

# BLG 454E Learning From Data

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Bias Variance

# Linear Regression

$$E(q|\mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N (r^t - g(x^t|q))^2$$

$$g(x^t | w_1, w_0) = w_1 x^t + w_0$$

Take derivative of E

$$\sum_t r^t = Nw_0 + w_1 \sum_t x^t$$

...wrto w0

$$\sum_t r^t x^t = w_0 \sum_t x^t + w_1 \sum_t (x^t)^2$$

...wrto w1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} N & \sum_t x^t \\ \sum_t x^t & \sum_t (x^t)^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_t r^t \\ \sum_t r^t x^t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

# Polynomial Regression

$$g(x^t | w_k, \dots, w_2, w_1, w_0) = w_k (x^t)^k + \dots + w_2 (x^t)^2 + w_1 x^t + w_0$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^1 & (x^1)^2 & \dots & (x^1)^k \\ 1 & x^2 & (x^2)^2 & \dots & (x^2)^k \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 1 & x^N & (x^N)^2 & \dots & (x^N)^k \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r^1 \\ r^2 \\ \vdots \\ r^N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{r}$$

# Other Error Measures

- Square Error: 
$$E(\theta | \mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | \theta)]^2$$
- Relative Square Error: 
$$E(\theta | \mathcal{X}) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | \theta)]^2}{\sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - \bar{r}]^2}$$
- Absolute Error:  $E(\vartheta | X) = \sum_t |r^t - g(x^t | \vartheta)|$
- $\varepsilon$ -sensitive Error: 
$$E(\vartheta | X) = \sum_t 1(|r^t - g(x^t | \vartheta)| > \varepsilon) (|r^t - g(x^t | \vartheta)| - \varepsilon)$$

# Bias and Variance

Let  $X$  be a sample from a population specified up to a parameter  $\theta$

To evaluate the quality of this estimator we can measure how much it is different from  $\theta$

That is  $(d(X) - \theta)^2$

But since it is random variable (it depends on the sample) we need to average over all possible  $X$  and consider mean square error of the estimator

*Remember the properties of expectation*

# Bias and Variance

Unknown parameter  $\theta$

Estimator  $d_i = d(X_i)$  on sample  $X_i$

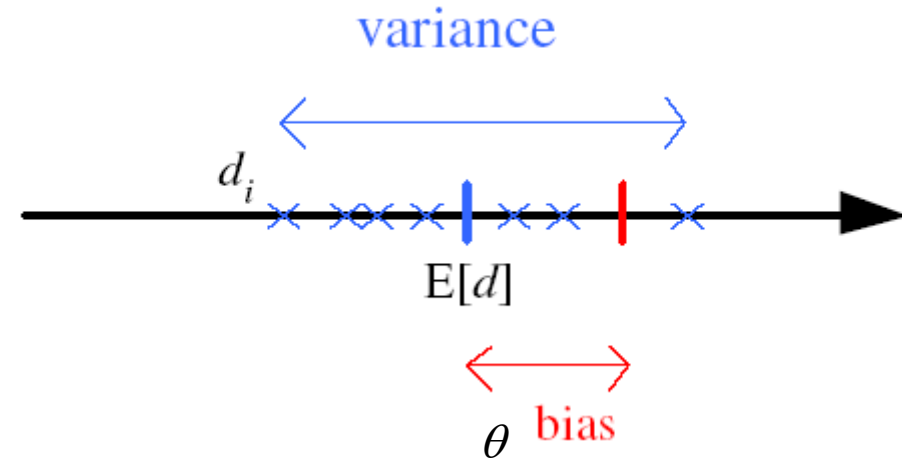
Bias:  $b_{\theta}(d) = E[d] - \theta$

Variance:  $E[(d - E[d])^2]$

Mean square error:

$$r(d, \theta) = E[(d - \theta)^2] = E[(d - E[d] + E[d] - \theta)^2]$$

$$= (E[d] - \theta)^2 + E[(d - E[d])^2] + 2(d - E[d])(E[d] - \theta)$$



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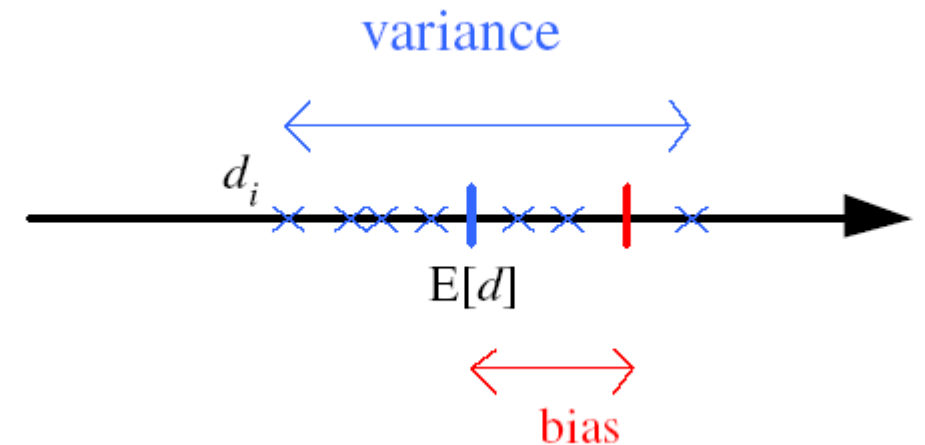
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$$= \text{Bias}^2 + \text{Variance}$$



# Bias and Variance

$$E[(r - g(x))^2 | x] = \underbrace{E[(r - E[r | x])^2 | x]}_{\text{noise}} + \underbrace{(E[r | x] - g(x))^2}_{\text{squared error}}$$

$$E_x[(E[r | x] - g(x))^2] = \underbrace{(E[r | x] - E_x[g(x)])^2}_{\text{bias}} + \underbrace{E_x[(g(x) - E_x[g(x)])^2]}_{\text{variance}}$$



# Estimating Bias and Variance

- $M$  samples  $X_i = \{x_i^t, r_i^t\}, i=1, \dots, M$   
are used to fit  $g_i(x), i=1, \dots, M$  and  $t=1, \dots, N$

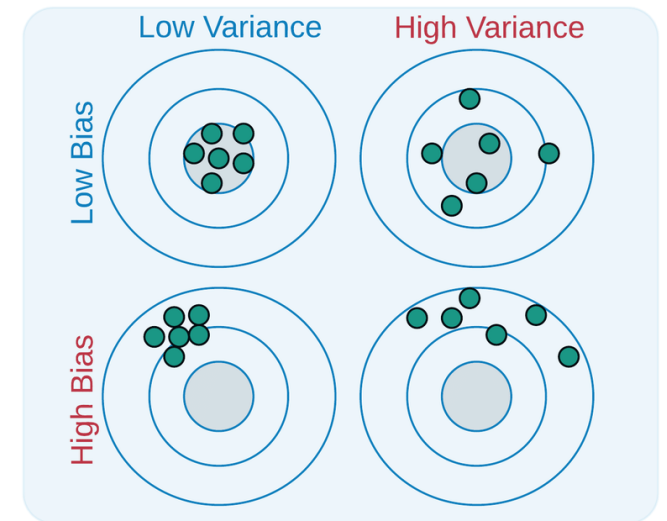
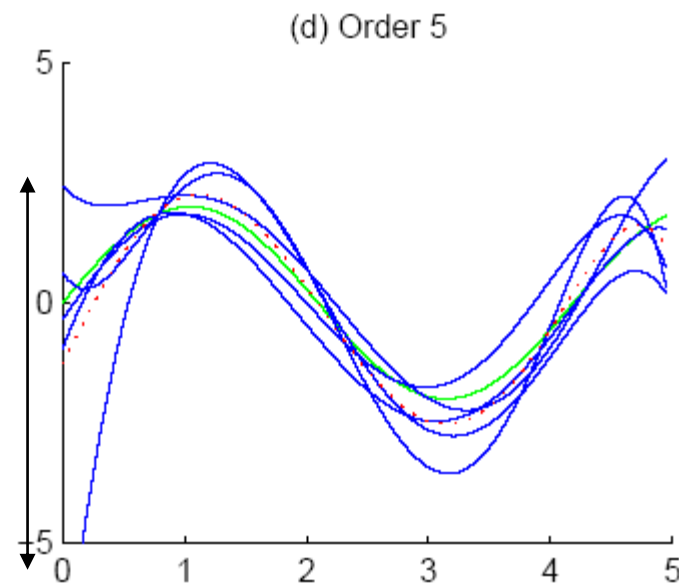
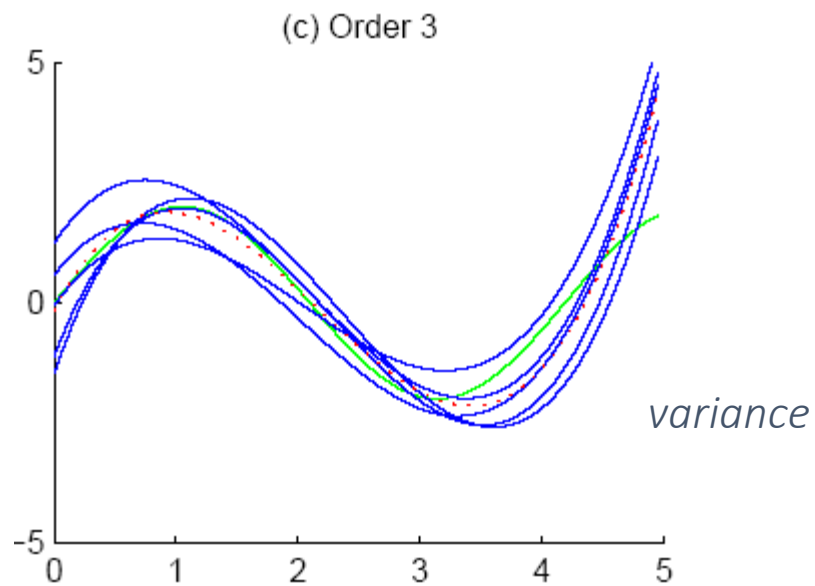
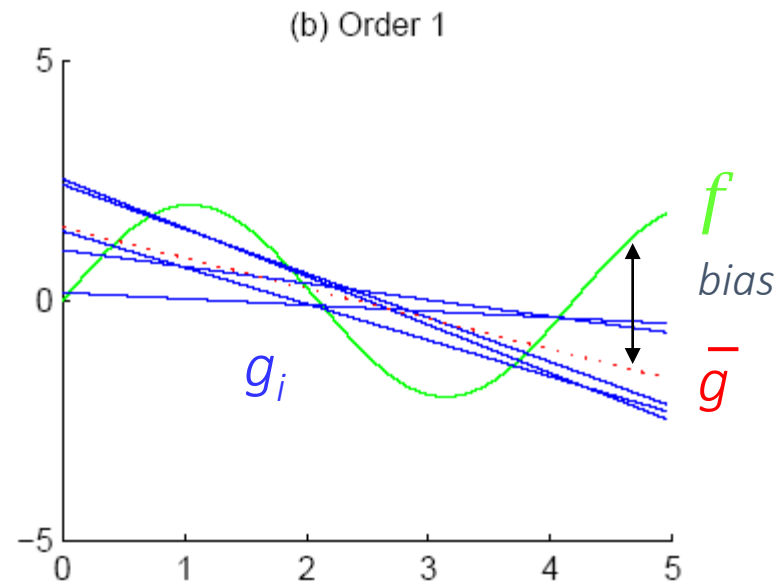
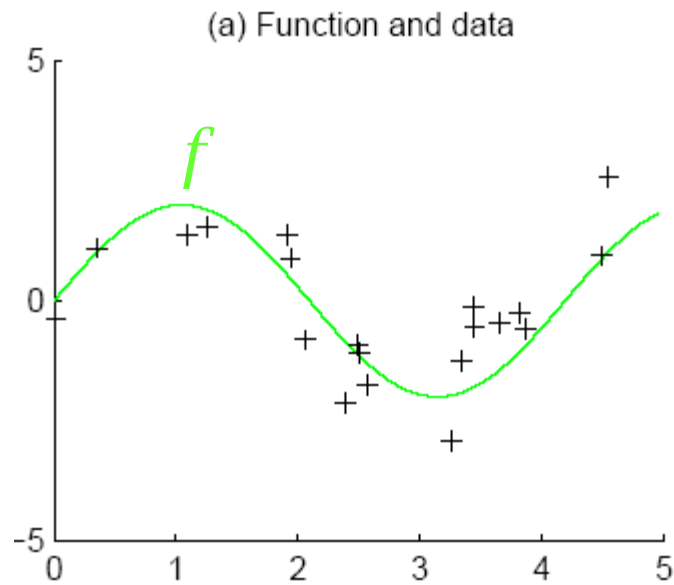
$$\text{Bias}^2(g) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_t [\bar{g}(x^t) - f(x^t)]^2$$

$$\text{Variance}(g) = \frac{1}{NM} \sum_t \sum_i [g_i(x^t) - \bar{g}(x^t)]^2$$

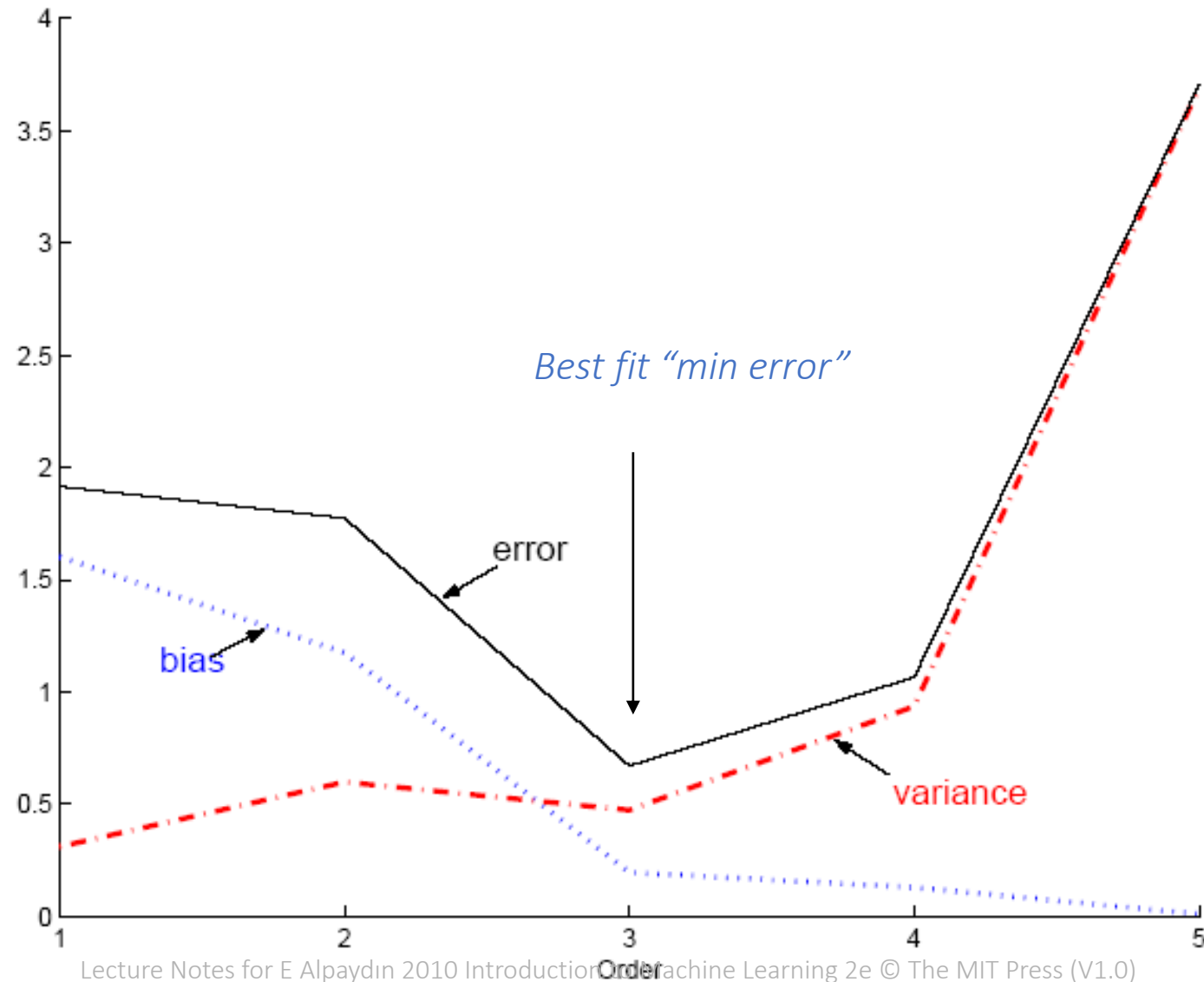
$$\bar{g}(x) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i g_i(x)$$

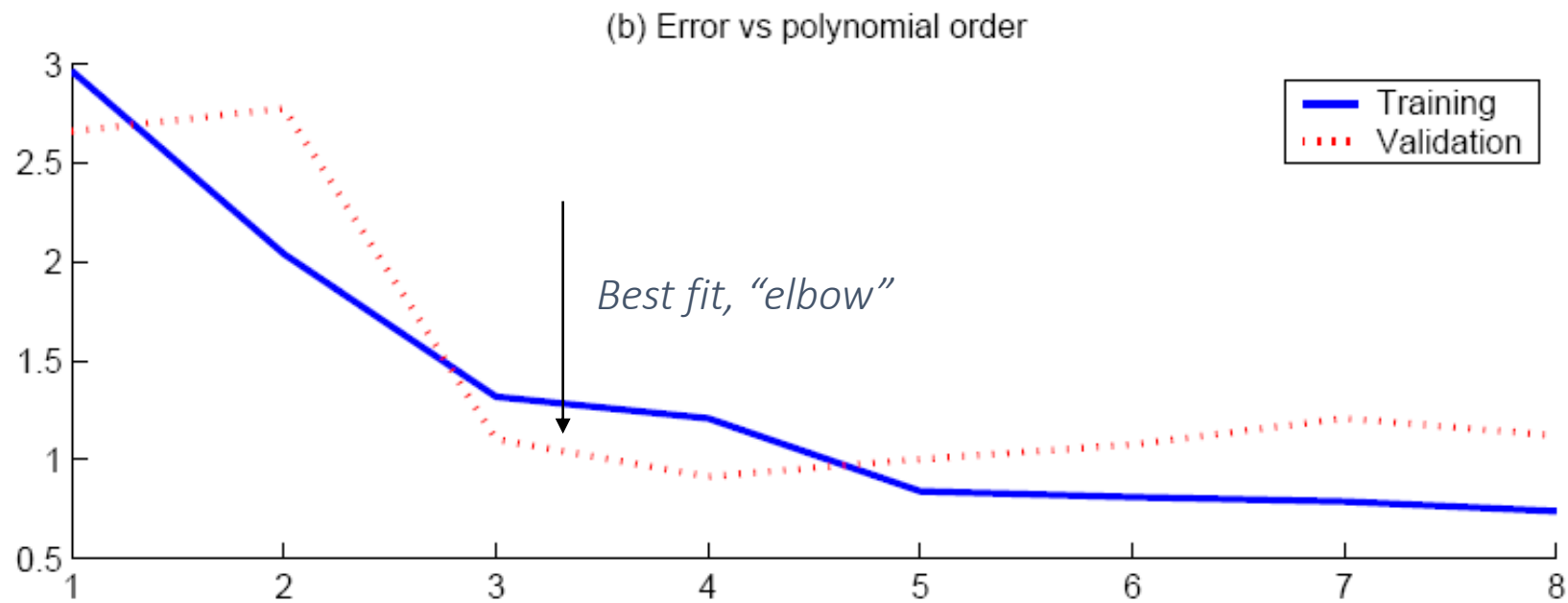
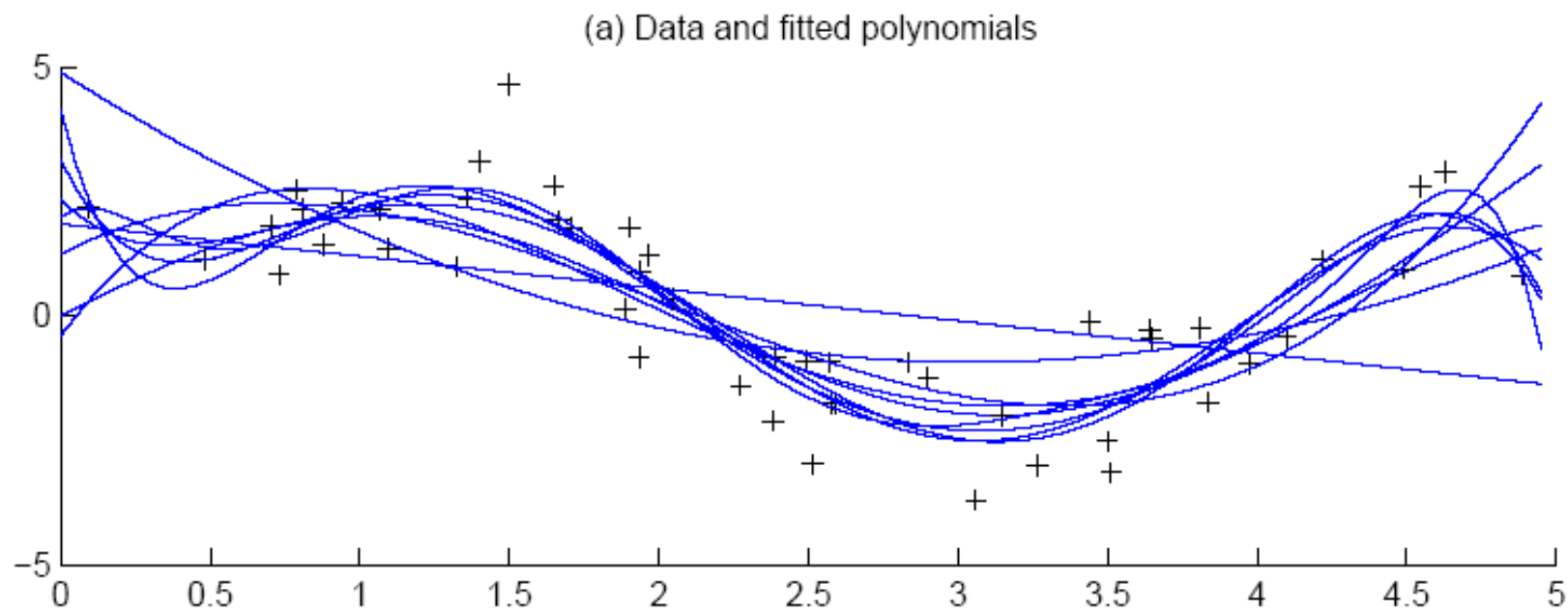
# Bias/Variance Dilemma

- Example:  $g_i(x)=2$  has no variance and high bias  
 $g_i(x)=\sum_t r_i^t/N$  has lower bias with variance
- As we increase complexity,  
    bias decreases (a better fit to data) and  
    variance increases (fit varies more with data)
- Bias/Variance dilemma: (Geman et al., 1992)

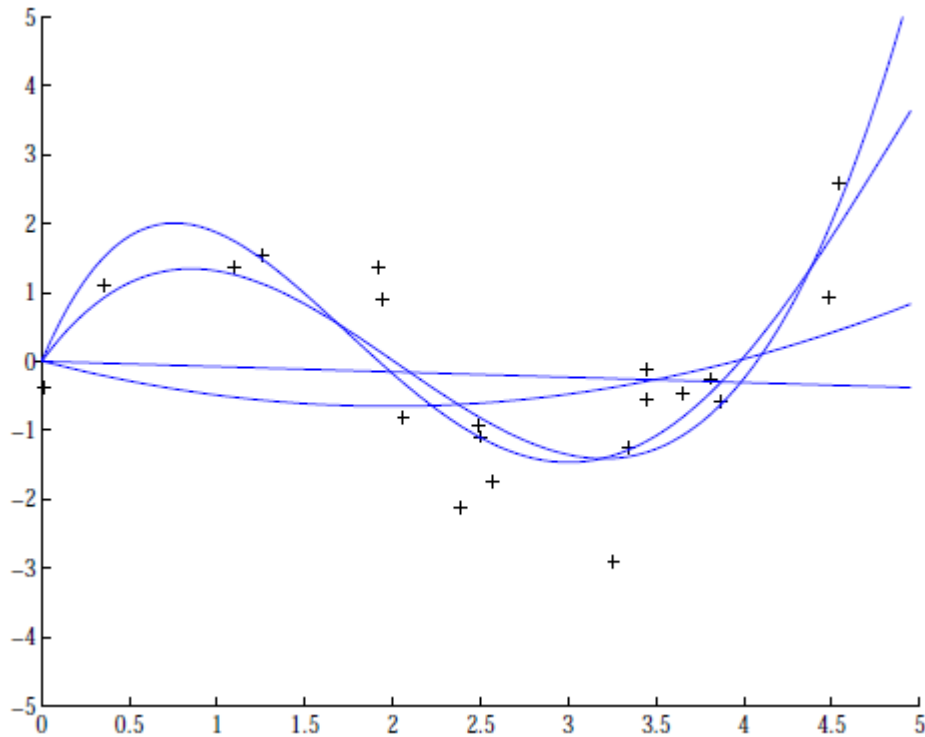


# Polynomial Regression





# Regression example



Coefficients increase in magnitude as order increases:

1:  $[-0.0769, 0.0016]$

2:  $[0.1682, -0.6657, 0.0080]$

3:  $[0.4238, -2.5778, 3.4675, -0.0002]$

4:  $[-0.1093, 1.4356, -5.5007, 6.0454, -0.0019]$

**Idea:** Penalize large coefficients

# Regularization

- New Cost Function  $E(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N [y^t - g(x^t \mid \mathbf{w})]^2 + \lambda \sum_i w_i^2$

- Ridge Regression  $R(w) = \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \sum_i w_i^2$

- LASSO:  $R(w) = \|\mathbf{w}\|_1 = \sum_i |w_i|$

$$\mathcal{L}(W) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y - Xw)^2 + \lambda \sum_i w_i^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (y - Xw)^T (y - Xw) + \lambda w^T w$$

- $\nabla \mathcal{L} = -\frac{2}{2} X^T (y - Xw) + \lambda w$

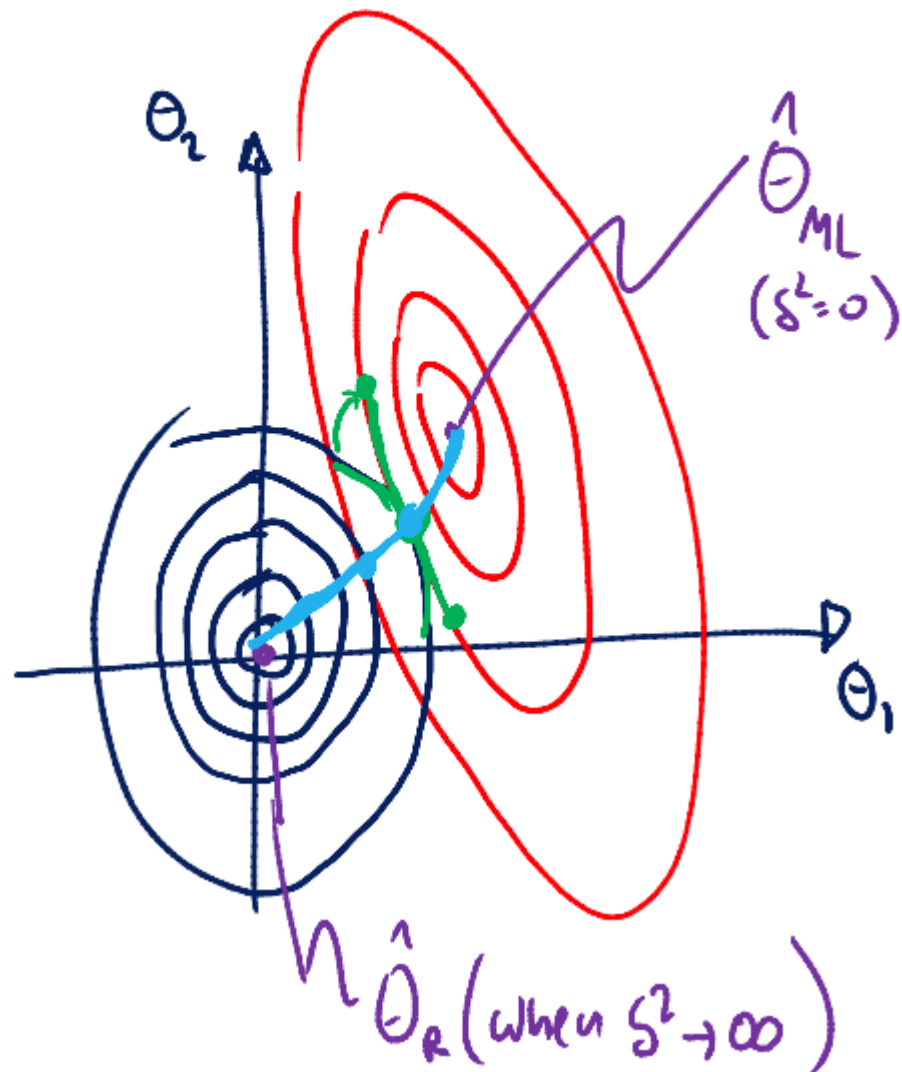
- $-\frac{2}{2} X^T (y - Xw) + \lambda w = 0 \rightarrow X^T y = X^T X w + \lambda w \rightarrow$

- $X^T y = (X^T X + \lambda I) w$

- $\hat{w} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$



$$J(\theta) = \underbrace{(y - X\theta)^T (y - X\theta)}_{\text{ellipses}} + \cancel{\delta^2 \theta^T \theta}$$



- Image is obtained from Nando Freitas' lecture notes