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# Error Analysis

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Carrying out error  
analysis

# Look at dev examples to evaluate ideas



Should you try to make your cat classifier do better on dogs?

Error analysis:

- Get ~100 mislabeled dev set examples.
- Count up how many are dogs.

# Evaluate multiple ideas in parallel

Ideas for cat detection:

- Fix pictures of dogs being recognized as cats
- Fix great cats (lions, panthers, etc..) being misrecognized
- Improve performance on blurry images

Image		
1		
2		
3		
⋮		
% of total		



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Cleaning up  
Incorrectly labeled  
data

# Incorrectly labeled examples

x							
y	1	0	1	1	0	1	1

DL algorithms are quite robust to random errors in the training set.

# Error analysis

Image	Dog	Great Cat	Blurry	Incorrectly labeled	Comments
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98				✓	Labeler missed cat in background
99		✓			
100				✓	Drawing of a cat; Not a real cat.
% of total	8%	43%	61%	6%	

Overall dev set error

Errors due incorrect labels

Errors due to other causes

Goal of dev set is to help you select between two classifiers A & B.

# Correcting incorrect dev/test set examples

- Apply same process to your dev and test sets to make sure they continue to come from the same distribution
- Consider examining examples your algorithm got right as well as ones it got wrong.
- Train and dev/test data may now come from slightly different distributions.



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Build your first system  
quickly, then iterate



# Speech recognition example

- Noisy background
  - Café noise
  - Car noise
- Accent
- Far from microphone
- Young
- Stutter
- ...

Guideline:

**Build your first  
system quickly,  
then iterate**

- Set up dev/test set and metric
- Build initial system quickly
- Use Bias/Variance analysis & Error analysis to prioritize next steps.



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Mismatched training  
and dev/test data

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Training and testing  
on different  
distributions

# Cat app example

Data from webpages



Data from mobile app



# Speech recognition example



## Training

Purchased data

Smart speaker control

Voice keyboard

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## Dev/test

Speech activated  
rearview mirror



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Bias and Variance with  
mismatched data  
distributions

# Cat classifier example

Assume humans get  $\approx 0\%$  error.

Training error

Dev error

Training-dev set: Same distribution as training set, but not used for training

# Bias/variance on mismatched training and dev/test sets

# More general formulation





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Addressing data  
mismatch

# Addressing data mismatch

- Carry out manual error analysis to try to understand difference between training and dev/test sets
- Make training data more similar; or collect more data similar to dev/test sets

# Artificial data synthesis



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“The quick brown  
fox jumps  
over the lazy dog.”

Car noise

Synthesized  
in-car audio

# Artificial data synthesis

Car recognition:





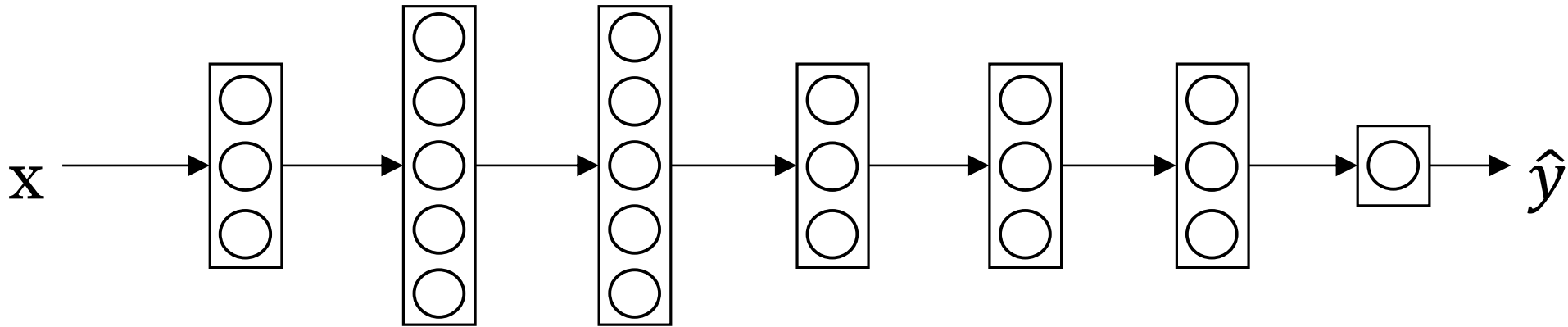
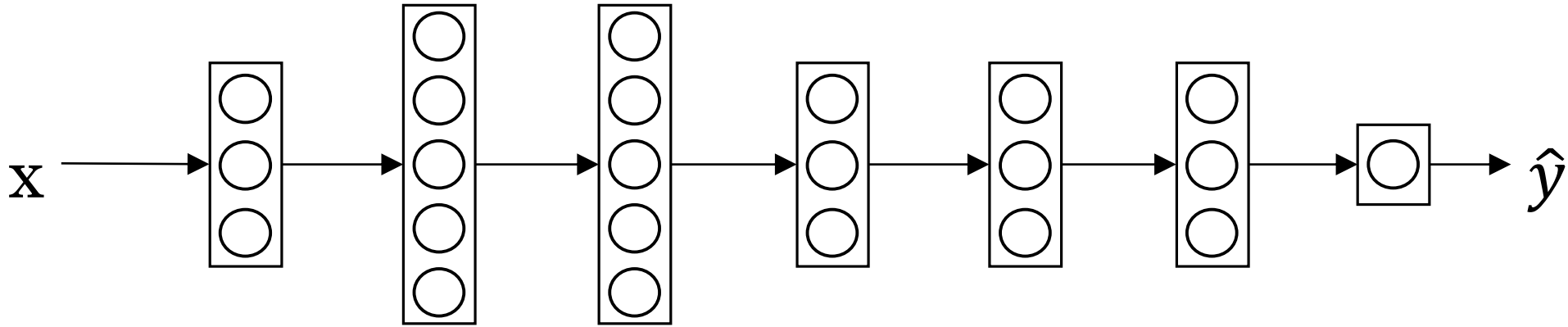
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Learning from  
multiple tasks

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Transfer learning

# Transfer learning



# When transfer learning makes sense

- Task A and B have the same input  $x$ .
- You have a lot more data for Task A than Task B.
- Low level features from A could be helpful for learning B.



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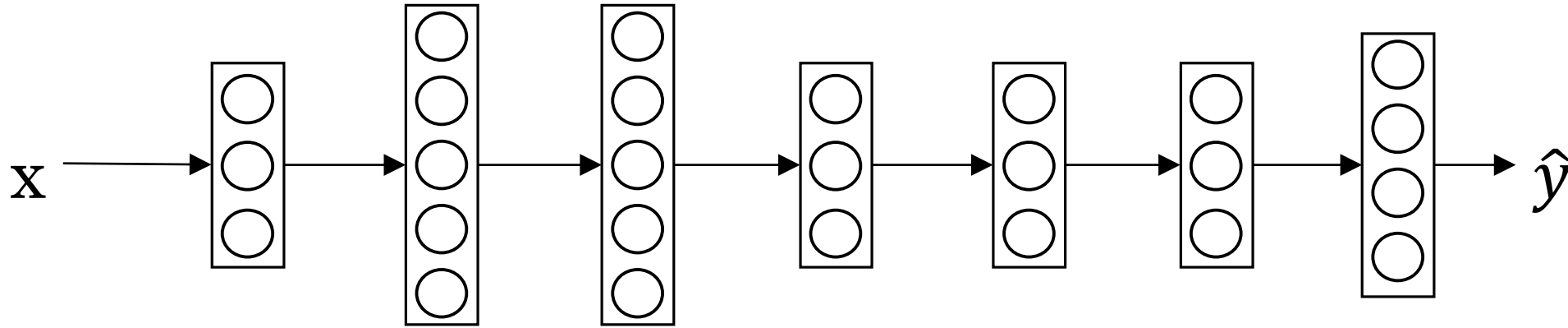
Multi-task  
learning



# Simplified autonomous driving example



# Neural network architecture



# When multi-task learning makes sense

- Training on a set of tasks that could benefit from having shared lower-level features.
- Usually: Amount of data you have for each task is quite similar.
- Can train a big enough neural network to do well on all the tasks.



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# End-to-end deep learning

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## What is end-to-end deep learning

# What is end-to-end learning?

Speech recognition example

# Face recognition



[Image courtesy of Baidu]

# More examples

Machine translation

Estimating child's age:





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learning

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Whether to use  
end-to-end learning



# Pros and cons of end-to-end deep learning

## Pros:

- Let the data speak
- Less hand-designing of components needed

## Cons:

- May need large amount of data
- Excludes potentially useful hand-designed components

# Applying end-to-end deep learning

Key question: Do you have sufficient data to learn a function of the complexity needed to map  $x$  to  $y$ ?

