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1. Bias vs Variance

- **Bias** is due to erroneous or overly simplistic assumptions in learning algorithm
- Usually underfitting your data
- **Variance** typically due to too much complexity in learning algorithm
- Makes the model sensitive to high degrees of variation in training data.
- Too much noise from training data
- If you make data more complex and add more variables, you'll lose bias but gain variance.

2. Supervised vs Unsupervised learning

- Supervised requires labeled data. Unsupervised does not.

3. How is KNN different from k-means clustering?

- KNN is a supervised classification algorithm.
- K-means clustering is unsupervised.
- Works very similarly
- KNN required labelled data
- K means clustering requires only a set of unlabeled point and a threshold
- The algorithm will gradually *learn* how to cluster them by computing mean of the distance between different points.

4. How does a ROC curve work

- graphical representation of contrast between true and false positive rate at various thresholds.
 - Used as a proxy for trade-off between sensitivity of model (true positive) vs the fall-out or probability it will trigger a false alarm (false positives)
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