CS4442/9542b: Artificial Intelligence II
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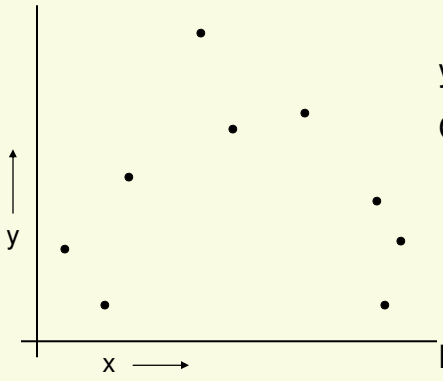
Lecture 7
Machine Learning: Cross Validation

Outline

- Performance evaluation methods
  - test/train sets
  - cross-validation
    - k-fold
    - Leave-one-out

A Regression Problem



y = f(x) + noise

Can we learn f from this data?

Let's consider three methods…

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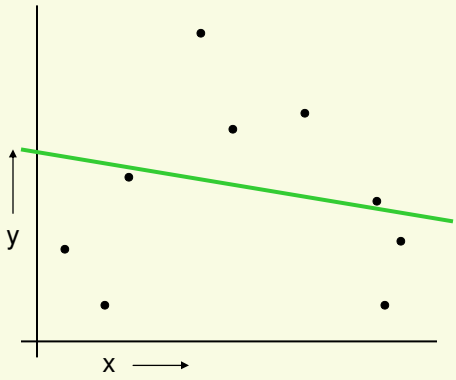
Linear Regression



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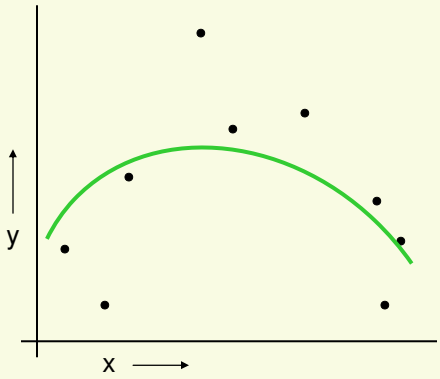
Quadratic Regression



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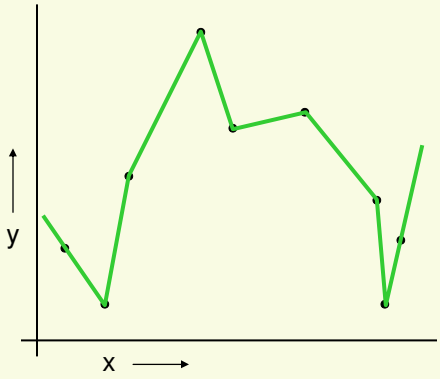
Join-the-dots



Also known as piecewise linear nonparametric regression if that makes you feel better

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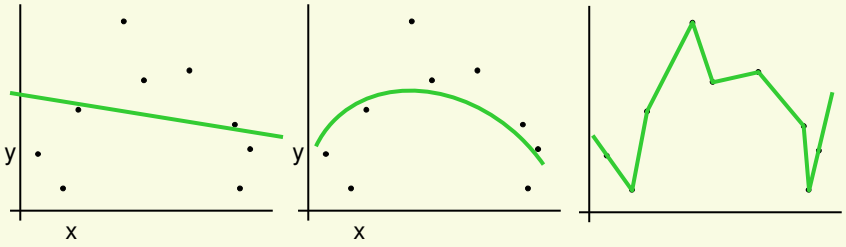
Which is best?



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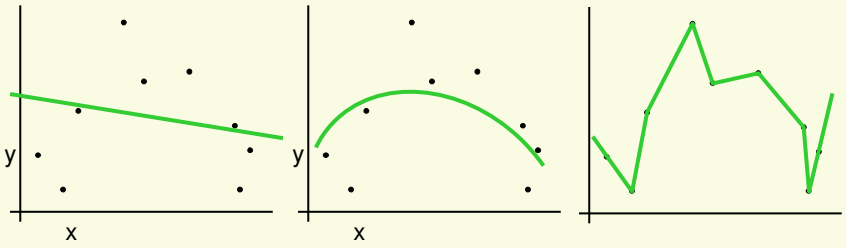
What do we really want?



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"How well are you going to predict future data drawn from the same distribution?"

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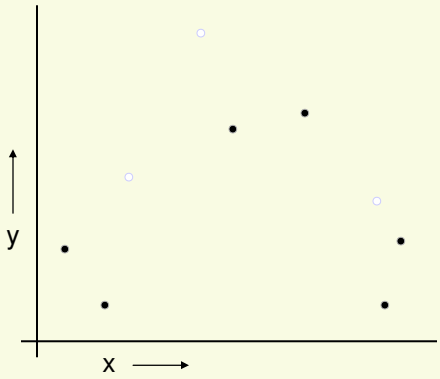
The test set method



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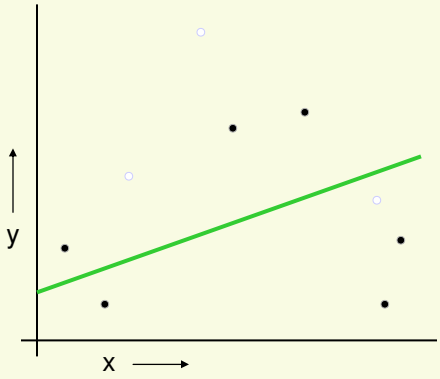

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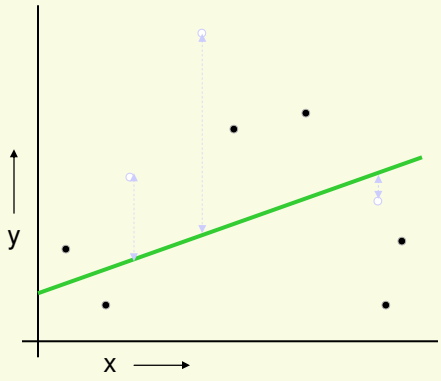

(Linear regression example)

Mean Squared Error = 2.4

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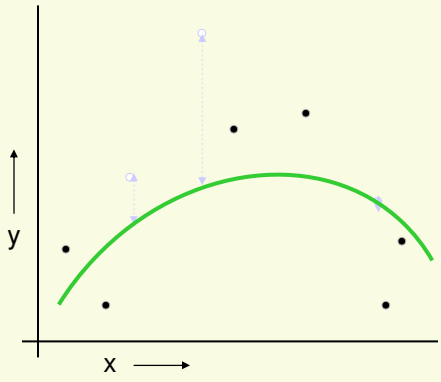

(Quadratic regression example)

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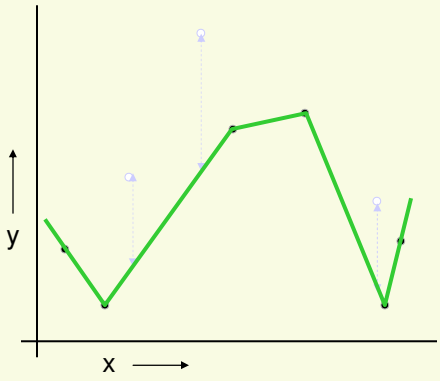

(Join the dots example)

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The test set method

- Good news:
- Very very simple
- Can then simply choose the method with the best test-set score
- Bad news:
- What's the downside?

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The test set method

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- Very very simple
- Can then simply choose the method with the best test-set score
- Bad news:
- Wastes data: we get an estimate of the best method to apply to 30% less data
  - if we don't have much data, our test-set might just be lucky or unlucky

We say the "test-set estimator of performance has high variance"

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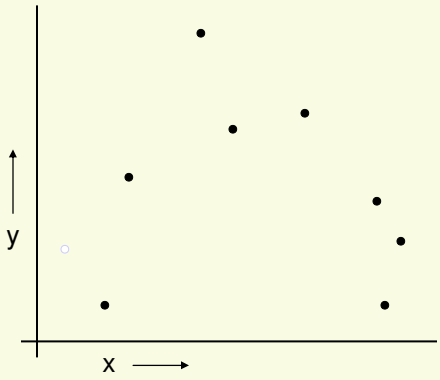
LOOCV *(Leave-one-out Cross Validation)*



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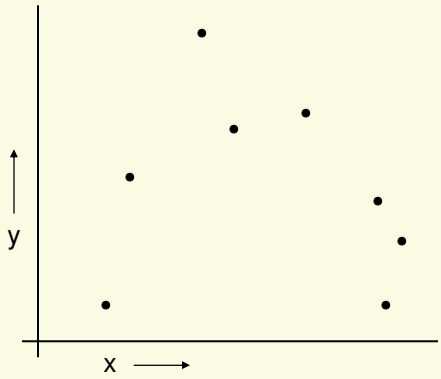

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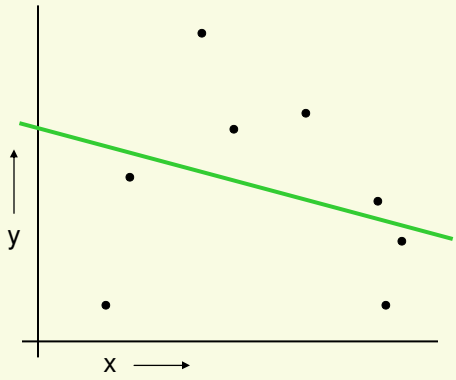

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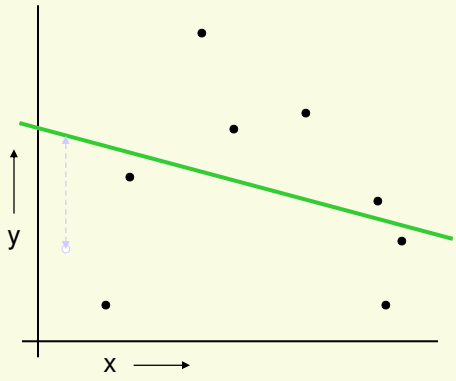

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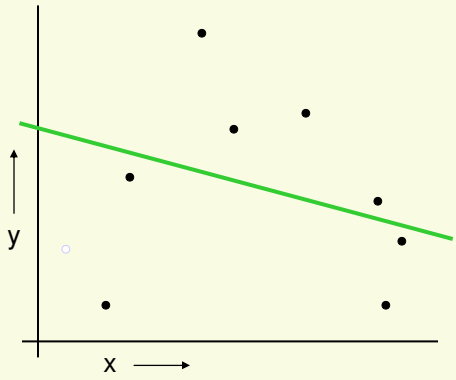

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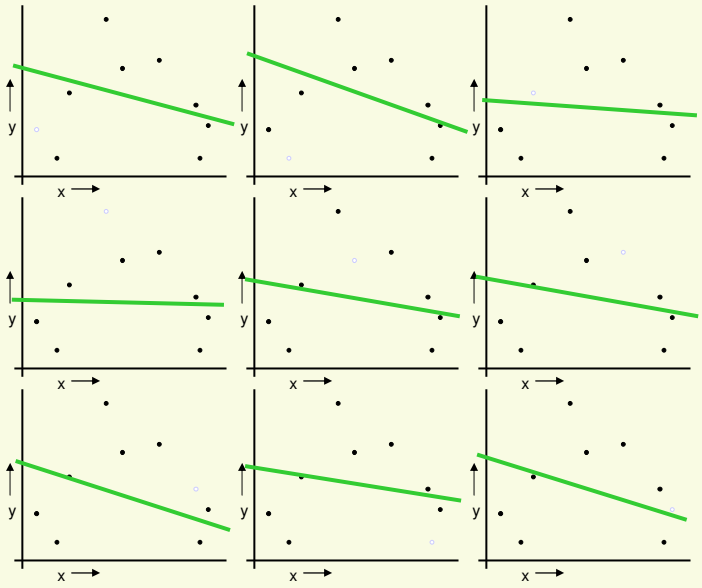

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$MSE_{LOOCV} = 2.12$

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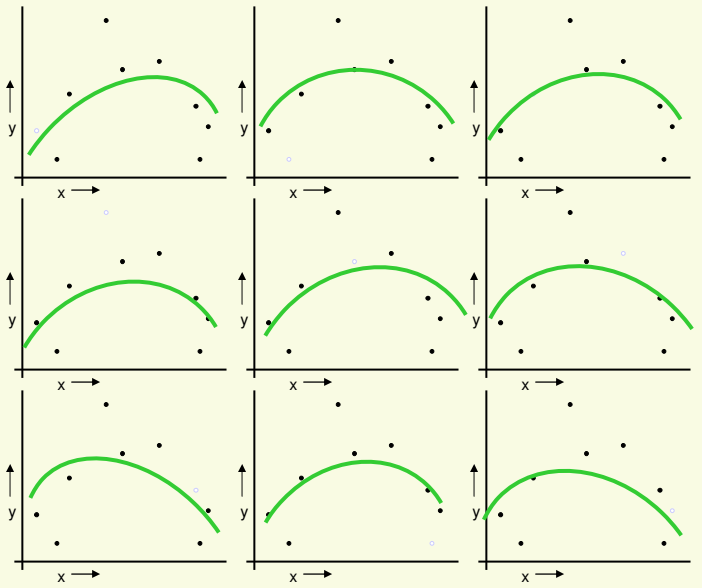
LOOCV for Quadratic Regression



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$MSE_{LOOCV} = 0.962$

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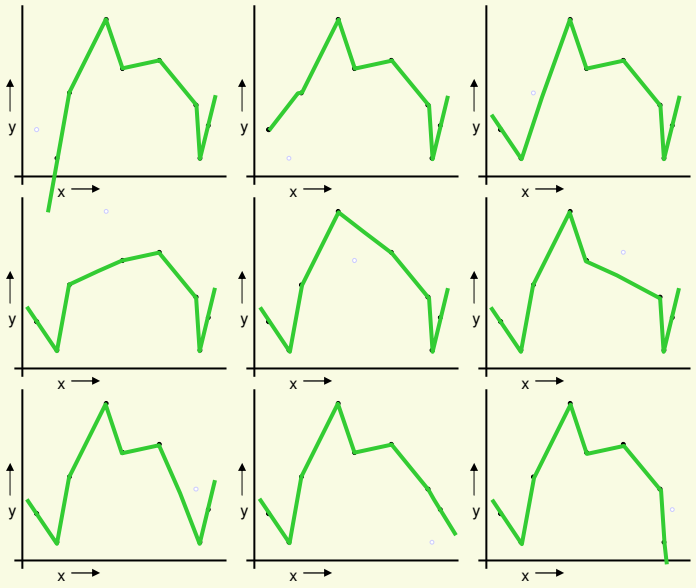
LOOCV for Join The Dots



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$MSE_{LOOCV} = 3.33$

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Which kind of Cross Validation?

	Downside	Upside
Test-set	Variance: unreliable estimate of future performance	Cheap
Leave-one-out	Expensive	Doesn't waste data

..can we get the best of both worlds?

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k-fold Cross Validation

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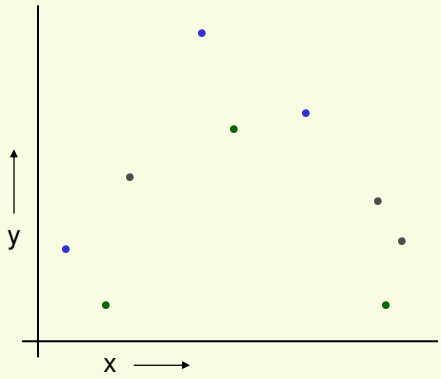

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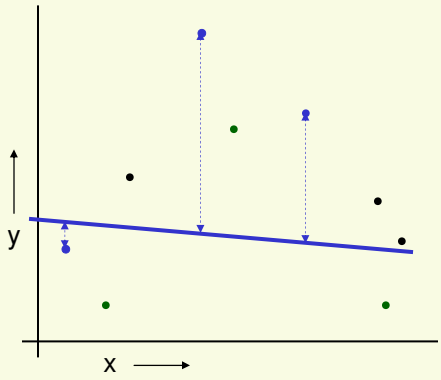

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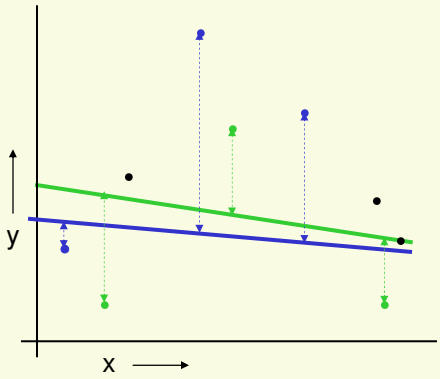

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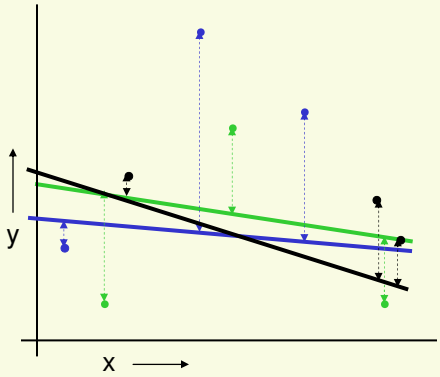

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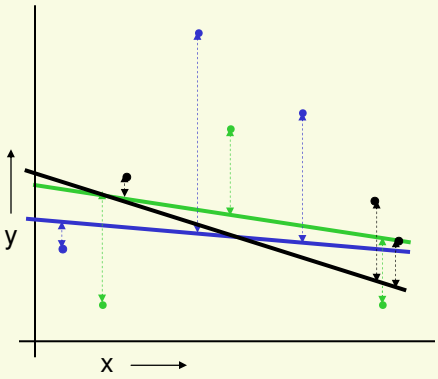

Linear Regression
$MSE_{3FOLD}=2.05$

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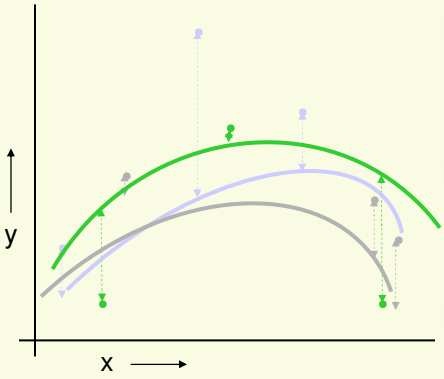

Quadratic Regression
$MSE_{3FOLD}=1.11$

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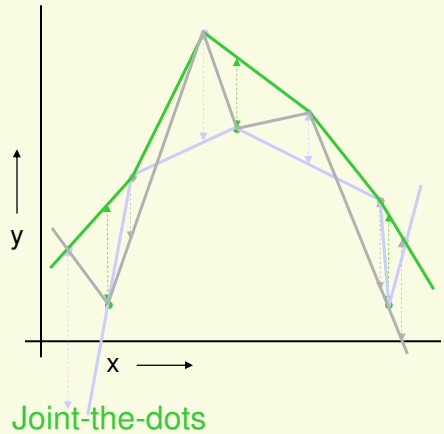

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10-fold	Wastes 10% of the data. 10 times more expensive than test set	Only wastes 10%. Only 10 times more expensive instead of R times.
3-fold	Wastier than 10-fold. Expensivier than test set	Slightly better than test-set
N-fold	Identical to Leave-one-out	

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CV-based Model Selection

- We're trying to decide which algorithm to use.
- We train each machine and make a table…

i	f_i	TRAINERR	10-FOLD-CV-ERR	Choice
1	f_1			
2	f_2			
3	f_3			√
4	f_4			
5	f_5			
6	f_6			

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CV-based Model Selection

- Example: Choosing number of hidden units in a one-hidden-layer neural net.
- Step 1: Compute 10-fold CV error for six different model

Algorithm	TRAINERR	10-FOLD-CV-ERR	Choice
0 hidden units			
1 hidden units			
2 hidden units			√
3 hidden units			
4 hidden units			
5 hidden units			

- Step 2: Whichever model class gave best CV score: train it with all the data, and that's the predictive model you'll use.

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CV-based Model Selection

- Example: Choosing “k” for a k-nearest-neighbor regression.
- Step 1: Compute LOOCV error for six different model classes:

Algorithm	TRAINERR	10-fold-CV-ERR	Choice
K=1			
K=2			
K=3			
K=4			√
K=5			
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Why did we use 10-fold-CV for neural nets and LOOCV for k-nearest neighbor?

And why stop at K=6

Are we guaranteed that a local optimum of K vs LOOCV will be the global optimum?

What should we do if we are depressed at the expense of doing LOOCV for K= 1 through 1000?

The reason is Computational. For k-NN (and all other nonparametric methods) LOOCV happens to be as cheap as regular predictions.

No good reason, except it looked like things were getting worse as K was increasing

Sadly, no. And in fact, the relationship can be very bumpy.

Idea One: K=1, K=2, K=4, K=8, K=16, K=32, K=64 … K=1024

Idea Two: Hillclimbing from an initial guess at K

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CV-based Algorithm Choice

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Algorithm	TRAINERR	10-fold-CV-ERR	Choice
1-NN			
10-NN			
Linear Reg'n			
Quad reg'n			√
LWR, KW=0.1			
LWR, KW=0.5			

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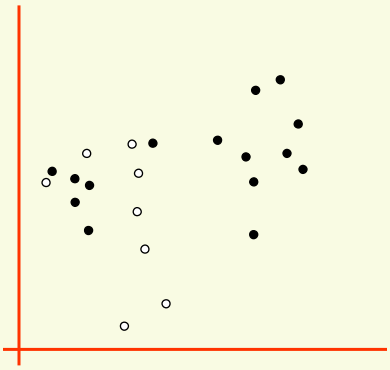
Cross-validation for classification

- Instead of computing the sum squared errors on a test set, you should compute…
  - The total number of misclassifications on a testset



- What's LOOCV of 1-NN?
- What's LOOCV of 3-NN?
- What's LOOCV of 22-NN?

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