

Here, I will prove the formula:

$$E[(y - \hat{f}(x))^2] = (\text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)])^2 + \text{var}[\hat{f}(x)] + \sigma^2$$

Where:

$$\text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)] = E[\hat{f}(x)] - f(x)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{f}(x)] = E[(E[\hat{f}(x)] - \hat{f}(x))^2]$$

$$y = f(x) + \varepsilon \quad \text{with} \quad E[\varepsilon] = 0 \\ \text{var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2$$

Prove:

$$\begin{aligned} E[(y - \hat{f}(x))^2] &= E[(f(x) + \varepsilon - \hat{f}(x))^2] = \\ &= E[(f(x) + \varepsilon - \hat{f}(x) + E[\hat{f}(x)] - E[\hat{f}(x)])^2] = \\ &= E[\varepsilon(f(x) - E[\hat{f}(x)])] + E[\varepsilon(E[\hat{f}(x)] - \hat{f}(x))] \\ &+ E[(f(x) - E[\hat{f}(x)])^2] + E[(E[\hat{f}(x)] - \hat{f}(x))^2] + \\ &+ E[(f(x) - E[\hat{f}(x)])(E[\hat{f}(x)] - \hat{f}(x))] + E[\varepsilon^2] = \\ &= 0 + 0 + (\text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)])^2 + \text{var}[\hat{f}(x)] + \\ &+ 0 + \sigma^2 = \\ &= (\text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)])^2 + \text{var}[\hat{f}(x)] + \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

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