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Error Analysis

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

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Cleaning up Incorrectly labeled data

Incorrectly labeled examples

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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

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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Mismatched training
and dev/test data

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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Mismatched training
and dev/test data

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:



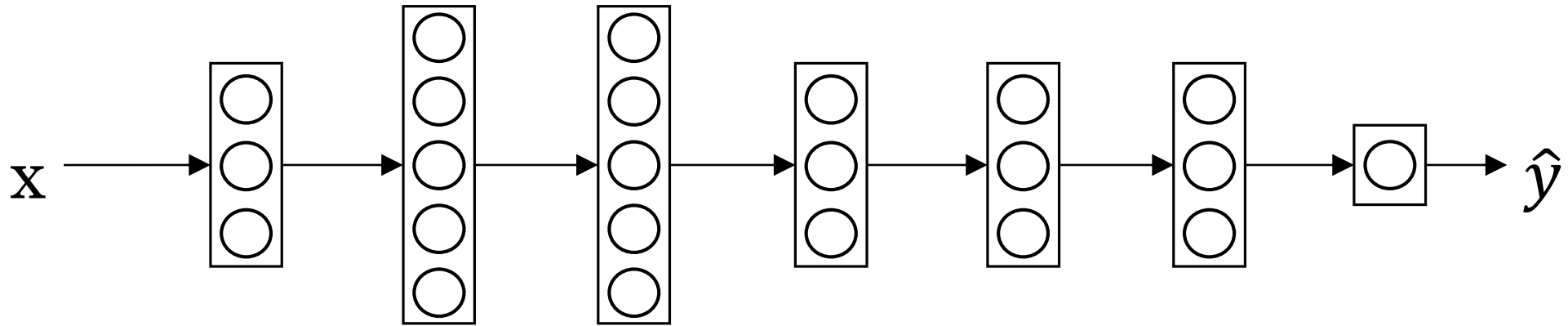
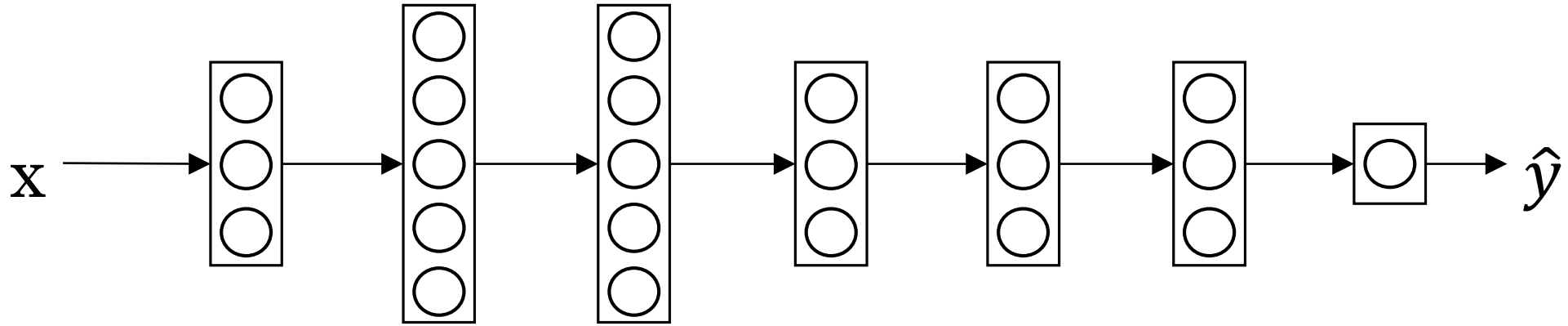


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Learning from
multiple tasks

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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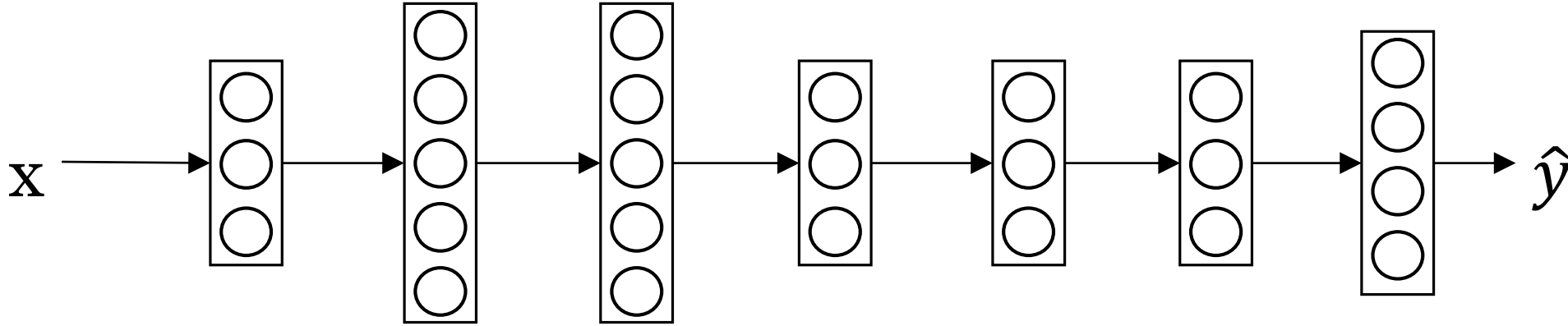
Learning from
multiple tasks

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

What is end-to-end deep learning

What is end-to-end learning?

Speech recognition example

Face recognition



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More examples

Machine translation

Estimating child's age:





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End-to-end deep
learning

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 ?

