



The Introduction To Artificial Intelligence

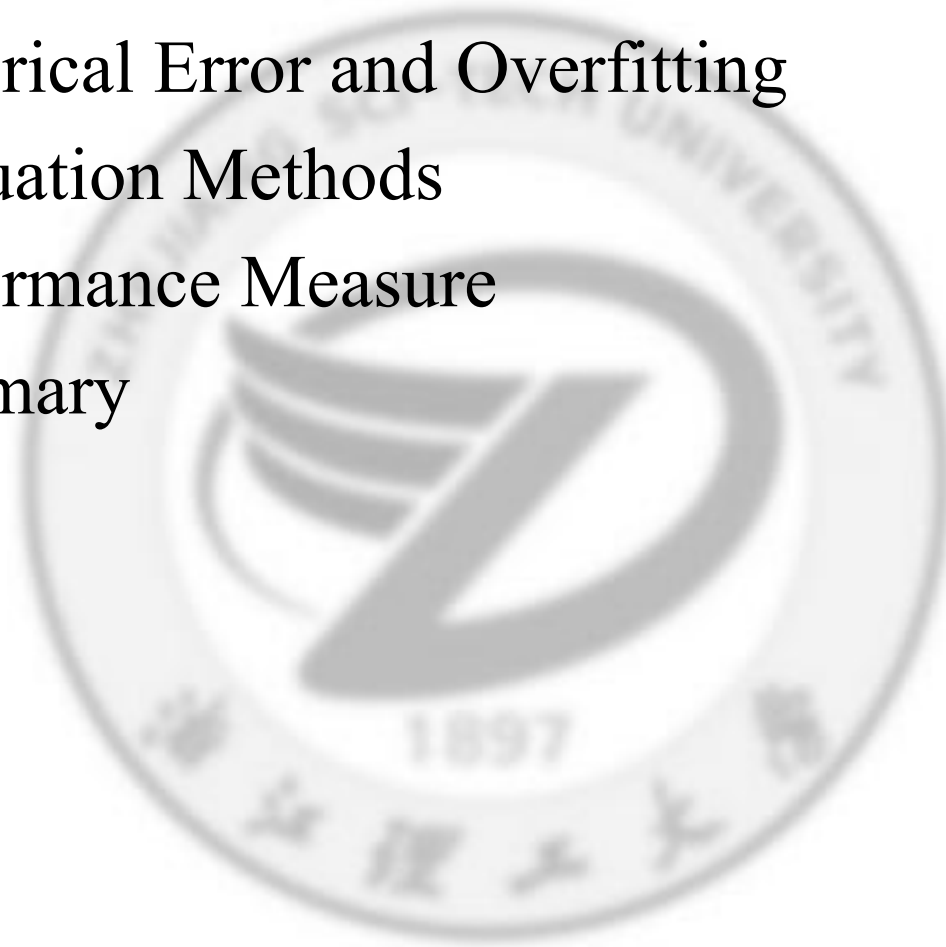
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Model Evaluation and Selection



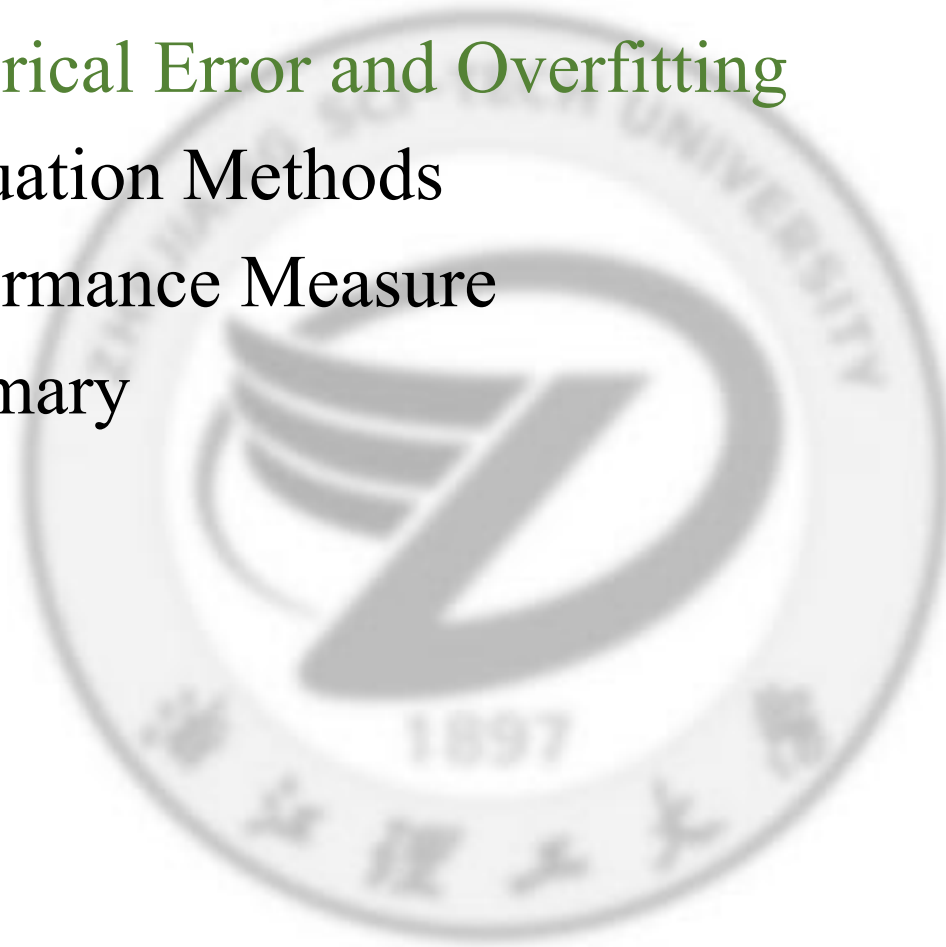
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(1) How to make a model convincing?

(2) How to evaluate a model?

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1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting



□ Definitions

Usually, if m samples totally, a model predict a samples incorrectly:

Error Rate: a/m , the proportion of **wrong** predictions;

Accuracy: $1 - a/m$, the proportion of **right** predictions.

Generally:

Error: the difference between the output of the model and the ground truth (real label).

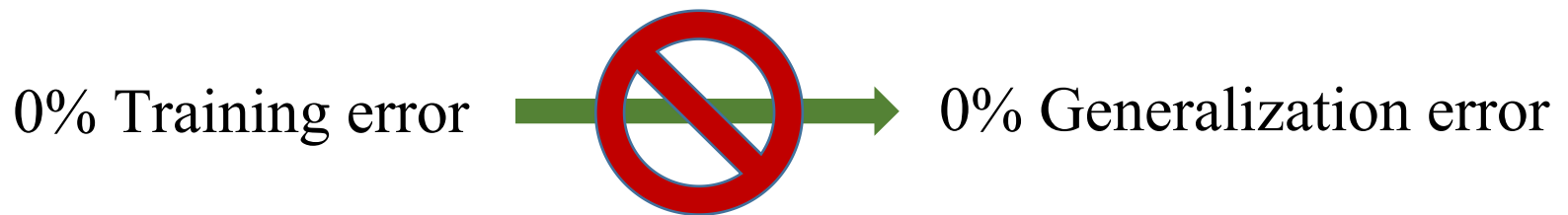
Training Error/ Empirical Error: the error on training dataset.

Generalization Error: the error on new data.

1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting

□ Definitions

- Error Rate, Accuracy, Training error, Generalization error
- A best model:
 - On training dataset: 0% Training error, 100% Accuracy,
 - On new samples: 0% Generalization error, 100% Accuracy
- But:



1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting

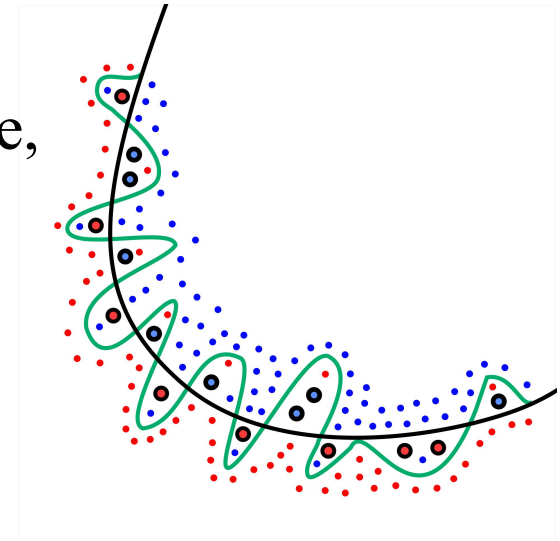
□ Overfitting and Underfitting

- **Underfitting:** A statistical model or a machine learning algorithm is said to have underfitting when it cannot capture the underlying trend of the data.
- In a nutshell, Underfitting refers to a model that can neither performs well on the training data nor generalize to new data.
- Reasons for Underfitting:
 - High bias and low variance
 - The size of the training dataset used is not enough.
 - The model is too simple.
 - Training data is not cleaned and also contains noise in it.

1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting

□ Overfitting and Underfitting

- **Overfitting:** In mathematical modeling, **overfitting** is “the production of an analysis that corresponds too closely or exactly to a particular set of data, and may therefore fail to fit to additional data or predict future observations reliably”.
- An overfitted model is a mathematical model that contains more parameters than can be justified by the data. In a mathematical sense, these parameters represent the degree of a polynomial. The essence of overfitting is to have unknowingly extracted some of the residual variation (i.e., the noise) as if that variation represented underlying model structure.



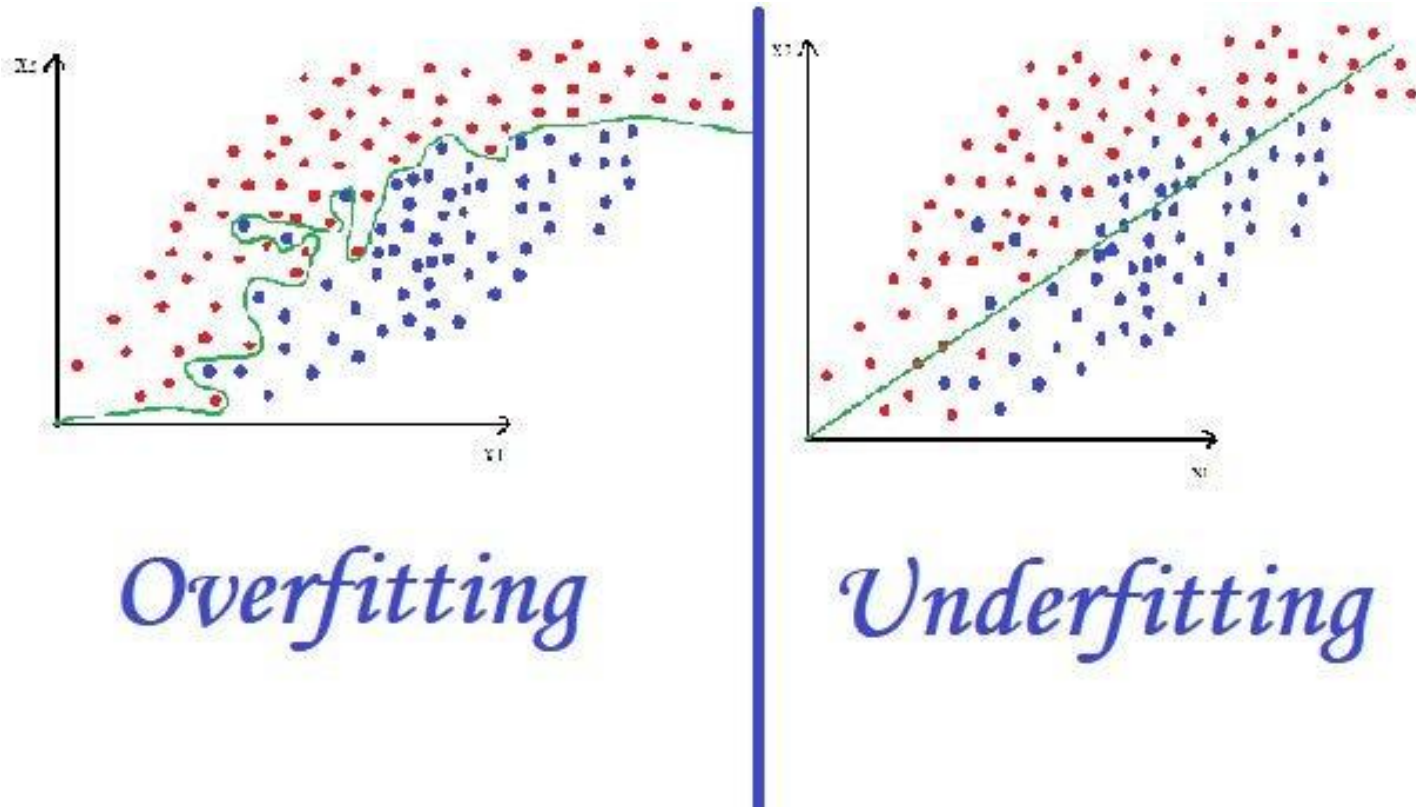
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□ Overfitting and Underfitting

- In a nutshell, **Overfitting is a problem where the evaluation of machine learning algorithms on training data is different from unseen data.**
- Reasons for Overfitting are as follows:
 - High variance and low bias
 - The model is too complex
 - The size of the training data

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Training samples



News samples



Overfitting

Underfitting

1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting



❑ Overfitting and Underfitting

➤ Techniques to reduce underfitting:

- Increase model complexity
- Increase the number of features, performing feature engineering
- Remove noise from the data.
- Increase the number of epochs or increase the duration of training to get better results.

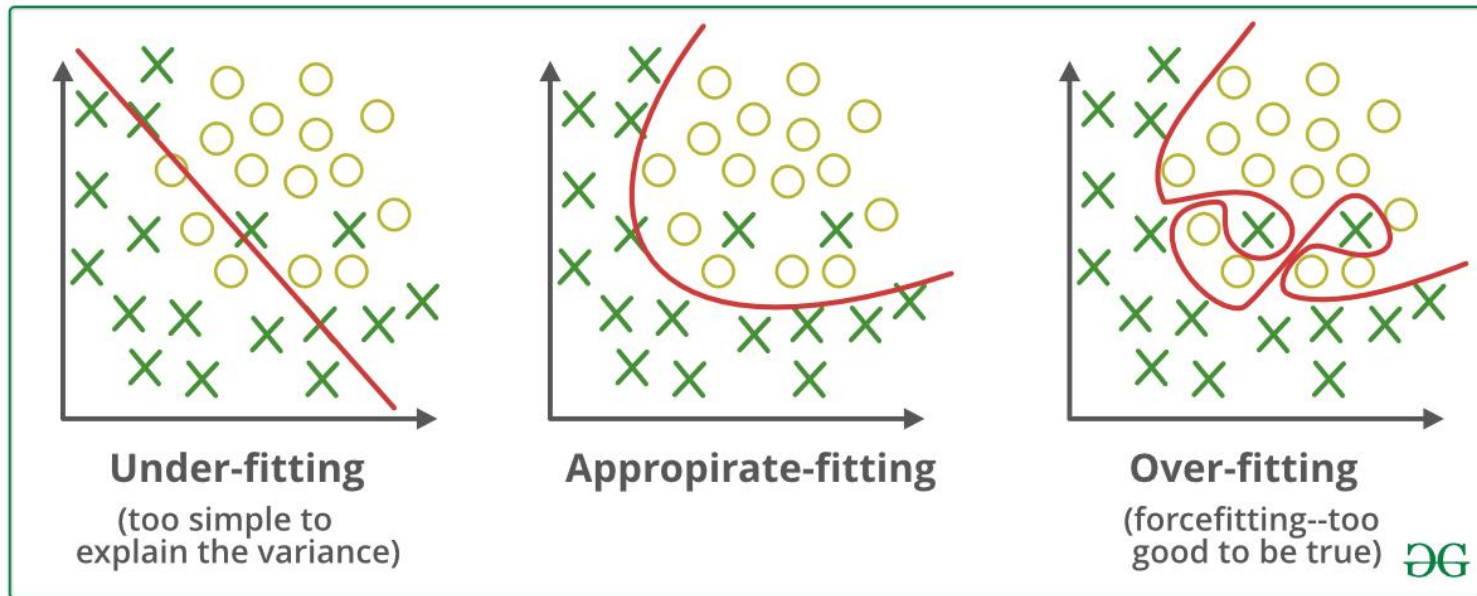
➤ Techniques to reduce overfitting:

- Increase training data.
- Reduce model complexity.
- Early stopping during the training phase (have an eye over the loss over the training period as soon as loss begins to increase stop training).
- Ridge Regularization and Lasso Regularization
- Use dropout for neural networks to tackle overfitting.

1.1 Empirical Error and Overfitting

□ Overfitting and Underfitting

- Overfitting: Good performance on the training data, poor generalization to other data.
- Underfitting: Poor performance on the training data and poor generalization to other data.



Model Evaluation and Selection



We already know:

What kind of model do we need?

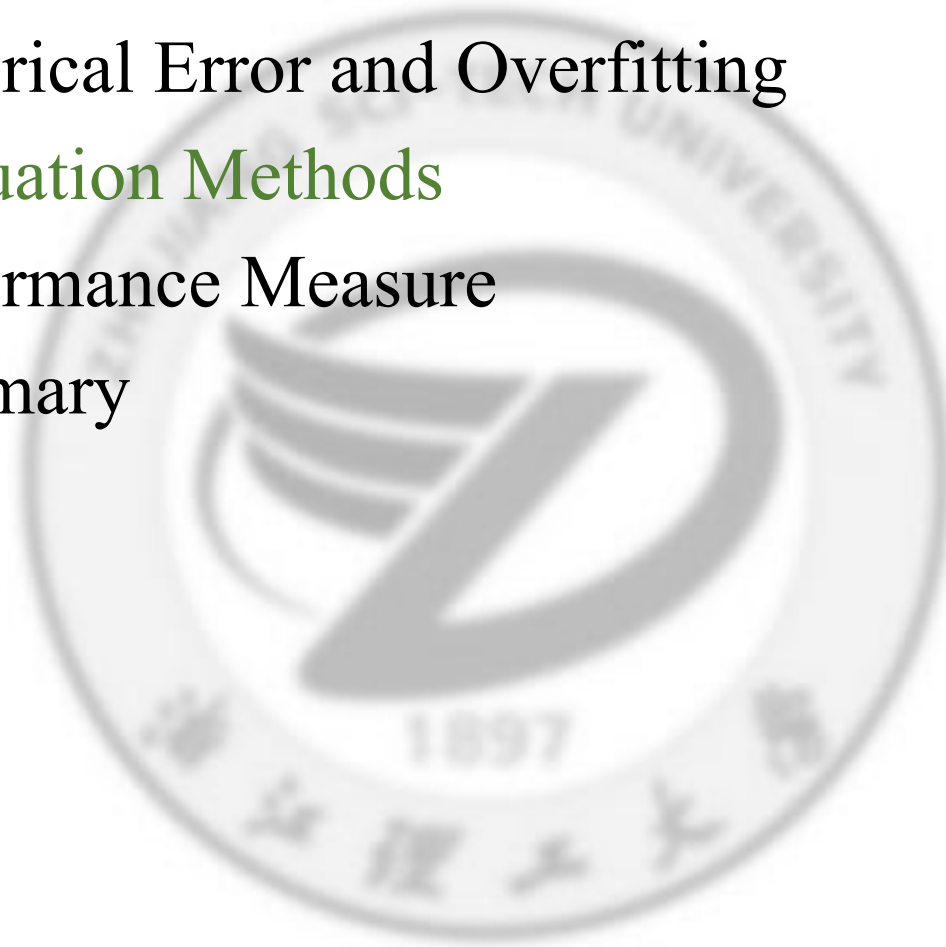
→ Low training error, low generalization error, high Accuracy;

→ However, many methods could be utilized for one problem with different parameters.

→ **how to select a model?**

Model Evaluation and Selection

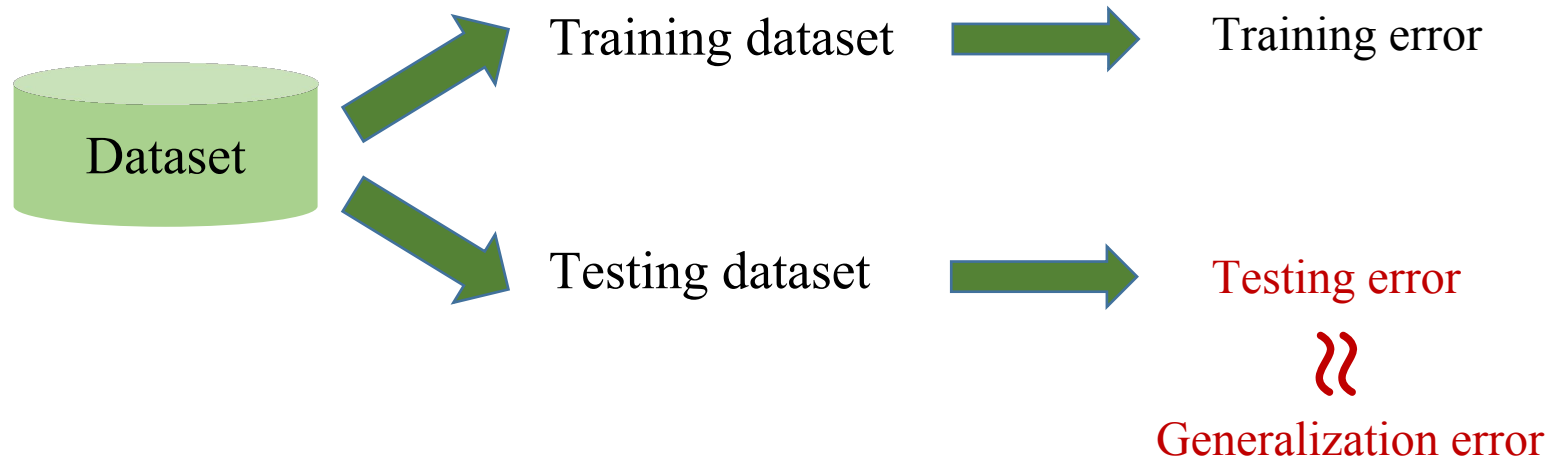
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1.2 Evaluation Methods

□ Evaluation Methods

- A model with low training error, low generalization error, high accuracy;
- How to compute generalization error?



How to divide training dataset and testing dataset?

1.2 Evaluation Methods

□ Evaluation Methods

➤ For example, m samples:

$$D = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$$



Training dataset: S



Testing dataset: T

- $S \cap T = \emptyset$
- $S \cup T = D$

How to divide training dataset and testing dataset?

1.2 Evaluation Methods

□ Hold-out Method (留出法)

- Set a proportion r , like $r = 0.3$
- By sampling methods, make

$$T = r * D, S = (1 - r) * D$$

- Sampling methods:
 - Random sampling
 - Stratified sampling: keep the proportion rate of samples;

For example, 500 positive samples, 500 negative samples in D and $r = 0.3$:

S: 350 positive samples; 350 negative samples

T: 150 positive samples; 150 negative samples

- Difficulty: r ,

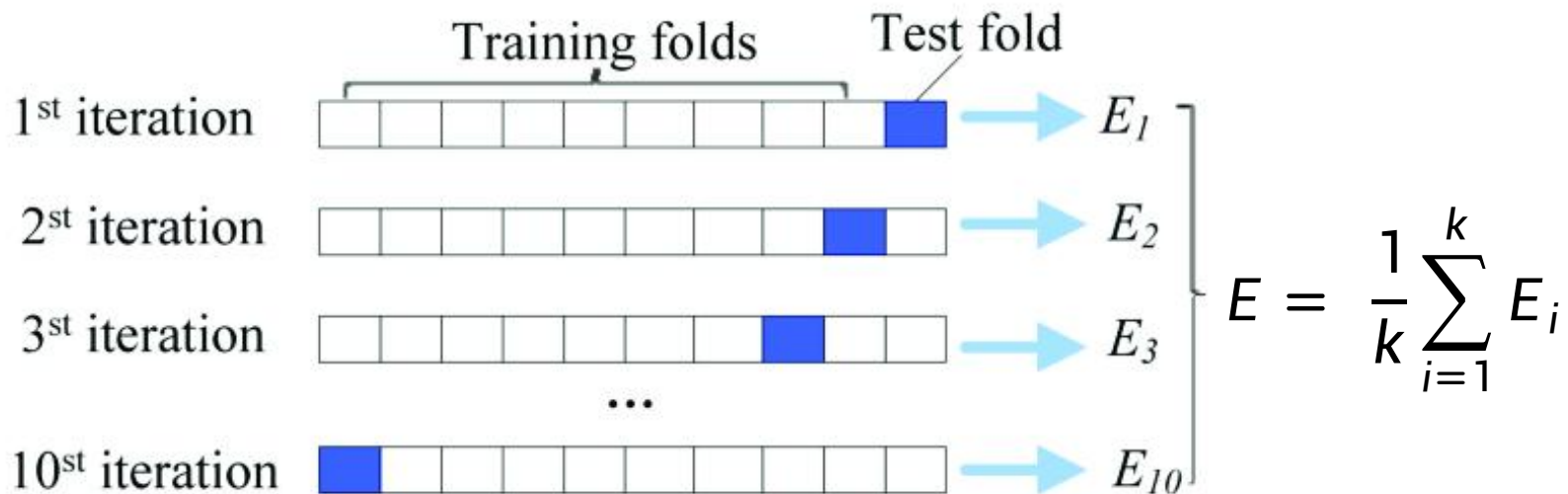
1.2 Evaluation Methods

□ Cross Validation (交叉验证法)

- Divided D dataset to k sub-dataset:

$$D = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup \cdots D_k, \quad D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j)$$

- Keep same distribution of each sub-dataset
- K-times test: (k-1) sub-dataset as S, 1 sub-dataset as T
- Average K-times test error as final results.

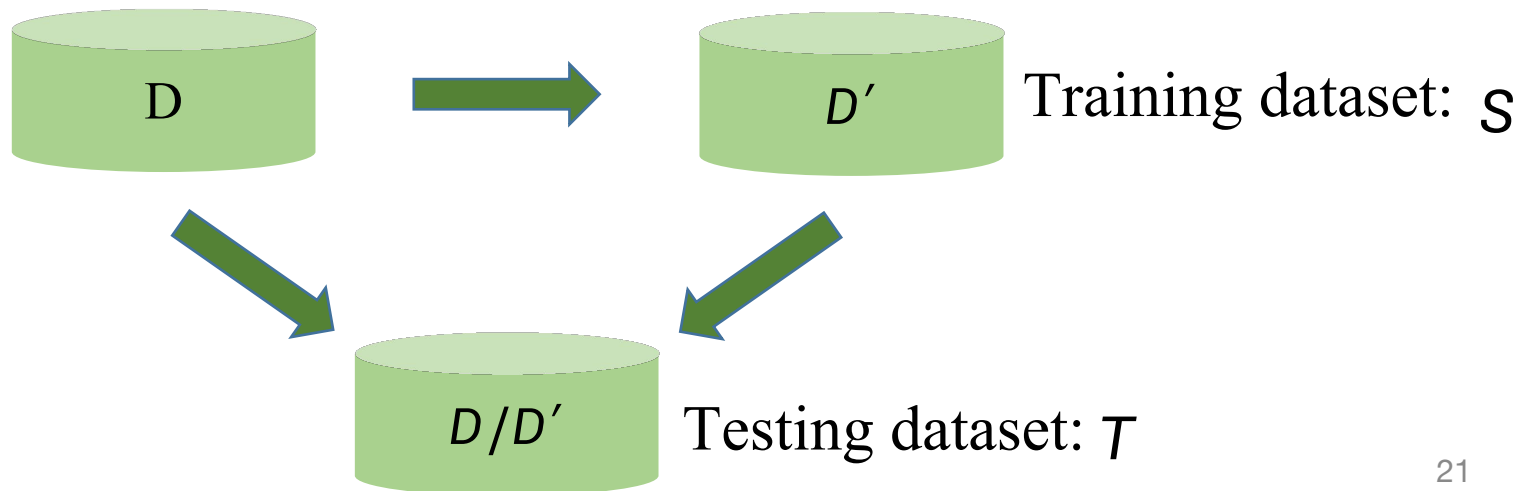


1.2 Evaluation Methods

□ Bootstrapping (自助法)

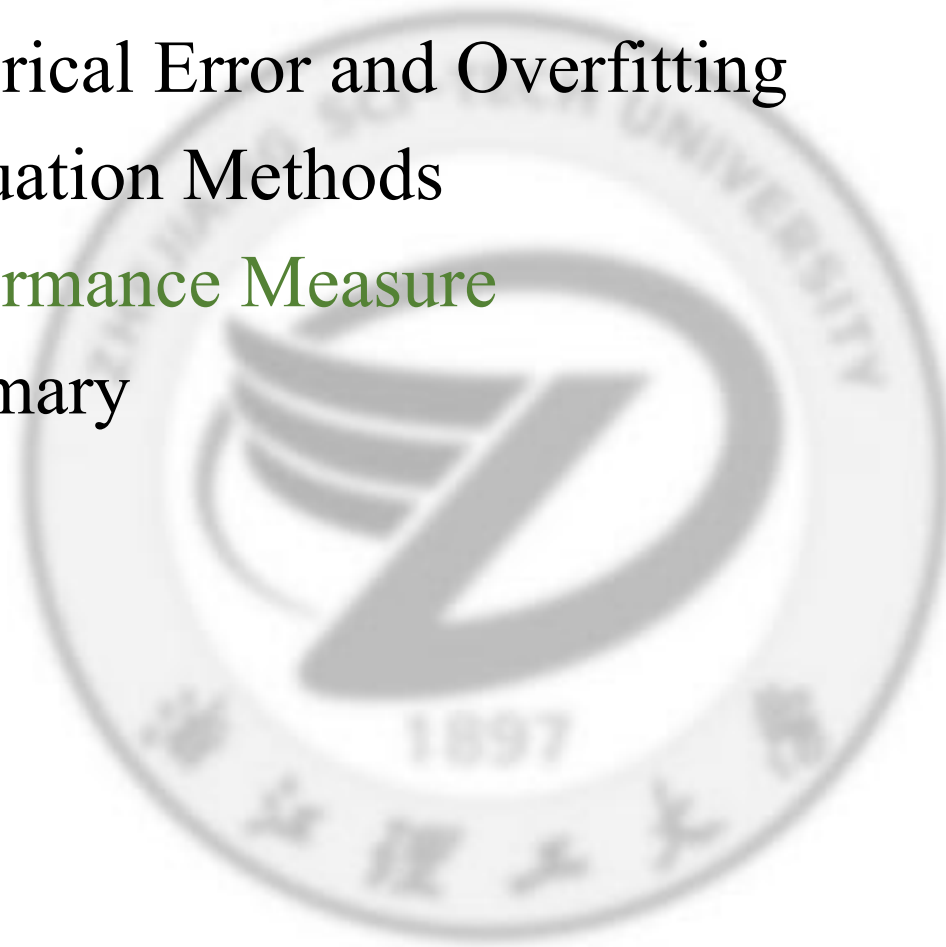
➤ Based on Bootstrapping Sampling

- Randomly select 1 sample from D and copy it to D' ;
- Repeat m times
- Obviously, some of the samples in D will be repeated in D' , and some will not.
- Suitable for small datasets !



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1.3 Performance Measure

□ Performance Measure

- For dataset D , with x_i as input, y_i as true label,

$$D = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$$

- The predicted output of a model (f),

$$outputs = \{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, \dots, y_m^*\}$$

How to measure the predictions of different models?

1.3 Performance Measure

□ Two different tasks

- For regression tasks: Mean Squared Error

$$E(f, D) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^* - y_i)^2$$

- The classification task: Error Rate, Accuracy

$$E(f, D) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \prod (y_i^* \neq y_i)$$

$$Acc(f, D) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \prod (y_i^* = y_i) = 1 - E(f, D)$$

1.3 Performance Measure

□ Confusion matrix

➤ For binary classification tasks

Decision /action	True state/class	
	Positive	Negative
Positive		
Negative		

Sensitivity ← (arrow from 'Positive' row to 'Positive' column)

Specificity ← (arrow from 'Negative' row to 'Negative' column)

Type-I Error → (arrow from 'Positive' row to 'Negative' column)

Type-II Error → (arrow from 'Negative' row to 'Positive' column)

Correct classification

TP: the number of samples belonging to **positive** decided **positive**

TN: the number of samples belonging to **negative** decided **negative**

Misclassification

FP: the number of samples belonging to **negative** decided **positive** incorrectly. (False Alarm)

FN: the number of samples belonging to **positive** decided **negative** incorrectly. (Missed Detection)

1.3 Performance Measure

- Sensitivity (TP rate)

$$\text{➤ } S_n = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$$

- Specificity (TN rate)

$$\text{➤ } S_p = \frac{TN}{TN+FP}$$

- FP rate (Type-I Error)

$$\text{➤ } \text{FP rate} = \frac{FP}{FP+TN}$$

- FN rate (Type-II Error)

$$\text{➤ } \text{FN rate} = \frac{FN}{FN+TP}$$

- Accuracy

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

- Precision

$$\text{precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

Decision/ action	True state/class	
	Positive	Negative
Positive	TP	FP
Negative	FN	TN

$TP + FP + TN + FN =$
Total number of samples in dataset

1.3 Performance Measure

- **Sensitivity** (TP rate)

$$\text{➤ } S_n = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$$

- Specificity (TN rate)

$$\text{➤ } S_p = \frac{TN}{TN+FP}$$

- FP rate (Type-I Error)

$$\text{➤ } \text{FP rate} = \frac{FP}{FP+TN}$$

- FN rate (Type-II Error)

$$\text{➤ } \text{FN rate} = \frac{FN}{FN+TP}$$

- Accuracy

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

- **Precision**

$$\text{precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

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□ Confusion matrix from Wiki

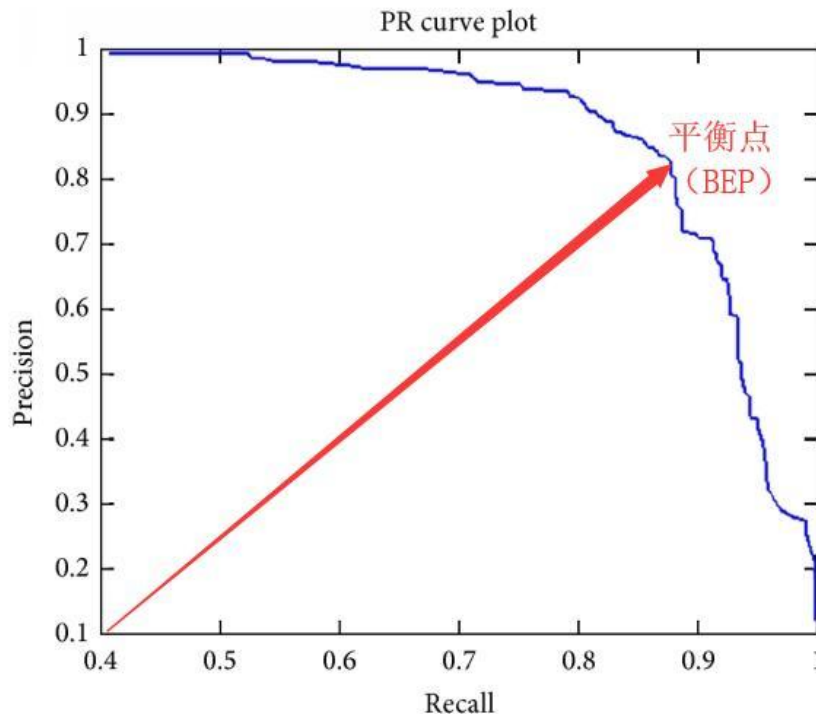
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		Predicted condition		
		Positive (PP)	Negative (PN)	
Actual condition	Total population = P + N			Informedness, bookmaker informedness (BM) = TPR + TNR - 1
	Positive (P)	True positive (TP), hit	False negative (FN), type II error, miss, underestimation	True positive rate (TPR), recall, sensitivity (SEN), probability of detection, hit rate, power = $\frac{TP}{P} = 1 - \text{FNR}$
	Negative (N)	False positive (FP), type I error, false alarm, overestimation	True negative (TN), correct rejection	False positive rate (FPR), probability of false alarm, fall-out = $\frac{FP}{N} = 1 - \text{TNR}$
	Prevalence = $\frac{P}{P+N}$	Positive predictive value (PPV), precision = $\frac{TP}{PP} = 1 - \text{FDR}$	False omission rate (FOR) = $\frac{FN}{PN} = 1 - \text{NPV}$	Positive likelihood ratio (LR+) = $\frac{TPR}{FPR}$
	Accuracy (ACC) = $\frac{TP+TN}{P+N}$	False discovery rate (FDR) = $\frac{FP}{PP} = 1 - \text{PPV}$	Negative predictive value (NPV) = $\frac{TN}{PN} = 1 - \text{FOR}$	Markedness (MK), deltaP (Δp) = PPV + NPV - 1
	Balanced accuracy (BA) = $\frac{\text{TPR} + \text{TNR}}{2}$	F ₁ score = $\frac{2\text{PPV} \times \text{TPR}}{\text{PPV} + \text{TPR}} = \frac{2\text{TP}}{2\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{FN}}$	Fowlkes–Mallows index (FM) = $\sqrt{\text{PPV} \times \text{TPR}}$	Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC) = $\sqrt{\text{TPR} \times \text{TNR} \times \text{PPV} \times \text{NPV}} - \sqrt{\text{FNR} \times \text{FPR} \times \text{FOR} \times \text{FDR}}$
				Threat score (TS), critical success index (CSI), Jaccard index = $\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN} + \text{FP}}$
				Prevalence threshold (PT) = $\frac{\sqrt{\text{TPR} \times \text{FPR}} - \text{FPR}}{\text{TPR} - \text{FPR}}$
				False negative rate (FNR), miss rate = $\frac{\text{FN}}{P} = 1 - \text{TPR}$
				True negative rate (TNR), specificity (SPC), selectivity = $\frac{\text{TN}}{N} = 1 - \text{FPR}$
				Negative likelihood ratio (LR-) = $\frac{\text{FNR}}{\text{TNR}}$
				Diagnostic odds ratio (DOR) = $\frac{\text{LR+}}{\text{LR-}}$

1.3 Performance Measure

□ P-R Curve: Precision- Recall

- A PR curve is simply a graph with Precision values on the y-axis and Recall (Sensitivity) values on the x-axis.



- The point is called “Break-Even Point, BEP”, when precision= recall.
- If the BEP value of model A is bigger than it of model B, we can say model A is better than model B based on BEP.

1.3 Performance Measure

- Sensitivity (Recall, R)

$$\text{➤ } S_n = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$$

- Precision (P)

$$\text{➤ } precision = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$$

Decision/ action	True state/class	
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Positive	TP	FP
Negative	FN	TN

$$TP + FP + TN + FN =$$

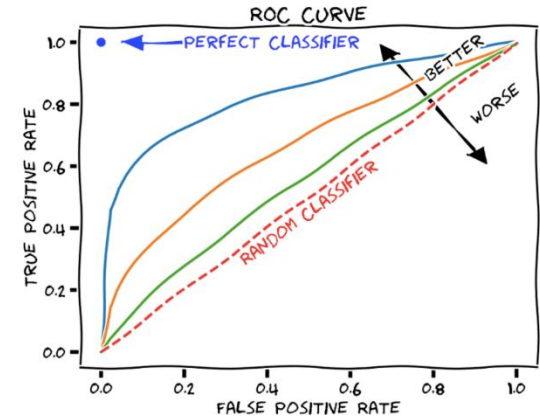
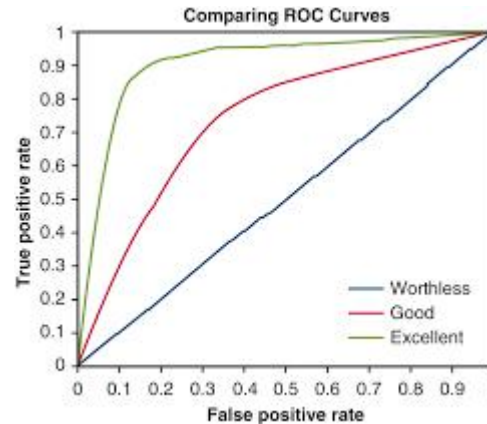
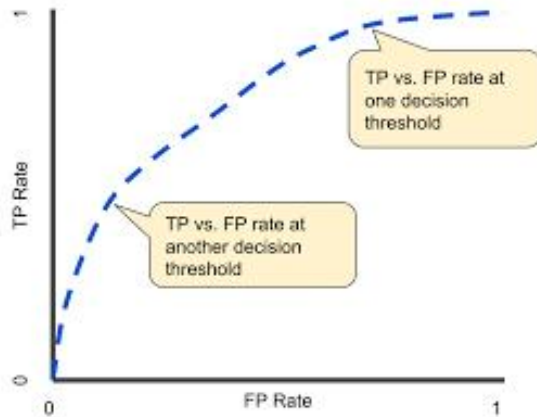
Total number of samples in dataset

- F1

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times P \times R}{P + R}$$

1.3 Performance Measure

❑ ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic)



- An ROC curve (receiver operating characteristic curve) is a graph showing the performance of a classification model at all classification thresholds.

2.3 Type-I Error Probability & Type-II Error Probability

□ ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic)

➤ For a binary classification,

- 5 positive samples, and prediction probability:
(0.9,0.8,0.5,0.4,0.3)
- 5 negative samples: (0.7,0.6,0.2,0.1,0.01)
- Ranking:(0.9,0.8,0.7,0.6,0.5,0.4,0.3,0.2,0.1,0.01)

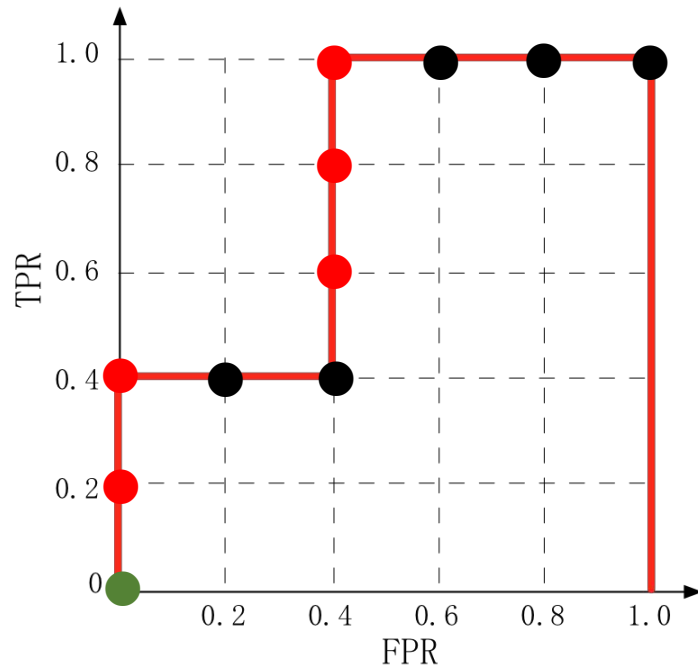
Thresholds	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.01
TPR = TP/(TP+FN)	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
FPR = FP/(FP+TN)	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0

- TP: number of true positive samples; FP: number of false positive samples
- TN: number of true negative samples; FN: number of false negative samples

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□ ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic)

Thresholds	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.01
TPR	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
FPR	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0



- Area Under Curve: AUC
- AUC:

$$AUC = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \cdot (y_i + y_{i+1})$$

- AUC = 1; perfect!
- $0.5 < AUC < 1$, better than randomly classification;
- AUC = 0.5, same as randomly classification;

Test

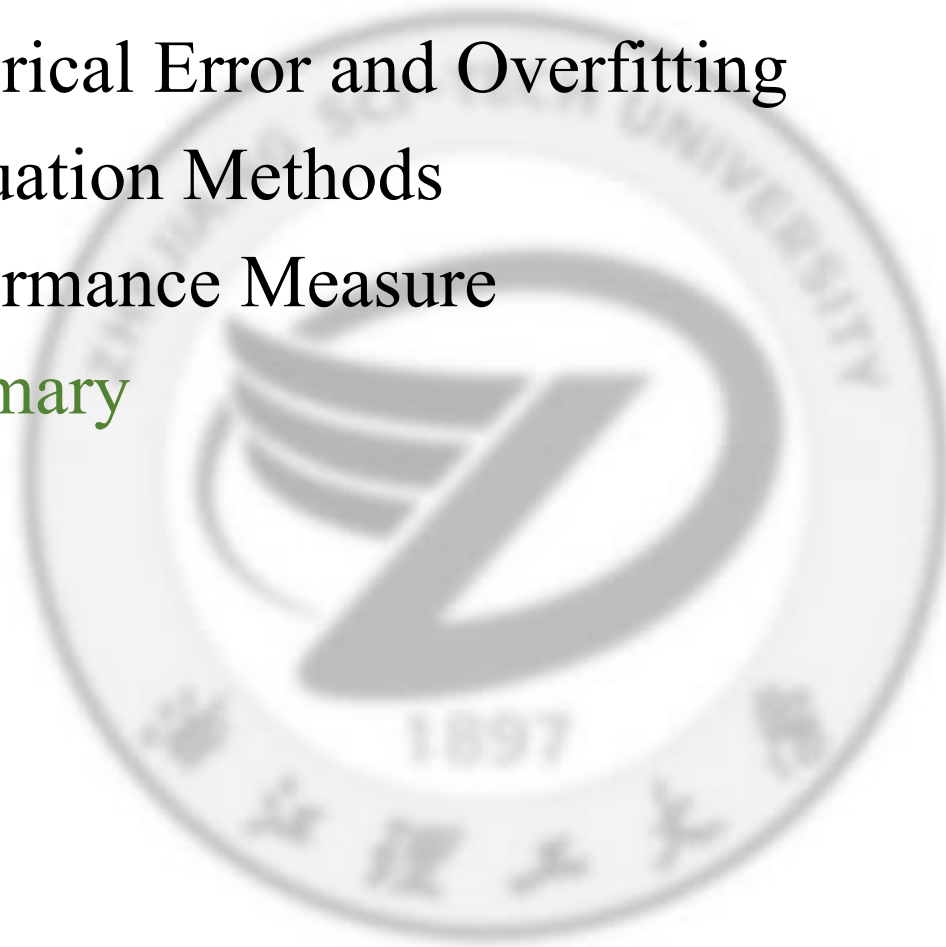
□ ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic)

样本编号	真实标签	模型输出 概率	样本编号	真实标签	模型输出 概率
1	p	0.9	11	p	0.4
2	p	0.8	12	n	0.39
3	n	0.7	13	p	0.38
4	p	0.6	14	n	0.37
5	p	0.55	15	n	0.36
6	p	0.54	16	n	0.35
7	n	0.53	17	p	0.34
8	n	0.52	18	n	0.33
9	p	0.51	19	p	0.30
10	n	0.505	20	n	0.10

- p : positive sample, n: negative sample

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Summary

- How to make a model convincing?
 - Error, Training error, Generalization error
 - Overfitting and Underfitting
 - Evaluation Methods: Hold-out method, Cross Validation, Bootstrapping
- How to evaluate a model?
 - Measure metrics: ACC, Recall, F1, AUC...