

Advice for applying machine learning

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In the context of machine learning, what is a diagnostic?

- ☒ A test that you run to gain insight into what is/isn't working with a learning algorithm.
- ☐ An application of machine learning to medical applications, with the goal of diagnosing patients' conditions.
- ☐ A process by which we quickly try as many different ways to improve an algorithm as possible, so as to see what works.
- ☐ This refers to the process of measuring how well a learning algorithm does on a test set (data that the algorithm was not trained on).



Correct

Yes! A diagnostic is a test that you run to gain insight into what is/isn't working with a learning algorithm, to gain guidance into improving its performance.

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True/False? It is always true that the better an algorithm does on the training set, the better it will do on generalizing to new data.

- ☐ True
- ☒ False

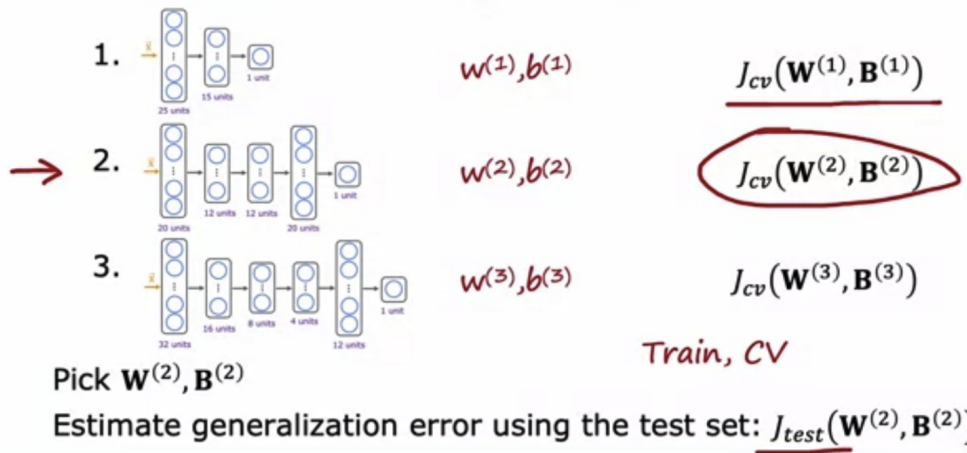


Correct

Actually, if a model overfits the training set, it may not generalize well to new data.

3. Model selection – choosing a neural network architecture

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For a classification task; suppose you train three different models using three different neural network architectures. Which data do you use to evaluate the three models in order to choose the best one?

- ☐ The test set
- ☒ The cross validation set
- ☐ All the data -- training, cross validation and test sets put together.
- ☐ The training set

✓ Correct

Correct. Use the cross validation set to calculate the cross validation error on all three models in order to compare which of the three models is best.