



# Overfitting and Generalization

# Best Model Selection

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- **We can build various models**
  - K-NN: We may choose various values for  $k$
  - Additive Linear Model: We may use polynomials of various order
- **But.. I want to build the best model**

# Best Model Selection

- Various models for one input

$$f(x) = w_0$$

$$f(x) = w_1x + w_0$$

$$f(x) = w_2x^2 + w_1x + w_0$$

$$f(x) = w_3x^3 + w_2x^2 + w_1x + w_0$$

...



Model Complexity  
increases

# Best Model Selection

- Various Models for two inputs

$$f(x_1, x_2) = w_0$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = w_2x_2 + w_1x_1 + w_0$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = w_5x_2^2 + w_4x_1^2 + w_3x_1x_2 + w_2x_2 + w_1x_1 + w_0$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = w_9x_2^3 + w_8x_1^3 + w_7x_2^2x_1 + w_6x_2x_1^2 \\ + w_5x_2^2 + w_4x_1^2 + w_3x_1x_2 + w_2x_2 + w_1x_1 + w_0$$

...

Model  
Complexity  
increases

증가한다!



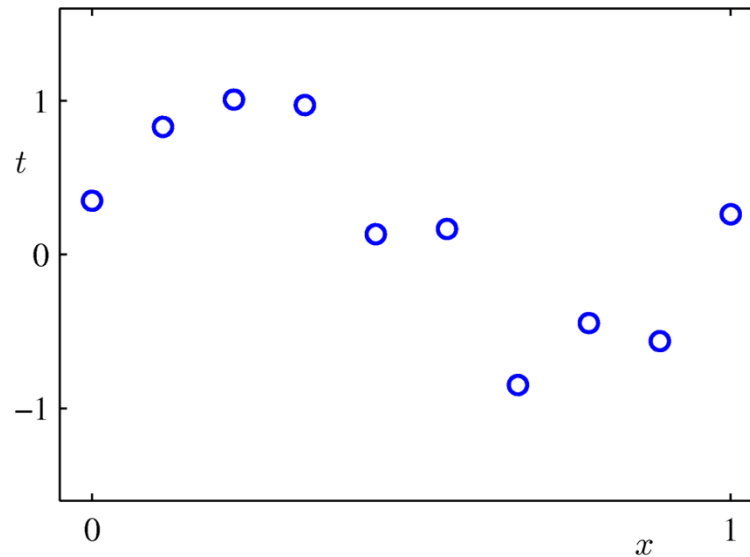
# Best Model Selection

- **Example: Which model will be best for the data?**

*best의 의미?*

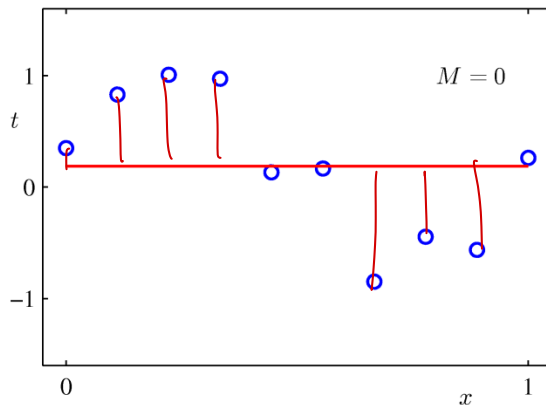
- Zeroth order polynomial? First order polynomial?, or ..
- Hmm.. Why don't we try all the possible models

Training set

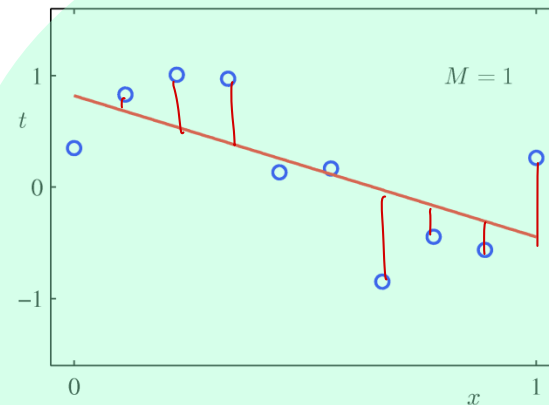


# Overfitting vs Generalization

- Which model will be best for the data?
  - The model which has the least error as much as possible



0<sup>th</sup> order polynomial  
regression

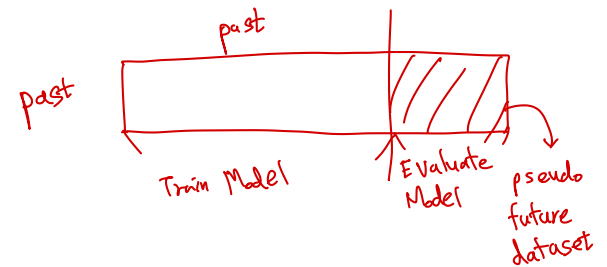
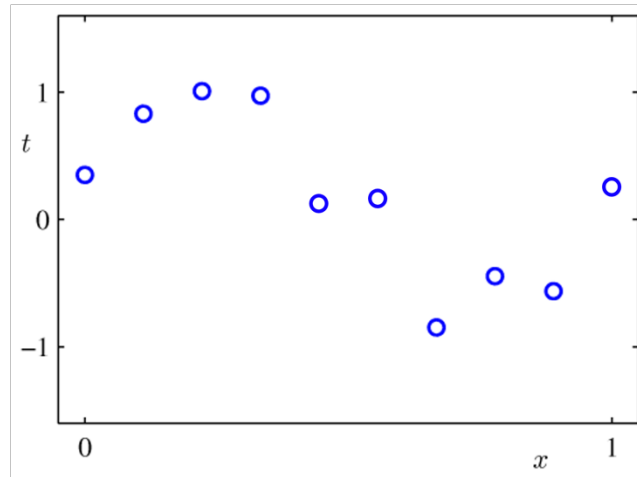


1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial  
regression

This is better  
because it has less error

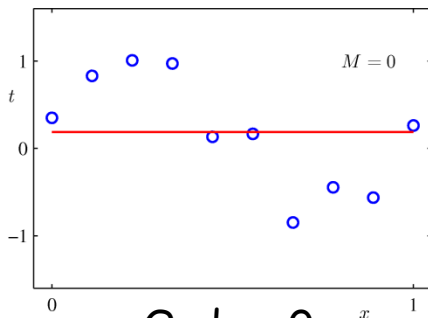
# Overfitting vs Generalization

Which model will be best for the data?



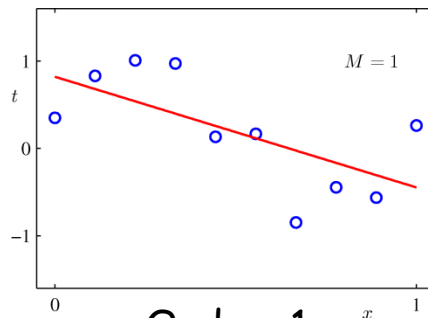
Training Error

Very Large



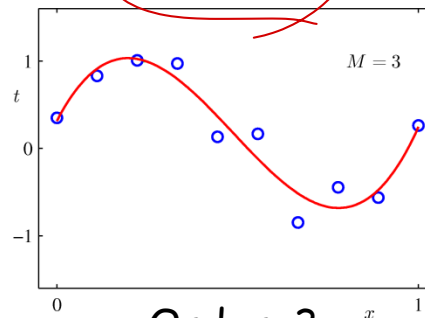
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Large



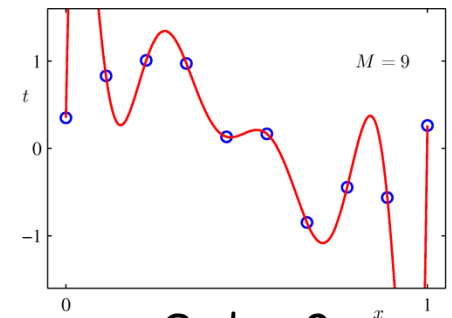
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Modest



Order=3

Zero



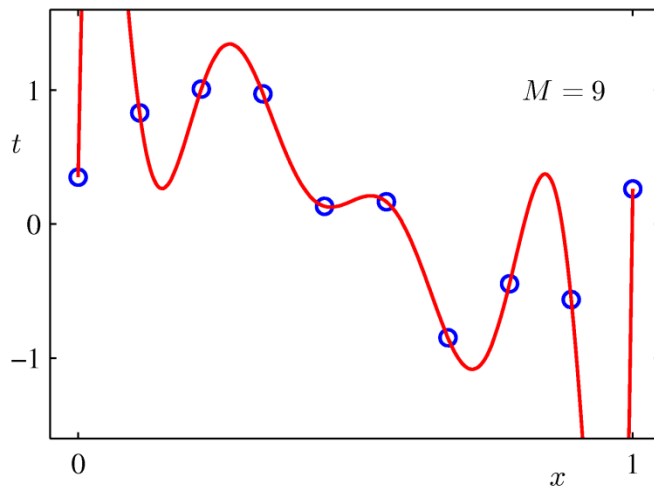
Order=9

No Error!

# Overfitting vs Generalization

- Which model will be best for the data?

- What about this?



9<sup>th</sup> order polynomial  
regression

- This may be the BEST because the <sup>training</sup> error is ZERO!!

Do you agree with this?



# Overfitting vs Generalization

## What is the purpose of Machine Learning?

choice ① X

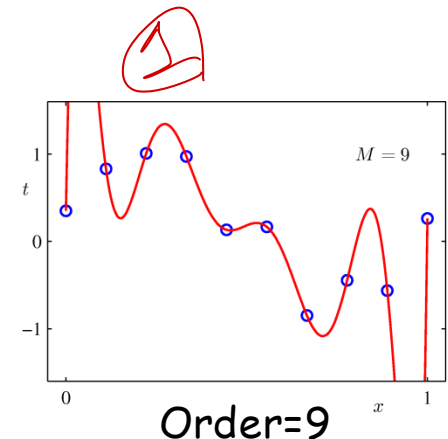
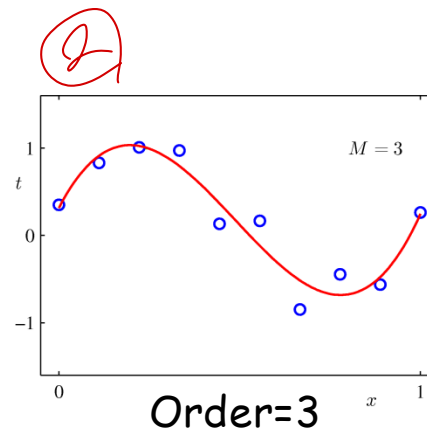
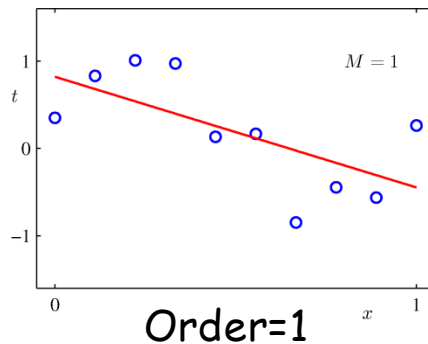
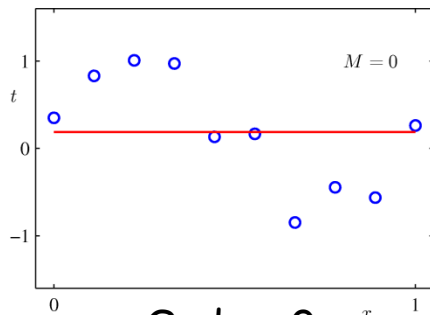
Learning the given data  
as exactly as possible

vs

choice ② ✓

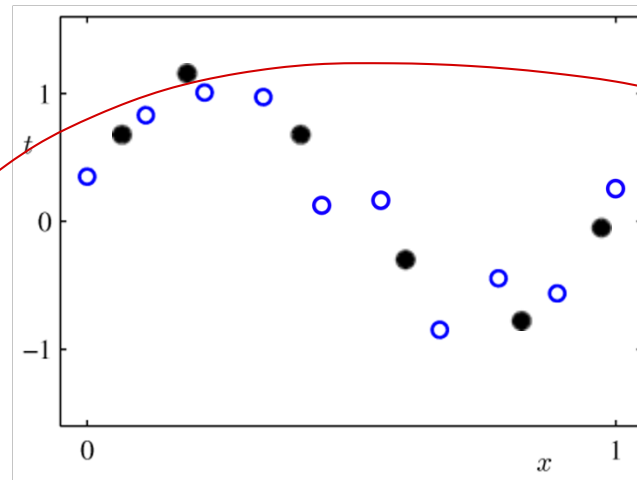
Predict the unknown data  
as exactly as possible  
based on the given data

= ML의 목적



# Overfitting vs Generalization

- As the complexity of model increases,



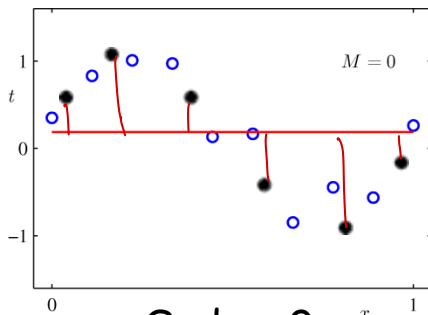
New samples

★ Test Error  
Very Large

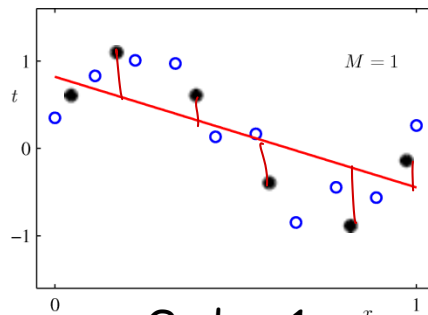
Large

Small

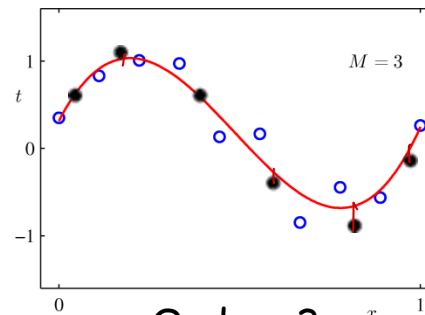
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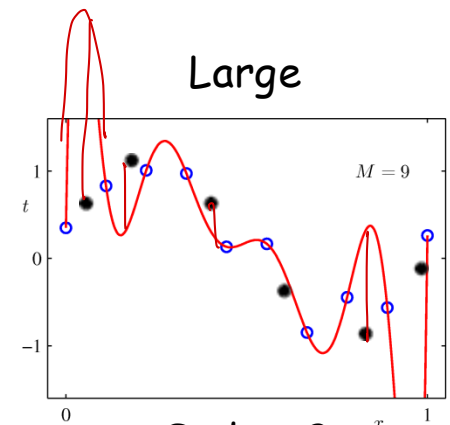
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Order=1



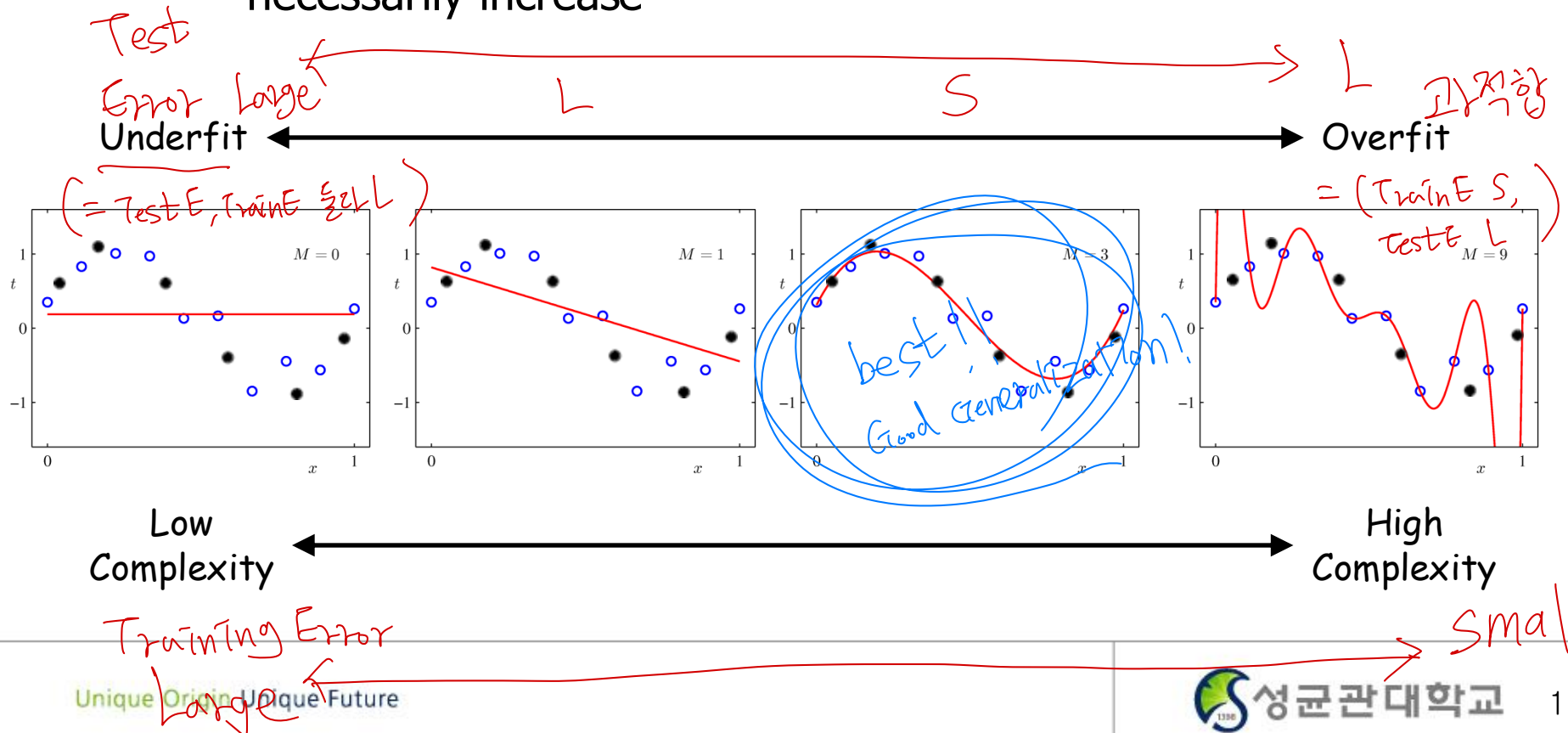
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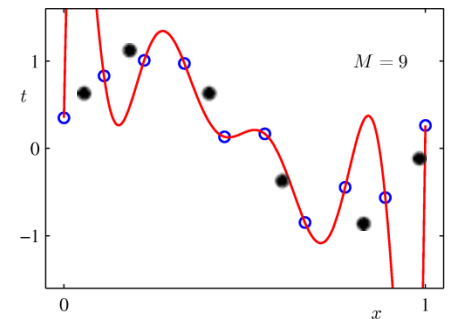
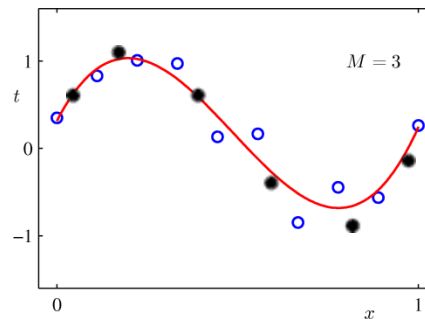
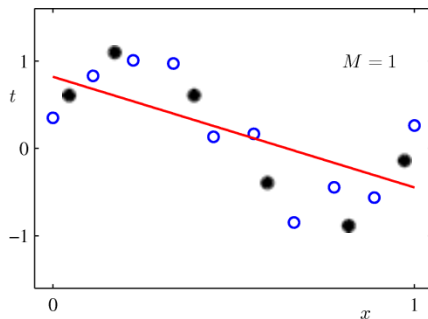
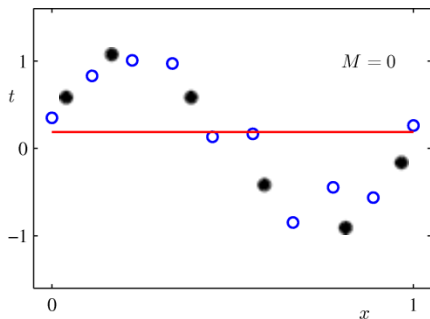
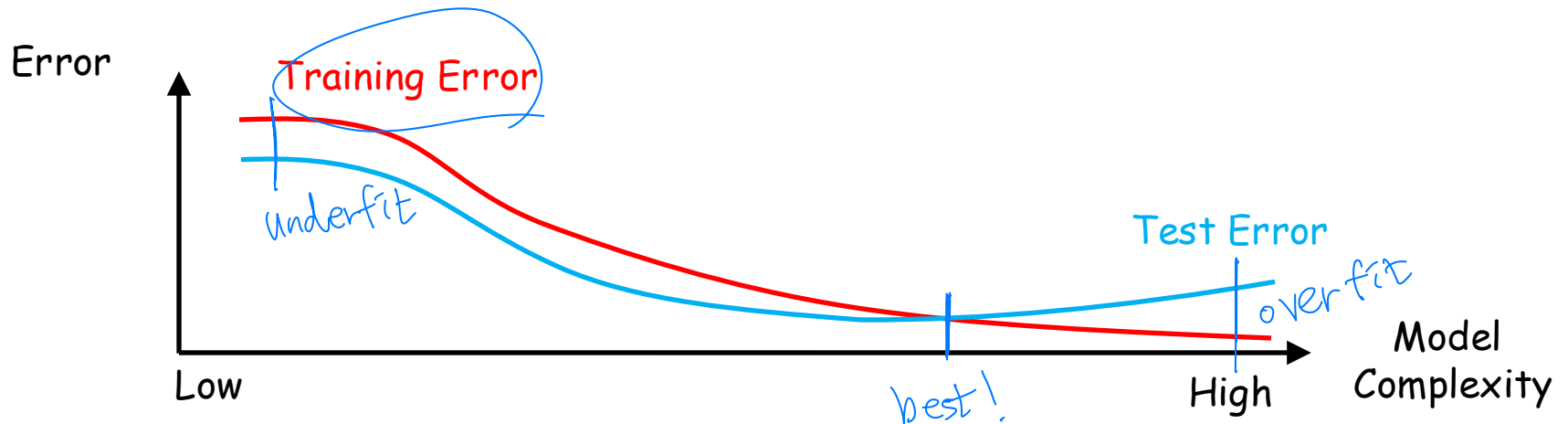
# Overfitting vs Generalization

- As the complexity of model increases,
  - The model can more exactly learn the given data
  - However, the prediction accuracy (for the test set) does not necessarily increase



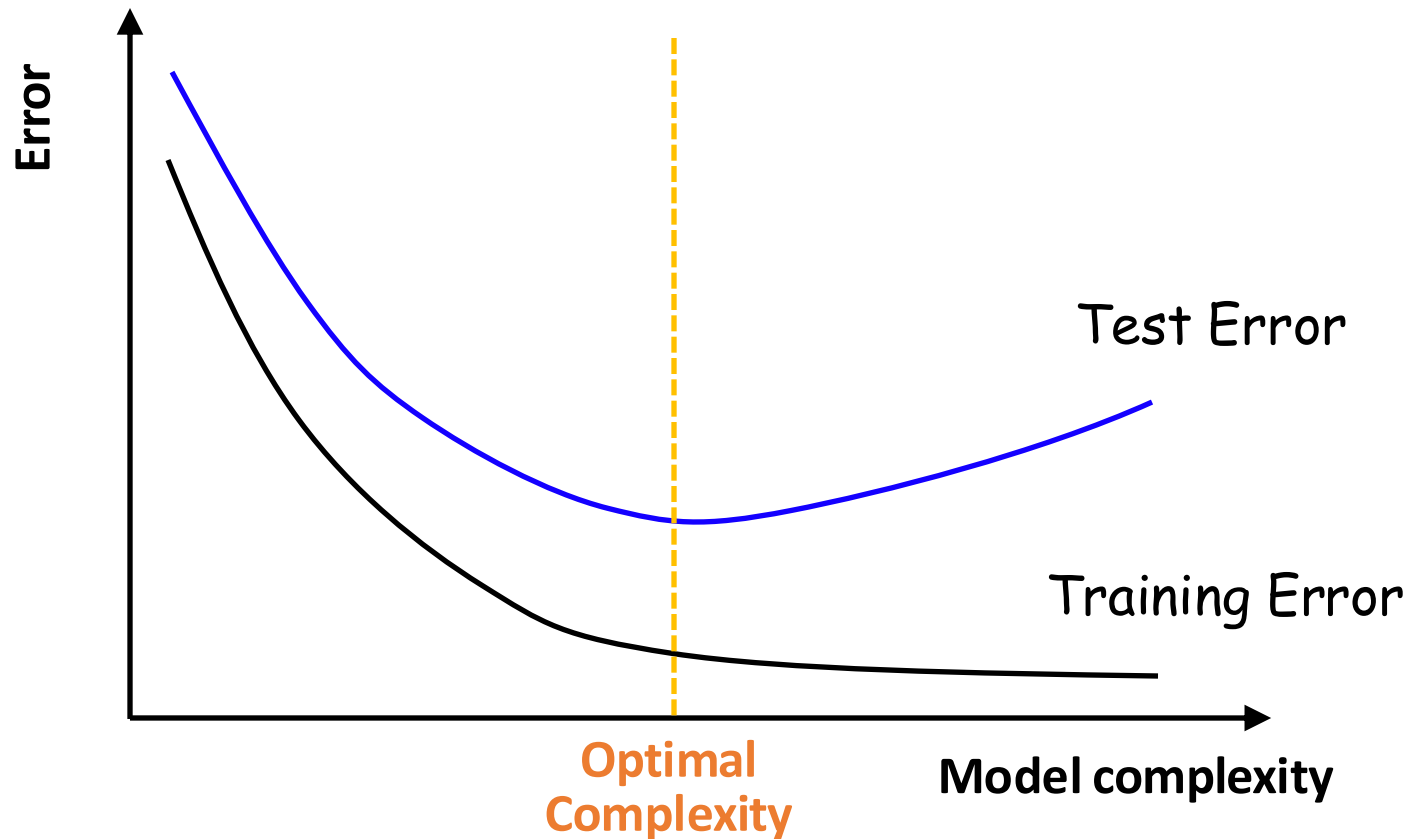
# Overfitting vs Generalization

## Overfitting



# Overfitting vs Generalization

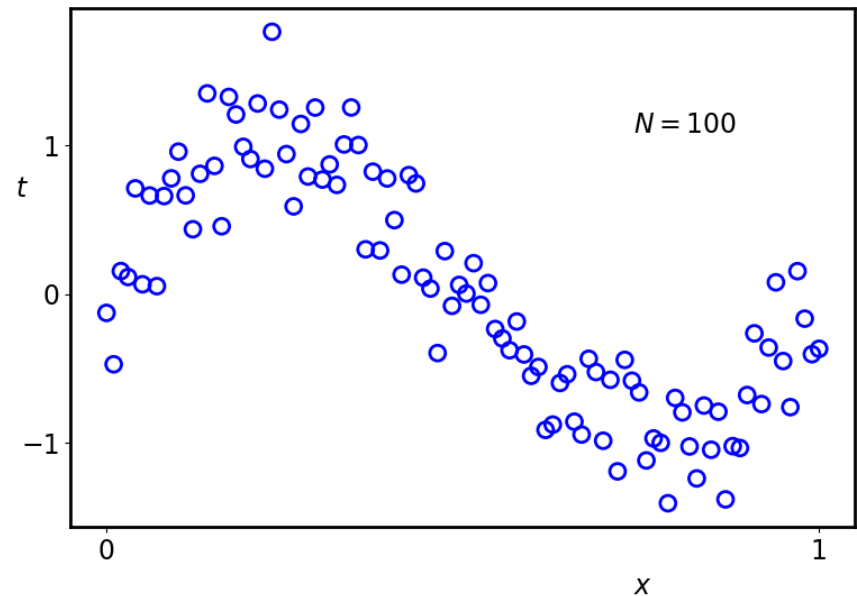
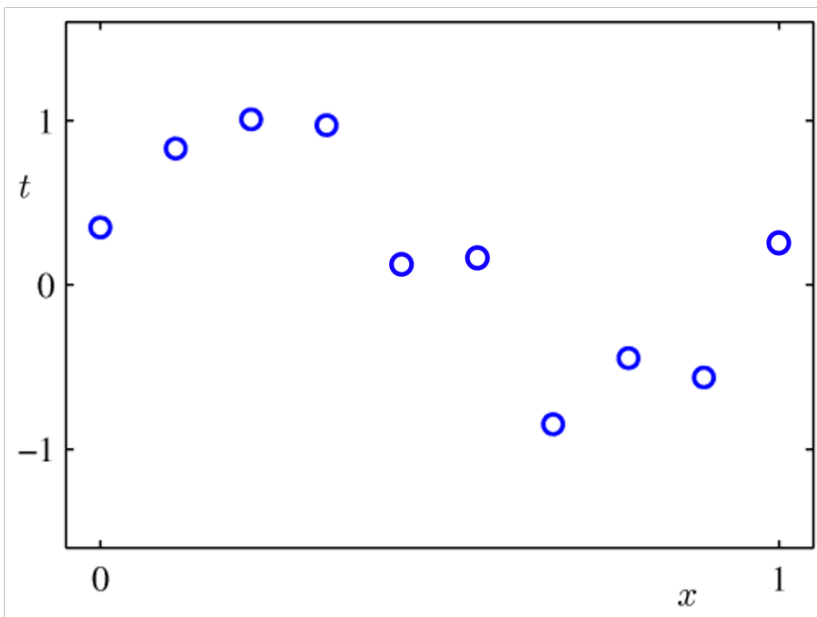
- Hmm.. How can I choose the optimal?



# How to Achieve Good Generalization?

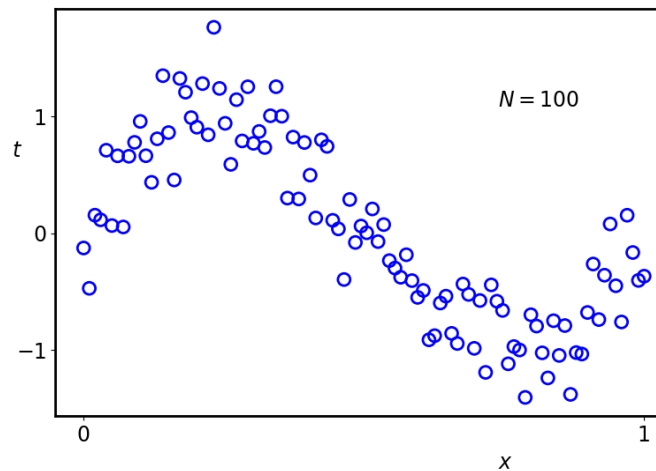
- One of easiest way is.. Collecting More Data

많은 데이터 모으라!



# How to Achieve Good Generalization?

- Model building with a large dataset



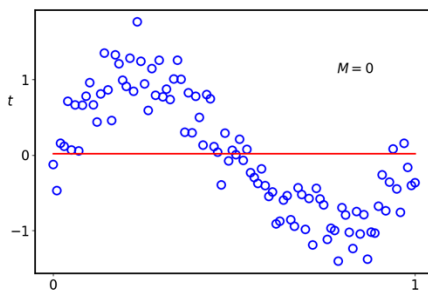
Training Error

Very Large

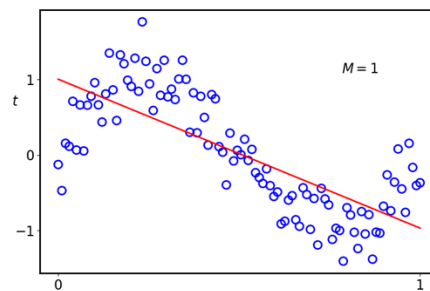
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Modest

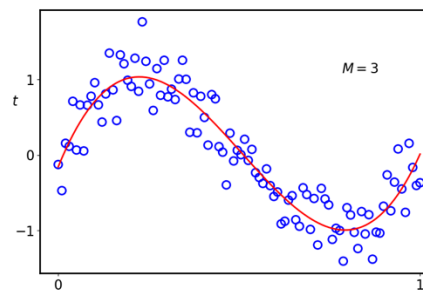
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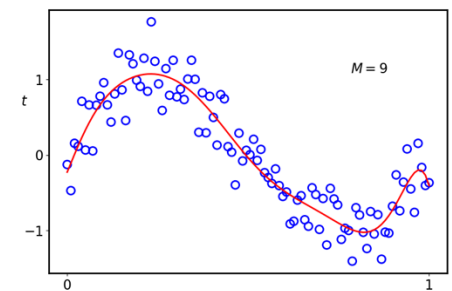
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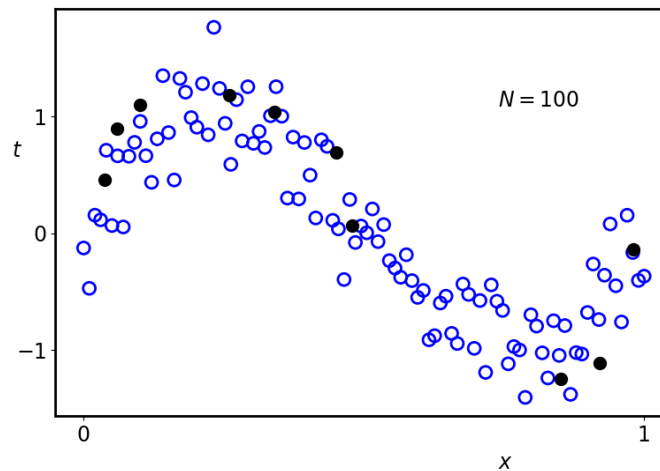
Order=3



Order=9

# How to Achieve Good Generalization?

- Model building with a large dataset



Model is not  
overfitted!!

↓  
Modest

Test Error

Very Large

Large

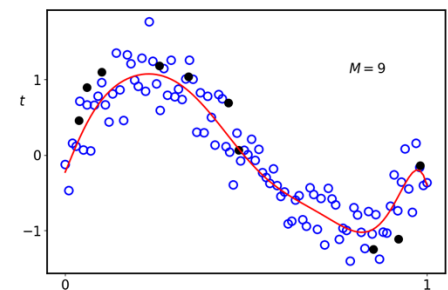
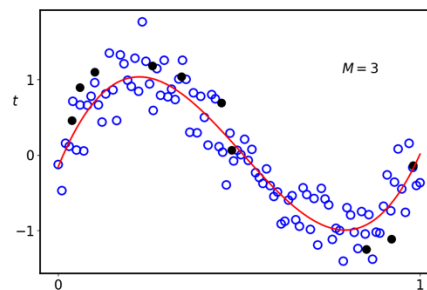
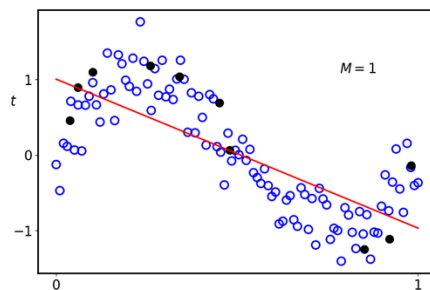
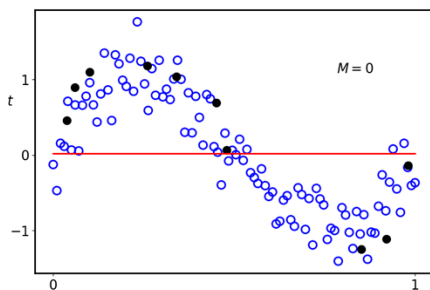
Modest

Order=9

Order=3

Order=1

Order=0





# How to Achieve Good Generalization?

## ■ How many samples to avoid overfitting?

example

- Let's assume that we need 100 samples per an input feature
- If we have two features, we need  $10^4$   $\leftarrow (x_1, x_2, y)$   $(x, y)$
- If we have three features, we need  $10^6$   $\leftarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3, y)$
- If we have four features, we need  $10^8$
- If we have ten features, we need  $10^{20}$

## ■ Though you have a substantial amount of data, you are uncertain whether the model is overfitted or not

- Still, it may not be sufficient...

충분하  
지 않

dimension 높으면

너가 일만큼의 데이터를 가졌는지  
상관없이 overfit  
피해가 많다

불확실하다

# How to Achieve Good Generalization?

## ■ Build many models and choose the best

- Train many models
- Evaluate them with Cross-Validation or Hold-out method
- Choose the best

Build & Selection

ch.5

## ■ Use Regularization Method

- There are many regularization methods
- You may train a model with the regularization method

ch.6