Learning Objectives

- Learn how to split a dataset for an unbiased estimate of performance
- Learn how to improve the performance of neural network by observing the difference in performance on the various data splits.

Data Splits

Data

~10000

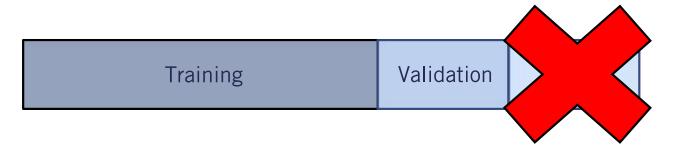
Training

Validation

Testing

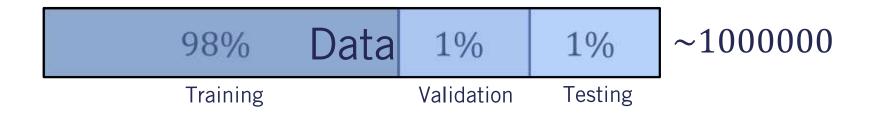
Data Splits

- Training Split: used to minimize the Loss Function
- Validation Split: used to choose best hyperparameters, such as the learning rate, number of layers, etc.
- Test Split: the neural network never observes this set.
 The developer never uses this set in the design process



Data Splits





Behavior of Split Specific Loss Functions

6000		2000	2000	
Training		Validation	Testing	~10000
	$J(\theta)_{train}$	$J(\theta)_{val}$	$J(\theta)_{test}$	$J(\theta)_{Minimum}$
Good Estimator	0.21	0.25	0.30	0.18
Underfitting	1.9	1.9	2.1	
Overfitting	0.21	2.05	2.1	

Reducing the Effect of Underfitting/Overfitting

- **Underfitting:** (Training loss is high)
 - o Train longer
 - More layers or more parameters per layer
 - Change architecture
- Overfitting: (Generalization gap is large)
 - More training data
 - o Regularization
 - o Change architecture