

Foundations of Machine Learning

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Bias Variance Decomposition

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So far in FoML

- What is ML and the learning paradigms
- Probability refresher
- MLE, MAP, and fully Bayesian treatment
- Linear Regression with basis functions - and regularization
- Model selection



Breaking down the prediction error of a model

Frequentist interpretation of the model complexity



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- If we know the data distribution, we can find the

$$\mathbb{E}[L(t, y(\mathbf{x}))] =$$

Data and prediction distributions



Minimizing the Expected loss at given x

Expected Loss for Regression

$$\mathbb{E}[L] = \int \int (y(\mathbf{x}) - t)^2 p(\mathbf{x}, t) dt d\mathbf{x}$$



Minimizing the expected loss

$$\mathbb{E}[L] = \int \{y(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}[t/\mathbf{x}]\}^2 p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + \int \text{var}[t/\mathbf{x}] p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

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- We only have finite dataset (but not the distribution)

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- Frequentist approach \rightarrow multiple datasets, multiple models

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(Bias)² =

Variance =

Noise =

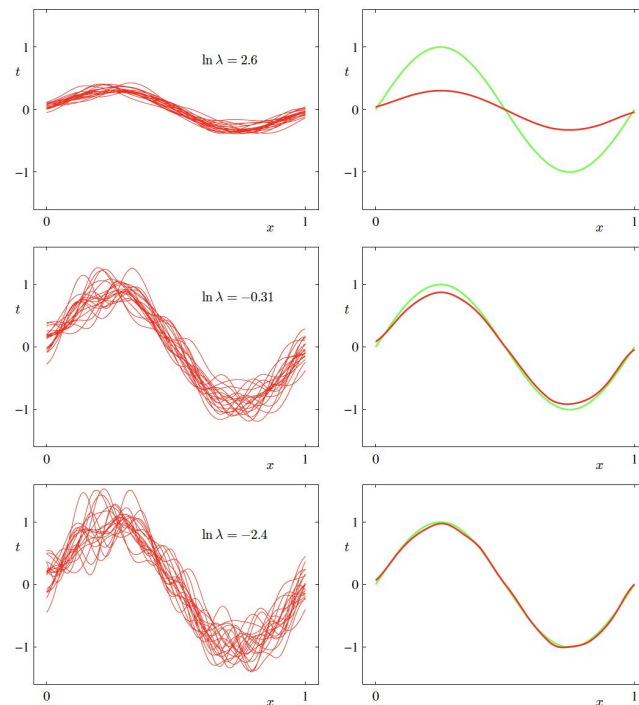
Example



Bias-Variance Decomposition Example

- 100 datasets of size 25
- $x \sim U[0, 1]$
- $t = \sin(2\pi x) + \epsilon$

$$\mathbb{E}_D[y_D(x)] = \bar{y}(x)$$



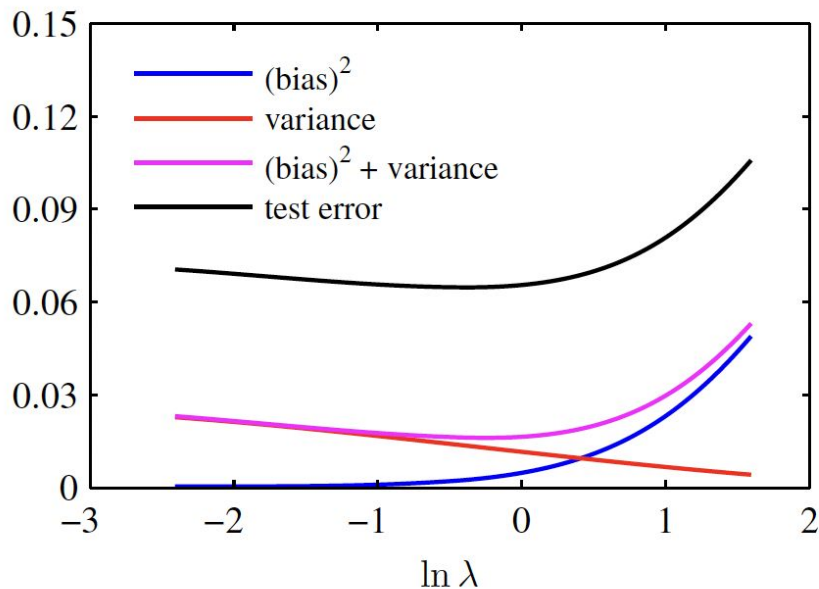
Bias-Variance Decomposition Example

Estimating the bias and variance

$$(\text{bias})^2 = \int \{\mathbb{E}_D[y_D(x) - \mathbb{E}[t/x]]\}^2 p(x) dx$$

$$\text{variance} = \mathbb{E}_D[\{y_D(x) - \mathbb{E}_D[y_D(x)]\}^2 p(x) dx]$$

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Bias-Variance Decomposition

- In practice - we don't split our dataset to determine the model complexity
 - Large datasets are better
- Bayesian regression!



Rough work



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Next Bayesian Regression

