



HYPERPARAMETER TUNING

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$$h(x) = w_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3$$

- w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3 are parameters (weights) of the model
- These variables are “tuned”/ “learn” automatically during the training

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Model structure

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Hyperparameters



These parameters are used to control the learning of the model. We call it **hyperparameters**.

Model structure	how does the model look like?
Initial state	what are the initial values of parameters?
Learning rate	how fast should the model learn?
Optimizer	how to optimize the learning process?
Activation function	what non-linearity should the model use?
Regularization	how much should the model regularize?
Max iterations	how long should the model learn?

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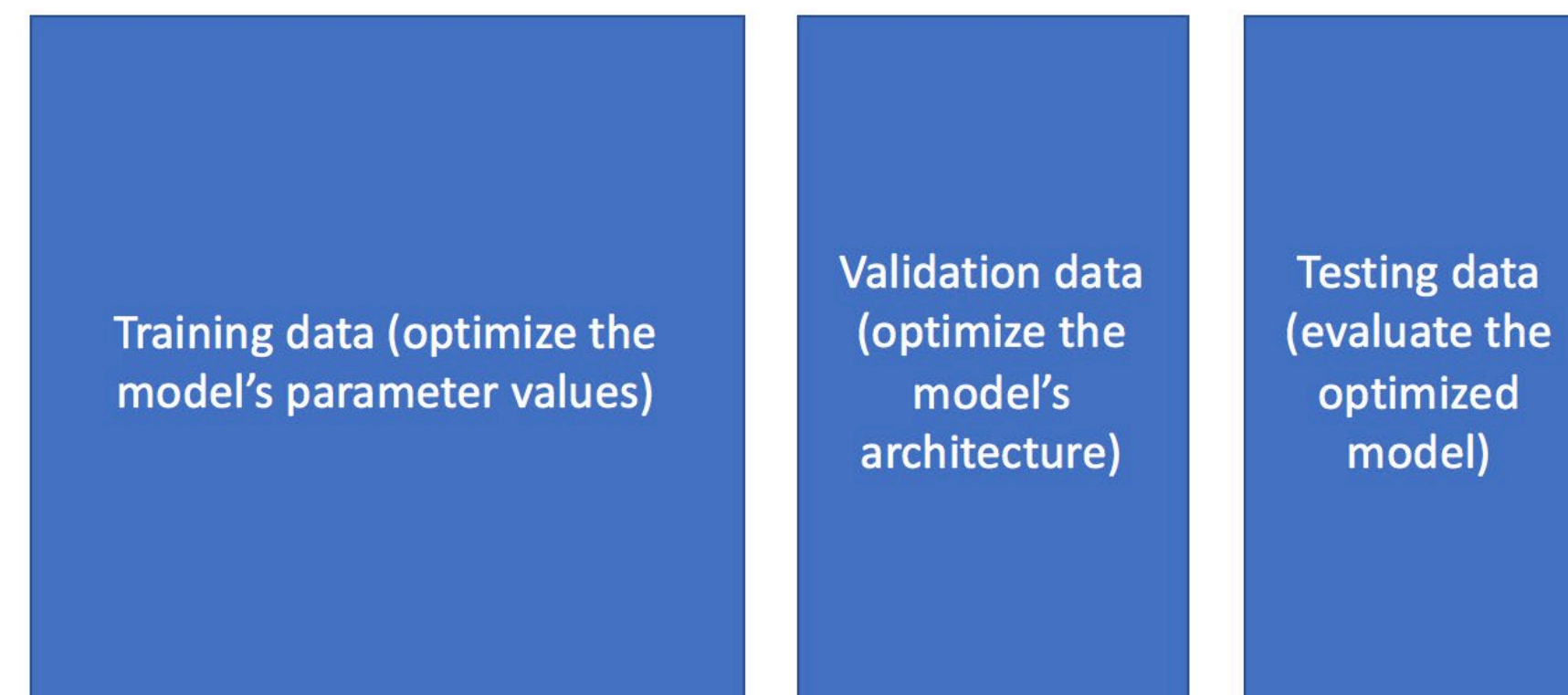
- Should we use training set to test the performance?
- How about the test set?

Validation Set



This is yet another reason why we need to split a model into 3 parts: training set, validation set, test set.

- We train using training set. (parameter optimization)
- We validate the hyperparameters using validation set. (hyperparameter optimization)
- We access the model performance using test set



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# get some data
X, y = load_digits(return_X_y=True)

# build a classifier
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                    fit_intercept=True)

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Load in dataset

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Specify the model

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Set up the dictionary of hyperparameters

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Run the search. Best hyperparameters set will be stored in `best_estimator_` variable.