# Introduction DS351

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**Assumption**: There's some function f and error  $\epsilon$  such that

$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

Here, Y and  $\epsilon$  are **random variables**.

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Performance of 
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 is measured by

 $\mathbf{E}(Y-\widehat{Y})^2 = \mathbf{E}[f(X) + \epsilon - \widehat{f}(X)]^2$ 

 $= [f(X) - \hat{f}(X)]^2 + Var(\epsilon).$ 

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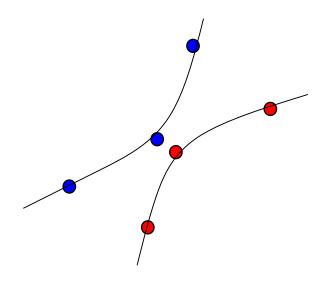
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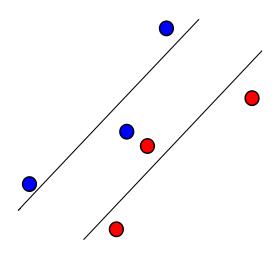
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$$\mathbf{E}(y_0 - \hat{f}(x_0))^2 = \text{Var}(\hat{f}(x_0)) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{f}(x_0))]^2 + \text{Var}(\epsilon).$$

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