

# Linear Regression Models

## Segment 4 – Model Diagnostics

### Topic 3 – Bias and Variance

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# Topics

1. The Bias-Variance Decomposition
2. Bias and Variance of Linear Regression

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