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Coding Machine Learning

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Learning Outcomes



Main Goal: Get you set up and running for coding ML projects.

- How to set up your code?
- What tools/languages/frameworks can help make our life easier?
- How does it connect with the Theory?



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What language/frameworks should I use?

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Where is it stored?

How do I track changes?

How do I share it with someone else?



Part 1: The Box of Code



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Github



GitHub = Git + Hub



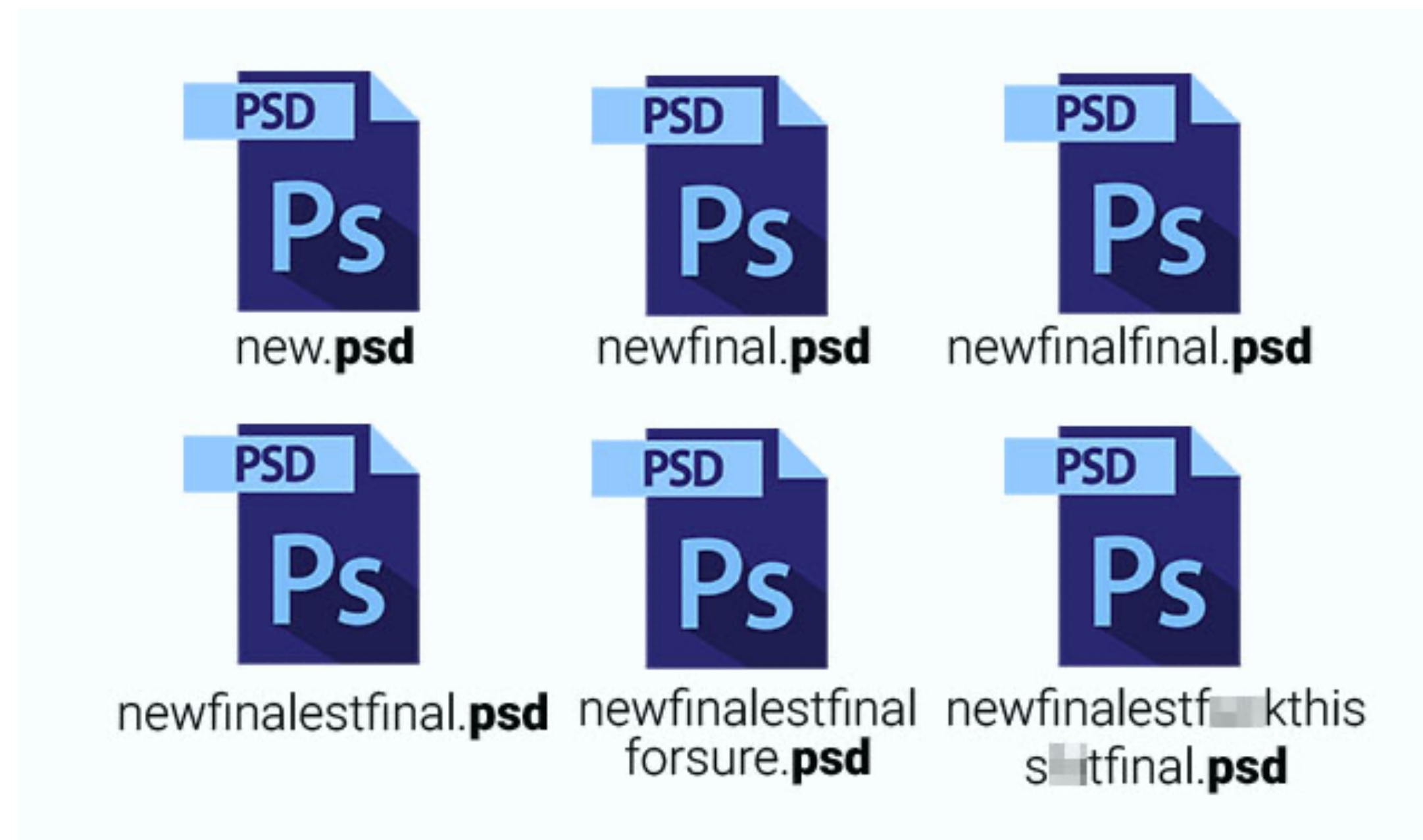
- Git: A system for tracking versions of files (Version Control)
- GitHub: Store your code + it tracks changes using git



Why do we need Git?



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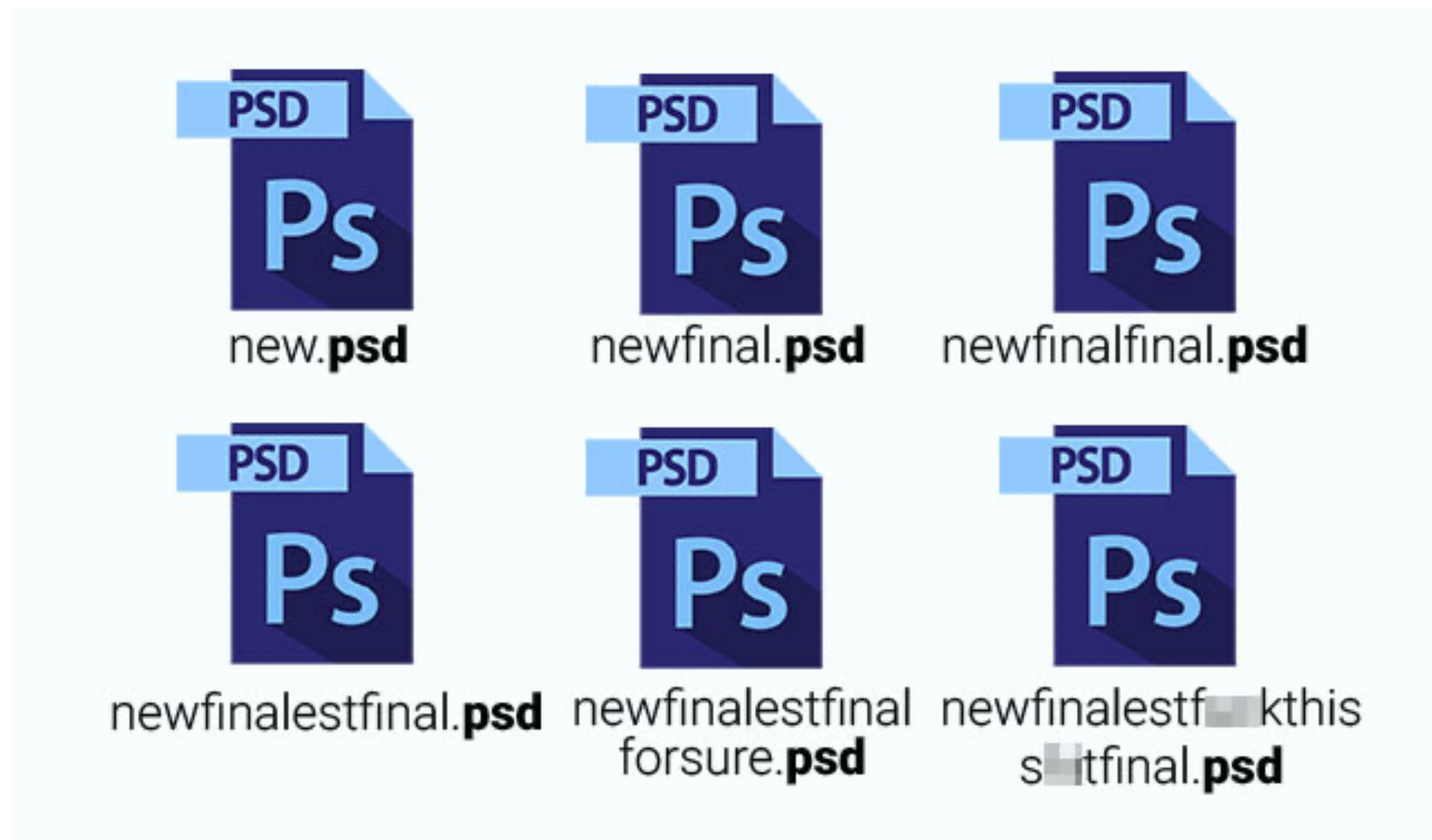




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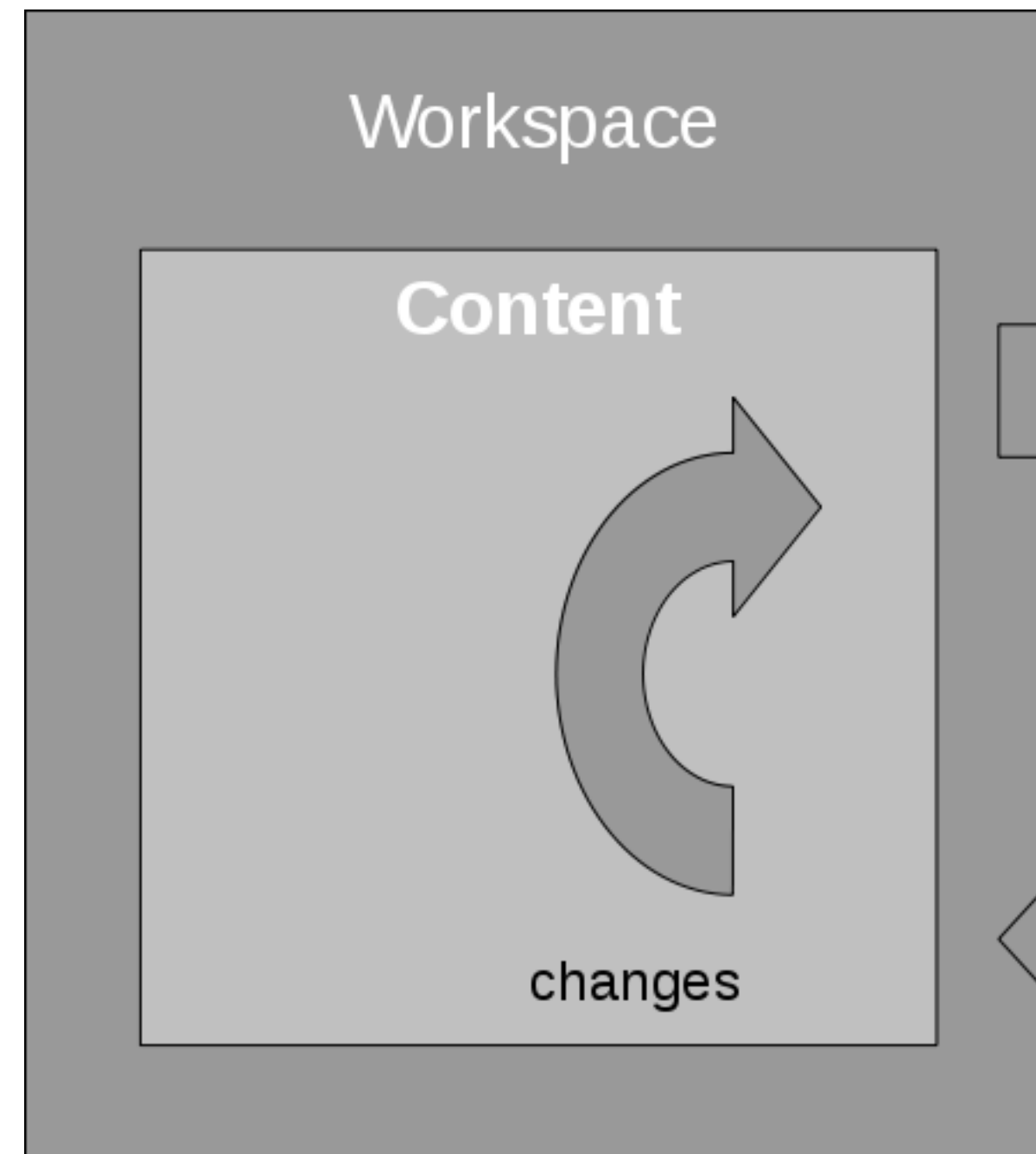
- Managing versions is important.
- Especially when multiple people are working on the same code-base.
- Combined with GitHub - Great way to store/manage/share your projects.



How version control works

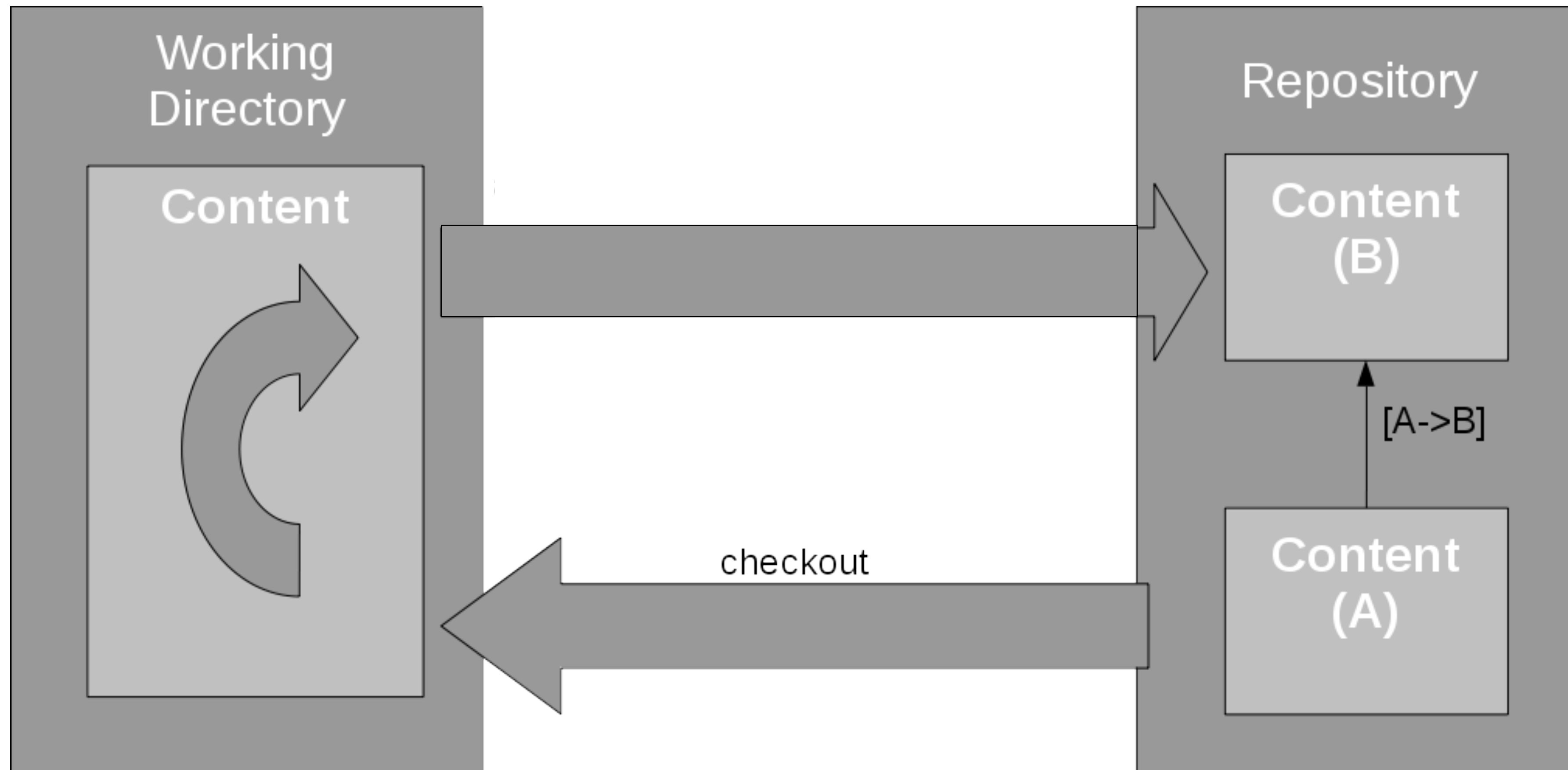


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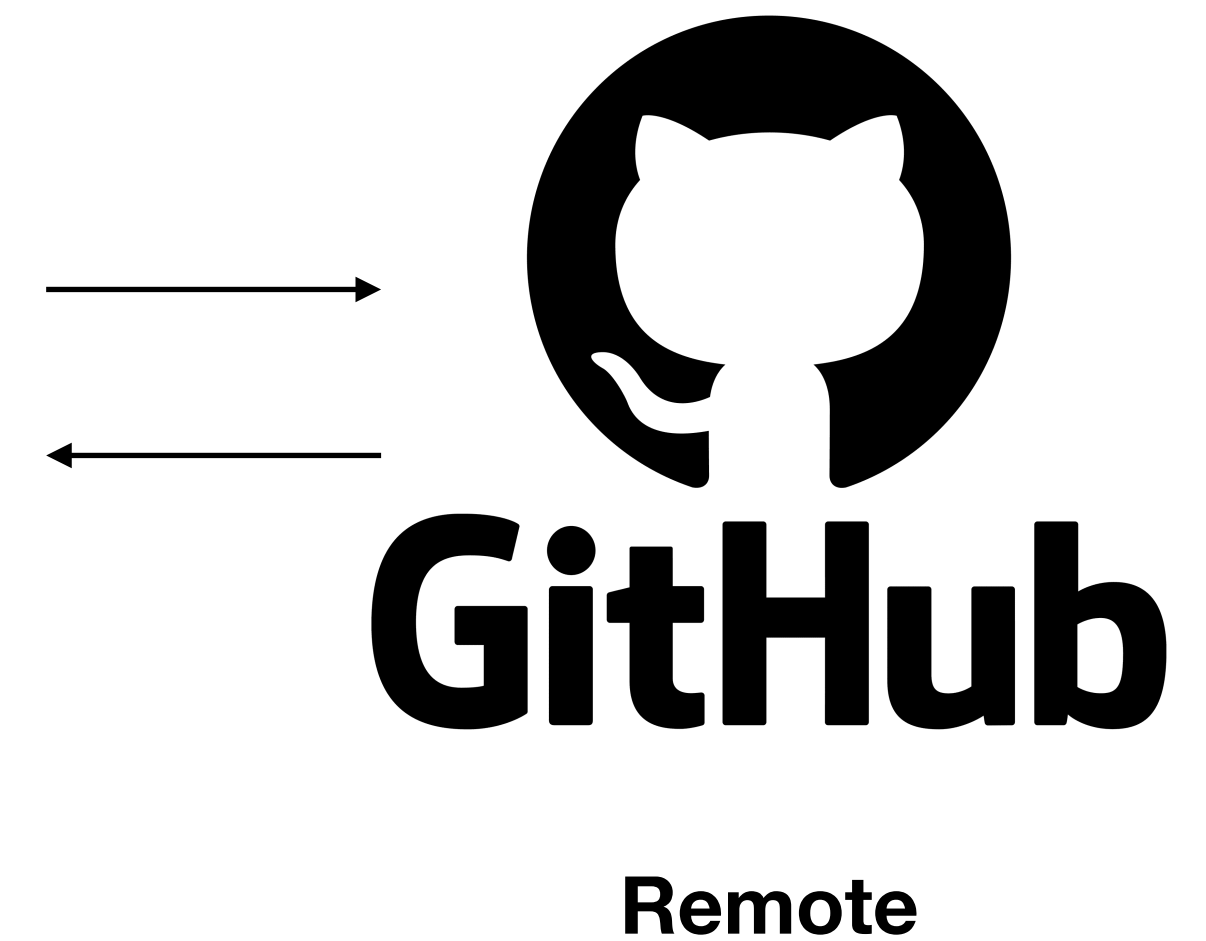




How git works



Local





Few useful commands



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Group 1: Getting stuff from github

git clone - Copy from GitHub to local.

git fetch - get changes from remote

git merge - merge changes into local

git pull = git fetch + git merge

Group 2: Reflecting your local changes on github

git add - add a changed file to staging area

git commit - commit the change i.e. create snapshot

git push - upload new snapshot to github

Group 3: Branches etc

git checkout - switch or create new branch (Assignment 2)

https://github.com/Spandan-Madan/Harvard_BAI



More advanced git



- How to resolve merge conflicts.
- Pushing too large a file - undoing added files.
- Undoing a commit i.e. moving to previous commit.



Summary Part 1



- Git = Management system for your files
- GitHub = a place where code is stored and managed using git snapshots



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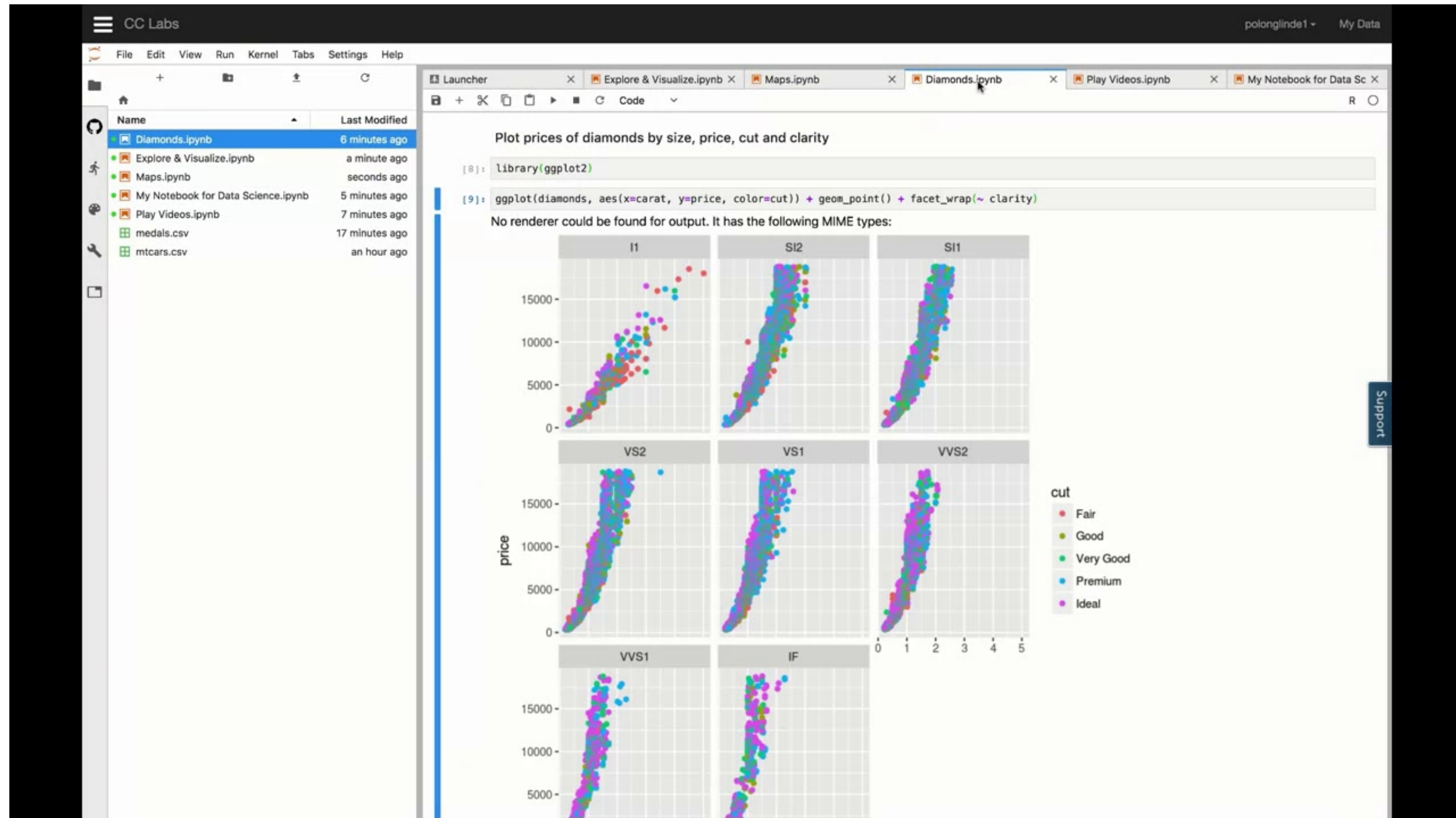
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What is Jupyter?



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Intro to Google Colab



Coding TensorFlow





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Jupyter Notebooks



Part 3



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- What language/framework should we use to write code in our files?
- We will use PyTorch.



- Facebook's framework for ML/DL research.
- Easy to install.
- Easy to prototype.
- Resource for PyTorch: https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/deep_learning_60min_blitz.html

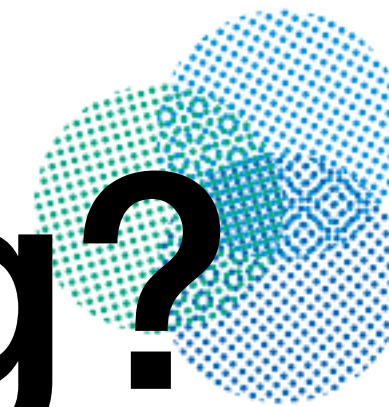


***A very* brief introduction to ML/DL**

...and how PyTorch allows us to code for ML

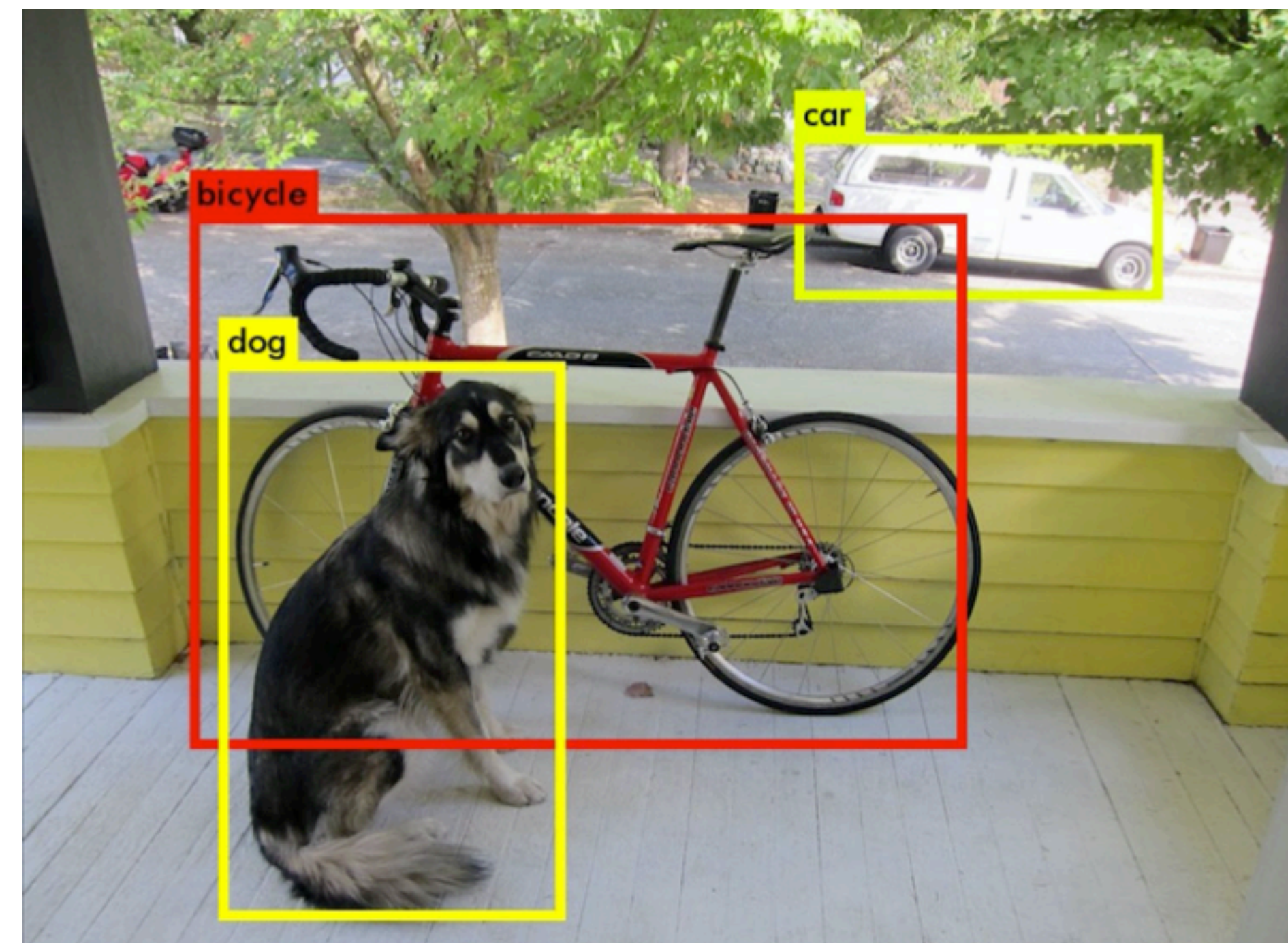


What is Machine Learning?



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- Very elusive to define.
- Tom Mitchell (CMU): “A machine for which performance improves for some specific task with experience”.





Why is ML everywhere?



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Unprocessed
things



The toolkit perspective



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**INFORMATION
GOES IN**



**MACHINE
LEARNING
MODEL**



**MORE USEFUL
INFORMATION
COMES OUT**

x_i

f

y_i



EXAMPLES



Machine
Learning
System



Chair YES/NO



What is f ?

- Assumption: Underlying relationship. We have reason to believe that:

$$y_i = g(x_i) \quad \forall x_i \in X$$

- But, g is very, very complex/hard to pin point. Ex: protein folding, music preference, voting preference, and so on.
- Solution: Let's approximate g with f .



Typically learning setups



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- **Supervised:** Both y (labels) and x (inputs) are given.
 - Ex: Is this a picture of chair? Can you translate this from English to Hindi/Mandarin/French?
- **Unsupervised:** Discovering patterns in x , independent of a y .
 - Ex: Anomaly detection in a subset of pictures, or predicting next word in a sequence.



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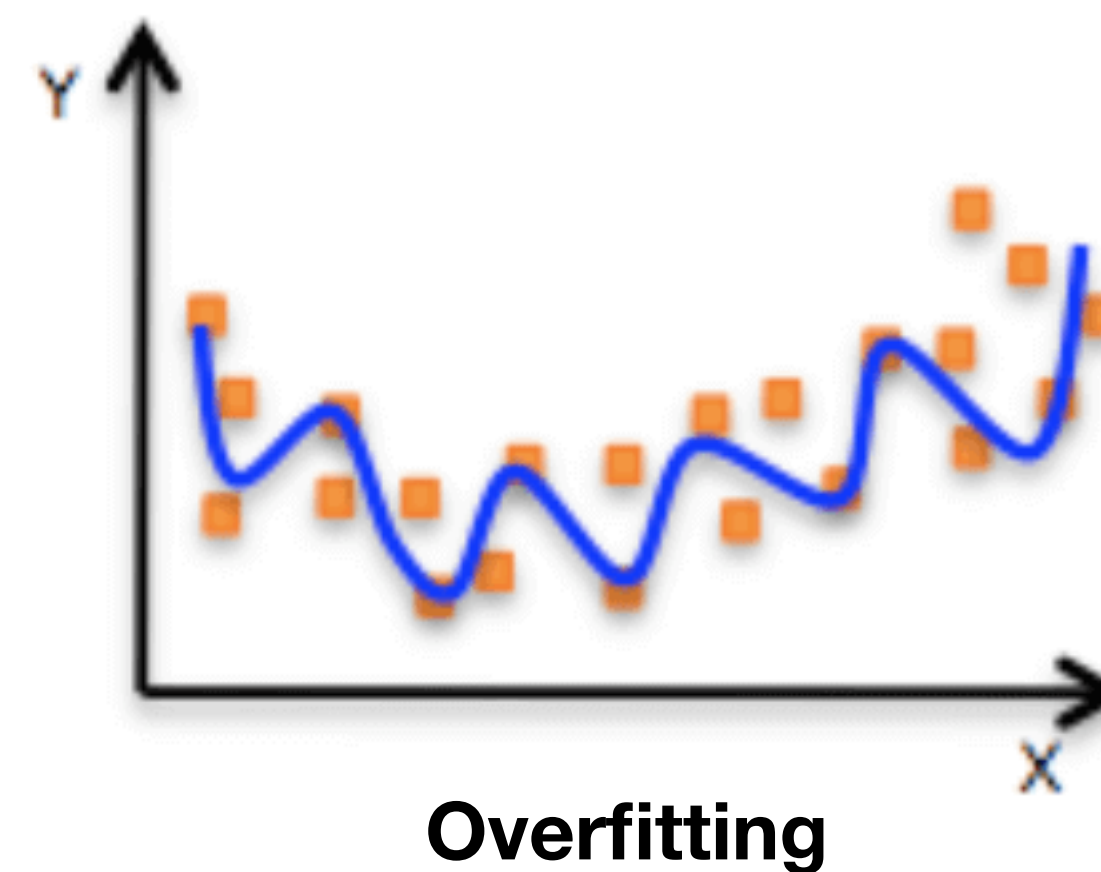
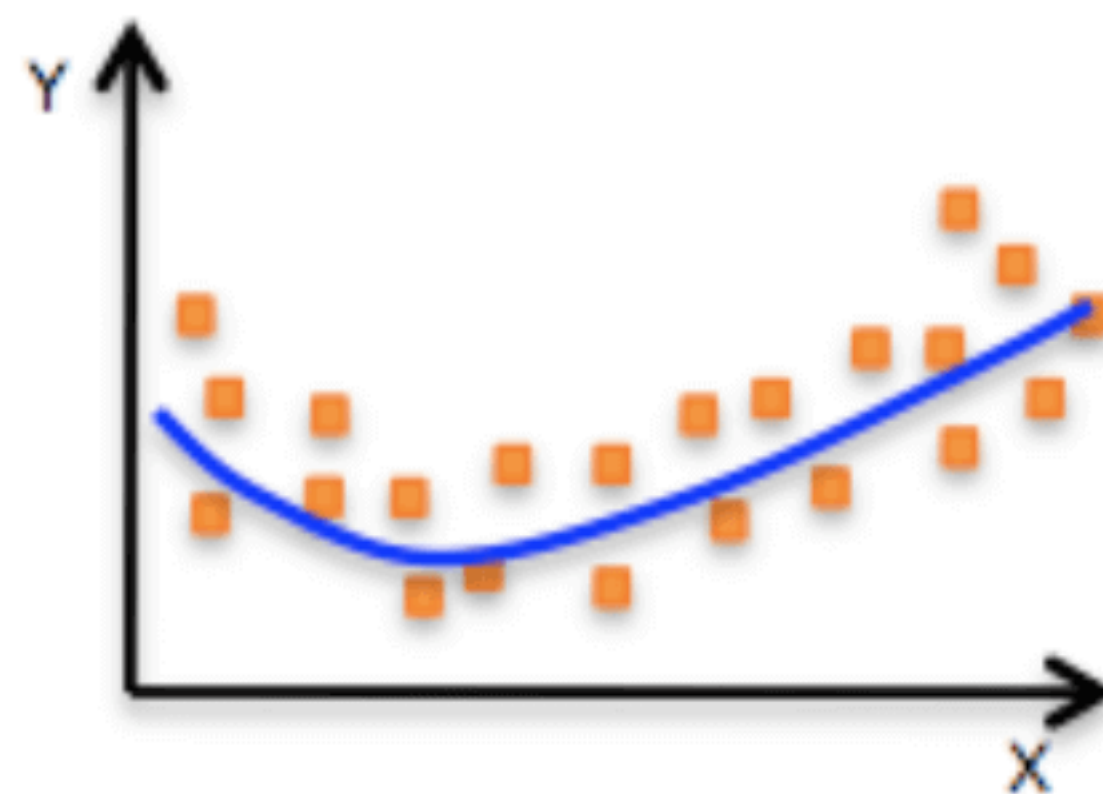
- **Semi-supervised:** Supervised + Unsupervised components.
 - Ex: MRI, CT scans - mixing vision + small, labeled doctor feedback.
- **Reinforcement:** Really shouldn't be on the same list. Specifically cast for settings where multiple actions are taken in a sequence.



Supervised Learning

$$y_i = g(x_i) \sim f(x_i)$$

- Goal, finding f which best approximates g .
- Let $x_i \in X_{train}$, $y_i \in Y_{train}$, is the goal to find the best fit f on (X_{train}, Y_{train}) ?





Empirical Risk Minimization

- f and g should be similar on all possible X, Y you will get.
- This includes - (1) Train set, (2) Test set, **(3) Samples you don't have**

$$\epsilon(f) = \int_{X \times Y} f(x) \sim g(x)$$

- How should we quantify $f \sim g$?

$$L(f(x), y) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$



Empirical Risk Minimization II

$$\epsilon(f) = \int_{X \times Y} f(x) \sim g(x)$$

$$\epsilon(f) = \int_{X \times Y} L(y, f(x))$$

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The goal of supervised learning:

$$\min_f \epsilon(f)$$



What all factors did we see?

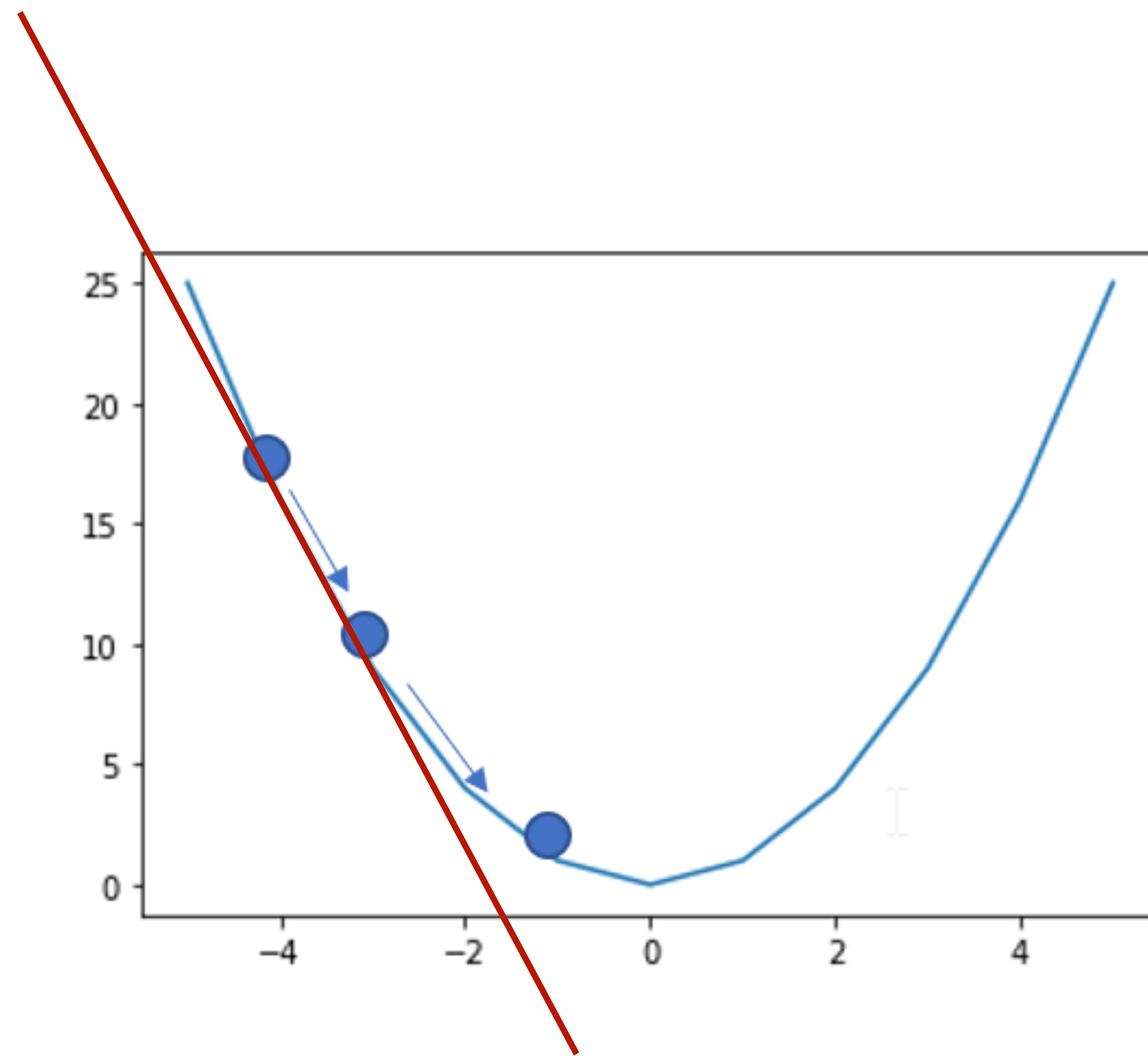


- We are trying to minimize, the loss function (L) incurred by our chosen function f on dataset space (X,Y)
- Let's go over each one of these components



Minimization: How do we do it?

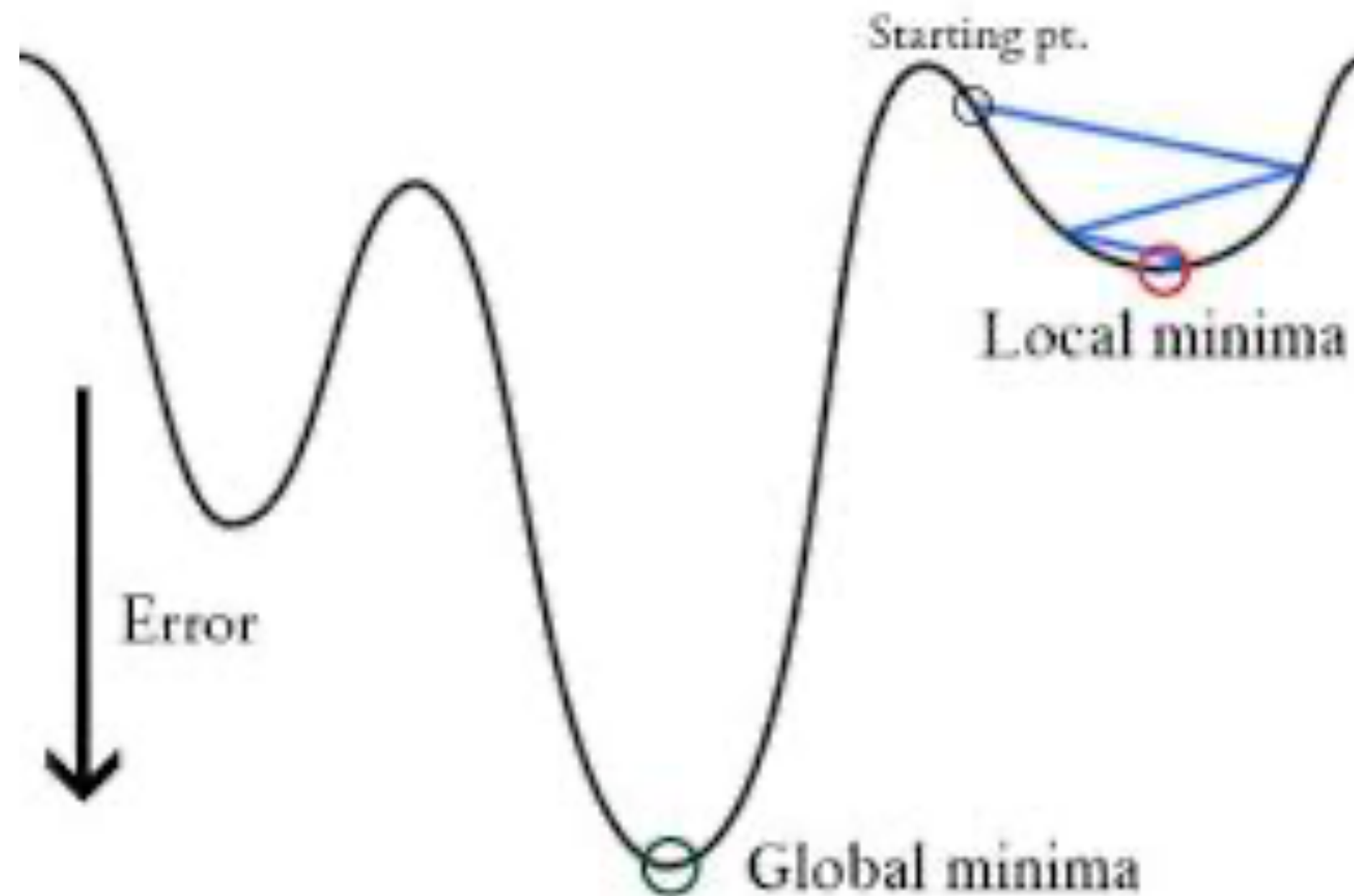
- Gradient Descent:
 - (1) Measure gradient of loss w.r.t. parameter (say α),
 - (2) change parameter as: $\alpha = \alpha + r * \frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha}$





How about a more complex function?

- Gradient descent should not work.
- We have other variants which work better in practice.



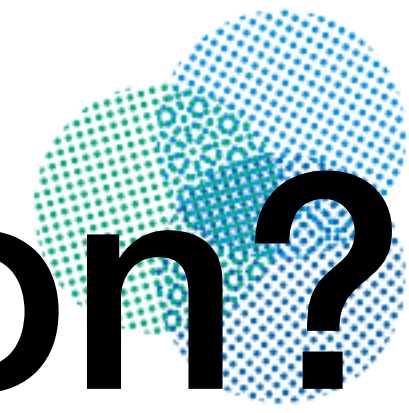


So, we need to make the job easy.



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- Components to play with - Loss function L , Data (X, Y) , and architecture of the function f .
- Let's see how we can modify each of them.



What is a good loss function?

- It should reflect what is important to us. For classification:- don't penalize if prediction is same, and do penalize if classification is wrong.
- Should help optimization. Best to keep it continuous.
- For ex: Misclassification loss does not have good gradients. Hence, we use CrossEntropy loss for classification.
- If we have a custom use case, we can design a custom loss function.



Making (X,Y) most useful



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- Features = facets of your data. Ex: For picking best advertisement - age, shoe preference, favorite color.
- Conventional ML: features are everything.
- Finding the right features is very, very hard.



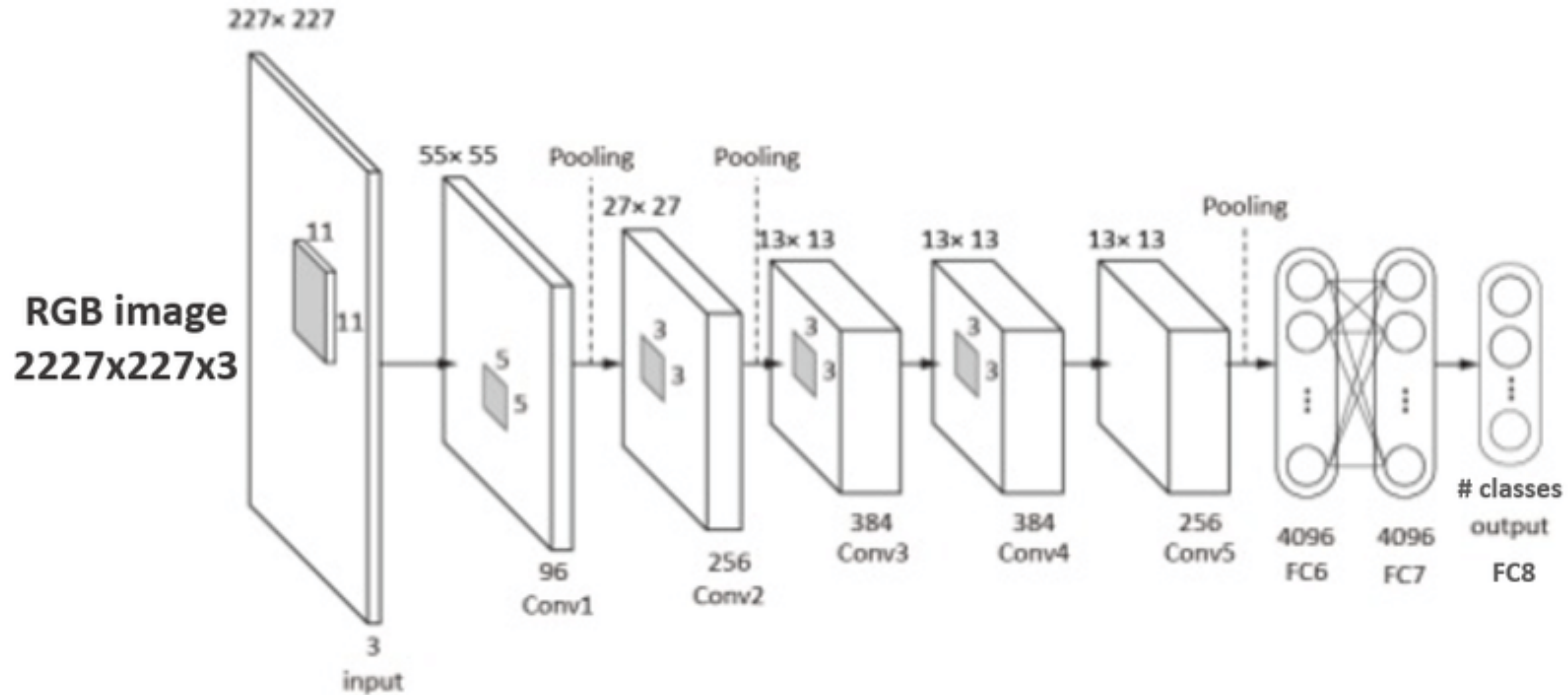
Making (X,Y) most useful



- Typical things done:- PCA, mean normalization. More fancy ones - whitening, sketching/streaming, random projections.
- Deep learning automates this search. First few layers = non-linear projection of your data.
- First few layers combine parts of input in non-linear way till they find something which is a good feature.



Deep Learning - automatic feature extraction





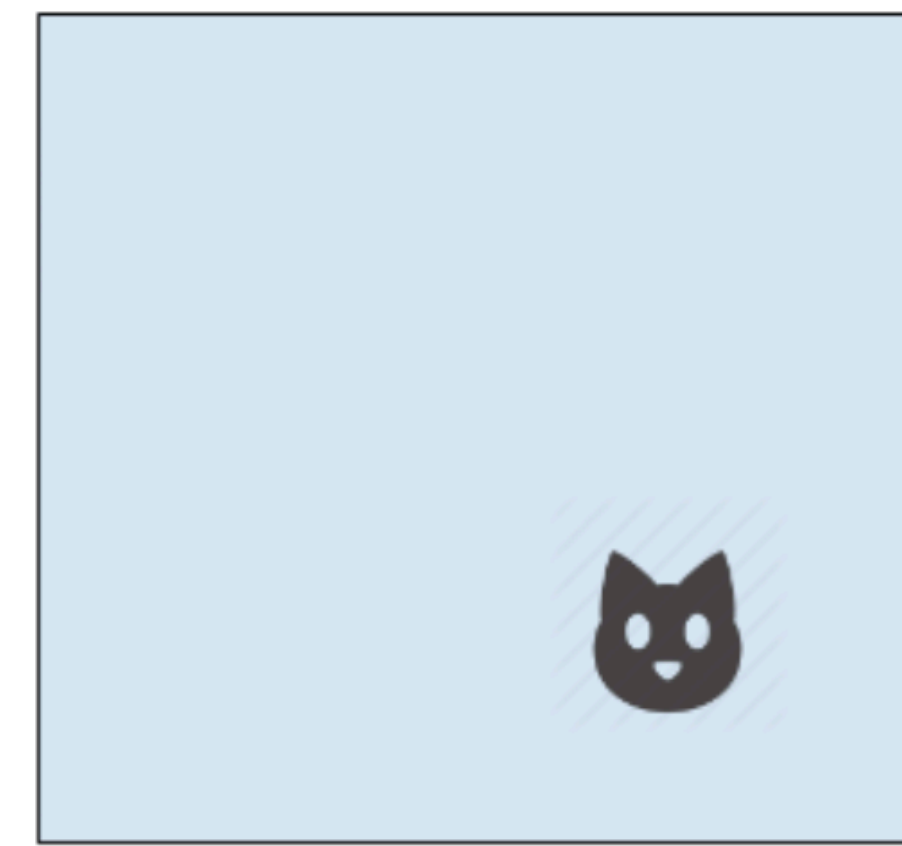
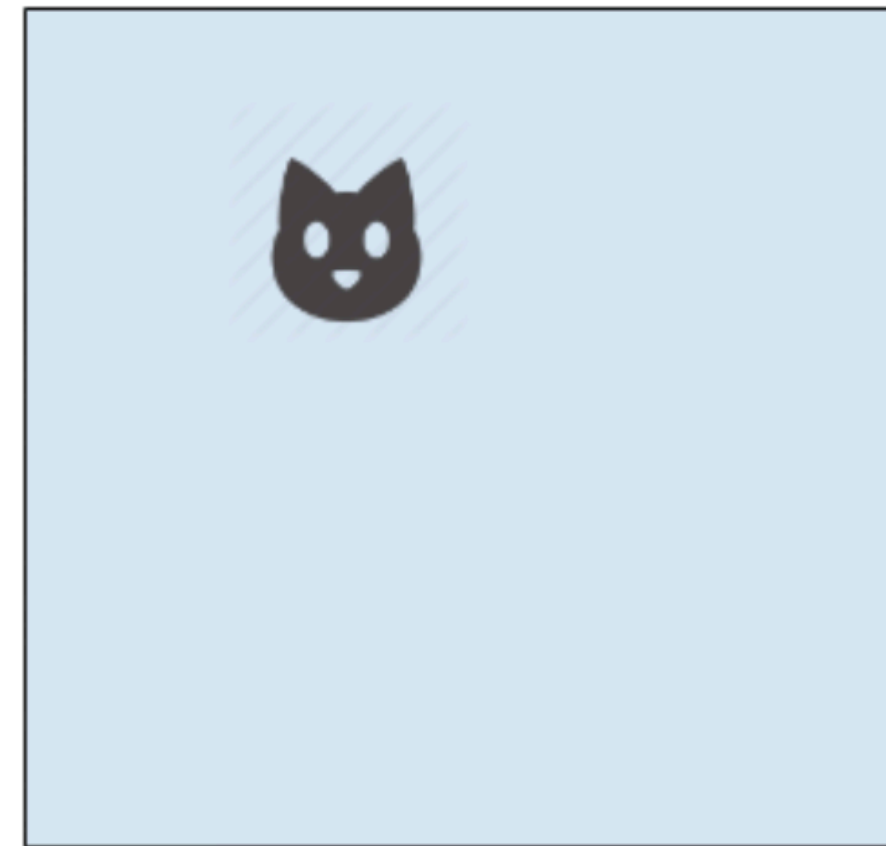
Important questions worth asking

- Are we sure a CNN can be the mathematically best f?
 - Yes, universal approximation theorem proves that.
- If we're doing automatic search, why do certain architectures work better?
Why CNNs, and not normal feed forward architectures?



Architectures to help automatic search

- Addition of inductive bias - i.e. exploiting the structure of the problem.
- For ex:
- CNNs, RNNs are designed so this structure can be exploited.



I am going to the _____ because I am hungry.

I am hungry, so I am going to the _____.



So, how do we code all this?

We were introduced to 4 components of Deep Learning today. These are:

- 1.Dataset: We want to load + Pre-Processing easily + fast.
- 2.Architectures: We may want to include specific structure of our problem.
- 3.Loss functions: Custom loss functions for our task are important.
- 4.Optimization: Variant of gradient descent used. So, gradient of loss w.r.t. NN parameters needs to be calculated.



PyTorch **returns**



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PyTorch allows great control over each of these aspects

- Data-Loading: Automatically manages issues of memory and speed on GPU.
- Architectural expressivity: If you've ever used Caffe, you would know.

libstdc++ installation

This route is not for the faint of heart. For OS X 10.10 and 10.9 you should install CUDA 7 and follow the instructions above. If that is not an option, take a deep breath and carry on.

- Easy definition of losses and custom losses.
- Autograd.
- Easy implementation of different gradient algorithms.



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Let's see it in code?

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/125blGZwFZUm8g6YsRntzyJrrp-NjWkuW?authuser=1>