

Bird recognition in the city of Peacetopia (case study)

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1. Problem Statement

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This example is adapted from a real production application, but with details disguised to protect confidentiality.



You are a famous researcher in the City of Peacetopia. The people of Peacetopia have a common characteristic: they are afraid of birds. To save them, you have to build an algorithm that will detect any bird flying over Peacetopia and alert the population.

The City Council gives you a dataset of 10,000,000 images of the sky above Peacetopia, taken from the city's security cameras. They are labelled:

- y = 0: There is no bird on the image
- y = 1: There is a bird on the image

Your goal is to build an algorithm able to classify new images taken by security cameras from Peacetopia.

There are a lot of decisions to make:

- · What is the evaluation metric?
- How do you structure your data into train/dev/test sets?

Metric of success

The City Council tells you that they want an algorithm that

- 1. Has high accuracy
- 2. Runs quickly and takes only a short time to classify a new image.
- 3. Can fit in a small amount of memory, so that it can run in a small processor that the city will attach to many different security cameras.

Note: Having three evaluation metrics makes it harder for you to quickly choose between two different algorithms, and will slow down the speed with which your team can iterate. True/False?

True

False

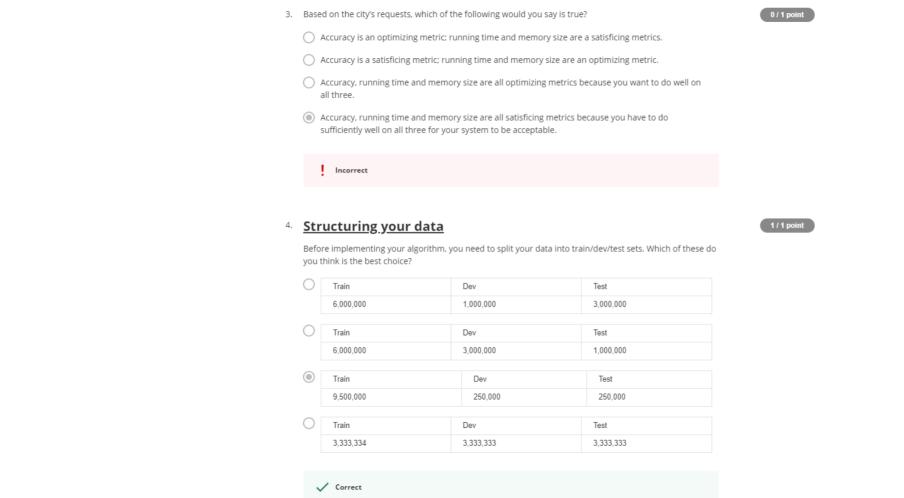
2. After further discussions, the city narrows down its criteria to:

- "We need an algorithm that can let us know a bird is flying over Peacetopia as accurately as possible."
- "We want the trained model to take no more than 10sec to classify a new image."
- "We want the model to fit in 10MB of memory."

Test Accuracy	Runtime	Memory size
97%	1 sec	3MB
Test Accuracy	Runtime	Memory size
99%	13 sec	9MB
Test Accuracy	Runtime	Memory size
97%	3 sec	2MB
Test Accuracy	Runtime	Memory size
98%	9 sec	9MB



Correct! As soon as the runtime is less than 10 seconds you're good. So, you may simply maximize the test accuracy after you made sure the runtime is <10sec.

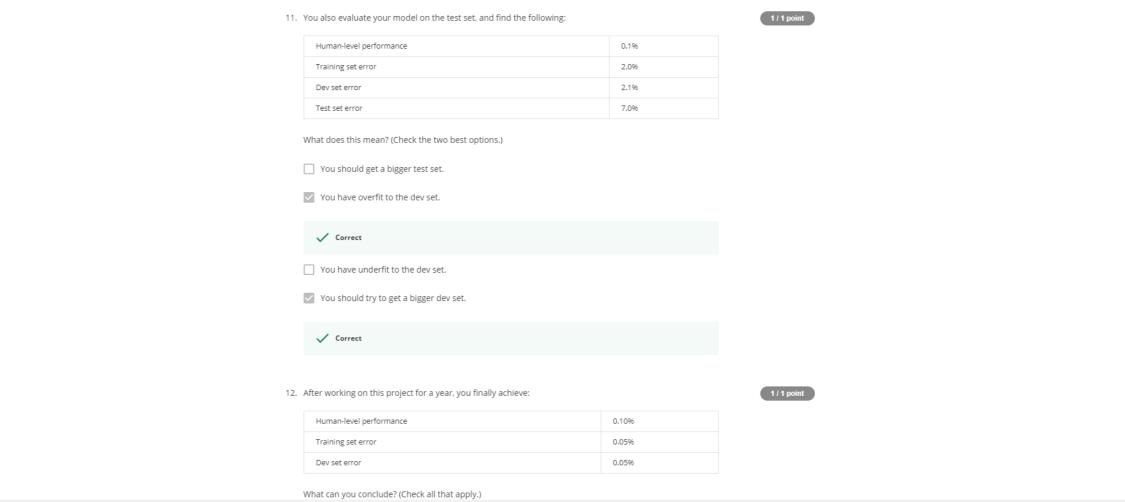


5.	After setting up your train/dev/test sets, the City Council comes across another 1,000,000 images, called the "citizens' data". Apparently the citizens of Peacetopia are so scared of birds that they volunteered to take pictures of the sky and label them, thus contributing these additional 1,000,000 images. These images are different from the distribution of images the City Council had originally given you, but you think it could help your algorithm.
	Notice that adding this additional data to the training set will make the distribution of the training set different from the distributions of the dev and test sets.
	Is the following statement true or false?
	"You should not add the citizens' data to the training set, because if the training distribution is different from the dev and test sets, then this will not allow the model to perform well on the test set."
	○ True
	False
	Correct False is correct: Sometimes we'll need to train the model on the data that is available, and its distribution may not be the same as the data that will occur in production. Also, adding training data that differs from the dev set may still help the model improve performance on the dev set. What matters is that the dev and test set have the same distribution.
6.	One member of the City Council knows a little about machine learning, and thinks you should add the 1,000,000 citizens' data images to the test set. You object because: This would cause the dev and test set distributions to become different. This is a bad idea because you're not aiming where you want to hit.
	✓ Correct

	☐ The 1,000,000 citizens' data images do not have a consistent x>y m (similar to the New York City/Detroit housing prices example from le		
	A bigger test set will slow down the speed of iterating because of the evaluating models on the test set.	e computational expense of	
	The test set no longer reflects the distribution of data (security came	eras) you most care about.	
	✓ Correct		
7.	You train a system, and its errors are as follows (error = 100%-Accuracy):		1/1 point
	Training set error	4.0%	
	Dev set error	4.5%	
	This suggests that one good avenue for improving performance is to traidown the 4.0% training error. Do you agree? Yes, because having 4.0% training error shows you have high bias.	n a bigger network so as to drive	
	Yes, because this shows your bias is higher than your variance.		
	No, because this shows your variance is higher than your bias.		
	No, because there is insufficient information to tell.		
	✓ Correct		

8	8. You ask a few people to label the dataset so as to find out what is human-level p following levels of accuracy:	rformance. You find the	
	Bird watching expert #1	0.3% error	
	Bird watching expert #2	0.5% error	
	Normal person #1 (not a bird watching expert)	1.0% error	
	Normal person #2 (not a bird watching expert)	1.2% error	
	If your goal is to have "human-level performance" be a proxy (or estimate) for Badefine "human-level performance"?	res error, how would you	
	0.0% (because it is impossible to do better than this)		
	0.3% (accuracy of expert #1)		
	0.4% (average of 0.3 and 0.5)		
	0.75% (average of all four numbers above)		
	✓ Correct		
S	Which of the following statements do you agree with?	1 / 1 point	
	 A learning algorithm's performance can be better than human-level perform better than Bayes error. 	ance but it can never be	
	 A learning algorithm's performance can never be better than human-level p better than Bayes error. 	rformance but it can be	
	 A learning algorithm's performance can never be better than human-level p than Bayes error. 	rformance nor better	
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✓ Correct	
 You find that a team of ornithologists debating and discussing an image gets an performance, so you define that as "human-level performance." After working fu you end up with the following: 	
Human-level performance	0.196
Training set error	2.0%
Dev set error	2.1%
(Check two options.) ☐ Get a bigger training set to reduce variance. ☑ Train a bigger model to try to do better on the training set.	
✓ Correct	
✓ Try decreasing regularization.	
✓ Correct	



With only 0.09% further progress to make, you should quickly be able to close the remaining gap to 0%
If the test set is big enough for the 0.05% error estimate to be accurate, this implies Bayes error is ≤ 0.05
✓ Correct
This is a statistical anomaly (or must be the result of statistical noise) since it should not be possible to surpass human-level performance.
It is now harder to measure avoidable bias, thus progress will be slower going forward.
✓ Correct
13. It turns out Peacetopia has hired one of your competitors to build a system as well. Your system and your competitor both deliver systems with about the same running time and memory size. However, your system has higher accuracy! However, when Peacetopia tries out your and your competitor's systems, they conclude they actually like your competitor's system better, because even though you have higher overall accuracy, you have more false negatives (failing to raise an alarm when a bird is in the air). What should you do?
Look at all the models you've developed during the development process and find the one with the lowest false negative error rate.
Ask your team to take into account both accuracy and false negative rate during development.
Rethink the appropriate metric for this task, and ask your team to tune to the new metric.
Pick false negative rate as the new metric, and use this new metric to drive all further development.
✓ Correct

14. You've handily beaten your competitor, and your system is now deployed in Peacetopia and is protecting the citizens from birds! But over the last few months, a new species of bird has been slowly migrating into the area, so the performance of your system slowly degrades because your data is being tested on a new type of data.



You have only 1,000 images of the new species of bird. The city expects a better system from you within the next 3 months. Which of these should you do first?

- Use the data you have to define a new evaluation metric (using a new dev/test set) taking into account the new species, and use that to drive further progress for your team.
- Put the 1,000 images into the training set so as to try to do better on these birds.
- Try data augmentation/data synthesis to get more images of the new type of bird.
- Add the 1,000 images into your dataset and reshuffle into a new train/dev/test split.

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you inc of '	e City Council thinks that having more Cats in the city would help scare off birds. They are so happy with ur work on the Bird detector that they also hire you to build a Cat detector. (Wow Cat detectors are just redibly useful aren't they.) Because of years of working on Cat detectors, you have such a huge dataset 100,000,000 cat images that training on this data takes about two weeks. Which of the statements do u agree with? (Check all that agree.) Buying faster computers could speed up your teams' iteration speed and thus your team's
	productivity.
	✓ Correct
~	Needing two weeks to train will limit the speed at which you can iterate.
	✓ Correct
~	If 100,000,000 examples is enough to build a good enough Cat detector, you might be better of training with just 10,000,000 examples to gain a ≈10x improvement in how quickly you can run experiments, even if each model performs a bit worse because it's trained on less data.

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✓ Correct

Having built a good Bird detector, you should be able to take the same model and hyperparameters and just apply it to the Cat dataset, so there is no need to iterate.