# **Generalization Error**

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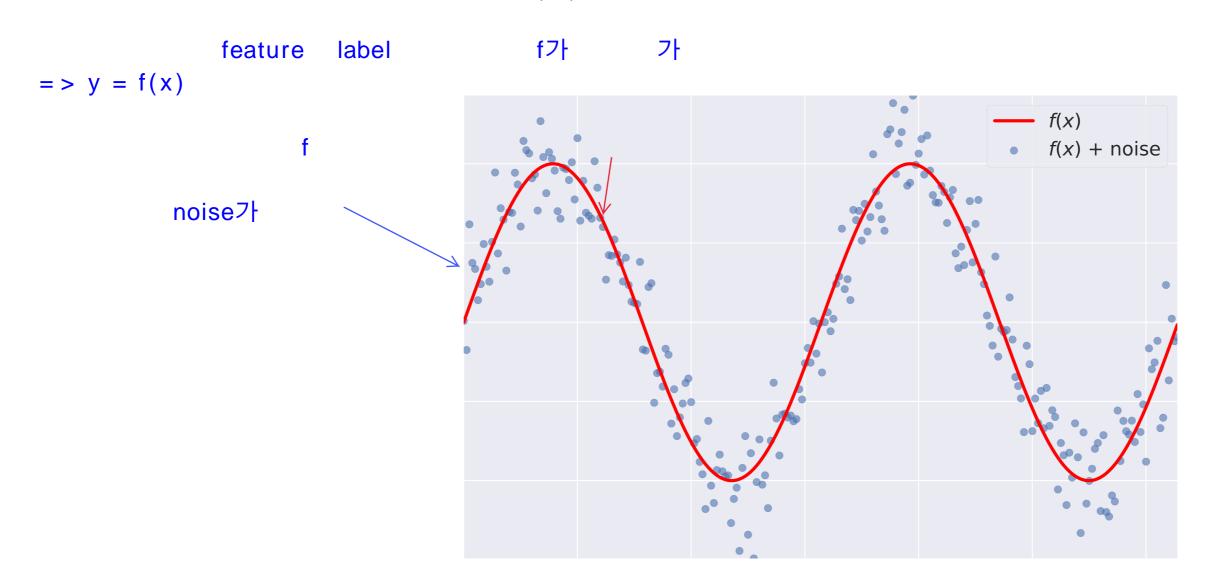


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# Supervised Learning - Under the Hood

• Supervised Learning: y=f(x), f is unknown.



# Goals of Supervised Learning

- ullet Find a model  $\hat{f}$  that best approximates  $f{:}$   $\hat{f}$  pprox f
- ullet can be Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Neural Network ...
- Discard noise as much as possible.
- ullet End goal:  $\hat{f}$  should achieve a low predictive error on unseen datasets.

```
f 가 가 f_hat
f_hat 가 noise가
f_hat
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# Difficulties in Approximating f

- Overfitting:  $\hat{f}(x)$  fits the training set noise.
- Underfitting:  $\hat{f}$  is not flexible enough to approximate f.

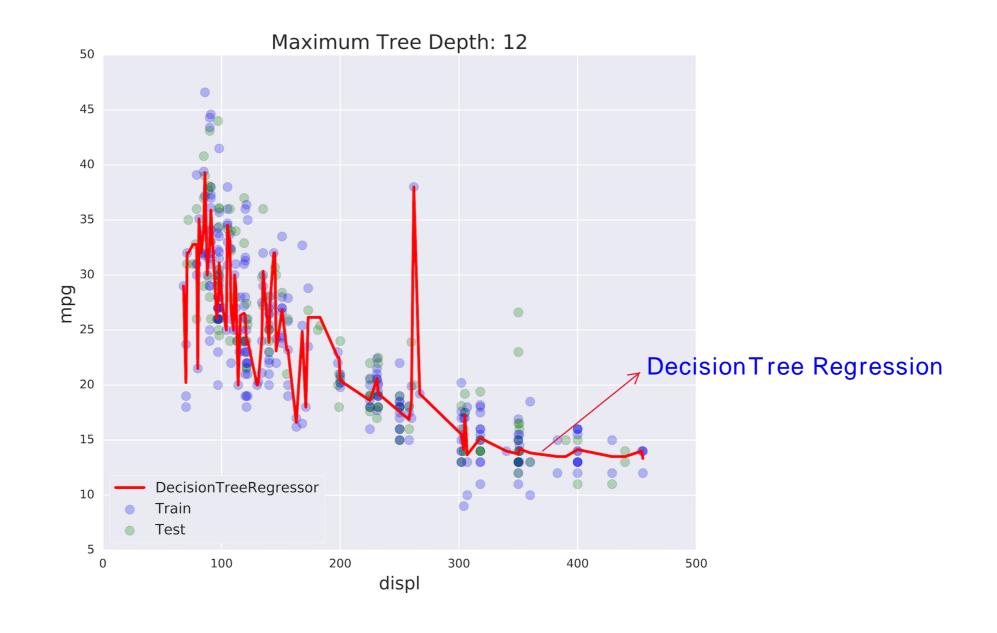
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f 가
- overfitting: f_hat train_set noise
- underfitting: f_hat f
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# Overfitting

training set overfitting

noise train\_set

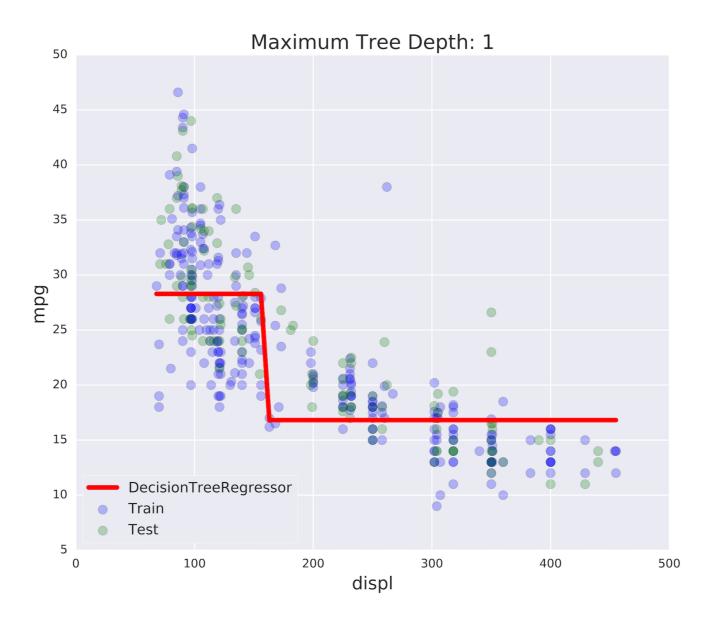
test set



# Underfitting

training set test set

train model feature label





#### **Generalization Error**

- **Generalization Error of**  $\hat{f}$ : Does  $\hat{f}$  generalize well on unseen data?
- It can be decomposed as follows: Generalization Error of  $\hat{f} = bias^2 + variance + ext{irreducible error}$

```
model generalization Error model
bias, variance, irreducible error 가
(irreducible error( ): 가 ( )
```

MSE = 분산 + 편파성^2 + irreducible error

분산(variance): 모델이 예측한 데이터의 분포정도, 전체 데이터 집합 중 다른 학습데이터를 사용하였을 때 모델f가 변하는 정도 편파성(bias): 모델이 예측한 데이터와 실제 데이터간의 차이의 정도, 학습 알고리즘에서 잘못된 가정을 했을 때 발생하는 오차 irreducible error: 우리가 알수없는 오차(오차항)에 대한 분산

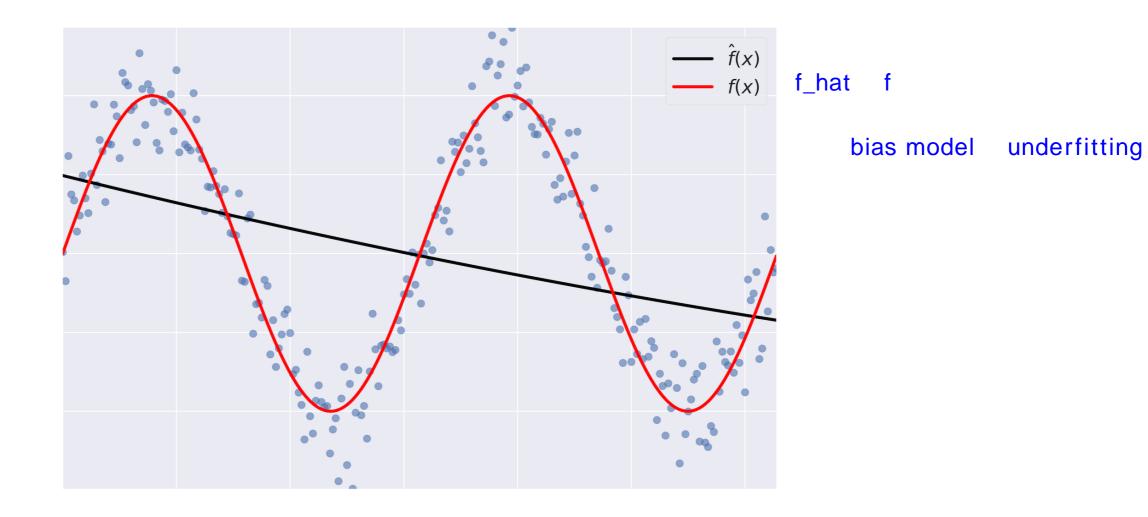
- -> 복잡한 모델일수록 분산이 높고, 간단한 모델일수록 편파성이 높다(즉 모델의 복잡도에 따라 분산과 편파성의 정도가 반비례한다.)
- -> 즉, 줄일 수 있는 오류를 최대한 줄여야하며, 분산과 편파성의 합이 가장 적은 모델을 설계하도록 해야한다.



#### Bias

ullet Bias: error term that tells you, on average, how much  $\hat{f} 
eq f$  .

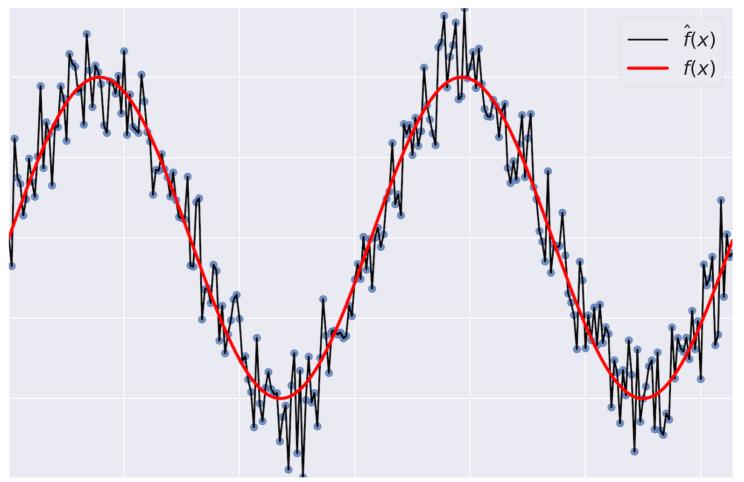
fhat f가



#### Variance

• Variance: tells you how much  $\hat{f}$  is inconsistent over different training sets.

training set fhat



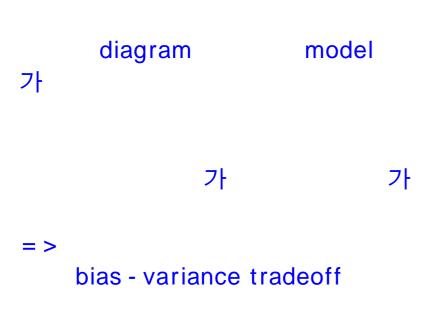
# **Model Complexity**

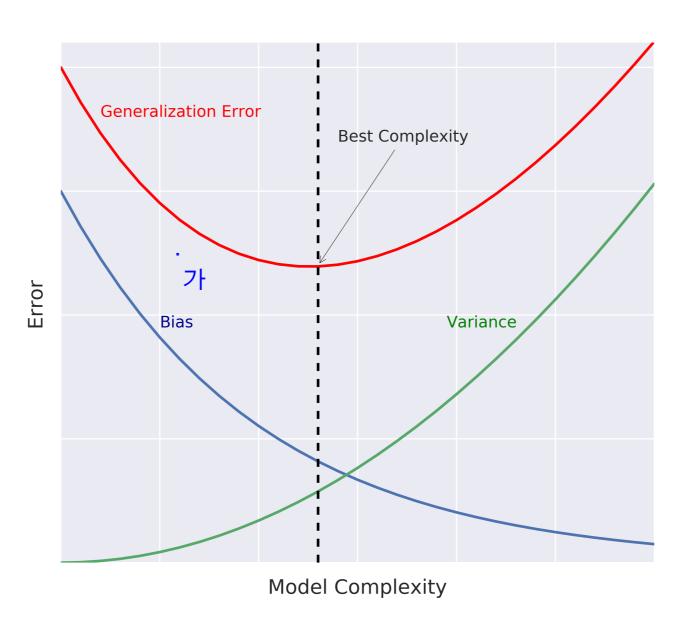
- Model Complexity: sets the flexibility of  $\hat{f}$  . nodel
- Example: Maximum tree depth, Minimum samples per leaf, ... ex)

decision tree

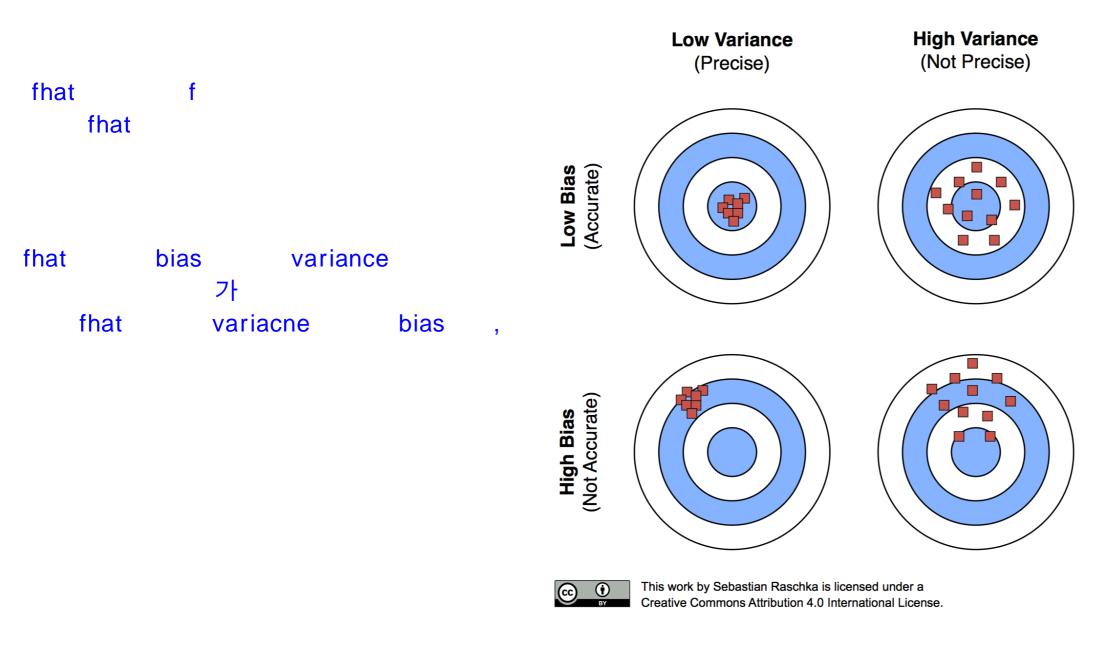
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# Bias-Variance Tradeoff: A Visual Explanation





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# Diagnosing Bias and Variance Problems

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# **Estimating the Generalization Error**

- How do we estimate the generalization error of a model? fhat label fhat
- Cannot be done directly because:
  - f is unknown,
  - usually you only have one dataset,
  - noise is unpredictable.



# **Estimating the Generalization Error**

#### Solution:

- split the data to training and test sets,
- fit  $\hat{f}$  to the training set,
- ullet evaluate the error of  $\hat{f}$  on the **unseen** test set.
- ullet generalization error of  $\hat{f} pprox$  test set error of  $\hat{f}$  . That

#### **Better Model Evaluation with Cross-Validation**

- ullet Test set should not be touched until we are confident about  $\hat{f}$  's performance.
- ullet Evaluating  $\hat{f}$  on training set: biased estimate,  $\hat{f}$  has already seen all training points.
- Solution → Cross-Validation (CV):
  - K-Fold CV,
  - Hold-Out CV.

```
fhat 가
fhat train set train set fhat
가
fhat CV
K - Fold - CV hold - out - cv
```



#### K-Fold CV

 $E_1 + ... + E_{10}$ 

CV - error 10

## Diagnose Variance Problems

- If  $\hat{f}$  suffers from **high variance**: CV error of  $\hat{f}$  > training set error of  $\hat{f}$ .
- $\hat{f}$  is said to overfit the training set. To remedy overfitting:

  => fhat variance

  => fhat train\_set overfitting
  - decrease model complexity, fha
  - o for ex: decrease max depth, increase min samples per leaf, ...
  - o gather more data, ...

## Diagnose Bias Problems

training set error

- ullet if  $\hat{f}$  suffers from high bias: CV error of  $\hat{f}pprox$  training set error of  $\hat{f}>>$  desired error.
- ullet is said to underfit the training set. To remedy underfitting:
  - increase model complexity ( ) model feature
  - o for ex: increase max depth, decrease min samples per leaf, ...
  - gather more relevant features

#### K-Fold CV in sklearn on the Auto Dataset

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error as MSE
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
# Set seed for reproducibility
SEED = 123
# Split data into 70% train and 30% test
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X,y,
                                                    test_size=0.3,
                                                     random_state=SEED)
# Instantiate decision tree regressor and assign it to 'dt'
dt = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=4,
                           min_samples_leaf=0.14,
                           random_state=SEED)
```



#### K-Fold CV in sklearn on the Auto Dataset

```
# Evaluate the list of MSE ontained by 10-fold CV
# Set n_jobs to -1 in order to exploit all CPU cores in computation
MSE_CV = - cross_val_score(dt, X_train, y_train, cv= 10,
                                                                                       10
       cross_val_score()
                            scoring='neg_mean_squared_error',
                                                                       neg_mean_squareed_error
               scoring
                            n_{jobs} = -1
                                                               가
                                                                       CPU
                                     n_jobs - 1
# Fit 'dt' to the training set
                                                  10
                                                 CV - MSE
dt.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Predict the labels of training set
y_predict_train = dt.predict(X_train)
# Predict the labels of test set
y_predict_test = dt.predict(X_test)
```

```
# CV MSE
print('CV MSE: {:.2f}'.format(MSE_CV.mean()))
CV MSE: 20.51
# Training set MSE training set error가 CV error dt가 train set overfitting
                                                                        variance
print('Train MSE: {:.2f}'.format(MSE(y_train, y_predict_train)))
Train MSE: 15.30
# Test set MSE
print('Test MSE: {:.2f}'.format(MSE(y_test, y_predict_test)))
Test MSE: 20.92
    test set error가
CV
```

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# **Ensemble Learning**

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## **Advantages of CARTs**

- Simple to understand.
- Simple to interpret.
- Easy to use.
- Flexibility: ability to describe non-linear dependencies.
- Preprocessing: no need to standardize or normalize features, ...



#### **Limitations of CARTs**

- Classification: can only produce orthogonal decision boundaries.
- Sensitive to small variations in the training set.

  train set

  point? CART
- High variance: unconstrained CARTs may overfit the training set.
- Solution: ensemble learning.



## **Ensemble Learning**

- Train different models on the same dataset.
- Let each model make its predictions.
- Meta-model: aggregates predictions of individual models. meta-model model
- Final prediction: more robust and less prone to errors.
- Best results: models are skillful in different ways.

meta - model



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# **Ensemble Learning: A Visual Explanation**

Final ensemble prediction Meta-model meta - model **Predictions**  $\mathbf{P_1}$  $\mathbf{P_2}$  $P_3$  $\mathbf{P_4}$ Logistic Decision **KNN** Other ... Regression Tree Training set

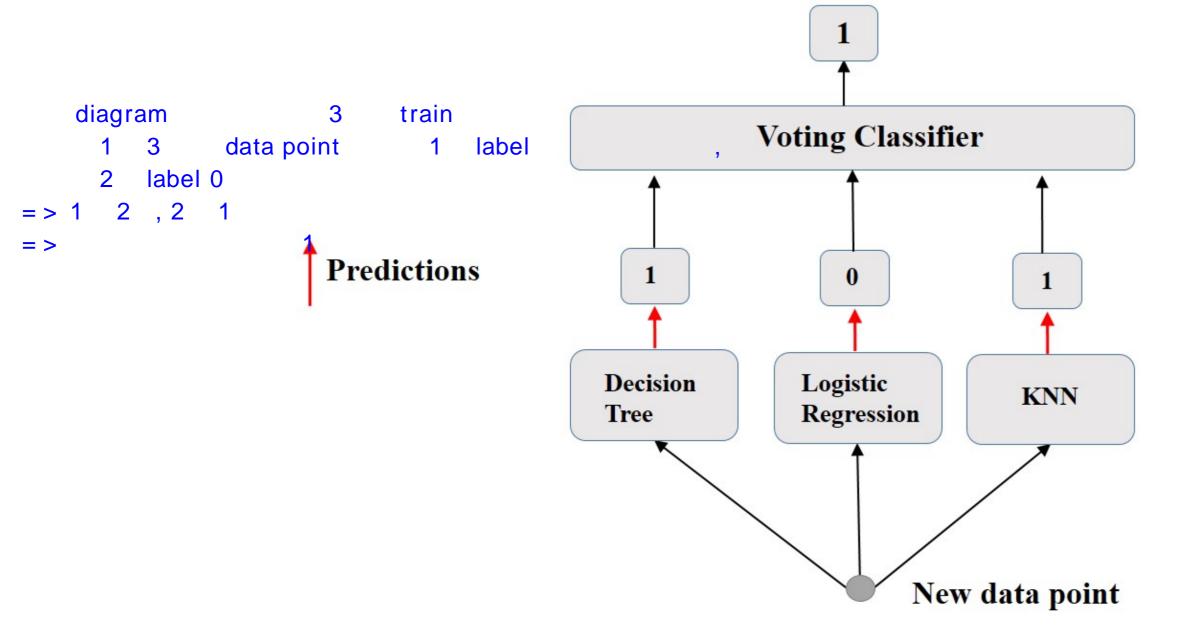
1. train set

3.

# Ensemble Learning in Practice: Voting Classifier

- Binary classification task.
- N classifiers make predictions:  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , ...,  $P_N$  with  $P_i$  = 0 or 1.
- Meta-model prediction: hard voting. meta-model hard voting

# **Hard Voting**



# Voting Classifier in sklearn (Breast-Cancer dataset)

```
# Import functions to compute accuracy and split data
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Import models, including VotingClassifier meta-model
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier as KNN
from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
# Set seed for reproducibility
SFFD = 1
```

# Voting Classifier in sklearn (Breast-Cancer dataset)

```
# Split data into 70% train and 30% test
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
                                                     test_size= 0.3,
                                                     random state= SEED)
# Instantiate individual classifiers
lr = LogisticRegression(random_state=SEED)
knn = KNN()
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=SEED)
# Define a list called classifier that contains the tuples (classifier_name, classifier)
classifiers = [('Logistic Regression', lr),
               ('K Nearest Neighbours', knn),
               ('Classification Tree', dt)]
```

```
# Iterate over the defined list of tuples containing the classifiers
for clf_name, clf in classifiers:
   #fit clf to the training set
    clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
   # Predict the labels of the test set
    y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
   # Evaluate the accuracy of clf on the test set
    print('{:s} : {:.3f}'.format(clf_name, accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)))
```

Logistic Regression: 0.947

K Nearest Neighbours: 0.930

Classification Tree: 0.930

# Voting Classifier in sklearn (Breast-Cancer dataset)

```
# Instantiate a VotingClassifier 'vc'
vc = VotingClassifier(estimators=classifiers)

# Fit 'vc' to the traing set and predict test set labels
vc.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = vc.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the test-set accuracy of 'vc'
print('Voting Classifier: {.3f}'.format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)))
```

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Voting Classifier: 0.953
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