



Classification Objective

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response \mathring{Y} based on observed predicting variables $x^*_1,...,x^*_n$

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How good is the classification or prediction?

- Goodness of fit doesn't guarantee good prediction;
- If we have many models for classification, how do we choose among them?

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Classification Error Rate

Predicted probability given x₁, · · · , x_p:

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- Classifier: $h(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } \hat{p}(x_1, \dots, x_p) > r \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$, where r is a classification threshold between 0 and 1 (e.g., r = 1/2)
- Classification error rate: $L(h) = 1 Pr(Y = h(x_1, \dots, x_p))$
 - · Training error
 - Use data to fit model, take proportion of responses misclassified
 - Biased downward as estimate of true classification error rate



Cross-Validation

Split the data $\{(x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, \dots, x_{1,p}), Y_1\}, \dots, \{(x_{n,1}, x_{n,2}, \dots, x_{n,p}), Y_n\}$, into:

- Training Set: Used to fit the model, i.e., to estimate $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \cdots, \hat{\beta}_p$
- **Testing/Validation Set**: Used to estimate the classification error rate $\widehat{L}(h) = \frac{1}{m} \operatorname{count} \left(\left(1 h(x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \cdots, x_{i,p}) \right) = Y_i \right), i \in Validation Set,$ where m is the size of the validation set

How to split the data?

- Random subsampling
- k-fold cross-validation (KCV)
 - Leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV)



Cross-Validation: How to Split Data?

Random Subsampling

- Randomly split the data into two portions (training and validation sets)
- Train on training set and test on validation set
- Randomly split multiple times
- Average the classification error rate across all random splits

k-fold cross-validation (KCV)

- Randomly divide the data into k chunks (folds) of approximately equal size
- For i = 1 to k:
 - The training data consist of data without the ith fold of data
 - The testing data consist of the ith fold
 - Compute classification error rate $\hat{\mathbf{L}}_i$ for the i^{th} fold testing data
 - Compute overall classification error: $\hat{\mathbf{L}}(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \hat{\mathbf{L}}_i$

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Random CV or k-fold CV?

 Random subsampling is computationally more expensive than k-fold CV

How to choose k?

- Leave-one-out CV is KCV with k = n
 - Less computationally efficient than KCV
- The larger the k, the less bias but the more variance



