# DATA MINING 1 Classification

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# **Supervised Learning**

- Cluster analysis and association rules are not concerned with a specific target attribute.
- Supervised learning refers to problems where the value of a target attribute should be predicted based on the values of other attributes.
- Problems with a *categorical target* attribute are called *classification*, problems with a *numerical target* attribute are called *regression*.



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"A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some task T and some performance measure P, if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E." (Tom Mitchell, 1997)

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# Examples of Classification Task

Task	Attribute set, x	Class label, y
Categorizing email messages	Features extracted from email message header and content	spam or non-spam
Identifying tumor cells	Features extracted from MRI scans	malignant or benign cells
Cataloging galaxies	Features extracted from telescope images	Elliptical, spiral, or irregular-shaped galaxies

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Machine Learning: train based on data (examples)



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- Problems for which existing solutions require a lot of finetuning or a long list of rules
- Complex problems for which a traditional approach yields no good solution
- Changing environments
- Getting insights about complex problems and large amount of data



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- Usually, the given data set is divided into training and test sets, with training set used to build the model and test set used to evaluate it.

#### **General Approach for Building Classification Model**



Test Set

# **Classification Techniques**

- Base Classifiers
  - Decision Tree based Methods
  - Rule-based Methods
  - Nearest-neighbor
  - Neural Networks
  - Deep Learning
  - Naïve Bayes and Bayesian Belief Networks
  - Support Vector Machines
- Ensemble Classifiers
  - Boosting, Bagging, Random Forests



#### References

• Chapter 3. Classification: Basic Concepts and Techniques.

