

Overfitting, Model Selection

CSC 461: Machine Learning

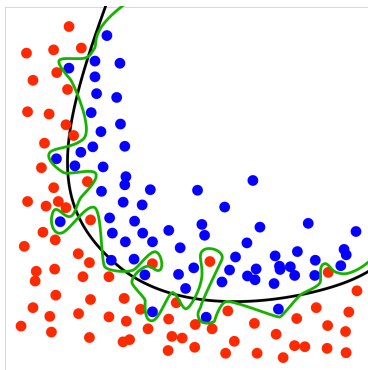
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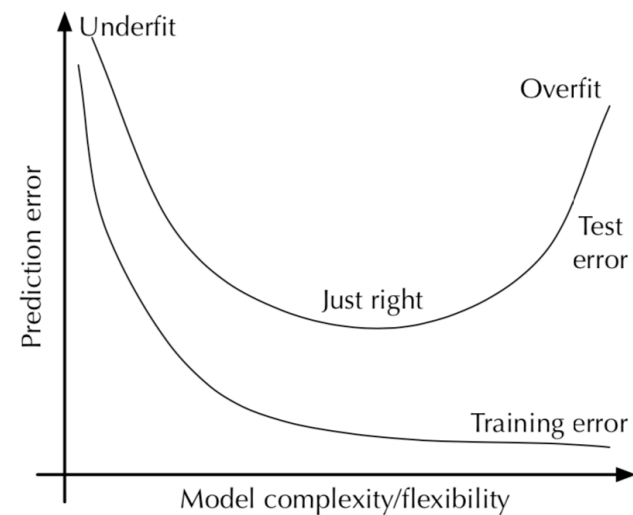
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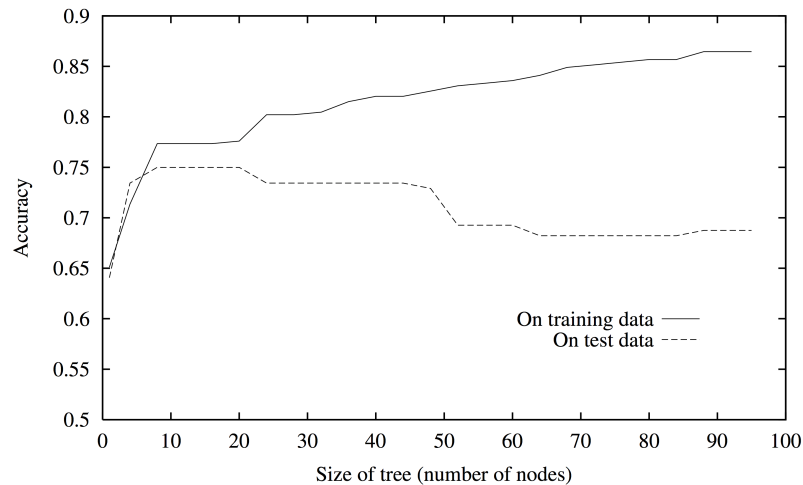
- Learning a **model** that “knows” the training data very well but does not **generalize**



Model complexity



Model complexity (DTs)



Machine Learning, Tom Mitchell, McGraw Hill, 1997

Overfitting

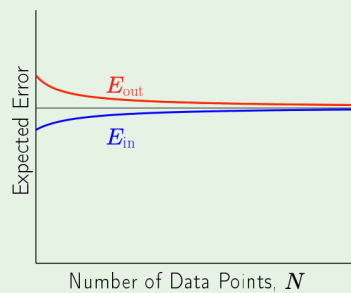
Reasons

- ✓ model is **too complex**
- ✓ model is **fitting noise** present in the training data
- ✓ training data is **not a representative sample** of the distribution

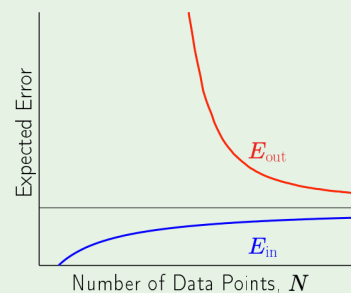
How to prevent?

- ✓ use **more training data**
- ✓ use **fewer features**
- ✓ **regularize** your model

Number of data instances



Simple Model



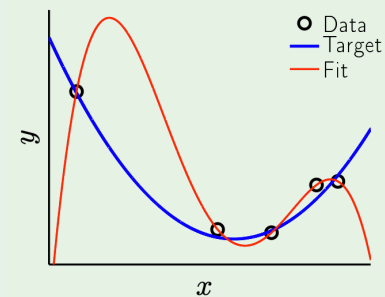
Complex Model

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Restricting the model

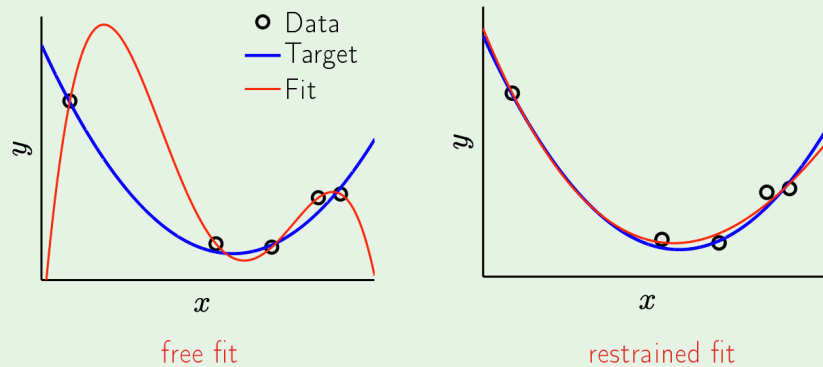
Imagine the target function below ...

- ✓ 5 noisy data points and a 4th order polynomial fit
- ✓ what can you say about training error? test error?



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Model Evaluation

Confusion matrix (2 classes)

	POSITIVE (1)	NEGATIVE (0)
POSITIVE (1)	TP	FN
NEGATIVE (0)	FP	TN

Actual values? Predicted values?

Evaluation metrics (2 classes)

sensitivity, recall, hit rate, or true positive rate (TPR)

$$\text{TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{P}} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}} = 1 - \text{FNR}$$

specificity, selectivity or true negative rate (TNR)

$$\text{TNR} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{N}} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN} + \text{FP}} = 1 - \text{FPR}$$

precision or positive predictive value (PPV)

$$\text{PPV} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}} = 1 - \text{FDR}$$

negative predictive value (NPV)

$$\text{NPV} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN} + \text{FN}} = 1 - \text{FOR}$$

miss rate or false negative rate (FNR)

$$\text{FNR} = \frac{\text{FN}}{\text{P}} = \frac{\text{FN}}{\text{FN} + \text{TP}} = 1 - \text{TPR}$$

fall-out or false positive rate (FPR)

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{N}} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}} = 1 - \text{TNR}$$

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confusion_matrix

Evaluation metrics (2 classes)

accuracy (ACC)

$$ACC = \frac{TP + TN}{P + N} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

F1 score

is the harmonic mean of precision and sensitivity

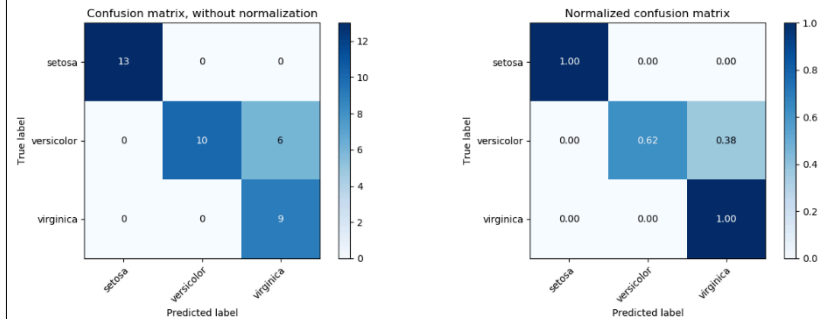
$$F_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{PPV \cdot TPR}{PPV + TPR} = \frac{2TP}{2TP + FP + FN}$$

Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC)

$$MCC = \frac{TP \times TN - FP \times FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

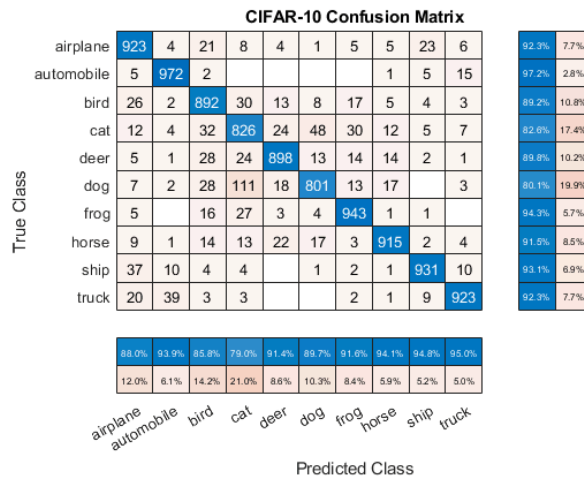
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Confusion matrix



https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/model_selection/plot_confusion_matrix.html

Confusion matrix



<https://www.mathworks.com/help/deeplearning/ref/confusionchart.html>

Train, Validation, Test

Train, validation, and test sets

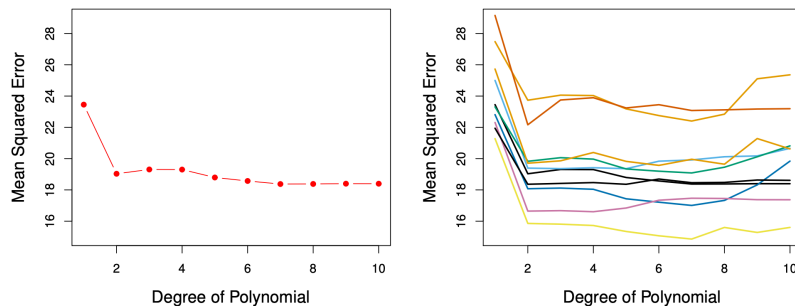
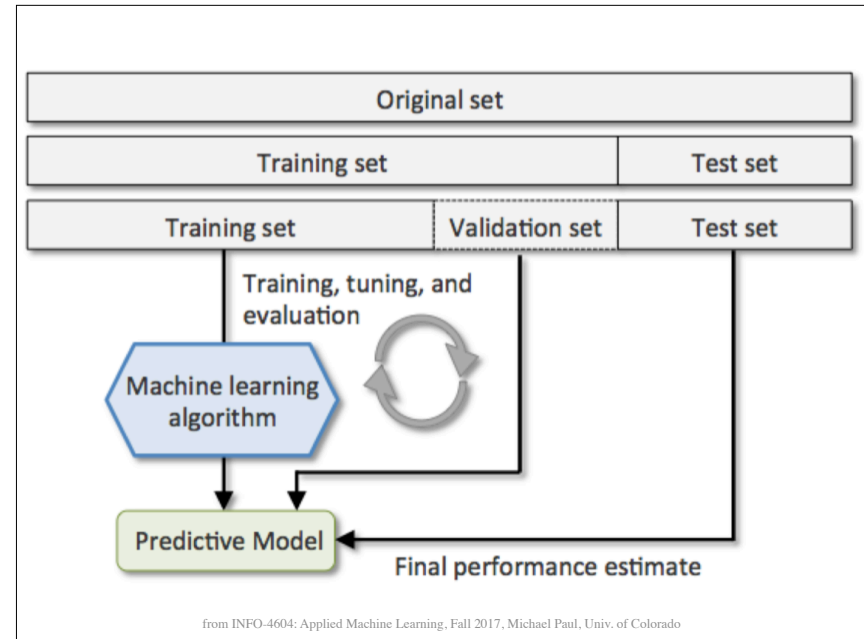
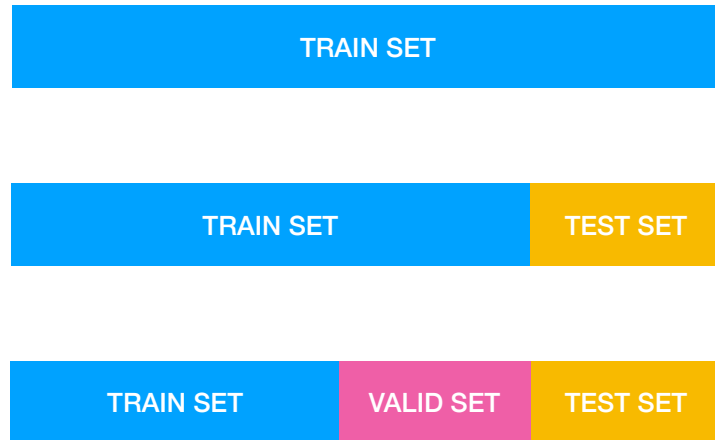
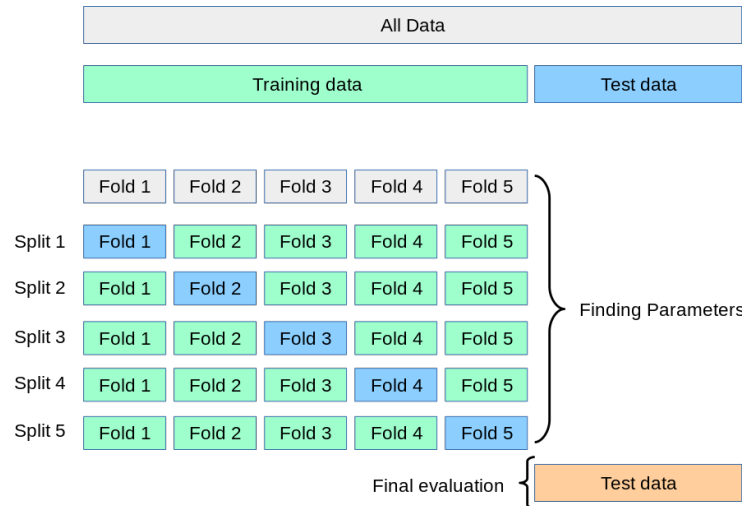


FIGURE 5.2. The validation set approach was used on the **Auto** data set in order to estimate the test error that results from predicting **mpg** using polynomial functions of **horsepower**. Left: Validation error estimates for a single split into training and validation data sets. Right: The validation method was repeated ten times, each time using a different random split of the observations into a training set and a validation set. This illustrates the variability in the estimated test MSE that results from this approach.

From An Introduction to Statistical Learning, 2nd Ed.

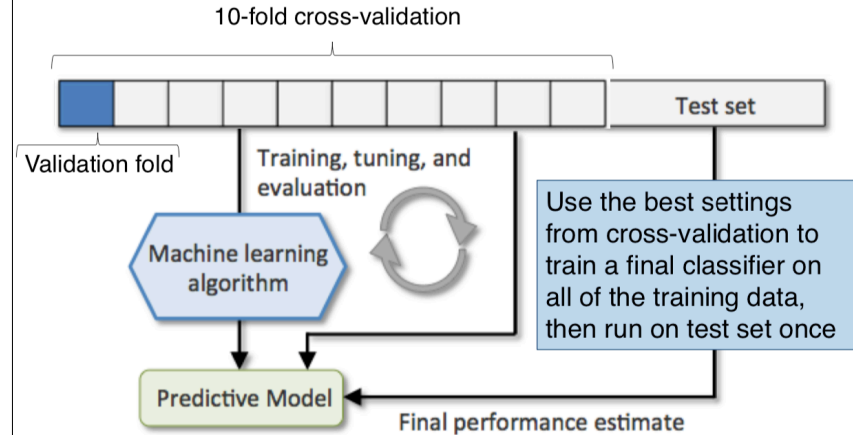
Cross Validation

What is k-fold Cross Validation?



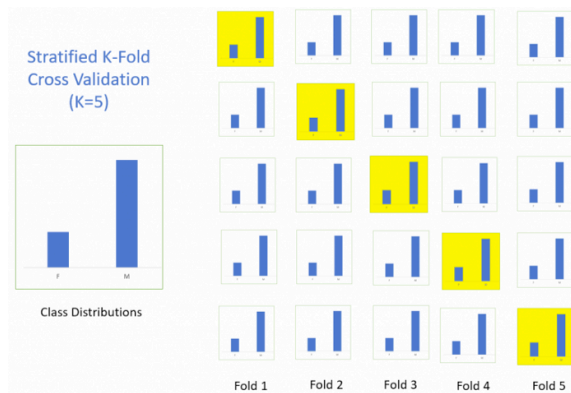
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/cross_validation.html

Using Cross-Validation



from INFO-4604: Applied Machine Learning, Fall 2017, Michael Paul, Univ. of Colorado

Stratified cross validation



Stratified cross validation aims at having the same class distribution within each fold

<https://towardsdatascience.com/cross-validation-explained-evaluating-estimator-performance-e51e5430f85>

Leave-One-Out CV

- Special case of CV when $k = n$
- Can be expensive for large n

$n = 8$ ■ Test ■ Train

Model 1 ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-validation_\(statistics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-validation_(statistics))

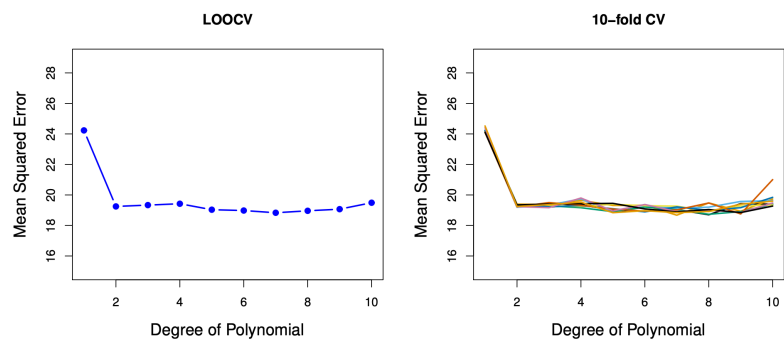


FIGURE 5.4. Cross-validation was used on the `Auto` data set in order to estimate the test error that results from predicting `mpg` using polynomial functions of `horsepower`. Left: The LOOCV error curve. Right: 10-fold CV was run nine separate times, each with a different random split of the data into ten parts. The figure shows the nine slightly different CV error curves.