

# **Revisitando o princípio da parcimônia na identificação de sistemas e aprendizado de máquina**

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*Under review Automatica (2023)*

**The unreasonable effectiveness of overparameterized machine learning models**

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*Seminar PhD course, Uppsala University (Fall 2021)*

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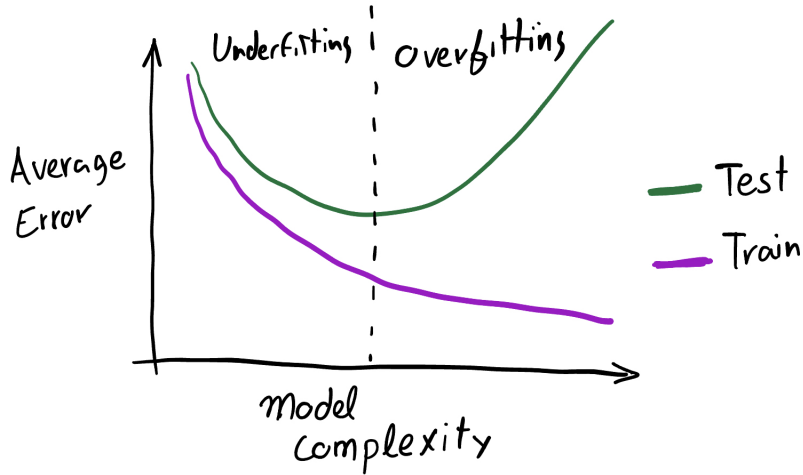
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## *System identification vs machine learning*



# Bias-variance tradeoff



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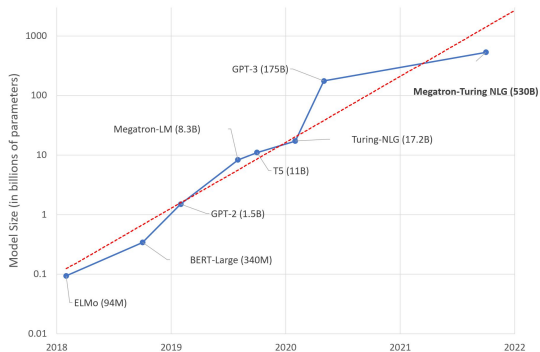
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# Model size in neural networks



Language models

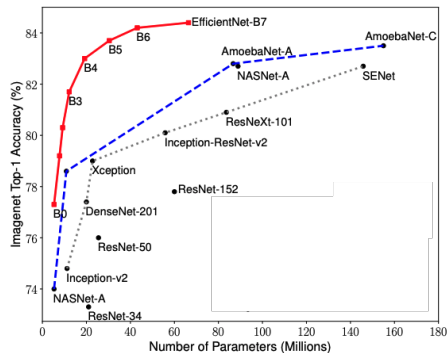


Image classification

Figure: Models number of parameters

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We say the model  $f_\beta$  interpolates the training data if:

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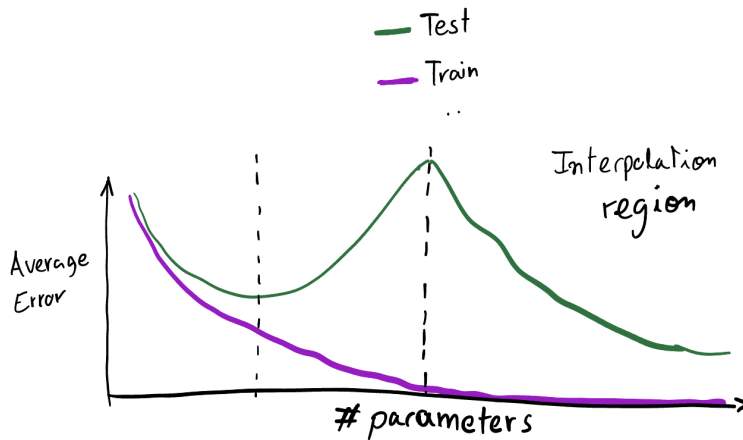
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# Double-descent



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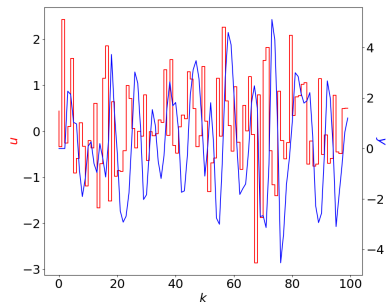
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# Syntetic Dataset

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**Figure: System with process noise.**

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# Results

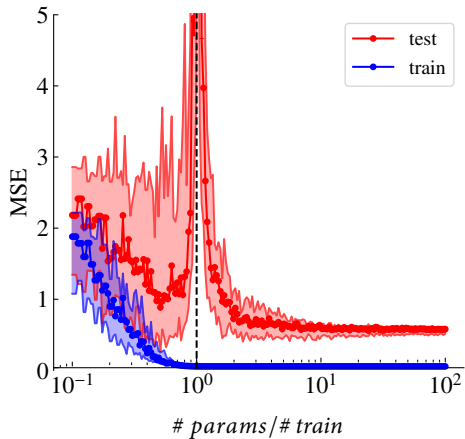


Figure: **Double-descent in system identification.** MSE = Mean square error.

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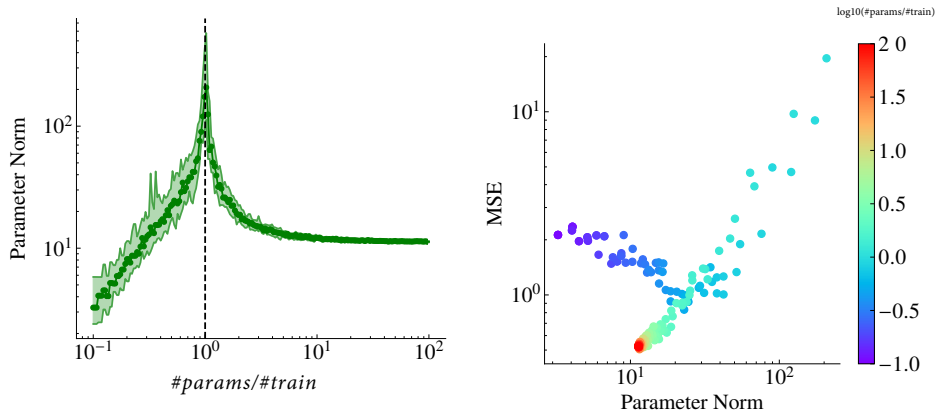


Figure: Left: Parameter norm double descent curve. Right: Test MSE vs parameter norm.

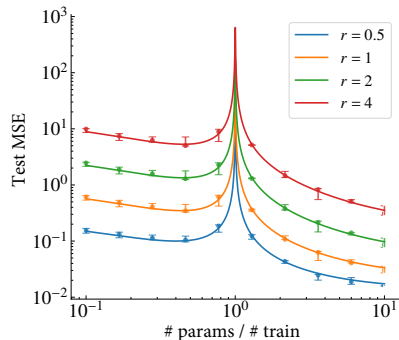
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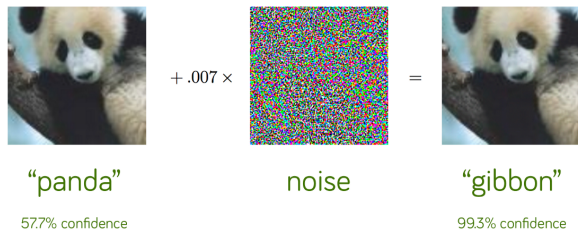
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## **III - Adversarial examples**

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**Figure:** Adversarial examples in image classification.

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## Adversarial robustness

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- ▶ *Dual formula for the adversarial error*

$$\left(\text{Adv-error}(\hat{\beta})\right)^2 = \left(|\text{Error}(\hat{\beta})| + \delta \|\hat{\beta}\|_*\right)^2$$

- ▶ where  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is the dual norm.



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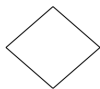
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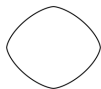
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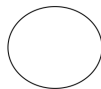
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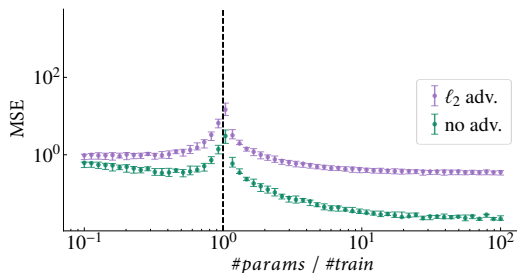
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**Figure:** Adv. risk. minimum  $\ell_2$ -norm interpolator

# Adversarial training

- ▶ One of the most effective approaches for deep learning models to defend against adversarial attacks.
- ▶ Training models on samples that have been modified by an adversary
- ▶ Min-max problem, searching for the best solution to the worst-case attacks



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# Minimum-norm interpolator and adversarial training

## Theorem

Adversarial training is minimized at the minimum norm interpolator

$$\min_{\beta} \|\beta\|_* \quad \text{subject to} \quad X\beta = y$$

iff  $0 < \delta < \bar{\delta}$ .

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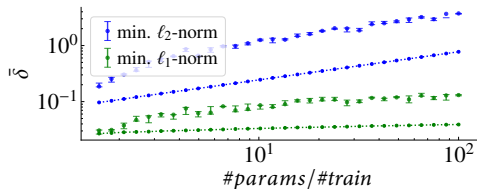


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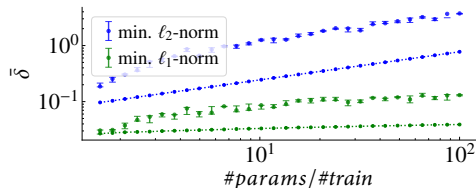


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- ▶ Upper bound on the test adversarial error of minimum-norm interpolators

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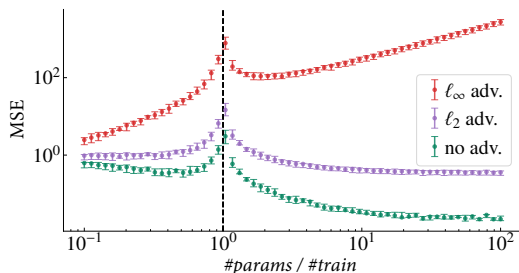
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**Figure:** Adv. risk. minimum  $\ell_2$ -norm interpolator

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# Summary

- ▶ Minimum-norm interpolators as a simple model to study generalization.
- ▶ Double-descent and benign-overfitting.
- ▶ Double descent can be observed in dynamic-systems.
- ▶ Dual formula for the adversarial error in linear models:

$$\left(\text{Adv-error}(\hat{\beta})\right)^2 = \left(|\text{Error}(\hat{\beta})| + \delta \|\hat{\beta}\|_*\right)^2$$

- ▶ Minimum-norm interpolation is equivalent to adversarial training with  $\bar{\delta}$

**Thank you!**

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