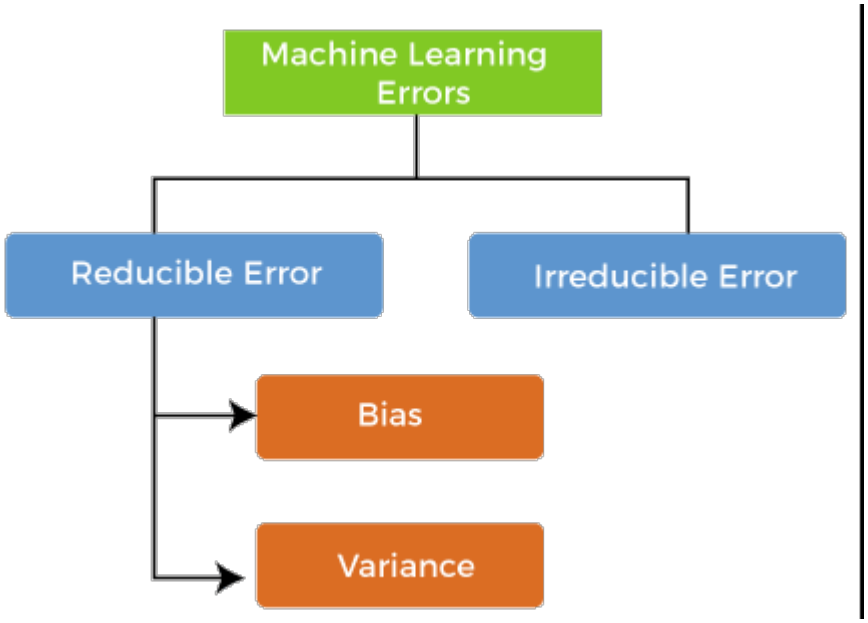
Errors in Machine Learning?

In machine learning, an error is a measure of how accurately an algorithm can make predictions for the previously unknown dataset. On the basis of these errors, the machine learning model is selected that can perform best on the particular dataset. There are mainly two types of errors in machine learning, which are:

- **Reducible errors:** These errors can be reduced to improve the model accuracy. Such errors can further be classified into bias and Variance.



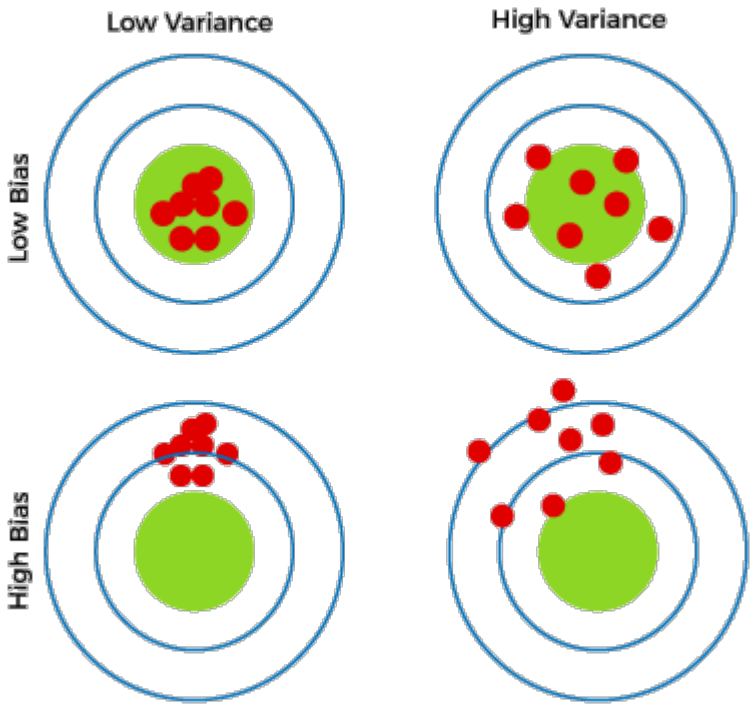
- **Irreducible errors:** These errors will always be present in the model

machine learning model analyses the data, find patterns in it and make predictions. While training, the model learns these patterns in the dataset and applies them to test data for prediction. ***While making predictions, a difference occurs between prediction values made by the model and actual values/expected values, and this difference is known as bias errors or Errors due to bias***.

The variance would specify the amount of variation in the prediction if the different training data was used. In simple words, ***variance tells that how much a random variable is different from its expected value.*** Ideally, a model should not vary too much from one training dataset to another, which means the algorithm should be good in understanding the hidden mapping between inputs and output variables. Variance errors are either of **low variance or high variance.**

Different Combinations of Bias-Variance

There are four possible combinations of bias and variances, which are represented by the below diagram:



1. **Low-Bias, Low-Variance:**
   The combination of low bias and low variance shows an ideal machine learning model. However, it is not possible practically.
2. **Low-Bias, High-Variance:** With low bias and high variance, model predictions are inconsistent and accurate on average. This case occurs when the model learns with a large number of parameters and hence leads to an **overfitting**
3. **High-Bias, Low-Variance:** With High bias and low variance, predictions are consistent but inaccurate on average. This case occurs when a model does not learn well with the training dataset or uses few numbers of the parameter. It leads to **underfitting** problems in the model.
4. **High-Bias, High-Variance:**
   With high bias and high variance, predictions are inconsistent and also inaccurate on average.

Bias-Variance Trade-Off

While building the machine learning model, it is really important to take care of bias and variance in order to avoid overfitting and underfitting in the model. If the model is very simple with fewer parameters, it may have low variance and high bias. Whereas, if the model has a large number of parameters, it will have high variance and low bias. So, it is required to make a balance between bias and variance errors, and this balance between the bias error and variance error is known as **the Bias-Variance trade-off.**

Ensemble methods combine different decision trees to deliver better predictive results, afterward utilizing a single decision tree.

Bagging	Boosting
Various training data subsets are randomly drawn with replacement from the whole training dataset.	Each new subset contains the components that were misclassified by previous models.
Bagging attempts to tackle the over-fitting issue.	Boosting tries to reduce bias.
If the classifier is unstable (high variance), then we need to apply bagging.	If the classifier is steady and straightforward (high bias), then we need to apply boosting.
Every model receives an equal weight.	Models are weighted by their performance.
Objective to decrease variance, not bias.	Objective to decrease bias, not variance.
It is the easiest way of connecting predictions that belong to the same type.	It is a way of connecting predictions that belong to the different types.
Every model is constructed independently.	New models are affected by the performance of the previously developed model.