Machine Learning

Outline

I. ML and applications

II. Supervised learning

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Machine learning (ML) refers to the process in which a computer

- observes some data,
- builds a model based on the data, and
- uses the model as both a hypothesis about the world and a piece of problem solving software.

Learning Agents

- Learning modifies the agent's decision mechanisms to improve performance.
  - Which component is to be improved.
  - Which prior knowledge the agent has, which influences the model.
  - What data and feedback on that data is available.
- Environment changes over time – learning needs to adapt to changes.
- Learning is essential for unknown environments.

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Data Mining

- Huge amounts of data are available from

  science, medicine, economics, geography, environment, sports, …

- Data is a potentially valuable resource.

- Raw data are useless – need techniques to automatically extract information from it.

  - Data: recorded facts
  - Information: patterns underlying the data

- Machine learning techniques automatically find patterns in data.

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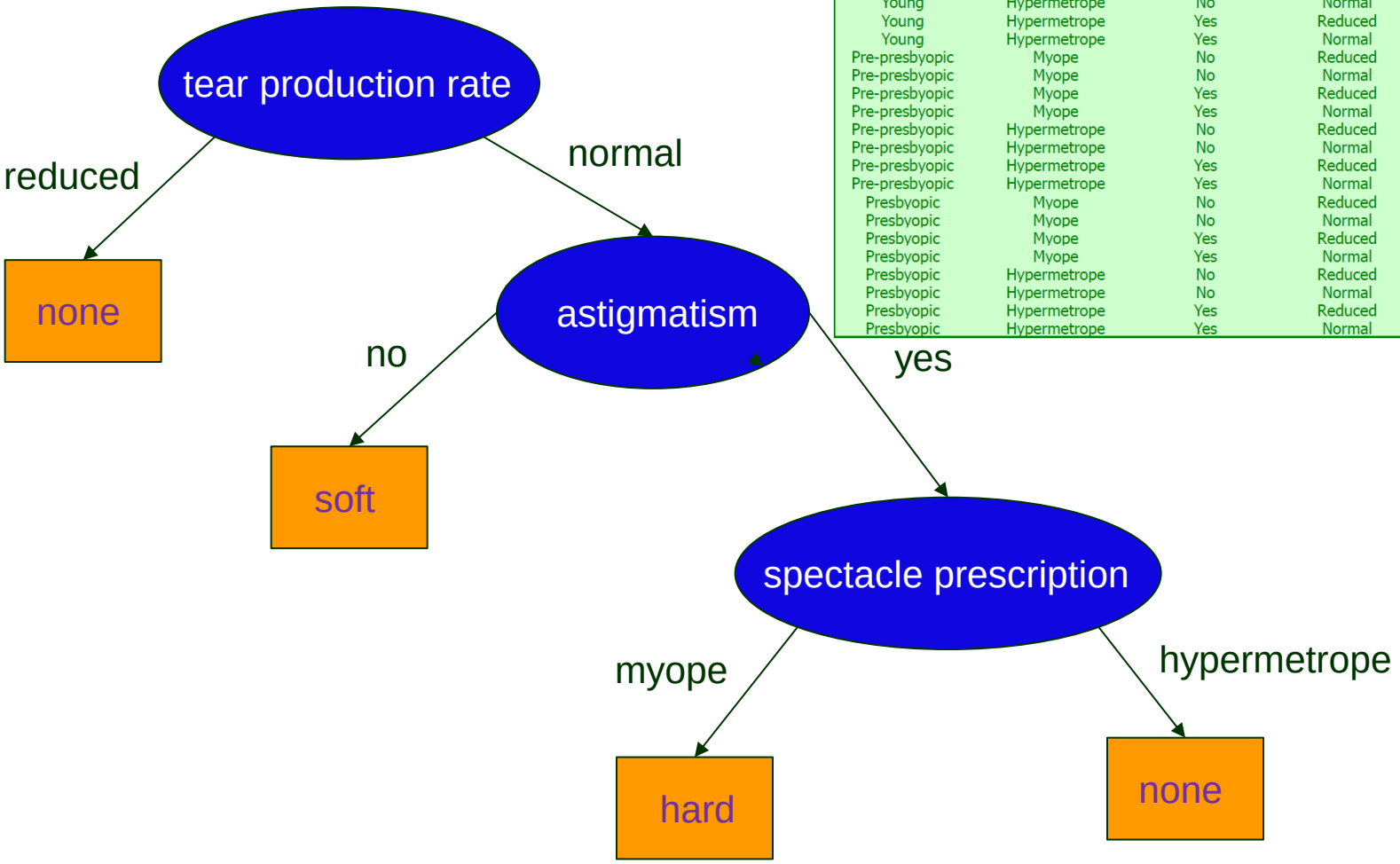

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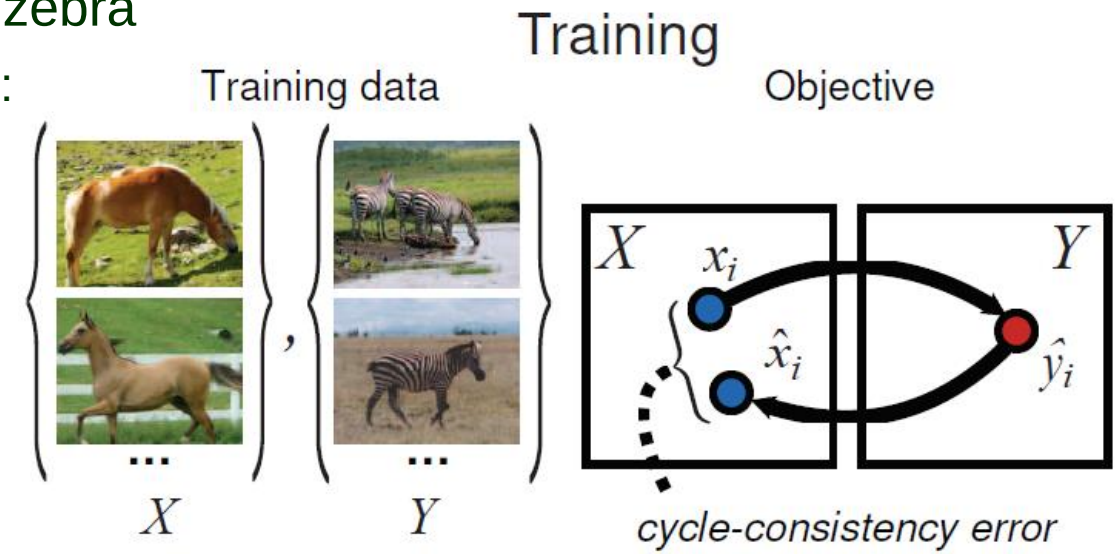
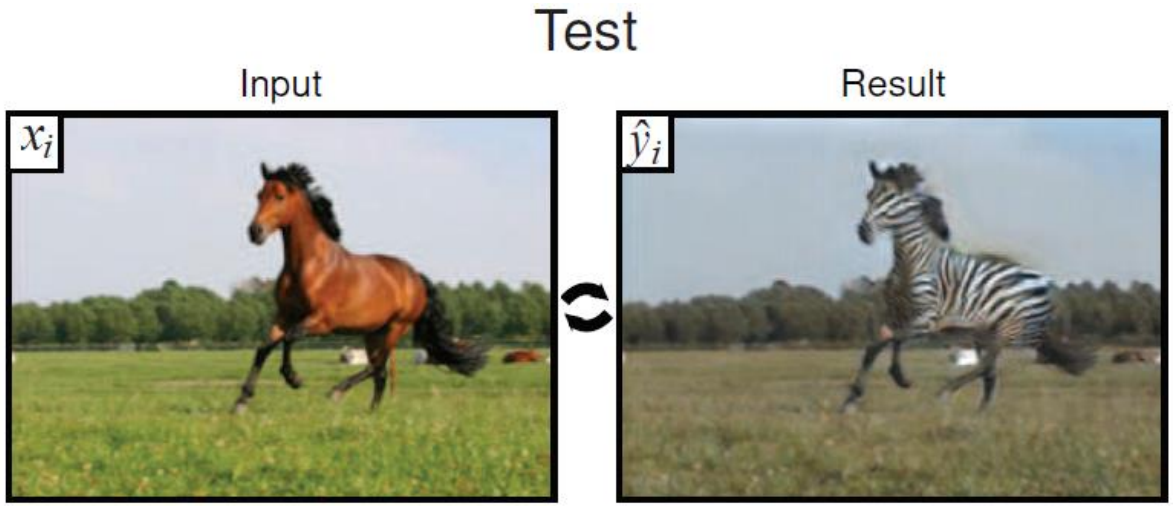
Image Translation

Translate a horse into a zebra

(find corresponding pairs):





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$y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n$: *ground truth* to be predicted by our model

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- The true measure of h is how it handles inputs it has not seen.

  Test set: a second sample of (x_i, y_i) pairs

- h generalizes well if it matches the test set with high accuracy.

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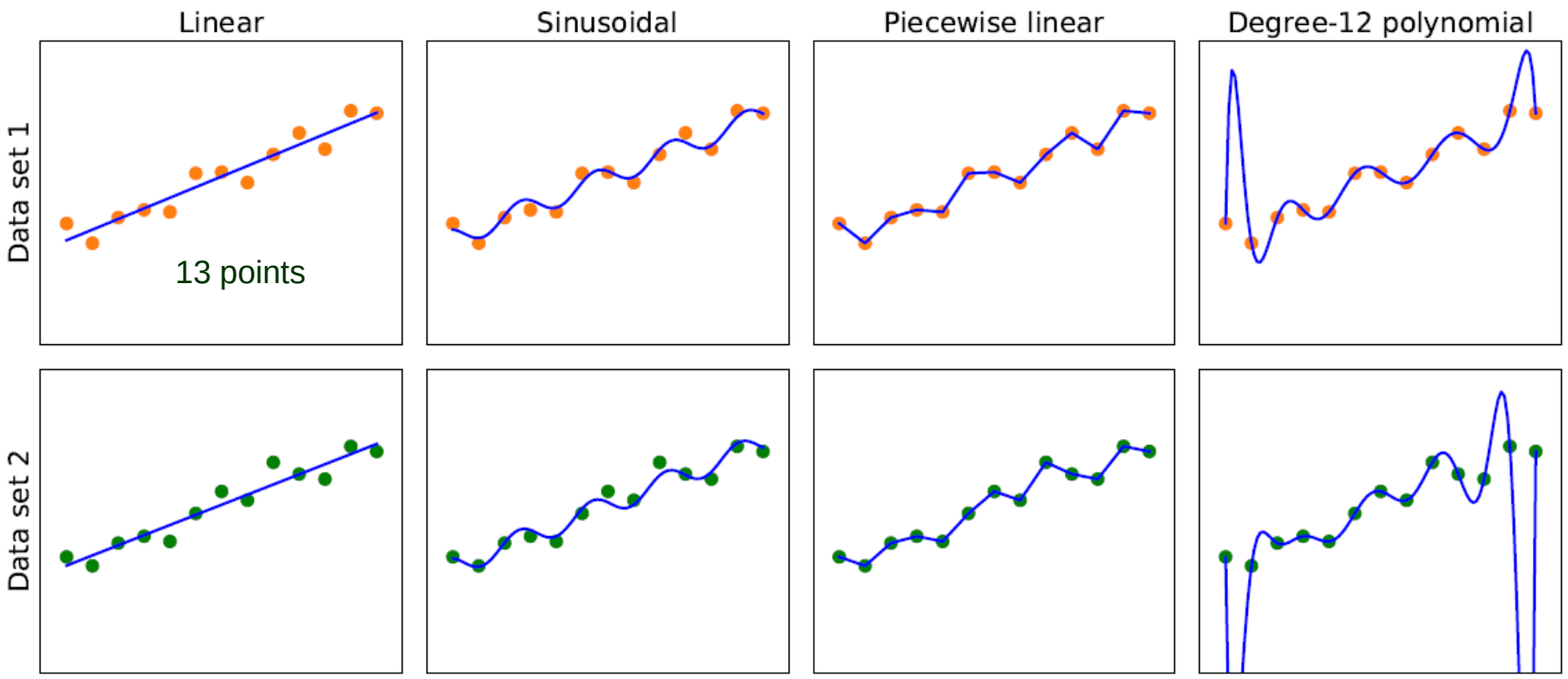

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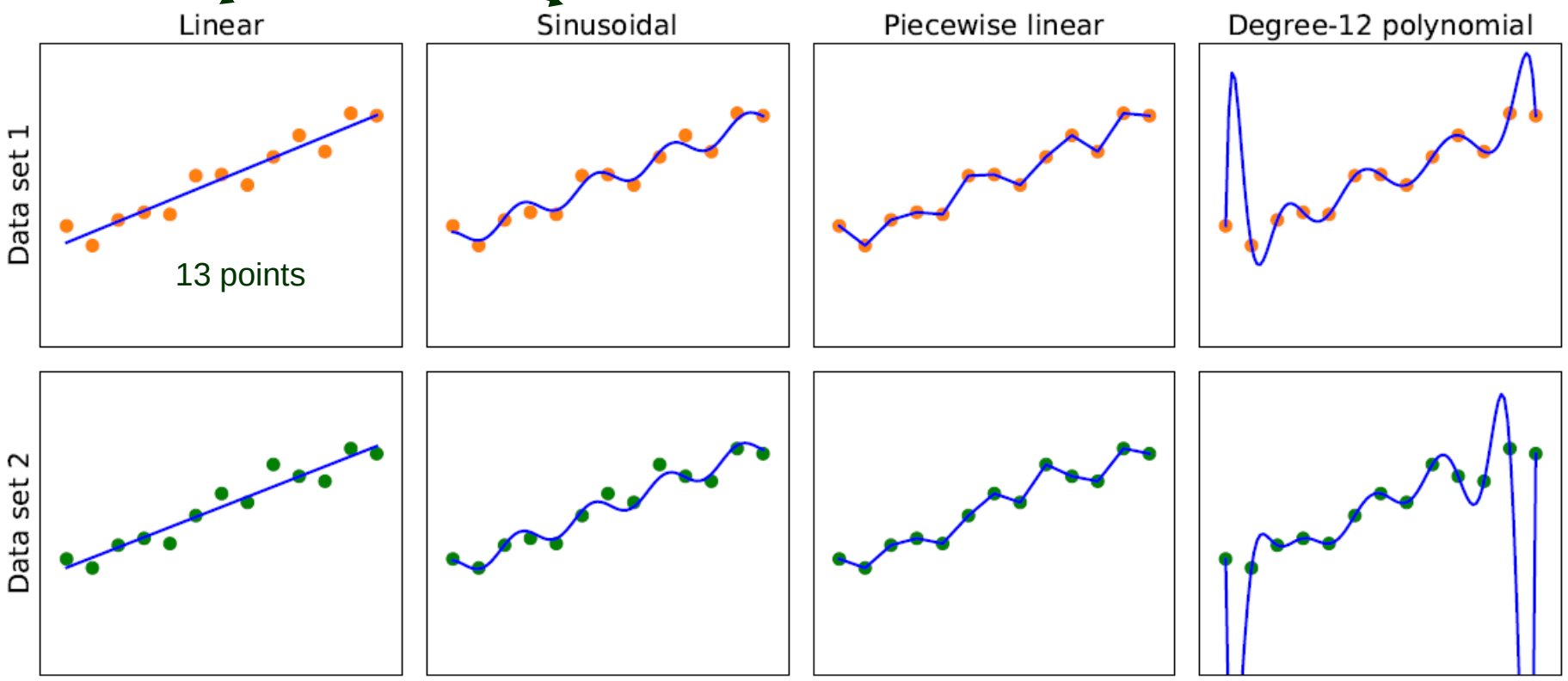

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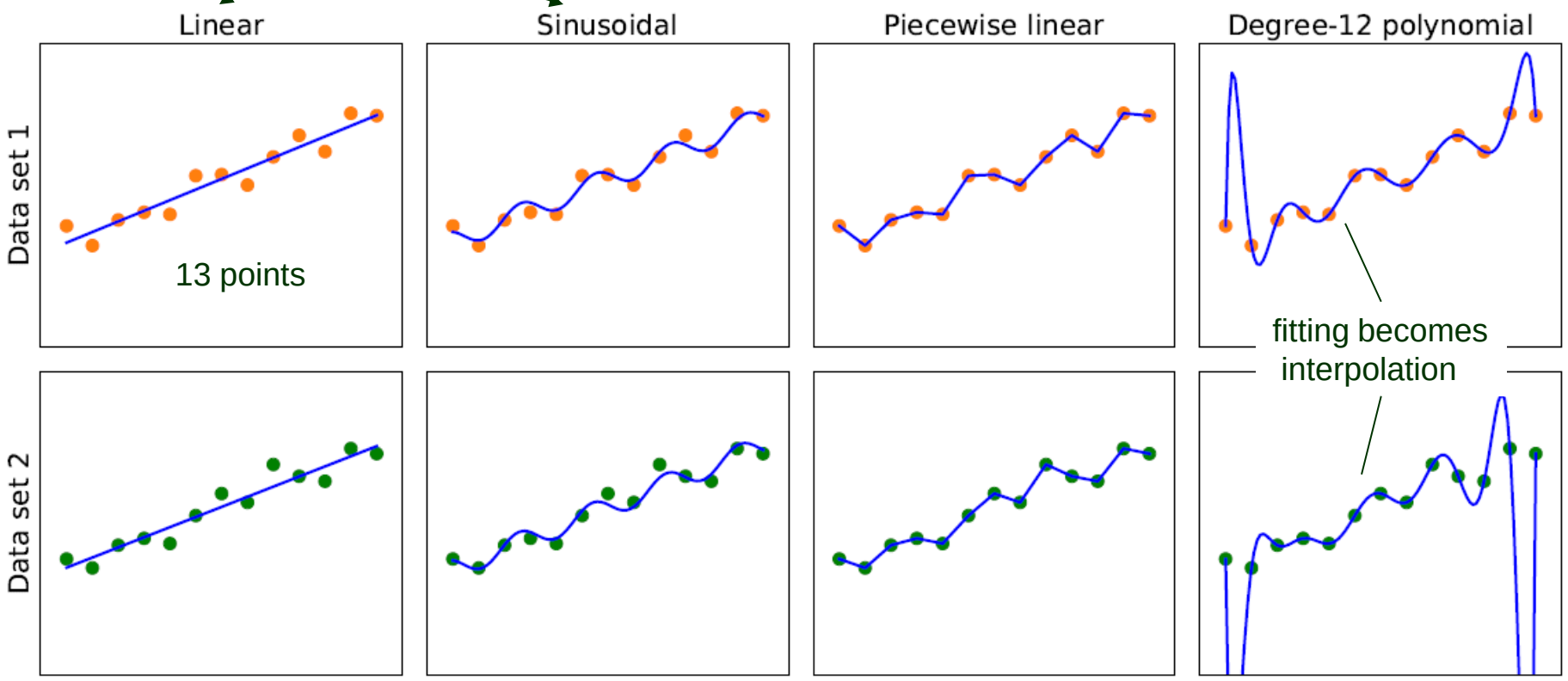

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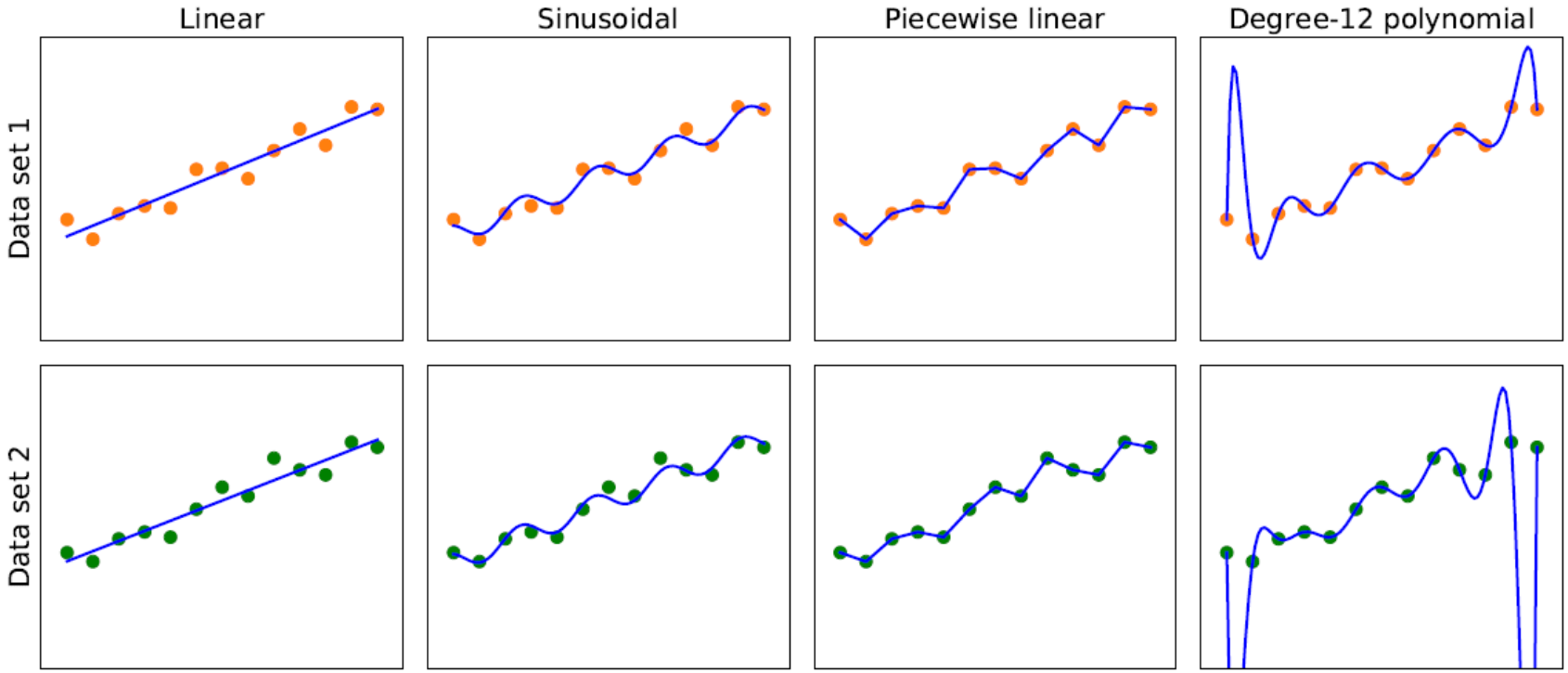

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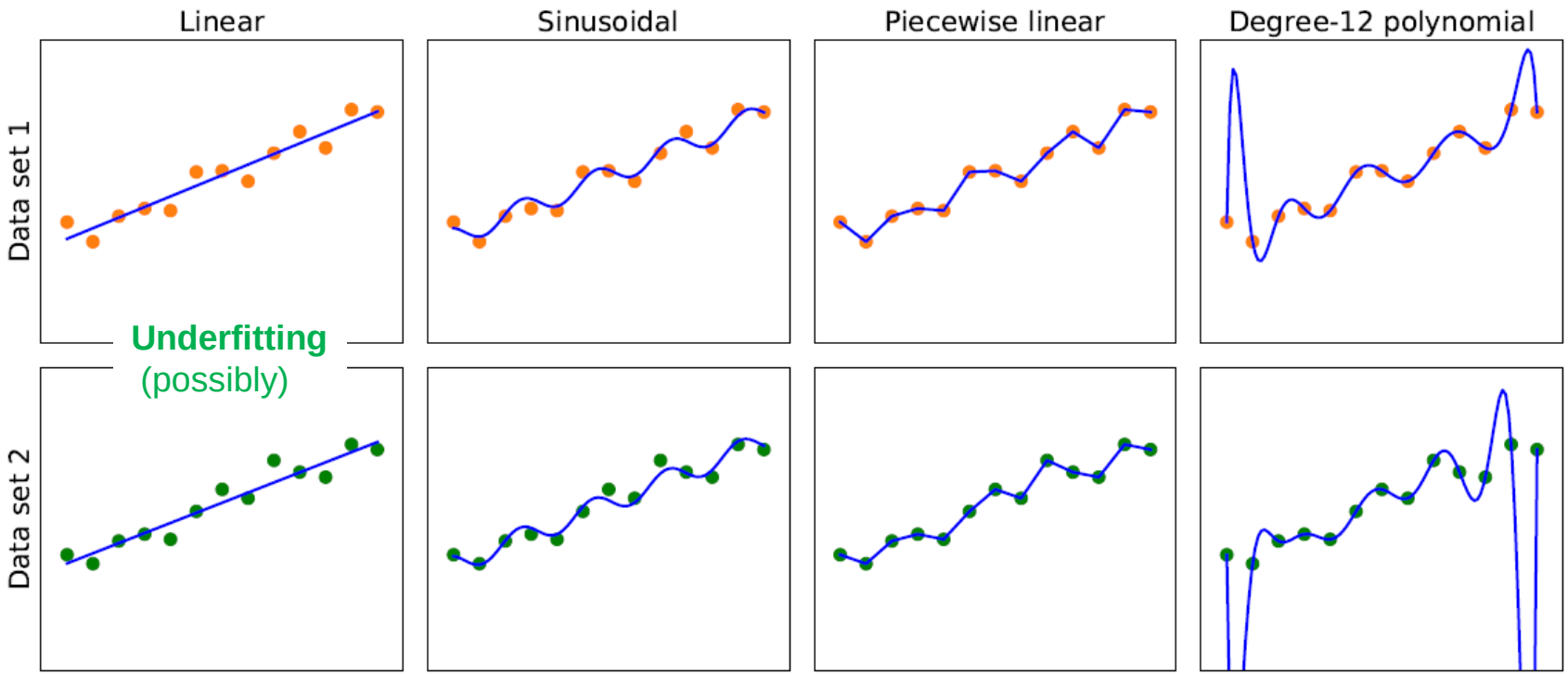

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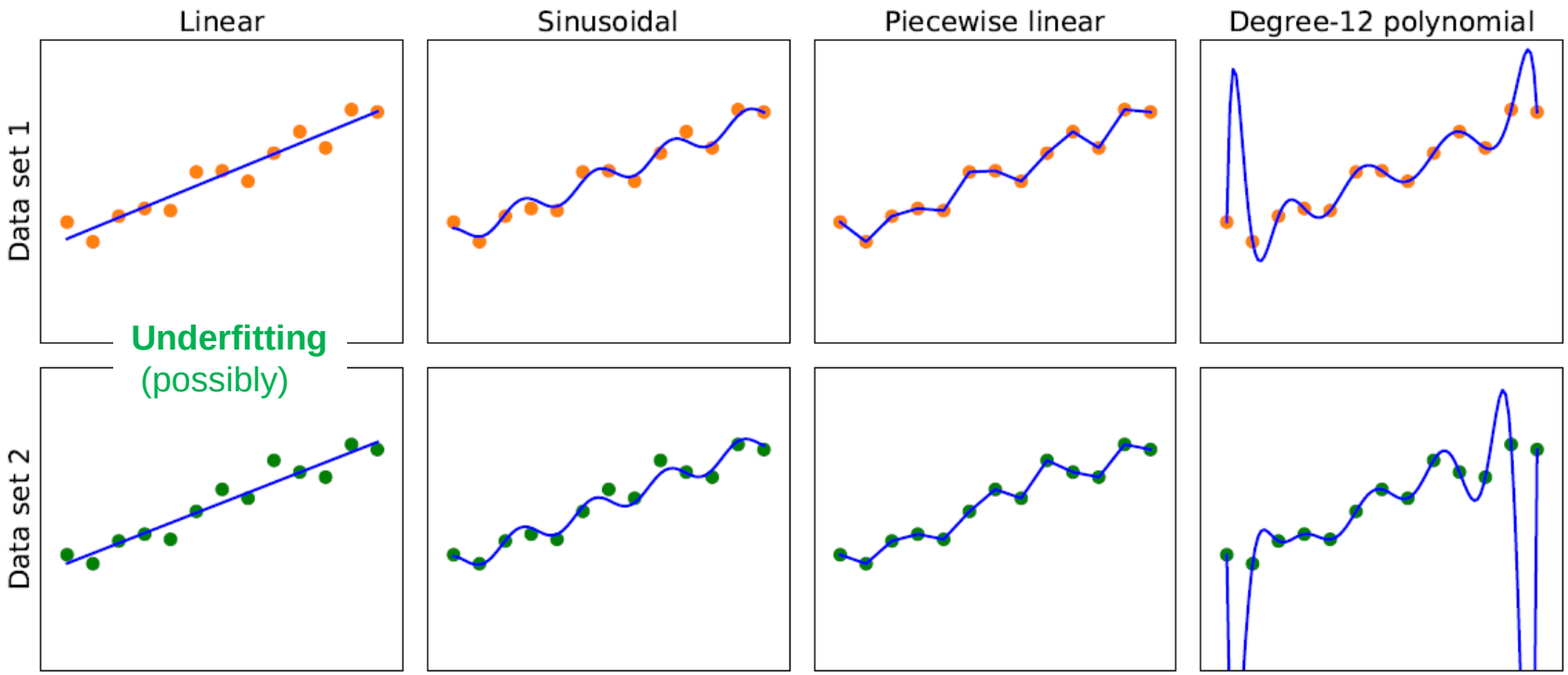

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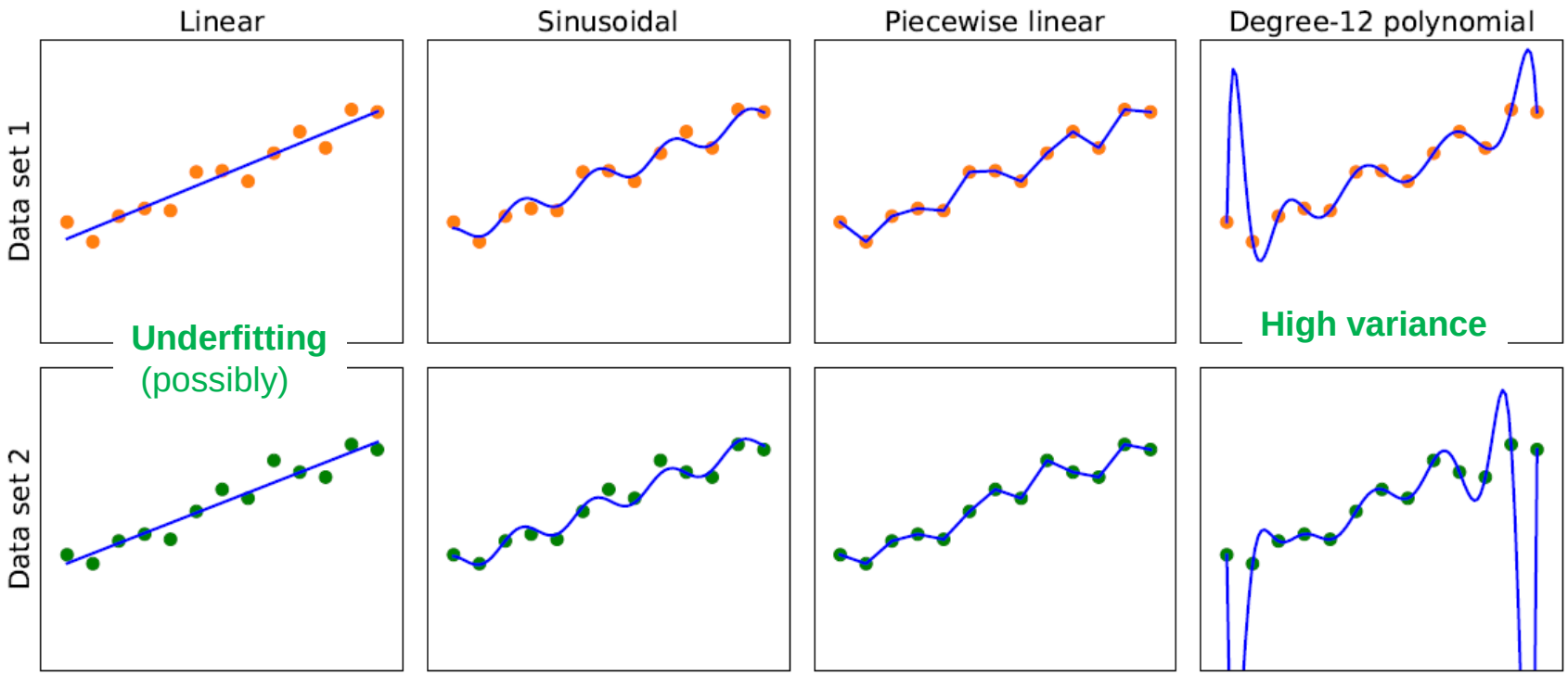

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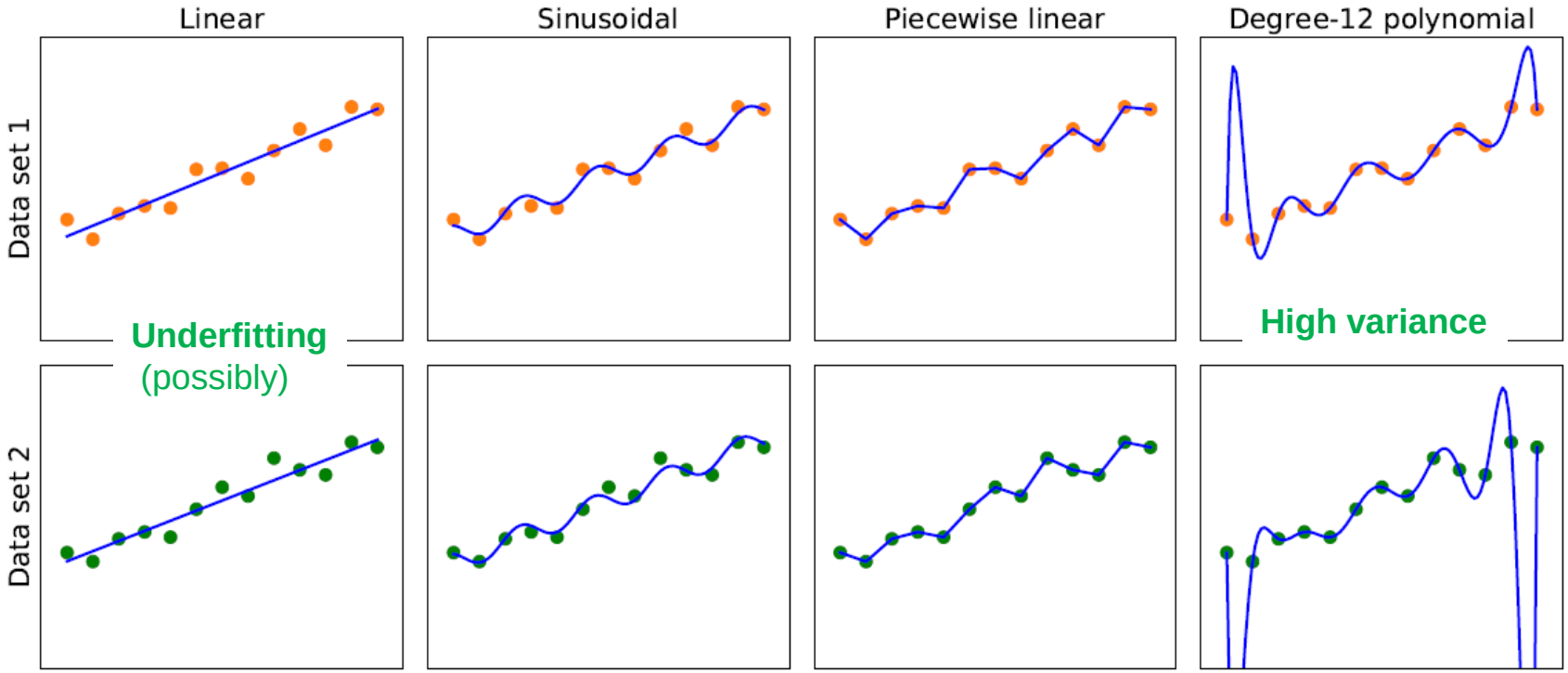

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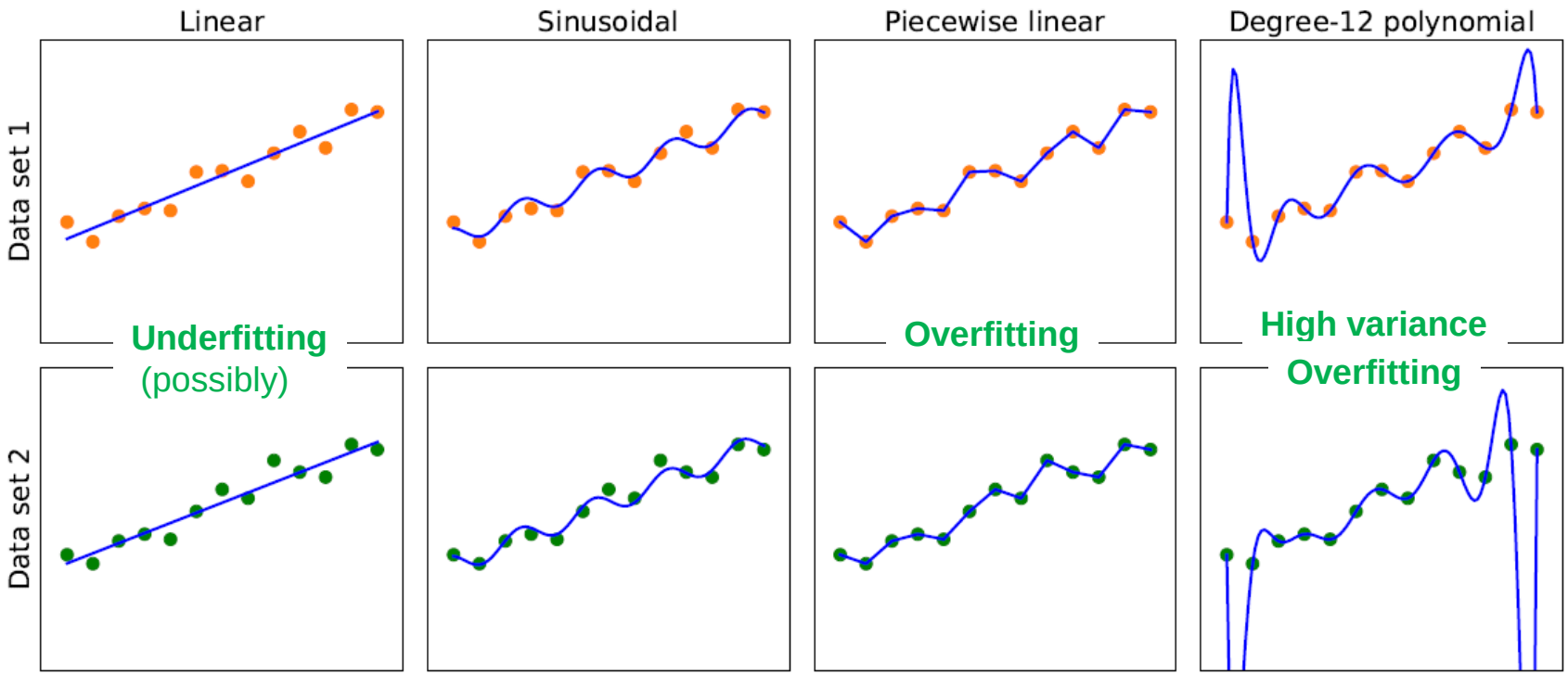

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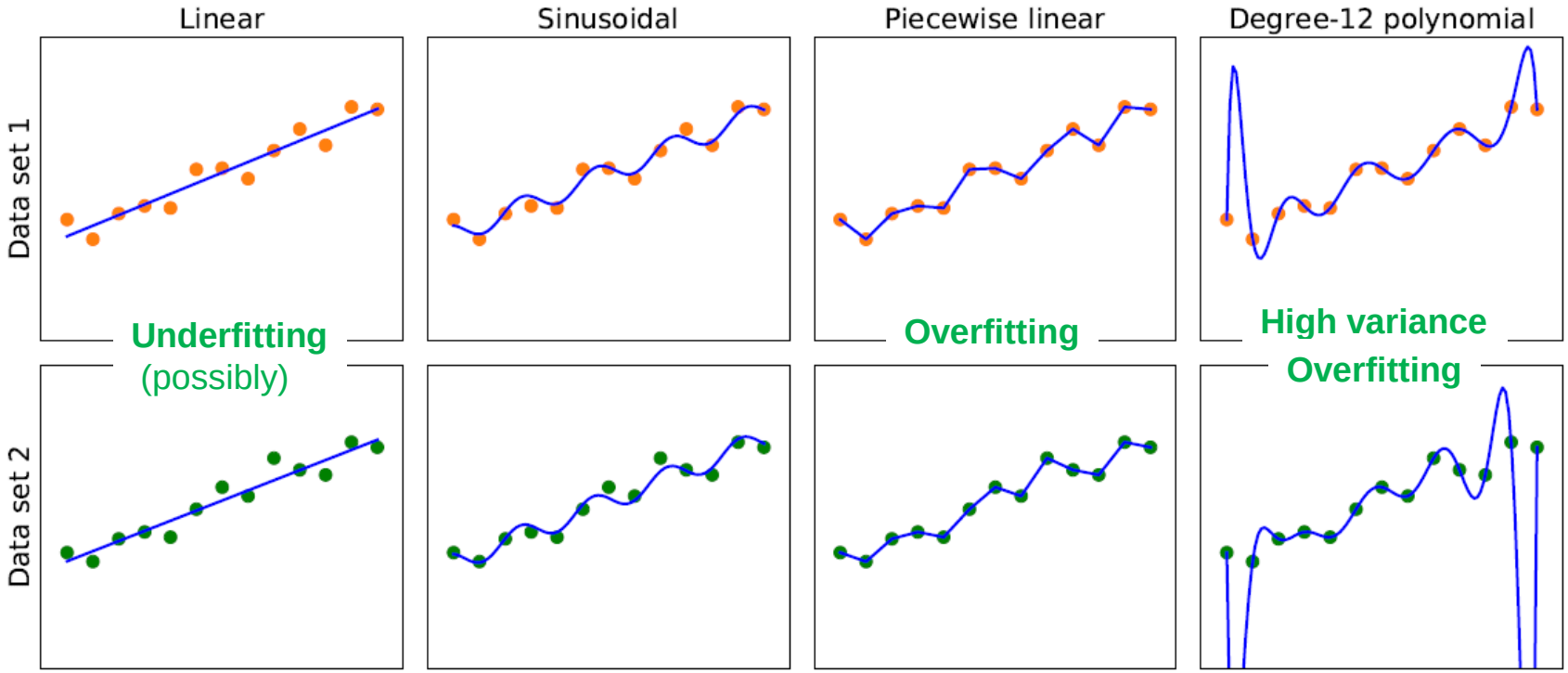

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- ♣ We will likely be using h for evaluations after we have learned it.

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$\mathbf{x}_{11}$	*No*	*No*	*No*	*No*	*None*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Thai*	*0–10*	$y_{11} = No$
$\mathbf{x}_{12}$	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Full*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Burger*	*30–60*	$y_{12} = Yes$

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Training Examples

Example	Input Attributes										Output
	Alt	*Bar*	*Fri*	*Hun*	*Pat*	*Price*	*Rain*	*Res*	*Type*	*Est*	*WillWait*
$\mathbf{x}_1$	*Yes*	*No*	*No*	*Yes*	*Some*	*$$$*	*No*	*Yes*	*French*	*0–10*	$y_1 = Yes$
$\mathbf{x}_2$	*Yes*	*No*	*No*	*Yes*	*Full*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Thai*	*30–60*	$y_2 = No$
$\mathbf{x}_3$	*No*	*Yes*	*No*	*No*	*Some*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Burger*	*0–10*	$y_3 = Yes$
$\mathbf{x}_4$	*Yes*	*No*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Full*	*$*	*Yes*	*No*	*Thai*	*10–30*	$y_4 = Yes$
$\mathbf{x}_5$	*Yes*	*No*	*Yes*	*No*	*Full*	*$$$*	*No*	*Yes*	*French*	*>60*	$y_5 = No$
$\mathbf{x}_6$	*No*	*Yes*	*No*	*Yes*	*Some*	*$$*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Italian*	*0–10*	$y_6 = Yes$
$\mathbf{x}_7$	*No*	*Yes*	*No*	*No*	*None*	*$*	*Yes*	*No*	*Burger*	*0–10*	$y_7 = No$
$\mathbf{x}_8$	*No*	*No*	*No*	*Yes*	*Some*	*$$*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Thai*	*0–10*	$y_8 = Yes$
$\mathbf{x}_9$	*No*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*No*	*Full*	*$*	*Yes*	*No*	*Burger*	*>60*	$y_9 = No$
$\mathbf{x}_{10}$	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Full*	*$$$*	*No*	*Yes*	*Italian*	*10–30*	$y_{10} = No$
$\mathbf{x}_{11}$	*No*	*No*	*No*	*No*	*None*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Thai*	*0–10*	$y_{11} = No$
$\mathbf{x}_{12}$	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Yes*	*Full*	*$*	*No*	*No*	*Burger*	*30–60*	$y_{12} = Yes$

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- We need to make our best guess at the missing 9,204 output values.