Introduction to Machine Learning

Lecture 01: Supervised Learning I – Linear Regression

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Some materials are from ESL, PRML, and RG.

- **An Example: The ETA Problem**

The ETA Problem

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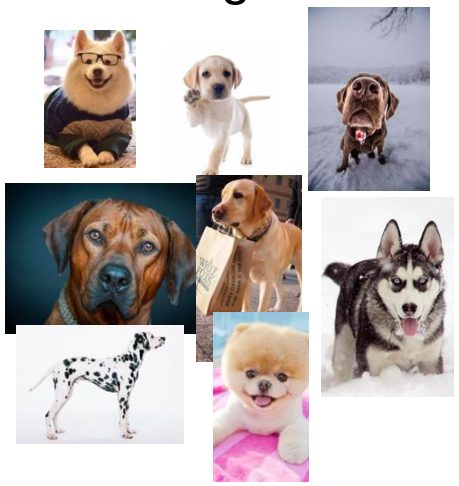

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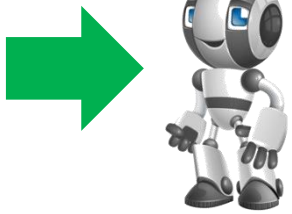
Training（Learning）

Each sample consists of an input x and a target output y.

Supervised Signal



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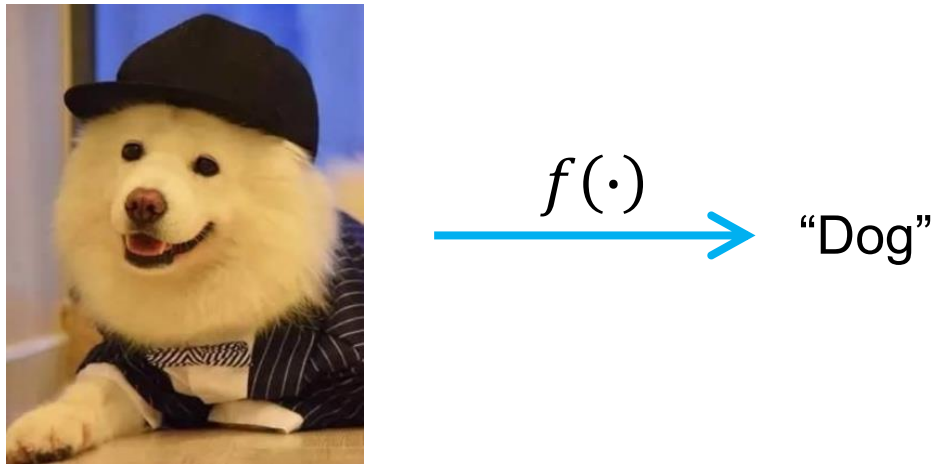
Predicting

- Regression : The output is a real number (vector)
- Classification : The output is a class label.

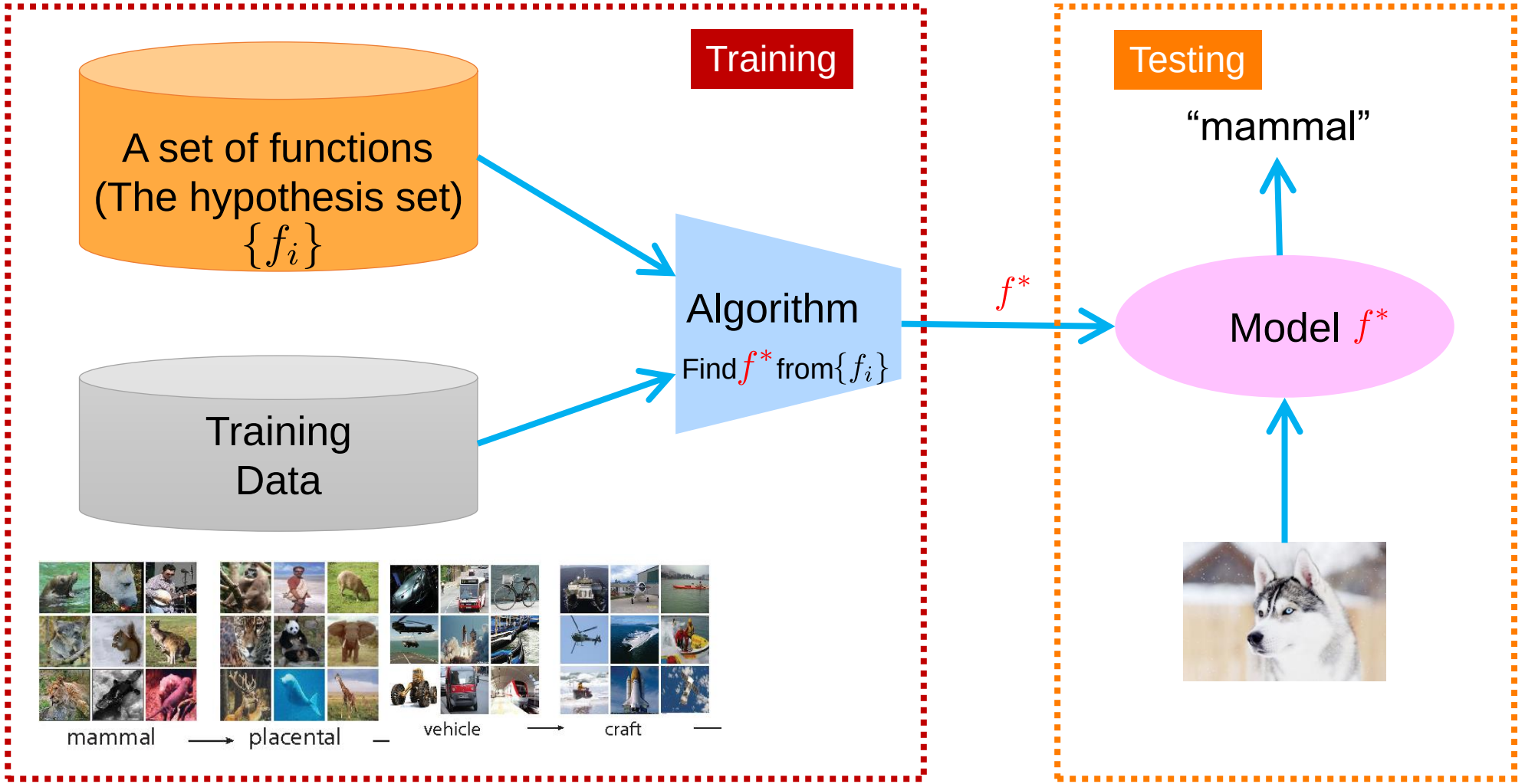
Supervised Learning (Recall from Lec00)

We are indeed looking for a mapping (function).

- Image classification



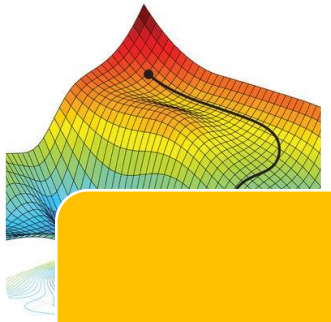
Framework of Supervised Learning (Recall from Lec00)



Framework of Supervised Learning

Data Preparation

Pick up Hypothesis Set



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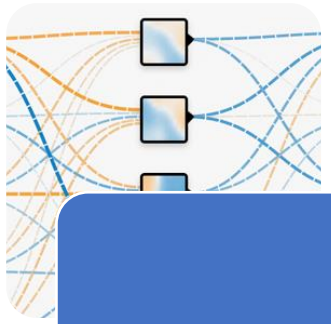

The Model

Apply Your Model to the Unseen Data

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The data determines the upper bound of the performance that can be achieve by your model.

In real world applications, you need to determine which kind of data can be helpful to your task and collect them by yourself.

The knowledge that can help you to determine which kind of data to collect is the so-called ***domain knowledge***.

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- Data cleaning

	time	distance	origin	destination	…
Customer 1					
Customer 2		?			
Customer 3				?	
……					

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Customer 1					
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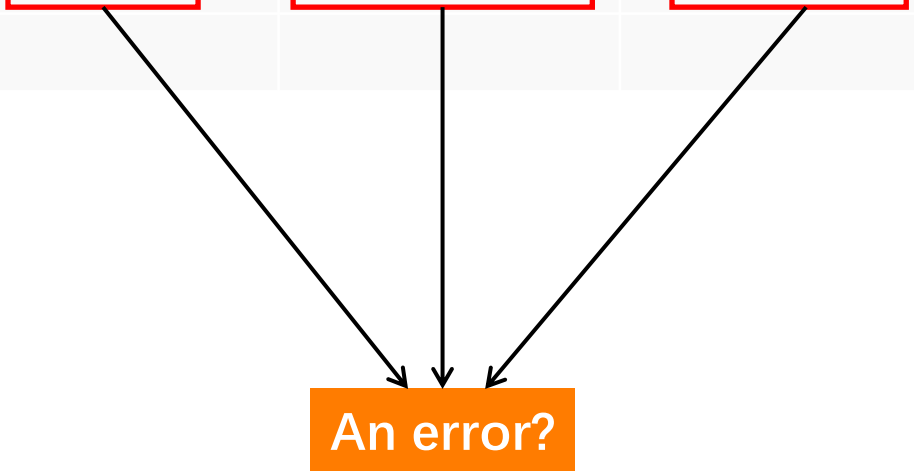
Customer 3		800 km	中科大西校区	合肥南站	
……					



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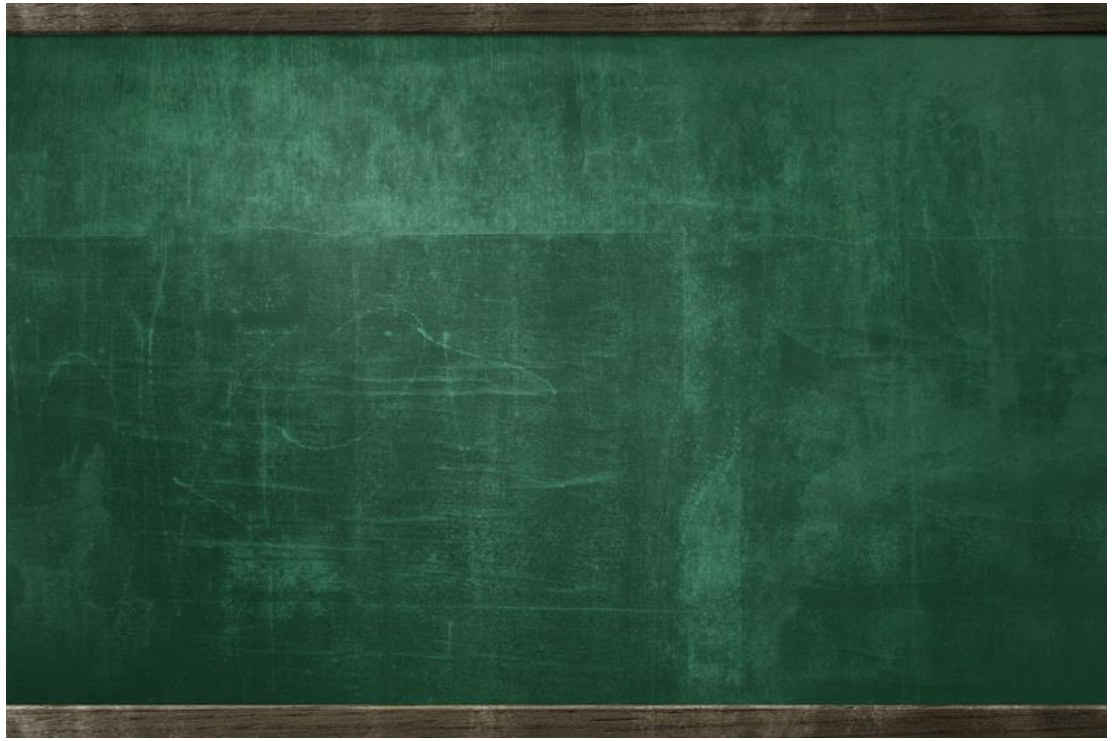
In real world applications, data preparation (cleaning) often takes up to **80%** (even **90%**) of the entire project lifecycle.

Step 2: Picking a hypothesis space

- Linear regression
  - Least squares



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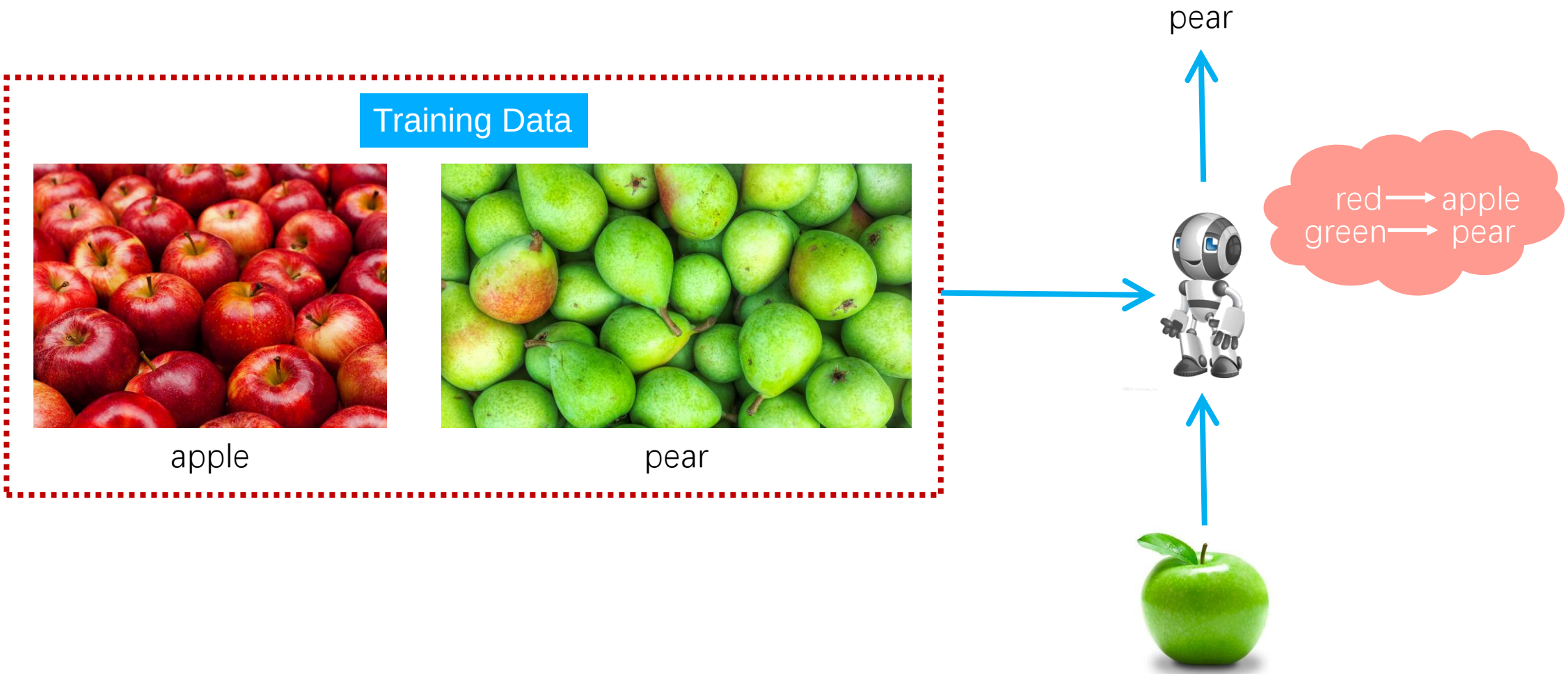

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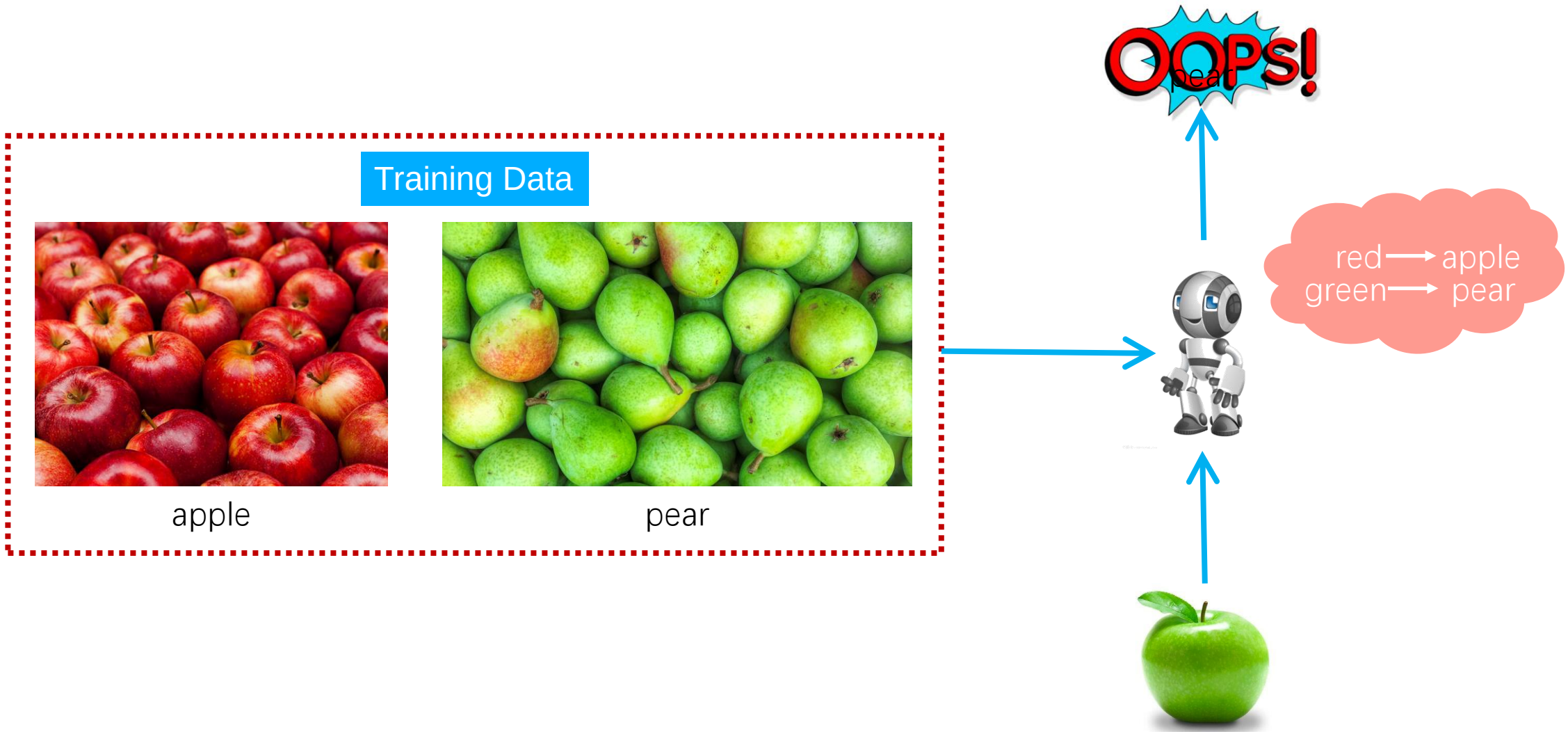

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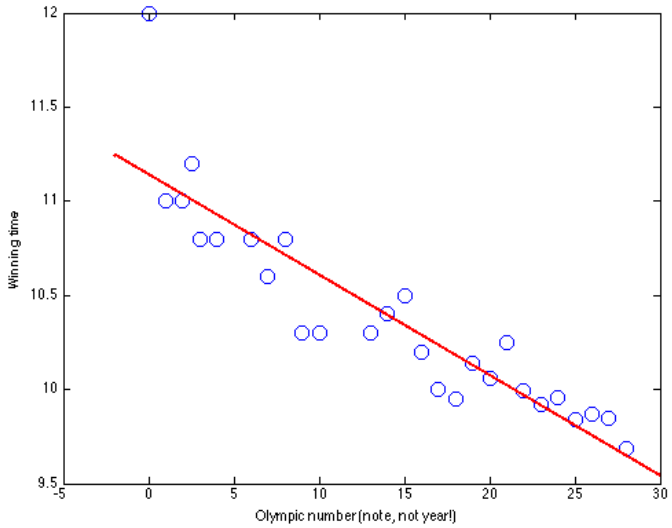
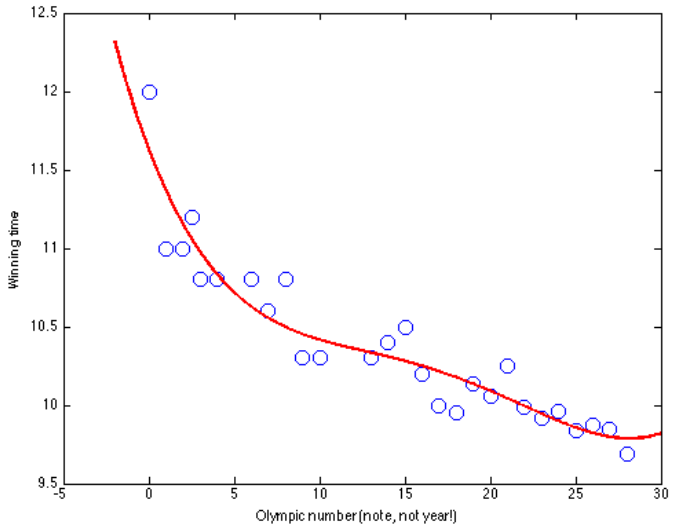
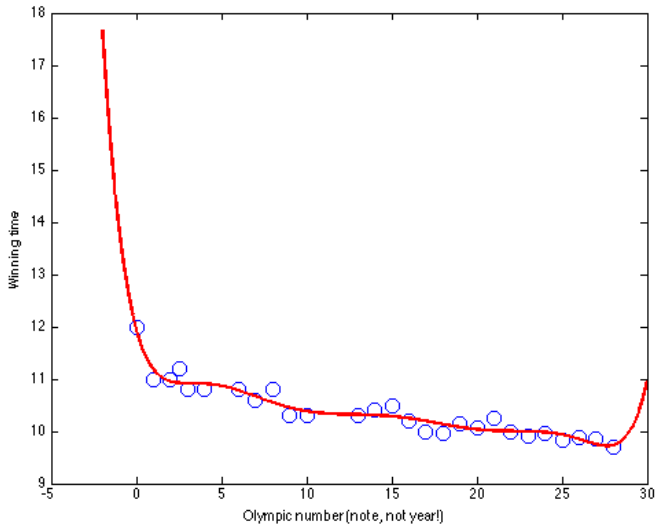


Linear function



4th order polynomial



8th order polynomial

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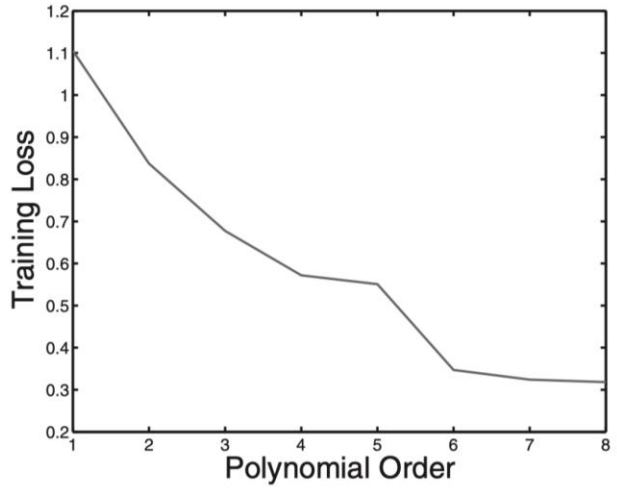
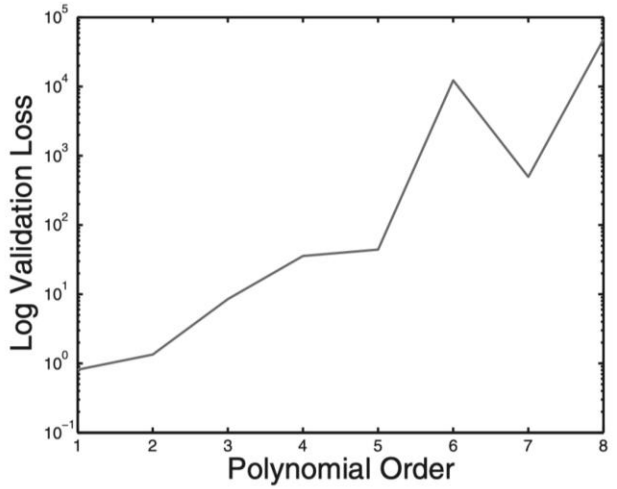
  - How to alleviate overfitting?

Validation data — Either provided separately or can be created by splitting the original data



(a) Training loss for the Olympic men's 100 m data.



(b) Log validation loss for the Olympic men's 100 m data. When using the squared loss, this is also known as the squared predictive error and measures how close the predicted values are to the true values. Note that the log loss is plotted as the value increases so rapidly.

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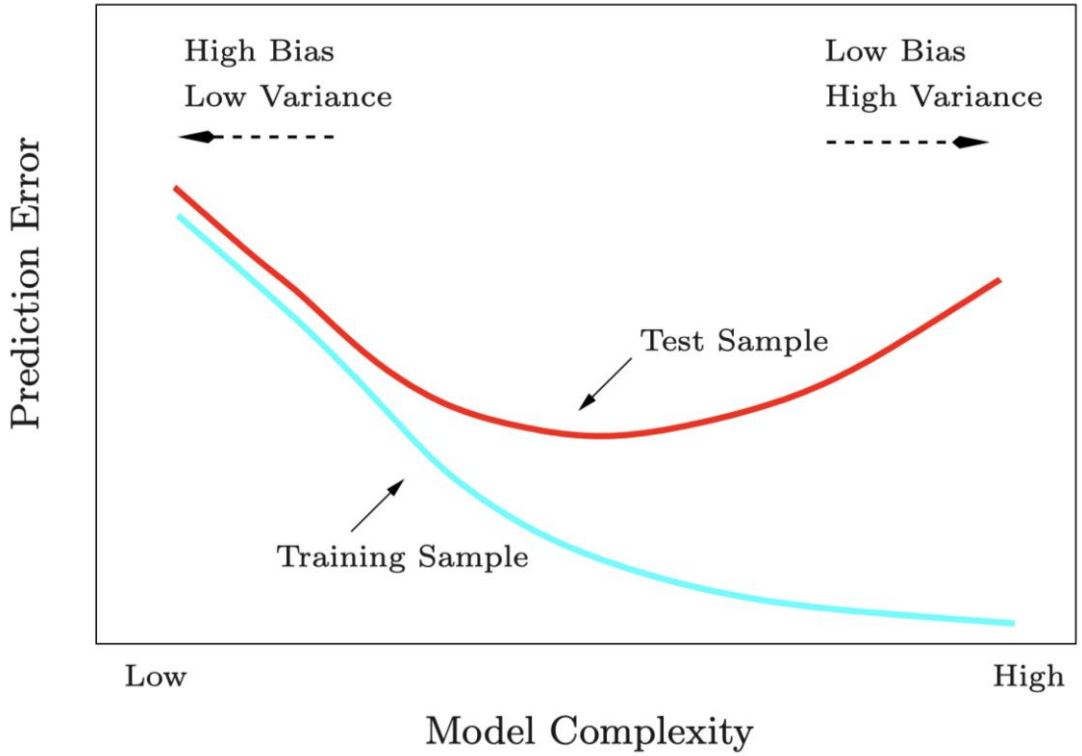

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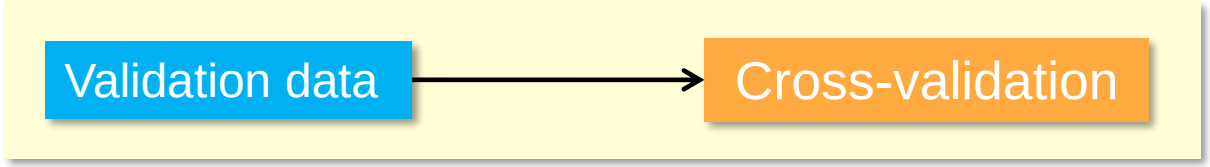

validation	train	train	train	train
train	validation	train	train	train
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train	train	train	train	validation

Five-fold cross-validation

Cross-validation Choose the model with the smallest prediction error on the validation sets averaged over the five folds

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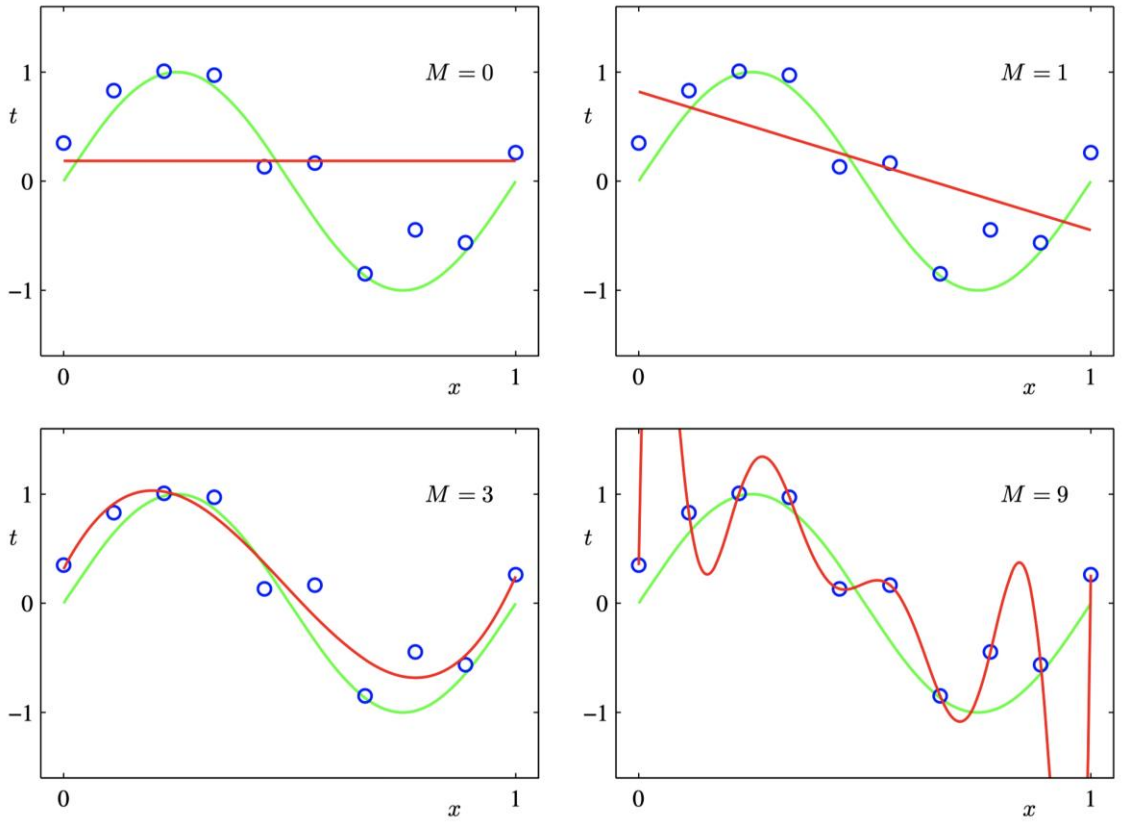

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$w_0^\star$	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
$w_1^\star$		-1.27	7.99	232.37
$w_2^\star$			-25.43	-5321.83
$w_3^\star$			17.37	48568.31
$w_4^\star$				-231639.30
$w_5^\star$				640042.26
$w_6^\star$				-1061800.52
$w_7^\star$				1042400.18
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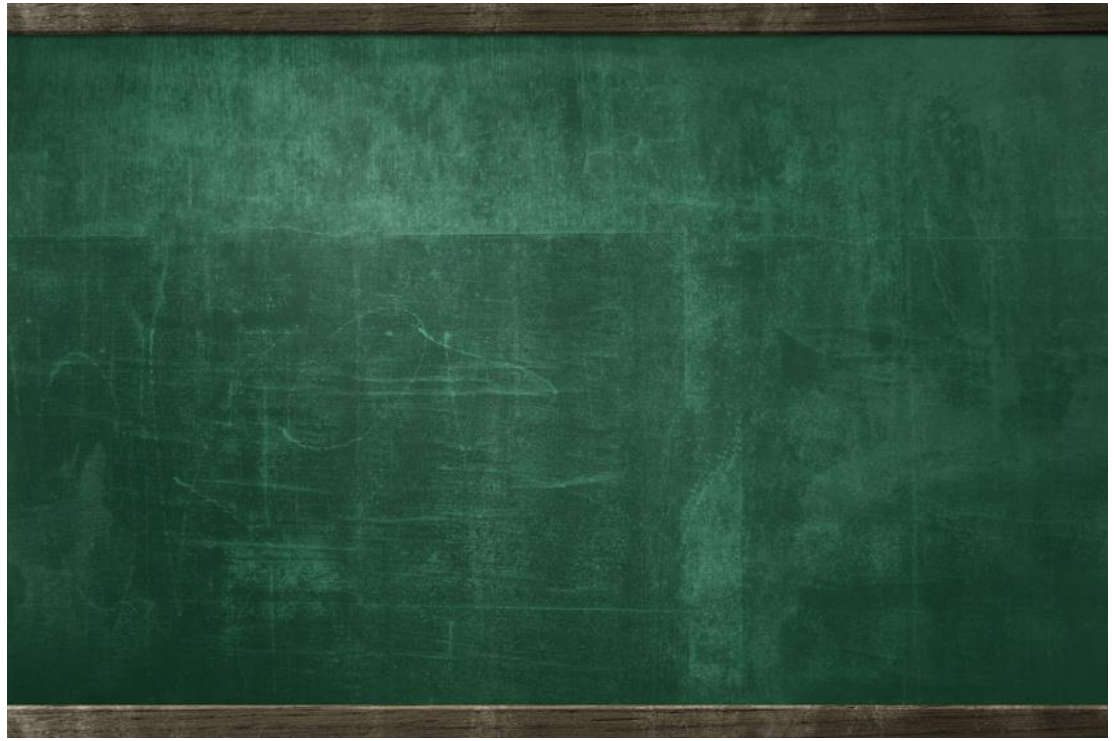
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