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Mismatched training  
and dev/test data

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Bias and Variance with  
mismatched data  
distributions

# Cat classifier example

Assume humans get  $\approx 0\%$  error.

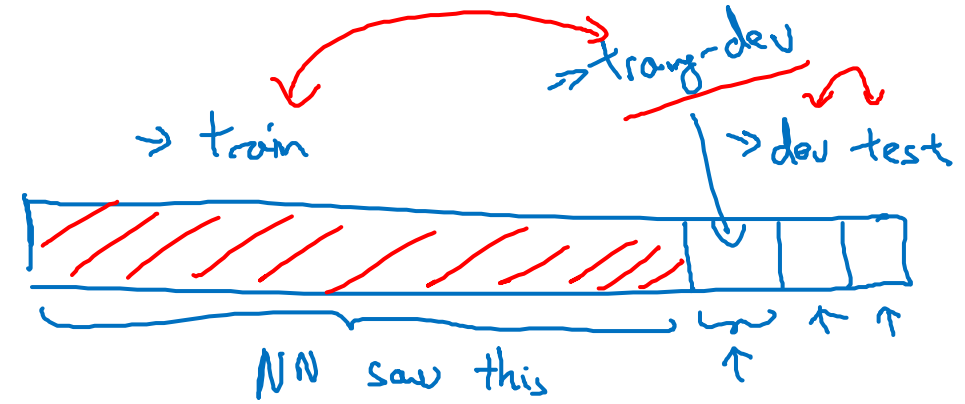
Training error .....  $1\%$   
 Dev error .....  $10\%$   $\downarrow 9\%$

Two things changed at a time.

One is that the algorithm saw data in the training set but not in the dev set.

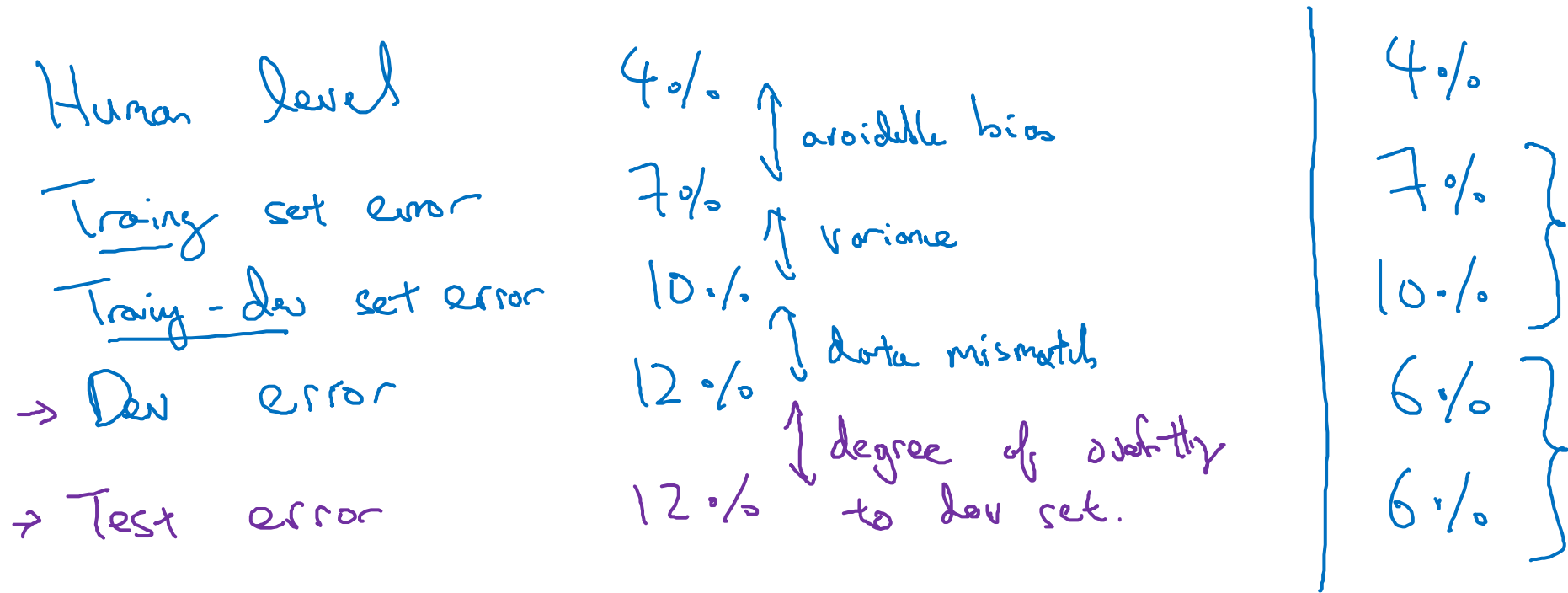
Two the distribution of data in the dev set is different.

Training-dev set: Same distribution as training set, but not used for training



Training error	$1\%$		$1\%$
→ Training-dev error	$9\%$	↑ variance	$1.5\%$
→ Dev error	$10\%$		$10\%$
			↑ data mismatch
		Variance	
Human error	..... $0\%$	↑ Avoidable bias	↑ Avoidable bias
Training error	$10\%$	↓ bias	$10\%$
Training-dev error	$11\%$	↑ variance	$11\%$
Dev error	$12\%$	↑ Data mismatch	$20\%$
	Bias		Bias + Data mismatch

# Bias/variance on mismatched training and dev/test sets



# More general formulation

Recurrent mirror

