

## Bias - variance trade off

- $y$  = response
- $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)^T$  = feature vector
- $\varepsilon$  = mean zero random error

Model:  $y = f(\underline{x}) + \varepsilon$

Given data, have  $\hat{f}$ , want to predict a new  $y$  for features  $\underline{x}_0$ , use  $\hat{y} = \hat{f}(\underline{x}_0) = \hat{f}$   
*predicted y!*

How good is  $\hat{f}$  at predicting  $y$ ? *→ the unknown y*

$$\text{MSE} = E[(y - \hat{f})^2] = \dots =$$

$$= E[\underbrace{(f - \hat{f})^2}_{\textcircled{1}}] + E[\underbrace{\varepsilon^2}_{\textcircled{2}}] + E[\underbrace{2\varepsilon(f - \hat{f})}_{\textcircled{3}}]$$

$$\textcircled{1} = E(2\varepsilon(y - \hat{y})) = 2 E(\underbrace{\varepsilon}_{\text{random}} \underbrace{(y - \hat{y})}_{\text{random}}) = 2 \underbrace{[E\varepsilon]}_{\text{assume } \varepsilon \text{ + } \hat{y} \text{ are uncorrelated}} \underbrace{[E(y - \hat{y})]}_{\text{not}} = 2 \cdot 0 \cdot \text{something} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} = E(\varepsilon^2) = E(\varepsilon^2) - 0 = E(\varepsilon^2) - (E\varepsilon)^2 = \text{Var } \varepsilon$$

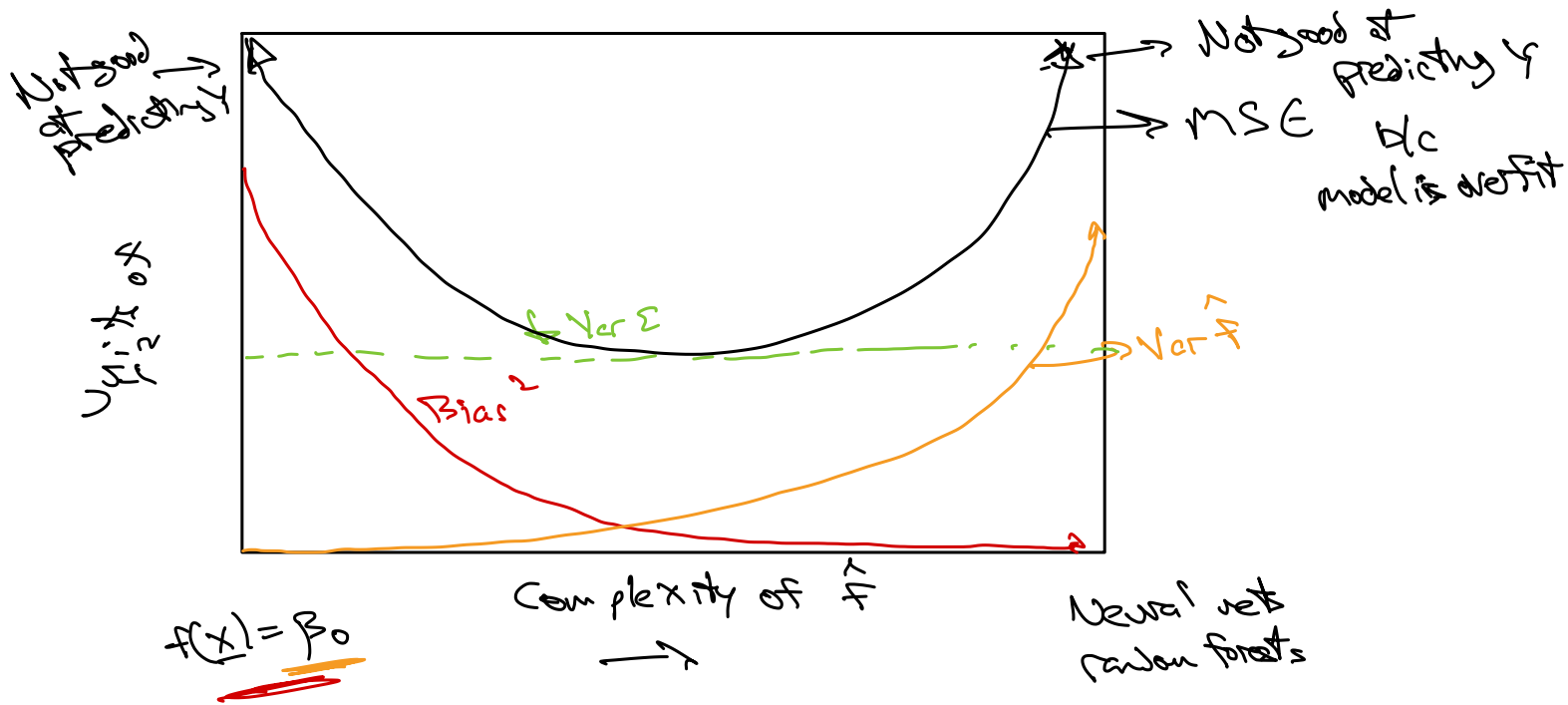
$$\textcircled{1} = E[(y - \hat{y})^2] = E\left[\underbrace{(y - E\hat{y})}_{\text{not}} + \underbrace{E\hat{y} - \hat{y}}_{\text{not}}\right]^2$$

$$= E[(y - E\hat{y})^2] + E[(\hat{y} - E\hat{y})^2] + 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{MSE} = (y - E\hat{y})^2 + E(\hat{y} - E\hat{y})^2 + \text{Var } \varepsilon$$

$$= \text{Bias}^2 + \text{Var}(\hat{y}) + \text{Var } \varepsilon$$



## Ch 2: Matrix review: homework!

### 3 Random Vectors

If  $X$  &  $Y$  are random variables, then

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E \left[ \underbrace{(X - EX)}_{\text{units of } X} \underbrace{(Y - EY)}_{\text{units of } Y} \right] \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var } X \cdot \text{Var } Y}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\underbrace{\text{SD}(X)}_{\text{units of } X} \cdot \underbrace{\text{SD}(Y)}_{\text{units of } Y}} \in [-1, 1] \quad \text{unitless}$$

### Properties

- $\text{Var } X = \text{Cov}(X, X)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$

$a, b, c, d$  fixed

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d) \\ = ac \text{Cov}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

( $Z$  random) •  $\text{Cov}(X + Y, Z) = \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$

Need similar ideas for random vectors.

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \text{r.v.} \\ \rightarrow \text{r.v.} \\ \\ \rightarrow \text{r.v.} \end{matrix}$$

$n \times 1$

$$\underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}} \right\} \text{collection of R.V.s}$$

$m \times 1$

$$\text{Cor}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) =$$

$n \times m$   
matrix  
not  
square

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cor}(x_1, y_1) & \text{Cor}(x_1, y_2) & \dots & \text{Cor}(x_1, y_m) \\ \text{Cor}(x_2, y_1) & \text{Cor}(x_2, y_2) & \dots & \text{Cor}(x_2, y_m) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cor}(x_n, y_1) & \text{Cor}(x_n, y_2) & \dots & \text{Cor}(x_n, y_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

called a covariance matrix

# Properties

Variance-  
Covariance  
matrix

$$\bullet \text{Var } \underline{X} = \text{Cov}(\underline{X}, \underline{X}) =$$

$n \times n$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Var } X_1 & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Var } X_2 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \dots & \text{Var } X_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \text{Cov}(A\underline{X} + \underline{u}, B\underline{Y} + \underline{v}) = A \text{Cov}(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) B^T$$

$$\bullet \text{Cov}(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) = \text{Cov}(\underline{Y}, \underline{X})^T$$

$$\bullet \text{Cor}(\underline{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \text{Cor}(X_1, X_2) & \dots & \text{Cor}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & 1 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & & 1 \\ \text{Cor}(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Useful case: Suppose  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$  are uncorrelated mean zero RVs with common variance  $\text{Var } \varepsilon_i = \sigma^2, \forall i$ .

If  $\underline{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}$  then  $E \underline{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} E \varepsilon_1 \\ E \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ E \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

and

$\text{Var } \underline{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^2 I$

Annotations:

- $\text{Cor}(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = 0$  b/c
- $\text{Var } \varepsilon_1 \rightarrow \sigma^2$
- $\text{Var } \varepsilon_2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$
- $\text{Var } \varepsilon_n \rightarrow \sigma^2$

## 4 Linear Regression [2]

Setup: Have features  $x_1, \dots, x_p$  + continuous response  $y$ .

- $\exists$ ? relationship between  $x_i$  +  $y$ ?
- Can we predict  $y$  for new set of  $x$ s?



