

Supervised Learning (cont.)

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Learning Multiple Classes

- In the general form, we have K classes denoted as C_i where $i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- The dataset has the following form where a sample belongs to one and only one class

$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{r}^t\}_{t=1}^N$$

where \mathbf{r} has K dimensions and

$$r_i^t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_i \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_j, j \neq i \end{cases}$$

Learning Multiple Classes

- K -class classification can be viewed as K two-class problems: K decision boundaries
- So, we have K hypothesis to learn such that

$$h_i(\mathbf{x}^t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_i \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}^t \in C_j, j \neq i \end{cases}$$

- Empirical error: Total number of misclassification

$$E(\{h_i\}_{i=1}^K | \mathcal{X}) = \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^K 1(h_i(\mathbf{x}^t) \neq r_i^t)$$

- *Multi-label classification: when a sample may belong to multiple classes

Regression

- In the form of data labels associated with real values where $r^t \in \mathbb{R}$

- Two forms of regression: interpolation vs. extrapolation

$$r^t = f(\mathbf{x}^t) \quad r^t = f(\mathbf{x}^t) + \epsilon$$

- Empirical error: Mean-squared error (MSE)

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

random noise

Model complexities: Linear, 2nd and 6th order polynomials

If the model is linear in the form of

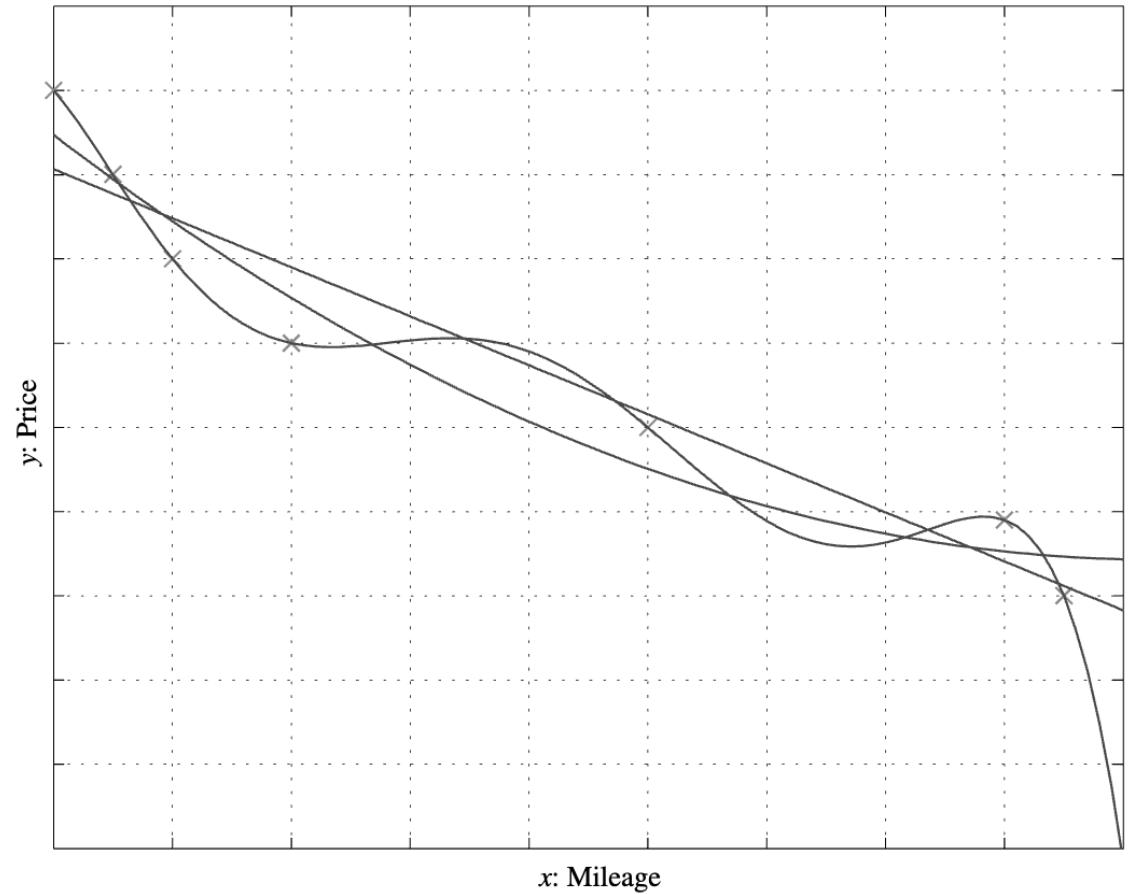
$$g(\mathbf{x}) = w_1x_1 + \dots + w_dx_d + w_0 = \sum_{j=1}^d w_jx_j + w_0$$

For 1D input linear model

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

For 1D input quadratic model

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

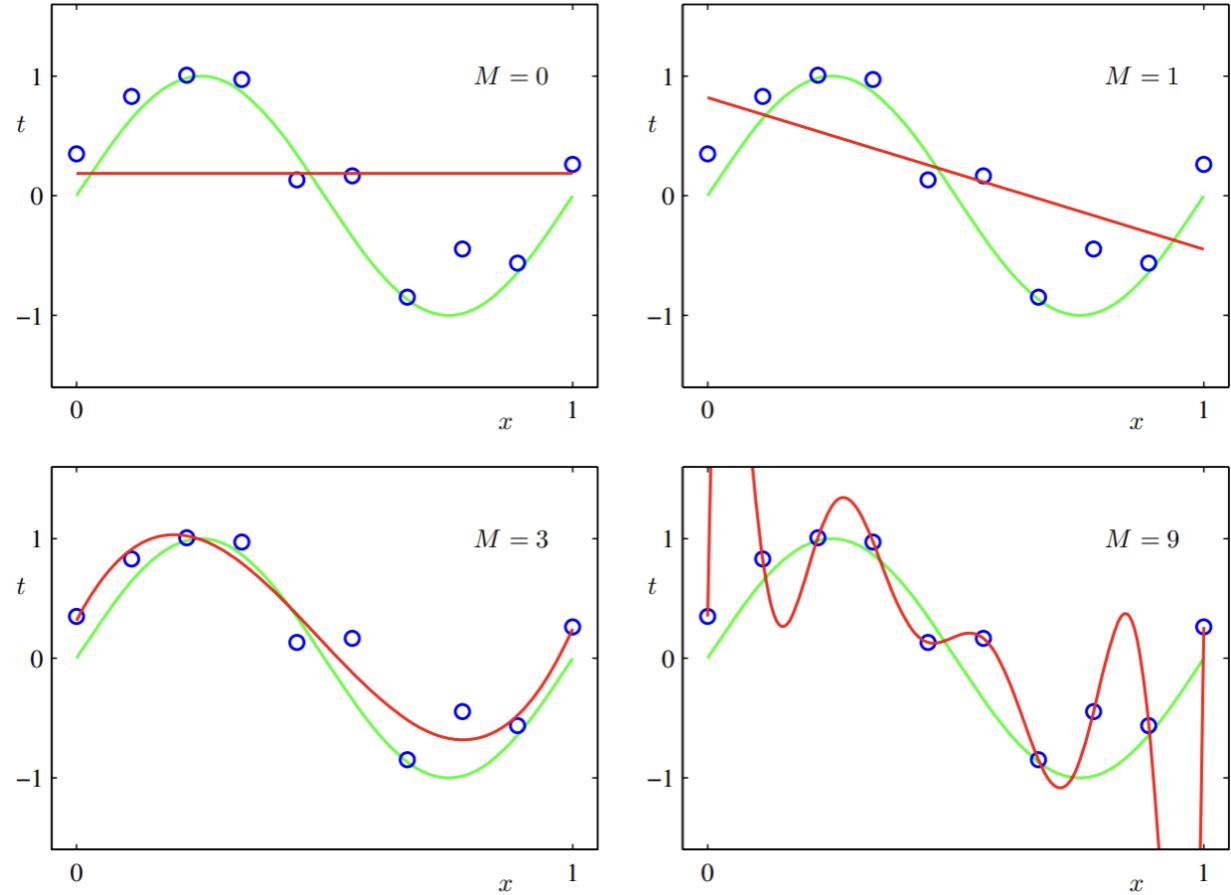


Occam's razor: Simple may be better

Overfitting and underfitting with model complexities

Generic polynomial model

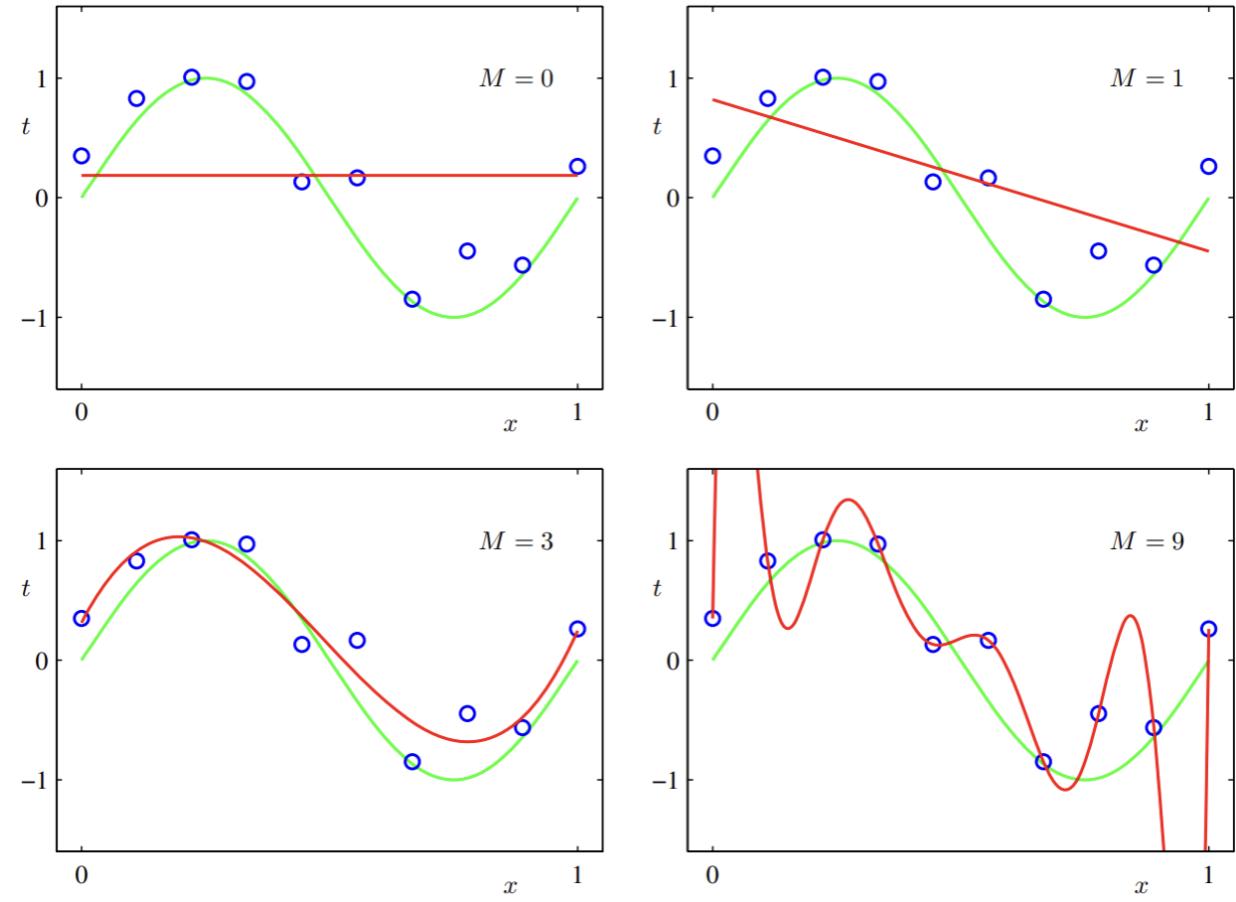
$$y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \dots + w_M x^M = \sum_{j=0}^M w_j x^j$$



Coefficient values at different degree polynomials

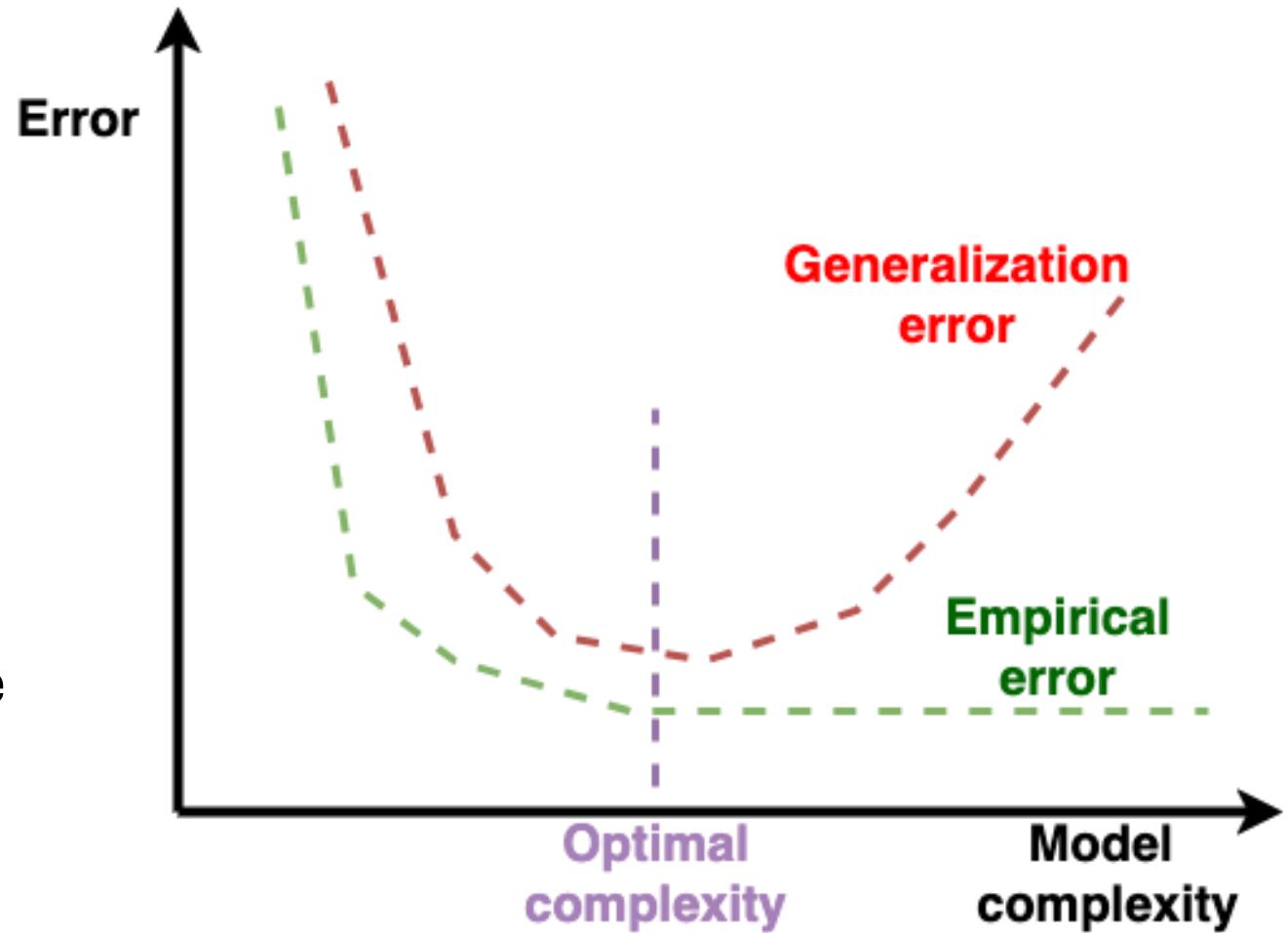
	$M = 0$	$M = 1$	$M = 6$	$M = 9$
w_0^*	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
w_1^*		-1.27	7.99	232.37
w_2^*			-25.43	-5321.83
w_3^*				48568.31
w_4^*				-231639.30
w_5^*				640042.26
w_6^*				-1061800.52
w_7^*				1042400.18
w_8^*				-557682.99
w_9^*				125201.43

The magnitude of the coefficients increases dramatically as the order of the polynomial increases.



Model Selection & Generalization

- There is a trade-off between three factors:
 - The complexity or capacity of the hypothesis (model) to fit the data
 - The amount of training data
 - The generalization error on the unseen data



Vapnik-Chervonenkis (VC) Dimension

- VC dimension of a hypothesis class H is the largest number of points that can be shattered by H
- H shatters a set of points if for every possible labeling of the points there exists a hypothesis h that correctly classifies the points
- To analyze the complexity of the hypothesis class or model

VC dimension (2 examples)

- The maximum number of data points that can be shattered by a straight line in 2D is what? = 3
- The maximum number of data points that can be shattered by an axis aligned rectangle in 2D is what? = 4
- Discussed in the board with many examples

Let's find out the analytical solution of a linear model

- For 1D input linear model $g(x) = w_1x + w_0$
- Consider MSE as empirical error:

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

- Take derivatives w.r.t w_0 and w_1
 - And solve for each parameters
 - Discussed on the board
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- Homework: Find the analytical solution of w_0 , w_1 and w_2

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