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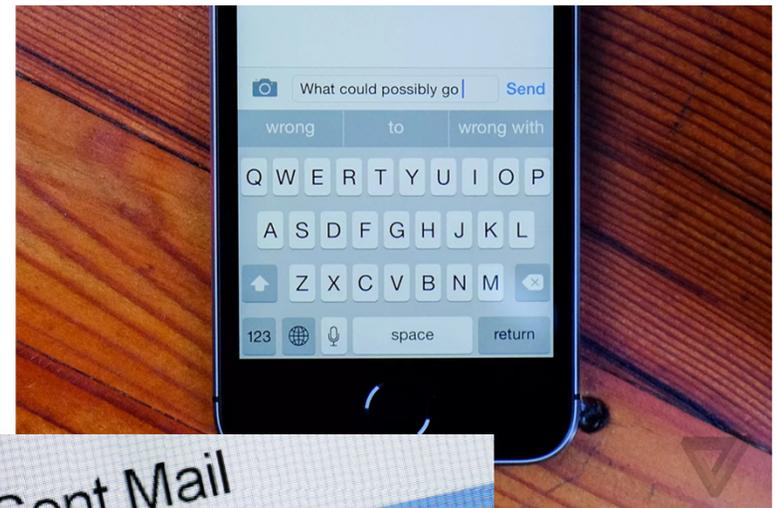
THE NAIVE BAYES CLASSIFIER

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AGENDA

- WHAT IS MACHINE LEARNING?
- FEATURIZING EMAILS
- NAIVE BAYES

MACHINE LEARNING IN THE REAL WORLD



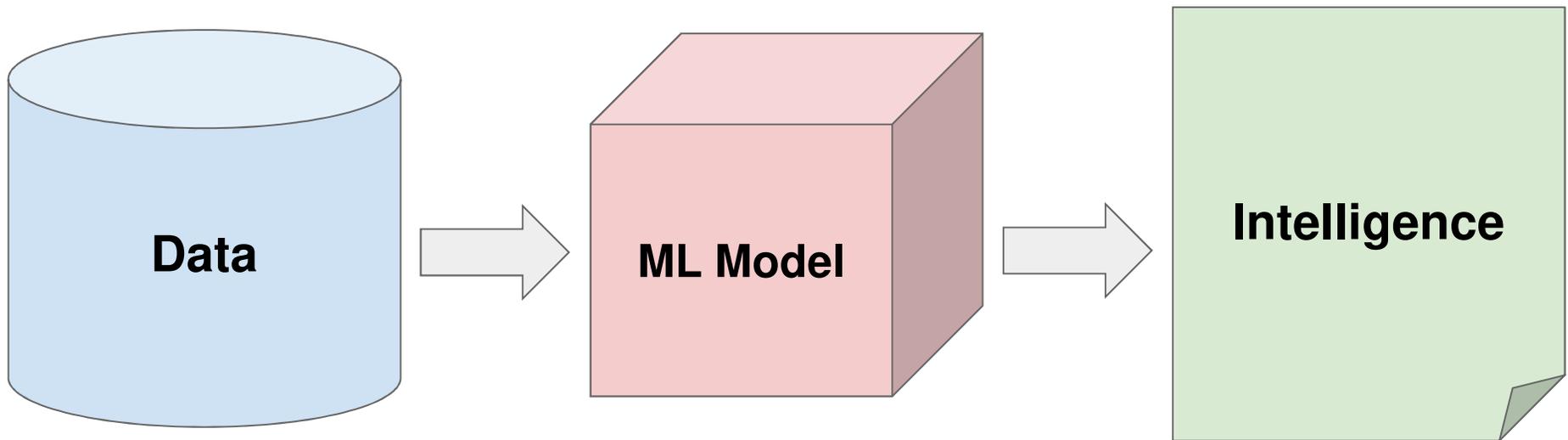
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ML PIPELINE



From **Wikipedia**: “Machine learning is the study of computer algorithms that improve automatically through experience.”

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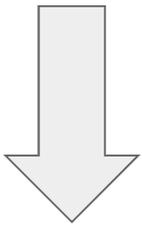
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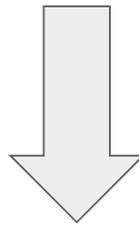
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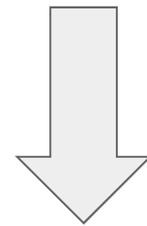
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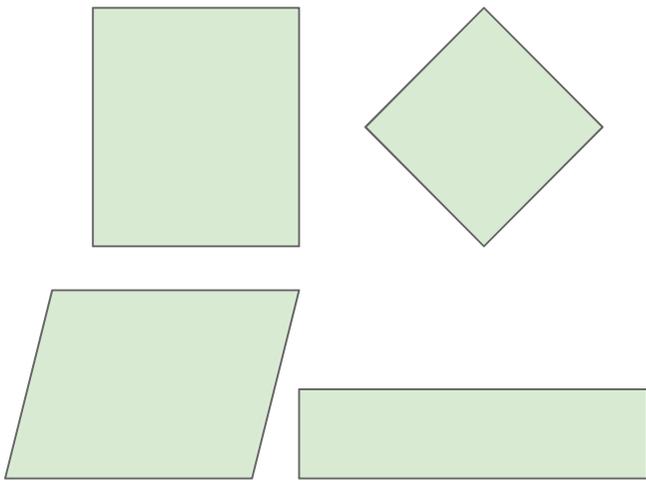


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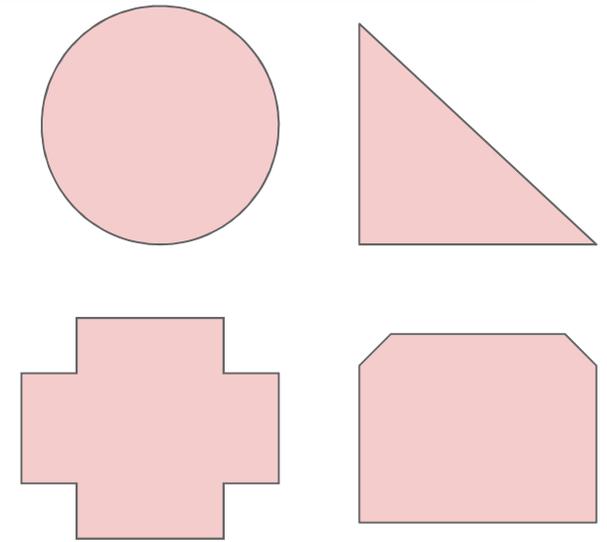


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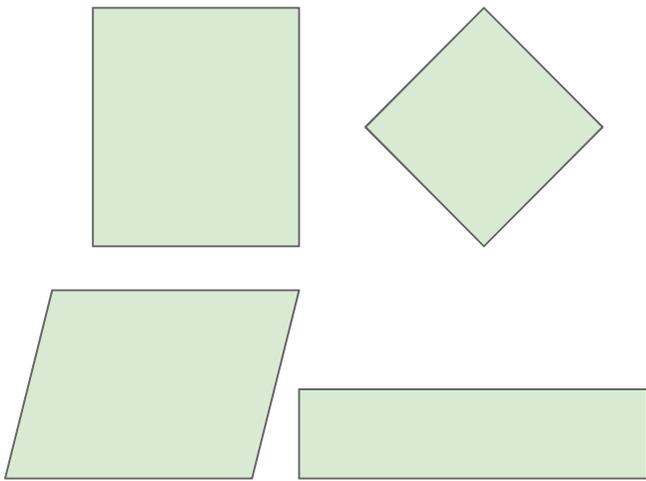


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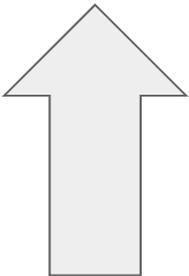


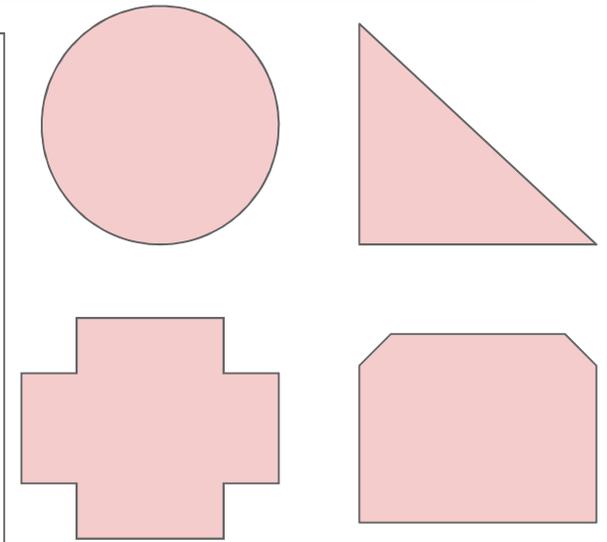
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Is this new shape
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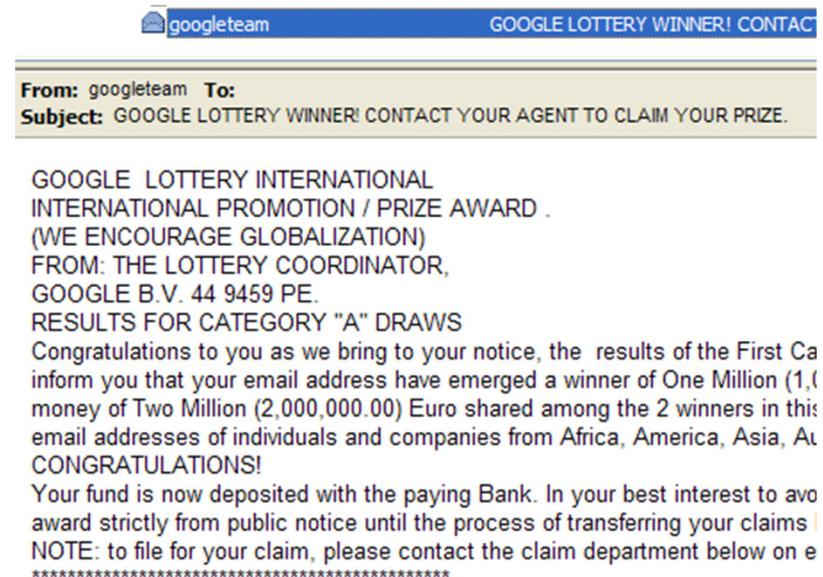
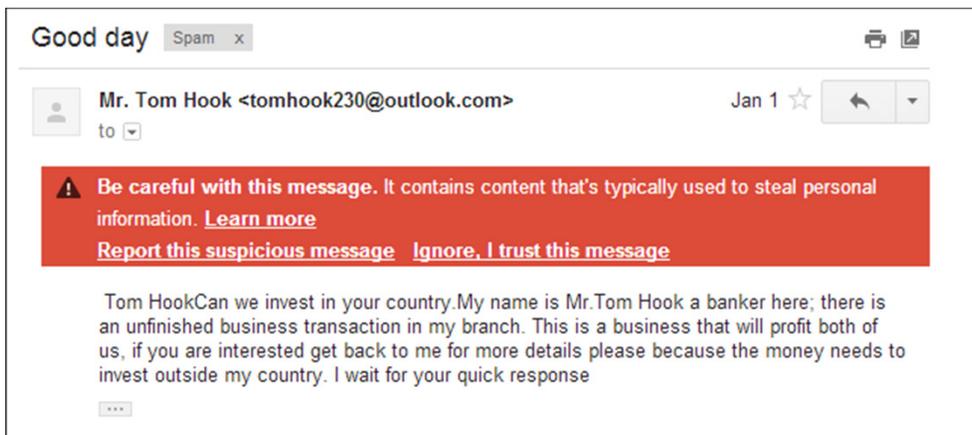


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SPAM FILTER

- In real life, you may have seen a lot of spam emails like this.
- Building a good spam filter helps protect users from potential scams, unnecessary advertising, or malware links.



EVALUATING PERFORMANCE

Training Set

Email	Label
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I need Valium for my health condition.	Ham

Test Set

Email	Label
You buy valium!	Spam
You need valium sir.	Spam
I hope you are healthy.	Ham
...	...
...	...

We “**train**” our spam filter on the training set, and **evaluate** performance using a test set (data that is unseen by the spam filter initially). This gives an unbiased estimate of performance.

SPAM FILTER TASK

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Predict whether this email is spam or ham:

You buy Valium!

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Equivalently, note that these add to 1, so we can just compute

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and if it is greater than 0.5, then we predict **spam**.

Otherwise, we predict **ham**.

Note: We resolve the tie in favor of **ham**.

NAIVE BAYES CLASSIFIER - THE BAYES PART

Bayes Theorem:
$$\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B | A) \mathbb{P}(A)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$$



Apply it to our example:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{spam} | \text{"You buy Valium!"}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{"You buy Valium!"} | \text{spam}) \mathbb{P}(\text{spam})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{"You buy Valium!"})}$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ham}) = \frac{\text{total ham emails (in training set)}}{\text{total emails (in training set)}}$$

(our approximation for these probabilities,
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Then we estimate for example that

$$\mathbb{P}("you" | \text{spam}) = \frac{\text{number of spam emails containing "you" (in training set)}}{\text{number of spam emails (in training set)}}$$

WHY IS THIS NAIVE?

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One shortfalling of our model is that it will make the same prediction for these since they have the same set of words!

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WHAT HAPPENS IF WE GOT A 0?

$P(\text{"You buy Valium!"} \mid \text{ham}) = 0$ since $P(\text{"buy"} \mid \text{ham}) = 0$, since no ham email in our training data contained the word **'buy'**.

But does that mean we will never encounter a ham email with word **'buy'**?



What about the ham:
"I'll buy sunflowers"

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