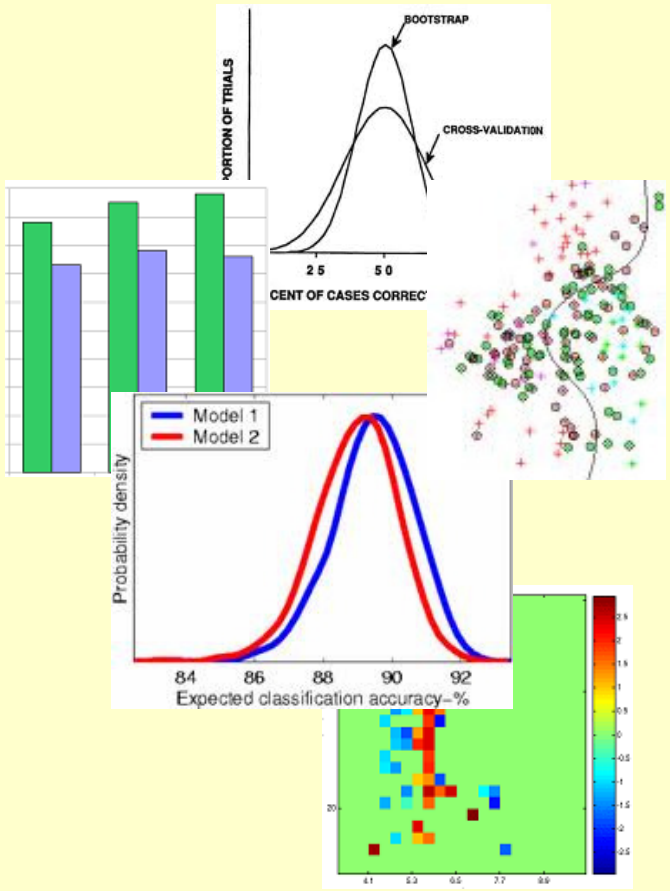

Validation Model & Classification Analysis

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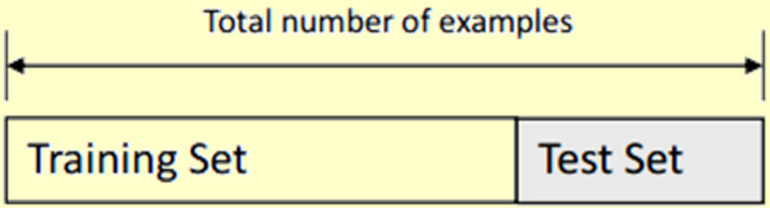
Validation Model of Classification

- Holdout method
- K-fold cross validation
- Leave-one-out cross validation

Holdout Method

- Split dataset into two groups
  - Training set: used to train the classifier
  - Test set: used to estimate the error rate of the trained classifier



- The holdout method has two basic drawbacks
  - In problems where we have a sparse dataset we may not be able to afford the "luxury" of setting aside a portion of the dataset for testing
  - Since it is a single train-and-test experiment, the holdout estimate of error rate will be misleading if we happen to get an "unfortunate" split

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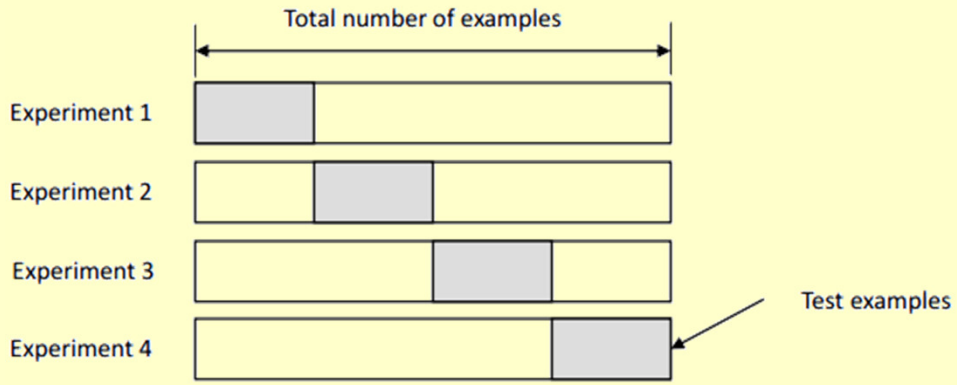
K-fold Cross Validation

- Create a K-fold partition of the dataset
  - For each of *K* experiments, use *K* - 1 folds for training and a different fold for testing
  - This procedure is illustrated in the following figure for *K* = 4



- K-Fold cross validation is similar to random subsampling
  - The advantage of KFCV is that all the examples in the dataset are eventually used for both training and testing
  - As before, the true error is estimated as the average error rate on test examples

$$E = \frac{1}{K}\sum_{i=1}^{K} E_i$$

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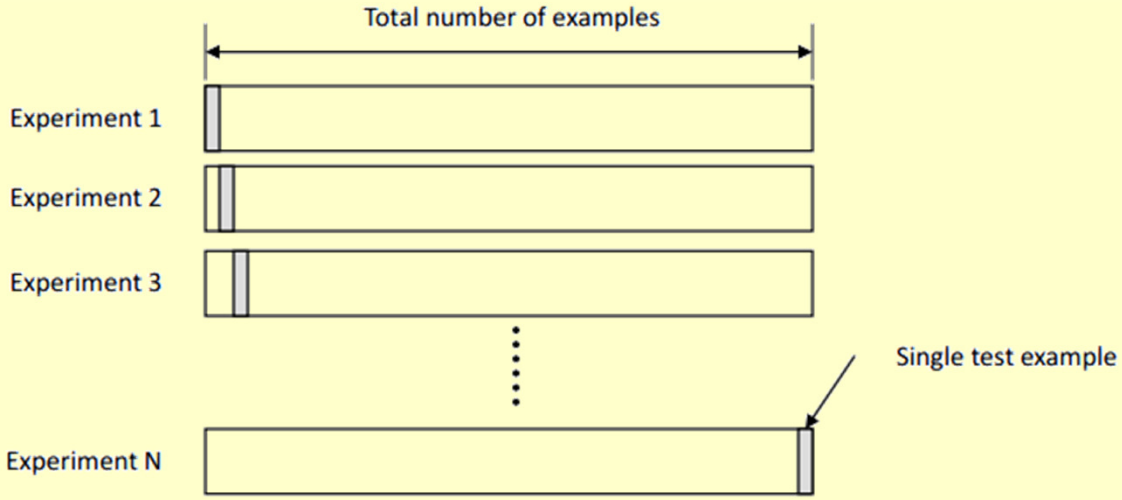
Leave-one-out Cross Validation

- LOO is the degenerate case of KFCV, where K is chosen as the total number of examples
  - For a dataset with *N* examples, perform ?? Experiments
  - For each experiment use *N* - 1 examples for training and the remaining example for testing



  - As usual, the true error is estimated as the average error rate on test examples

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How many folds are needed?

- With a large number of folds
  - + The bias of the true error rate estimator will be small (the estimator will be very accurate)
  - – The variance of the true error rate estimator will be large
  - – The computational time will be very large as well (many experiments)
- With a small number of folds
  - + The number of experiments and, therefore, computation time are reduced
  - + The variance of the estimator will be small
  - – The bias of the estimator will be large (conservative or larger than the true error rate)
- In practice, the choice for K depends on the size of the dataset
  - – For large datasets, even 3-fold cross validation will be quite accurate
  - – For very sparse datasets, we may have to use leave-one-out in order to train on as many examples as possible
- A common choice for is K=10

Performance Analysis of Classification

- Commonly used error rate/ratio
- Dataset → supervised
- Used to analyze precision of classification result from a classification algorithm

$$Error = \frac{missclassified}{Number\ of\ data} \times 100\%$$

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