

## QUESTION OF GENERALIZATION IN ANN

To generalize for  $n$  tasks, will not a neural network be trained with an average target function over the  $n$  tasks?

## ANALYSIS

Let tasks or target functions be  $y_1 \cdots y_n$ .

$$\text{Mean average target function} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \bar{y}.$$

Training over  $n$  task with average target function can be problematic if there is high variation or large Euclidean distance between  $y_1 \cdots y_n$ . A large Euclidean distance may weaken generalization. Hence, to measure generalization strength/capacity of a well-trained neural network model, the following formula may be used.

$$\text{Measure, } m = E(v(y_1 \cdots y_n)),$$

$E$  = Euclidean distance, and  $v$  = variance.