



# Ensemble Learning: Bias-Variance Decomposition

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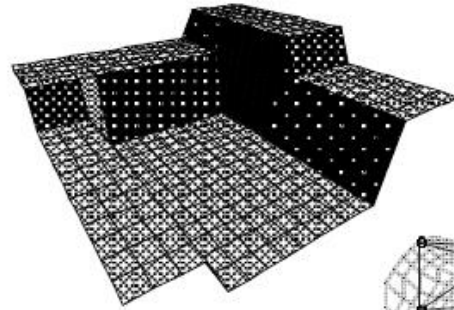
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# Theoretical Backgrounds: Model Space

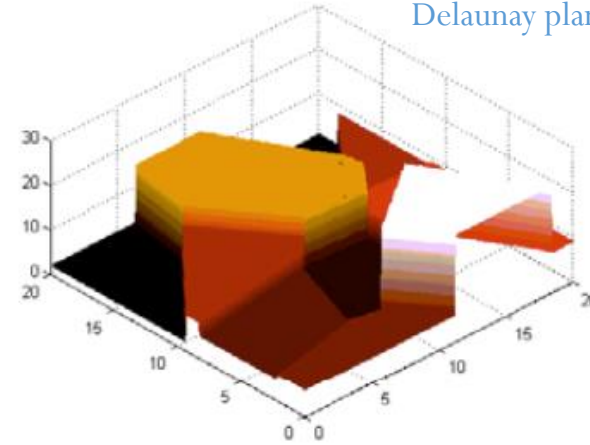
- Different model produce different class boundaries or fitted functions

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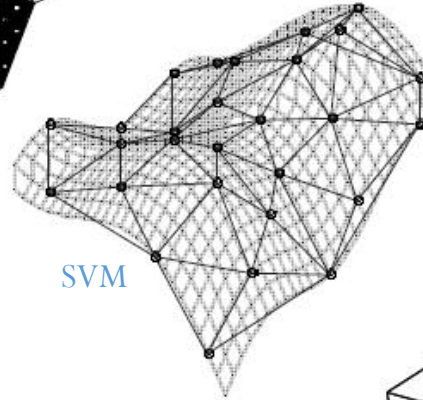
Decision Tree



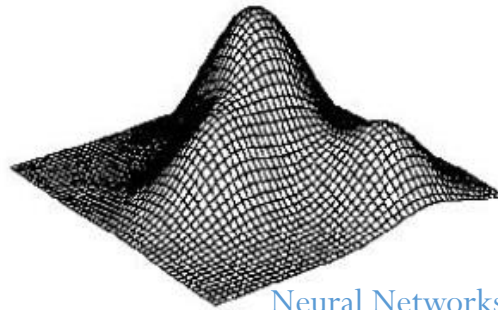
Delaunay planes



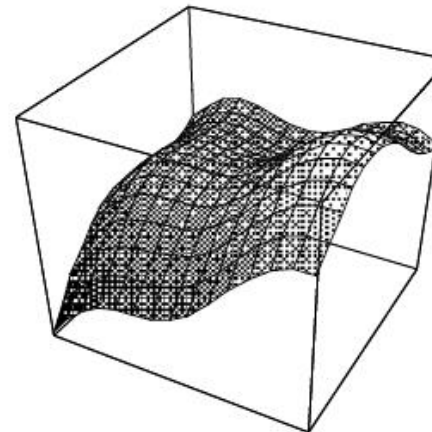
SVM



Neural Networks



k-NN



질문 도출까지의  
logical thinking 방식이  
다르다

# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- Suppose the data comes from the “additive error” model

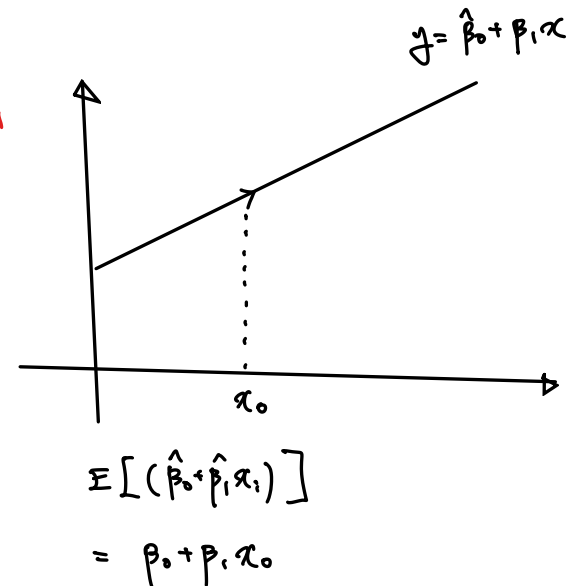
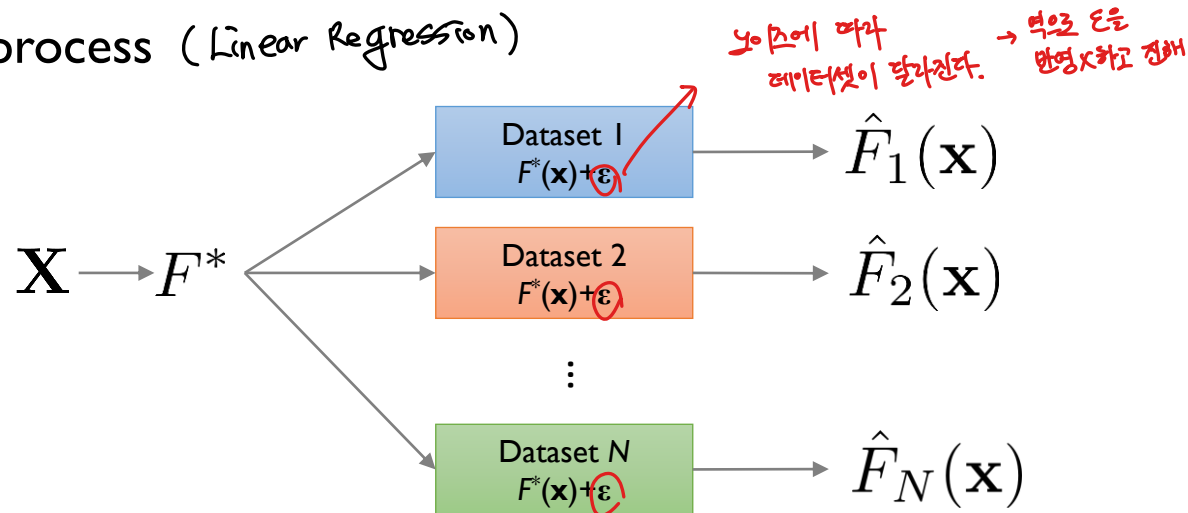
$$y = F^*(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$\nearrow$  현실 함수       $\nearrow$  노이즈, 에러

✓  $F^*(\mathbf{x})$  is the target function that we are trying to learn, but do not really know

✓ The errors are independent and identically distributed

- Consider the estimation process (Linear Regression)



✓ The average fit over all possible datasets:

$$\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}) = E[\hat{F}_D(\mathbf{x})]$$

# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- The MSE for a particular data point

$$\begin{aligned}
 Err(\mathbf{x}_0) &= E \left[ \underbrace{y}_{\substack{\text{실제값} \\ \text{observed}}} - \underbrace{\hat{F}(\mathbf{x})}_{\substack{\text{예측값} \\ \text{predicted}}} \bigg| \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 \right]^2 \\
 &= E \left[ \underbrace{F^*(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{A}} + \underbrace{\epsilon}_{\text{B}} - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) \right]^2 \rightarrow E(A+B)^2 = E(A^2 + 2AB + B^2) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad = E(A^2) + \underbrace{E(B^2)}_{\sigma^2} + \underbrace{2E(AB)}_{\text{생략} \rightarrow E \sim N(0, \sigma^2)} \\
 &= \underbrace{E \left[ F^*(\mathbf{x}_0) - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) \right]^2}_{E(A^2)} + \underbrace{\sigma^2}_{E(B^2)} \\
 &= E \left[ \underbrace{F^*(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{blue}} \underbrace{\left( -\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) + \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) \right)}_{\text{pink}} \right]^2 + \sigma^2 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{수식 변형을 위해 추가}
 \end{aligned}$$

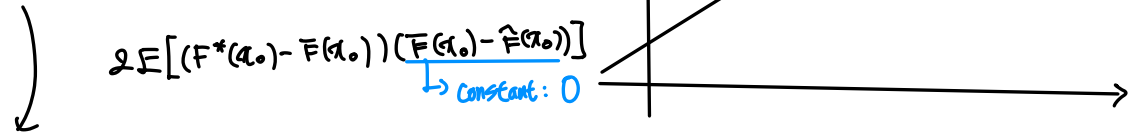
$(y = F^*(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon)$   
 $\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}) = E[\hat{F}_D(\mathbf{x})]$

# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- The MSE for a particular data point

$$= E \left[ \underbrace{F^*(\mathbf{x}_0) - \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{blue}} + \underbrace{\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{pink}} \right]^2 + \sigma^2$$

- ✓ By the properties of the expectation operator



$$= \underbrace{E \left[ F^*(\mathbf{x}_0) - \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) \right]^2}_{\text{Constant}} + E \left[ \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) - \hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0) \right]^2 + \sigma^2$$

$\hookrightarrow$  정답값       $\hookrightarrow$  평균값

$$= \left[ \underbrace{F^*(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{정답값}} - \underbrace{\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_N} \right]^2 + E \left[ \underbrace{\bar{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{평균값}} - \underbrace{\hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)}_{\text{예측값}} \right]^2 + \sigma^2$$

$$= \text{Bias}^2(\hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)) + \text{Var}(\hat{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)) + \sigma^2$$

Bias : 모델의 노이즈를 바꿀 때  
 평균값이 정답값과 얼마나 가까운가

Var : 모델의 노이즈를 바꿀 때  
 평균값이 정답값과 차이가 나는가

# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- Properties of Bias and Variance

- ✓ **Bias**<sup>2</sup>: the amount by which the **average estimator** differs from **the truth**

- Low bias: on average, we will accurately estimate the function from the dataset
    - High bias implies a **poor** match

- ✓ **Variance**: spread of the **individual estimations** around their **mean**

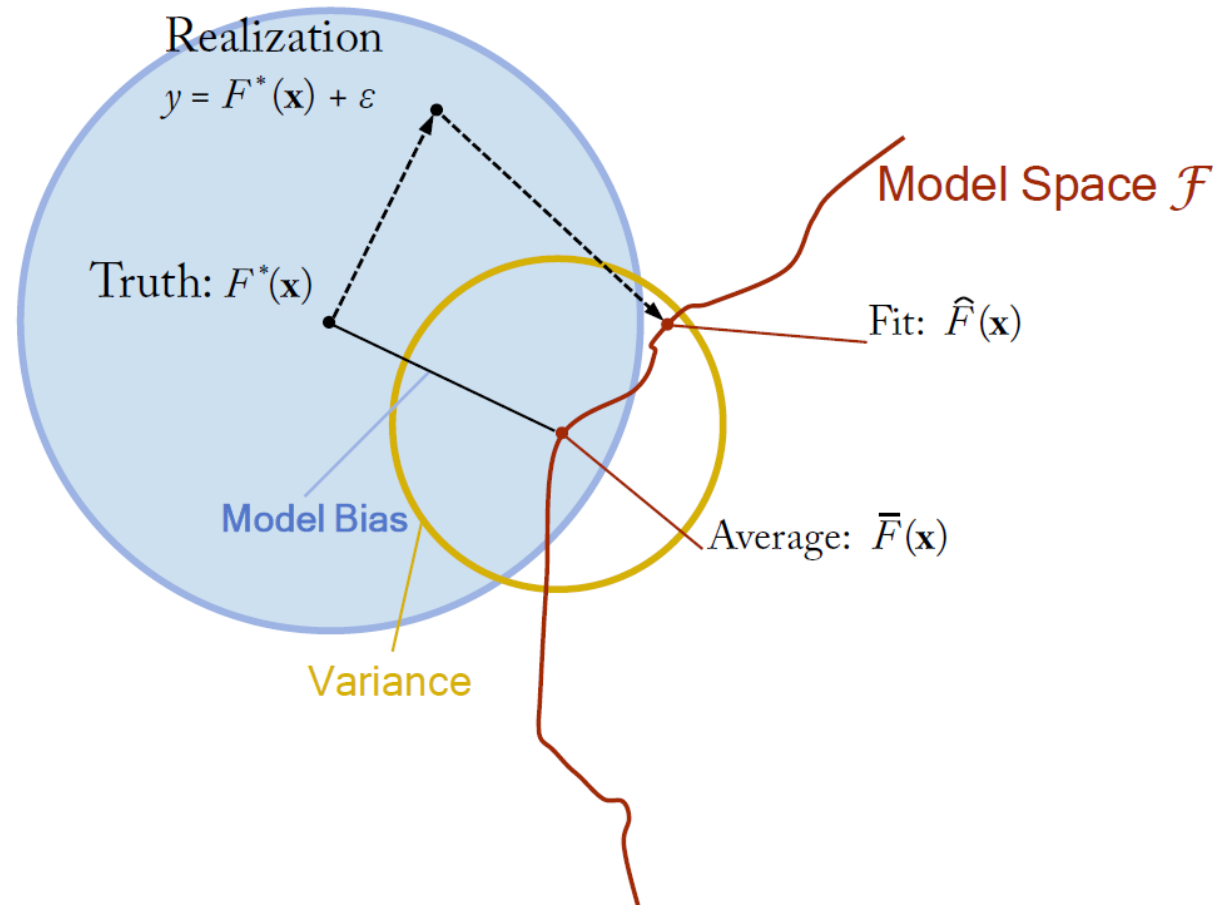
- Low variance: estimated function does not change much with different datasets
    - High variance implies a **weak** match

- ✓ Irreducible error: the error that was present in the original data

- ✓ Bias and variance are not independent of each other

# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

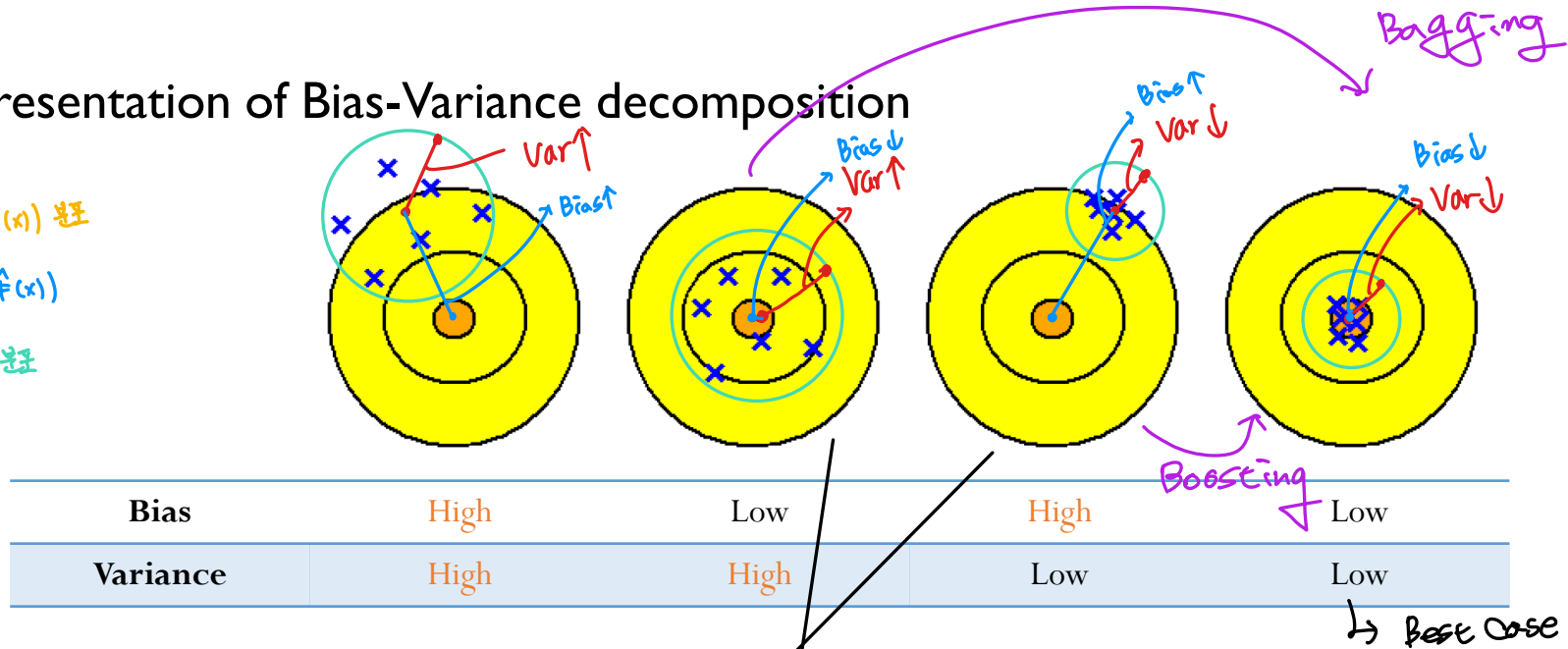
- Graphical representation of Bias-Variance decomposition



# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- Graphical representation of Bias-Variance decomposition

● : 정답 ( $F^*(x)$ ) 분포  
 X : 예측값 ( $\hat{F}(x)$ )  
 ● : 예측값 분포



✓ Lower model complexity: high bias & low variance

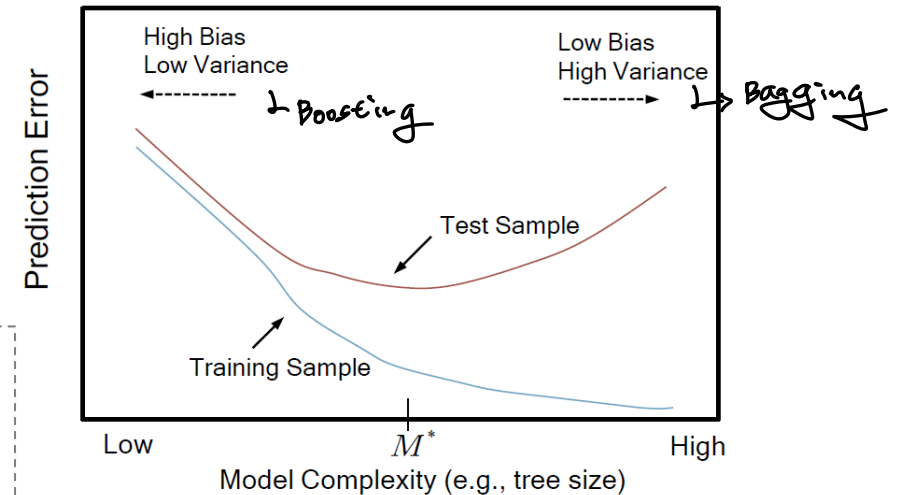
- Logistic regression, LDA, k-NN with large k, etc.

✓ Higher model complexity: low bias & high variance

- DT, ANN, SVM, k-NN with small k, etc.

## Bias-Variance Dilemma

The more complex (flexible) we make the model,  
the lower the bias but the higher the variance it is subjected to.





# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- Bias-Variance example

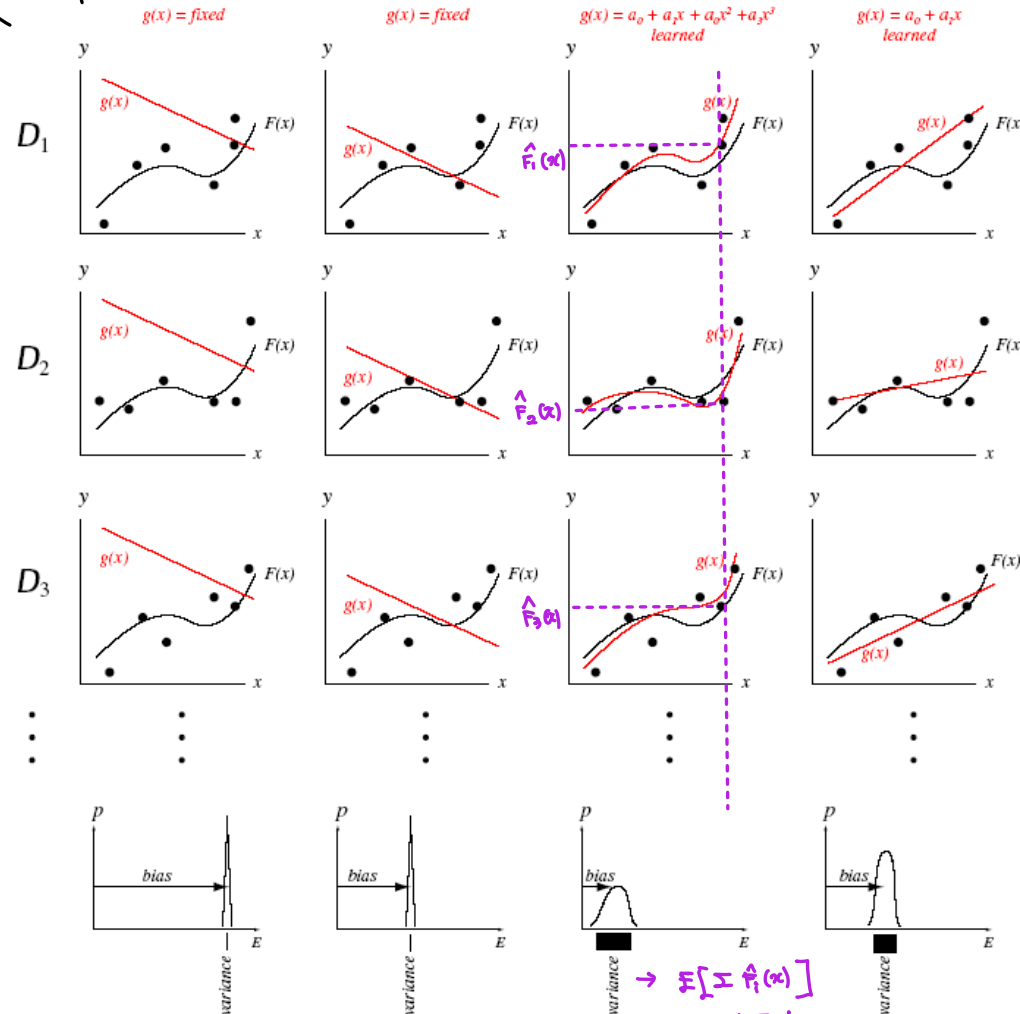
$D_i$  : Same Dataset  $\sim$  :  $F^*(x)$   $\bullet$  :  $F^*(x) + \epsilon$

데이터셋  
모델 종류

Each column is a different model.

Each row is a different dataset of 6 points.

Histograms of mean-squared error of the fit.



Col 1:

Poor fixed linear model;  
High bias, zero variance

Col 2:

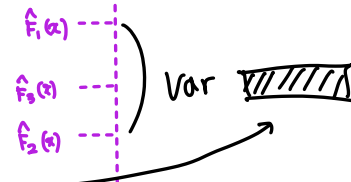
Slightly better fixed linear model;  
Lower (but high) bias,  
zero variance.

Col 3:

Learned cubic model;  
Low bias, moderate  
variance.

Col 4:

Learned linear model;  
Intermediate bias and  
variance.

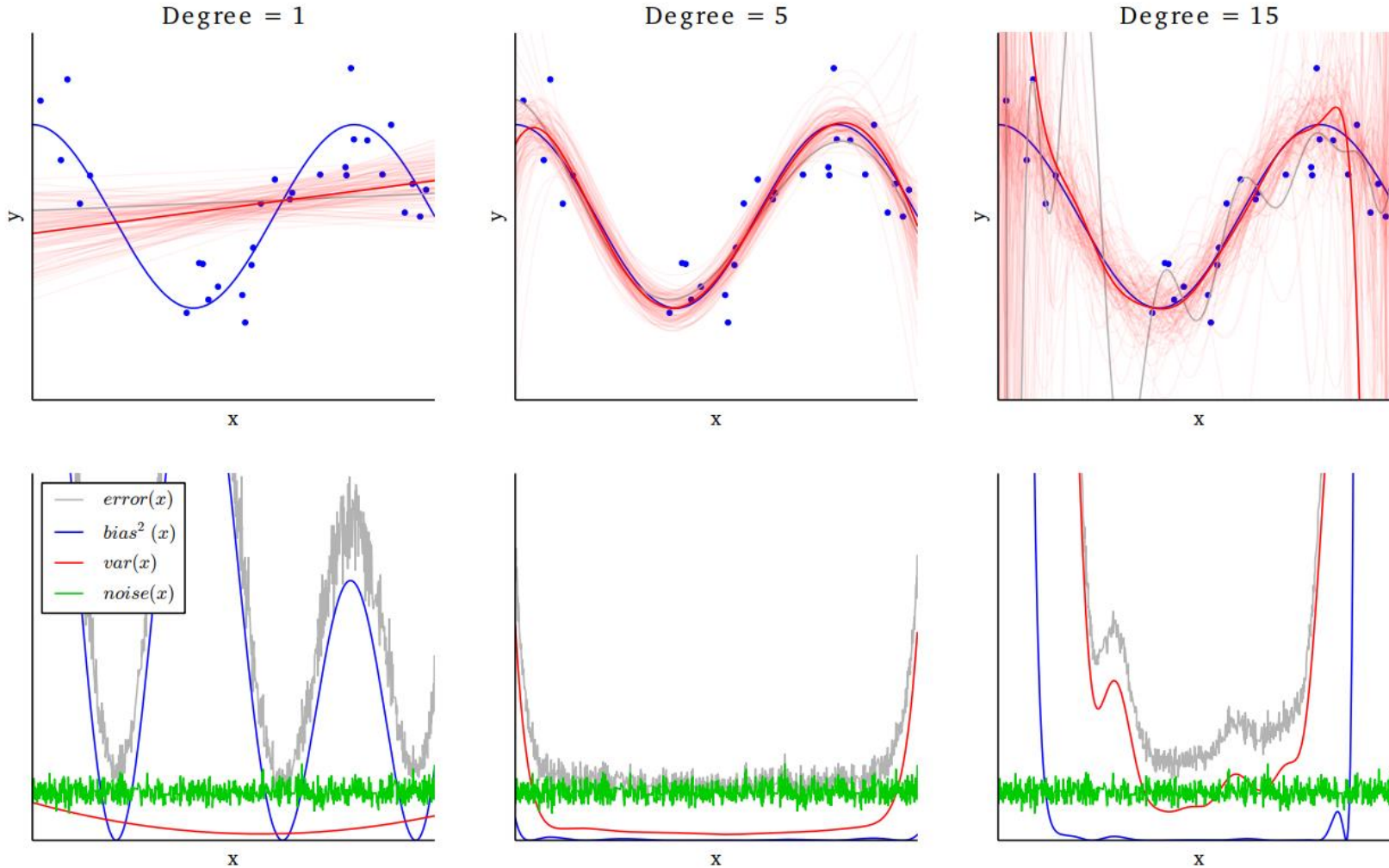


# Theoretical Backgrounds: Bias-Variance Decomposition

- Bias-Variance example

←  $\text{bias} \uparrow$  / Boosting

$\text{var} \uparrow$  / Bagging



# Purpose of Ensemble

- Goal: Reduce the error through constructing multiple learners to
  - ✓ Reduce the variance: Bagging, Random Forests
  - ✓ Reduce the bias: AdaBoost
  - ✓ Both: Mixture of experts
- Two key questions on the ensemble construction
  - ✓ Q1: How to generate individual components of the ensemble systems (base classifiers) to achieve sufficient degree of diversity?
    - ↳ Identical한 모델을  
여러개 만드는 것은 의미가 없다
  - ✓ Q2: How to combine the outputs of individual classifiers?

# Ensemble Diversity

- Ensemble will have no gain from combining a set of identical models
  - ✓ Need base learners whose fitted functions are adequately different from those of others
  - ✓ Wish models to exhibit a certain element of diversity in their group behavior, though still retaining good performance individually.

Diversity	Implicit	Explicit
Description	Provide different random subset of the training data to each learner	Use some measurement ensuring it is substantially different from the other members
Ensemble Algorithms	Instance: Bagging Variables: Random Subspaces, Rotation Forests Both: Random Forests	Boosting, Negative Correlation Learning ↳ Diversity↑ = Model 2nd corr ↓

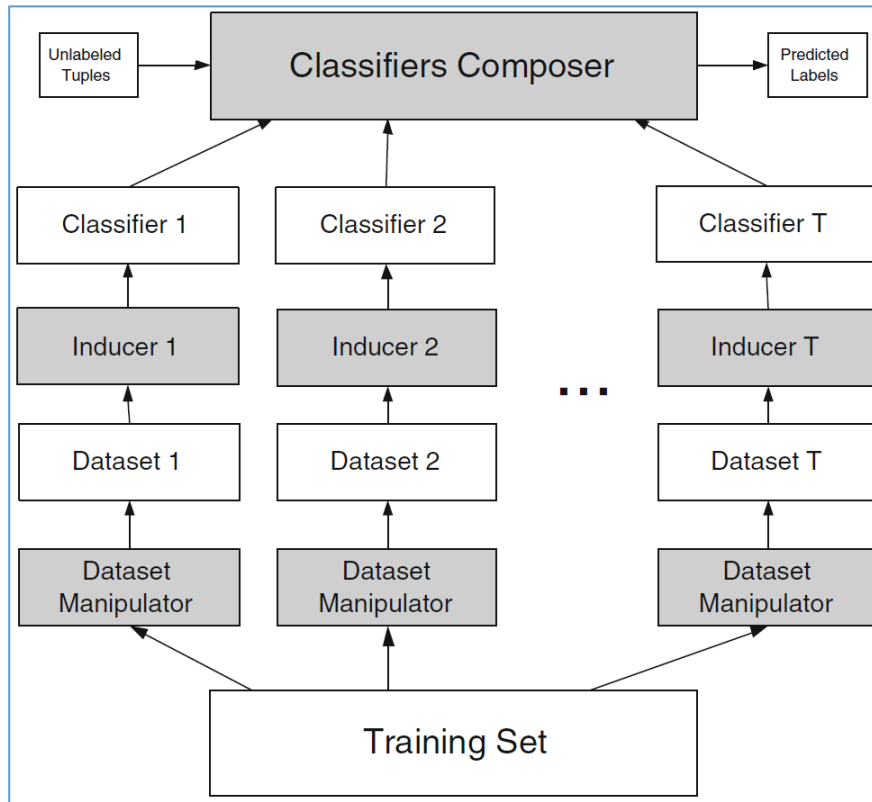
# Ensemble Diversity

- Independent (implicit) vs. Model guided (explicit) instance selection

→ Individual Model에 대한 계산복잡도 ↑ → 시간이 생각보다 오래 걸리는 편

```
1 import xgboost as xgb
2
3 # XGBoost의 native API를 사용하는 경우
4 params = {
5     'objective': 'binary:logistic',
6     'nthread': 4 # 병렬 처리를 위한 코어 수 설정
7 }
8 train_data = xgb.DMatrix(X_train, label=y_train)
9 bst = xgb.train(params, train_data, num_boost_round=100)
10
11 # scikit-learn API를 사용하는 경우
12 clf = xgb.XGBClassifier(n_jobs=4) # 병렬 처리를 위한 코어 수 설정
13 clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
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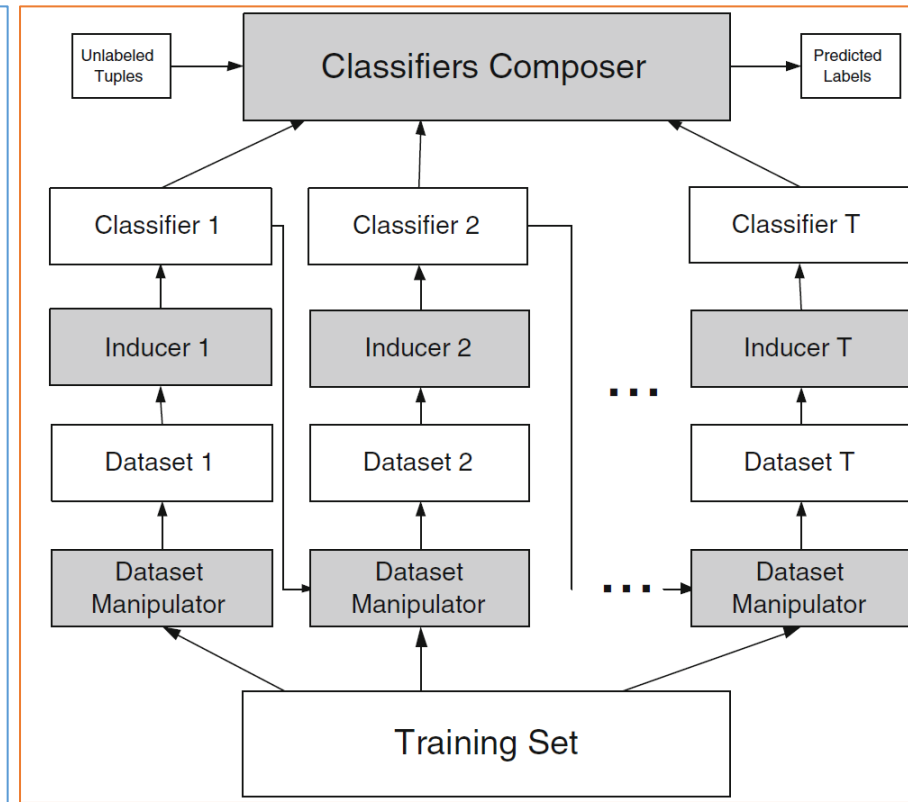
## Independent instance selection



Bagging

병렬처리  
(행당 수행시간이 짧은 것 x)

## Model guided instance selection



Boosting

병렬처리 X → 하드웨어적으로 처리가능한 한.  
(e.g. XGBoost)

- ① Parallel Tree Boosting
- ② Feature Parallelism
- ③ Data Parallelism

# Why Ensemble?

- Why Ensemble works?

- ✓ True functions, estimations, and the expected error

$$y_m(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x}). \quad \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} [\{y_m(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})\}^2] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} [\epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})^2]$$

- ✓ The average error made by  $M$  individual models vs. Expected error of the ensemble

$$E_{Avg} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} [\epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})^2]$$

$$E_{Ensemble} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \left\{ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M y_m(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) \right\}^2 \right]$$

← 앙상블의 목적은  
 개별 모델 중점들의 평균으로 정의

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \left\{ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x}) \right\}^2 \right]$$

$\frac{1}{M} \cdot M \cdot f(\mathbf{x})$

# Why Ensemble?

- Why Ensemble works?

- ✓ Assume that the errors have **zero mean** and are **uncorrelated**,

이론적으로  
개별 모형의 오차 특성이  
가정하에

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})\epsilon_l(\mathbf{x})] = 0 \quad (m \neq l)$$

- ✓ The average error made by  $M$  individual models vs. Expected error of the ensemble

$$E_{Ensemble} = \frac{1}{M} E_{Avg}$$

- ✓ In reality (errors are correlated), by the Cauchy's inequality

$$\left[ \sum_{m=1}^M \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x}) \right]^2 \leq M \sum_{m=1}^M \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})^2 \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x}) \right]^2 \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \epsilon_m(\mathbf{x})^2$$

$E_{Ensemble}$   $E_{Avg}$

$$(ax+by)^2 \leq (a^2+b^2)(x^2+y^2)$$

$$E_{Ensemble} \leq E_{Avg}$$

