

M10-L1-P1

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1 M10-L1 Problem 1

In this problem you will look compare models with lower/higher variance/bias by computing bias and variance at a single point.

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[ ]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor

def plot_model(model,color="blue"):
    x = np.linspace(0, np.pi*2, 100)
    y = model.predict(x.reshape(-1,1))
    plt.plot(x, y, color=color)
    plt.xlabel("x")
    plt.ylabel("y")

def plot_data(x, y):
    plt.scatter(x,y,color="black")

def eval_model_at_point(model, x):
    return model.predict(np.array([[x]])).item()

def train_models():
    x = np.random.uniform(0,np.pi*2,20).reshape(-1,1)
    y = np.random.normal(np.sin(x),0.5).flatten()

    modelA = LinearRegression()
    modelB = KNeighborsRegressor(3)
    modelA.fit(x,y)
    modelB.fit(x,y)
    return modelA, modelB, x, y
```

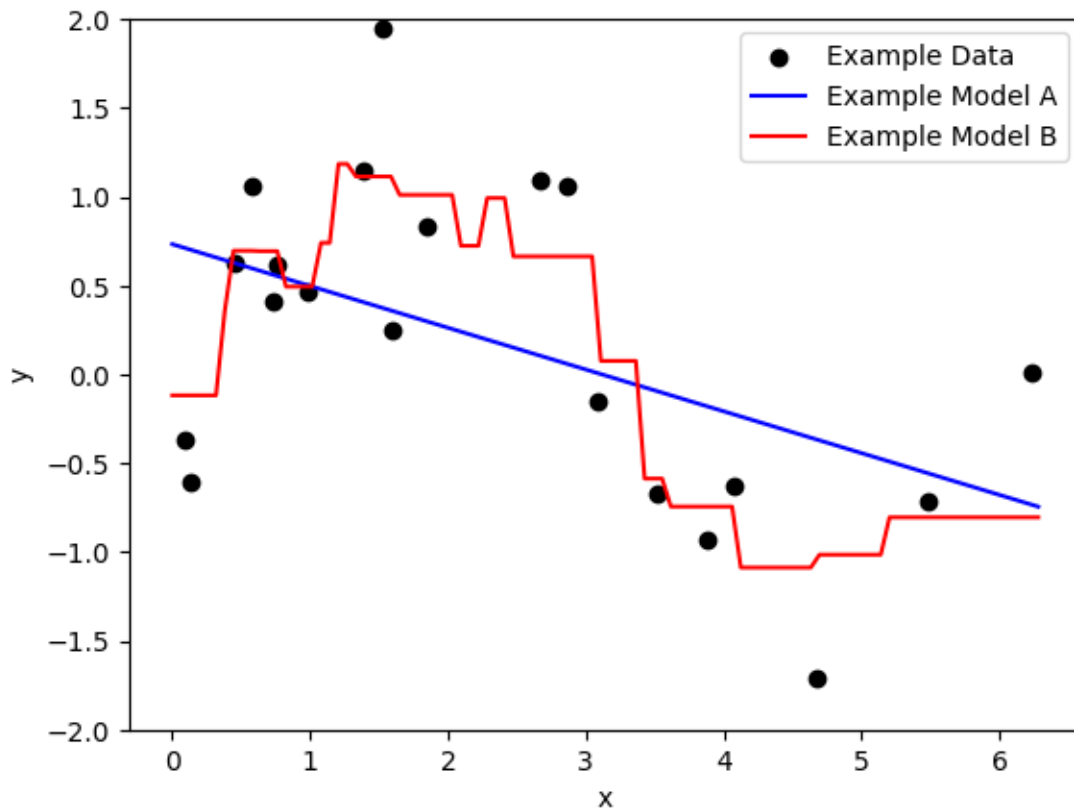
The function `train_models` gets 20 new data points and trains two models on these data points. Model A is a linear regression model, while model B is a 3-nearest neighbor regressor.

```
[ ]: modelA, modelB, x, y = train_models()
plt.figure()
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plot_data(x,y)
plot_model(modelA,"blue")
plot_model(modelB,"red")
plt.legend(["Example Data", "Example Model A", "Example Model B"])
plt.ylim([-2,2])
plt.show()

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1.1 Training models

First, train 50 instances of model A and 50 instances of model B. Store all 100 total models for use in the next few cells. Generate these models with the function: `modelA`, `modelB`, `x`, `y` = `train_models()`.

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[ ]: modelA, modelB, x, y = zip(*[train_models() for i in range(50)])
```

1.2 Bias and Variance

Now we will use the definitions of bias and variance to compute the bias and variance of each type of model. You will focus on the point $x = 1.57$ only. First, compute the prediction for each model at x . (You can use the function `eval_model_at_point(model, x)`).

```
[ ]: x = 1.57

x_A = [eval_model_at_point(model, x) for model in modelA]
x_B = [eval_model_at_point(model, x) for model in modelB]
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In this cell, use the values you computed above to compute and print the bias and variance of model A at the point $x = 1.57$. The true function value y_{GT} is given as 1 for $x=1.57$.

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[ ]: yGT = 1

bias_A = np.mean(x_A) - yGT
var_A = np.mean(np.power(np.subtract(x_A, np.mean(x_A)), 2))

bias_B = np.mean(x_B) - yGT
var_B = np.mean(np.power(np.subtract(x_B, np.mean(x_B)), 2))

print(f"Model A:   Bias = {bias_A:.3f},   Variance = {var_A:.3f}")
print(f"Model B:   Bias = {bias_B:.3f},   Variance = {var_B:.3f}")
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Model A:   Bias = -0.471,   Variance = 0.039
Model B:   Bias = 0.012,   Variance = 0.082
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Questions

1. Which model has smaller bias at $x = 1.57$?

Model B has a smaller bias because it has a lower magnitude bias.

2. Which model has lower variance at $x = 1.57$?

Model A has the lower variance at this point.

1.3 Plotting models

Now use the `plot_model` function to overlay all Model A predictions on one plot and all Model B predictions on another. Notice the spread of each model.

```
[ ]: plt.figure(figsize=(9,3))

plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.title("Model A")
for model in modelA: plot_model(model, color="blue")

plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.title("Model B")
for model in modelB: plot_model(model, color="blue")

plt.show()
```

