

# Introduction to Tensorflow

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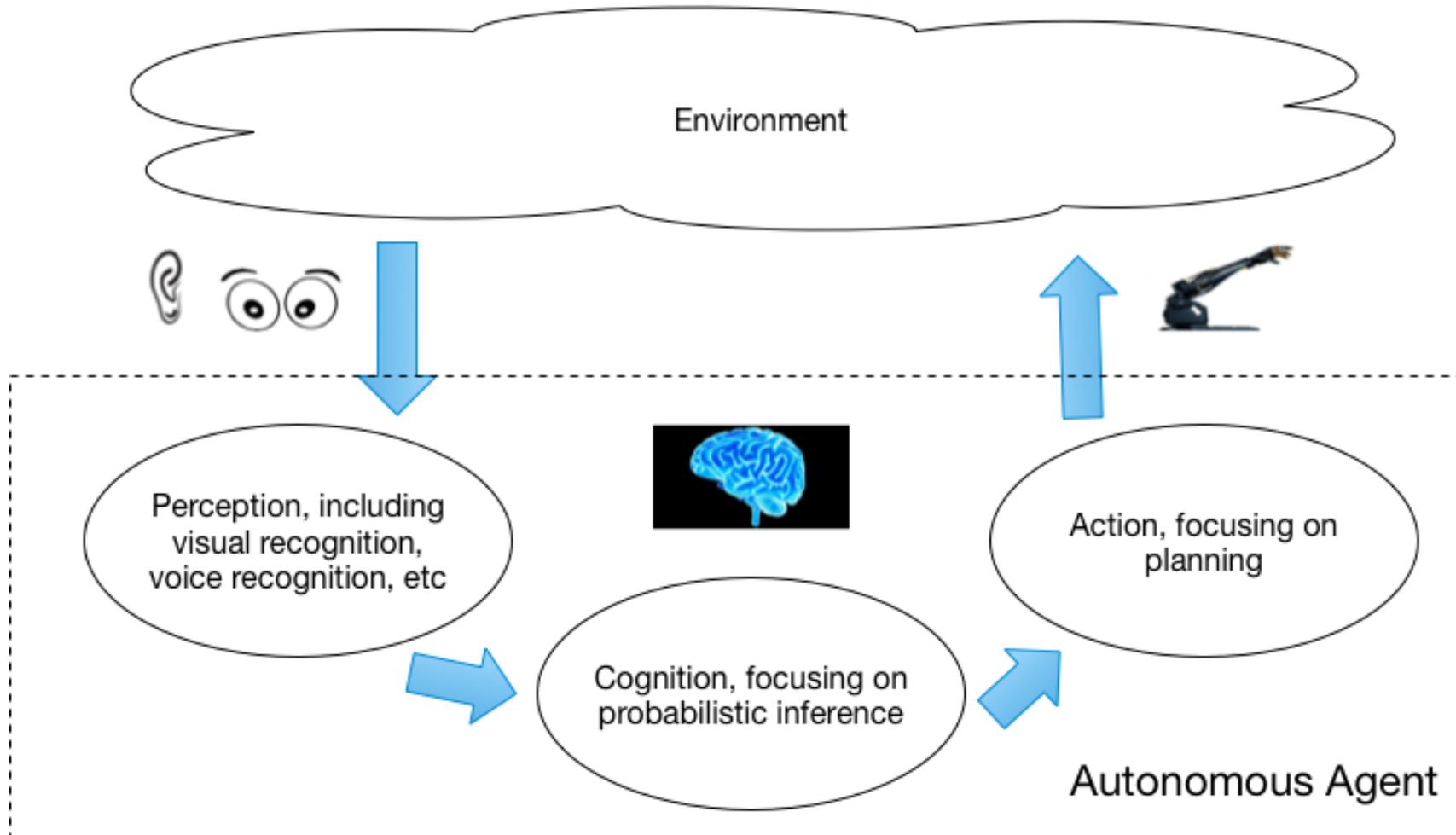
# Up to now,

- Overview of Machine Learning
- Traditional Machine Learning Algorithms
  - Decision tree learning (hypothesis: tree, preference: smaller trees, learning algorithm: by entropy aiming to reduce uncertainty)
  - K-nn (definition, performance problem: k-d trees)
  - Model evaluation (confusion matrix, ROC and PR curves)
  - Linear/logistic regression (hypothesis: linear model, preference: objectives/loss functions, why logistic?)
  - Gradient descent (idea, how to compute gradient, the iterative algorithm)
  - Naïve Bayes (assumption, how is it used to reduce the number of parameters)

# What's left?

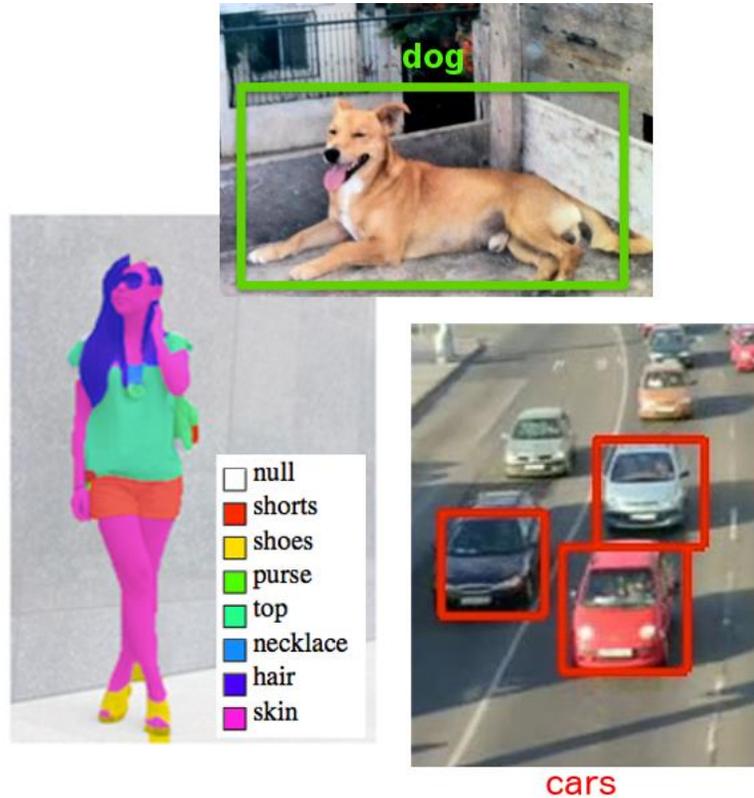
- Deep learning
- Probabilistic graphical model

# Perception-Cognition-Action Loop



Teaching content:  
traditional learning,  
deep learning

# Perception



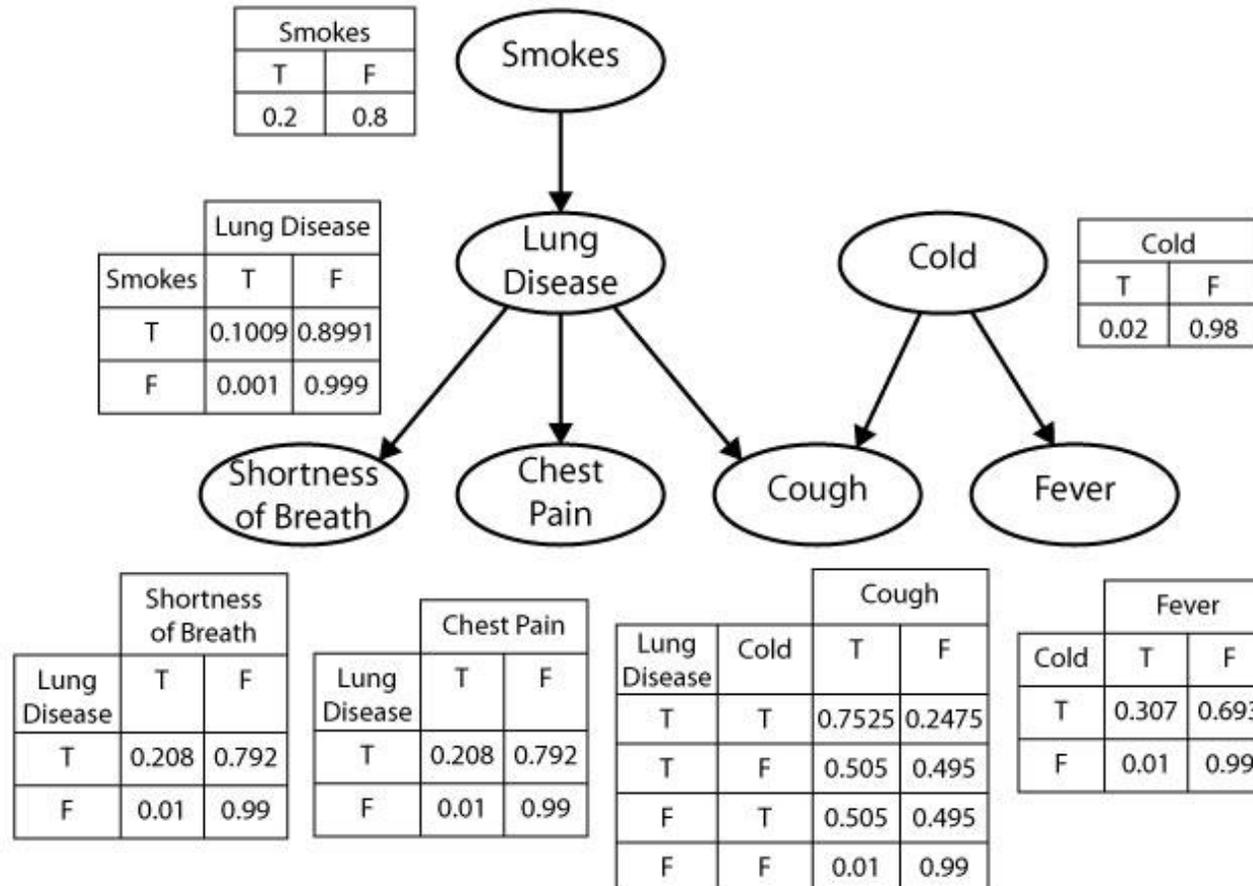
Visual Recognition



Voice Recognition

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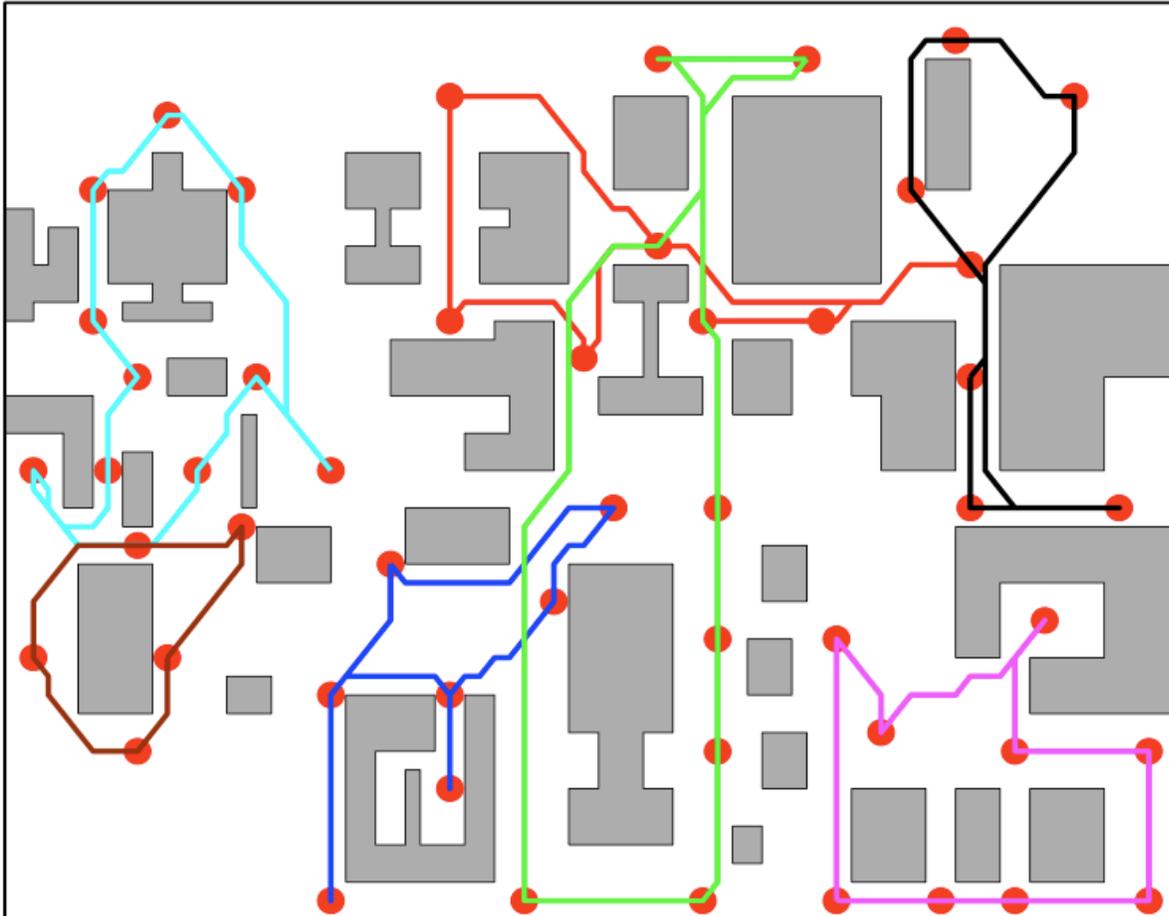
# Cognition by Probabilistic Inference



Q. how to automatically **infer the disease** (e.g., lung disease, cold, etc) **from the symptoms** (e.g., smokes, shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever, etc)?

Note: Symptoms obtained from perception.

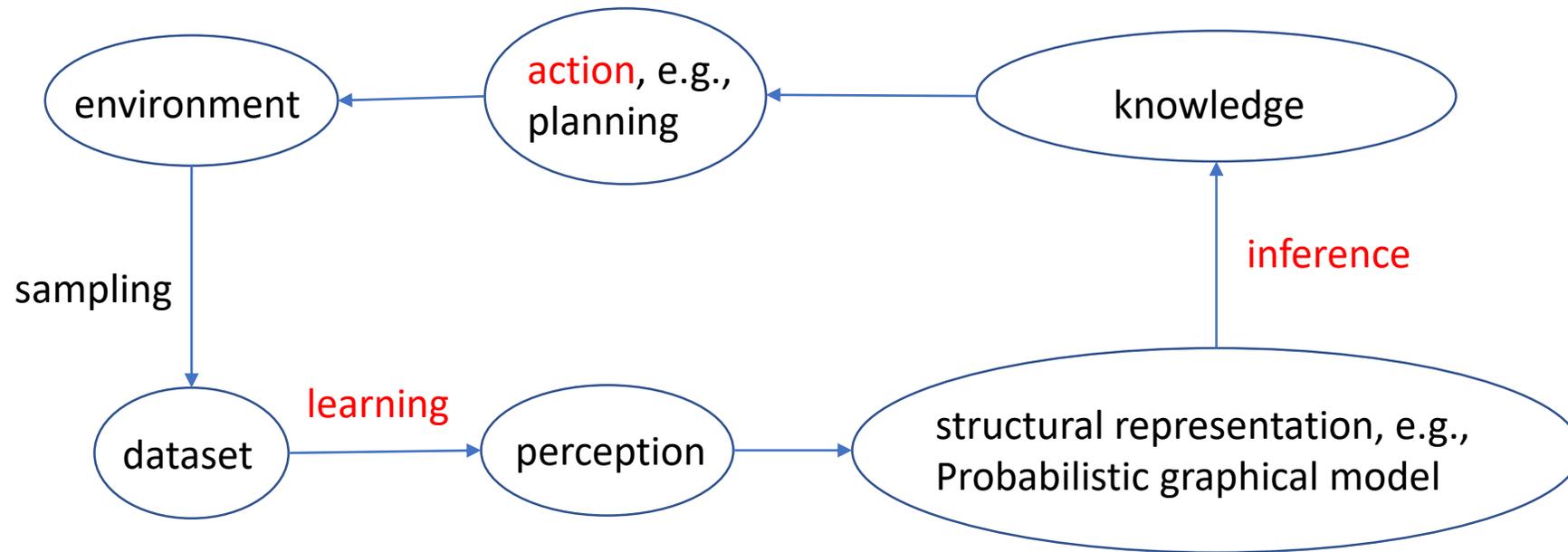
# Action by Planning



After cognition, we may use the obtained knowledge to react to the environment

Q: in the factory floor as shown in the left diagram, how many robots is needed to patrol the area? and **how to plan** their activities?

# What's left?



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# Deep-Learning Package Design Choices

- Model specification:
    - Configuration file (e.g. **Caffe**, DistBelief, CNTK) versus
    - programmatic generation (e.g. Torch, **Theano**, **Tensorflow**)
  - For programmatic models, choice of high-level language:
    - Lua (Torch) vs. **Python (Theano, Tensorflow)** vs others.
  - We chose to work with python because of rich community and library infrastructure.
- I am going to use this one
- I used these two

# What is TensorFlow?

- TensorFlow is a deep learning library open-sourced by Google.
- But what does it actually do?
  - TensorFlow provides primitives for defining functions on **tensors** and automatically computing their **derivatives**.



# But what's a Tensor?

- Formally, tensors are multilinear maps from vector spaces to the real numbers ( $V$  vector space, and  $V^*$  dual space)

$$f : \underbrace{V^* \times \dots \times V^*}_{p \text{ copies}} \times \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_{q \text{ copies}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

A scalar is a tensor ( $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(e_1) = c$ )

A vector is a tensor ( $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(e_i) = v_i$ )

A matrix is a tensor ( $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(e_i, e_j) = A_{ij}$ )

- Common to have fixed basis, so **a tensor can be represented as a multidimensional array of numbers.**

# TensorFlow vs. Numpy

- Few people make this comparison, but TensorFlow and Numpy are quite similar. (Both are N-d array libraries!)
- Numpy has Ndarray support, but doesn't offer methods to create tensor functions and automatically compute derivatives (+ no GPU support).



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# Simple Numpy Recap

```
In [23]: import numpy as np
```

```
In [24]: a = np.zeros((2,2)); b = np.ones((2,2))
```

```
In [25]: np.sum(b, axis=1)
```

```
Out[25]: array([ 2.,  2.])
```

```
In [26]: a.shape
```

```
Out[26]: (2, 2)
```

```
In [27]: np.reshape(a, (1,4))
```

```
Out[27]: array([[ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.]])
```

# Repeat in TensorFlow

*More on `Session`  
soon*

```
In [31]: import tensorflow as tf
```

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In [32]: tf.InteractiveSession()
```

```
In [33]: a = tf.zeros((2,2)); b = tf.ones((2,2))
```

```
In [34]: tf.reduce_sum(b, reduction_indices=1).eval()
```

```
Out[34]: array([ 2.,  2.], dtype=float32)
```

*More on `.eval()`  
in a few slides*

```
In [35]: a.get_shape()
```

```
Out[35]: TensorShape([Dimension(2), Dimension(2)])
```

*`TensorShape` behaves  
like a python tuple.*

```
In [36]: tf.reshape(a, (1, 4)).eval()
```

```
Out[36]: array([[ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.]], dtype=float32)
```

# Numpy to TensorFlow Dictionary

Numpy	TensorFlow
<code>a = np.zeros((2,2)); b = np.ones((2,2))</code>	<code>a = tf.zeros((2,2)), b = tf.ones((2,2))</code>
<code>np.sum(b, axis=1)</code>	<code>tf.reduce_sum(a, reduction_indices=[1])</code>
<code>a.shape</code>	<code>a.get_shape()</code>
<code>np.reshape(a, (1,4))</code>	<code>tf.reshape(a, (1,4))</code>
<code>b * 5 + 1</code>	<code>b * 5 + 1</code>
<code>np.dot(a,b)</code>	<code>tf.matmul(a, b)</code>
<code>a[0,0], a[:,0], a[0,:]</code>	<code>a[0,0], a[:,0], a[0,:]</code>