

# **Non-Assessed Exercise**

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**DATA70121: Machine Learning and Statistics I**

**Lecture 8: Model Assessment and Selection (I)**

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### Multiple Choice Questions

1. In machine learning, a model is established to gain the best performance on the data used in its learning process. True or False?

A. True  
B. False

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2. A high-bias machine learning model is likely to be underfitting. True or False?

A. True  
B. False

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3. In context of machine learning, *inductive bias* refers to a phenomenon that people always want a learning model that performs the best on the observed data during learning. True or False?

A. True  
B. False

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4. In machine learning, over-fitting means poor generalisation. True or False?

A. True  
B. False

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5. In machine learning, *variance* is the error due to overly simple assumptions in the learning algorithm. True or false?

A. True  
B. False

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6. *Cross-validation* can be used with any machine learning algorithm. True or false?

- A. True
- B. False

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7. In statistical learning, *bias-variance trade-off* for a machine learning model refers to:

- A. The trade-off between its training speed and accuracy
- B. The trade-off between the amount of data and the quality
- C. The trade-off between the model's complexity and its performance.
- D. The trade-off between the memory and the time during its training

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8. Training a linear regression model leads to high bias. Which of the following actions might help to reduce the bias?

- A. Increase the number of training examples
- B. Add polynomial features
- C. Use a simpler model
- D. Reduce the number of training examples

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9. When it comes to bias and variance, which of the following is generally true?

- A. Increasing the model's complexity will decrease both bias and variance.
- B. Increasing the model's complexity will decrease bias and increase variance.
- C. Increasing the model's complexity will increase both bias and variance.
- D. Increasing the model's complexity will increase bias and decrease variance.

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10. What is the primary purpose of using *held-out validation* in a machine learning context?

- A. To increase the accuracy of the model
- B. To prevent overfitting by evaluating the model's performance on unseen data
- C. To add more features to the model
- D. To reduce the computational load on the system

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11. What is a potential disadvantage of *held-out validation*?

- A. It prevents the model from overfitting.
- B. It uses all data points for training
- C. It may waste of data, as a portion of the dataset is not used for training.
- D. It cannot handle a large dataset.

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12. Which of the following statements is *true* about *cross-validation* and *held-out validation*?

- A. Cross-validation is a type of held-out validation.
- B. Held-out validation is a type of cross-validation.
- C. Cross-validation and held-out validation are entirely different methods.
- D. None of the above statements is true.

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13. In practice, what is a good value for  $k$  in  $k$ -fold cross-validation?

- A. 100
- B. 5
- C. 2
- D. 1

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14. In which situations, would it be beneficial to use LOOCV?

- A. When computation resources are limited
- B. When the model's performance has high variance
- C. When the dataset is large
- D. When the dataset is small

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15. What does *cross-validation* do that *held-out validation* does not?

- A. It provides a single estimate of the model performance.
- B. It provides multiple estimates of the model performance.
- C. It uses all data for training.
- D. It uses all data for testing.

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16. In 10-fold cross validation, the training takes 1,000 seconds and the test spends two seconds in each fold. Which of the following options regarding the overall time is *CORRECT*?

- A. 10,002 seconds
- B. 10,012 seconds
- C. 10,020 seconds
- D. 10,200 seconds

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17. Which of the followings are the risks of a high variance model?

- A. The model will likely underfit the data.
- B. The model will likely overfit the data.
- C. The model might perform poorly on unseen data.
- D. The model might perform well on unseen data.
- E. The model will likely be too simple.

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18. Which of the following are *correct* for repeated  $k$ -fold cross-validation?

- A. Should be used when the dataset is very large.
- B. Can help in reducing the variability of the performance estimate.
- C. Repeats the process of  $k$ -fold cross-validation with different random splits of the dataset.
- D. Always provides a biased performance estimate.
- E. Should be used when computational resources are limited.

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