

Introduction to Deep Learning



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Feature Engineering

Machine Learning

- A form of applied statistics with
 - Increased emphasis on the use of computers to statistically estimate complicated function
 - Decreased emphasis on proving confidence intervals around these functions
- Two primary approaches
 - Frequentist estimators
 - Bayesian inference

Types of Machine Learning Problems

- Supervised
- Unsupervised
- Other variants
 - Reinforcement learning
 - Semi-supervised

Learning algorithm

- A ML algorithm is an algorithm that is able to learn from data
- Mitchell (1997)
 - A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of task T and performance measure P , if its performance at task in T as measured by P , improves with experience E .

Task

- A ML tasks are usually described in terms of how ML system should process an example
 - Example is a collection of features that have been quantitatively measured from some objects or events that we want the learning system process
 - Represented as $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where x_i is a feature
 - Feature of an image — pixel values

Common ML Task

- Classification

- Need to predict which of the k categories some input belong to
- Need to have a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$
- $y = f(\mathbf{x})$ input \mathbf{x} is assigned category identified by y
- Examples
 - Object identification
 - Face recognition

- Regression

- Need to predict numeric value for some given input
- Need to have a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Examples
 - Energy consumption
 - Amount of insurance claim

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- Machine translation
 - Conversion of sequence of symbols in one language to some other language
 - Natural language processing (English to Spanish conversion)

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- Synthesis and sampling
 - Generate new example similar to past examples
 - Useful for media application
 - Text to speech

Performance measure

- Accuracy is one of the key measures
 - The proportion of examples for which the model produces correct outputs
 - Similar to error rate
 - Error rate often referred as expected 0-1 loss
- Mostly interested how ML algorithm performs on unseen data
- Choice of performance measure may not be straight forward
 - Transcription
 - Accuracy of the system at transcribing entire sequence
 - Any partial credit for some elements of the sequence are correct

Experience

- Kind of experience allowed during learning process
 - Supervised
 - Unsupervised

Supervised learning

- Allowed to use labeled dataset
- Example — Iris
 - Collection of measurements of different parts of Iris plant
 - Each plant means each example
 - Features
 - Sepal length/width, petal length/width
 - Also record which species the plant belong to

Supervised learning (contd.)

- A set of labeled examples $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \rangle$
 - x_i are input variables
 - y output variable
- Need to find a function $f : X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow Y$
- Goal is to minimize error/loss function
 - Like to minimize over all dataset
 - We have limited dataset

Unsupervised learning

- Learns useful properties of the structure of data set
- Unlabeled data
 - Tries to learn entire probability distribution that generated the dataset
 - Examples
 - Clustering, dimensionality reduction

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- Solving supervised learning using traditional unsupervised learning

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- Takes a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and predict scalar $y \in \mathbb{R}$
 - Predicted value will be represented as $\hat{y} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ where \mathbf{w} is a vector of parameters
 - x_i receives positive weight — Increasing the value of the feature will increase the value of y
 - x_i receives negative weight — Increasing the value of the feature will decrease the value of y
 - Weight value is very high/large — Large effect on prediction

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- The learning algorithm is allowed to gain experience from training set $(\mathbf{X}^{(\text{train})}, \mathbf{y}^{(\text{train})})$
- One of the common ideas is to minimize $\text{MSE}_{(\text{train})}$ for training set

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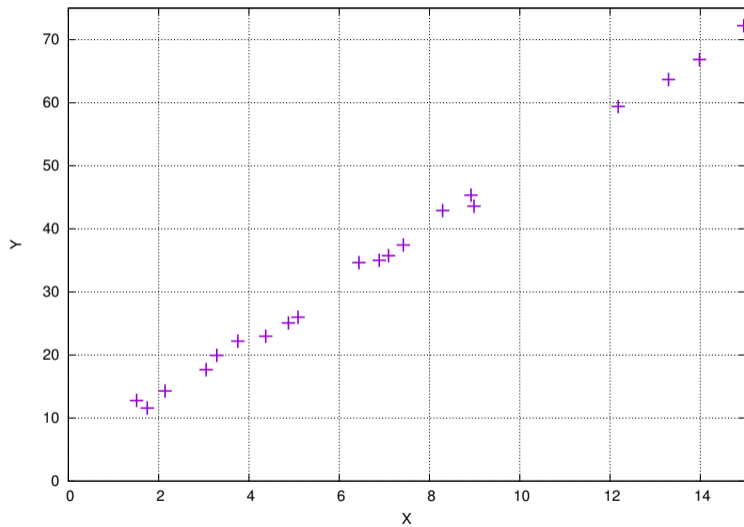
- Linear regression with bias term

$$\hat{y} = [\mathbf{w}^T \quad w_0][\mathbf{x} \quad 1]^T$$

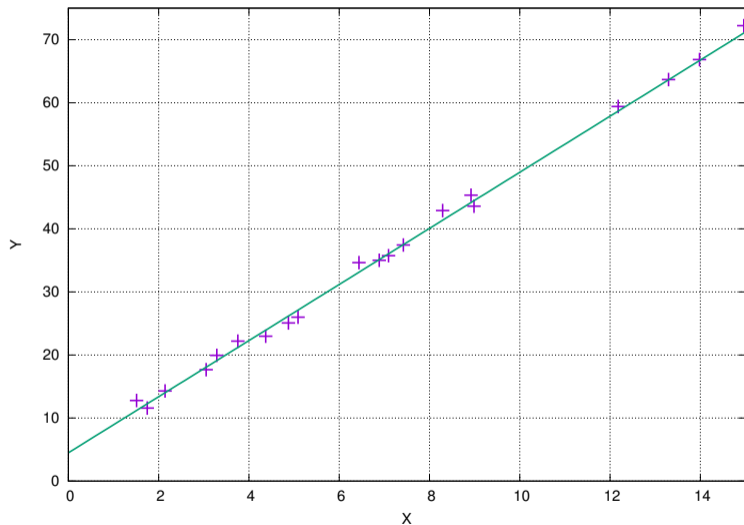
Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse

- Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
- Every \mathbf{A} has pseudoinverse $\mathbf{A}^+ \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and it is unique
 - $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$
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- Example
 - If $\mathbf{A} = [1 \ 2]^T$ then $\mathbf{A}^+ = [\frac{1}{5} \ \frac{2}{5}]$
 - If $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ then $\mathbf{A}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0.121212 & 0.515152 & -0.151515 \\ 0.030303 & -0.121212 & 0.212121 \end{bmatrix}$

Regression example



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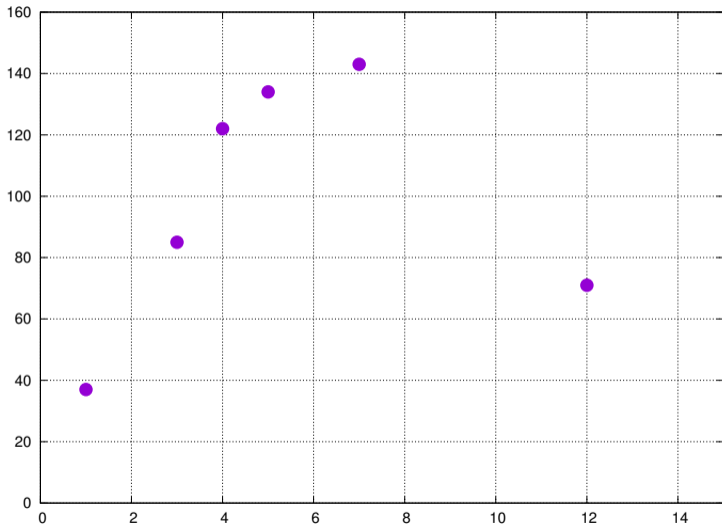
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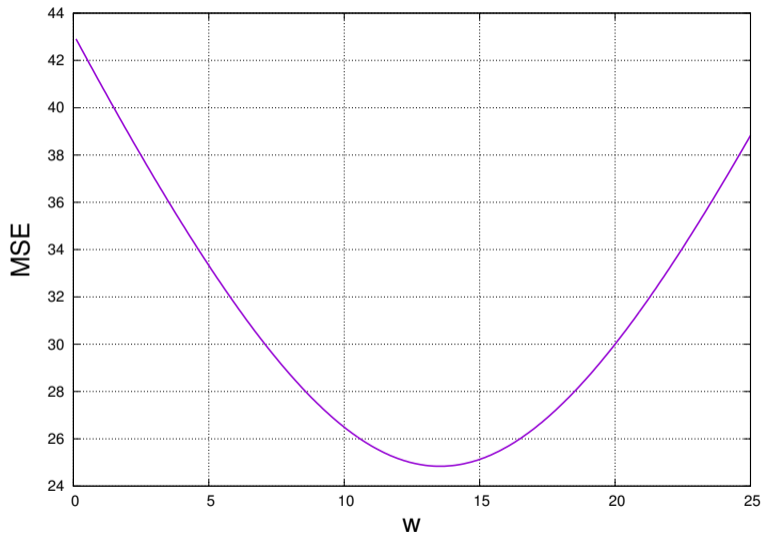
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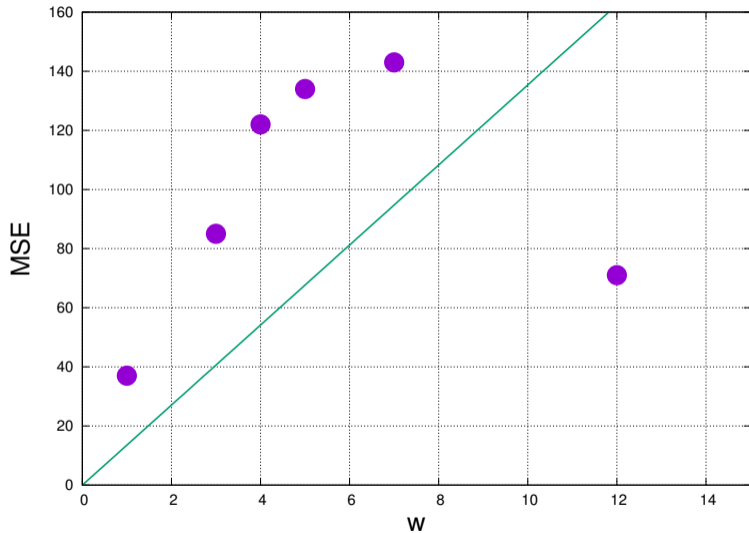
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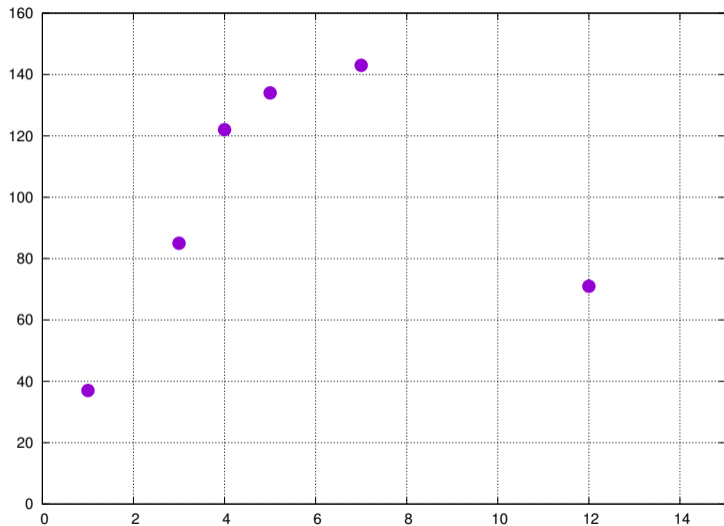
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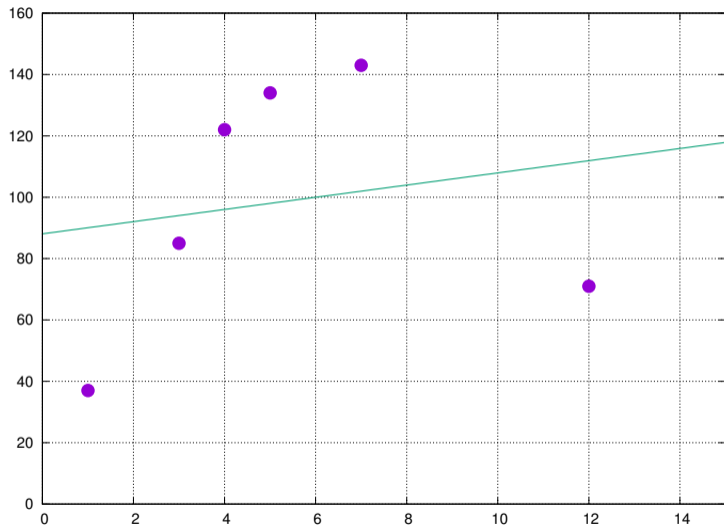
Error

- Training error - Error obtained on a training set
- Generalization error - Error on unseen data
- Data assumed to be independent and identically distributed (iid)
 - Each data set are independent of each other
 - Train and test data are identically distributed
- **Expected** training and test error will be the same
- It is more likely that the test error is greater than or equal to the expected value of training error
- Target is to make the training error is small. Also, to make the gap between training and test error smaller

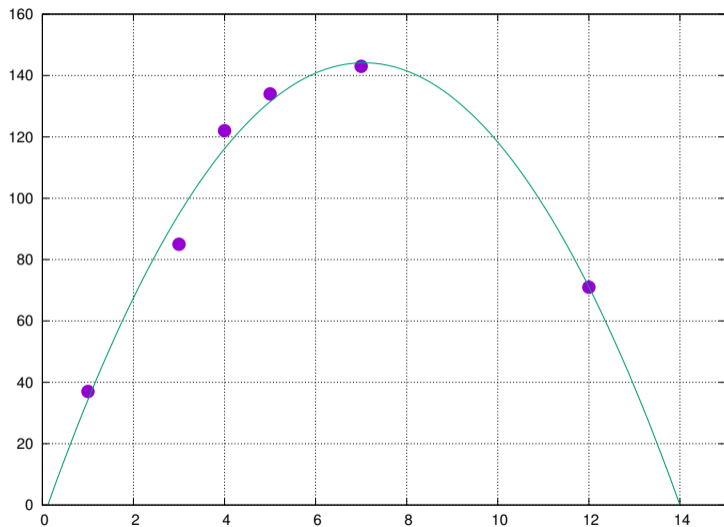
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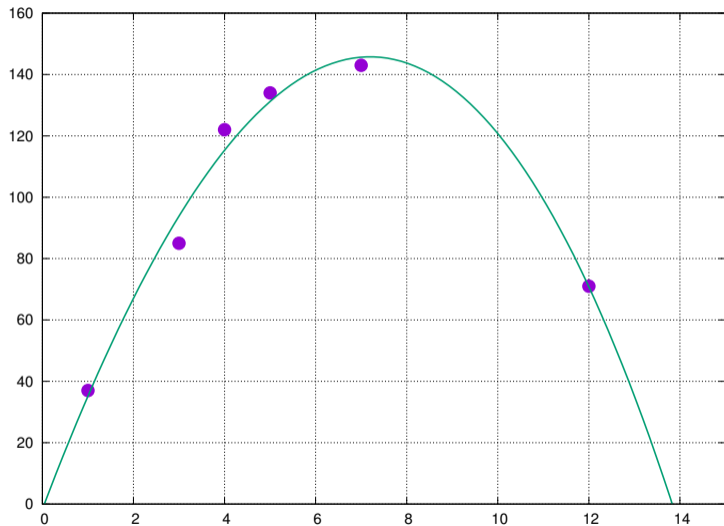
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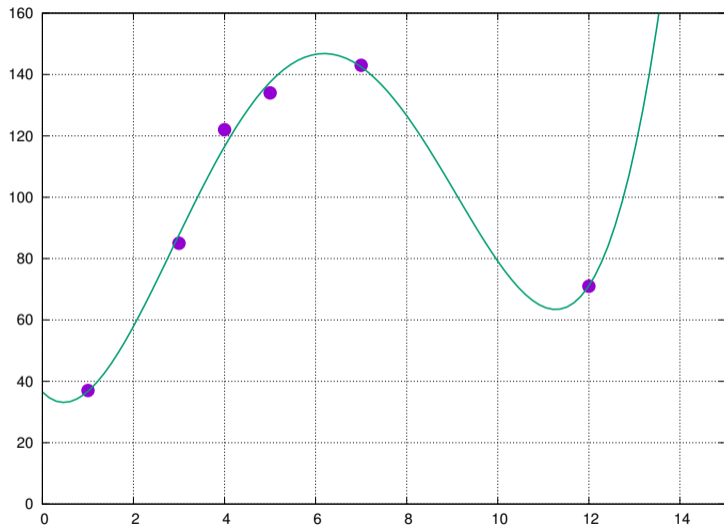
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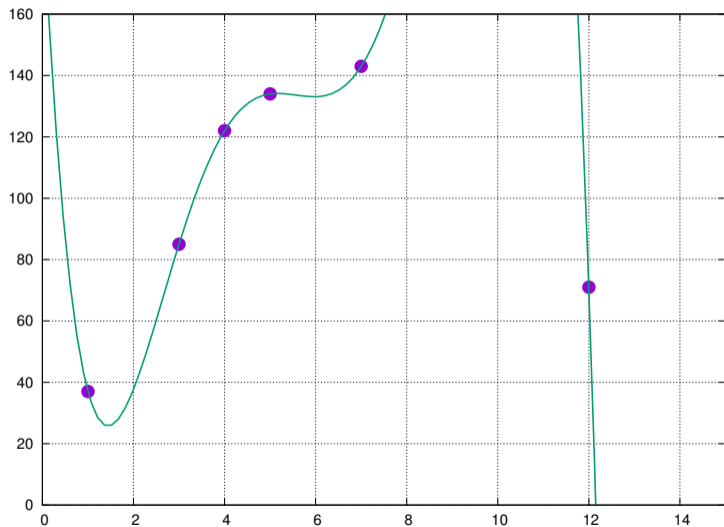
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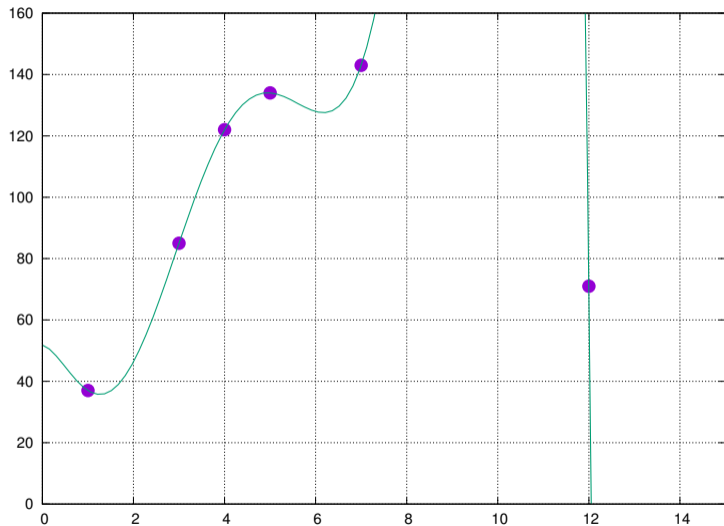
Regression example: degree 4



Regression example: degree 5



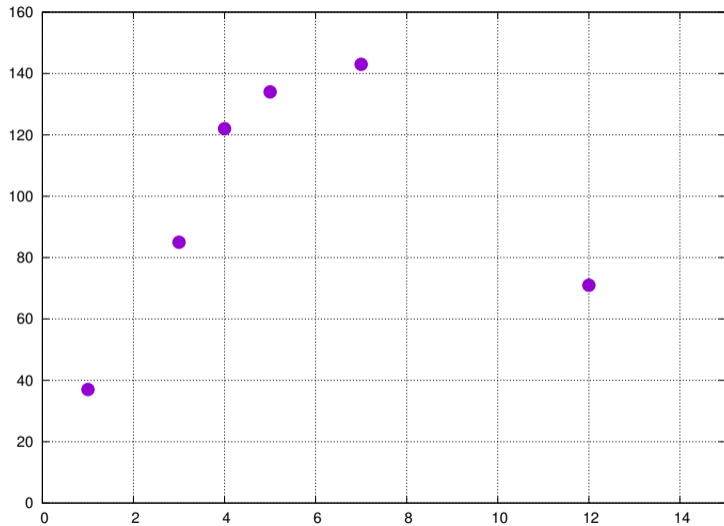
Regression example: degree 6



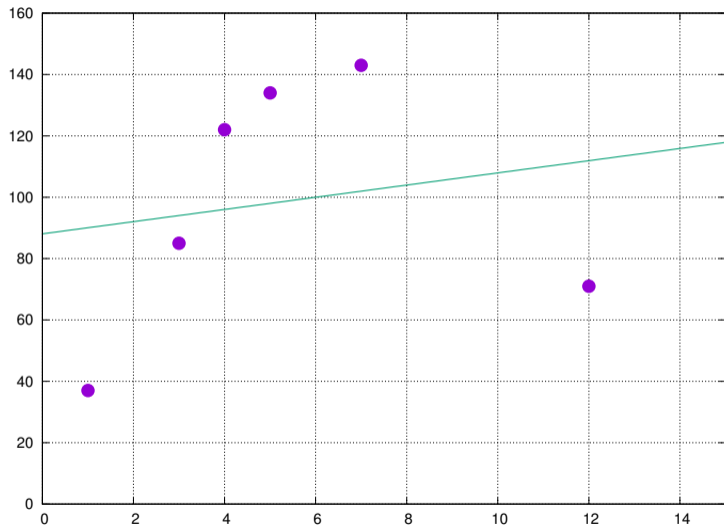
Underfitting & Overfitting

- Underfitting
 - When the model is not able to obtain sufficiently low error value on the training set
- Overfitting
 - When the gap between training set and test set error is too large

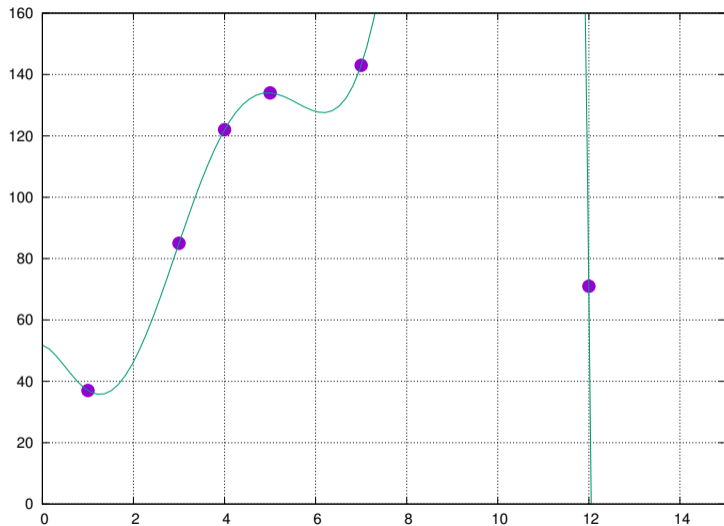
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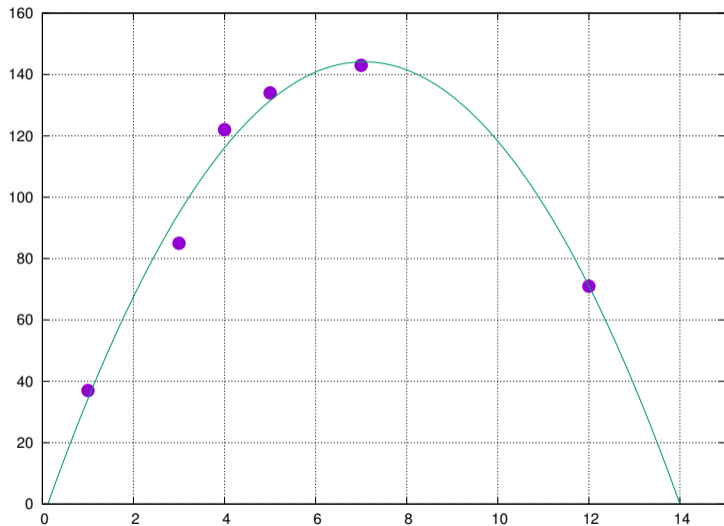
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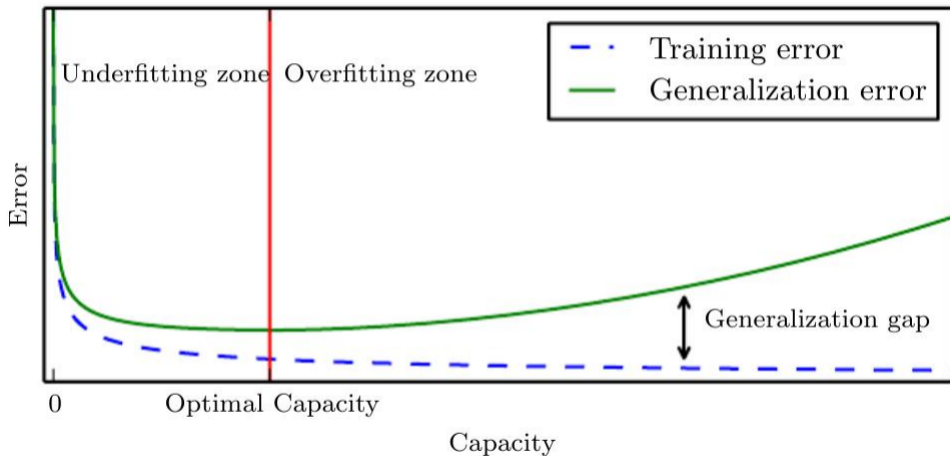
Capacity

- Ability to fit wide variety of functions
 - Low capacity will struggle to fit the training set
 - High capacity will can overfit by memorizing the training set
- Capacity can be controlled by choosing hypothesis space
 - A polynomial of degree 1 gives linear regression $\hat{y} = b + wx$
 - By adding x^2 term, it can learn quadratic curve $\hat{y} = b + w_1x + w_2x^2$
 - Output is still a linear function of parameters
- Capacity of is determined by the choice of model (Representational capacity)
- Finding best function is very difficult optimization problem
 - Learning algorithm does not find the best function but reduces the training error
 - Imperfection in optimization algorithm can further reduce the capacity of model (effective capacity)

Capacity (contd.)

- Occam's razor
 - Among equally well hypotheses, choose the simplest one
- Vapnik-Chervonenski dimension - Capacity for binary classifier
 - Largest possible value of m for which a training set of m different x point that the classifier can label arbitrarily
- Training and test error is bounded from above by a quantity that grows as model capacity grows but shrinks as the number of training example increases
 - Bounds are usually provided for ML algorithm and rarely provided for DL
 - Capacity of deep learning model is difficult as the effective capacity is limited by optimization algorithm
 - Little knowledge on non-convex optimization

Error vs Capacity



Non-parametric model

- Parametric model learns a function described by a parameter vector
 - Size of vector is finite and fixed
- Nearest neighbour regression
 - Finds out the nearest entry in training set and returns the associated value as the predicted one
 - Mathematically, for a given point x , $\hat{y} = y_i$ where $i = \arg \min \|X_{i,:} - x\|_2^2$
- Wrapping parametric algorithm inside another algorithm

Bayes error

- Ideal model is an oracle that knows the true probability distribution for data generation
- Such model can make error because of noise
 - Supervised learning
 - Mapping of x to y may be stochastic
 - y may be deterministic but x does not have all variables
- Error by an oracle in predicting from the true distribution is known as Bayes error

Note

- Training and generalization error varies as the size of training set varies
- Expected generalization error can never increase as the number of training example increases
- Any fixed parametric model with less than the optimal capacity will asymptote to an error value that exceeds the Bayes error
- It is possible to have optimal capacity but have large gap between training and generalization error
 - Need more training examples

No free lunch

- Averaged over all possible data generating distribution, every classification algorithm has same error rate when classifying unseen points
- No machine learning algorithm is universally any better than any other

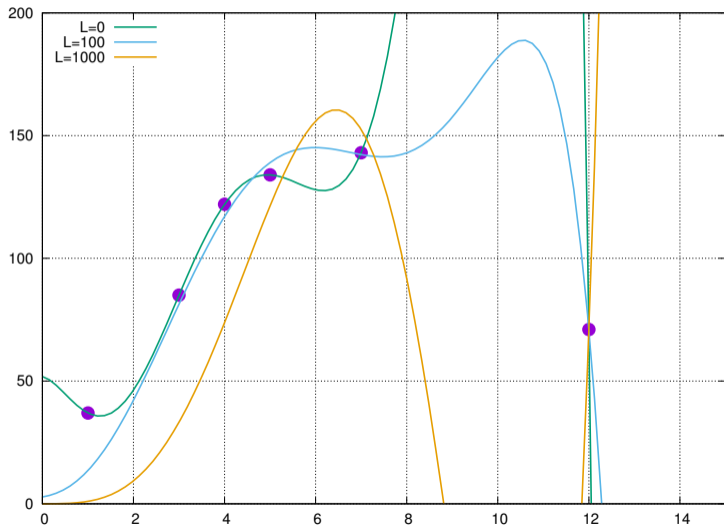
Regularization

- A set of preferences is applied to learning algorithm so that it perform well on a specific task
- Weight decay - In linear regression, preference on the weights is introduced
 - Sum of MSE and squared L^2 norms of the weight is minimized ie.

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \text{MSE}_{train} + \lambda \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

- $\lambda = 0$ - No preference
- λ becomes large - weight becomes smaller
- Regularization is intended to reduce test error not training error

Example: Weight decay



Hyperparameters

- Settings that are used to control the behavior of learning algorithm
 - Degree of polynomial
 - λ for decay weight
- Hyperparameters are usually not adapted or learned on the training set

Validation set

- Test data should not be used to choose the model as well as hyperparameters
- Validation set is constructed from training set
 - Typically 80% will be used for training and rest for validation
- Validation set may be used to train hyperparameters

Cross validation

- Dividing data set into training and fixed test may result into small test set
 - For large data this is not an issue
- For small data set use k-fold cross validation
 - Partition the data in k disjoint subsets
 - On i-th trial, i-th set used as the test set and rest are treated as training set
 - Test error can be determined by averaging the test error across the k trials

Point estimation

- To provide single best prediction of some quantity of interest
- Estimation of the relationship between input and output variables
- It can be single parameter or a vector of parameters
 - Weights in linear regression
- Notation: true parameter — θ and estimate — $\hat{\theta}$
- Let $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ be set of m independent and identically distributed point.
- A point estimator is a function $\hat{\theta}_m = g(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)})$
 - Good estimator is a function whose output is close to θ
 - θ is unknown but fixed
 - $\hat{\theta}$ depends on data

Bias

- Difference between this estimator's expected value and the true value of the parameter being estimated
 - $\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_m) = \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}_m) - \theta$
- An estimator will be said unbiased if $\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_m) = 0$
 - $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}_m) = \theta$
- An estimator will be asymptotically unbiased if $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_m) = 0$

Estimator for Gaussian distribution

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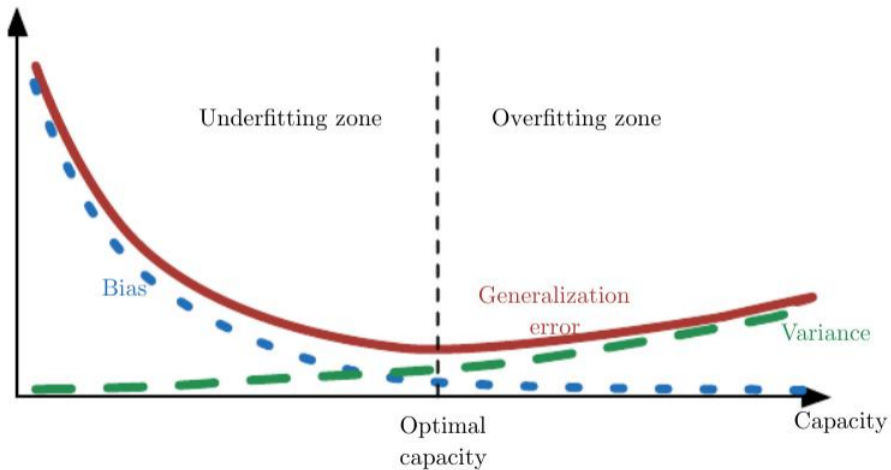
- It can be shown that, $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\sigma}_m^2) = \frac{m-1}{m} \sigma^2$

Trade off Bias and Variance

- Bias — Expected deviation from the true value of the function parameter
- Variance — Measure of deviation from the expected estimator value
- Choice of estimator — large bias or large variance?
 - Use cross-validation
 - Compare Mean Square Error

$$\text{MSE} = \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}_m - \theta)^2 = \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_m)^2 + \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_m)$$

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Logistic regression

- Dependent variable is categorical
 - Example: ⟨Hours of study, pass/fail⟩
 - Output should lie between 0 and 1
 - Similar to linear regression except the output is mapped between 0 and 1 ie.

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x})$$

where $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$ (Sigmoid function)

Support Vector Machine

- One of the most influential approaches for supervised learning
- A simple linear model $w^T x + b$ similar to logistic regression but does not provide probability
 - Predict positive class when $w^T x + b$ is positive and vice-versa
- Kernel trick

$$w^T x + b = b + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x^T x^{(i)} = b + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k(x, x^{(i)})$$

Challenges for Deep Learning

- Curse of dimensionality
- Local constancy and smoothness regularization
- Manifold learning