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(Join the dots example) Mean Squared Error = 2.2 Randomly choose
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•What's the downside?

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•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 for Quadratic Regression





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...can we get the best of both worlds?





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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 |
| R-fold | Identical to Leave-one-out | |