COMP3005: Computer Vision

Machine learning for pattern recognition

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- Recognising patterns is a large part of computer vision
    - i.e. recognising text, people, objects, …
- Obviously there’s a lot of overlap with intelligent algorithms, machine learning and AI.
- This lecture will cover (recap?) some of the fundamentals of machine learning and introduce how you connect arrays of pixels to machine learning algorithms.

Feature spaces

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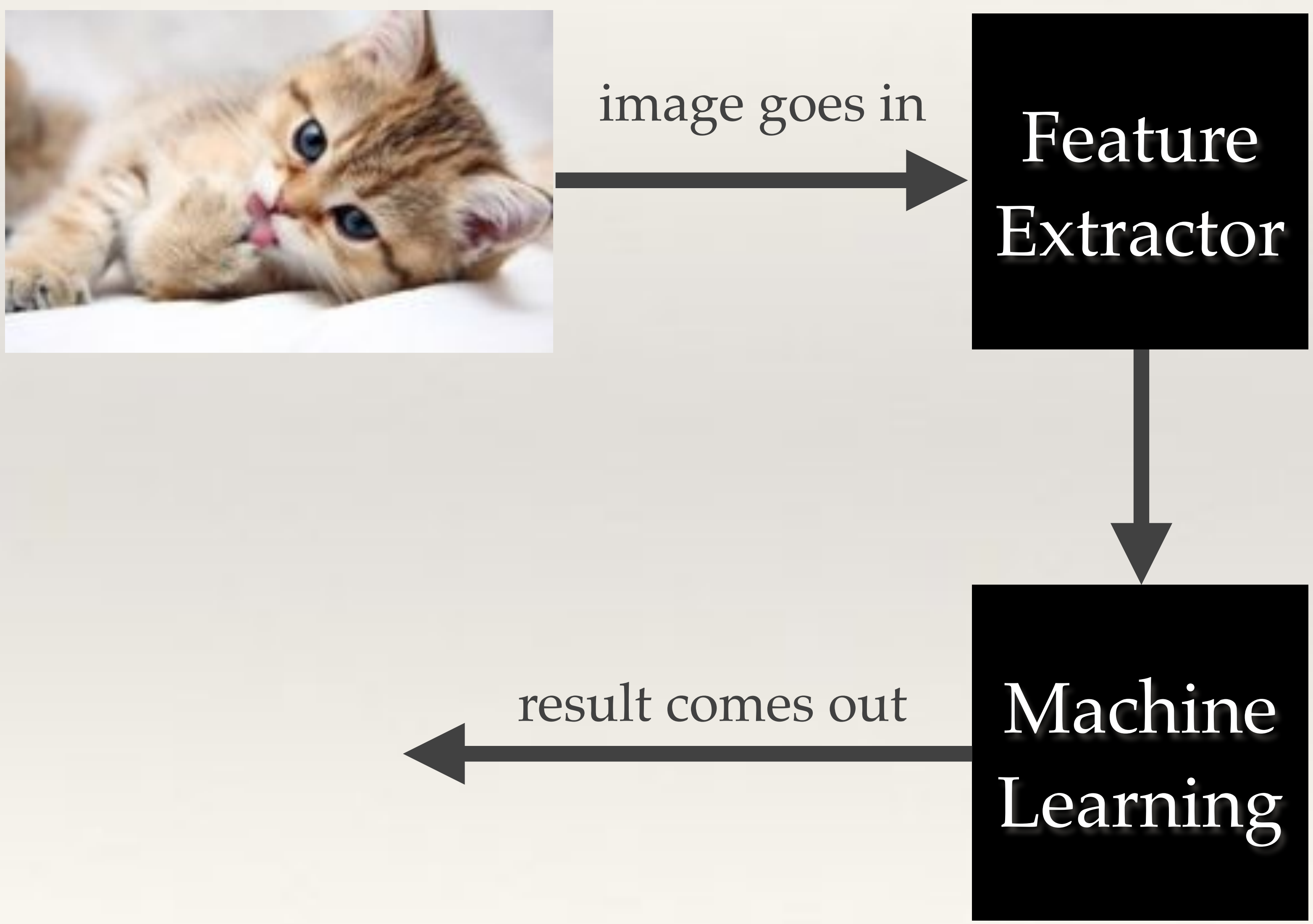

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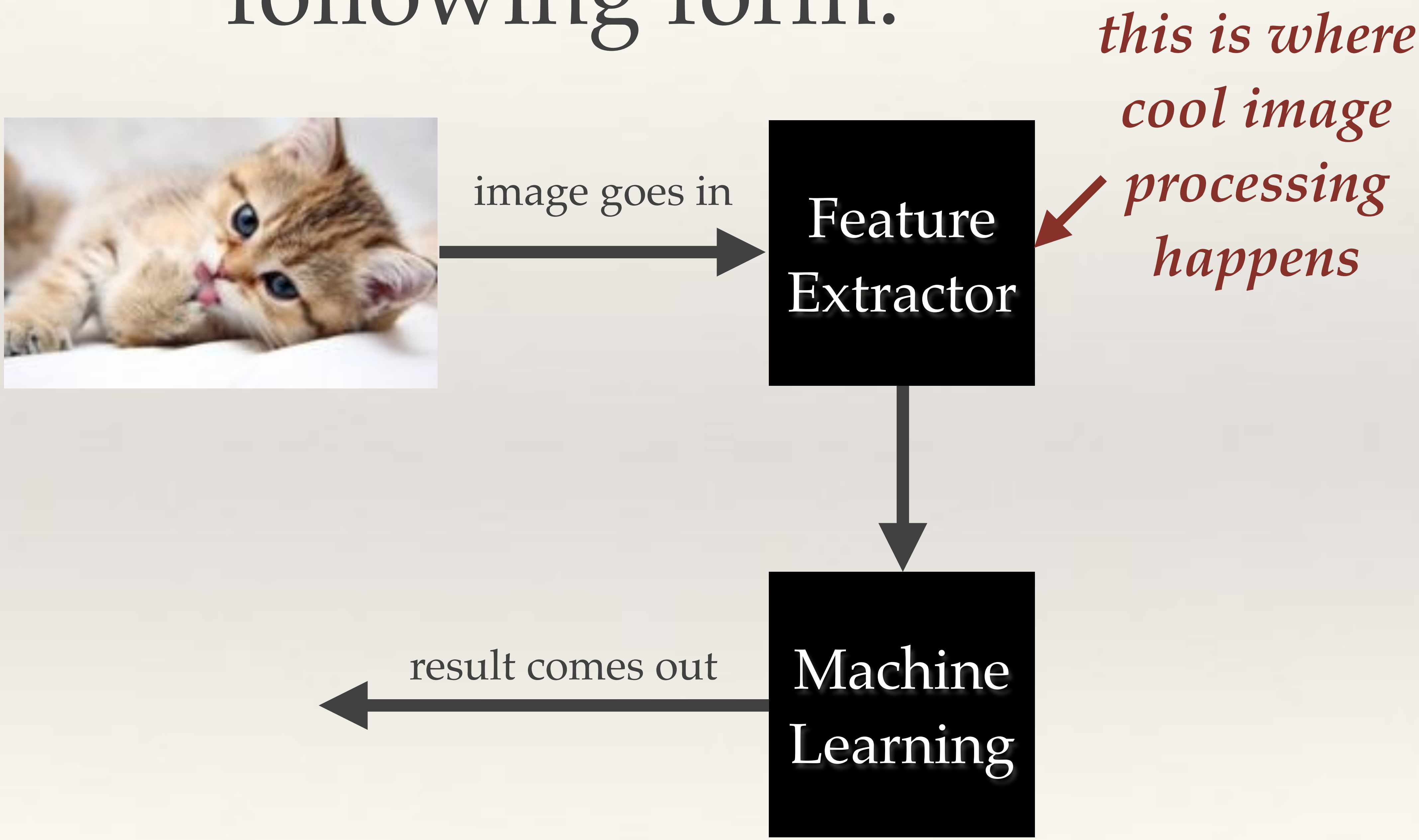

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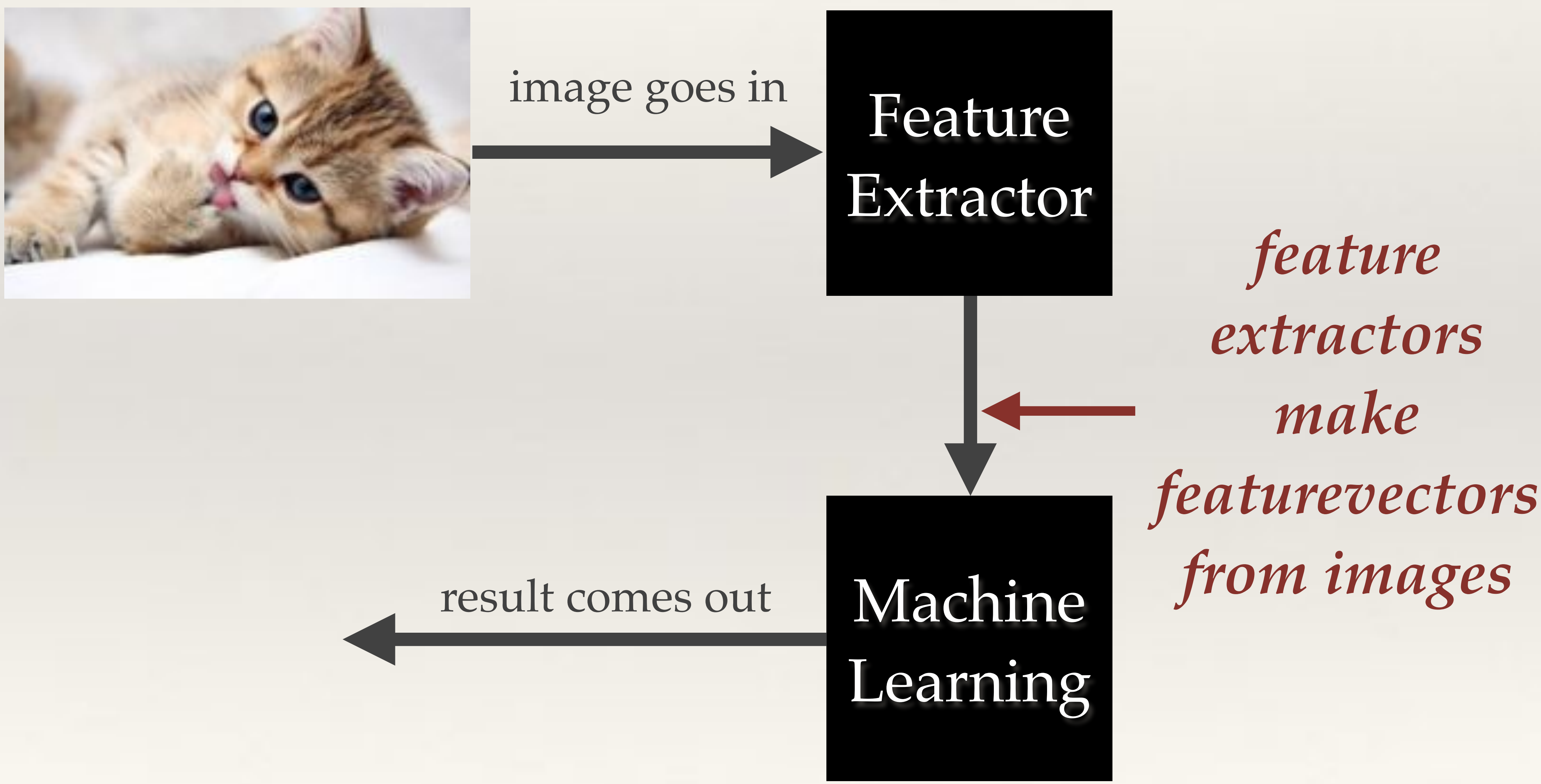

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image goes in

Feature Extractor

Machine Learning

result comes out

machine learning system uses feature vectors to make intelligent decisions

Key terminology

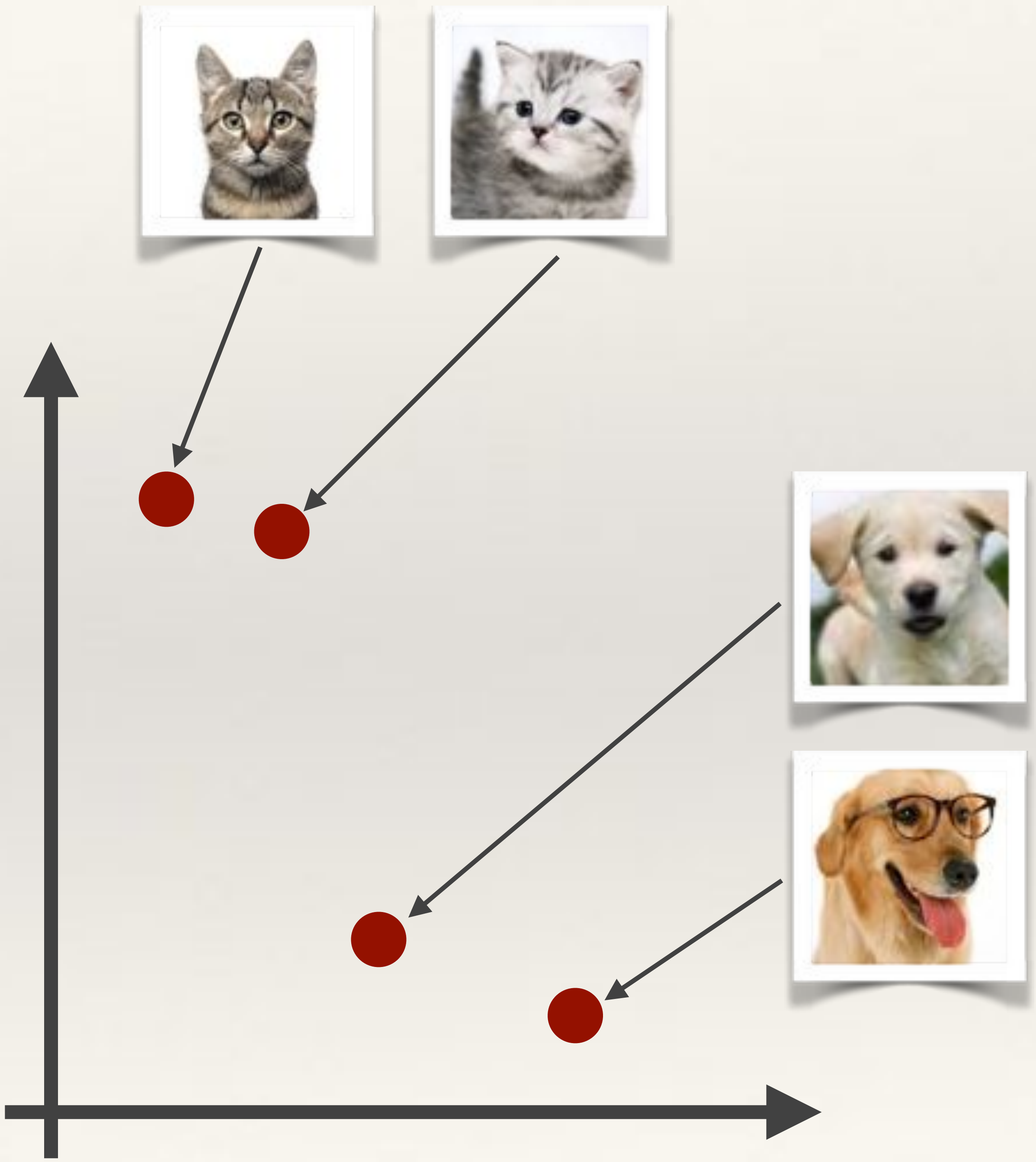
- **featurevector**: a mathematical vector
  - just a list of (usually Real) numbers
  - has a fixed number of **elements** in it
    - The number of elements is the **dimensionality** of the vector
  - represents a **point** in a **featurespace** or equally a **direction** in the featurespace
  - the **dimensionality of a featurespace** is the dimensionality of every vector within it
    - vectors of differing dimensionality can't exist in the same featurespace

Demo: a really simple feature extractor

Distance and similarity

Distances in featurespace

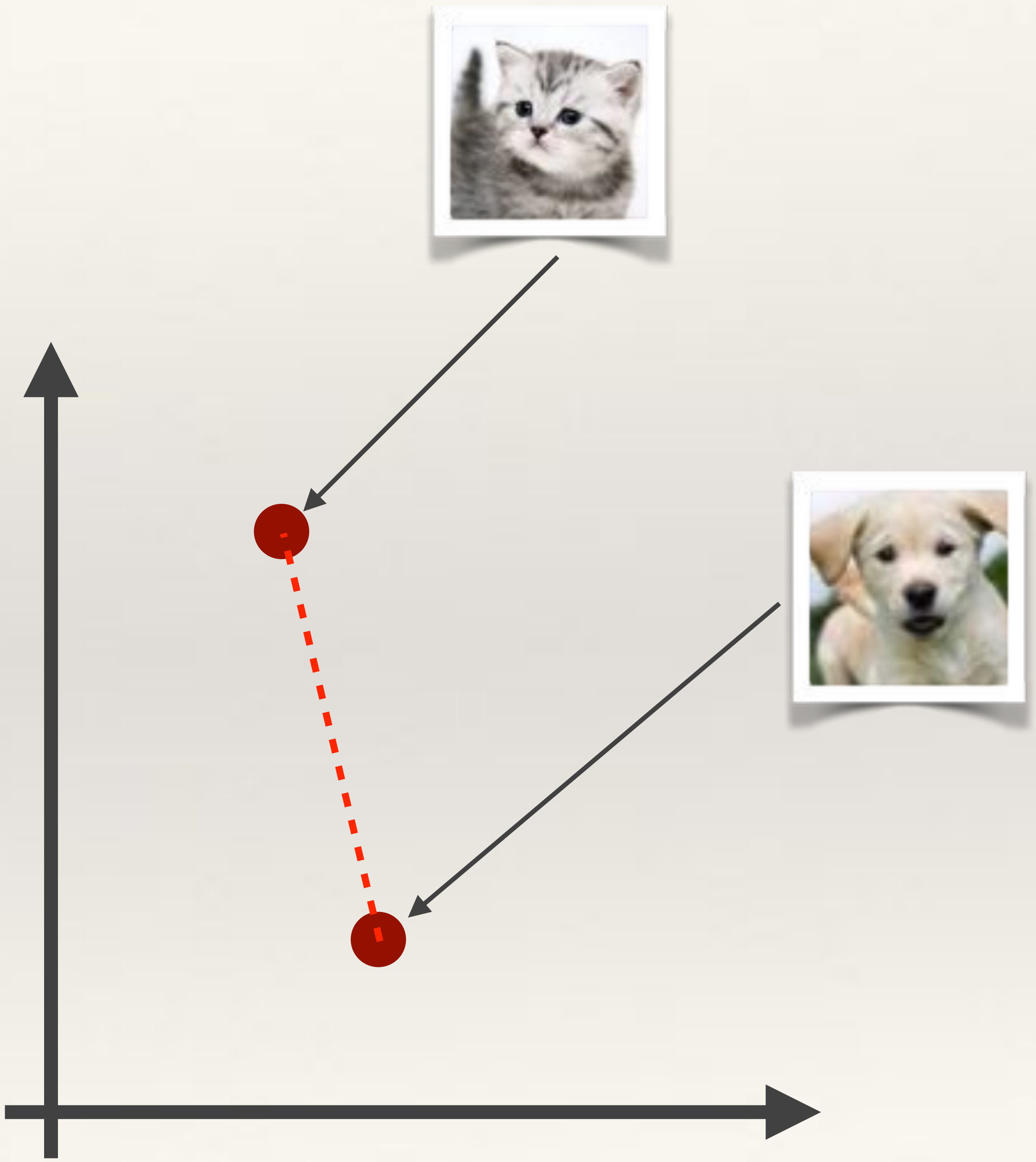
- Feature extractors are often defined so that they produce vectors that are *close* together for *similar* inputs
  - Closeness of two vectors can be computed in the feature space by measuring a distance between the vectors.



Euclidean distance (*L2 distance*)

- L2 distance is the most intuitive distance…
  - The straight-line distance between two points
  - Computed via an extension of Pythagoras theorem to *n* dimensions:

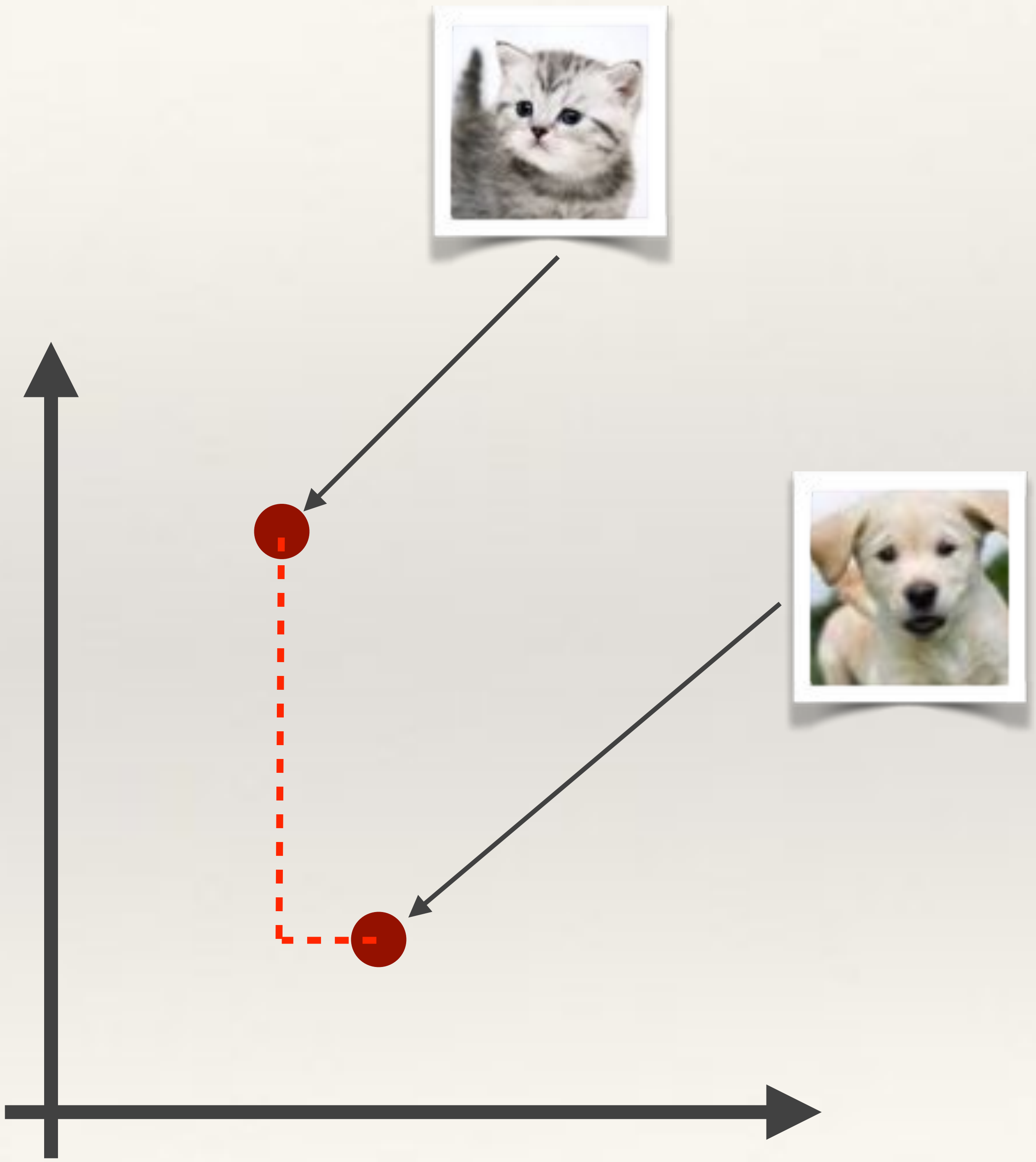
$$D_2(p,q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (p_i - q_i)^2} = \|p-q\| = \sqrt{(p-q)\cdot(p-q)}$$



L1 distance (*aka Taxicab/Manhattan*)

- L1 distance is computed along paths parallel to the axes of the space:

$$D_1(p,q) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |p_i - q_i| = \|p - q\|_1$$

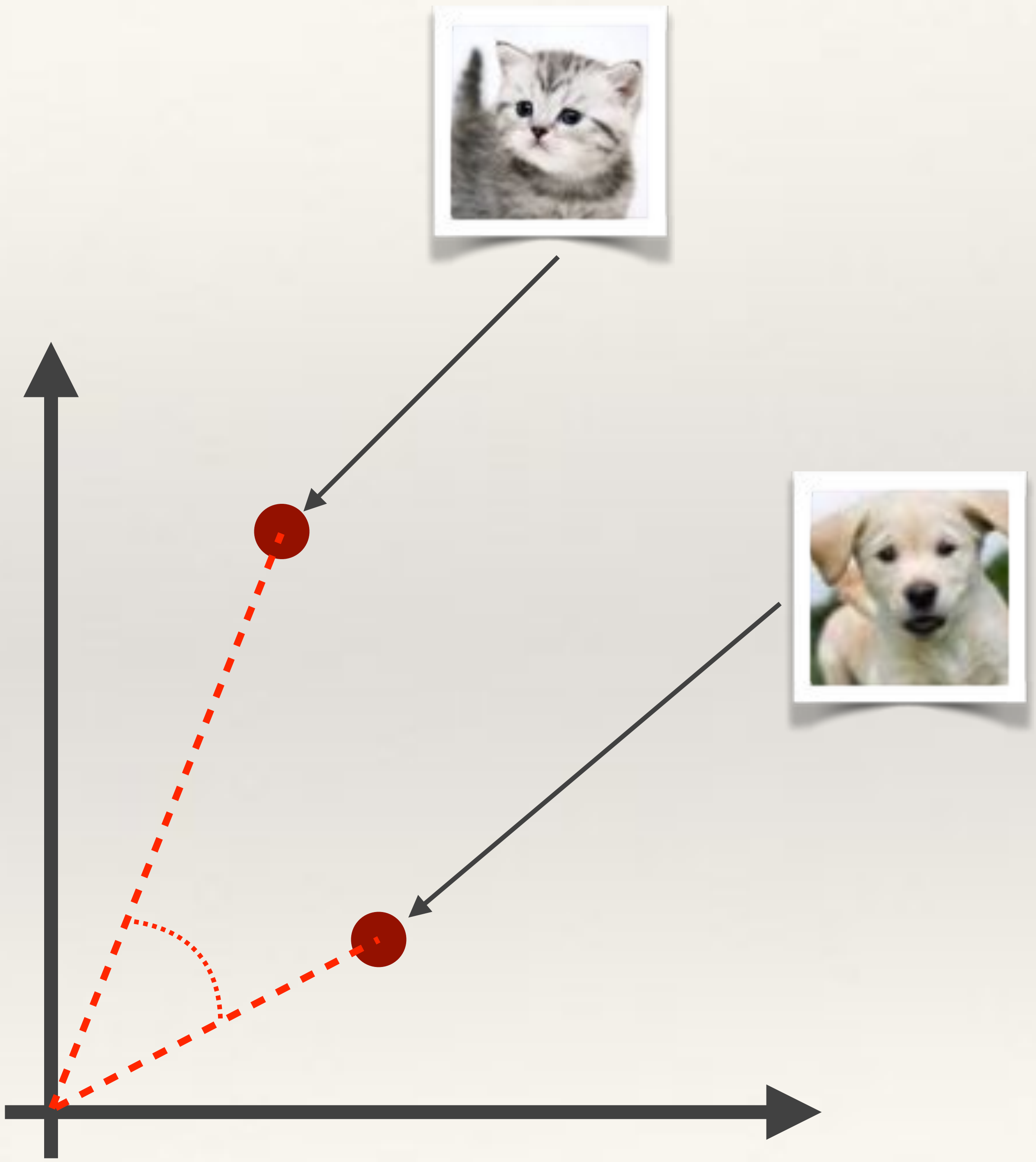


Cosine Similarity

- Cosine similarity measures the cosine of the angle between two vectors
  - **It is not a distance!**

$$cos(\theta) = \frac{p.q}{||p|| \, ||q||} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i q_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i^2}}$$

  - Useful if you don't care about the relative length of the vectors



Choosing good featurevector representations for machine-learning

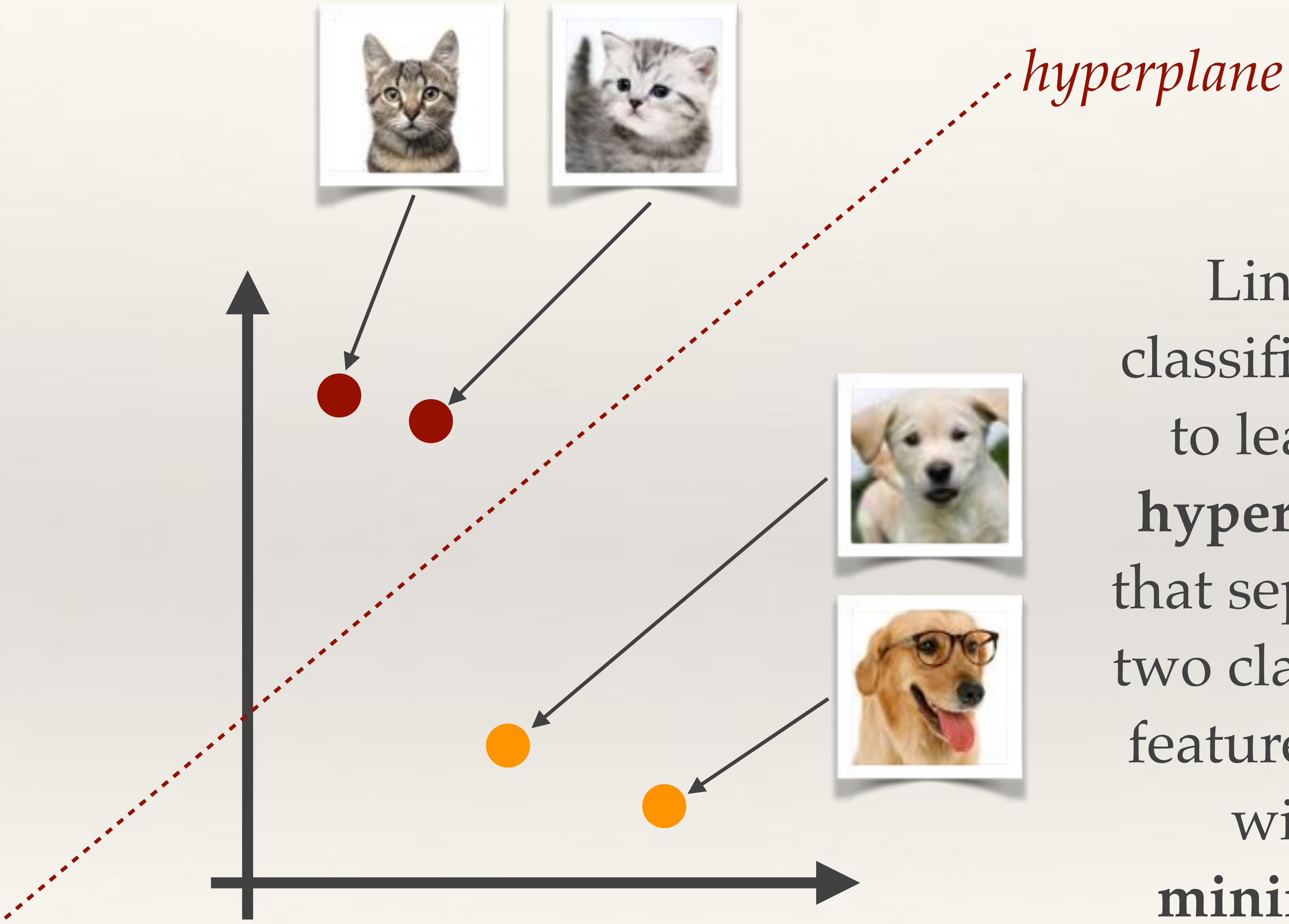
- Choose features which allow to distinguish objects or classes of interest
  - Similar within classes
  - Different between classes
- Keep number of features small
  - Machine-learning can get more difficult as dimensionality of featurespace gets large

Supervised Machine Learning:
Classification

- **Classification** is the process of assigning a **class label** to an object (typically represented by a vector in a feature space).
- A **supervised machine-learning algorithm** uses a set of pre-labelled *training data* to learn how to assign class labels to vectors (and the corresponding objects).
  - A **binary** classifier only has two classes
  - A **multiclass** classifier has many classes.

Cat or Dog?

Linear classifiers



Linear classifiers try to learn a **hyperplane** that separates two classes in featurespace with **minimum error**

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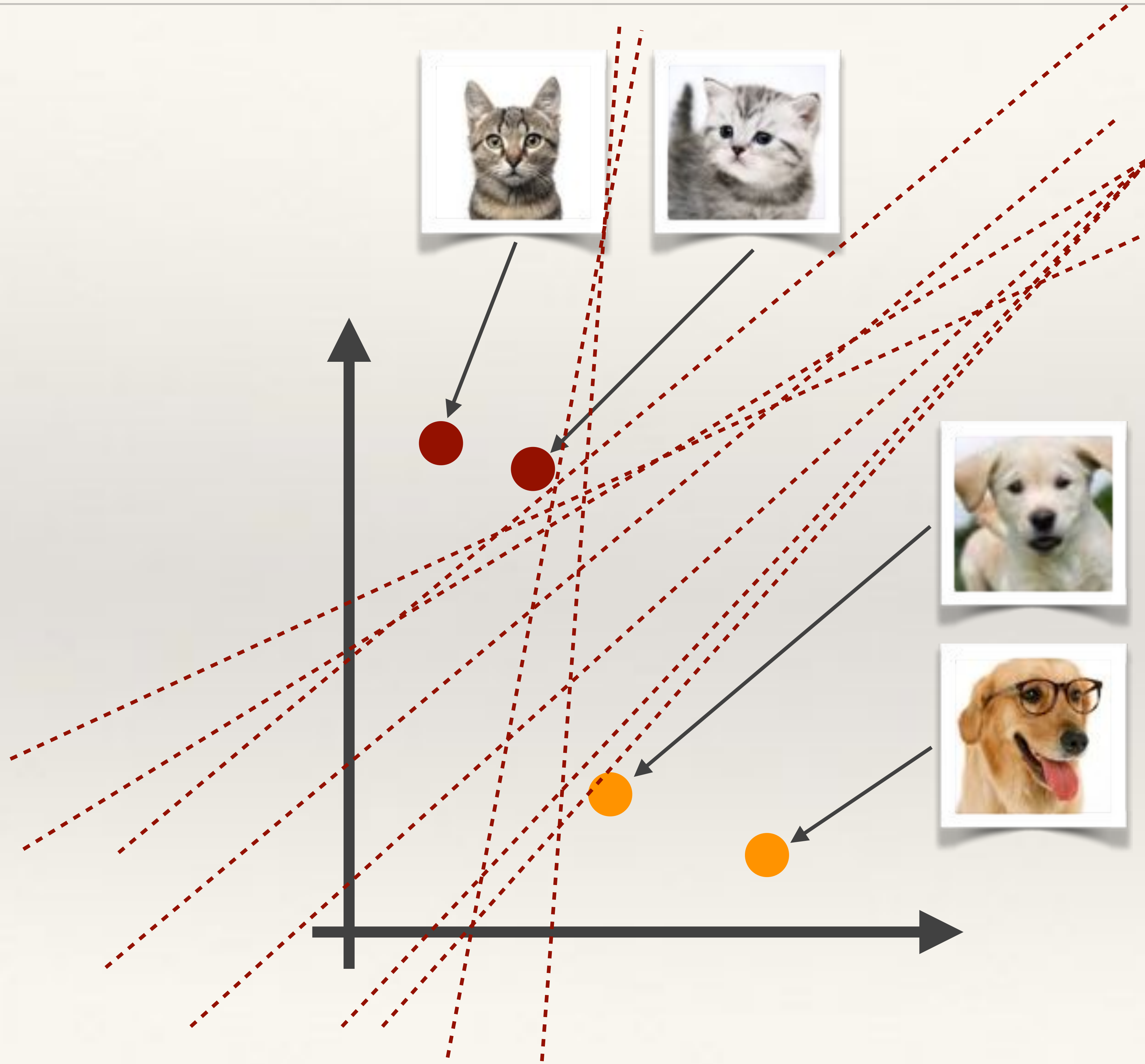
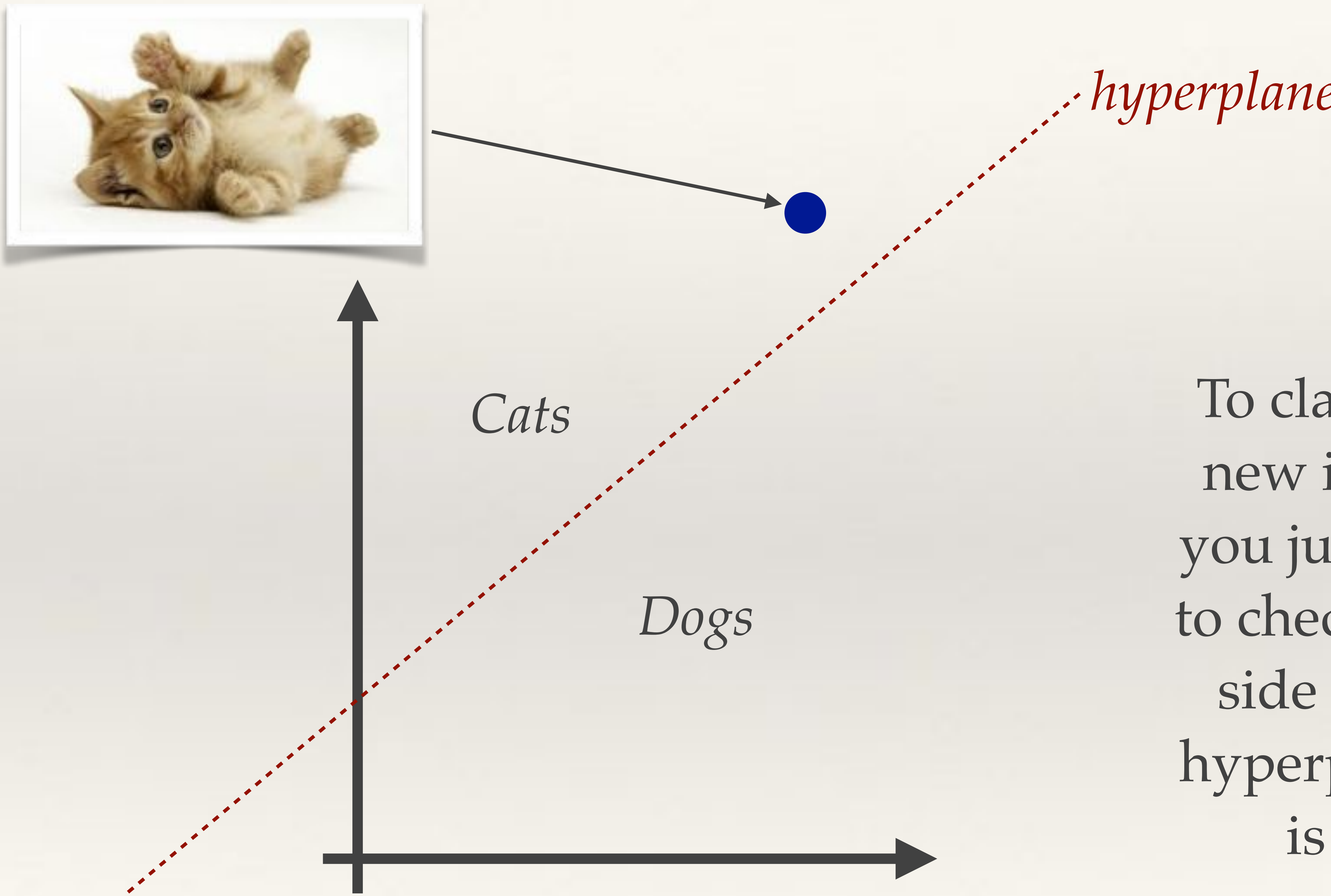


Lots of hyperplanes to choose from… different linear classification algorithms apply differing constraints when learning the classifier

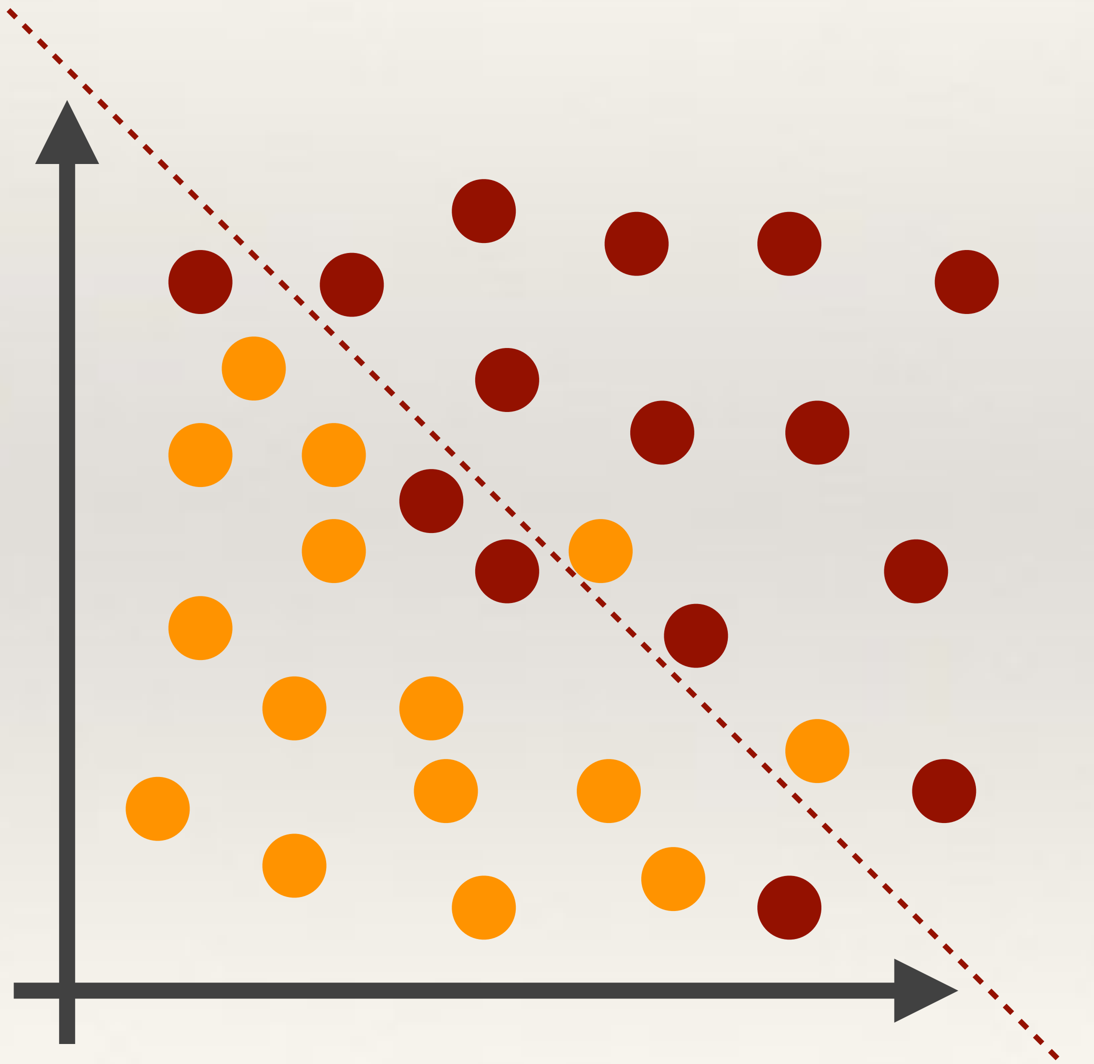
Linear classifiers



To classify a new image, you just need to check what side of the hyperplane it is on

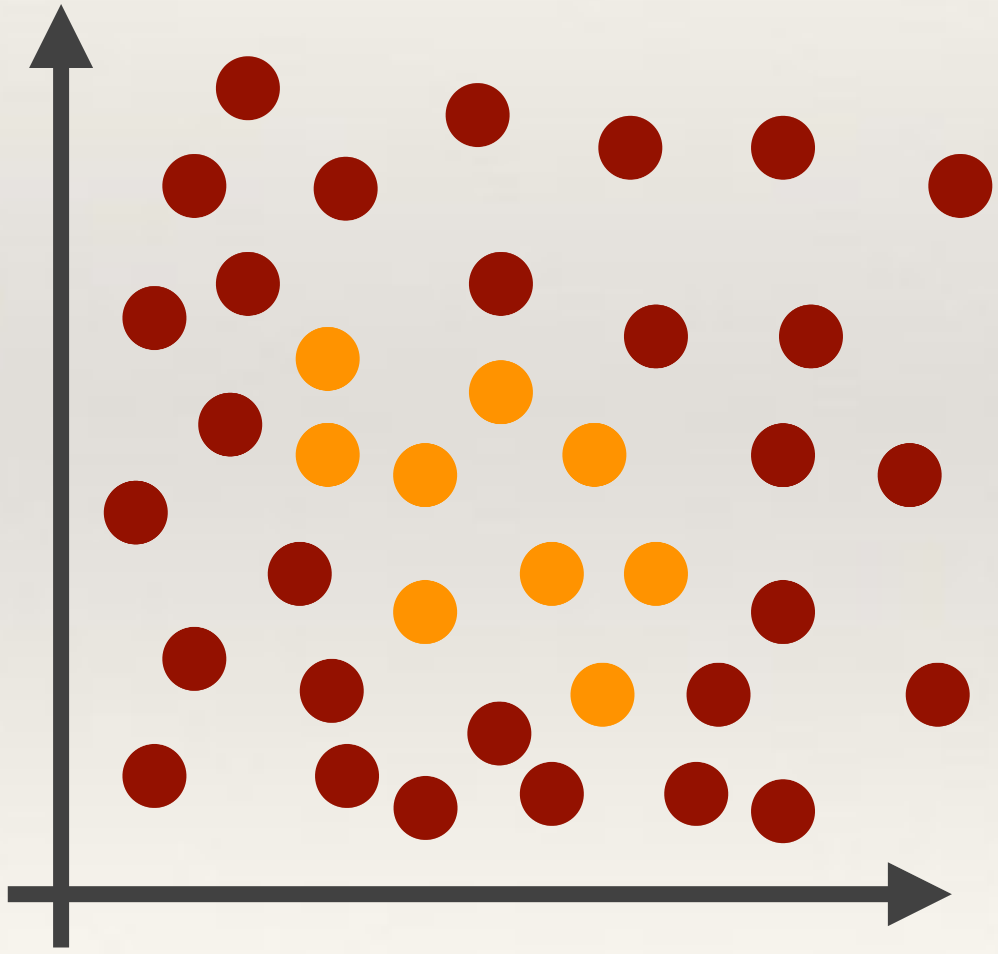
Demo: perceptron linear classifier

Non-linear binary classifiers



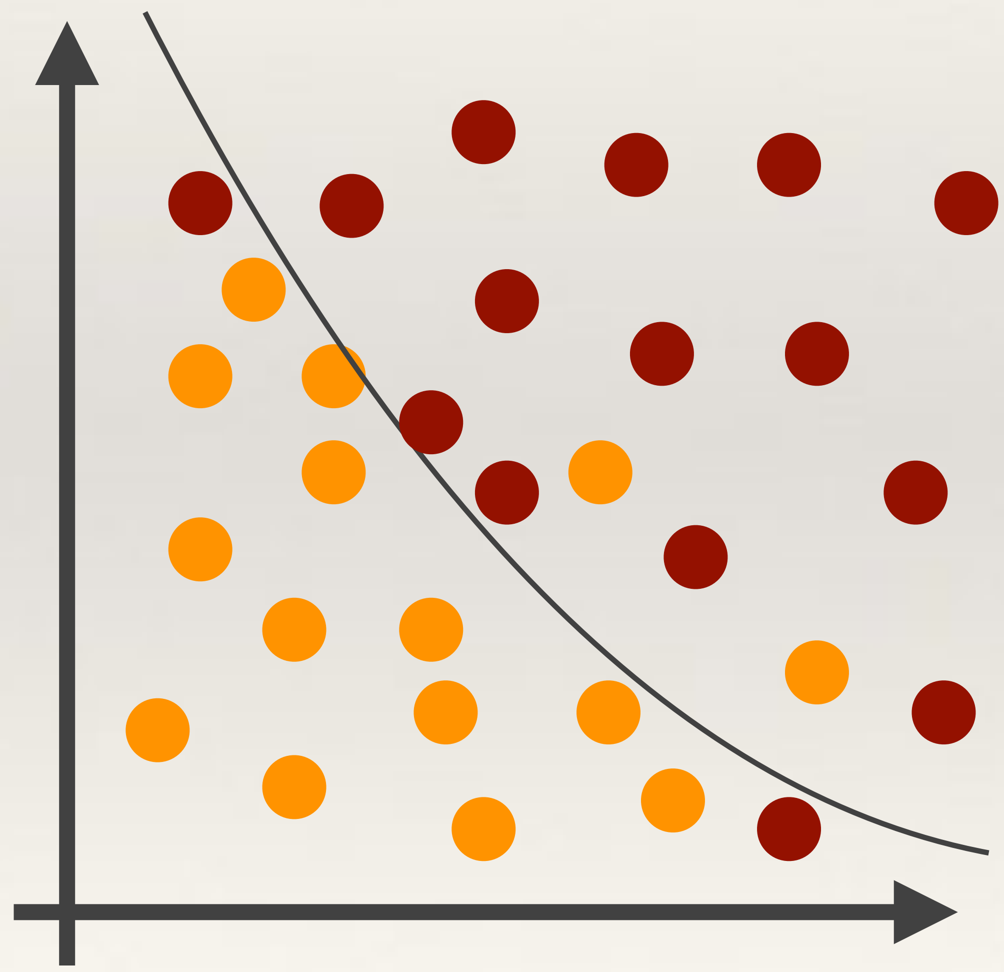
Linear classifiers work best when the data is linearly separable…

Non-linear binary classifiers



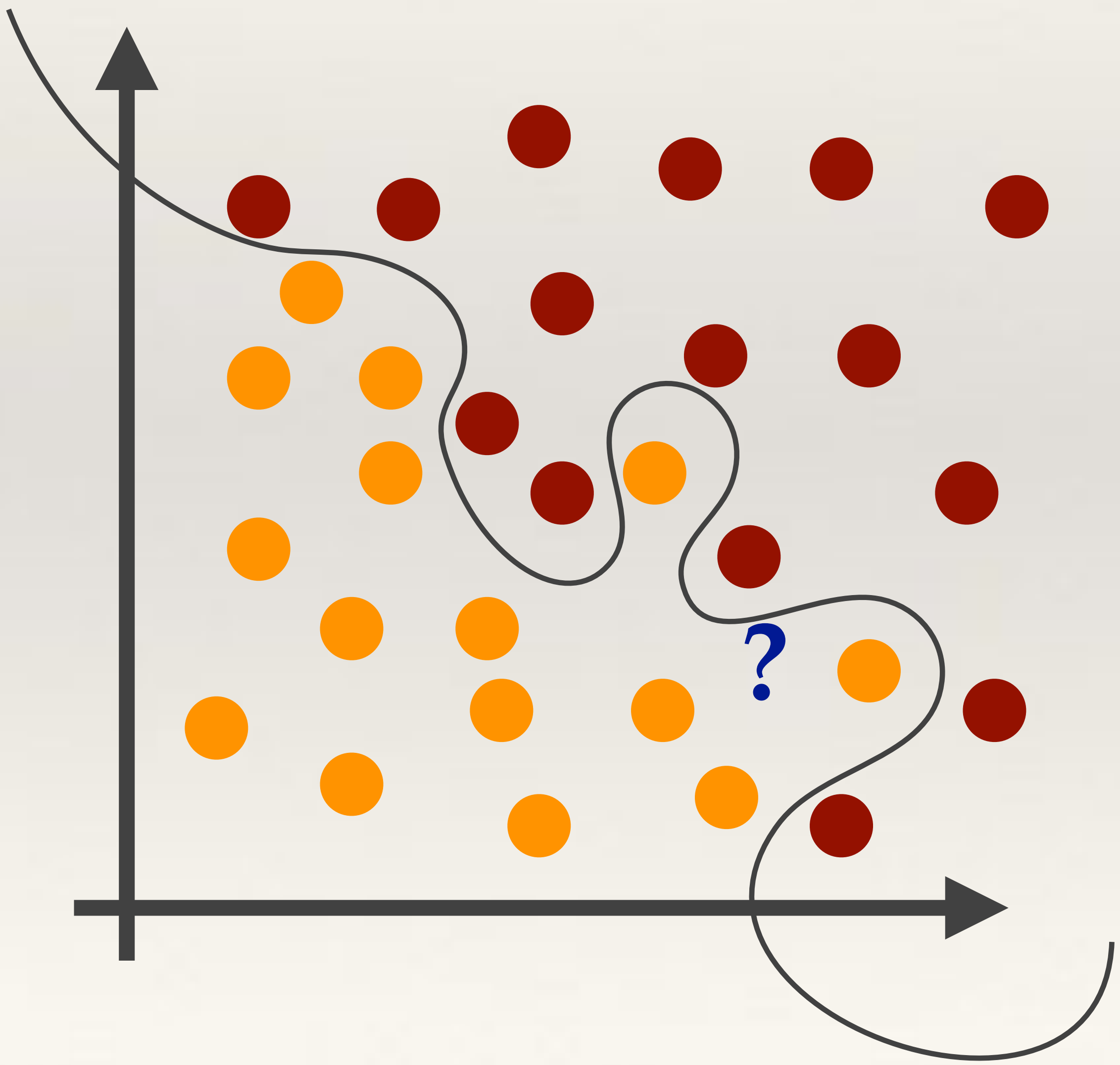
No hope for a linear classifier!

Non-linear binary classifiers



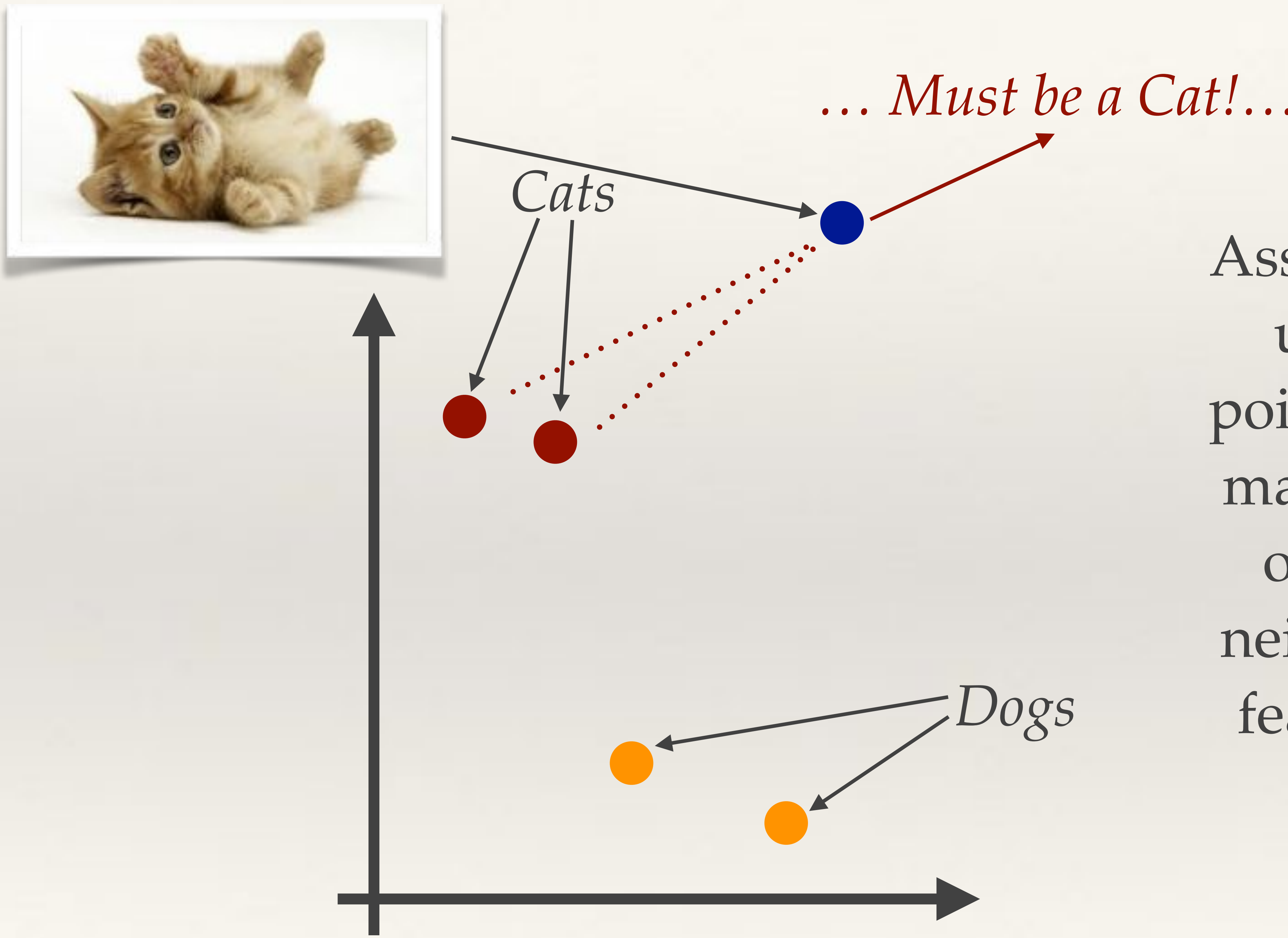
Non-linear binary classifiers, such as **Kernel Support Vector Machines** learn non-linear decision boundaries

Non-linear binary classifiers



Have to be careful… you might loose generality by overfitting

Multiclass classifiers: KNN



Assign class of unknown point based on majority class of *closest K* neighbours in featurespace

Demo: KNN Classification

KNN Problems

- Computationally expensive if there are:
  - Lots of training examples
  - Many dimensions

Unsupervised Machine Learning:
Clustering

- Clustering aims to group data without any prior knowledge of what the groups should look like or contain.
- In terms of featurevectors, items with similar vectors should be grouped together by a clustering operation.
- Some clustering operations create overlapping groups; for now we're only interested in disjoint clustering methods that assign an item to a single group.

K-Means Clustering

- K-Means is a classic featurespace clustering algorithm for grouping data into *K* groups with each group represented by a *centroid*:
  - The value of *K* is chosen
  - *K* initial cluster centres are chosen
  - Then the following process is performed iteratively until the centroids don’t move between iterations:
    - Each point is assigned to its closest centroid
    - The centroid is recomputed as the mean of all the points assigned to it. If the centroid has no points assigned it is randomly re-initialised to a new point.
  - The final clusters are created by assigning all points to their nearest centroid.

Demo: K-Means Clustering

Summary

- Extracting features is key part of computer vision
  - Typically, these are numerical vectors that can be used with machine-learning techniques.
  - Featurevectors can be compared by measuring distance
- Classification learns what class to assign a feature to.
- Clustering groups similar features.