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# Error Analysis

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Carrying out error  
analysis

# Look at dev examples to evaluate ideas



90% accuracy  
→ 10% error

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

Error analysis:

- Get ~100 mislabeled dev set examples. → 5-10 min
- Count up how many are dogs.

→ 5%  
5/100

10%  
↓  
9.5%

"ceiling"

→ 50%  
50/100

10%  
↓  
5%

# 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	Dog	Great Cats	Blurry	Instagram	Comments
1	✓			✓	Pitbull
2			✓	✓	
3		✓	✓		Rainy day at zoo
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	
% of total	<u>8%</u>	<u>43%</u>	<u>61%</u>	<u>12%</u>	










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## Cleaning up Incorrectly labeled data

# Incorrectly labeled examples

x							
y	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	1

Training Set.

The image shows a sequence of eight examples (x) with their corresponding labels (y). The first six examples are part of the Training Set. The seventh example, a white puppy, is circled in blue and has an arrow pointing to it, indicating it is an incorrectly labeled example (labeled 1 instead of 0).

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

Systematic errors

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

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Overall dev set error

Errors due incorrect labels

Errors due to other causes

..... 100%

..... 0.6% ←

..... 9.4% ←

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20%

0.6%

1.4%

2.1%

1.9%

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

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# 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. 20%
- Train and dev/test data may now come from slightly different distributions.



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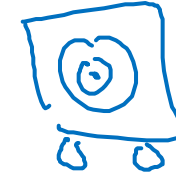
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# Speech recognition example



- • Noisy background
  - • Café noise
  - • Car noise

- • Accent
- • Far from
- • 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.