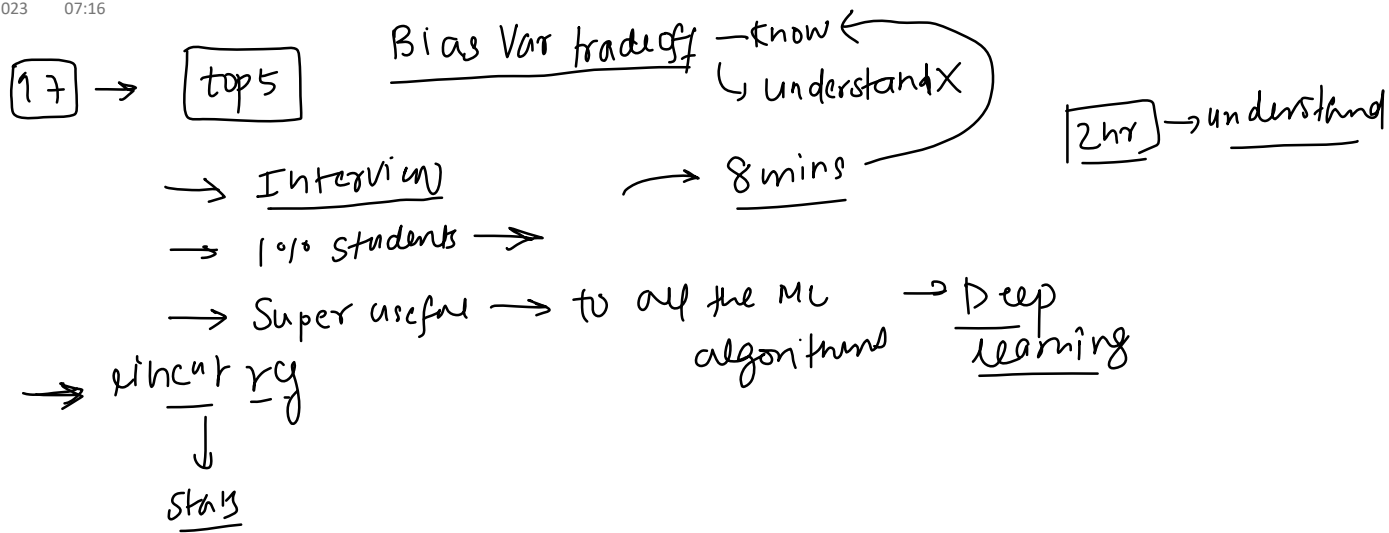


# Why this lecture is important?

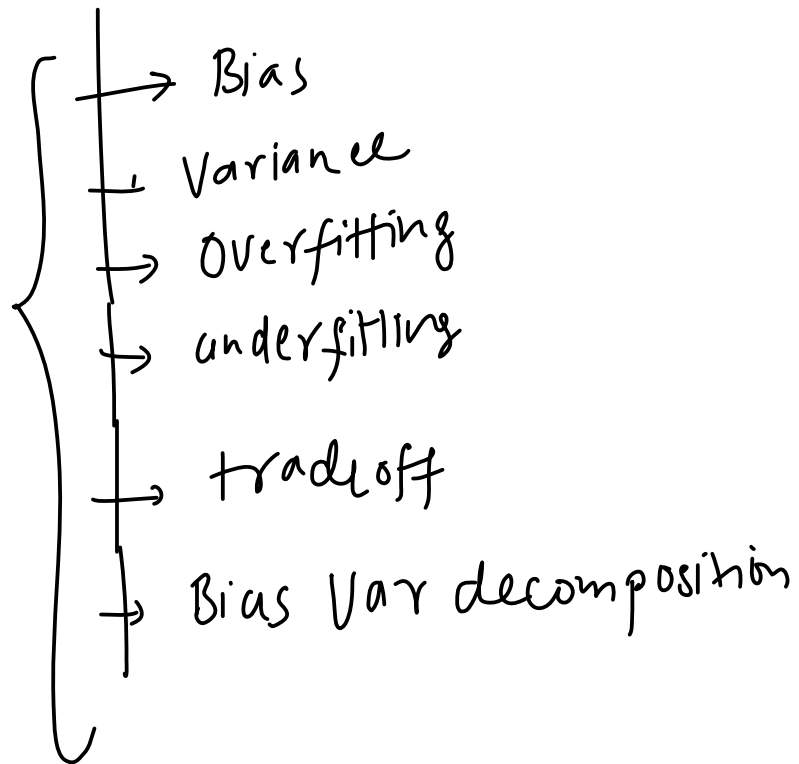
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# What are we going to study?

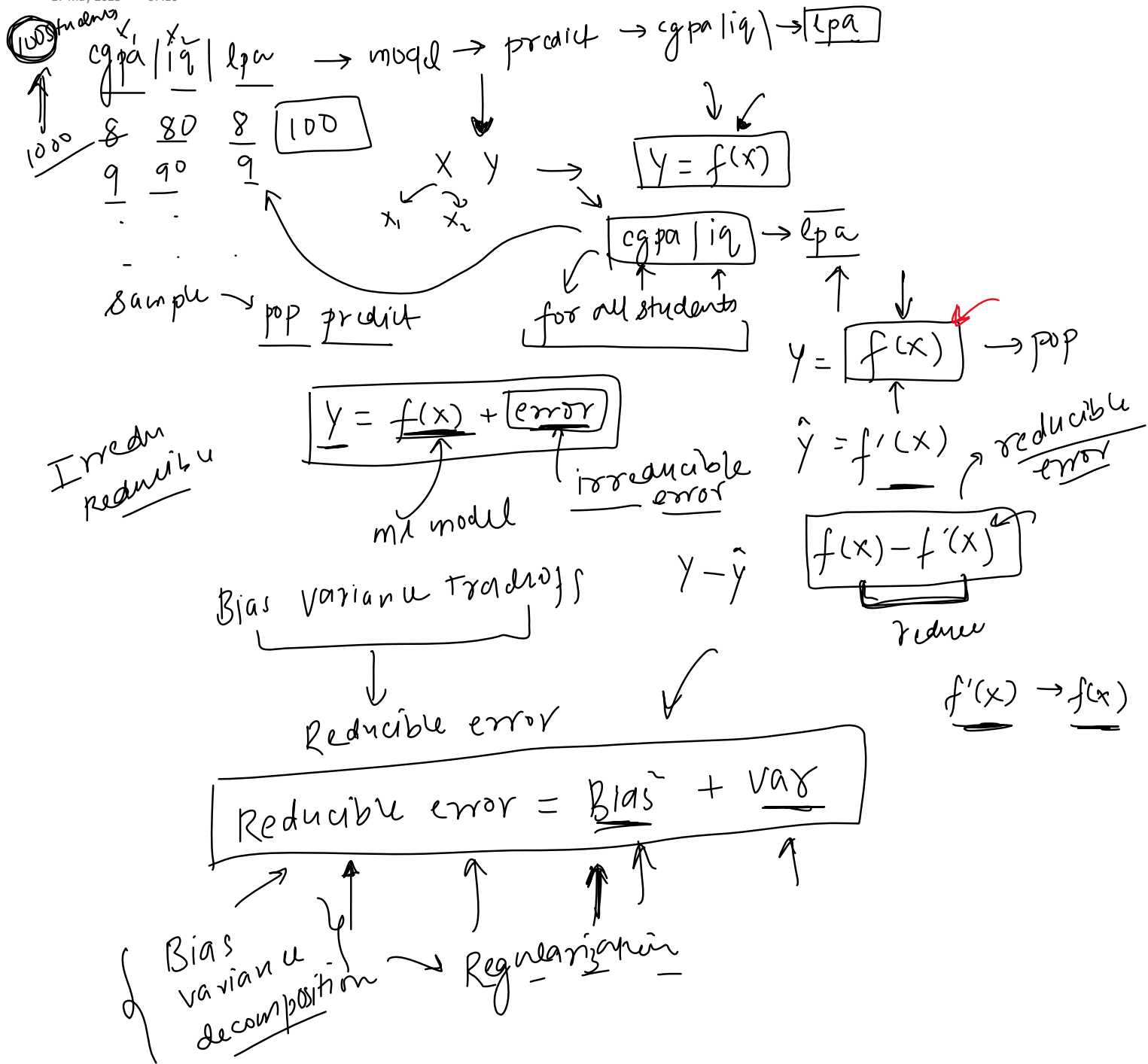
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## Bias Var tradeoff



# The Hidden Truth

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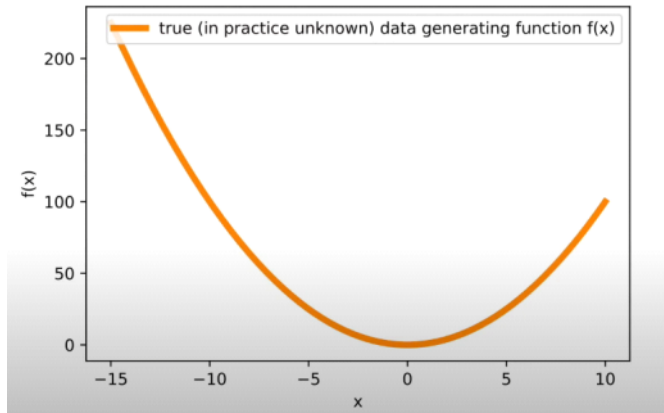


$$y = f(x) = x^2 \quad [-15, 10]$$

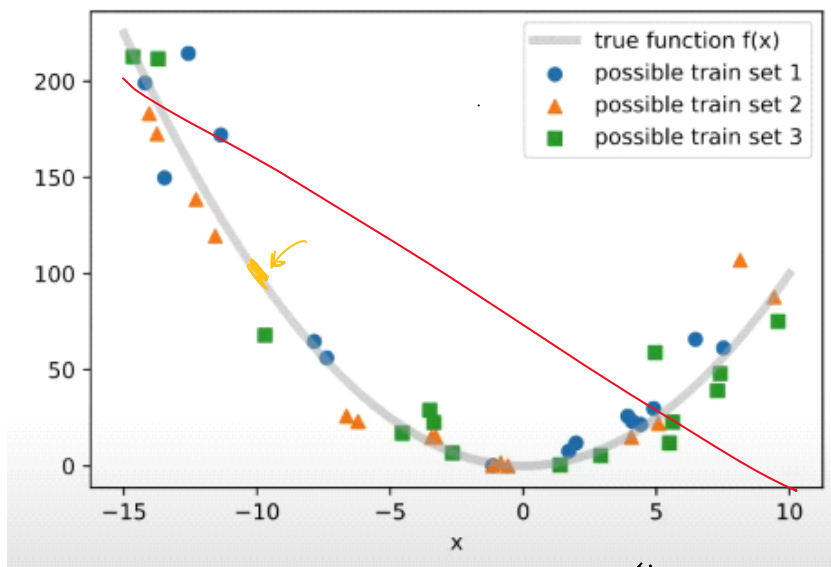
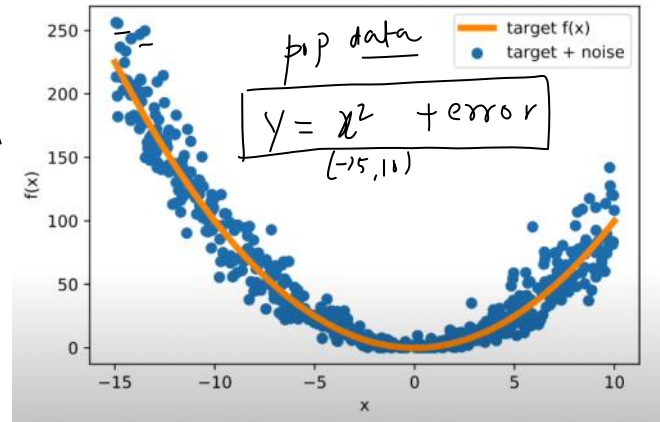
$$y = x^2$$

$$y = x^2 + \text{error}$$

pop 1000 points

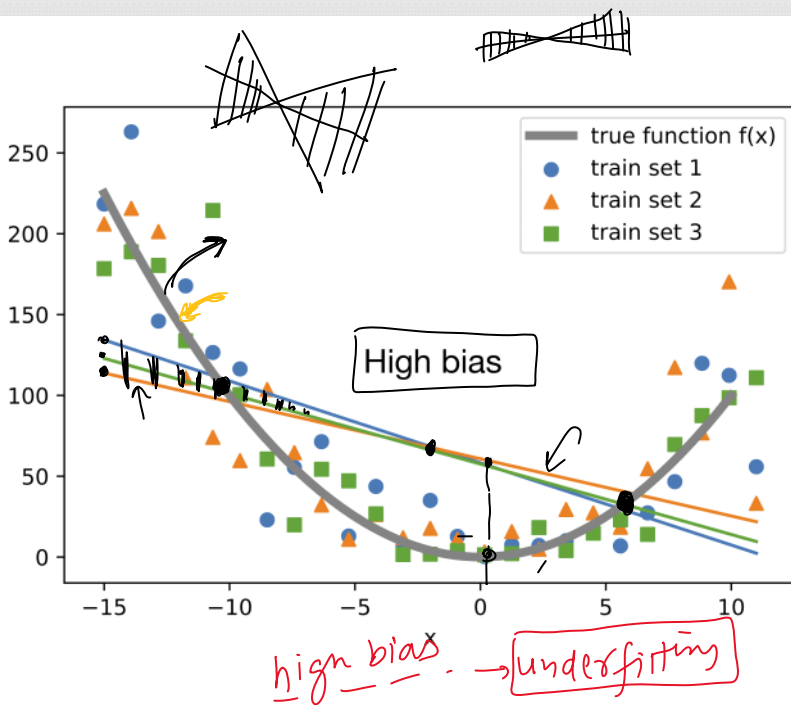


3 samples random



- → 1
- △ → 2
- → 3

→ 3 student  
linear model  
reg



Bias → the inability of a ML model to fit the training data

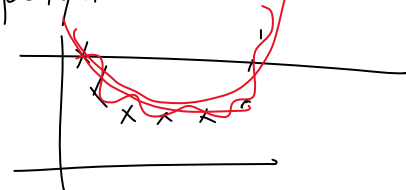
Variance

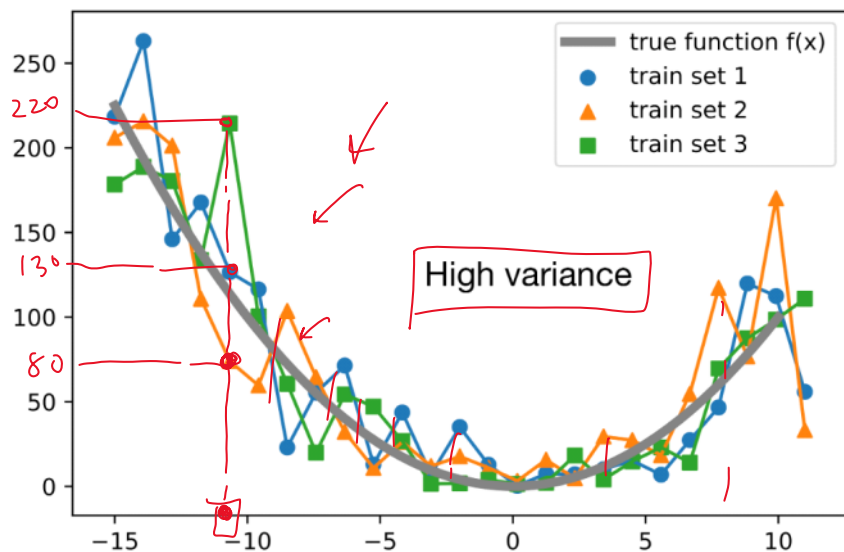
high bias ✓  
low bias

Low variance

ml model predict when the training data is char degree = 3

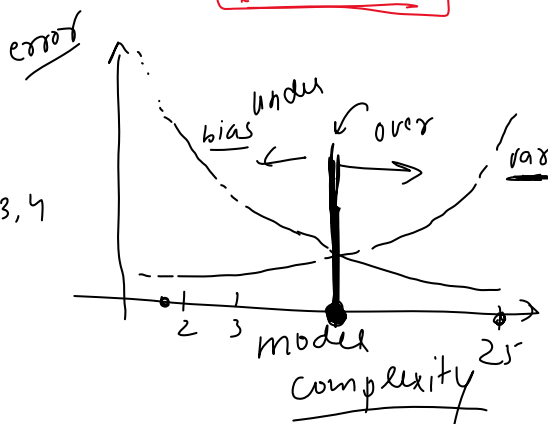
polynomial





The "trade-off" in bias-variance trade-off refers to the fact that minimizing bias will usually increase variance and vice versa.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{bias} \\ \text{variance} \end{array} \right\}$   
 poly  $\rightarrow$  degree 2, 3, 4



polynomial high degree Overfitting

high bias high var  
low bias ✓

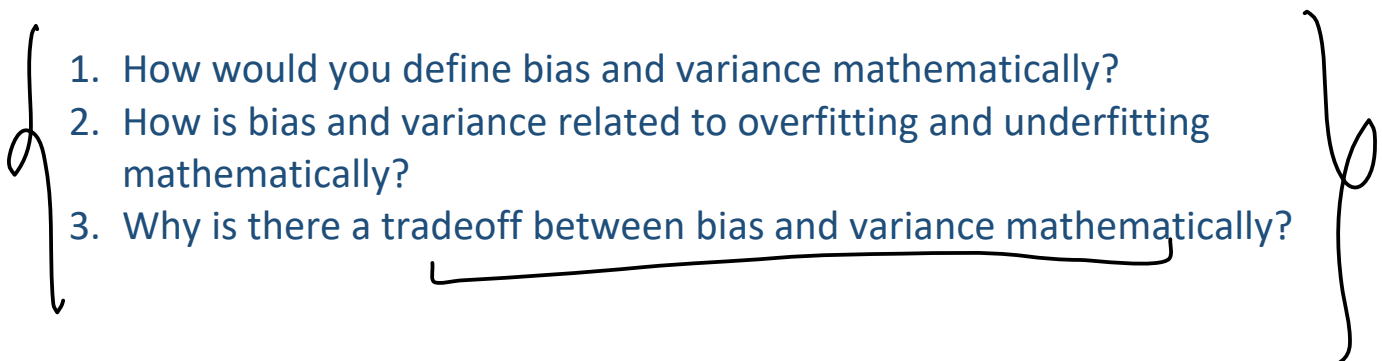
$\rightarrow$  low bias high variance

high var  $\rightarrow$  overfitting

low bias  
low variance  $\rightarrow$  bias  $\downarrow$  var  $\uparrow$   
 var  $\downarrow$  bias  $\uparrow$

# Some questions

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1. How would you define bias and variance mathematically?
  2. How is bias and variance related to overfitting and underfitting mathematically?
  3. Why is there a tradeoff between bias and variance mathematically?

# Expected Value and Variance

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Expected value represents the average outcome of a random variable over a large number of trials or experiments. → pop mean

In a simple sense, the expected value of a random variable is the long-term average value of repetitions of the experiment it represents. For example, the expected value of rolling a six-sided die is 3.5 because, over many rolls, we would expect to average about 3.5.

Prob

Expected value



1 Lac roll

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

deterministic

mean = ?

3.5

X = rolling a die 1 Lac

$$E[X] = x_1 p(x_1) + x_2 p(x_2) + \dots + x_n p(x_n)$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \times \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times \frac{1}{6} + 4 \times \frac{1}{6} + 5 \times \frac{1}{6} + 6 \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1+2+3+4+5+6}{6} = \frac{21}{6} = 3.5$$

overall avr

mean

4.1

X → x<sub>1</sub> → 1  
X → x<sub>2</sub> → 2  
X → x<sub>3</sub> → 3  
X → x<sub>n</sub> → 6

5 3 4 5 3 5

mean

$$\frac{5+3+4+5+3+5}{6} = \frac{25}{6}$$

$$\frac{3(5) + 2(3) + 1(4)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3}{6}(5) + \frac{2}{6}(3) + \frac{1}{6}(4)$$

$$= x_1 p(x_1) + x_2 p(x_2) + x_3 p(x_3)$$

mean

expected value

E[X]

discrete random var (X)

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p(x_i)$$

→ expected value

E[X]

→ pop mean

continuous random var

$$E[X] = \int x_i f(x_i) dx$$

Var(X)

var of pop

pop var of X

$$Var(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

sample

$$\text{var} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \text{Var}(X)$$

(Annotations:  $\bar{x}$  is avg,  $\frac{1}{n}$  is  $E[X]$ ,  $E[X] = \text{numerator}$ ,  $\text{constant}$ )

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 + (E[X])^2 - 2XE[X]]$$

$$= E[X^2] + E[(E[X])^2] - E[2XE[X]]$$

$$= E[X^2] + E[(E[X])^2] - E[2] E[X] E[E[X]]$$

$$= E[X^2] + E[(E[X])^2] - 2 E[X] E[X]$$

$$= E[X^2] + E[(E[X])^2] - 2(E[X])^2$$

$$= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2}$$

(Side notes:  $E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$ ,  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$  given  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $E[\text{constant}] = \text{constant}$ )

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

(Annotations:  $E[X]$  is mean,  $(E[X])^2$  is  $\text{pop var}$ ,  $E[X]$  is  $\text{mean}$ ,  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is  $\text{mean}$ ,  $\text{discrete}$ ,  $\text{continuous}$ ,  $\text{age}$ ,  $\text{feature}$ )

$$\text{var} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}$$

$$= E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

$$\boxed{\text{Bias ?}}$$



$\mu$   
Bias ?  
Var ?  $\rightarrow$  mathemati  $E[x]$

# What exactly are Bias and Variance Mathematically?

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## Bias

In the context of machine learning and statistics, bias refers to the systematic error that a model introduces because it cannot capture the true relationship in the data. It represents the difference between the expected prediction of our model and the correct value which we are trying to predict. More bias leads to underfitting, where the model does not fit the training data well.

## Variance

In the context of machine learning and statistics, variance refers to the amount by which the prediction of our model will change if we used a different training data set. In other words, it measures how much the predictions for a given point vary between different realizations of the model.

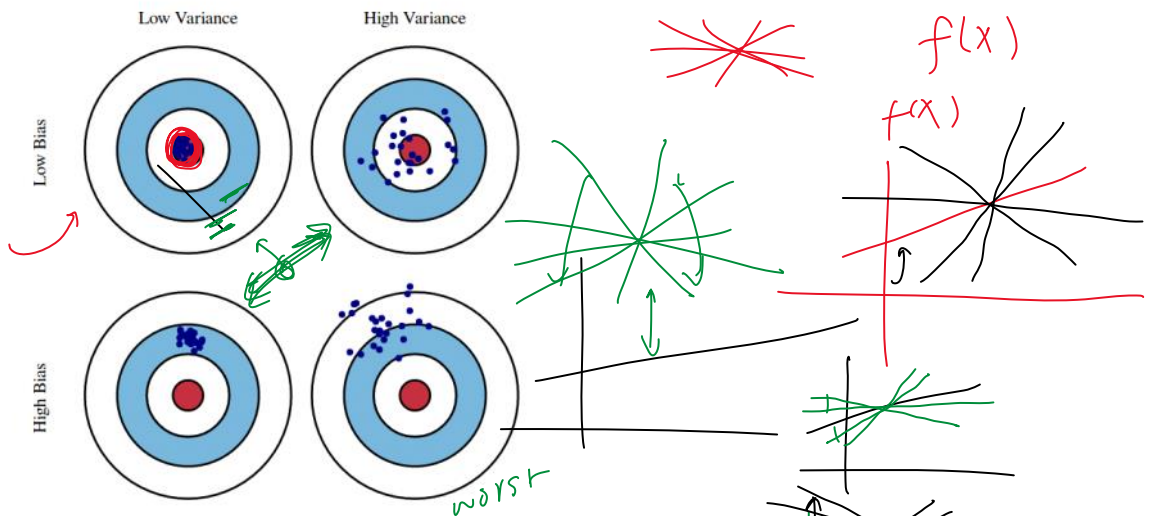
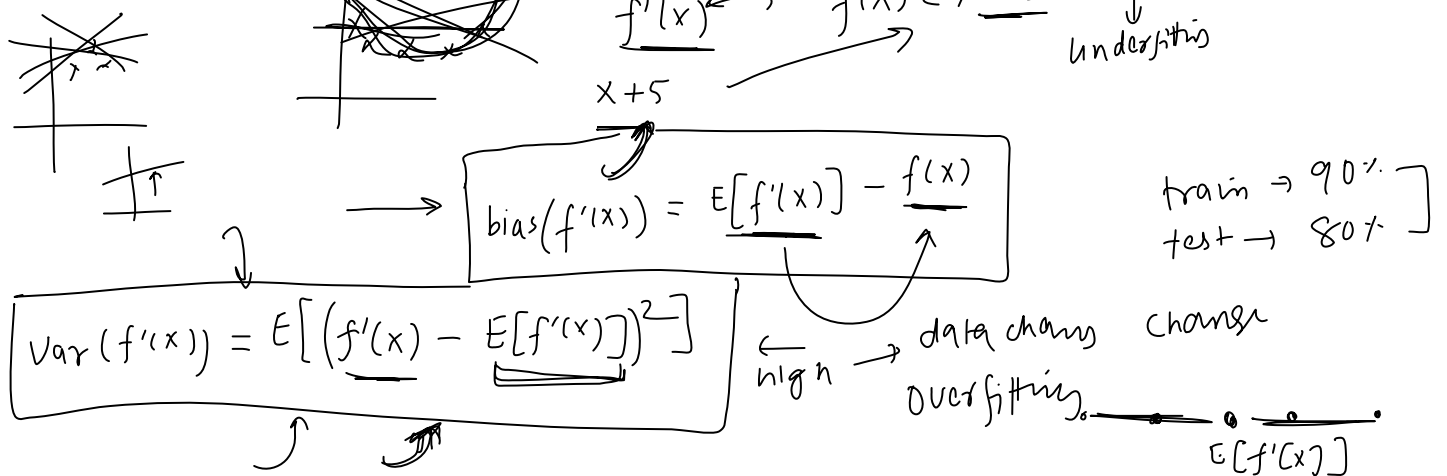
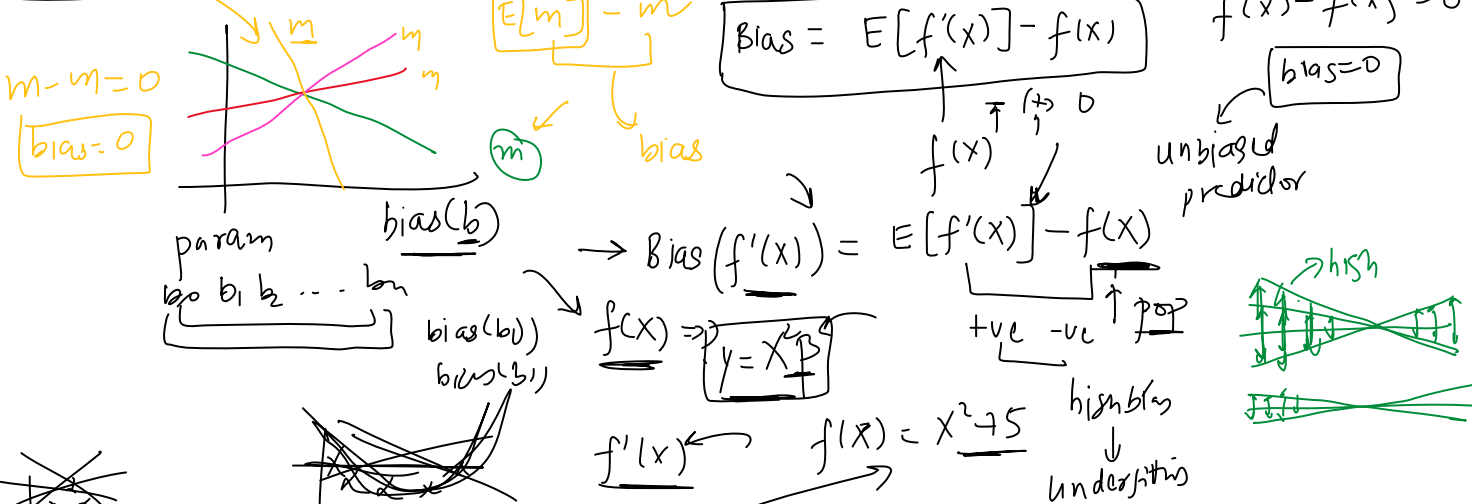
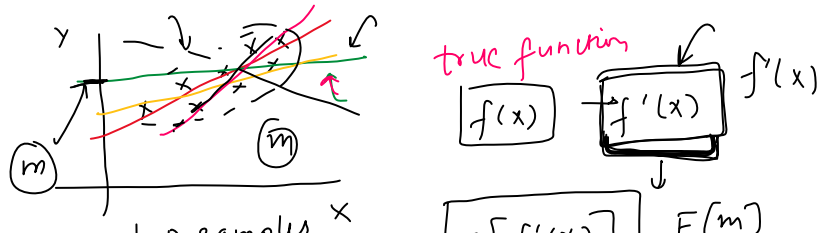


Fig. 1 Graphical illustration of bias and variance.

$$y = f(x) + \text{error} \quad \text{mse} \quad \text{var} = \sum \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} \quad \hat{\theta} \quad \theta$$

$$y = \underbrace{f(x)}_{\hat{y}} + \text{error} \quad \text{mse} \quad \text{var} = \frac{1}{n} \hat{\theta} \theta$$

$$\hat{y} = \underbrace{f'(x)}_{\uparrow} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Bias}(f'(x)) = \frac{E[f'(x)] - f(x)}{1} \\ \text{Var}(f'(x)) = \frac{E[(f'(x) - E[f'(x)])^2]}{1} \end{array} \right.$$

Bias Variance Decomposition

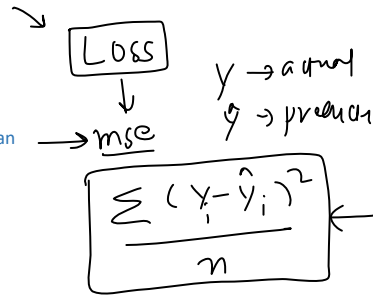
$$\text{Bias} = E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$$

# Bias Variance Decomposition

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Bias-variance decomposition is a way of analysing a learning algorithm's expected generalization error with respect to a particular problem by expressing it as the sum of three very different quantities: bias, variance, and irreducible error.

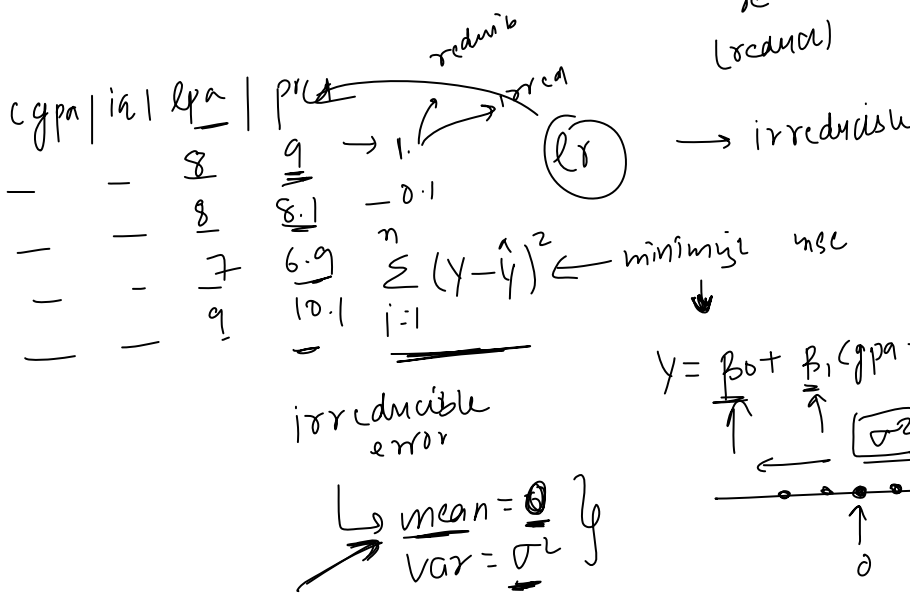
1. **Bias:** This is the error from erroneous assumptions in the learning algorithm. High bias can cause an algorithm to miss the relevant relations between features and target outputs (underfitting).
2. **Variance:** This is the error from sensitivity to small fluctuations in the training set. High variance can cause an algorithm to model the random noise in the training data, rather than the intended outputs (overfitting).
3. **Irreducible Error:** This is the noise term. This part of the error is due to the inherent noise in the problem itself, and can't be reduced by any model.



derive

$$\text{Loss} = \text{bias} + \text{variance} + \text{irreducible}$$

$$\text{Loss} = \underbrace{[\text{bias}^2 + \text{variance}]}_{\text{reducible (total)}} + \underbrace{[\text{var}(\epsilon)]}_{\text{irreducible noise}}$$



Derivation

$$\text{mse} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n} = \frac{E[(y - \hat{y})^2]}{n}$$

$$y = f(x) + \epsilon = \theta + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{y} = f'(x) = \hat{\theta}$$

$$= E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 + \epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon(\theta - \hat{\theta})]$$

$$E[x+y]$$

$$= E[x] + E[y]$$

$$E[xy]$$

$$E[x]E[y]$$

$$= E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] + E[\epsilon^2] + E[2\epsilon(\theta - \hat{\theta})]$$

$$\rightarrow E[\epsilon] = 0$$

$$= E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] + E[\epsilon^2]$$

EL^1 J

$$E[X]E[Y] \quad \text{mse} = E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] + E[\epsilon^2] \leftarrow$$

$$E[\epsilon^2] \rightarrow \text{var}(\epsilon) = \sigma^2 = E[(\epsilon - E[\epsilon])^2]$$

$$\uparrow E[\epsilon] = \text{var}(\epsilon) = E[(\epsilon - 0)^2] = E[\epsilon^2]$$

$$\text{mse} = E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] + \boxed{\text{var}(\epsilon)}$$

irreducible

$$E[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] = E[(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}] + E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})^2] \leftarrow$$

$$E[(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])^2 + (E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})^2 + 2(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})]$$

$$\rightarrow E[(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])^2] + E[(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})^2] + E[2(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})]$$

$$E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$$

$$E[2(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})] = 0$$

$$E[(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])^2] + E[(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})^2]$$

var

$$E[2(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])(E[\hat{\theta}] - \hat{\theta})] = 2(\theta - E[\hat{\theta}]) \{ E[E[\hat{\theta}]] - E[\hat{\theta}] \}$$

$$\uparrow \theta - E[\hat{\theta}] \quad \uparrow E[E[\hat{\theta}]] - E[\hat{\theta}]$$

$$\rightarrow (\theta - E[\hat{\theta}])^2$$

(Bias)<sup>2</sup> + var

$$y = \theta + \text{noise}$$

$$\text{mse} = (\text{bias})^2 + \boxed{\text{variance}} + \text{noise}$$

irreducible var(ε)

↓  
reducible error

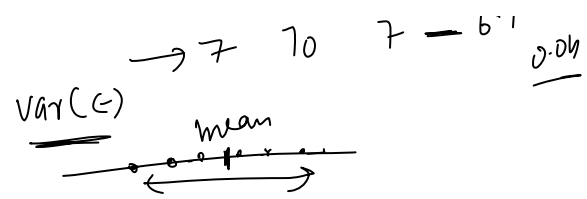
Bias - Variance decomposition

$$\text{mse} = \text{reducible} + \text{irreducible}$$

↓  
→ bias + var

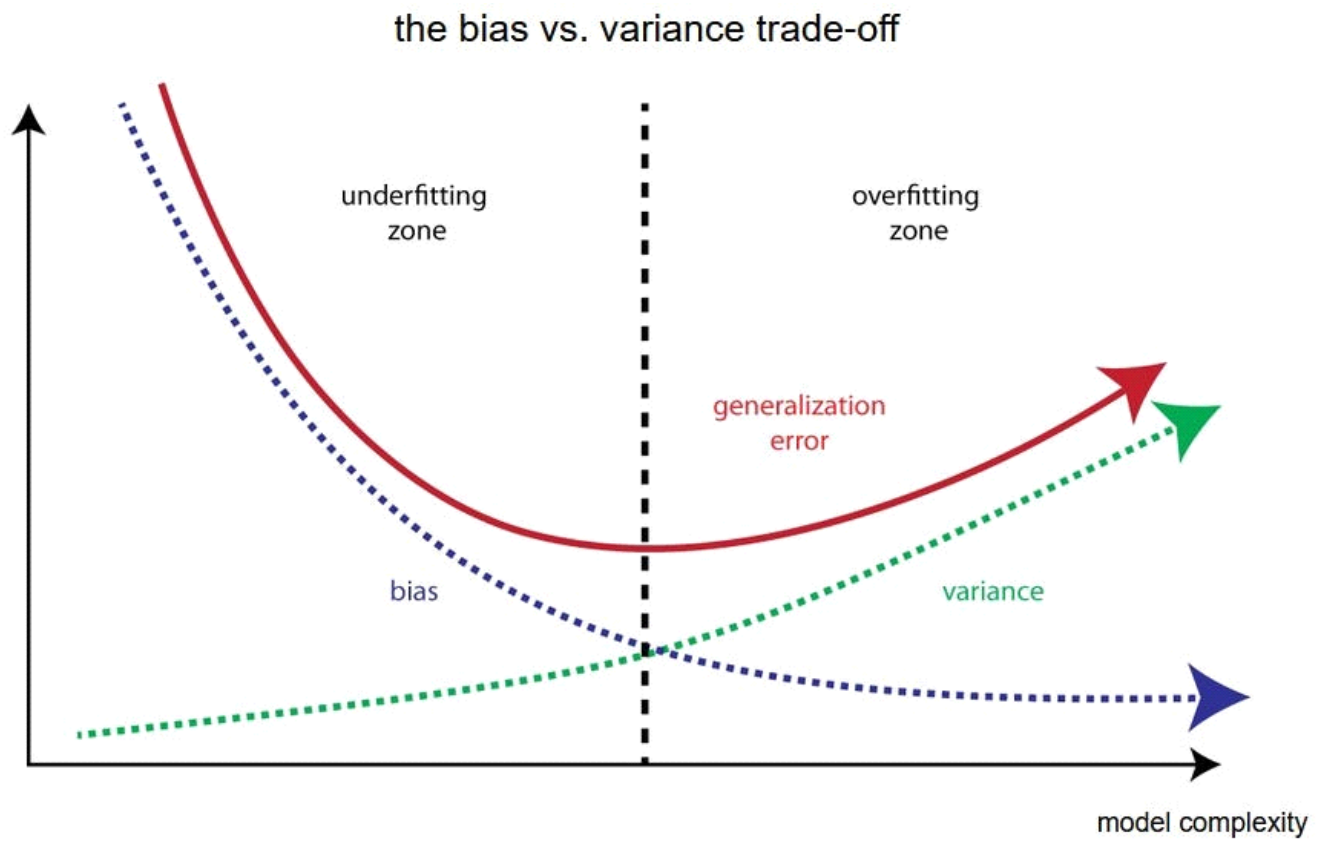
	cpa	iq	epa	0.1
→ 8	80	8	8.1	0.05
→ 7	70	7	6.9	0.1
var(ε)				0.04

→ bias + var



# Diagram

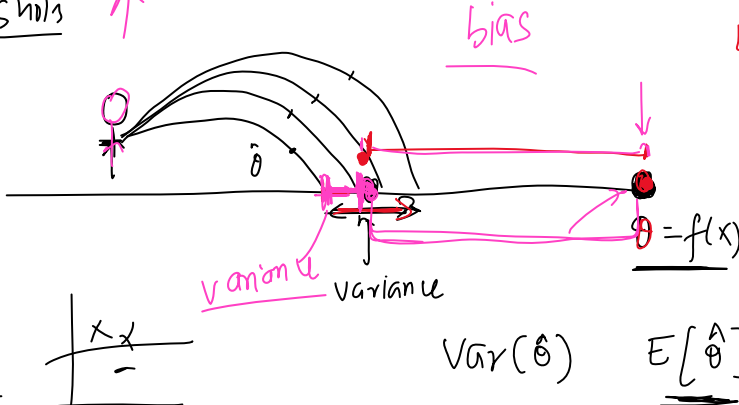
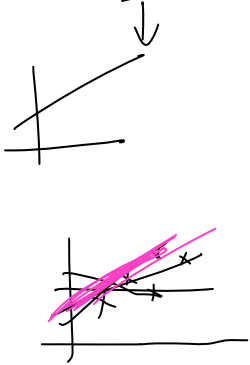
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$$mse = (bias)^2 + variance + \underbrace{varianu(\epsilon)}_{=0} \quad y=f(x)$$

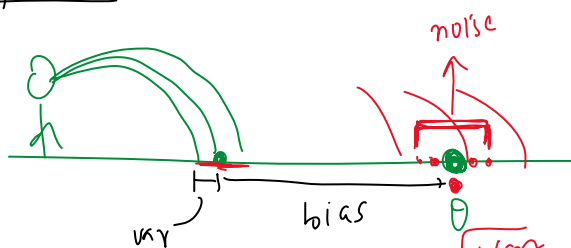
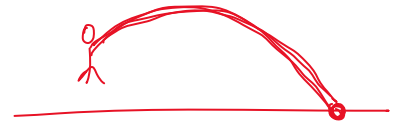
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$$E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta = \text{bias}$$

var on avg mean

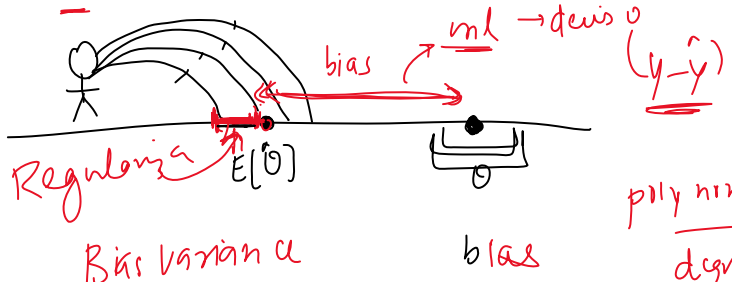
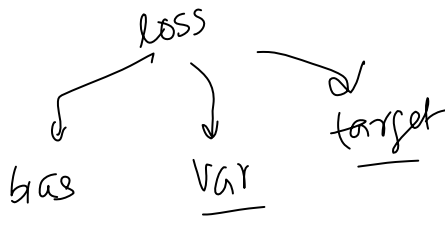
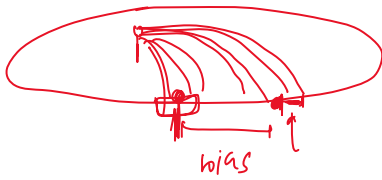
$$\hat{\theta} = f(x)$$



$$var(\epsilon) = 0$$

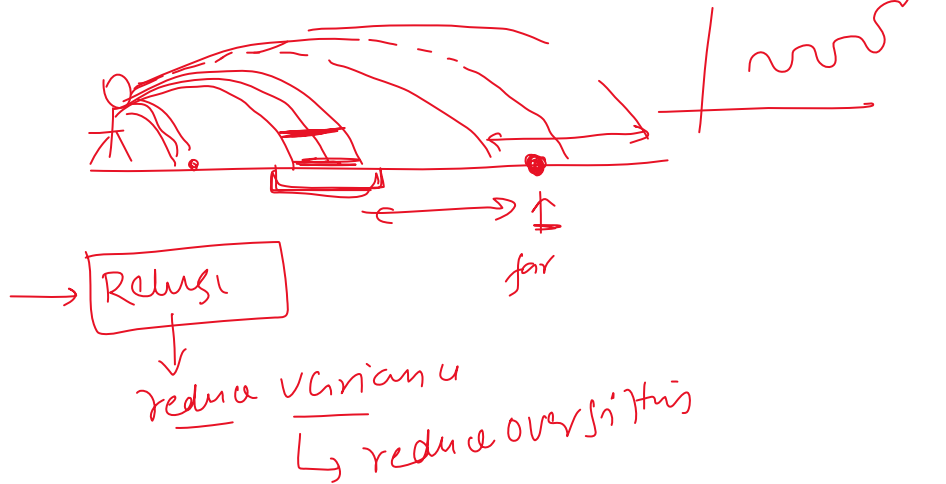
$$loss = 0$$

$$(y - \hat{y})^2 = (\text{bias})^2 + \text{var}$$



Regularization  
Bias variance

polynomial degree



Relax  
reduce variance  
→ reduce overfitting



