

# The Danger of Overfitting

## Good Learning: Understanding

### Training Examples

$$2+2=4$$

$$3+3=6$$

$$4+4=8$$

↓ **Learns Pattern** ↓

*Understands: "Add same number twice"*

New Problem:  $7+7 = ?$

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## Overfitting: Memorization

### Training Examples

$$2+2=4$$

$$3+3=6$$

$$4+4=8$$

↓ **Memorizes Answers** ↓

*Memorized: "2+2=4, 3+3=6, 4+4=8"*

New Problem:  $7+7 = ?$

□ **???**