Puzzle 2: Presidential election

In 1948, Truman ran against Dewey in close elections

A newspaper ran a phone poll of how people voted

Dewey won the poll decisively - newspaper declared:



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On to the victory rally ...

... of Truman 🙂

It's not δ 's fault:

$$\mathbb{P}\left[|E_{\rm in} - E_{\rm out}| > \epsilon \right] \leq \delta$$



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The bias

In 1948, phones were expensive.

If the data is sampled in a biased way, learning will produce a similarly biased outcome.

Example: normal period in the market

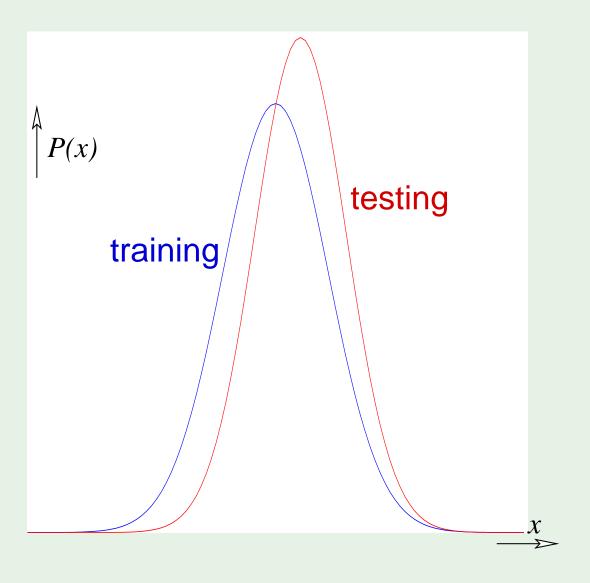
Testing: live trading in real market

Matching the distributions

Methods to match training and testing distributions

Doesn't work if:

Region has P=0 in training, but P>0 in testing



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Puzzle 3: Credit approval

Historical records of customers

Input: information on credit application:

Target: profitable for the bank

age	23 years
gender	male
annual salary	\$30,000
years in residence	1 year
years in job	1 year
current debt	\$15,000
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