

Introduction to Machine Learning

NPFL 054

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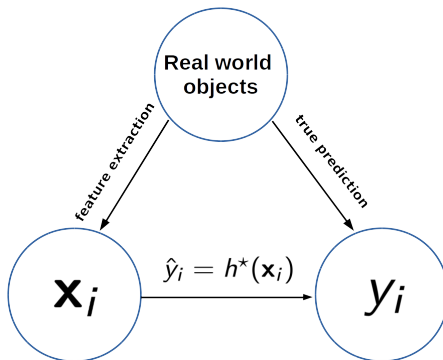
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The **Bayes classifier** minimises the probability of misclassification

Thus, by definition, error produced by the Bayes classifier is irreducible and is called *Bayes error*.

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Bayes classifier assigns each example to the most likely class, given its feature values

$$\hat{y} = \max_y \Pr(y | \mathbf{x})$$

The Bayes classifier produces the lowest possible test error rate, so called **Bayes error rate**

$$1 - E (\max_y \Pr(y | \mathbf{x}))$$

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Practical view on your development data

Are there identical feature vectors in your data set?

- Get the same feature vectors
- How many of them have the same target value?

Examination requirements

- Bayes classifier and Bayes error – definition and meaning