

*Q Should you Always use all  
the data you have*



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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.  
(Bayes error)

Training error  
Dev error

1%  
10%

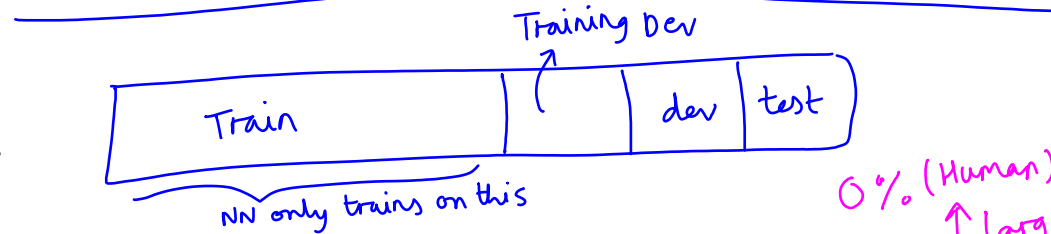
→ If dev data came from the same dist as training data, we would say we have large variance problem & work to ↓ variance

✗ - But what if it didn't come from same dist?

eg training data was very easy → high Res Images  
∴ error = 1%, dev set is blurry Images ∴ 10%  
⇒ it's not a variance problem, it's a data mismatch problem

↗ New data set  
(don't explicitly train the NN on this)

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



Same dist

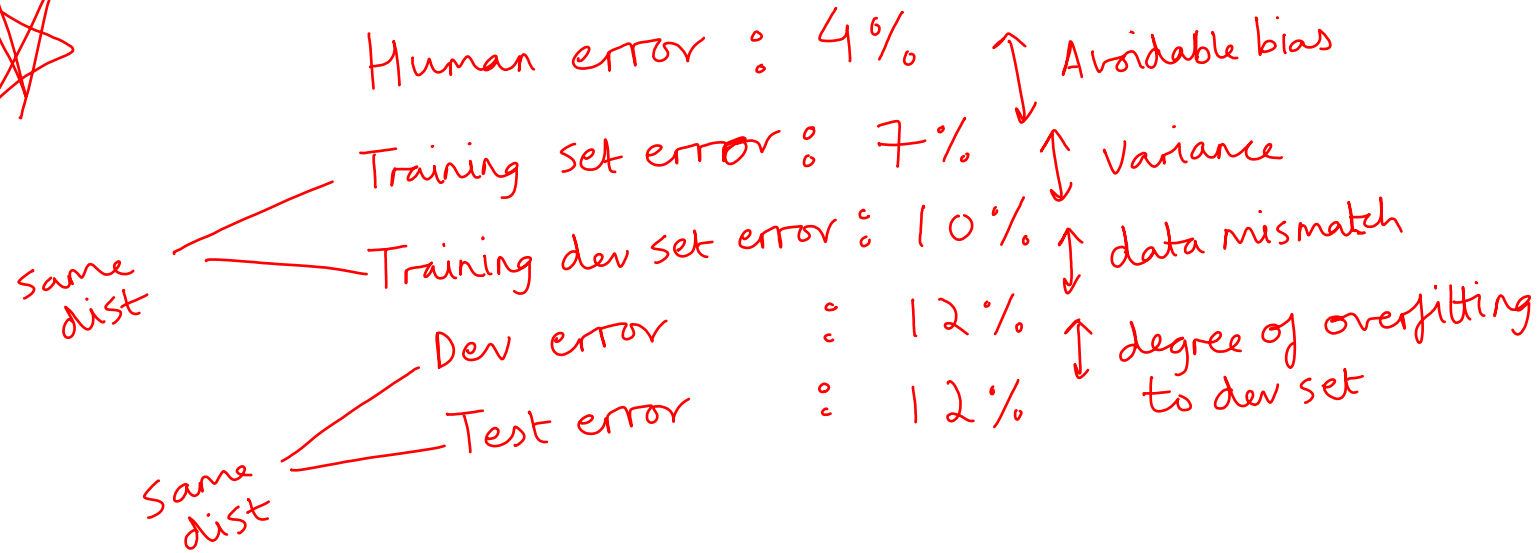
Training error	: 1%	↑ large	1%
Training Dev error	: 9%	↑ large	1.5%
Dev error	: 10%	↑ large	10%

Variance problem      Data mismatch problem      Avoidable bias

0% ↑ large  
10%      2 problems  
            ① Avoidable bias  
11% ↑ large  
20%      ② Data mismatch

- Estimating Absolute bias & variance helps when you want to find what to focus on ↓, bias or variance?  
- But, the way we calculate bias & variance is diff when training dist is diff compared to dev/test dist

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



4%  
7%  
10%

6%  
6%

Dev/Test set  
can have lesser  
error compared  
to Train sets

⇒ Training data  
was more difficult  
than dev/test set

# More general formulation

Speech Activated Rear view mirror

