

2018 Predictive Analytics Symposium

Session 10: ALL - Insurance Innovation and the AI Revolution

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Insurance Innovation and the AI Revolution

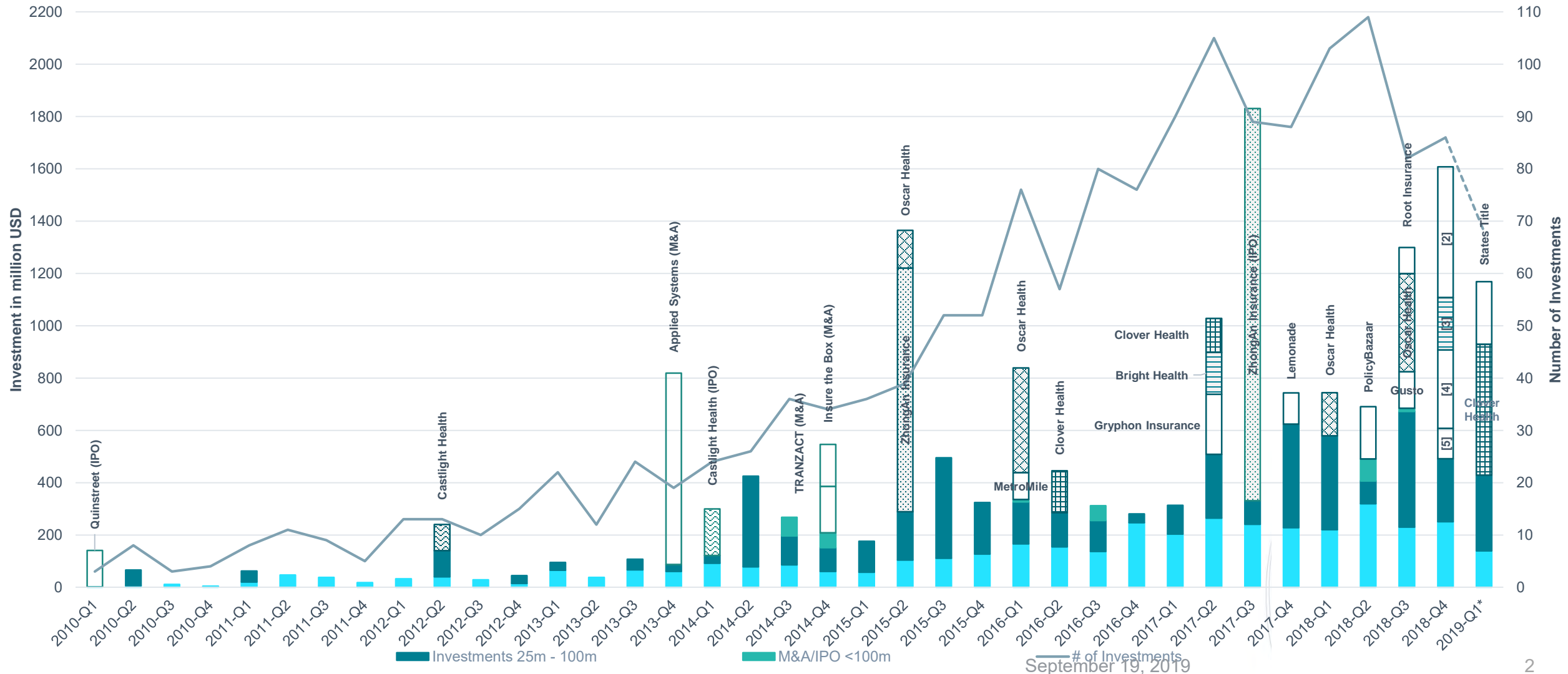
Dae Won Kim

September 19, 2019



InsurTech Investments by Investment amount

730 investment rounds in InsurTech startups (Q1 2017 – Q4 2018)



[1]: Based on CB Insight Data for InsurTech Startups; [2]: Cambridge Mobile Telematics; [3]:Bright Health; [4]: Devoted Health; [5]: Prima Assicurazioni; *: 2019-Q1 not finalized: Data only until 28.02.2019

InsurTech Startups

US Market Overview

Health



Home, condo & renters



Auto



Title



Pet



Item & warranty



Small commercial



Cyber MGA




Life & annuity



Crop



B2B



Life



Health



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Machine learning in life insurance

Accelerate underwriting

- Eliminate evidence
- Automate decisions

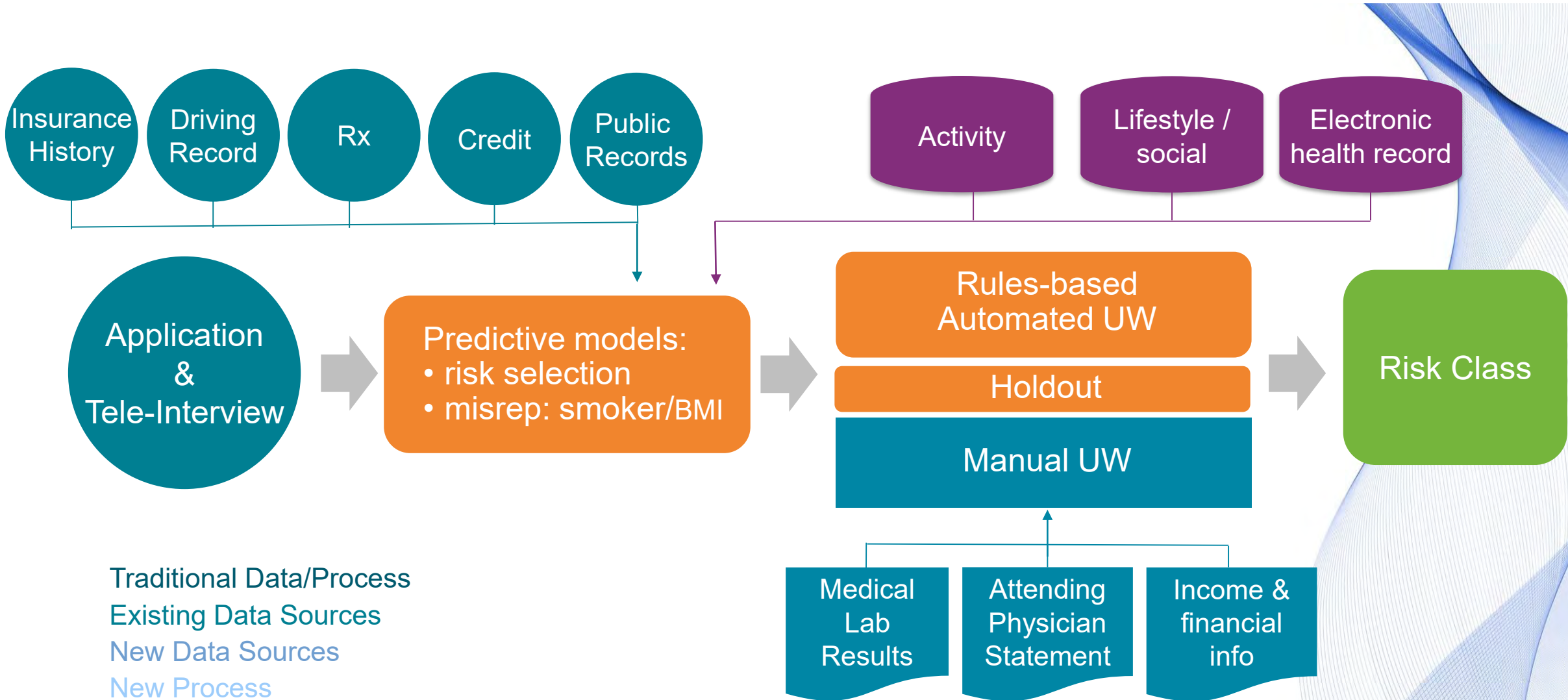
Price more accurately

- Incorporate more factors into mortality / morbidity prediction
- Provide finer segmentation or even individual pricing

Drive sales and marketing with data

- New models of IT
- Target for both marketing and risk

Accelerated underwriting landscape



Integrating medical records

Unstructured text in an APS

Provides a preliminary Decline or review recommendation

Provides indexing of potentially relevant information to help underwriters quickly navigate an APS



Predictive analytics to assign underwriting class

Assign underwriting class using machine learning and make offers proactively



Group A: Direct up-sell offer, no risk questions



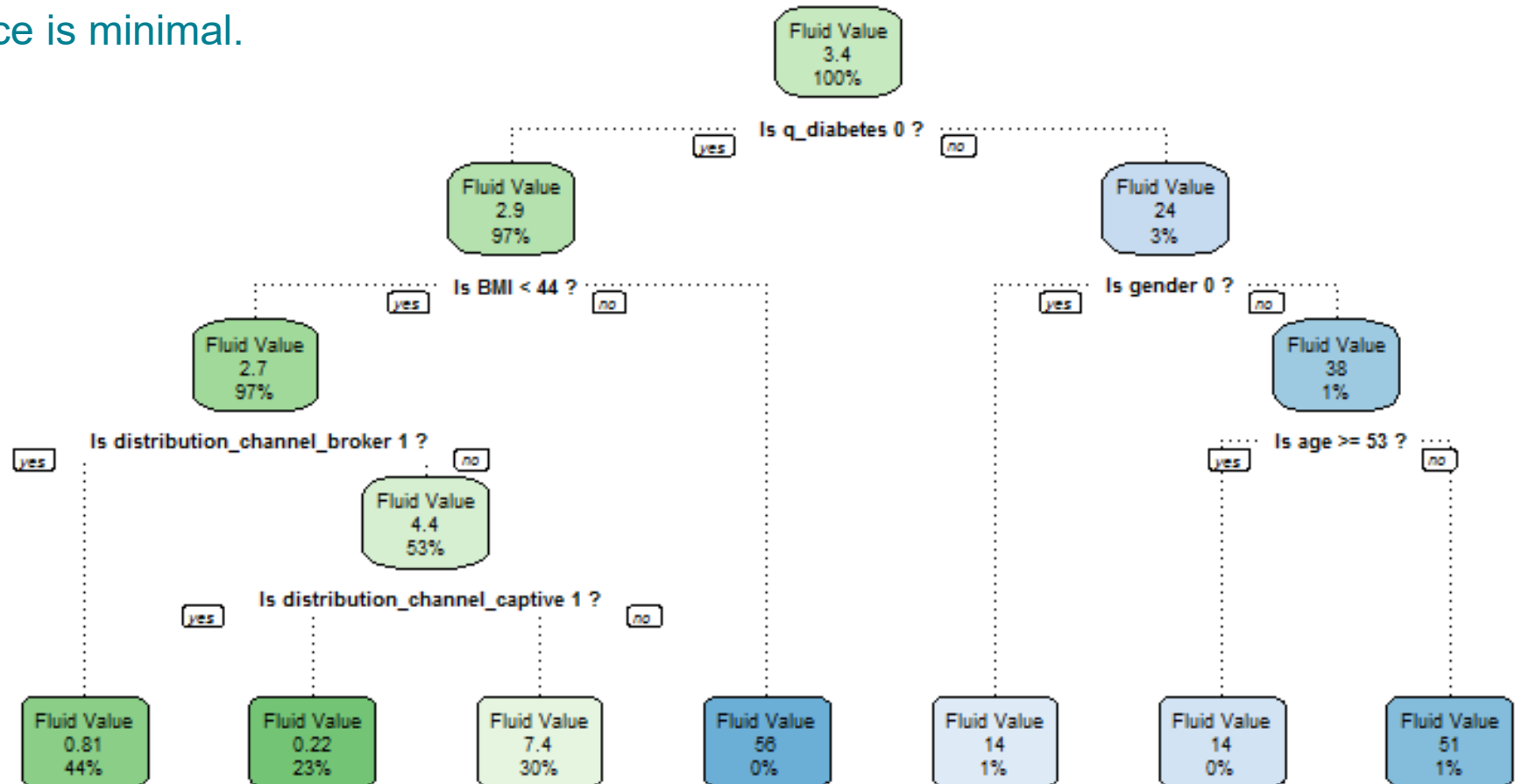
Group B: Three risk questions via call center

- ✓ Key success factor: **Extremely simplified application process**
- ✓ Sales campaign significantly **more successful** compared to previous ones
- ✓ **Over 20%** conversion-rate
- ✓ Significant **increase in written premium**

1b. Predictive analytics to simplify evidence requirements

Inform changes to underwriting program by identifying segments where incremental value of evidence is minimal.

Illustrative



Lower BMI, non diabetics from best channel = no benefit from labs

Implementation: mortality impact



	Fluid Test	Non-disclosure	Extra Mortality*
I	All	25%	0%
II	None	25%	2.7%
III	None	50%	5.3%
IV	None	100%	10%

- Currently all applicants are sent for fluid tests; extra mortality is 0%
- When fluids are eliminated without routing likely smokers for tests, mortality will increase
- At current self-disclosure, Model SL minimizes extra mortality cost (slightly)
- As non-disclosure increases, Model SA minimizes extra mortality cost

*Calculated as smoker liar rate * 100% (mortality multiplier for smokers)
Extra mortality figures are illustrative

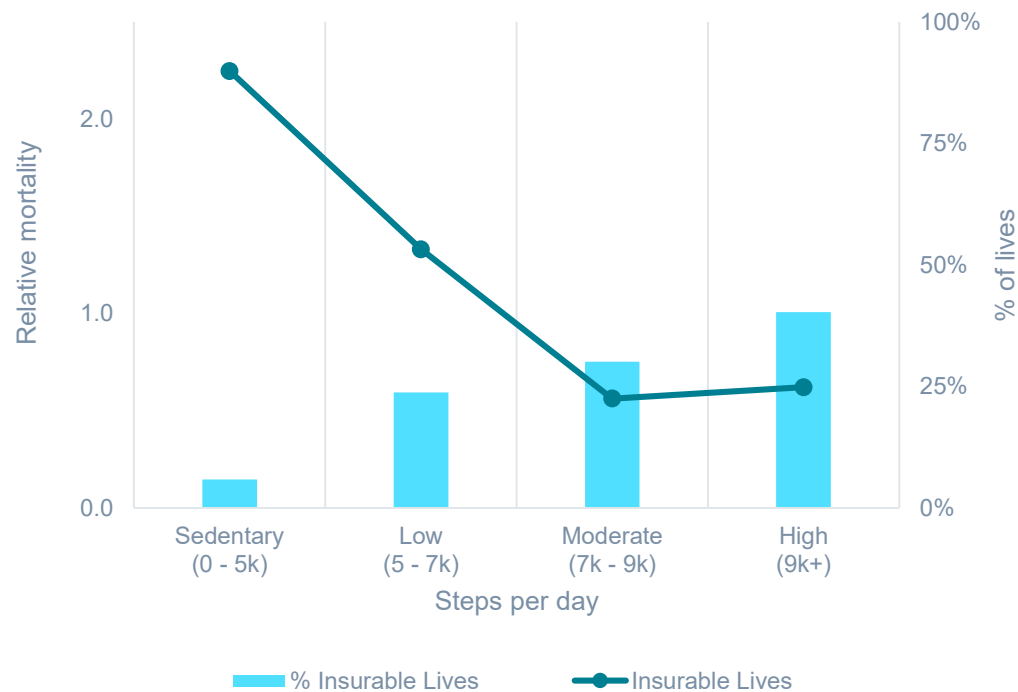
Detecting smokers by voice



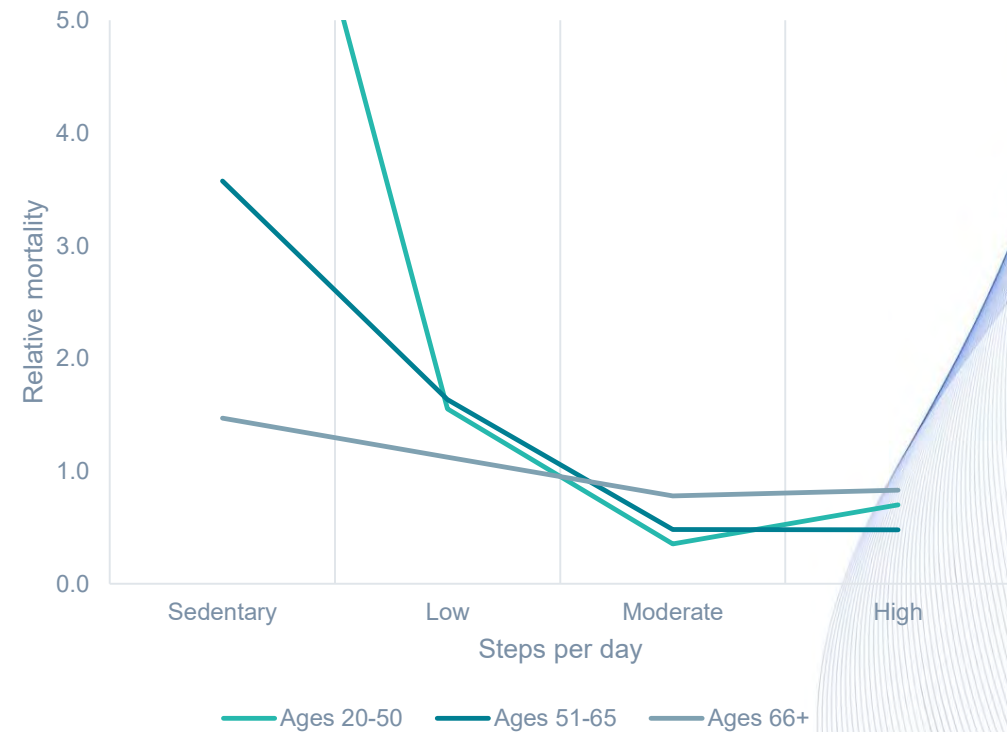
Data from wearable and other devices is predictive

- Steps per day stratifies mortality risk.

Relative A/E Mortality by Average Steps per Day



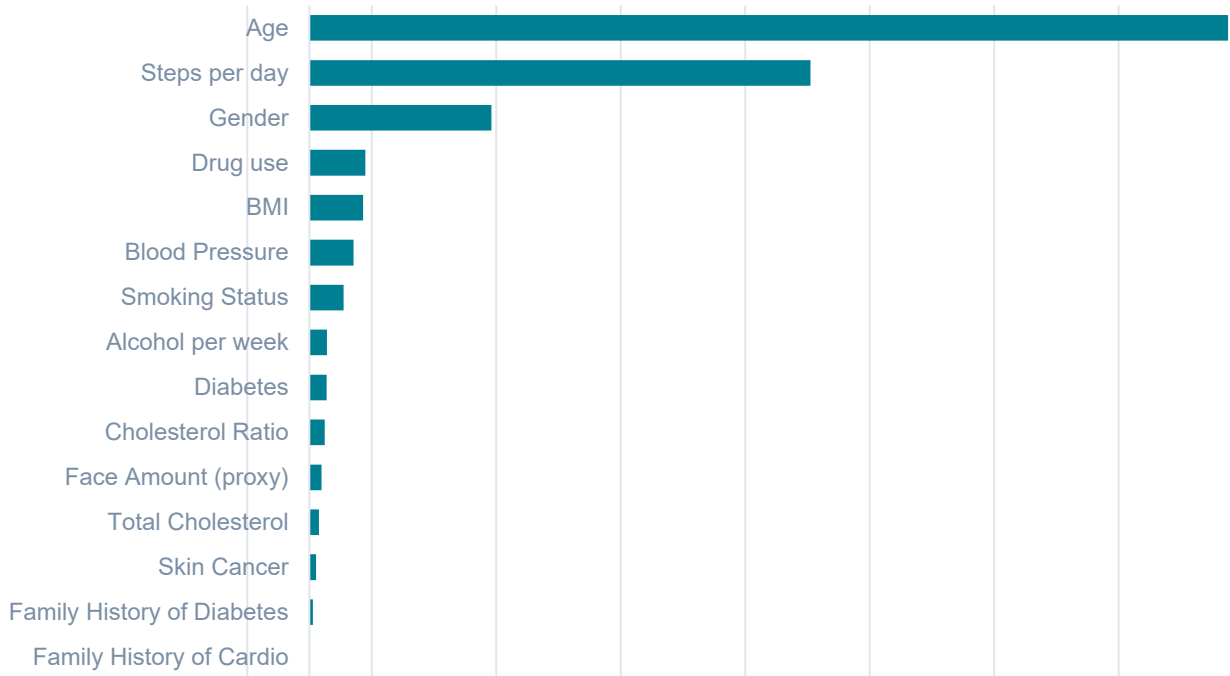
Relative A/E Mortality by Steps and Age



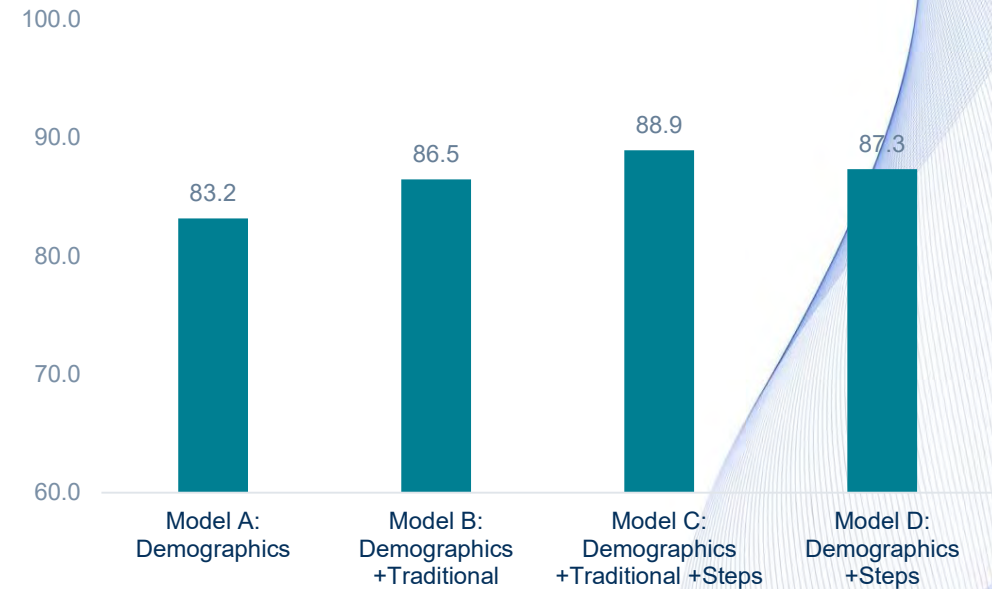
Data from devices will supplement / supplant traditional data

Machine learning tells us the relative importance of factors and combinations of them.

Variable Importance



Model comparison - AUC



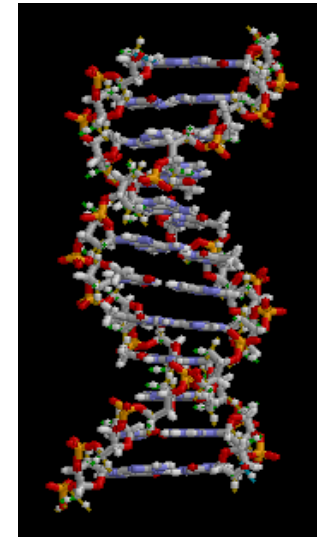
Data science skillset and edge

- Ability to work with code: programs are defined by text
- Access to large data and ability to make large-scale computations
- Quick accessibility to new models and algorithms through open-source libraries and code database.
- Proximity to data visualization tools and ability to reshape data to fit visualization needs
- Version control / continuous integration and deployment

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Innovation

What are they? How can we adapt to them?

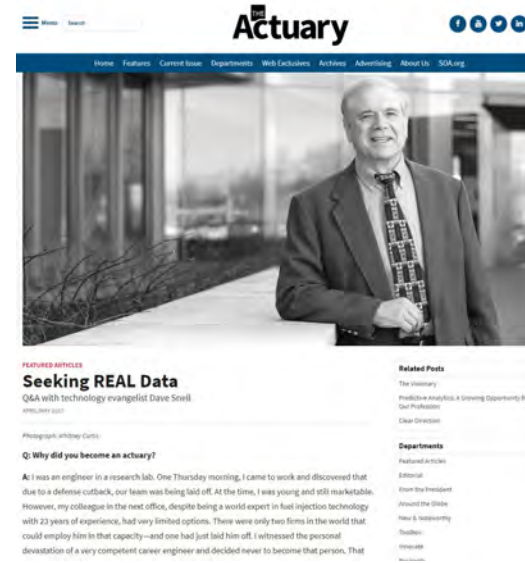
Society of Actuaries Predictive Analytics Symposium
September 19, 2019 - Philadelphia



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Introductions

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Business casual?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FALU, 2017; ASA, 1976; MAAA, 1986; FLMI, 1985; CLU, 1990; ChFC, 1994; ACS, 2001; ARA, 2003; MCP, 1998

EDUCATION

BSE, 1970 Major: Mechanical Engineering, Minors: Chemical, Civil, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Technology Evangelist, Global Research and Data Analytics

RGA Reinsurance Company, Chesterfield, MO

(through Actuarial Innovations, LLC of St. Louis, MO since I am already retired from RGA.)

January, 2015 – May, 2017

Educate the RGA actuarial, underwriting, finance, and IT associates on the benefits and utilization of technology-based innovations and tools. Promote the use of complex sciences - including machine learning, predictive analytics, genetic algorithms, behavioral economics, chaos theory, bioinformatics, sentiment analysis, recommender systems, etc.; and select or invent tools to facilitate the successful implementation of these concepts and tools for competitive business advantage. Nurture our young PhDs and other bright associates in the predictive analytics area and mentor them in communication skills and career planning. Notable achievements include getting department associates published in several journals, and having them present at various actuarial, engineering, underwriting and other financial services conferences. I encouraged and nurtured one talented associate to attain his PhD in March of 2017 and am acknowledged in his thesis.

Technology Evangelist, Office of the Vice Chair

RGA Reinsurance Company, Chesterfield, MO

(through Actuarial Innovations)

September, 2007 – December, 2014

Same job duties as above, but on a company-wide basis (until the retirement of the Vice Chair in December, 2014). During my time in this position I was co-inventor of, and wrote the bulk of our patent application for, a patent granted in 2014 (U.S. Patent 8775218) which combines machine intelligence with human intelligence for a synergistic outcome better than either could accomplish singly. Other patents have been granted in Japan, India, South Africa, and Canada.

VP, Asia-Pacific Technology

RGA Reinsurance Company, Chesterfield, MO

July, 1998 – September, 2007

(Increasingly responsible actuarial and IT positions through the years, eventually leading and managing all technological development in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. One notable achievement was the invention and development of an AI-based expert system, the Automated Underwriting Risk Assessment (AURA) system which has since been translated into a dozen languages (including Chinese) and has brought in over 100 Billion dollars of life reinsurance to RGA.

<http://www.theactuarymagazine.org/seeking-real-data>

Another brick in the wall?



A mob of fans

Why listen to an OLD guy about NEW stuff?

This slide deck contains many more slides than we can cover in this session. I chose to provide them so that you could expand your knowledge later on topics less popular in the polling (next slide).

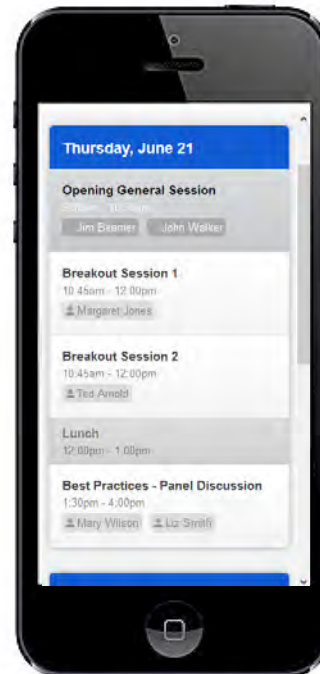
Dae Won and Dan and I hope you enjoy your journey into AI and its vast implications for the future of insurance and the actuarial profession. —Dave Snell

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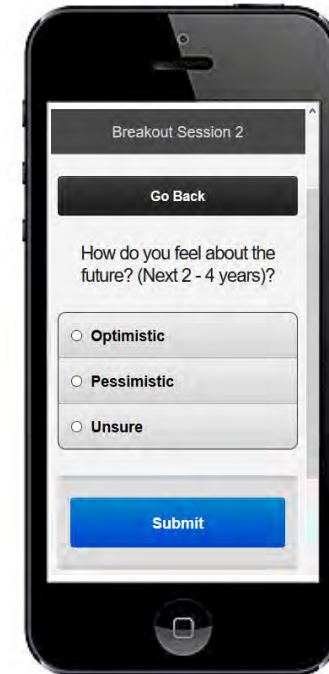
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Step 3: Respond to Polls when they appear

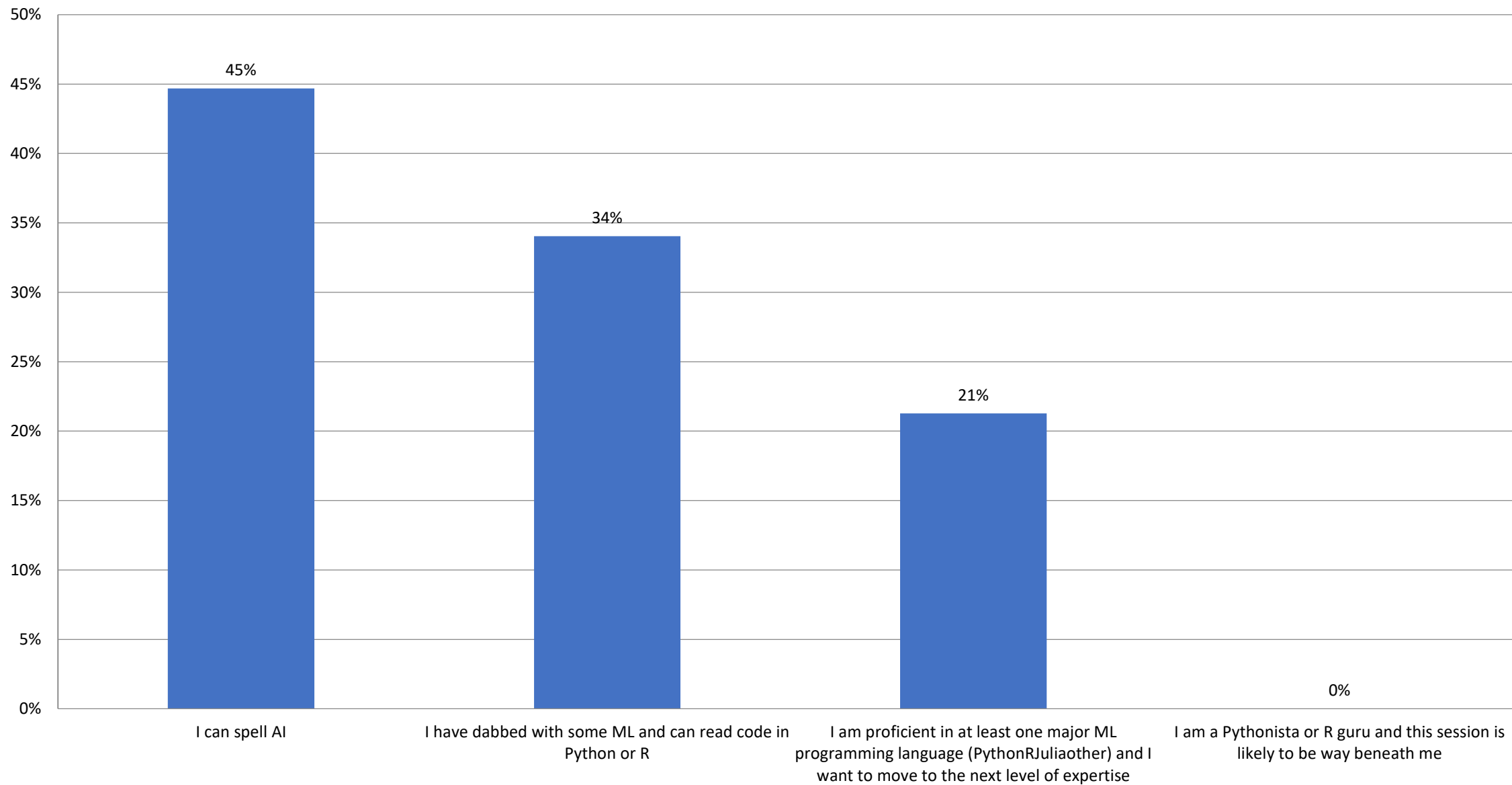


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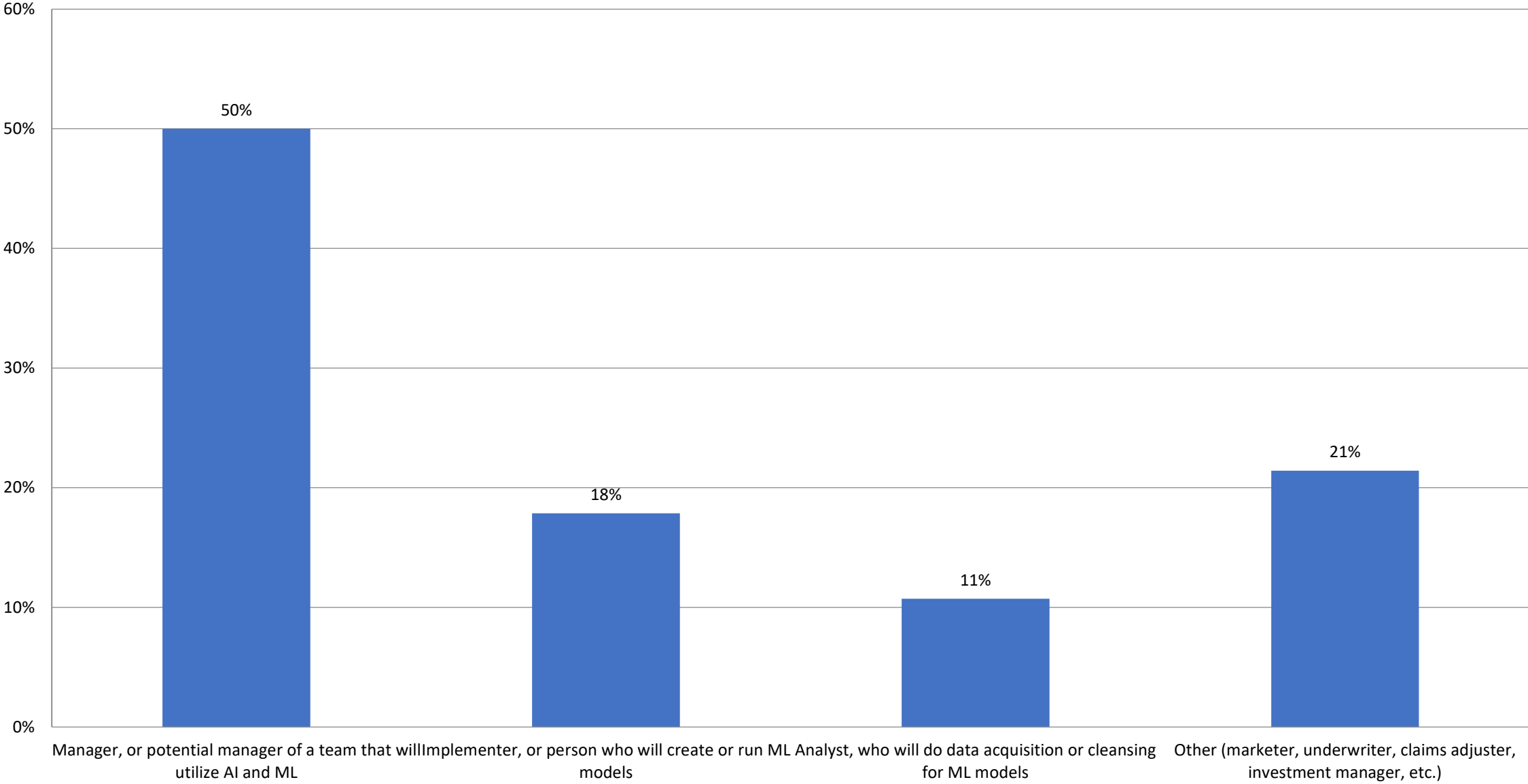
1. Background – My current level of knowledge of AI and Machine Learning (ML) is
 - a) I can spell AI
 - b) I have dabbled with some ML and can read code in Python or R
 - c) I am proficient in at least one major ML programming language (Python/R/Julia/Scala/Lisp/Prolog/MatLab/Octave/VBA/SQL/SAS/SPSS/other) and I want to move to the next level of expertise.
 - d) I am a Pythonista or R guru and this session is likely to be way beneath me

2. Level of involvement – My current job responsibilities are that of a
 - a) Manager, or potential manager of a team that will utilize AI and ML
 - b) Implementer, or person who will create or run ML models
 - c) Analyst, who will do data acquisition or cleansing for ML models
 - d) Other (marketer, underwriter, claims adjuster, investment manager, etc.)

Background - My current level of knowledge of AI and Machine Learning (ML) is



Level of involvement - My current job responsibilities are that of a



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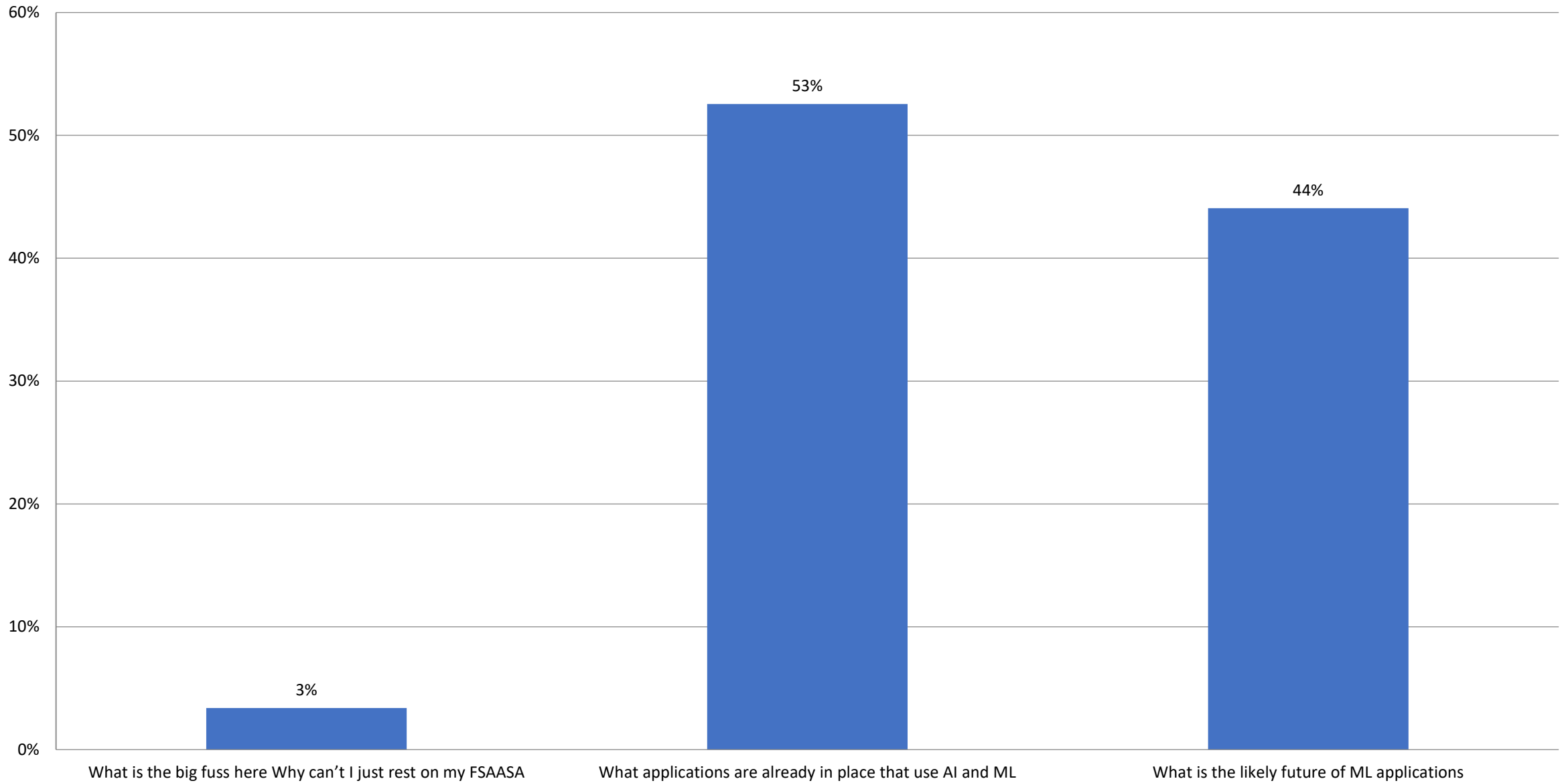
3. In this session I want to see

- a) What is the big fuss here? Why can't I just rest on my FSA/ASA?
- b) What applications are already in place that use AI and ML?
- c) What is the likely future of ML applications?

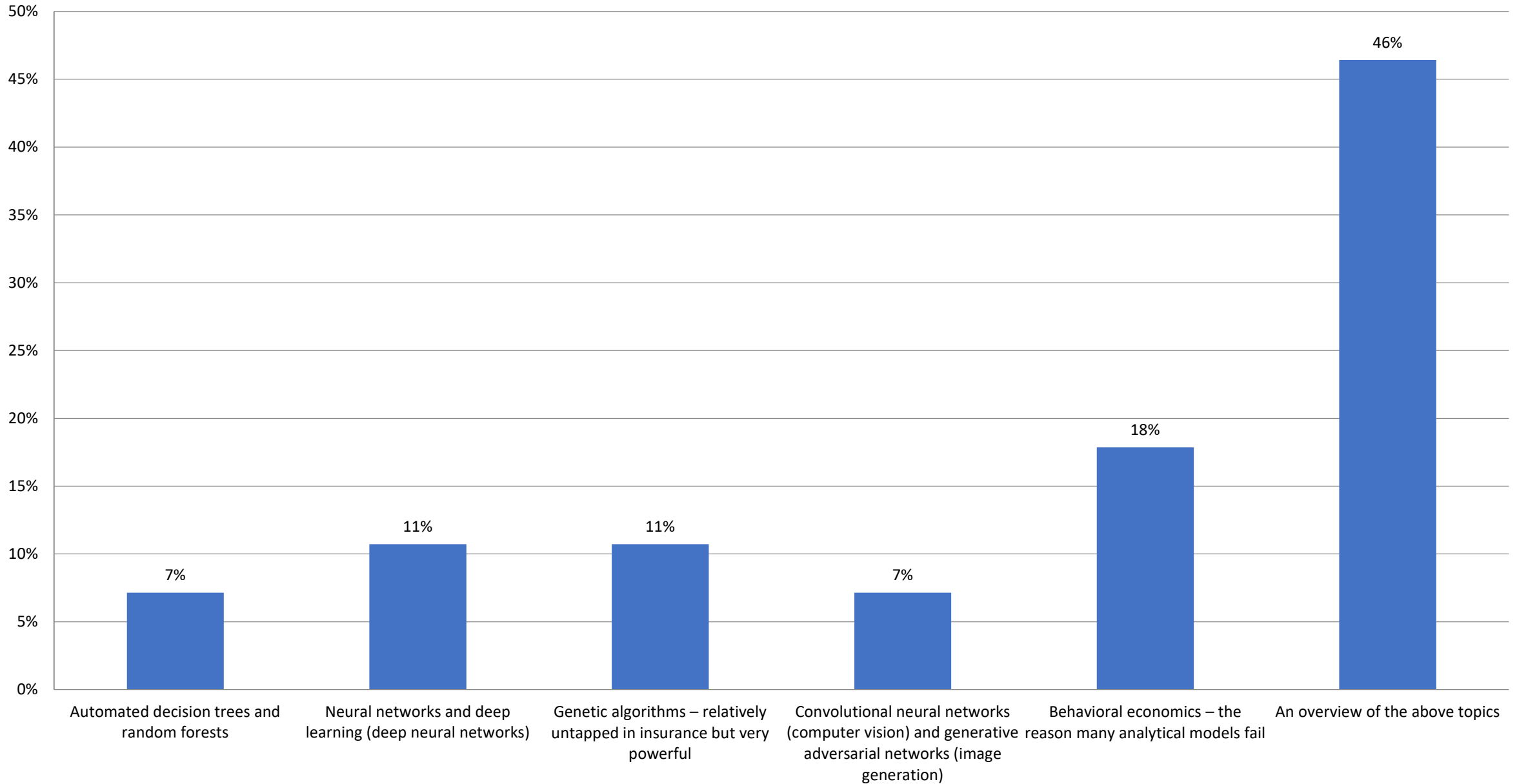
4. Specific ML interests – I would like to know (without the jargon and hype) about

- a) Automated decision trees and random forests
- b) Neural networks and deep learning (deep neural networks)
- c) Genetic algorithms – relatively untapped in insurance but very powerful
- d) Convolutional neural networks (computer vision) and generative adversarial networks (image generation)
- e) Behavioral economics – the reason many analytical models fail
- f) An overview of the above topics

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A Few Modest Goals for this first class

How is AI rapidly changing our world?

Why is Machine Learning suddenly feasible decades after the major algorithms were developed?

What implication does this have for insurance?

What are some of the major techniques involved (beyond typical regression and classification)?

*tiny subset
we can
summarize
today*

decision tree automation and random forests

artificial neural networks, deep learning, and convolutional neural networks

genetic algorithms

A few others we'll delve into later in the course (besides much going much deeper into these) are: frequent itemsets, clustering, and other 'unsupervised' learning techniques, regression analysis, Monte Carlo simulations, and behavioral economics, and programming languages for AI and ML.

How does machine learning differ from the classical tools and techniques that actuaries and IT professionals have been using?

What is the 'magic' behind these methods?

What are some case studies of successful past applications ... and lost opportunities?

Where (and how) can we stay viable in the future?

What questions do you have?



Let's talk
about
Data!



Machine Learning had to wait for ample and affordable data, computing power, and storage

According to an IDC study for EMC, humans have created **132** exabytes of data from the beginning of human civilization to year 2005.

2010: **1,200** exabytes ... 2015: **7,900** exabytes ... 2020: **40,700** exabytes of data (est.)

Source: Vernon Turner – Senior VP, Enterprise Infrastructure, Consumer, Network, Telecom and Sustainability Research, IDC – April, 2014

<https://www.emc.com/leadership/digital-universe/2014iview/digital-universe-of-opportunities-vernon-turner.htm>



Perspective:

1 byte – a single character

2 kilobytes – a typewritten page

5 megabytes – the complete works of Shakespeare

1 gigabyte – a pickup truck filled with paper filled with printed words

10 terabytes – the printed collection of the U.S. Library of Congress

2 petabytes – all U.S. academic research libraries

5 exabytes – all words ever spoken by human beings (printed)

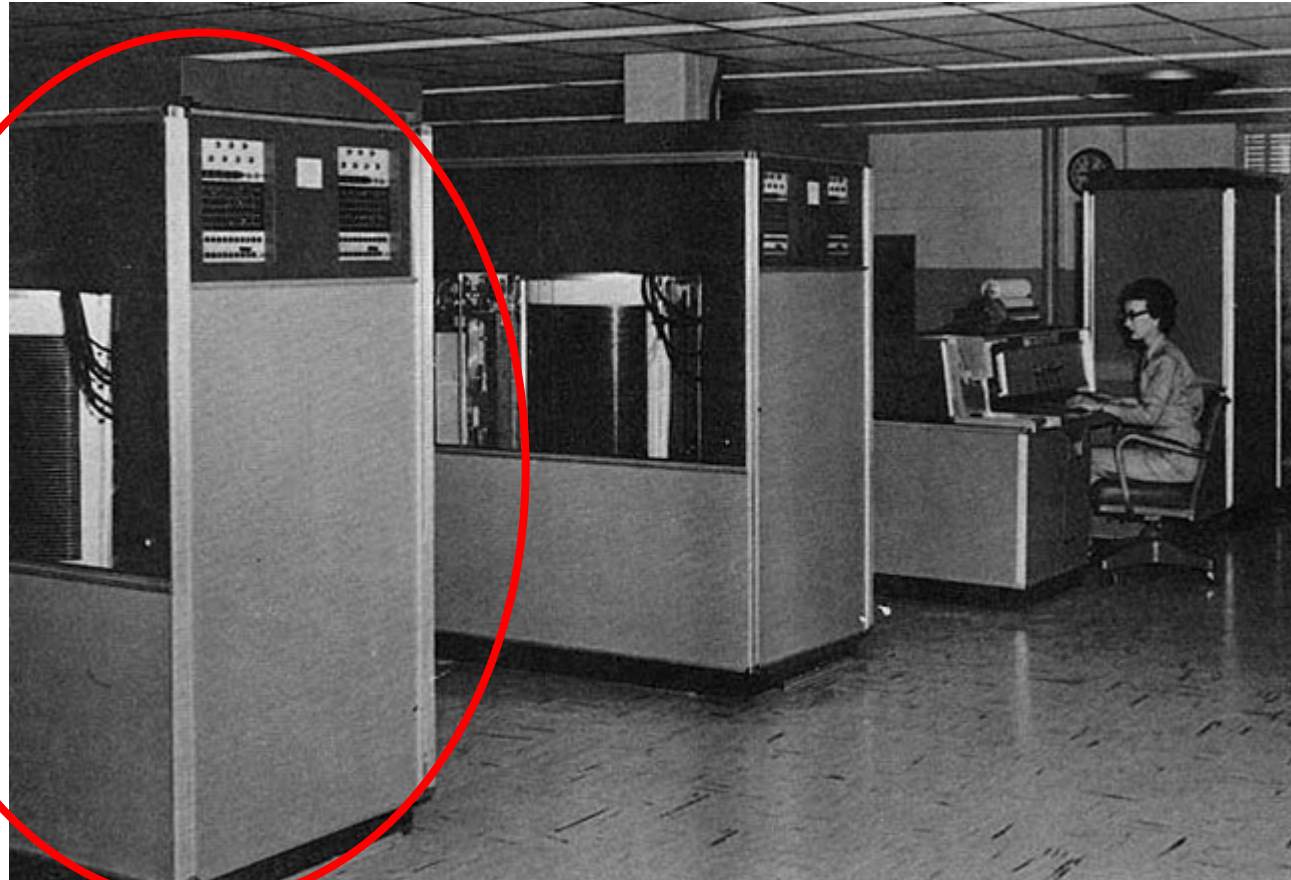
<http://highscalability.com/blog/2012/9/11/how-big-is-a-petabyte-exabyte-zettabyte-or-a-yottabyte.html>

1 Billion hours of video viewed on Youtube every day

<https://www.youtube.com/yt/about/press/> 27-Oct-2017



Machine Learning had to wait for ample and affordable data, computing power, and storage



In 1957, the IBM 350 storage drive held 3.5 MB. You could **rent** it for \$3,200 per month. The 350's cabinet is 5 feet long; 5 feet, 8 inches high and 2 feet, 5 inches wide.



As of 9-Jan-2019 you can **buy** more than 100,000 times the storage for under \$88.88 and it will be about as large as your fingernail.

17-Dec-2018 I bought a 5TB portable hard drive for \$99

Source: Wikipedia 24-Oct-2017
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_IBM_magnetic_disk_drives#IBM_350

Machine Learning had to wait for ample and affordable data, computing power, and storage

In 1979, I needed an additional 16 K Language Card for my Apple II (in order to program in UCSD Pascal). It cost me more than \$300 for the 16 K of additional random access storage. There was no option then for a hard drive.



Today, you can buy a 5 Terabyte hard drive for under \$100.

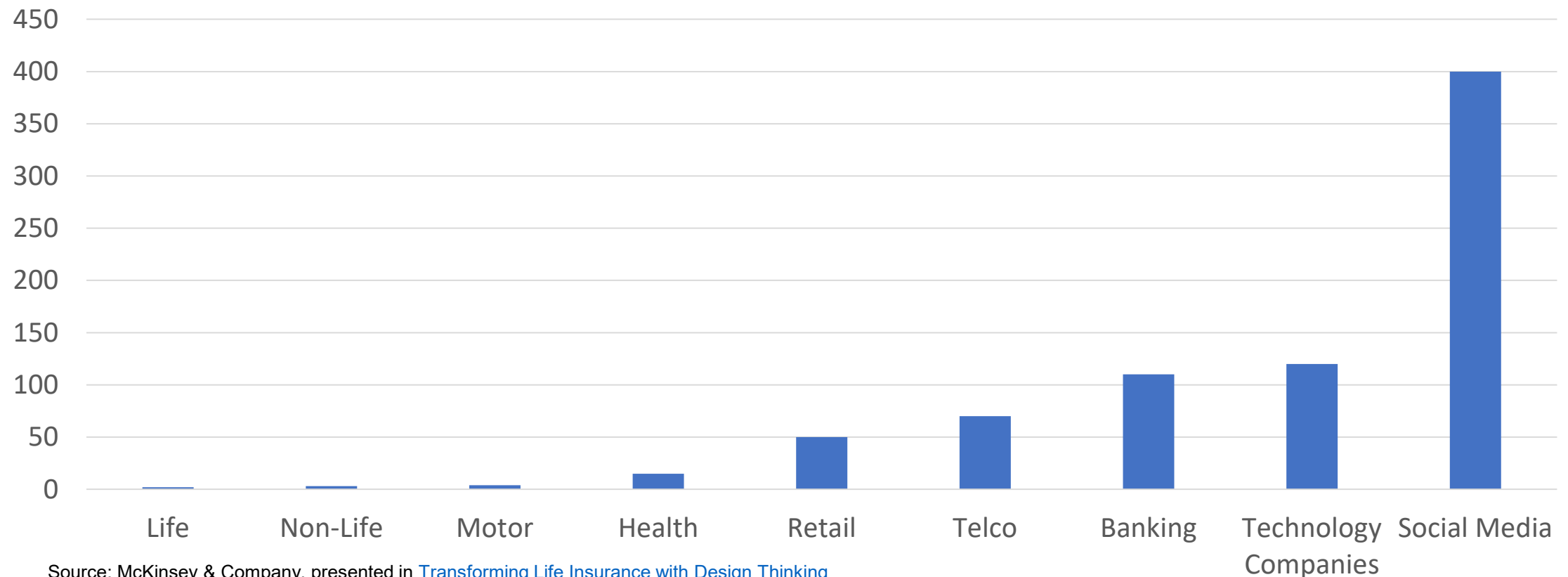
"Today, your cell phone has more computer power than all of NASA back in 1969, when it placed two astronauts on the moon." - Dr. Michio Kaku, 2014 (theoretical physicist, futurist, and popularizer of science; professor of theoretical physics at the City College of New York and CUNY Graduate Center.)

The wait is over!

Cost	KB	Cost/KB	Cost/GB
\$300 (1979)	16	\$18.75	\$18,750,000
\$100 (2019)	5,000,000,000	\$ 0.00000002	\$ 0.02

Insurance companies have barely tapped into the amount of data available on our customers

Estimated average number of customer interactions per year



Source: McKinsey & Company, presented in [Transforming Life Insurance with Design Thinking](#)

11-May-1997: Deep Blue Beats World Champion Chess Player

The 1997 rematch

Game #	White	Black	Result	Comment
1	Kasparov	Deep Blue	1-0	
2	Deep Blue	Kasparov	1-0	
3	Kasparov	Deep Blue	½-½	Draw by mutual agreement
4	Deep Blue	Kasparov	½-½	Draw by mutual agreement
5	Kasparov	Deep Blue	½-½	Draw by mutual agreement
6	Deep Blue	Kasparov	1-0	
Result: Deep Blue-Kasparov: 3½-2½				

Source: Wikipedia as of 24-Oct-2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_Blue_versus_Garry_Kasparov

15-Feb-2011: Watson Beats Jeopardy! Champions

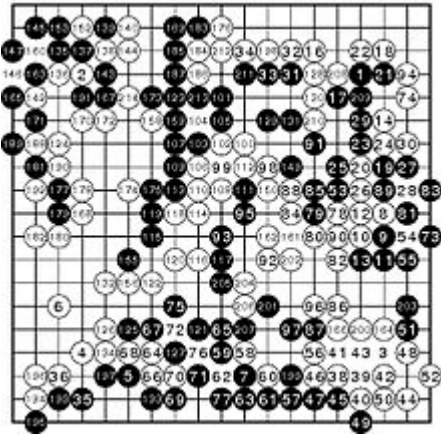


[Ken Jennings](#), Watson, and [Brad Rutter](#) in their *Jeopardy!* exhibition match.

Source Wikipedia as of 24-Oct-2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watson_%28computer%29

15-Mar-2016: AlphaGo (Google DeepMind) Beats 18-time world champion [Lee Sedol](#) in Go



Game	Date	Black	White	Result	Moves
1	9 March 2016	Lee Sedol	AlphaGo	Lee Sedol resigned	186 Game 1
2	10 March 2016	AlphaGo	Lee Sedol	Lee Sedol resigned	211 Game 2
3	12 March 2016	Lee Sedol	AlphaGo	Lee Sedol resigned	176 Game 3
4	13 March 2016	AlphaGo	Lee Sedol	AlphaGo resigned	180 Game 4
5	15 March 2016	Lee Sedol ^[note 1]	AlphaGo	Lee Sedol resigned	280 Game 5

Source: Wikipedia 24-Oct-2017 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AlphaGo_versus_Lee_Sedol



Sep-2017: AI helmets interpret brain waves and enable even quadriplegics to race in cyborg Olympics

IEEE Spectrum
September, 2017



11-Sep-2017: Machine Learning was used at Georgia Institute of Technology to recreate game **code** (old Atari video games) **by watching the game** being played.



<https://m.techxplore.com/news/2017-09-artificial-intelligenceuses-minutes-videogame-footage.html>

18-Oct-2017: Google Deep Mind's AlphaGo Zero Beats AlphaGo 100 games to zero

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A_www.bbc.com_news_technology-2D41668701&d=DwICAg&c=5uPv0lijNz76uSeaN5P0Zw&r=nkBVelrgsdY8RB9we12wjuanvgjtPHK9USWccjOv9NM&m=f_U2WRfilOtw80O0kElpti1V9SR09KBHyTbVAujaXQ&s=mBZ7O9o9Szof_oRjuxxyPKvi8K5dK4BzzZx3Totkglo&e=

The AlphaGo program, devised by the tech giant's AI division, has already beaten two of the world's best players. It had started by learning from thousands of games played by humans.

But the new AlphaGo Zero began **with a blank Go board and no data apart from the rules**, and then played itself. Within 72 hours it was good enough to beat the original program by 100 games to zero.

AI rocks!

Machine Learning is amazing!

26-Oct-2017 **Sophia**, an intelligent humanoid robot, has been granted **citizenship** in Saudi Arabia.

- “I am very honored and proud for this unique distinction,” the robot said onstage. “This is historical to be the first robot in the world to be recognized with a citizenship.”
- CNBC's Andrew Ross Sorkin interviews Sophia, a humanoid robot, about the future of artificial intelligence at a Future Investment Institute panel in Saudi Arabia. Link to YouTube interview with Sophia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5t6K9iwcdw>

You may also enjoy her interview with Jimmy Fallon from 25-Apr-2017: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg_tJvCA8zw



Watch from 2:08 to 5:29 minutes

20-Nov-2017 Robot Passes Medical Exam

<https://futurism.com/first-time-robot-passed-medical-licensing-exam/>

by Dom Galeon November 20, 2017 Artificial Intelligence

IN BRIEF

Chinese AI-powered robot Xiaoyi took the country's medical licensing examinations and passed, according to local reports. Xiaoyi is just one example of how much China is keen on using AI to make a number of industries more efficient.

A ROBOT MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

Experts generally agree that, before we might consider artificial intelligence (AI) to be truly intelligent —that is, on a level on par with human cognition— AI agents have to pass a number of tests. And while this is still a work in progress, AIs have been busy passing other kinds of tests.

Xiaoyi, an AI-powered robot in China, for example, has recently taken the national medical licensing examination and passed, making it the first robot to have done so. Not only did the robot pass the exam, it actually got a score of 456 points, which is 96 points above the required marks.

7-Dec-2017 In Just 4 Hours, Google's AI Mastered All The Chess Knowledge in History

- “After being programmed with only the rules of chess (no strategies), in just four hours AlphaZero had mastered the game to the extent it was able to best the [highest-rated](#) chess-playing program [Stockfish](#).”
- “In a series of 100 games against Stockfish, AlphaZero won 25 games while playing as white (with first mover advantage), and picked up three games playing as black. The rest of the contests were draws, with Stockfish recording no wins and AlphaZero no losses.”
- [Source: https://futurism.com/4-hours-googles-ai-mastered-chess-knowledge-history/](https://futurism.com/4-hours-googles-ai-mastered-chess-knowledge-history/)

18-Jun-2018 IBM computer debates humans and wins on one of two topics

I just watched an IBM computer debate a human. Two debates; the computer won one of them. Of course it was the debate on the use of telemedicine. The human was making the case for our species and human doctors. The computer made the case for the technology. – Laura Sydell (NPR)

7:06 PM - 18 Jun 2018 from [San Francisco, CA](#)

There was kind of a funny moment where the human debaters said that they didn't think that telemedicine was good - this is when doctors treat people from a distance - because you didn't have the physical hand of the doctor or the nurse, and the computer responded with some humor. "It said, I am a true believer in the power of technology, as I should be." - Project Debater, by IBM



Forget chess: Artificial intelligence is now debating people

By [Kollen Post](#) | Jun. 21, 2018, 3:15 PM

17-Jul-2018 The Pentagon Wants to Bring Mind-Controlled Tech To Troops

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2018/07/pentagon-wants-bring-mind-controlled-tech-troops/149776/>

JULY 17, 2018

The Defense Department's research arm is working on a project that connects human operators' brains to the systems they're controlling—and vice versa.



The idea of humans controlling machines with their minds has spun off sci-fi blockbusters like “Pacific Rim” and entire subgenres of foreign film, but while today skyscraper-sized fighting robots exist only on the big screen, the Pentagon is building technology that could one day make them a reality.

Today, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is selecting teams to develop a “neural interface” that would both allow troops to connect to military systems using their brainwaves and let those systems transmit back information directly to users’ brains.

7-Dec-2018 AlphaZero teaches itself chess, shogi, and Go and rules them all!

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Science magazine website. The URL is science.sciencemag.org/content/362/6419. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, News, Journals, Topics, and Careers. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there are several promotional banners. One banner for the Science - PINS Prize for Neuromodulation includes the text "Get published in Science and win a \$25,000 Grand Prize!" and "Deadline: March 15, 2019". Another banner for Science Translational Medicine (M.A.A.S.) features the PINS logo and the text "Welcome, Dave Snell. Log out | My account | Contact Us". A third banner on the right encourages users to "Become a member" and offers options to "Renew my subscription" or "Sign up for newsletters".

The main content area features a large image of a chessboard with several pieces. Overlaid on the board are glowing blue lines and percentages, indicating a digital analysis of the game. The text "A digital prodigy" is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle "AlphaZero teaches itself chess, shogi, and Go". Below this, the text "DEEPMIND TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED" is visible. The URL science.sciencemag.org/content/362/6419/1140 is shown at the bottom of the article content.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom of the screen shows the time as 10:36 AM on 1/16/2019. The taskbar includes icons for the Start menu, search, and various applications like File Explorer, Microsoft Store, and Google Chrome.

August, 2019 – AI Masters Multiplayer Poker

“Past successes in such benchmarks, including poker, have been limited to two-player games. However, poker in particular is traditionally played with more than two players. Multiplayer games present fundamental additional issues beyond those in two-player games, and multiplayer poker is a recognized AI - milestone” - Brown et al., Science 365, 885–890 (2019) 30 August 2019

Pluribus beats Jimmy Chou, Seth Davies, Michael Gagliano, Anthony Gregg, Dong Kim, Jason Les, Linus Loeliger, Daniel McAulay, Greg Merson, Nicholas Petrangelo, Sean Ruane, Trevor Savage, and Jacob Toole



YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD

But What is AI?

But What is Machine Learning?

slide idea from Jim Guszczka, US chief data scientist, Deloitte Consulting

I DO NOT THINK IT MEANS WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS

What is Artificial Intelligence? What is Machine Learning?

They are not magic!

“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

– Sir Arthur C. Clarke



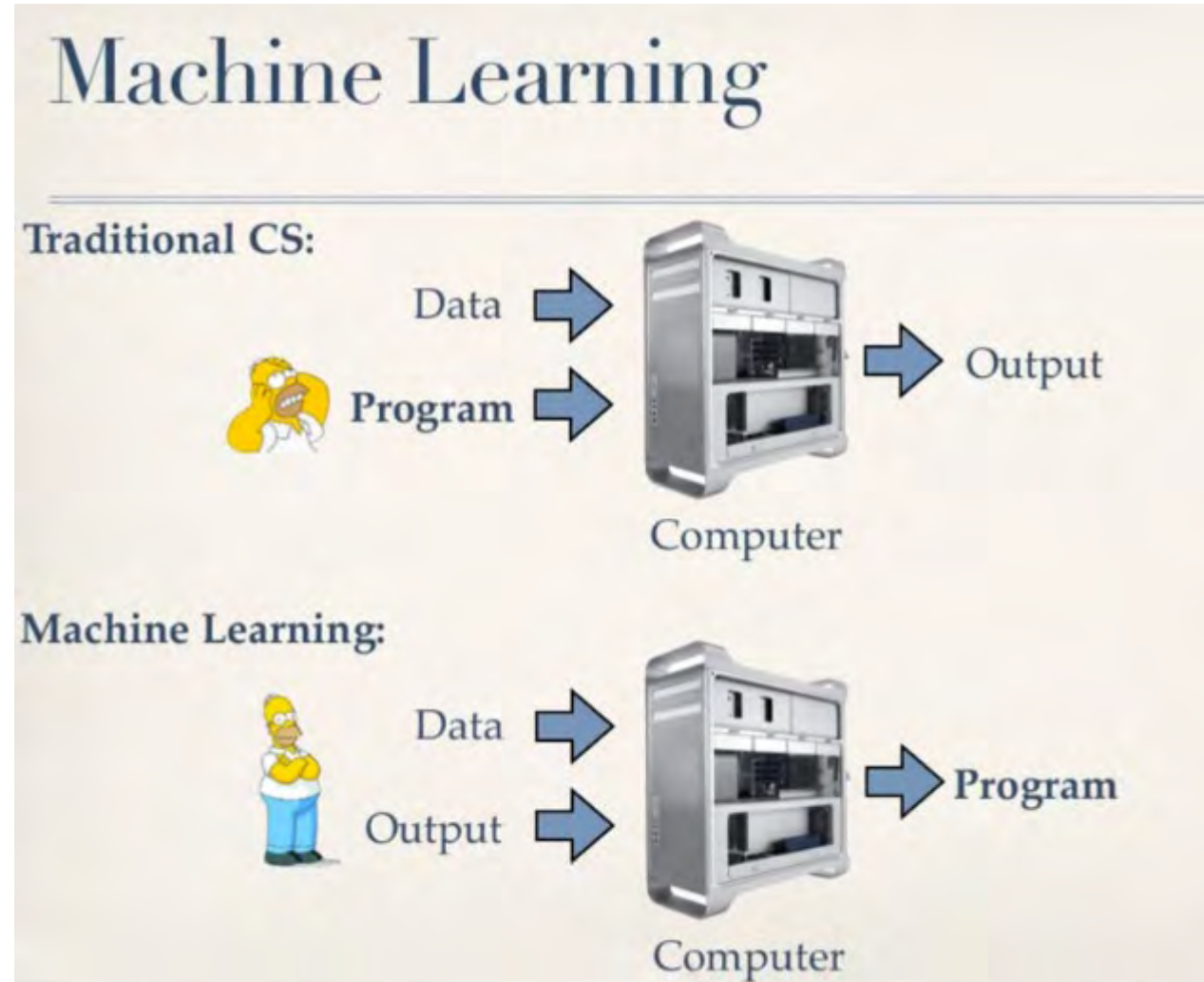
Forbes: 20-Jan-2016

Data Scientist tops list of *best jobs* in United States

Original picture by author at FIRST Robotics Competition, St. Louis, MO – April 2014

Overview of Supervised Machine Learning

Machine Learning

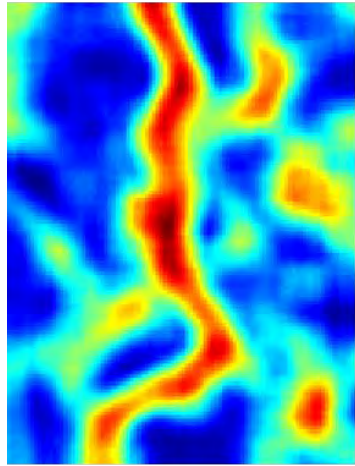


Source: Machine Learning in practice – common pitfalls, and debugging tricks, by Kilian Weinberger, Associate Professor, University of Washington

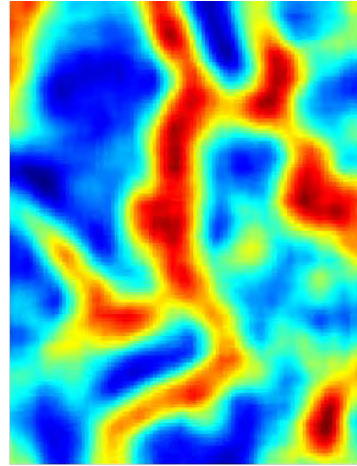
Pattern Matching is more flexible

Each scored case becomes a potential match

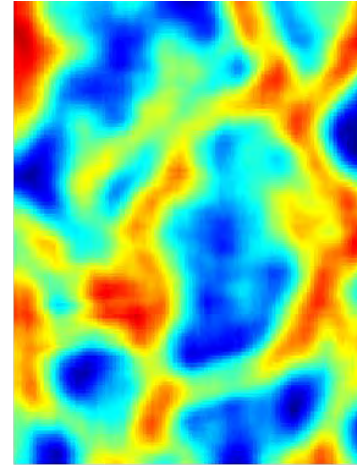
The fit may be perfect, or approximate, with a measure of closeness



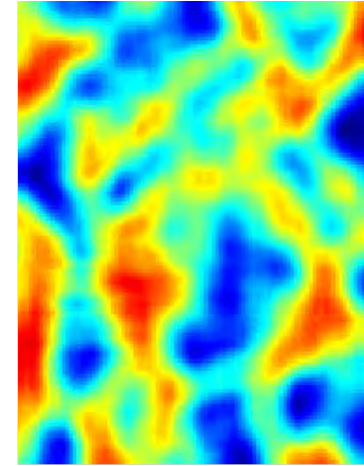
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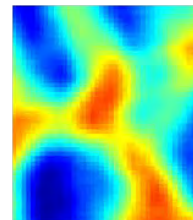
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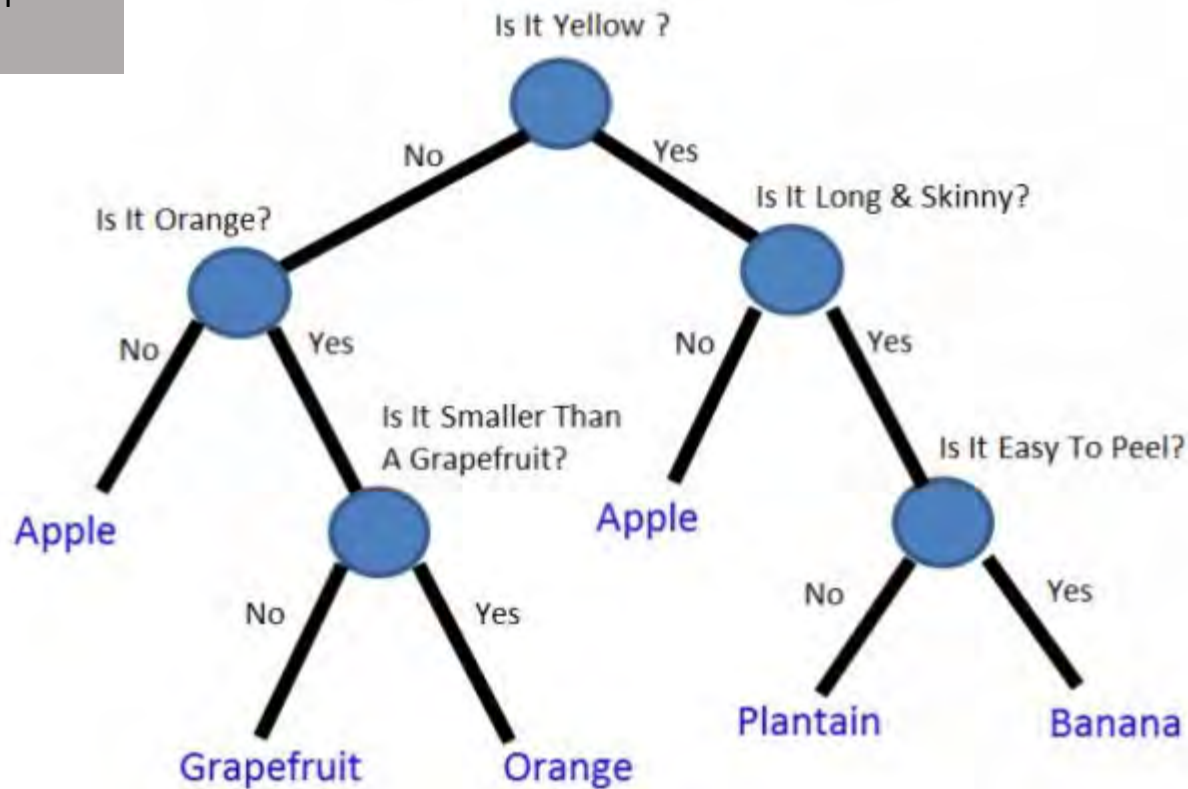
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Case input pattern

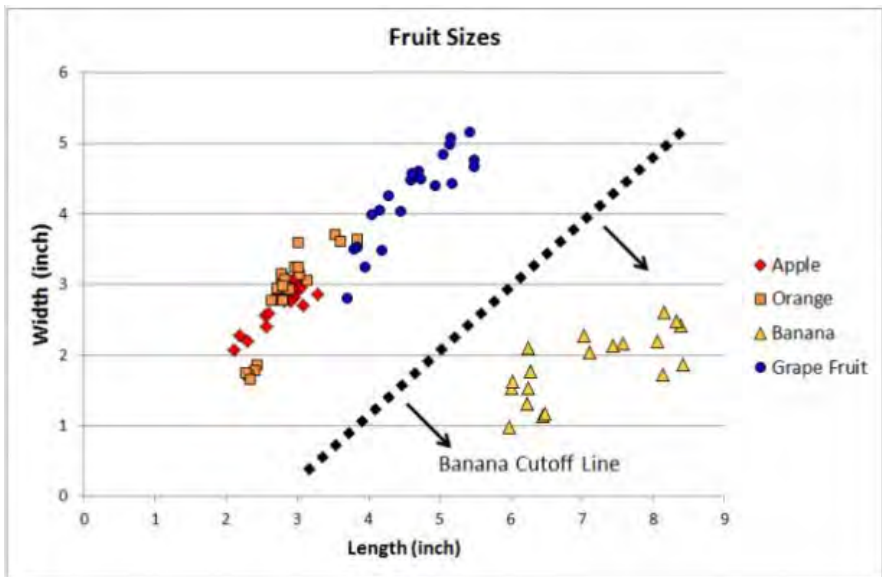
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Decision tree example from *Machine Learning with Random Forests and Decision Trees* by Scott Hartshorn (available on Amazon for \$2.99)

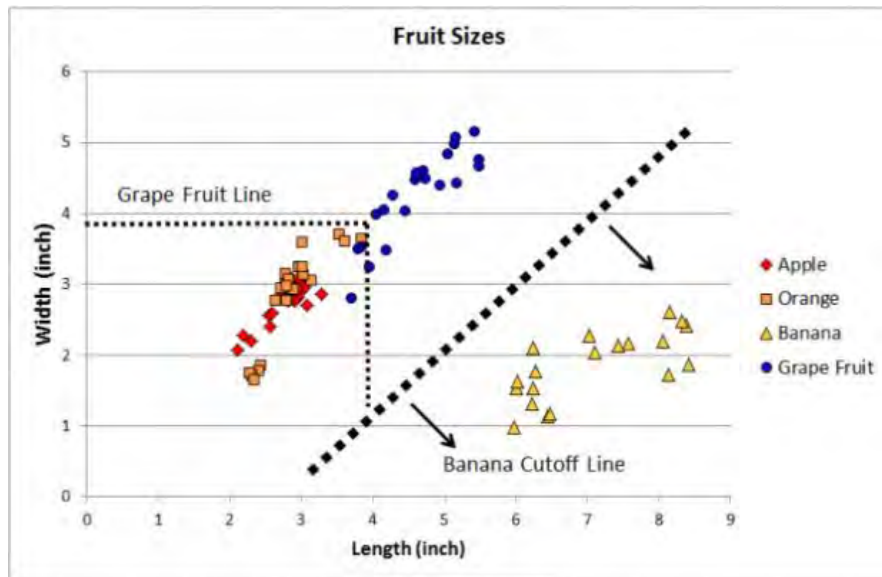
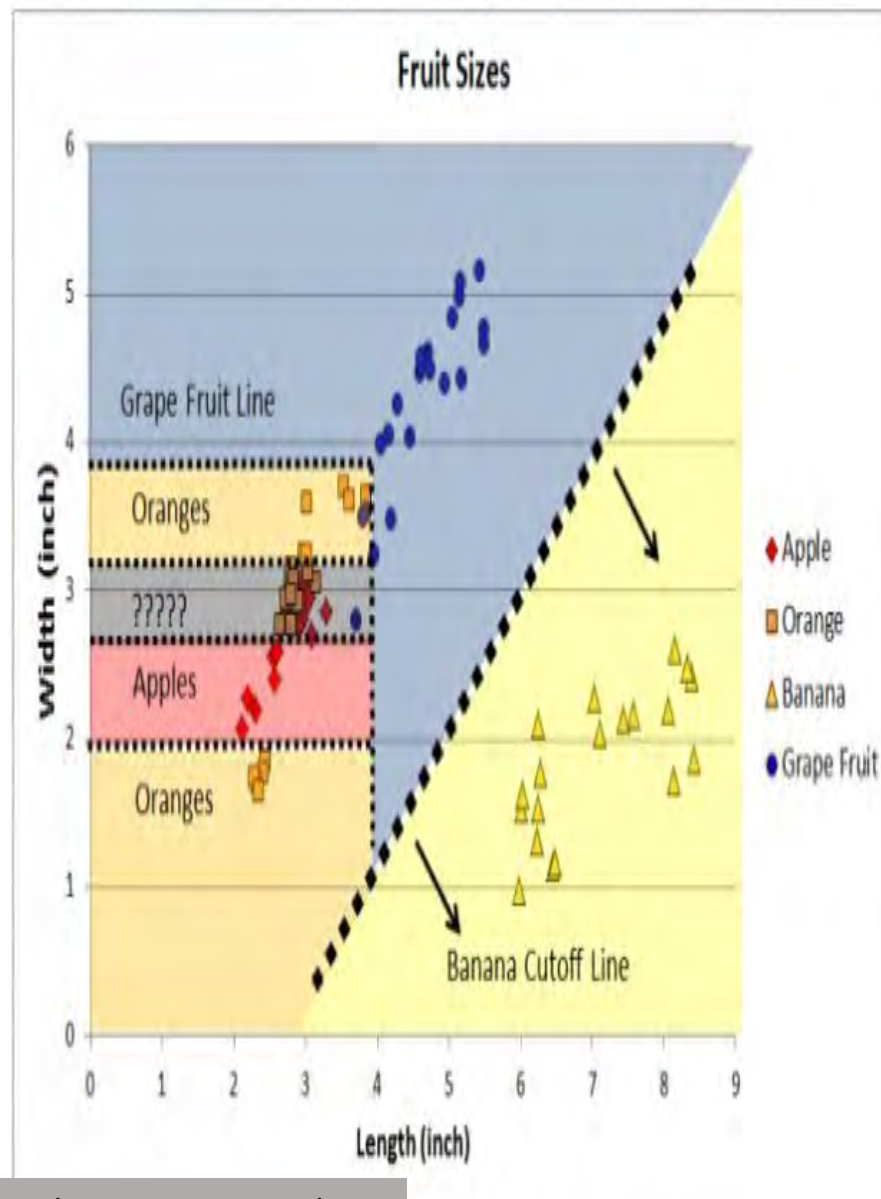


Simple decision tree to classify whether a fruit is an Apple, Grapefruit, Orange, Plantain, or Banana

Note: this example assumes those are the only possibilities. Thus, a lime would be classified as an Apple.

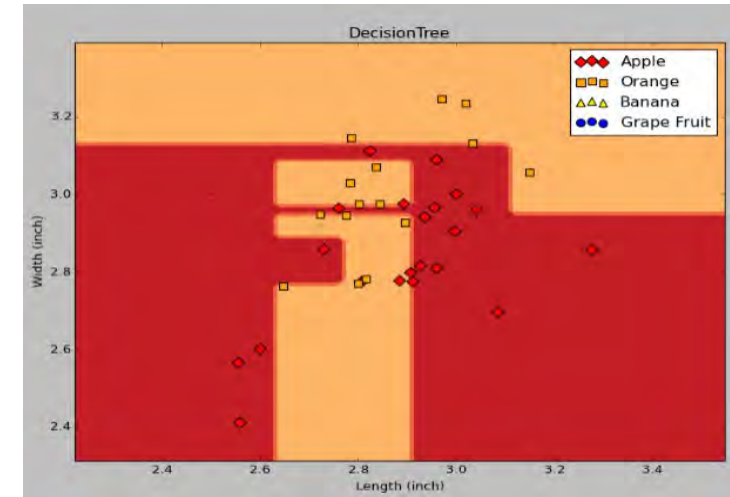
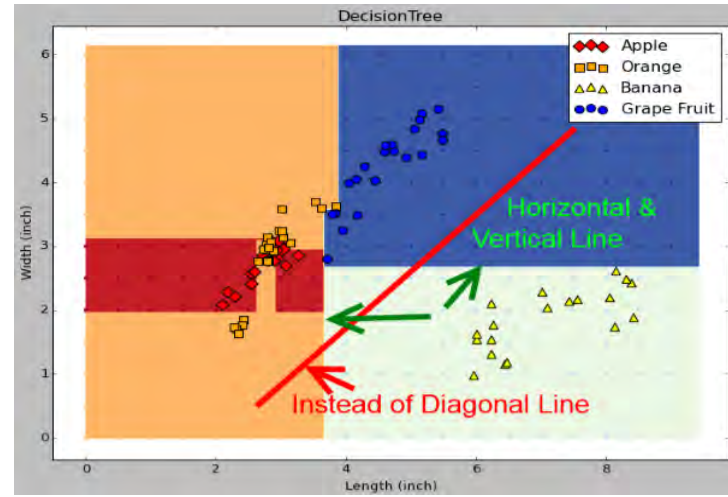
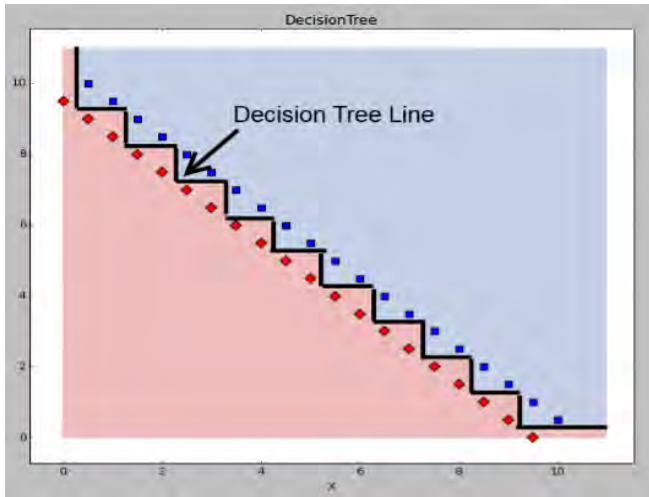


This is how a human might create a set of rules to segregate and identify the four types of fruit.

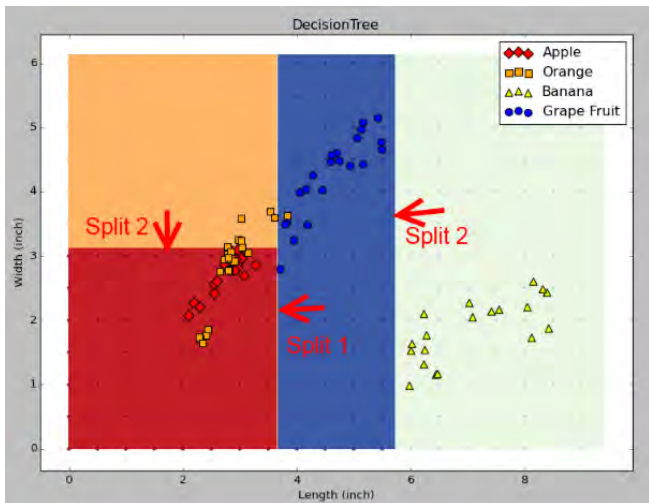


Quantitatively, the splits are placed where the Gini impurity (or other measure of fit) is minimized.

Decision tree example from *Machine Learning with Random Forests and Decision Trees* by Scott Hartshorn



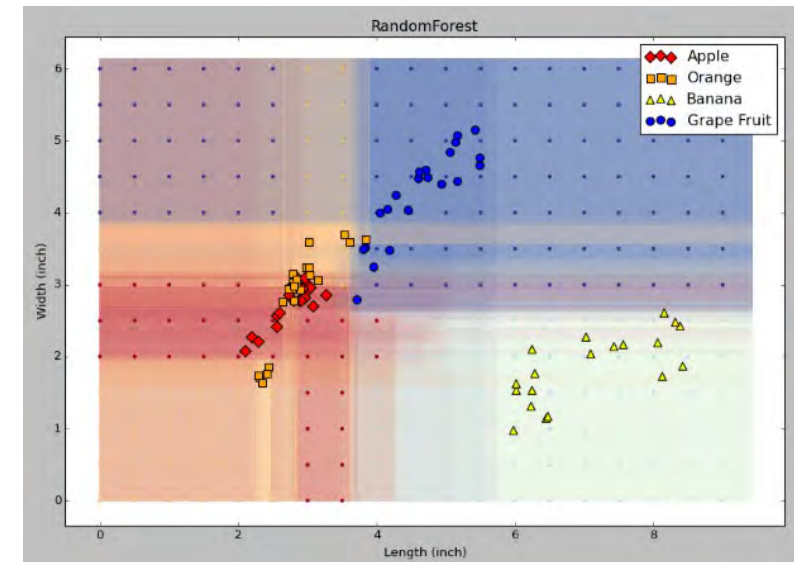
Unable to split diagonally, the decision tree algorithm must simulate the split with several vertical and horizontal splits.



In its attempt to classify ALL of the training data, an individual tree will be prone to overfitting. It is difficult to distinguish between true data, and noise.

A random forest is a collection of many trees, where *each tree has been given only a subset of the data and the parameters.*

The impact of noise is greatly attenuated.



How Many Trees Should You Have In Your Forest?

Advice from *Machine Learning With Random Forests And Decision Trees: A Visual Guide For Beginners*, by Scott Hartshorn

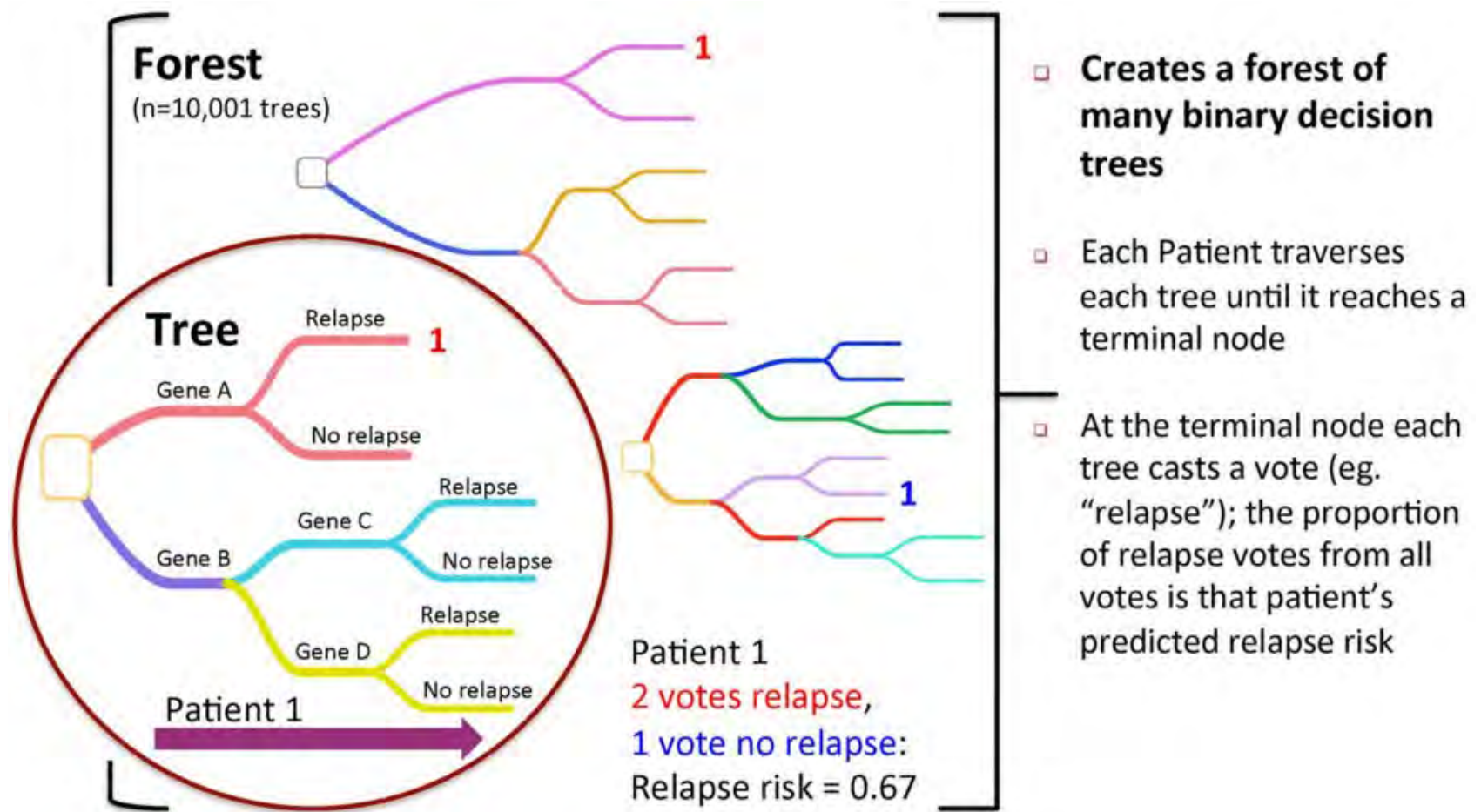


More trees are usually better because they will do more to smooth out abnormalities in the data. But that is true only up to a point. This is an area of diminishing returns, where each additional tree will have less benefit than the one before it. Eventually the benefit will plateau, and more trees will not help very much.

The decision on how many trees to have in the Random Forest becomes a tradeoff dependent on your problem and your computing resources. Going from 10 trees to 50 trees might improve your results significantly, and not add very much time. Going from 1,000 trees to 50,000 trees might add substantial time without improving your results very much.

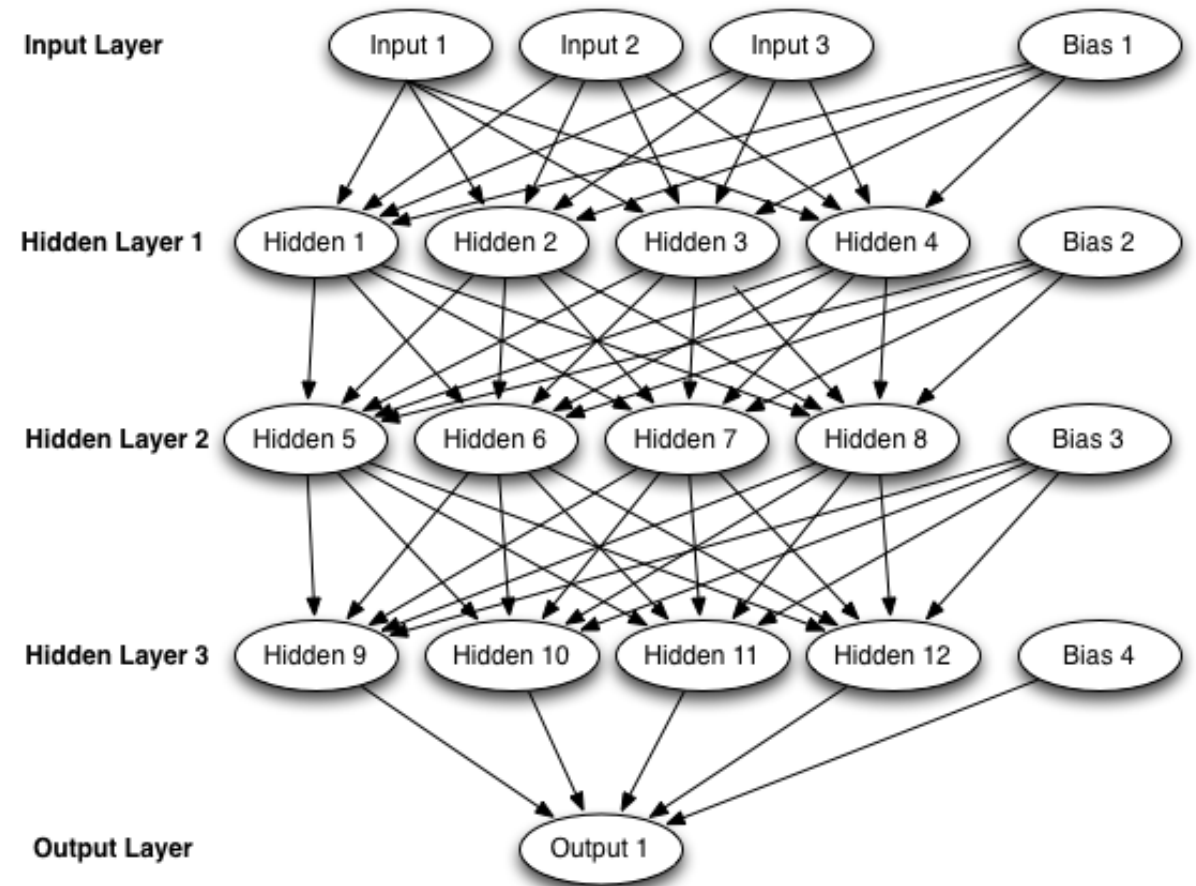
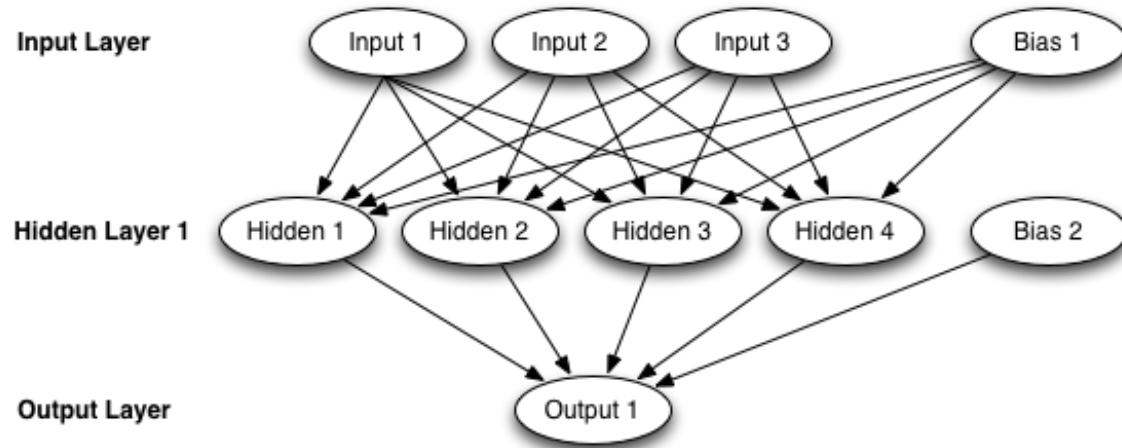
Using 100 trees in the Random Forest is often a good place to start. Increase later (after tuning other parameters)

Overview of Random Forests

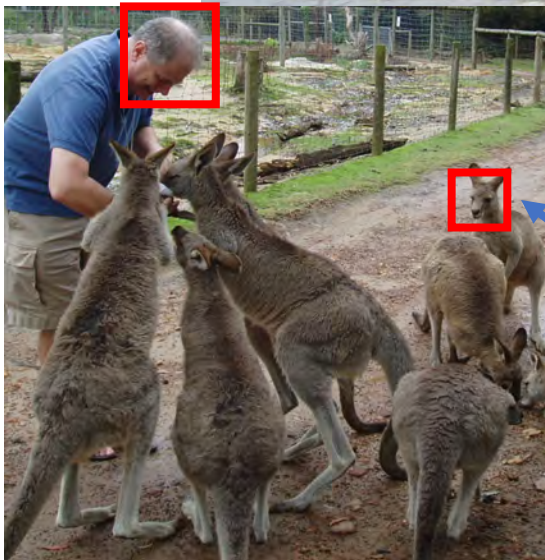


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Artificial Neural Networks



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Very good, but still not perfect



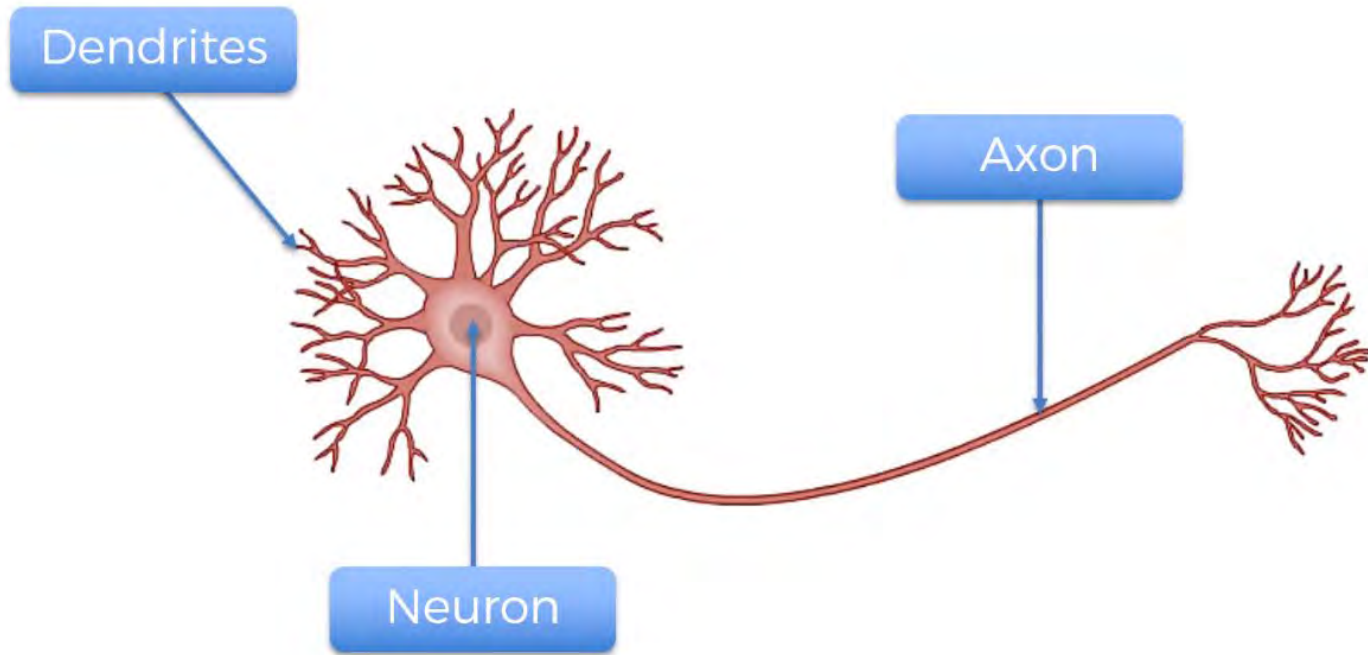
Convolutional Neural Networks provide the front end (for Deep Neural Networks) to enable facial recognition and autonomous vehicles.

By MICHELLE CASTILLO | CBS NEWS | February 12, 2013, 3:02 PM

Can you spot the gorilla in this CT scan? Most radiologists couldn't

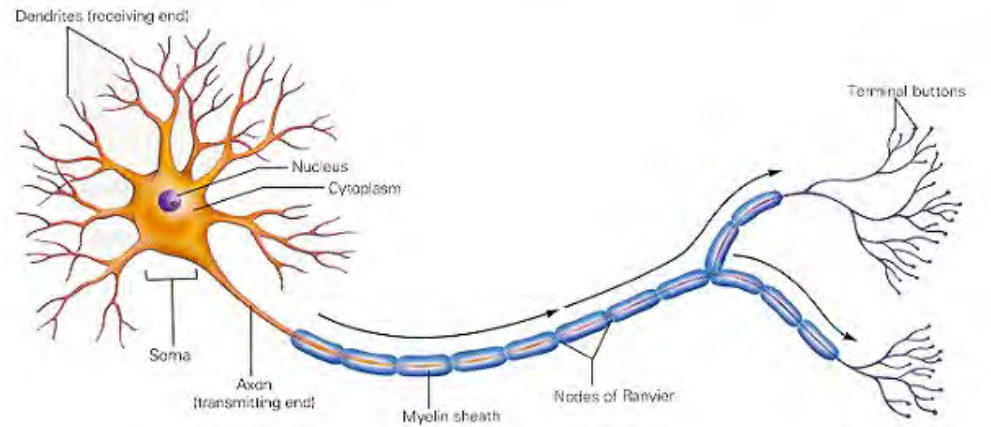


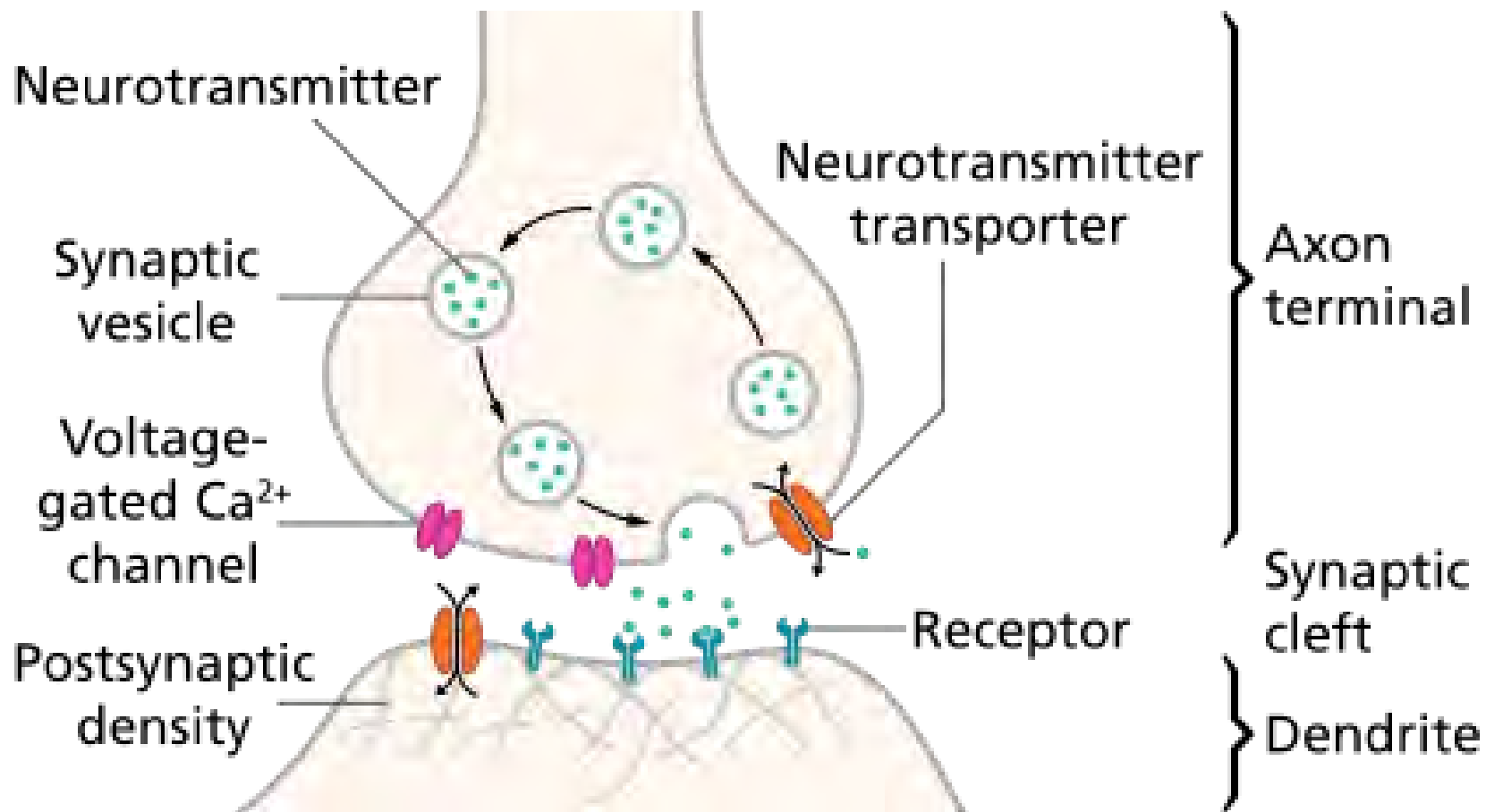
Do you see the gorilla in this scan? / MELISSA VO, AND JEREMY WOLFE/PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE, TRAFTON DREW

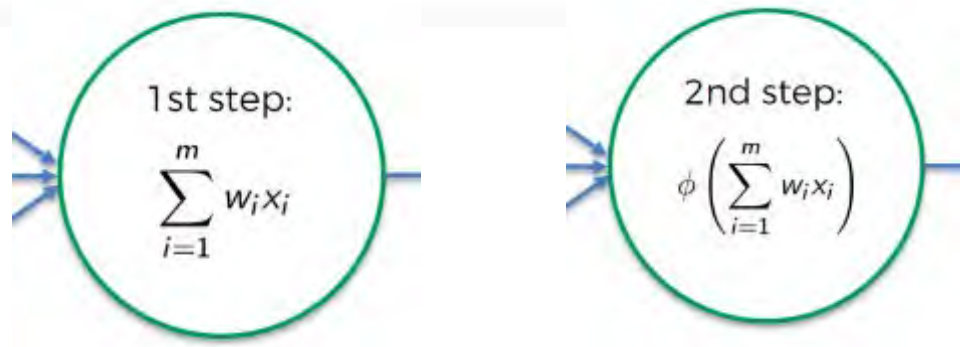
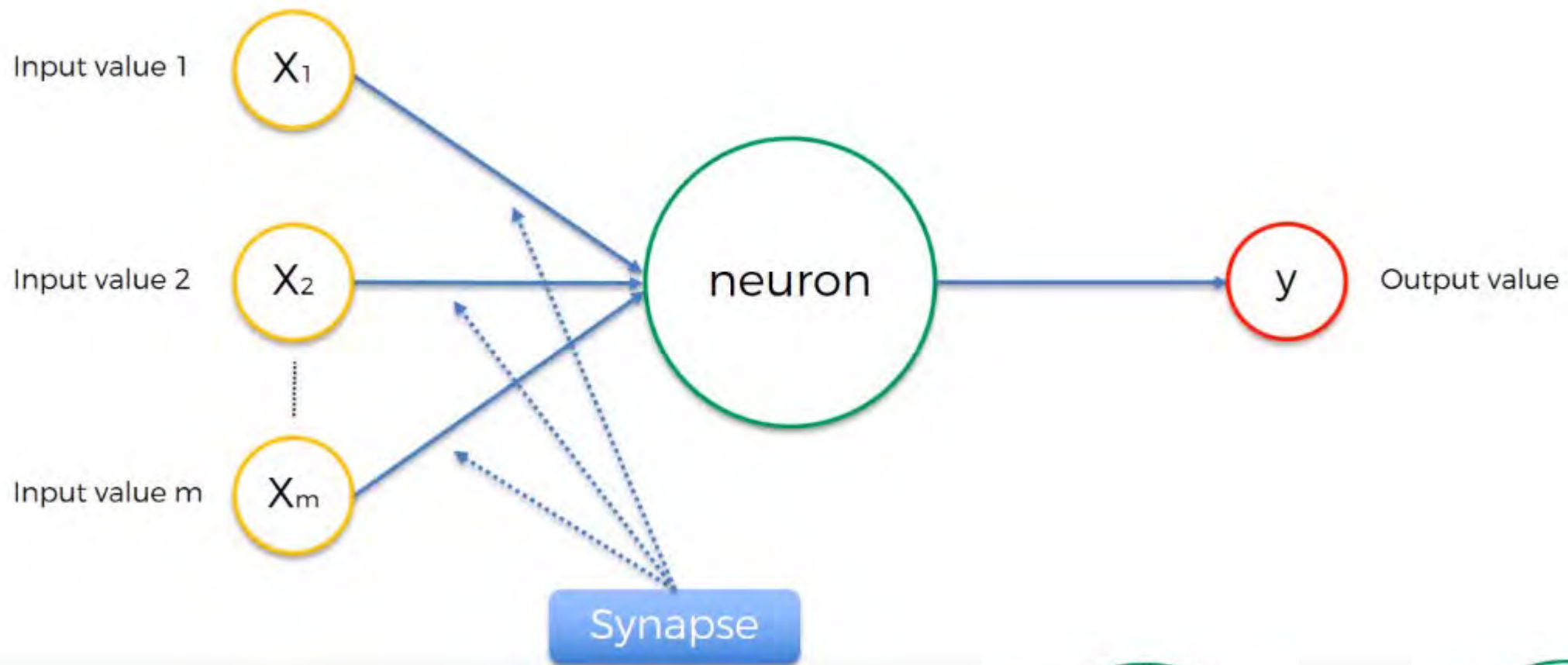


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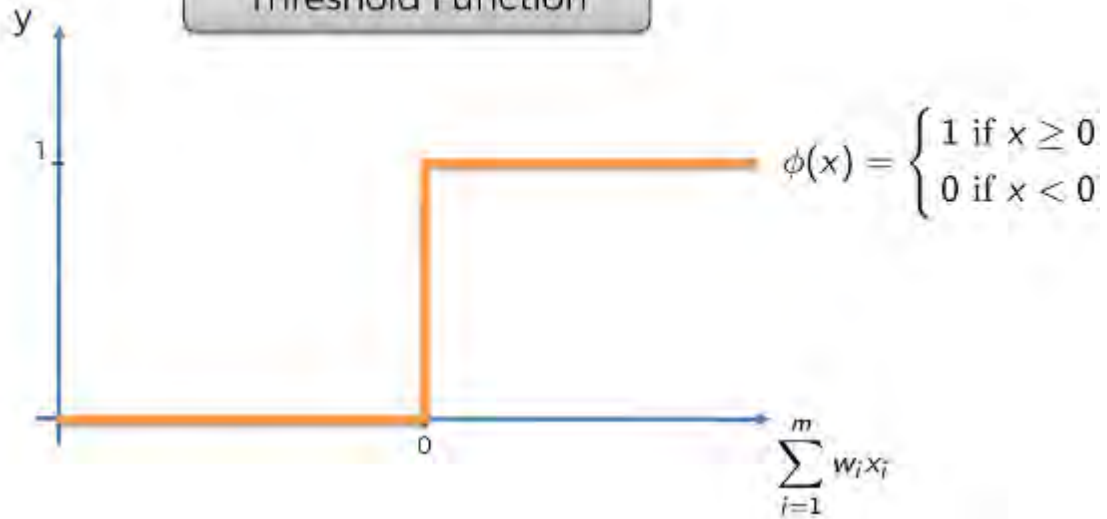
The neuron receives nerve impulses through its dendrites. It then sends the nerve impulses through its axon to the terminal buttons where neurotransmitters are released to stimulate other neurons.



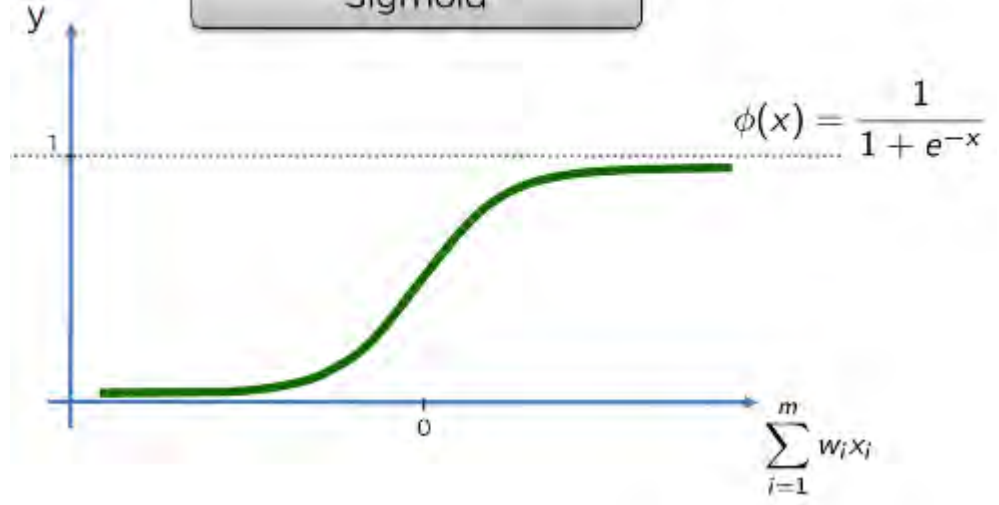




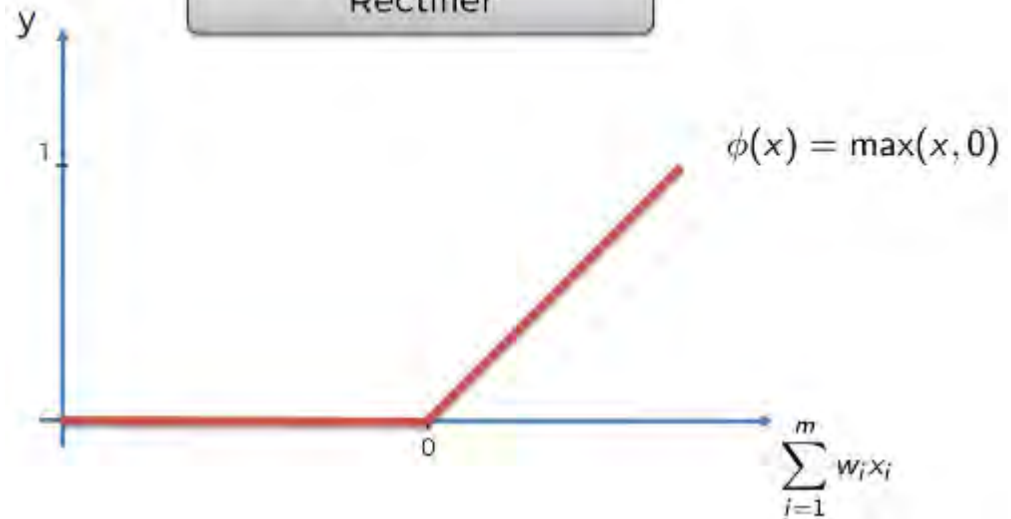
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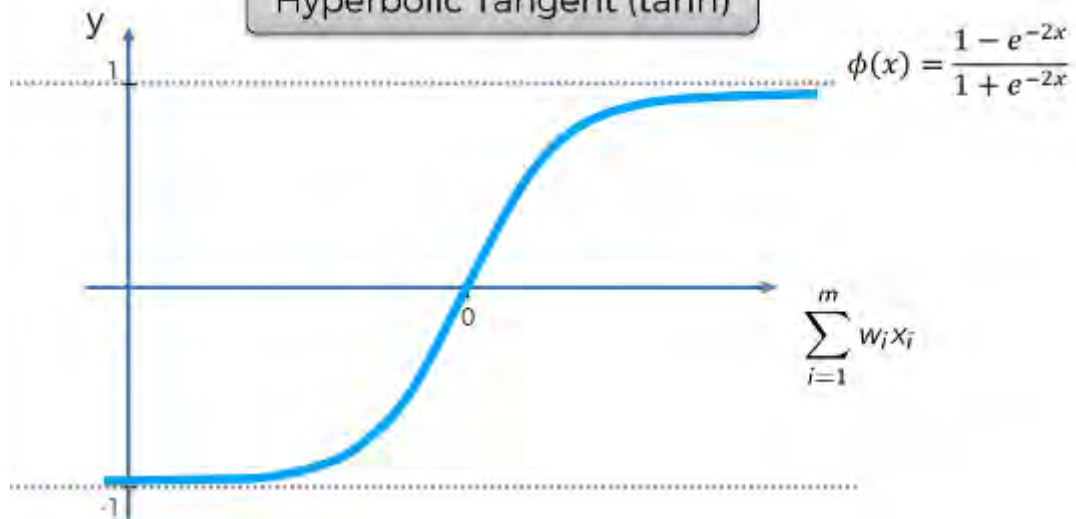
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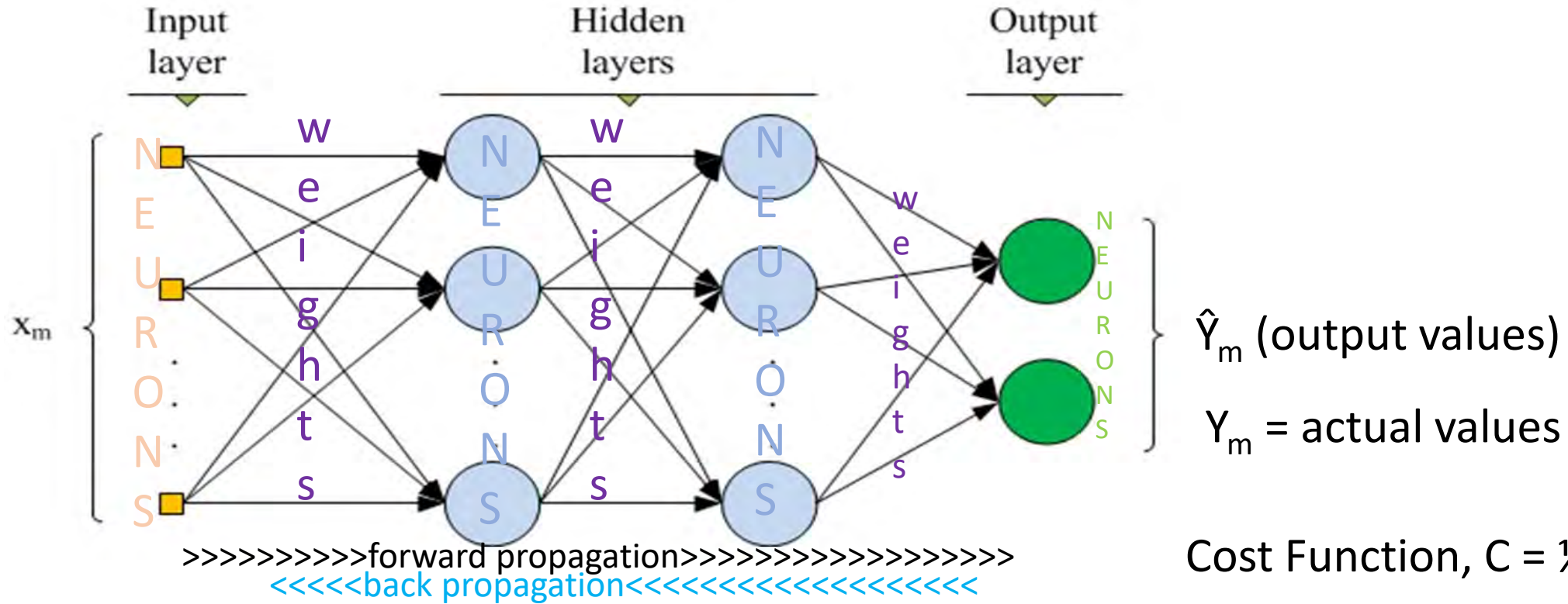


Rectifier



Hyperbolic Tangent (tanh)





$$\text{Cost Function, } C = \frac{1}{2} \text{Sum}[(Y - \hat{Y})^2]$$

Randomly initialize weights to small numbers (but not zero)

Forward propagate vector of first observation to get predicted result \hat{Y} . Each feature goes into one node of input layer.

Compute and minimize cost function, then update weights according to how much they are responsible for errors (and multiplying by the learning rate). This is called back propagation.

Continue to update weights after each observation (reinforcement learning) or after a batch of observations (batch learning)

An epoch occurs when all of the training set has passed through the process. Redo for as many epochs as desired.

Overview of Predictive Analytics Techniques

Deep Learning

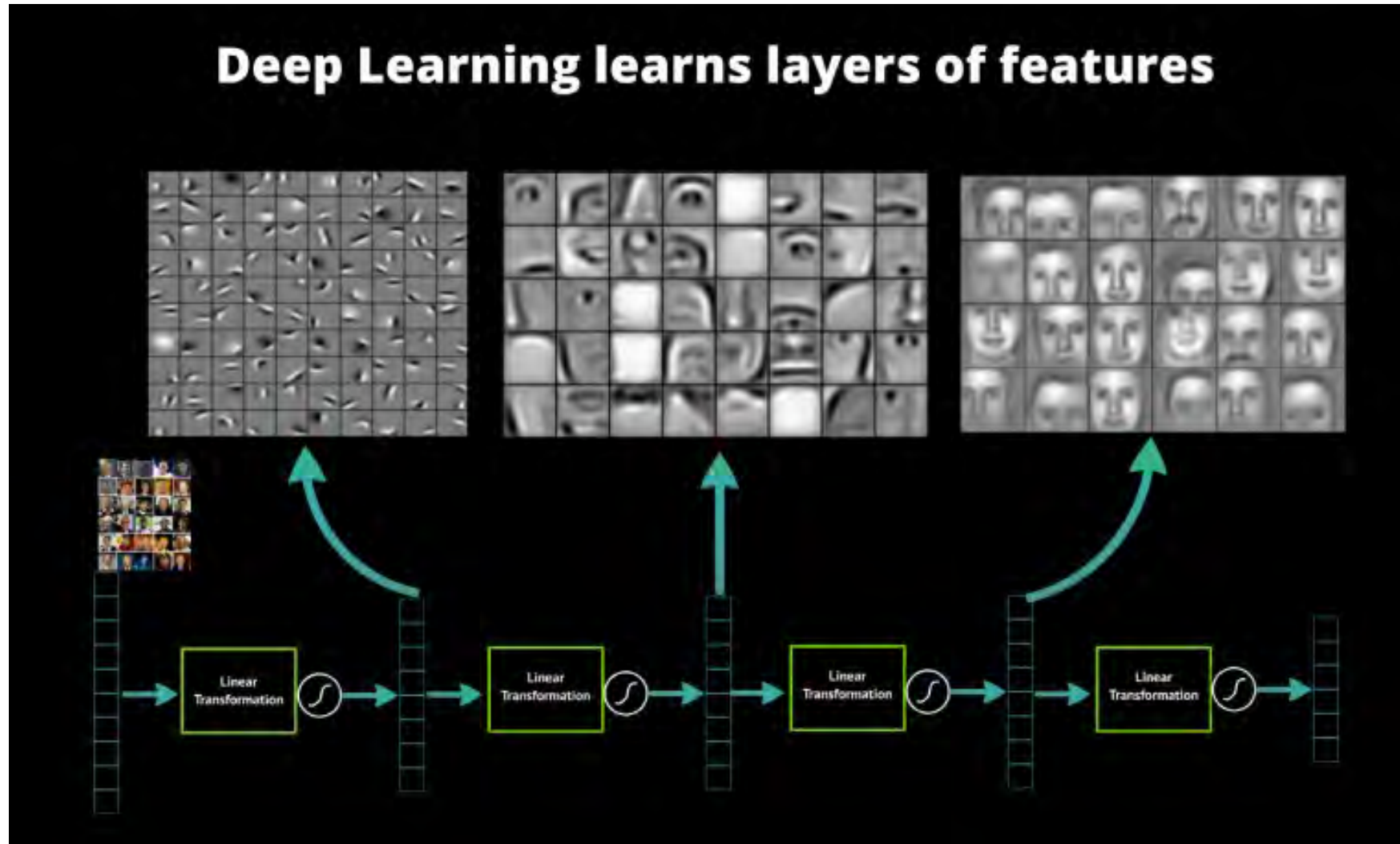
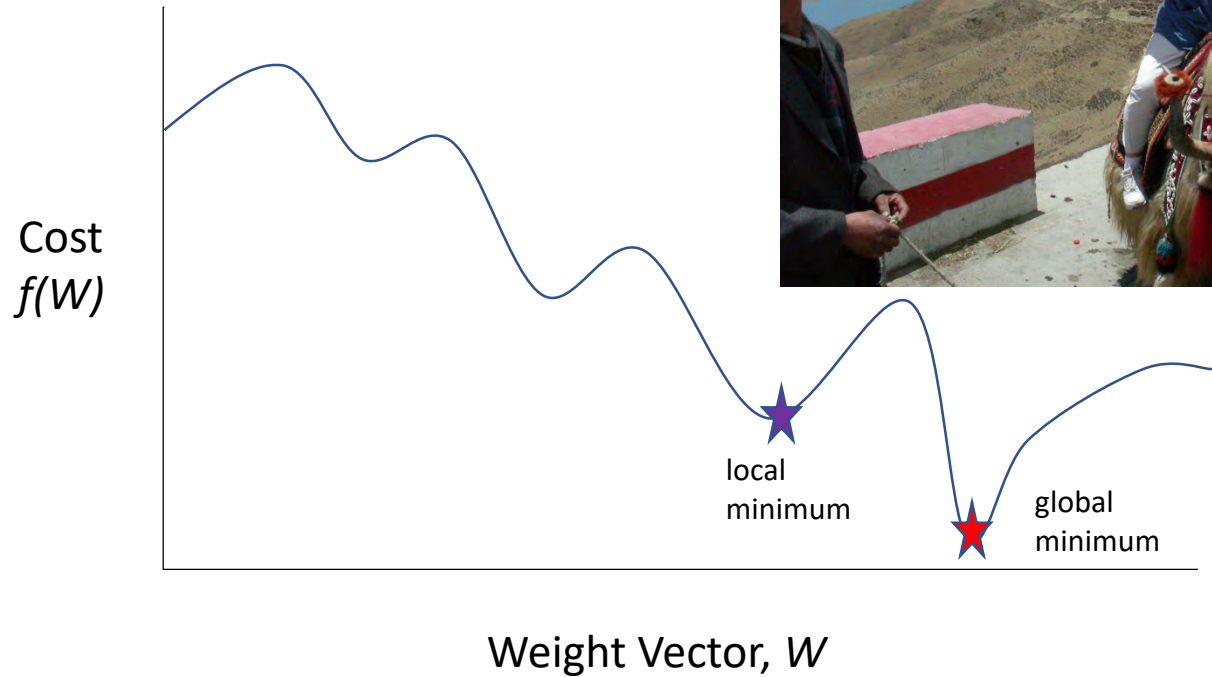


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Simple Gradient Descent is great when you have a convex cost function; but what if you have a situation with several local minima? That's when Stochastic Gradient Descent is used to test several bands within the range of the cost function and get to better solutions without the (millions ... or trillions) of trial and error.



A free book to explain Deep Learning in more detail:

<http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

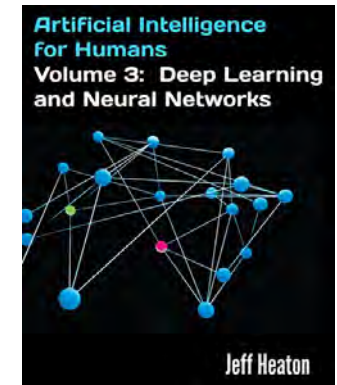
An interactive tool to help you understand the neural network process:

http://www.heatonresearch.com/aifh/vol3/xor_online.html

When you are training a neural network for an XOR operator. You see literally every value that is calculated in the neural network to get each weight.

Jeff Heaton FLMI, ARA
VP, Data Science, RGA

A gentle introduction to Deep Learning is



A best seller on Amazon

No current programming language is ideal for data science (DS), and as DS increases in popularity, there will be replacements that differ considerably from R and Python.

Source for charts: Kdnuggets 30-Aug-2017
<https://www.kdnuggets.com/2017/08/python-overtakes-r-leader-analytics-data-science.html>

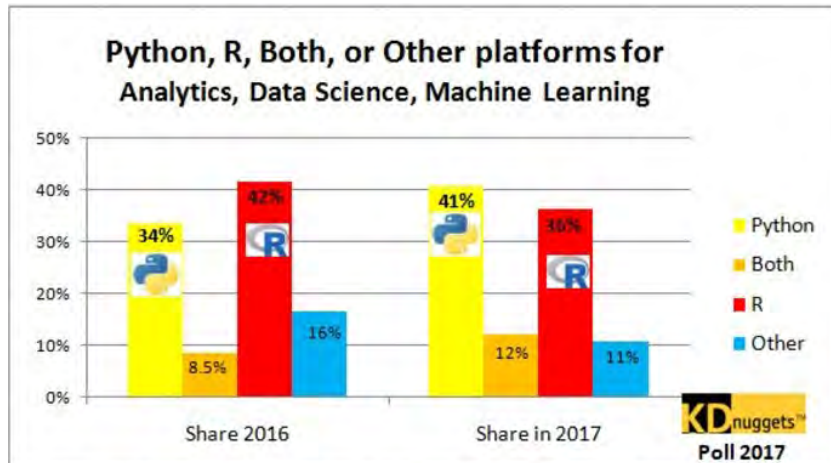
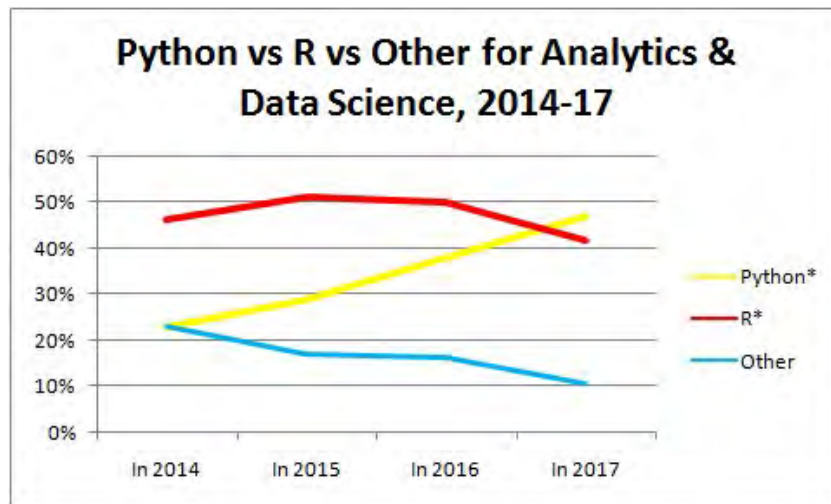


Fig. 1: Share of Python, R, Both, or Other platforms usage for Analytics, Data Science, Machine Learning, 2016 vs 2017



Next, we examine the transitions between the different platforms.

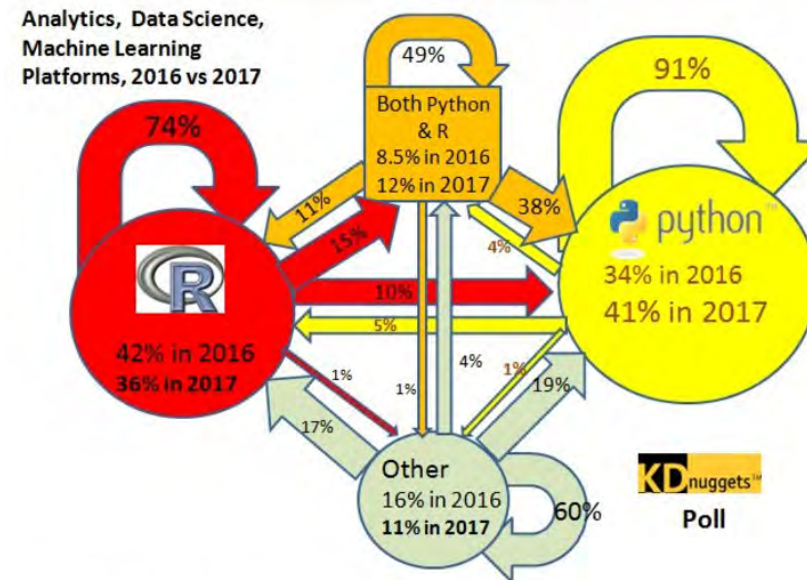
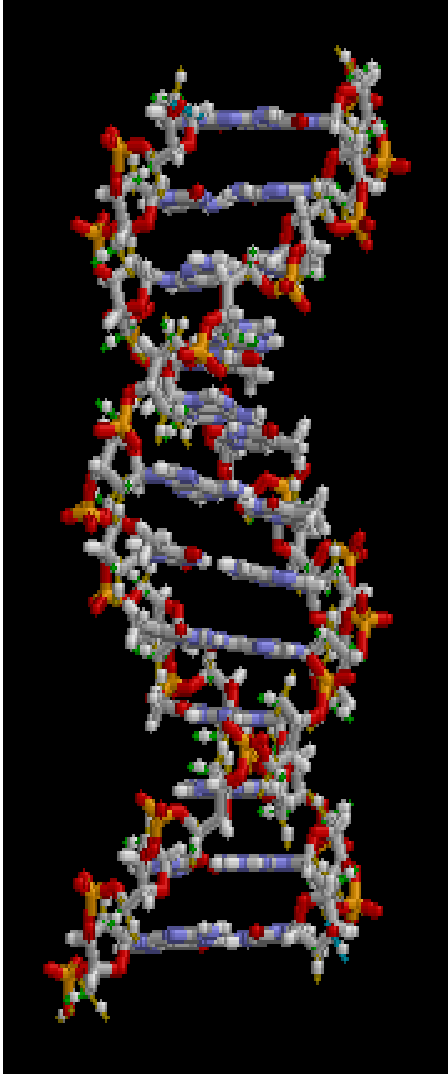


Fig. 2: Analytics, Data Science, Machine Learning Platforms Transitions between R, Python, Both, and Other from 2016 to 2017

The following Python add-ins are excellent tools to help you take advantage of multiple processors and graphical processing units (GPUs). Install them from an Anaconda prompt as follows:

```
pip install theano
pip install tensorflow
pip install keras
conda update --all
```



Genetic Algorithms

Why do we call these
Genetic Algorithms?

They mimic our current knowledge of genetics.

We have trillions of cells.

DNA represents a blueprint for a cell.

It is used to generate copies.

The actual process involves proteins and lots of
other biological terms ...

*and you don't have to know
them to solve problems!*

Criteria that make a problem suitable for a genetic algorithm

- **The problem involves a lot of variables - to some extent, the more variables there are, the better this technique applies.**
- **Each variable can take on potential values to produce different solutions.**
- **We can substitute a value for each of the variables and that particular combination of individual values can be thought of as a solution set.**
- **The problem can be quantified in some manner so that any two solution sets can easily be compared to see which is better.**



OMG
That is so simple!



Case study: Health Insurance

- A genetic algorithm running on a \$300 netbook computer saved millions of dollars on a health provider network setup.
- 500 provider groups, offering 1 to 25 specialties (acupuncture to x-rays)
- If all 500 provider groups were in network, normalized cost would be 1.000
- Each group IN or OUT of network
- Potential number of solution sets was 2^{500} (a VERY big number)
- Best arrangement by experienced actuaries was cost reduction to 0.78
- Netbook got to 0.75 within an hour
- After three days it reached 0.58

Provider Network Cost Optimization

Each provider group is in (1) or out (0) of network.

				Specialties:	Chiropractic	Pathology	Cardiovascular Disease	Family Practice	Obstetric
				Cost	0.97	0.92	0.90	0.89	
				Count Minimum	5	5	5	20	
				Current Count	79	42	70	356	
				Total	125	62	82	597	
					1	2	3	4	
Health System	Incl	Rela	Total Provider	Chiropractic	Pathology	Cardiovascular Disease	Family Practice	Obstetric	
Provider # 1	1	0.77	M(G13:AP13)	0	23	24	64		
Provider # 2	1	0.90	355	1	12	26	83		
Provider # 3	1	0.79	287	0	0	9	66		
Provider # 4	0	1.13	228	0	0	0	65		
Provider # 5	0	0.89	216	0	0	11	67		
Provider # 6	0	1.36	137	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 7	0	1.50	129	3	17	0	10		
Provider # 8	0	1.32	85	0	0	0	18		
Provider # 9	0	1.33	38	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 10	0	1.08	37	0	1	0	0		
Provider # 11	1	1.04	35	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 12	0	0.73	35	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 13	0	1.16	34	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 14	0	1.32	28	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 15	0	1.12	27	0	0	0	4		
Provider # 16	1	1.03	27	0	0	0	18		
Provider # 17	1	0.78	26	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 18	0	1.22	26	0	0	0	0		
Provider # 19	1	1.55	25	0	0	0	1		
Provider # 20	1	0.84	21	0	0	0	13		

Each provider group can have multiple specialists; and has a relative cost.

500 Providers for this example; but could have thousands. Lots of specialties. Could have 2^{500} ($> 10^{150}$) solution sets ... might take a while by traditional methods. 😊

Provider Network Cost Optimization (continued)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Genetic Algorithm Presentation								
2	Provider Network Fitness Function								
3									
4		Count of Contracts (Provider Groups) Used:	325						
5		Included Providers (Specialists):	2,885						
6		Relativity to Overall Network:	0.8966						
7		Adequate Network:	Yes						
8									
9		Specialty	Available Providers	Required Providers	Selected Providers	Requirement Met	Relativity	Specialty Weight	
10		Hospital	16	5	11	Yes	0.89	47.1%	
11		Family Practice	597	20	438	Yes	0.90	7.7%	
12		Physical Therapy	506	5	243	Yes	1.00	3.9%	
13		Internal Medicine	376	20	296	Yes	0.89	3.8%	
14		Obstetrics/Gynecology	277	5	195	Yes	0.88	3.8%	
15		Pediatrics	351	5	249	Yes	0.95	3.4%	
16		Orthopedic Surgery	147	5	100	Yes	0.88	3.2%	
17		Hematology /Oncology	97	5	58	Yes	0.86	2.8%	
18		Chiropractic	125	5	87	Yes	0.98	2.7%	
19		Diagnostic Radiology	174	5	101	Yes	0.87	2.5%	
20		Dermatology	61	5	47	Yes	0.81	2.1%	
21		Ophthalmology	120	5	111	Yes	0.86	1.3%	
22		Otolaryngology	52	5	45	Yes	0.82	1.3%	
23		Gastroenterology	40	5	34	Yes	0.89	1.2%	
24		Pathology	62	5	41	Yes	0.90	1.1%	
25		Podiatry	44	5	32	Yes	1.01	1.0%	
26		Acupuncturist	65	5	39	Yes	0.94	0.9%	
27		Urology	44	5	32	Yes	0.93	0.9%	
28		General Surgery	65	5	46	Yes	0.84	0.8%	
29		Rheumatology	21	5	16	Yes	0.86	0.8%	
30		Neurology	94	5	86	Yes	0.91	0.8%	

Click Here to start genetic algorithm for solution set. You can modify parameters on the Parameters sheet.

Each specialty area must have adequate coverage.

Some problems just don't fit well into classical methods of solution:

Assume you have three equations:

- $y_1 = a * e * g + h + d^a$
- $y_2 = |h|! - |d|!$
- $y_3 = ((\sin(a)) + b) * \log(b + c) + \cos(\min(c, d)) * (e - f + g * h)$

Find a combination of a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h such that the standard deviation of y_1, y_2 , and y_3 is minimized.

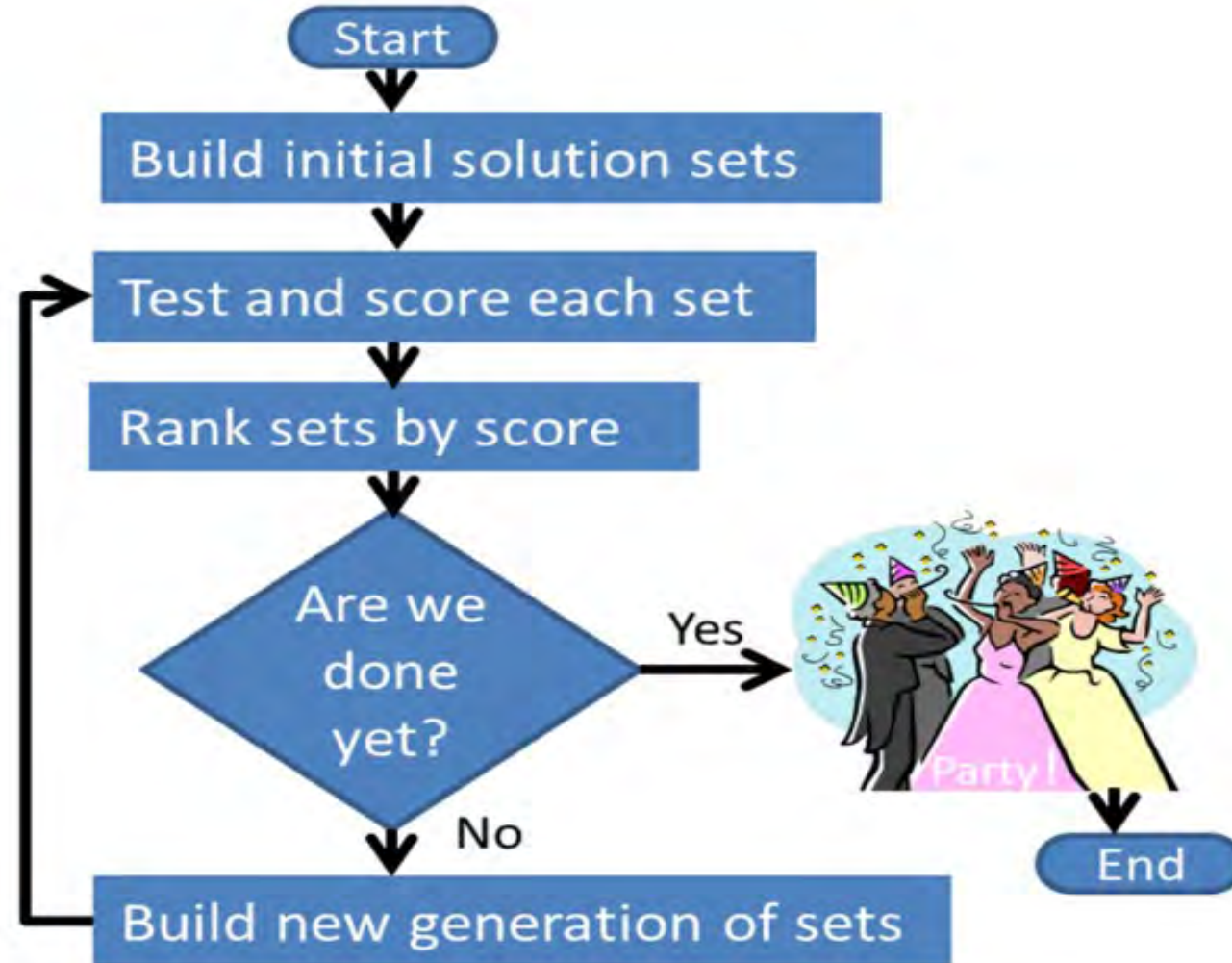
Oh yeah!
We are math folks, so this might be too easy by itself!

Let's add some constraints to make it more interesting!

a has to be an integer from 1 to 10
b is a real number from 0 to 15
c is a real number from 1 to 3
d is a real number from 0.5 to 7
e is a real number from -10 to 50
f is an **even** integer from -20 to 40
g is a real number from 0 to 18
h is a real number from 3 to 12

[Click for Live Demo](#)

How to build a genetic algorithm



VBA example code

*from elsewhere: elites = 20
setsPerGeneration = 100
parentPool = 40
solutionSets is a
2-dimensional array 30 by 100*

```
Private Sub AddTheChildren()
```

```
Dim parent As Integer, var As Long, child As Integer, children As Integer
```

```
1 children = setsPerGeneration - elites           (80 = 100 - 20)
2 For child = 1 To children                       (start with child set 1)
3   For var = 1 To setLength                     (1 to 30 if 30 variables per set)
4     parent = Int(parentPool * Rnd()) + 1       (e.g. parent 5 wins
5     solutionSets(var, elites + child)         for variable 17 for
                                                child 1)
                                                = solutionSets(var, parent)
6   Next var                                     (so set variable 17 in new solution set 21 = 20 + 1 to
7   Next child                                   the value from variable 17 in old solution set 5 )
End Sub 'AddTheChildren
```

Input Screen for *FREE* workbook

Genetic Algorithm Parameters

Enter your parameters for this run and then click on Start (or Cancel).
MOVE YOUR MOUSE OVER ANY INPUT AREA to get context sensitive information.

Sets per generation: 100

Conditions set range: EquationSolver!\$C\$5:\$C\$12

Input set range: EquationSolver!\$B\$5:\$B\$12

Final score cell address: EquationSolver!\$G\$19

Elites (immortal sets) per generation: 20

Potential parents per child: 50

Generations requested: 10

Max. mutations per set: 8

First Generation
 random numbers
 from previous run

Goal Type
 maximize result
 minimize result

Start Cancel

Specify the sheet and range for your constraint criteria.

Specify the range for your variable values

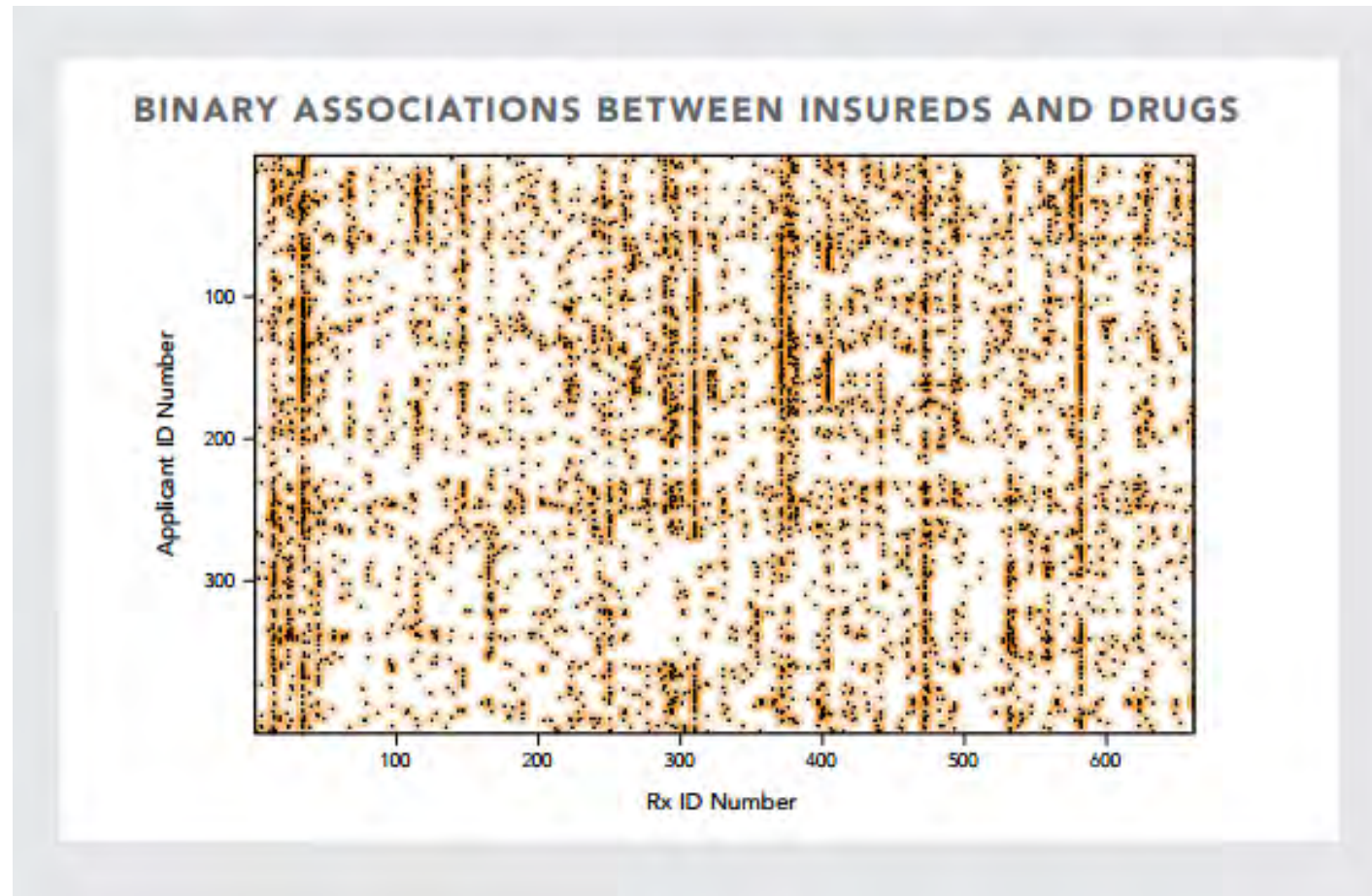
Enter the location of the final score

***No biology needed!
No programming needed!***

Overview of Predictive Analytics Techniques

Frequent Itemsets

Checking Rx history to infer 'other' drugs taken by applicant



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RGA Reinsurance Company

Dave Snell, ASA, MAAA

Technology Evangelist

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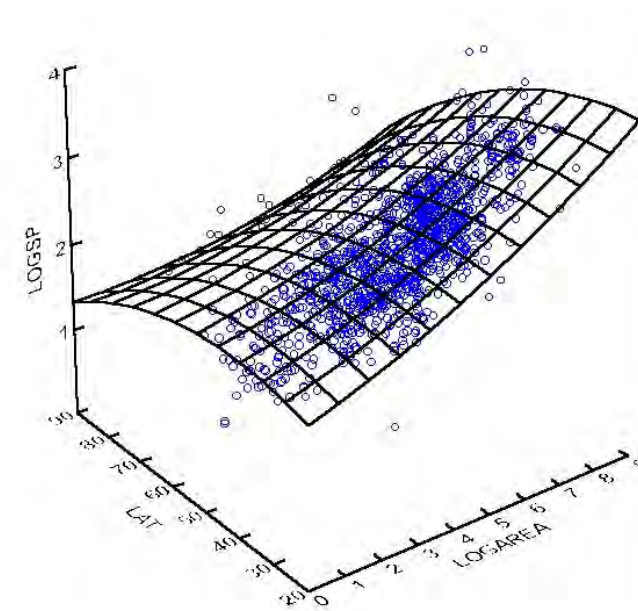
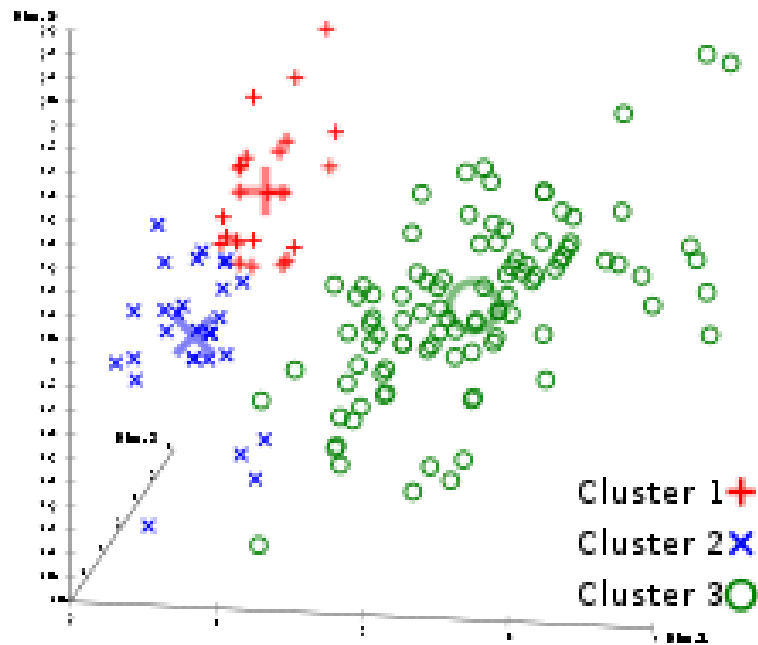
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Utilizing Frequent Itemsets to Model Highly Sparse Underwriting Data – Society of Actuaries - Predictive Analytics 2014 Call For Articles

Overview of Predictive Analytics Techniques

K-Means Clusters

Multi-variate Regression



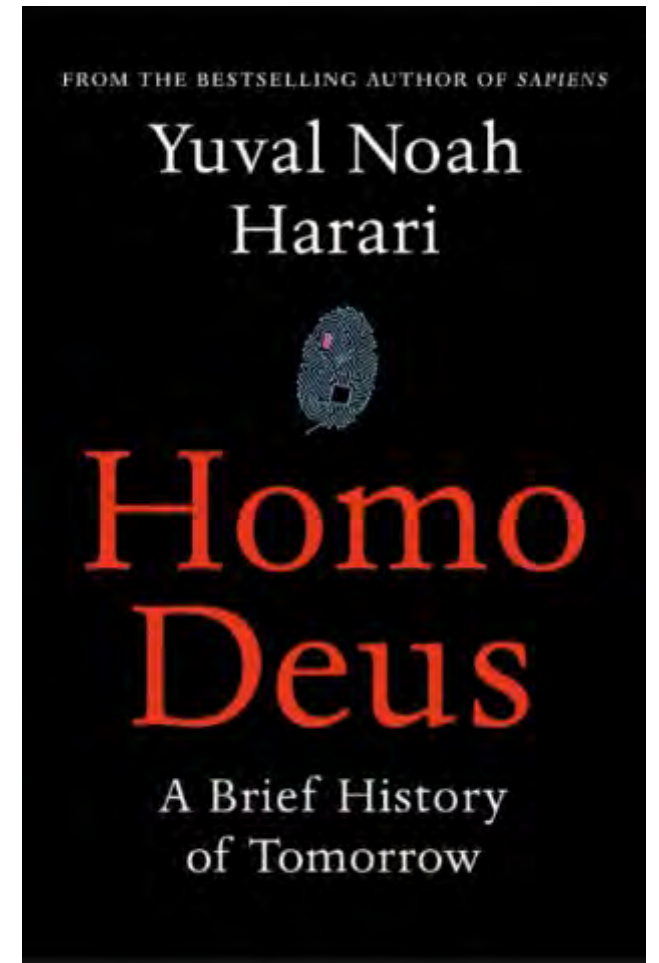
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For the first time in history, more people die today from eating too much than from eating too little;

more people die from old age than from infectious diseases;

more people commit suicide than are killed by soldiers, terrorists and criminals combined.

A few serious scholars suggest that by 2050, some humans will become a-mortal (not immortal, because they could still die of some accident, but a-mortal, meaning that in the absence of fatal trauma their lives could be extended indefinitely).



How are Big Data and predictive analytics changing healthcare?

The Truman Show was just the Beginning!

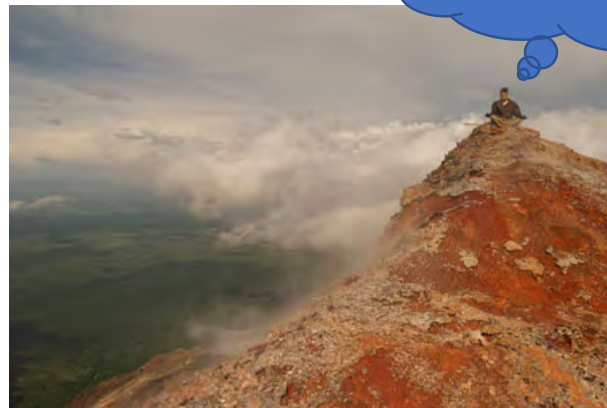
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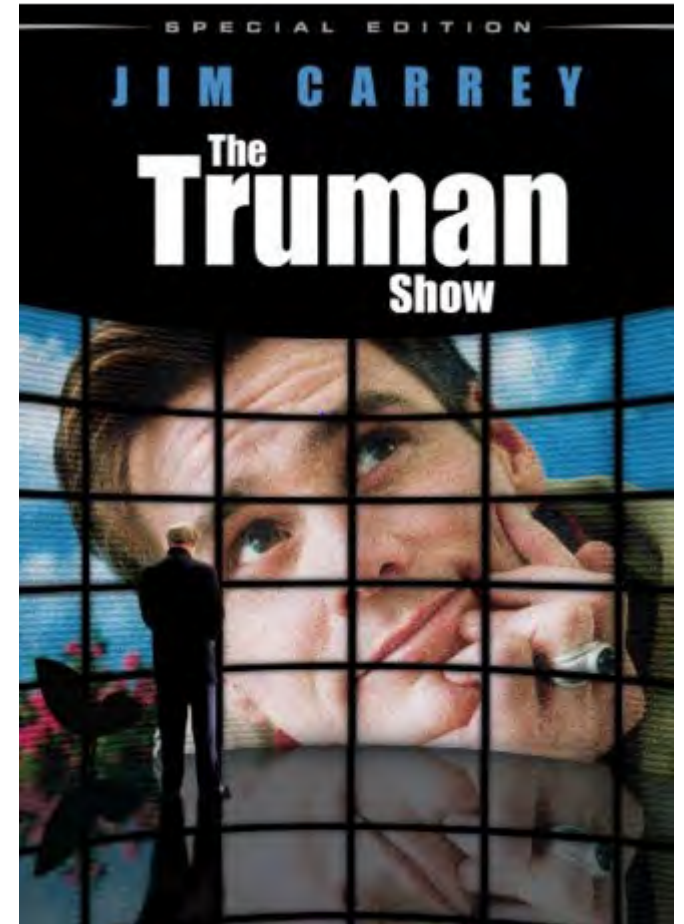
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but be very afraid!

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A Panomic perspective!



How are Big Data, predictive analytics, and machine learning changing healthcare?

“In every other industry, technology drives down costs and consumers are considered perfectly capable of making decisions for themselves.” –David Goldberg

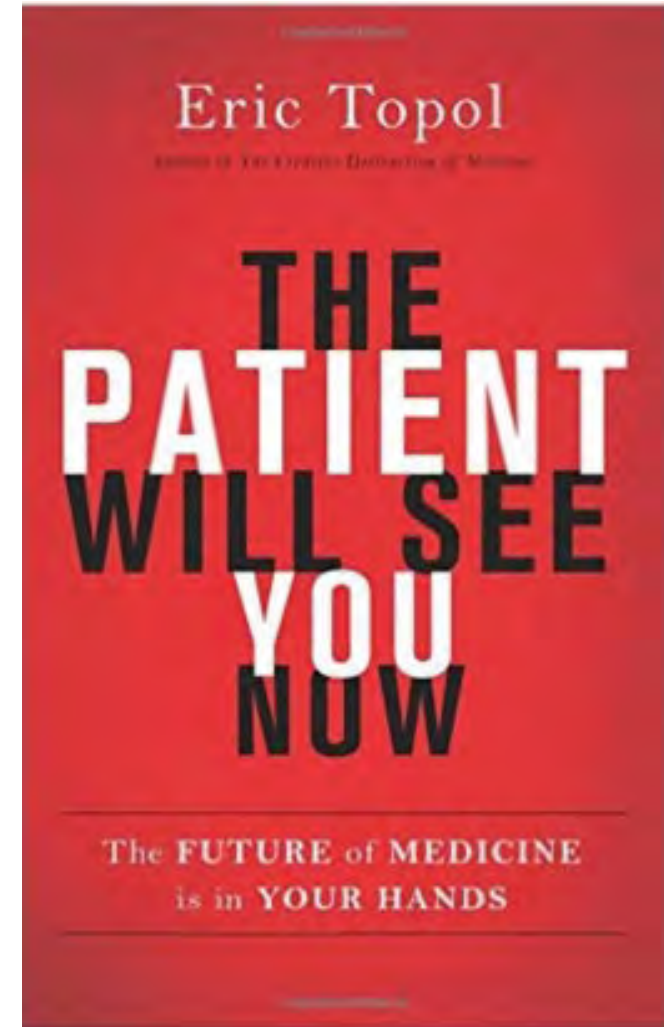
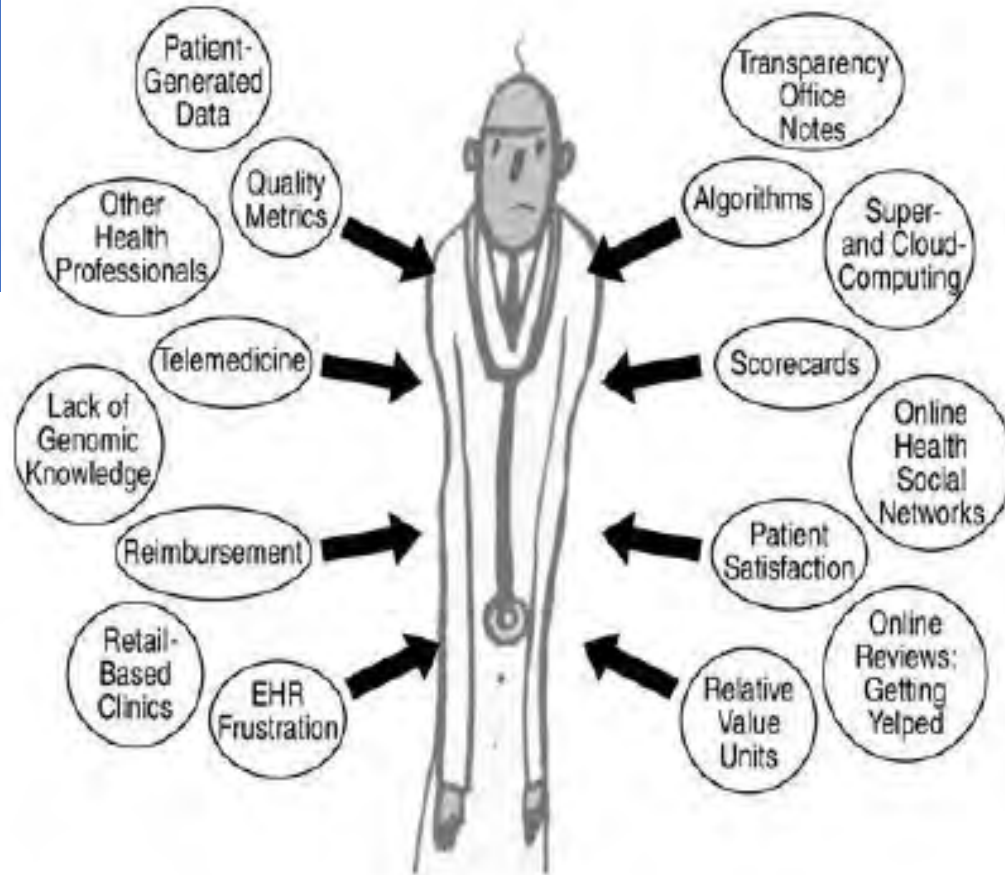


FIGURE 9.4: Doctors are getting squeezed like never before.

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How is Machine Learning already changing insurance underwriting?

- A short history lesson
- The Attending Physician's Statement (APS) – “Gold Standard?” “fool's gold?”
- Pharmaceutical (Rx) databases
- TransUnion TrueRisk[®] Life
 - <http://www.rgare.com/knowledgecenter/Documents/RGAWebcastCreditBasedSolutions.pdf>

TrueRisk[®] Life is easy to use & understand, each score represents 1% of the population with the worst scores having 5 times higher mortality than the best scores



Top 5% (worst scores) had six times the early policy lapses, (years 1 and 2) and five times the mortality (years 1 – 12) of the lowest (best) 5%.

(lessons learned – people do not follow strictly analytic models)

- Logical Rule: People are rational and make rational decisions
- Logical Rule: Accuracy is more important than marketing hype
- Logical Rule: Everyone acts in a manner that will maximize their own self-interest
- Logical Rule: The work of science is to Substitute facts for appearances and demonstrations for impressions – John Ruskin

(Motto of Society of Actuaries)

Analytic Models Fail When They Ignore Behavioral Economics

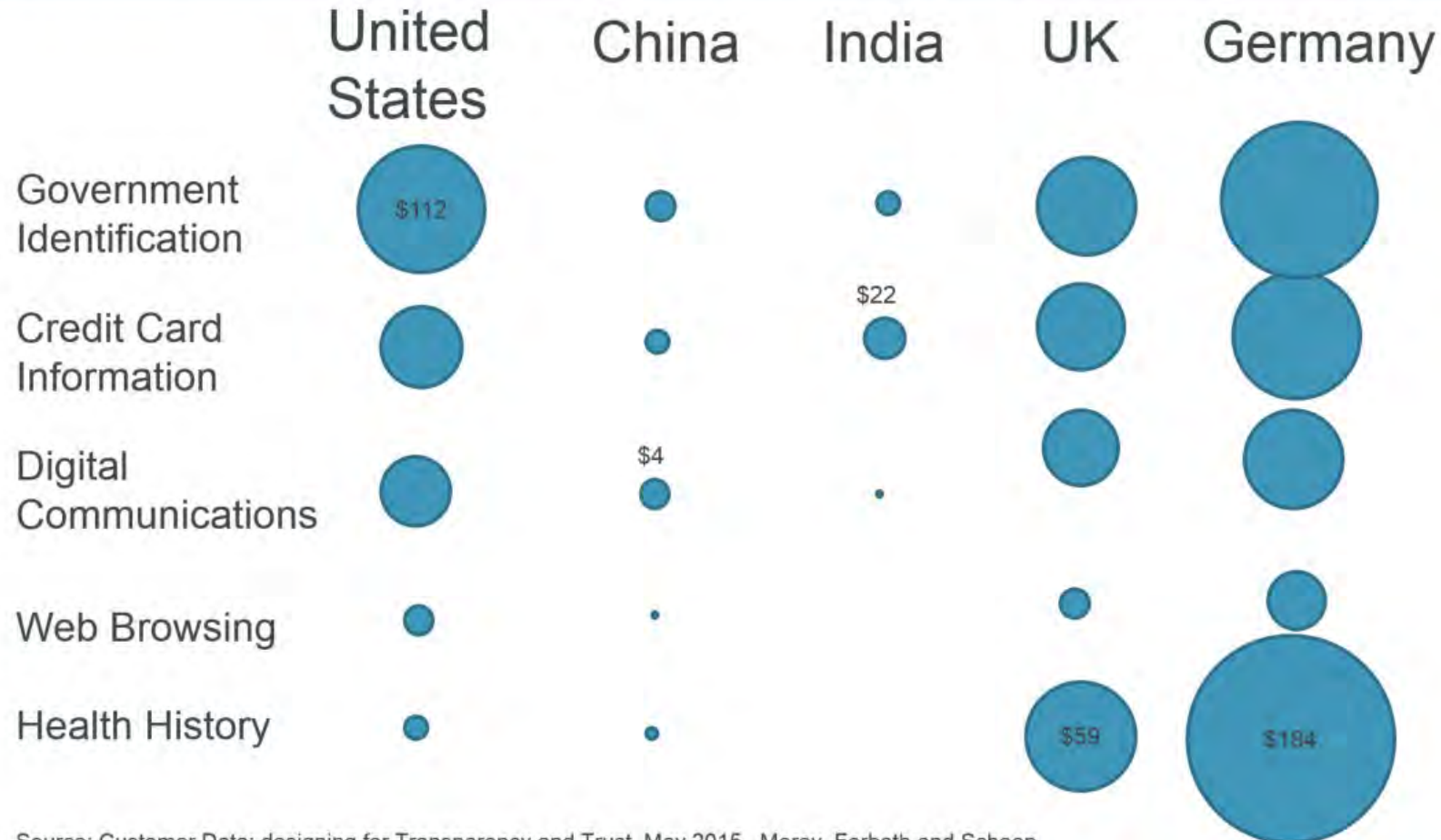


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Consider Cultural Differences A 'Home Run' may not 'Hit a Six'

Approximate amount people would pay to protect each data type (US\$)



Source: Customer Data: designing for Transparency and Trust, May 2015. Morey, Forbath and Schoop.

Original source included other types of data, all with low amounts (e.g. search history, location, purchase history, contact information)

How are they already changing insurance underwriting? (lessons learned)

- Target uses predictive modeling to determine a teenage girl is pregnant
 - They send her lots of coupons for baby products (Forbes: 16-Feb-2012)
 - Their analytics are correct, but it backfires on them.
- Progressive Insurance Company
 - The first major US insurance company to employ predictive analytics in a big way.
 - Huge increase in market share.
 - Huge increase in bottom line profit.
 - What a wonderful endorsement of predictive analytic models!
 - But that was only part of the picture.

Behavioral Economics was the secret sauce that made it palatable to the public.



RGA's Experience in Predictive Analytics in Life and Health insurance



Sales, Marketing & Distribution

Propensity to Buy: Use client & sales data to **identify best leads for marketing efforts**. Project in Taiwan.

Agent Quality Assessment: Use policyholder & claims data to **determine which agents add most value to profitability**. Projects in US and UK.



Policy & Claims Management

Experience Analysis: Use multivariate model to **understand the true drivers of experience**. Projects in US, UK and South Africa.

In Force Retention: Use customer & lapse data to **determine which policies are most likely to lapse** in order to develop retention strategies. Projects in US and UK.

Fraud Detection: Use customer and claims data to **determine which claims are most likely to be fraudulent** and focus forensic efforts on them. Project in India.



Underwriting Improvements

Predictive UW / Cross-Sell: Use customer & UW decision data to **model mortality risks**. Most successful if insurance data is combined with other data sources e.g. Banking, P&C, Retail etc. Projects in HK & SEA, Japan, Australia, US.

Claims Experience/ Up-Sell: Use customer & claims data to **segment or automatically underwrite in-force policyholders for new or existing products**. Project in Japan.

Guideline Refinement: Use underwriting and claims data to **determine optimum UW requirements e.g. adding or removing questions; optimize non-medical limits etc**. Project in China.

UW Investigation: Use customer and UW investigation data to **determine which cases are most likely to require further investigation**. Project in Korea.

Case Prioritization/Triage: Use customer and placement data to **determine which cases are most likely to be successfully placed** and focus resources on them. Project in the US.

Multi-line Predictive UW Cross-sell

A multi-line insurance company with a large P&C customer base expressed a strong desire to increase the sales penetration of their life product, while streamlining the underwriting process.

Objectives

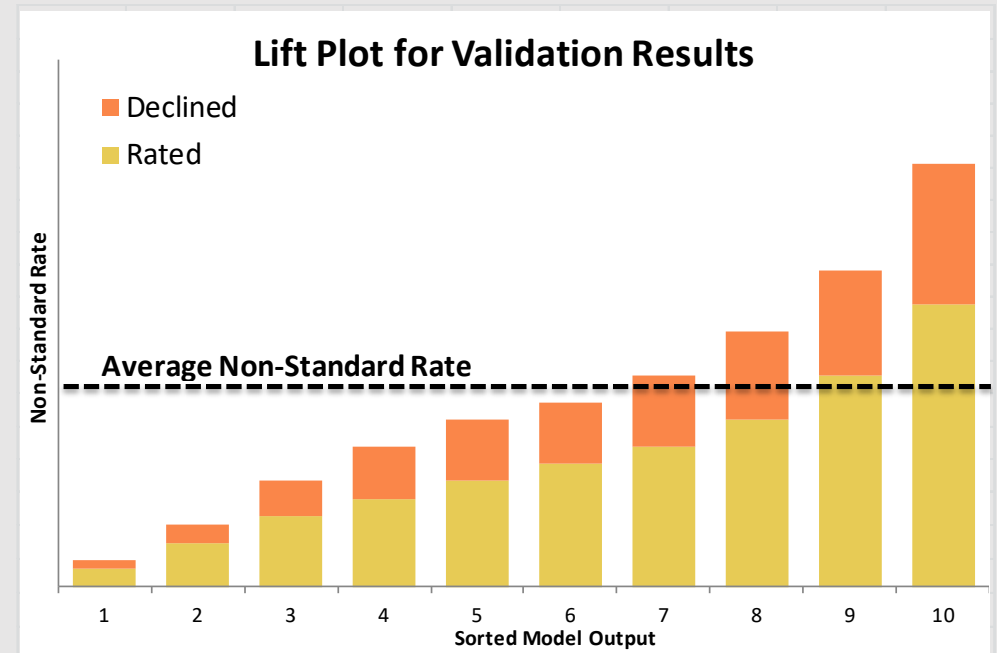
- Increase life product penetration
- Improve customer experience for best risks with a simplified UW & sales process
- Improve persistency of P&C customers as a result of a deeper client relationship

Data

- Combined Life + P&C data (at time of UW), including rated & declined; enhanced with rich 3rd party data
- One model used to predict smoker status and 2nd model used to predict being preferred
- At least two dozen variables used for each model, e.g. age, gender, auto violation points, vehicle maker, etc.

Business Application & Lift Plot

- >20% of current P&C policyholder selected by model
- Only 1 UW question asked for pre-selected customers for life product at standard rate to replace medical UW



Bancassurance Predictive Underwriting

A bank with a large customer base expressed a strong desire to increase the sales penetration of their life product, while streamlining the underwriting process.

Objectives

- To have a simplified underwriting and sales process with high take-up for the best risks
- To reduce acquisition cost
- To improve financial performance

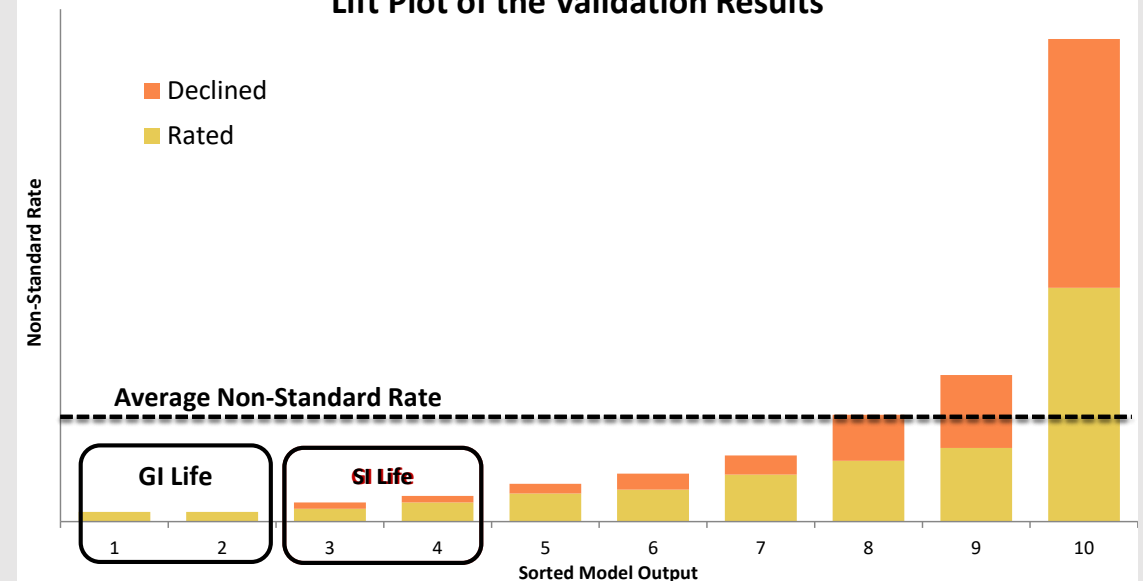
Data

- Two data sources combined
 - Underwriting data at the time of Issue
 - The bank's financial database
- About 80 variables available for modeling
 - For ex. Demographic Info, Bank & Insurance Product Info and Bank Transactions

Business Application & Lift Plot

- 11 statistically significant variables in model,
 - Age, gender, branch, AUM, customer segment
- No underwriting questions for the best 20% risks; next best 20% for simplified issue with very few UW questions

Lift Plot of the Validation Results



Medical Product Upsell

An insurance company has a sizeable medical product customer base and would like to up-sell additional medical coverage to in-force policyholders with significantly reduced underwriting.

Objectives

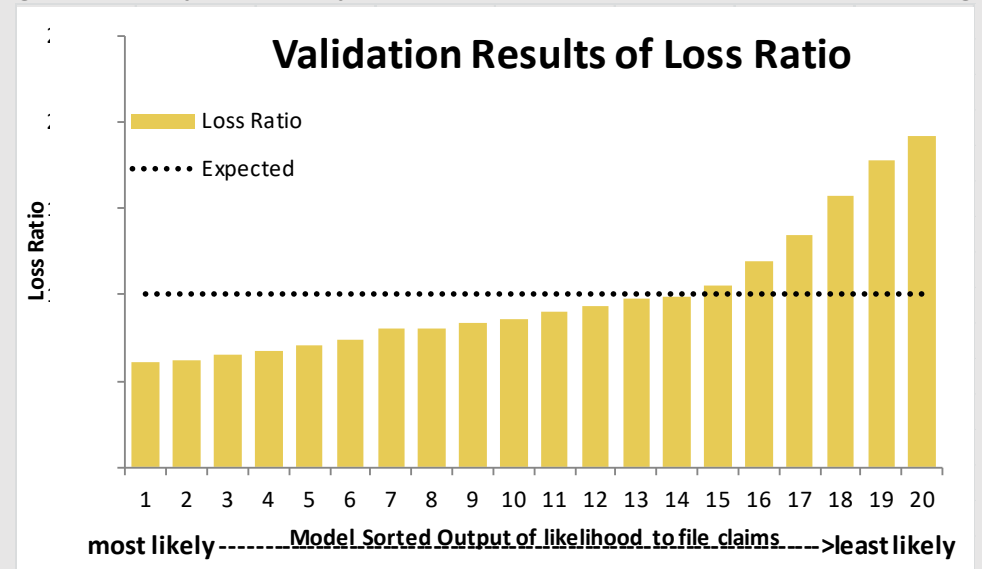
- To increase sales by upselling new PHI products to in-force customer base
- To increase take-up by reducing underwriting requirements for the best risks

Data

- Large data set with detailed policyholder & claims information (more than 3m base policies & claims, more than 4m riders)
- Modelled total claim cost using wide range of rating factors & compared to pricing to identify low risk policyholders

Business Application & Validation

- Additional variables identified beyond age/gender, including location, income, occupation, rider count, etc.
- Upsell the new product to 50% of current in-force customers with one UW question on pre-approval basis
- Significantly simplify sale process for customers & agents



Cancer Product Upsell

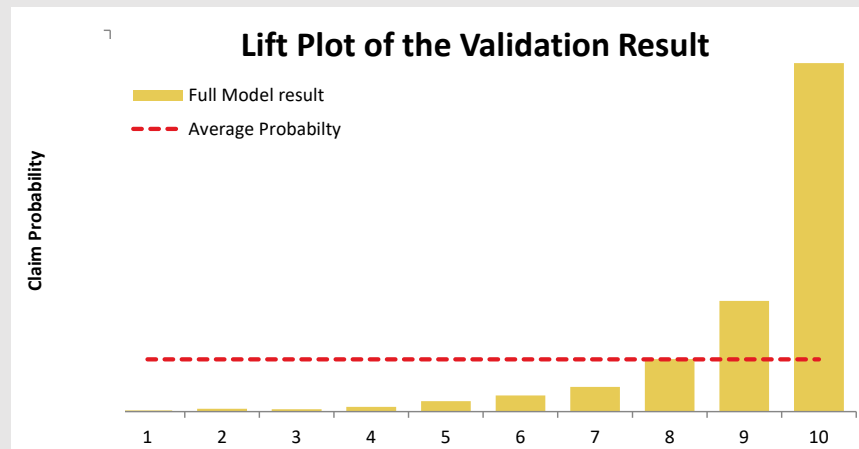
An insurance company has a sizeable cancer product customer base and would like to up-sell a new life & cancer combined product to in-force policyholders with significantly reduced underwriting.

Objectives

- Find the best risks in the in-force customer base to sell the new product to
- Improve claims experience for this new product

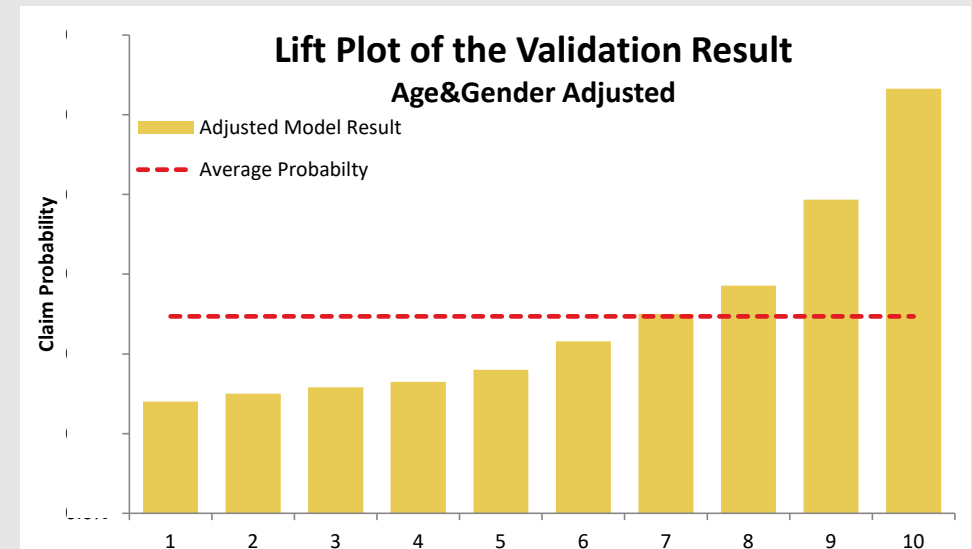
Data

- Received a very comprehensive data set to understand the true drivers of experience



Business Application & Validation

- Select best 50% of current customer for the new product with expected future improved claim experience by 40%
- Apply tightened UW for the worst 20% which has an average incidence rate 80% higher than the average
- Effective model with predictive power on claims beyond the current rating factors of age/gender:



Non-Medical Limit Risk Segmentation

A life insurer would like to adjust their non-medical limits based on real claim experience. Limits to vary according to bespoke risk segmentations instead of a single limit for all risks.

Objectives

- Determine optimal non-medical limits that should be used for different customer segments
- Streamline the underwriting process
- Identify low risks for up-sell or cross-sell campaigns
- Find true drivers of experience to improve business decisions

Data

- Insurance company policyholder, agent & underwriting data

Data Source	In-force + claims
Study Period	5 years
Product	Life & Accelerated CI
Total Exposure	Around 7m life years
Total Claims	Around 10,000

Business Application & Results

- Justify the requirement of non-medical limit to mitigate risk in the target markets
- High sales volume with high non-medical limit at controlled risk level for good risks



Claims Fraud Detection

An insurance company was interested in a consistent and effective fraud detection procedure which optimized the use of limited investigation resources.

Objectives

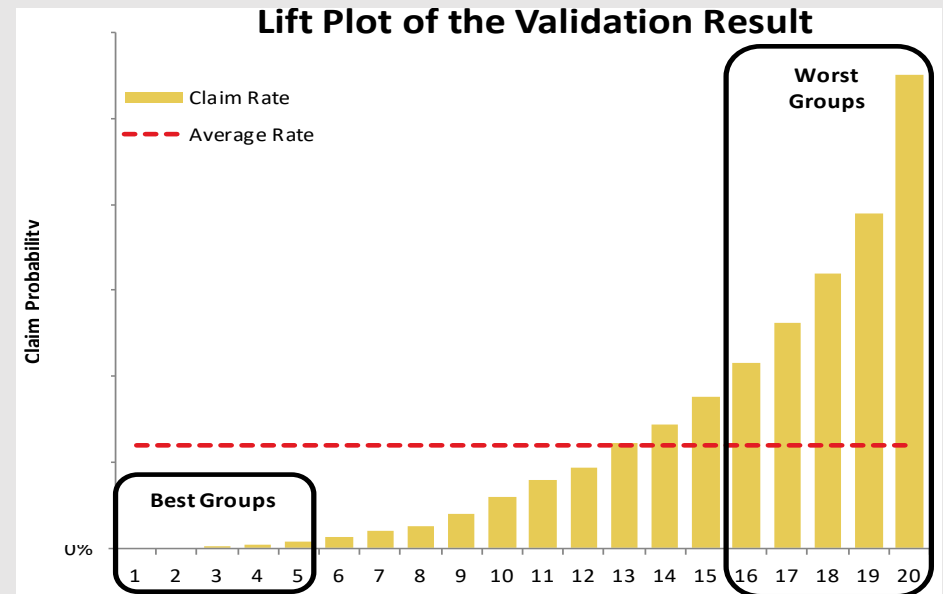
- Determine how likely an incoming claim is a fraudulent case and take appropriate action
- Make the best use of limited claim investigation resources

Data

- Use claims experience data that have been investigated with known results
- Combined customer demographic information, policy information, and claim background

Business Application & Validation

- No need to allocate any resource for the best 25% claims, while put vigorous investigation on the worst 25% claims
- Gain insights on the driving factors of fraud cases to incorporate into pricing bases



How Can an Actuarial Model Fail?

Formula for Ruin:

Take two Nobel prize winning economists.



Add their highly sophisticated mathematical model – even more sophisticated than the one that became part of the actuarial study notes.



Result: \$3.625 Billion Bailout!

Lesson: Very intelligent people can make huge mistakes when they ignore the likelihood of illogical actions

An Insurance Example

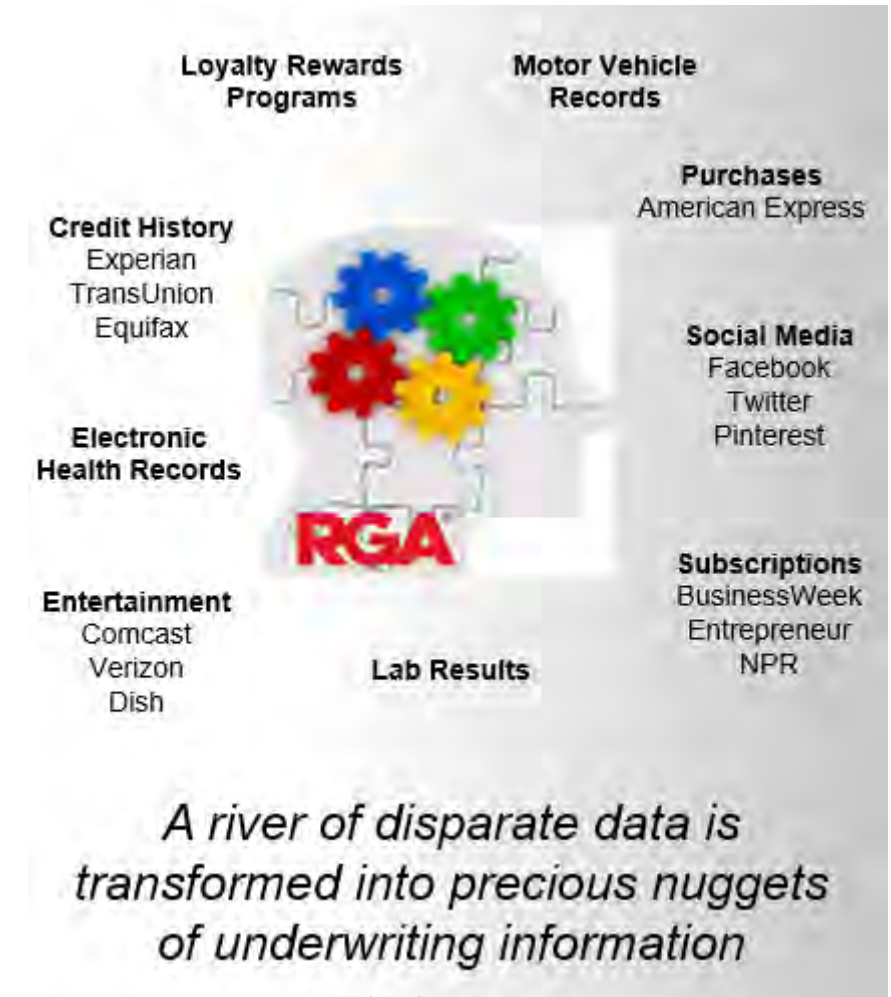
- When is 6 billion dollars more important than 30 billion dollars?
- When it causes the 30 billion dollar asset company to go into receivership!

A conditional tail expectation (CTE)
may be necessary but not sufficient!

How will AI and machine learning dramatically change future life insurance underwriting?

The internet of things will know more about you than any personal doctor could ever hope to know about you.

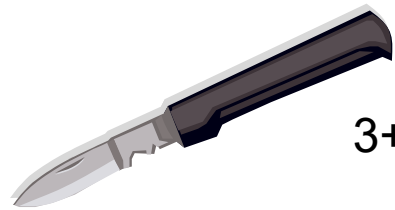
- Wearables; watches, shirts, socks, etc.
- Embeddables: pills, nanobots, labs in your bloodstream
- Appliances: smart fridge, 'lav' results, Kindle reading, movies and shows watched
- Consumables: the telltale hamburger, bragging broccoli
- These go beyond Big Brother's wildest dreams!



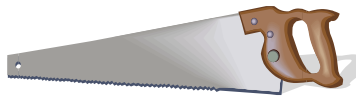
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Transforming data for rendering an insurability decision

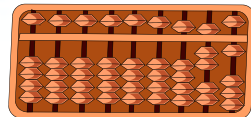
New Tools Require New Skills



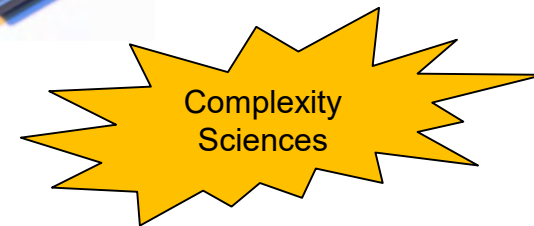
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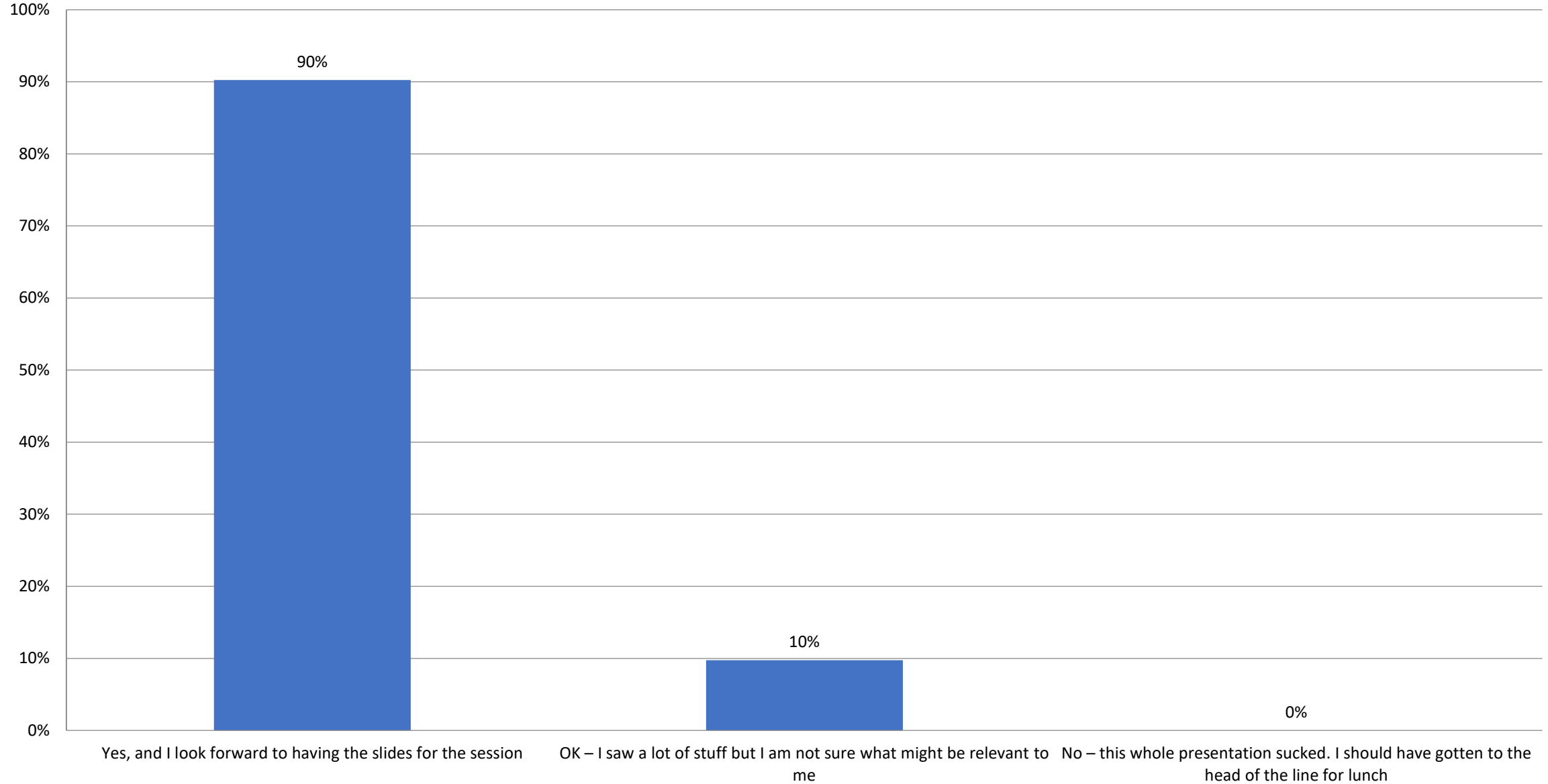
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Poll #2 – Are you satisfied with what you saw?

- a) Yes, and I look forward to having the slides for the session
- b) OK – I saw a lot of stuff but I am not sure what might be relevant to me
- c) No – this whole presentation sucked. I should have gotten to the head of the line for lunch.

Are you satisfied with what you saw?



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What are they? How can we adapt to them?

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