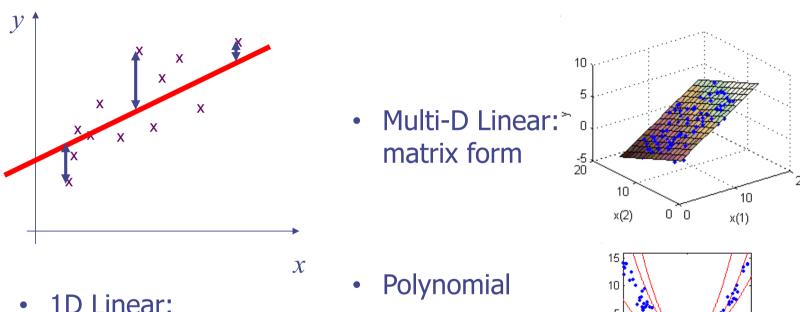
# **Machine Learning** 4771

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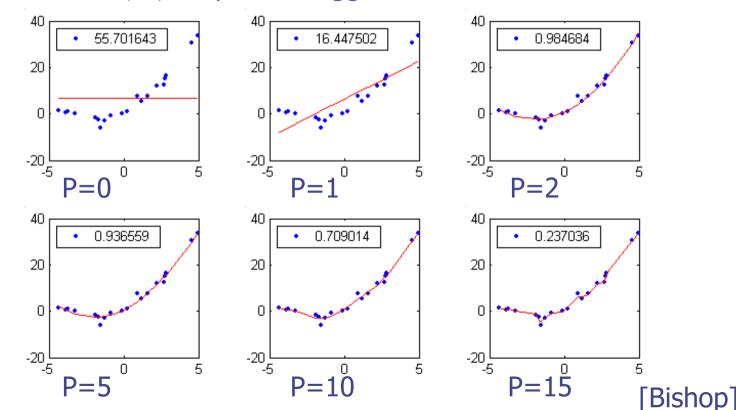
## Reminder: Regression



- 1D Linear:
  - Loss
  - **Empirical risk**
  - Least-squares

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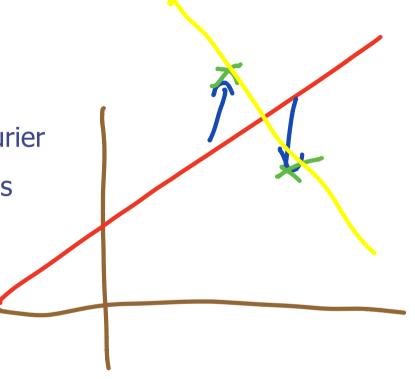


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Overfitting

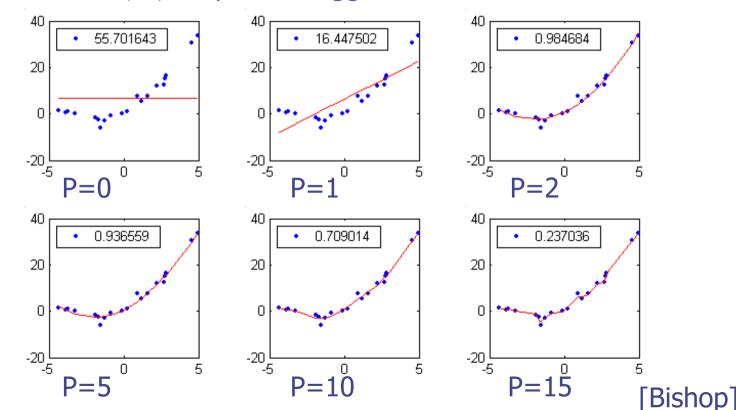
Additive models: Fourier

Radial basis functions



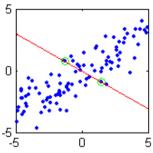
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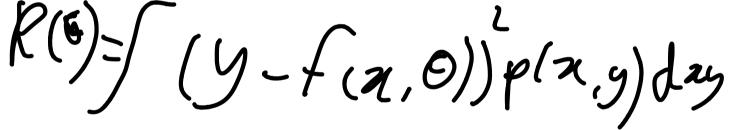
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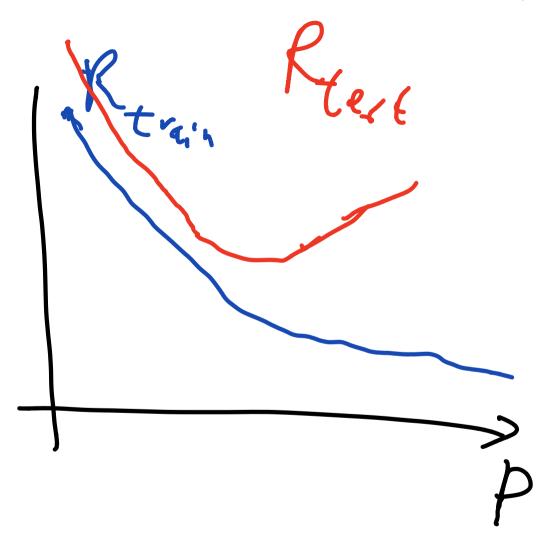
True loss: 
$$R_{true}(\theta) = \int p(x,y) \frac{1}{2} (y - \theta^T x)^2 dx dy$$

One approach: split data into training / testing portion

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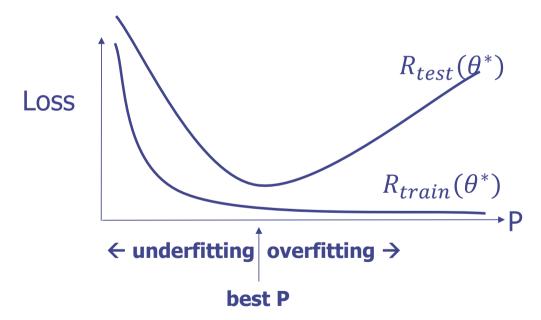
- •Estimate  $\theta^*$  with training loss:  $R_{train}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i \theta^T x_i)^2$
- •Evaluate P with testing loss:  $R_{test}(\theta^*) = \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{i=1}^{N+M} (y_i \theta^{*T} x_i)^2$

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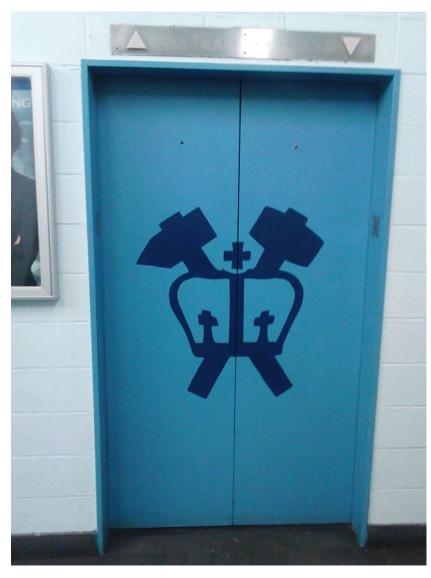
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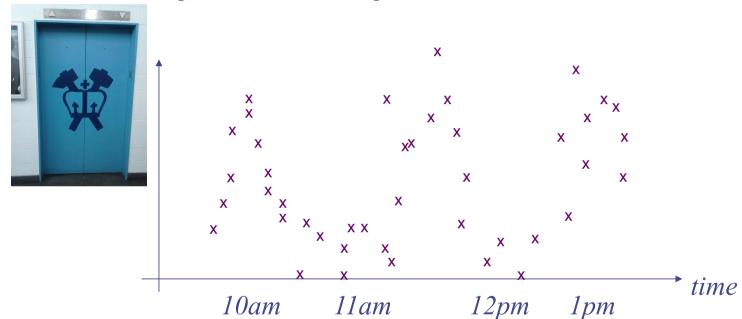


- •Think of P as a measure of the complexity of the model
- •Higher order polynomials are more flexible and complex

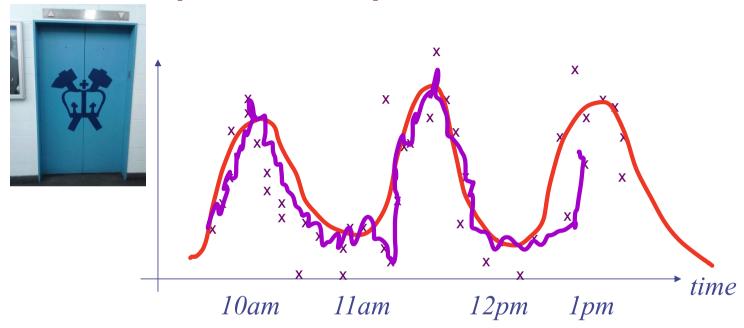
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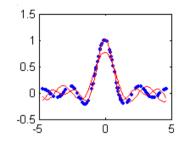


- Need to fit periodic behavior
- Cycle: 90min, daily, weekly, annual

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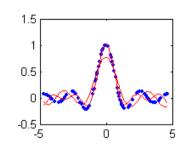
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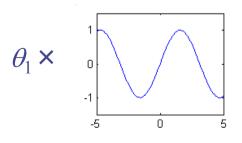
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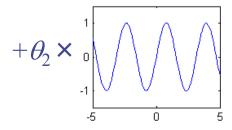


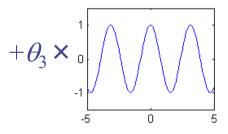
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- For example: Fourier (sinusoidal) basis

$$\phi_{2k}(x_i) = \sin(kx_i) \qquad \phi_{2k+1}(x_i) = \cos(kx_i)$$

Note, don't have to be a basis per se, usually subset









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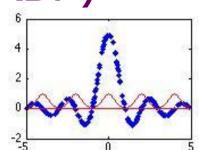
# **Example: Bigfoot Sightings**



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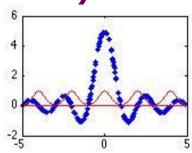


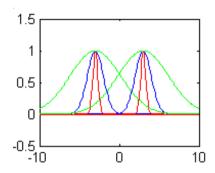
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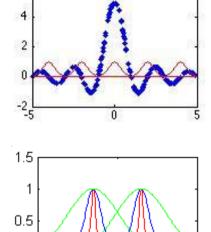
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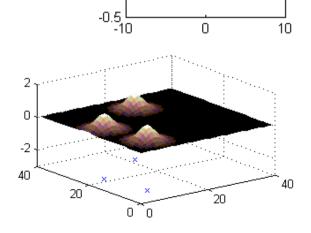
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Also works in multi-dimensions



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•For RBFs, X is square and symmetric, so solution is just

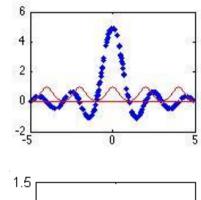
$$\theta^* = X^{-1}y$$

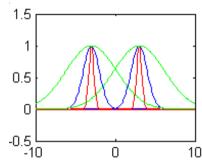
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What happens if too big/small?

How would we know that?

## **Evaluating Our Learned Function**

- •We minimized empirical risk to get  $\theta^*$
- •How well does  $f(x;\theta^*)$  perform on future data?
- •It should *Generalize* and have low True Risk:

$$R_{true}(\theta) = \int P(x, y) \frac{1}{2} (y - \theta^T x)^2 dx dy$$

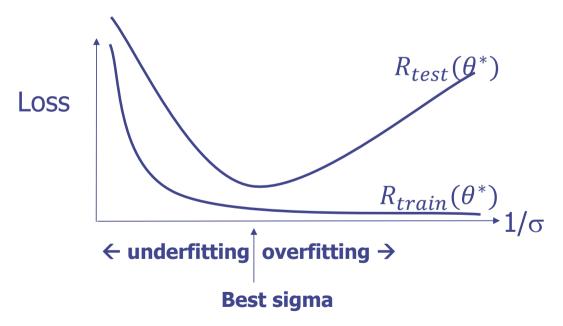
- •Can't compute true risk, instead use Testing Empirical Risk
- •We randomly split data into training and testing portions

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•Find 
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 with training data: 
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- Thinner RBFs are more flexible and complex