

Ch 2.2.3: Intro to classification

Lecture 9 - CMSE 381

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Announcements

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	W 9/24	Midterm #1		
12	F 9/26	Leave one out CV	5.1.1, 5.1.2	

Last Time:

- Finished Linear Regression

Announcements:

- Homework #3 Due Sunday Sep 21
- Next Monday - Review day
 - Nothing prepped
 - Bring your questions
 - Send your questions ([survey](#))
- Wed 9/24 - Exam #1
 - Bring 8.5x11 sheet of paper
 - Handwritten both sides
 - Anything you want on it, but must be your work
 - You will turn it in

Covered in this lecture

- Ch 2.2.3
- Error rate (classification)
- Bayes Classifier
- K -NN classification

Section 1

Classification Overview

What is classification

Classification: When the response variable is qualitative

- Given feature vector X and qualitative response Y in the set S , the goal is to find a function (classifier) $C(X)$ taking X as input and predicting its value for Y .
- We are more interested in estimating the probabilities that X belongs to each category

Some examples

- Predict whether a COVID19 vaccine will work on a patient given patient's age
- An online banking service wants to determine whether a transaction being performed is fraudulent on the basis of the user's IP address, past transactions, etc.

Section 2

Ch 2.2.3: Classification

Error rate

- Training data:
 $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$ with y_i qualitative
- Estimate $\hat{y} = \hat{f}(x)$
- Indicator variable

Training error rate:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i \neq \hat{y}_i)$$

Test error rate:

$$\text{Ave}(I(y_0 \neq \hat{y}_0))$$

Best ever classifier

We can't have nice things

Bayes Classifier:

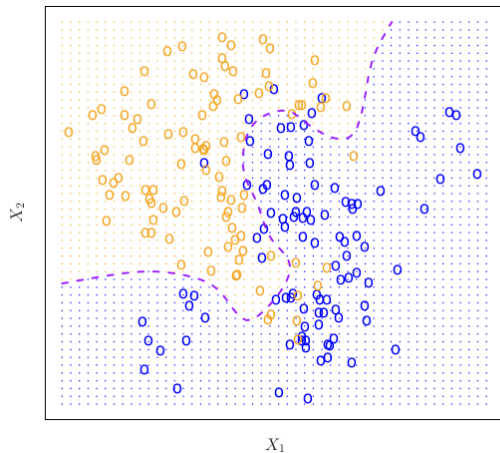
Give every observation the highest probability class given its predictor variables

$$\Pr(Y = j \mid X = x_0)$$

An example

- Survey students for amount of programming experience, and current GPA
- Try to predict if they will pass CMSE 381.
- If we have a survey of all students that could ever exist, we can determine the probability of failure given combo of those features.

Bayes decision boundary



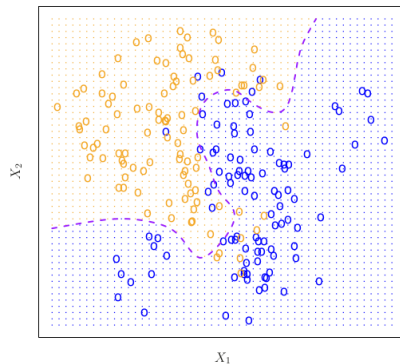
Bayes error rate

- Error at $X = x_0$

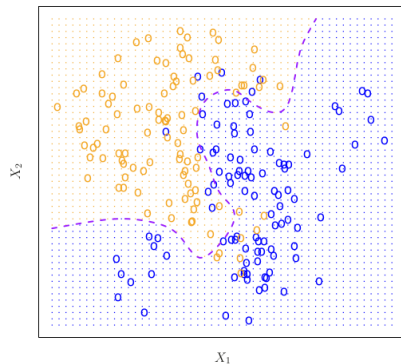
$$1 - \max_j \Pr(Y = j \mid X = x_0)$$

- Overall Bayes error:

$$1 - E \left(\max_j \Pr(Y = j \mid X = x_0) \right)$$



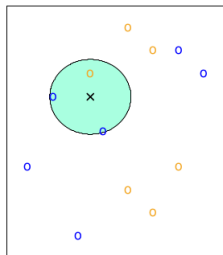
The game



Section 3

K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier

K-Nearest Neighbors

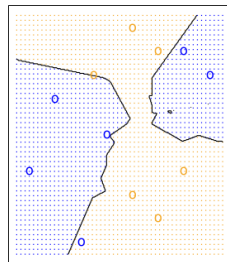


$K = 3$

- Fix K positive integer
- $N(x)$ = the set of K closest neighbors to x
- Estimate conditional probability

$$\Pr(Y = j \mid X = x_0) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i \in N(x_0)} I(y_i = j)$$

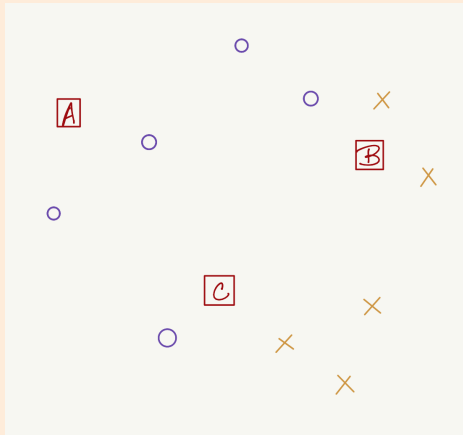
- Pick j with highest value



Black line: KNN
decision boundary

Example

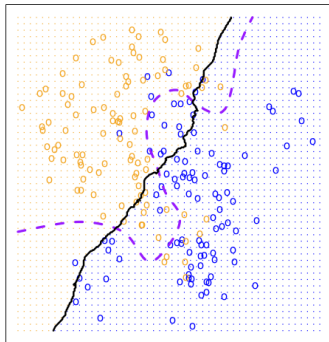
Here label is shown by O vs X. What are the knn predictions for points A , B and C for $k = 1$ or $k = 3$?



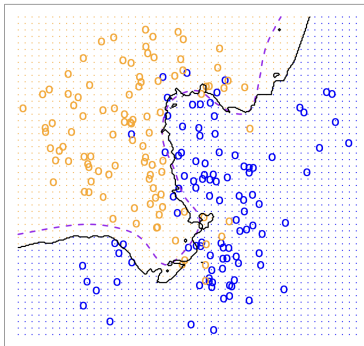
Point	$k = 1$	$k = 3$
	Prediction	Prediction
A		
B		
C		

Tradeoff

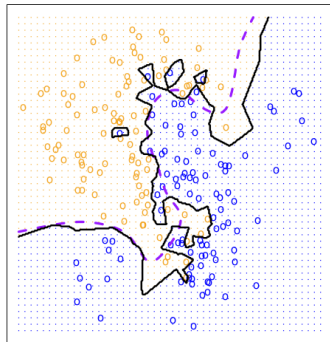
KNN: $K=100$



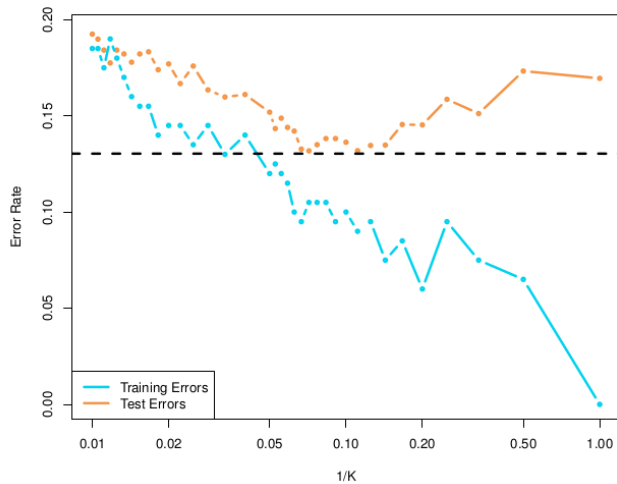
KNN: $K=10$



KNN: $K=1$



More on tradeoff



Jupyter notebook

Next time

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