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Comparing to human-level performance

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Understanding  
human-level  
performance

# Human-level error as a proxy for Bayes error

Medical image classification example:

Make a diagnosis classification



Suppose:

(a) Typical human ..... 3 % error

→ (b) Typical doctor ..... 1 % error

(c) Experienced doctor ..... 0.7 % error

→ (d) Team of experienced doctors .. 0.5 % error

Bayes error  $\leq$  0.5 %

What is “human-level” error?

One of the most useful ways to think of human error is as a proxy or an estimate for Bayes error.

# Error analysis example

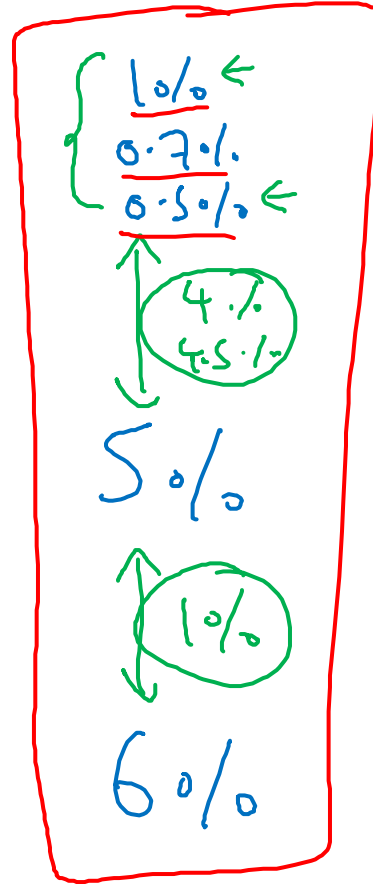
Human (proxy for Bayes error)

↑ Avoidable bias  
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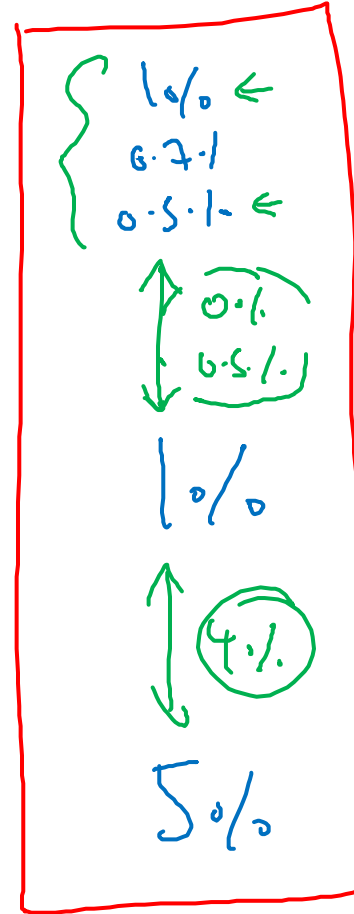
Training error

↑ Variance  
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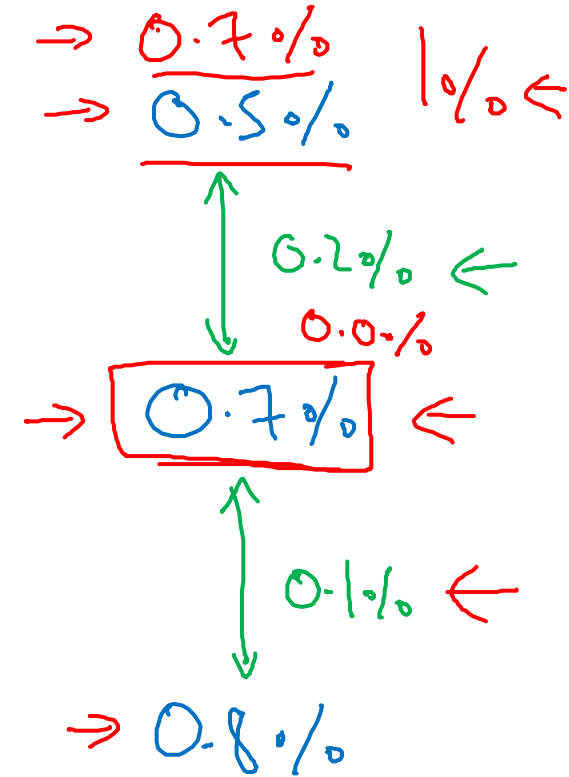
Dev error



↑  
Bias



↑  
Variance



# Summary of bias/variance with human-level performance

