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# Error Analysis

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## Cleaning up Incorrectly labeled data

# Incorrectly labeled examples

x



y

1

0

1

1

0

1

1

$y=1$  = cat  
 $y=0$  = Non cat

Mislabelled example  
data could be in train, dev, Test set

DL algorithms are quite robust to random errors in the training set.

DL Algos are less robust to systematic errors  
eg All white dog Images are classified as cats, that is a problem!

As long as these errors are small in # (less # of misclassified examples) & they occur randomly we are fine

# Error analysis

If you're worried, incorrectly labelled examples may occur in dev/test set, Add a column

Error Analysis on dev/test set is a good exercise as it helps you decide where to go next

Image	Dog	Great Cat	Blurry	Incorrectly labeled	Comments
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98				✓	Labeler missed cat in background
99		✓			
100				✓	Drawing of a cat; Not a real cat.
% of total	8%	43%	<del>61%</del> 51	6%	

Comments regarding misclassification or incorrect labelling can help you identify trends

Is it worth going back to fix mislabels  
Find these

Overall dev set error → 10%

Errors due incorrect labels → 6% of 10% = 0.6%

Errors due to other causes →  $10 - 0.6 = 9.4\%$   
Focus on these

6% → Not that big a deal, no need to Invest time going through dev set & fixing mis-labels

Say overall dev set error = 2.1% for A  
1.9% for B

✗ Error (Incorrect label) = 0.6%  
Now,  $0.6 = x \cdot 2.1\%$   
⇒  $x = \# \text{ Incorrect Labels} = 30\%$   
Needs correct labelling to decide b/w A & B

Goal of dev set is to help you select between two classifiers A & B.

# Correcting incorrect dev/test set examples

- Apply same process to your dev and test sets to make sure they continue to come from the same distribution (If you clean up dev set, must clean up test set)
- Consider examining examples your algorithm got right as well as ones it got wrong. (All white dogs labelled as cat, can give some Insight)
- Train and dev/test data may now come from slightly different distributions. (You only cleaned dev, test, Not train set)  

why? large  
data set! ←

← Its actually okay  
for train dist  
to be diff ←

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Not feasible to clean Training set (too large)