

# Announcements

## Assignments

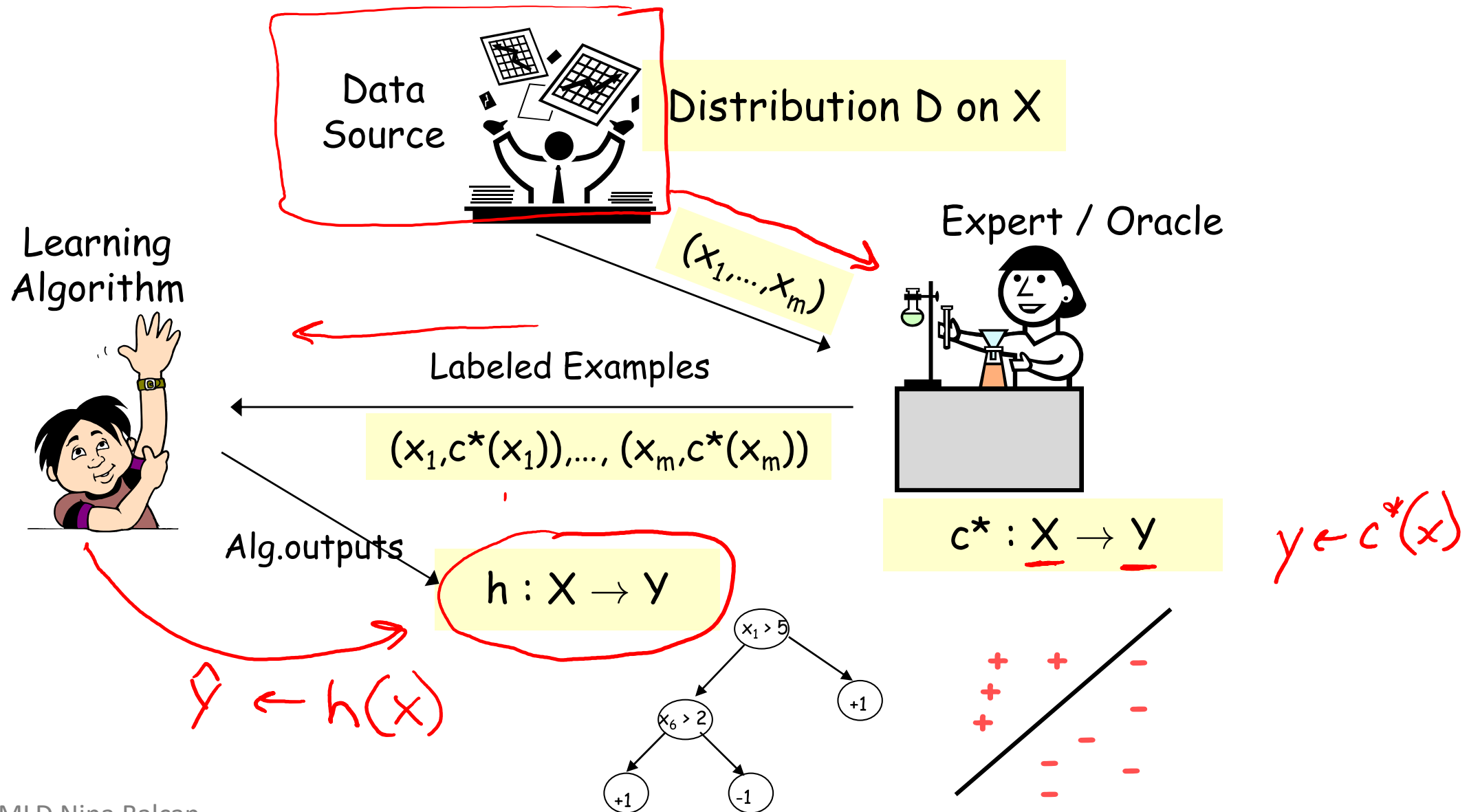
- HW10 (programming + “written”)
  - Due Thu 4/30, 11:59 pm

# Introduction to Machine Learning

## Learning Theory

Instructor: Pat Virtue

# Model for Supervised Learning



# Optimal Classification Function

Find the best  $h(x) \rightarrow \hat{y}$  by searching in the space of hypothesis functions  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Optimal classifier:

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(Y = y \mid X = x)$$

labels    input

But why?

$\mathcal{H}_\theta$      $g(x^T \theta)$

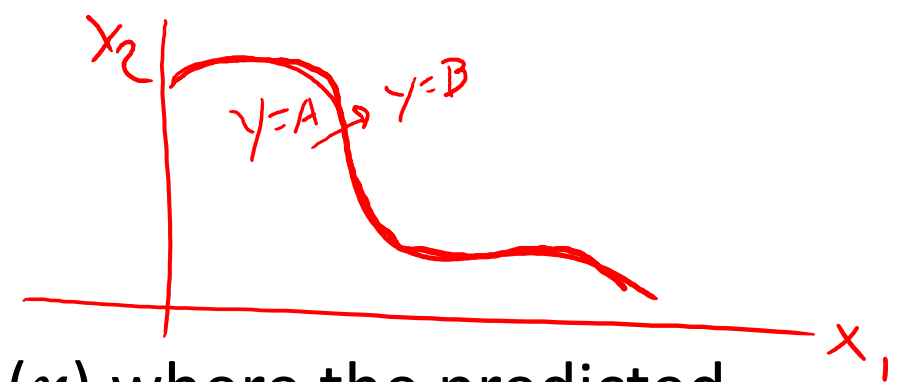
g     $\int$

$P(x|y)P(y)$

# Optimal Decision Boundaries

## Decision boundary

- The set of points in the domain of the input ( $x$ ) where the predicted classification changes



## Two class decision boundary

- So far, we have decided to let the decision boundary be all  $x$  such that:

$$p(Y = \underline{0} \mid X = \underline{x}) = p(Y = \underline{1} \mid X = \underline{x})$$

- What assumptions are we making here?
  - This assumes that the cost of predicting it wrong is the same for both classes

# Optimal Classification Function

Find the best  $h(x) \rightarrow \hat{y}$  by searching in the space of hypothesis functions  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Optimal classifier:

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(Y = y \mid X = x)$$

But why?

Goal: find a prediction function  $h^*: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  that minimizes the expected loss for randomly drawn test data  $(X, Y)$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [\underbrace{L(Y, h(X))}]$$

$L(y, \hat{y})$  is the loss or cost of predicting  $\hat{y}$  when the true value is  $y$ .

# Loss Functions

$R(h)$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$



Loss function:

$$L: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Classification:

- Two-class, 0,1 loss

- Two-class, arbitrary loss

True

$y=0$   
 $y=1$

pred	
$\hat{y}=0$	$\hat{y}=1$
0	1
1	0

SPAM  $y=1$

$y=0$	$y=1$
0	1
100	0

NOT

pred

$\hat{y}=0$   $\hat{y}=1$

$y=0$	$y=1$
TN	FP
FN	TP

False positives and false negatives:

# Loss Functions

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

Loss function:

$$L: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Classification:

- Two-class, 0,1 loss
- Two-class, arbitrary loss

	A	B	C	D
A				
B				
C				
D				

Regression:

$$L(y, h(x)) = (y - h(x))^2$$



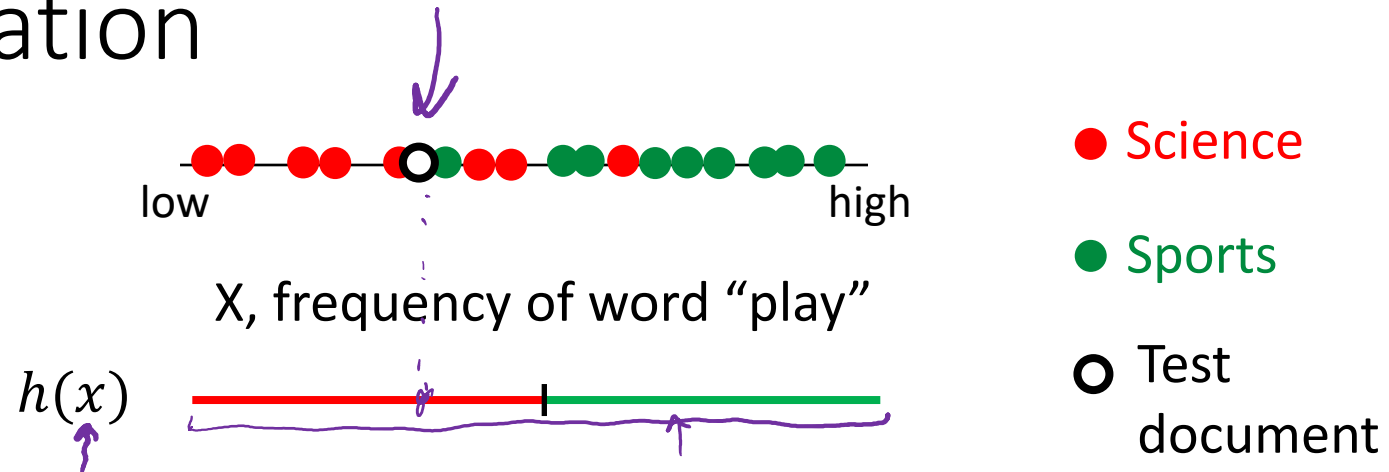
# Expected Value

Quick review

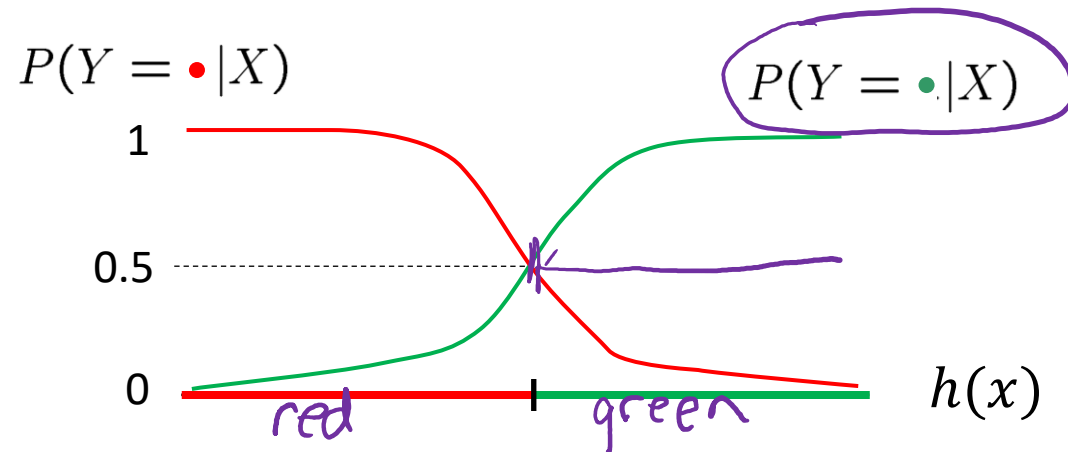
$$E[g(Z)] = \sum_{z \in Z} p(z) g(z) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$E[g(Z)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(z) g(z) dz$$

# Binary Classification



Model X and Y as random variables



For a given  $x$ ,  $h(x)$  = label Y which is more likely

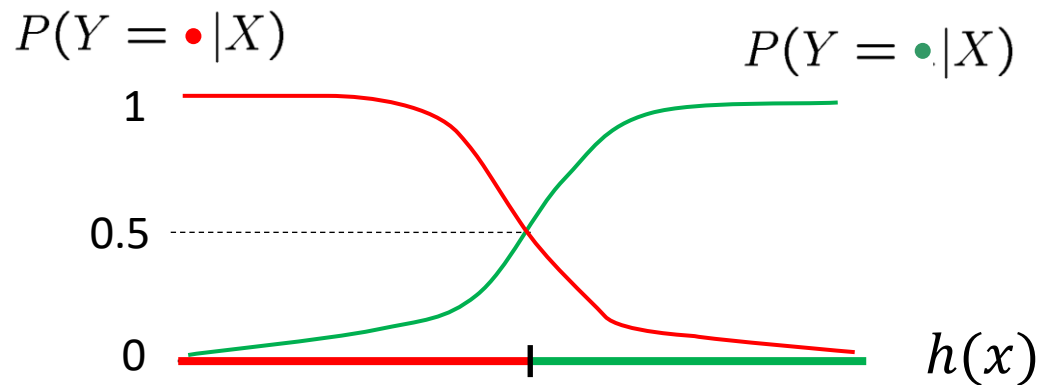
$$h(x) = \arg \max_{Y=y} P(Y = y | X = x) \leftarrow$$

# Optimal Classification Function

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} P(Y = y \mid X = x) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))] \quad \leftarrow$$

Start with arbitrary two-class loss  $L(y, \hat{y})$



# Optimal Classification Function

Expected loss is also called risk:

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow R(h) &= \mathbb{E}_{XY}[L(Y, h(X))] \\ h^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_h R(h) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY}[L(Y, h(X))] \end{aligned}$$

{Whiteboard derivation}

# Optimal Classification Function

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} P(Y = y \mid X = x)$$

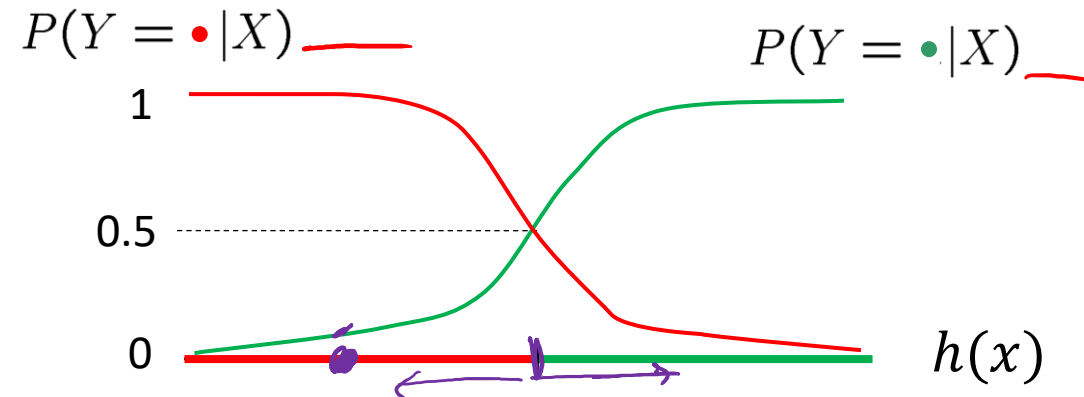
$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

Start with arbitrary two-class loss  $L(y, \hat{y})$

$$h^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(Y = 0 \mid x)L(0,1) + P(Y = 1 \mid x)L(1,1) \\ & \leq P(Y = 0 \mid x)L(0,0) + P(Y = 1 \mid x)L(1,0) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Two-class, 0, 1 loss

$$h^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(Y = 0 \mid x) \\ & \leq P(Y = 1 \mid x) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Optimal Classification Function

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} P(Y = y \mid X = x)$$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

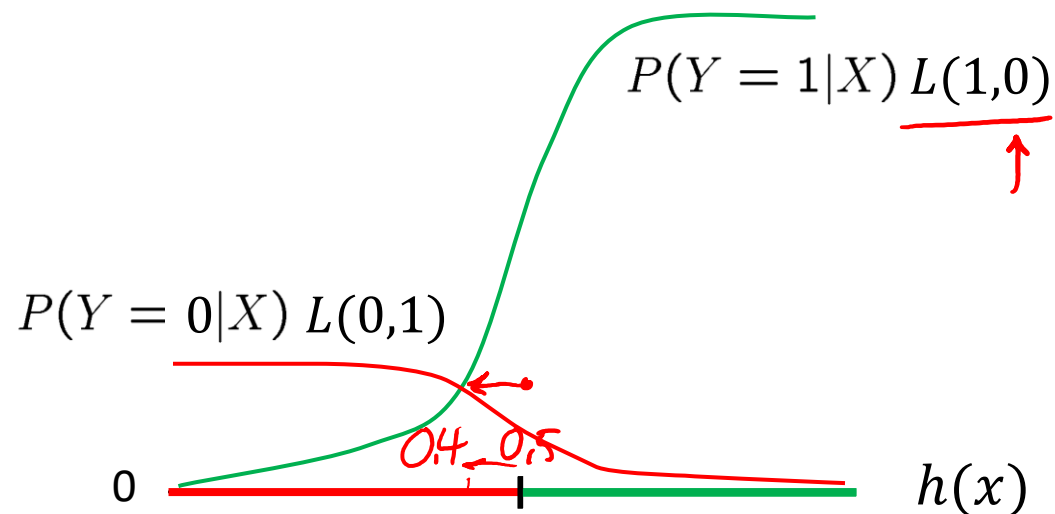
0	.1
100	0

Start with arbitrary two-class loss  $L(y, \hat{y})$

$$h^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(Y = 0 \mid x)L(0,1) + P(Y = 1 \mid x)L(1,1) \\ & \leq P(Y = 0 \mid x)L(0,0) + P(Y = 1 \mid x)L(1,0) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Two-class, weighted loss

$$h^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(Y = 0 \mid x)L(0,1) \\ & \leq P(Y = 1 \mid x)L(1,0) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Optimal Classification Function

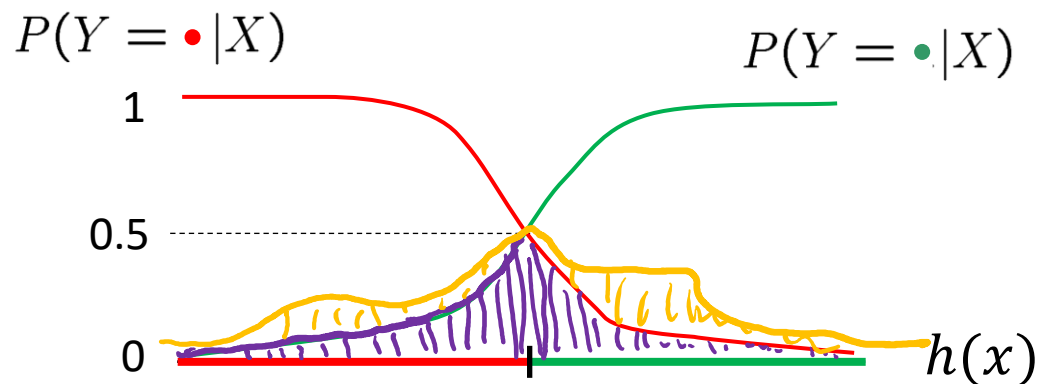
→ What is the risk of the optimal classifier?

$$h^*(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(Y = 0 | x) \leq P(Y = 1 | x) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$R(h^*) = \mathbb{E}_{XY}[L(Y, h^*(X))]$$

$$= \int f(x) \left[ \underbrace{p(Y=0|x)}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{L(0, h(x))}_{h(x)} + p(Y=1|x) \underbrace{L(1, h(x))}_{1-h(x)} \right] dx$$

$$R(h^*) > 0$$



$$R(h) - R(h^*)$$

# Risk in Regression

Squared error loss  $L(y, h(x)) = (h(x) - y)^2$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

$$R(h) = \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

$$= \iint (y - h(x))^2 f(dx, dy)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_X \left[ \mathbb{E}_{Y|X} [(Y - h(x))^2 | X] \right]$$

$$h^*(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{y}} \mathbb{E}_{Y|X} [(Y - \hat{y})^2 | X=x] \rightarrow h^*(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X=x]$$



# Optimal Hypothesis Function

Goal: find a prediction function  $h^*: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  that minimizes the risk, the expected loss for randomly drawn test data,  $(X, Y)$ .

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h R(h) = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

# Learning from Training Data

But we want our hypothesis function to generalize well?

- How do we characterize and quantify this trade-off?
- {Back to the whiteboard}