# Introduction to Machine Learning

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#### Outline

- Kinds of machine learning
- Linear regression
- Regularization
- Bayesian methods
- Logistic Regression
- Why we do this

# Kinds of Machine Learning

- Supervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning
- Unsupervised Learning

## Supervised Learning

- Takes some set of inputs  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d$  and maps them to an output, or label y
- Our goal in supervised learning is to find a good function f which maps  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d) \to y$
- What is this function? How do we find it?
- Whatever this function is, we'd like it to map our inputs to the correct label all of the time.
- Need some kind of metric to tell us how close we are to this ideal function
  - Loss number of times we get it wrong, how close we are to y
- Minimize the loss using the data set we have

## Examples of Supervised Learning

#### Object Detection









#### Predicting Surgical Complications



What kind of surgery?
Patient age
Other illnesses of patient
DNR status
What surgeon?
Nutrition status

Bleeding complication
Pulmonary complication
Neurological complication
Infection

## Reinforcement Learning

- Learning what actions to take based on a reward signal
- Generally involves an assumption of being in a state  $s_1$  and evaluating the chances of changing to another state  $s_2$  if a particular action a is taken.
- In the end (or along the way) a reward signal is received.
- We want to take actions that lead to getting the most reward possible.
- Therefore learn a set of actions, or a policy, which leads to maximizing the expected reward.

# Examples of Reinforcement Learning

#### Games like Go or Atari





#### Medical interventions



State: Health of the patient (ie vital signs)

Action: Medical intervention (ie administration of IV fluids)

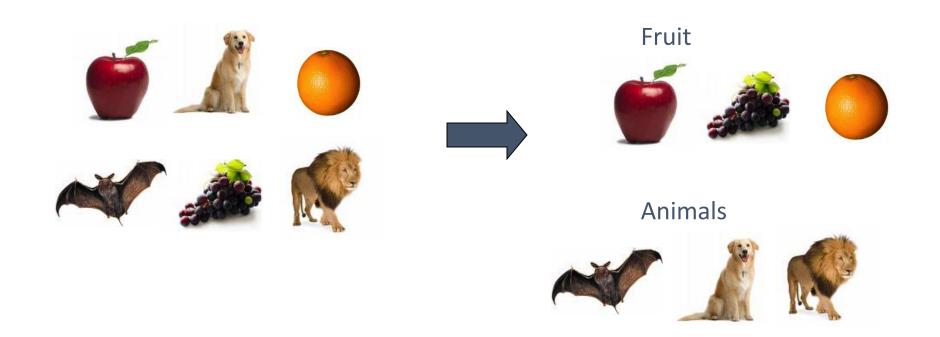
Reward: Did the patient live? +10

### Unsupervised Learning

- No labels
- Find interesting and informative patterns in the data
- Examples: clustering or dimensionality reduction

### Clustering

- Clustering is the act of grouping objects (or data points) together based on common features.
  - Clustering is natural people are constantly grouping things together



# Clustering



• There are no inherently "correct" clusterings, only clusterings that are right for a particular problem.

Hangs on Trees Doesn't

## Examples of Unsupervised Learning

- Learning hidden factors that make patient populations different in different hospitals
- Discovering subpopulations of patients who have a neurological disease from mobile app data.



Why are you tired?

Disease Medication Depression Lack of Sleep

### What Does a Data Look Like?

Learning is typically done on data given in the form of a matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_d \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1d} \\ \mathbf{x}_2 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{nd} \end{pmatrix}$$

An additional column in this data matrix may be the label:

 $y_n$ 

- If these labels are discrete classification
- If these labels are continuous regression
- More complex structured prediction

## Back to Supervised Learning

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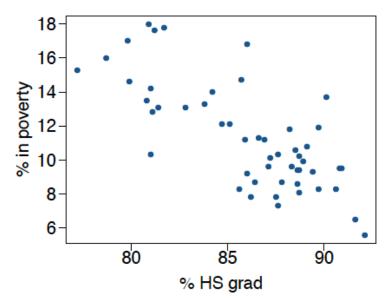
### What function do we use?

- This function comes from a hypothesis class. The hypothesis class includes certain functions, or functions of a particular type.
  - Linear, polynomial, etc.

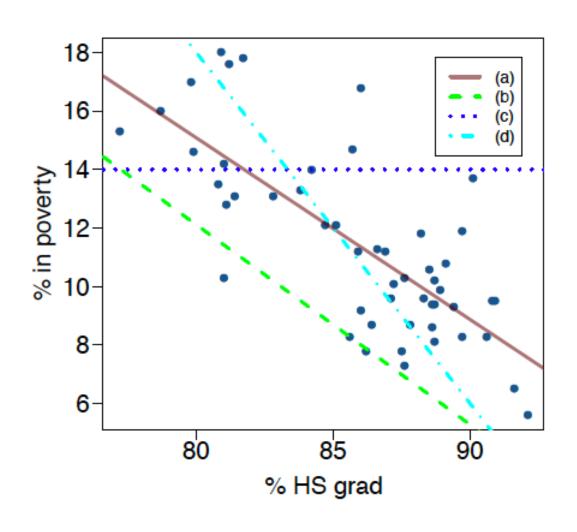
This scatterplot shows the relationship between US HS graduation

rate and % of people living in poverty.

 What kind of hypothesis class might be appropriate?



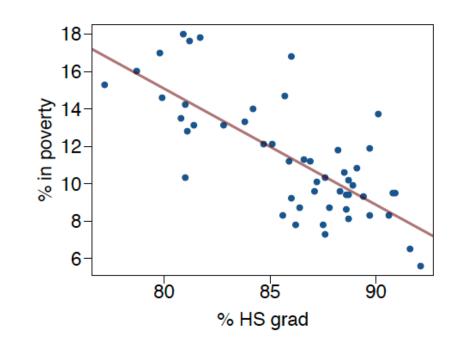
# Which Line?



# Fitting a Line

• The line shown can be described by an an equation of the form  $y = w_0 + w_1 x$ 

• In general  $y = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \ldots = \sum_{i=0}^{u} w_i x_i = \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}$ where  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are d+1 length vectors.

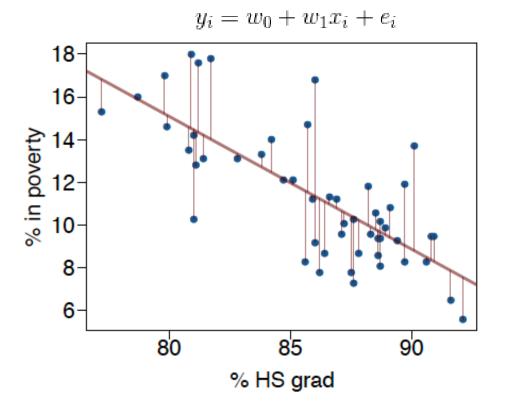


• Here w is what we want to learn, our parameters, or weights.

 How do we measure the quality of this line's fit? How do we choose the best w?

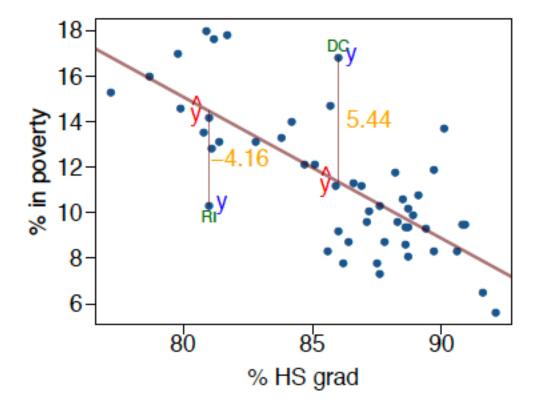
### Residuals

• We can think of each observed value,  $y_i$ , as being the result of our model  $y = w_0 + w_1 x$  plus an unexplained error,  $e_i$ . This error is called a residual.



### Residuals

• The residual can be thought of as the observed value minus the value estimated by our linear function.



### Loss – How good or bad is our line?

- We want a line that has small residuals. What should we do?
  - Minimize the sum of squared residuals least squares

$$e_1^2 + e_2^2 + \ldots + e_n^2$$

- Why least squares?
  - Most commonly used
  - Square is a nicer function than absolute value
  - In many applications, twice the residual is more than twice as bad

### Least Squares

• How do we use minimizing the squared residuals to find w?

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \sum_{i} e_{i}^{2} = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \sum_{i} (y_{i} - (w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1}))^{2}$$

• As usual, this is computed by taking the gradient with respect to warm and setting equal to zero.

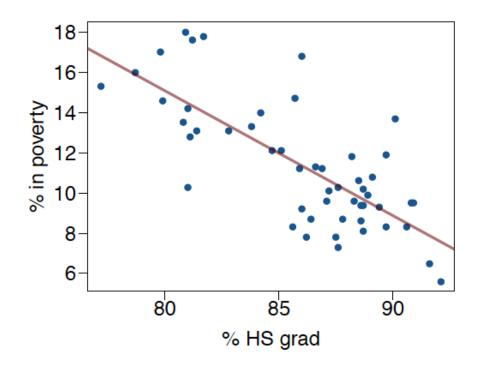
• The solution can be computed in closed form:

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y}$$

# So what are the weights?

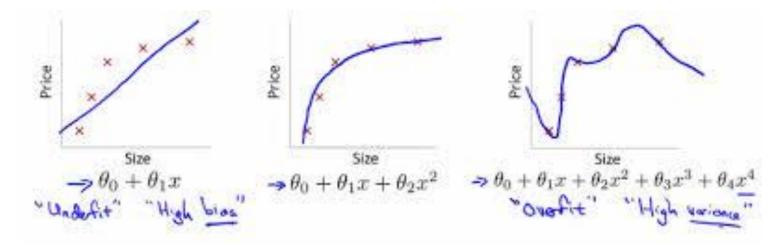
• For our example:

% in poverty = 64.68 - 0.62 (% HS grad)



### How do we know a line is right?

• We can underfit or overfit to our data



- If we underfit we usually have high training error
- If we overfit we have very low training error, but high test error

### Maximum Likelihood

- As we acquire more data, we can safely consider more complex hypotheses.
- What happens when we consider functions that have many parameters compared to our data set size?
- The approach that we have considered to finding parameters so far is a maximum likelihood approach. The probability of our data given the model is maximized with respect to the parameters.

$$\underset{\theta}{\arg\max}p(D|\theta,m)$$

- This can be done the same way as for least squares in linear regression taking the gradient with respect to  $\theta$  and setting equal to zero.
- In fact, our least squares solution can be seen as maximizing the likelihood of a Gaussian with mean  $\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x}$

### Regularization

- Using the maximum likelihood approach we run the risk over overfitting if we have too many parameters.
- We can change the function we are optimizing to penalize complexity.

$$f(\theta) = L_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, y) + \lambda R(\theta)$$

 $\lambda$  is the regularization coefficient and controls the tradeoff between goodness of fit and function simplicity.

• There are many different potential regularizers, including L1 and L2 complexity penalties.

### L1 and L2 regularization

- Penalize complexity in different ways
- L1 penalizes the number of parameters used, while L2 penalizes the number of parameters squared.
- In our linear regression setting this would be:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{n} ||\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}||^{2} + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_{2}^{2} \qquad \qquad \min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{n} ||\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}||^{2} + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_{1}$$
L2

 These regularizers correspond to Gaussian and Laplacian priors on the weights. L1 regularization also leads to shrinkage of the weight values towards zero. Still optimizing.

## Bayesian Methods

 Bayesian methods provide a coherent framework for reasoning about our beliefs in the face of uncertainty.

Bayes Rule

$$p(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

- P( heta) our prior beliefs about the state of the world, heta
- $P(D|oldsymbol{ heta})$  the probability of observations, D , given a particular state,  $oldsymbol{ heta}$
- $P(oldsymbol{ heta}|D)$  our updated beliefs about the state of the world, $oldsymbol{ heta}$ , given the observations, D
- Avoid overfitting problem

### Marginal Likelihoods

- We use marginal likelihoods to evaluate cluster membership
- The marginal likelihood is defined as:

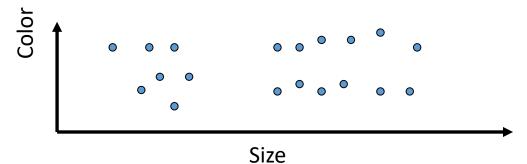
 $P(\mathcal{D}|m) = \int P(\mathcal{D}|\theta,m)P(\theta|m)\,d\theta$  and can be interpreted as the probability that all data points in  $\mathcal{D}$  were generated from the same model with unknown parameters  $\theta$ 

 Used to compare cluster models Probability of Two Clusters: 0.186

Log Marginal Likelihood for One Cluster: -48.20Log Marginal Likelihood for Two Clusters: -49.67

$$p(m_2|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|m_2)}{p(\mathcal{D}|m_1) + p(\mathcal{D}|m_2)}$$

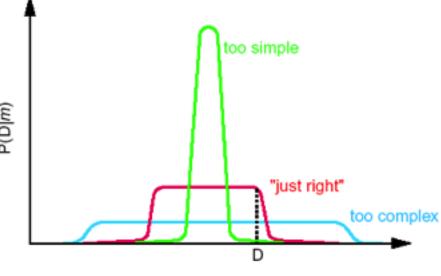
# Bayesian Occam's Razor



• Model with one cluster model, two cluster model, and three cluster model.

Model classes that are too simple are unlikely to generate the data set.

Model classes that are too complex can generate many possible data sets, so again, they are unlikely to generate that particular data set at random.  $\frac{\widehat{\mathbb{Q}}}{\mathbb{Q}}$ 



All possible data sets of size n

### Nonparametric Bayesian Models

- How do we know which clustering models to compare?
  - Large numbers of model comparisons are costly.
- Nonparametric Bayesian methods provide flexible priors for clustering models.
  - Allow us to infer the "right" number of clusters for our data.
- Parametric models assume that some finite set of parameters, or clusters, capture everything there is to know about the data.
  - The complexity of the model is bounded.
- Nonparametric models assume that an infinite set of parameters is needed.
  - The amount of information captured grows as the data grows.

### More Sophisticated Regression Models

- In the same way that we looked at linear regression, we can look at other regression models that allow us to learn nonlinear functions.
  - Generalized Linear Models, Logistic Regression
- Can solve for the parameters here by taking gradients and setting equal to zero as in previous models, but there is no closed form solution and gradient descent must be used. More on optimization techniques to come.

### Example: Donner Party

In 1846 the Donner and Reed families left Springfield, Illinois, for California by covered wagon. In July, the Donner Party, as it became known, reached Fort Bridger, Wyoming. There its leaders decided to attempt a new and untested route to the Sacramento Valley. Having reached its full size of 87 people and 20 wagons, the party was delayed by a difficult crossing of the Wasatch Range and again in the crossing of the desert west of the Great Salt Lake. The group became stranded in the eastern Sierra Nevada mountains when the region was hit by heavy snows in late October. By the time the last survivor was rescued on April 21, 1847, 40 of the 87 members had died from famine and exposure to extreme cold.

## Donner Party Data

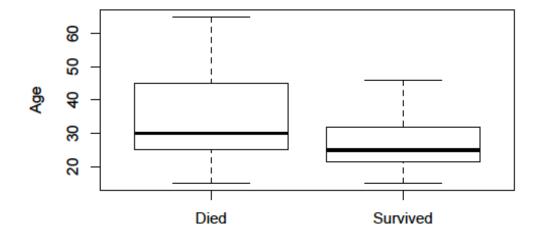
	Age	Sex	Status
1	23.00	Male	Died
2	40.00	Female	Survived
3	40.00	Male	Survived
4	30.00	Male	Died
5	28.00	Male	Died
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43	23.00	Male	Survived
44	24.00	Male	Died
45	25.00	Female	Survived

# Donner Party Data

Status vs. Gender:

	Male	Female
Died	20	5
Survived	10	10

Status vs. Age:



### Moving on from Linear Regression

It seems clear that both age and gender have an effect on someone's survival, how do we come up with a model that will let us explore this relationship?

Even if we set Died to 0 and Survived to 1, this isn't something we can reasonably fit a linear model to - we need something more.

One way to think about the problem - we can treat Survived and Died as successes and failures arising from a Bernoulli trial where the probability of a success (survival) is given by a transformation of a linear model of the predictors.

#### Generalized Linear Models

• GLMs are a very general way of addressing this type of problem. Logistic regression is just one type of GLM.

- All GLMs have three things:
  - 1. A probability distribution describing the outcome variable
  - 2. A linear model:  $y = w_0 + w_1 x$
  - 3. A link function relating the linear model to the outcome distribution:

$$p = g^{-1}(y)$$

### Logistic Regression

Logistic regression is a GLM used to model a binary categorical variable using numerical and categorical predictors.

We assume a binomial distribution produced the outcome variable and we therefore want to model p the probability of success for a given set of predictors.

To finish specifying the Logistic model we just need to establish a reasonable link function that connects y to p. There are a variety of options but the most commonly used is the logit function.

Logit function:

$$logit(p) = log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right), \text{ for } 0 \le p \le 1$$

## The Logit

The logit function takes a value between 0 and 1 and maps it to a value between  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$ .

Inverse logit (logistic) function:

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{\exp(x)}{1 + \exp(x)} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

The inverse logit function takes a value between  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$  and maps it to a value between 0 and 1.

This formulation is also useful for interpreting the model, since the logit can be interpreted as the log odds of a success

# The Logistic Regression Model

• The three GLM criteria give us:

$$\eta \sim \text{bernoulli}(p)$$

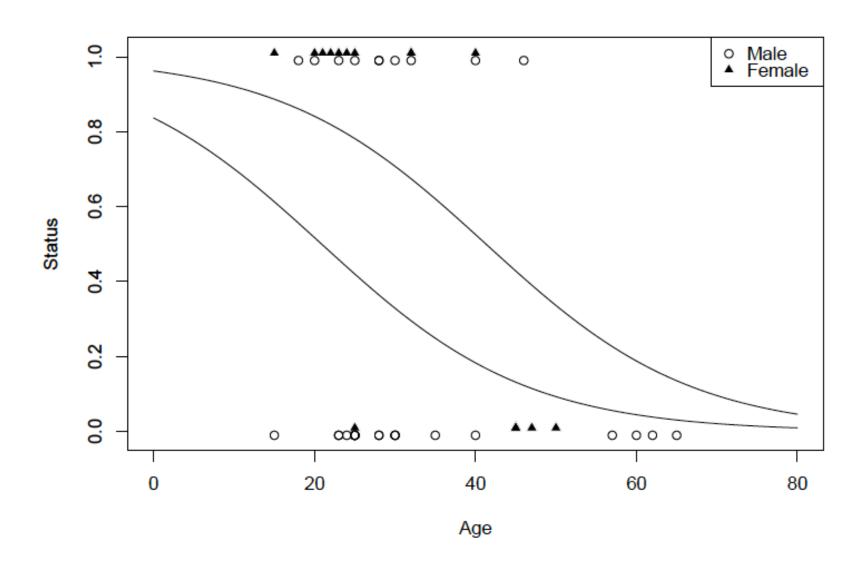
$$y = w_0 + w_1 x$$

$$\log \text{it}(p) = y$$

• From which we get:

$$p = \frac{\exp(w_0 + w_1 x)}{1 + \exp(w_0 + w_1 x)}$$

## Logistic Regression Plot



#### Summary

- We looked at different kinds of machine learning
- Linear models and how to fit them
- When models are too simple or complex for our data
- Overfitting
- Regularization
- Bayesian Techniques
- Generalized Linear Models and Logistic Regression

## Moving Forward

• These are really just the basics. More detail will be covered going forward in this summer school.

• An important thing to keep in mind is that the primary purpose of this is to develop useful models of real data of interest.

 Lots of cool things being done in the machine learning community, and lots of use of these and more sophisticated methods to have real world impact.

## Moving Forward

• These include: Self driving cars



**Drones and Robots** 



**Product recommendation** 



Criminal justice recommendations



Health care predictions



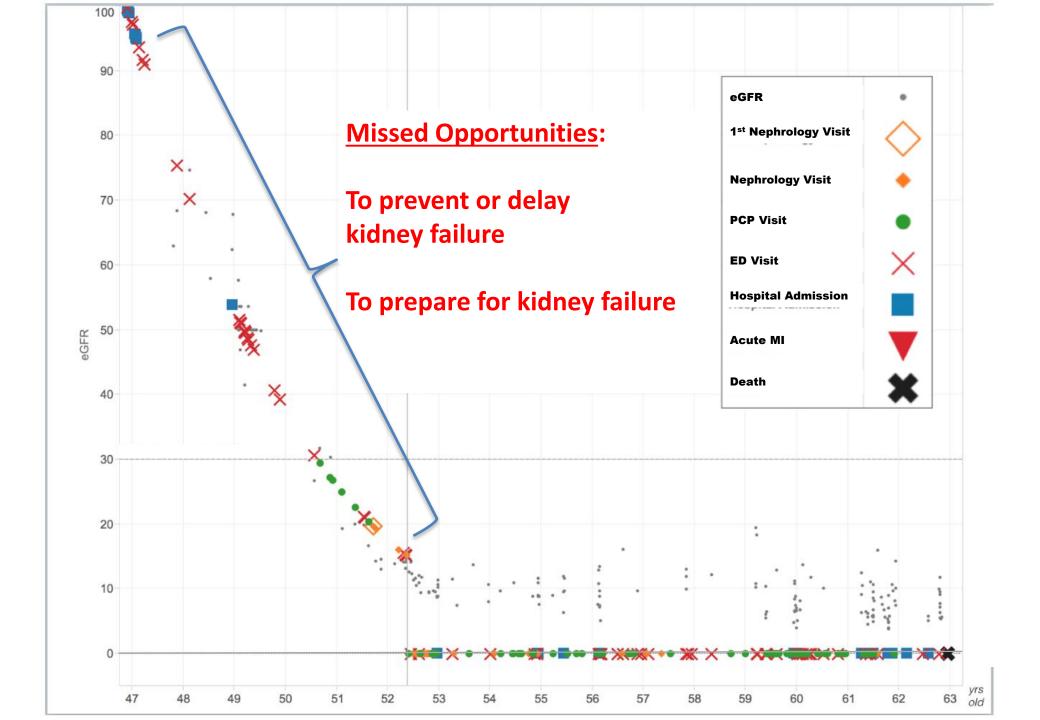
#### But Still...

• There's a lot that we don't know. And that we need your help with.

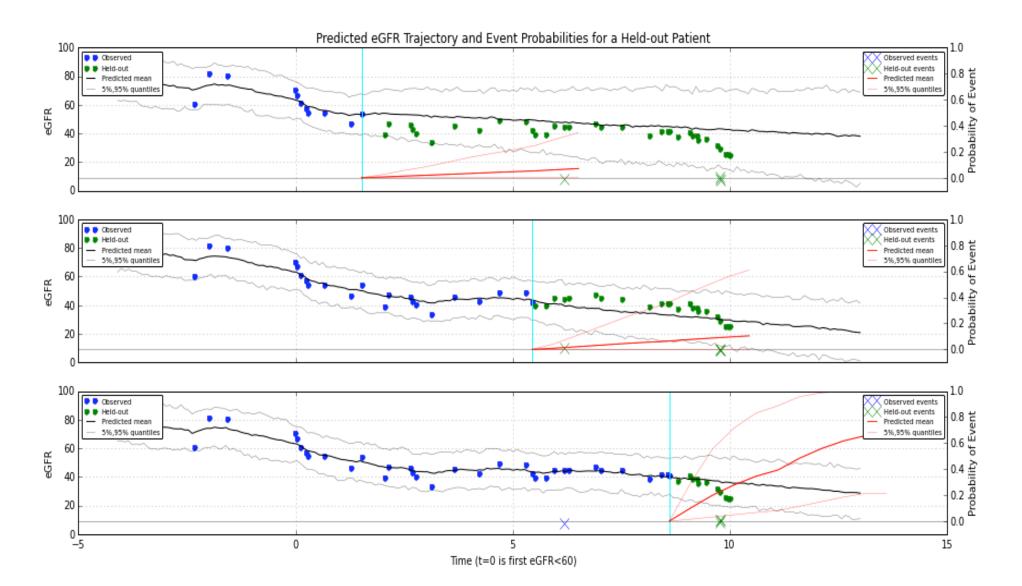
 Where do the gains we are seeing in deep neural networks come from?

How is regularization working? Early stopping? Dropout?

 How can we speed things up and still have principled approaches to analyzing data?



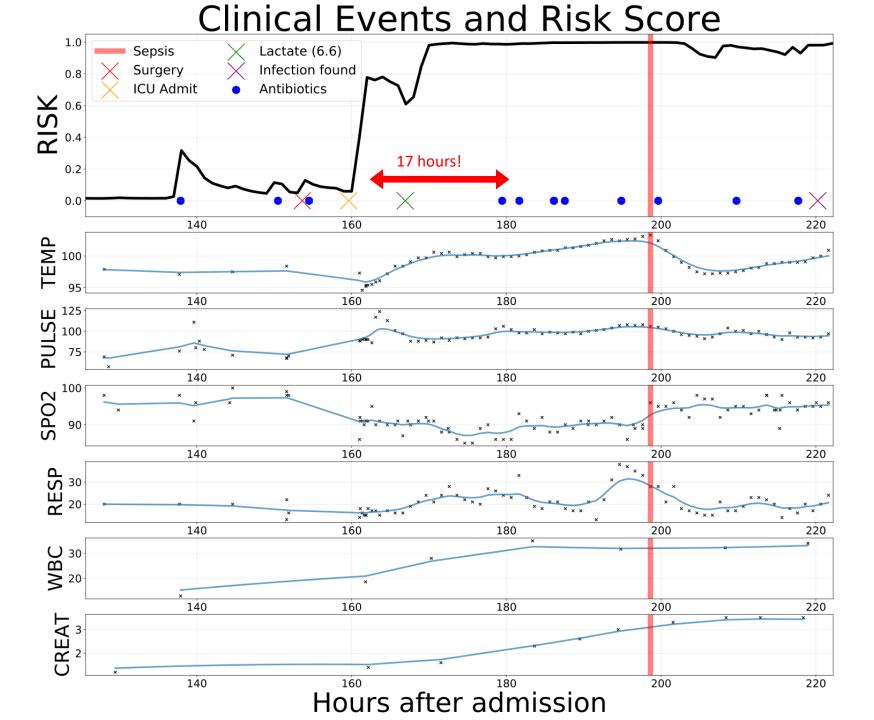
#### Joint Model Results



#### Sepsis

• Severe infection, often acquired in the hospital. High mortality rate (30-50%).

- Developed an algorithm to predict if a patient is becoming septic.
  - Multitask Gaussian process with a Recurrent Neural Net classifier, learned end to end.
- A web app shows patient state and trajectories to physicians. In the process of deploying at Duke University Hospital.
- Exploring ways to use reinforcement learning to make automated treatment recommendations.



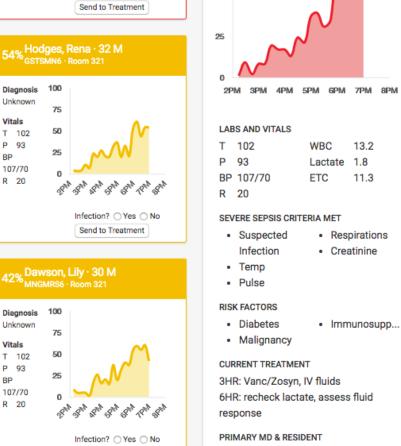




Infection? O Yes O No







#### MS Mosaic App

- For neurology patients with multiple sclerosis.
- Consents subjects
- Collects survey, activity, and phone task data
- Try to reduce work for users
- Dashboard to visualize own data
- Reports for providers
- Learn more section
- Want to combine with other data

