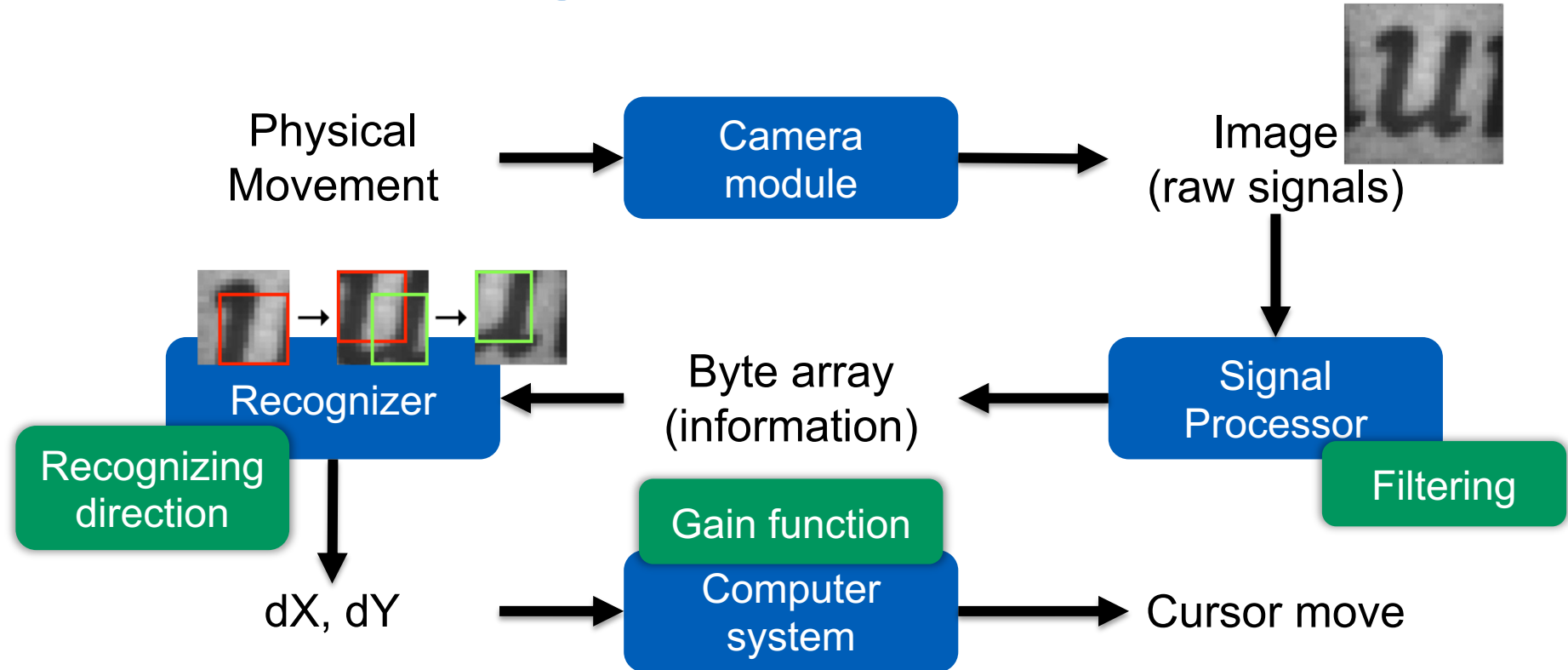


You can use the Internet and your notes

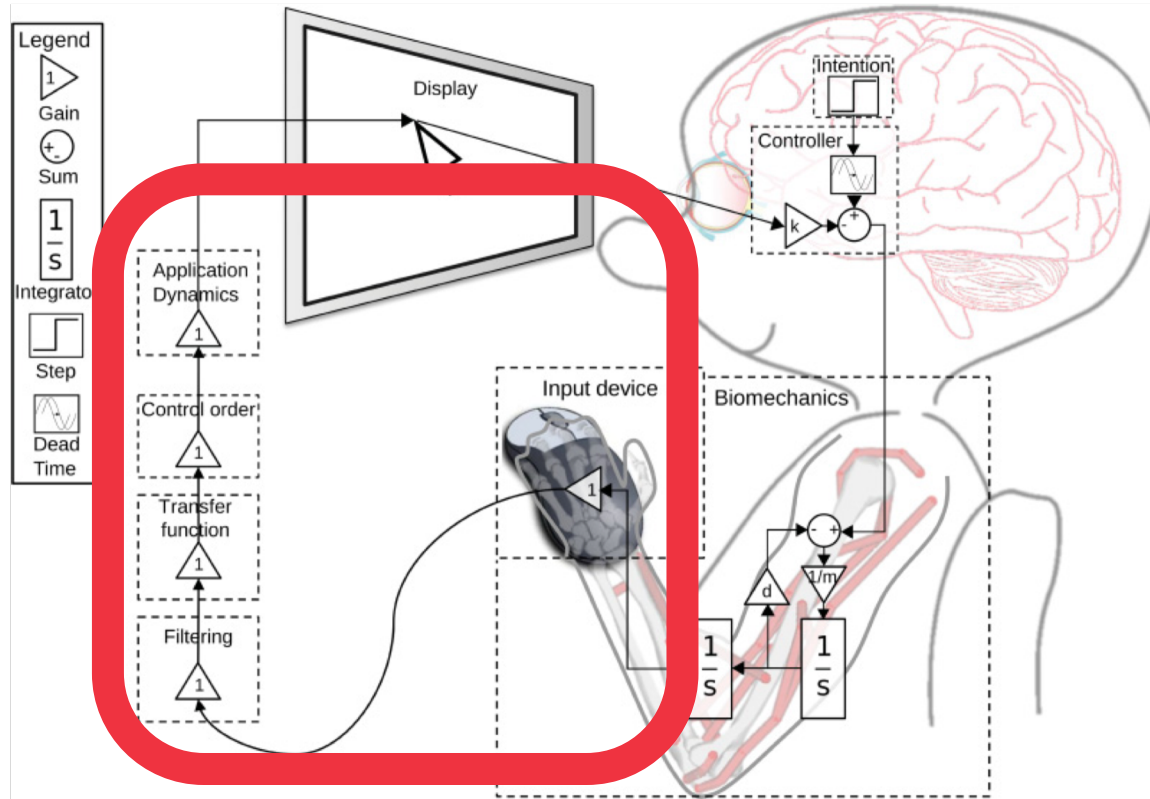
Input sensing flow



Input sensing flow: Mouse



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Input devices and sensors

Information Theory

Noise Handling & Filtering

Input Recognition & machine learning



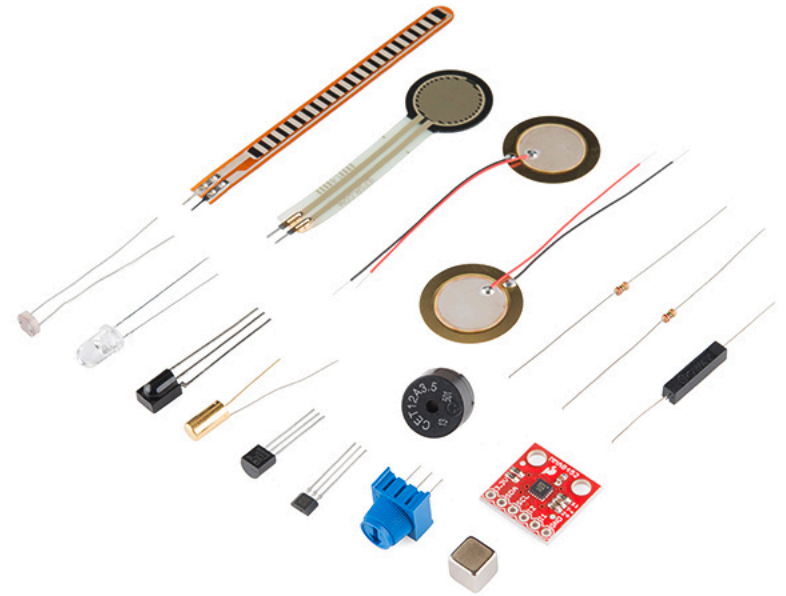
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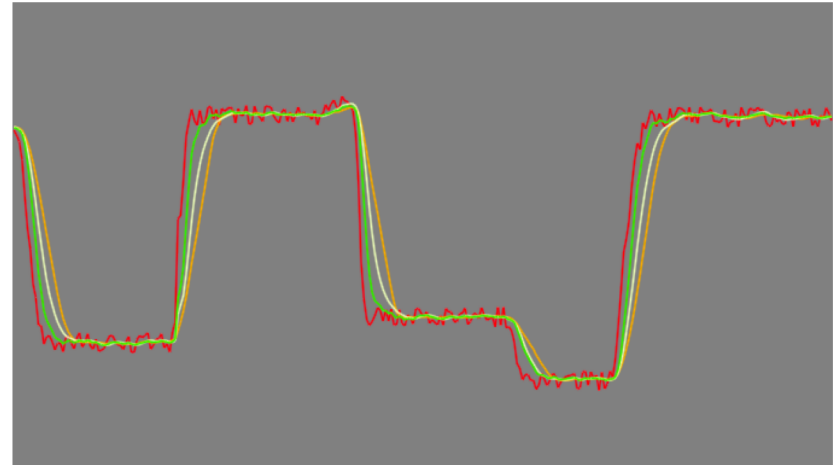

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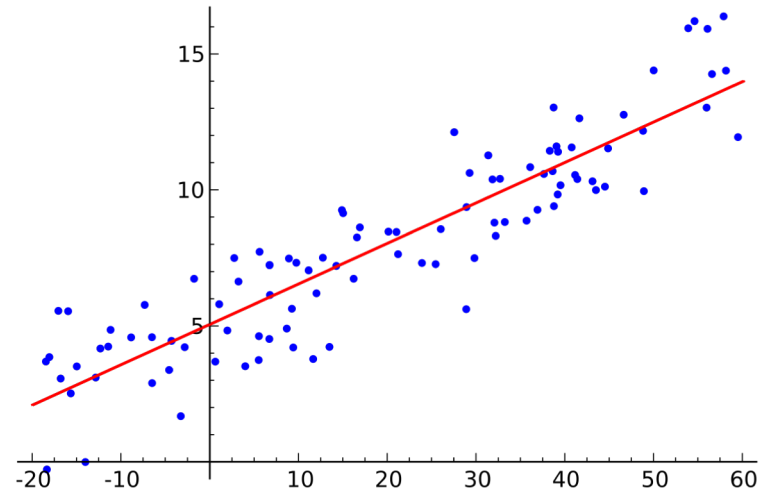
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Lecture 6: Learning objectives

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1. Pipeline

Learn the key steps of the sensing flow

No programming

A6.2

2. Information

Understand how to compute information throughput of input devices

No programming

A6.3
A6.4

3. Recognition

Learn to use ML & DL libraries to perform regression and classification

Python programming



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Input devices and sensors

From physical phenomena to signals

DEFINITION: What is Sensor?

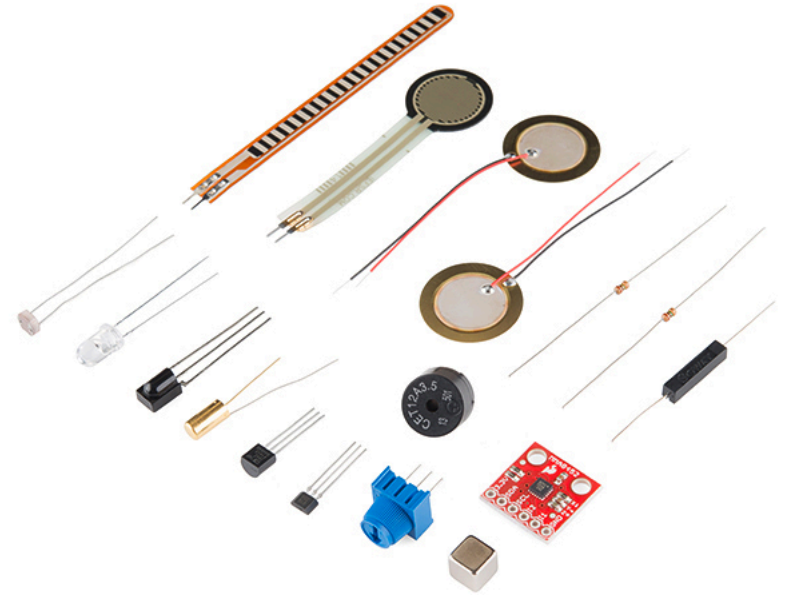


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DEFINITION: (Electrical) Sensor

a device, module, or subsystem whose purpose is to detect events or **changes in its environment** and send the **information** to other electronics.

Wikipedia, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sensor>

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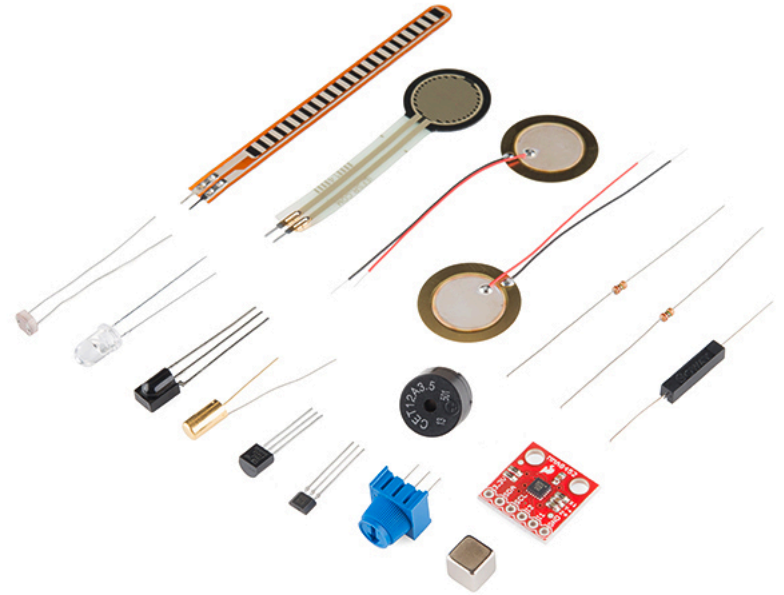
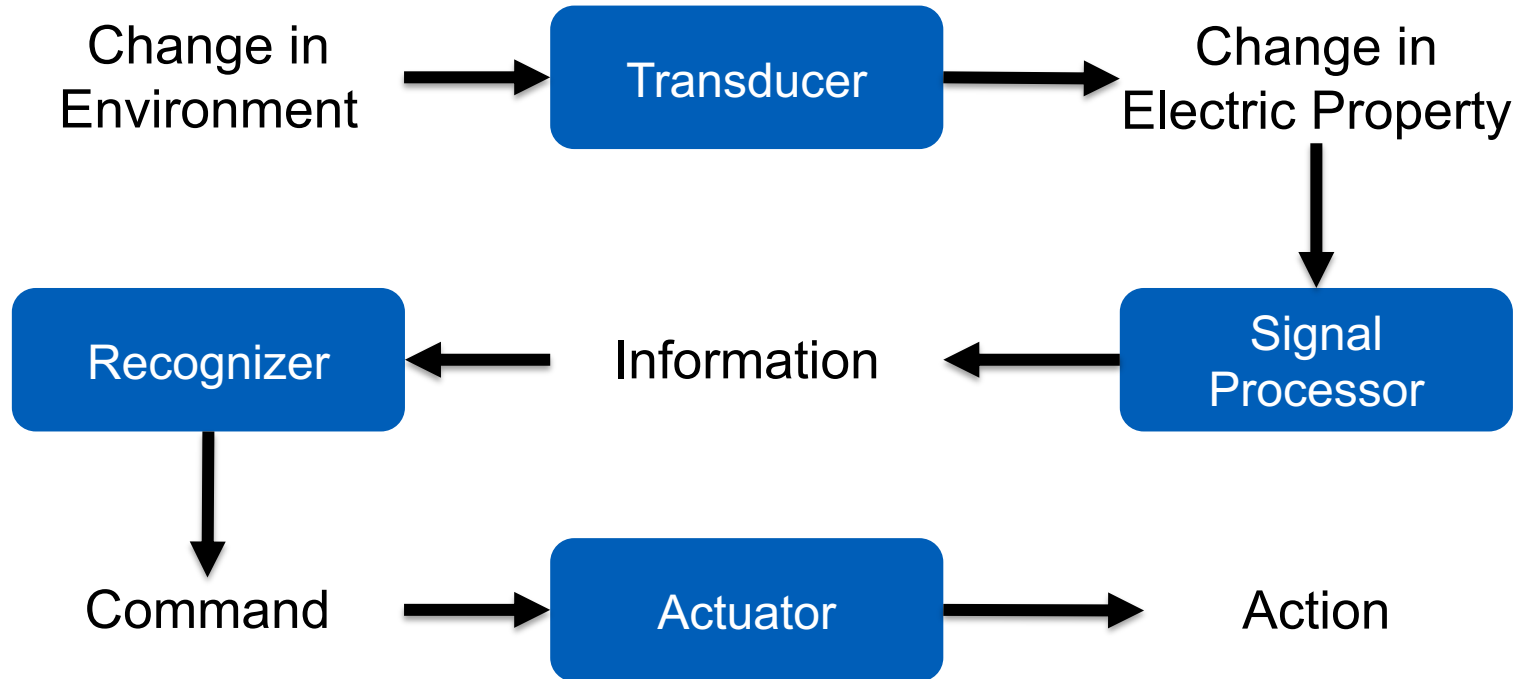
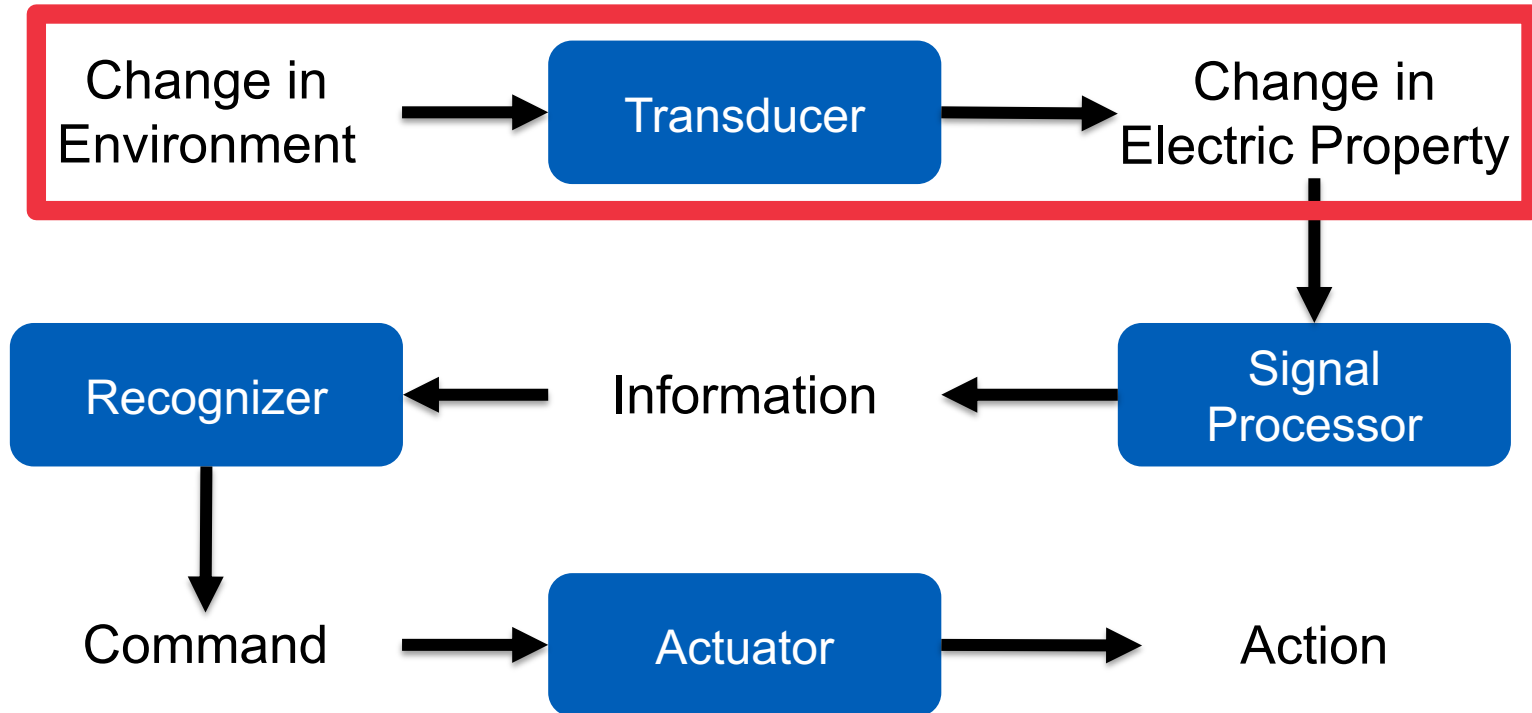


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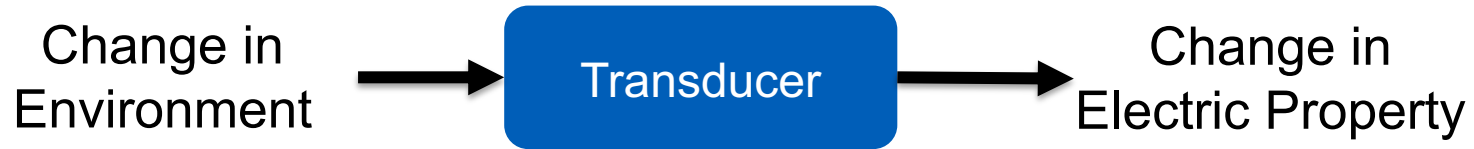
Input sensing flow



Input sensing flow



Sensor working principle



Transducer: a device that reacts to some *physical phenomena* and yields a change of some *electric property*.

- **Physical phenomena:** mechanical, chemical, electrical, sonic, optical, radiation, magnetic, gravitational, ...
- **Electric property:** voltage, resistance, capacitance, inductance
- **Transfer function:** output = f (input)

Detectable Phenomena

Mechanical (position, motion, rotation, ...)

Chemical (moisture, gas, smell, bio sensors, ...)

Electrical (contact, capacitance, ...)

Sonic (ultrasonic, sonar, microphone, ...)

Optical (proximity, image, light, ...)

Radiation (radar, heat, temperature, ...)

Magnetic (hall effect)

Gravitational (new!, LIGO)

**Almost all physical
phenomena**

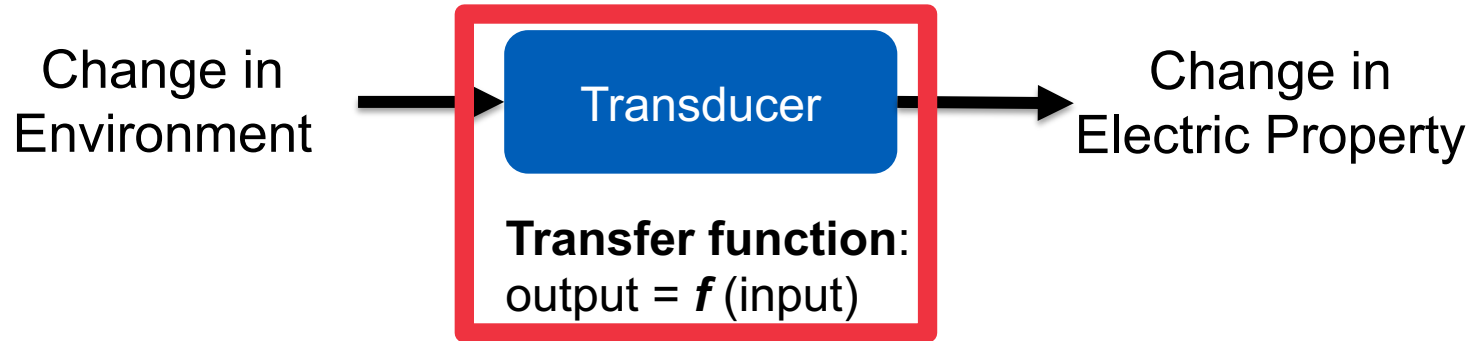
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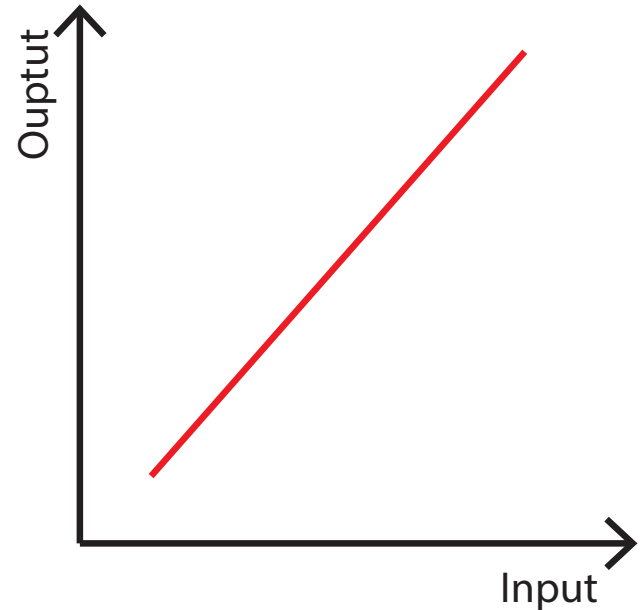
A good sensor should have a reliable transfer function



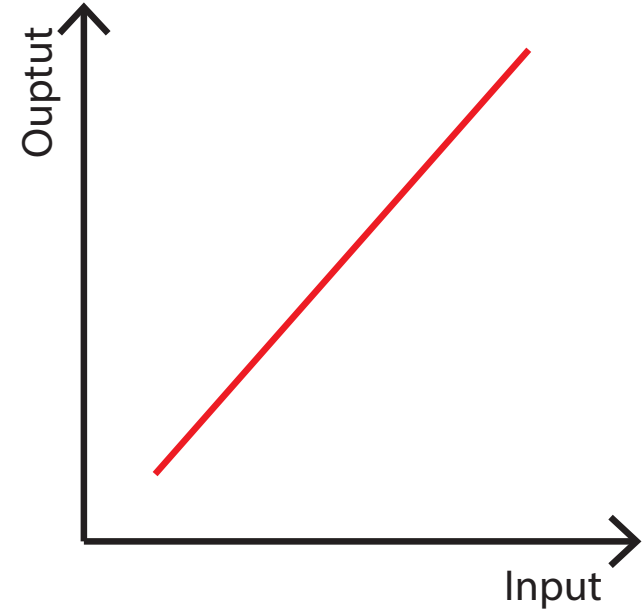
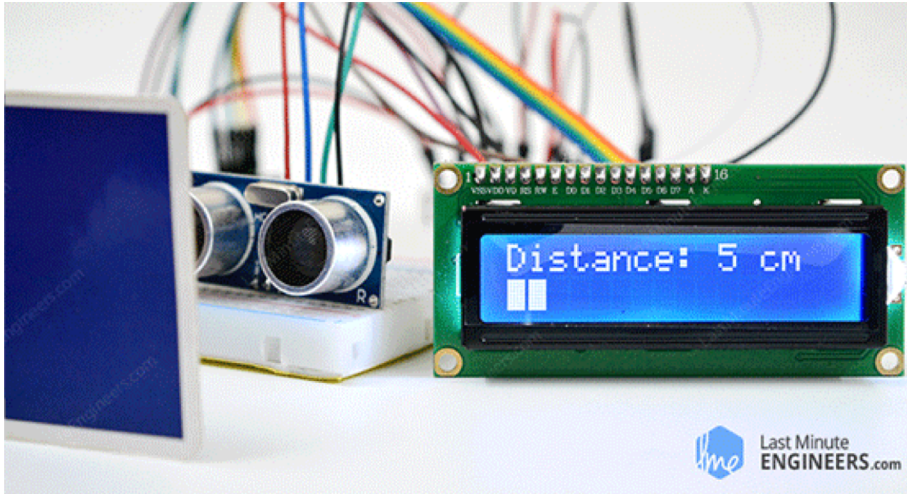
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Analog transfer function

- The ideal ***analog*** transfer function.
 - The output (=electrical property) changes linearly with input (=physical change).
- Most “commercial” or “industrial grade” input sensors have this property.

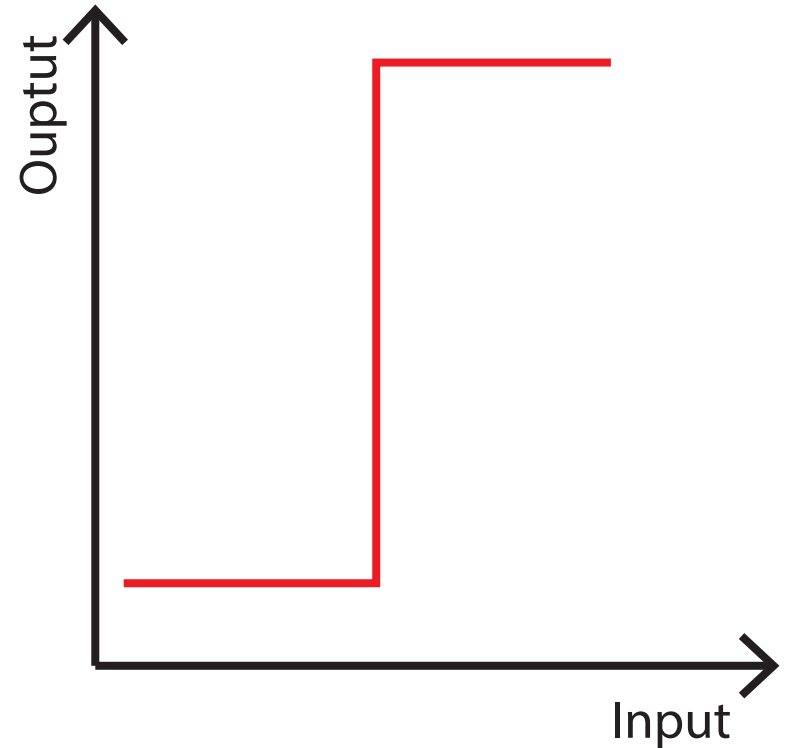


Analog transfer function



Discrete transfer function

- A **digital** transfer function.
 - Discrete number of output levels (typically 2, but could be more)
 - Suitable for logic level operation (=digital circuit)
- **Switch** type sensors usually have this property.



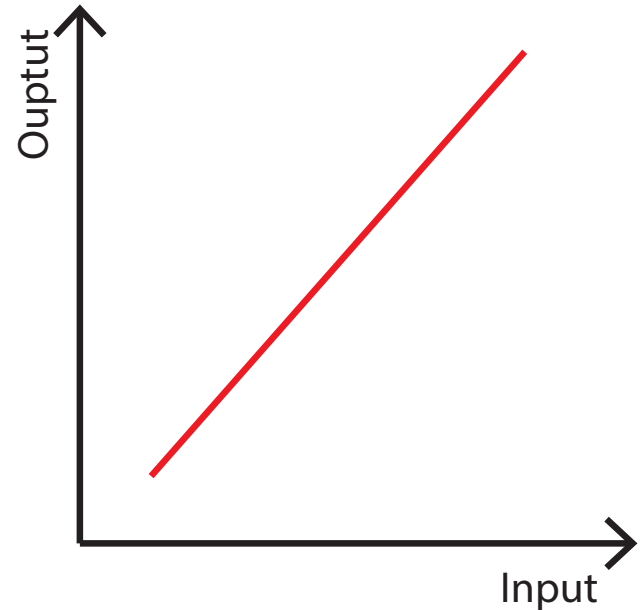
Task: Identify digital and analog sensors in a gamepad



Image copyright: Sony Entertainment

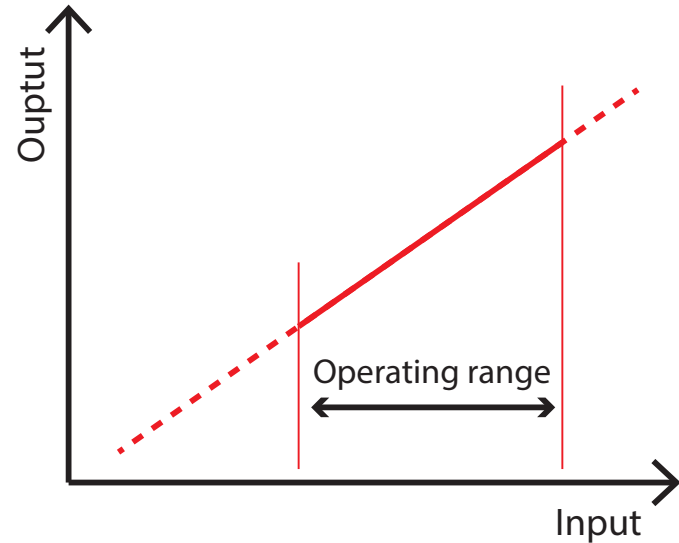
Sensor terms/properties

- **Range** (related term: **saturation**)
- **Resolution**
- **Sensitivity**
- **Sampling Rate**
- **Accuracy** (related terms: **offset, drift**)
- **Precision** (related terms: **noise**)
- **Hysteresis**
- **Linearity**

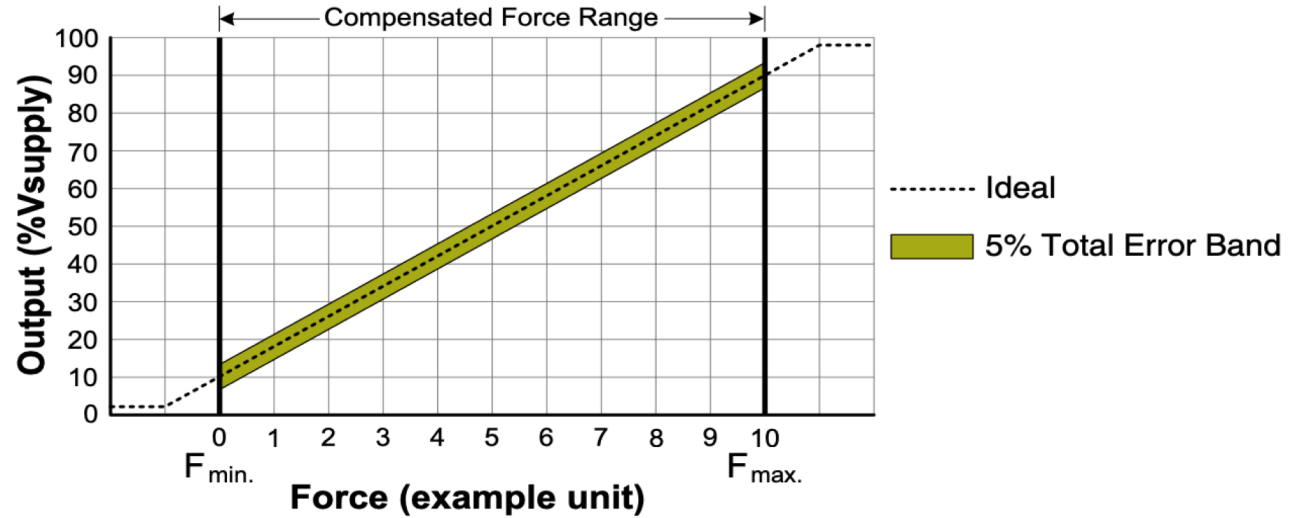


Term: Range

- All sensors have limited operating range.
- Represented by the unit of input.
ex) min= -3 g / max = +5 g
- Any input outside the range will result in the saturated signal.
→ lose of **information**

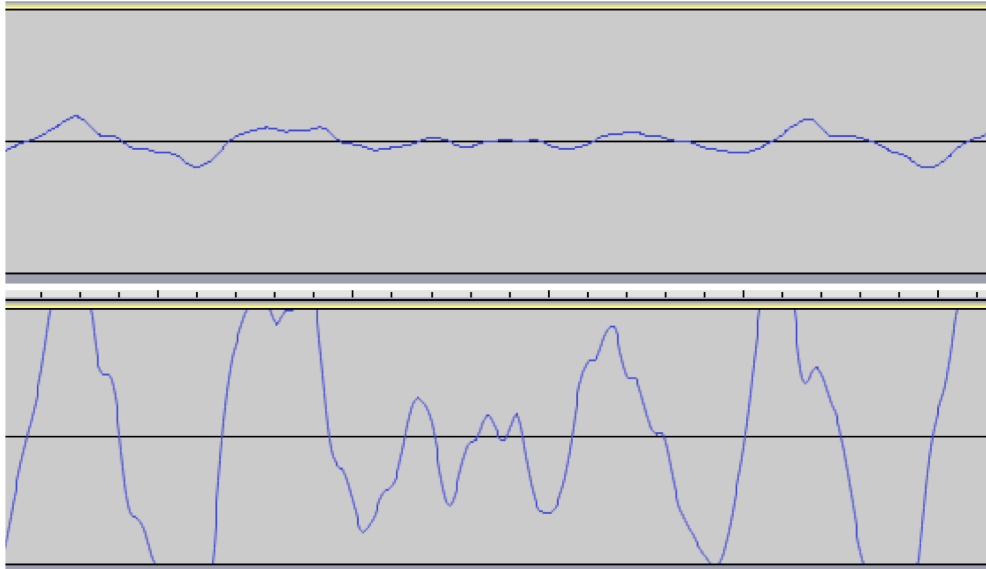


Term: Range



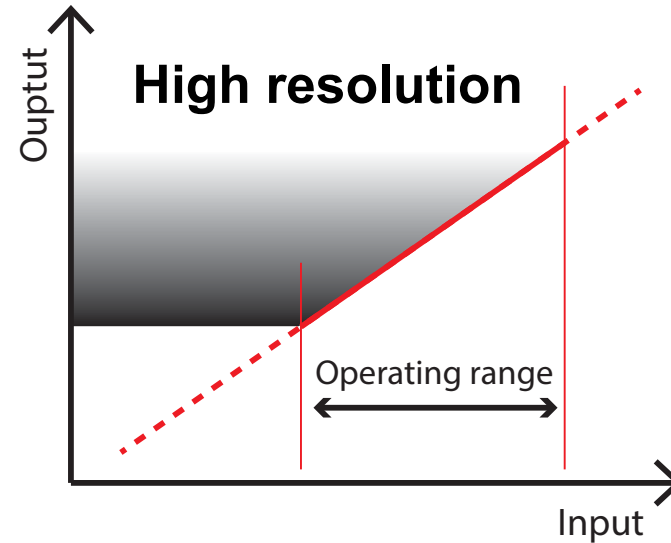
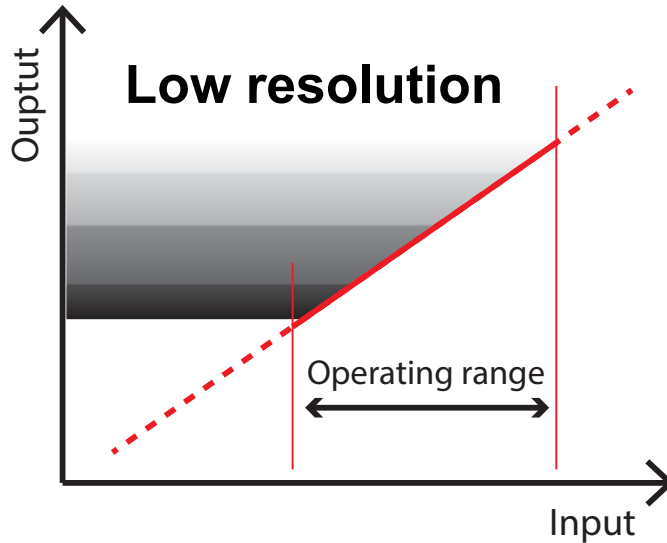
Term: Range / Saturation

- **Saturation example: audio clipping**



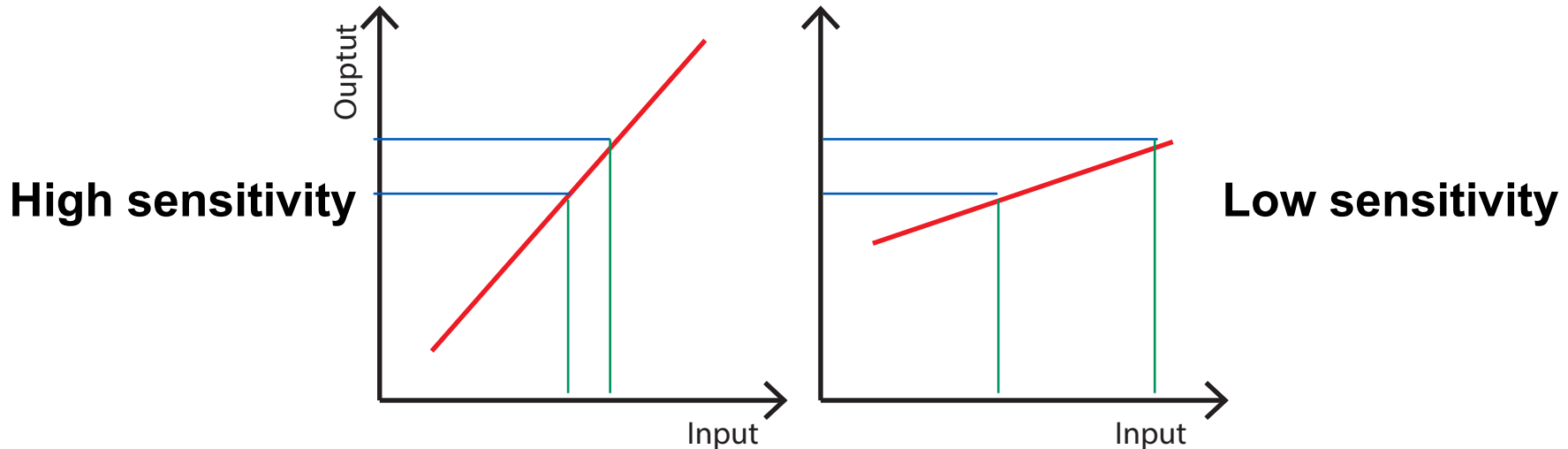
Term: Resolution

- The ***smallest change of input*** that can be ***detected*** in the output signal.



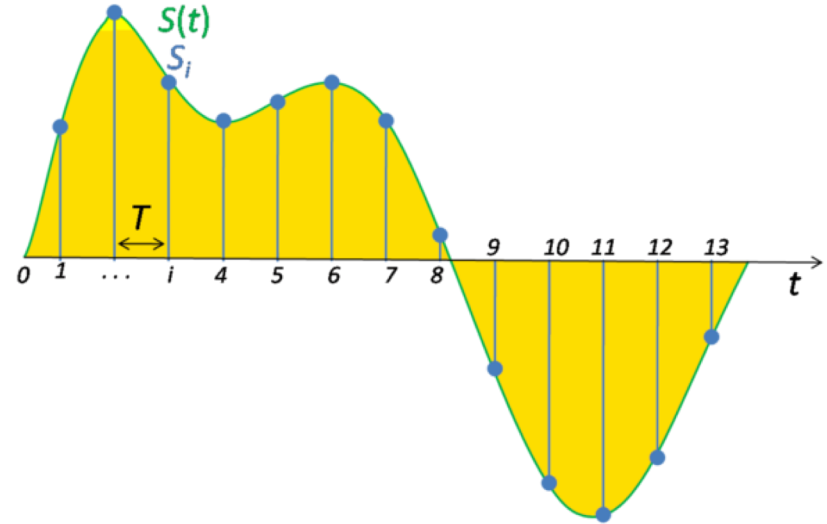
Term: Sensitivity

- The minimum physical change to create a detectable output change.
- Representation: $\Delta\text{output} / \Delta\text{input}$
- *example:* $5\text{ mV} / 1\text{ g}$, $1\text{ mV} / 1\text{ g}$



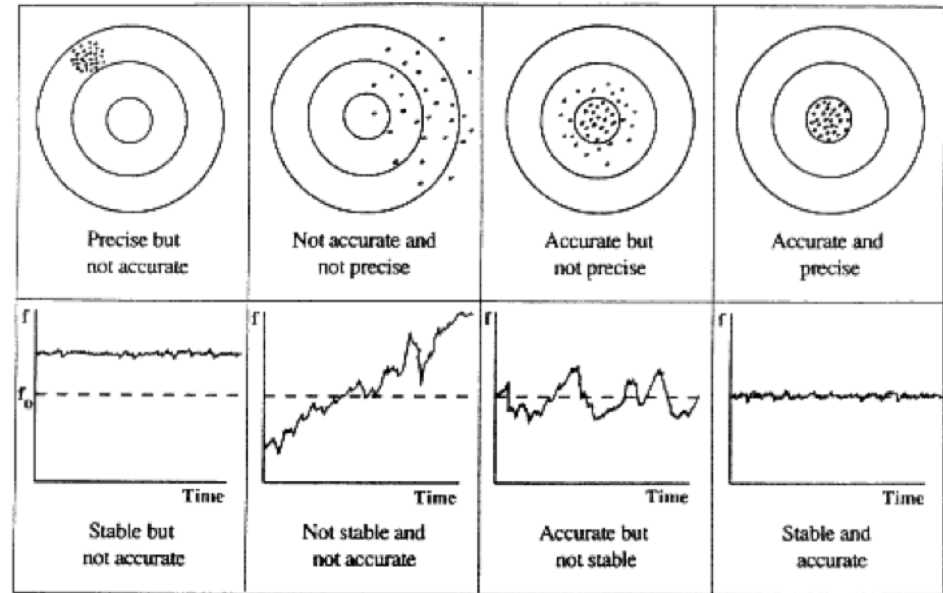
Term: Sampling Rate

- Sampling is the reduction of a continuous-time signal to a discrete-time signal.
- A commonly seen unit of sampling rate is Hertz and means "how many samples per second".



Term: Accuracy and Precision

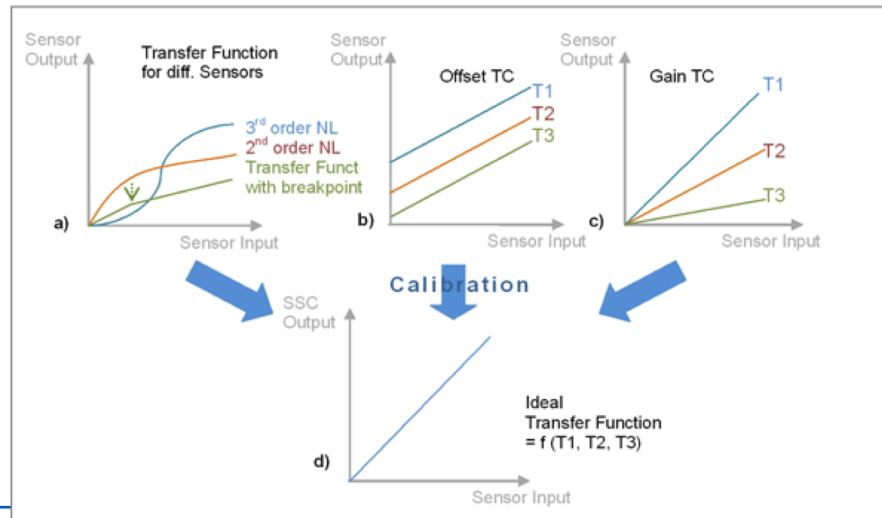
- **Accuracy**
 - The **difference** between the actual value and the measured value.
 - **Precision**
 - The degree of *reproducibility* of a measurement
- ↔ noise



<http://www.oscilent.com/esupport/TechSupport/ReviewPapers/IntroQuartz/vigaccur.htm>

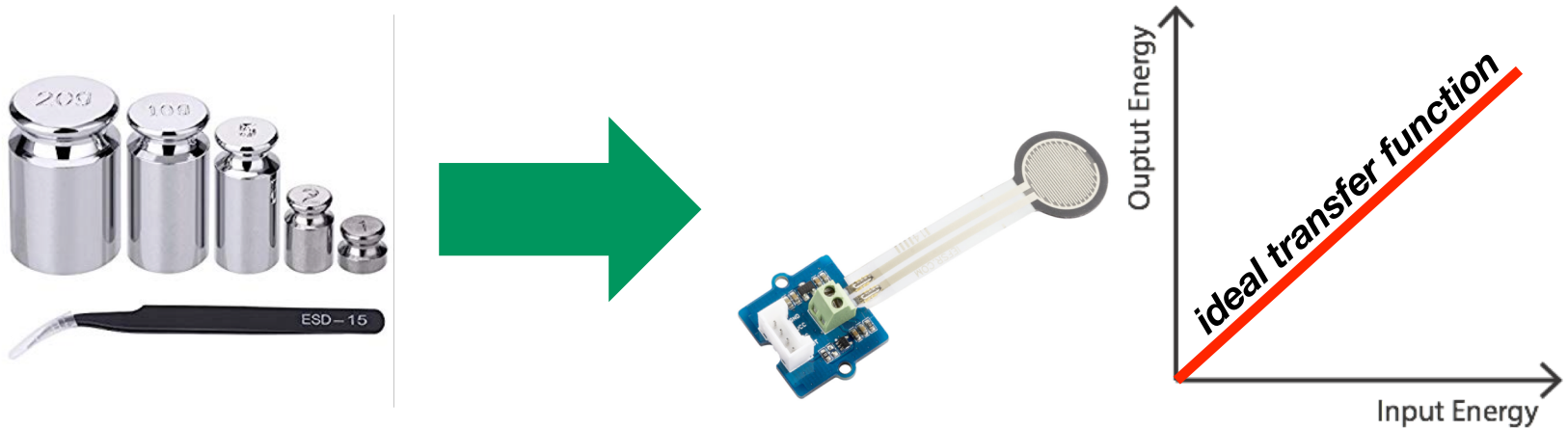
Calibration

- If **systematical inaccuracy** were found, calibration is needed
- Calibration fix **wrongly-set transfer function**:
such as non-accurate, non-linear, and wrongly-set sensitivity
- Reference is necessary for calibration.

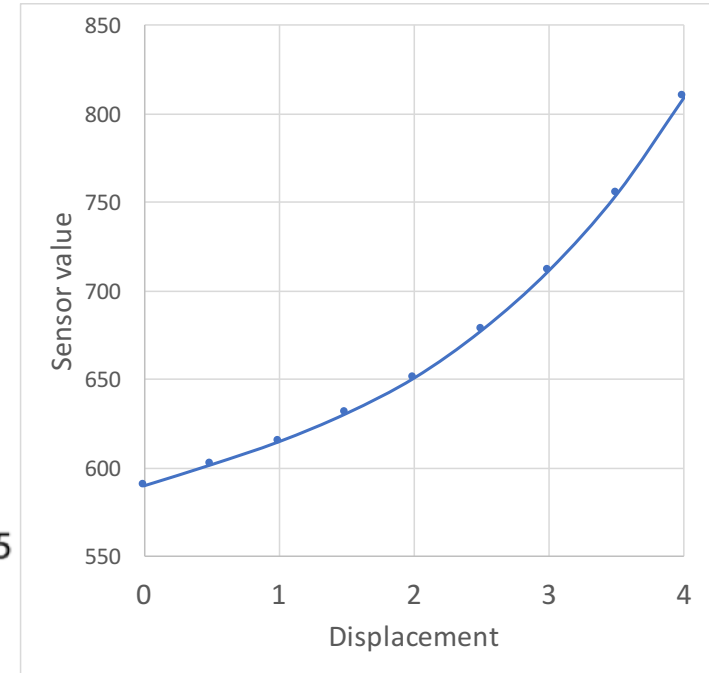
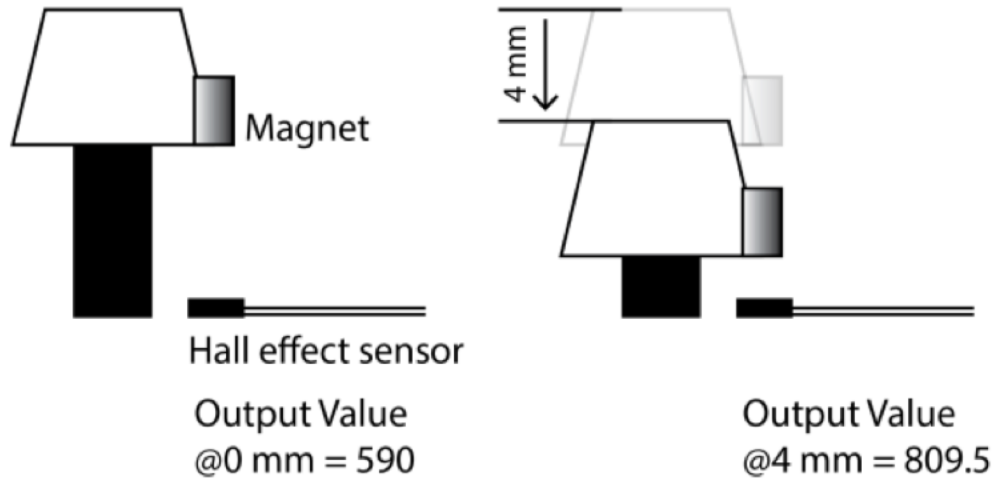


Calibration

- Calibration is a process that derives a new ideal transfer function based on pairs of known **[ground truth, signal value]**.

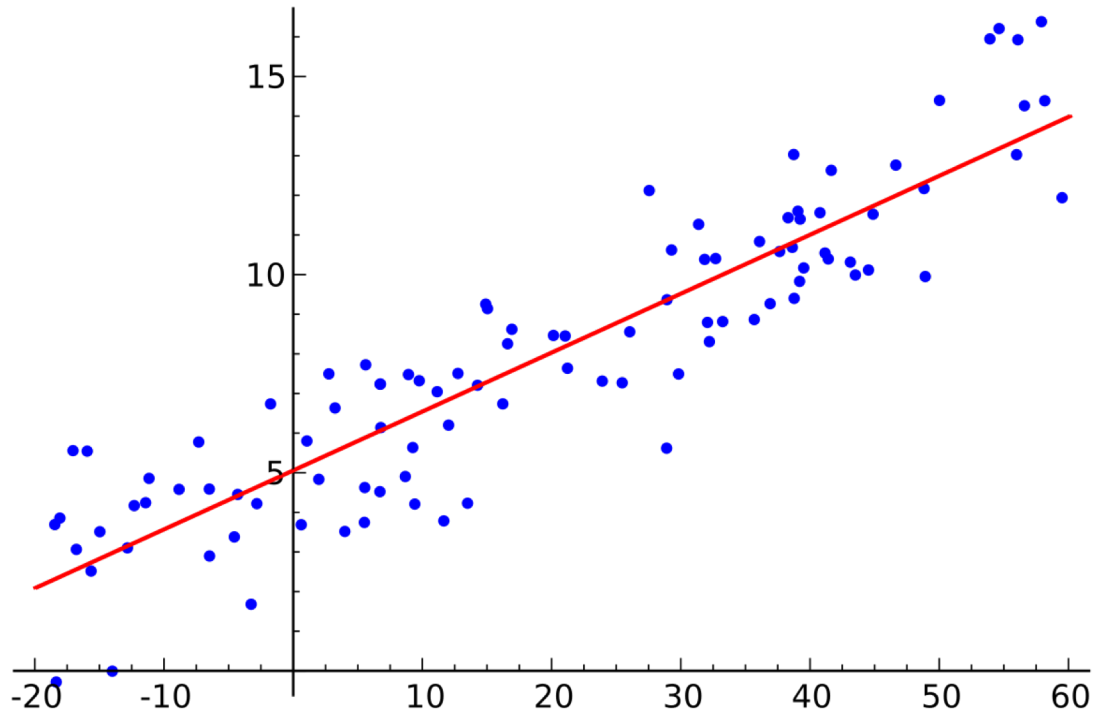


Calibration: linearity correction



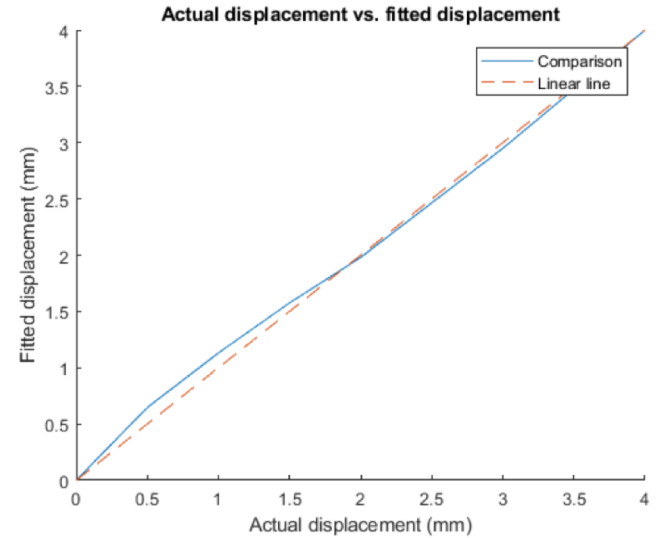
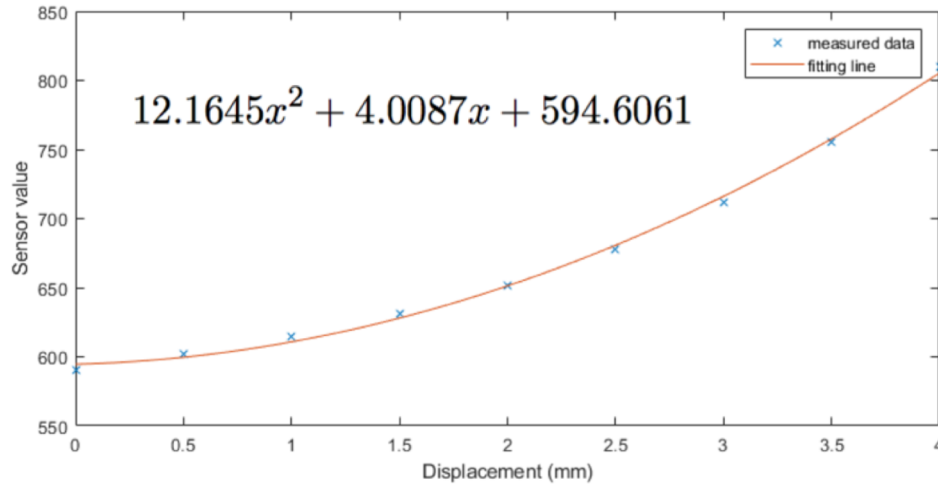
Calibration: linearity correction

Method 1: model fitting (linear / polynomial regression)



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Calibration: linearity correction

Method 2: look-up table and interpolation

Displacement	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
Sensor value	590	602	615	631	651	678	712	755	810

Sensor value = 700

What's the estimated displacement?

Calibration: linearity correction

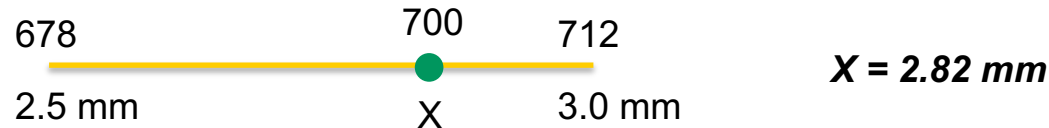
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Linear interpolation:



Good source of information : Datasheet

Example)

ADXL345 3-axis accelerometer

SPECIFICATIONS

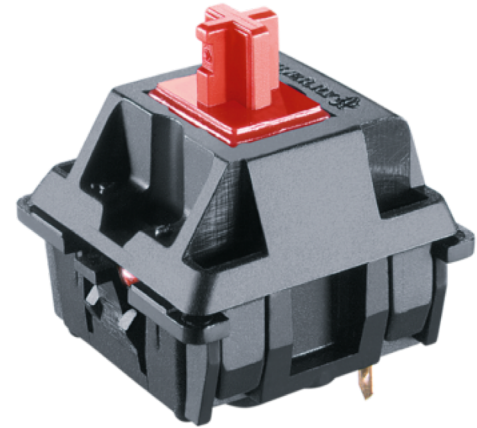
$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_S = 2.5\text{ V}$, $V_{DD1/O} = 1.8\text{ V}$, acceleration = 0 g, $C_S = 1\ \mu\text{F}$ tantalum, $C_{IO} = 0.1\ \mu\text{F}$, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1. Specifications¹

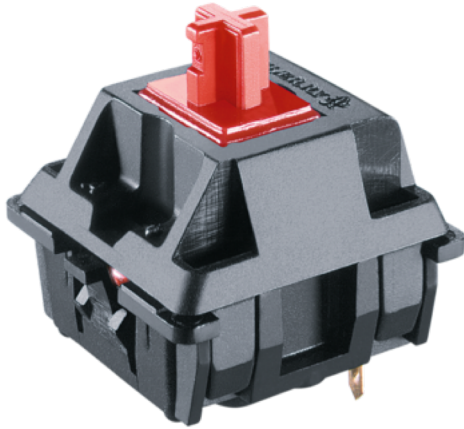
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
SENSOR INPUT					
Measurement Range	Each axis User selectable		$\pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 16$		g
Nonlinearity	Percentage of full scale		± 0.5		%
Inter-Axis Alignment Error			± 0.1		Degrees
Cross-Axis Sensitivity ²			± 1		%
OUTPUT RESOLUTION					
All g Ranges	Each axis 10-bit resolution		10		Bits
$\pm 2\text{ g}$ Range	Full resolution		10		Bits
$\pm 4\text{ g}$ Range	Full resolution		11		Bits
$\pm 8\text{ g}$ Range	Full resolution		12		Bits
$\pm 16\text{ g}$ Range	Full resolution		13		Bits
SENSITIVITY					
Sensitivity at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	Each axis $\pm 2\text{ g}$, 10-bit or full resolution	232	256	286	LSB/g
Scale Factor at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 2\text{ g}$, 10-bit or full resolution	3.5	3.9	4.3	mg/LSB
Sensitivity at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 4\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	116	128	143	LSB/g
Scale Factor at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 4\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	7.0	7.8	8.6	mg/LSB
Sensitivity at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 8\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	58	64	71	LSB/g
Scale Factor at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 8\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	14.0	15.6	17.2	mg/LSB
Sensitivity at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 16\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	29	32	36	LSB/g
Scale Factor at $X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}, Z_{OUT}$	$\pm 16\text{ g}$, 10-bit resolution	28.1	31.2	34.3	mg/LSB
Sensitivity Change Due to Temperature			± 0.01		%/ $^\circ\text{C}$
0 g BIAS LEVEL					
0 g Output for X_{OUT}, Y_{OUT}	Each axis	-150	± 40	+150	mg
0 g Output for Z_{OUT}		-250	± 80	+250	mg
0 g Offset vs. Temperature for x-, y-Axes			± 0.8		mg/ $^\circ\text{C}$
0 g Offset vs. Temperature for z-Axis			± 4.5		mg/ $^\circ\text{C}$
NOISE PERFORMANCE					
Noise (x-, y-Axes)	Data rate = 100 Hz for $\pm 2\text{ g}$, 10-bit or full resolution		<1.0		LSB rms

Sensor Properties

- **Range** (related term: **saturation**)
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Sensor Properties

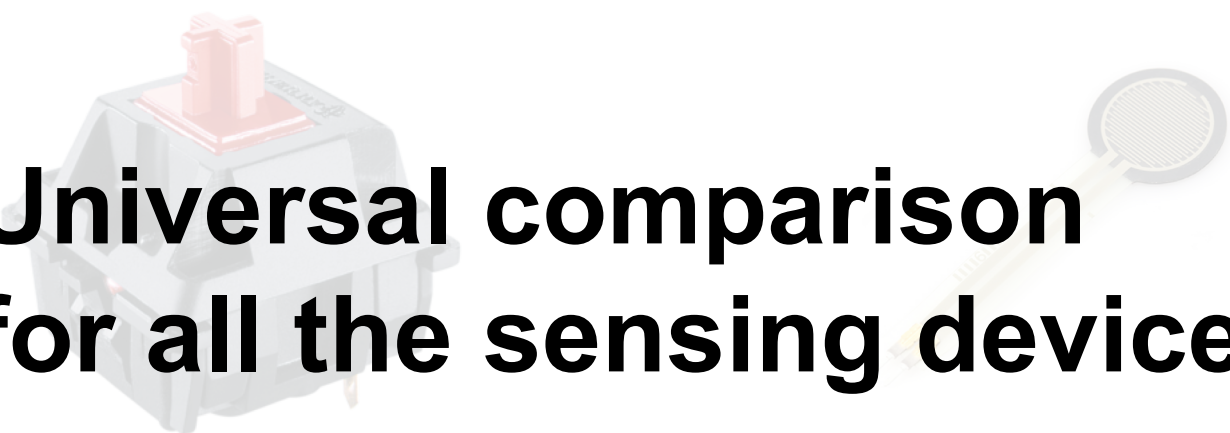


Low resolution
High sampling rate



High resolution
Low sampling rate

Sensor Properties

A faded background image showing a mechanical keyboard keycap on the left and a circular microphone sensor on the right.

Universal comparison for all the sensing devices?

Low resolution
High sampling rate

High resolution
Low sampling rate

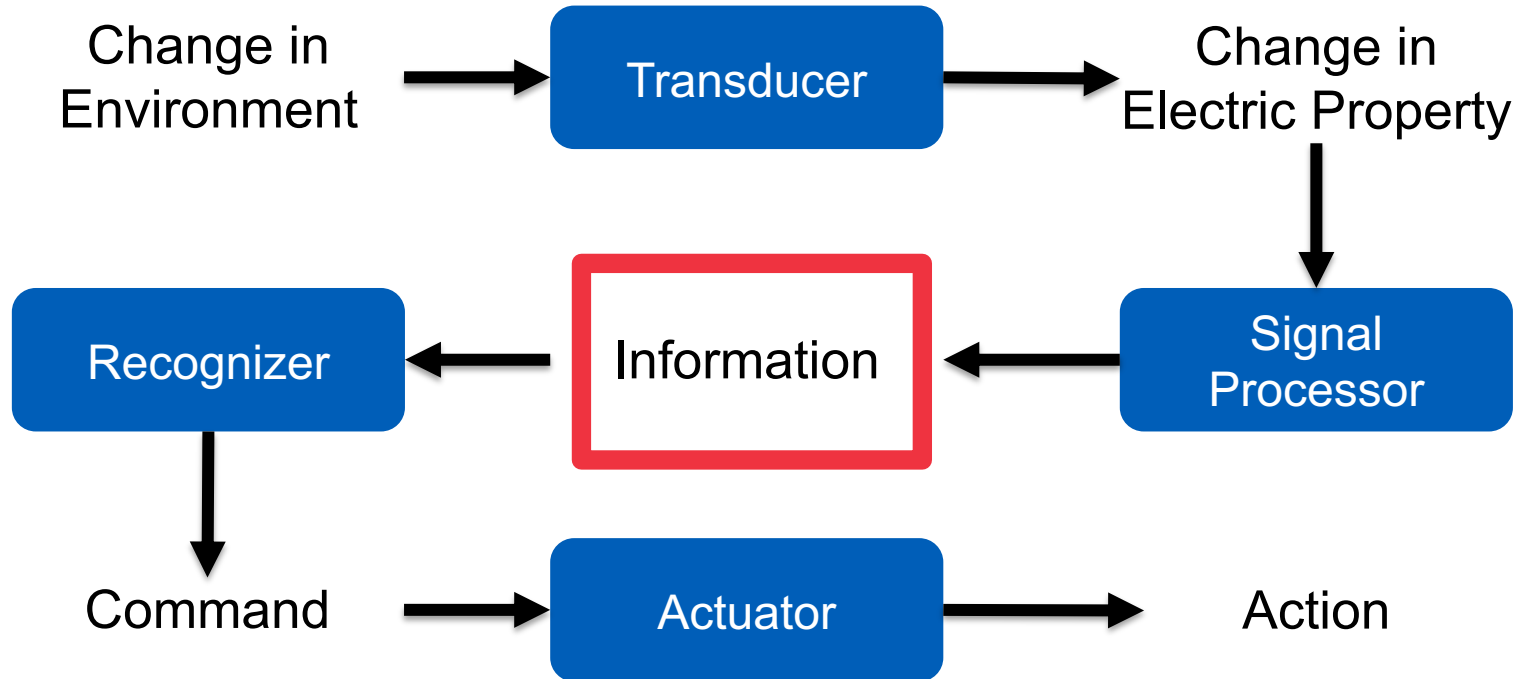


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Information Theory

Understanding Entropy

Processing of information in signal



THINK: Information

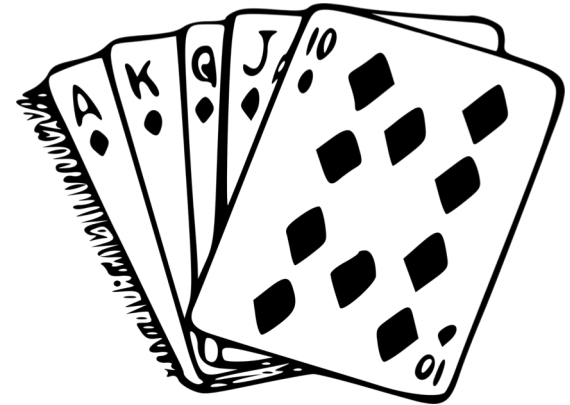
List the following cases in order of the amount of information (possible outcome).

- Result of 10 coin throws
- 6-letter English word
- A poker hand (=a set of 5 playing cards)

2 mins



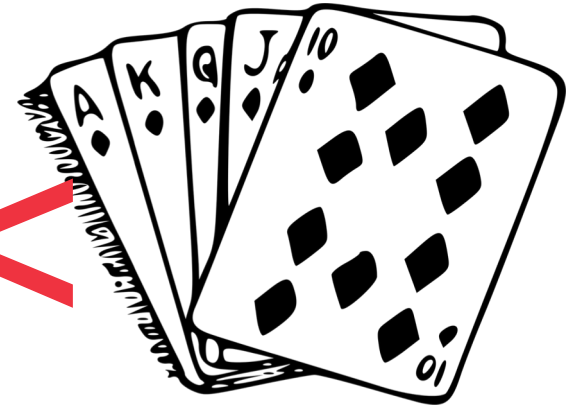
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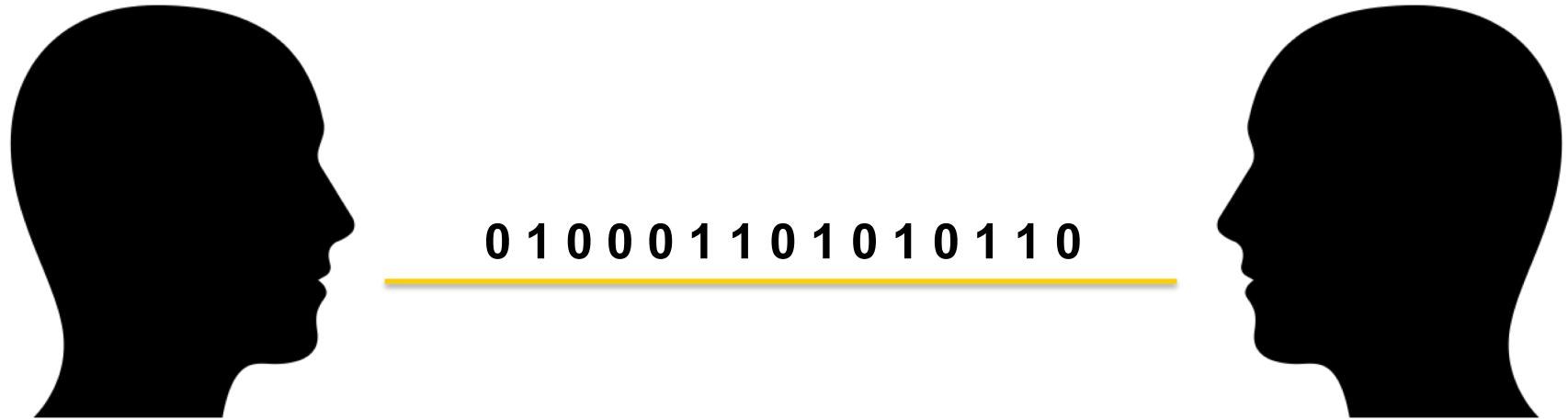
10 flips = 10 bits

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5 cards = 28.5 bits

A simple message transfer system



Bit

A unit of information: 0 / 1

* Shannon, *A Mathematical Theory of Communication*

- **Other units:**
 - Shannon (=bit): base 2
 - Nat: base e
 - Dit (decimal digit): base 10
 - Qubit: quantum

A coin flip

A single coin flip produces how much information?

→ Result: Head / Tail

What will be the length of the message?



A coin flip

A single coin flip produces how much information?

→ Result: Head / Tail

What will be the length of the message?

= 1

= 1 bit



10 coin flips

Head / Tail * 10

What will be the length of the message?

= 10 bit



Symbol space

A set of possible values

- Coin flip: 0 / 1 → Size = 2
- Alphabet: a, b, c, ... , x, y, z → size = 26
- Poker playing card: $13 \cdot C + 13 \cdot H + 13 \cdot D + 13 \cdot S \rightarrow \text{size} = 52$

Alphabet - simple

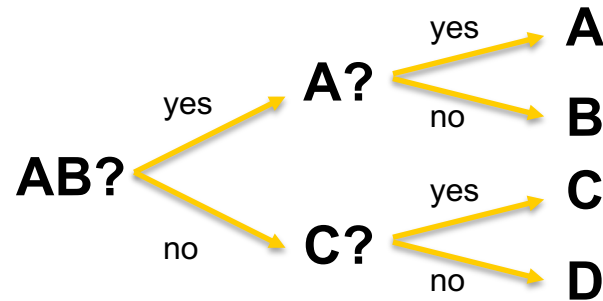
A B C D

4 symbols

**How many yes/no questions are
needed to specify one alphabet?**

Alphabet - simple

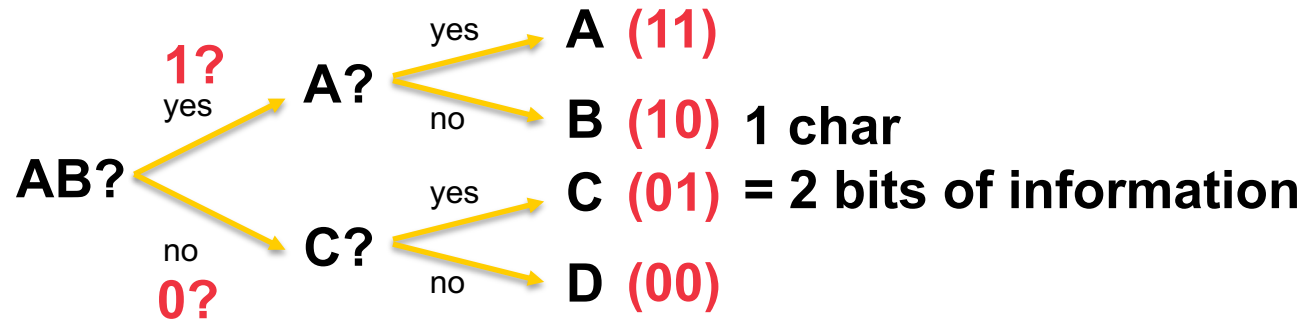
A B C D



= 2 questions

Alphabet - simple

A B C D



Alphabet

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

26 symbols

**How many yes/no questions are
needed to specify one letter?**



Alphabet

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is it later than N? → no

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is it later than G? → yes

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is it later than J? → no

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is it later than H? → no

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

4 questions were used to specify a letter G

At most 5 questions are enough.

In average,
 $\log_2(26) = 4.7$

→ A character has 4.7 bits of information

From 1 alphabet to more

If 1 alphabet contains 4.7 bits of information,

How many bits will be, if we transfer 2 alphabets?

From 1 alphabet to more

If 1 alphabet contains 4.7 bits of information,

How many bits will be, if we transfer 2 alphabets?

$$2 \times \log(26) = 2 \times 4.7 = 9.4 \text{ bits}$$

Quantity of information

$$H = n \log_2 S$$

H : information (unit: bit)

S : size of a symbol space

n : number of symbols

Questions revisited

- **Result of 10 coin throws?**

- *Symbol space* = $\{0, 1\}$
- $H = 10 * \log(2) = \mathbf{10 \text{ bits}}$

- **6-letter word?**

- *Symbol space* = $\{A, B, C, \dots, X, Y, Z\}$ (26 symbols)
- $H = 6 * \log(26) \approx 6 * 4.7 = \mathbf{28.2 \text{ bits}}$

- **A poker hand (=a set of 5 playing cards)**

- *Symbol space* = $\{CA, C2, C3, \dots, S10, SJ, SQ, SK\}$ (52 symbols)
- $H = 5 * \log(52) \approx 5 * 5.7 = \mathbf{28.5 \text{ bits}}$

Some idea adopted from:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-science/informationtheory/moderninfotheory/v/how-do-we-measure-information-language-of-coins-10-12>

Amount of Information = Amount of Uncertainty (Values)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

→ Pick a specific character
= 4.7 bits of information

The symbol space has 4.7 bits of uncertainty
= Input device for typing should be able to provide
at least 4.7 bits of information.

Non-uniform example

A: 50% B: 25% C: 12.5% D: 12.5%

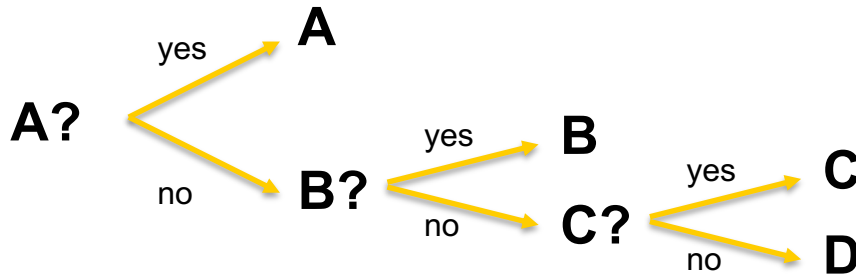
4 symbols

with different probabilities

**How many yes/no questions are
needed to specify one alphabet?**

Non-uniform example

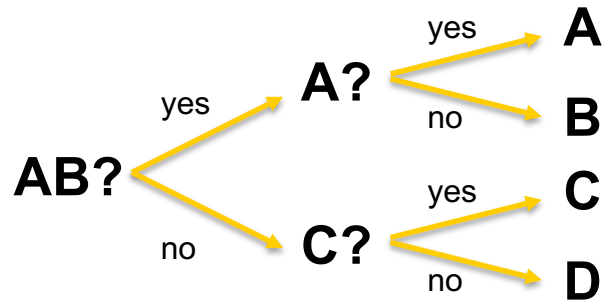
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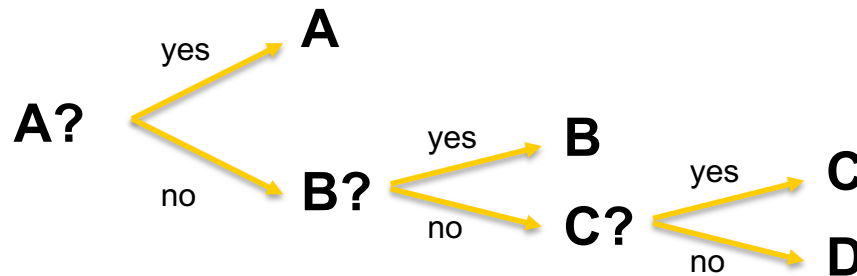
Average number of questions

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.5 * 1 \\ &+ 0.25 * 2 \\ &+ 0.125 * 3 \\ &+ 0.125 * 3 \\ &= 1.75 \\ &= 1.75 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

Uniform vs. Non-uniform probability



= 2 bits



= 1.75 bits

Entropy

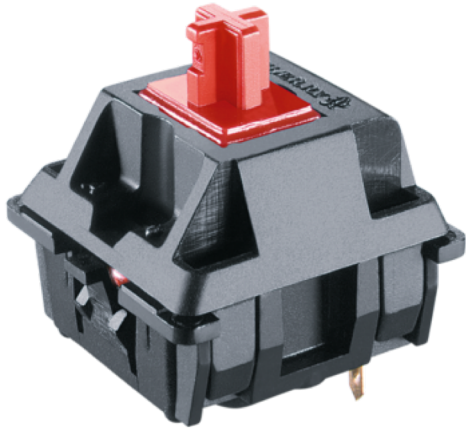
$$H = - \sum_i p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

H : Shannon entropy (unit: bit)

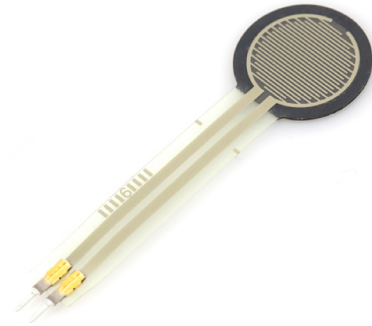
P_i : probability of each symbol

Throughput (bits/second) example: Comparison of 2 sensors

How many bits of information these two sensor send?



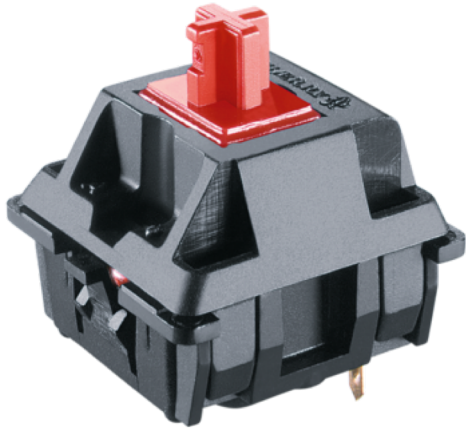
Resolution: 2 (on/off)
Samples: 2500



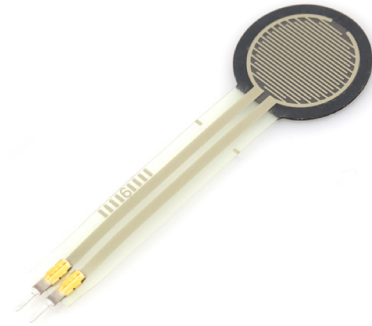
Resolution: 256 (voltages)
Samples: 200

Throughput (bits/second) example: Comparison of 2 sensors

Which one can send (the same amount of) information faster?



Information: 2500 bits
Sampling duration: **1s**

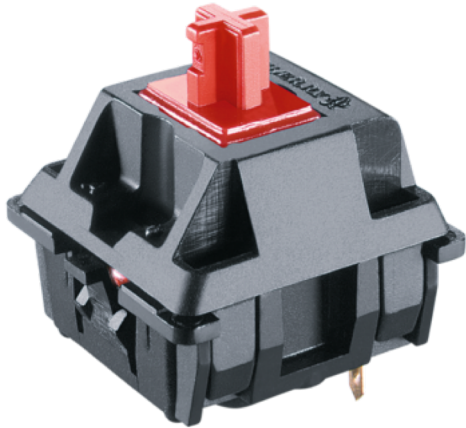


Information: 1600 bits
Sampling duration: **0.5s**

Throughput (bits/second)

example: Comparison of 2 sensors

How fast an input device delivers information?



Information transfer rate:
 $2500 \text{ bits} / 1\text{s} = 2500 \text{ bps}$



Information transfer rate:
 $1600 \text{ bits} / 0.5\text{s} = 3200 \text{ bps}$

Throughput (information transfer rate)

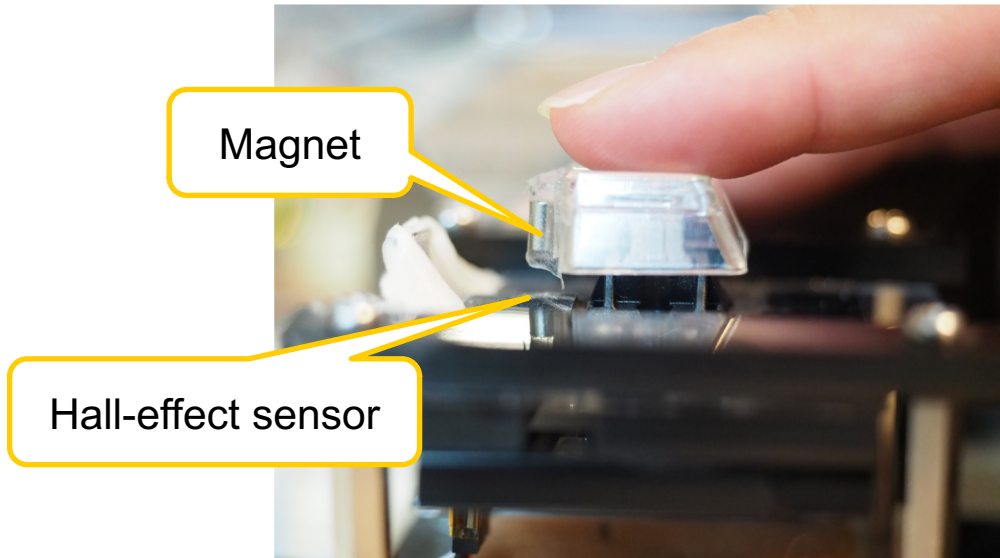
General definition: the **rate** at which something is processed.

In the case of information flow, **throughput** is the **rate of successful message** delivery over a communication channel.

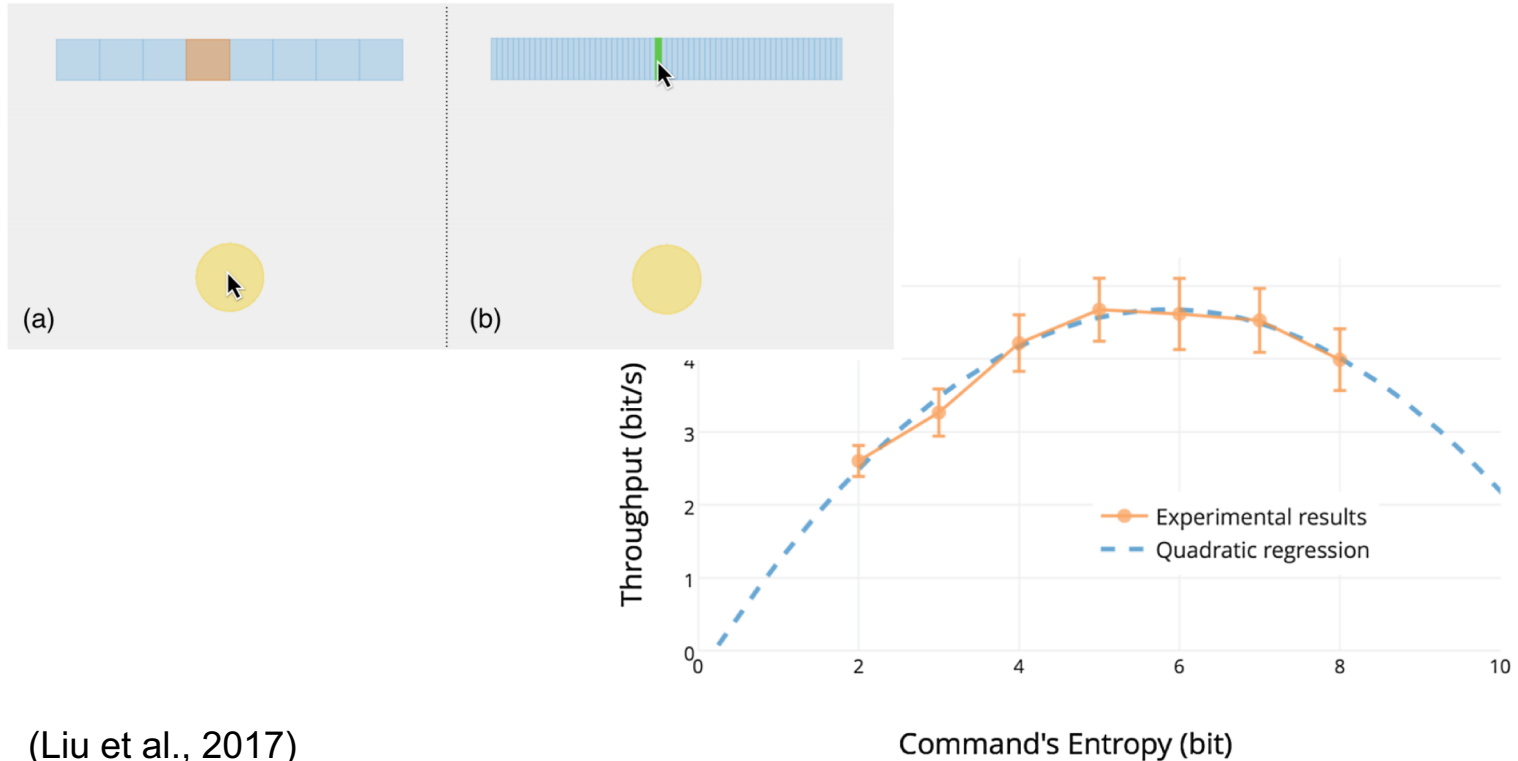
More sensors / higher resolution → more information → higher throughput

Regular key switch: on / off (=1 bit information)

Analog key switch: approx. 100 levels (=7 bit information)



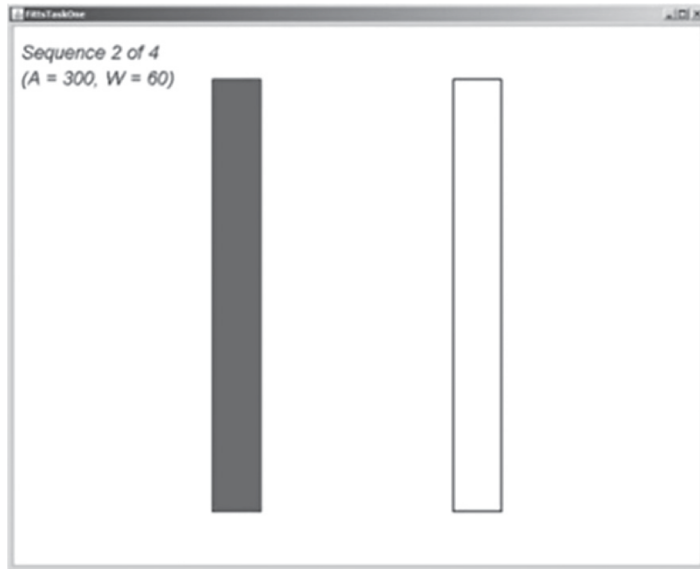
Human limitation: difficulty



(Liu et al., 2017)

Throughput example: Fitts' Law

How fast an input device delivers information?



(Fitts' Law, MacKenzie 2018)

$$ID = \log_2\left(1 + \frac{A}{W}\right)$$

* unit=bit

$$Throughput = \frac{ID}{MT}$$

* MT = movement time

Different end-effectors and individuals have different throughput

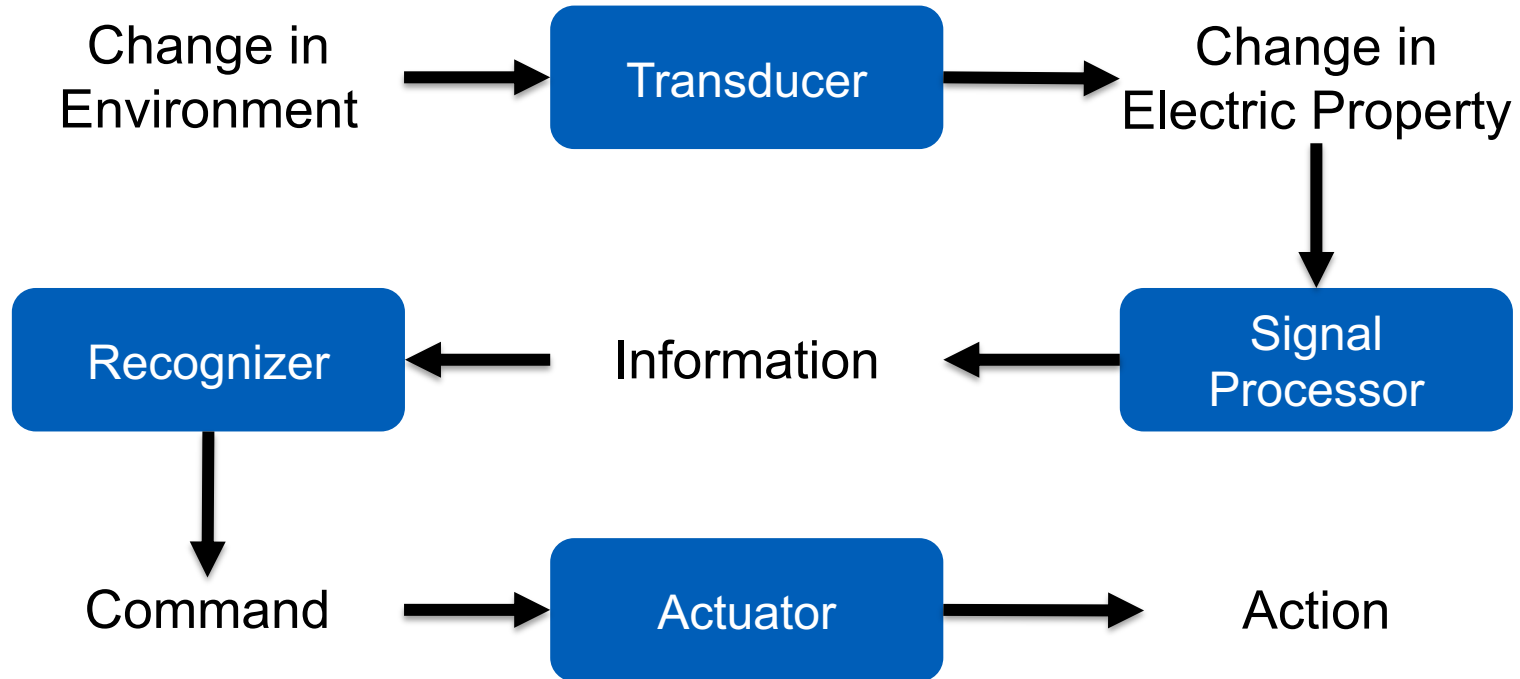
- **Hand (and finger)**
 - *The most agile and fine motor movement in general*
- **Arm**
 - *Coarse but still able to produce some fine movement*
- **Legs**
 - *Coarse and rough*
- **Eye-gaze**
 - *Prone to noise*

Takeaway

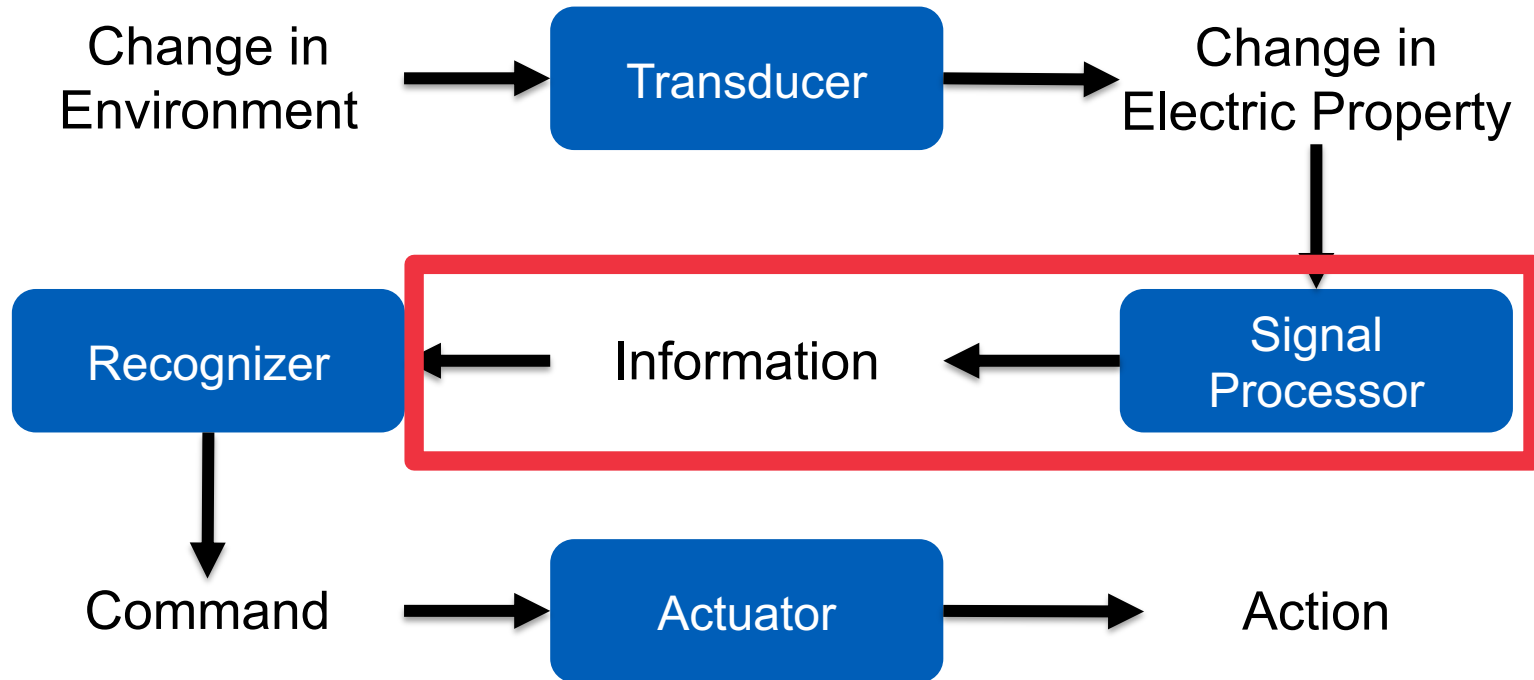
- **Know the input sensing process**
- **Know your sensor properties**
 - *Accuracy and efficiency is always a trade-off*
 - *Noise*
 - *Range*
 - *Resolution*
- **Comparing sensors by their entropy and throughput**
 - *Bits per second*
 - *Take the one with the highest throughput (usually)*
- **Pick a sensor that fits the human limitation**

Noise and Filtering

Processing of information in signal

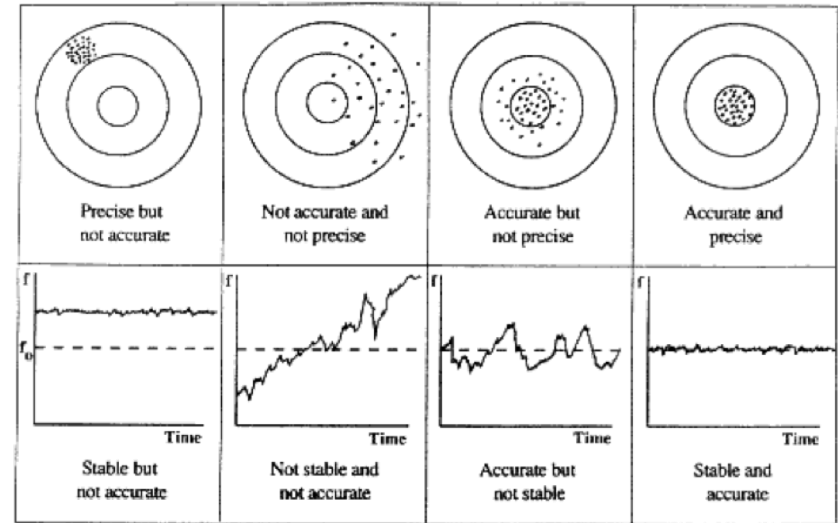


Processing of information in signal



Definition: Noise (in electronics)

An unwanted disturbance (or fluctuation) in an electronic signal



Type of sensor noise

- **Noise**: continuous random variations in the measured position
- Dropout: complete loss of measurement or tracking
- **Glitches** (=burst, surge): random spikes of sensing that are not due to intentional movement (e.g. when the camera has a false recognition and the tracking suddenly jumps).

SNR (Signal to Noise Ratio)

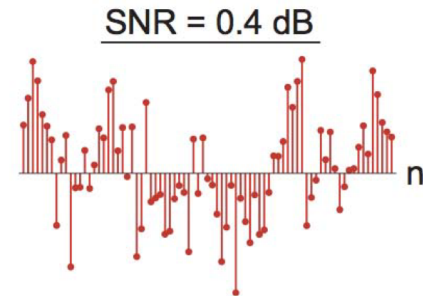
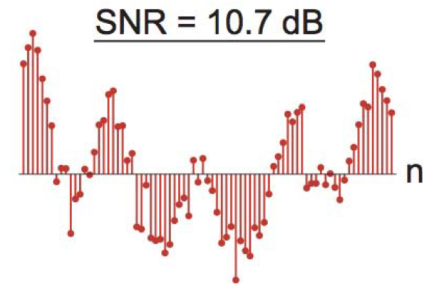
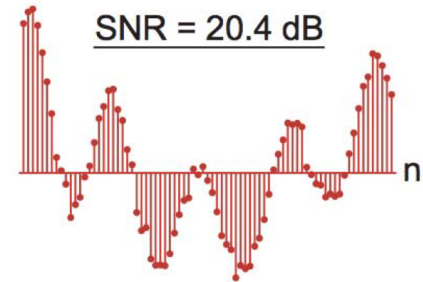
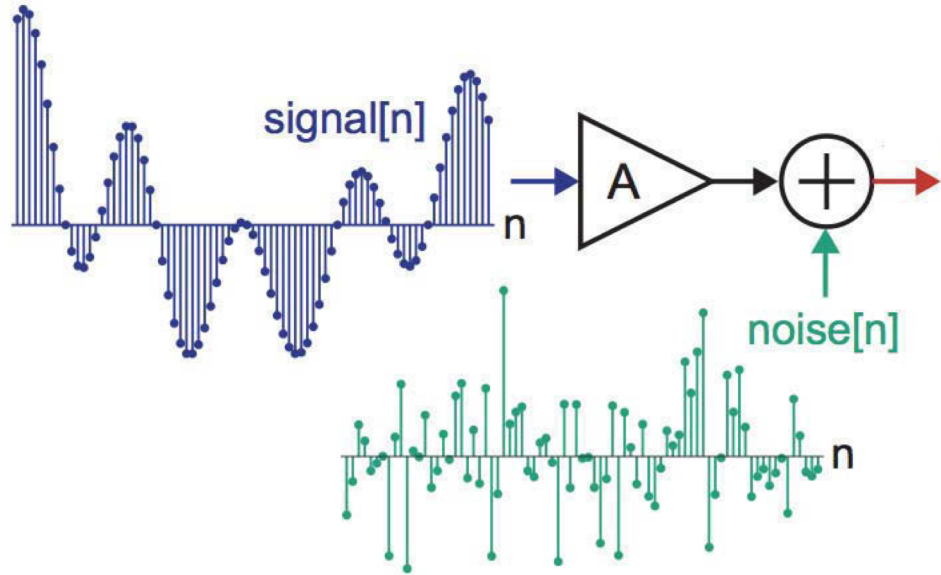
$$SNR = \frac{P_{signal}}{P_{noise}} = \left(\frac{A_{signal}}{A_{noise}} \right)^2$$

P: averaged power

A: RMS (root mean square) amplitude

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} SNR$$

SNR Example



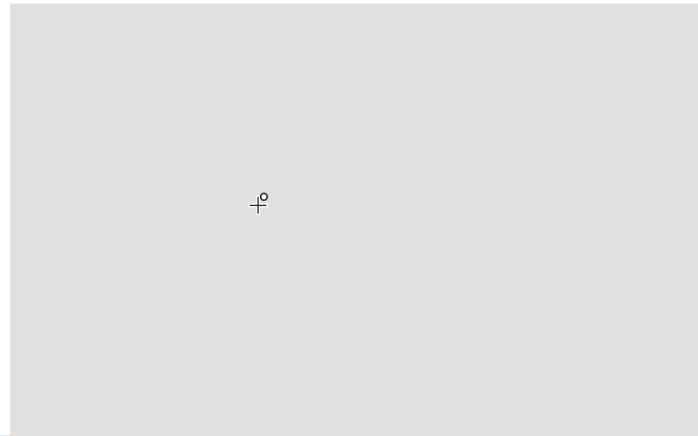
Source: <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/6-02-introduction-to-eecs-ii-digital-communication-systems-fall-2012/lecture-slides/>

Example: Noisy mouse

<http://cristal.univ-lille.fr/~casiez/1euro/InteractiveDemo/>

→ Noisy Signal (dB)

→ Signal amplitude = height of the display pane

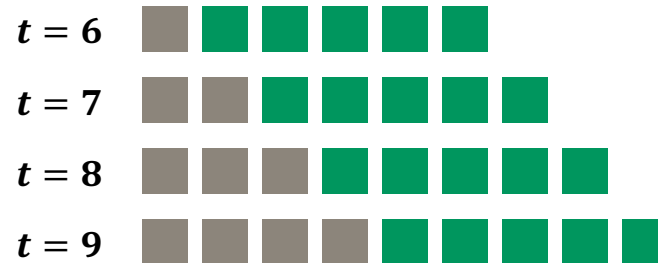


Filtering technique: Moving average (linear Filter)

$$\hat{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=t-n}^t X_i$$

\hat{X} : filtered value
 X_i : value at time i
 t : current time
 n : window size

* Window size = 5



Filtering technique: Moving Average (Linear Filter)

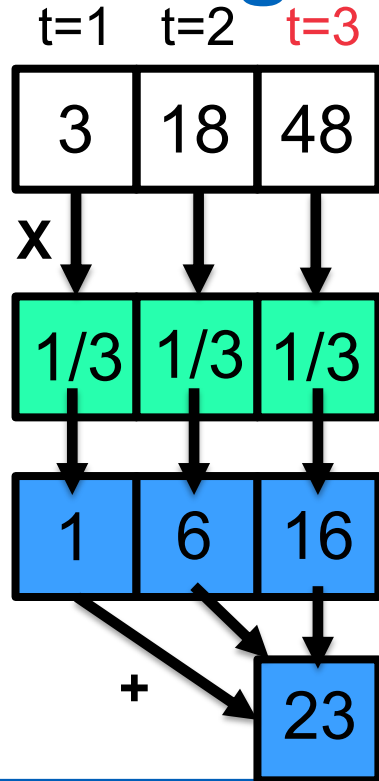
t=1 t=2 t=3

3	18	48
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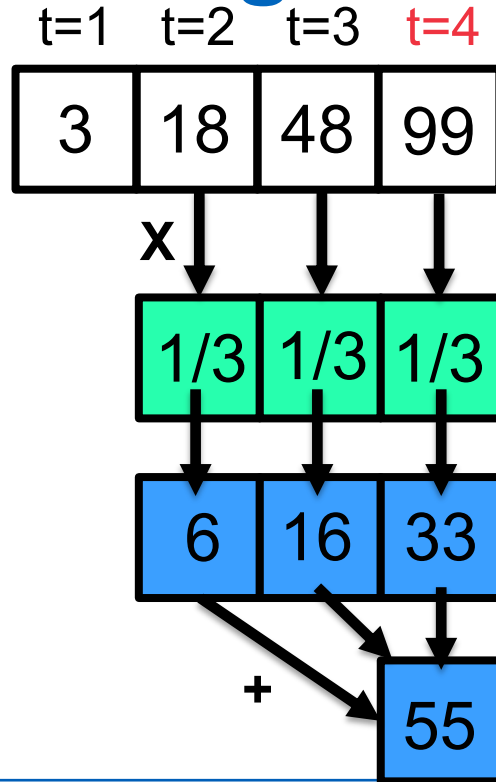


What is the filtered value
if window size = 3?

Filtering technique: Moving Average (Linear Filter)

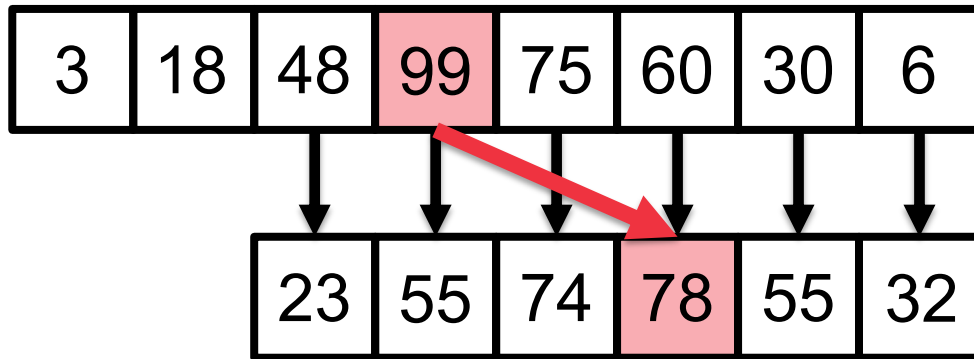


Filtering technique: Moving Average (Linear Filter)

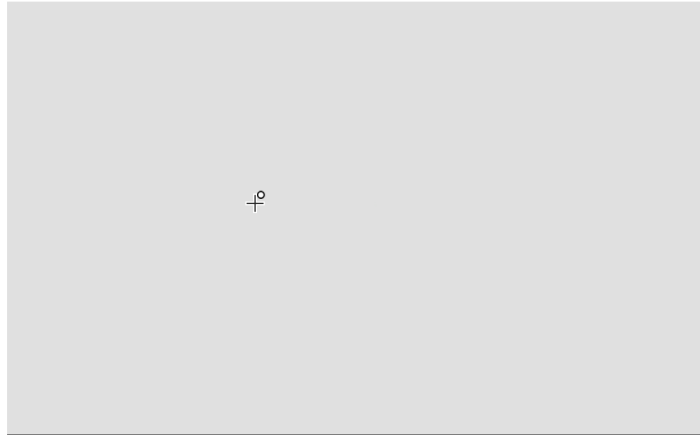


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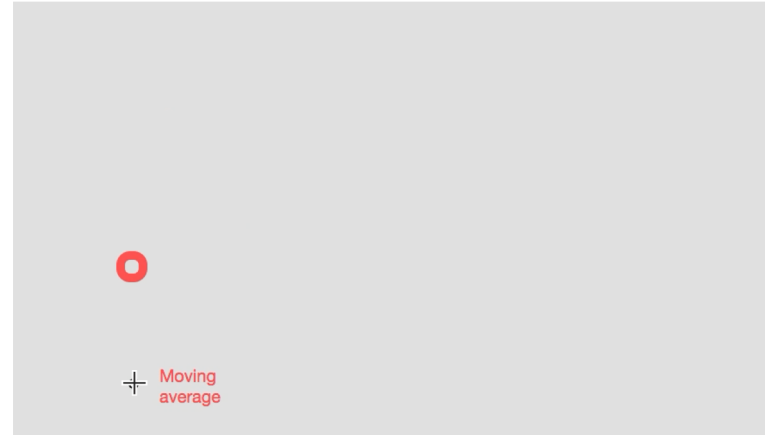
t=8



Filtering: jitter vs lag



Input with noise



Filtered input
→ lag



Filtering technique: Single Exponential (=1st-order smoothing)

$$\hat{X}_i = \alpha X_i + (1 - \alpha)\hat{X}_{i-1}$$

\hat{X}_i : filtered value at time i
 X_i : sensor value at time i
 α : smoothing factor
($0 < \alpha < 1$)

- **α increase**
 - fast follow the latest value
 - less lag, more jitter
- **α decrease**
 - more lag, less jitter
- **the contribution of older values exponentially decreases.**

Speed-dependent Filter: 1€ Filter

<http://crystal.univ-lille.fr/~casiez/1euro/>

Dynamically changes *alpha* based on an estimation of noise and the velocity of the movement.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\tau}{T_e}}$$

→ *alpha gets smaller with faster cursor speed*
→ *cursor follows faster with faster movement, cursor stabilizes more with slower movement.*

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c}$$

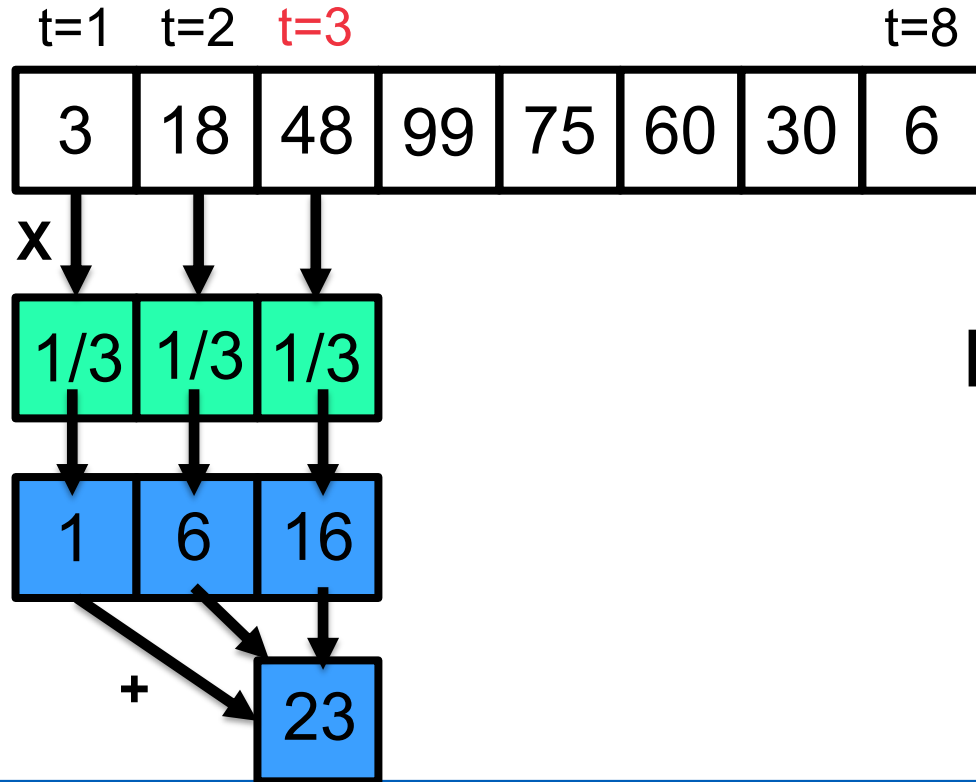
$T_e = \text{sampling period}$
→ *gets smaller with a cursor speed*

$$\hat{X}_i = \left(X_i + \frac{\tau}{T_e} \hat{X}_{i-1} \right) \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\tau}{T_e}}$$

$$f_c = f_{c_{min}} + \beta |\dot{\hat{X}}_i|$$

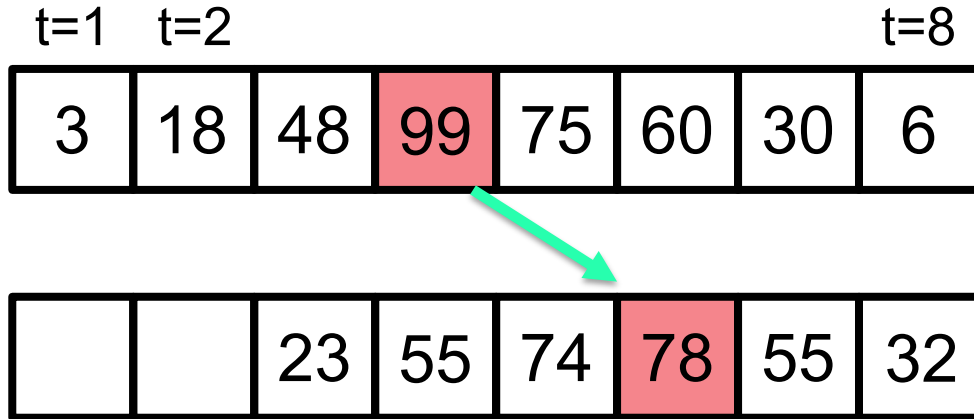
→ *gets bigger with a cursor speed*

Problem in moving average filters



Linear averaging

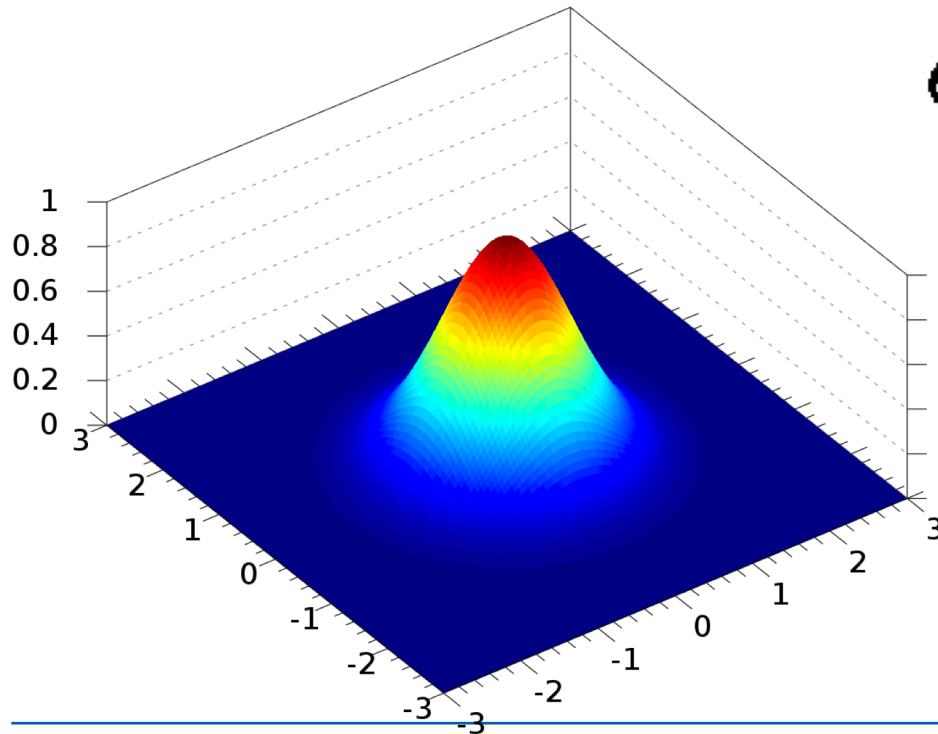
Problem in moving average filters



Advantage:
1. Interactive

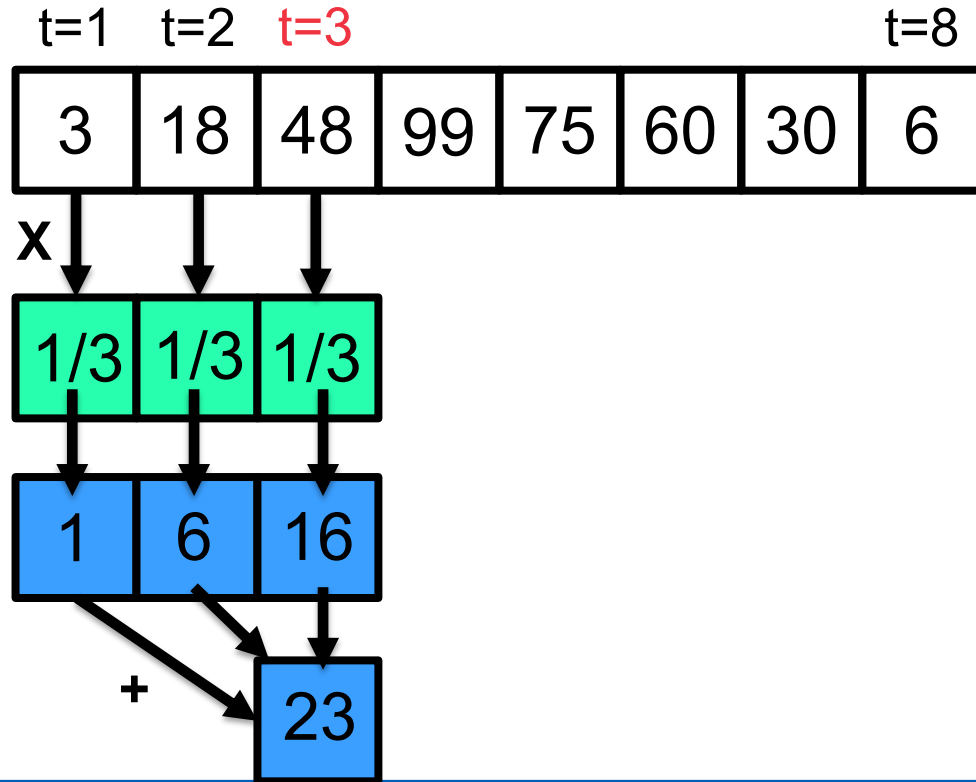
Disadvantage:
1. Latency

Filtering technique: Gaussian Filters

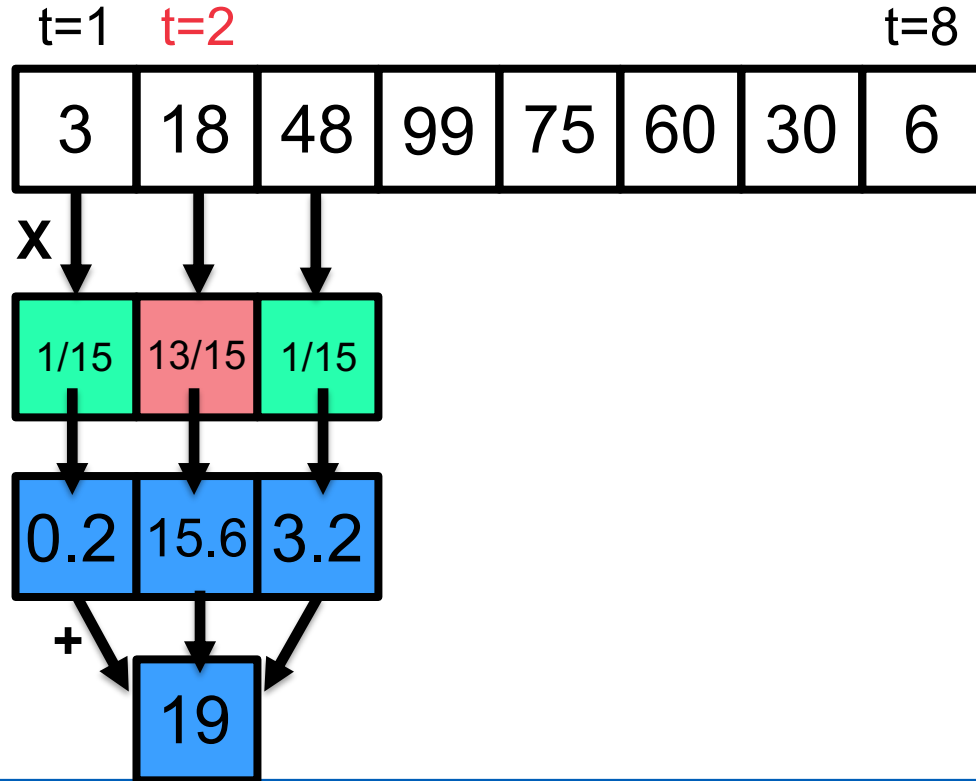


$$G(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

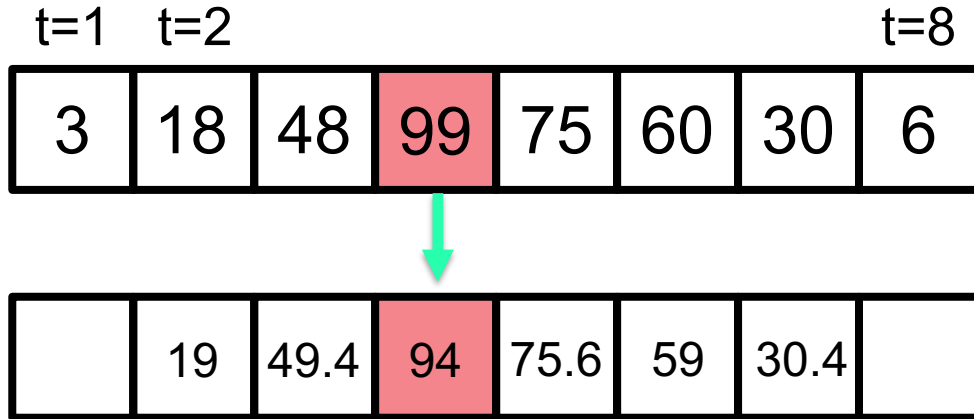
Moving average filters



Filtering technique: Gaussian Filters



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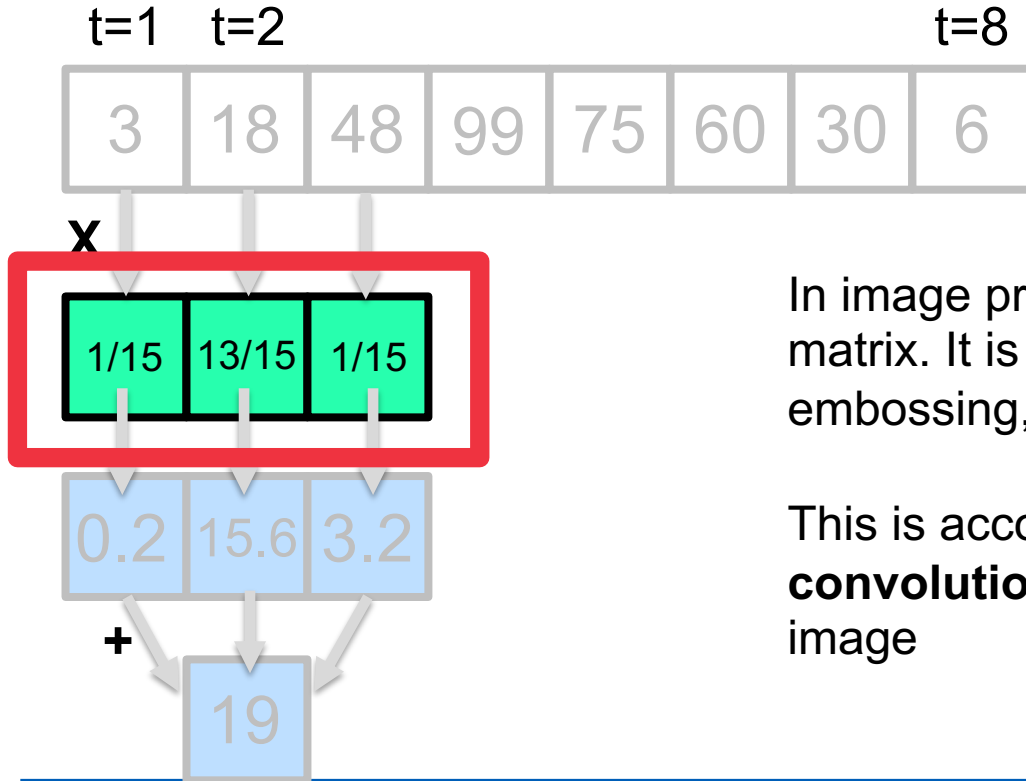
Advantage:

1. No latency
2. Preserves more features from the original data

Disadvantage:

1. Not feasible for interactive system

Filtering technique: Gaussian Filters



In image processing, a **kernel** is a small matrix. It is used for blurring, sharpening, embossing, edge detection, and more.

This is accomplished by doing a **convolution** between a kernel and an image

Filtering technique: Gaussian Filters

$$y = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

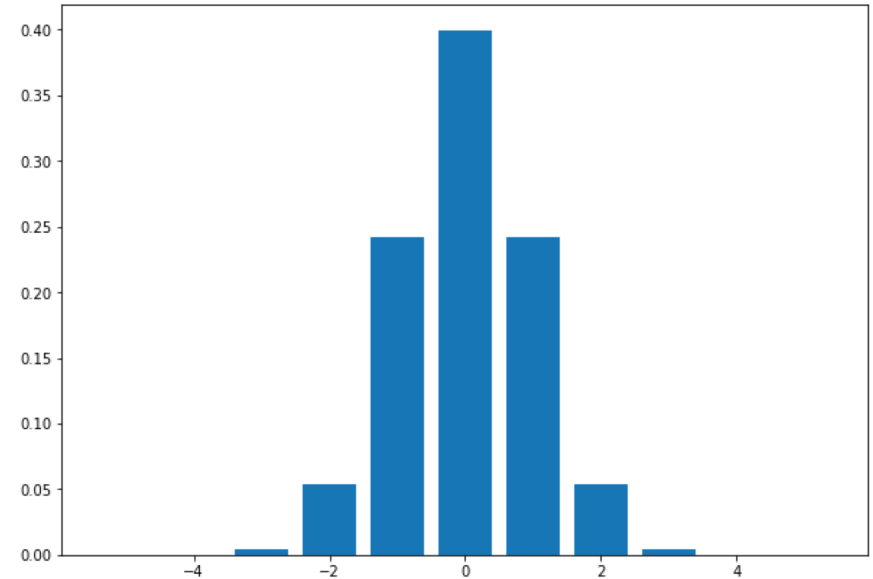
μ = Mean

σ = Standard Deviation

$\pi \approx 3.14159 \dots$

$e \approx 2.71828 \dots$

(only need to decide this!)



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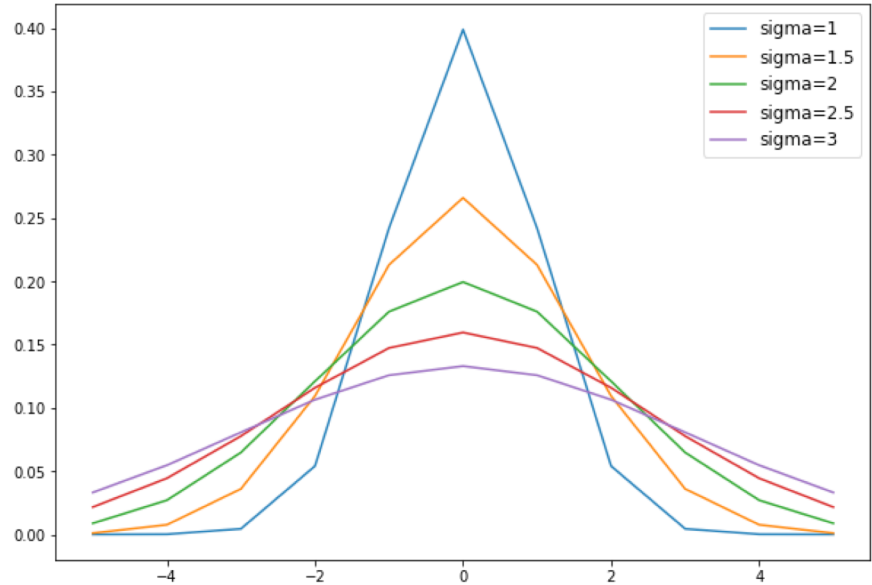
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Summarizing the filters

- **Simple moving average filter**
 - *When the sampling rate is high*
 - *In time-critical tasks*
- **1 € filter**
 - *Moving velocity is not constant*
- **Gaussian Filter**
 - *When the raw data is gathered*
 - *More than 1 dimensional data*

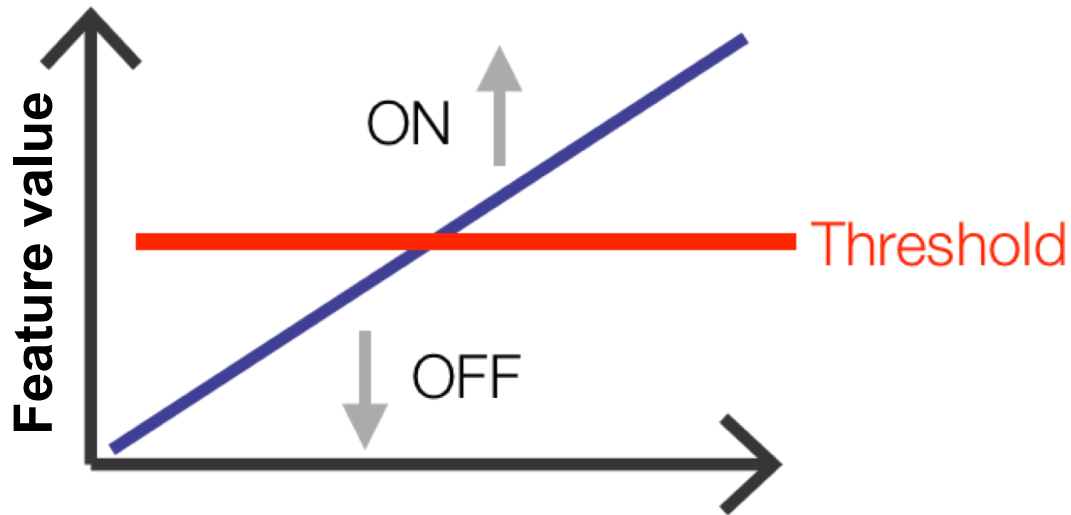
More filters for various types of noise...

- **Frequency filters (Electronic circuits, Arduino lib, scipy)**
 - *Low-pass filter*
 - *High-pass filter*
 - *Band-pass filter*

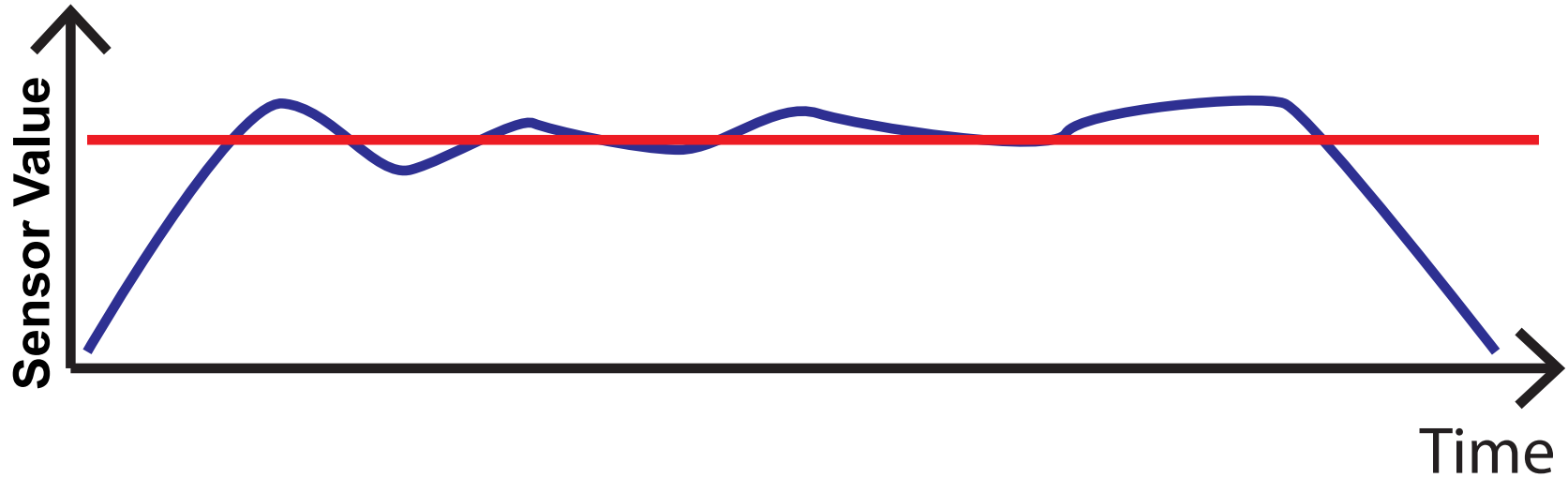
- **De-noise filters (scipy)**
 - *Wiener filter*
 - *Kalman filter*
 - *savitzky–golay filter*

Thresholding noisy input

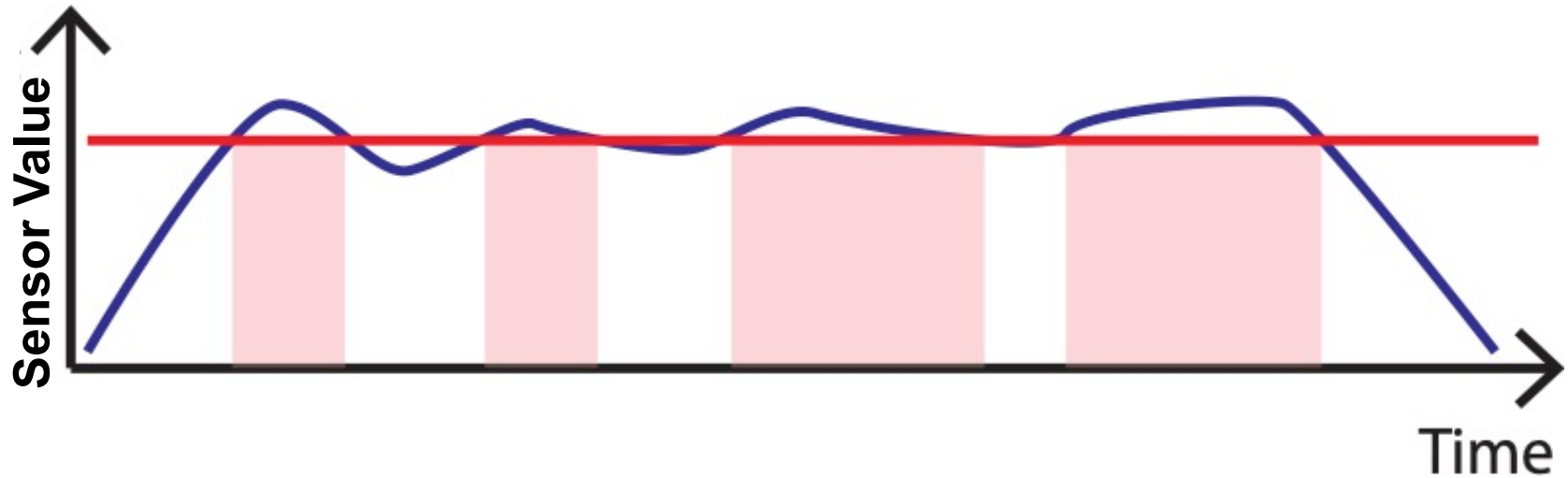
Setting of the right threshold is the key problem.



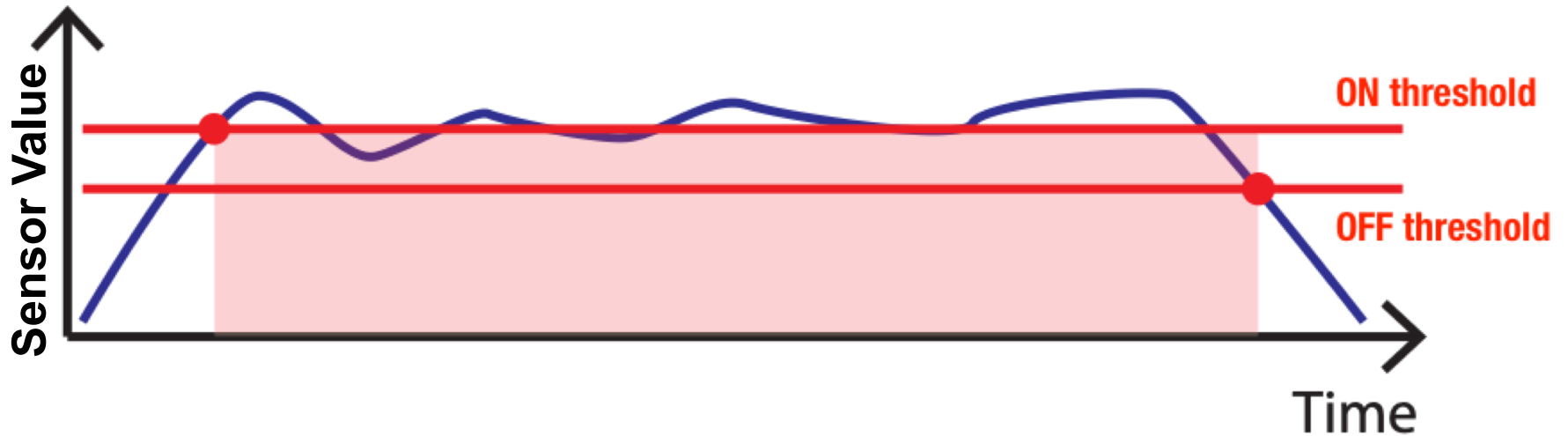
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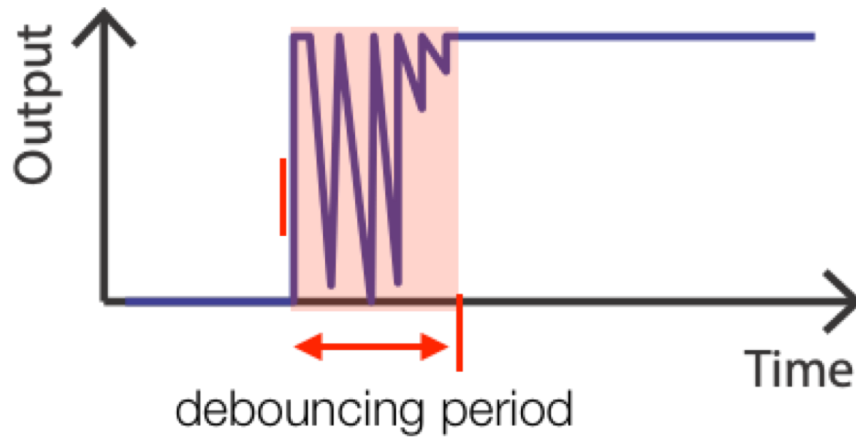
Thresholding noisy input



Hysteresis thresholding



Chattering and Debouncing



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_qam3OH-Uw

Takeaway

- **Knowing the trade-off between jitter & lag**
- **Basic principles of filters**
 - *Simple moving average*
 - *1 Euro filter*
 - *Gaussian filter*
 - *More...*
- **Knowing how to apply filters**
 - *Effect of different parameters*
 - *Existing libraries, resources*

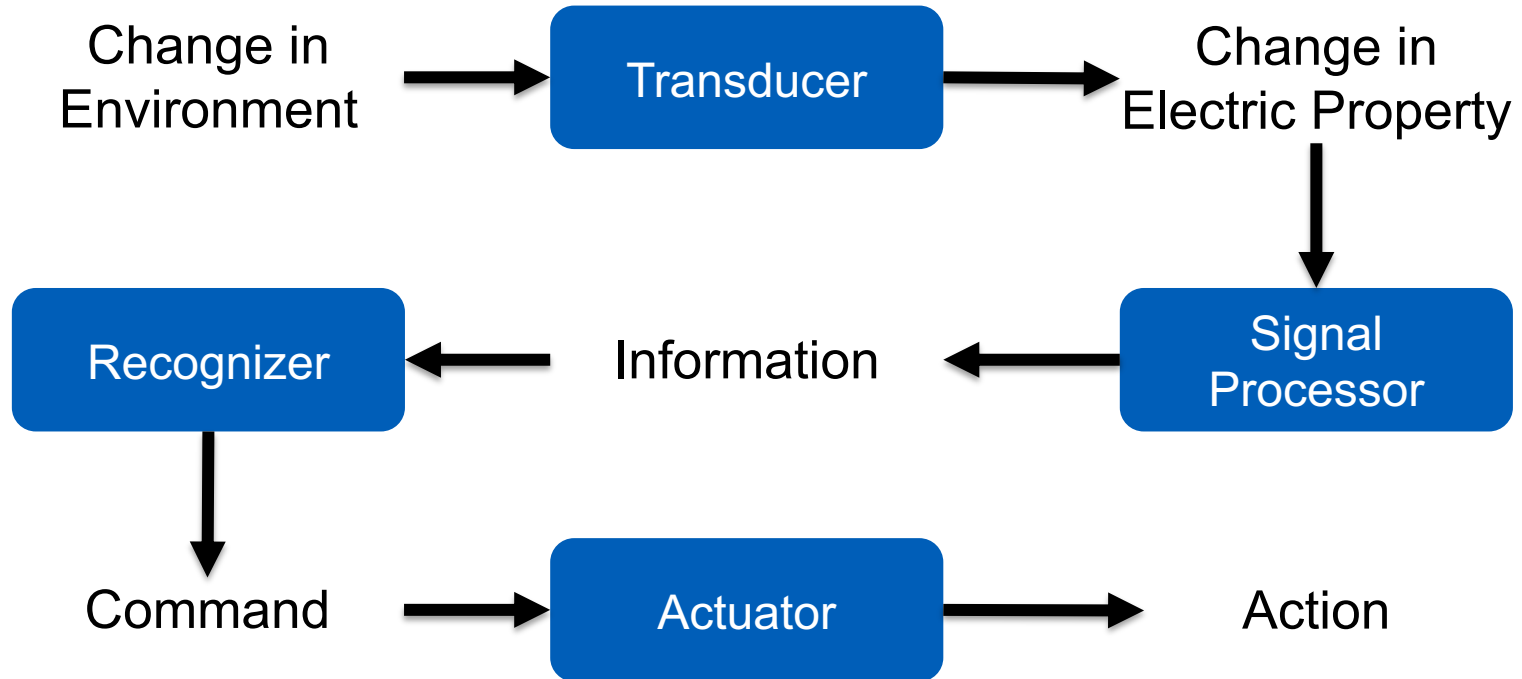


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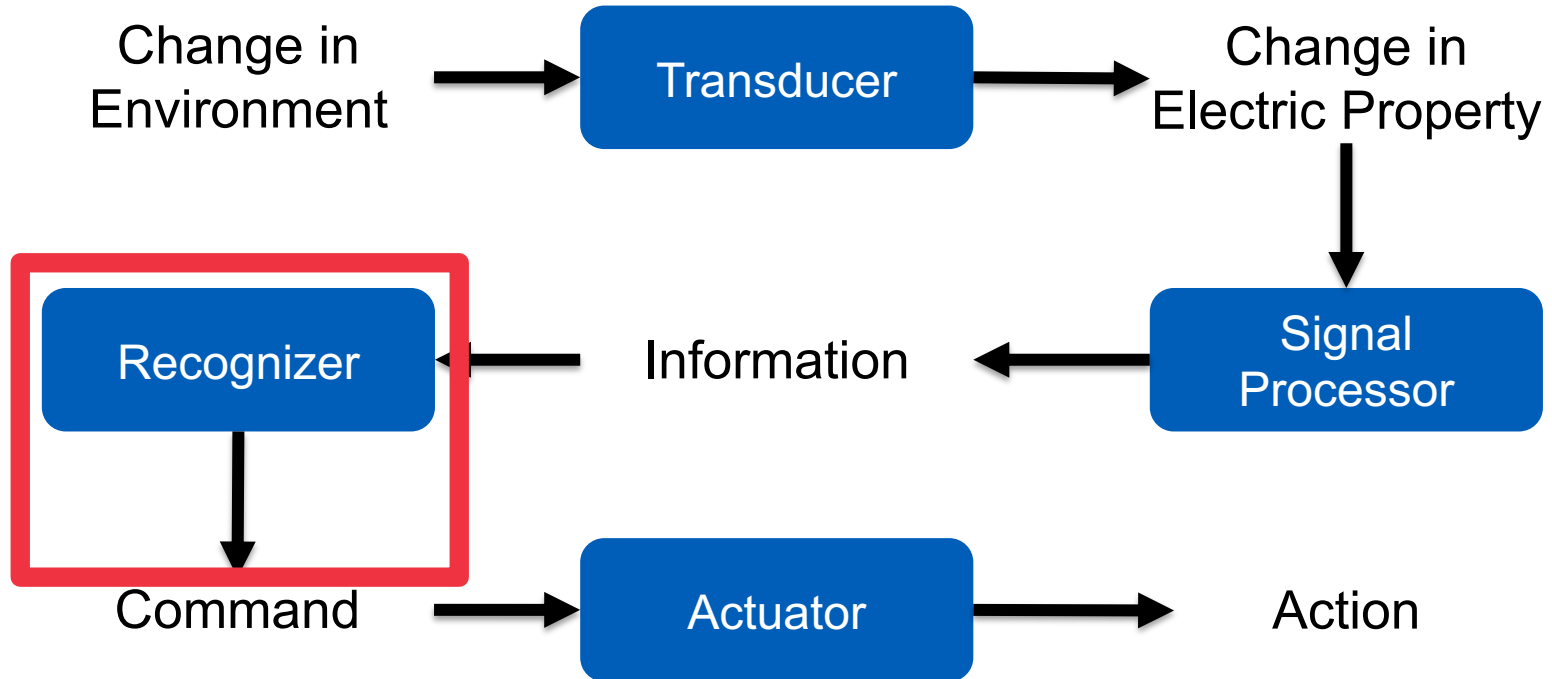
Input Recognition

** Some materials were adopted from Otmar Hilliges's
CHI17 Course "Computational Interaction"*

Input recognition



Input recognition



Common input recognition flow

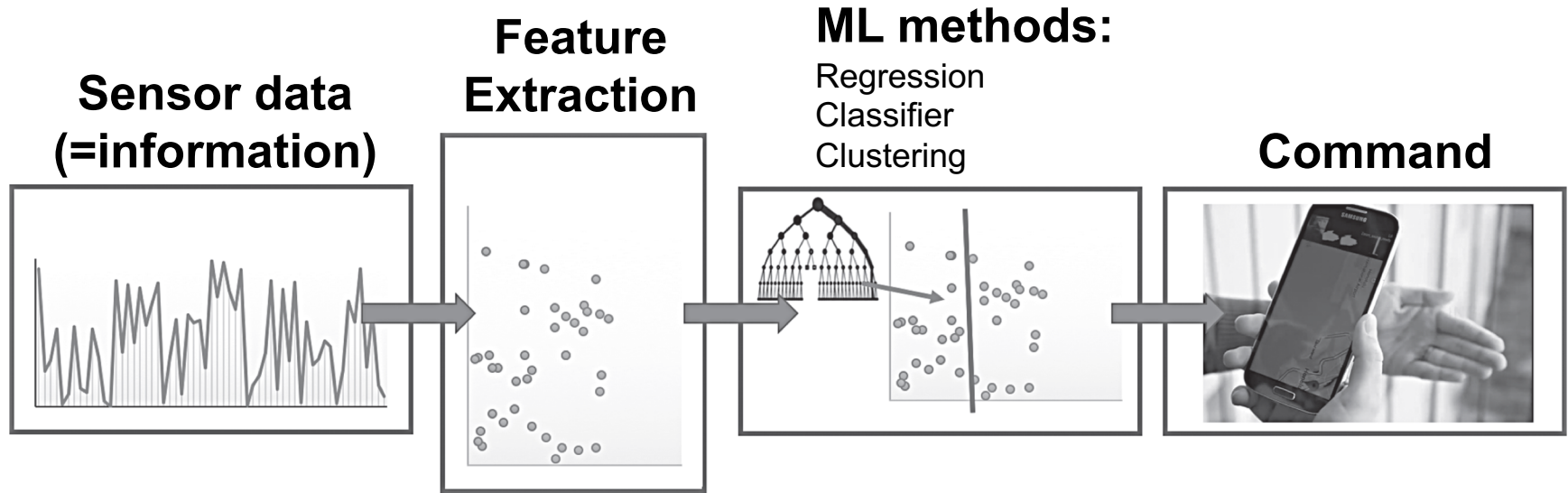
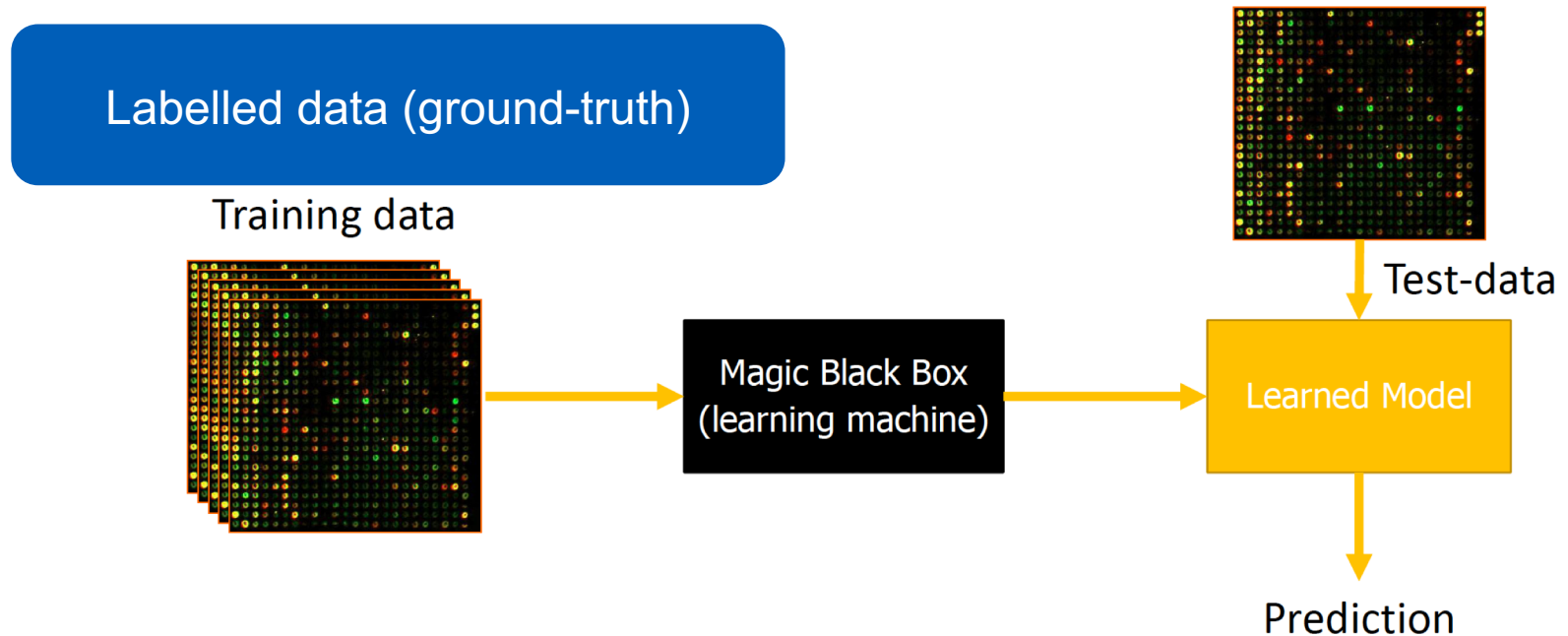


Image Source: Otmar Hilliges, Input Recognition

Supervised Learning – Black box view



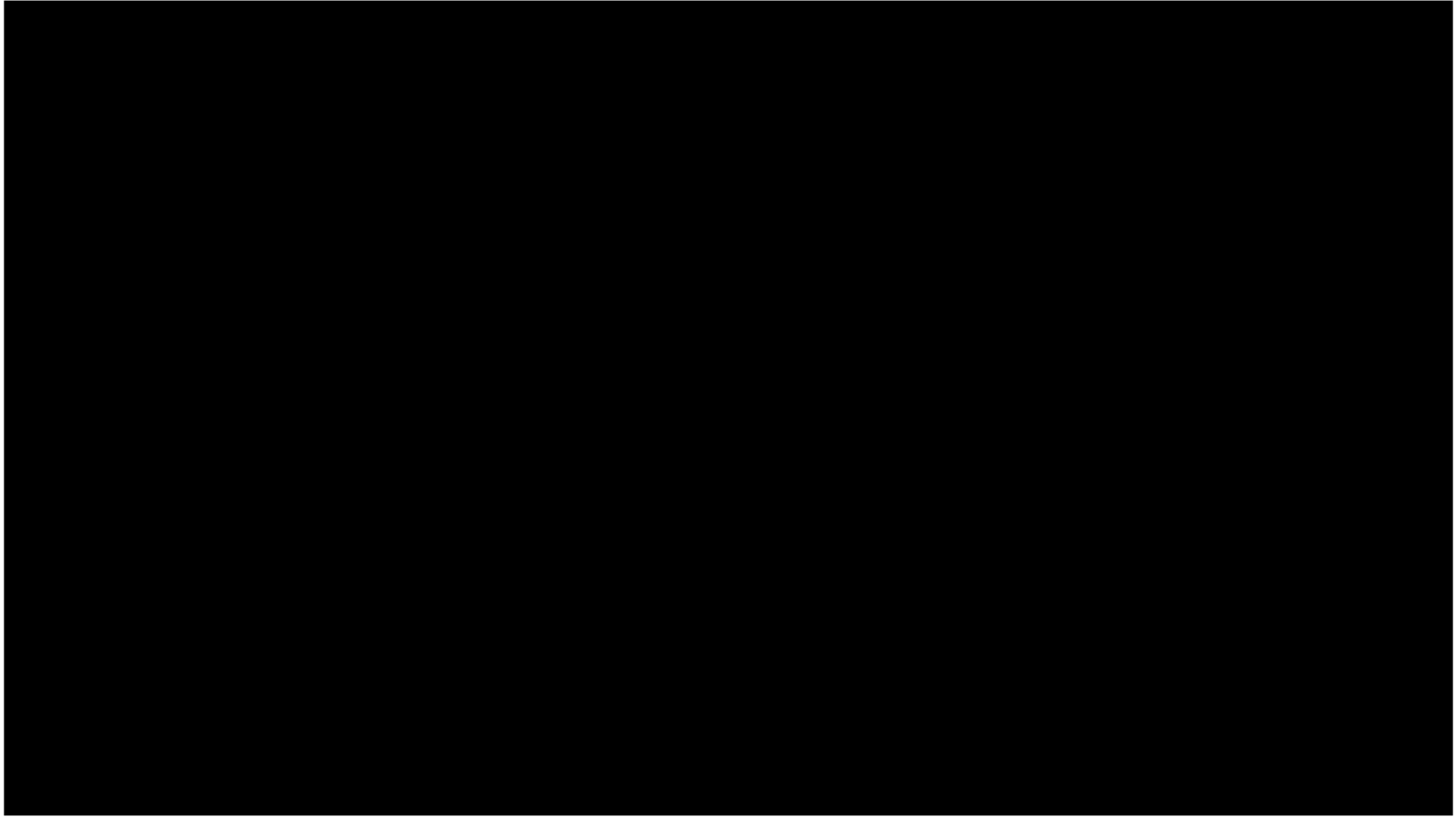
Model: The model can distinguish between classes or estimate real valued outcome.

Tomo: Wearable, Low-Cost Electrical Impedance Tomography for Hand Gesture Recognition

Yang Zhang, Chris Harrison
Human-Computer Interaction Institution
Carnegie Mellon University

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Categories of ML tasks (+ HCI examples)

Feature (Selection) Reduction

- *Simplifies inputs by mapping them into a lower dimensional space (**Visualize high-dimensional data for human consumption**).*

Regression

- *Outputs are continuous rather than discrete (**regress x,y,z positions from electromagnetic field**).*

Classification

- *Inputs are divided into two or more classes, and the learner must produce a model that assigns unseen inputs to one or more of these classes (**gesture recognition**).*

Clustering

- *Divide a set of inputs into (a priori unknown group) clusters (**Find similarity in users in some data domain**).*

Feature selection

Feature means: values and derivative values from signal(s)

- Commonly represented as a vector.



What are the features in mouse movement for determining direction, distance of cursor moving?

Feature selection

Feature means: values and derivative values from signal(s)

- Commonly represented as a vector.



What are the features in mouse movement?

- **Position** (x, y)
- **Velocity** (x', d')
- **Acceleration** (x'', y'')

Feature selection

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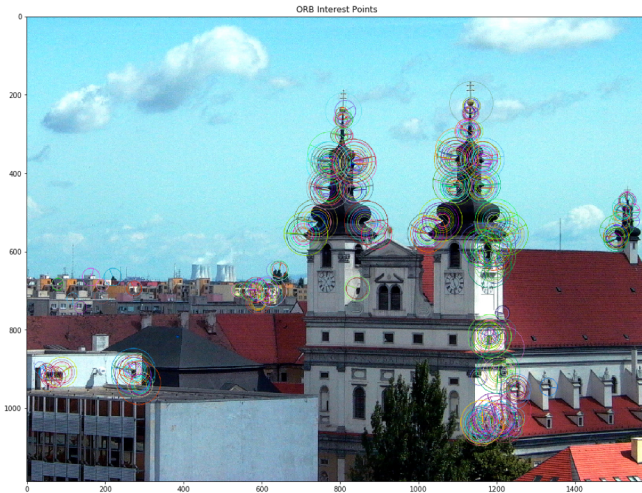


What are the features in an image?

Feature selection

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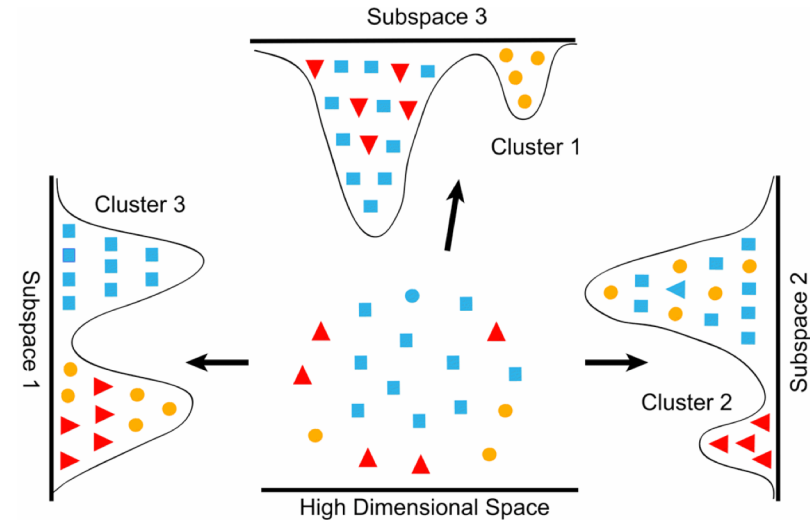
What are the features in an image?

- Value of each pixel
- RGB
- Interest points / corners

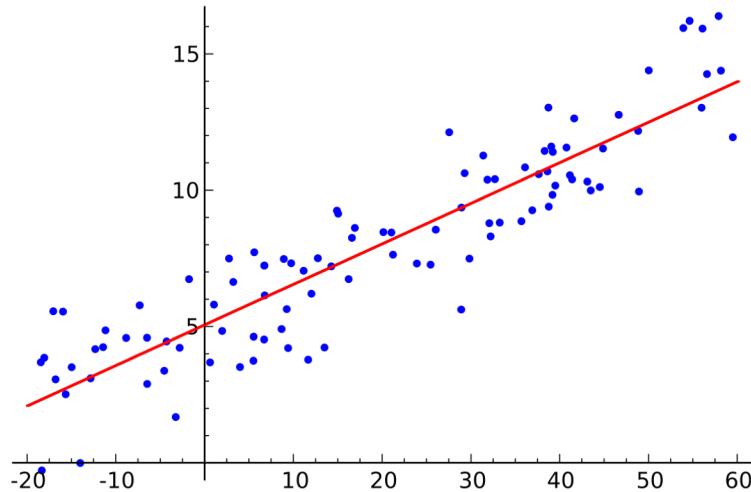
Feature Reduction

Dimensionality reduction methods:

- Principal component analysis (PCA)
- Linear discriminant analysis (LDA)
- Generalized discriminant analysis (GDA)



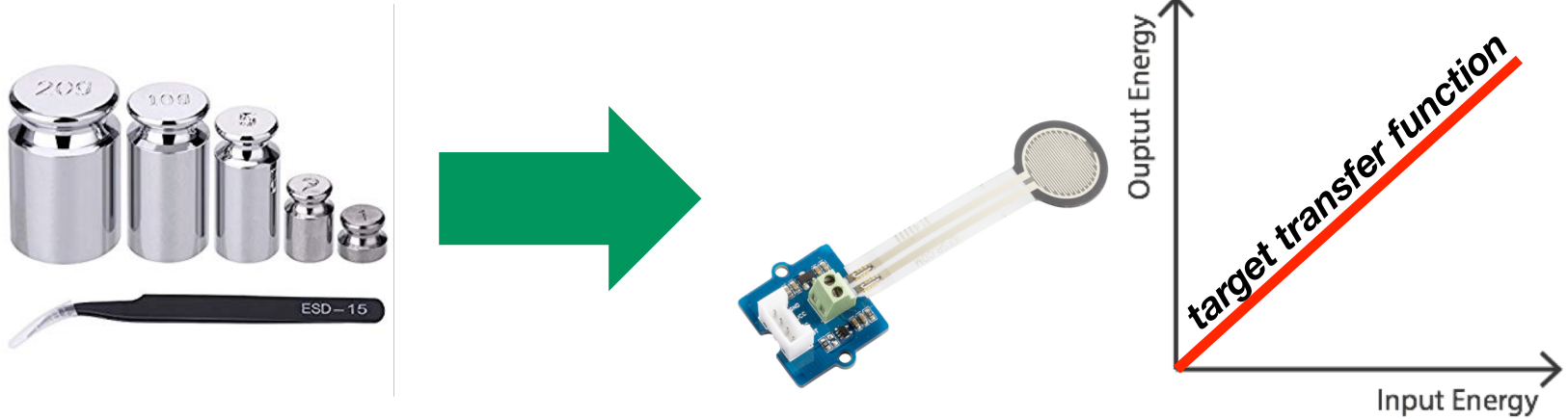
Regression



Regression is a method for **modelling** the relationship between a scalar response and one or more variables.

This method is mostly used for forecasting/predicting and identifying cause-and-effect relationship between variables.

Linear Regression Example: Sensor calibration



Linear Regression Example: Sensor calibration

(ground truth, sensor value)

(1g , 0.9)

(2g , 2.2)

(5g , 4.98)

(100g , 101.2)

(200g , 196)



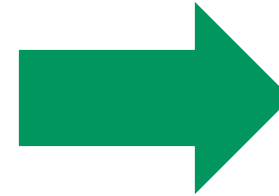
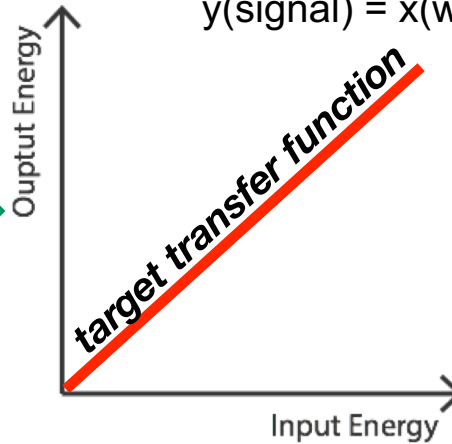
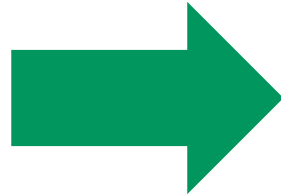
How much gram
if the sensor value
is **150**?



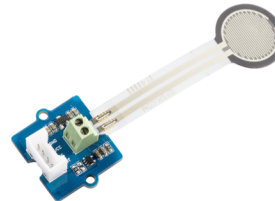
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Sensor = 150,
Weight could be
150g

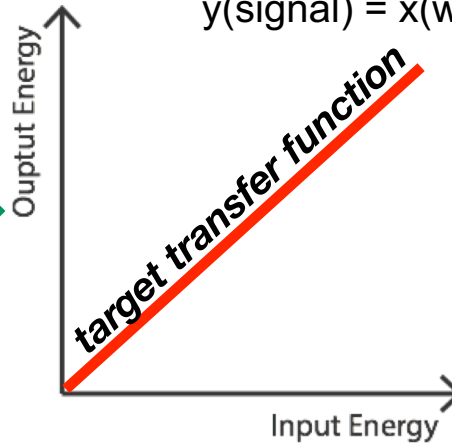
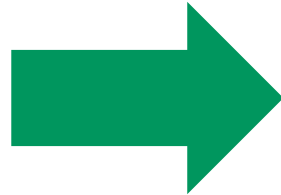


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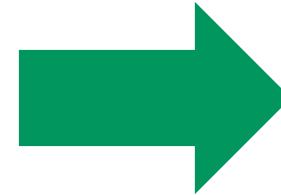
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Training Data



Model



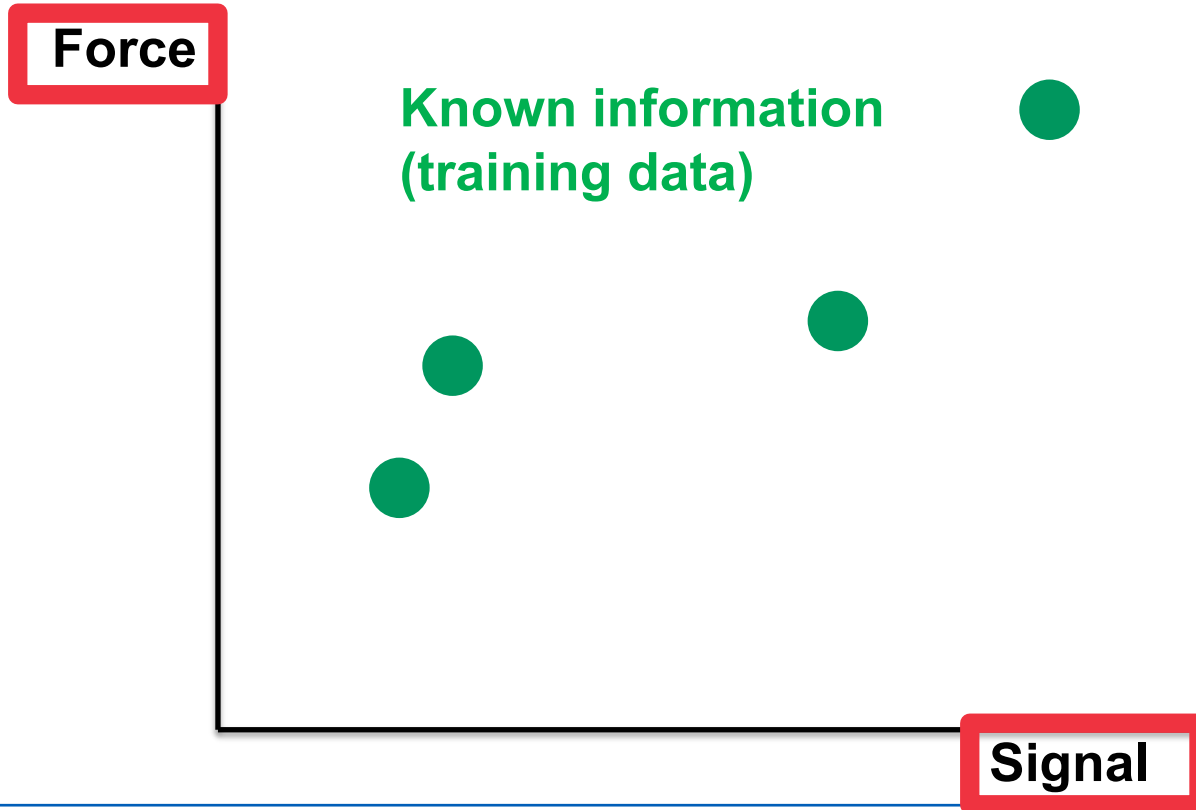
Observation



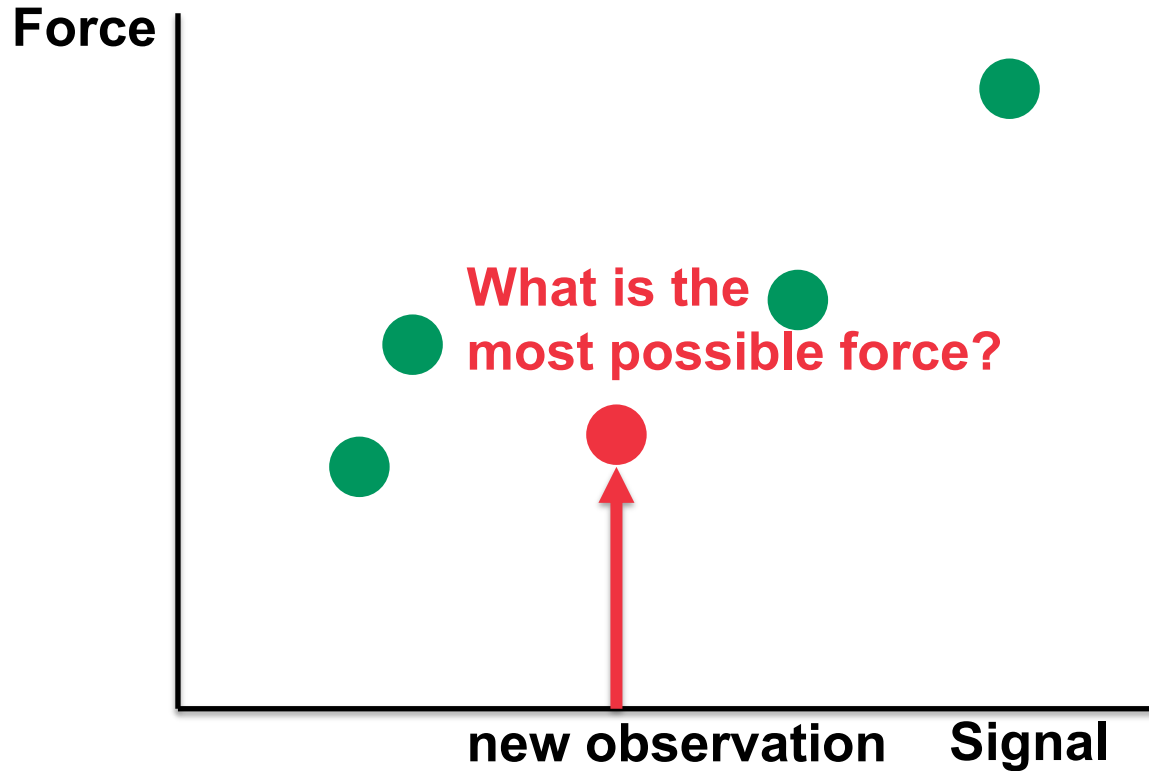
Sensor = 150,
Weight could be
150g

Prediction

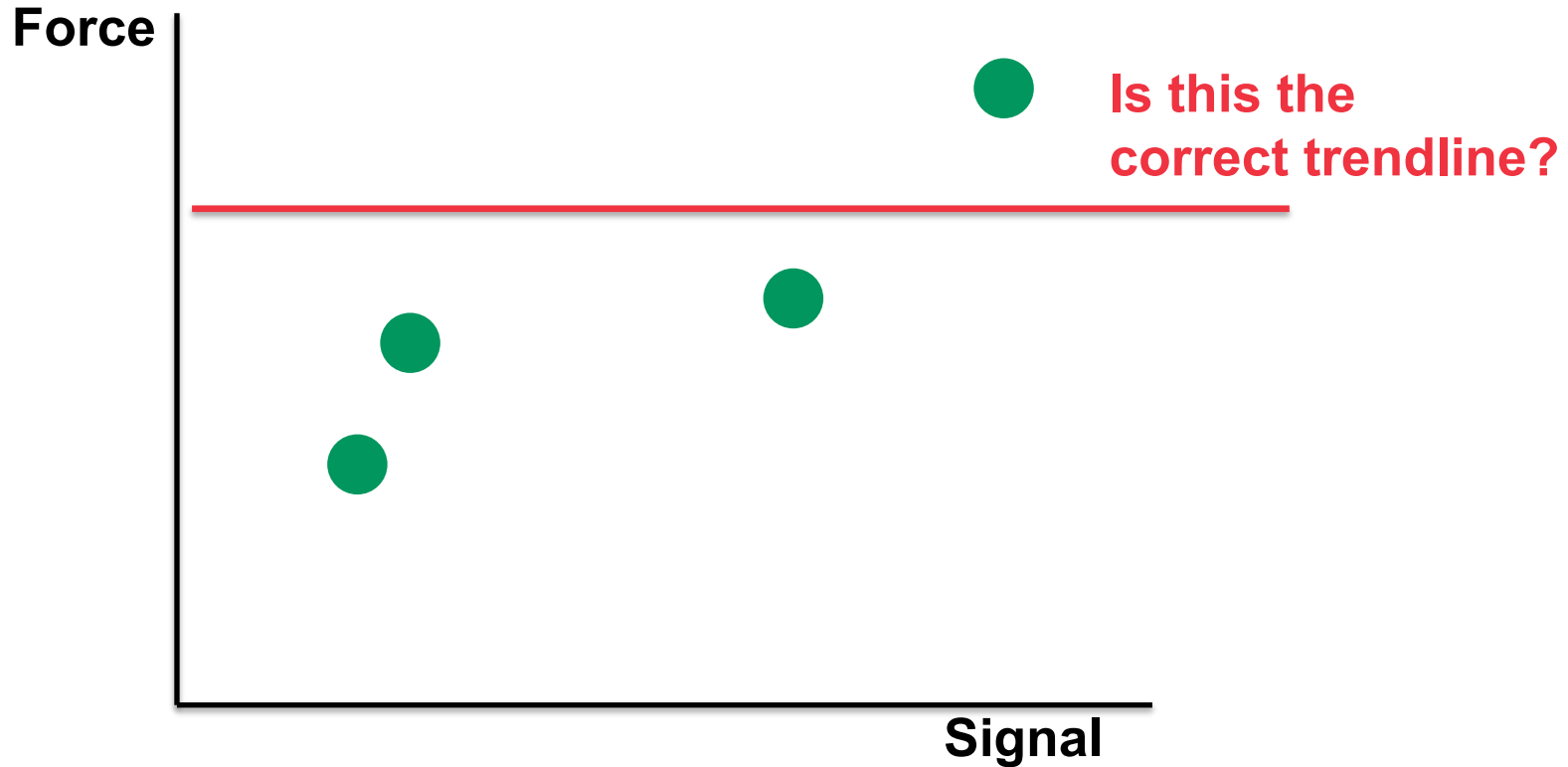
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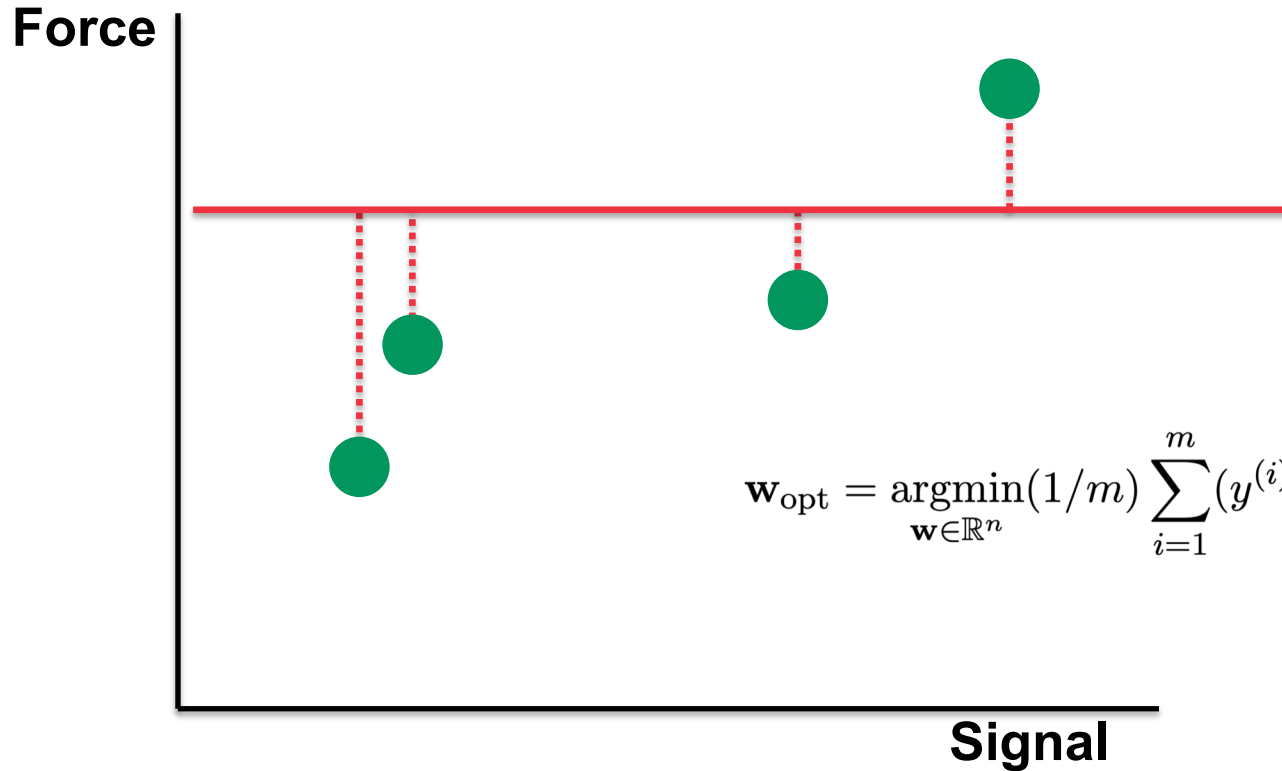
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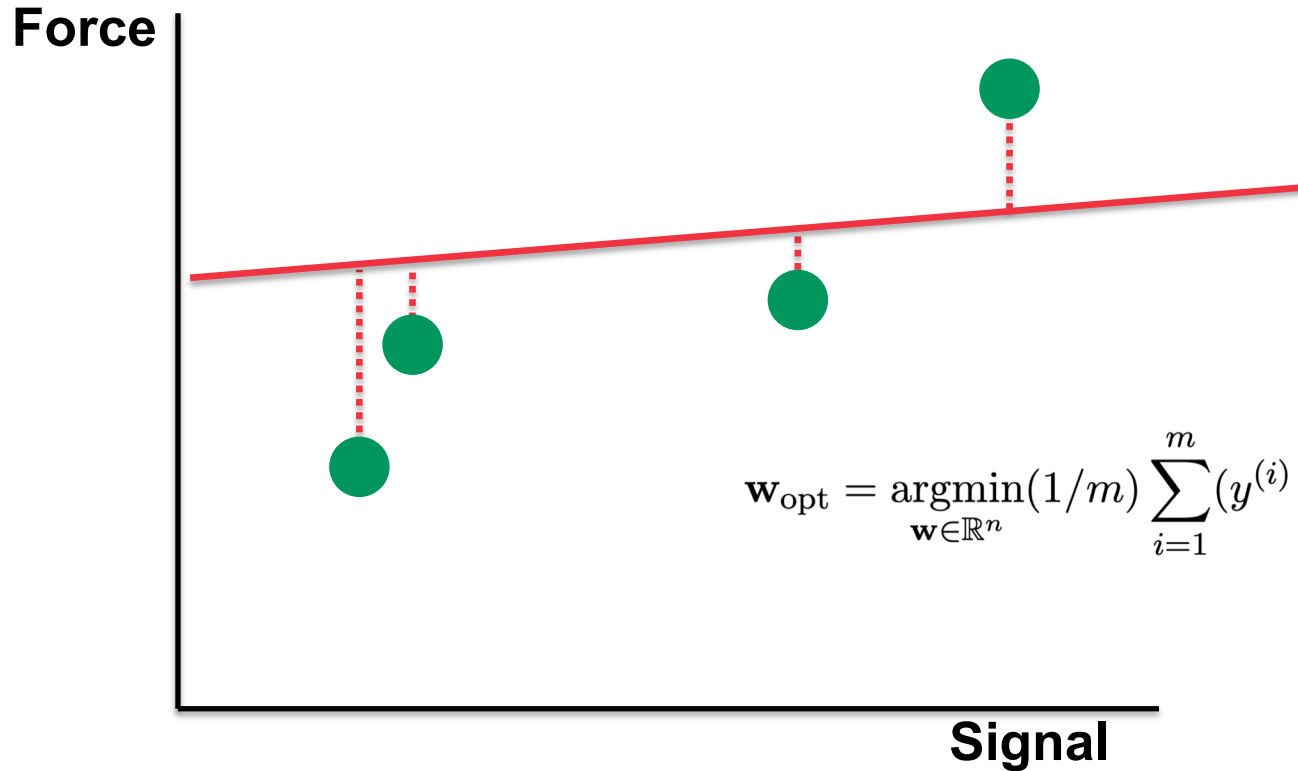
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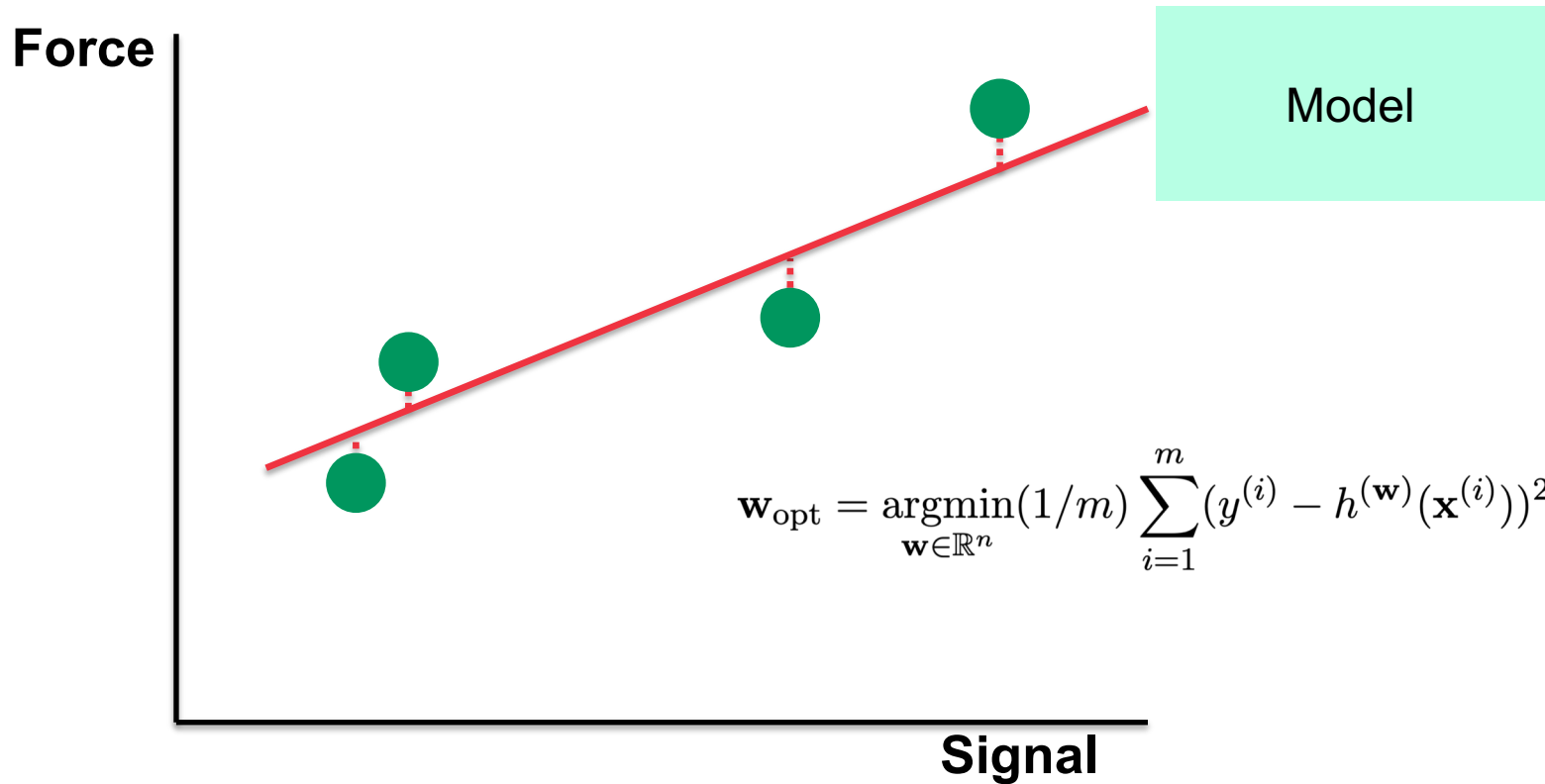
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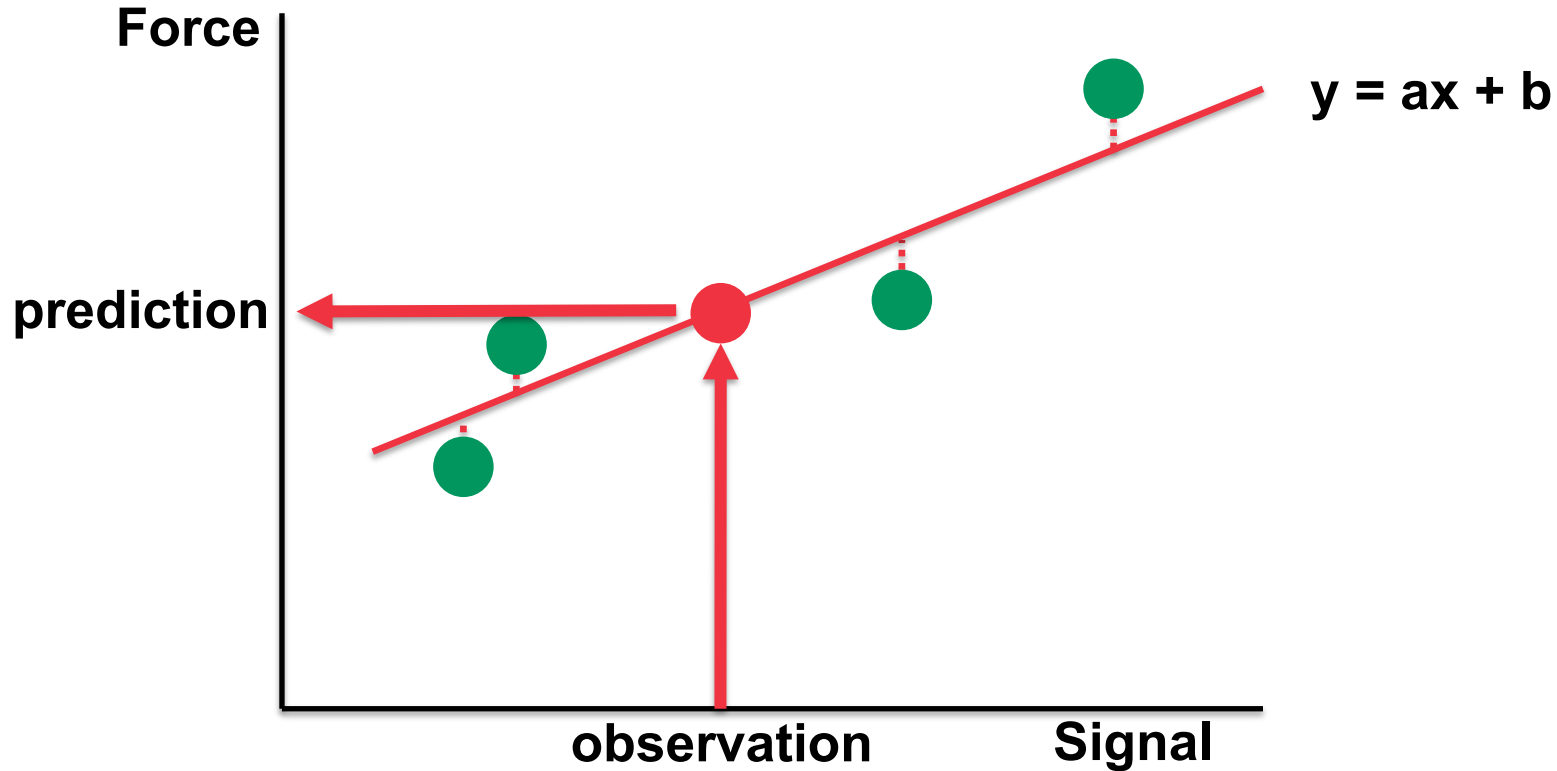
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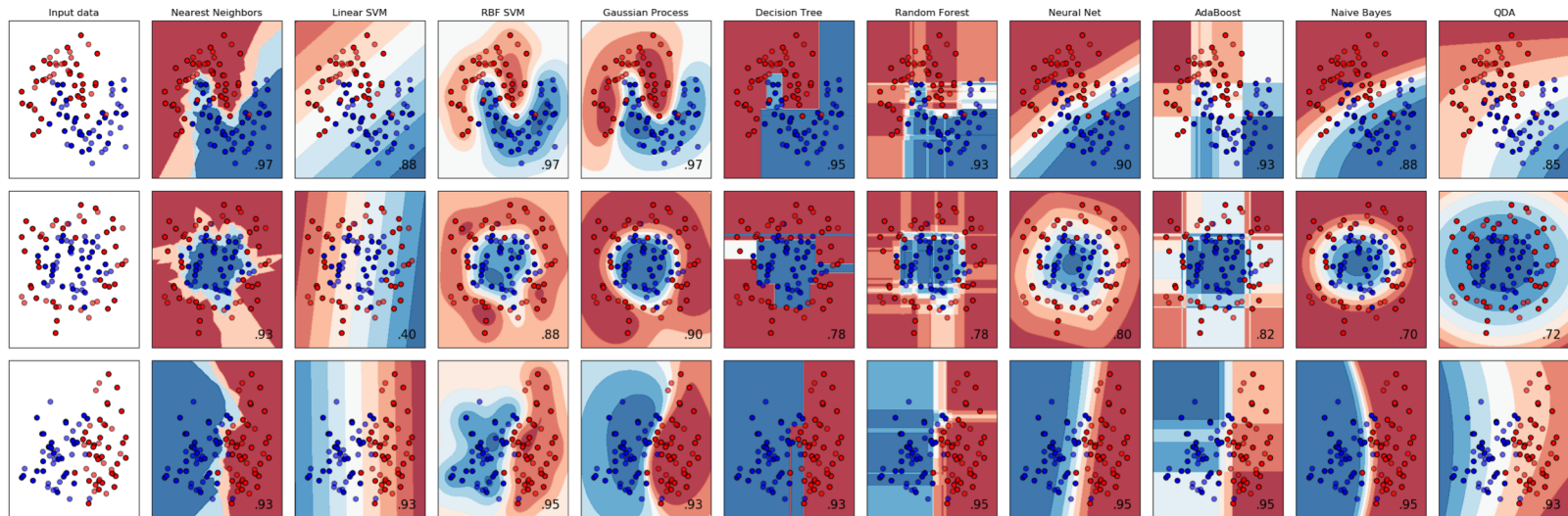
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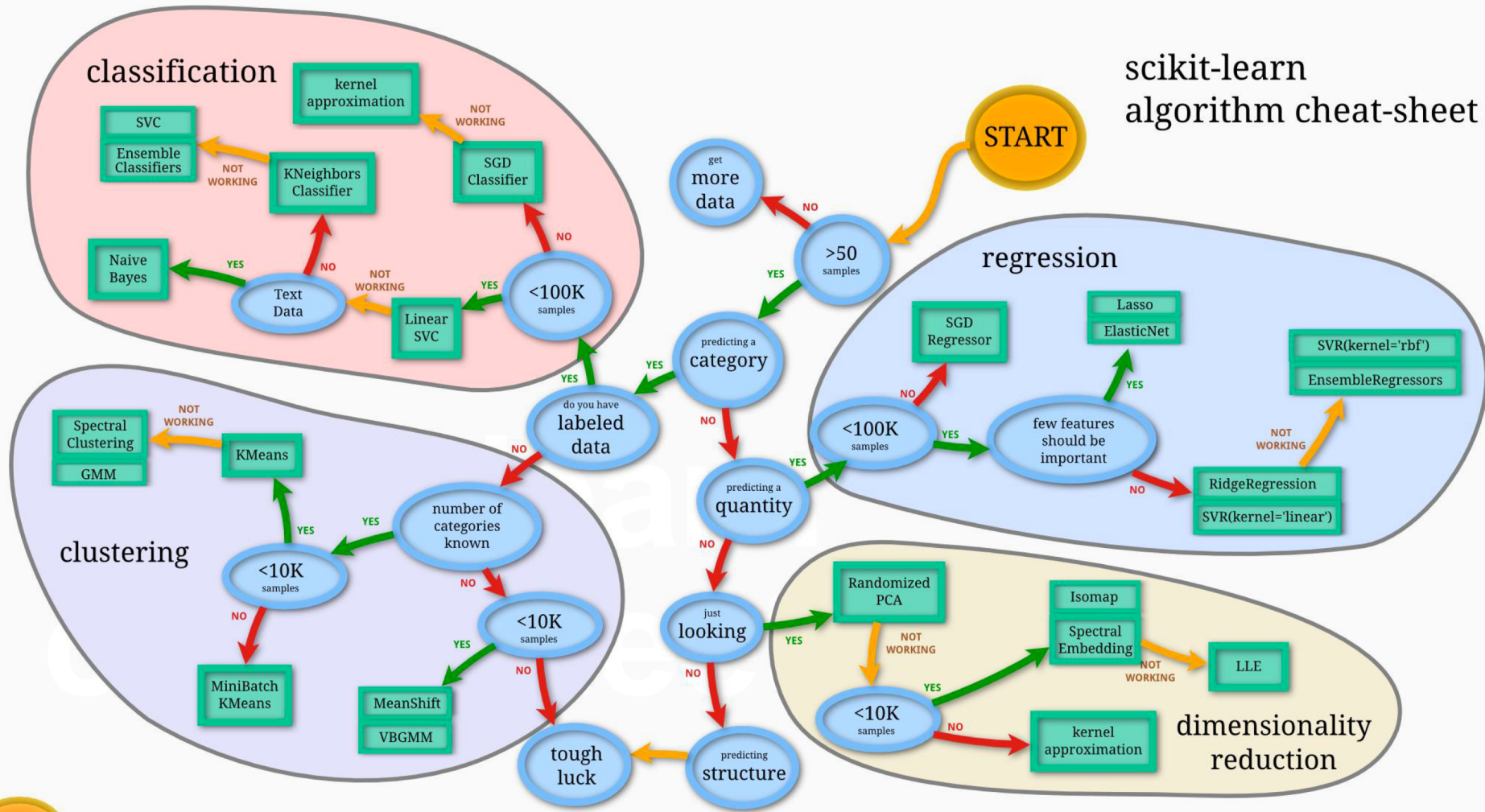
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scikit-learn: an open-source machine learning library in Python



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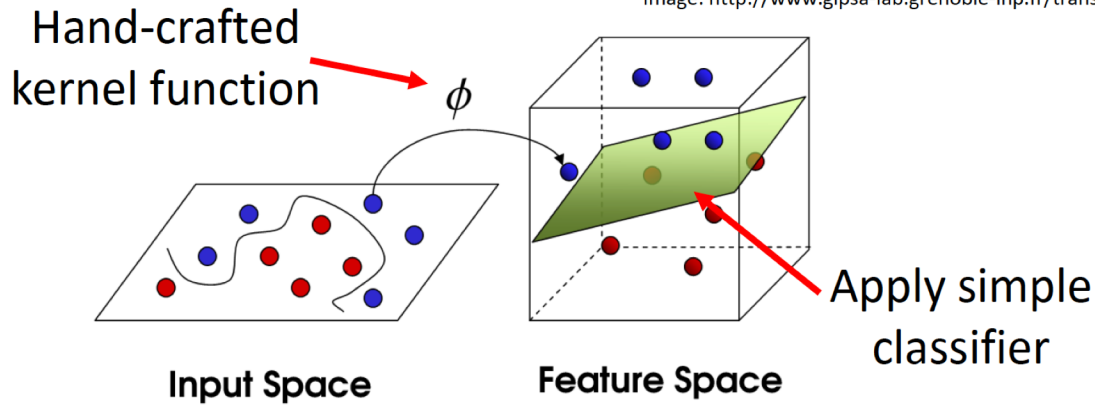


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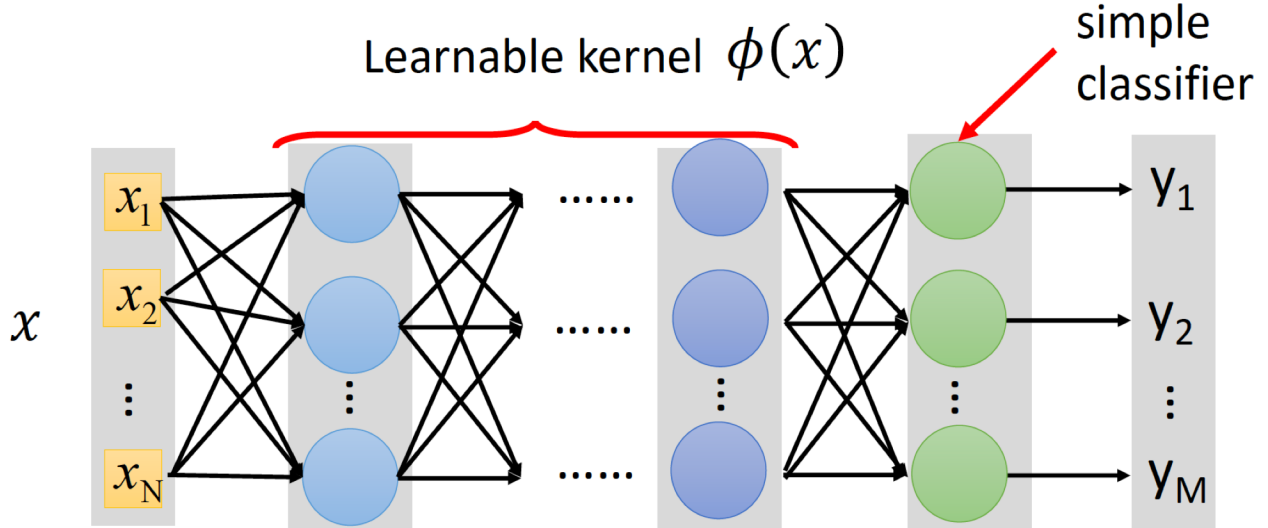


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Traditional ML



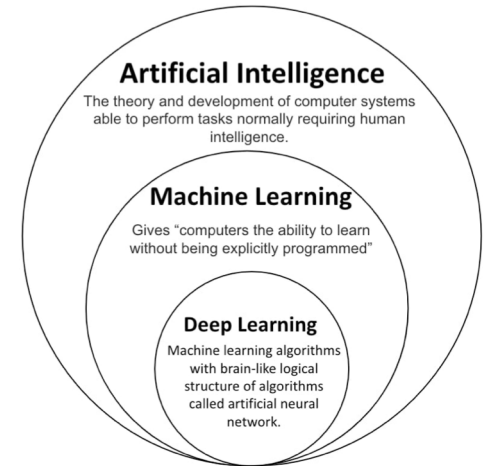
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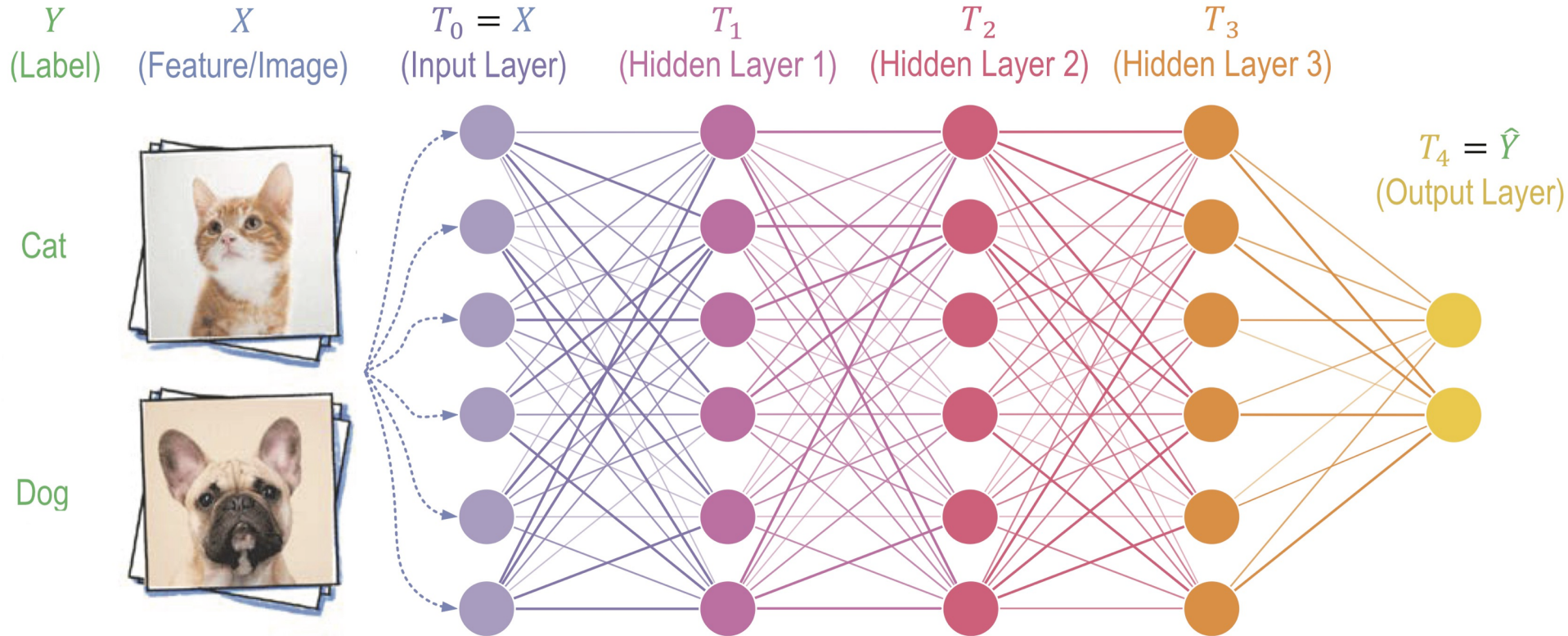
Deep Learning

- **Machine Learning:** algorithms that improve automatically through experience and by the use of data.
- **Popular ML models:** support-vector machine, regression analysis, Bayesian network, ...
- **Deep Learning:** machine learning with deep neural networks

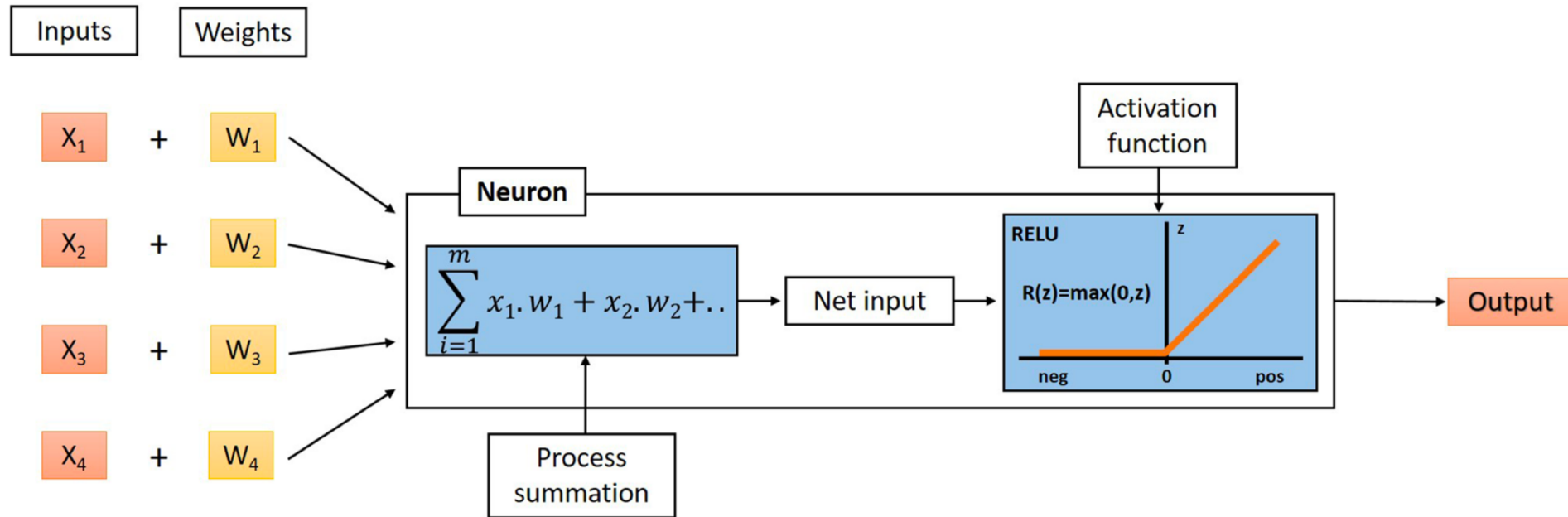
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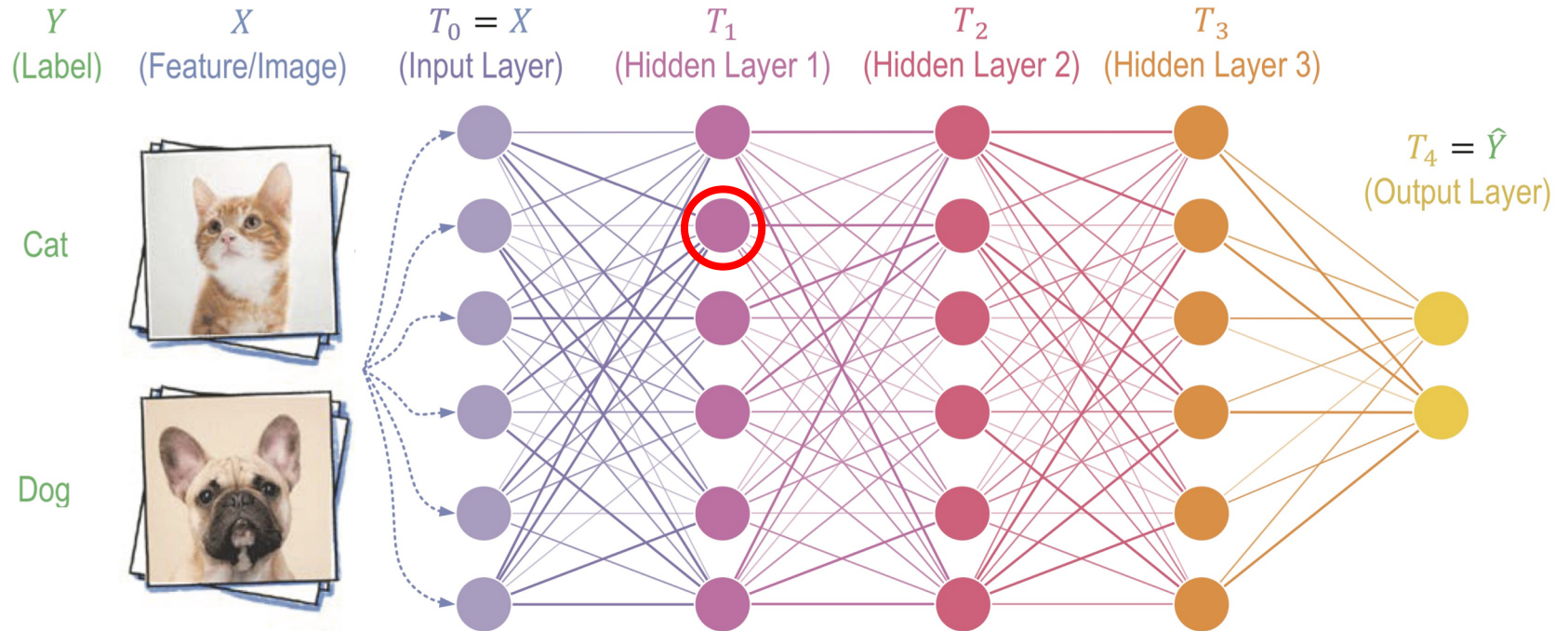
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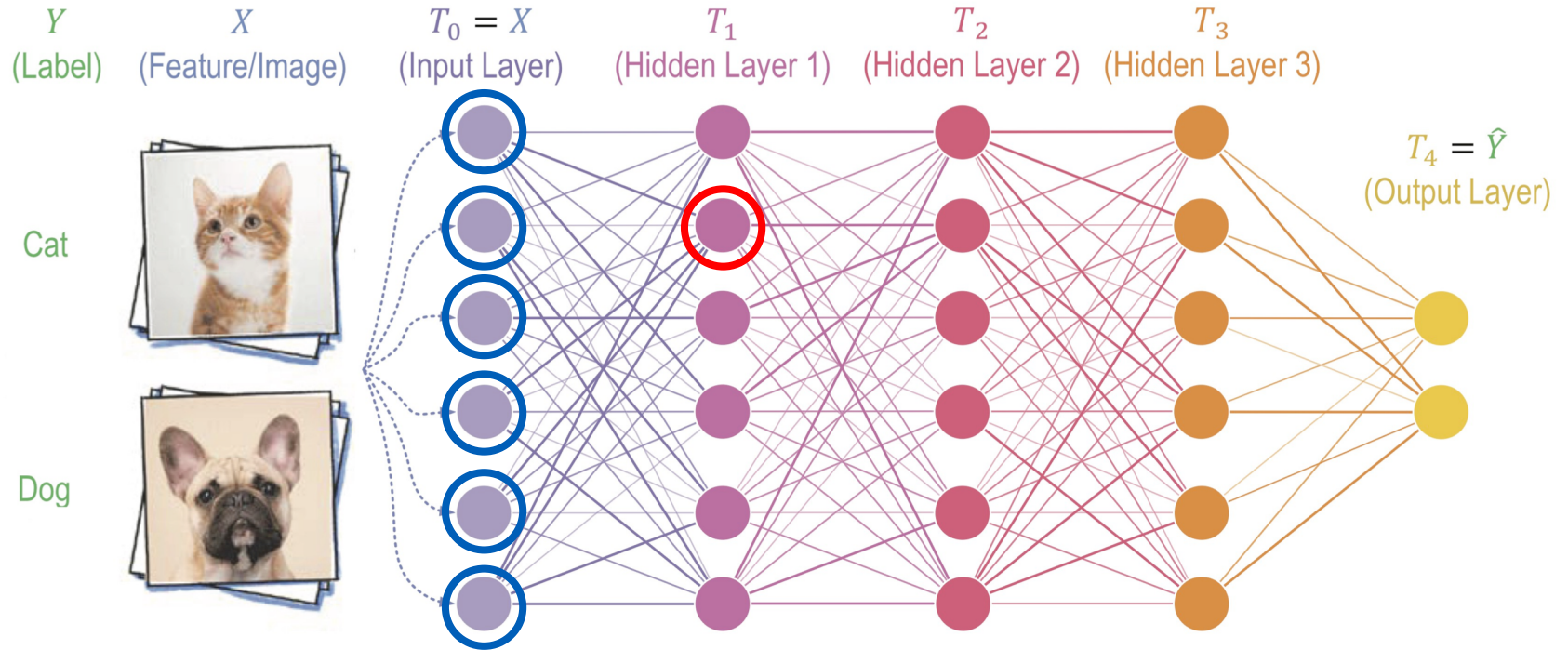
Deep Learning -- nodes



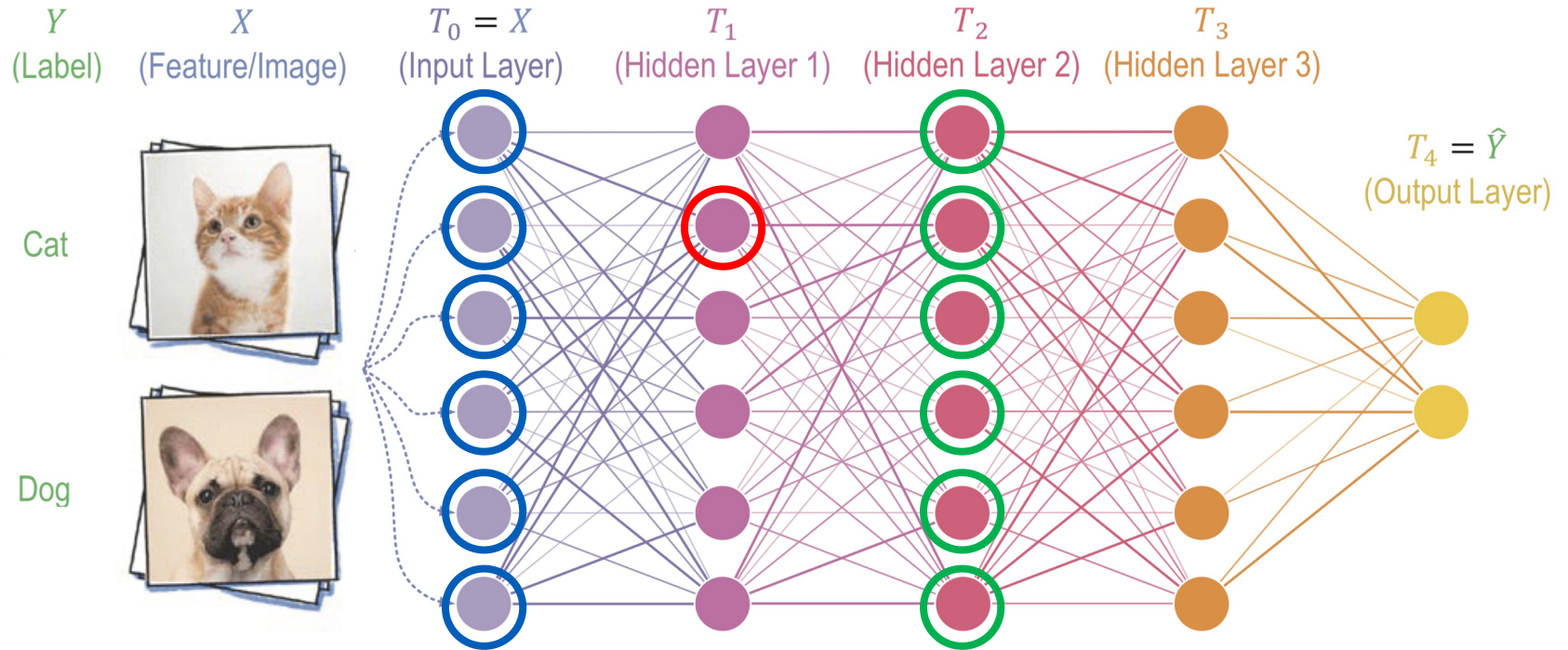
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Deep Learning – hyperparameters

- **Model architecture:** number of the layers, combination of the layers, number of the nodes.
- **Activation function:** defines the output of that node given an input or set of inputs.
- **Learning rate:** determines the step size at each iteration while moving toward a minimum of a loss function.
- **Optimizer:** the function performs weight updates

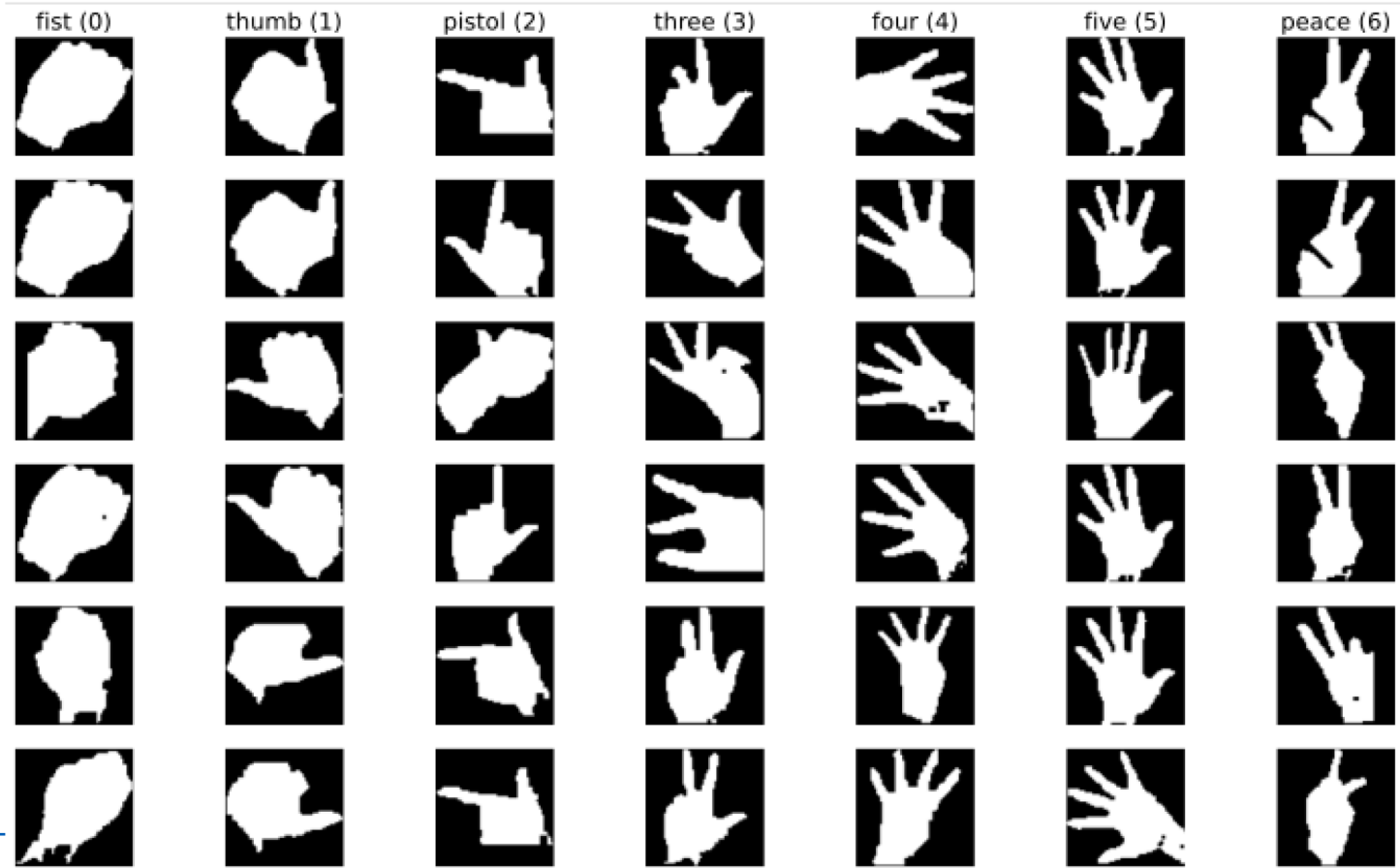
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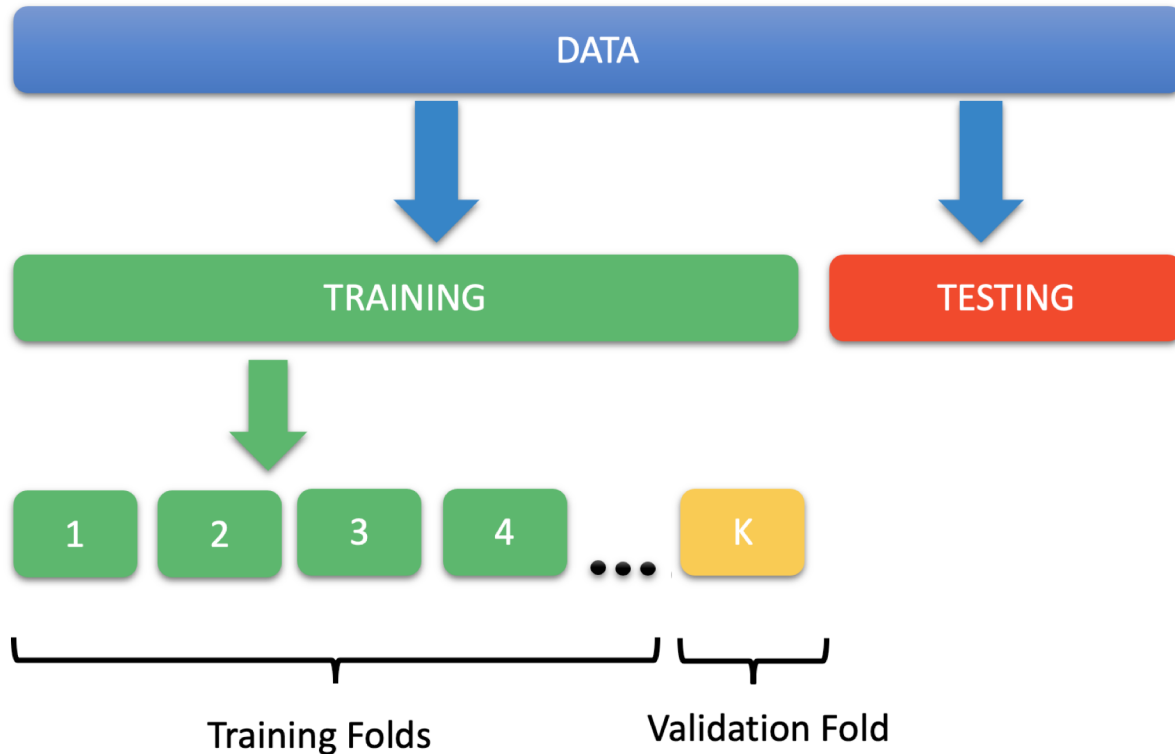
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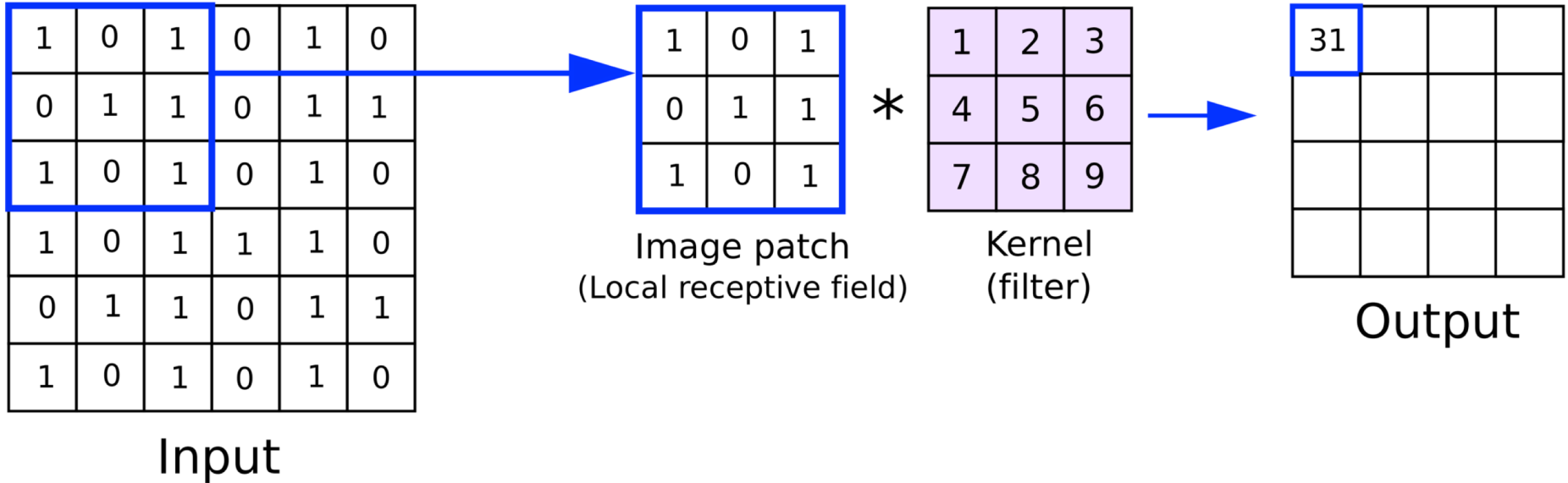
Deep Learning – notebook example



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Deep Learning – notebook example

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2	8	7	2	7
5	4	4	5	4

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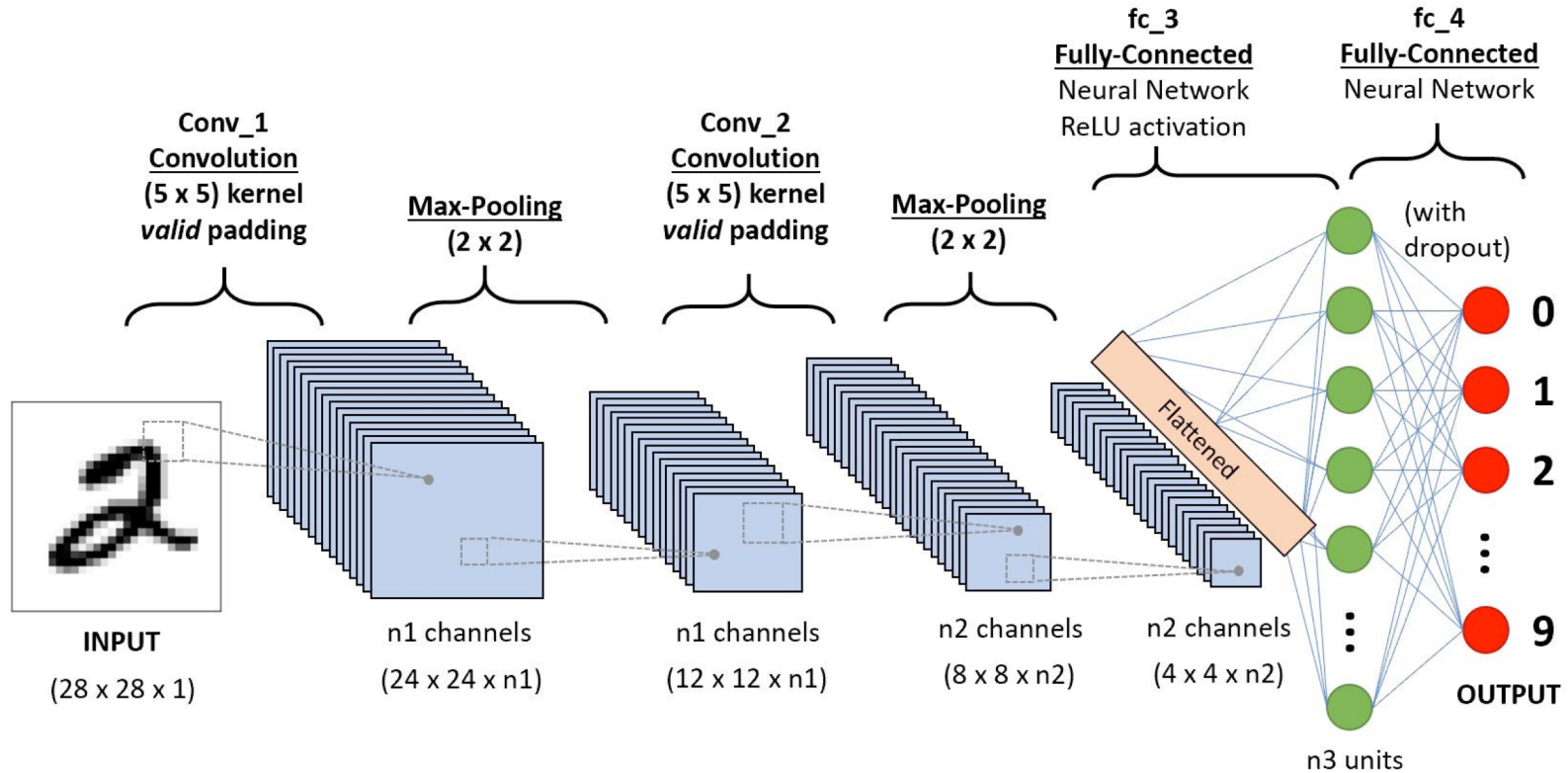
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$$\begin{aligned} &7 \times 1 + 4 \times 1 + 3 \times 1 + \\ &2 \times 0 + 5 \times 0 + 3 \times 0 + \\ &3 \times -1 + 3 \times -1 + 2 \times -1 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Deep Learning – notebook example



General approach to ML-based recognition

1. **Collect and label data**
2. **Extract features (if Deep Learning, this is slightly easier)**
3. **Load the dataset**
4. **Summarize the dataset**
5. **Visualize the dataset**
6. **Evaluate some ML algorithm**
7. **Make predictions**
8. **Integrate the best performing model into your pipeline.**

Typical issues in input recognition

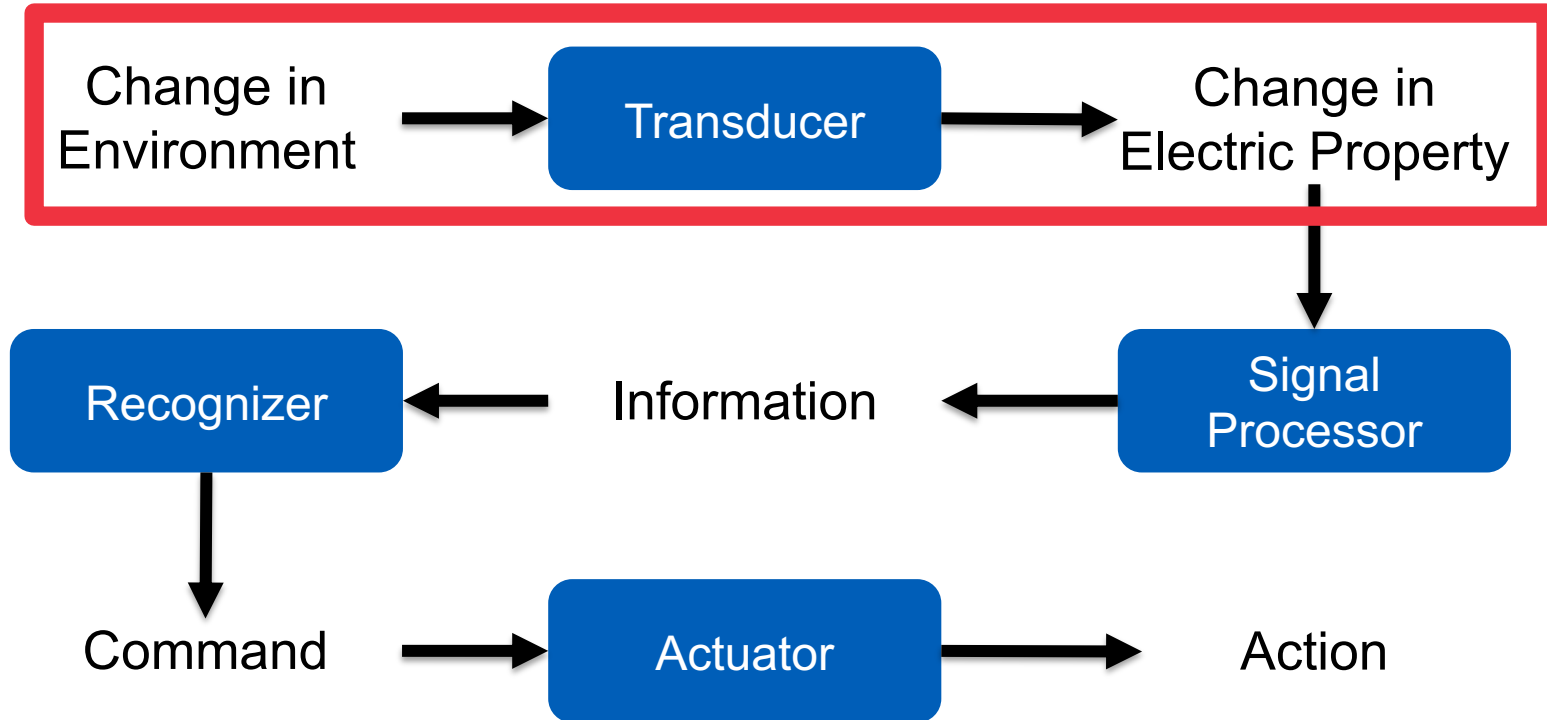
- Data is sometimes **extremely noisy**.
- A lot of **variance** between subjects.
- Collecting **data** is **expensive**.
- **Feature engineering** can be an “Art” → Using **Deep Learning** instead



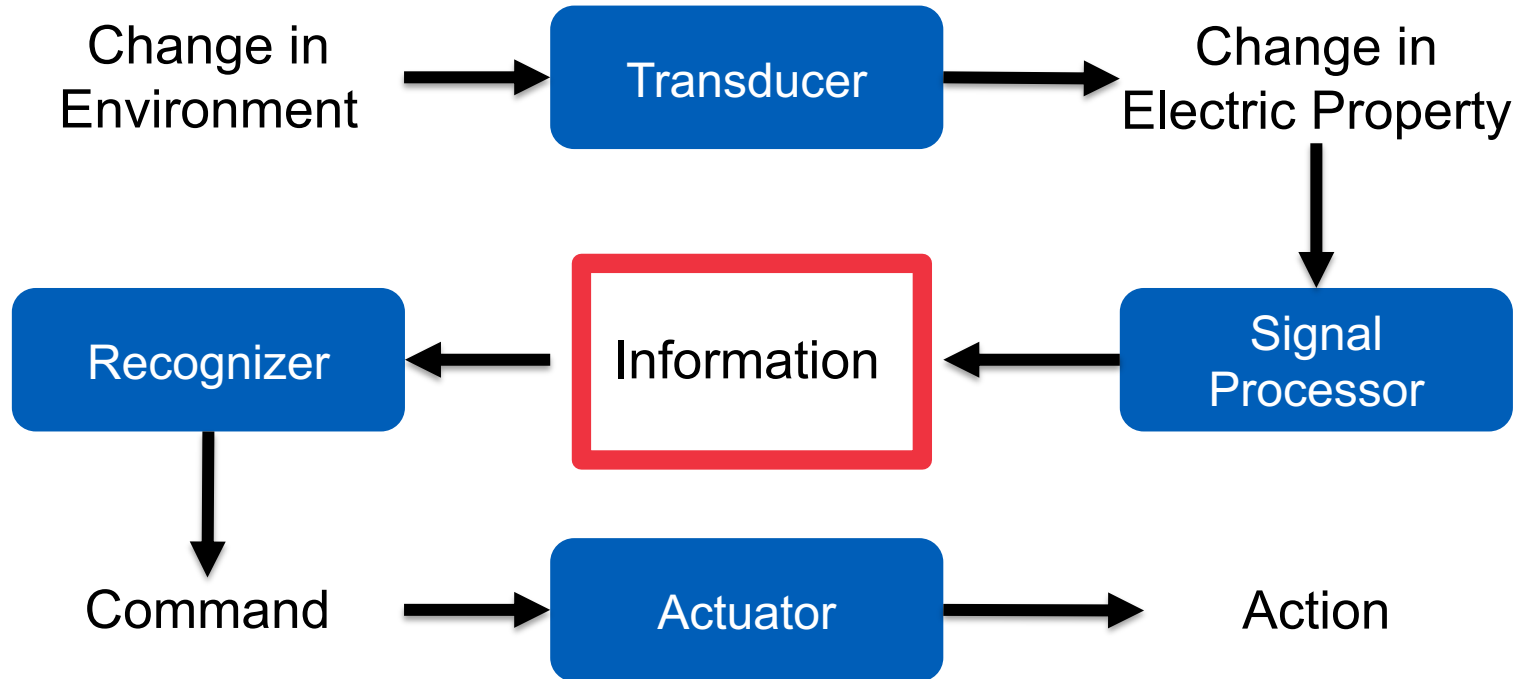
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Summary

Input sensing flow

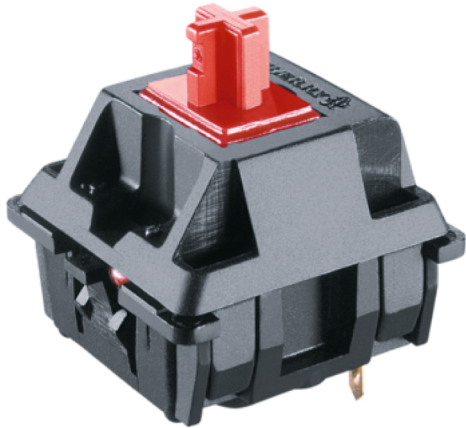


Processing of information in signal

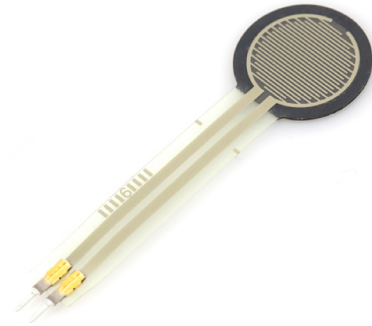


Throughput (bits/second) example: Comparison of 2 sensors

How fast an input device delivers information?

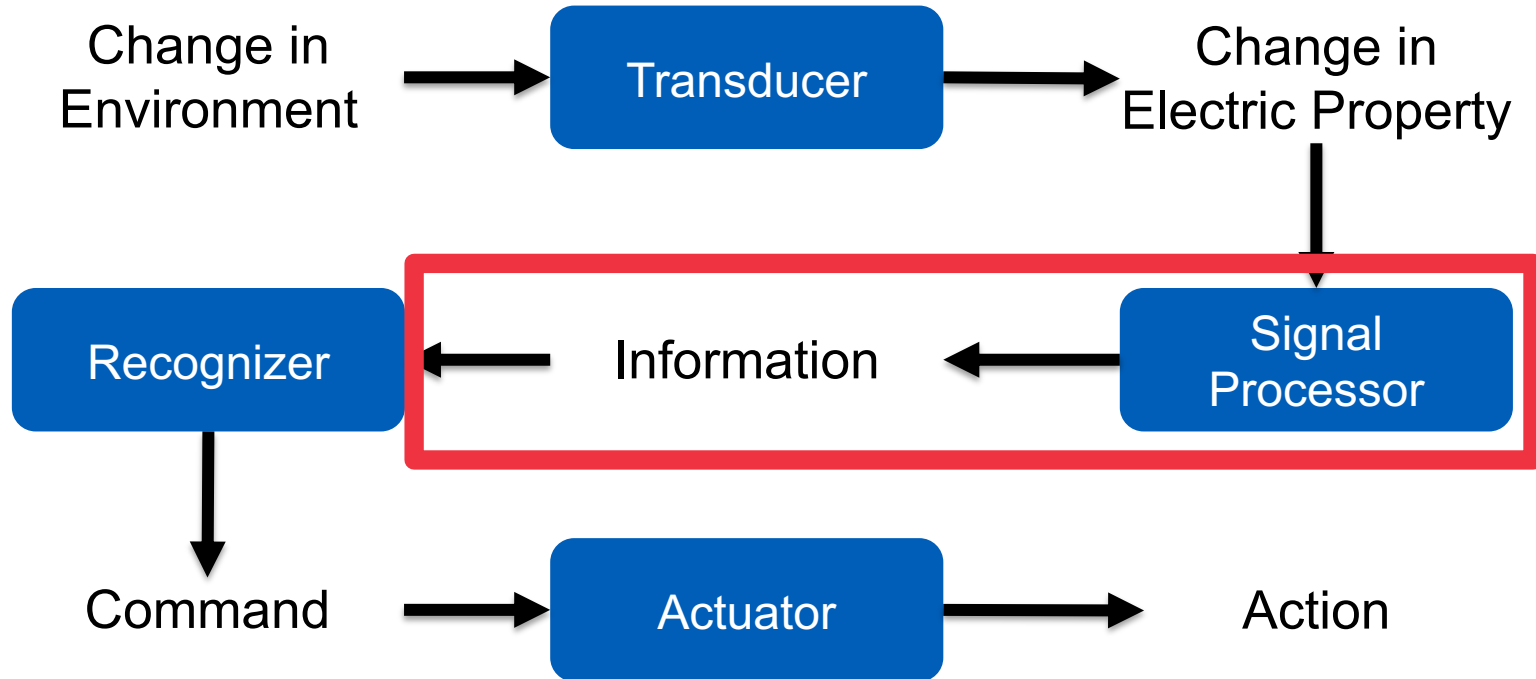


Throughput:
 $2500 \text{ bits} / 1\text{s} = 2500 \text{ bps}$



Throughput:
 $1600 \text{ bits} / 0.5\text{s} = 3200 \text{ bps}$

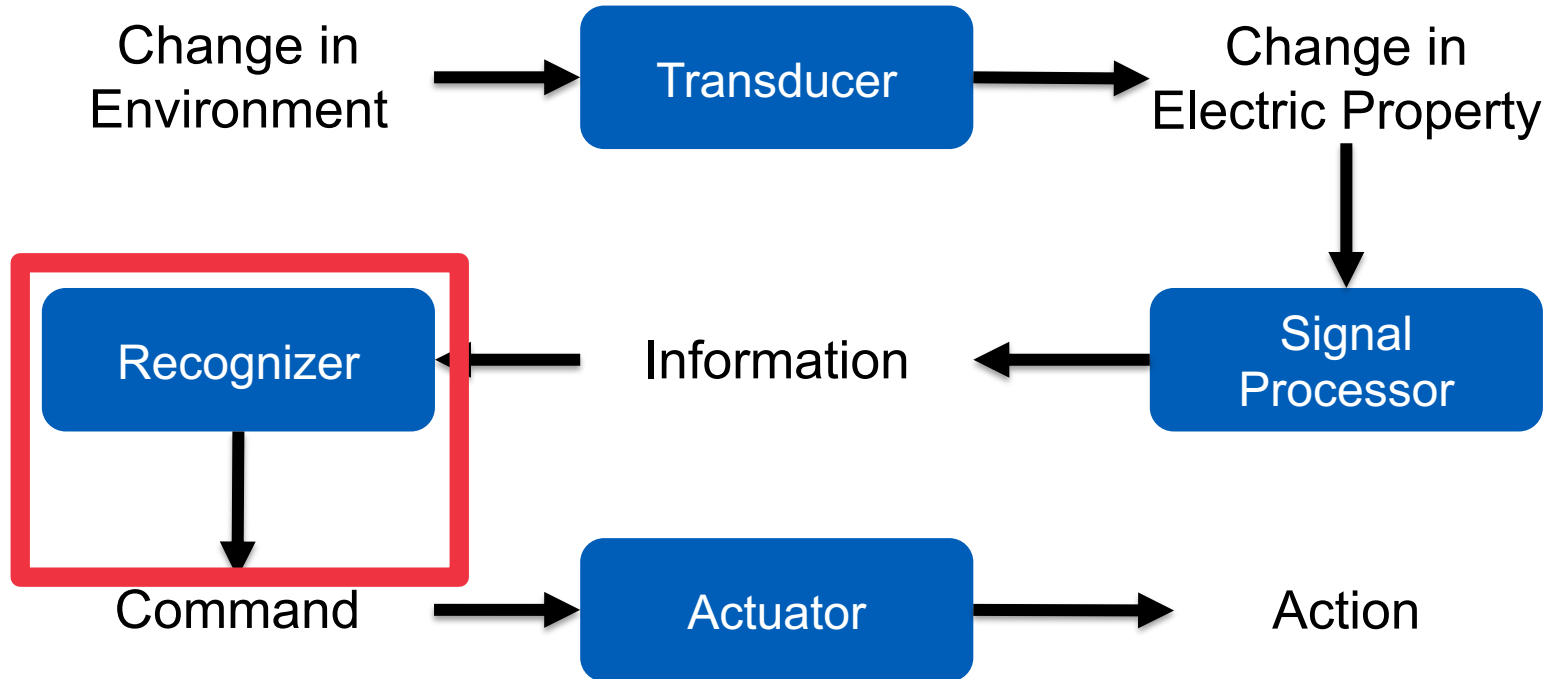
Processing of information in signal



Filters covered

- **Simple moving average filter**
 - *When the sampling rate is high*
 - *In time-critical tasks*
- **1 € filter**
 - *Moving velocity is not constant*
- **Gaussian Filter**
 - *When the raw data is gathered*
 - *More than 1 dimensional data*

Input recognition



Common input recognition flow

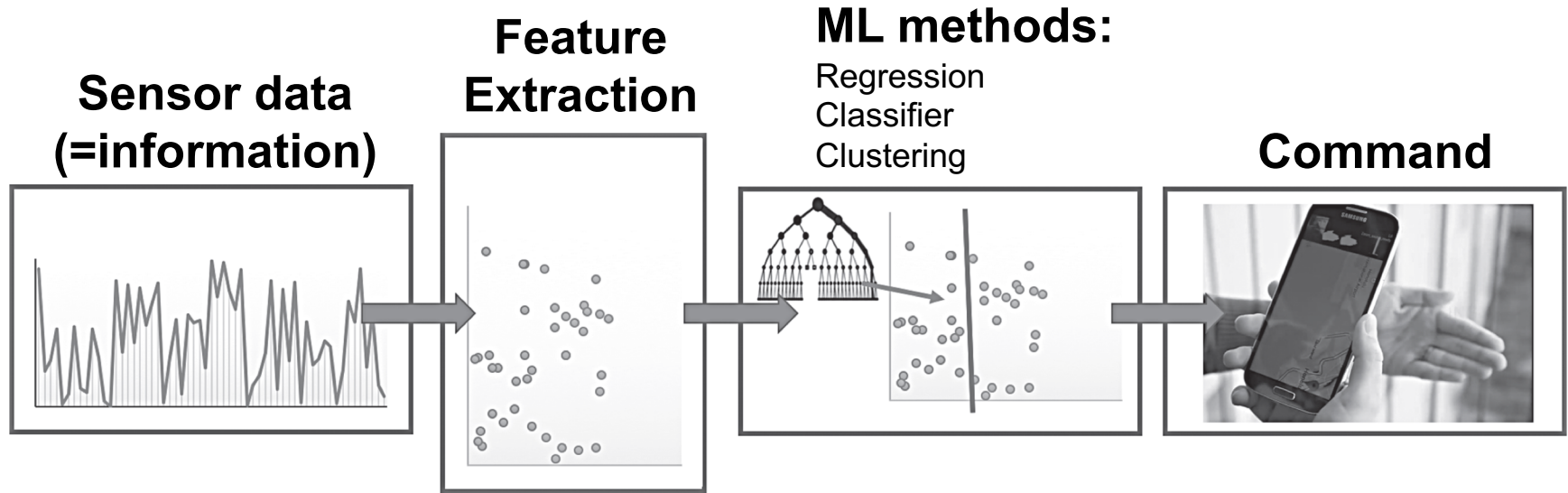
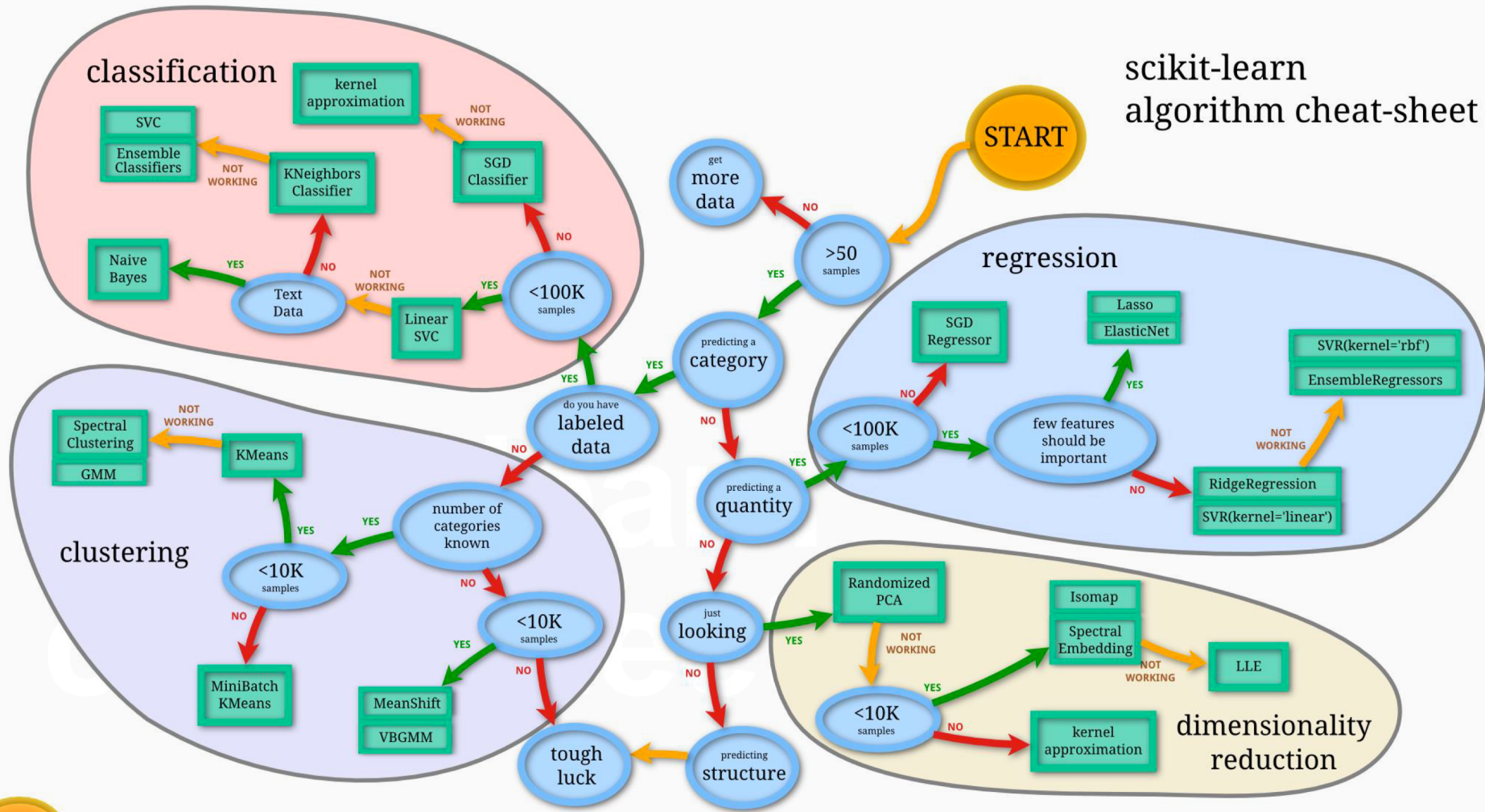


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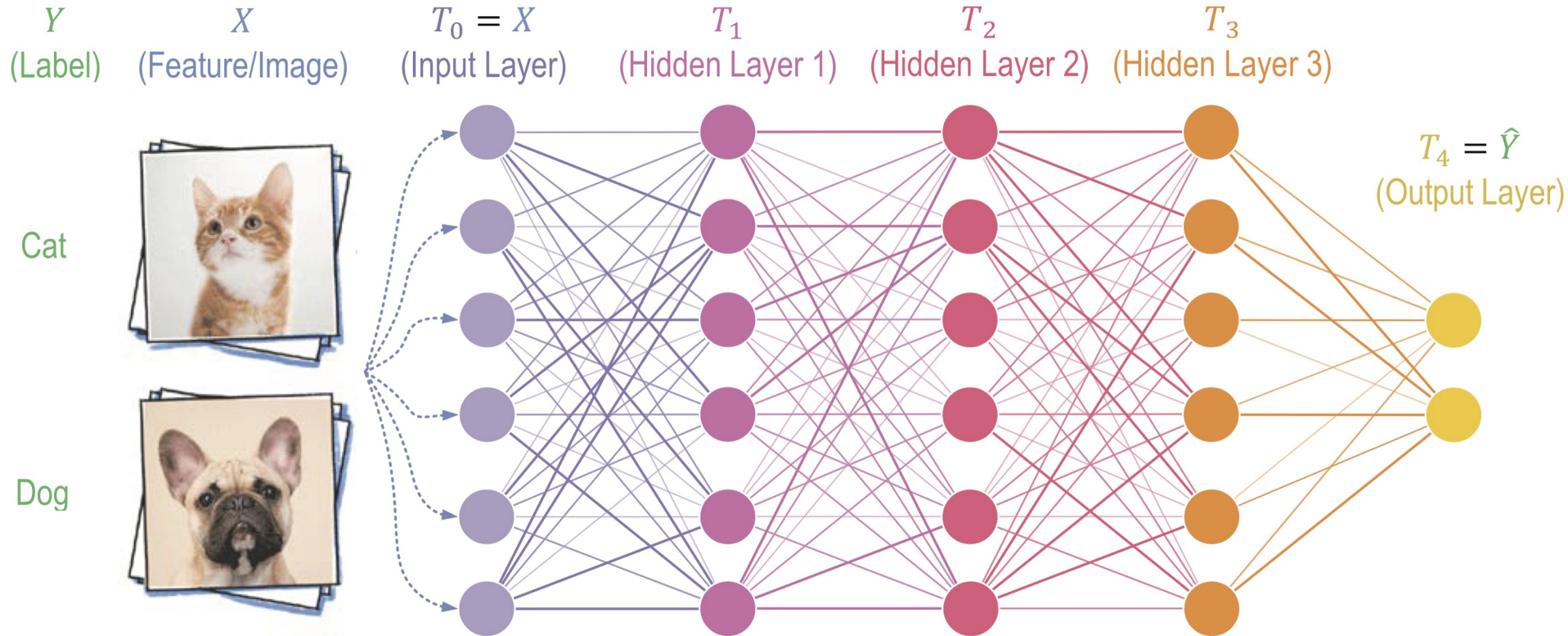


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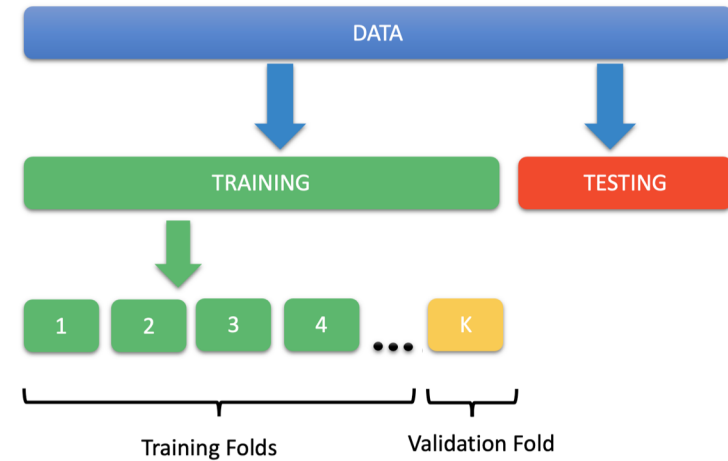
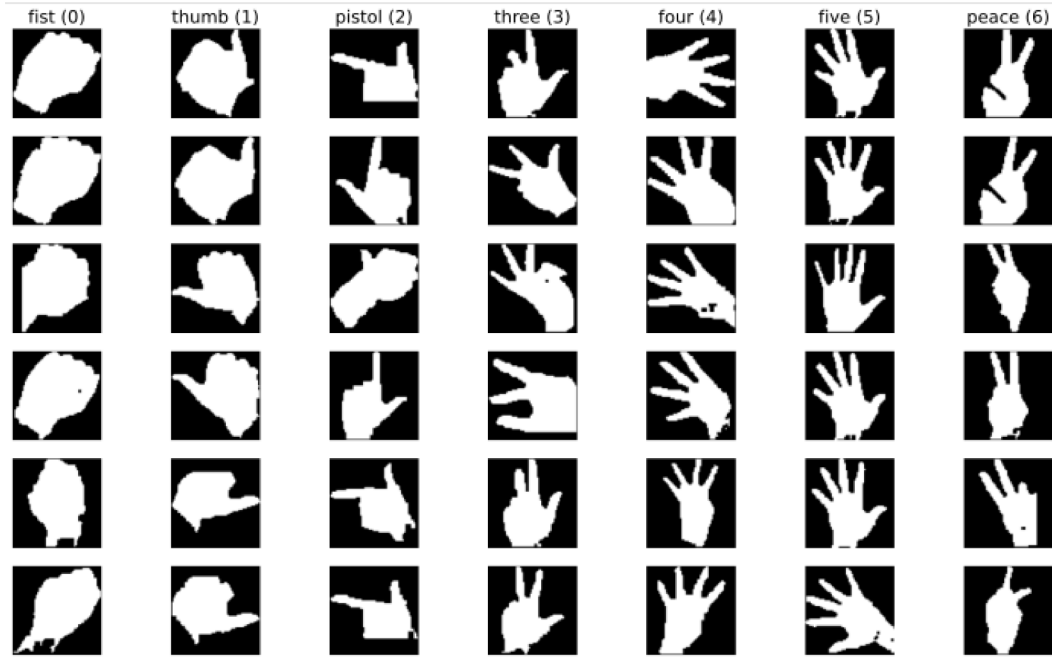


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Deep Learning



Deep Learning – notebook example



Lecture 6: Learning objectives

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1. Pipeline

Learn the key concepts of the sensing flow

No programming

A6.2

2. Information

Understand how to compute information throughput of input devices

No programming

A6.3
A6.4

3. Recognition

Learn to use ML & DL libraries to perform regression and classification

Python programming