



AI & DATASCIENCE

FOUNDATION & INTERMEDIATE CURRICULUM

1.1 What is Data Science?

- Evolution and history of data science
- Importance and impact of data in business and research
- Real-world applications (healthcare, finance, e-commerce, etc.)

1.2 Lifecycle of a Data Science Project

- **Data scientist: role, responsibilities, required skills**
- **data analyst: comparison with scientist; focus on business analysis**
- **data engineer: data pipelines, ETL, infrastructure**
- **collaboration within data teams**

1.3 Roles in Data Science

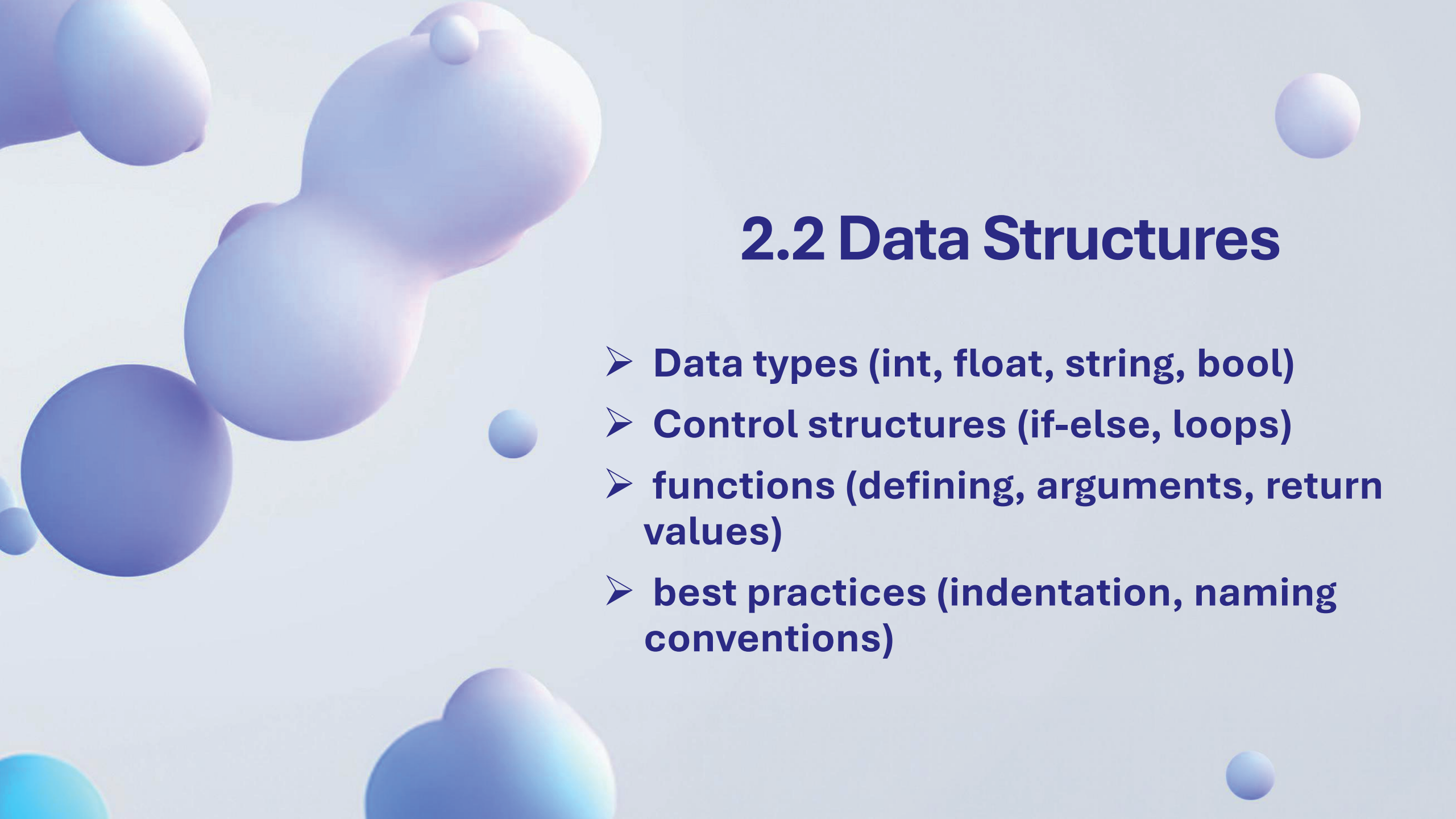
- Problem definition and goal setting
- Data collection and data sources
- Data cleaning and preprocessing
- Exploratory data analysis (EDA)
- Model building and evaluation
- Deployment and monitoring

1.4 Overview of Tools

- **Programming Languages: Python vs. R**
- **Jupyter Notebooks: Interactive coding environment**
- **Git & GitHub: Version control and collaboration**
- **IDEs and environments (Anaconda, VS Code)**

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2.2 Data Structures

- **Data types (int, float, string, bool)**
- **Control structures (if-else, loops)**
- **functions (defining, arguments, return values)**
- **best practices (indentation, naming conventions)**



2.3 File I/O and Error Handling

- Reading from and writing to text/CSV files
- Using with statement for file handling
- Exceptions: try-except blocks, raising custom errors



2.4 Using Jupyter Notebooks

- **Markdown, code cells, and visualizations**
- **Magic commands and productivity tips**
- **Exporting and sharing notebooks**



2.5 Introduction to Libraries



- **NumPy: arrays, vectorized operations, broadcasting**
- **Pandas: Series, DataFrames, basic operations (head, tail, info)**

3.1 Pandas Deep Dive

- **Series vs DataFrame - Indexing, filtering, and selection**
- **Aggregations, groupby, and pivot tables**

3.2 Data Cleaning Techniques



- Identifying and handling missing values
- Detecting and removing duplicates
- Handling incorrect data types
- Outlier detection basics

3.3 Data Munging



- Renaming columns, changing formats
- Encoding categorical variables (one-hot, label encoding)
- Data transformation (log, scaling)
- Date-time processing and parsing

3.4 Feature Engineering and Selection

- **Creating new features from existing data**
- **binning, interaction terms, polynomial features**
- **feature selection techniques (correlation, variance threshold)**
- **dimensionality reduction (PCA - basic intro)**

4.1 Data Visualization Principles

- Why visualize data?
- Choosing the right chart type
- Visual storytelling: clarity, color, scale, and interactivity
- Common mistakes and biases in visualization

4.2 Matplotlib and Seaborn

- Line, bar, scatter, and histogram plots
- Customization (titles, labels, legends, colors)
- Seaborn: correlation heatmaps, boxplots, violin plots
- Subplots and figure layouts

4.3 Plotly (Interactive Charts)

- **Basic interactive plots**
- **Hover tools and tooltips**
- **Plotly express vs graph objects**
- **Use in dashboards and web apps**

4.4 Dashboard Creation (Optional/Advanced)

- Introduction to streamlit: layout, widgets, deployment basics
- Power BI basics (for enterprise/business users)
- Connecting visualizations to live data



5.1 Descriptive Statistics

- **Measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode**
- **Measures of spread: variance, standard deviation, IQR**
- **Skewness and kurtosis**

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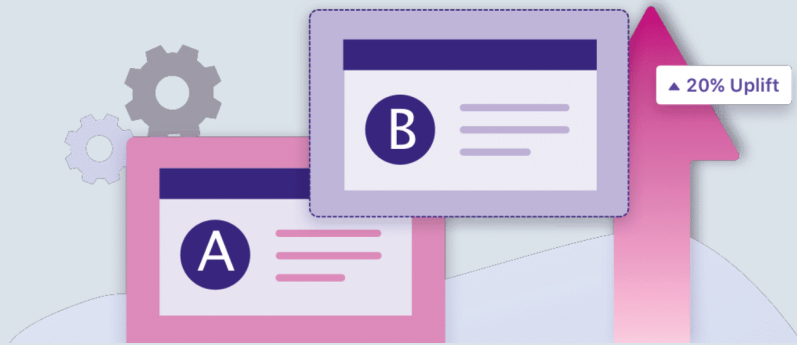
5.2 Inferential Statistics

- Population vs sample
- Confidence intervals
- Hypothesis testing: null vs alternative
- T-tests, chi-square tests, anova basics
- P-values and statistical significance

5.4 Central Limit Theorem

- **Explanation and proof via simulation - Importance in sampling and hypothesis testing**

5.5 A/B Testing



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6.1 Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning

- Key differences and examples
- Problem types: regression, classification, clustering
- Typical workflow of ML projects



6.2 Scikit-learn Basics

- **Data splitting: train/test**
- **Preprocessing pipelines (scaling, encoding)**
- **Model fitting and prediction**
- **Cross-validation**

6.3 Regression Models

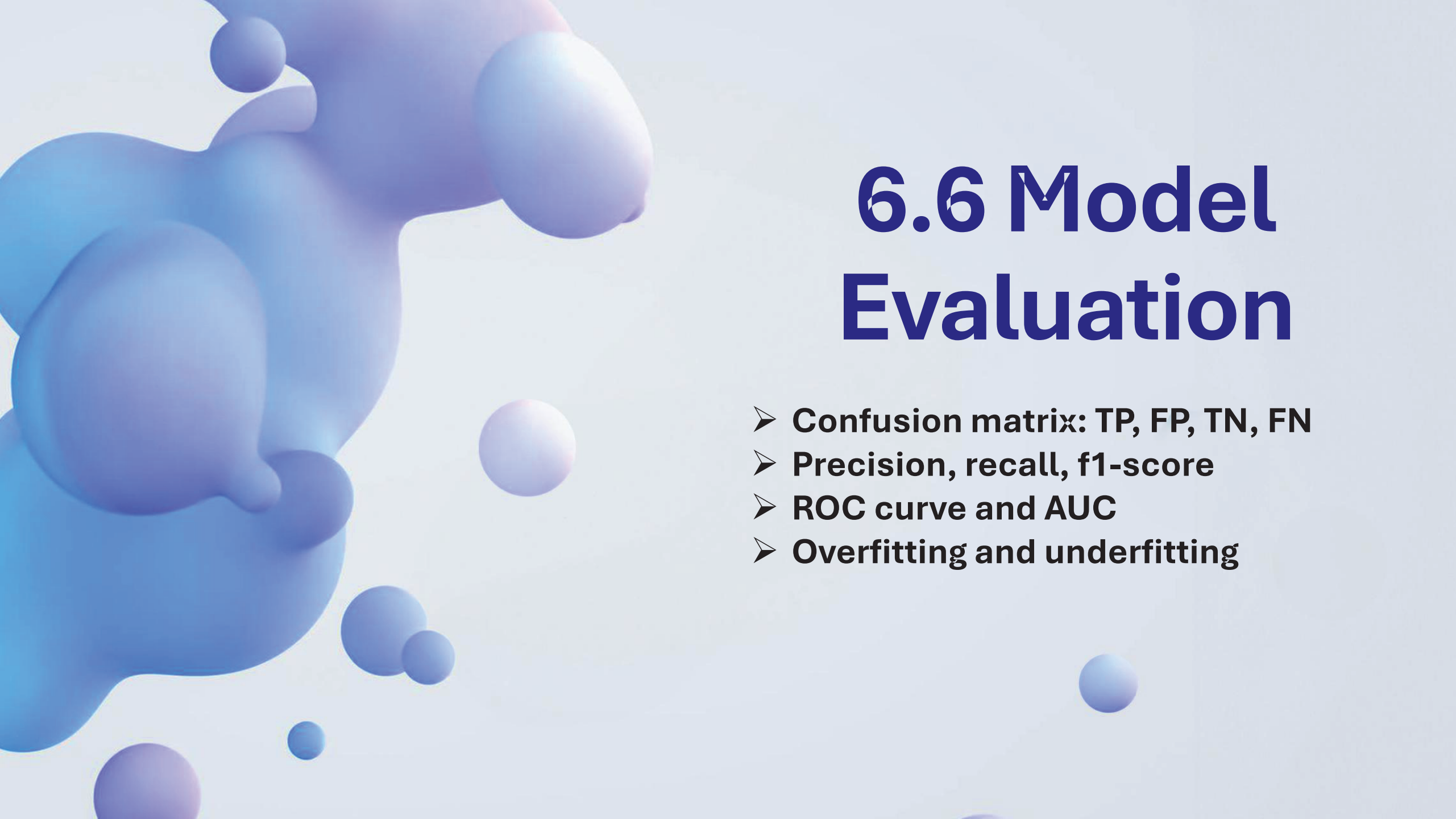
- **Linear regression: interpretation, assumptions**
- **Logistic regression: sigmoid function, classification use-case**
- **Evaluation: RMSE, R^2 for regression**

6.4 Classification Algorithms

- **Decision trees: gini, entropy, pruning**
- **K-nearest neighbors: distance metrics, choosing k**
- **Support vector machines: margin, kernel trick**
- **Bias-variance trade-off**

6.5 Clustering Algorithms

- **K-means: inertia, elbow method**
- **Hierarchical clustering: dendrograms**
- **Silhouette score and evaluation of clusters**

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6.6 Model Evaluation

- **Confusion matrix: TP, FP, TN, FN**
- **Precision, recall, f1-score**
- **ROC curve and AUC**
- **Overfitting and underfitting**