



# CS 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

## Machine Learning Overview

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# Today's outline

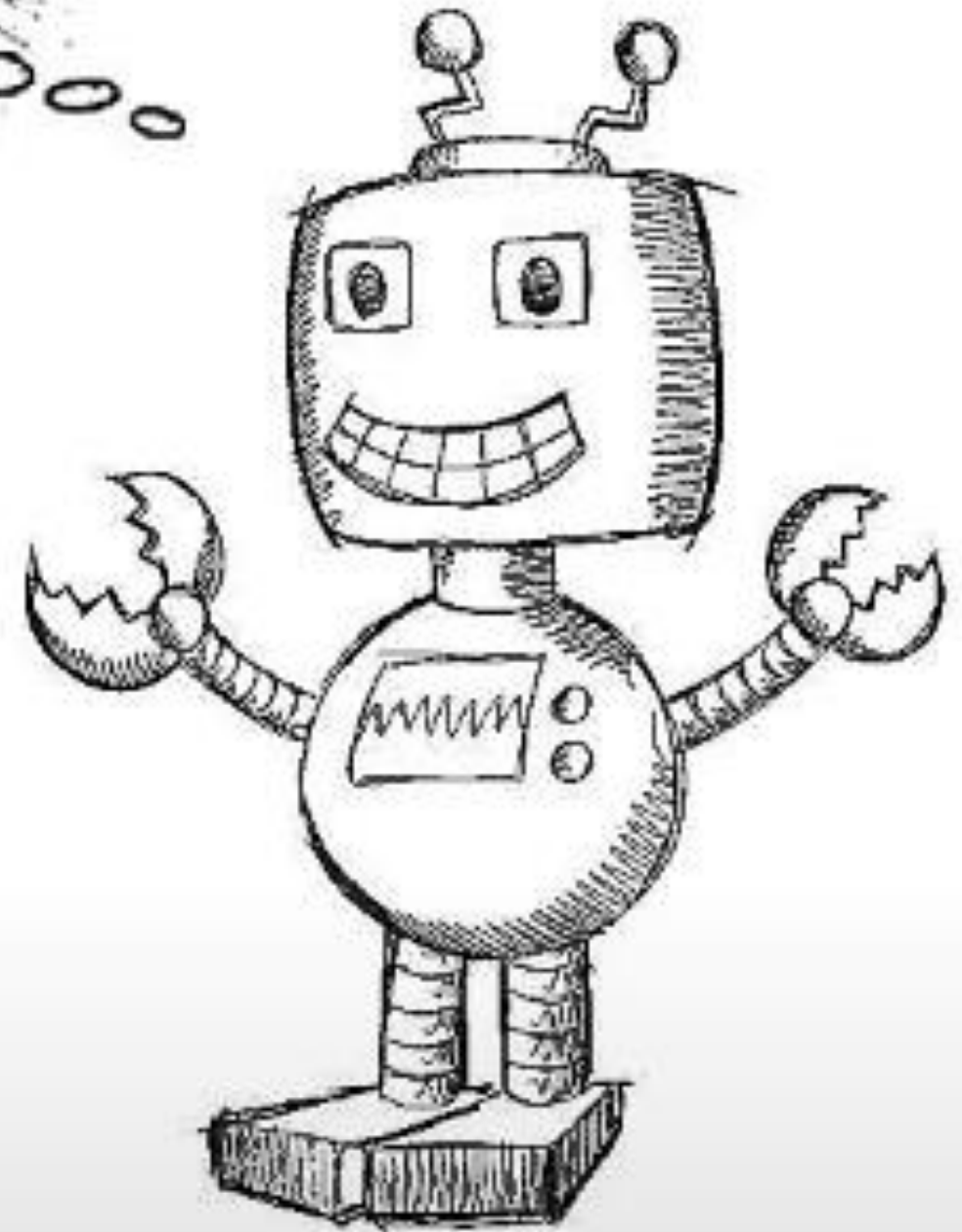
- What is machine learning?
- Supervised Learning
  - Classification
  - Regression
- Unsupervised Learning
  - Clustering
- Reinforcement Learning



# Part I: What is machine learning?



**HUMANS LEARN FROM  
PAST EXPERIENCES**



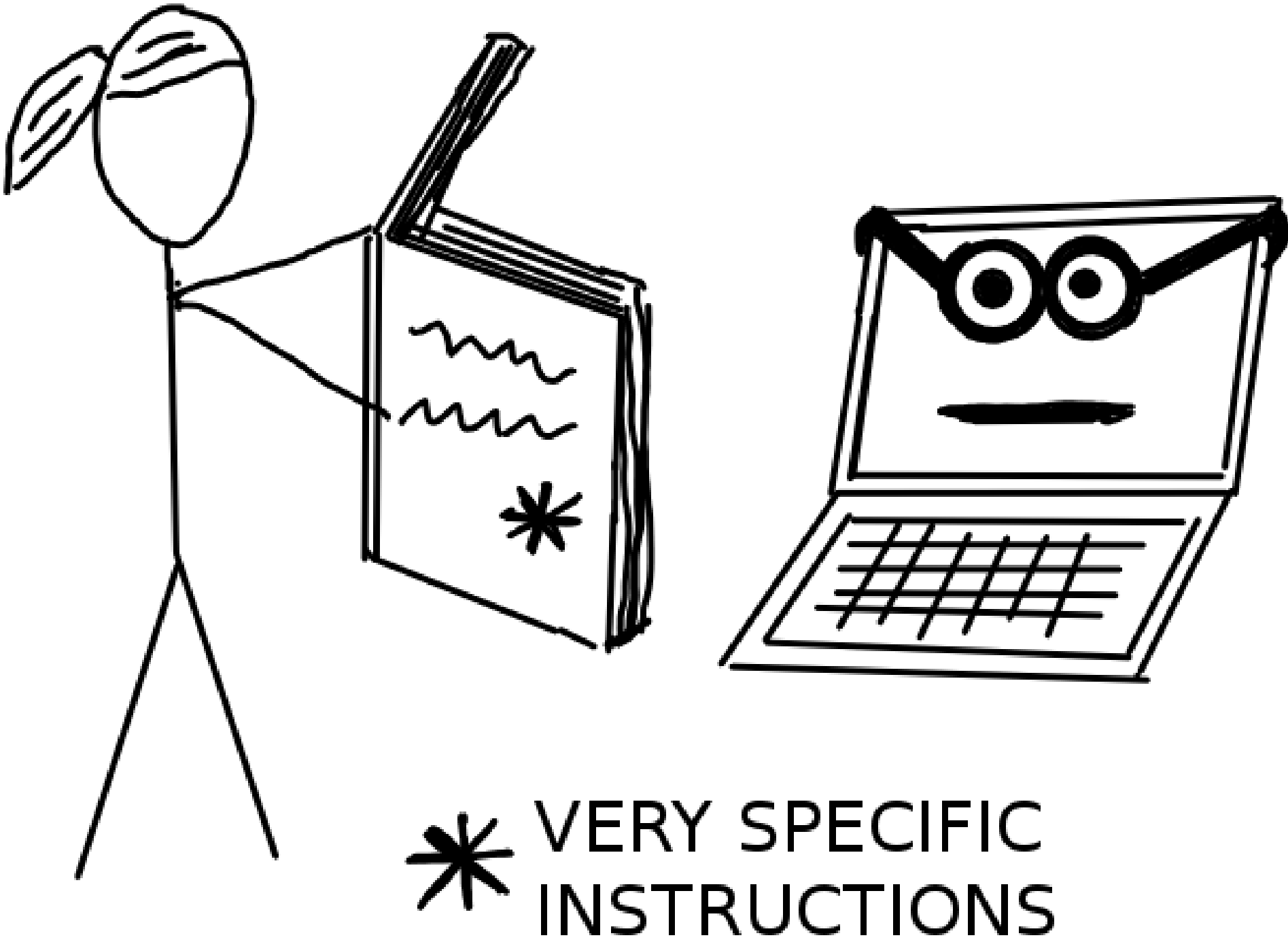
**MACHINES FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS  
GIVEN BY HUMANS**

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# Without Machine Learning



# With Machine Learning



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- Tom Mitchell (1997): A computer program is said to learn from **experience E** with respect to some class of **tasks T** and **performance measure P**, if its performance at tasks in T as measured by P, improves with experience E.



# Taxonomy of ML

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graph TD; A[Taxonomy of ML] --- B[Supervised Learning]; A --- C[Unsupervised Learning]; A --- D[Reinforcement Learning];
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Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

Reinforcement Learning





## Part II: Supervised Learning

# Example 1: Predict whether a user likes a song or not



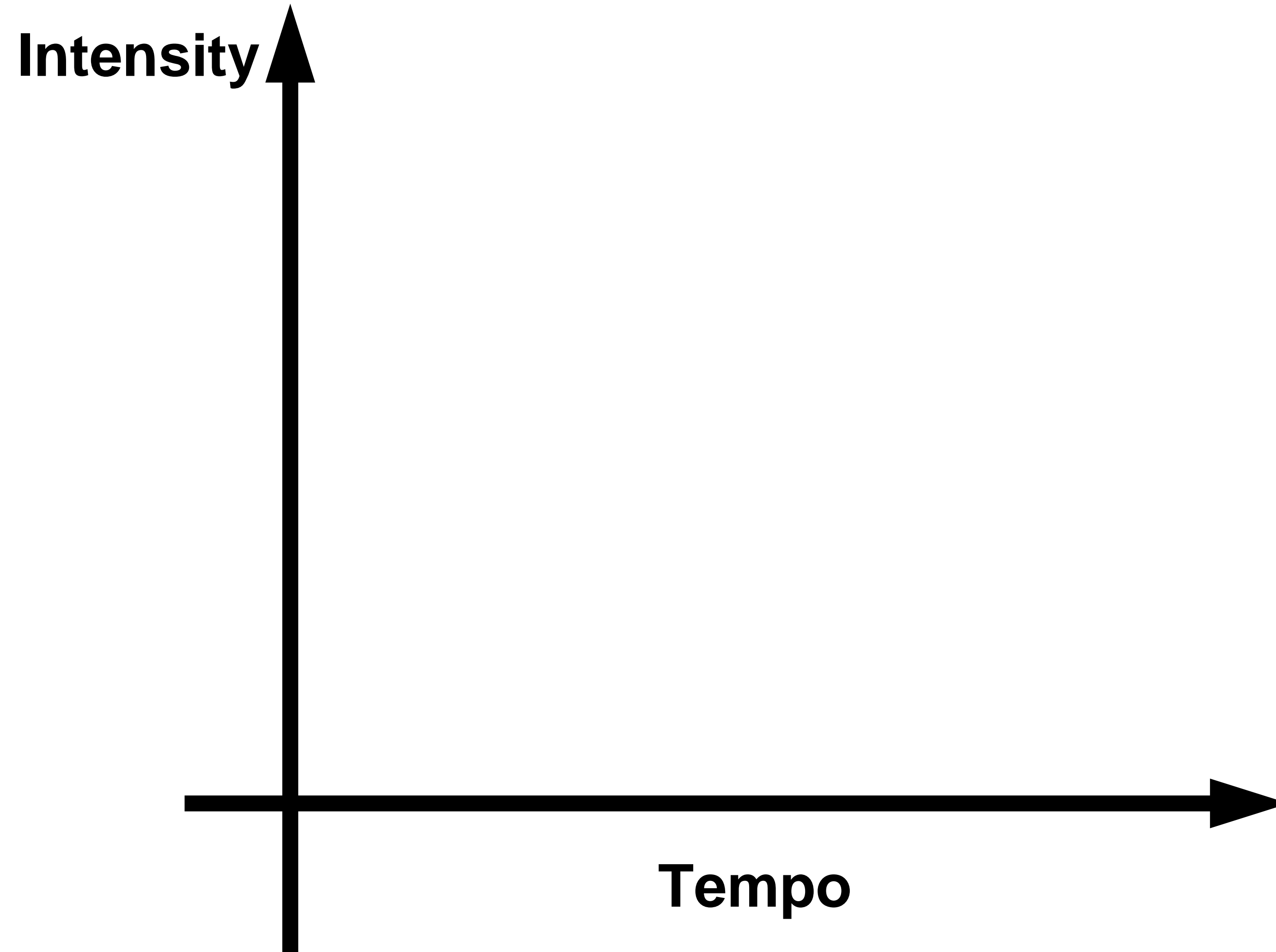
model



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User Sharon







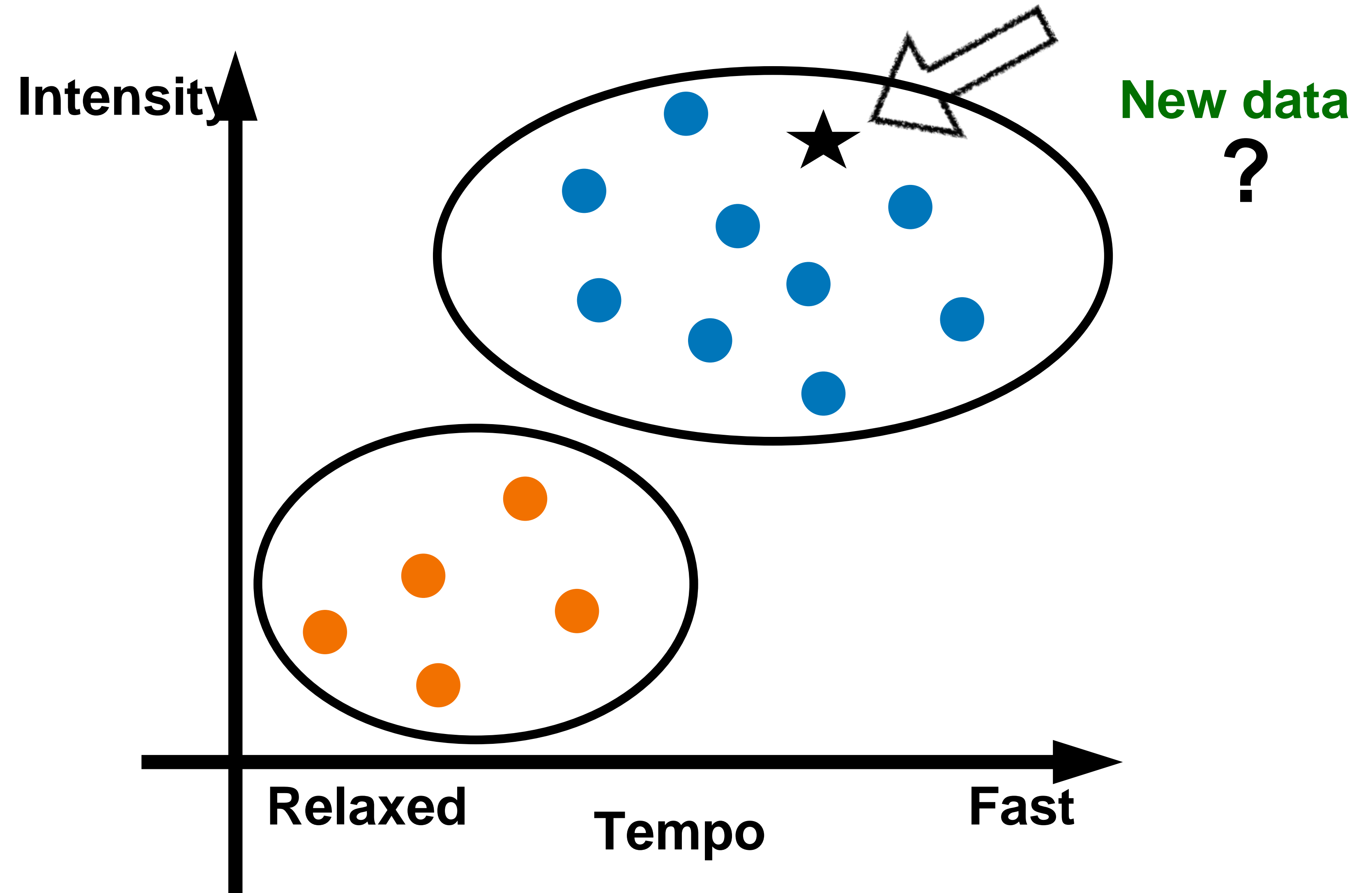
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User Sharon

● DisLike

● Like





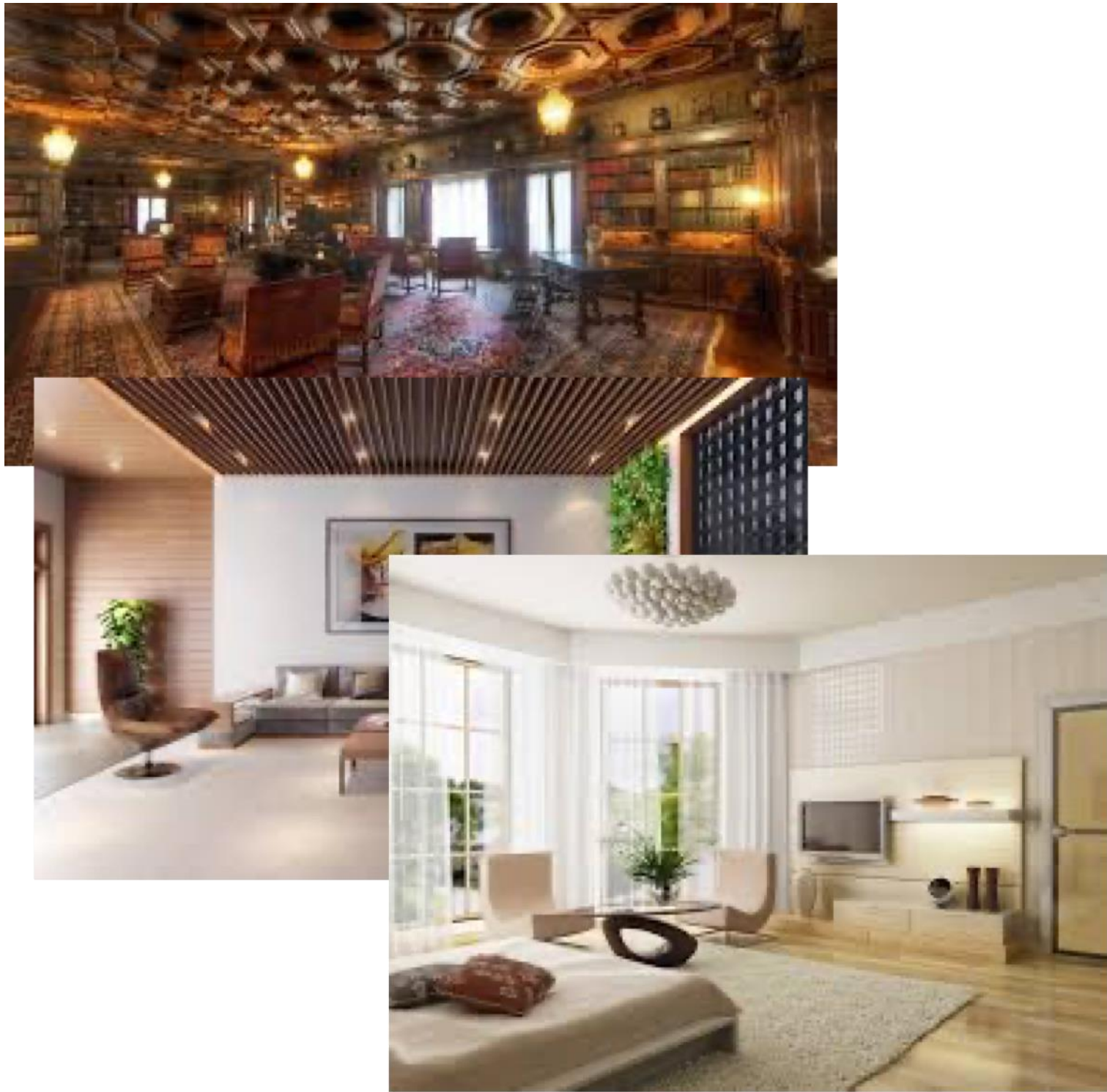
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<http://www.image-net.org/>

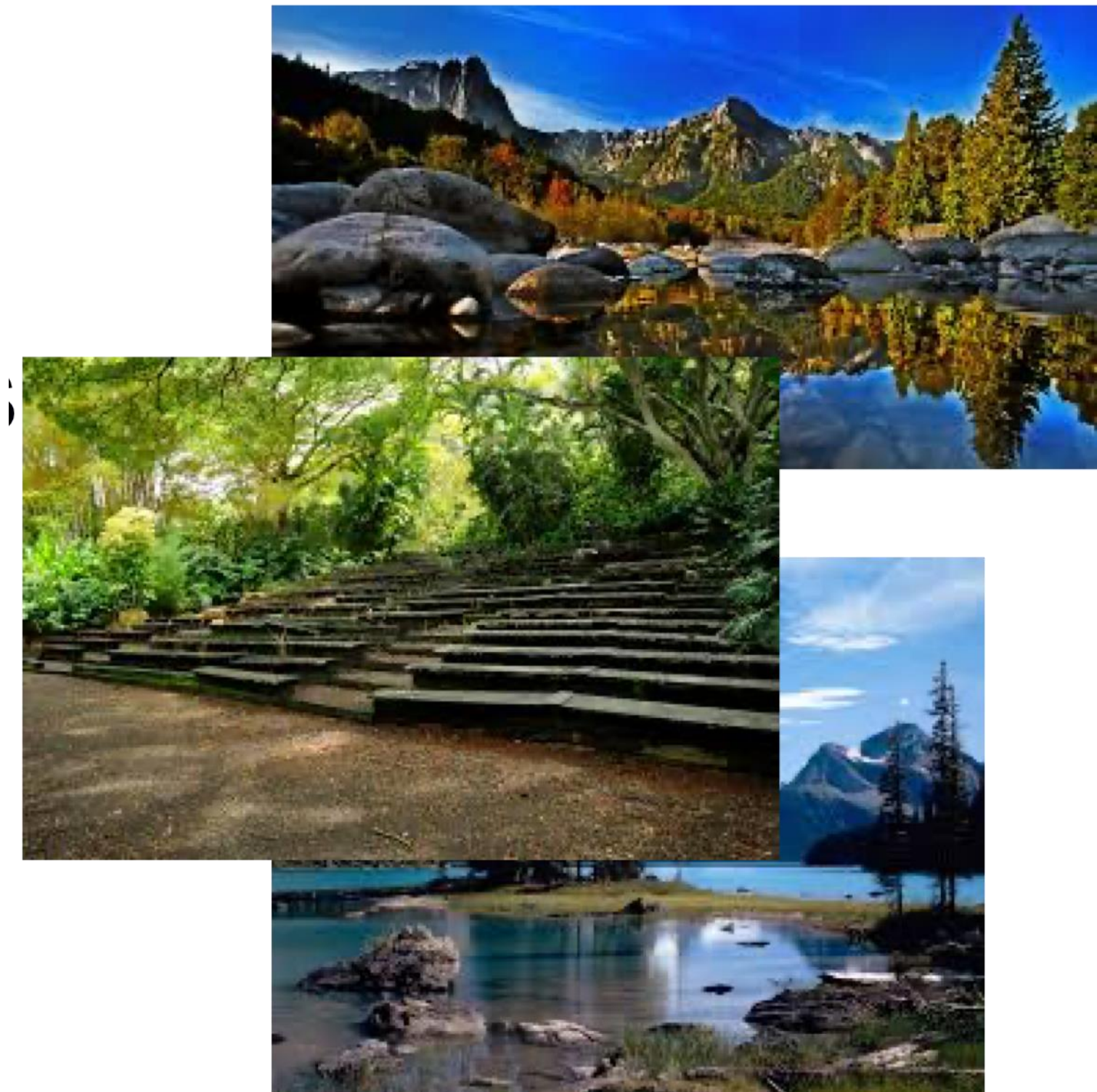




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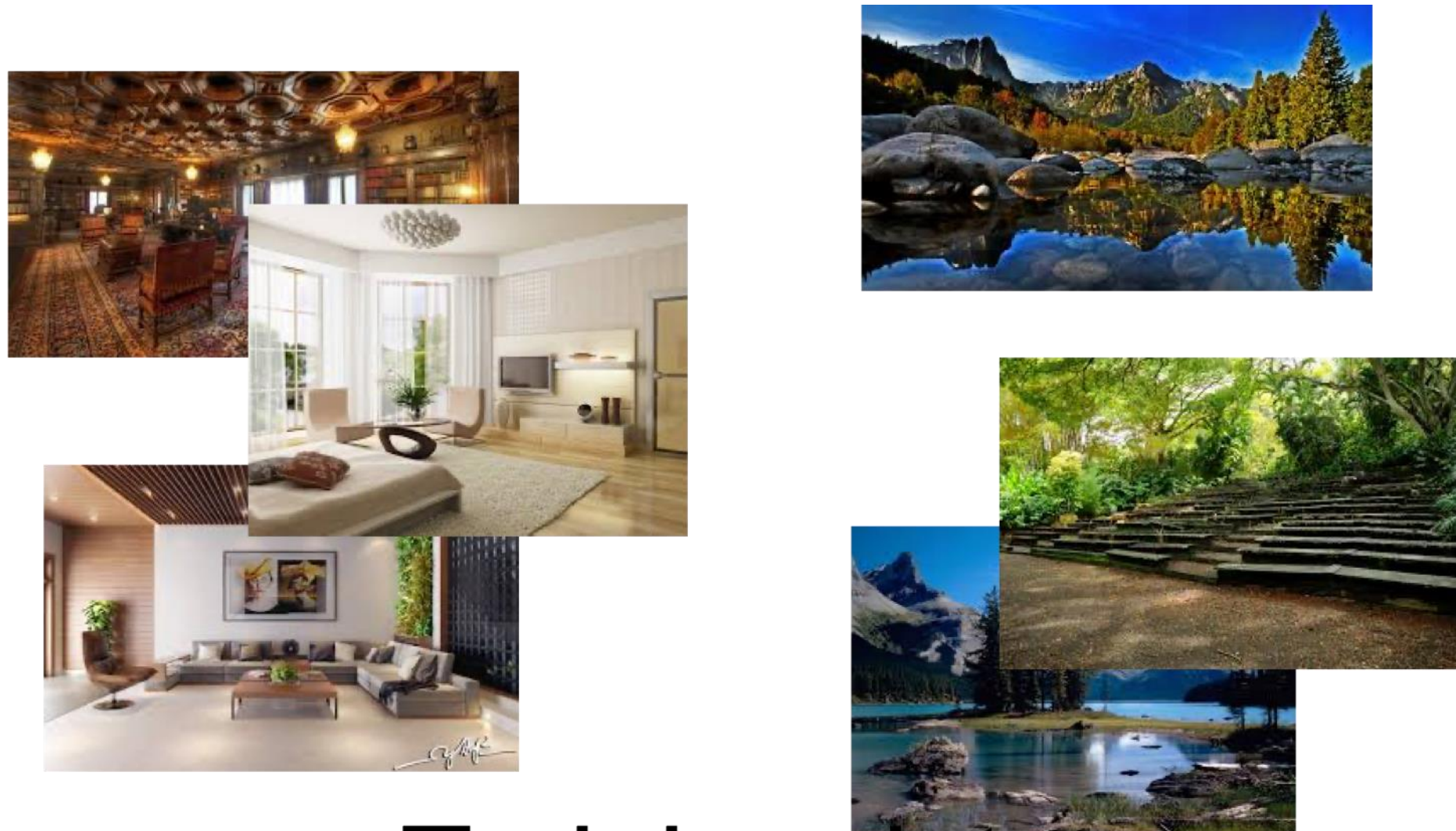


indoor



outdoor

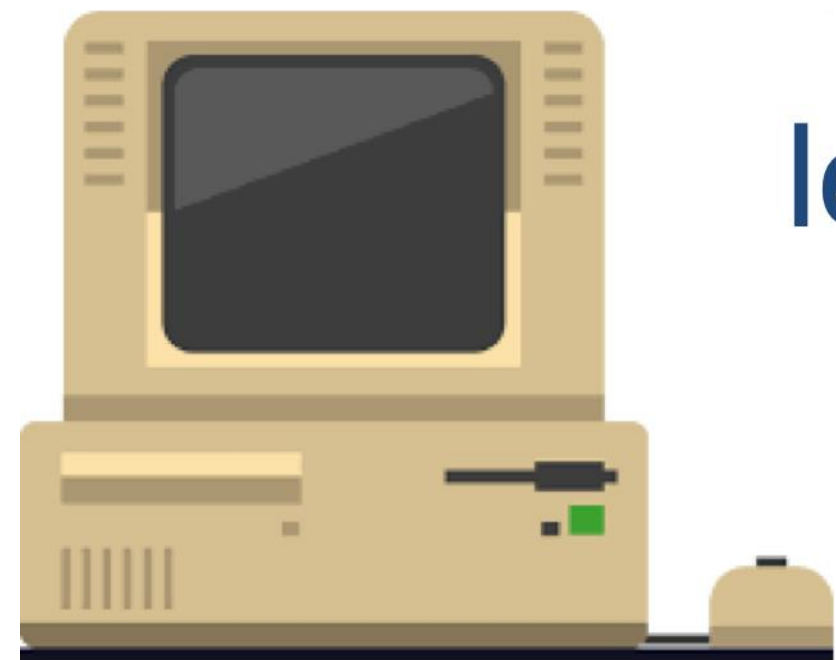
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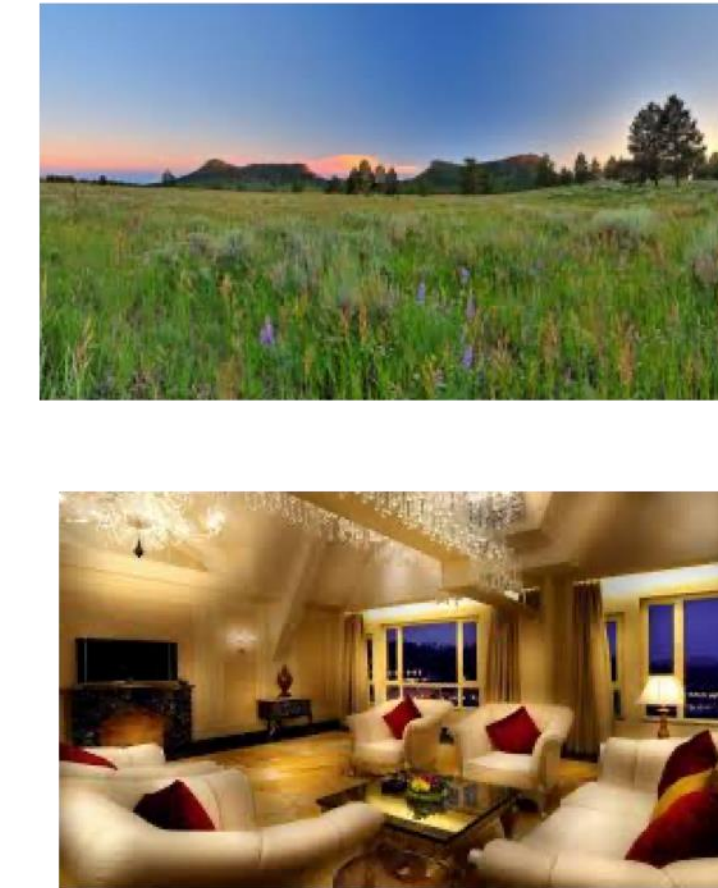
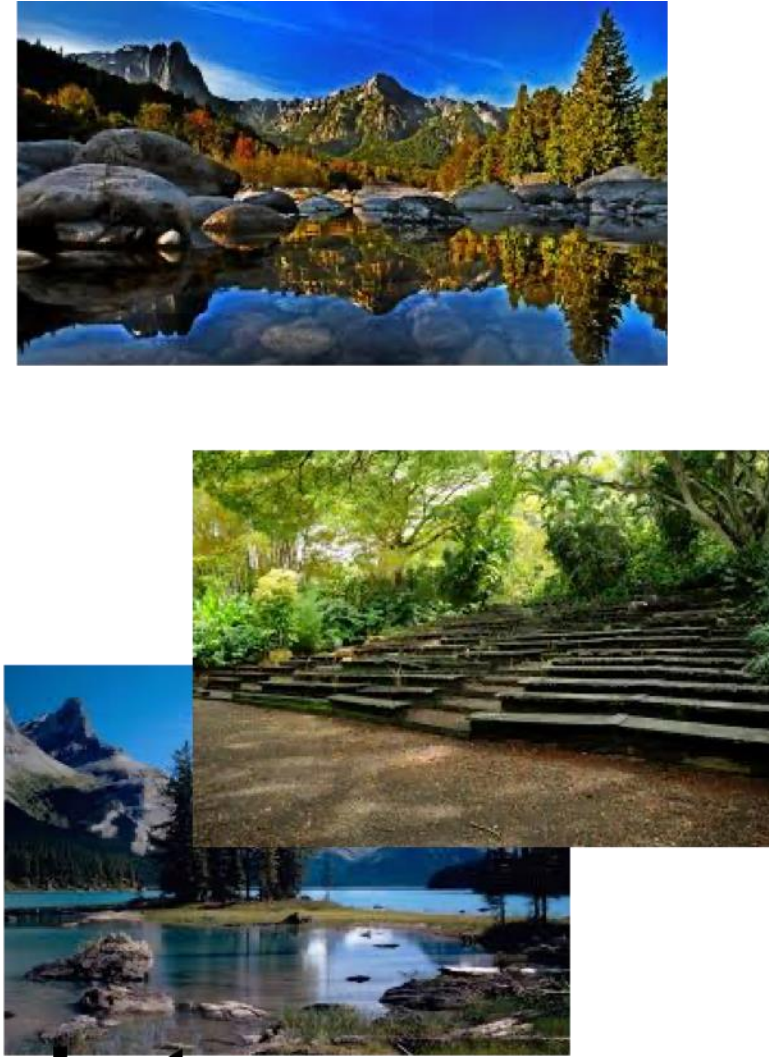
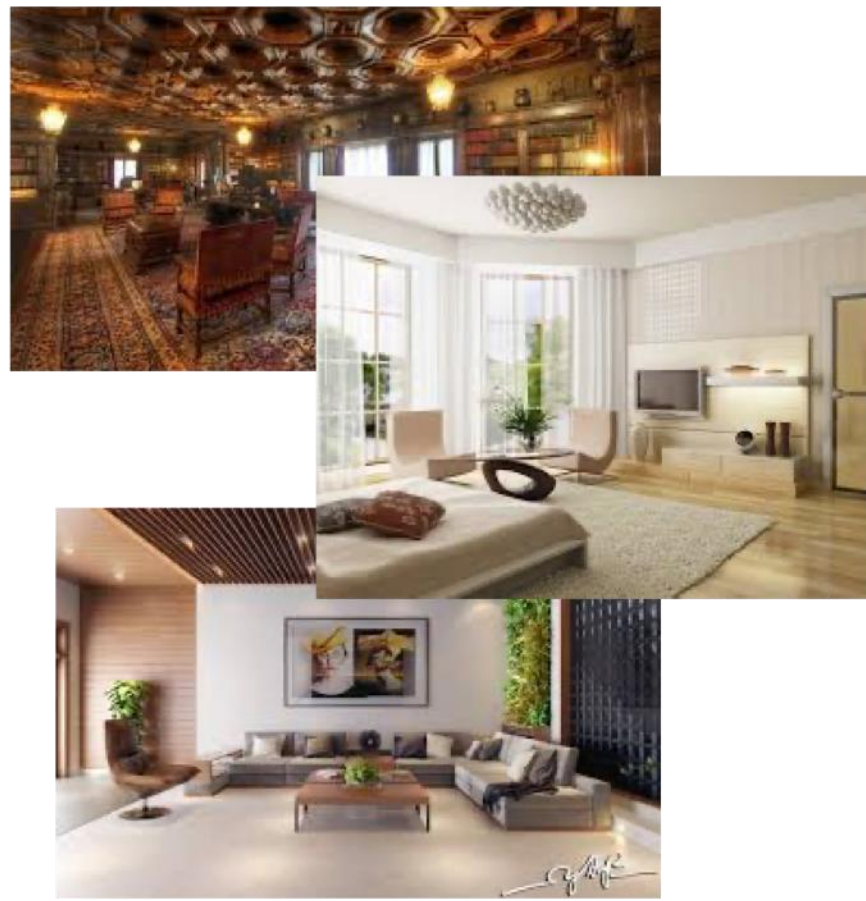


Training data



learning (i.e., training)





Label: outdoor

Label: indoor

Training data

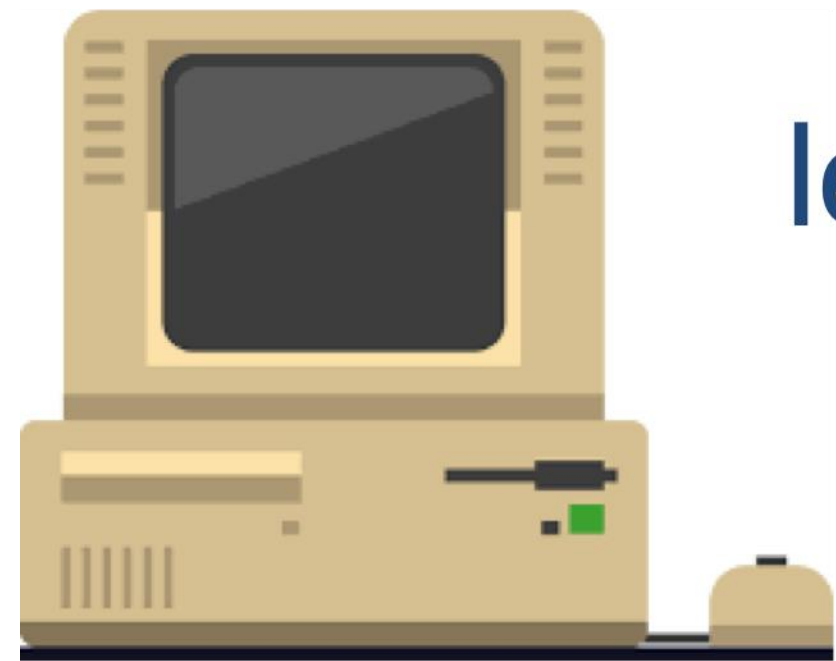
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learning (i.e., training)

testing

performance



# How to represent data?

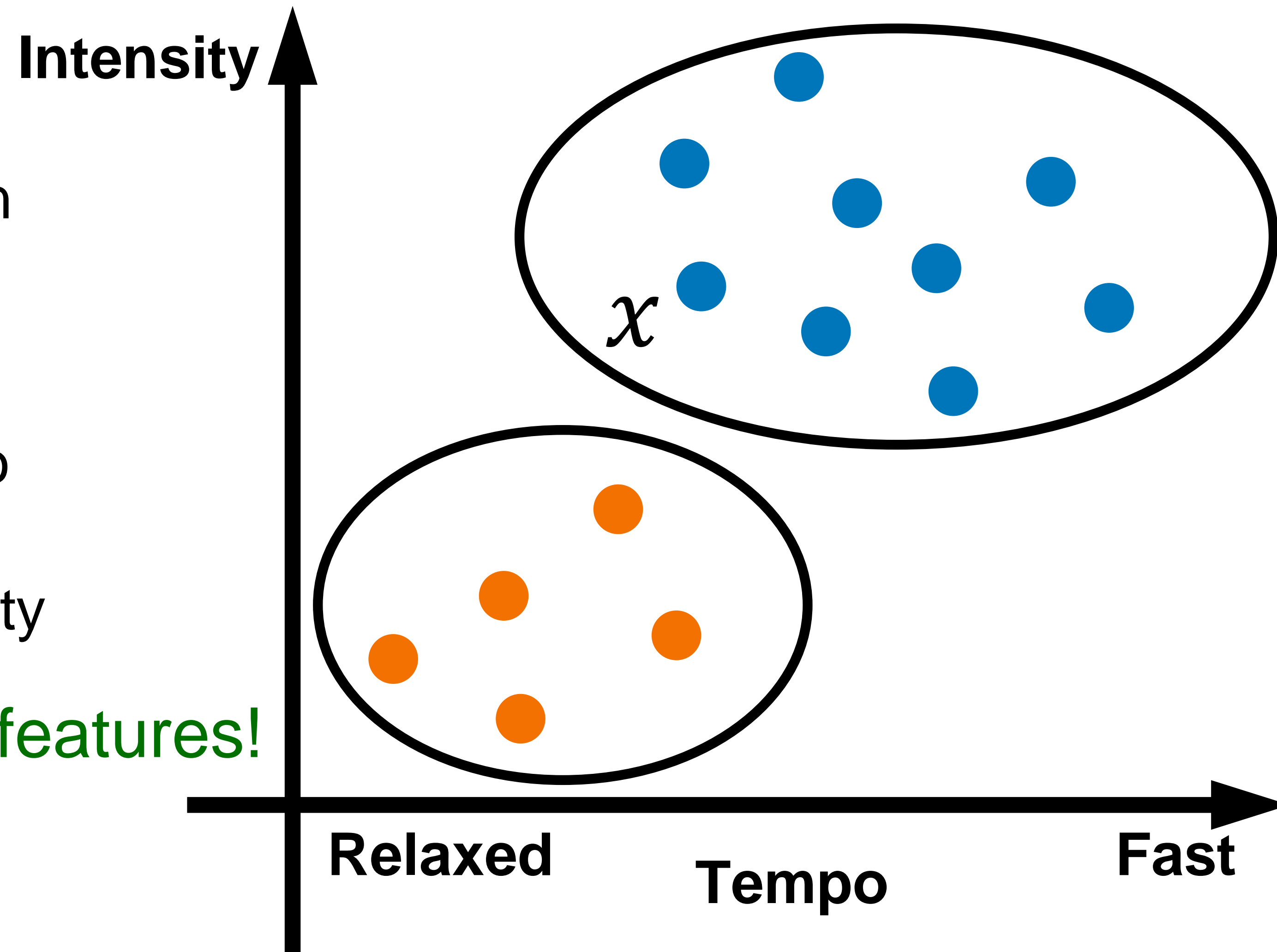
input data

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$d$ : feature dimension

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{Tempo} \\ \text{Intensity} \end{array}$$

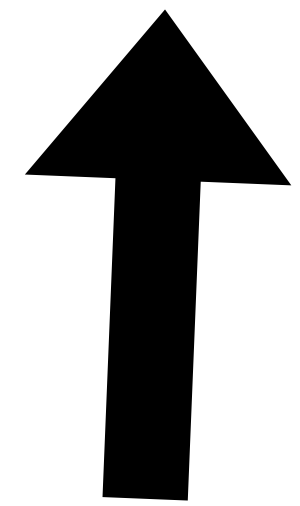
There can be many features!



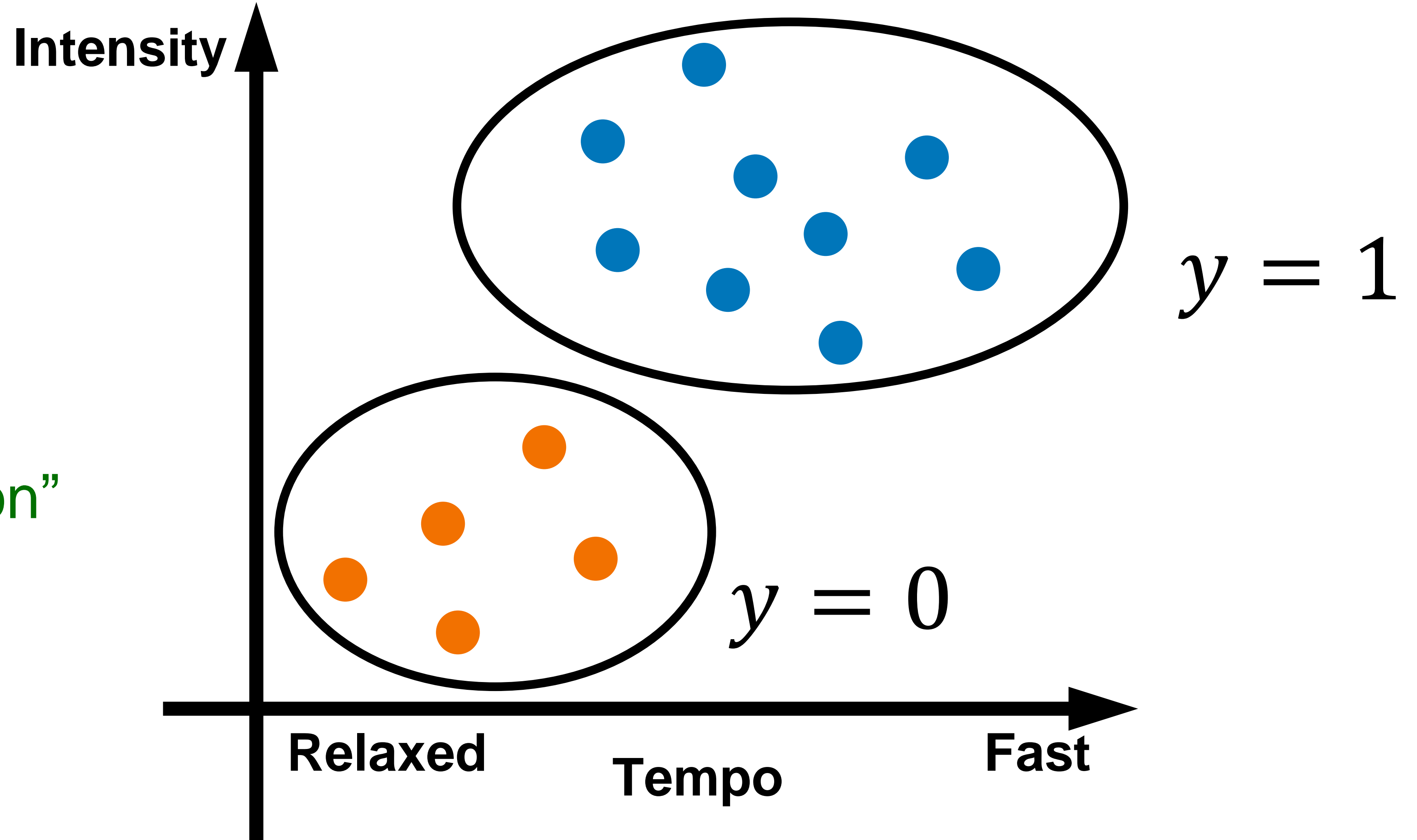
# How to represent data?

Label

$y \in \{0,1\}$



Where "supervision"  
comes from



# Represent various types of data

- Image
  - Pixel values
- Bank account
  - Credit rating, balance, # deposits in last day, week, month, year, #withdrawals

# Two Types of Supervised Learning Algorithms

**Classification**

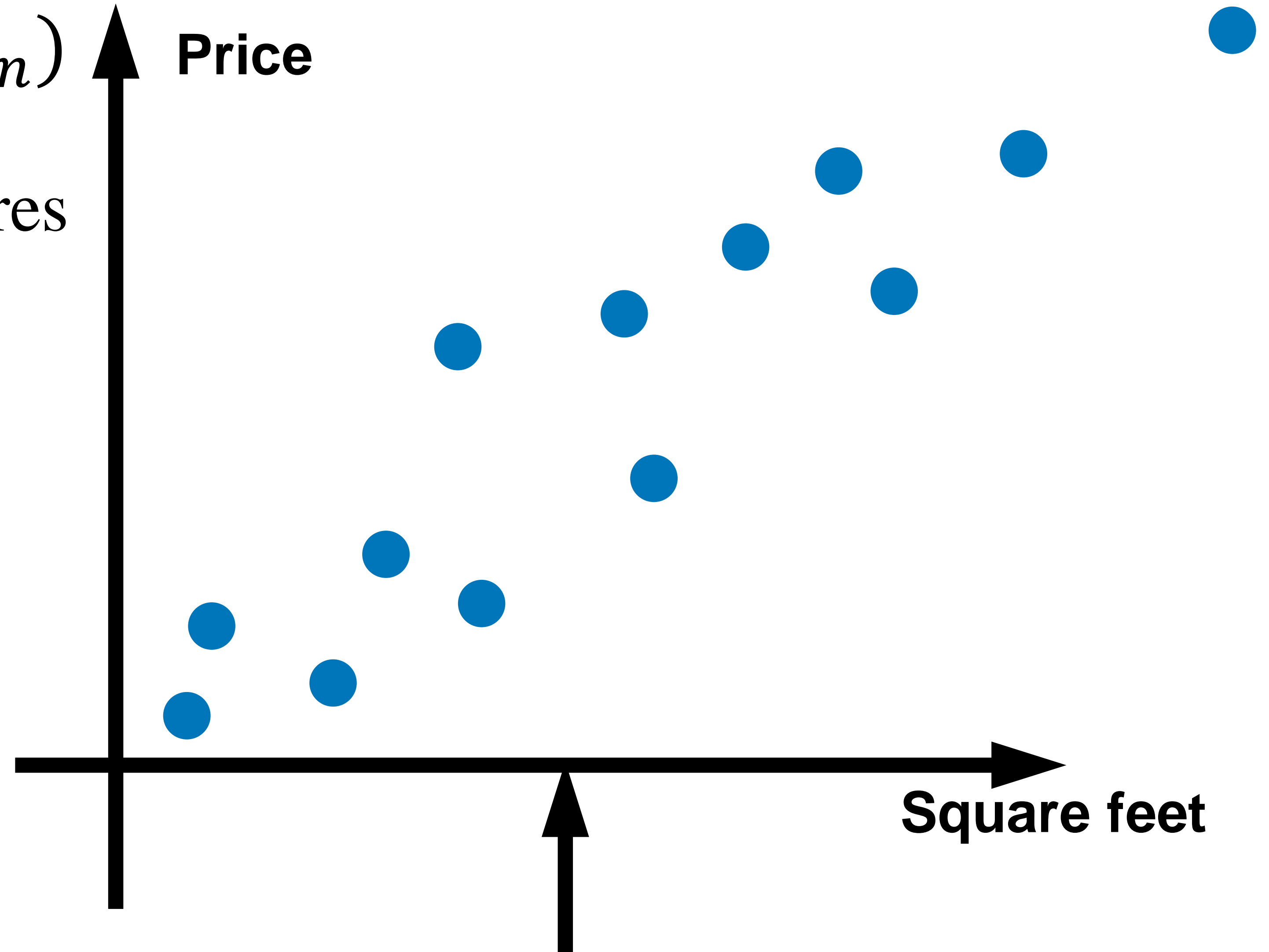
**Regression**

# Example of regression: housing price prediction

Given: a dataset that contains  $n$  samples

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

**Task:** if a residence has  $x$  squares feet, predict the price?





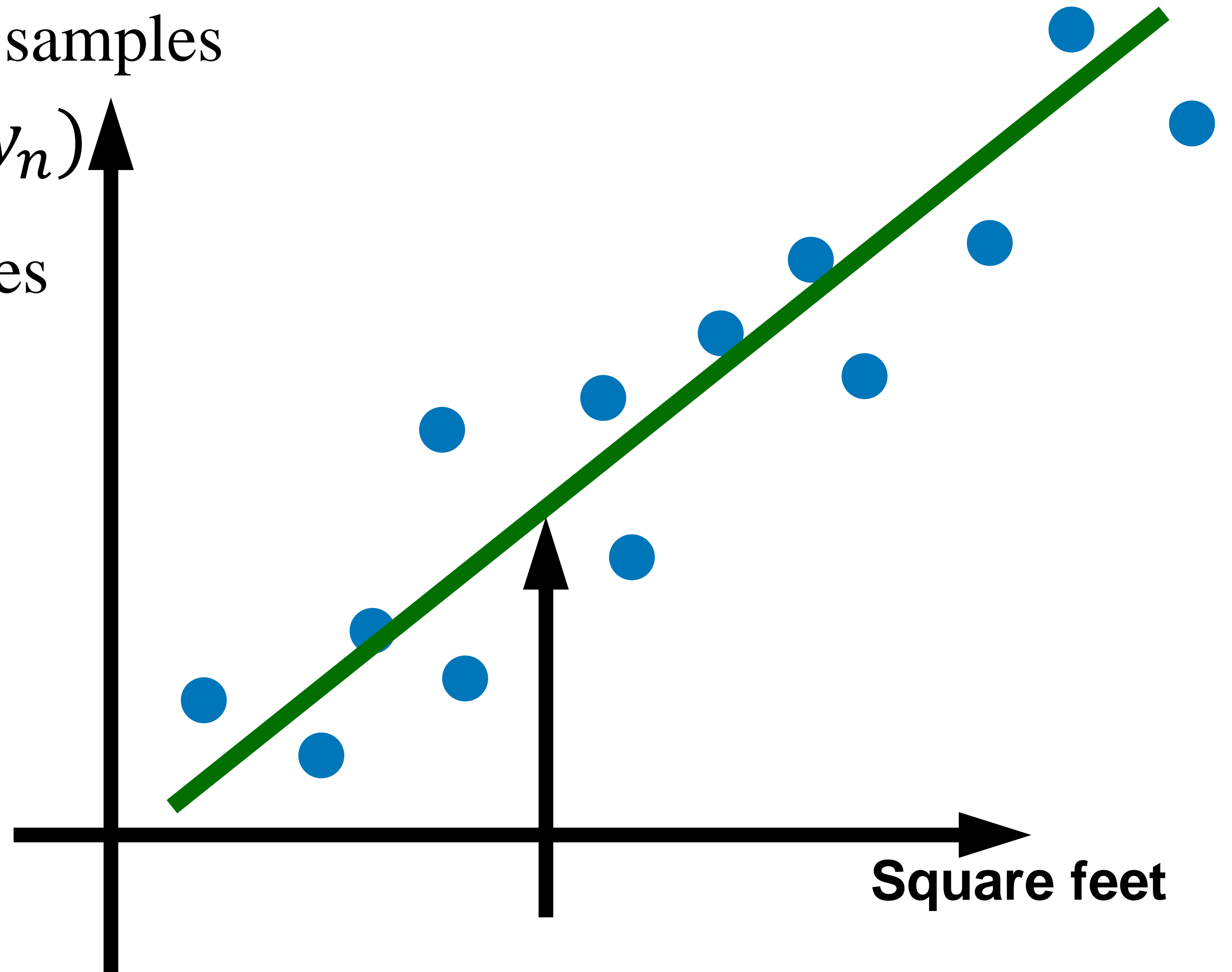
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$$y \in \mathbb{R}$$



# Example of regression: housing price prediction

Input with more features (e.g., lot size)

(size, lot size)

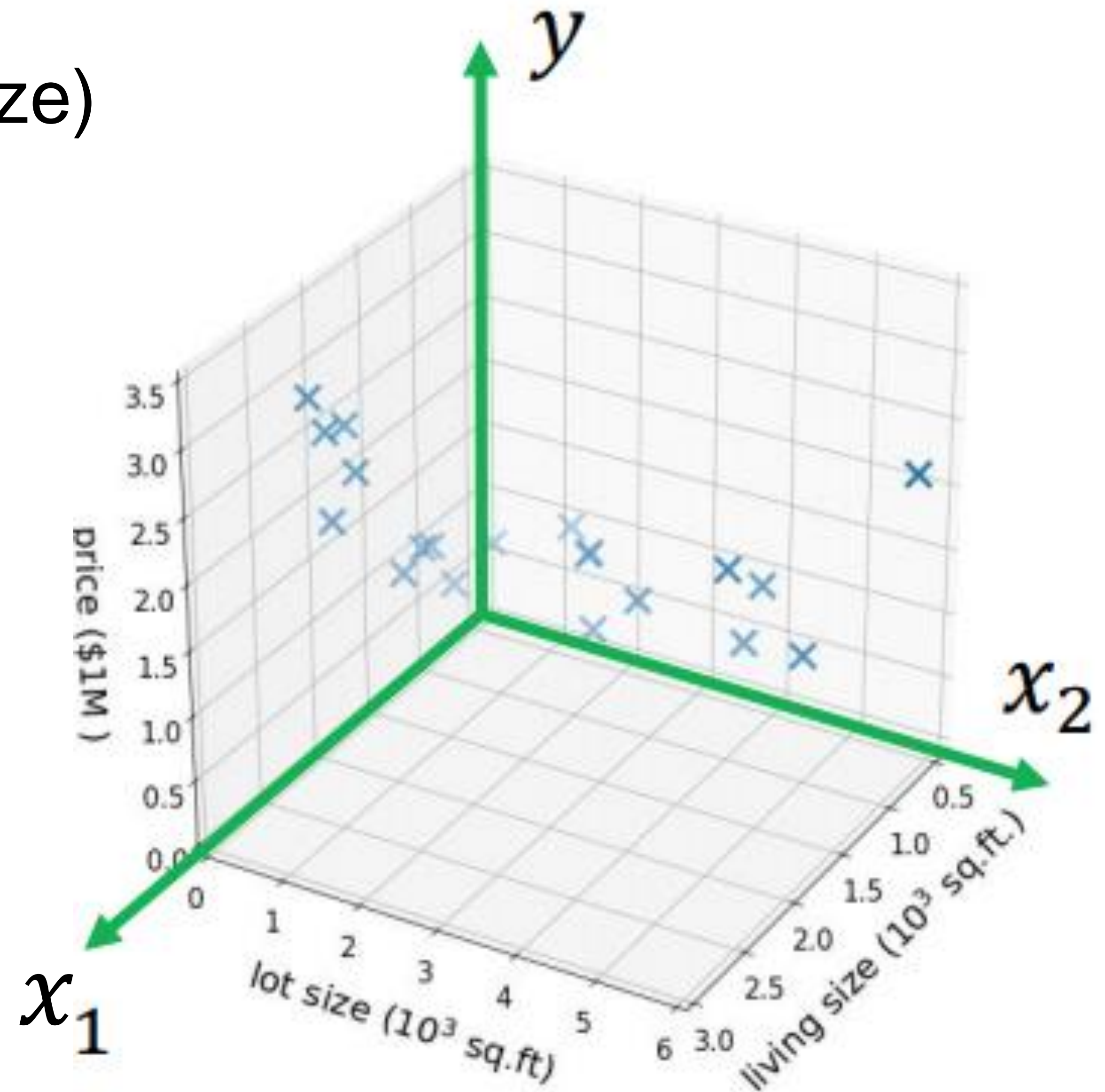
→ price

features/input

label/output

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}$$

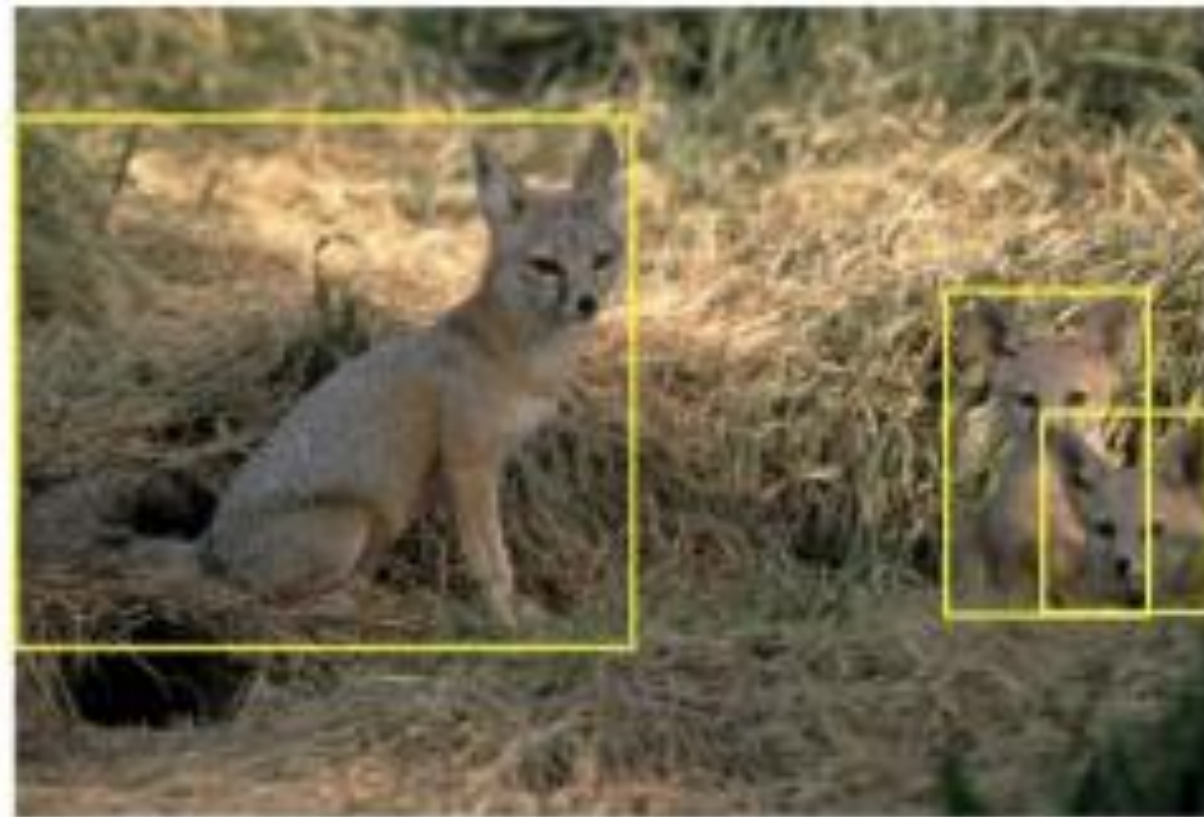


(credit: stanford CS229)

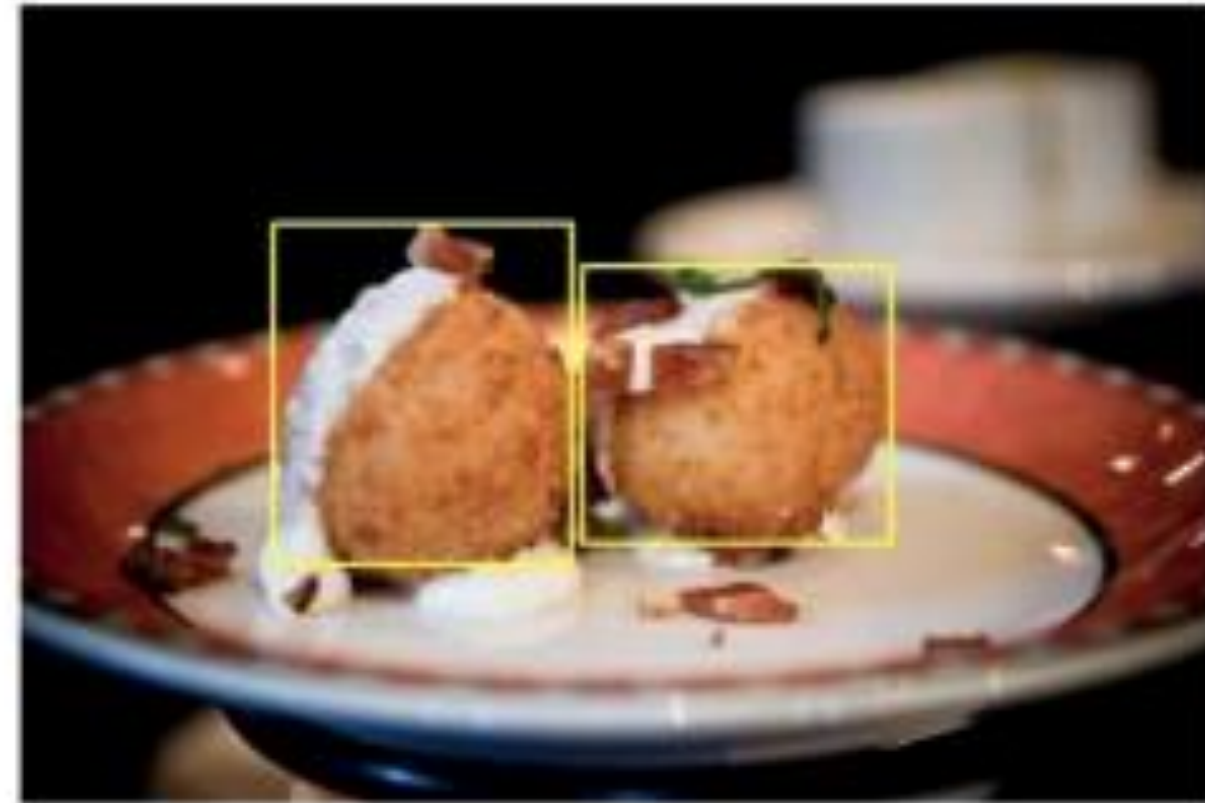
# Supervised Learning: More examples

$x$  = raw pixels of the image

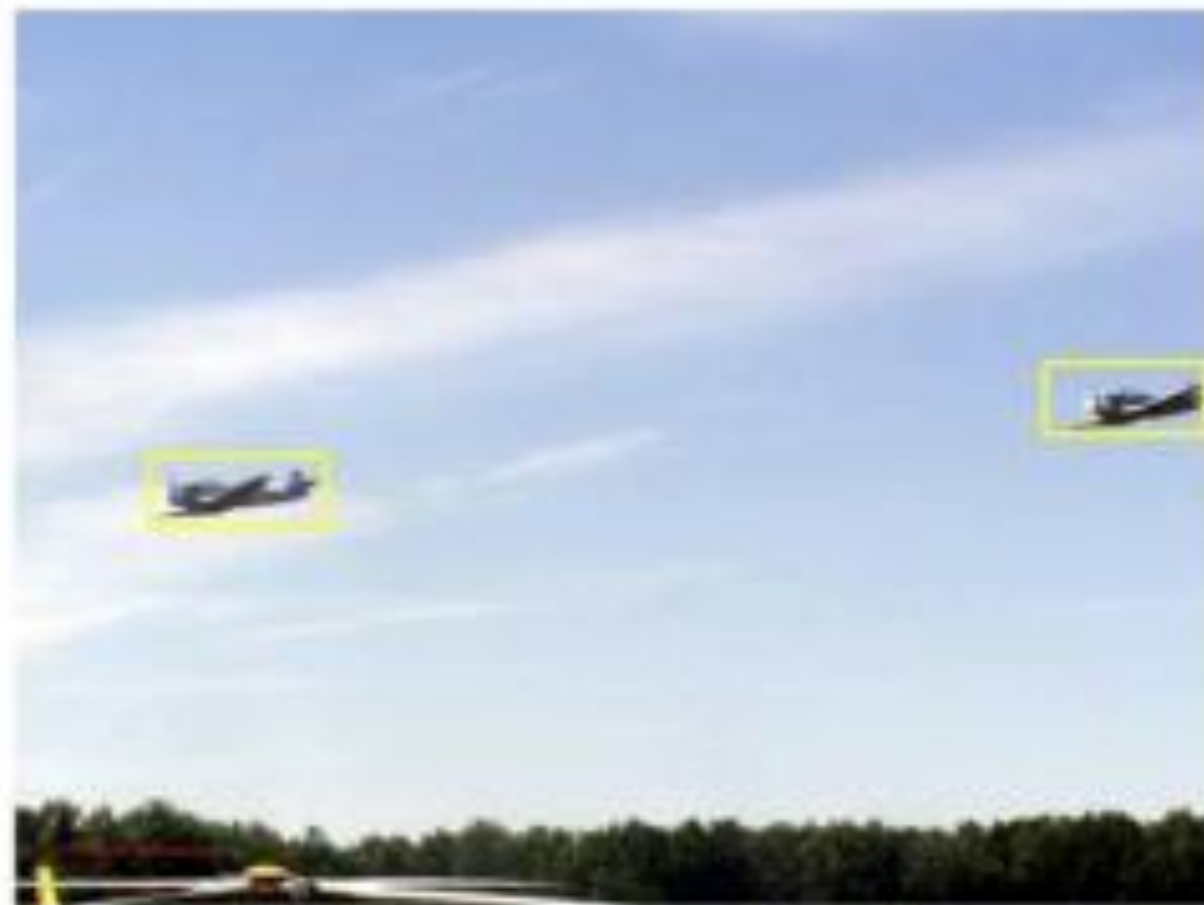
$y$  = bounding boxes



kit fox



croquette



airplane



frog

# Two Types of Supervised Learning Algorithms

## Classification

- the label is a **discrete** variable

$$y \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}$$

## Regression

- the label is a **continuous** variable

$$y \in \mathbb{R}$$

# Training Data for Supervised Learning

Training data is a collection of input instances to the learning algorithm:

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$$

input label

A training data is the “**experience**” given to a learning algorithm

# Goal of Supervised Learning

Given training data

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$$

Learn a function mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , such that  $f(x)$  predicts the label  $y$  on **future** data  $x$  (not in training data)

# Goal of Supervised Learning

Training set error

- 0-1 loss for classification  $\ell = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(\mathbf{x}_i) \neq y_i)$
- Squared loss for regression:  $\ell = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2$

A learning algorithm optimizes the training objective

$$f^* = \operatorname{argmin} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)} \ell(f(x), y)$$

Details in upcoming lectures :)



# Part II: Unsupervised Learning (no teacher)

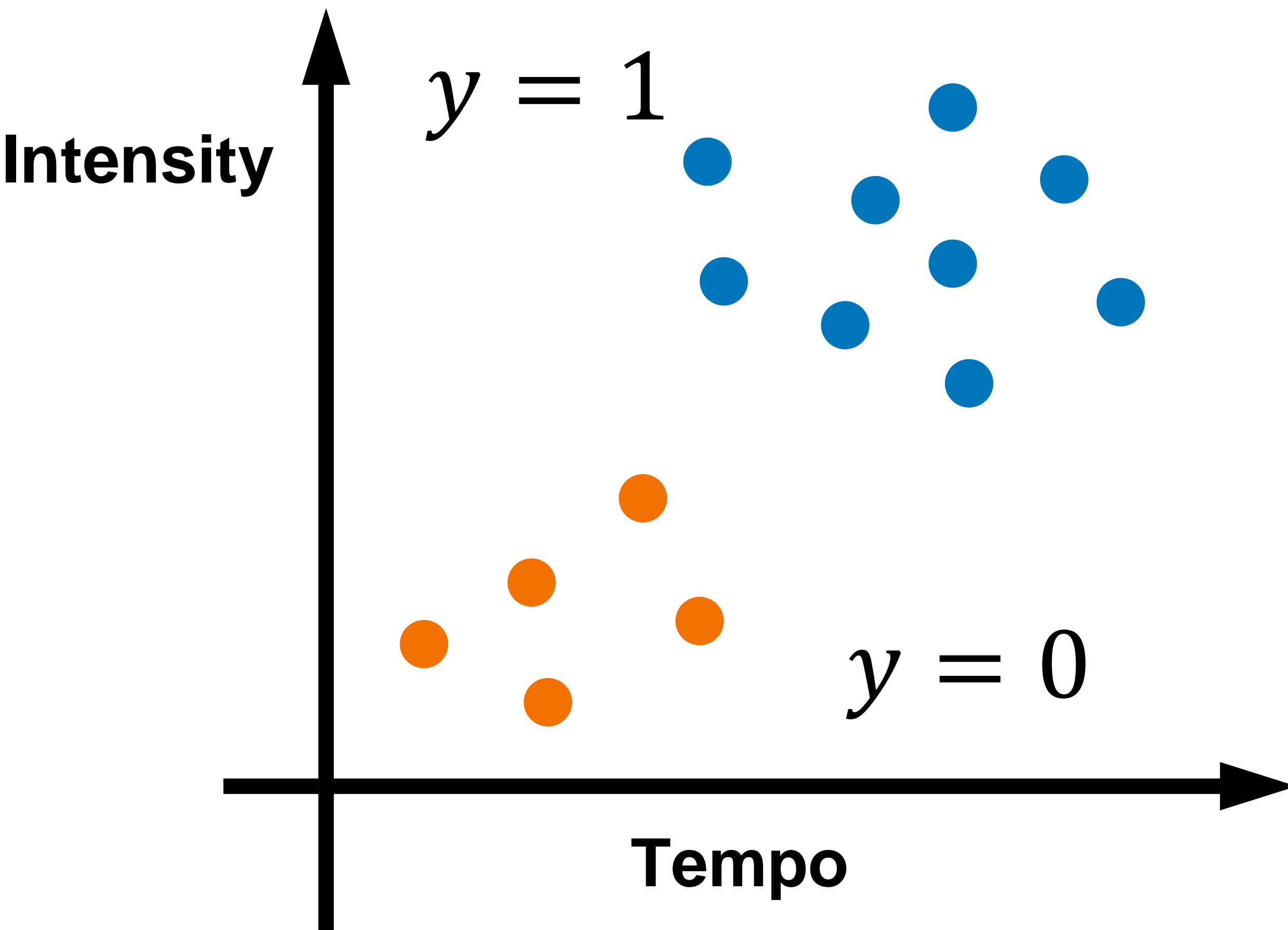


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- **Goal:** discover interesting patterns and structures in the data

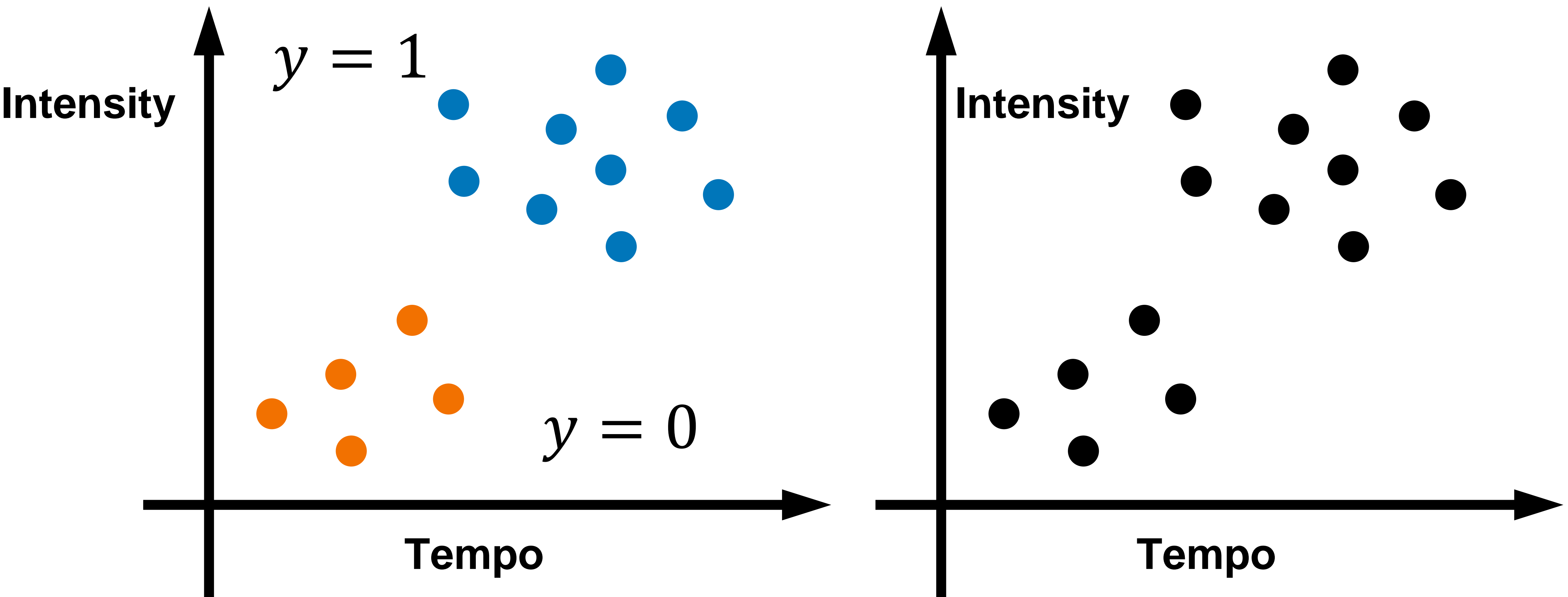
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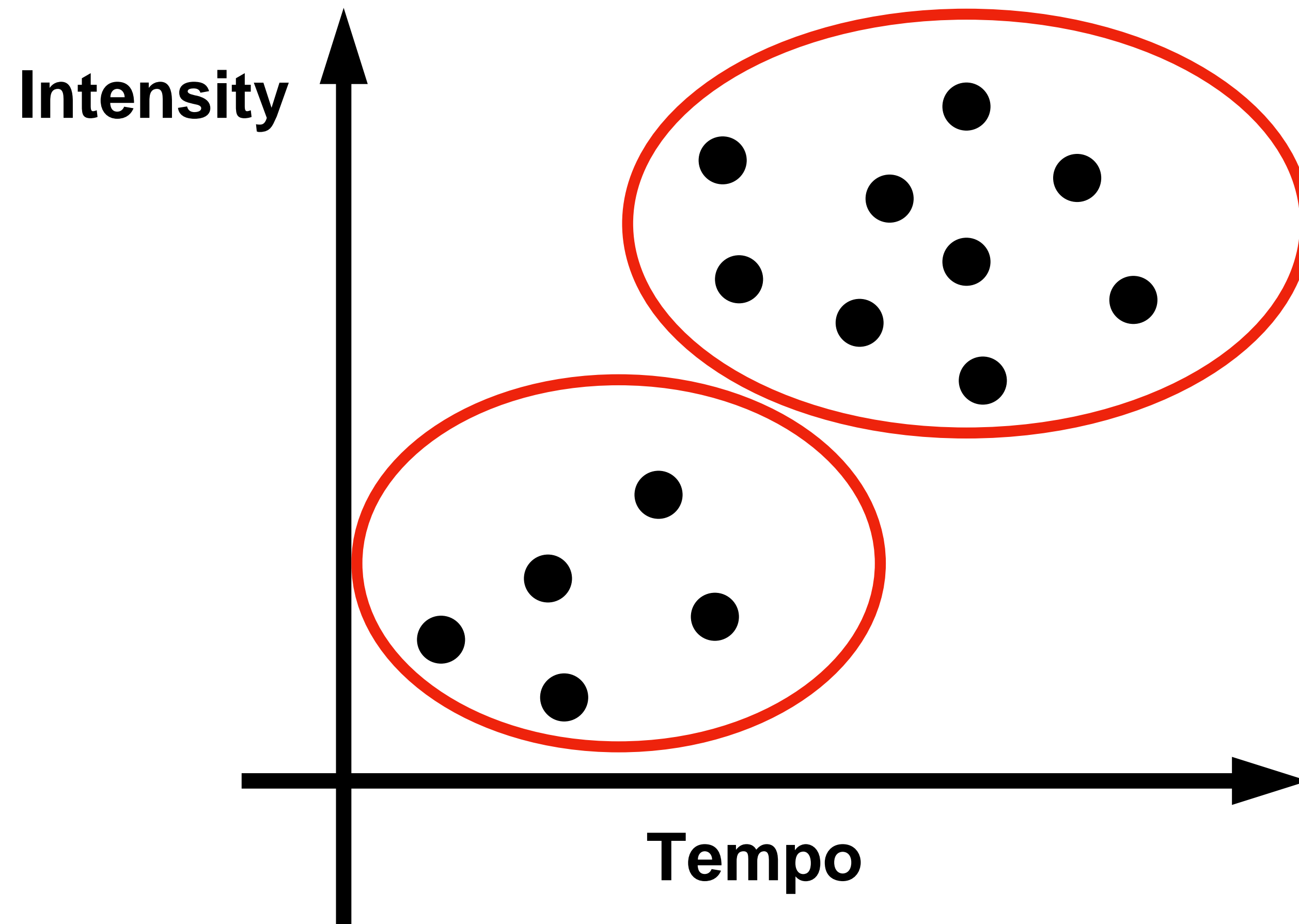
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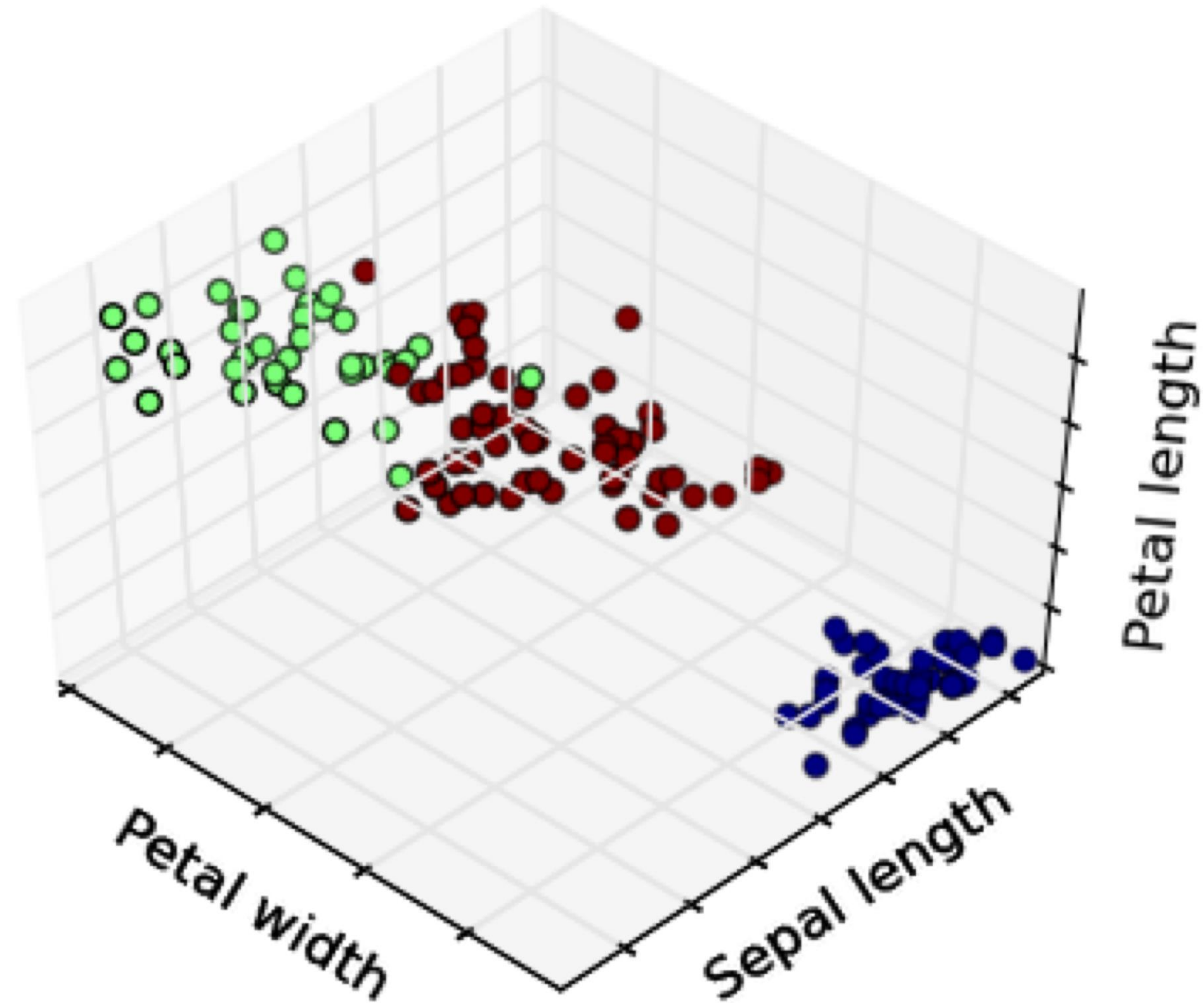


# Clustering

- Given: dataset contains **no label**  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
- **Output:** divides the data into clusters such that there are intra-cluster similarity and inter-cluster dissimilarity



# Clustering

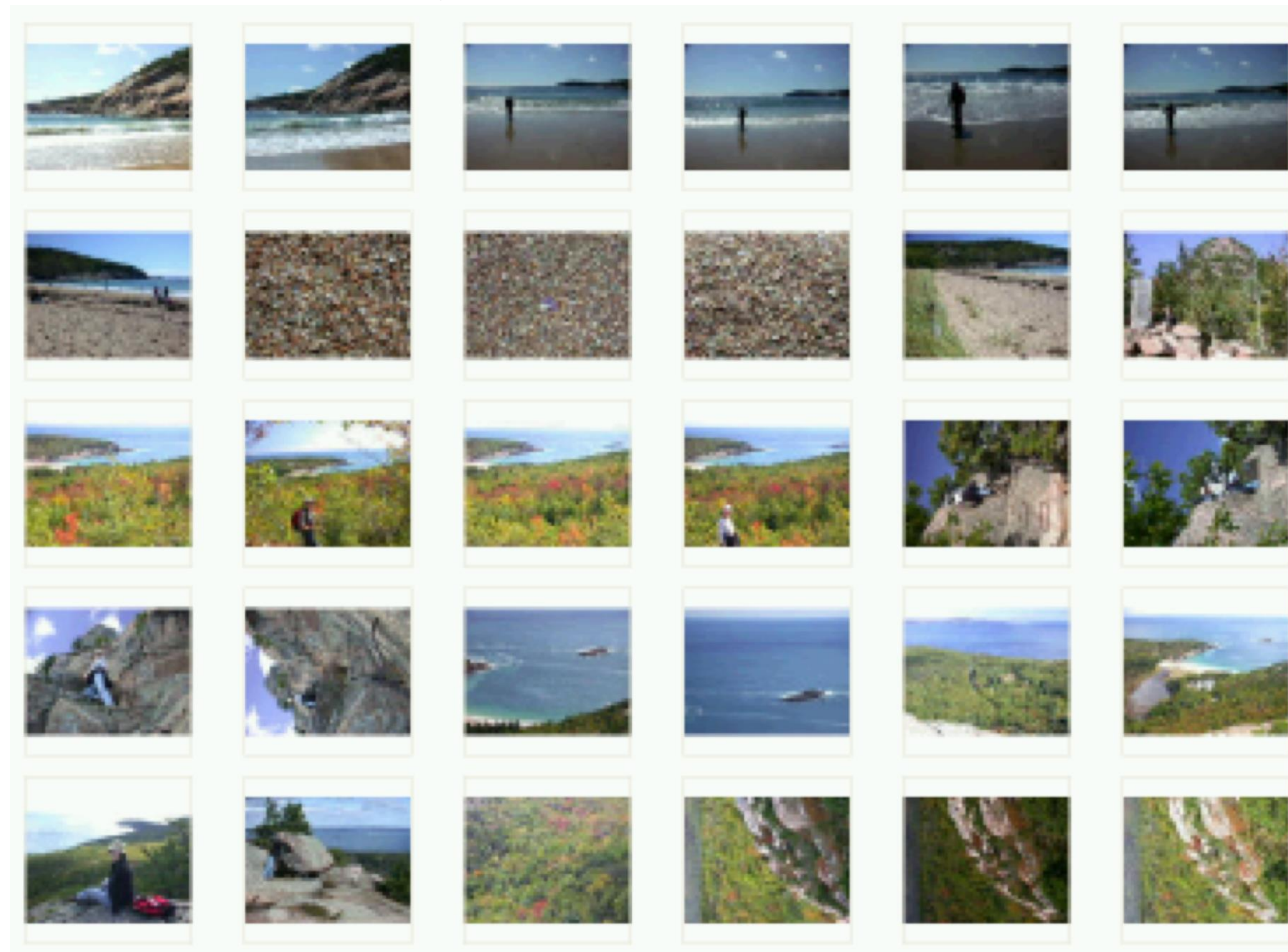


Clustering Irises using three different features

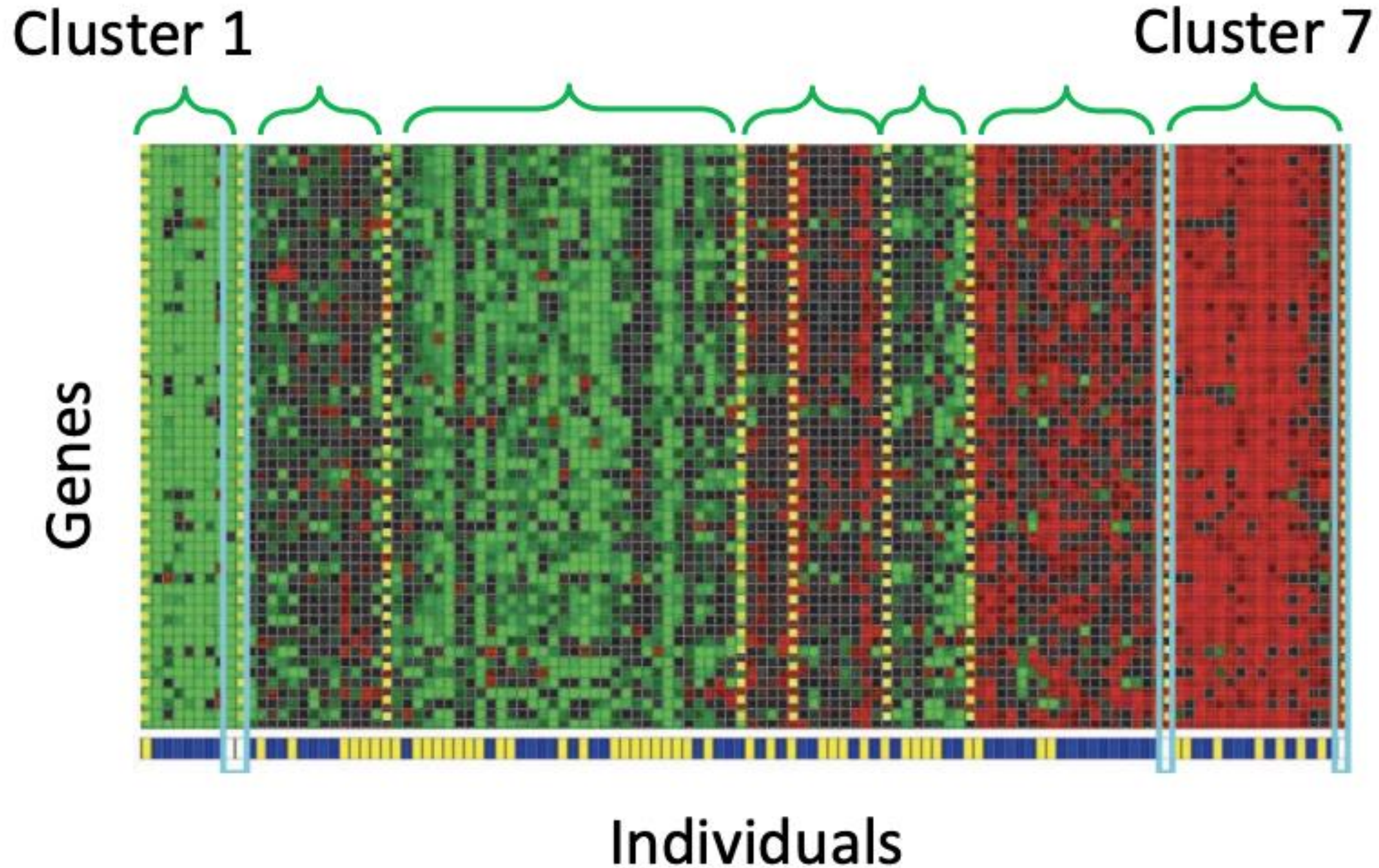
The colors represent clusters identified by the algorithm, not y's provided as input

# Clustering

- You probably have  $>1000$  digital photos stored on your phone
- After this class you will be able to organize them better (based on visual similarity)

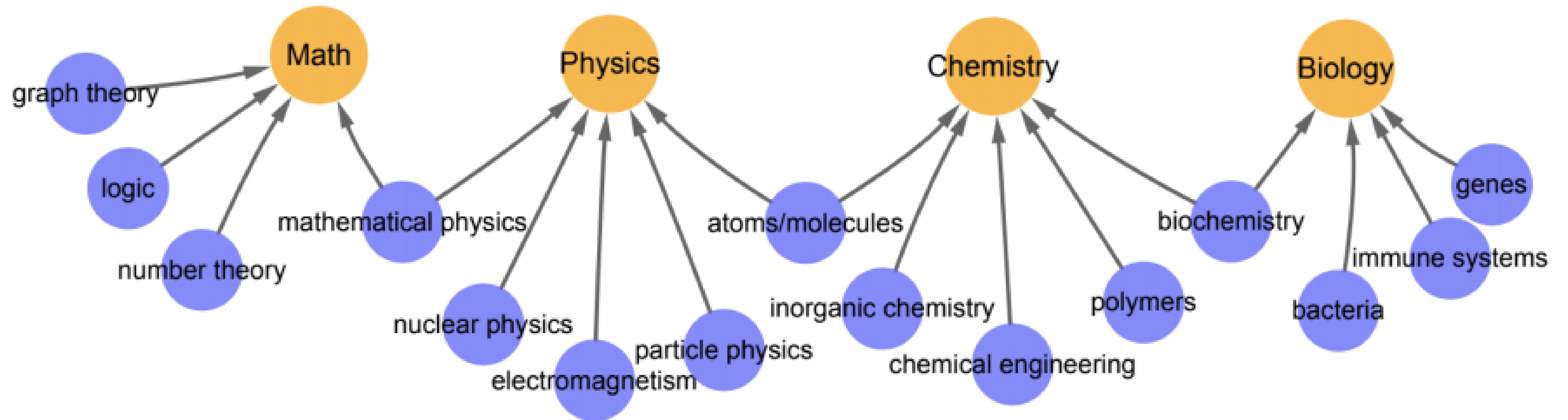


# Clustering Genes



Identifying Regulatory Mechanisms using Individual Variation Reveals Key Role for Chromatin Modification. [Su-In Lee, Dana Pe'er, Aimee M. Dudley, George M. Church and Daphne Koller. '06]

# Clustering Words with Similar Meanings





# How do we perform clustering?

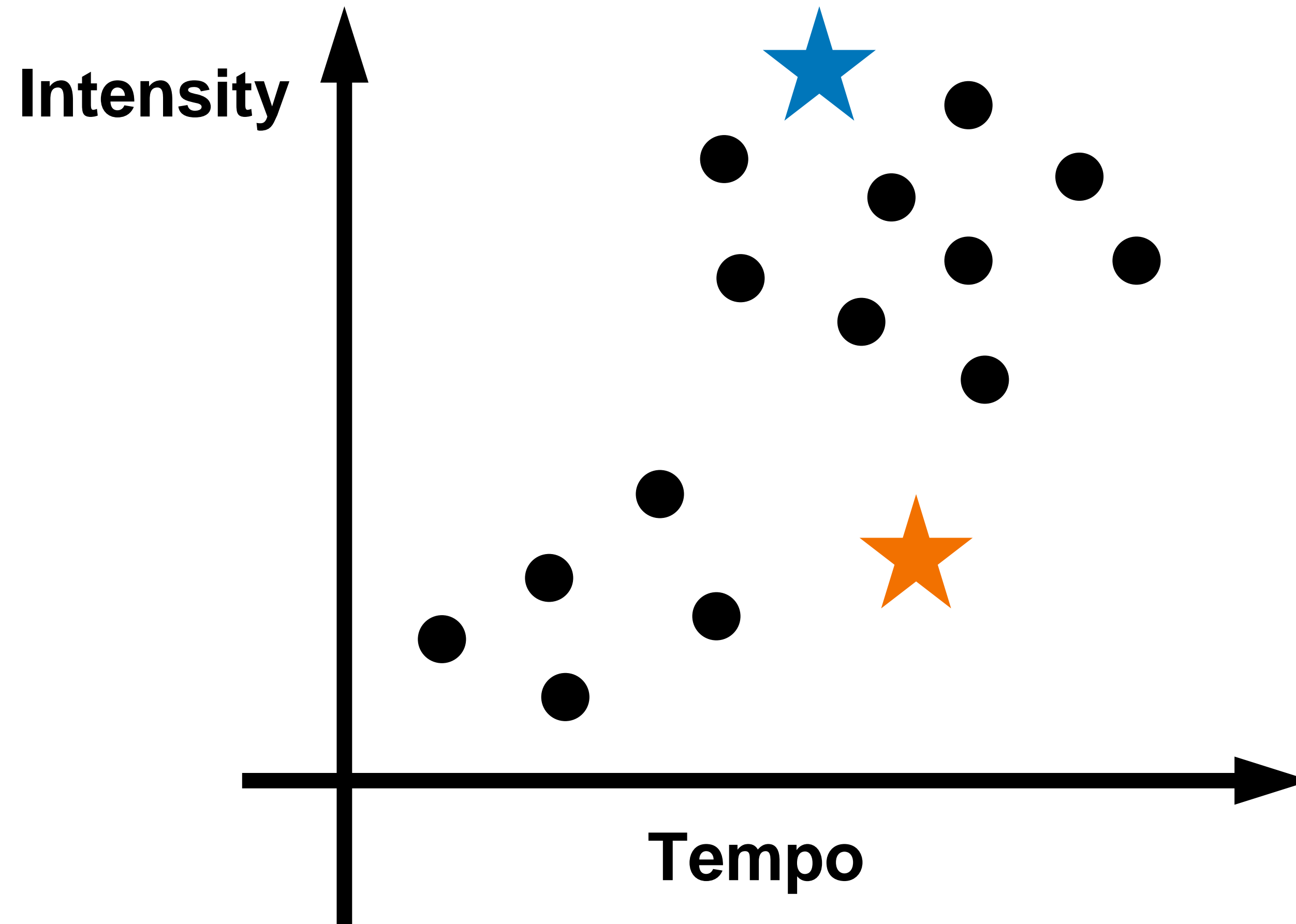
- Many clustering algorithms. We will look at the two most frequently used ones:
  - *K-means clustering*: we specify the desired number of clusters, and use an iterative algorithm to find them
  - *Hierarchical clustering*: we build a binary tree over the dataset

# K-means clustering

- Very popular clustering method
- Input: a dataset  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , and assume the number of clusters **k** is given

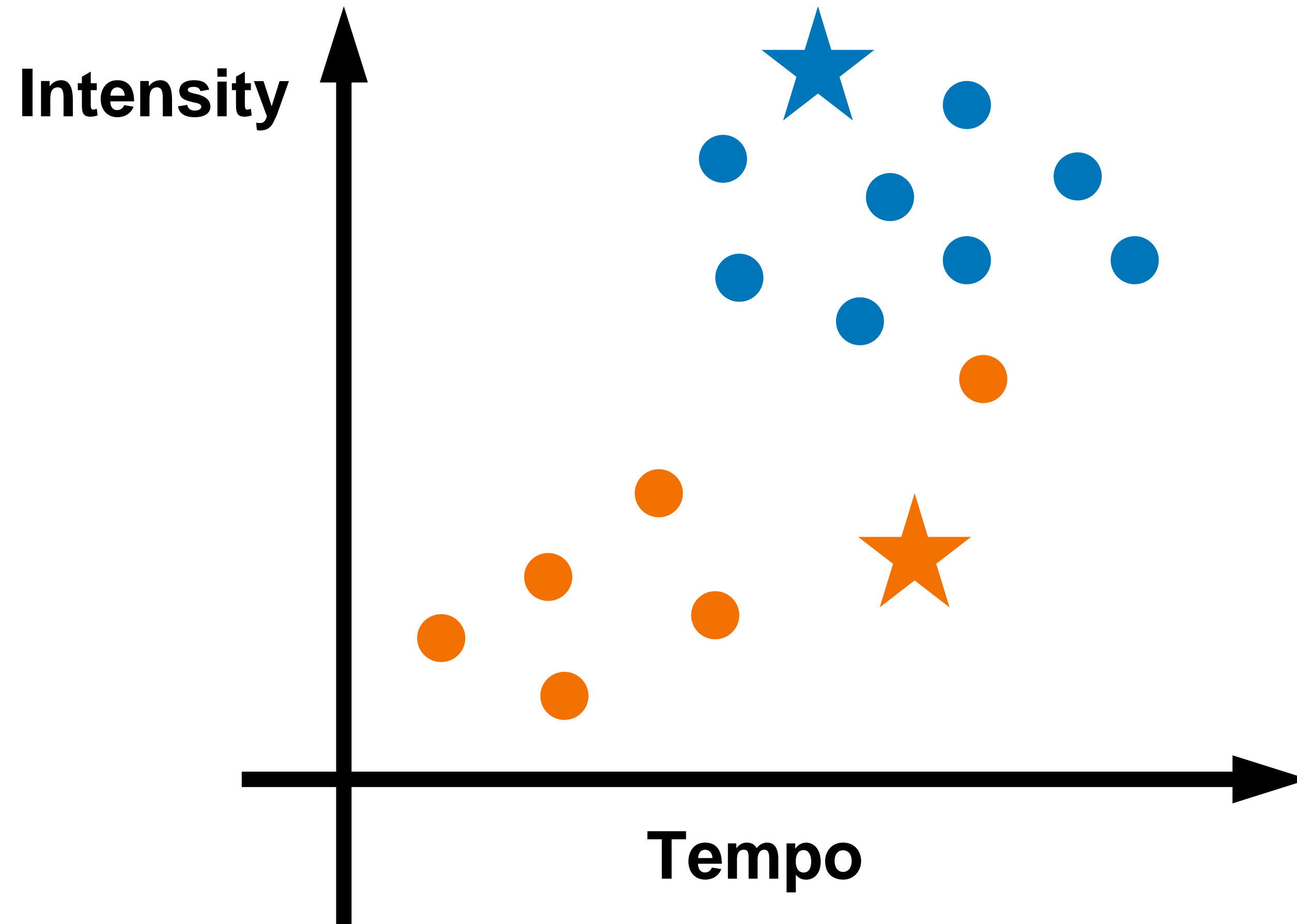
# K-means clustering

Step 1: **Randomly** picking 2 positions as initial cluster centers (not necessarily a data point)



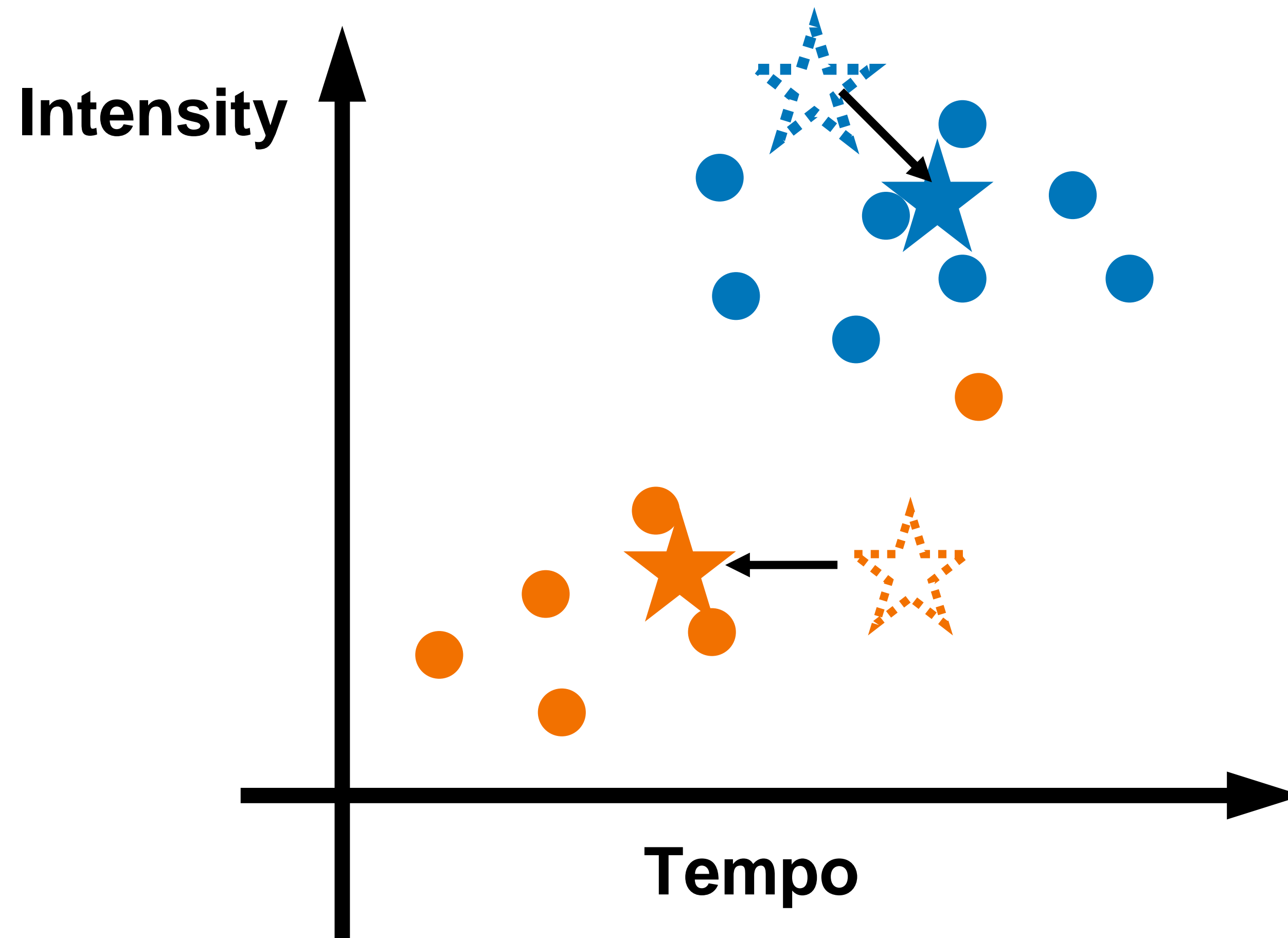
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Step 2: for each point  $x$ , determine its cluster: find the closest center in Euclidean space



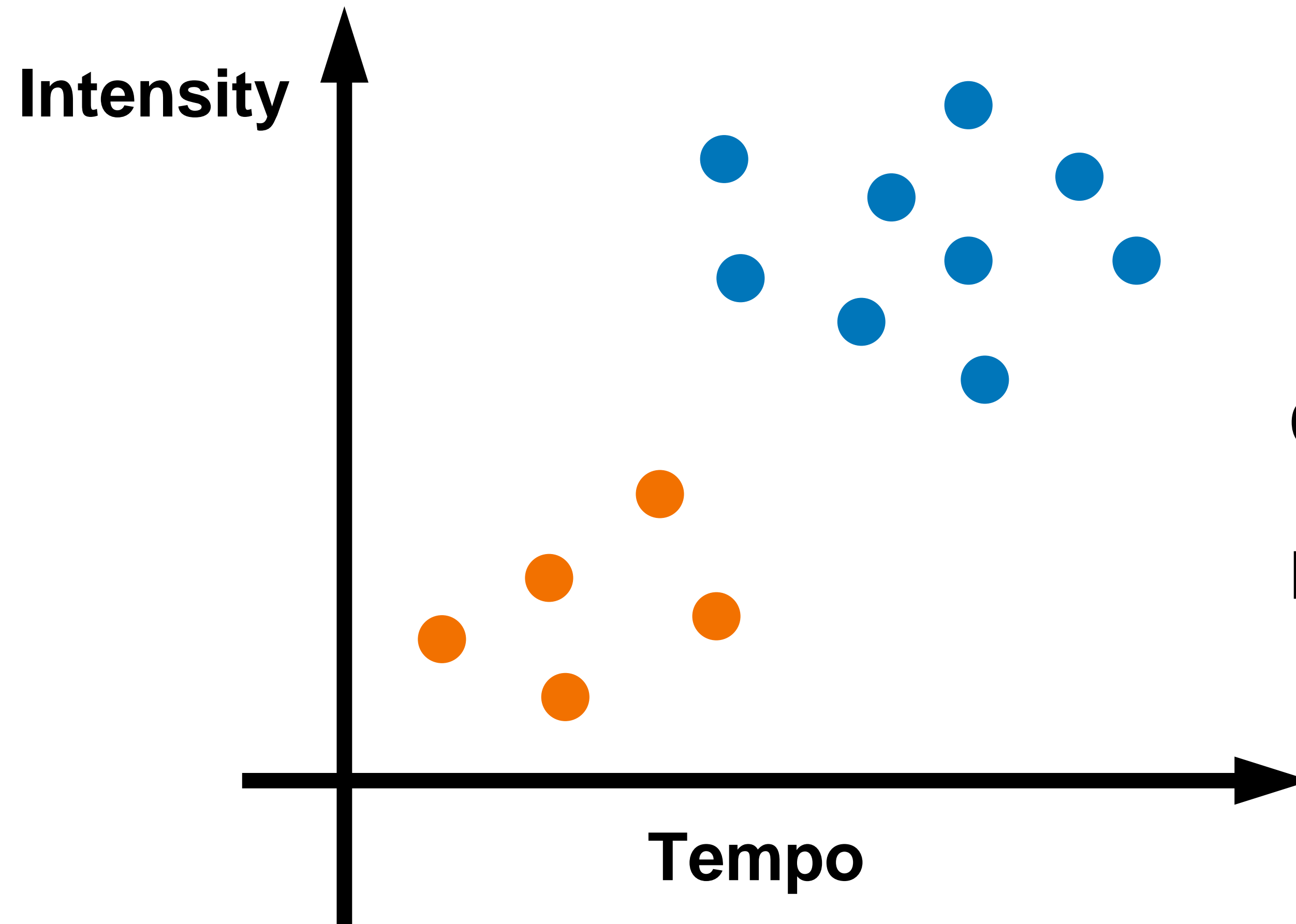
# K-means clustering

Step 3: update all cluster centers as the centroids



# K-means clustering

Repeat step 2 & 3 until convergence



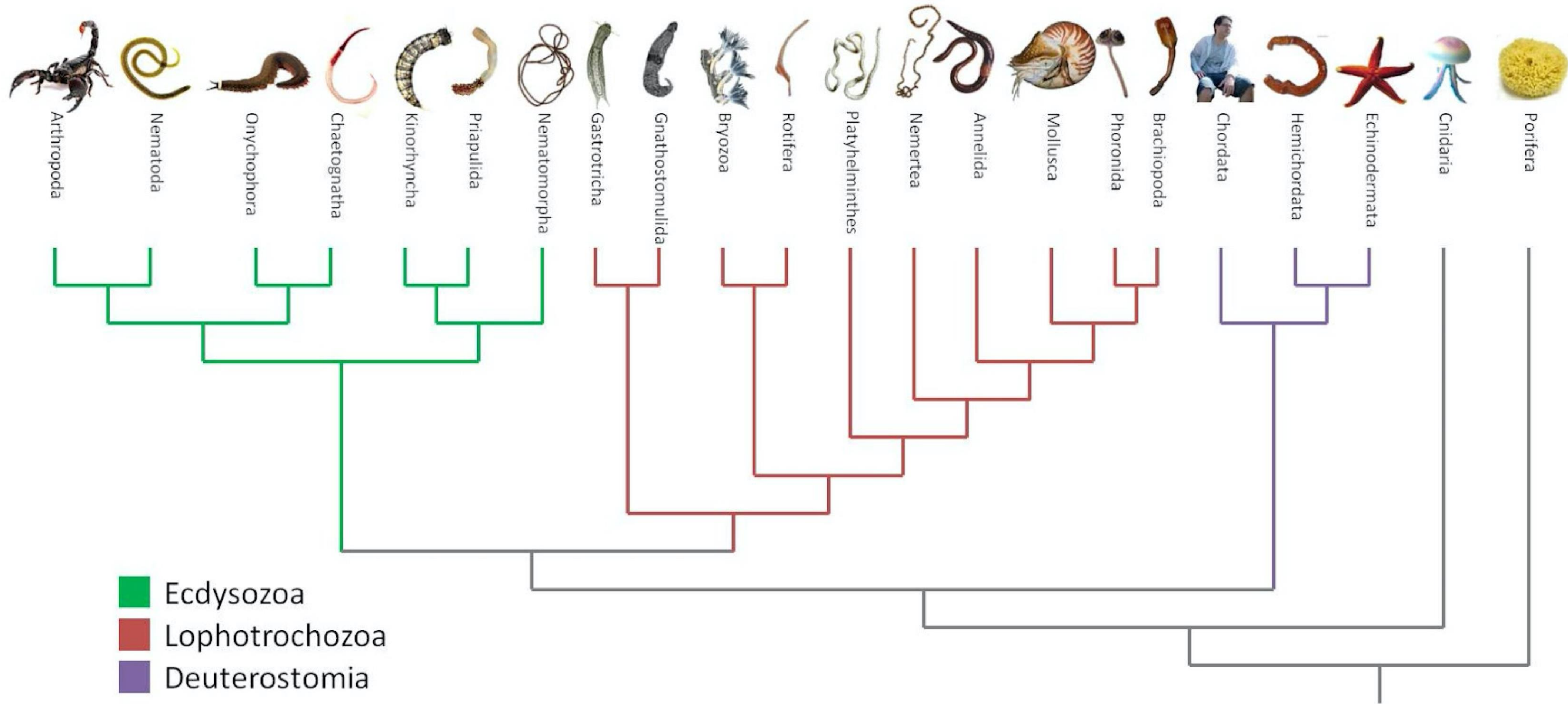
Converged solution!

No labels required!

# K-means clustering: A demo

<https://www.naftaliharris.com/blog/visualizing-k-means-clustering/>

# Hierarchical Clustering (more to follow next lecture)







# Part III: Reinforcement Learning (Learn from reward)



# Reinforcement Learning

- Given: an agent that can take actions and a reward function specifying how good an action is.
- **Goal:** learn to choose actions that maximize future reward total.



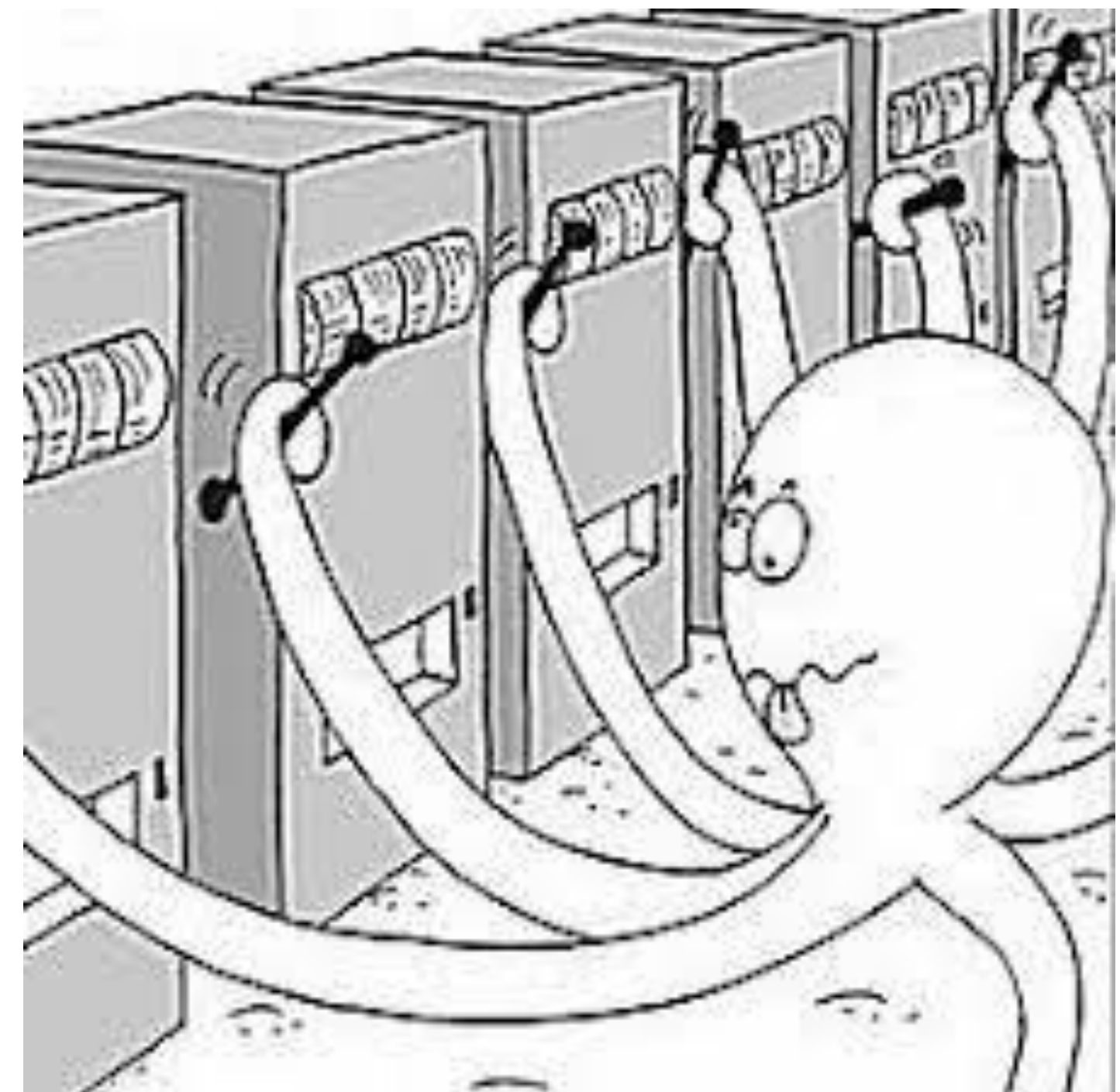
Google Deepmind

# Reinforcement Learning Key Problems

1. Problem: actions may have delayed effects.
  - Requires **credit-assignment**
2. Problem: maximal reward action is unknown
  - Exploration-exploitation trade-off

“..the problem [exploration-exploitation] was proposed [by British scientist] to be dropped over Germany so that German scientists could also waste their time on it.”

- Peter Whittle



Multi-armed Bandit

# Today's recap

- What is machine learning?
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**Thanks!**