

Optimizing Data for Supervised Learning

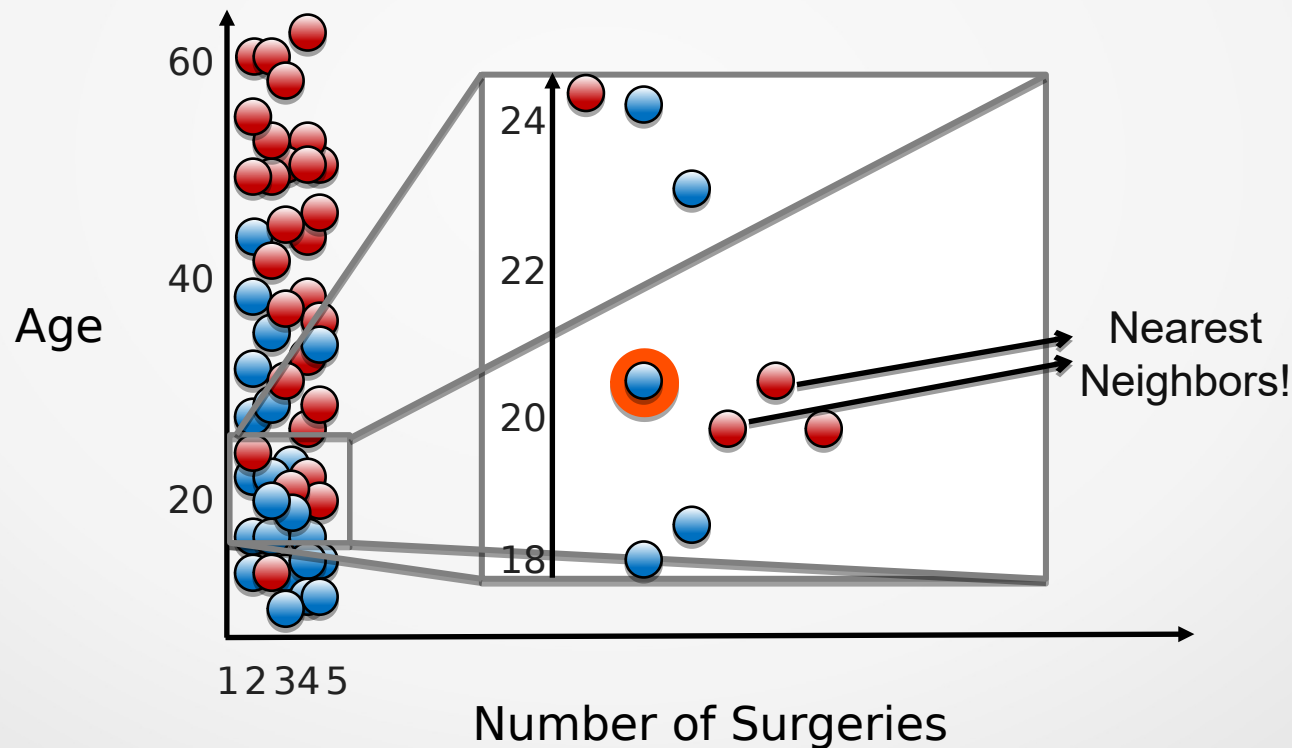
Learning Objectives

After completing this lecture, you will be able to:-

- Appropriately scale your data
- Evaluate and design for a proper generalization/fit
- Split your data for training and testing
- Perform cross validation for model selection
- Transform your features appropriately prior to the training process

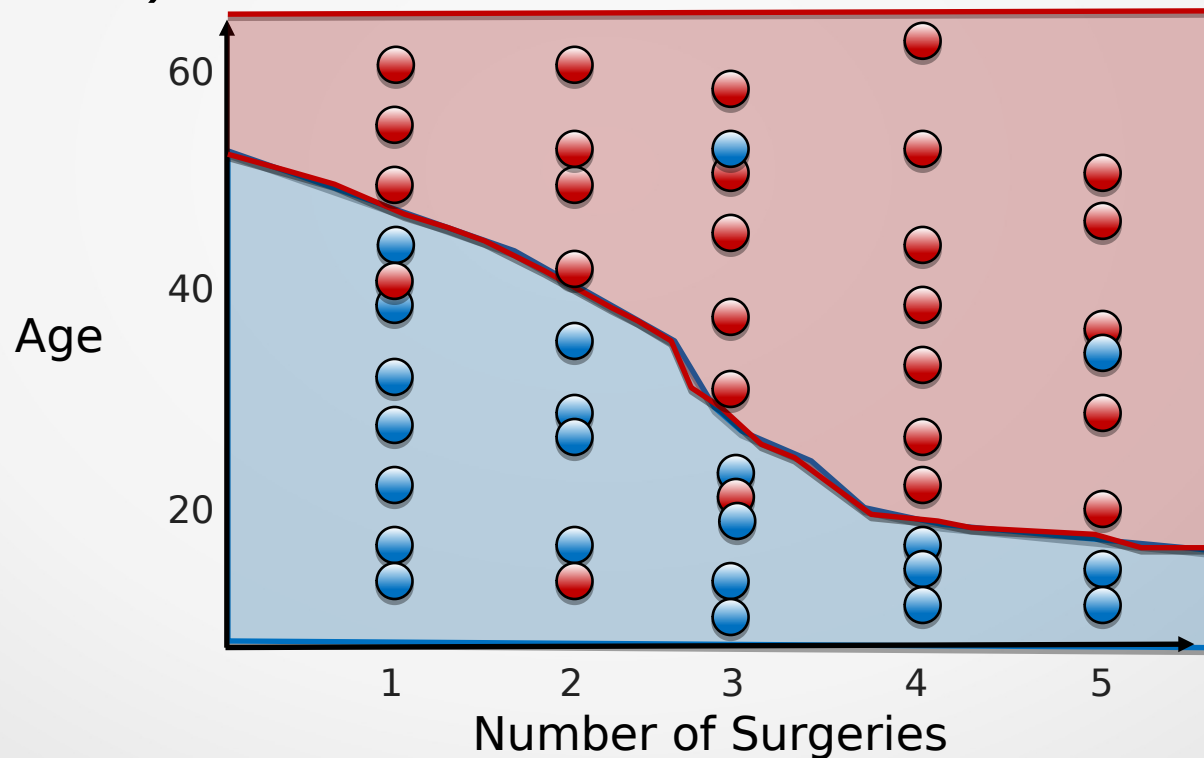
The Effect of Scale

- How would the 1-to-1 scale shown below affect distance measurement for KNN?



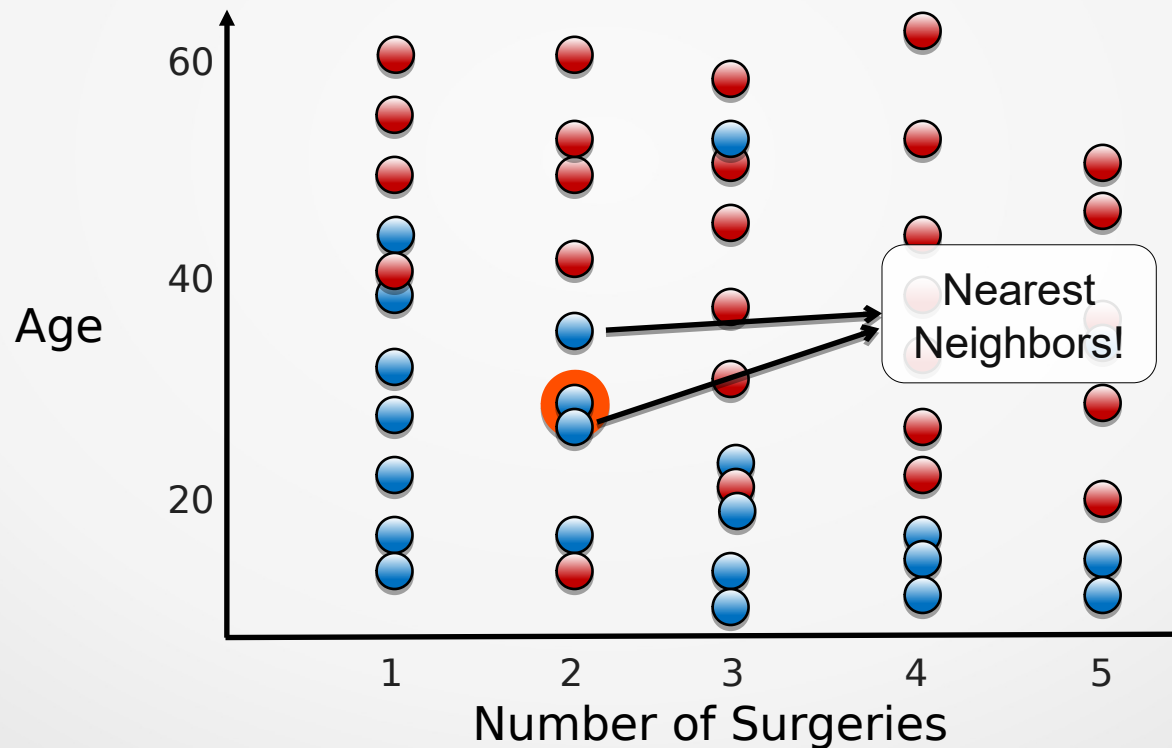
The Effect of Scale

- By scaling features relative to each other, we can get a more accurate representation (and better learning performance!)



The Effect of Scale

- Now where are the nearest neighbors for the previously examined point?



Feature Scaling Methods

Scikit-learn has four feature scalers:-

- **StandardScaler**: Remove the mean and scale to unit variance
- **MinMaxScaler**: Scales to range of $[0, 1]$ (configurable)
- **MaxAbsScaler**: Scales to maximum absolute value
- **RobustScaler**: Removes the median and divides by interquartile range (reduces influence of outliers, no fixed range)

Feature Scaling Syntax

- Import the class containing the scaling method

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

- Create an instance of the class

```
StdSc = StandardScaler()
```

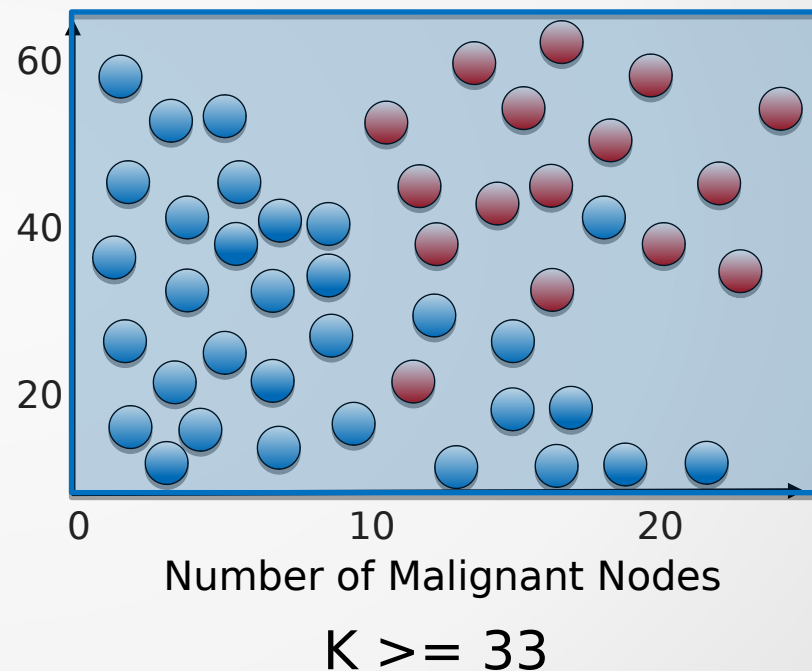
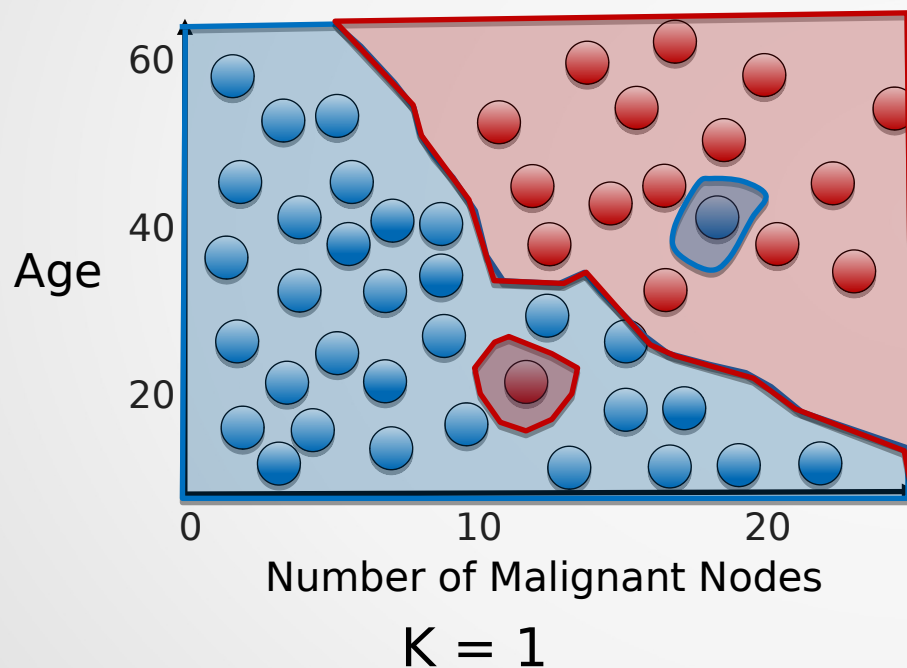
- Fit the scaling parameters and then transform the data

```
StdSc = StdSc.fit(x_data)  
x_scaled = StdSc.transform(x_data)
```

Similar syntax can be used for the other scalers

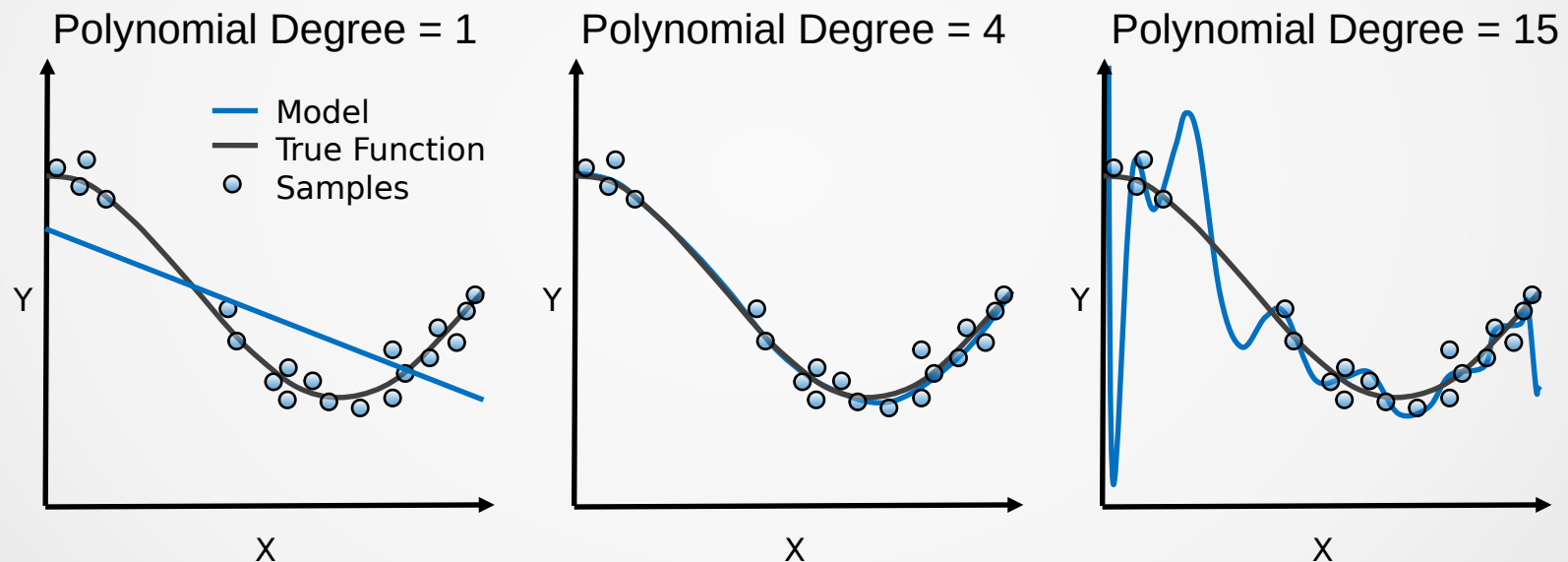
Generalizing and Proper Fit

We already know that the value of “K” affects the decision boundary for KNN



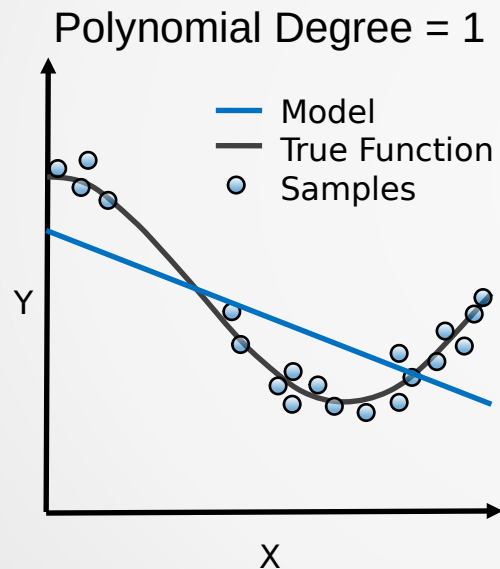
Generalizing and Proper Fit

Similarly, choosing the polynomial degree (complexity) when doing polynomial regression affects the output

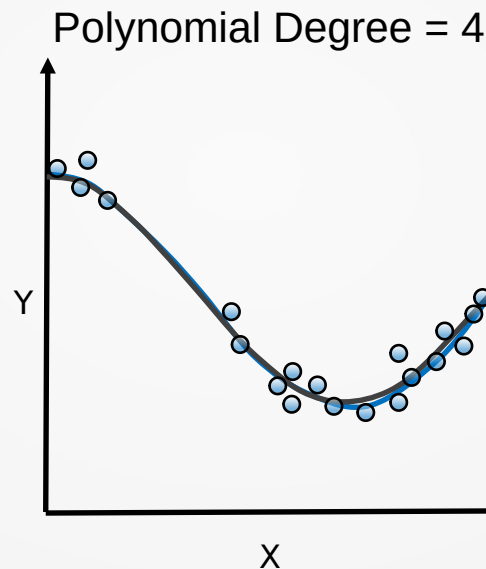


Generalizing and Proper Fit

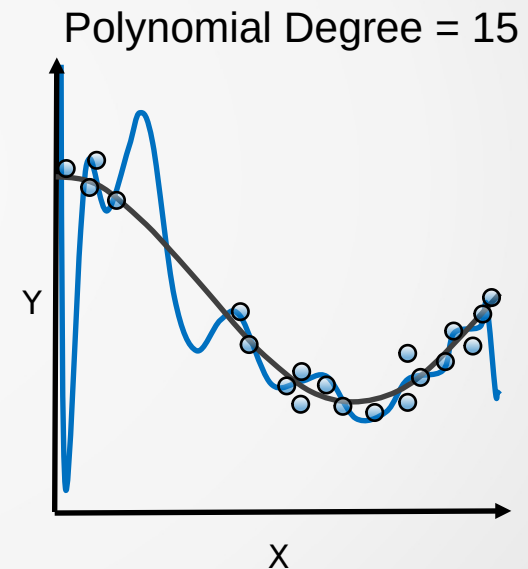
How well does each model generalize?



Poor at Training
Poor at Predicting



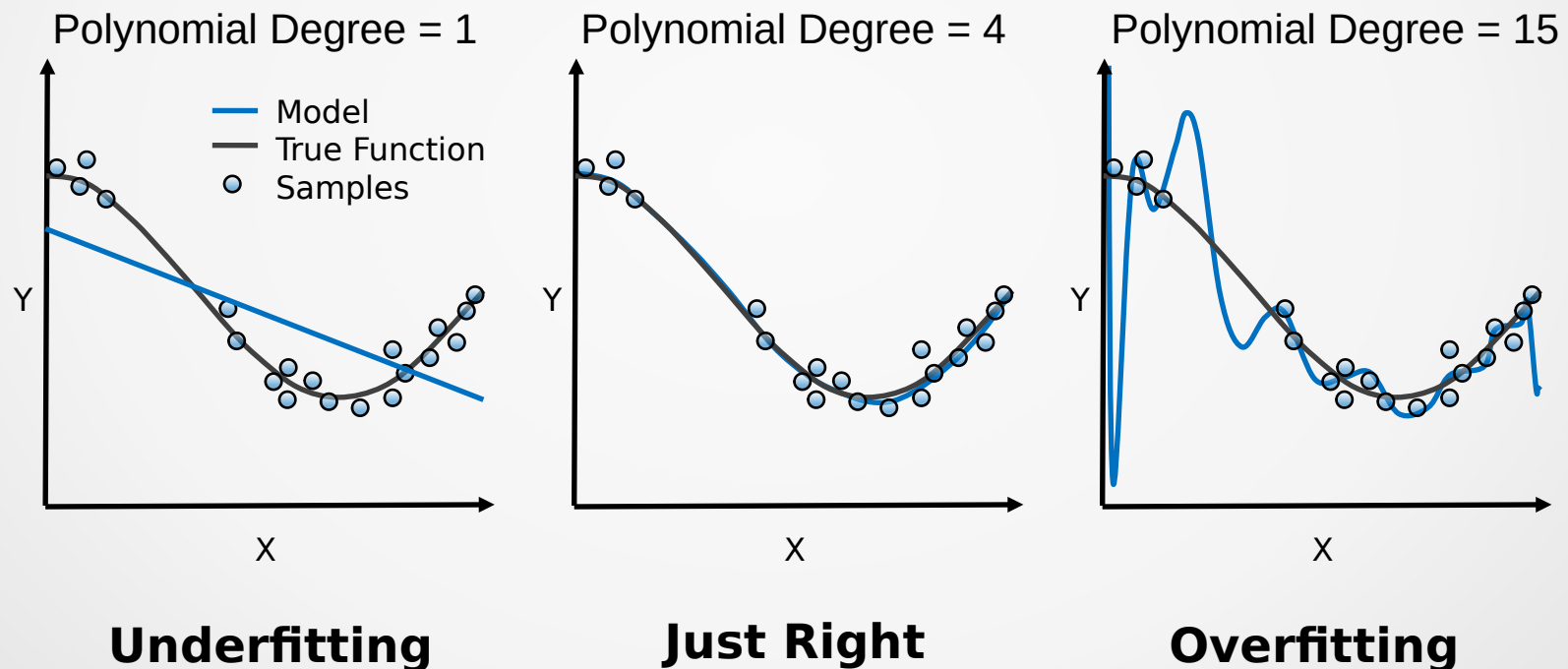
Just Right



Good at Training
Poor at Predicting

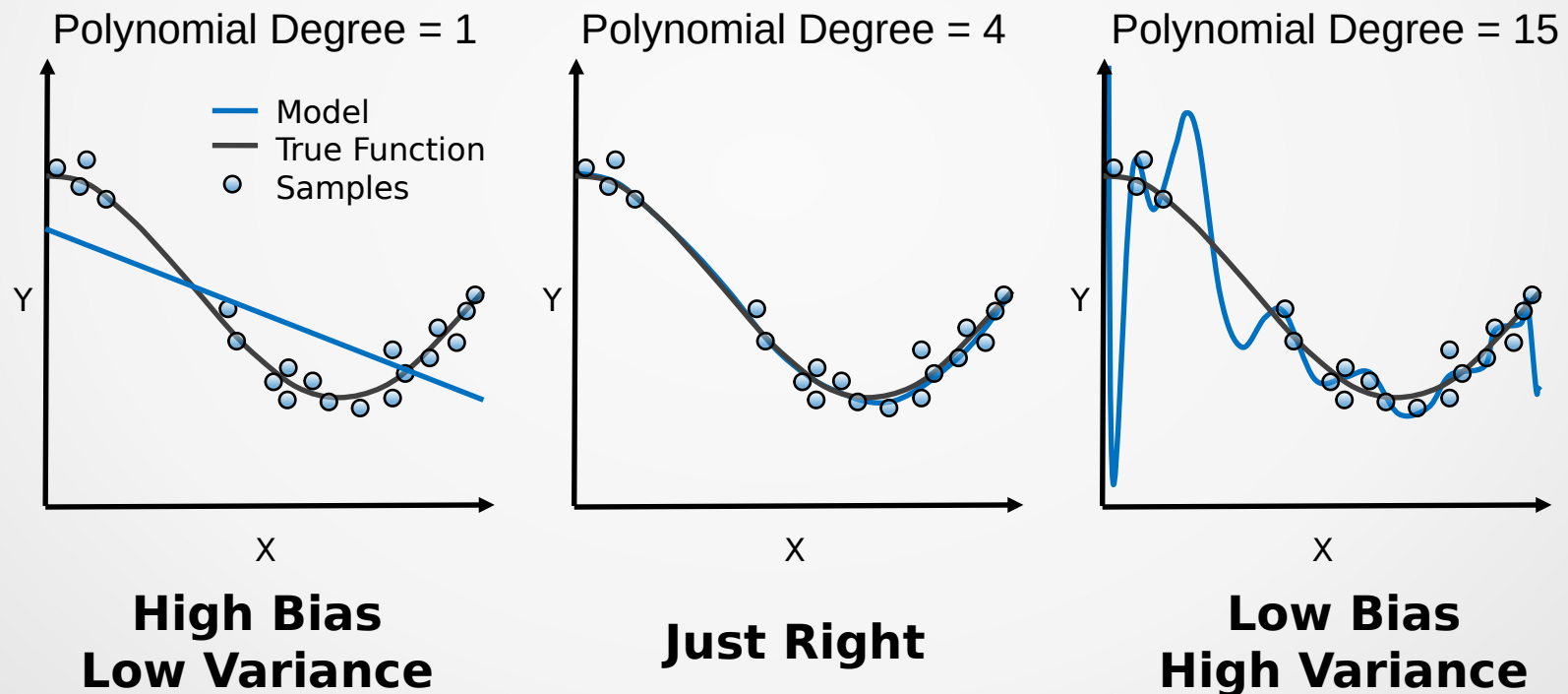
Generalizing and Proper Fit

How well does each model fit (underfit vs overfit)?



Generalizing and Proper Fit

How much trade-off between bias and variance?



Training and Test Splits

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**Training
Data**

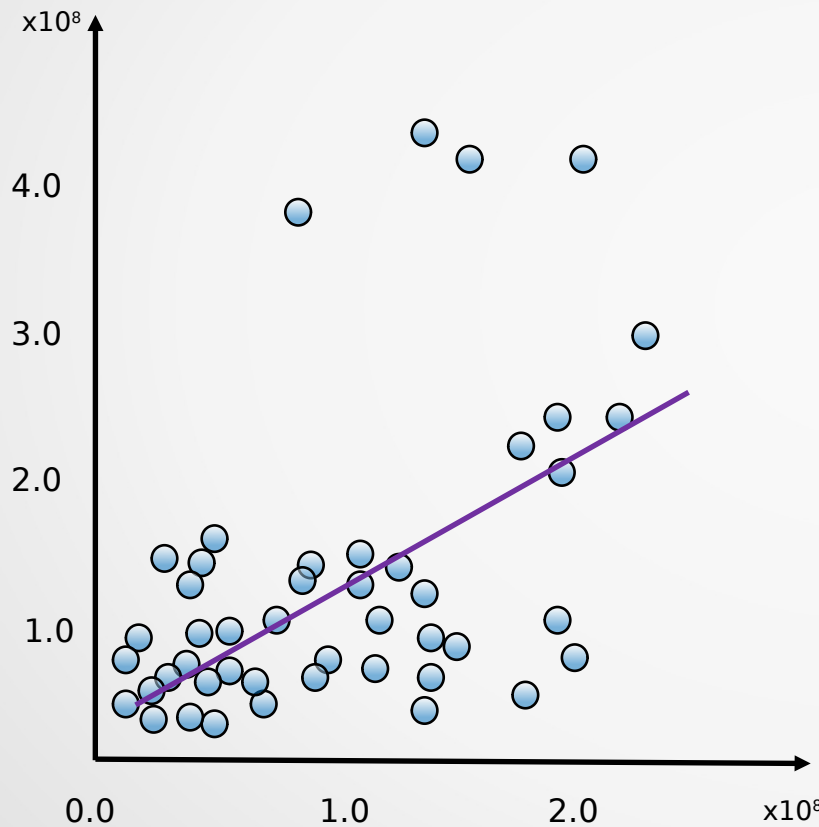
**Test
Data**

Training and Test Splits

- Training Data
 - Used to fit/optimize the model
- Test Data
 - Used to measure performance
 - Predict label with fitted/trained model
 - Compare with actual value
 - Measure error

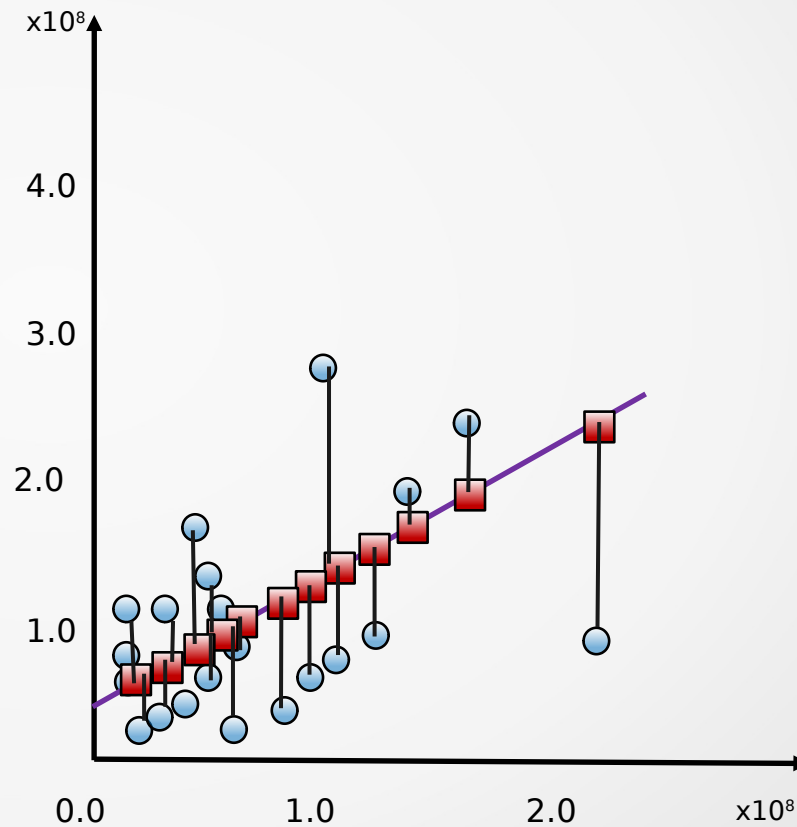
Training and Test Splits

Training Data



Fit the model

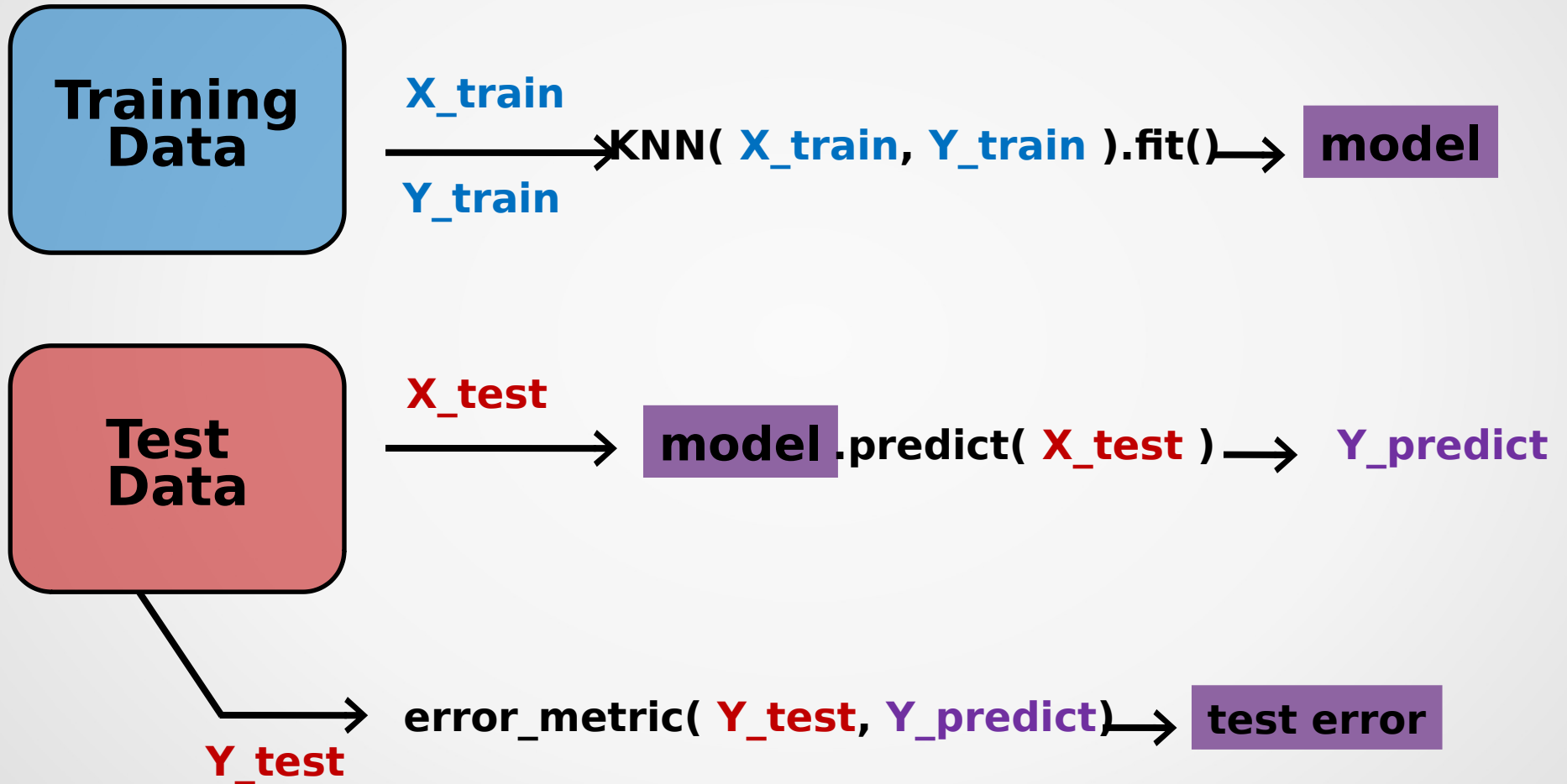
Test Data



Make predictions

Measure error

Training and Test Splits



Training and Test Splits Syntax

- Import the train and test split function

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

- Split the data and put 30% into the test set

```
train, test = train_test_split(data, test_size=0.3)
```

Cross Validation

- Using Test sets validates the model's against unseen/new input
- Performance on the Test set should reflect performance 'in-the-wild'
- How well will the Test set (e.g. 30%) generalize to the entire sample?
- Train/Test splits actually gets the best model for **that particular** Test set

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**Training
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**Validation
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**Training
Data 3**

**Validation
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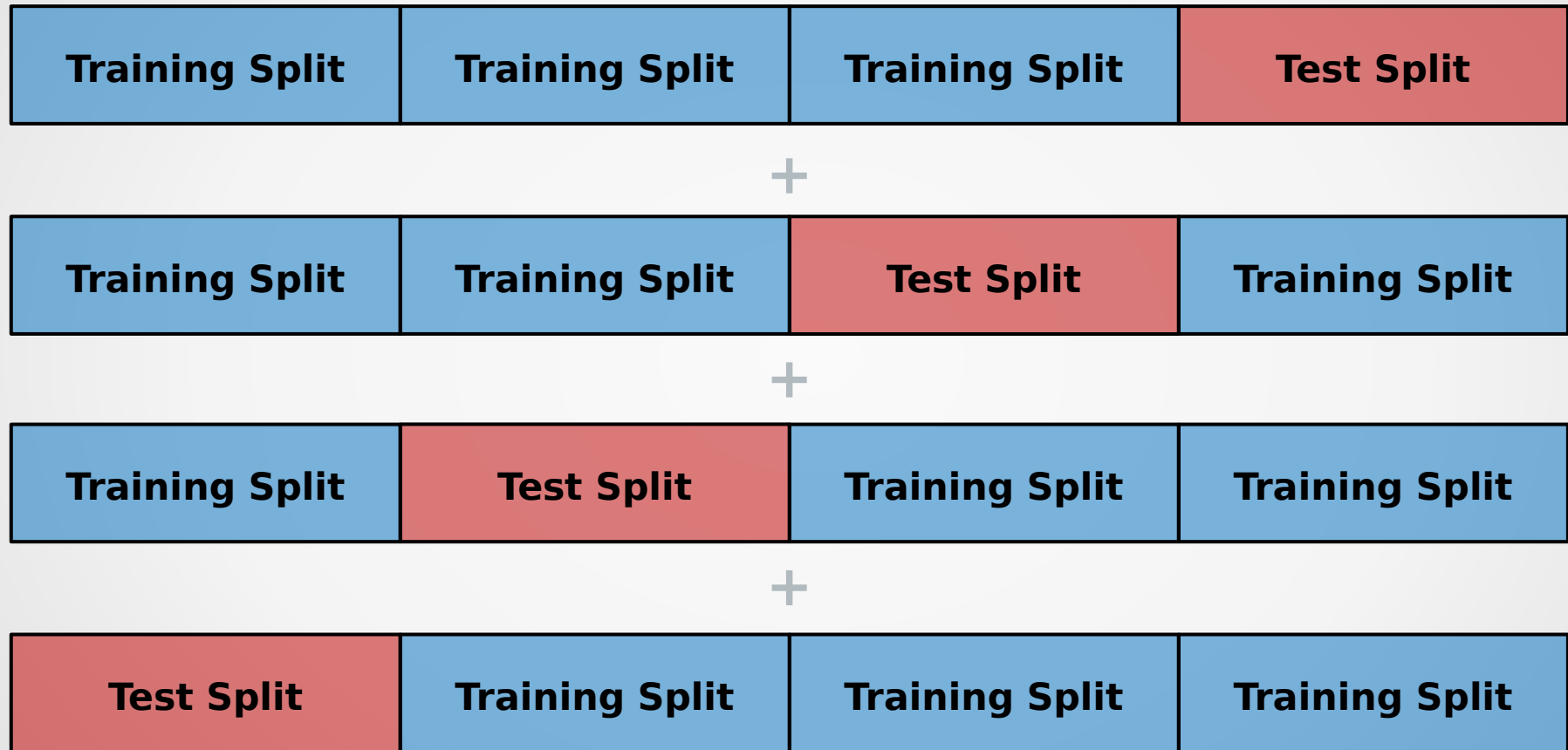
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**Validation
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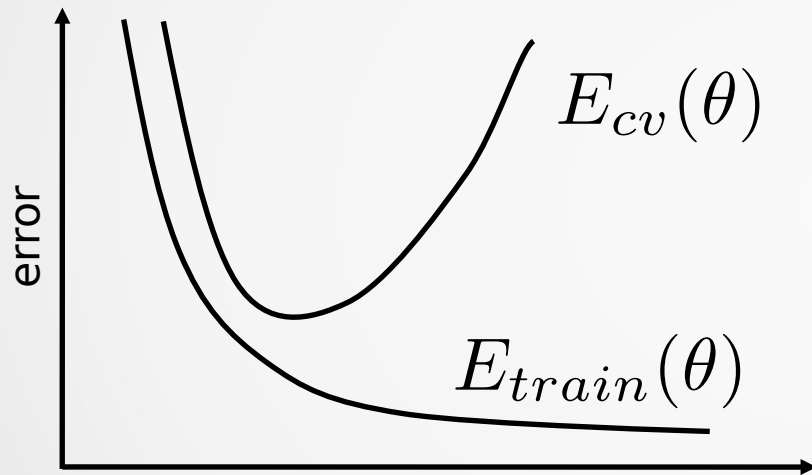
Cross Validation



Average cross validation results.

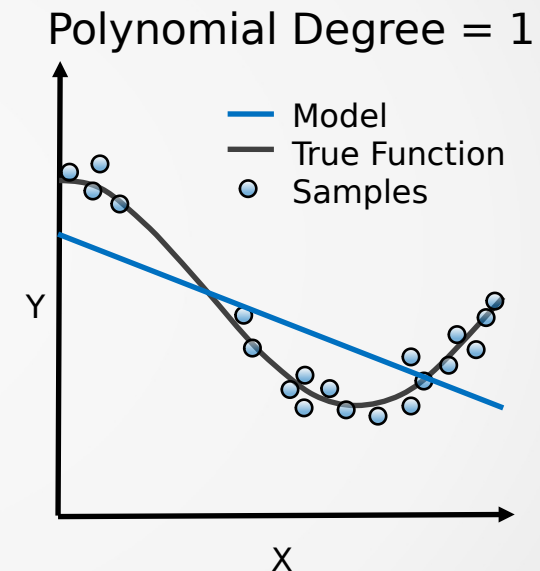
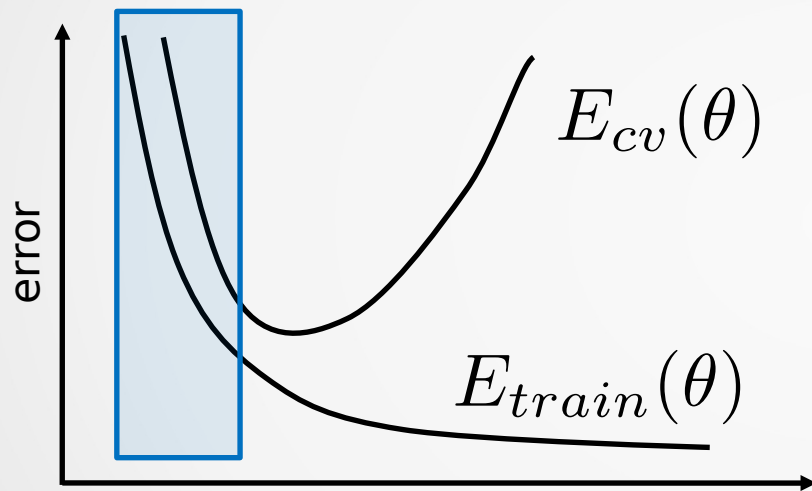
Cross Validation

Let's compare training error with cross validation error as model complexity increases



Cross Validation

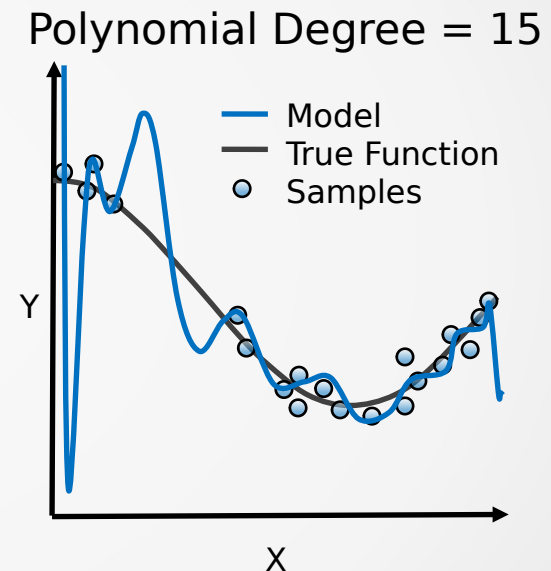
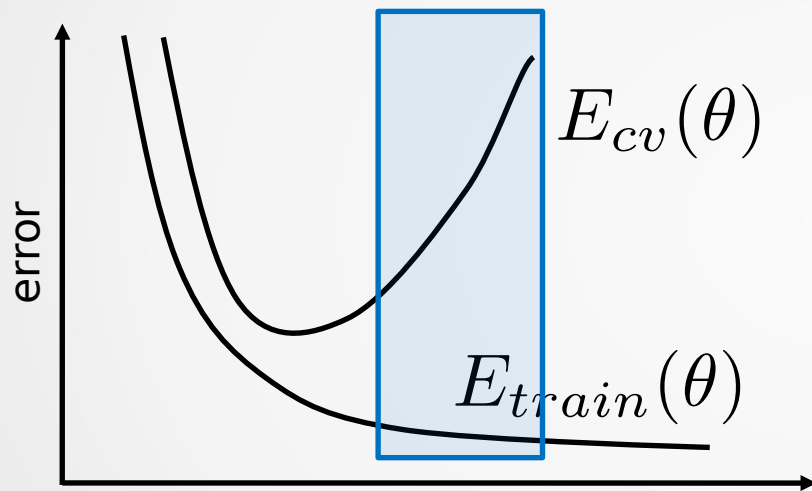
Let's compare training error with cross validation error



Underfitting: training and cross validation error are high

Cross Validation

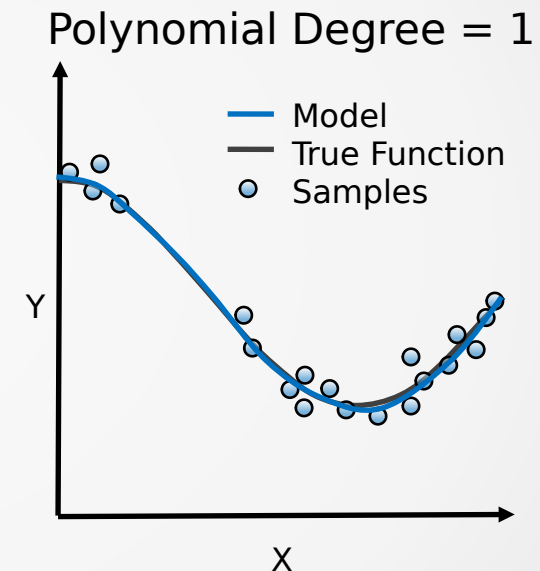
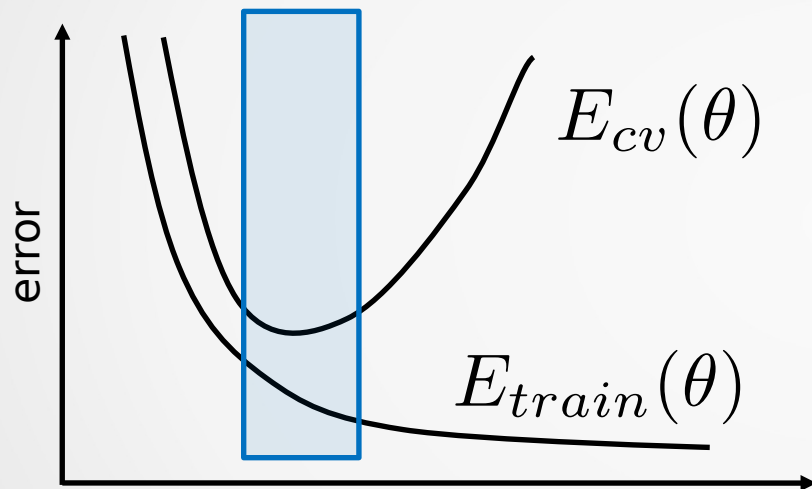
Let's compare training error with cross validation error



Overfitting: training error is low, cross validation error is high

Cross Validation

Let's compare training error with cross validation error



Just right: training and cross validation error are low

Cross Validation Syntax

- Import the train and test split function

```
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
```

- Perform cross-validation with a given model

```
cross_val = cross_val_score(KNN, x_data, y_data, cv=4,  
                             scoring='neg_mean_squared_error')
```

- Other methods for cross validation

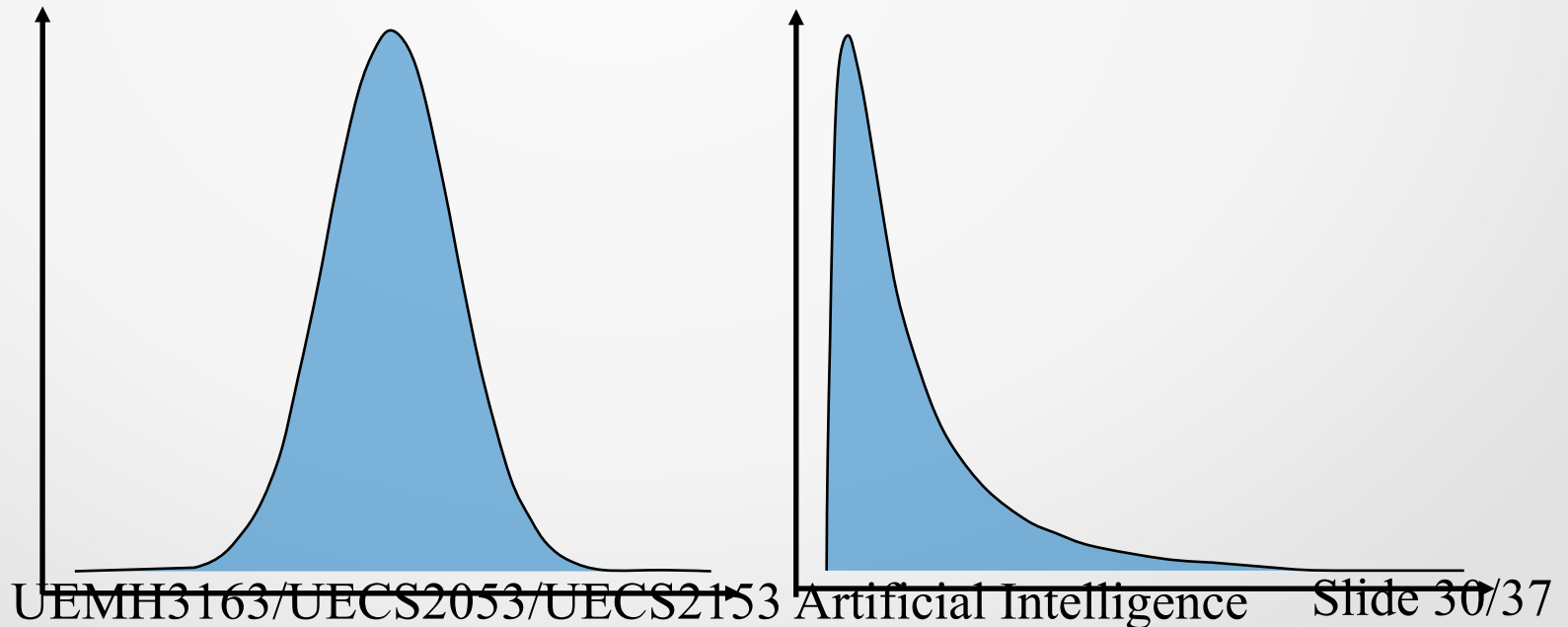
```
from sklearn.model_selection import (BaseCrossValidator,  
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Feature Transformation

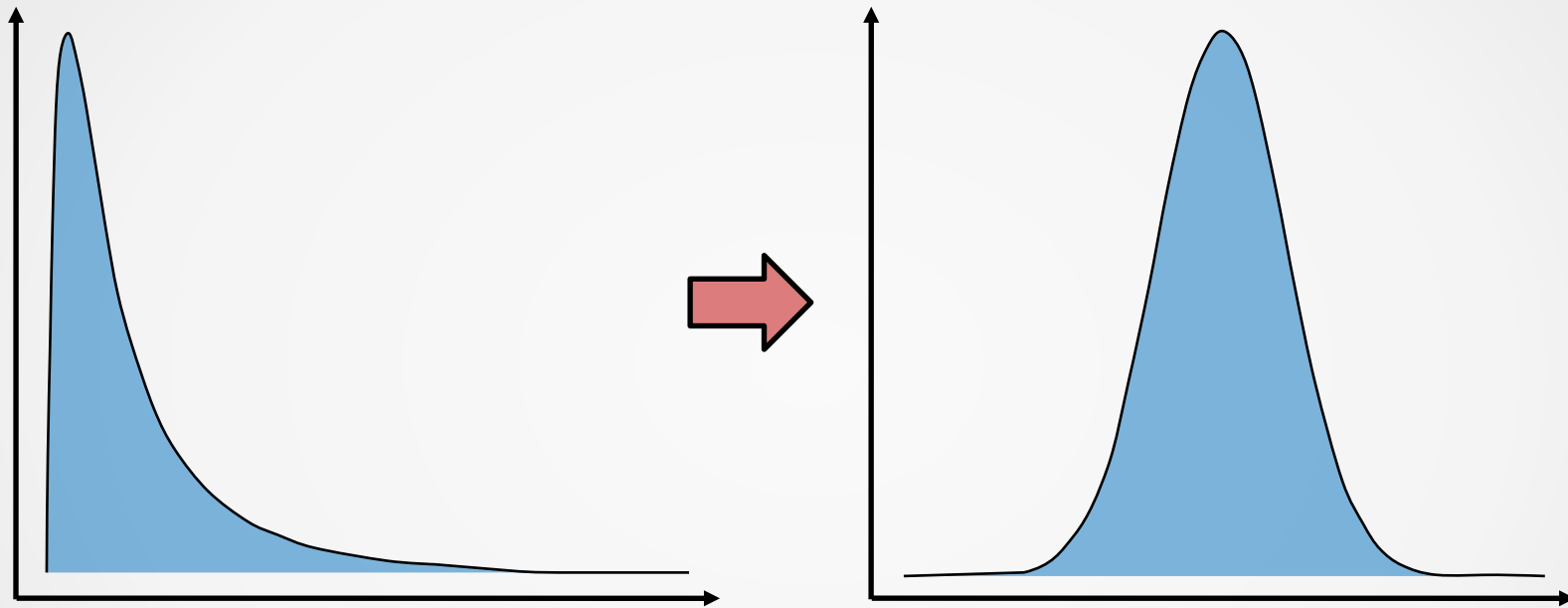
- Any distance-based algorithm (linear regression, KNN etc.) is sensitive to feature scale
- The most obvious effect is from variables with very different ranges
- Transforming the range (through scaling) means the algorithm will find a better solution
- What other feature transformations are useful?

Data Distribution Transformation

- Linear regression models assume residuals are normally distributed
- Features and predicted data often exhibit some level of skew
- Data transformations can help minimize this issue



Data Distribution Transformation



```
from numpy import log, log1p  
from scipy.stats import boxcox
```

Transforming Various Feature Types

Feature Type

- **Continuous:** numerical values
- **Nominal:** categorical, unordered features (hair color, country)
- **Ordinal:** categorical, ordered features (movie ratings, t-shirt size)

Transformation

- Standard Scaling, Min-Max Scaling

- One-hot encoding (0, 1)

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import (  
    LabelEncoder, LabelBinarizer,  
    OneHotEncoder)
```

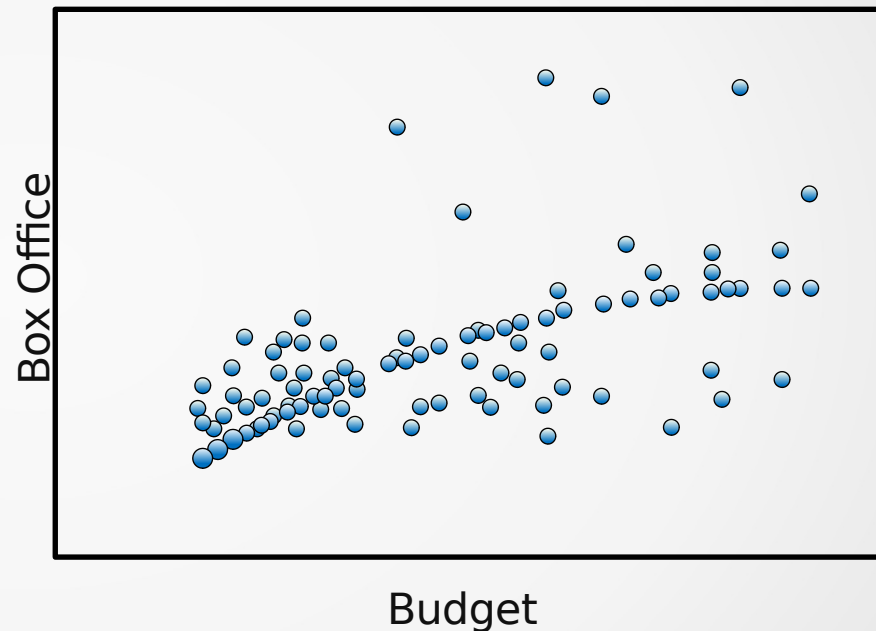
- Ordinal encoding (0, 1, 2, 3)

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction import (  
    DictVectorizer)  
from pandas import get_dummies
```


Adding Polynomial Features

- Higher order features of data can be captured by adding polynomial features
- Still “linear regression” because the equation being solved by the algorithm is a linear combination of features

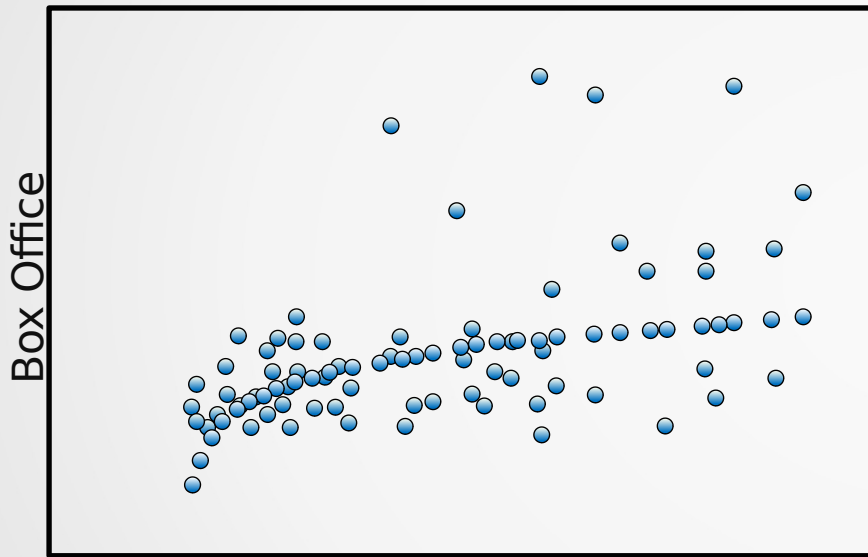
$$y_{\beta}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$



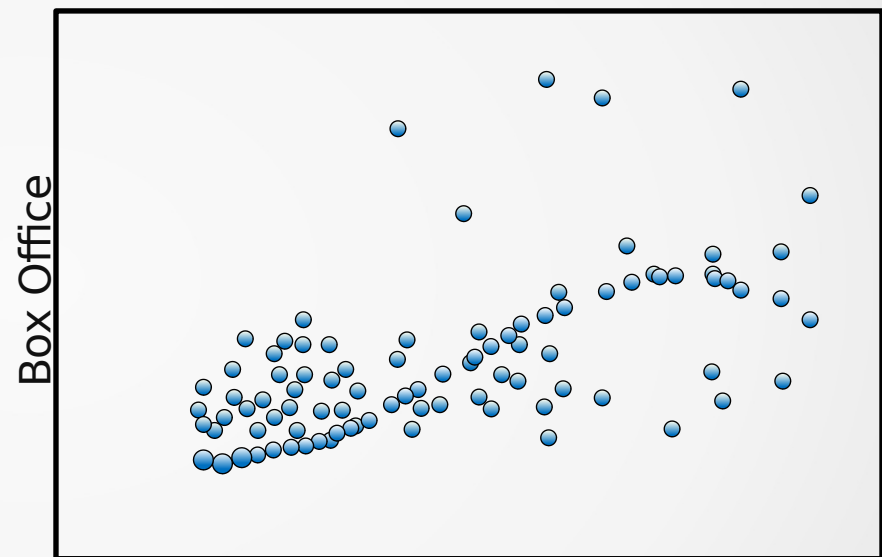
Adding Polynomial Features

$$y_{\beta}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x)$$

$$y_{\beta}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$$



Budget



Budget

Adding Polynomial Features

- Can also include variable interactions

$$y_{\beta}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2$$

- How to choose the “correct” functional form?
 - Check relationship between variables or between variables and outcome

Polynomial Features Syntax

- Import the class containing the transformation method

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
```

- Create an instance of the class

```
polyFeat = PolynomialFeatures(degree=2)
```

- Create the polynomial features and then transform the data

```
polyFeat = polyFeat.fit(x_data)  
x_poly = polyFeat.transform(x_data)
```

End of Lecture

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