

The Danger of Overfitting

Good Learning: Understanding

Overfitting: Memorization

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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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: $7+7 = ?$

□ ???