

# W207— Applied Machine Learning

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Feedforward NN



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# Today's learning objectives

- General concepts: Feedforward Neural Networks
- Training, validation, and test datasets
- Application: Detect **Diabetic Retinopathy** using image data



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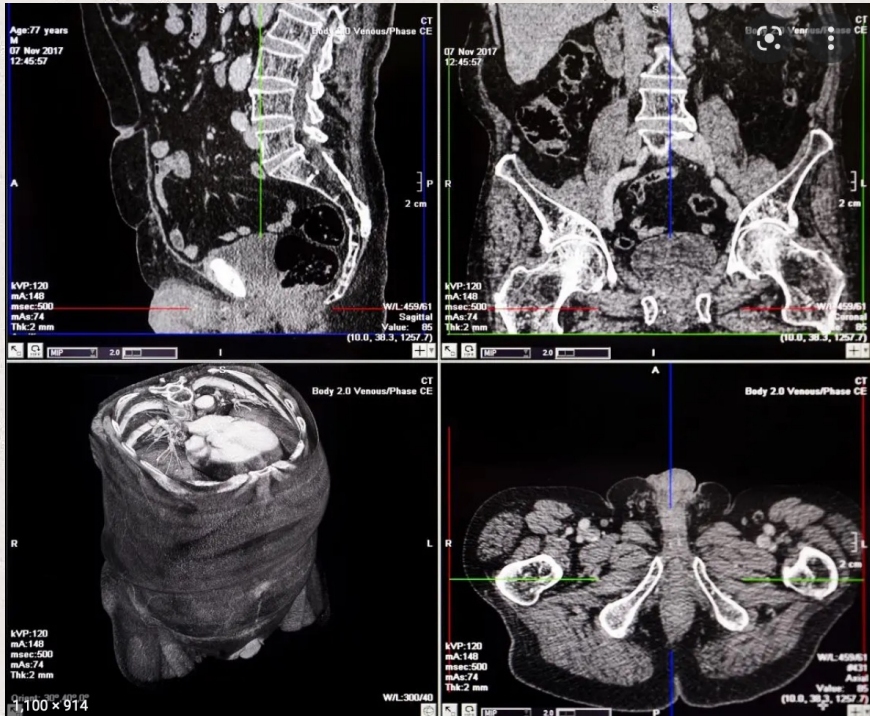


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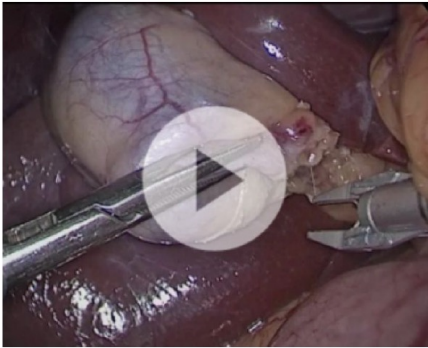


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Surgery



Hospital patient monitoring



Psychology



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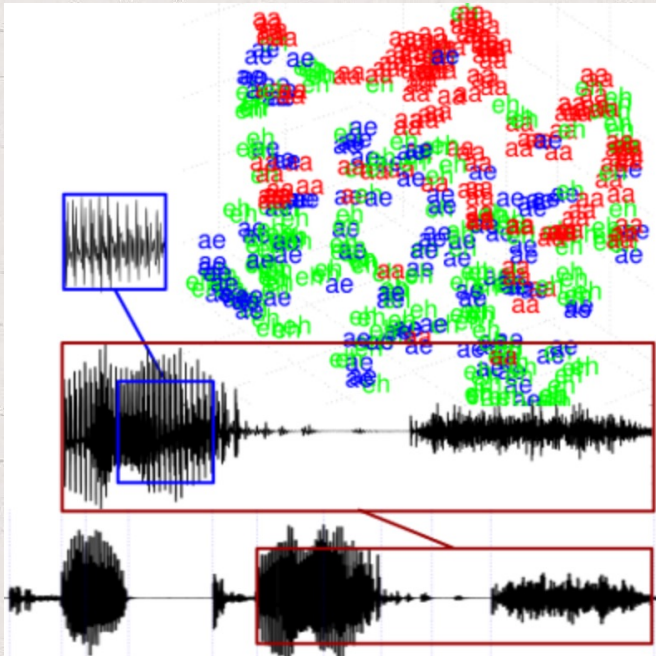


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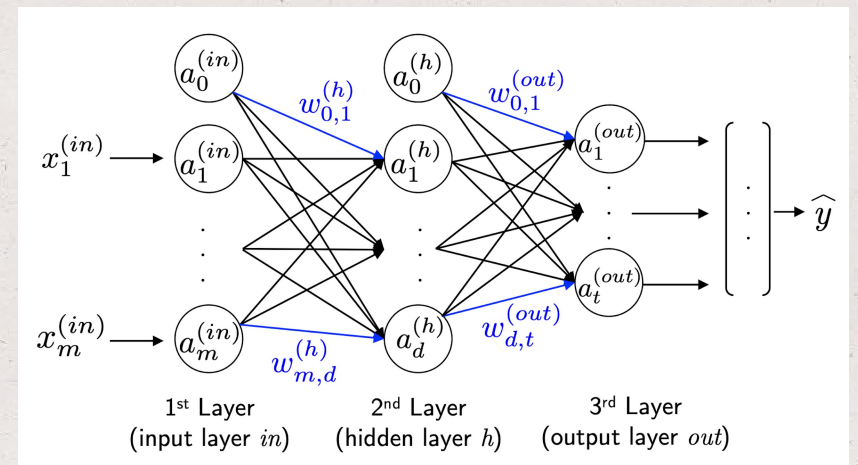
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Deep NN



$a$  = activation function



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Prevent overfitting by applying one or more **regularization schemes**

dropout in NN  
L1, L2 for others

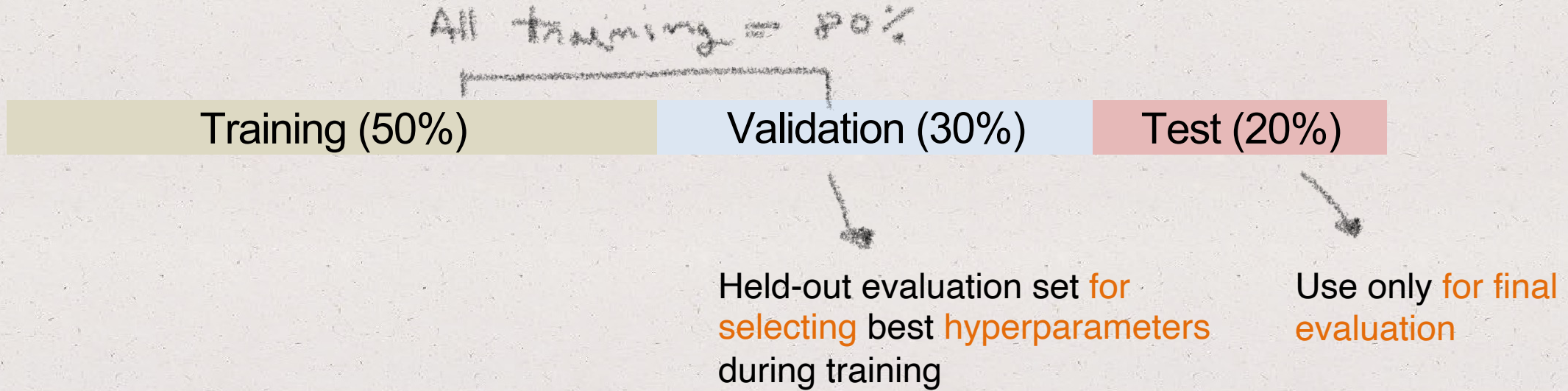
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Other splits: 60/20/20 is also popular.



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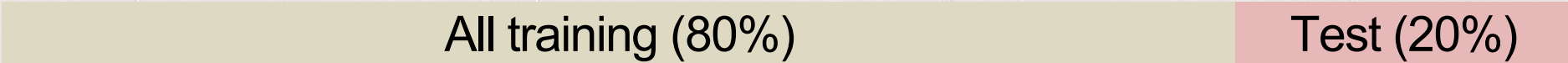
Use only for final  
evaluation

Done with hyperparameter selection using the validation set?

Common to **merge training and validation sets** to train a final model using chosen hyperparameters.



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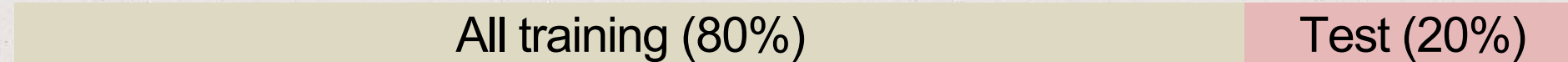
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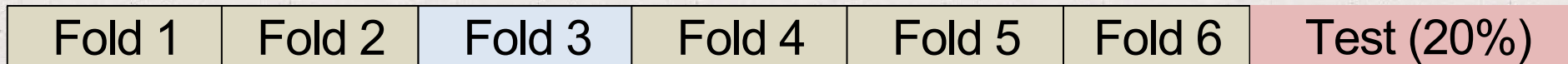
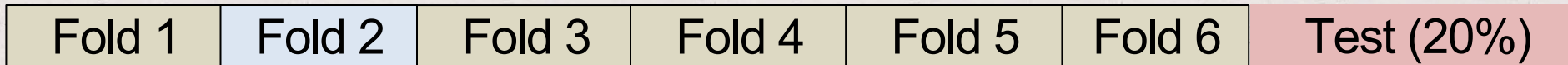
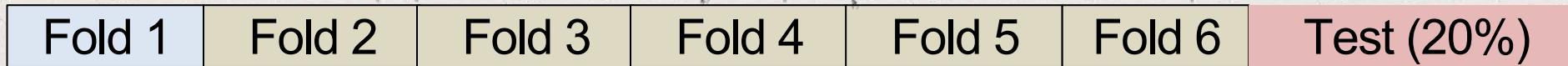
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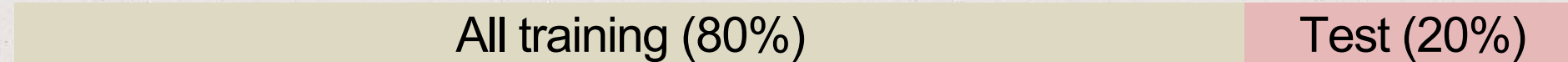


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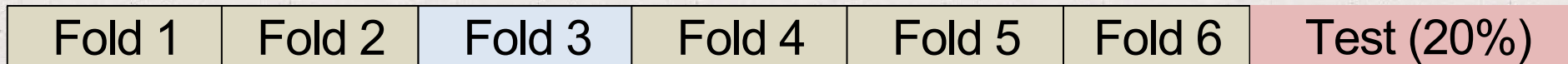
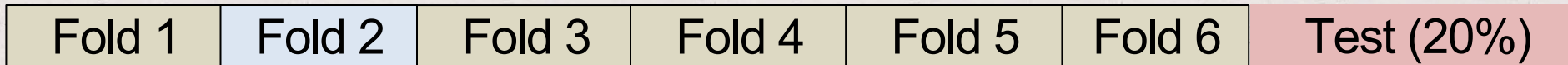
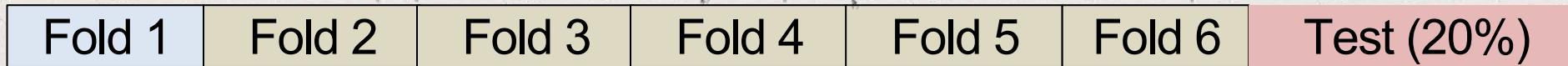
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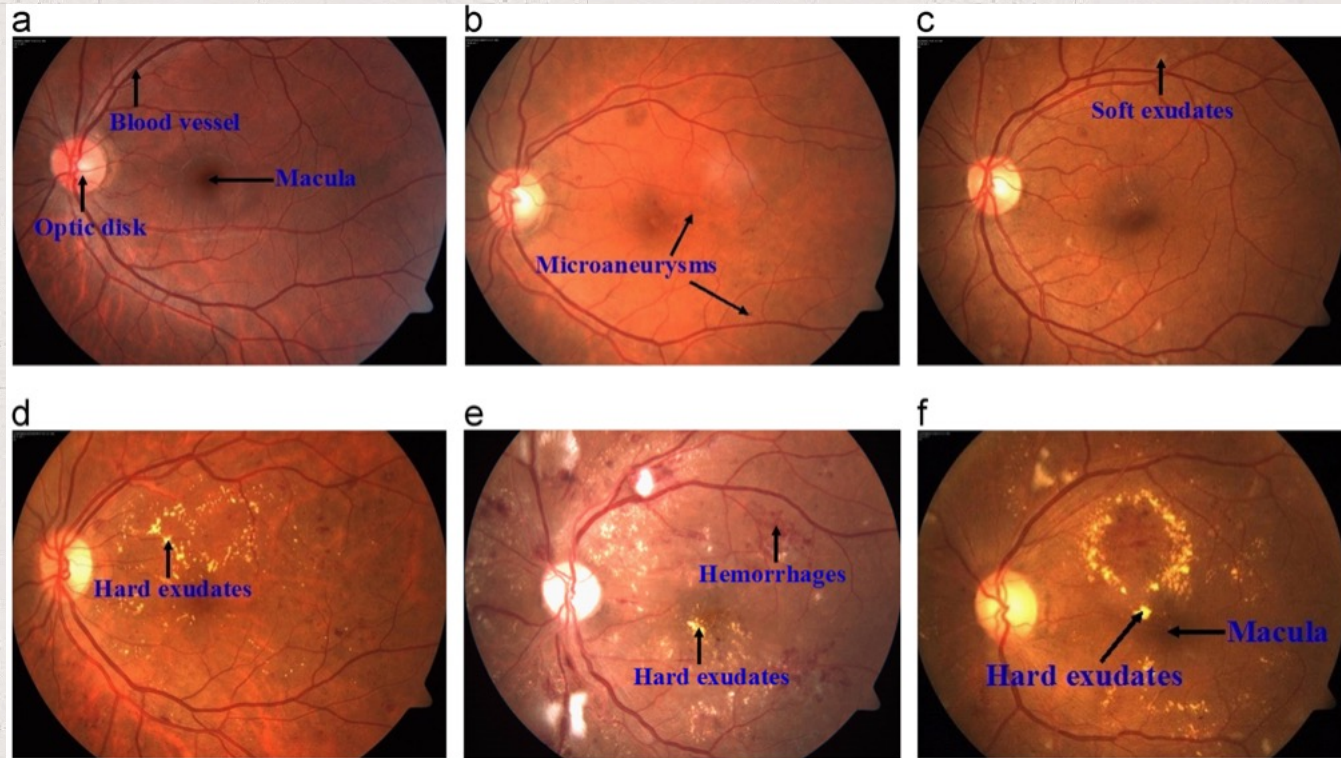
- Train model K times with a **different fold as the validation set**
- each time; then average the validation set results.

OK to apply same concept to test-time evaluation.

Smart approach: allows more data to be used for each training of the model, without compromising validation results



# Application: detect diabetic retinopathy



Typical fundus images: (a) Normal; (b) Mild DR; (c) Moderate DR; (d) Severe DR; (e) Proliferative DR; (f) Macular edema.

Image source: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0010482513002862#f0005>