

STRUCTURING ML PROJECTS

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Orthogonalization

'You need 'knobs' to tune something acc to your preference.

And you need these 'knobs' to control only their corresponding feature/setting

Chain Assumptions in ML

- Fit training set well on cost fn \rightarrow better network Adam
- Fit dev set well on cost fn \rightarrow Regularization Bigger train set
- Fit test set well on cost fn \rightarrow Bigger ^{better} dev set
- Performs well in real world \rightarrow change dev set or cost fn

* Single no evaluatⁿ metric

For classifiers, we usually use two evaluatⁿ metrics - Precision & recall. ~~And~~ And often there's a trade off b/w the two.

These can be reduced to a single metric - the f1 score : $2 \cdot \frac{\text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}}{\text{precision} + \text{recall}}$

Dev set + having a single evaluatⁿ metric speeds up the model selection process

* Satisfying & optimizing metric

Let's say we have two constraints
accuracy & running time

eg we want the max accuracy for time ≤ 100 ms

This is usually used in wakewords in
speech recognition.

wakewords: Alexa, Ok Google, Hey Siri etc.

* Train / dev / test sets

Should come from the same dist
- shuffle your dataset

* When to change dev/test sets & metrics

- Classifier algorithms to classify cats.
Model A works with 3% ~~accuracy~~ error
You don't want the users to be
displayed with a pornographic
image [in the 3% error range]

You have the metric

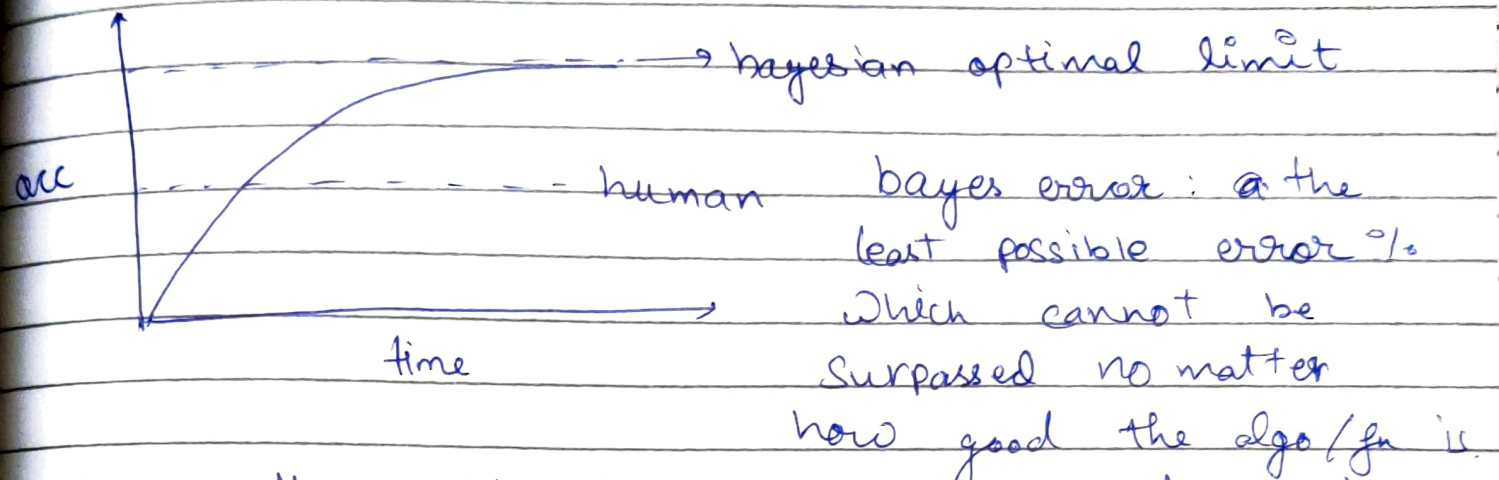
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum \mathbb{I}(\hat{y} \neq y)$$

add another variable here

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum w \mathbb{I}(\hat{y} \neq y)$$

$$\text{st } w = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{non porn} \\ 100 & \text{porn} \end{cases}$$

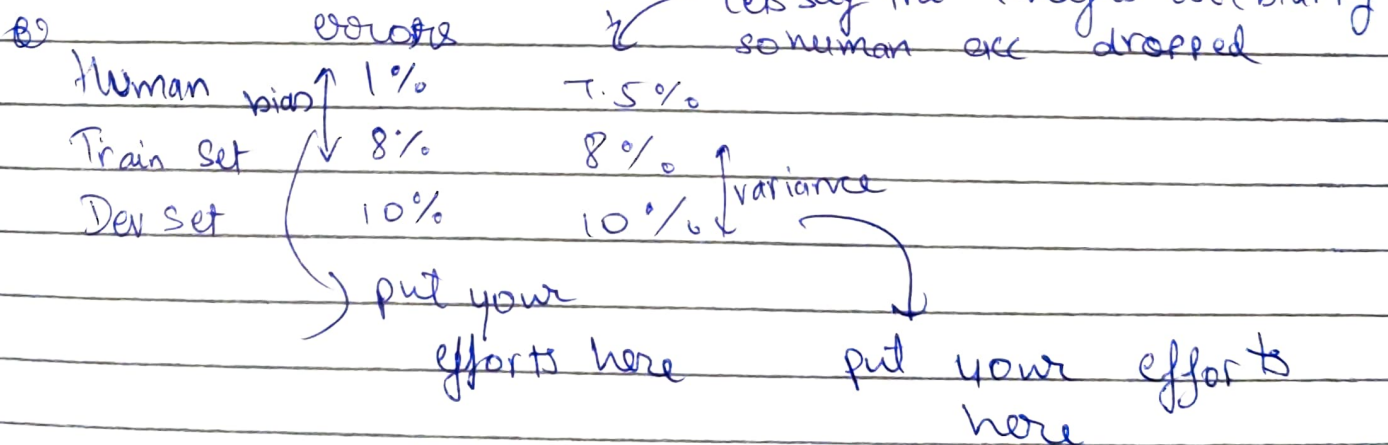
Comparing to Human Level performance



In case the model gives an accuracy rate below the human accuracy rate.

- get labelled data from humans (x, y)
- gain insight from manual error analysis
- better analysis of bias/variance

* Avoidable Bias



Human level error is often used as a proxy for bayes error in computer vision/speech recognition tasks etc.

Suppose Consider a medical image classification
Error

Typical human	3%
Typical doctor	1%
experienced doc	0.7%
team of exp docs	0.5%

Bayes error $\leq 0.5\%$

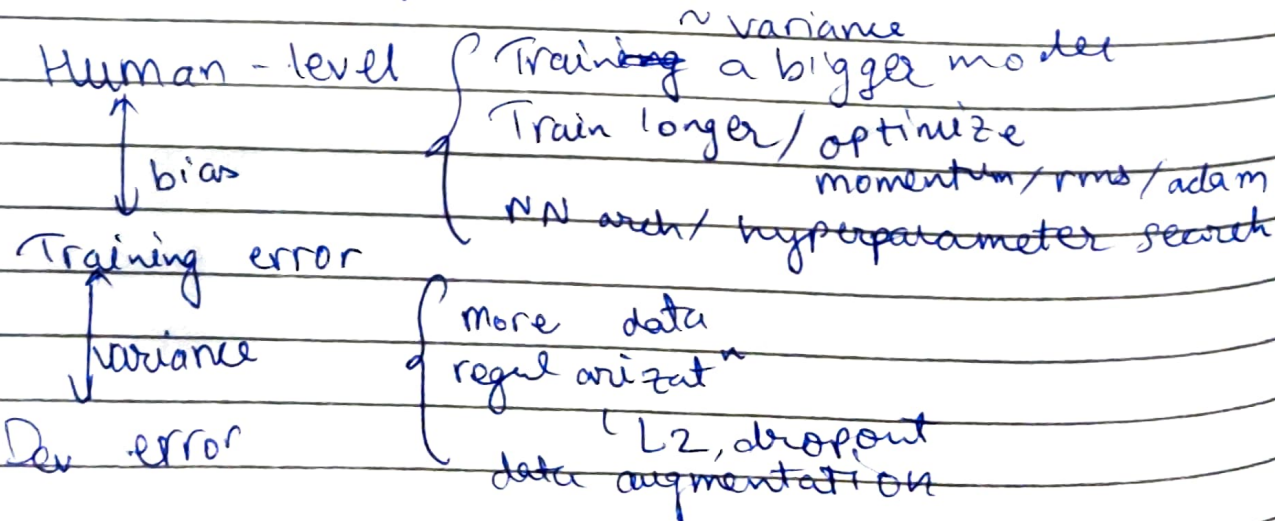
Problems where human level performance is often surpassed

- loan approval
- online advertising
- logistics
- product recommendations

* Improving your Model

Assumptions in supervised Learning

1. The model fits training set well
~ avoidable bias
2. The training set generalizes well on the dev set
~ variance



Error Analysis

Incorrectly labelled examples

- DL algos are quite robust to random errors
but not to
systematic error

↓
all of the white colored
pups were labelled as cats

↓
Some dog was
incorrectly labelled as cat

add an additional column for incorrectly labelled examples.