CSE 417T
Introduction to Machine Learning

Lecture 9

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Logistics

- Homework 2 is due on **October 7 (Friday)**

- Return of homework
  - We plan to return each homework within 1.5~2 weeks after the deadline
  - Regrade requests
    - You will have up to 7 days to submit regrade requests
      - the regrade period might be shortened if there are schedule constraints
    - We might check the entire homework for each request, so the grades might go down as well if we find new mistakes

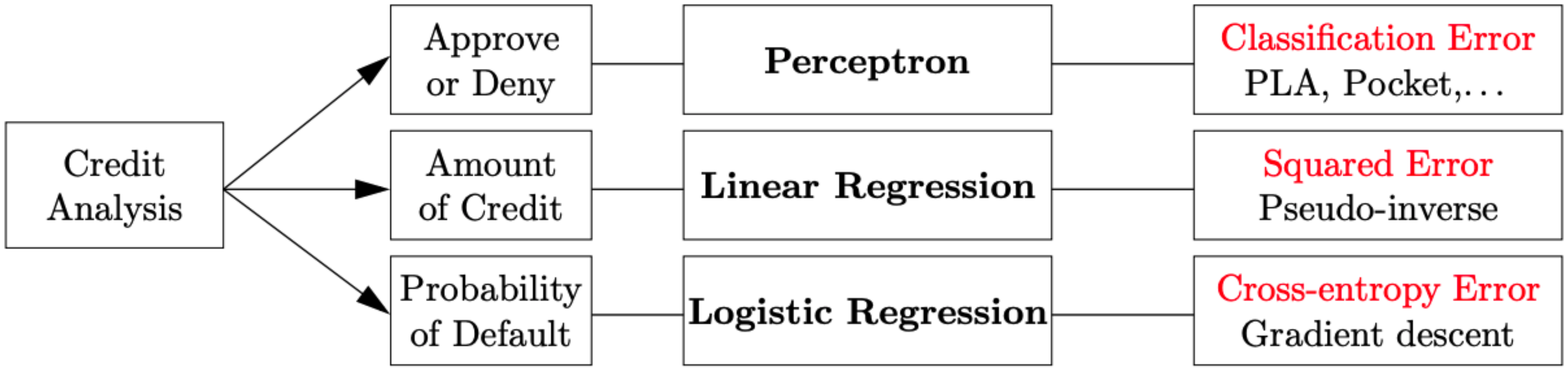
- Exam 1: **October 27 (Thursday)**
  - Content: LFD Chap 1 to 5 (The entire hardcopy of the textbook)
  - Timed exam (75 min) during lecture time (location TBD)
  - Closed-book exam with 2 letter-size cheat sheets (4 pages in total)
    - No format limitations (it can be typed, written, or a combination)

Recap

Linear Models

This is why it's called linear models

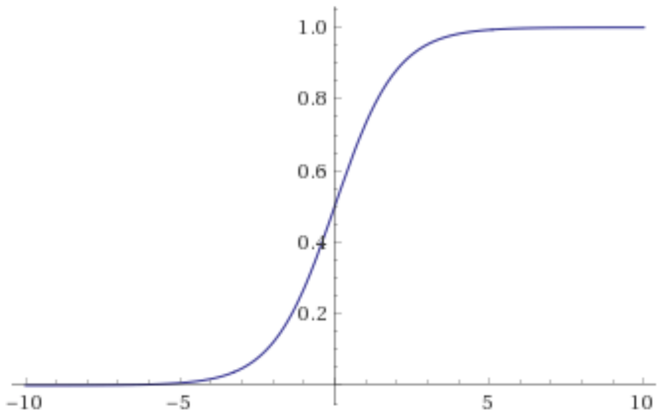
- H contains hypothesis $h(\vec{x})$ as **some function of $\vec{w}^T\vec{x}$**



- Algorithm:
  - Focus on $g = argmin_{h \in H} E_{in}(h)$
  - Gradient descent is one of the common optimization algorithms

Logistic Regression

- Predict a probability
  - Interpreting $h(\vec{x}) \in [0,1]$ as the prob for $y = +1$ given $\vec{x}$
- Hypothesis set $H = \{h(\vec{x}) = \theta(\vec{w}^T\vec{x})\}$
  - $\theta(s) = \frac{e^s}{1+e^s} = \frac{1}{1+e^{-s}}$



- Algorithm
  - Find $g = argmin_{h \in H} E_{in}(h)$
- Two key questions
  - How to define $E_{in}(h)$?
  - How to perform the optimization (minimizing E_{in})?

Define $E_{in}(\vec{w})$: Cross-Entropy Error

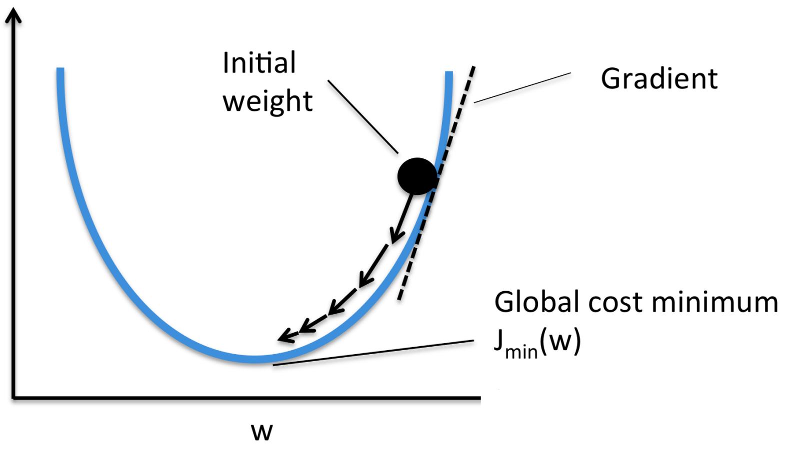
$$E_{in}(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln(1 + e^{-y_n \vec{w}^T \vec{x}_n})$$

- Minimizing cross entropy error is the same as maximizing likelihood

- Likelihood: $\Pr(D|\vec{w})$
  - $\vec{w}^* = argmax_{\vec{w}} \Pr(D|\vec{w})$ (maximizing likelihood)
    $= argmin_{\vec{w}} E_{in}(\vec{w})$ (minimizing cross-entropy error)

Optimizing $E_{in}(\vec{w})$: Gradient Descent

- Gradient descent algorithm
  - Initialize $\vec{w}(0)$
  - For $t = 0, \ldots$
    - $\vec{w}(t+1) \leftarrow \vec{w}(t) - \eta \nabla_{\vec{w}} E_{in}\big(\vec{w}(t)\big)$
    - Terminate if the stop conditions are met
  - Return the final weights



Works for functions where gradient exists everywhere

- Stochastic gradient decent
  - Replace the update step:
    - Randomly choose n from $\{1, \ldots, N\}$
    - $\vec{w}(t+1) \leftarrow \vec{w}(t) - \eta \nabla_{\vec{w}} e_n(\vec{w}(t))$

Notes for homework 2:

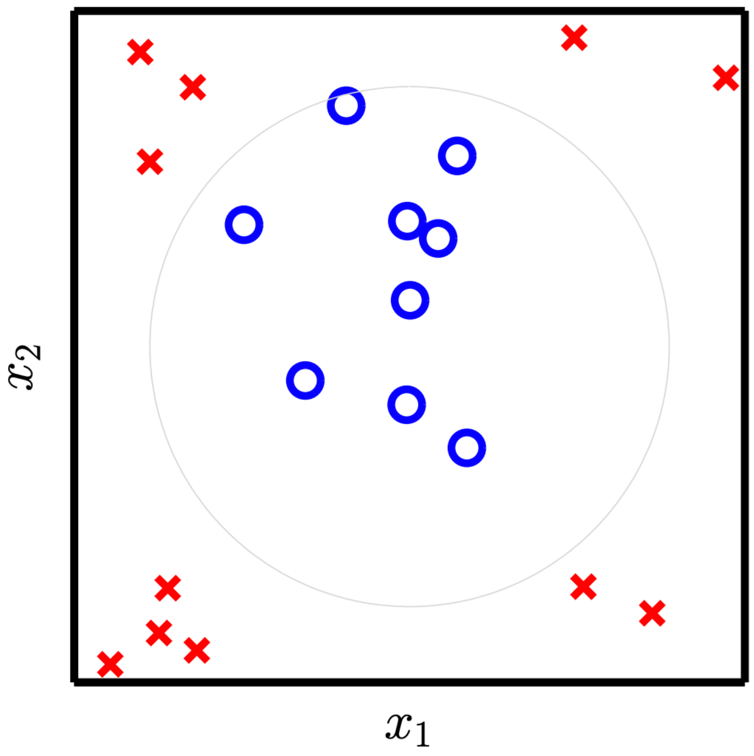
- Please use "non-stochastic" gradient descent.
- Check vectorization to speed up your implementation.

Today’s Lecture

The notes are not intended to be comprehensive. They should be accompanied by lectures and/or textbook.

Let me know if you spot errors.

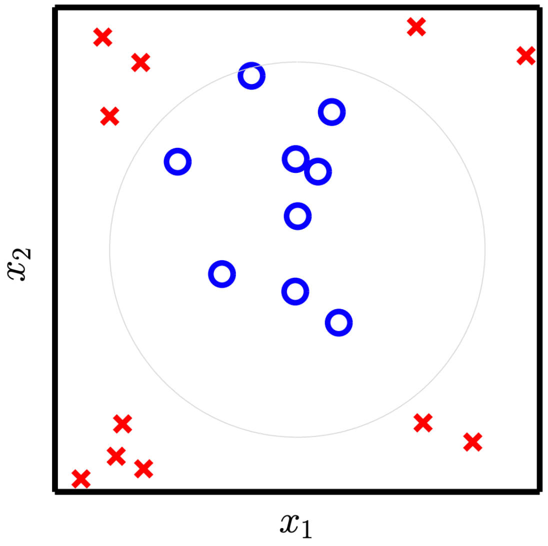
Limitations of Linear Models



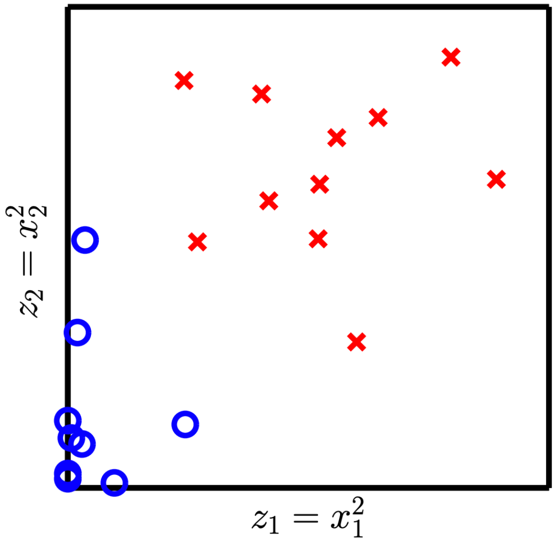
Non-Linear Transformation

Using Non-Linear Transformations

- Find a feature transform Φ that maps data from $\vec{x}$ space to $\vec{z}$ space



$$\vec{z} = \Phi(\vec{x})$$

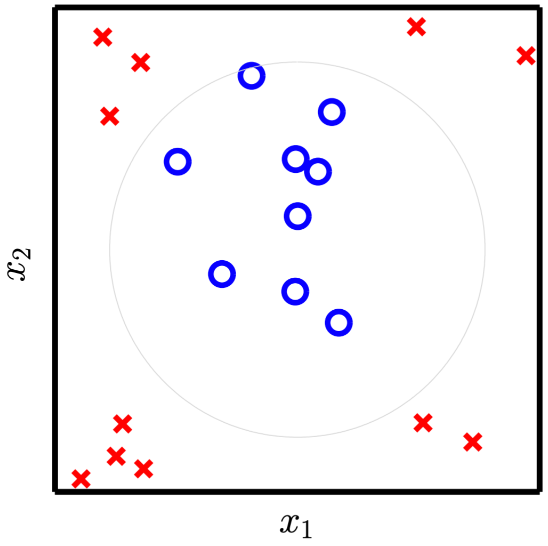


$$\vec{x} = (1, x_1, x_2)$$

$$\vec{z} = (1, x_1^2, x_2^2)$$

Using Non-Linear Transformations

- Learn a linear classifier in $\vec{z}$ space: $g^{(z)}(\vec{z}) = sign\left(\overrightarrow{w}^{(z)^T}\vec{z}\right)$



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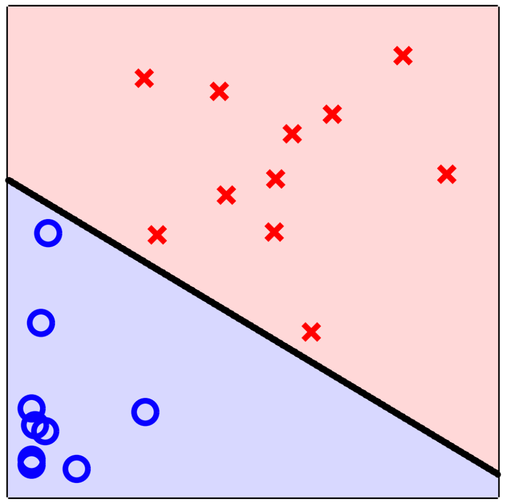
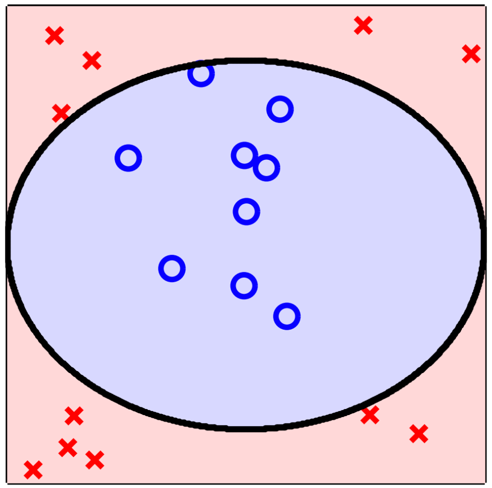


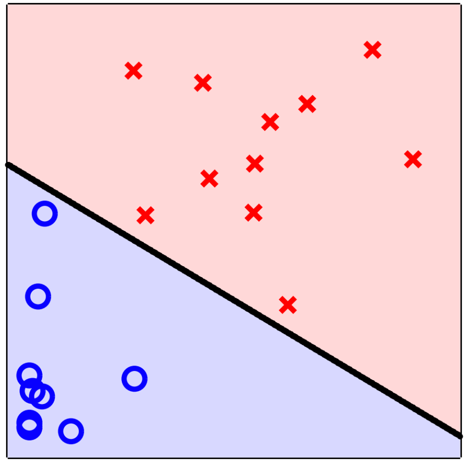
$\vec{z} = (1, x_1^2, x_2^2)$

$g^{(z)}(\vec{z}) = sign(-0.6 + z_1 + z_2)$

Using Non-Linear Transformations

- Transform the learned hypothesis back to $\vec{x}$ space
  - $g(\vec{x}) = g^{(z)}(\Phi(\vec{x})) = sign\left(\vec{w}^{(z)^T}\Phi(\vec{x})\right)$





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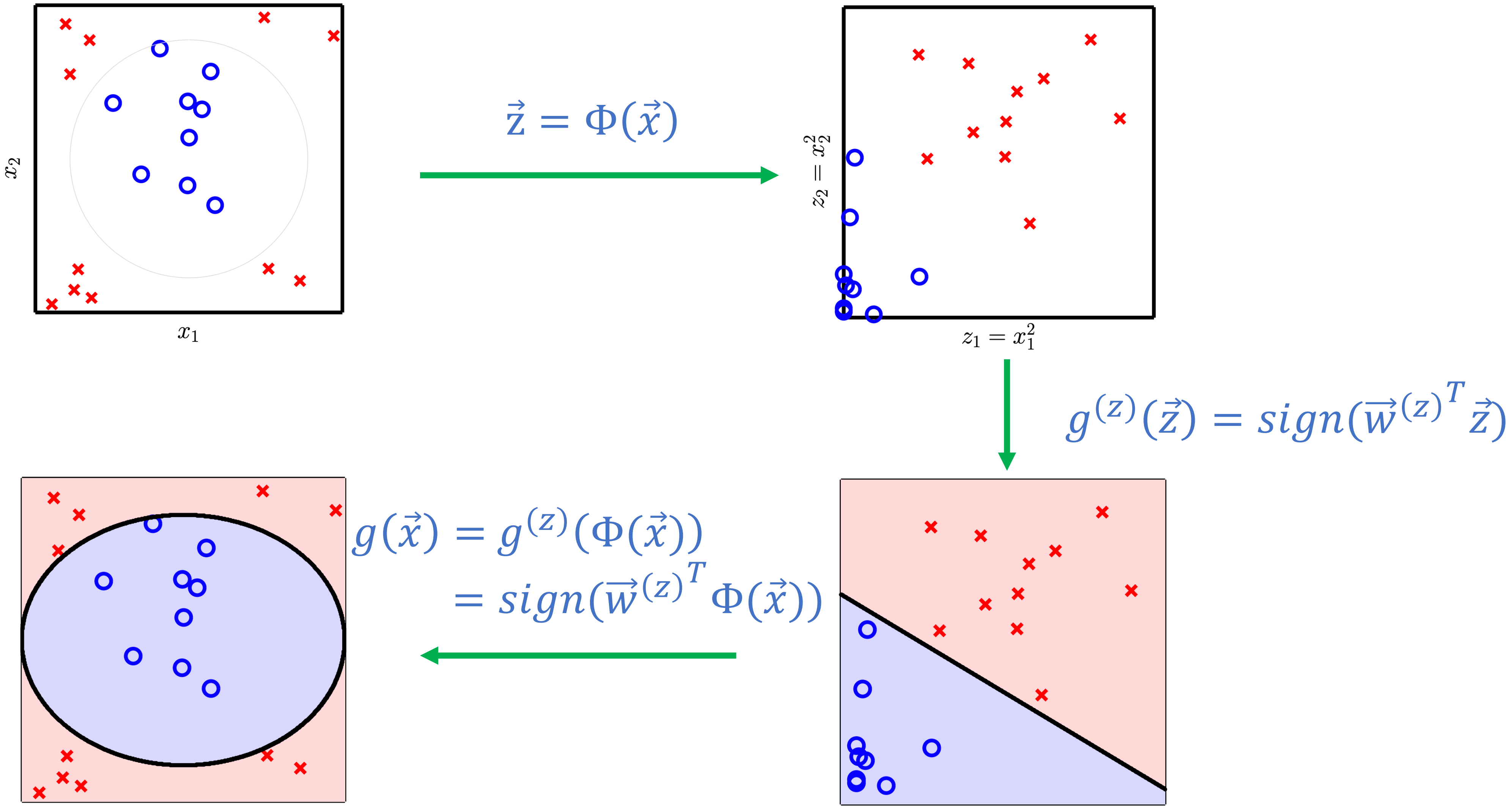
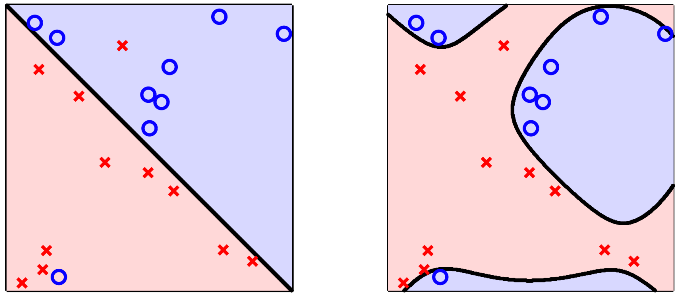
$g(\vec{x}) = sign(-0.6 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ $\longleftarrow$ $g^{(z)}(\vec{z}) = sign(-0.6 + z_1 + z_2)$

Nonlinear Transformation

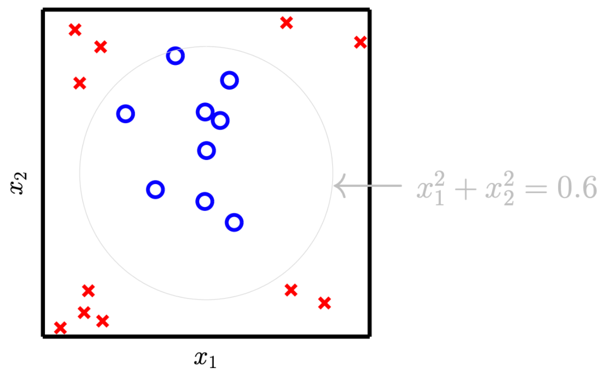


Generalization of Nonlinear Transformation

- Fact (We'll prove this later)
  - The VC Dimension of d-dim perceptron is $d+1$
- VC dimension of perceptron on input space $\vec{x} = (x_0, .., x_d)$
  - d+1
- VC dimension of perceptron on input space $\vec{z} = (z_0, .., z_{d'})$
  - $\leq d' + 1$ (usually treated as $\approx d' + 1$)
- Careful: Non-linear transform might lead to "nonsense" behavior



How to Choose Feature Transform Φ



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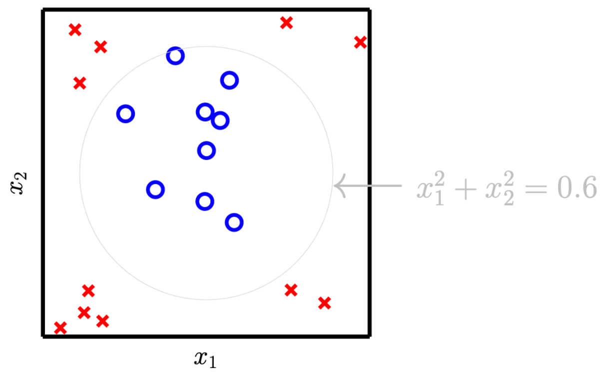
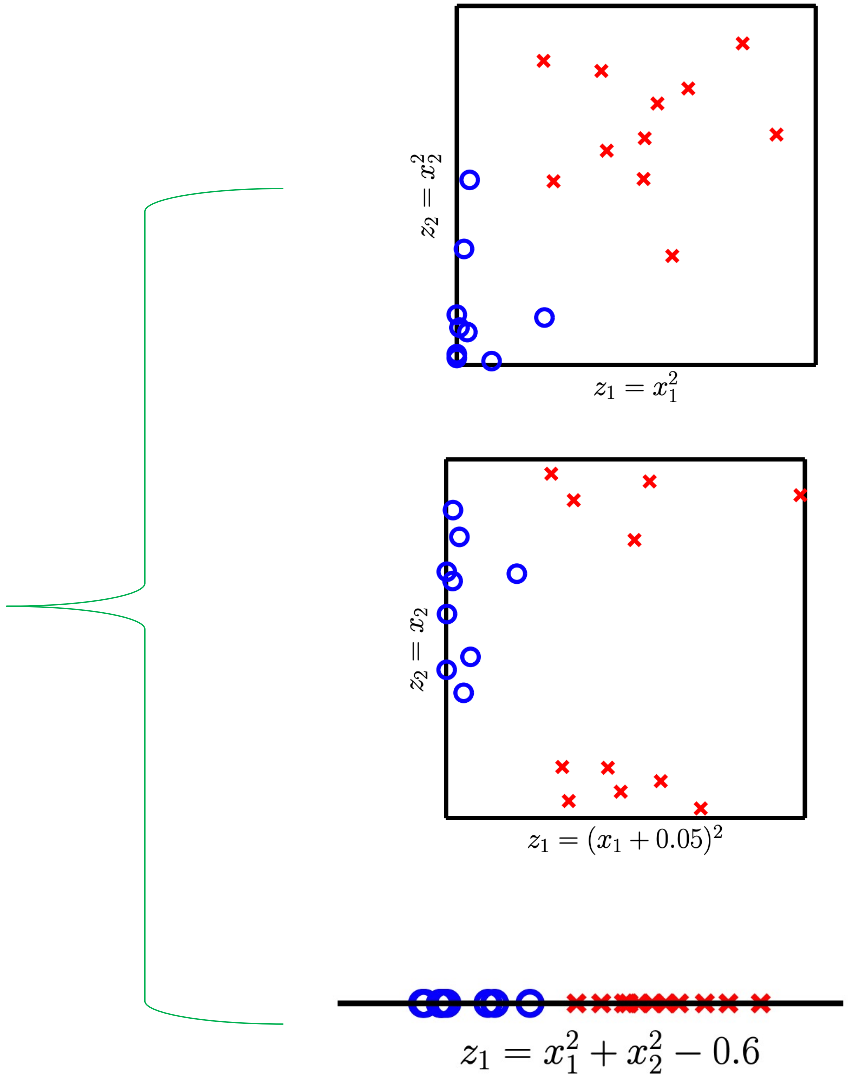




Something Seems Wrong!

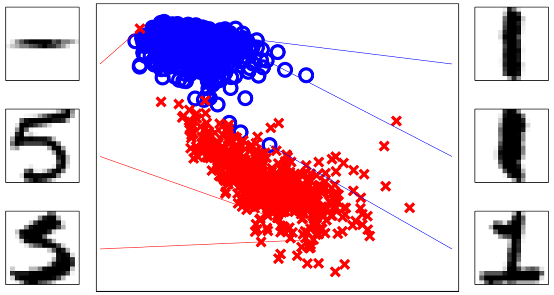
Must choose Φ BEFORE looking at the data

Otherwise, you are doing “data snooping”

The hypothesis set H is as large as anything your brain can think of

Choose Φ Before Seeing Data

- Rely on domain knowledge (feature engineering)
  - Handwriting digit recognition example



- Use common sets of feature transformation
  - Polynomial transformation
  - 2nd order Polynomial transformation
    - $\vec{x} = (1, x_1, x_2)$
    - $\Phi_2(\vec{x}) = (1, x_1, x_2, x_1 x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2)$
    - Pros: more powerful (contains circle, ellipse, hyperbola, etc)
    - Cons: 2-d => 5-d
      - More computation/storage
      - Worse generalization error

The VC dimension of d-dim perceptron is d+1

Q-th Order Polynomial Transform

- $\vec{x} = (1, x_1, \dots, x_d)$
- From 1-st order to Q-th order polynomial transform:
  - $\Phi_1(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$
  - $\Phi_2(\vec{x}) = (\Phi_1(\vec{x}), x_1^2, x_1x_2, x_1x_3, \dots, x_d^2)$
  - …
  - $\Phi_Q(\vec{x}) = (\Phi_{Q-1}(\vec{x}), x_1^Q, x_1^{Q-1}x_2, \dots, x_d^Q)$

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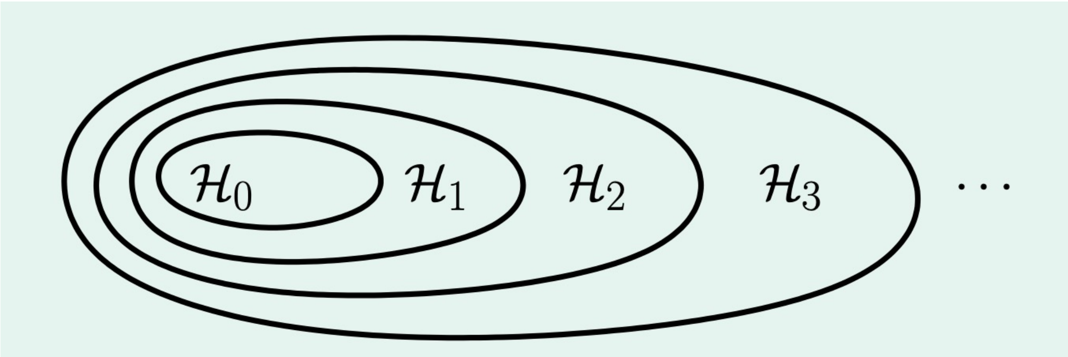
  - $\binom{Q+d}{Q}$

Structural Hypothesis Sets

- Let H_Q be the linear model for the $\Phi_Q(\vec{x})$ space



- Let $g_Q = argmin_{h \in H_Q} E_{in}(h)$
  - $H_0 \quad H_1 \quad H_2 \ldots$
  - $d_{vc}(H_0) \quad d_{vc}(H_1) \quad d_{vc}(H_2) \ldots$
  - $E_{in}(g_0) \quad E_{in}(g_1) \quad E_{in}(g_2) \ldots$

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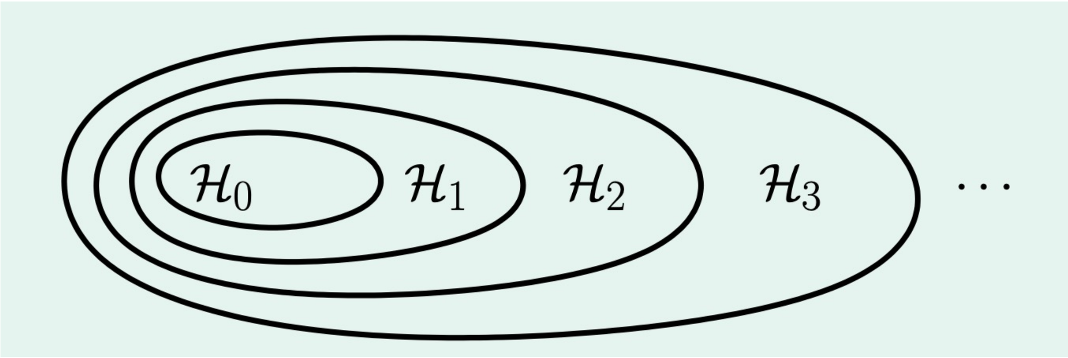

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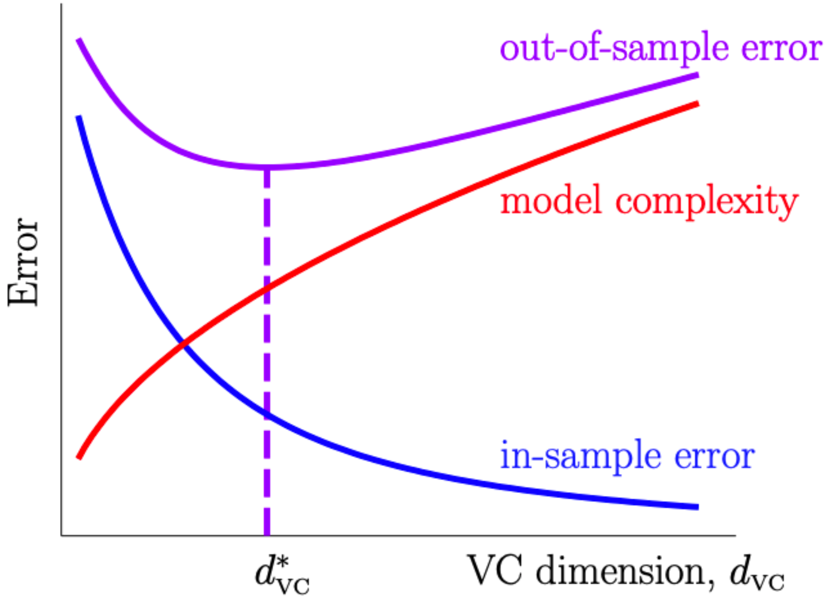
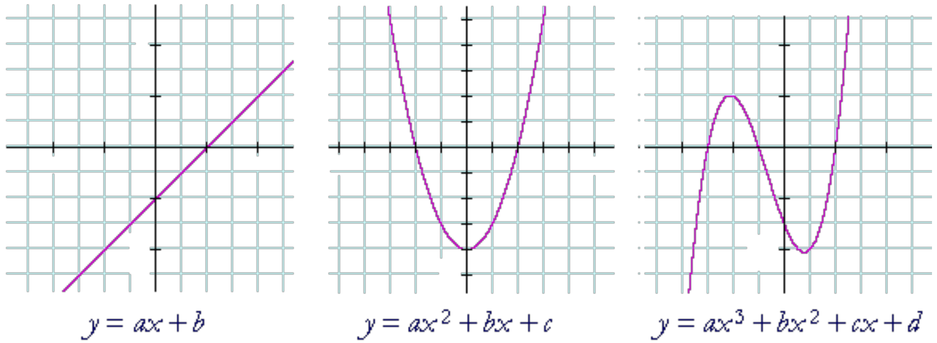


Overfitting

[Adapted from the slides by Malik Magdon-Ismail]

Setup of the Discussion

- Regression with polynomial transform
  - Input: 1-dimensional x
  - $\Phi_Q(x) = (1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^Q)$
  - $H_Q = \{h(x) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \cdots + w_Q x^Q\}$

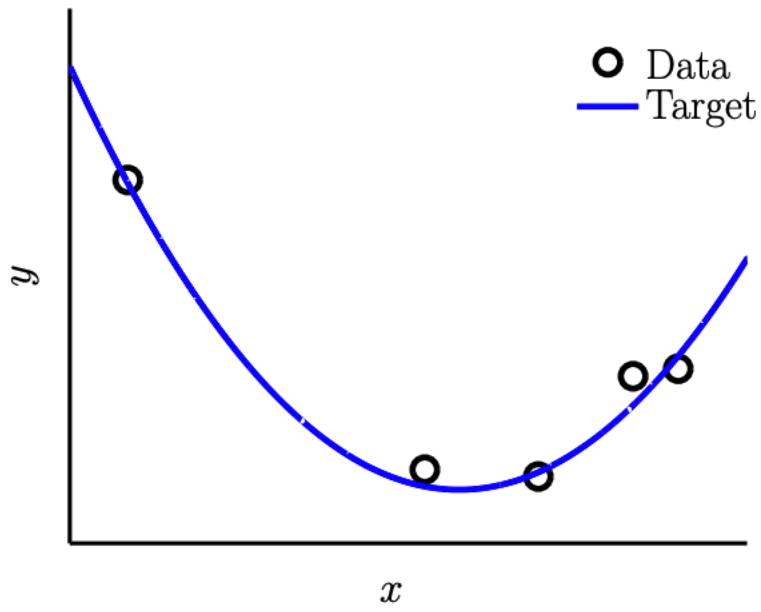


- Qth-order polynomial fit
  - Solve linear regression on the $\Phi_Q(\vec{x})$ space using H_Q
  - Looking to minimize E_{in}: $g_Q = argmin_{h \in H_Q} E_{in}(h)$

A Simple Example

- Target f: 4th order function
- # data points: $N = 5$
- Small noise:
  - $y = f(x) + \epsilon$ with small ϵ

- 4th order polynomial fit
  - $h(x) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + w_3 x^3 + w_4 x^4$
  - Find $g_4 = argmin_h E_{in}(h)$



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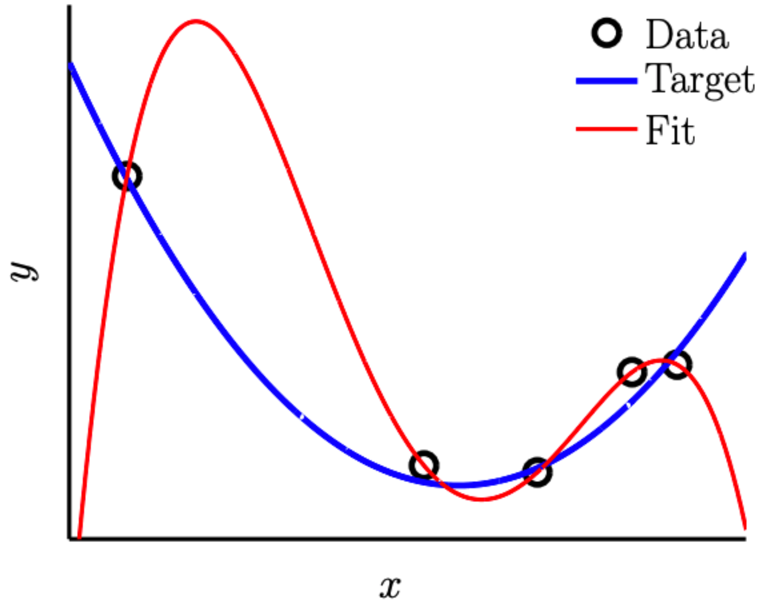


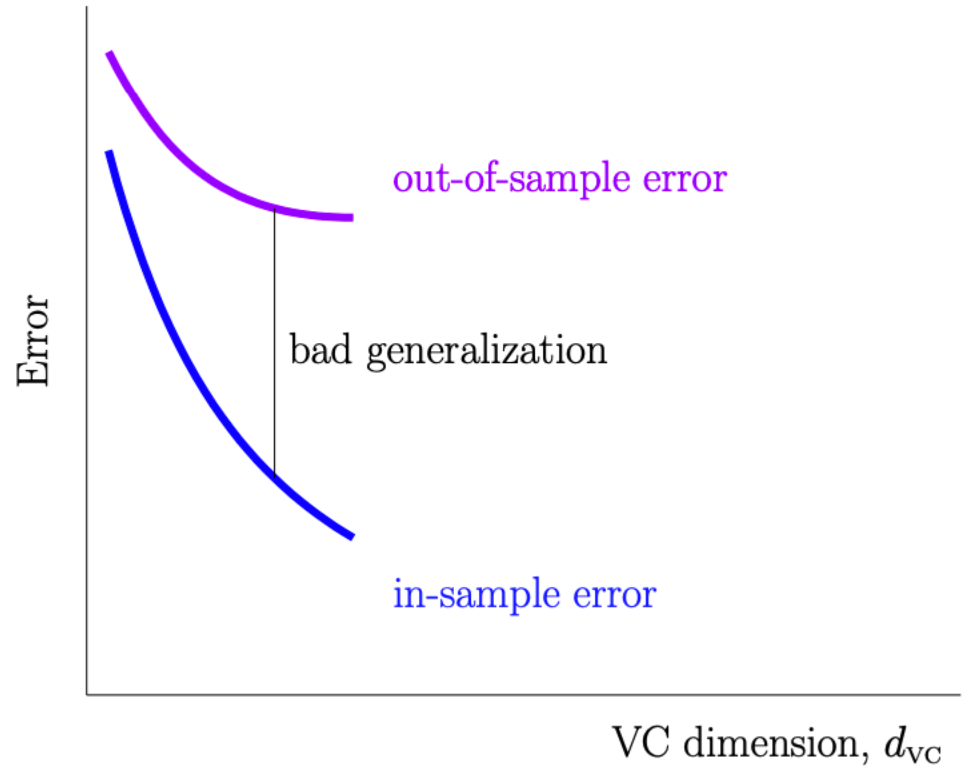
Classical overfitting: $E_{in} = 0$, but lead to a large E_{out}

Fitting the **noise** instead of the target

What is Overfitting?

Fitting the data more than is warranted

Overfitting is Not Just Bad Generalization



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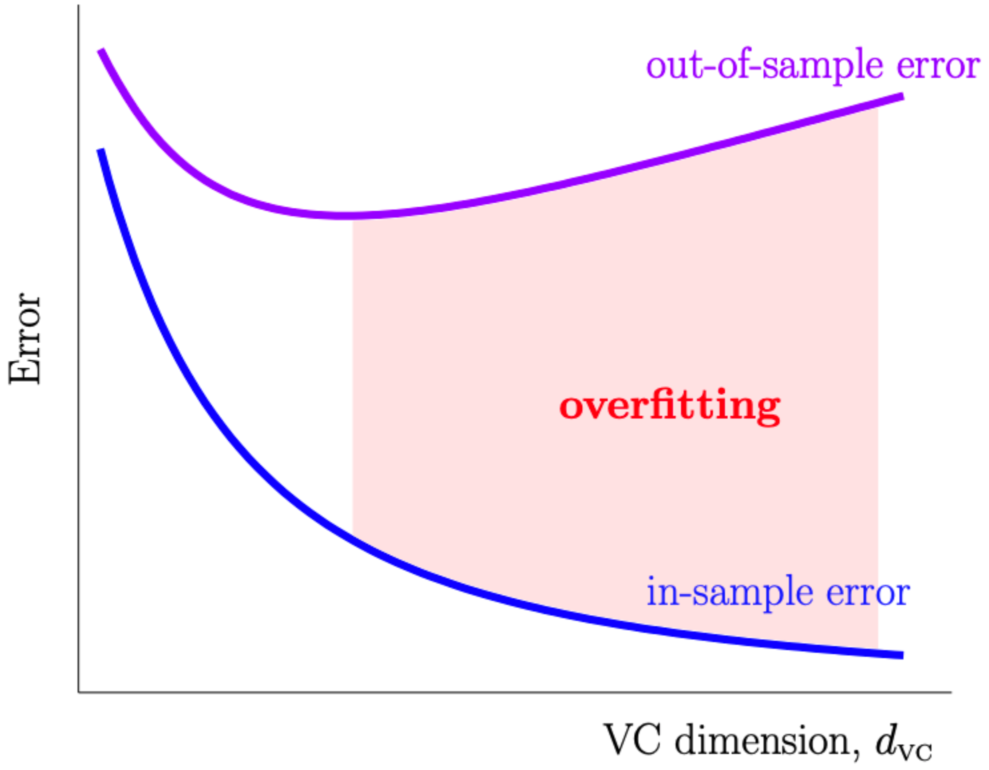
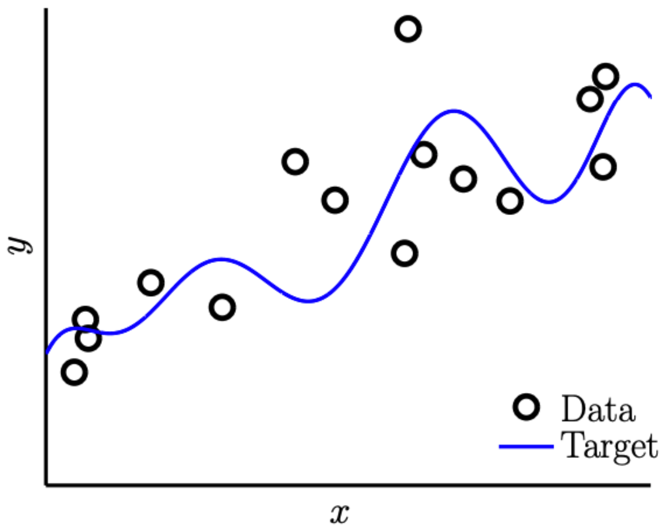


Overfitting

Going for lower and lower E_{in} results in higher and higher E_{out}

Case Study:
2^{nd} vs 10^{th} Order Polynomial Fit

N=15



10th order f with noise.

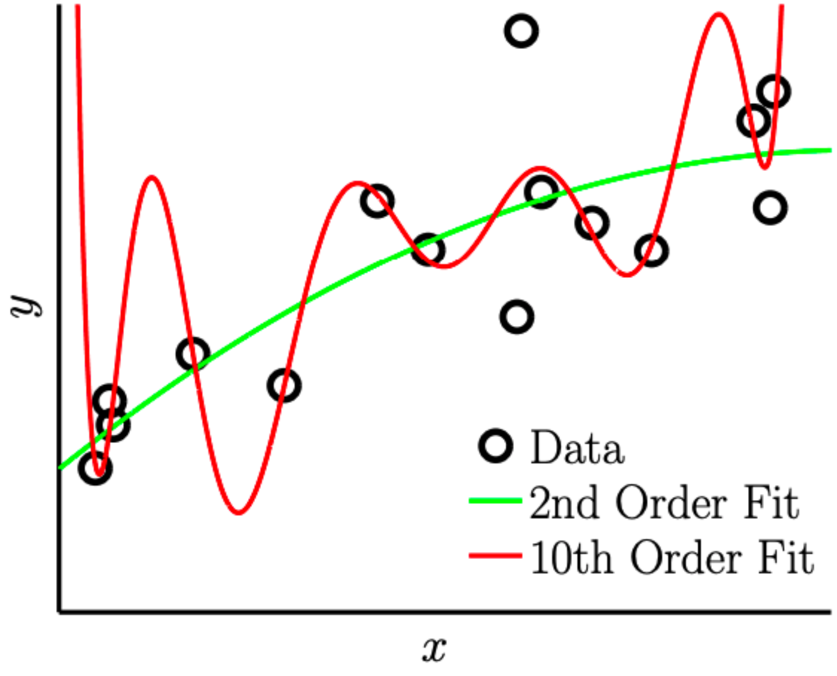
50th order f with no noise.

H_2: 2nd order polynomial fit

H_{10}: 10th order polynomial fit

Which model would you choose for the left problem and why?

Target Function: 10th Order f with Noise



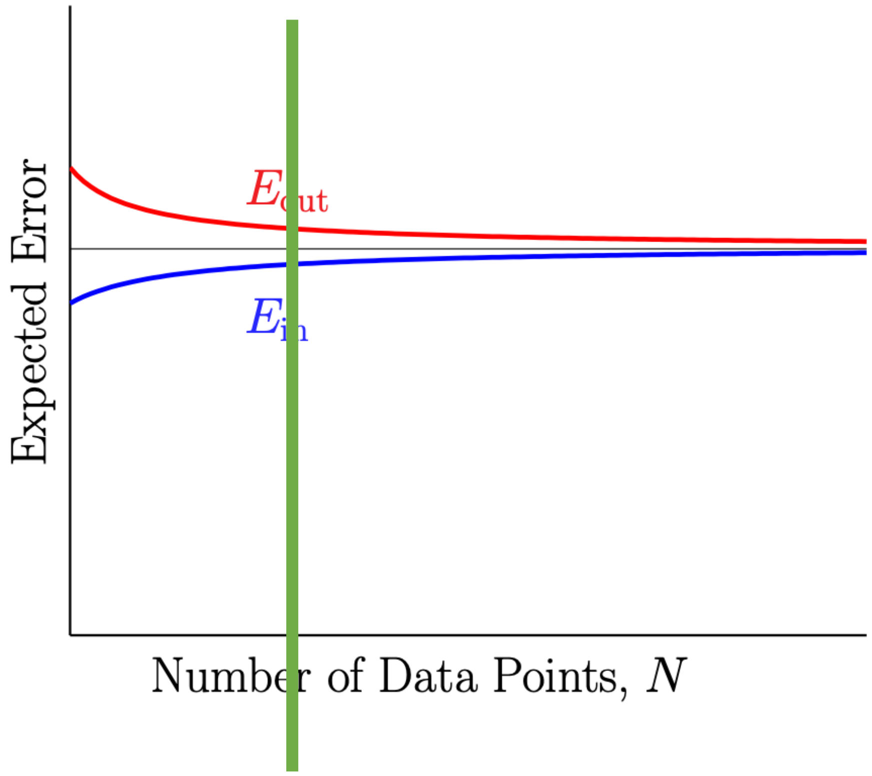
simple noisy target

	2nd Order	10th Order
E_{in}	0.050	0.034
E_{out}	0.127	**9.00**

- Irony of two learners Red and Green
- Both **know** the target is 10th order
- Red chooses H_{10}
- Green chooses H_2
- Green outperforms Red

Why is H_2 Better than H_{10}?

Learning curve for H_2



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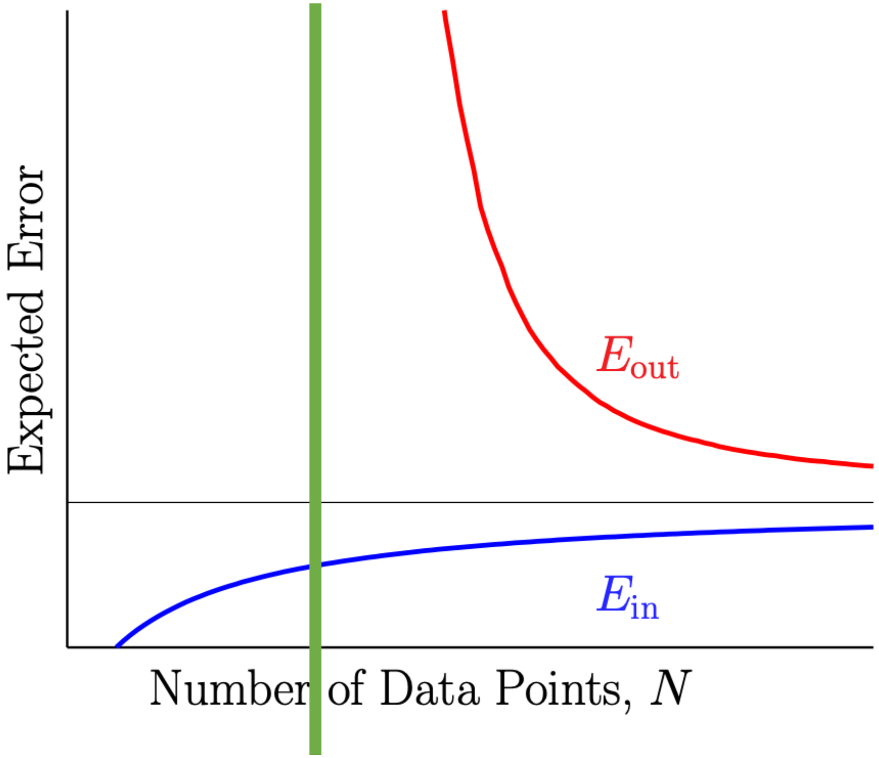

When N is small, $E_{out}(g_{10}) \geq E_{out}(g_2)$

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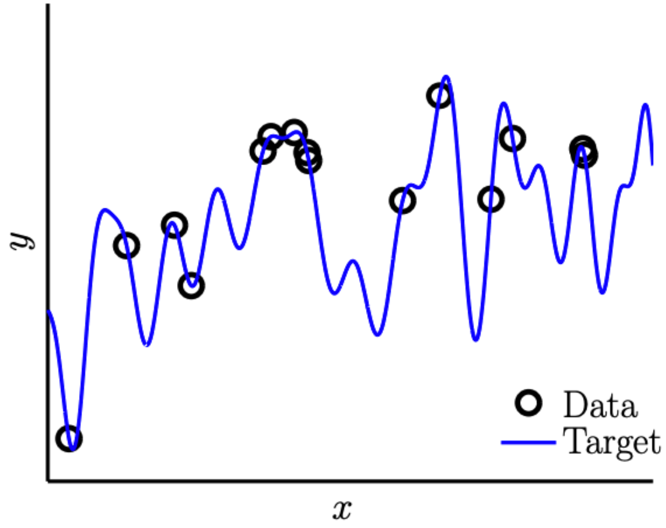


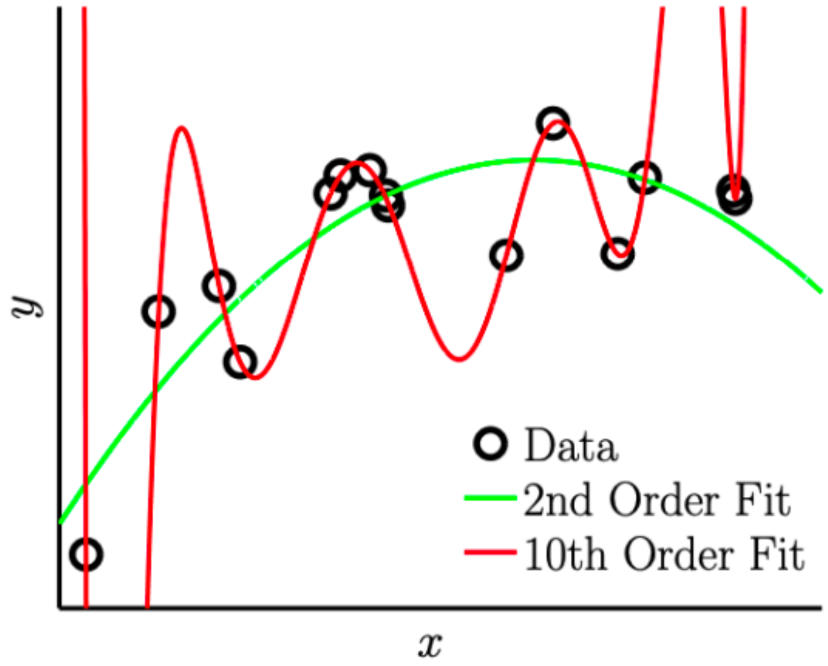
50th order f with no noise.

H_2: 2nd order polynomial fit

H_{10}: 10th order polynomial fit

Which model do you choose for the right problem and why?

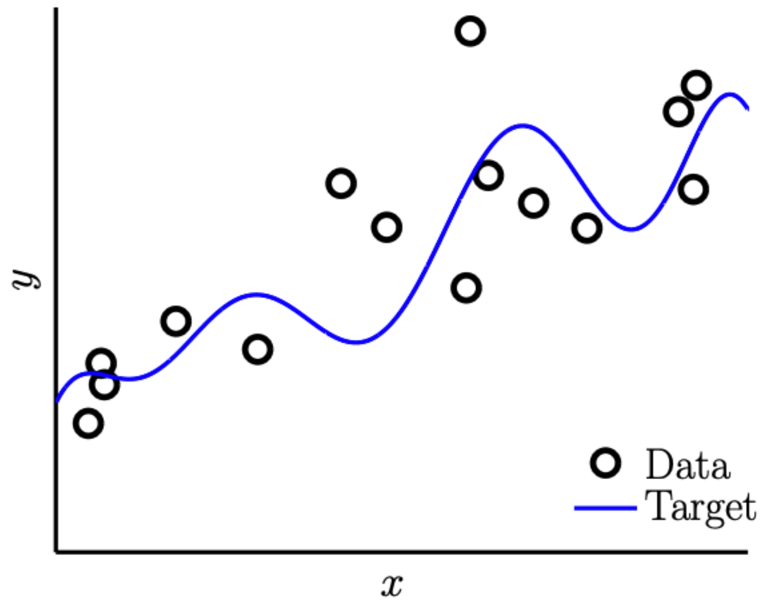
Simpler H is better even for complex target with no noise



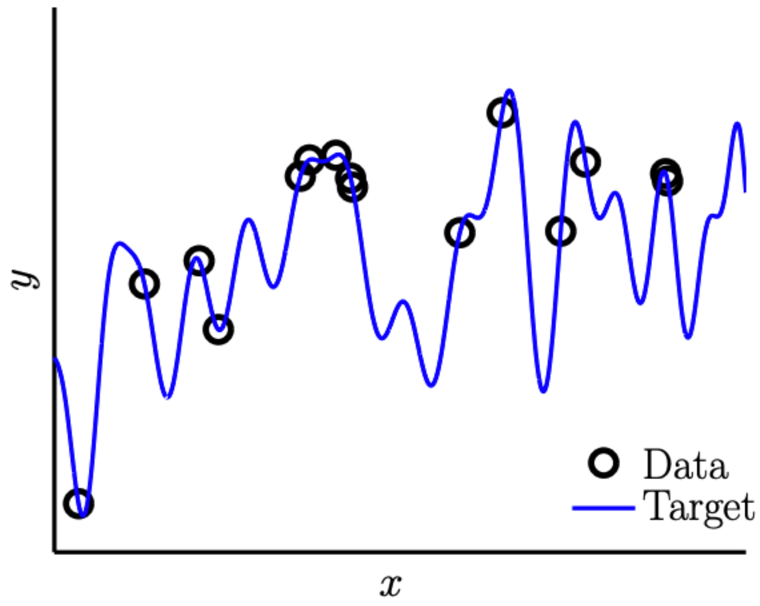
complex noiseless target

	2nd Order	10th Order
E_{in}	0.029	10^{-5}
E_{out}	0.120	**7680**

Is There Really "No Noise"?



Simple f with noise.



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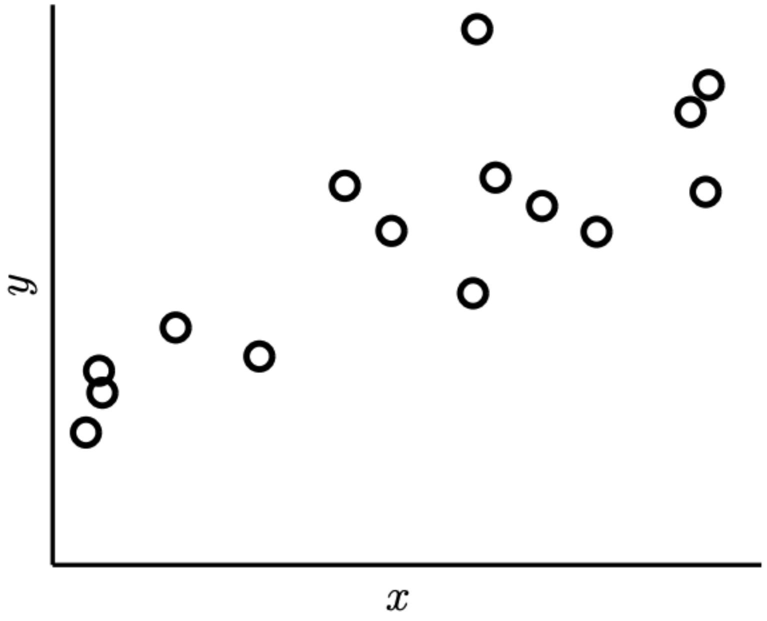

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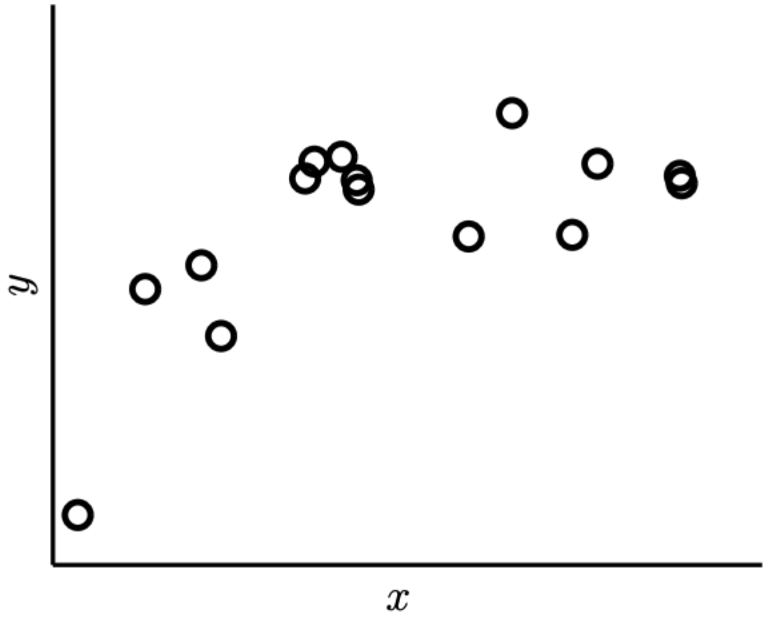

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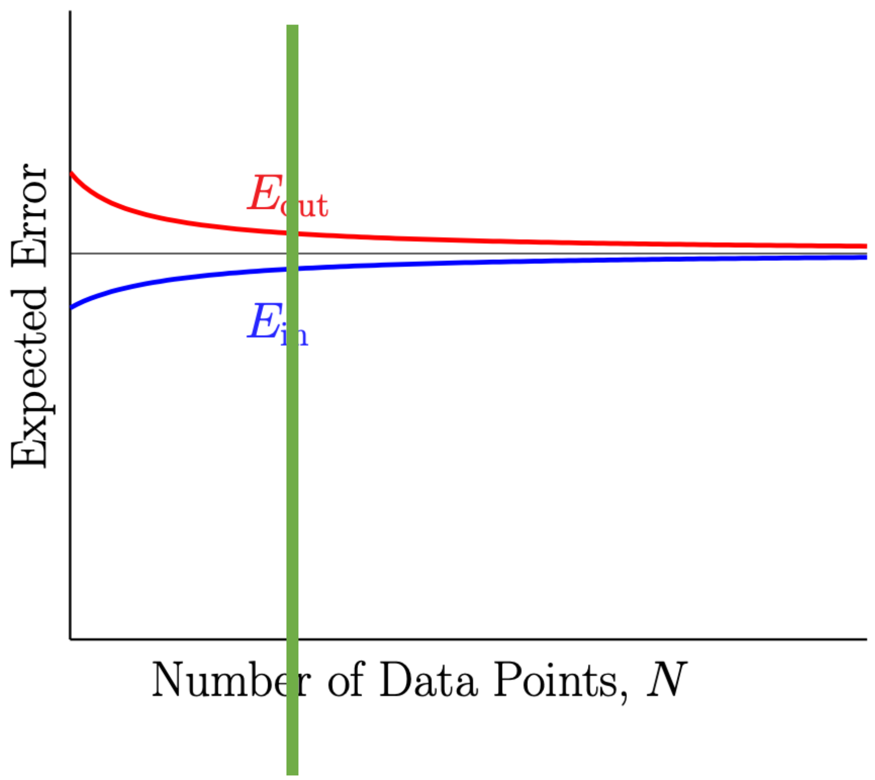
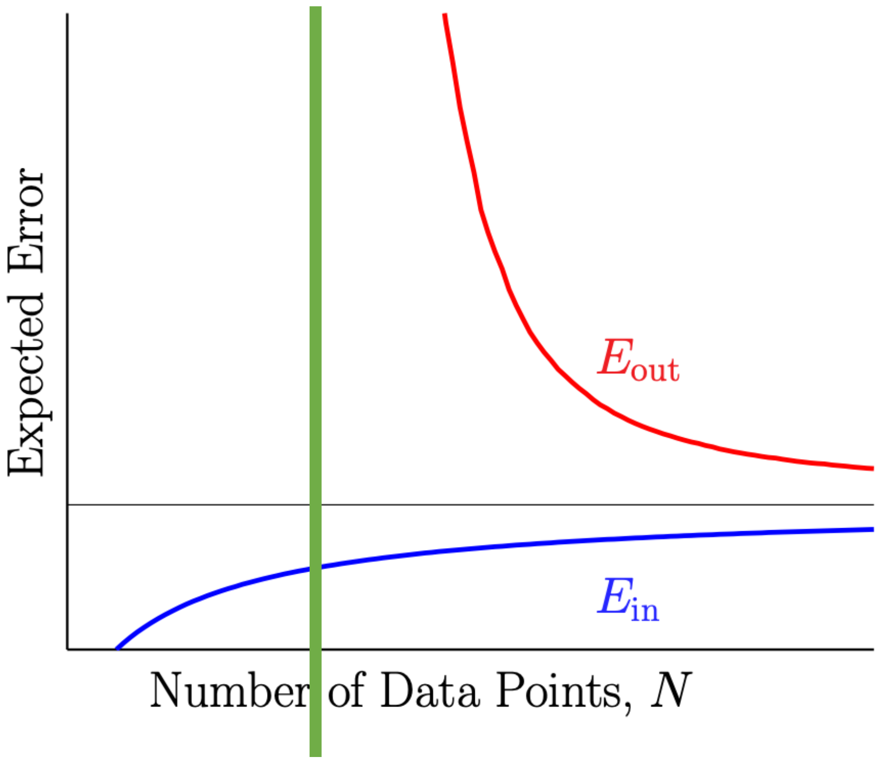
Why is H_2 Better than H_{10}?

Learning curve for H_2



Learning curve for H_{10}



When N is small, $E_{out}(g_{10}) \geq E_{out}(g_2)$

A Detailed Experiment

Study the level of noise and target complexity, and # data points N

$$y = f(x) + \epsilon(x) = \sum_{q=0}^{Q_f} \alpha_q x^q + \epsilon(x)$$

Noise level: variance σ^2 of $\epsilon(x)$

Target complexity: Q_f

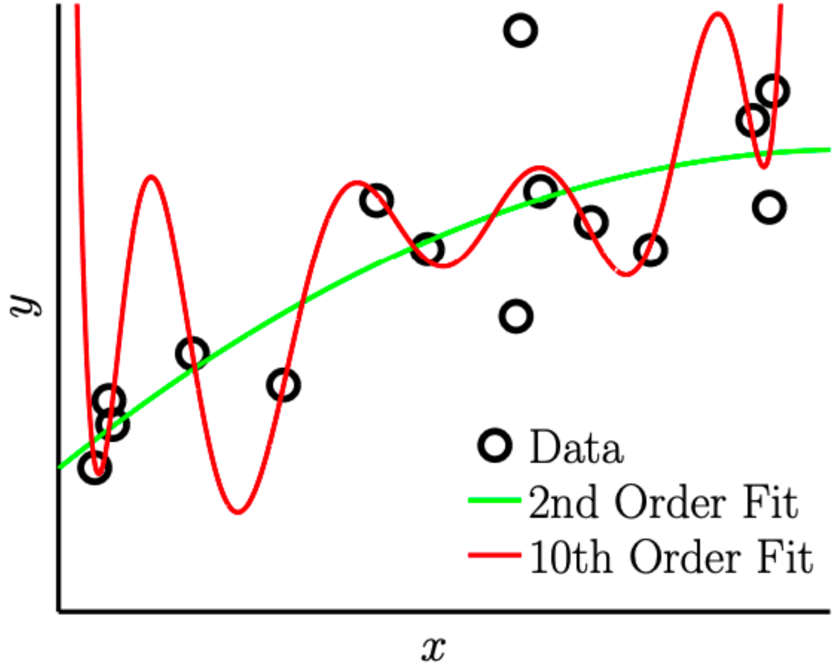
Data set size: N

The Overfit Measure

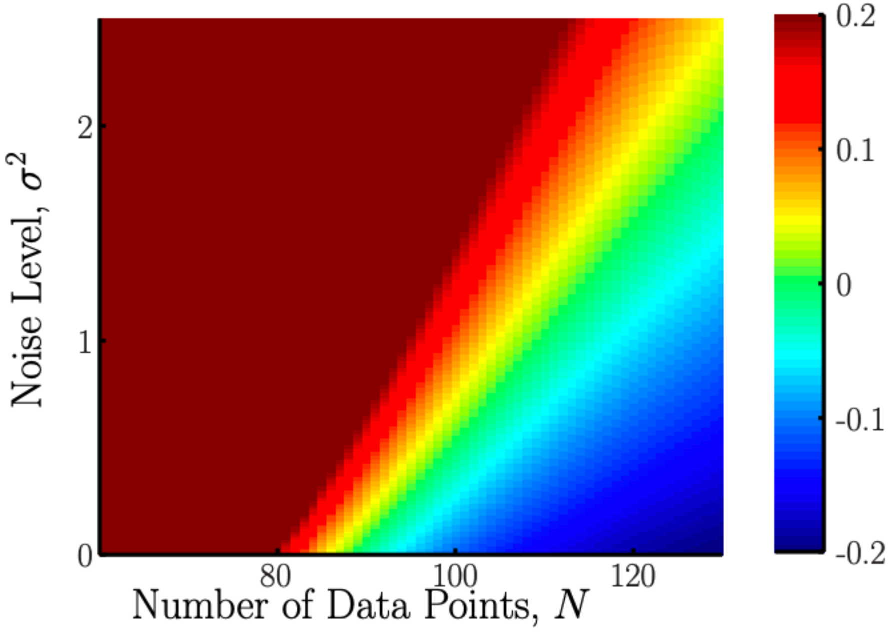
- Fit the data set using H_2 and H_{10}
  - Let g_2 and g_{10} be the learned hypothesis

- Overfit measure
  - $E_{out}(g_{10}) - E_{out}(g_2)$

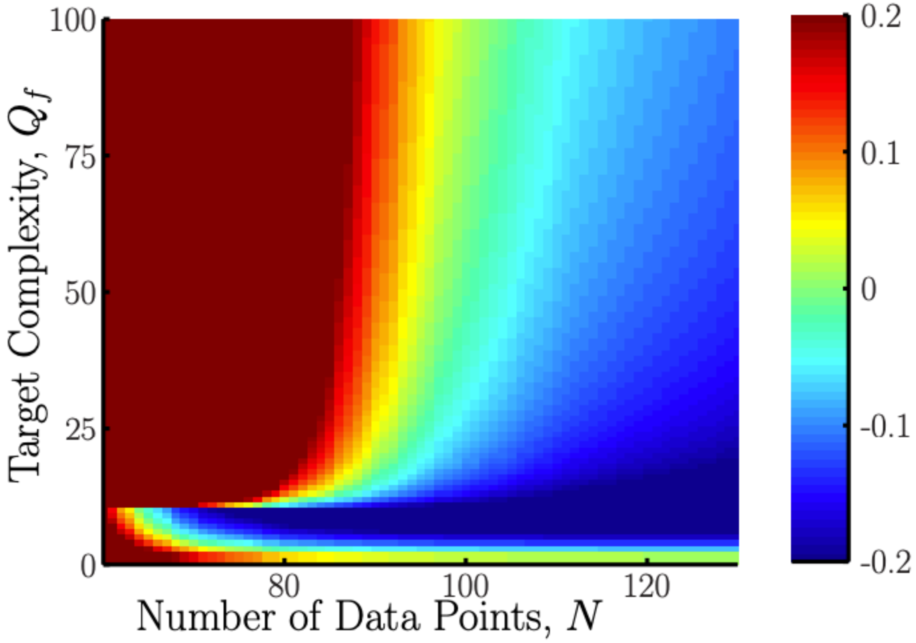
  - This value is large is overfitting happens



Overfit Measure: $E_{out}(g_{10}) - E_{out}(g_2)$



Stochastic noise



deterministic noise

Number of data points ↑	Overfitting ↓
Noise ↑	Overfitting ↑
Target complexity ↑	Overfitting ↑

Noise:
The part of y we cannot model

Stochastic Noise

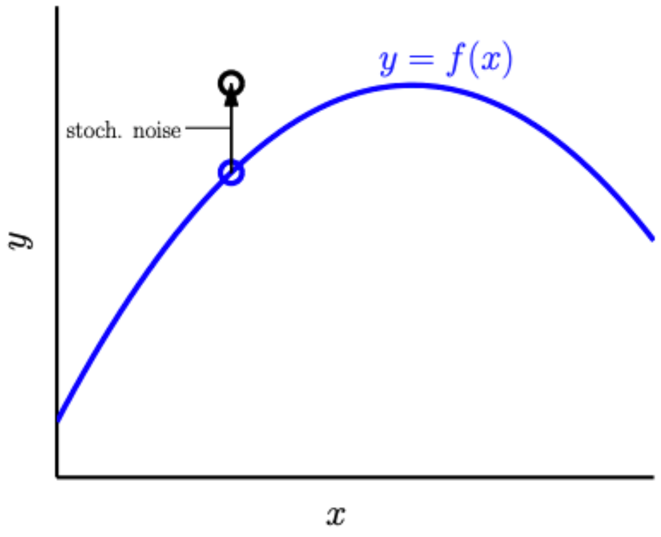
We would like to learn from ○:

$$y_n = f(x_n)$$

Unfortunately, we only observe ○:

$$y_n = f(x_n) + \text{'stochastic noise'}$$

no one can model this



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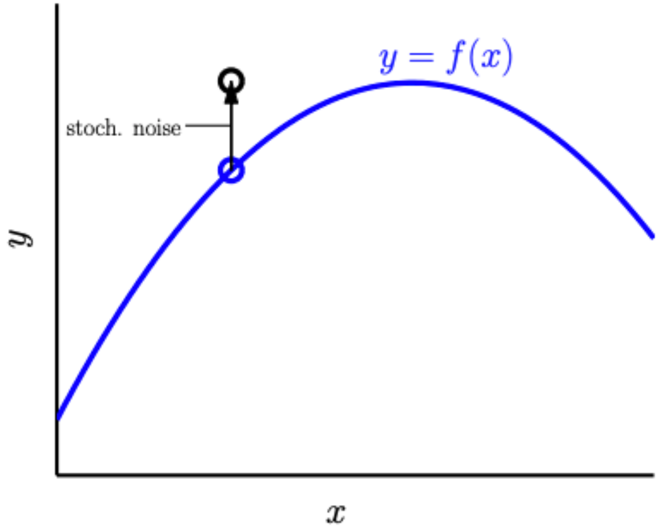

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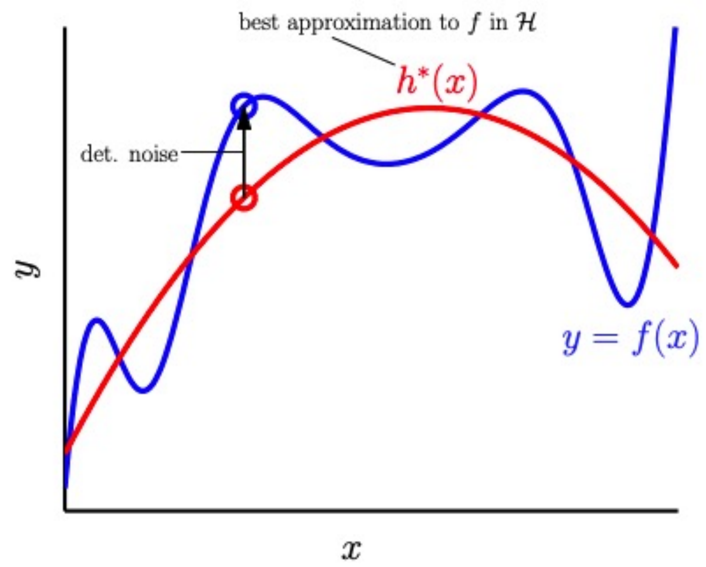

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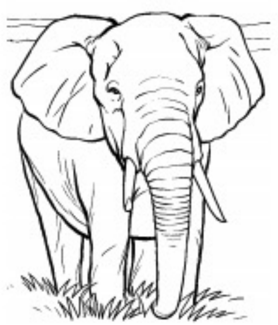

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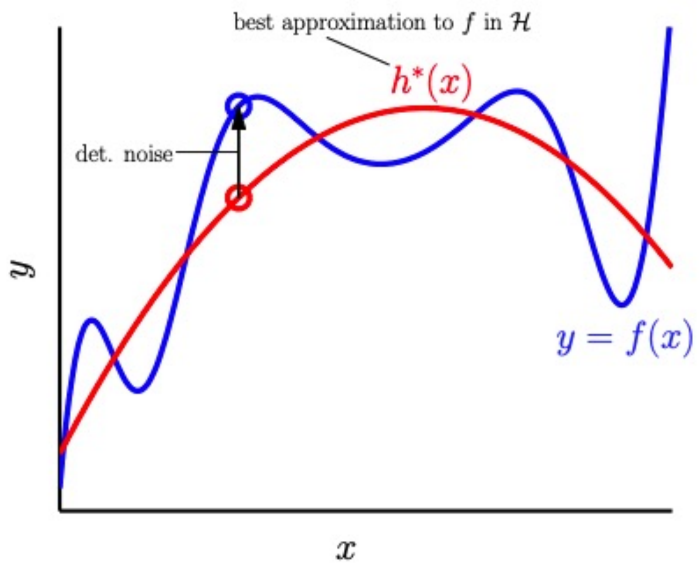

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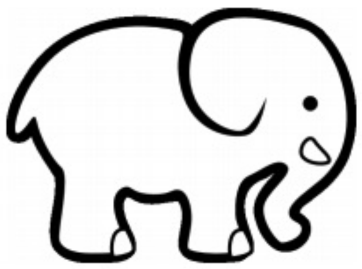
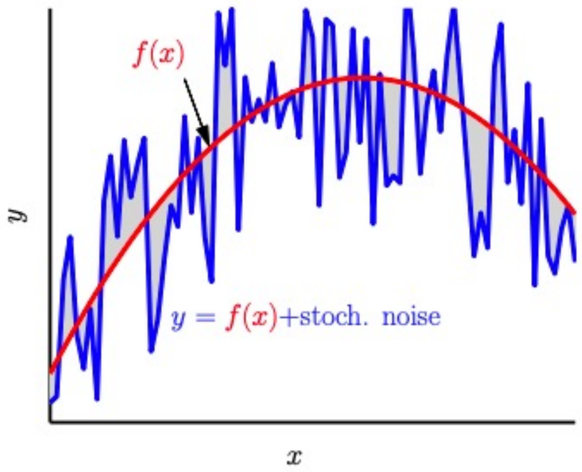


Both sources of noises hurt learning

Stochastic Noise



source: random measurement errors

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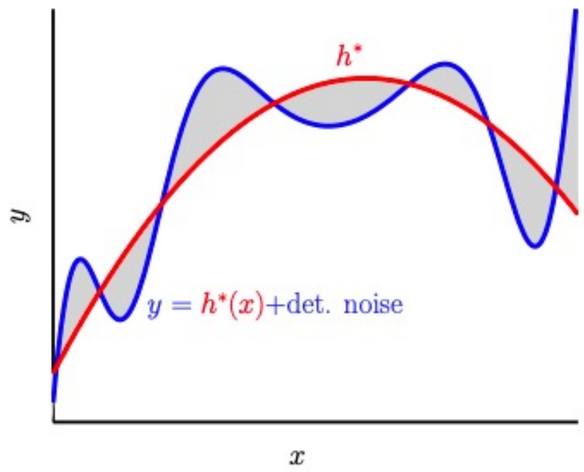

source: learner's $\mathcal{H}$ cannot model f

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We have single $\mathcal{D}$ and fixed $\mathcal{H}$ so we cannot distinguish

Noise and Bias-Variance Decomposition

$$y = f(\vec{x}) + \epsilon$$

$$\mathbb{E}[E_{out}(\vec{x})] = \sigma^2 + \text{bias} + \text{variance}$$

Stochastic Noise

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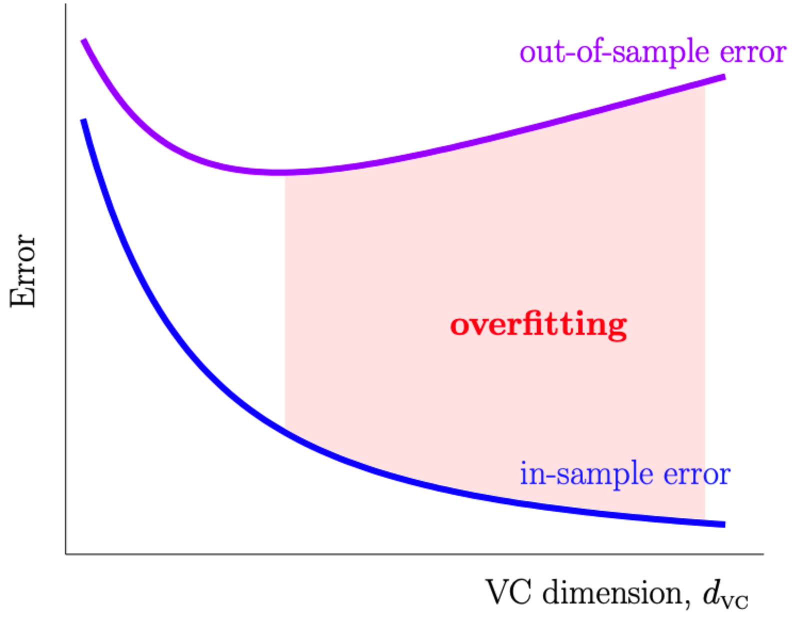
How to Fight Overfitting

- VC Bound

$$E_{out}(g) \leq E_{in}(g) + O\left(\sqrt{d_{vc}\frac{\ln N}{N}}\right)$$

- Fighting overfitting
  - Regularization
  - Validation
  - (The focus of the next two lectures)



VC Dimension of d-dim Perceptron

Recall the Definitions

- Shatter
  - H **shatters** $(\vec{x}_1, \ldots, \vec{x}_N)$ if $|H(\vec{x}_1, \ldots, \vec{x}_N)| = 2^N$
  - H can induce all label combinations for $(\vec{x}_1, \ldots, \vec{x}_N)$
- Break point
  - k is a **break point** for H if no data set of size k can be shattered by H
  - k is a break point for $H \leftrightarrow m_H(k) < 2^k$
- VC Dimension: $d_{vc}(H)$ or d_{vc}
  - The VC dimension of H is the largest N such that $m_H(N) = 2^N$
  - Equivalently, if k^* is the smallest break point for H, $d_{vc}(H) = k^* - 1$

VC Dimension of d-dimension Perceptron

- Claim:
  - The VC Dimension of d-dim perceptron is $d + 1$

- How to prove it?
  1. Show that the VC dimension of d-dim perceptron $\geq d + 1$
  2. Show that the VC dimension of d-dim perceptron $\leq d + 1$

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Proof Sketch:

1. Let's construct a dataset of $d + 1$ points: $X = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{x}_{d+1}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$; It's easy to check that X^{-1} exist

2. For any possible dichotomy $\vec{y}$, there exists a $\vec{w}$ such that $X\vec{w} = \vec{y}$, i.e., $\vec{w} = X^{-1}\vec{y}$
3. Therefore, d-dim perceptron can shatter X

- To prove $d_{vc}(H) \leq d + 1$, what do we need to prove?
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Proof Sketch:

1. For every set of $d + 2$ points (in d+1 dimensions), there exists a point that can be written as linear combinations of the others.
2. Denote the point $\vec{x}_{d+2}$, we have $\vec{x}_{d+2} = \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} a_i \vec{x}_i$
3. Consider the dichotomy $(y_1, \dots, y_{d+2}) = (\mathrm{sign}(\mathrm{a}_1), \dots, \mathrm{sign}(\mathrm{a}_{d+1}), -1)$, we can show that no linear separator can generate this dichotomy (think about why).
4. Therefore, for every set of $d + 2$ points, there exist at least one dichotomy that H cannot induce.