

Formalizing Bias-Variance Trade-Off

[tryitout:https://flosswald.shinyapps.io/bias_variance/]

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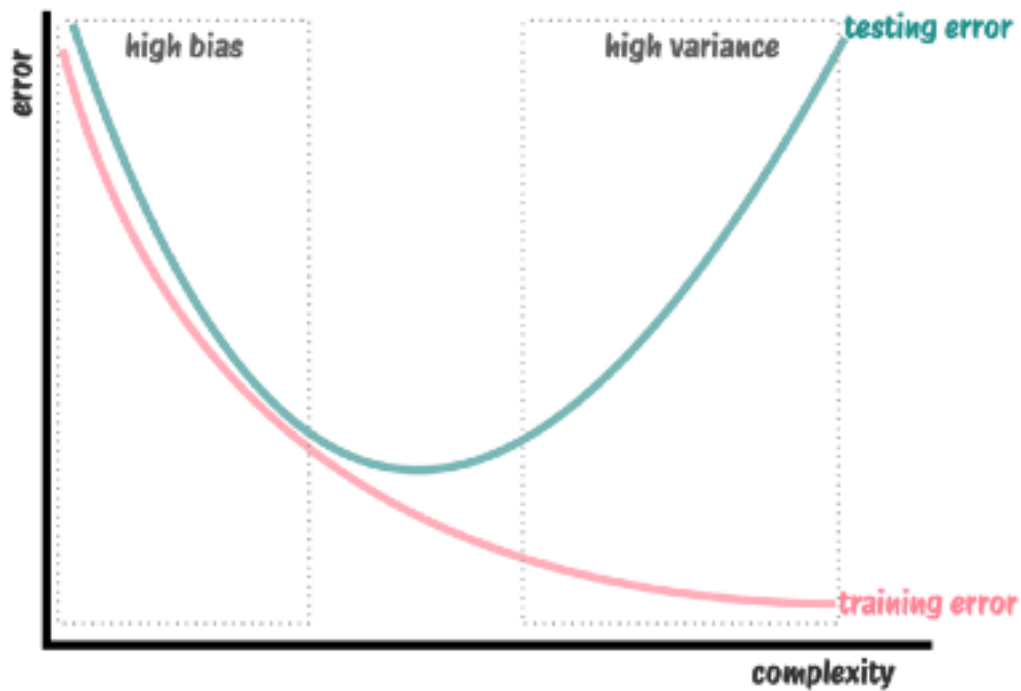
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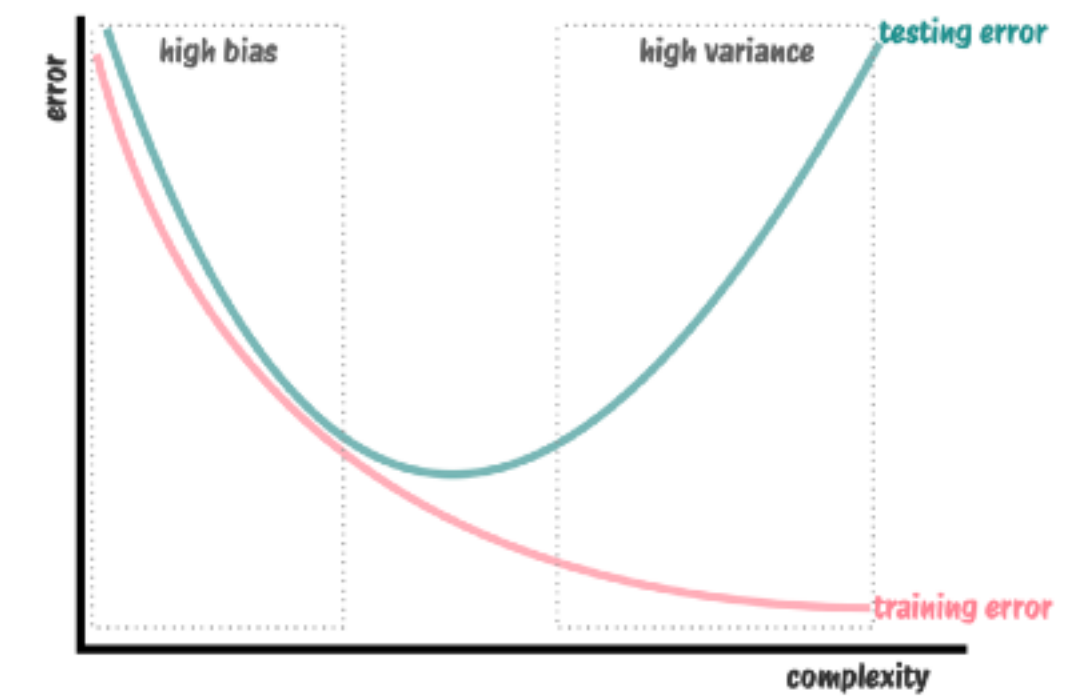
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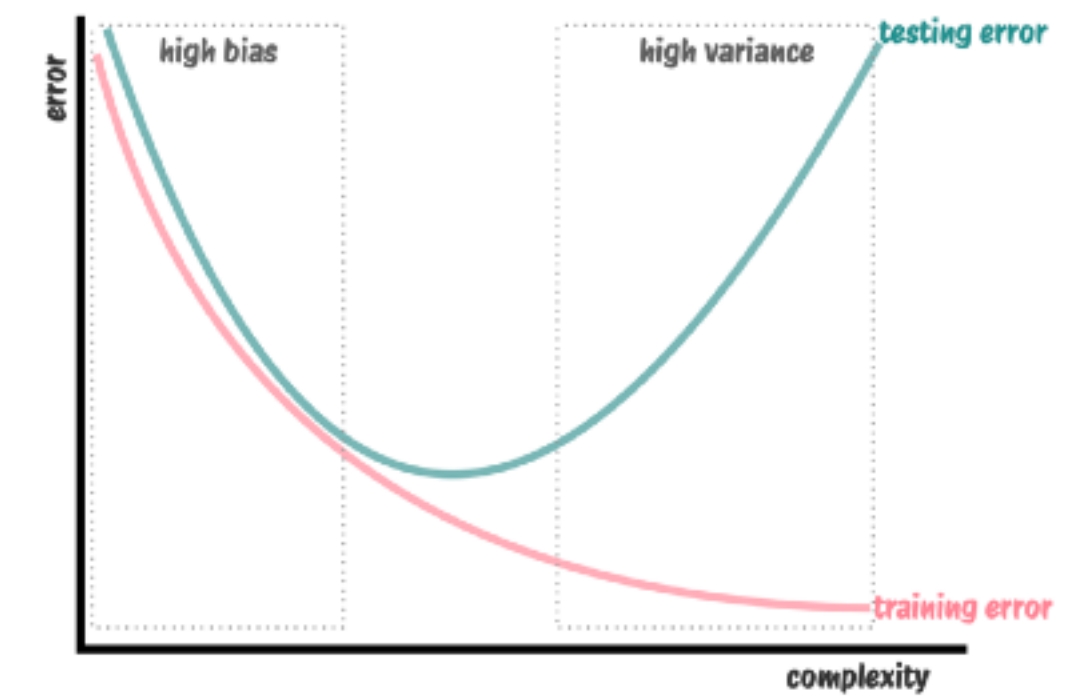
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