5IF - Deep Learning and Differentiable Programming

# 1.3 Some extremely short basics of machine learning





# To go deeper ...

These next 15 (!!) slides will never be able to replace a full lecture in the theory of machine learning. The interested reader is referred to:



Shai Shalev-Shwartz and Shai Ben-David

Understanding Machine Learning, from Theory to Algorithms

Cambridge University Press, 2014

We would like to learn to predict a value y from observed input x



# Fitting and Generalisation

- Data are generated with function  $t = sin(2\pi x)$
- Objective: assuming the function unknown, predict t from x



## Fitting and Generalisation

Example: « Fitting » of a polynomial of order M

$$y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \ldots + w_M x^M = \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x^j$$

« Least squares » (of errors) criterion

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \{y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2$$



Linear derivative -> direct solution

[C. Bishop, Pattern recognition and Machine learning, 2006]

## Model selection

Which order M for the polynomial?



# Model selection

Separation into (at least) two sets

- Training set
- Validation set (hold out set)



# Big Data!

Overfitting increases if we increase the size of the training set.



M=9

[C. Bishop, Pattern recognition and Machine learning, 2006]

# The 3 problems of Machine Learning

- 1. Expressivity
  - What is the complexity of the functions my model can represent?
- 2. Trainability
  - How easy is training of my model (i.e. solving the optimization problem)?
- 3. Generalization
  - How does my model behave on unseen data?
  - In presence of a shift in distributions?

(D'après Eric Jang & Jascha Sohl-Dickstein)

#### Learning formulations

**Supervised learning** — Labels  $y^*$  are available during training:

$$\hat{\theta} = \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L} \left( h(x, \theta), y^* \right)$$

**Unsupervised learning** — no labels, discovery of regularities in the data. Different objectives are possible.

**Self-supervised learning** — prediction of masked parts of the data itself, for instance the future:

$$\hat{\theta} = \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L} \left( h(x_{t-\Delta:t-1}, \theta), x_t \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Pretraining step, usually followed by task oriented training.

**Reinforcement learning** — learning from interactions, maximizing the cummulated reward R over a horizon:

$$\hat{\theta} = J(\pi_{\theta}) = \mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}} [R(\tau)]$$

# **Biological neurons**



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### Neural networks

« Perceptron »



#### Deep neural networks



# Deep neural networks



# Gradient descent

Minimize the error on known data "Empirical Risk Minimization"



Demo session: Tensorflow playground

# **Tensorflow Playground**



https://playground.tensorflow.org