

PROOF THAT  $MSE = BIAS^2 + VARIANCE$

$\theta_m$  = Model Parameter

With  $\theta$  being its true value

$\theta_m$  is inferred from <sup>training</sup> data ; so  $\theta_m$  is a random variable with mean  $\bar{\theta}_m$

$$\text{Mean Square Error} = MSE = E[(\theta_m - \theta)^2]$$

$$\text{Bias} = E[\theta_m - \theta] = E[\theta_m] - \theta = \bar{\theta}_m - \theta$$

$$\text{Variance of } \theta_m = E[(\theta_m - \bar{\theta}_m)^2]$$

We wish to prove that  $MSE = Bias^2 + Variance$

$$\text{or } E[(\theta_m - \theta)^2] = (\bar{\theta}_m - \theta)^2 + E[(\theta_m - \bar{\theta}_m)^2] \quad \leftarrow \text{Plugging in definitions above}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let's take RHS : } & (\bar{\theta}_m - \theta)^2 + E[(\theta_m - \bar{\theta}_m)^2] \\ &= \bar{\theta}_m^2 + \theta^2 - 2\theta\bar{\theta}_m + E[\theta_m^2 + \bar{\theta}_m^2 - 2\theta_m\bar{\theta}_m] \\ &= \bar{\theta}_m^2 + \theta^2 - 2\theta\bar{\theta}_m + E[\theta_m^2] + \bar{\theta}_m^2 - 2E[\theta_m]\bar{\theta}_m \\ &= \bar{\theta}_m^2 + \theta^2 - 2\theta\bar{\theta}_m + E[\theta_m^2] + \bar{\theta}_m^2 - 2\bar{\theta}_m^2 \\ &= \theta^2 + E[\theta_m^2] - 2\theta\bar{\theta}_m \\ &= E[\theta^2 + \theta_m^2 - 2\theta\theta_m] \\ &= E[(\theta - \theta_m)^2] \\ &= MSE = LHS \end{aligned}$$