# **Model Configuration and Experiments**

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14.1 Algorithms evaluation and comparison

## Algorithms evaluation and comparison

- Performance evaluation problem
  - How to evaluate the performance of a classification algorithm for a given problem (for generalization)?
  - Big difference between the performance on the training and testing dataset
- Performance comparison problem
  - How to evaluate if an algorithm performs better than another for a given problem?
  - Different types of comparisons are possible
    - Different algorithms
    - Same algorithm, different hyperparameters
    - Same algorithm, different data representations
- Repetition of the necessary measures for statistical validity
  - Random partitioning for training/validation
  - Learning process with variable results
    - Stochastic algorithm
    - Algorithm sensitive to the choice of hyperparameters (e.g.  $\sigma$  and C values of the SVM)

## Charlatans example (Jensen and Cohen, 2000)

- Evaluation of an investment advisor
  - Each day, the advisor must predict whether stock prices will rise or fall.
  - Test: predict stock prices for 14 days
  - Selection criteria: correct prediction for 11 days or more
    - Charlatan makes random predictions (0.5/0.5)
    - Charlatan therefore has a probability of 0.0287 of passing the test.
  - Good test to evaluate an advisor's performance
- But is not suitable for choosing an advisor from *n* candidates.
  - Probability that a charlatan among *n* passes the test:  $1 (1 0.0287)^n$ .
  - For n = 10, probability  $\approx 0.253$ ; for n = 30, probability  $\approx 0.583$ .
  - For a high value of *n*, it is almost certain that charlatans will pass the test, even if they do not do better than chance!
- D. Jensen, P. Cohen, Multiple Comparisons in Induction Algorithms, Machine Learning, n<sup>o</sup> 38, p. 309–338, 2000.

## Pathologies in learning

- Overfitting
  - Add superfluous elements to the model (learn by heart)
    - Low value of C with SVM, too many support vectors
  - Discovering non-existent relationships between data
    - Overtraining: learning false links between data
  - Making more complex models that offer no advantage
- Errors in the selection of discriminating information
  - Bias in the algorithm favors certain types of data
    - Parametric classification with multivariate normal distribution and diagonal covariance matrix: bias towards discrimination of independent variables
  - Sensitivity to the prior probabilities of the data (classes balance)
  - Sensitivity to feature selection
- Oversearching
  - Searching in very large model spaces
    - Solution: first, simple model spaces, then, increase complexity
  - Similar to increasing the value of *n* with the example of charlatans
    - Solution: tighten the selection criteria when n increases

- Difficult to generalize any conclusions made on a particular problem to other problems
  - No Free Lunch theorem!
  - Good algorithm for a problem: compatibility between the inductive bias and the problem
- Partitioning the dataset into training/validation subsets for testing only
  - Good for evaluation/comparison of performance in algorithm generalization
  - Good for choosing hyperparameters
  - Once the choice of algorithms/hyperparameters is made: use of the entire dataset for training

- Validation subset is part of the inference data
  - Choice of hyperparameter or stopping criteria
    - Each use of the validation set integrates information into the learning algorithm
  - Final performance evaluation on a separate test set, never used in the learning phase
- Other criteria for evaluation and comparison of algorithms
  - Other risk measures, other loss functions
  - Complexity of training (time and space)
  - Complexity of the evaluation (time and space)
  - Interpretability of results
  - Ease of programming

# 14.2 Design of experiments

#### Experiments

- Experimentation: test or series of tests where we play with factors modifying the output
  - Choice of the learning algorithm
  - Training dataset
  - Data characteristics
- General objectives
  - Identify the most influential factors
  - Eliminate the least important factors
  - Determine the configuration of the factors giving the best results
- Learning objectives
  - Statistically significant results (eliminate effect of chance)
  - Better performance for generalization
  - Reduced complexity (time and space)
  - Robustness

- Controllable factors: elements we want to study
- Uncontrollable factors: elements over which we do not have control, but for which we want to minimize impact on decisions



## **Experimentation strategies**

- Possible experimentation strategies
  - By intuition: experimentation based on the operator's intuition
  - One factor at a time: starting configuration, testing all values of one factor separately
  - Grid search: test all combinations



- Grid search: adjustment of pairs (or triplets) of hyperparameters, with measurement on validation set
  - 1. Partition the dataset X into two subsets,  $X_T$  and  $X_V$  (usually 50%-50%)
  - 2. Train summarily the classifier with  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  for each pair of hyperparameters considered
  - 3. Select the pair of hyperparameters for which the error is minimal on  $\mathcal{X}_V$
  - 4. Use this pair of hyperparameters for training on the whole set  ${\mathcal X}$
- Applicable for all pairs of hyperparameters for which the combined effect is important for the training of classifiers

## **Random search**

- Select hyperparameter values randomly
  - Allows a better exploration of space in the presence of variables with no influence



From J. Bergstra and Y. Bengio, Random search for hyper-parameter optimization, Journal of Machine Learning Research, vol. 13, 2012. Available online at https://www.jmlr.org/papers/v13/bergstra12a.html.

- Possible refinement: use of quasi-random numbers
  - Deterministic sequence with uniformly distributed values for each dimension

14.3 Optimization for hyperparameter adjustment

## Model-based sequential optimization

- Idea: Build learning models to estimate performance
  - Regression of a function  $f(\bm{x})$  which gives the estimated performance according to hyperparameters  $\bm{x}$
  - Estimating the uncertainty of predictions in hyperparameter space
  - Commonly used model: Gaussian processes
    - $\bullet\,$  Random process generating a normal distribution for each value of x
- Exploration-exploitation compromise: selection of future hyperparameters **x** to be evaluated
  - Exploitation: select value of **x** with good performance
  - Exploration: test new value of **x** to acquire more information on the function to be optimized
- Acquisition function to determine the next value of  ${\boldsymbol{x}}$ 
  - Typical function Upper Confidence Bound:  $\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x}} \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma(\mathbf{x})$
- Re-estimate regression function with evaluation of the next value

## **Bayesian optimization**



From B. Shahriari, K. Swersky, Z. Wang, R.P. Adams and N. De Freitas, Taking the human out of the loop: A review of bayesian optimization, Proceedings of the IEEE, vol. 104, no. 1, 2016. Available online at https://doi.org/10.1109/JPR0C.2015.2494218.

## AutoML

- AutoML: automate machine learning
  - Allow the use of these techniques by non-experts
  - Allow deployment in unknown situations, with minimal intervention
  - Enable adaptation of models to operating conditions
- Choice of models and pre-processing
  - Beyond the choice of hyperparameters, which model to use?
    - SVM, neural networks, *k*-nearest neighbours, linear models, AdaBoost, random forests, etc.
  - Refine model configuration
    - Number of hidden layers, core function, distance measurement, etc.
  - What pre-processing to do with the data?
    - Normalization, standardization, feature selection, etc.
- Apart from hyperparameter optimization, another research topic
  - No universal models
  - Computing resources required can be very large
  - Dataset size limits the possible scope of model search

# 14.4 Organization of experimental plans

## Basic principles for planning experiments

- Randomize: the order of execution of the experiments must be randomized, in order to ensure independence in the results
  - E.g.: a machine that requires a certain time to be at the right temperature
  - Generally not a problem when experimenting with software
- Reproduce: average the results of several experiments with the same values of controllable factors, to eliminate the effect of uncontrollable factors
  - For learning: run the same algorithm with different samples of the dataset (e.g. cross-validation)
- Block: reduce or avoid nuisance factors, which influence the output results, without being of interest
  - For learning: compare algorithms using the same data samples (same subsets)

## Directives for experimentation with learning

- 1. Setting the study objective
  - Estimate the error of a method on a particular problem (error below a given value)
  - Comparing two algorithms on the same problem (is one algorithm better than the other?)
- 2. Select the response variable
  - Classification error or quadratic error in regression
  - Arbitrary loss function, risk measurement, accuracy, recall, complexity, etc
- 3. Choice of factors and levels
  - Hyperparameter values
  - Learning algorithms
  - Datasets
- 4. Choice of the experimentation plan
  - Make a factorial design, unless you are sure there are no interactions
  - Number of replications for the experiments is inversely proportional to the size of the datasets (variance of results according to size)
  - Avoid synthetic datasets to assess performance

## Directives for experimentation with learning

- 5. Performing the experiments
  - Do some preliminary executions to make sure everything is going as planned
  - For resource-intensive experiments, backup intermediate states (checkpoints)
  - Experiments must be reproducible
  - Make honest comparisons, being fair towards the different approaches tested
- 6. Perform a statistical analysis of the data
  - Ensure that results are not subjective or a product of chance
  - Testing statistical hypotheses: is the error of A significantly lower than B?
- 7. Conclusions and recommendations
  - Once data has been obtained and analyzed, draw objective conclusions
  - Frequent conclusions: need to do more experiments!
  - Proceed iteratively: don't invest all the resources for making a single set of experiments

# 14.5 Manipulating datasets

## Partitioning and stratification

- Ideal case: partitioning dataset  $\mathcal{X}$  into K separate pairs of training and validation datasets
  - Requires huge datasets
- Solution: make several subsets of the same dataset

 $\{\mathcal{T}_i, \mathcal{V}_i\}_{i=1}^K$ 

- Trade-off between datasets size and overlap
  - Big datasets allow better inference of classifiers
  - Big overlap between datasets gives non-statistically independent measures
- Partitioning with stratification
  - Respecting the prior probabilities when partitioning into training/validation datasets
  - Avoids variations due to algorithm bias related to proportions between classes

#### Effect of the training dataset size

• For real problems, it is common that the error rates in training and testing follow power laws

$$egin{array}{rcl} E_{train} &=& E_{Bayes} - rac{b}{N^eta}\ B_{test} &=& E_{Bayes} + rac{a}{N^lpha} \end{array}$$

where a, b,  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $\beta \geq 1$  depend on the classifier and the problem

• With large datasets, error rates tend to be towards the optimal Bayesian rate.

$$\lim_{\substack{N \to \infty}} E_{train} = E_{Bayes}$$
$$\lim_{\substack{N \to \infty}} E_{test} = E_{Bayes}$$

## Training and testing rate as a function of N



## Rate under test as a function of N

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- K-fold cross-validation
  - Training dataset divided into K disjointed subsets,  $X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \cdots \cup X_K = X$
  - K training on  $\mathcal{T}_i$  and evaluation on  $\mathcal{V}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, K$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V}_1 = \mathcal{X}_1 & \mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{X}_2 \cup \mathcal{X}_3 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{X}_K \\ \mathcal{V}_2 = \mathcal{X}_2 & \mathcal{T}_2 = \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_3 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{X}_K \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{K}} = \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{K}}$$
  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}} = \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_2 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{K}-1}$ 

- Average performance over  $\mathcal{V}_i, i = 1, \dots, K$
- (K-2)/K of data shared by each pair of training sets (statistical non-independence of the results)
- Leave-one-out: K = N
  - Training on N-1 data, performance on one data (repeated N times)
  - Useful for algorithms with reduced or no training times (e.g. *k*-PPV), or very small datasets

## $5\times2$ cross-validation

- $5 \times 2$  cross-validation
  - Divide dataset  $\mathcal{X}$  into two equal disjoint subsets  $\mathcal{X}_1^{(1)}$  et  $\mathcal{X}_1^{(2)}$
  - Train on  $\mathcal{T}_1=\mathcal{X}_1^{(1)}$  and evaluate on  $\mathcal{V}_1=\mathcal{X}_1^{(2)}$
  - Repeat with training on  $\mathcal{T}_2=\mathcal{X}_1^{(2)}$  and evaluation on  $\mathcal{V}_2=\mathcal{X}_1^{(1)}$
  - Repeat five times for a total of 10 trainings/evaluations

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{T}_{1} = \mathcal{X}_{1}^{(1)} & & \mathcal{V}_{1} = \mathcal{X}_{1}^{(2)} \\ \mathcal{T}_{2} = \mathcal{X}_{1}^{(2)} & & \mathcal{V}_{2} = \mathcal{X}_{1}^{(1)} \\ \mathcal{T}_{3} = \mathcal{X}_{2}^{(1)} & & \mathcal{V}_{3} = \mathcal{X}_{2}^{(2)} \\ \mathcal{T}_{4} = \mathcal{X}_{2}^{(2)} & & \mathcal{V}_{4} = \mathcal{X}_{2}^{(1)} \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathcal{T}_{9} = \mathcal{X}_{5}^{(1)} & & \mathcal{V}_{9} = \mathcal{X}_{5}^{(2)} \\ \mathcal{T}_{10} = \mathcal{X}_{5}^{(2)} & & \mathcal{V}_{10} = \mathcal{X}_{5}^{(1)} \end{array}$$

- More than five repetitions: too many dependencies between datasets
- Less than ten results: not enough samples to estimate a distribution and do statistical tests

## Bootstrapping

- Bootstrapping: sampling with replacement
  - Generate training set by sampling N data with replacement among N data of the original set
  - Validation on a different training set, generated in the same way
  - Repeat as many times as necessary to evaluate performance
  - Probability to sample a data is 1/N
    - For dataset of N data, probability that a given data is not drawn

$$\left(1-\frac{1}{N}\right)^N\approx e^{-1}=0.368$$

- Approximately 63.2% of original data present in sampled set
- Greater dependency between sampled datasets than with cross-validation
  - Still excellent for evaluating performance with small datasets
  - Also good for evaluating the stability of an algorithm

14.6 Error measurements and ROC curves

#### Error measurement and confusion matrix

• Confusion matrix: explanation of the errors made

	Decision	
Truth	1	0
1	TP	FN
0	FP	TN

- Error rate redefinition:  $E = \frac{|FN| + |FP|}{N}$ 
  - With N = |TP| + |FP| + |TN| + |FN|
- Weighting by type of error (variable costs)

$$\Xi = rac{c_{FN}|FN| + c_{FP}|FP|}{N}$$

• Direct generalization to K classes

#### **ROC curves**

- ROC curve (receiver operator characteristics)
  - Rate of correct decisions

 $\frac{|\mathit{TP}|}{|\mathit{TP}| + |\mathit{FN}|}$ 

• False alarm rate

 $\frac{|FP|}{|FP| + |TN|}$ 

• Different acceptance thresholds give different operation points on the curve

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#### **ROC curves for classification**

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#### **ROC** curve decision threshold

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## AUC-ROC, sensitivity and specificity

- Area under the ROC (AUC-ROC) curve: threshold-independent performance measurement
  - Ability of the classifier to properly discriminate two classes for all thresholds
  - Similarity with nonparametric Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test
- Sensitivity: number of correctly identified positives

sensibility = 
$$\frac{|TP|}{|TP| + |FP|}$$

• Specificity: number of correctly identified negatives

specificity = 
$$\frac{|TN|}{|TN| + |FN|} = 1 - \frac{|FP|}{|TN| + |FN|}$$

#### Precision and recall

- Searching for information in databases
  - Extracted entries following a query: positive
  - Relevant entries for a query: true positives + false negatives
- Accuracy: # relevant extracted entries by # extracted entries

$$precision = \frac{|TP|}{|TP| + |FP|}$$

- Accuracy of 1: extracted entries all relevant, but may remain false negatives
- Equivalent to sensitivity
- Recall: # elevant entries extracted by # relevant entries

$$\mathsf{recall} = \frac{|\mathit{TP}|}{|\mathit{TP}| + |\mathit{FN}|}$$

• Recall of 1: all relevant entries are retrieved, but there may be irrelevant (false positive) entries retrieved.

#### **Precision and recall**

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14.7 Confidence interval and statistical laws

#### **Confidence interval**

- Estimator (e.g. maximum likelihood): a value of a parameter
- Confidence interval: the range of plausible values of a parameter, for a given confidence threshold.
  - Based on the underlying probability density of the estimator
- Example: estimation of mean  $\mu$  of a normal distribution from samples  $\mathcal{X} = \{x^t\}_{t=1}^N$ 
  - Estimation by average of samples:  $m = \sum_t x^t / N$
  - m is a sum of normal variables, and thus also normal,  $m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2/N)$
  - According to the normal law, we therefore have confidence at 95% that  $\mu \in [m 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{N}, m + 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{N}]$

$$P\left(m-1.96rac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} < \mu < m+1.96rac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}
ight) = 0.95$$

#### **Confidence interval**

- Law  $\mathcal{Z}$ : normal law of null mean and unit variance,  $\mathcal{Z}\equiv\mathcal{N}(0,1)$
- General formalization of confidence interval for normal law:

 $Z \sim \mathcal{Z}, \ P(Z > z_{\alpha}) = \alpha, \ \alpha \in [0, 1]$ 

- Normal law of null mean is symmetrical
  - Single bound:  $P(-z_{\alpha} < Z) = 1 \alpha$ ,  $P(Z < z_{\alpha}) = 1 \alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$
  - Double bounds:  $P(-z_{0.5\alpha} < Z < z_{0.5\alpha}) = 1 \alpha, \ \alpha \in [0, 1]$
- Estimation of sample mean  $m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2/N)$ , implies

$$\sqrt{N} \frac{m - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{Z}$$

$$P\left(m - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} < \mu\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P\left(\mu < m + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

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• If  $Z_i \sim \mathcal{Z}$  are independent random variables, and

$$X = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$$

then X follows a law from  $\chi^2$  with *n* degrees of freedom,  $X \sim \chi^2_n$ 

- Expected value of  $\mathbb{E}[X] = n$  and variance  $\operatorname{Var}(X) = 2n$
- For a sampling  $x^t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 
  - Variance estimate:  $s^2 = \frac{\sum_t (x^t m)^2}{N-1}$
  - $(N-1)\frac{s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{N-1}$
- +  $\chi^2$  Law is excellent for performing statistical tests on several random variables according to normal laws
  - For example, several estimates of a classification rate

- Student's Law: suitable for testing on normal distributions where there are few samples.
- If  $Z \sim Z$  and  $X \sim \chi_n^2$  are independent, then  $T_n \sim t_n$ , follows a Student's Law with *n* degrees of freedom

$$T_n = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{X/n}}$$

- With large *n*, the distribution has a shape similar to a normal distribution of mean equal to 0
- Expected value  $\mathbb{E}[T_n] = 0$ , variance  $Var(T_n) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ , pour n > 2

# 14.8 Statistical tests

## Hypothesis testing

- Hypothesis testing: classic method for testing the statistical validity of results
  - Assuming that a random variable follows a certain density law
  - Estimate the probability that the variable meets the hypothesis based on the statistics obtained from the measurements
  - If the probability is sufficiently high, the test is positive (null hypothesis verified)
- *t*-test (Student's Law)
  - Difference between true mean  $\mu_0$  and mean *m* from *N* samples, having a variance *s*, follows a Student's Law with N 1 degrees of freedom

$$rac{\sqrt{N}(m-\mu_0)}{s} \sim t_{N-1}$$

• Hypothesis verified with probability  $1 - \alpha$  when:

$$\frac{\sqrt{N}(m-\mu_0)}{s} \in [-t_{0.5\alpha, N-1}, t_{0.5\alpha, N-1}]$$

#### Paired *t*-test

- Using the *t*-test for *K*-fold cross-validation
  - *K* error percentages  $p_i$  on validation sets  $\mathcal{V}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, K$

$$p_i = rac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}^t \in \mathcal{V}_i} \mathbb{I}(r^t, \mathrm{h}(\mathbf{x}^t | \mathcal{T}_i))}{N}$$

• Mean and variance of results with K-fold cross-validation

$$m = rac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} p_i}{K}, \ \ s^2 = rac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} (p_i - m)^2}{K - 1}$$

• Paired *t*-test performed according to

$$rac{\sqrt{K}(m-p_0)}{s} \sim t_{K-1}$$

where  $p_0$  is the error rate verified by the hypothesis test

• So, error rate less than  $p_0$  with probability 1-lpha if next test is positive

$$\frac{\sqrt{K}(m-p_0)}{s} < t_{\alpha,K-1}$$

#### Paired *t*-test for results comparison

- Comparison of two algorithms trained with K-fold cross-validation
  - $p_i^1$ : classification error on  $\mathcal{V}_i$  of the first algorithm trained on  $\mathcal{T}_i$
  - $p_i^2$ : classification error on  $\mathcal{V}_i$  of the second algorithm trained on  $\mathcal{T}_i$
  - Difference of the classification error on fold *i*:  $p_i = p_i^1 p_i^2$
  - Hypothesis test: mean value of  $p_i$  is null
  - Mean and variance of the error difference

$$m = rac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} p_i}{K}, \ \ s^2 = rac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} (p_i - m)^2}{K - 1}$$

• The error difference  $p_i$  follows a Student's Law with K-1 degrees of freedom

$$rac{\sqrt{K}(m-0)}{s} = rac{\sqrt{K}m}{s} \sim t_{K-1}$$

• Algorithm with statistically identical performance, with probability  $1 - \alpha$ , if next test is positive

$$\frac{\sqrt{K}m}{s} \in \left[-t_{0.5\alpha, K-1}, t_{0.5\alpha, K-1}\right]$$
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## Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

- ANOVA: comparing several classification algorithms
  - How to compare *L* algorithms, each trained and tested on *K* pairs of different subsets?
  - Assuming that each result  $E_{i,j}$  follows a normal distribution of mean

$$E_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_j, \sigma^2), \ i = 1, \dots, K, \ j = 1, \dots, L$$

- Average  $\mu_j$  unknown and different for each algorithm
- Variance  $\sigma^2$  shared by all folds/algorithms
- Hypothesis  $H_0$ : all averages  $\mu_j$  are equal

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_L$$

- ANOVA approach: two different estimators of  $\sigma^2$ 
  - First estimator of  $\sigma^2$  valid only when  $H_0$  is true
  - Second estimator of  $\sigma^2$  valid no matter how valid  $H_0$  is

## First estimator of $\sigma^2$ with ANOVA

- First estimator of  $\sigma^2$ :  $H_0$  is valid
  - Average by algorithm on K folds:  $m_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} e_{i,j}}{\kappa}$
  - Mean and variance of the m<sub>j</sub>

$$m = rac{\sum_{j=1}^{L} m_j}{L}, \quad s^2 = rac{\sum_{j=1}^{L} (m_j - m)^2}{L - 1}$$

• Estimator of  $\sigma^2$ 

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = Ks^2 = K \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{L} (m_j - m)^2}{L - 1}$$

• As each  $m_j$  follows a normal law, we can say

$$\frac{(L-1)s^2}{\sigma^2/K} = \frac{K\sum_{j=1}^{L}(m_j - m)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{L-1}$$

• By posing  $S_b \equiv K \sum_{j=1}^{L} (m_j - m)^2$ , we get  $H_0$  is valid when

$$\frac{S_b}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{L-1}$$

## Second estimator of $\sigma^2$ with ANOVA

- Second estimator of  $\sigma^2$ : independent of validity of  $H_0$ 
  - $\sigma^2$ : mean of the variance  $s_i^2$  of the algorithms

$$s_j^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} (e_{i,j} - m_j)^2}{K - 1}$$
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{s_j^2}{L} = \sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \frac{(e_{i,j} - m_j)^2}{L(K - 1)}$$

• By posing  $S_w \equiv \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^K (e_{i,j} - m_j)^2$ 

$$(K-1)\sum_{j=1}^{K}\frac{s_{j}^{2}}{\sigma^{2}} = (K-1)\sum_{j=1}^{K}\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{K}(e_{i,j}-m_{j})^{2}}{(K-1)\sigma^{2}} = \frac{S_{w}}{\sigma^{2}} \sim \chi^{2}_{L(K-1)}$$

#### ANOVA

• Fisher's law: ratio of two independent  $\chi^2$  laws

$${\mathcal F}_{n,m}=rac{X_1/n}{X_2/m}, \;\;$$
 où  $X_1\sim \chi^2_n$  et  $X_2\sim \chi^2_m$ 

• ANOVA: reject hypothesis  $H_0$  if the two estimators of  $\sigma^2$  differ significantly

$$\begin{array}{lcl} H_{0}:\mu_{1} & = & \mu_{2} = \cdots = \mu_{L} \\ \frac{\frac{S_{b}/\sigma^{2}}{L-1}}{\frac{S_{w}/\sigma^{2}}{L(K-1)}} & = & \frac{S_{b}/(L-1)}{S_{w}/(L(K-1))} = \frac{L(K-1)}{L-1} \frac{S_{b}}{S_{w}} \sim F_{L-1,L(K-1)} \end{array}$$

• Therefore, hypothesis that average classification rates are equal for all algorithms is valid at a probability  $1 - \alpha$  when

$$\frac{L(K-1)}{L-1}\frac{S_b}{S_w} < F_{\alpha,L-1,L(K-1)}$$

14.9 Python tools for experimentation

#### Python tools for experimentation

- sklearn.model\_selection.cross\_val\_score: K-fold cross-validation
- scipy.stats.ttest\_rel and scipy.stats.ttest\_ind: t-test, paired or independent
- scipy.stats.f\_oneway: analysis of variance (ANOVA)
- seaborn.boxplot: graphical comparison of several results (requires Seaborn library)

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From https://seaborn.pydata.org/generated/seaborn.boxplot.html.

• Auto-sklearn: AutoML with scikit-learn

https://automl.github.io/auto-sklearn/master/