



Why

In the statistical learning framework, since the algorithm only has access to the training set, it is natural to select a hypothesis which does well.

Definition

Let S be a training dataset (see **Inductors**) in $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$. The *training error* of a classifier $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is

$$(1/m) |\{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \mid h(x_i) \neq y_i\}|.$$

