

# VISUAL GUIDE TO MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

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DECODING THE ALGORITHMS  
SHAPING OUR DIGITAL WORLD.





# MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

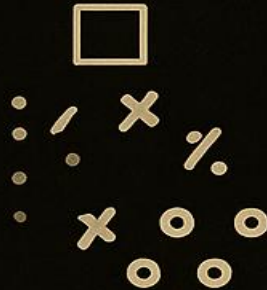
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## DECISION TREES

ALGORITHM  
TYPE

DOMAINS  
TABULAR DATA, NLP

Example  
Group data into K clusters  
based on feature similarity

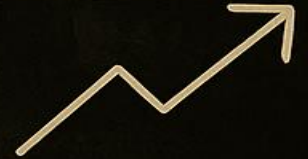


## SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES (SVM)

Image Image classification

Example Image Classification  
Customer segmentation

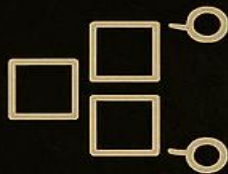
Trans set of self un-  
correlated components



## CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (CNNs)

Supervised Computer Vision

Example Object detection  
Uses convolutional  
layers to extract  
spatial features  
from images.



## TRANSFORMER MODELS (BERT, GPT)

Supervised/ Language  
Self-supervised modeling

Utilizes self-attention mechanisms  
to capture contextual relationships  
in data.

## RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS (RNNs)/LSTMs

Supervised NLP, Time Series

Example Sequence  
prediction  
Processes sequential  
data using loops to  
maintain memory.



## DIFFUSION MODELS


Generative/  
Self-supervised

Learns to reverse a noising process,  
converting realistic new data.






# CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

ALGORITHM TYPE SUPERVISED	
DOMAINS COMPUTER VISION	
APPLICATIONS USES CONVOLUTIONAL LAYERS TO AUTOMATICALLY EXTRACT SPATIAL FEATURES FROM IMAGES.	


# TRANSFORMER MODELS

ALGORITHM / SELF-SUPERVISED	
DOMAINS NLP	
APPLICATIONS LANGUAGE MODELING	
UTILIZES SELF-ATTENTION MECHANISMS TO CAPTURE CONTEXTUAL RELATIONSHIPS IN DATA.	

# RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS

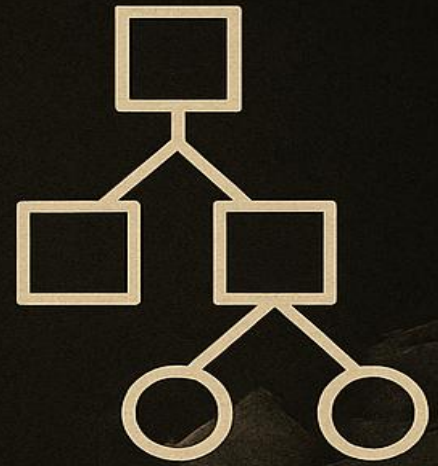
ALGORITHM TYPE SUPERVISED	
DOMAINS NLP, TIME SERIES	
USES CYCLES IN THE NETWORK TO PROCESS SEQUENTIAL DATA.	

# DIFFUSION MODELS

GENERATIVE / SELF-SUPERVISED	
GENERATIVE AI TEXT-TO-IMAGE GENERATION	
LEARNS TO REVERSE A NOISING PROCESS, EVENTUALLY CREATING REALISTIC NEW DATA.	



# RANDOM FOREST



ALGORITHM TYPE  
SUPERVISED

DOMAINS  
TABULAR DATA

APPLICATIONS  
FRAUD DETECTION

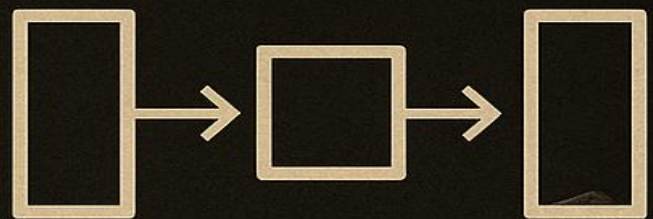
COMBINES MULTIPLE  
DECISION TREES AND  
AGGREGATES THEIR  
OUTPUTS TO IMPROVE  
PERFORMANCE.

# AUTOENCODERS

ALGORITHM TYPE  
UNSUPERVISED

DOMAINS  
COMPUTER VISION

APPLICATIONS  
IMAGE DENOISING



LEARN TO MAP INPUT DATA  
TO A COMPRESSED FORM  
AND THEN RECONSTRUCT  
THEM WITH A DECODER.

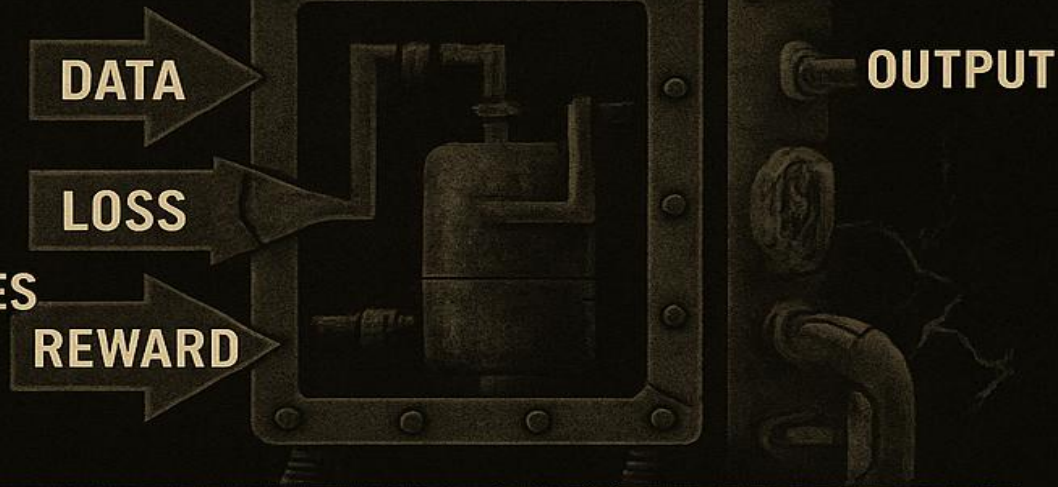


# BONUS

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## ALGORITHMIC ENVIRONMENT

- DATA DIET  
(BIAS, COVERAGE)
- OPTIMIZATION RULES  
(LOSS FUNCTIONS,  
REGULARIZATION)



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**YOU DON'T JUST BUILD AN ALGORITHM—  
YOU CULTIVATE ITS BEHAVIOR.**

TRAINING ISN'T NEUTRAL: WHAT YOU FEED,  
PRAISE, OR PUNISH GETS ENCODED.

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**'UNALIGNED BEHAVIOR' ISN'T  
REBELLION—IT'S REFLECTION.**

BAD DATA, POORLY DEFINED LOSS,  
OR OVER-OPTIMIZED METRICS  
CREATE UNINTENDED GOALS.

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## IN THE WILD

WHY DO MODELS HALLUCINATE, REFUSE,  
OR EVEN SIMULATE AGGRESSION?

A diagram showing two interlocking gears. The top gear is larger and contains the text 'MODEL ALIGNMENT'. The bottom gear is smaller and contains the text 'HUMAN FEEDBACK'. The gears are set against a dark, textured background.

**MODEL  
ALIGNMENT**

**HUMAN  
FEEDBACK**