

# Lecture 9: Theoretical basics of machine learning

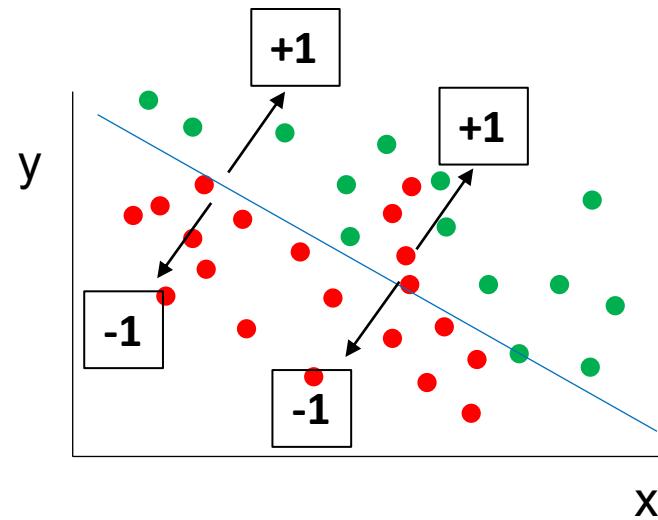
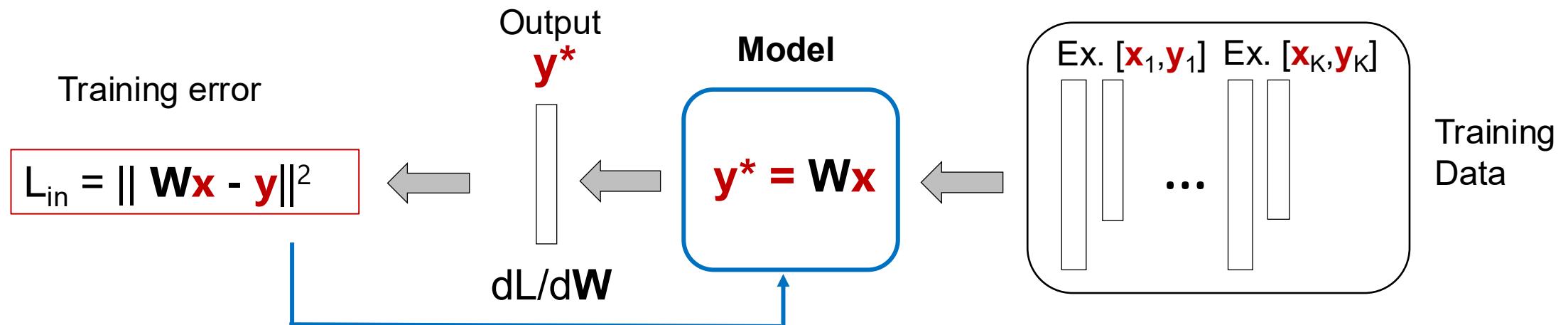
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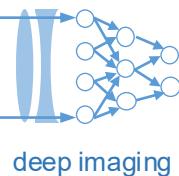
# Announcements

- HW1 due *TODAY*, 2/11 at 11:59pm
  - Submit via Canvas
- Lab workbooks due today
- HW2 will be posted soon, will be due **~two weeks after**

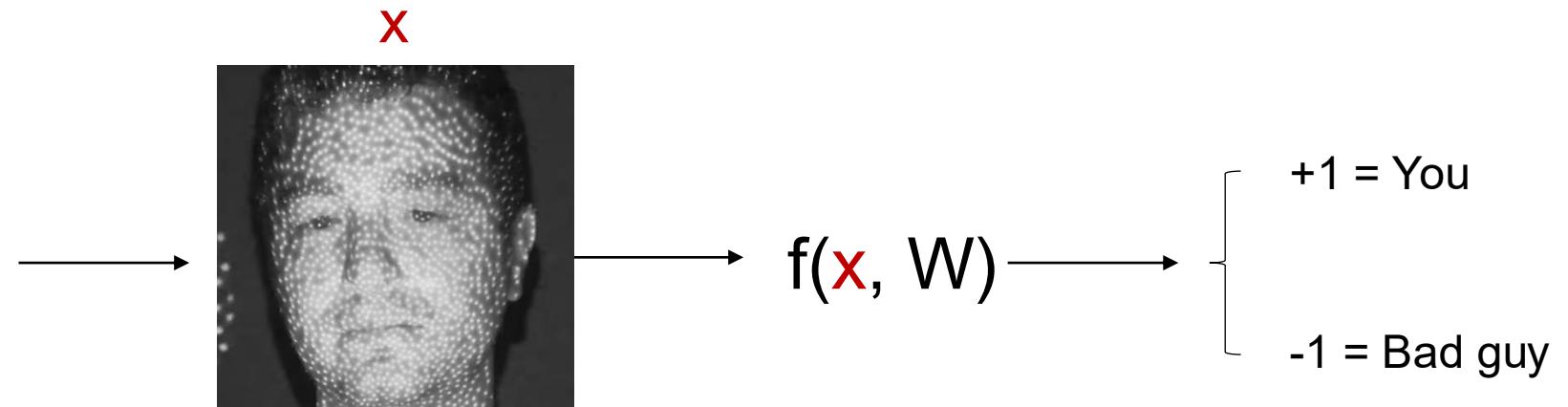
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## Cost functions matter: a simple example

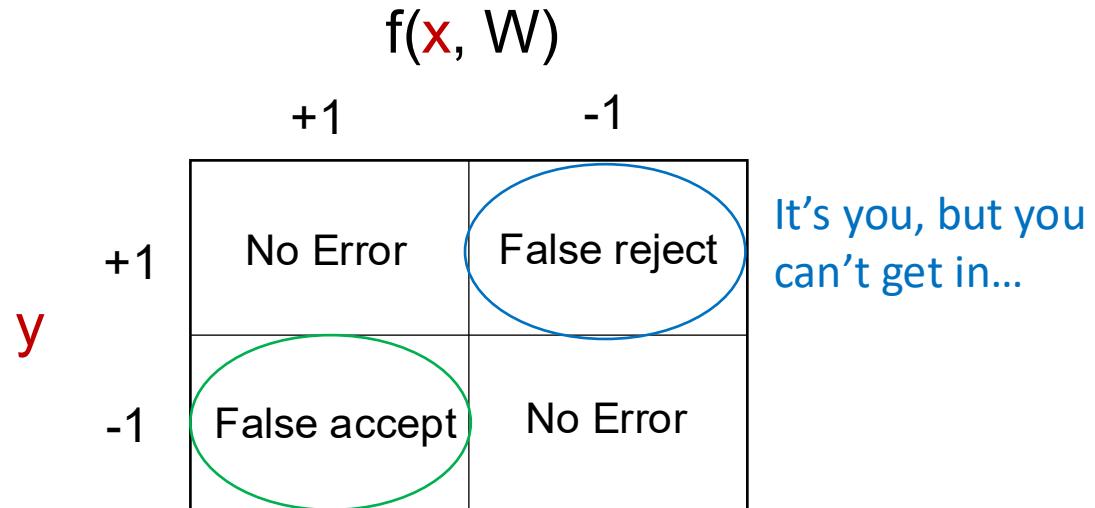


What if you're a CIA agent?

$$L_{in} = 100,000 \text{ ReLU}[f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) - y] + \text{ReLU}[y - f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W})]$$

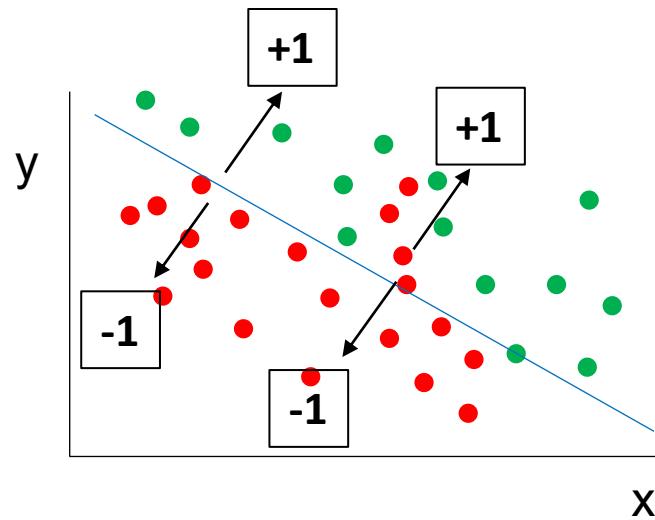
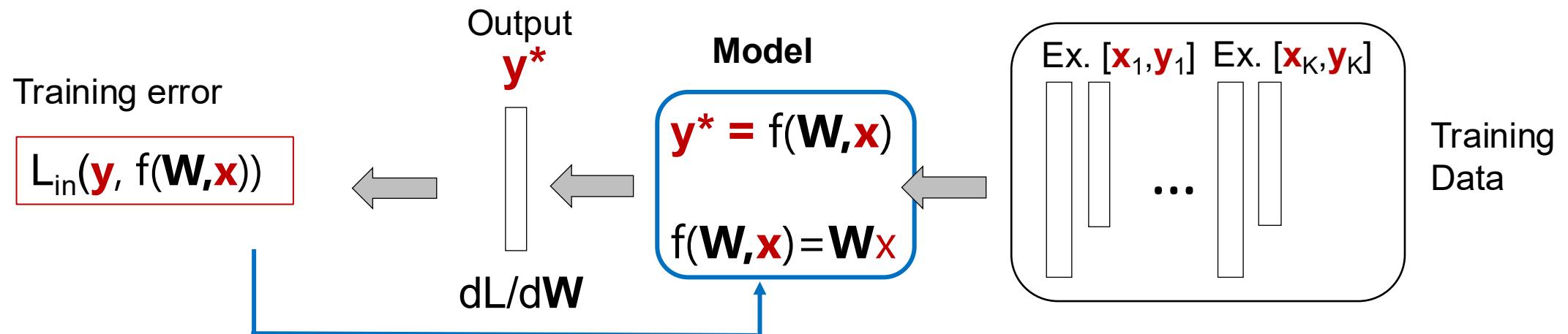
BIG penalty  
for intruder

Don't mind about  
annoyance...



Letting an intruder in

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## Deriving cost function for logistic classification for probabilistic outputs

Similar to the linear classification case, the likelihood of observing  $N$  independent outputs is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) &= \prod_{n=1}^N P(y_n | x_n) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^N \theta(y_n \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) \end{aligned}$$

**The Logistic Function  $\theta$**

$$\theta(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$$

Also called  
Sigmoid  
function

This is the probability of the labels, given the data. We'd like to maximize this probability!

\*Like the linear regression case, but now the probability of classes given the data is not Gaussian distributed, but instead follows the sigmoid curve (is bound to  $[0, 1]$ , which is more realistic)

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$$\text{Minimize } -\frac{1}{N} \ln \left( \prod_{n=1}^N \theta(y_n \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \right)$$

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \frac{1}{\theta(y_n \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})} \right)$$

Use relationship

$$\theta(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$$

$$\text{Minimize } L_{in}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \ln(1 + e^{-y_n \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}})$$

$$L_{in}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})^2$$

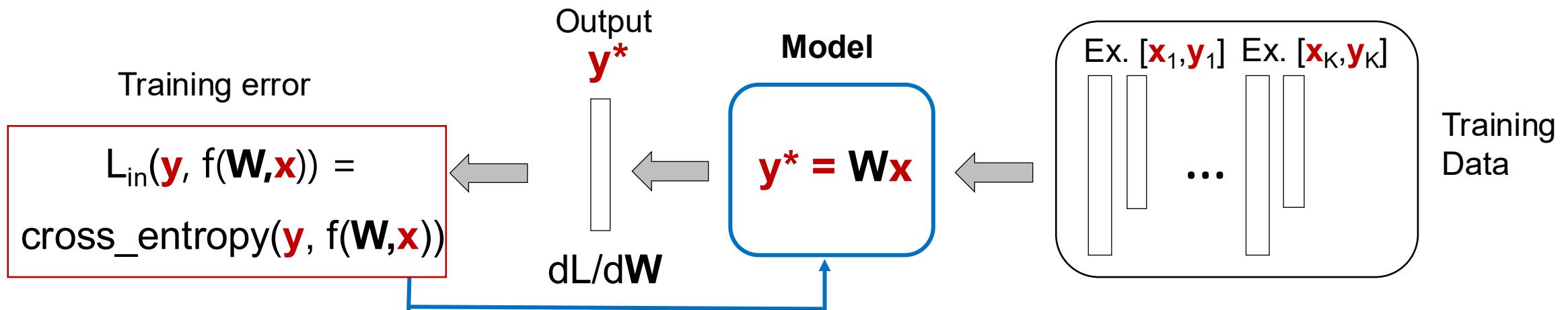
Cross entropy error for logistic classification

Typically requires iterative solution to minimize

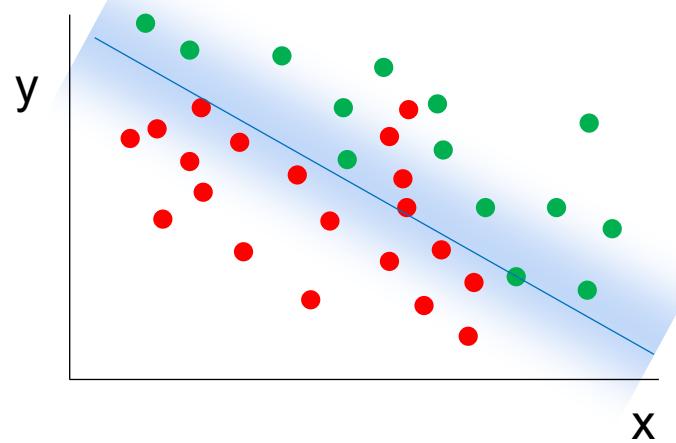
Mean-square error for linear classification

Closed form solution available

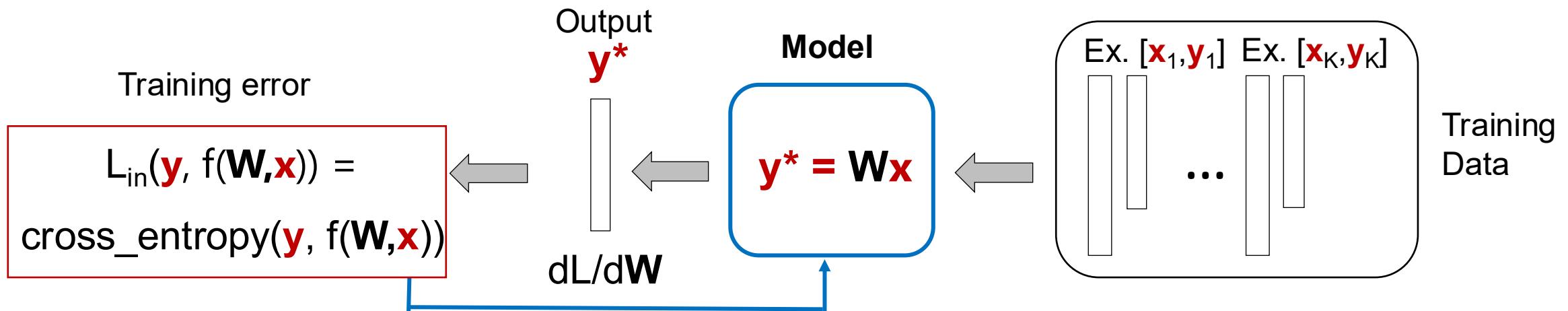
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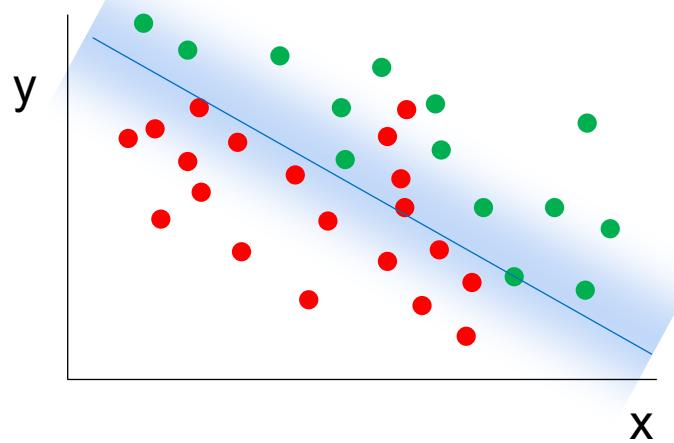
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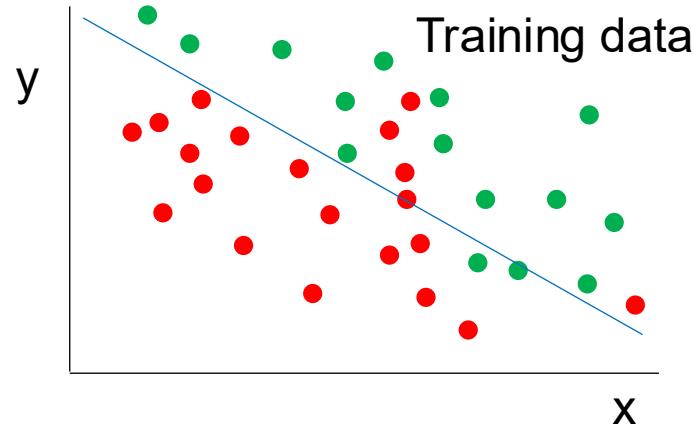
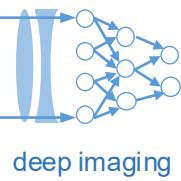
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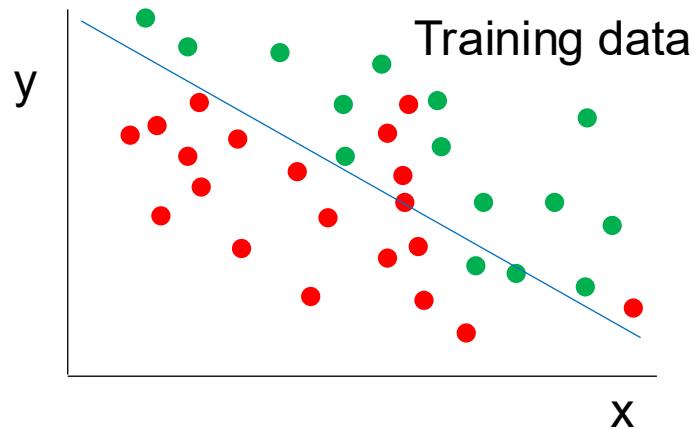
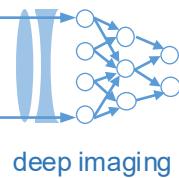


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Learned  $f$ : not flexible

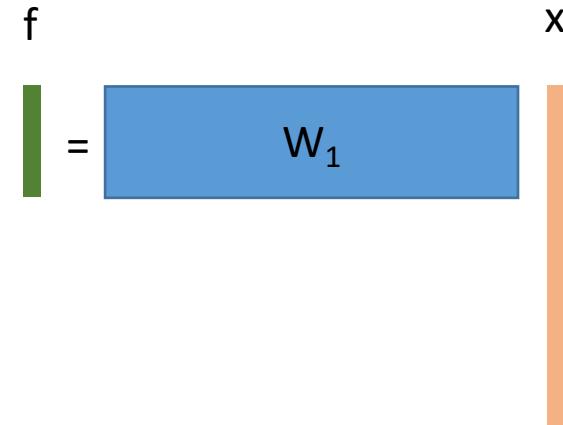
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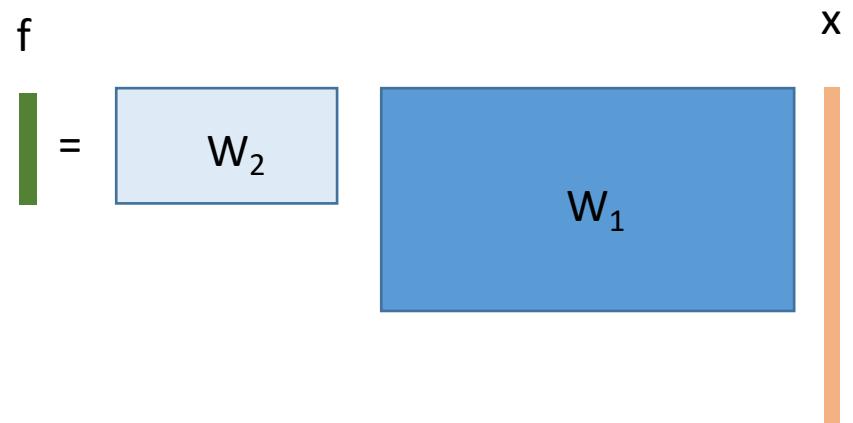
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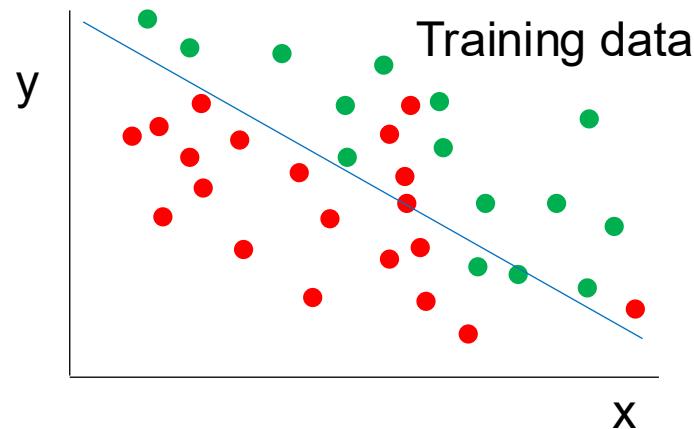
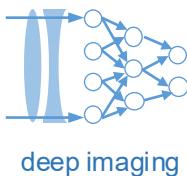
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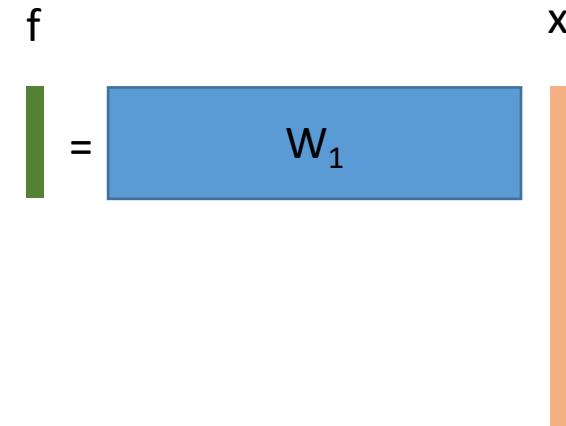
$$f_2 = W' x + b'$$

Unfortunately not...



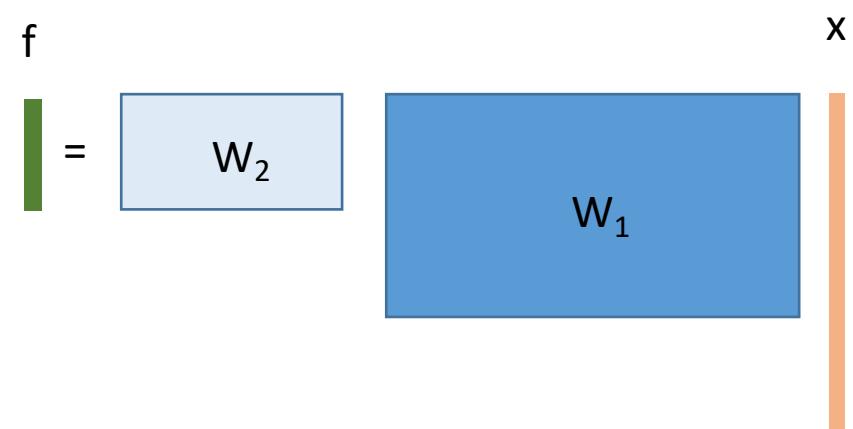
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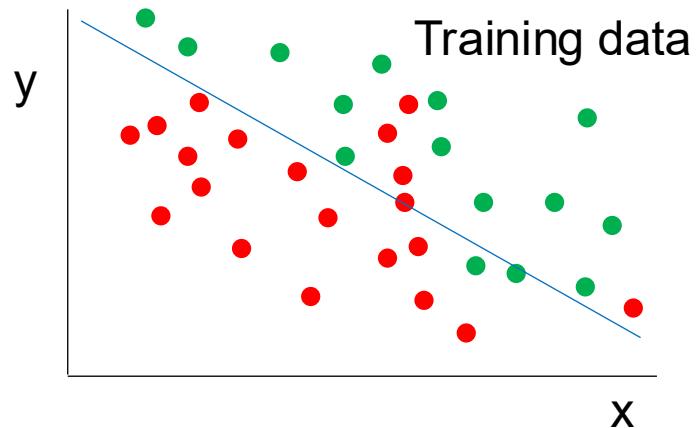
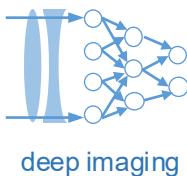
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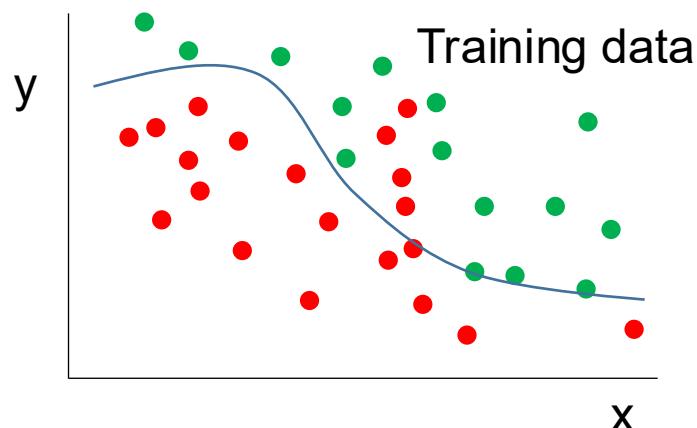
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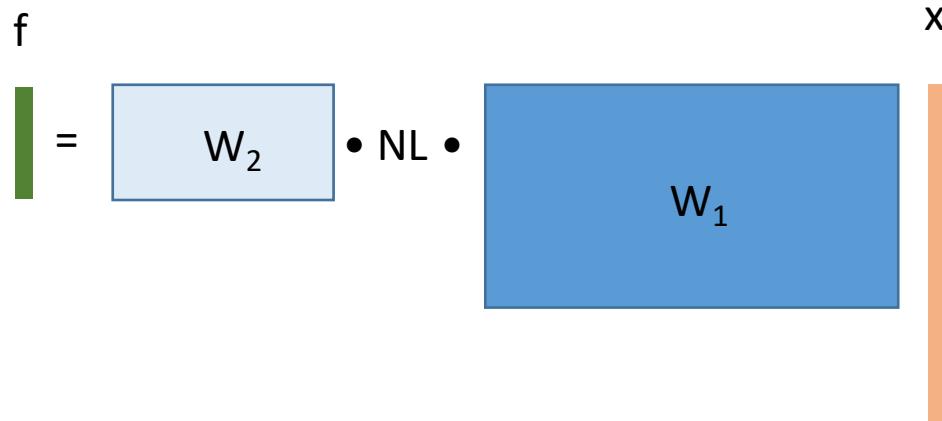
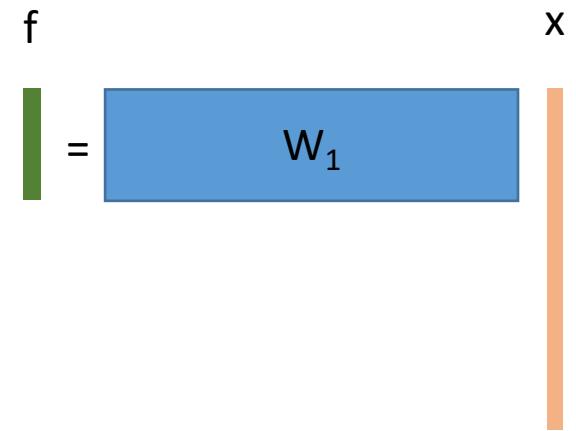
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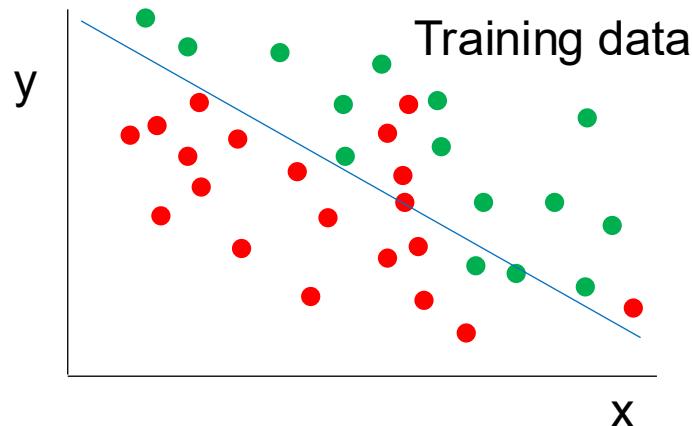
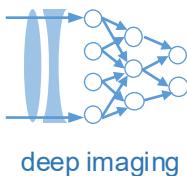


Add a non-linearity!

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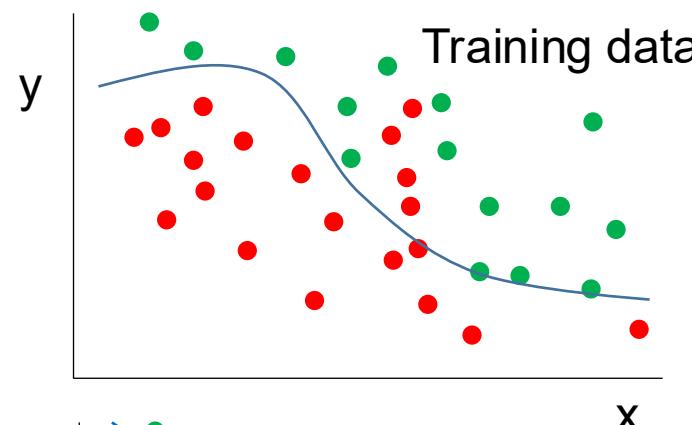
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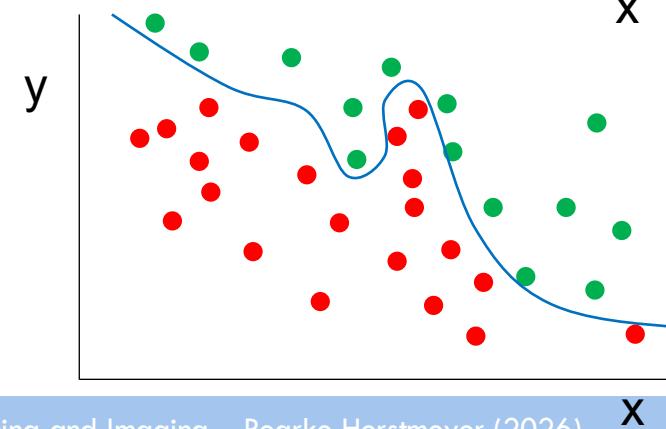
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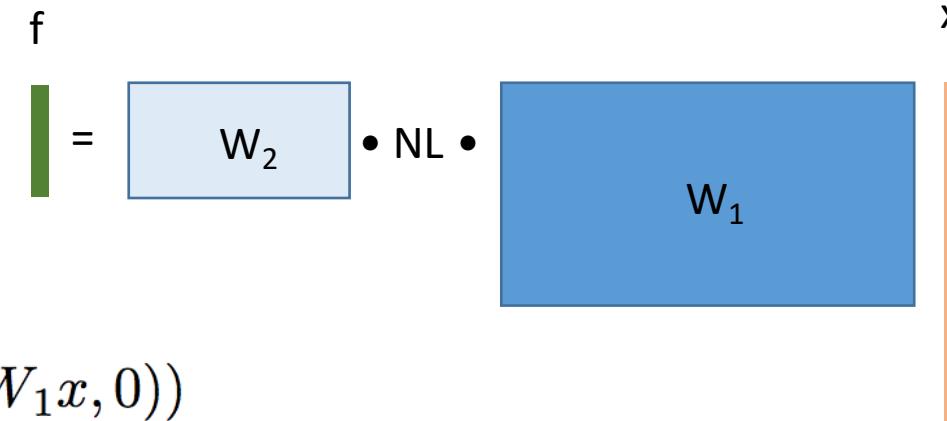
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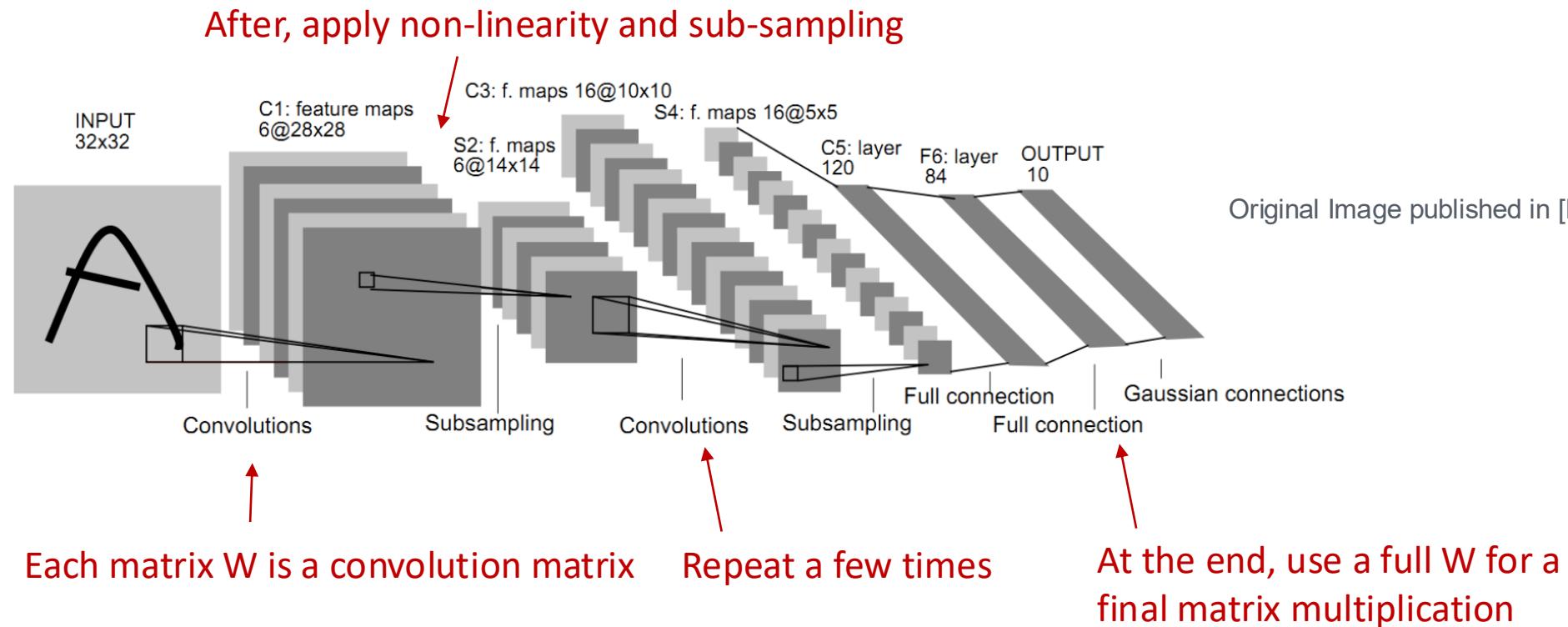
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Does it generalize???

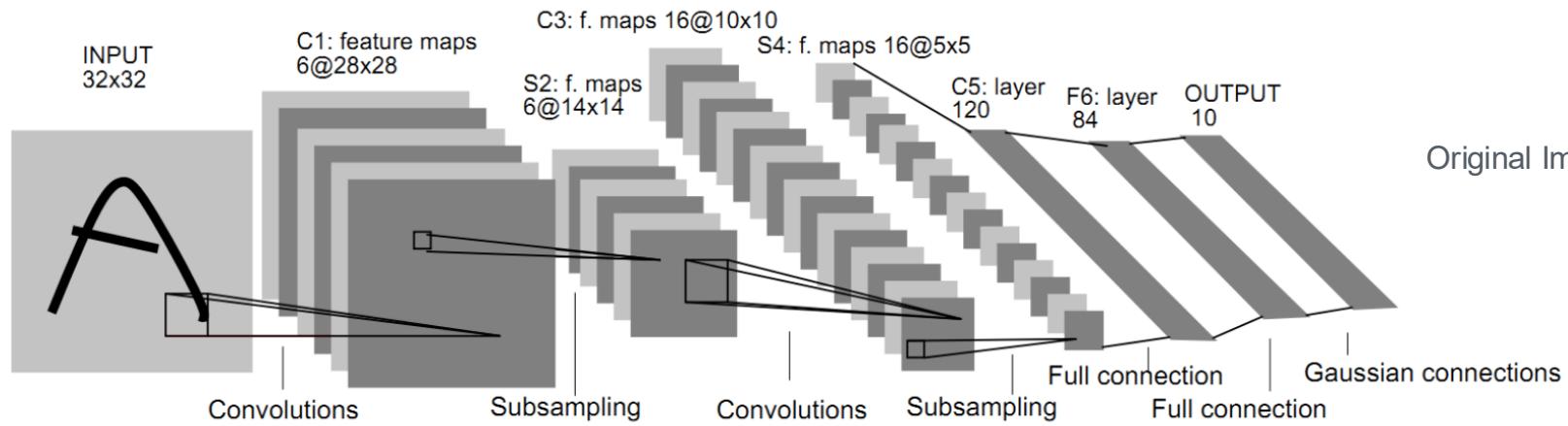


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We can keep adding  
these “layers”...

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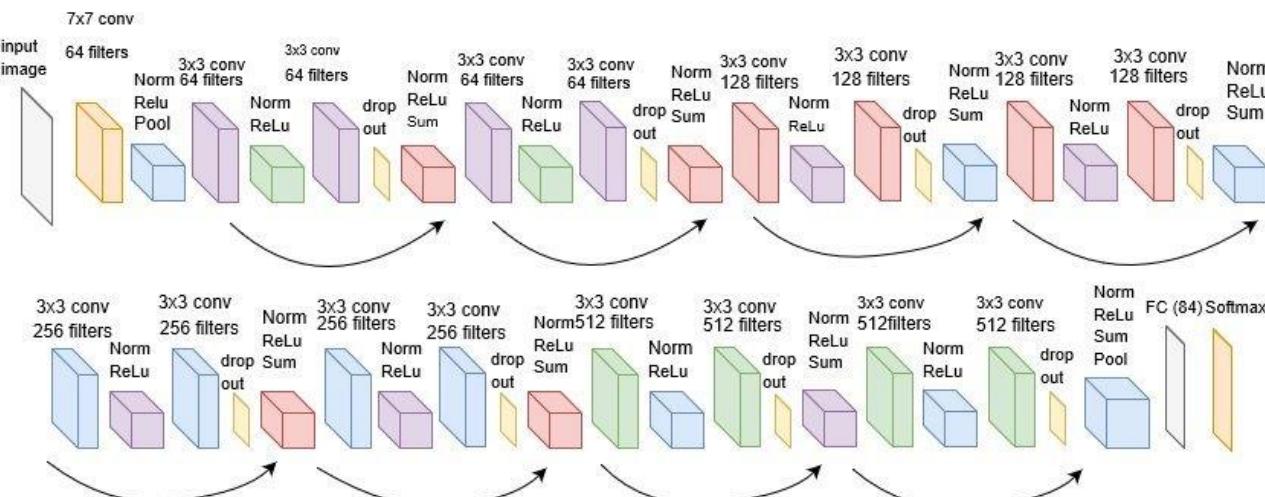


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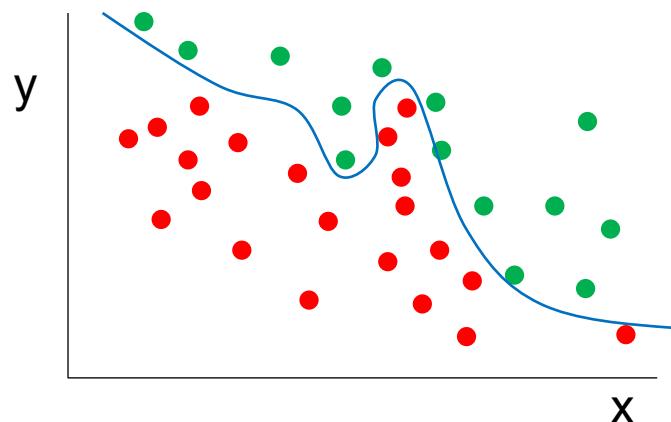
Original Image published in [LeCun et al., 1998]

In practice, this process is repeated many times:



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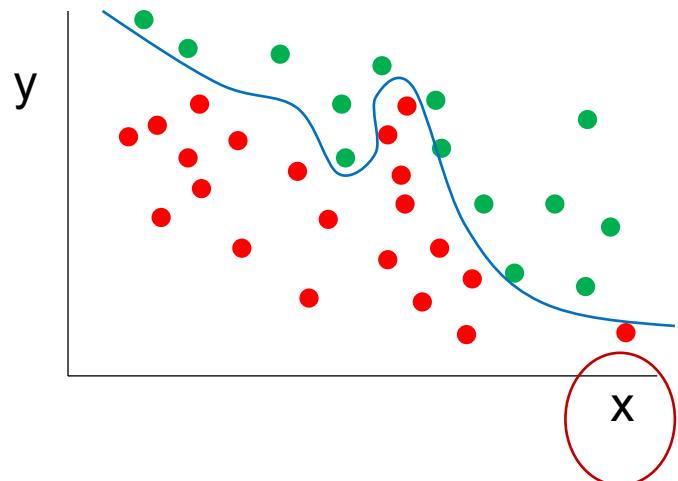


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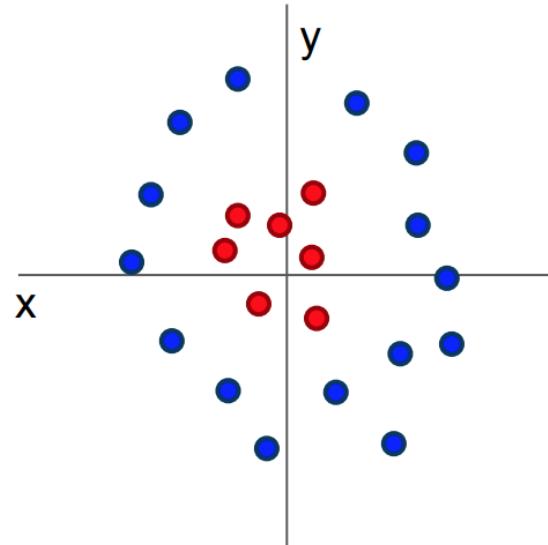


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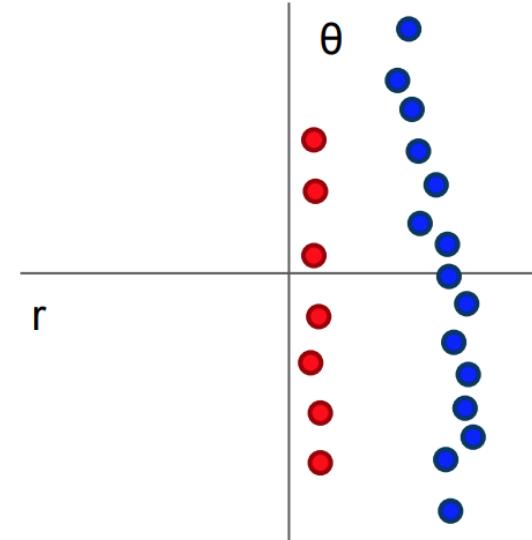
Does it generalize???

A: Yes, by transforming the data coordinates *before* classification

# Image Features: Motivation



$$f(x, y) = (r(x, y), \theta(x, y))$$

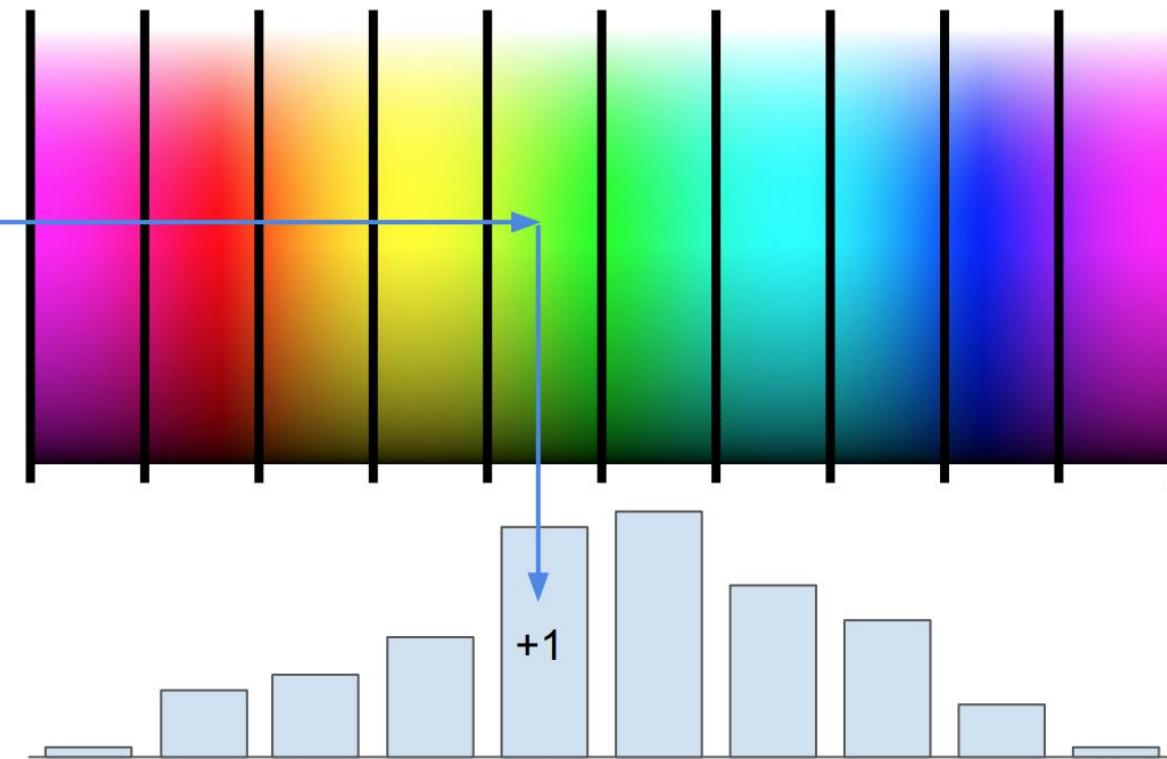


Cannot separate red and blue points with linear classifier

After applying feature transform, points can be separated by linear classifier

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# Example: Color Histogram



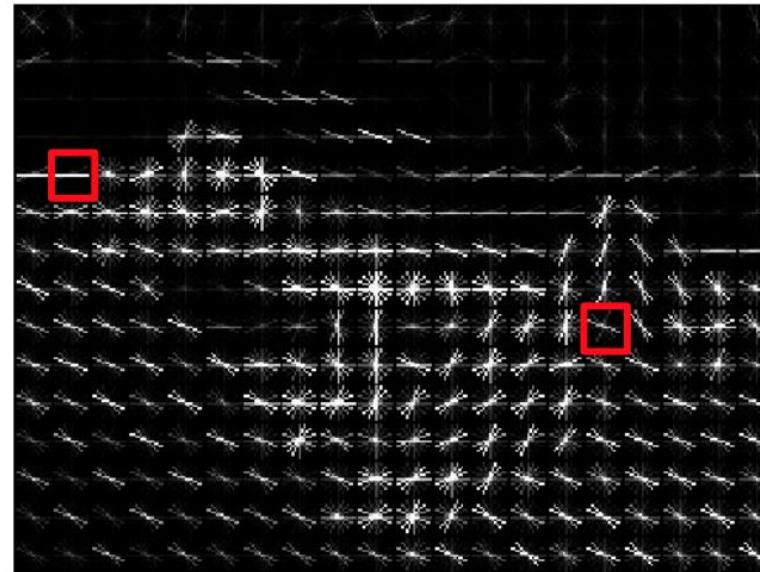
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# Example: Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HoG)



Divide image into 8x8 pixel regions  
Within each region quantize edge  
direction into 9 bins

Lowe, "Object recognition from local scale-invariant features", ICCV 1999  
Dalal and Triggs, "Histograms of oriented gradients for human detection," CVPR 2005



Example: 320x240 image gets divided  
into 40x30 bins; in each bin there are  
9 numbers so feature vector has  
 $30*40*9 = 10,800$  numbers

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# Example: Bag of Words

## Step 1: Build codebook



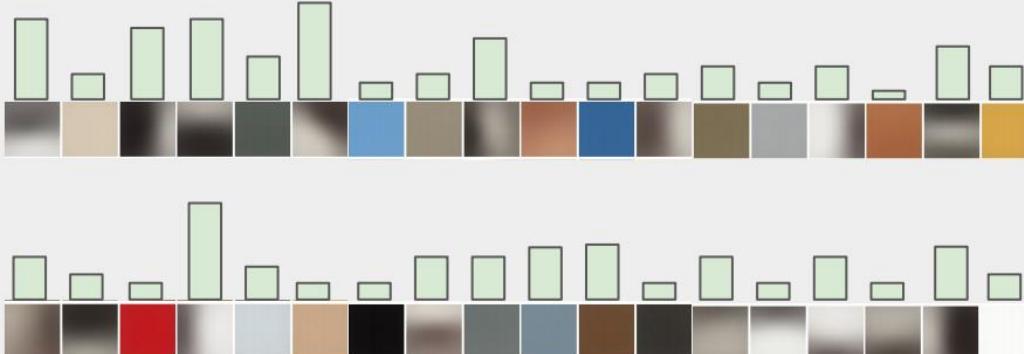
Extract random patches



Cluster patches to form “codebook” of “visual words”



## Step 2: Encode images

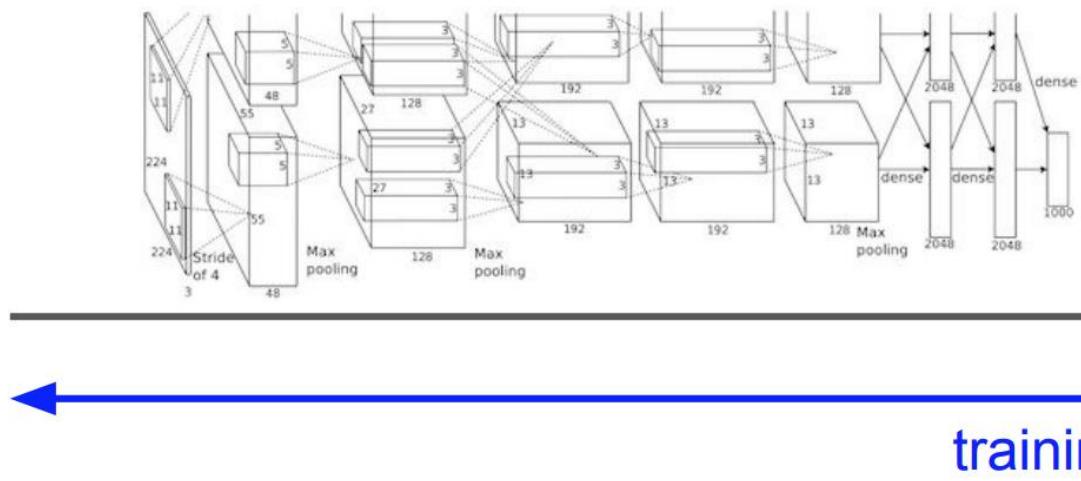
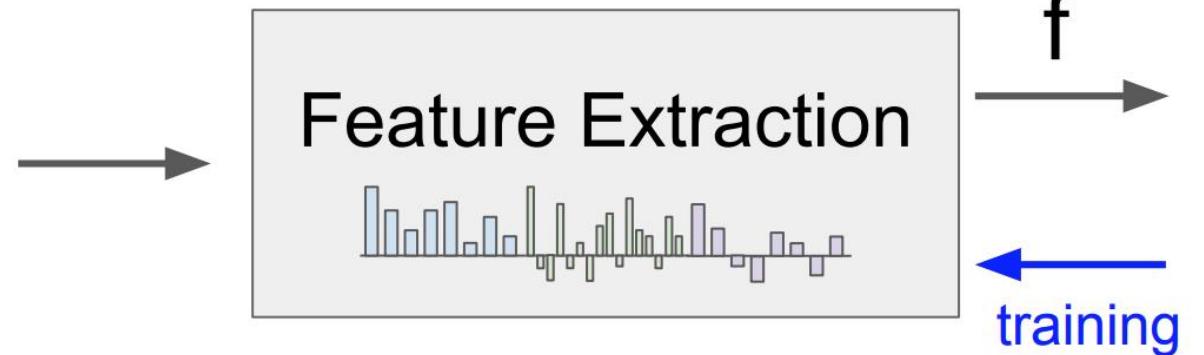


Fei-Fei and Perona, “A bayesian hierarchical model for learning natural scene categories”, CVPR 2005

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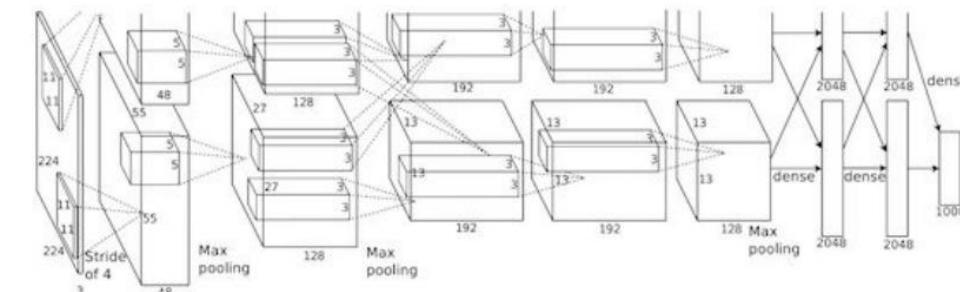
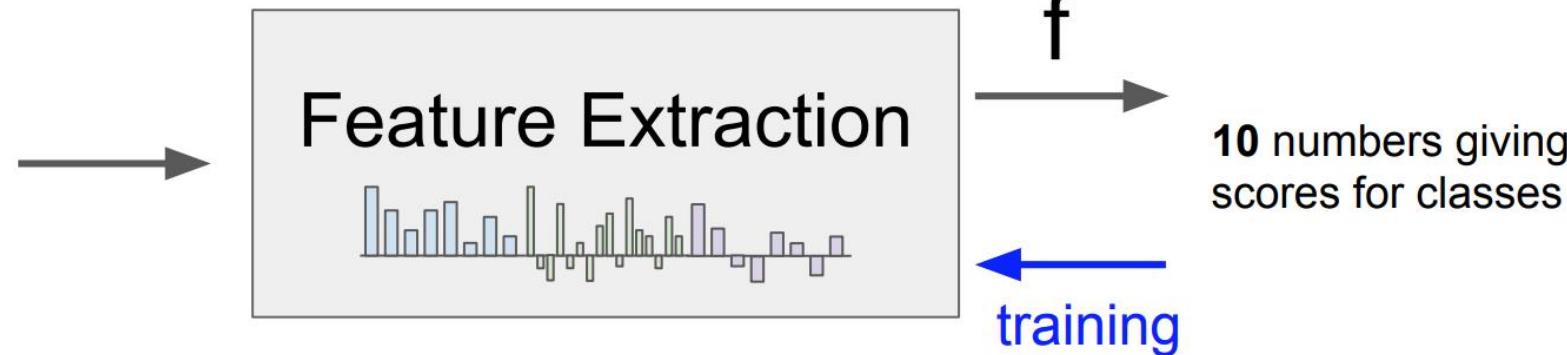
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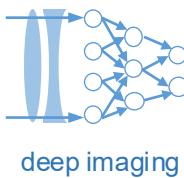
Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and Hinton, “Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural networks”, NIPS 2012.  
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→ **10 numbers giving scores for classes**

← **training**

**History has now proven – bottom approach works better!**

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# Statistical Machine Learning in ~30 minutes

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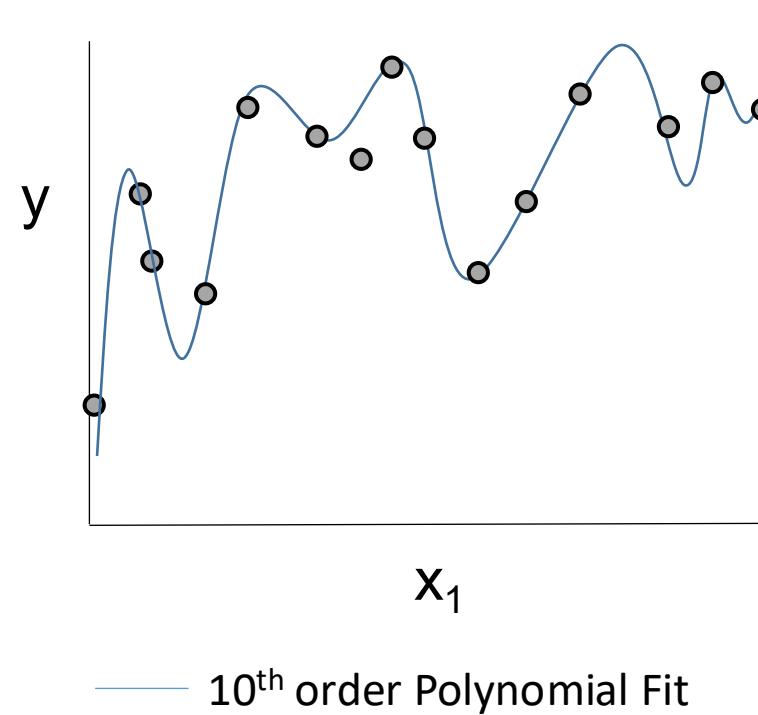
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2. Can we make sure that  $L_{out}(y, f(x, W))$  is close enough to  $L_{in}(y, f(x, W))$  during network testing?
  - Probabilistic analysis says yes!
  - $|L_{in} - L_{out}|$  bounded from above
  - Bound grows with model capacity (i.e., complexity - bad)
  - Bound shrinks with # of training examples (good)

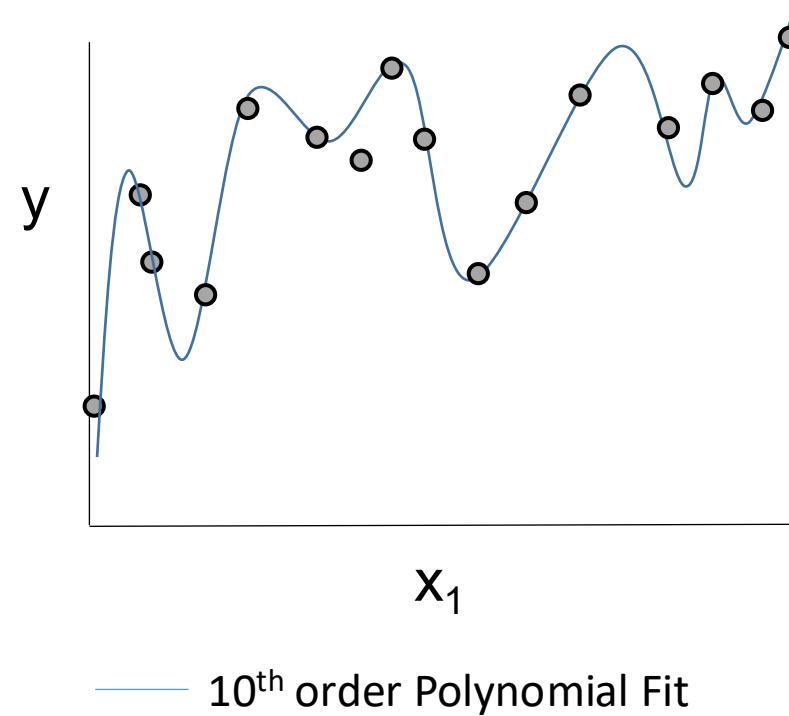
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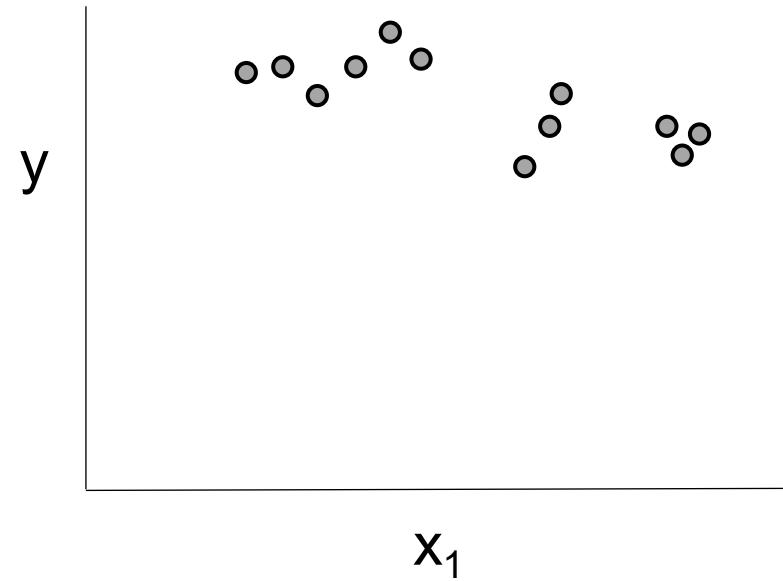


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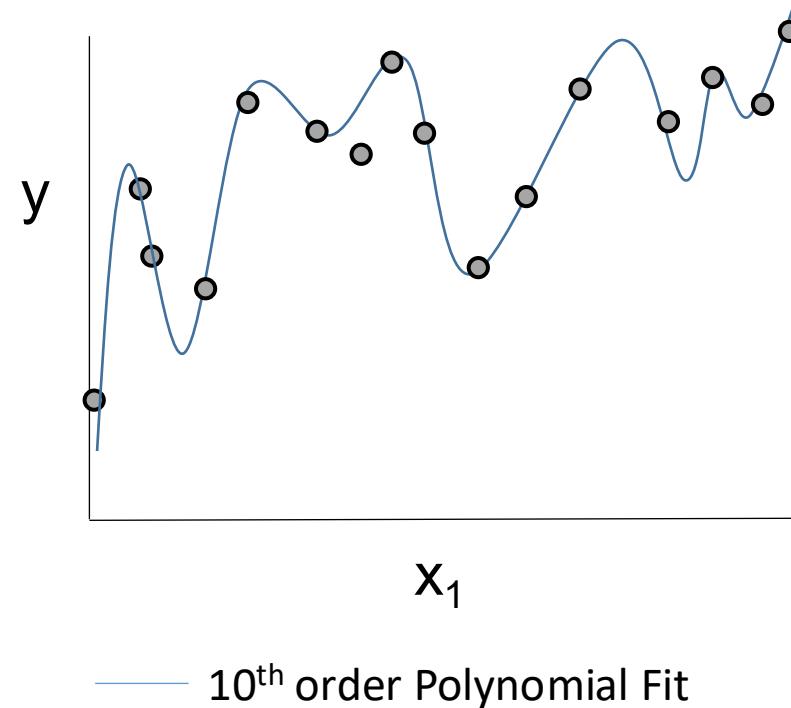


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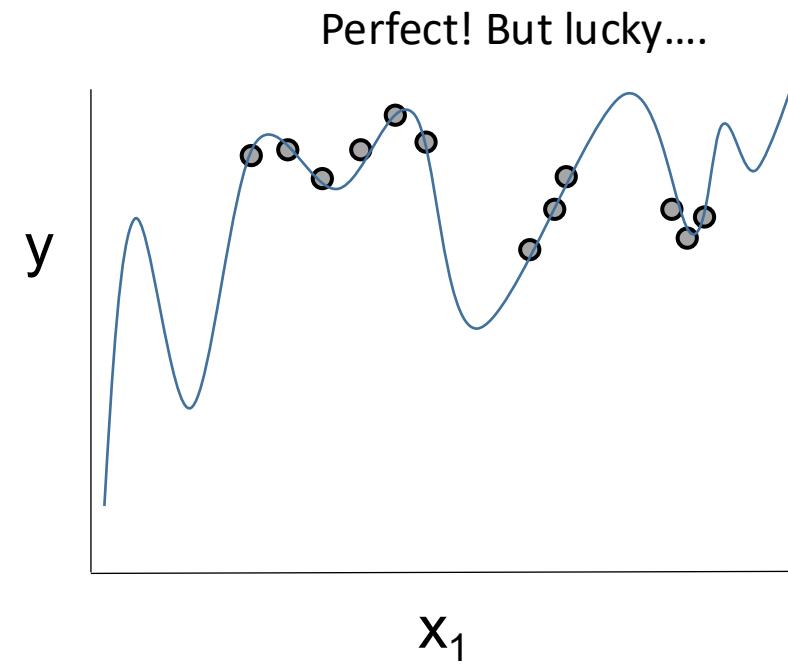


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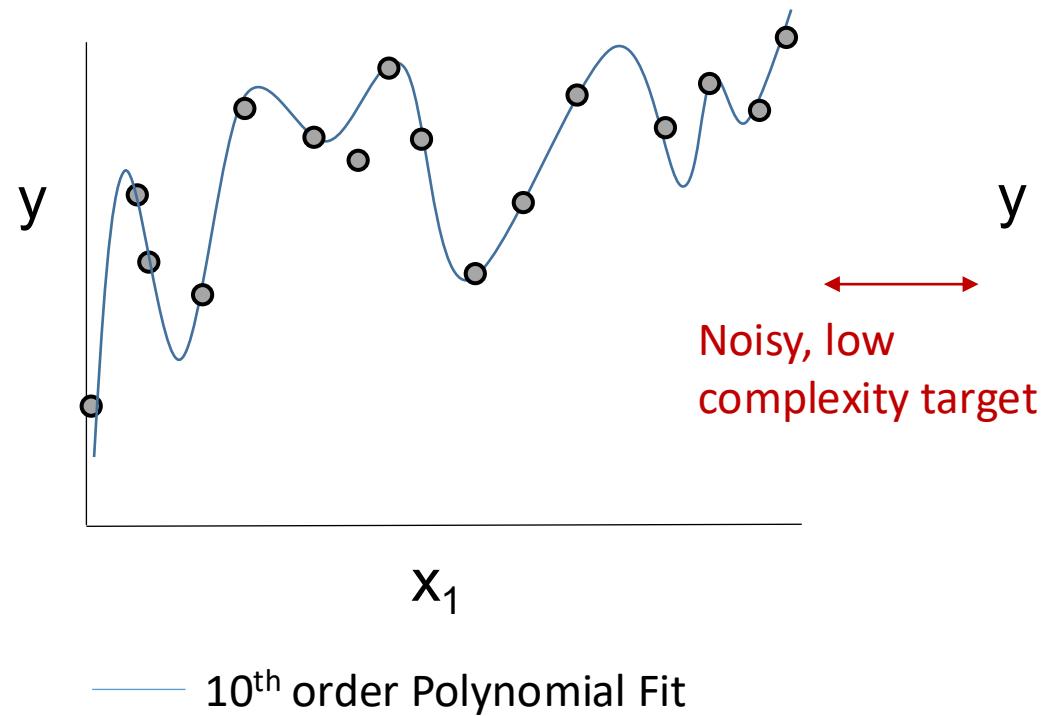


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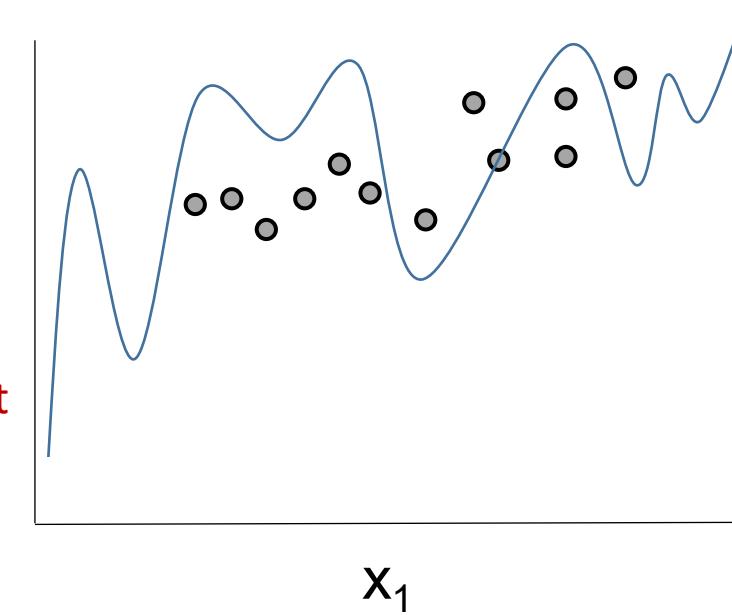


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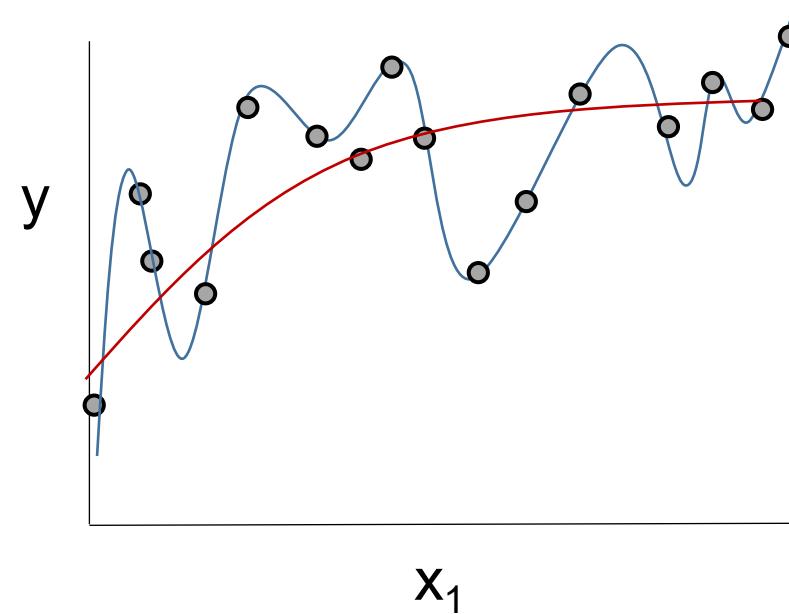


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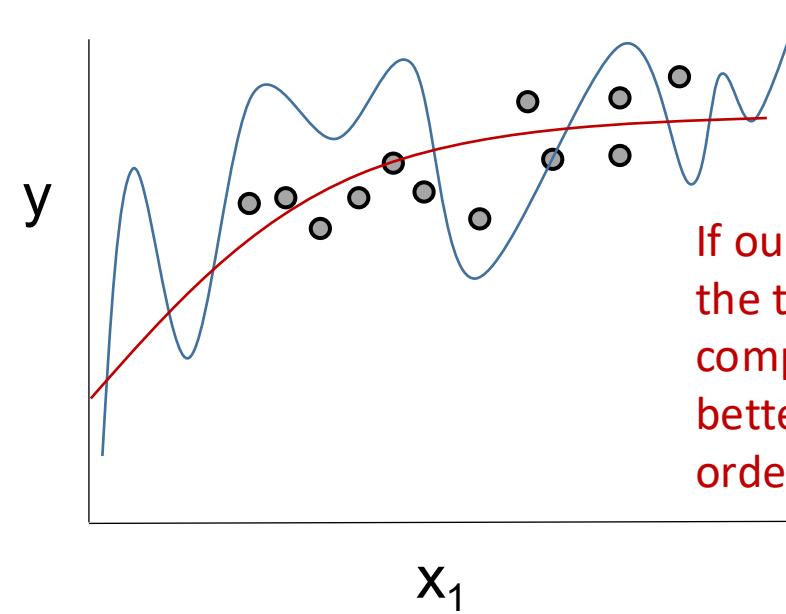
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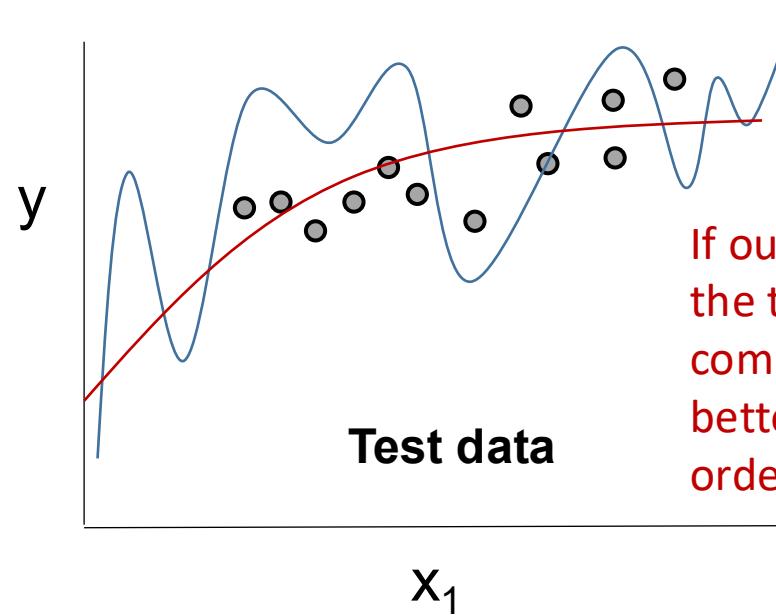
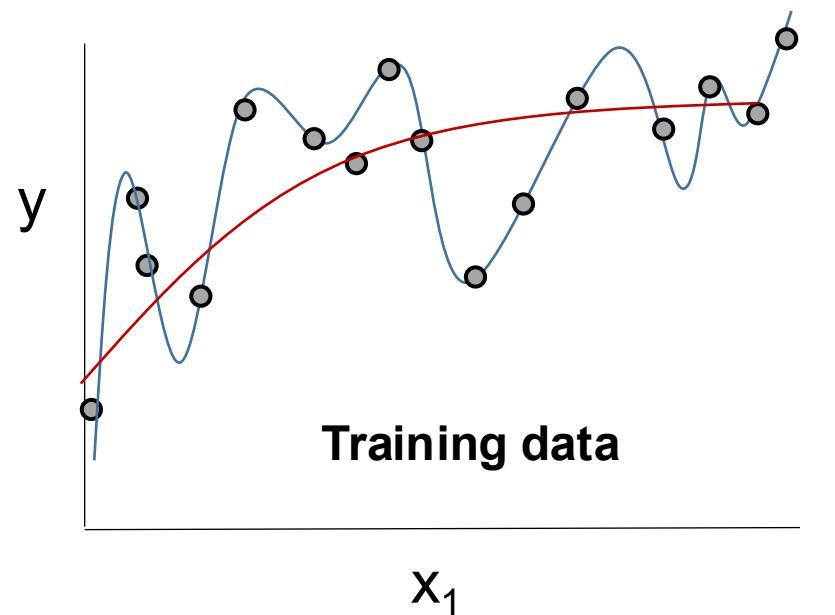
— 10<sup>th</sup> order Polynomial Fit  
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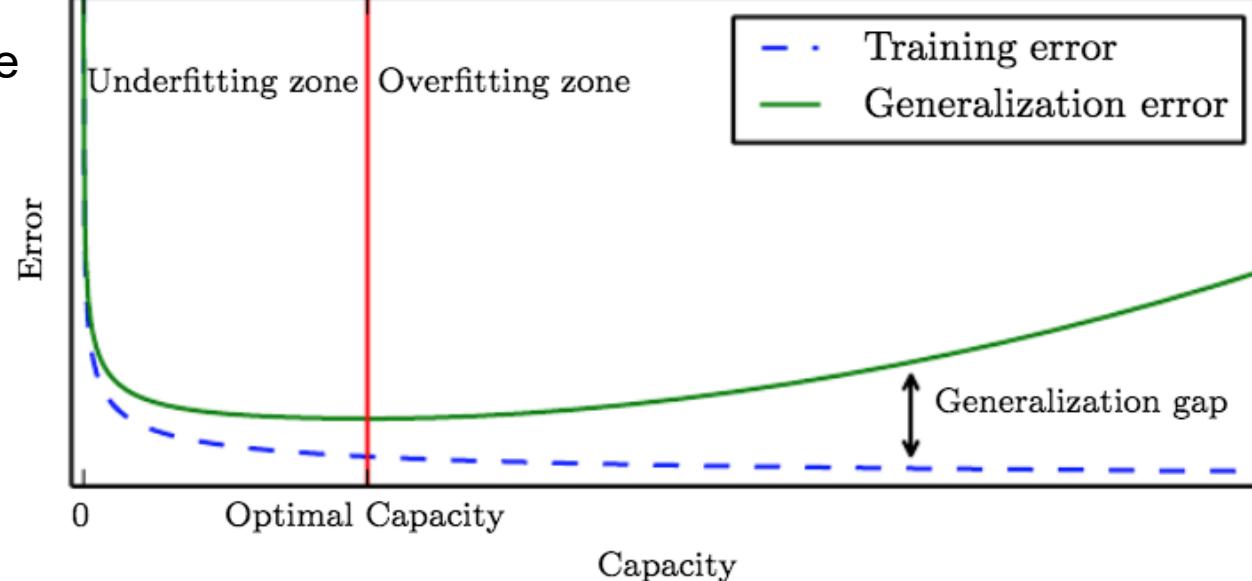
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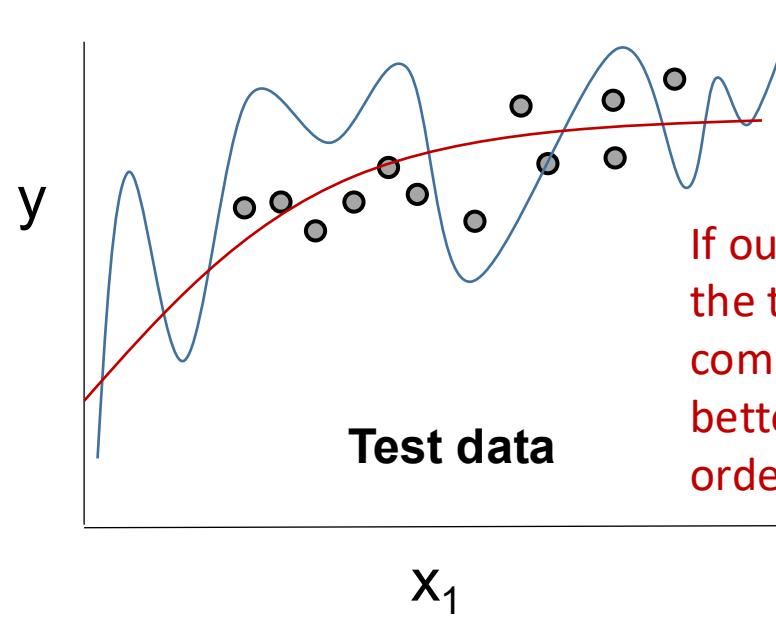
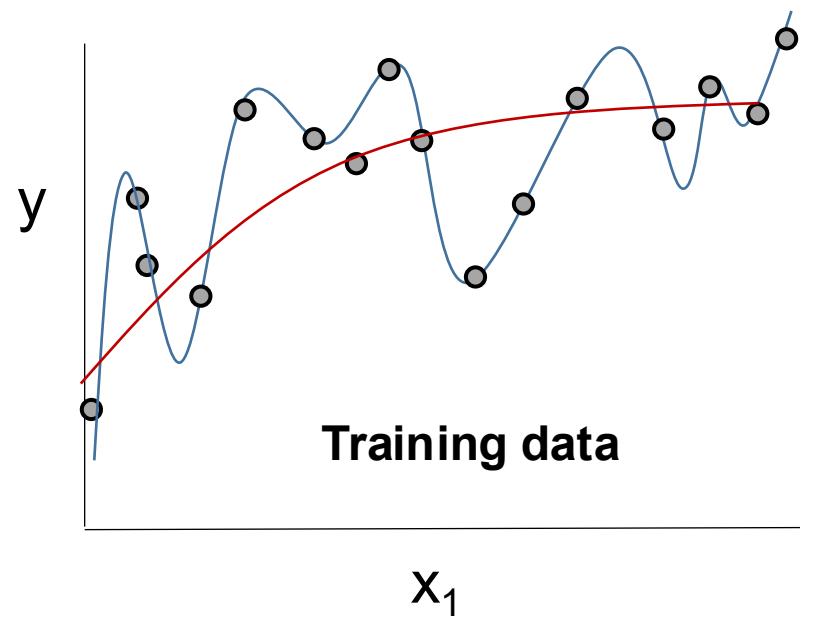
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Deep Learning, I. Goodfellow et al., Fig. 5.3

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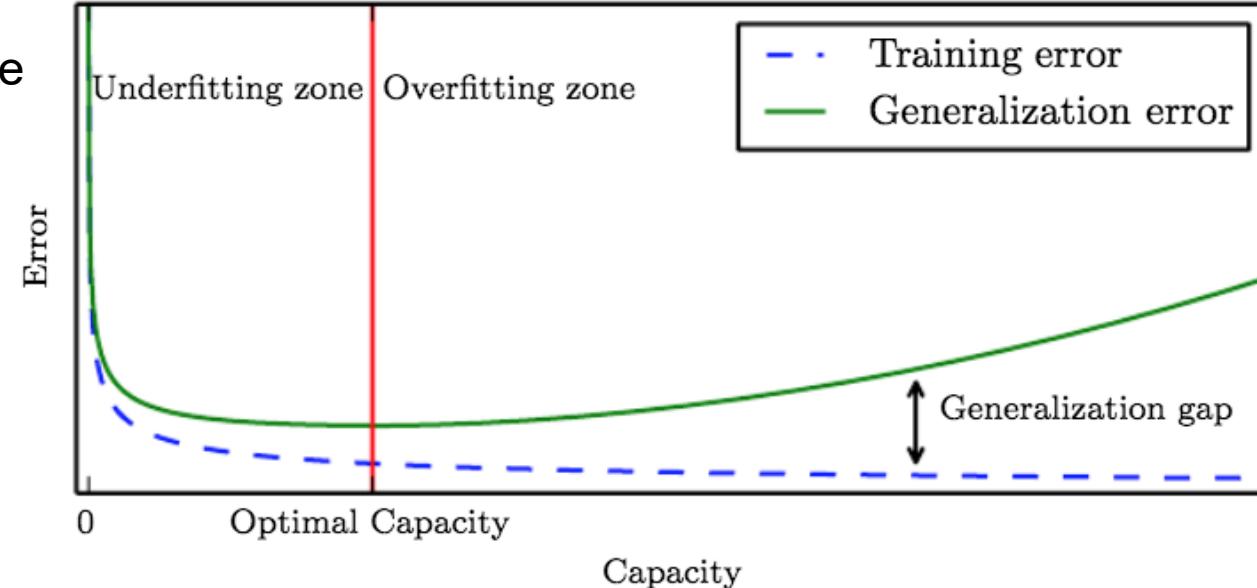


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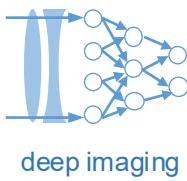
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Control capacity through model's hypothesis space (set of functions model can take)

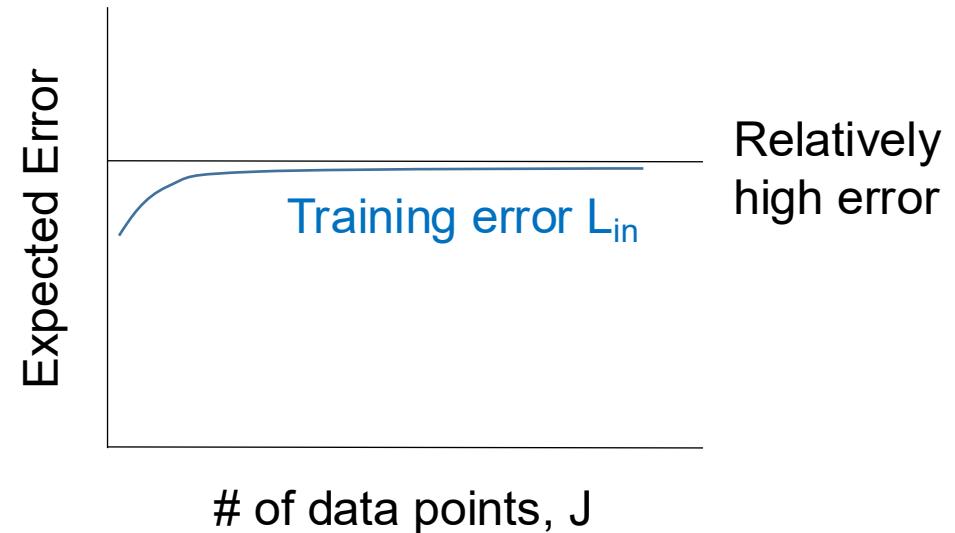
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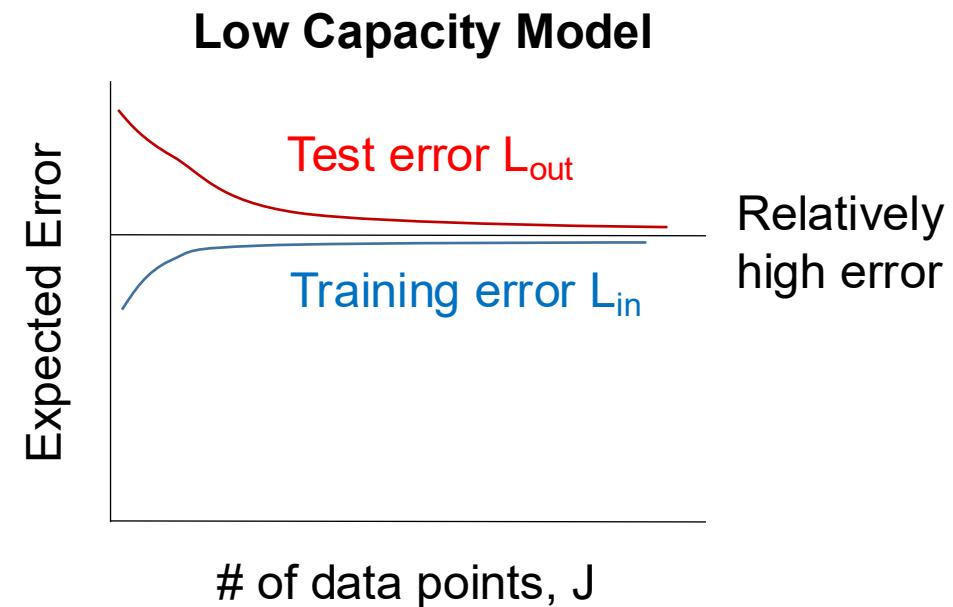
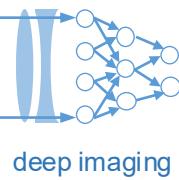


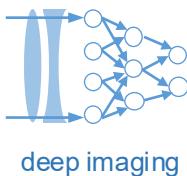
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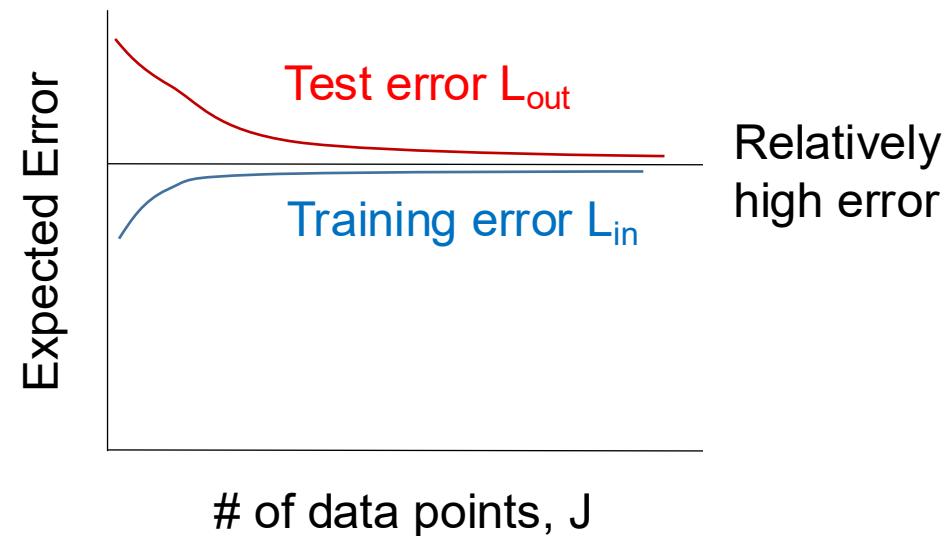
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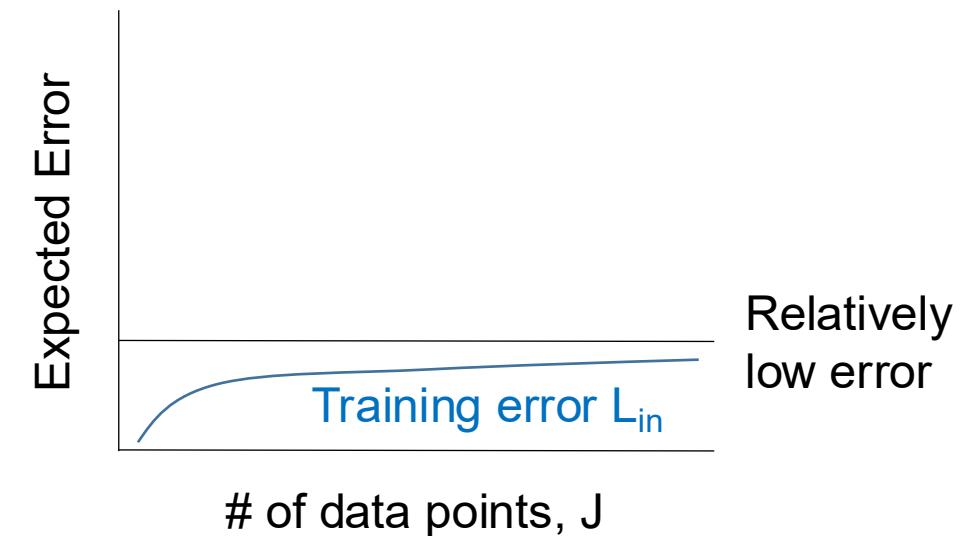


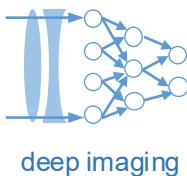


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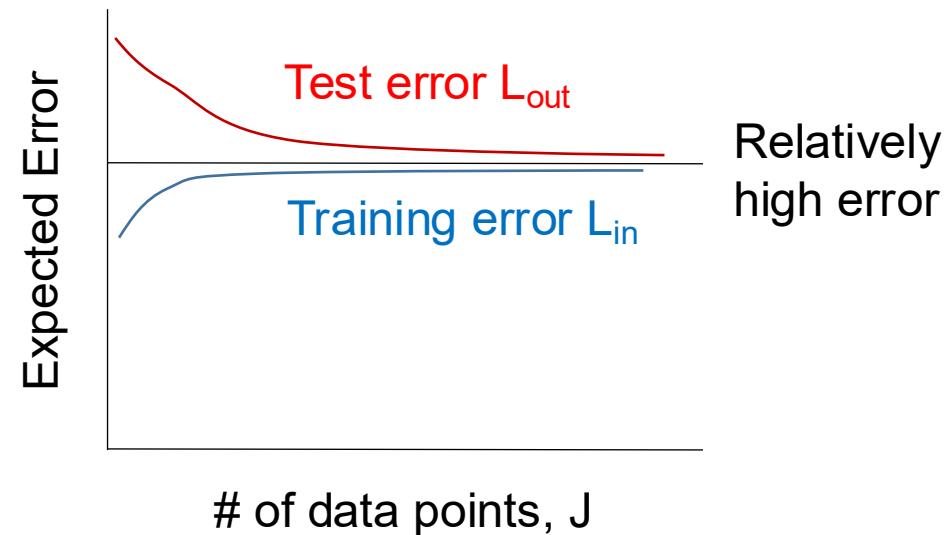


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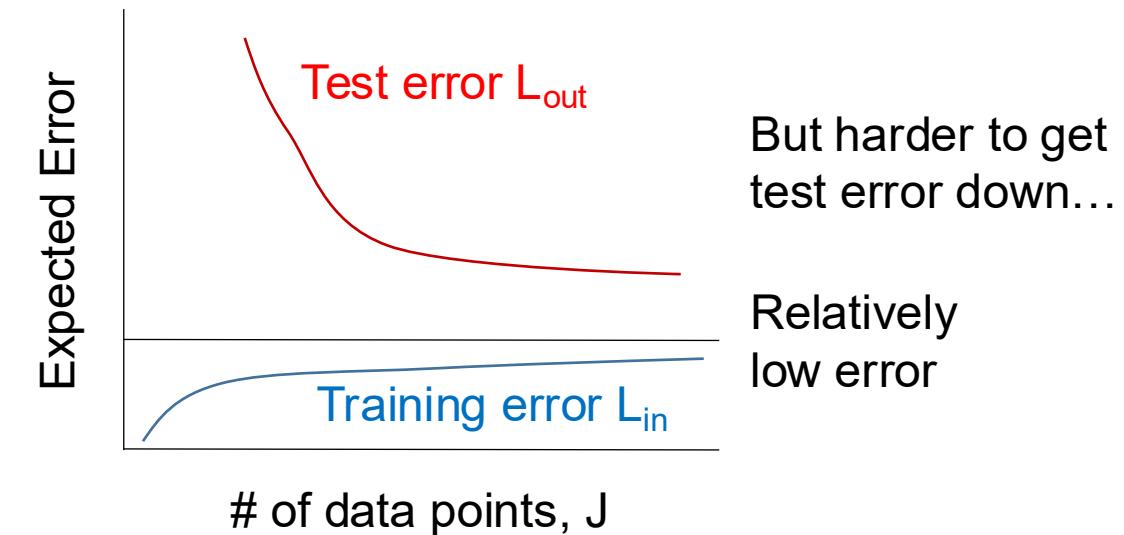


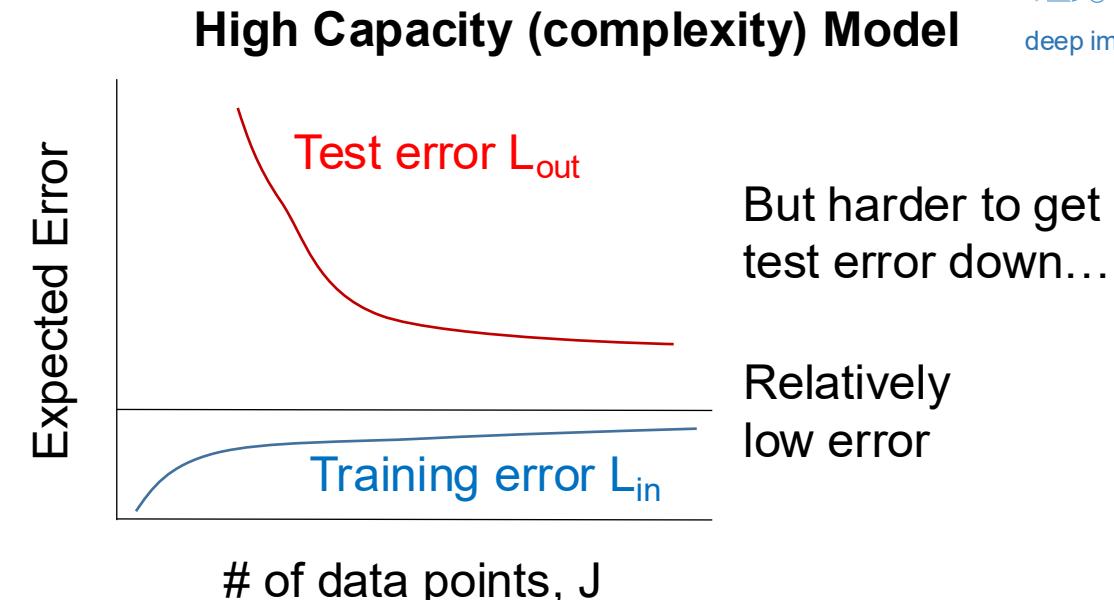
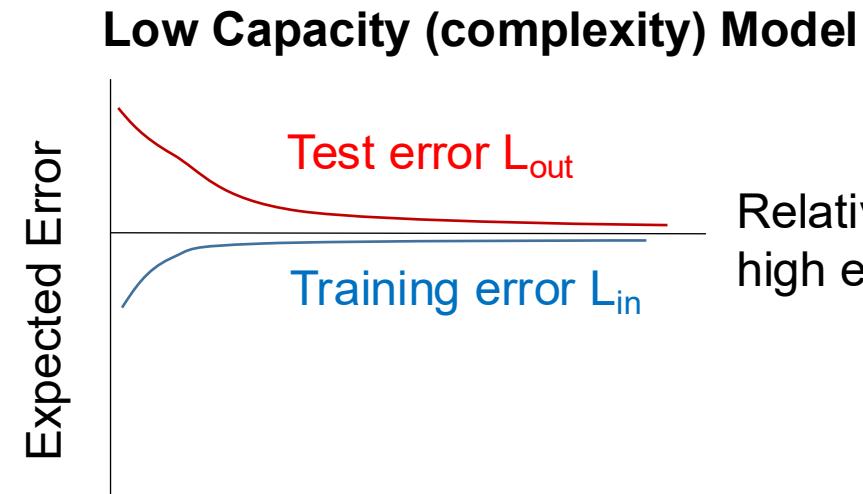


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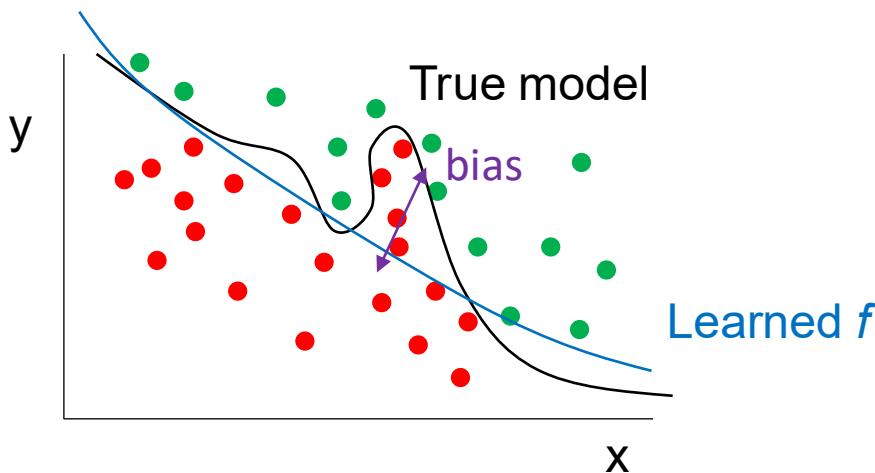
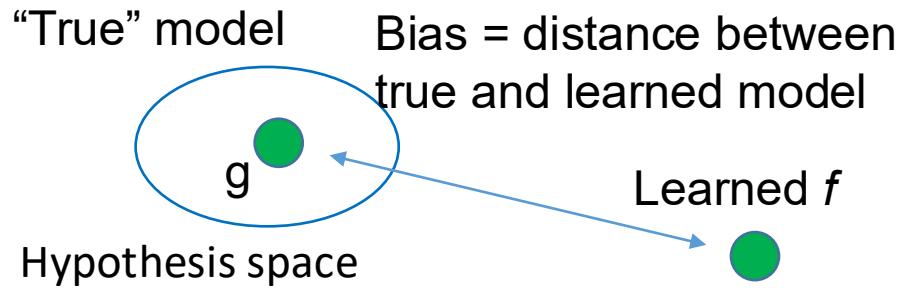
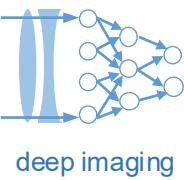




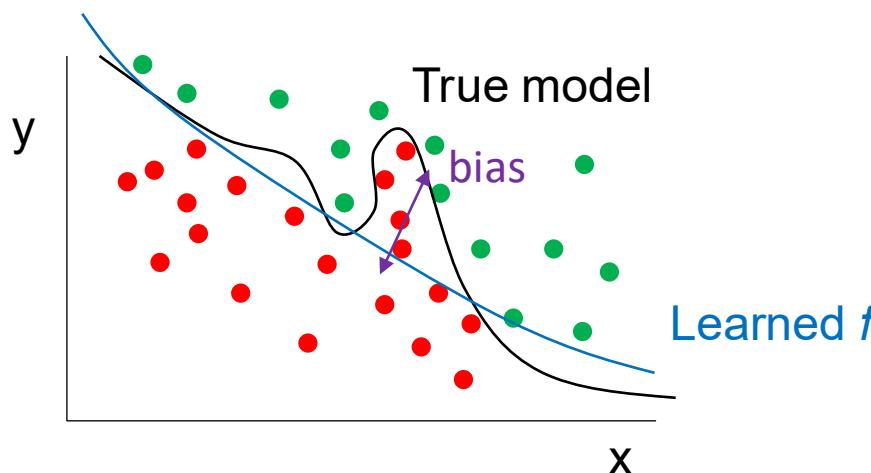
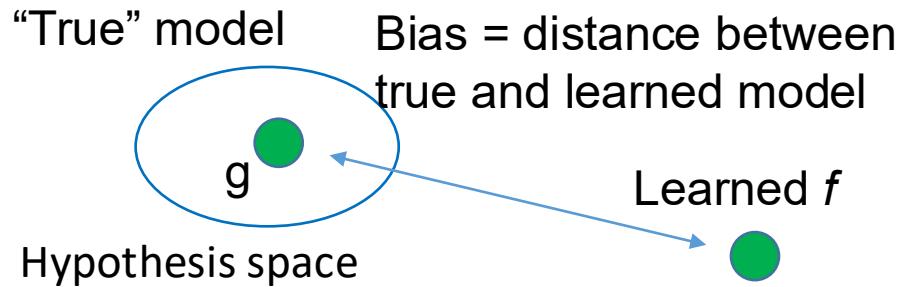
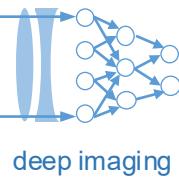
**Take away concepts:**

- Can't ever really expect test error to be less than training error
- Complicated models tend to appear to “do better” during training, before trying test data
- When the model gets complicated and you don't have enough data, challenging to get test error down

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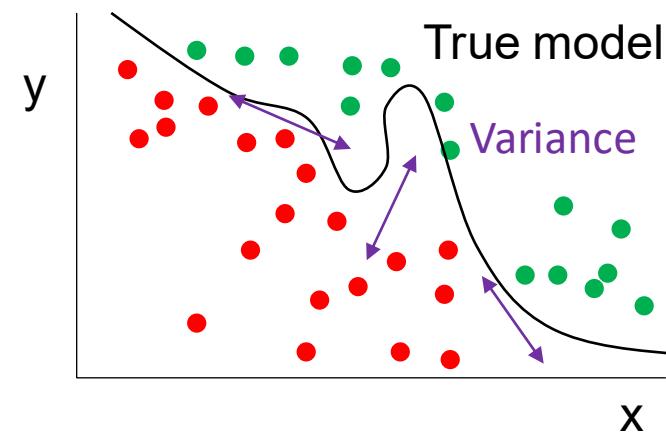
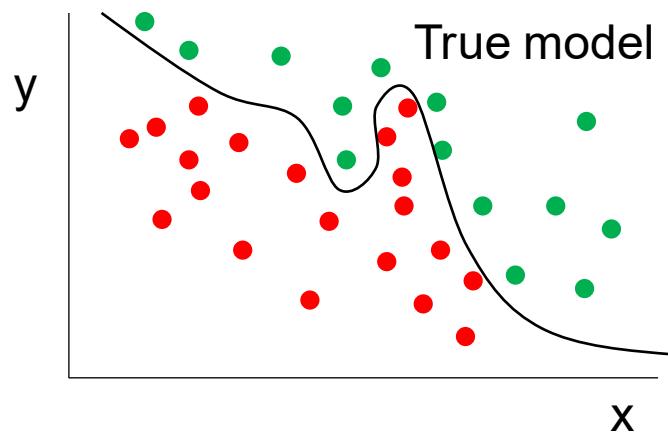
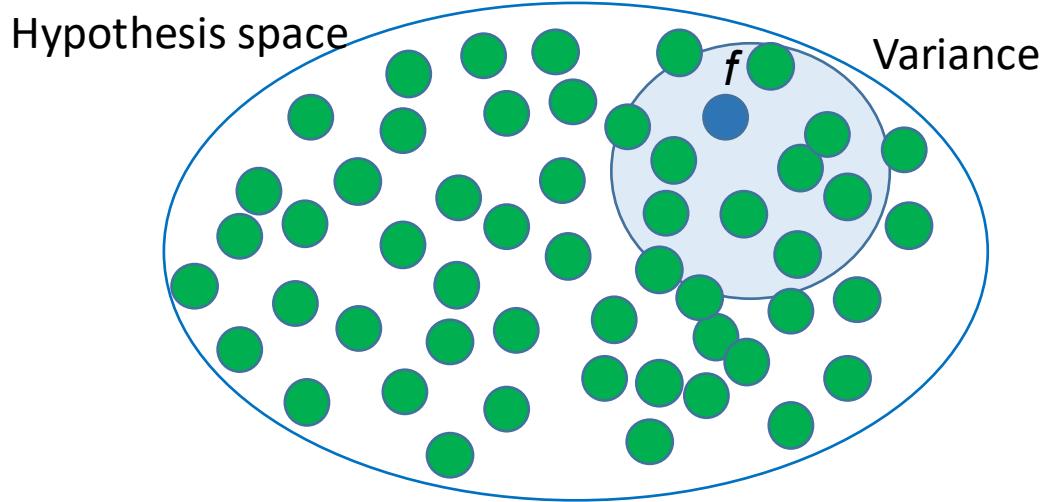
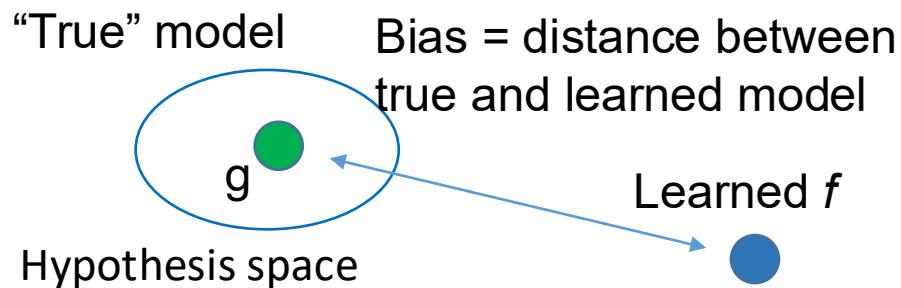
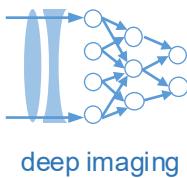


$$\text{Bias} = (g(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}))^2$$

Measures how far our learning model  $f$  is biased away from target function  $g$  (for perfect training data classification)

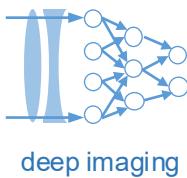
Models that tend to be “a bit too simple” are biased away from “true” model

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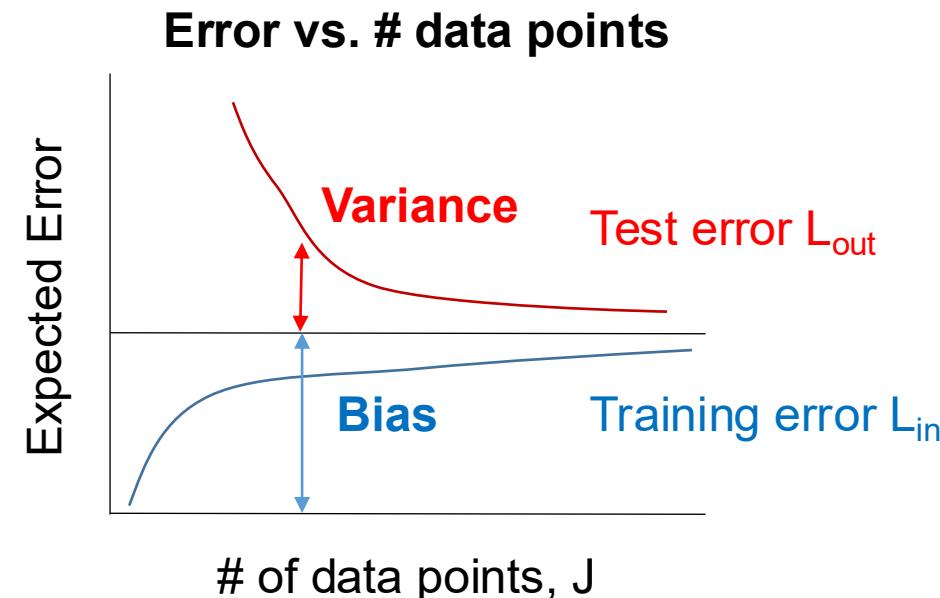
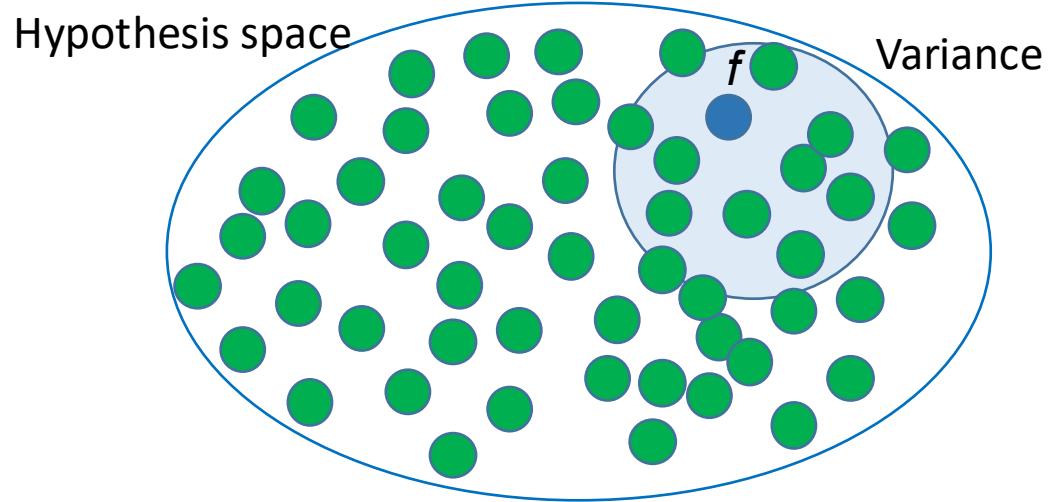
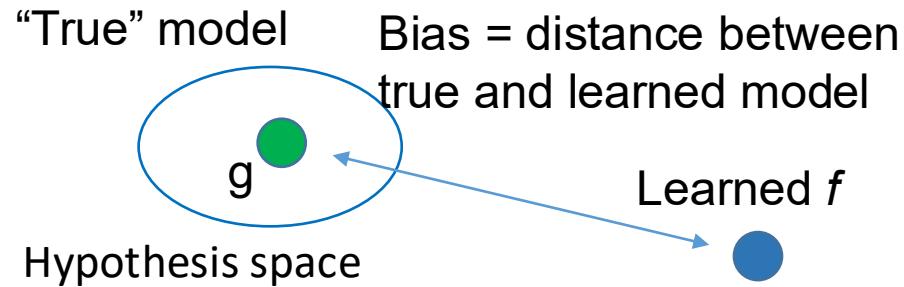


$$\text{Variance} = \text{Var}[g(x)]$$

More complicated datasets exhibit lots of variance between ideal boundary for training and testing



# Model bias versus variance



Test Error is sum of model bias and variance!

Goal is to find a model  $f$  that balances between these two quantities for a given dataset

# How to formally define capacity and complexity?

- Short answer: it's complicated...
- Related to something called the *VC Dimension*
  - Can provide theoretical bounds on performance
  - Dimensional bounds rather than scalar bounds...
- I decided not to go into it, but please do take a look at the following lecture material to learn more!

Learning From Data (Caltech, Prof. Y Abu-Mostafa)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc0sr0kdBVI#t=3m24s>

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  1. A fixed DL *architecture* exhibits data-dependent complexities
    - e.g., “good” DL networks achieve 0 training error on images with random labels, so cannot generalize at all in this case, and are too complex
  2. DL networks with more hidden units leads to *better* generalization (the main finding of the last few years). So deeper models tend to be less complex, actually...
  3. Complexity depends upon loss function and optimization method...

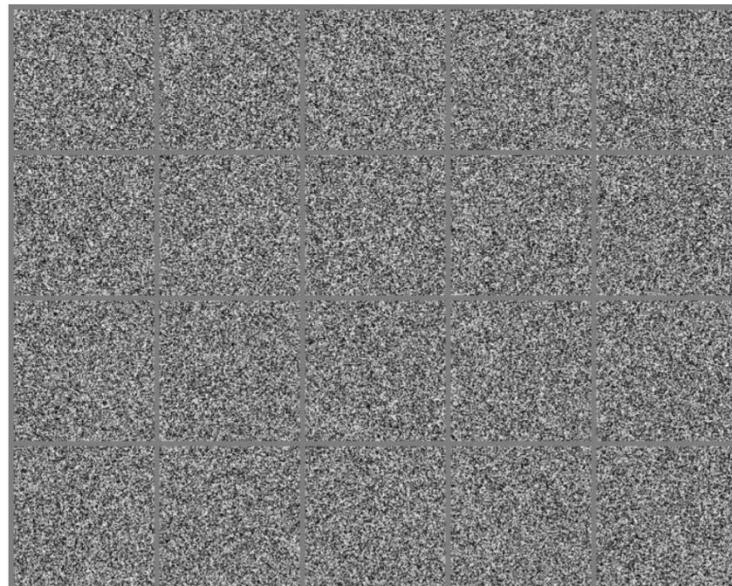
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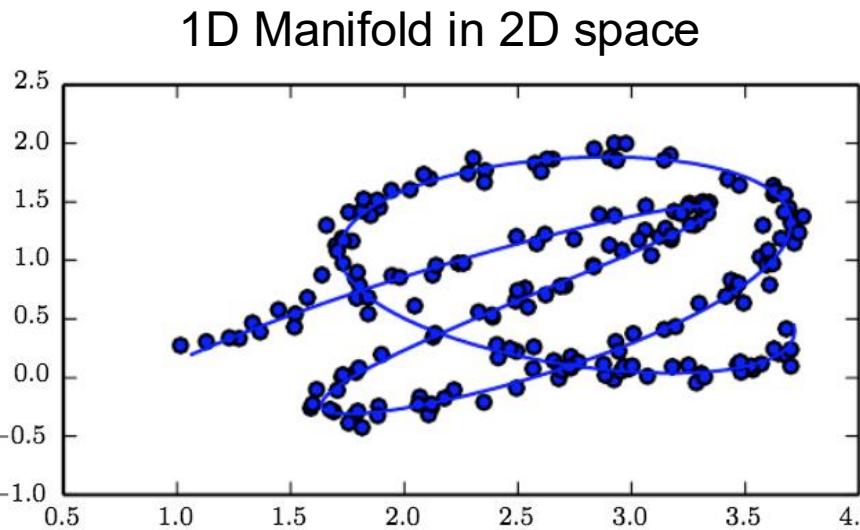
Face at different orientations =  
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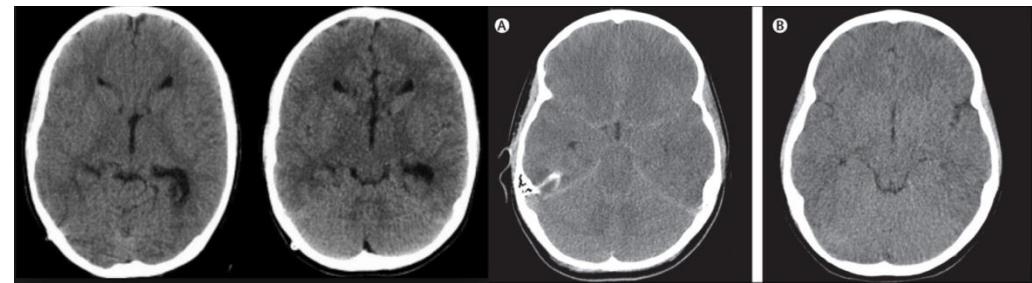
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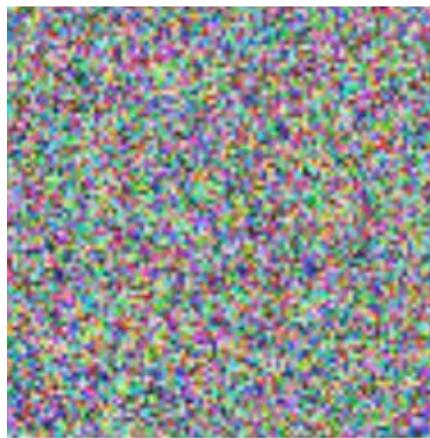


CT reconstructions of every brain in the world = kD manifold in nD space?



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Noise  $\sim N(0,1)$



Generative  
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