

Bootstrapping Machine Learning

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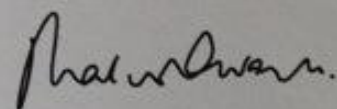
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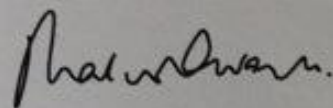


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big data.”

–Waqar Hasan, Apigee Insights

“Predictive apps are
the next big thing
in app development.”

–Mike Gualtieri, Principal Analyst at Forrester

Machine Learning

Data

BUT

“A significant constraint on realizing value from big data will be a **shortage of talent**, particularly of people with deep expertise in statistics and machine learning.”

–McKinsey & Co.

**What the @#?~%
is ML?**



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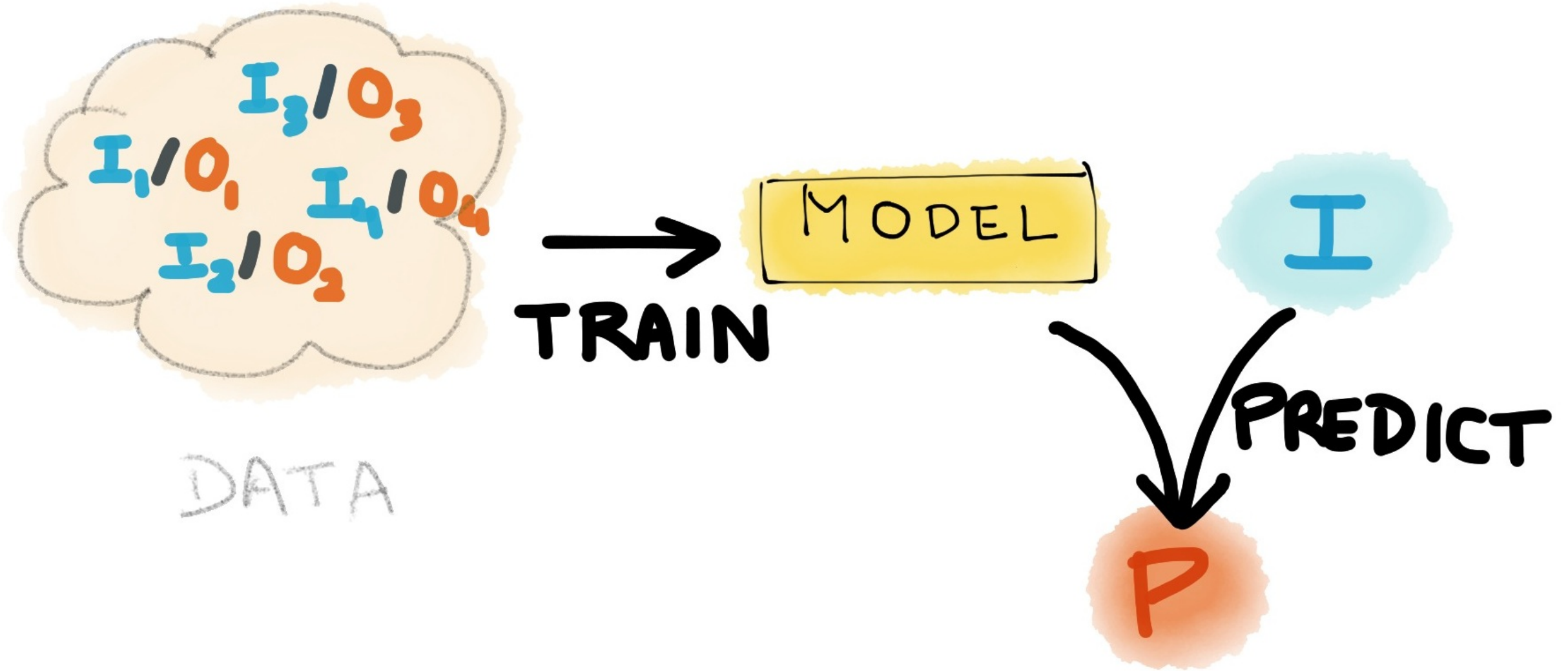


*“How much is this house worth?
— X \$”*

-> Regression

Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Surface (foot²)	Year built	Type	Price (\$)
3	1	860	1950	house	565,000
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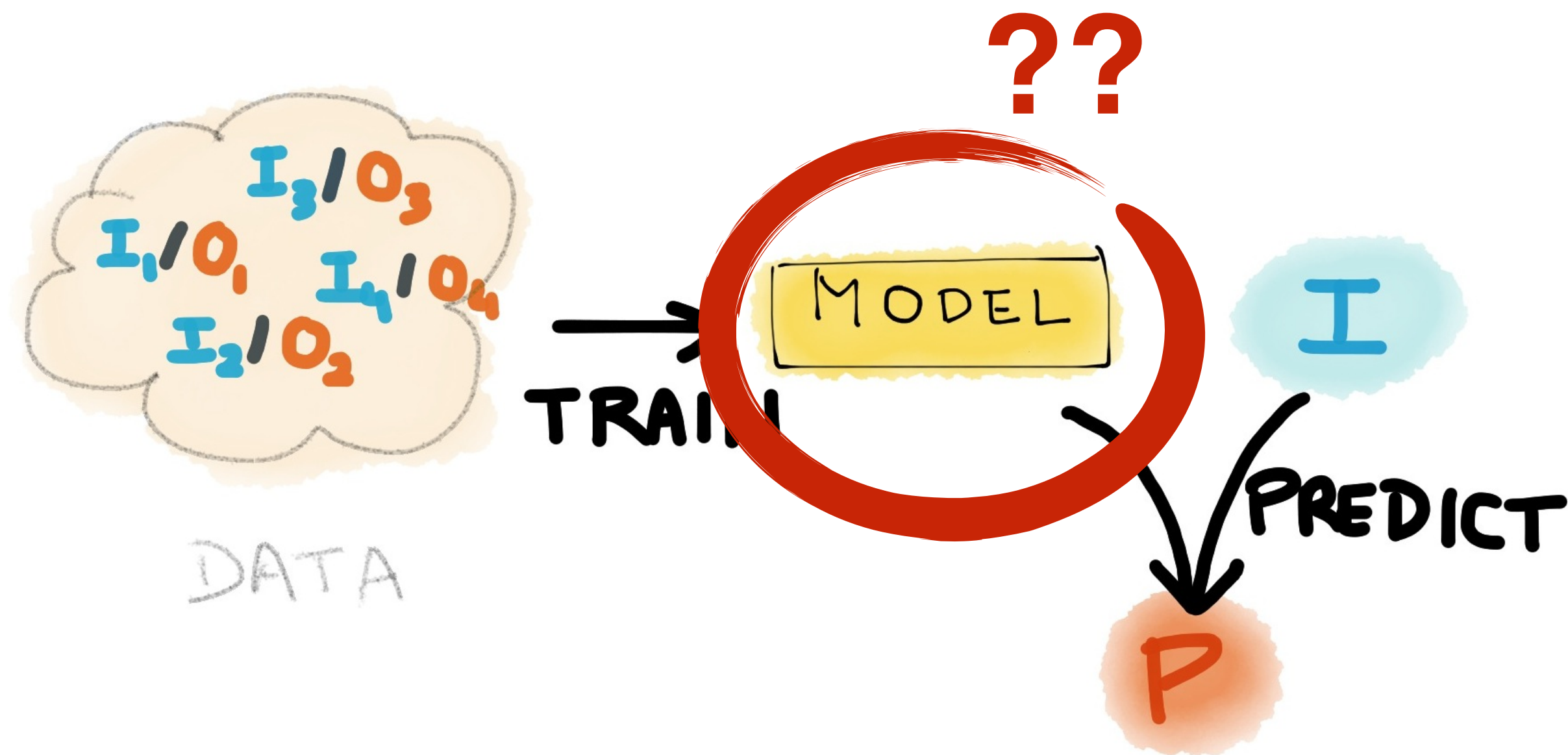
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where “intelligence” is built by
referring to examples

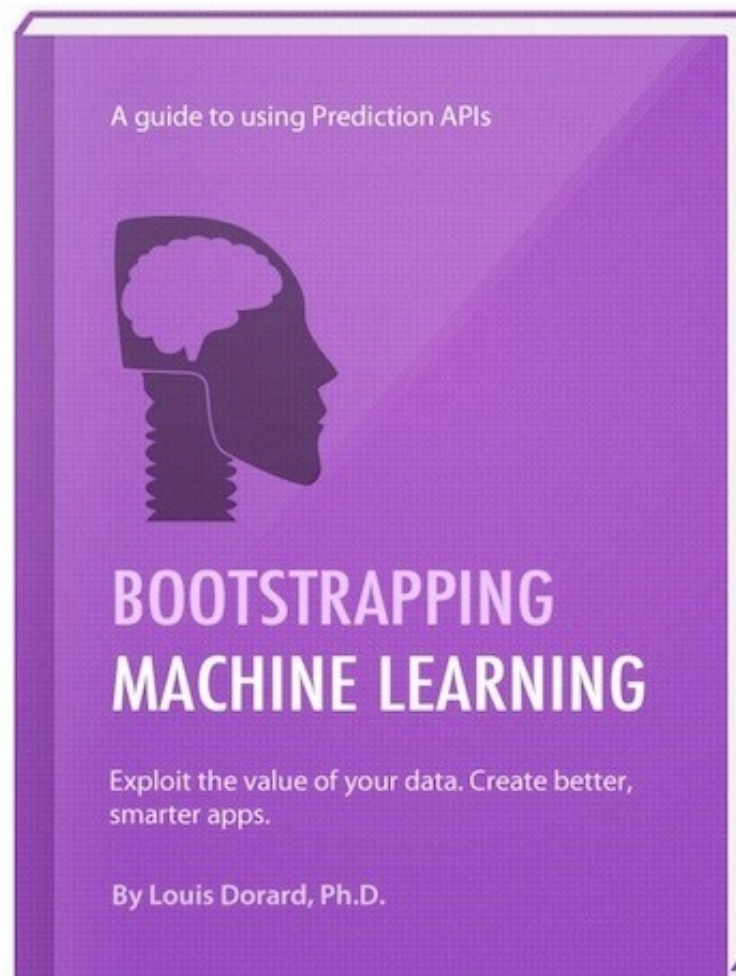




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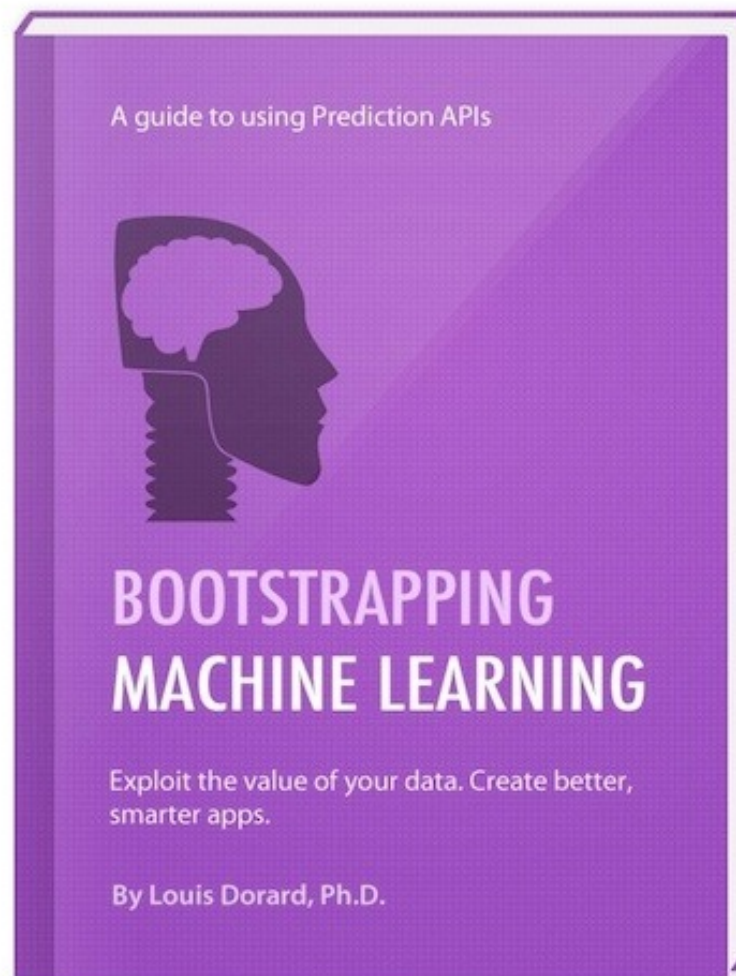
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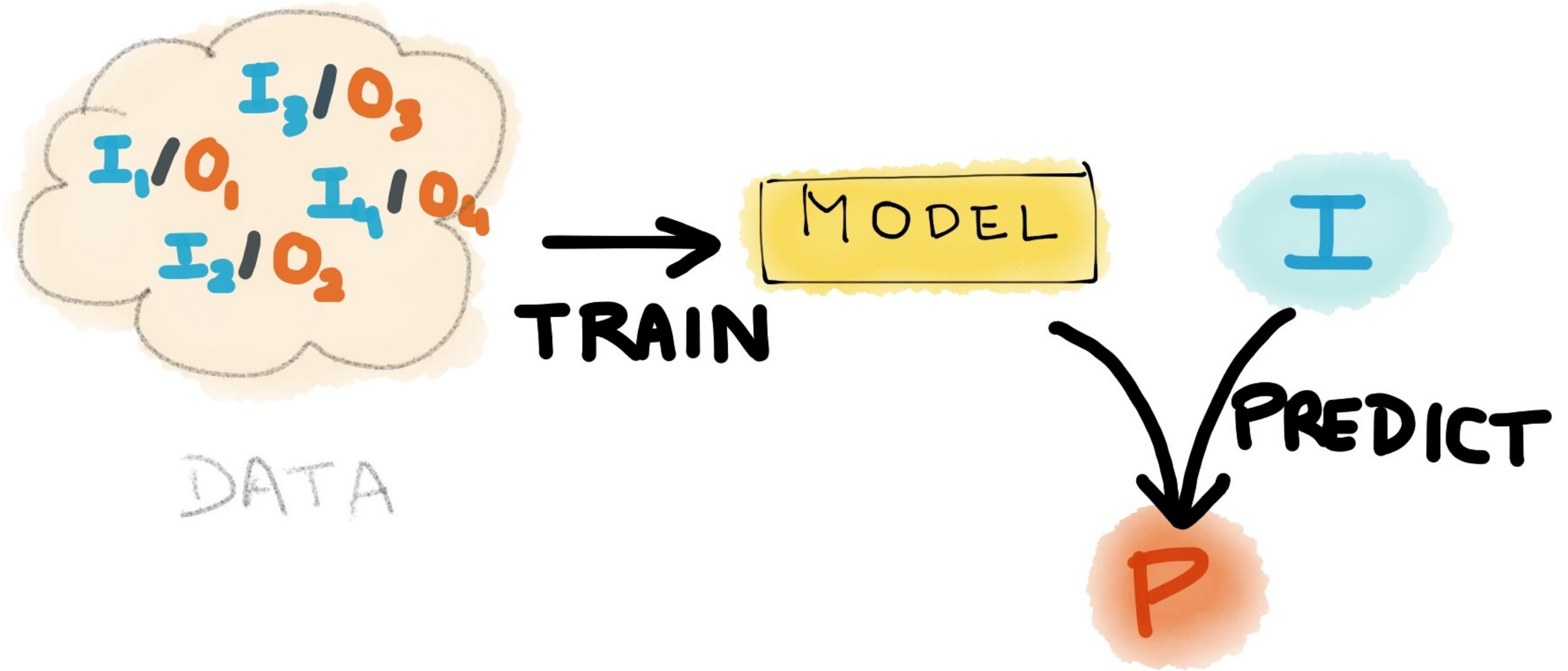
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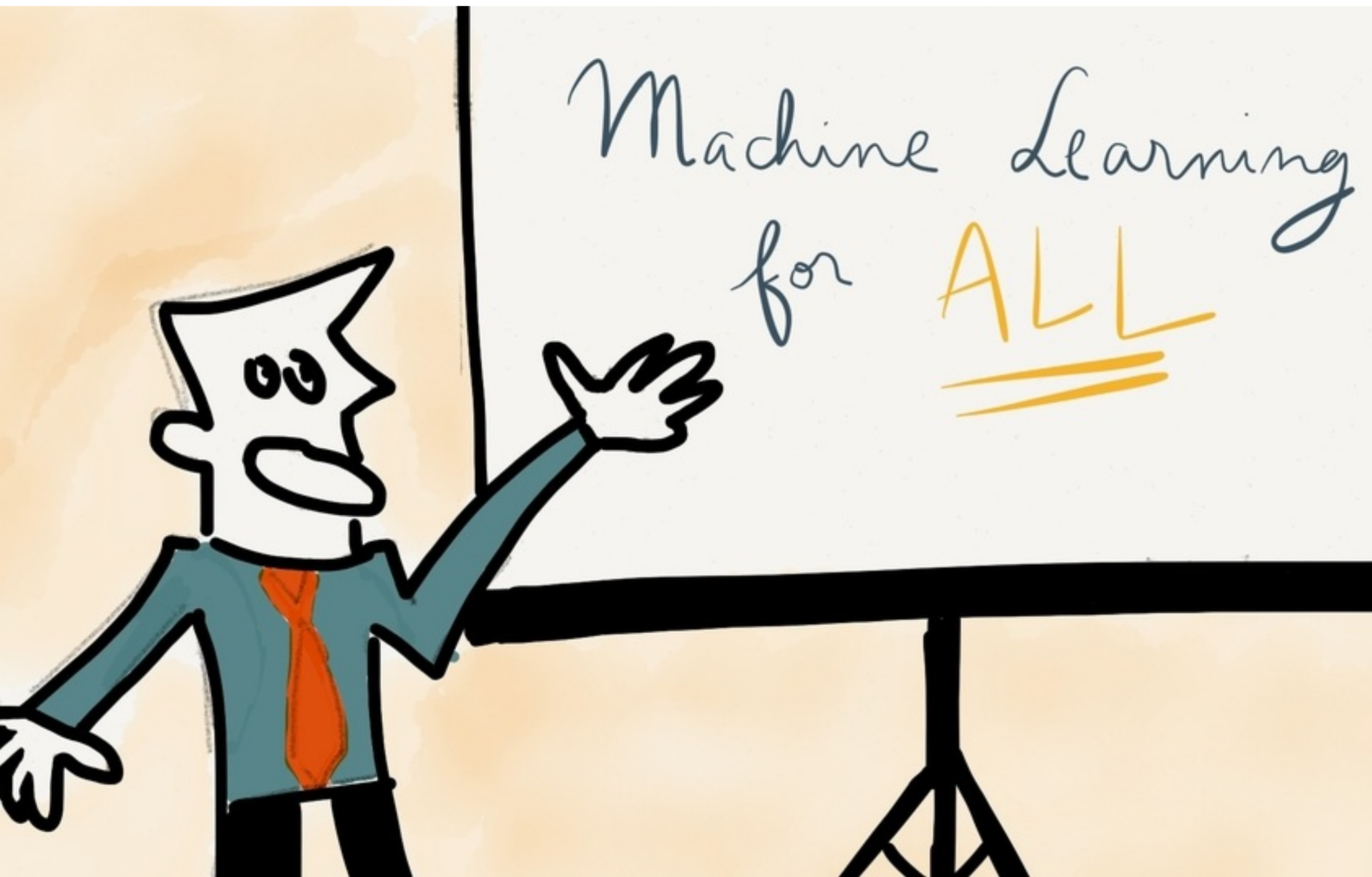
The two methods of prediction APIs:

- `model = create_model(dataset)`
- `predicted_output =
create_prediction(model, new_input)`

```
from bigml.api import BigML

# create a model
api = BigML()
source =
api.create_source('training_data.csv')
dataset = api.create_dataset(source)
model = api.create_model(dataset)

# make a prediction
prediction =
api.create_prediction(model, new_input)
print "Predicted output value:
", prediction['object']['output']
```



Automated Prediction APIs:

- BigML.com
- Google Prediction API
- WolframCloud.com

Good Data

- List assumptions (e.g. big houses are expensive)
- Browse data
- Plot data (with BigML for instance)

bit.ly/5minPandas

Model building

bit.ly/5minML

Evaluation:

- Train/test split
- Predictions accuracy
- Impact on app / UX /business
- Cross validation
- Time taken: training and predictions

Recap

- Classification and regression
- 2 phases in ML: train and predict
- Prediction APIs make it easy to build models, but need to work on data
- Evaluation: split data, measure accuracy, time, impact
- Limitations: # data points, # features and noise

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