

# Neural Network Estimation of Likelihood Ratios for Testing and Detection

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In Hypothesis Testing and Detection, every time a data vector  $X$  is acquired, we like to decide between

$$H_0 : X \sim f_0(X)$$

$$H_1 : X \sim f_1(X)$$

The optimum test is the **Likelihood Ratio Test** which can come under different forms

$$\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \nu, \quad \log \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \nu', \quad p_1(X) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} p_0(X)$$

Bayesian

Posterior probability

$$p_1(X) = \frac{\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}}{1 + \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}}$$

$$H_0 : X \sim f_0(X)$$

$$H_1 : X \sim f_1(X)$$

Knowledge of  $f_0(X), f_1(X)$

Can we replace the need for knowing the two densities with the requirement to have available data sampled from the two densities ?

$$H_0 : X \sim \cancel{f_0(X)} \quad \{X_1^0, X_2^0, \dots, X_{n_0}^0\}$$

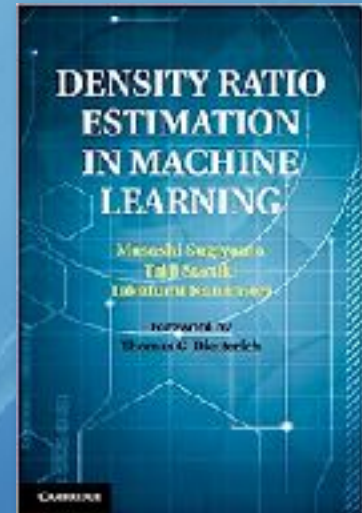
$$H_1 : X \sim \cancel{f_1(X)} \quad \{X_1^1, X_2^1, \dots, X_{n_1}^1\}$$

Can we estimate  $\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}$ ,  $\log \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}$ ,  $\frac{\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}}{1 + \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}}$  ... using Neural Networks ?

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- Focus only on density ratio estimation (likelihood ratio function) with SVM
- No estimates of nonlinear transformations, like log-likelihood ratio or posterior probability
- Difficult to include positivity condition

We are interested in estimates with Neural Networks  
Training of Neural Networks: **Optimization Problems**

# General Optimization Problem

Let  $X$  random and follows  $f_0(X)$ . Consider the cost

$$\mathcal{J}(u) = E_0[\phi(u(X)) + r(X)\psi(u(X))]$$

$u(X)$ ,  $r(X)$  scalar functions of  $X$ .

$\phi(z)$ ,  $\psi(z)$  scalar functions of scalar  $z$ .

$\omega(r)$  scalar functions of scalar  $r$ .

Interested in

$$\min_{u(X)} \mathcal{J}(u) = \min_{u(X)} E_0[\phi(u(X)) + r(X)\psi(u(X))]$$

Design  $\phi(z)$ ,  $\psi(z)$ , s.t.  $u_o(X) = \omega(r(X))$

# Theorem

If  $\omega(r)$  known scalar function of  $r$ , for the minimizer to satisfy  $u_o(X) = \omega(r(X))$ , **necessary condition:**

$$\phi'(\omega(r)) + r\psi'(\omega(r)) = 0, \quad \forall r \in I_r$$

where  $I_r$  the range of  $r(X)$

No  $f_0(X)$  and  $r(X)$

If  $\omega(r)$  strictly increasing, then equivalently

$$\phi'(z) + \omega^{-1}(z)\psi'(z) = 0, \quad \forall z \in \omega(I_r)$$

where  $\omega^{-1}(z)$  the **inverse function** of  $\omega(r)$ , and  $\omega(I_r)$  the image of  $I_r$  under  $\omega(r)$ .

## Theorem (cont.)

If  $\rho(z) < 0$  and we define  $\forall z \in \omega(I_r)$

$$\phi'(z) = -\omega^{-1}(z)\rho(z)$$

$$\psi'(z) = \rho(z),$$

No knowledge of  
 $f_0(X)$  or  $r(X)$   
required !!!

then

$$\mathcal{J}(u) = E_0 [\phi(u(X)) + r(X)\psi(u(X))]$$

has a **single extremum** which is equal to

$$u_o(X) = \omega(r(X))$$

and this extremum is a **minimum**.



## Case $\omega(r) = r > 0$

$$\rho(z) = -z^\alpha \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi(z) = \frac{z^{2+\alpha}}{2+\alpha} \\ \psi(z) = -\frac{z^{1+\alpha}}{1+\alpha} \end{cases}, z \in (0, \infty)$$

$$\min_{u(X)} \mathcal{J}(u) = \min_{u(X)} \mathbf{E}_0 [\phi(u(X)) + r(X)\psi(u(X))]$$



$$u_o(X) = r(X)$$

Most popular case:  $\alpha = 0$ . Criterion is **Mean Square Error**

$$\mathcal{J}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_0 [(u(X) - r(X))^2] + C$$

## Case $\omega(r) = \log r$

$$\rho(z) = -e^{-\alpha z} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi(z) = \frac{e^{(1-\alpha)z}}{1-\alpha} \\ \psi(z) = \frac{e^{-\alpha z}}{\alpha} \end{cases}, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Exponential loss:**  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\phi(z) = e^{0.5z}$ ,  $\psi(z) = e^{-0.5z}$

$$\min_{u(X)} \mathcal{J}(u) = \min_{u(X)} \mathbb{E}_0 [\phi(u(X)) + r(X)\psi(u(X))]$$



$$u_o(X) = \log(r(X))$$

**Case**  $\omega(r) = \frac{r}{1+r}$

$$\rho(z) = -\frac{1}{z} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi(z) = -\log(1-z) \\ \psi(z) = -\log z \end{cases}, z \in (0, 1)$$

Criterion known as **Cross-Entropy loss**

**Case**  $\omega(r) = \text{sign}(\log r)$

$$\rho(z) = -\mathbb{1}_{\{z < -1\}} \quad \begin{cases} \phi(z) = \max\{1+z, 0\} \\ \psi(z) = \max\{1-z, 0\} \end{cases}, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

Criterion known as **Hinge loss**

$$\rho(z) = -1 \Rightarrow \phi(z) = z, \quad \psi(z) = -z, \quad z \in [-1, 1]$$

**Linear loss**

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}(X)} \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) = \min_{\mathbf{u}(X)} \mathbf{E}_0 [\phi(\mathbf{u}(X)) + r(X)\psi(\mathbf{u}(X))]$$

$$r(X) = \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{E}_0[\phi(\mathbf{u}(X))] + \mathbf{E}_1[\psi(\mathbf{u}(X))]$$

↓ Data

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) \approx \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \phi(\mathbf{u}(X_i^0)) + \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \psi(\mathbf{u}(X_i^1))$$

Limit  $\mathbf{u}(X)$  to a Neural Network output  $\mathbf{u}(X, \theta)$

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) \approx \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \phi(\mathbf{u}(X_i^0, \theta)) + \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \psi(\mathbf{u}(X_i^1, \theta))$$

$$\min_{u(X)} \mathcal{J}(u) \approx \min_{\theta} \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\theta)$$

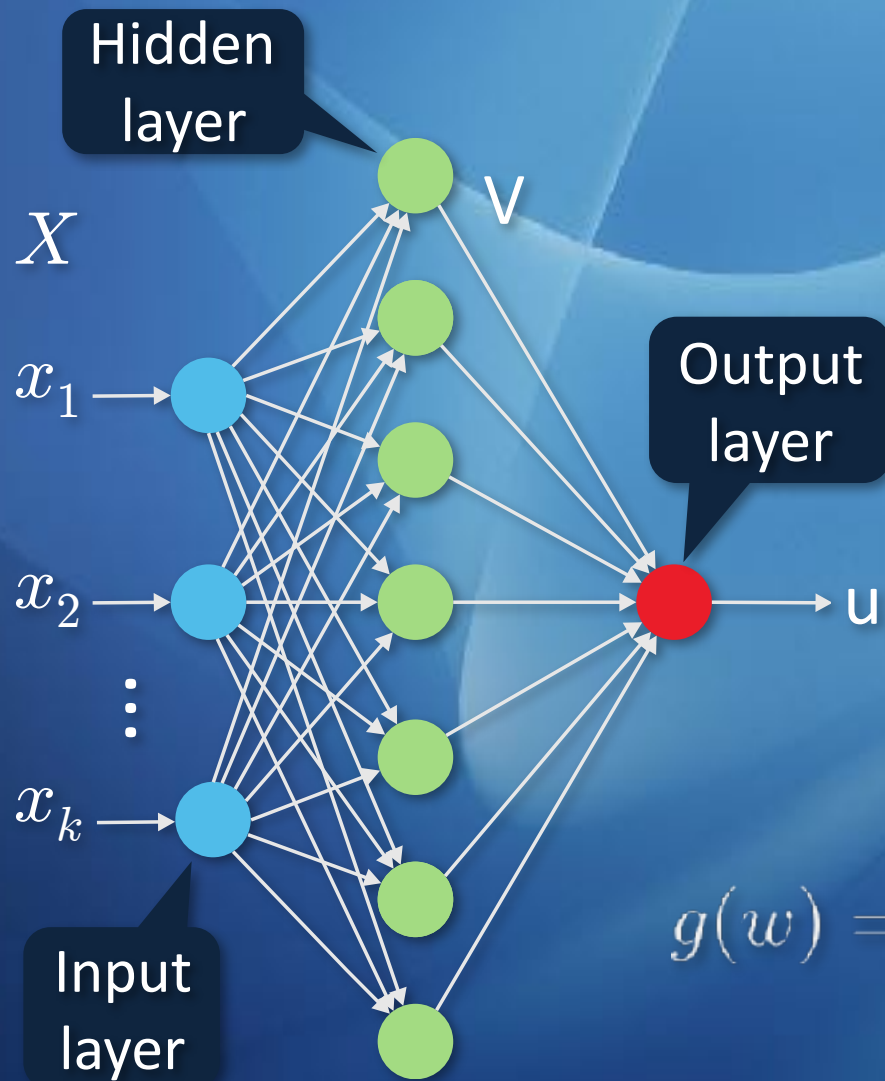
$$= \min_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \phi(u(X_i^0, \theta)) + \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \psi(u(X_i^1, \theta)) \right\}$$

$$\theta_o \longrightarrow u(X, \theta_o) \approx u_o(X)$$

Depending on the selected  $\phi(z)$ ,  $\psi(z)$  the neural network  $u(X, \theta_o)$  can approximate

$$\frac{f_1(X)}{f_1(X)}, \log \frac{f_1(X)}{f_1(X)}, \frac{f_1(X)}{f_1(X) + f_0(X)}, \text{sign} \left( \log \frac{f_1(X)}{f_1(X)} \right)$$

without any knowledge of the two densities



$$U = AX + a$$

$$V = \max\{U, 0\}$$

$$w = B^T V + b$$

$$u = g(w)$$

$$\theta = \{A, a, B, b\}$$

ReLU

Activation function

$$g(w) = \begin{cases} \max\{w, 0\}, & \text{mean square} \\ w, & \text{exponential} \\ \frac{1}{1+e^{-w}}, & \text{cross-entropy} \\ \tanh w, & \text{linear} \\ w, & \text{hinge} \end{cases}$$

$$\min_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \phi(u(X_i^0, \theta)) + \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \psi(u(X_i^1, \theta)) \right\}$$

## Gradient Descent

$$\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} -$$

In every iteration all data

$$\mu \left\{ \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} \nabla_{\theta} \phi(u(X_i^0, \theta_{t-1})) + \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{\theta} \psi(u(X_i^1, \theta_{t-1})) \right\}$$

If  $n_0 = n_1$  then Stochastic Gradient Descent

$$\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \mu \left\{ \nabla_{\theta} \phi(u(X_t^0, \theta_{t-1})) + \nabla_{\theta} \psi(u(X_t^1, \theta_{t-1})) \right\}$$

In every iteration one pair of data

# Hypothesis testing

$$H_0 : X \sim \cancel{f_0(X)} \quad \{X_1^0, X_2^0, \dots, X_{n_0}^0\} \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$$
$$H_1 : X \sim \cancel{f_1(X)} \quad \{X_1^1, X_2^1, \dots, X_{n_1}^1\}$$

$$f_0(X) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

$$\mu_0 = 0, \Sigma_0 = \mathbf{I}$$

$$f_1(X) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{[1 \dots 1]^T}{\sqrt{10}}, \Sigma_1 = 1.2\mathbf{I}$$

Input

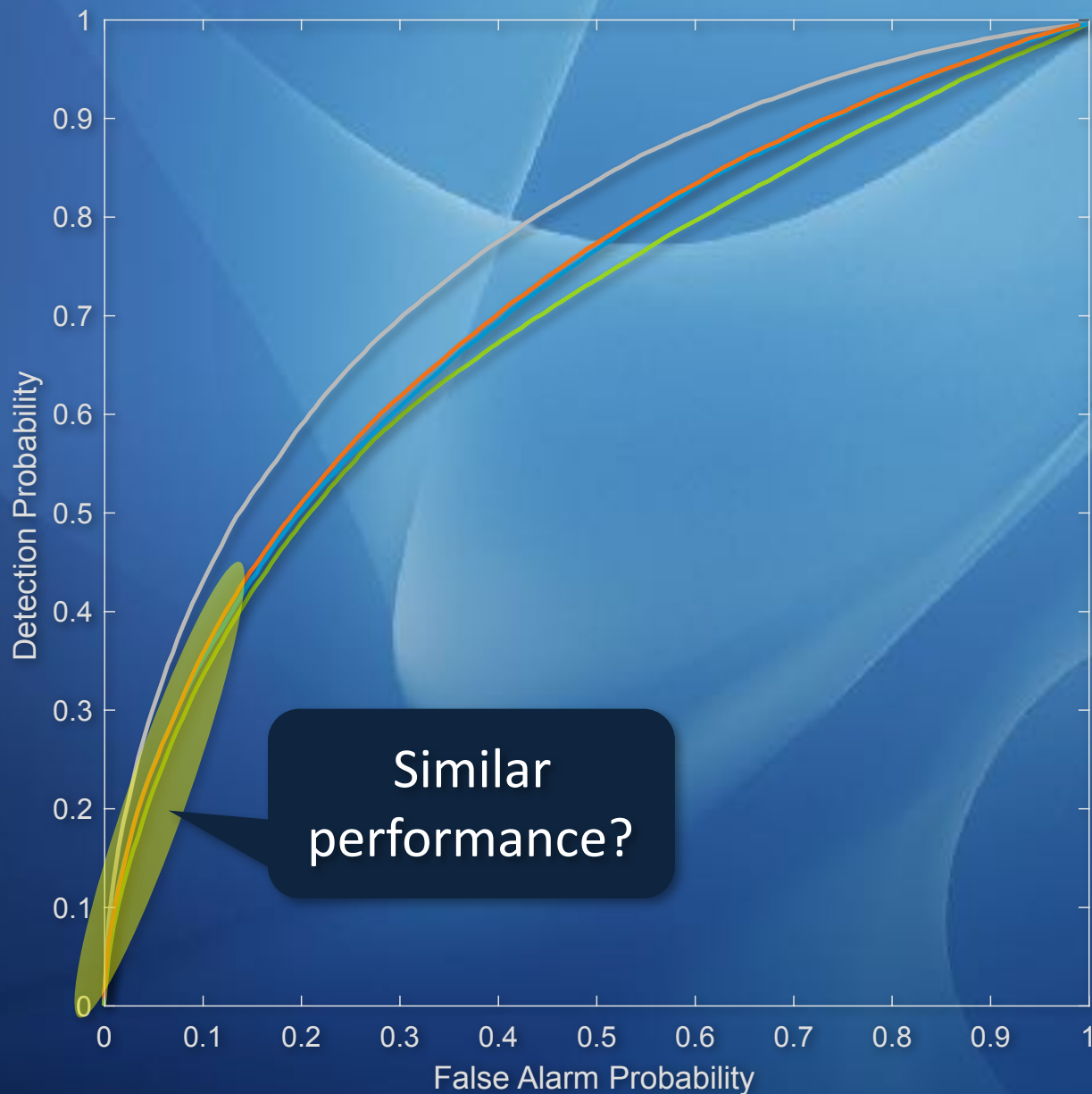
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Output

Configuration : 10 × 20 × 1

$n_0 = n_1 = 100$  training data

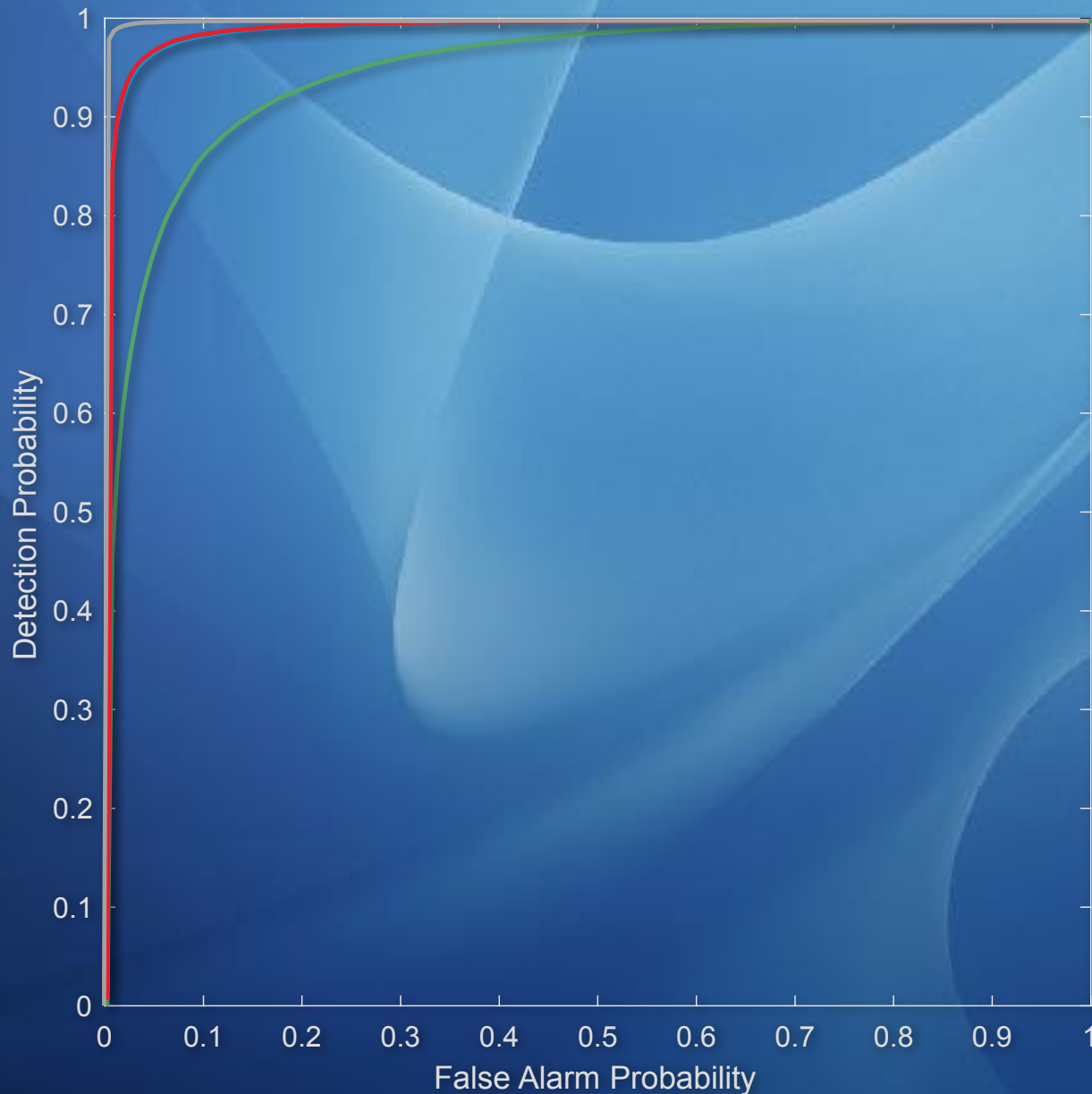




Test **one** data sample  $X$

- Exact —
- Mean square —
- Cross-entropy —
- Exponential —

Similar performance?



Test **block of 20**

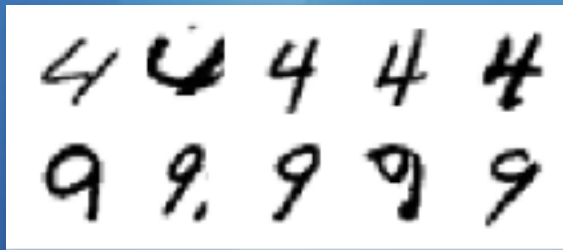
i.i.d. samples

$$X_1, \dots, X_{20}$$

- Exact —————
- Mean square —————
- Cross-entropy —————
- Exponential —————

# Classification

MNIST database contains handwritten numbers  
Isolate “4” and “9”. Handwritten versions resemble



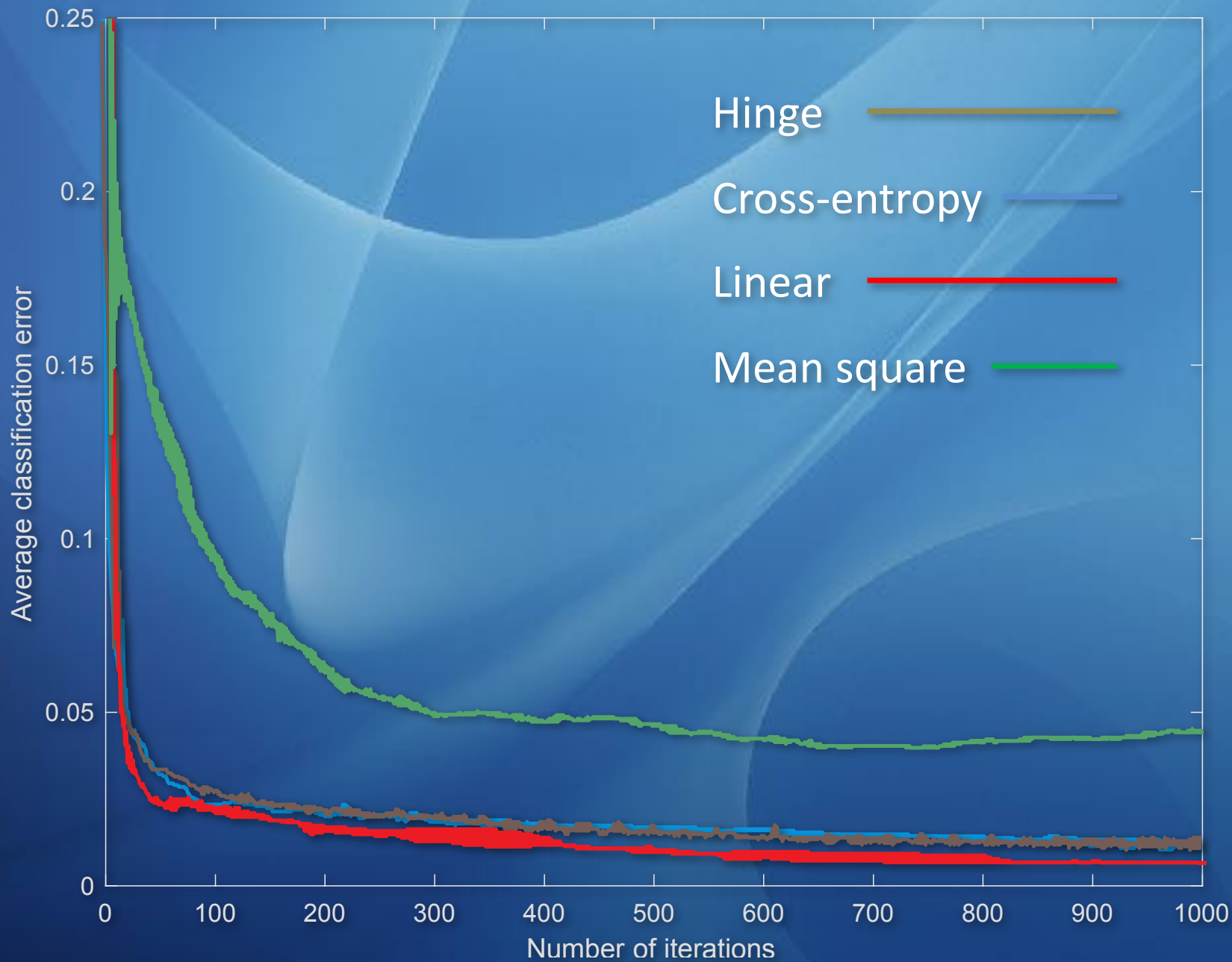
$28 \times 28$  gray scale  
Transformed into  
vector of length 728

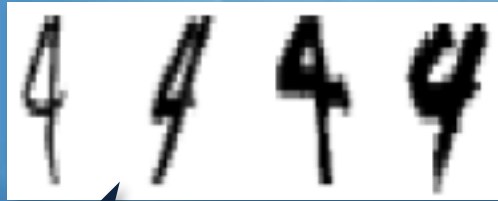
Build a **classifier** that distinguishes between the two

Training data: 5500 for “4” and 5500 for “9”

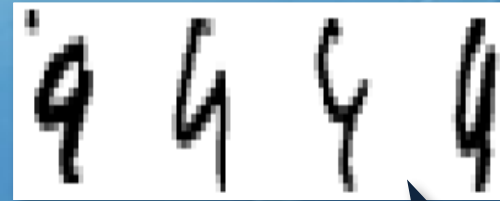
Neural network:  $728 \times 300 \times 1$

Testing data: 982 for “4” and 1009 for “9”





“4” mistaken  
for “9”



“9” mistaken  
for “4”

# Generalized likelihood ratio test

$H_0 : X \sim f_0(X)$       Testing Data (i.i.d.)

$H_1 : X \sim f_1(X, \vartheta)$        $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$

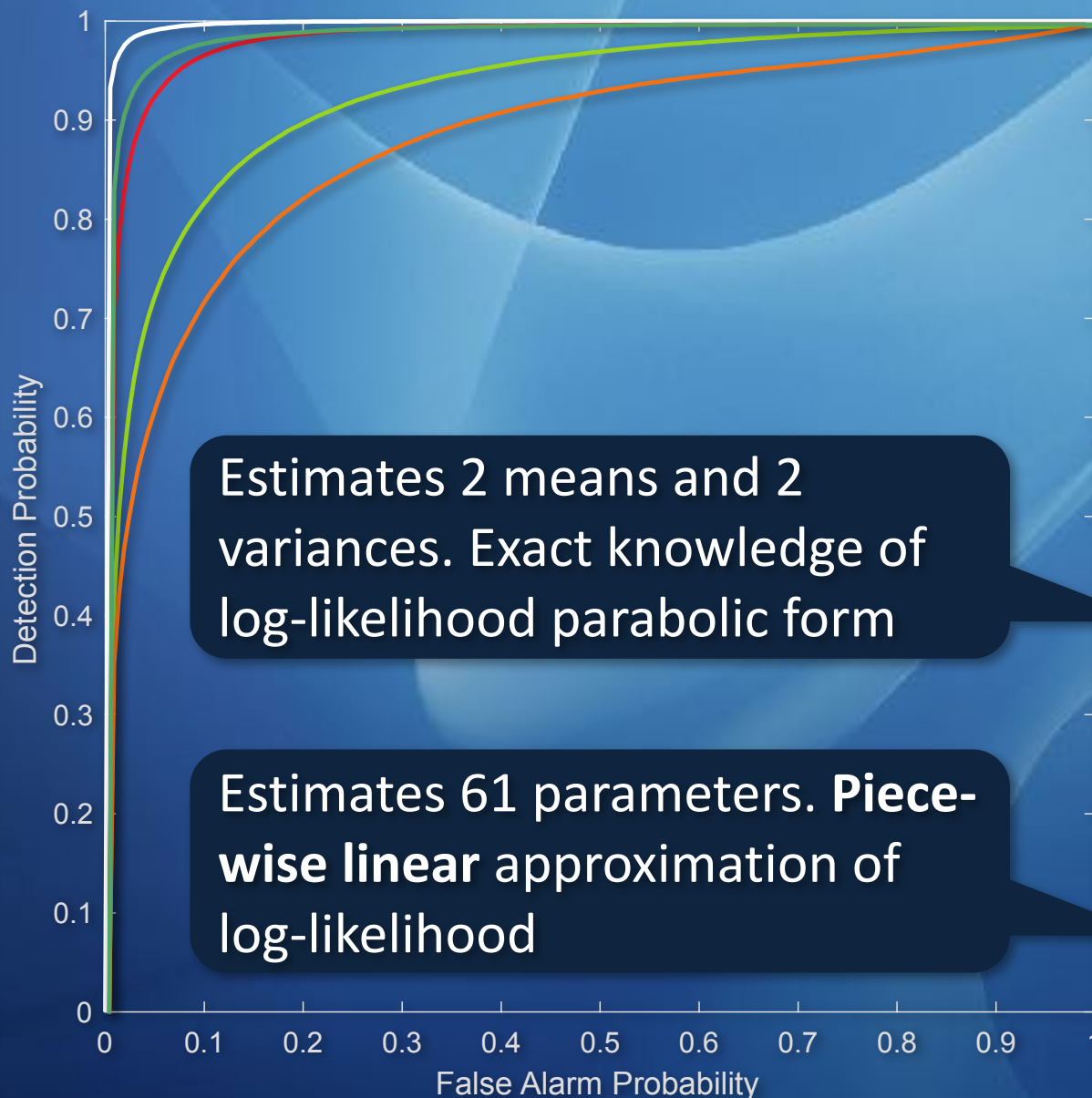
$$\max_{\vartheta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{f_1(X_i, \vartheta)}{f_0(X_i)} \underset{<}{\overset{\geq}{\approx}} \nu$$

## Data-Driven

$H_0 : \{X_1^0, X_2^0, \dots, X_{n_0}^0\}$       Testing Data (i.i.d.)

$H_1 : \text{No data}$        $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$

Use the two sets to estimate log-likelihood ratio of a single  $X$ . Then form log-likelihood ratio of all testing data



Data (i.i.d.)

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$f_0(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$f_1(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0.4, 1.2)$$

Exact  $n=100$  —

GLRT  $n=100$  —

GLRT  $n=200$  —

NN :  $1 \times 20 \times 1$

NN  $n=100$  —

NN  $n=200$  —

Estimates 2 means and 2 variances. Exact knowledge of log-likelihood parabolic form

Estimates 61 parameters. **Piecewise linear** approximation of log-likelihood

# Log-likelihood ratio for Markov processes

Can we approximate log-likelihood ratios of non-i.i.d.?  
For example Markov processes?

$$f(x_t, \dots, x_1) =$$

$$f(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k}) \cdots f(x_{k+1} | x_k \dots, x_1) f(x_k \dots, x_1)$$

$$f(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k}) = \frac{f(x_t, x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}{f(x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}$$

$$\log \frac{f_1(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}{f_0(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})} =$$

$$\log \frac{f_1(x_t, \dots, x_{t-k})}{f_0(x_t, \dots, x_{t-k})} - \log \frac{f_1(x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}{f_0(x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}$$

$$u_{k+1}(x_t, \dots, x_{t-k}, \theta_{k+1})$$

$$u_k(x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-k}, \theta_k)$$



## Cumulative Sum (CUSUM) test (Change-detection)

$\{x_t\}$  acquired sequentially

$$S_t = \max\{S_{t-1}, 0\} + \log \frac{f_1(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}{f_0(x_t | x_{t-1} \dots, x_{t-k})}$$

$$\hat{S}_t = \max\{\hat{S}_{t-1}, 0\} + u_{k+1}(x_t, \dots, x_{t-k}, \theta_{k+1}) - u_k(x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-k}, \theta_k)$$

$$T = \inf \{t > 0 : S_t \geq \nu\} \quad \hat{T} = \inf \{t > 0 : \hat{S}_t \geq \nu\}$$

Interested in

False Alarm  
Period (large)

$E_0[T]$  versus  $E_1[T]$

$E_0[\hat{T}]$  versus  $E_1[\hat{T}]$

Detection  
Delay (small)

$$f_0(x_t|x_{t-1}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad f_1(x_t|x_{t-1}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\text{sgn}(x_{t-1})\sqrt{|x_{t-1}|}, 1)$$

