

# MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION I

Unit-III

# Multiple linear Regression:

- ❖ It's a type of regression model that predicts a **dependent variable** (target) using **two or more independent variables** (features).
- ❖ **Example:**  
Predicting house price using square footage, number of bedrooms, and distance to a school.

## ✓ Equation :

The mathematical formula looks like this

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

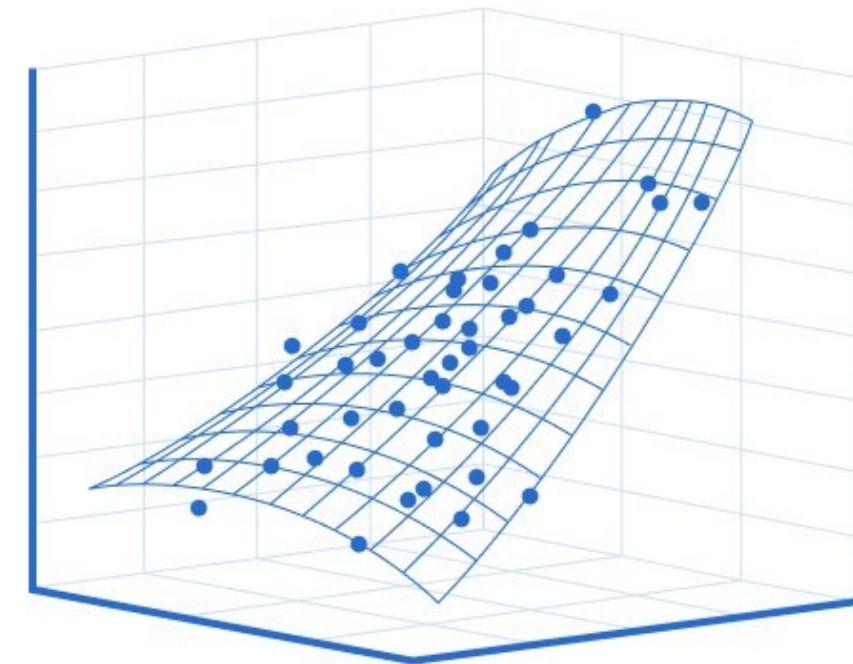
Where:

- $y$  = predicted value (target variable)
- $\beta_0$  = intercept (constant term)
- $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_n$  = coefficients for each independent variable
- $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  = independent variables (features)

## Simple Linear Regression



## Multiple Linear Regression



# How it works:

## 1 Data Collection

You gather data with multiple **features** and a **target** variable. Example:

Size (sq ft)	Bedrooms	Distance to School (km)	Price (target)
1500	3	2	300000
1800	4	1	350000
1200	2	5	200000

## 2 Model Assumption

The model assumes:

- There's a **linear relationship** between features and target.
- Features are **independent** from each other (no strong correlation).

### 3 Training the Model

- The model calculates **coefficients** ( $\beta$  values) that best fit the data.
- This is done using techniques like **Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)** which minimizes the difference between actual and predicted values.
- In simple terms, the model **finds the line/plane/hyperplane that fits the data best in higher dimensions**.

### 4 Prediction

Once trained, the model can predict new values by plugging in new feature values into the equation.

Example:

$$\text{Price} = 50000 + 120 \cdot (\text{size}) + 20000 \cdot (\text{bedrooms}) - 5000 \cdot (\text{distance})$$

For a house with:

- Size = 1600 sq ft
- Bedrooms = 3
- Distance = 2 km

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Price} &= 50000 + 120 \cdot 1600 + 20000 \cdot 3 - 5000 \cdot 2 \\ &= 50000 + 192000 + 60000 - 10000 = 292000\end{aligned}$$



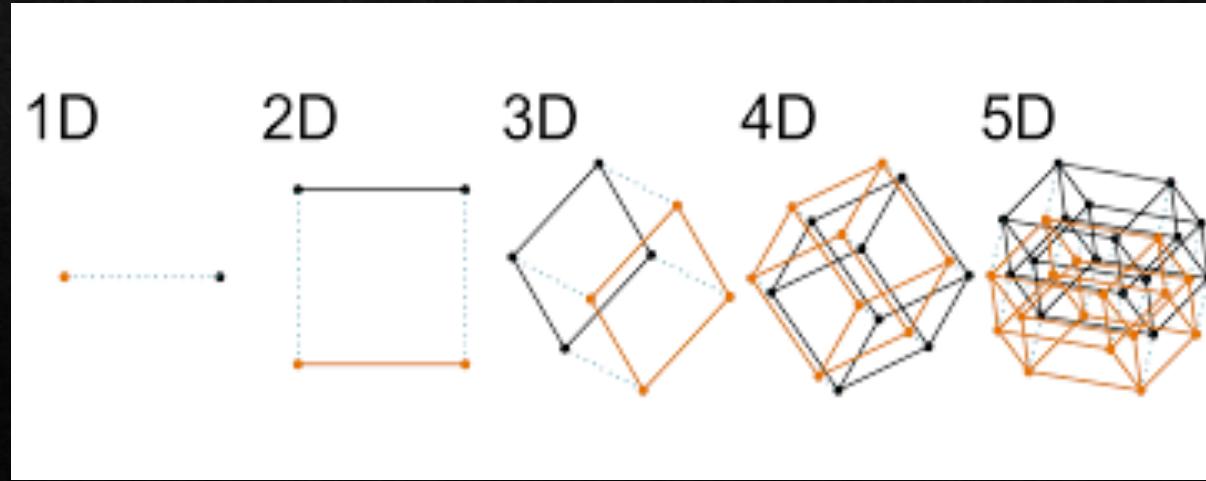
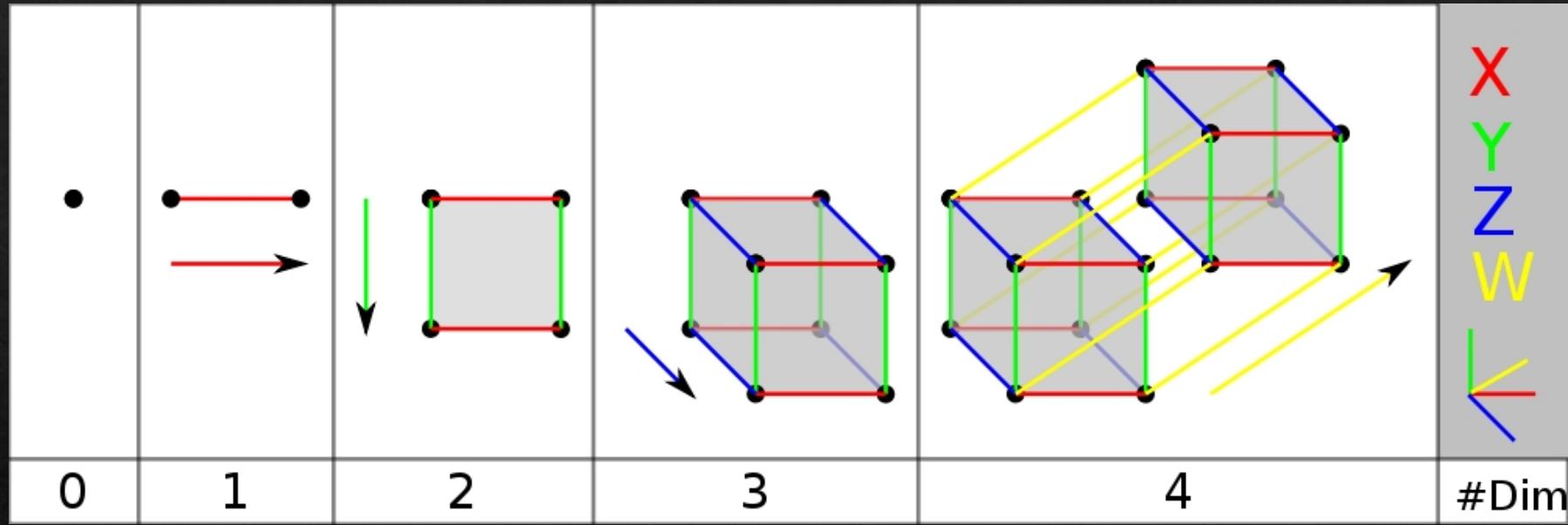
## Evaluation

You check how well the model performs using metrics like:

- **R<sup>2</sup> (R-squared)** — how much variance in the target is explained by features
- **MAE (Mean Absolute Error)**
- **RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error)**

### **Number of Dimensions = Number of Features (Independent Variables)**

- If you have **1 independent variable**, the regression is a **line** (2D space).
- If you have **2 independent variables**, the regression is a **plane** (3D space).
- If you have **3 independent variables**, the regression fits into a **4D space**.
- And so on...



## What Happens in Higher Dimensions?

In math, the regression finds a **hyperplane** (a generalized plane) that best fits the data in high-dimensional space.

- 2 features: 3D plane
- 3 features: 4D hyperplane
- 10 features: 11D hyperplane



**Key Takeaway:**

**Multiple linear regression can fit into any dimensional space depending on how many features you have — it is not limited to 3D.**

# How Do We Fit the Plane?

## 1 Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

This is the most common method.

- It calculates the plane (coefficients) by **minimizing the sum of squared residuals**.
- A residual is the difference between the actual  $y$  value and the predicted  $\hat{y}$  value.

The cost function (which we minimize) is:

$$\text{Cost} = \sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

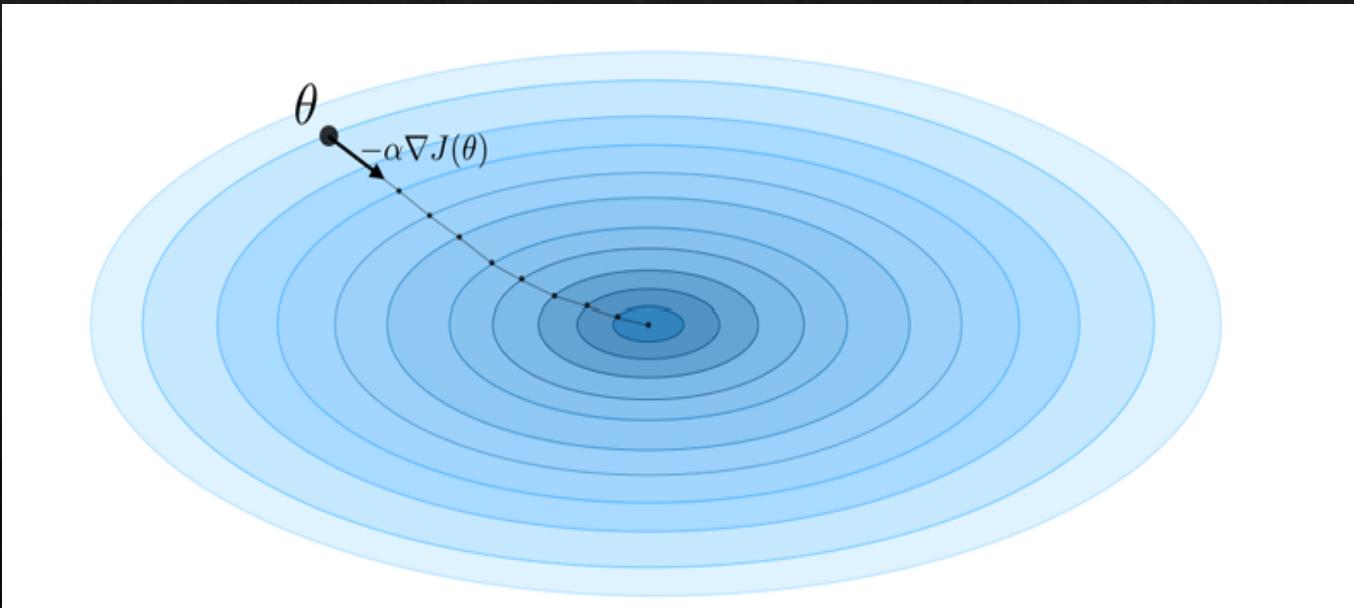
where:

- $y_i$  = actual value
- $\hat{y}_i$  = predicted value using the plane equation

OLS uses **matrix algebra** to directly calculate the optimal  $\beta$  coefficients.

## 2 Gradient Descent (Alternative)

- For very large datasets, we might use **Gradient Descent**, an iterative algorithm that gradually adjusts the coefficients to minimize the cost.
- This is less common for basic multiple linear regression, but useful when data is massive.



# 1 Least Squares Estimation - multiple regression.

Let  $\mathbf{y} = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}'$  be a  $n \times 1$  vector of dependent variable observations. Let  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{\beta_0, \beta_1\}'$  be the  $2 \times 1$  vector of regression parameters, and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n\}'$  be the  $n \times 1$  vector of additive errors. We construct the so-called *design matrix*  $X$  (dimension  $n \times 2$ ) as follows:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

We can now write the simple linear regression model in two ways:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \tag{1}$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{y} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}. \tag{2}$$

The matrix formulation easily generalizes to multiple linear regression, involving predictor variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}$ . We construct the  $n \times p$  design matrix  $X$ :

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1,p-1} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2,p-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{n,p-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

The multiple regression can be written as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{i,p-1} + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3)$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{y} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p-1}\}'$ .

We use Least-Squares to fit a regression line to the data  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_i = \{x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,p-1}\}$ . That is, we find the regression coefficient estimates  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  that minimizes the criterion

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = (\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})^2.$$

Taking derivatives with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and setting these to 0, we obtain the *normal equations*:

$$\frac{dQ}{d\boldsymbol{\beta}} = -2X'(\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow$$

$$(X'X)\beta = X'y \quad (5)$$

To solve for  $\beta$  we apply the inverse of  $X'X$  to both sides of equation (5) and obtain:

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y \quad (6)$$

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

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p = No. of parameters  
n = Sample size

$\hat{y} \rightarrow$  Predicted value.

$$e = y - \hat{y}$$

$$\text{minimizing } \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \min c' e$$

$$= \min (y - \hat{y})' (y - \hat{y})$$

$$= \min (y - xb)' (y - xb)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} (y - xb)' (y - xb) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} (y - b' x') (y - xb) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} (y'y - y'xb - b'x'y + b'x'xb) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} (y'y - 2b'x'y + b'x'xb) = 0$$

$$- 2x'y + 2x'xb = 0$$

$$2x'x b = 2x'y$$

$$x'x b = x'y$$

multiplying  $(x'x)^{-1}$  both the sides

$$(x'x)^{-1}(x'x)b = (x'x)^{-1}x'y$$

$$b = (x'x)^{-1}x'y$$

Least Square Estimation

$$\boxed{b = (x'x)^{-1}x'y}$$