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## XLMinerT utorial

15.062 Data Mining: Algorithms and Application  
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### Review of Data Mining Fundamentals

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**Data Mining:** Identify patterns and relationships in large data sets

- aka: Machine Learning, Computational Statistics, Knowledge Discover, Artificial Intelligence

Example: Fleet has enormous amounts of data on every individual who has taken out a loan from them

- From the data, can they accurately predict which future clients are like to default?

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### The Data:

ID	default	age	avg_inc5	curr_inc	house	score	p-index
977321	0	31	65,000	65,000	1	0.219603	0.4591304
977322	1	56	89,000	64,000	1	0.7300223	0.7020815
977323	1	27	63,000	110,000	0	0.1805354	0.2007953
977324	0	47	78,000	54,000	0	0.7195893	0.7981367
977325	0	70	64,000	64,000	1	0.3746983	0.1708002

**Columns:** variables, features, attributes,....

**Rows:** observations, data points, cases, records, patterns...

**Inputs:** independent variables, explanatory variables, predictors...

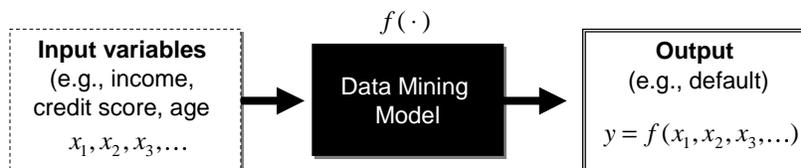
**Output:** dependent variables, predicted variable, target, outcome....

**Goal:** Given these historical records, build a model that can accurately predict defaults (target) given new customers (observations)

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- **Supervised Learning** – Goal is to predict the value of an output based on inputs
  - Classification, Regression
- **Unsupervised Learning** – No output. Determine/describe patterns in the inputs.
  - Clustering, Association

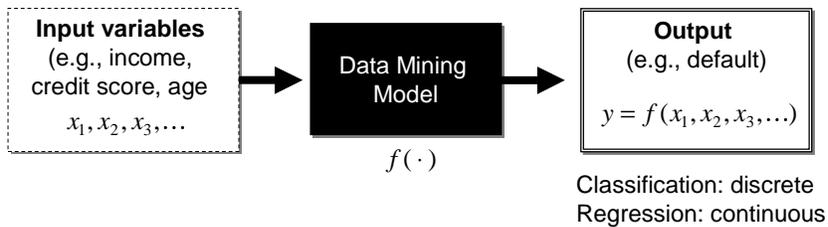
Challenge in supervised learning is to determine what model to use on the data to get an accurate prediction of the output variable



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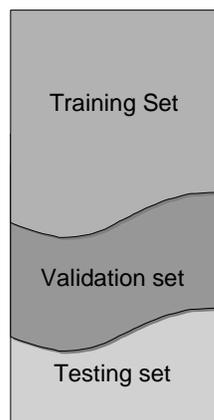
### Types of Supervised Learning Problems:

- **Classification Problems:** Output categorical/discrete
  - E.g., default or no default, fraud or not fraud, cancer or no cancer,
  - Models: k-nearest neighbor, naïve Bayes, classification trees,...
- **Regression Problems:** Output continuous
  - E.g., value of house, price of asset, expected payoff
  - Models: linear regression, regression trees,...

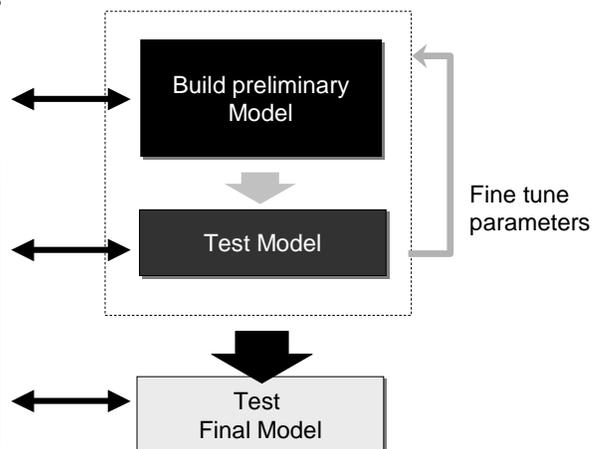


## Model Building Procedures

Partition data into 2 or 3 parts:



Build Model:



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