

# K Nearest Neighbors

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- Classification setting
  - $Y \rightarrow$  discrete, with cardinality  $< \infty$ ,  $K$   
 $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_K\}$

- Error function

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}(y_i \neq \hat{y}_i)$$

\* Training & Test are different!

$$\therefore \text{Arg}(\mathbb{I}(y_0 \neq \hat{y}_0))$$

- Bayes Classifier:

- Given a  $x_0 \rightarrow y_0$ ?

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Max } P(Y=j | X=x_0)$$

↑ conditional probability

\* Joint Dist:  $P(Y, X) \rightarrow$  Conditional Dist  
 $P(Y|X)$

- Error Rate:

$$1 - \max_j P(Y=j | X=x_0) \quad \text{Bayes Error Rate}$$

\* MAP: Maximum A Posteriori

- $k$ -Nearest Neighbors
- Non-parametric classifier

$$P(Y=j | X=x_0) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_0} \mathbb{I}(y_i=j)$$

$k$  closest points to  $x_0$  in the training data (sample)



$k=4$   
majority  
max  $P$

## \* Decision Boundary

\* Bias - Variance

↳ Regression:

$$\hat{f}(x_0) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{x_i \in N_0} y_i$$

Is  $f(x)$  linear?

- Yes: Linear Regression!
- No: Non-Parametric Model!  $\rightarrow$  kNN Regression

what value of  $k$ ?

- Small  $k$  - Most flexible  $\rightarrow$  High variance!
- Large  $k$  - Less flexible  $\rightarrow$  High bias!

### \* Curse of Dimensionality

- $x_1 \dots x_p$       $p \gg n$