

MACHINE LEARNING.

framing and building basics

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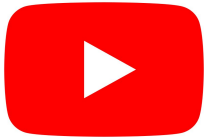
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Why machine learning?



Machine Learning Series

ML: A light introduction

ML: Data Preparation

ML: Feature Engineering

ML: Classification

ML: Neural Networks

ML: Embedding

ML: Into Production & Fairness

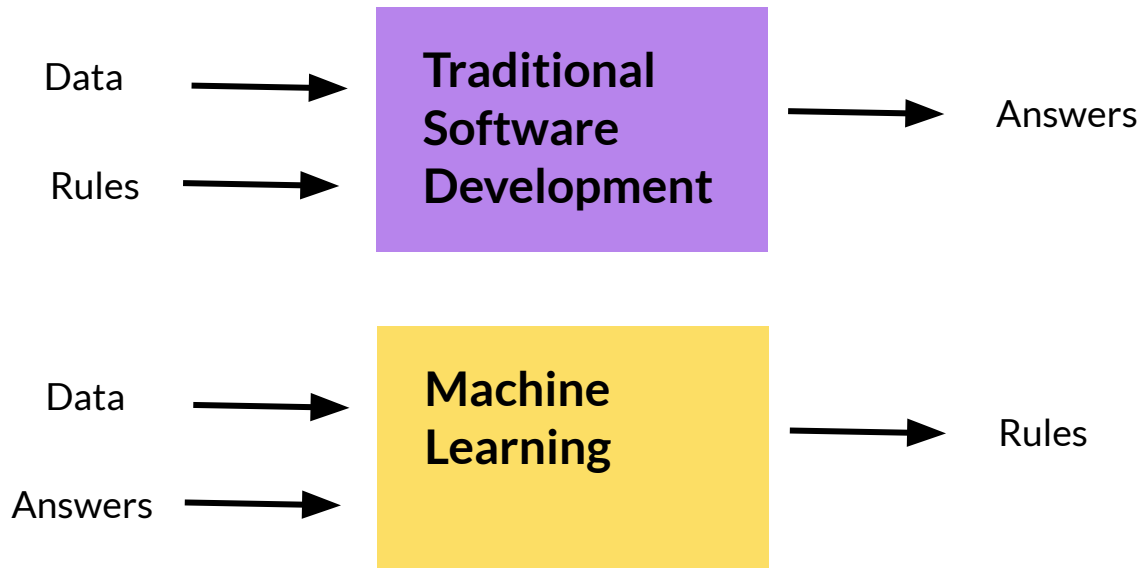
ML: A Light Introduction

Framing

Linear Regression Models

Reducing Loss

New Paradigm



Key Terminology

Labels

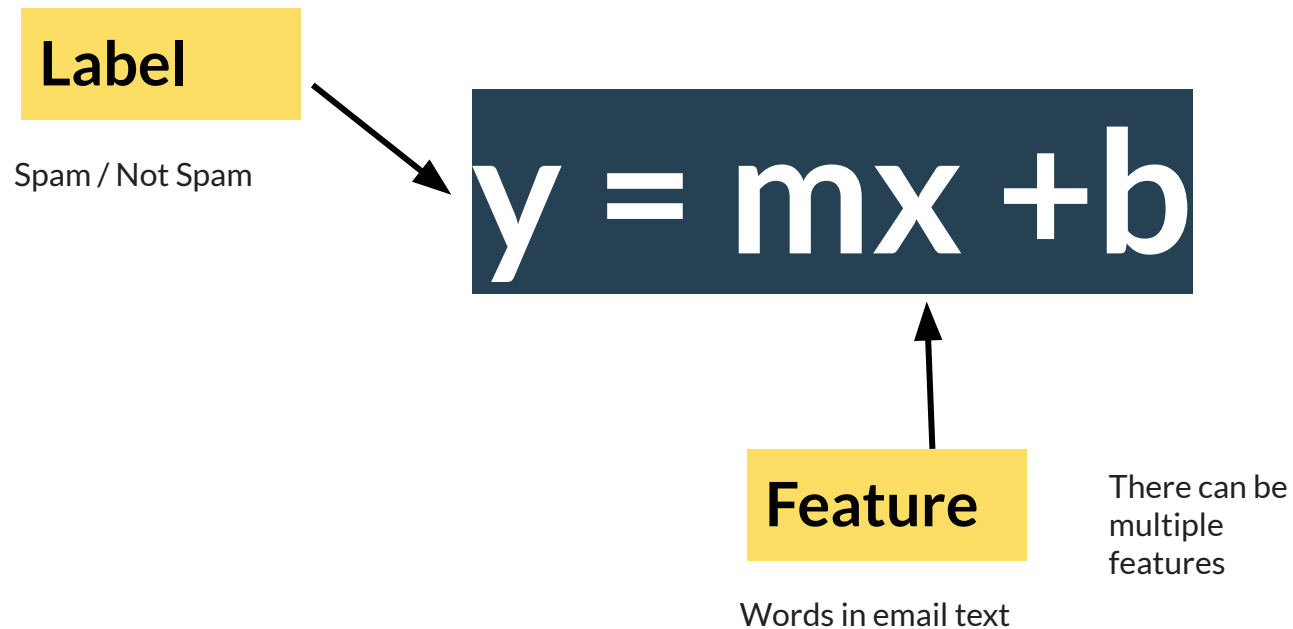
A **label** is the thing we're predicting—the **y** variable in simple linear regression.

- Whether a mail is spam or not
- Future price of wheat
- The kind of animal shown in a picture
- The meaning of an audio clip
- Just about anything

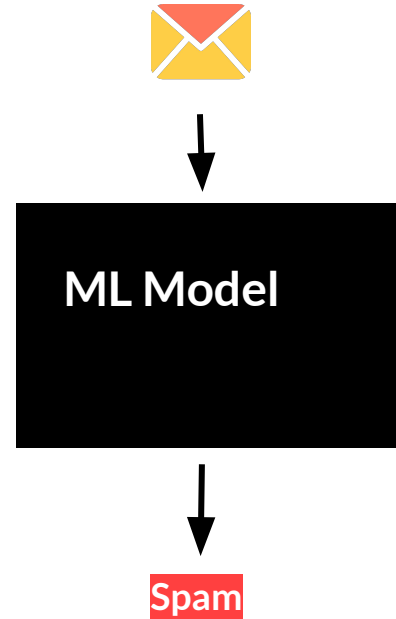
Feature

A **feature** is an input variable—the **x** variable in simple linear regression.

- Words in the email text
- Sender's address
- Time of day the email was sent
- Email contains the phrase "one weird trick."



Spam Detection Model



Types of Examples

Labeled

A **labeled example** includes both feature(s) and the label. Useful to **train** the model.

```
labeled examples: {features, label}: (x, y)
```

Sender	Sent Time	Words in body	Label
imspam@spam.com	00:24:15	200	Spam
jrobertson@gmail.co	16:15:24	50	Not Spam
shiwoo4@gmail.com	11:15:33	40	Not Spam

Unlabeled

An **unlabeled example** includes feature(s), but not the label. Useful to **test** the model.

```
unlabeled examples: {features, ?}: (x, ?)
```

Sender	Sent Time	Words in body	Label
dsmith5@gmail.com	09:15:16	65	?
notspam@spam.com	01:15:24	210	?
celesrios@gmail.com	13:11:04	108	?

Models

Training

Creating or **learning** the model.

Inference

Means applying the trained model to unlabeled examples.



Labeled
examples



Unlabeled
examples



ML Model



Predictions

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**Supervised
learning**

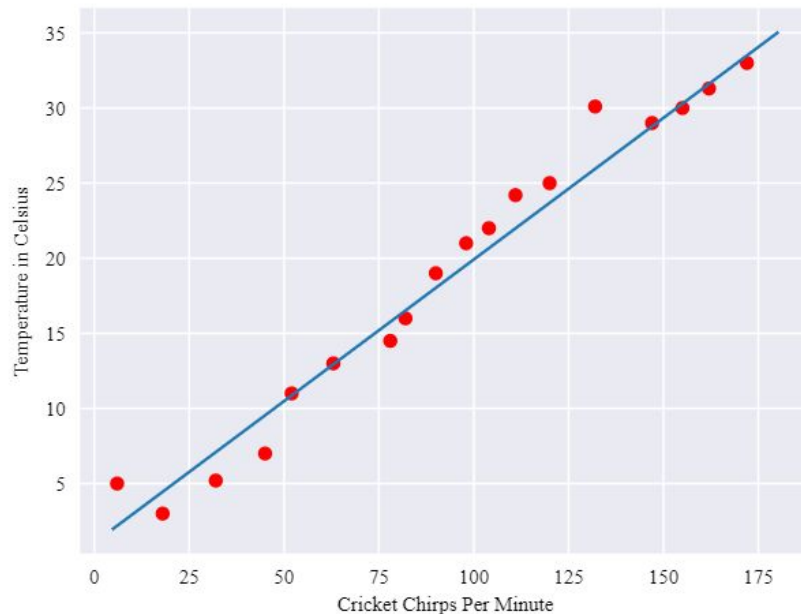
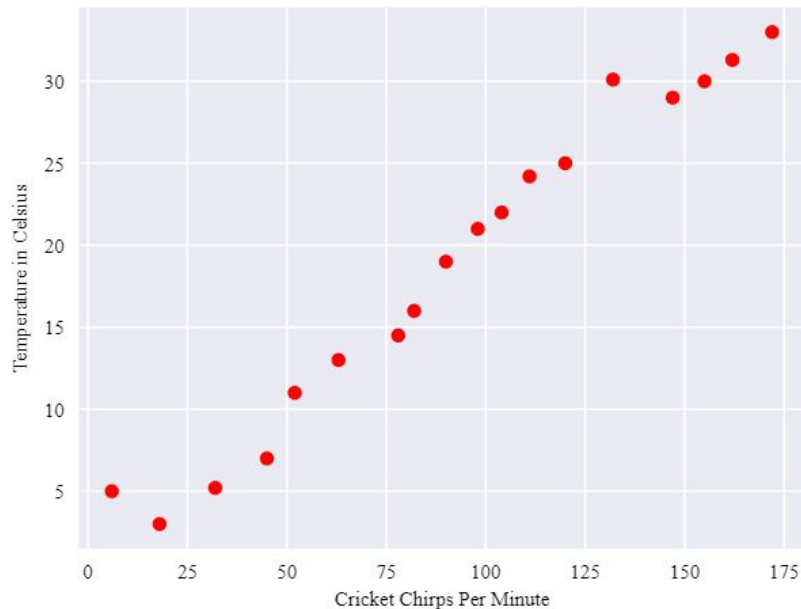
**Unsupervised
learning**

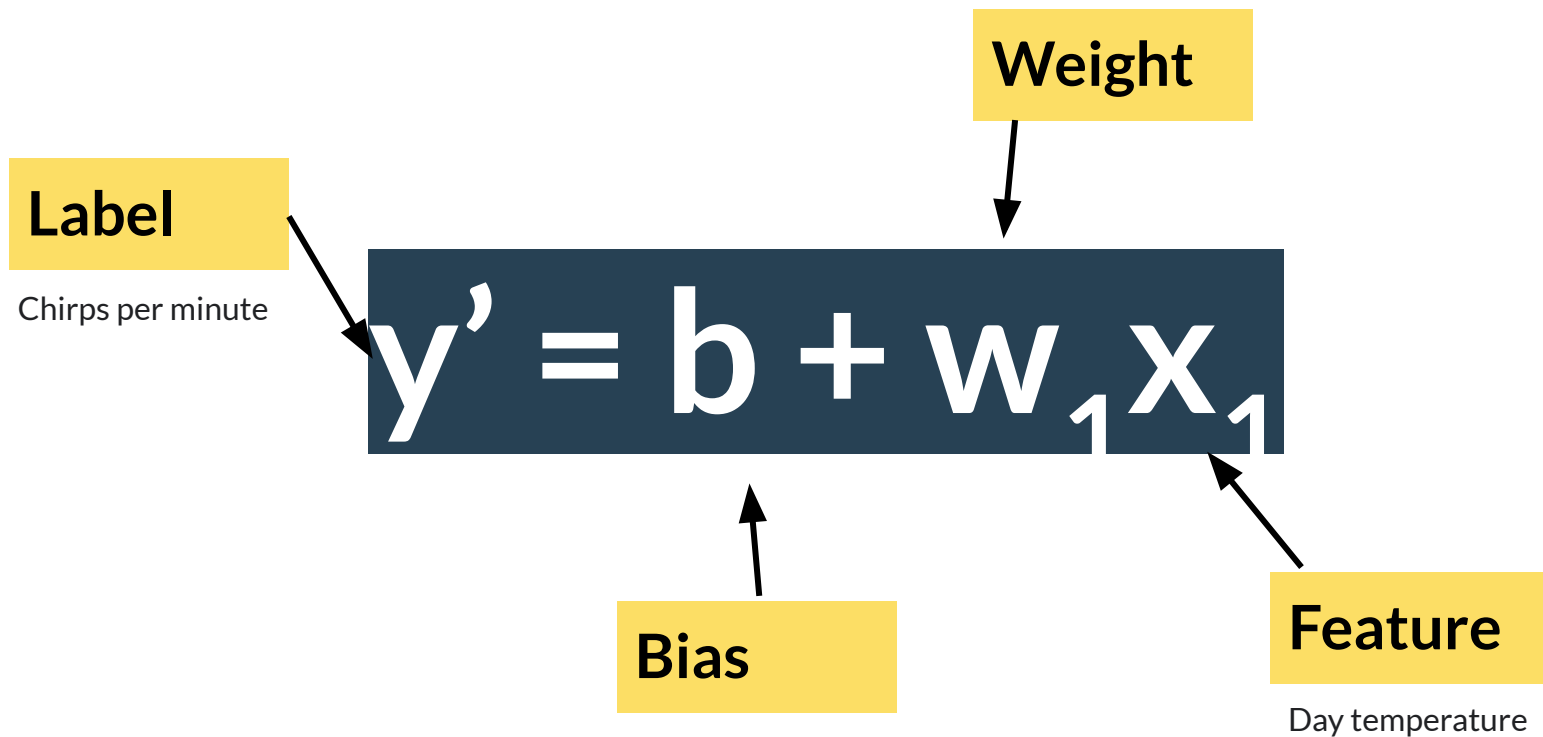
**Supervised
learning**

Regression

Classification

Chirps per Minute vs Celsius Temperature





Training and Loss

Training a model simply means learning (determining) good values for all the weights and the bias from labeled examples.

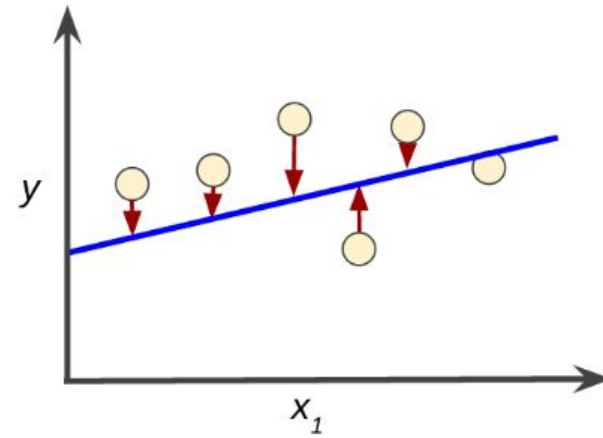
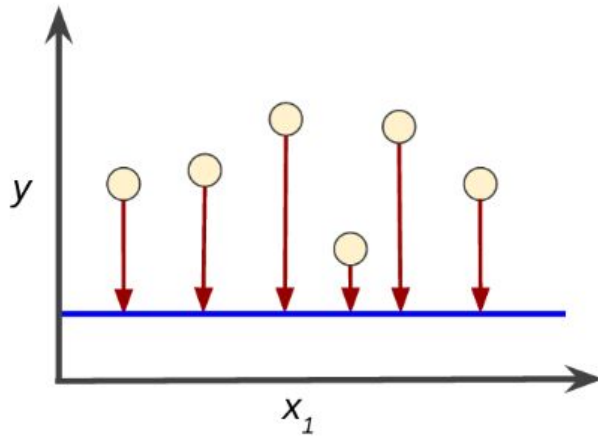
Empirical Risk Minimization

In supervised learning, a machine learning algorithm builds a model by examining many examples and attempting to find a model that minimizes loss.

Loss

The penalty for a bad prediction. That is, loss is a number indicating how bad the model's prediction was on a single example.

Loss



What model is better?

Can we represent this numerically?

Squared Loss

A popular function to measure loss in linear regression.

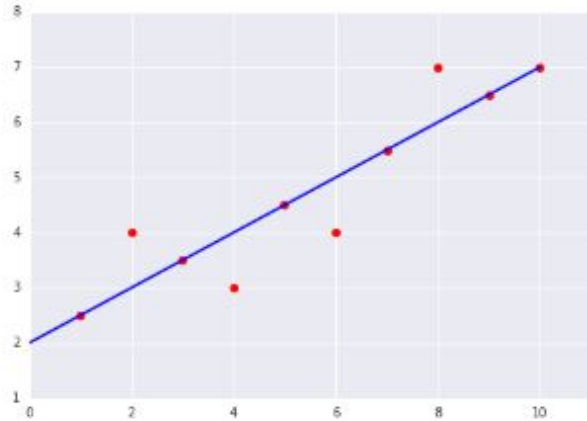
```
= the square of the difference between the label and the prediction  
= (observation - prediction(x))2  
= (y - y')2
```

Mean Square Error (MSE)

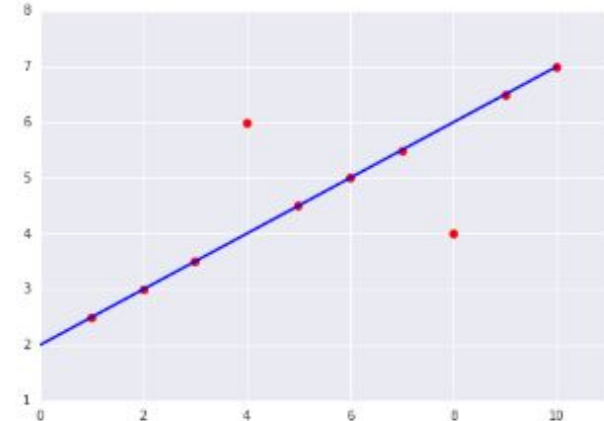
The average squared loss per example over the whole dataset

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{(x,y) \in D} (y - \text{prediction}(x))^2$$

Comparing Losses



MSE = 0.4



MSE = 0.8

What model is better? Why?

Lower Loss, always better?

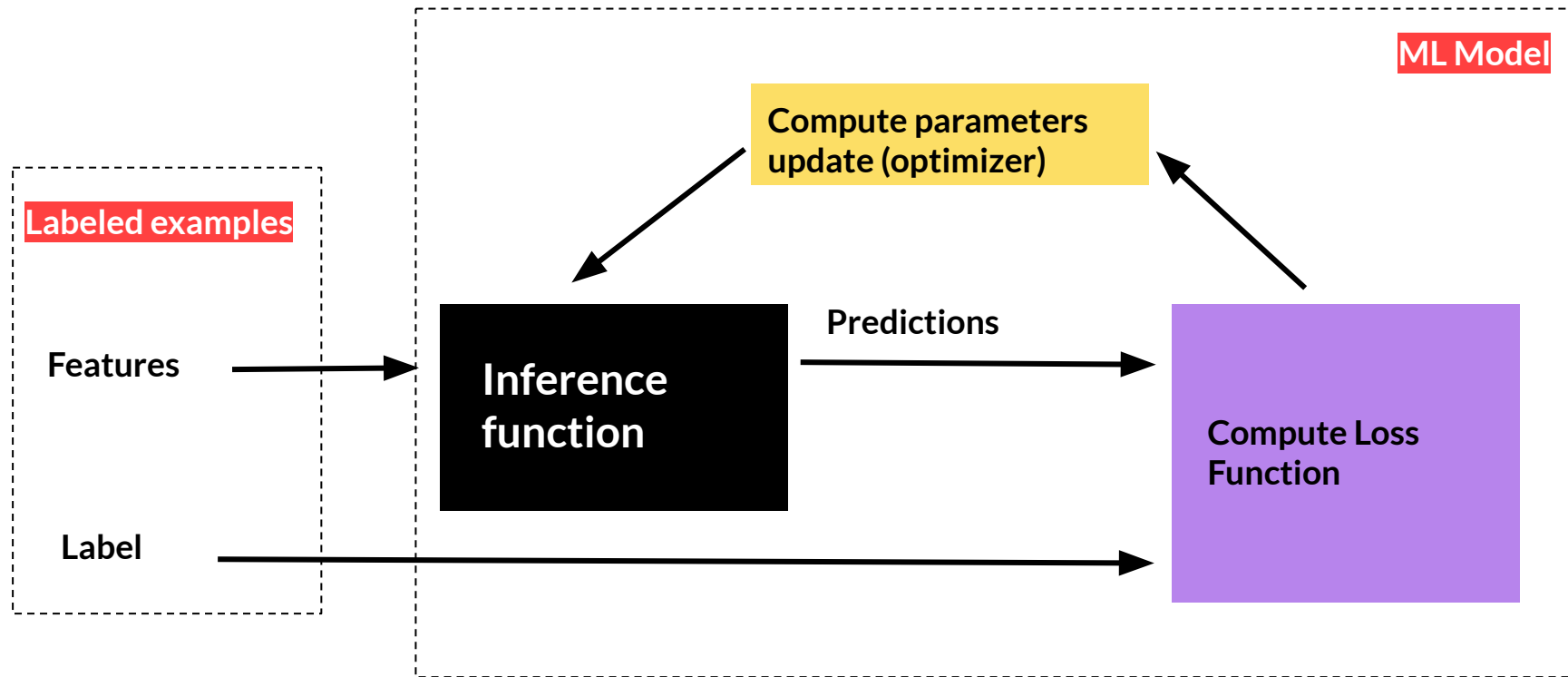
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An iterative approach



Compute parameters update (optimizer)

It's where the machine learning system examines the value of the loss function and generates new values for b and w_1 .

Assumptions:

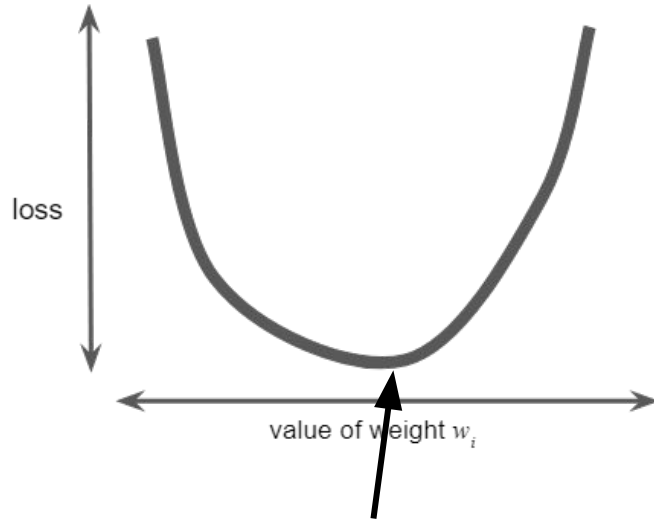
- This mysterious box devises **new values**.
- Then the machine learning system **re-evaluates** all those features against all those labels.
- Yields a new value for the loss function, which yields new parameter values.
- The learning continues **iterating** until the algorithm discovers the model parameters with the lowest possible loss. (**convergence**).

Hot and Cold game

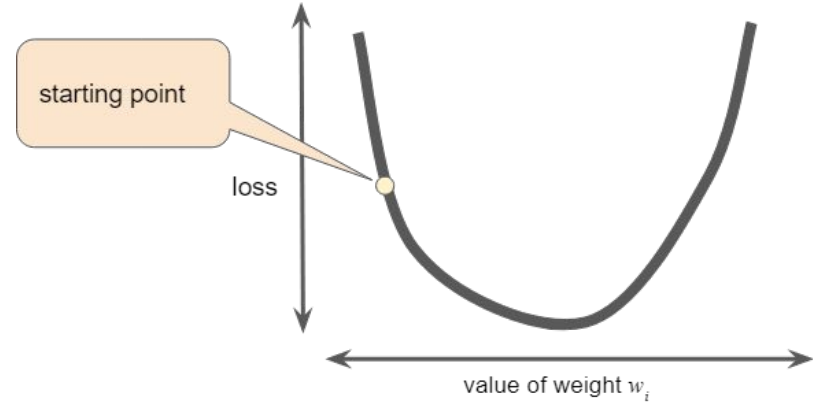


Gradient Descent

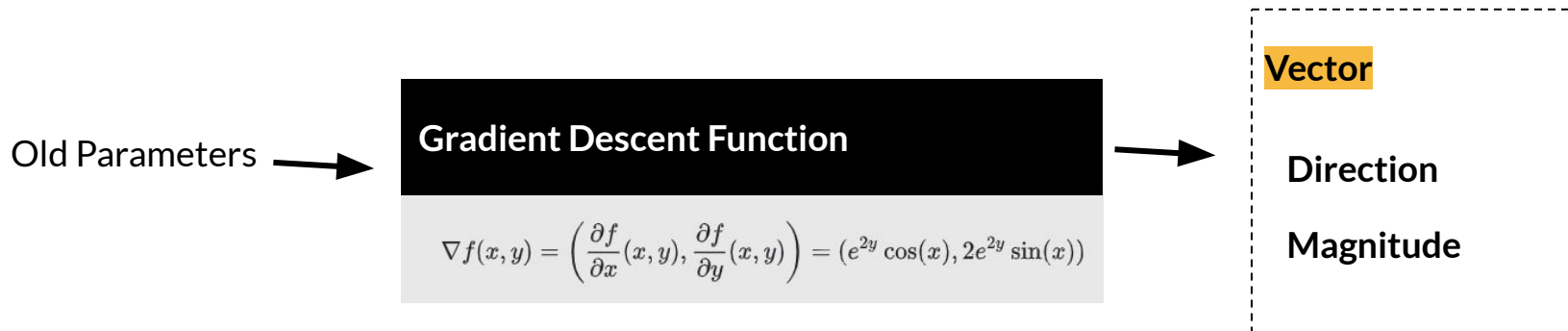
Convex problems



Singular Convergence Point



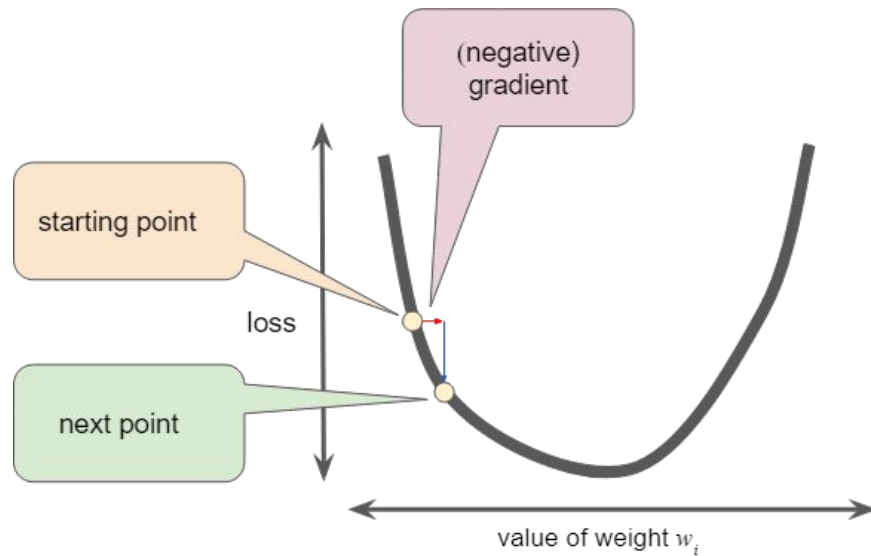
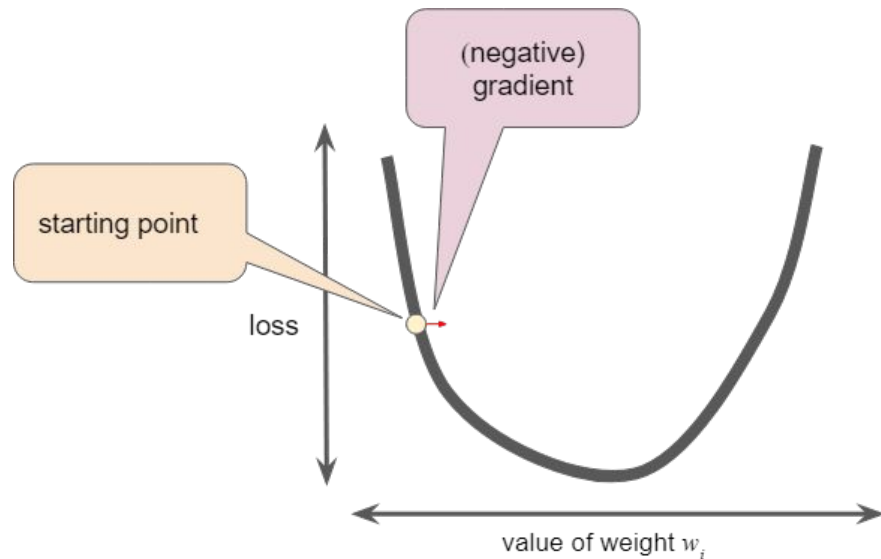
Gradient Descent Box



∇f Points in the direction of greatest increase of the function.

$-\nabla f$ Points in the direction of greatest decrease of the function.

Negative Gradient Descent



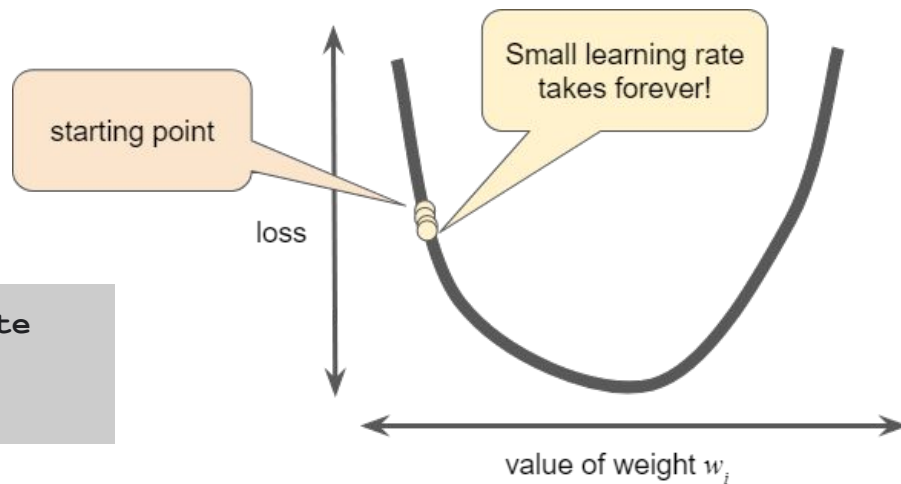
Hyperparameters

Hyperparameters are the knobs that programmers tweak in machine learning algorithms.

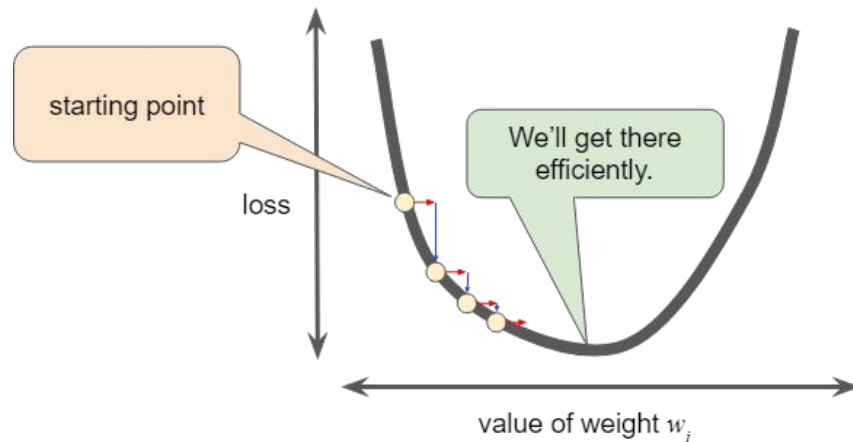
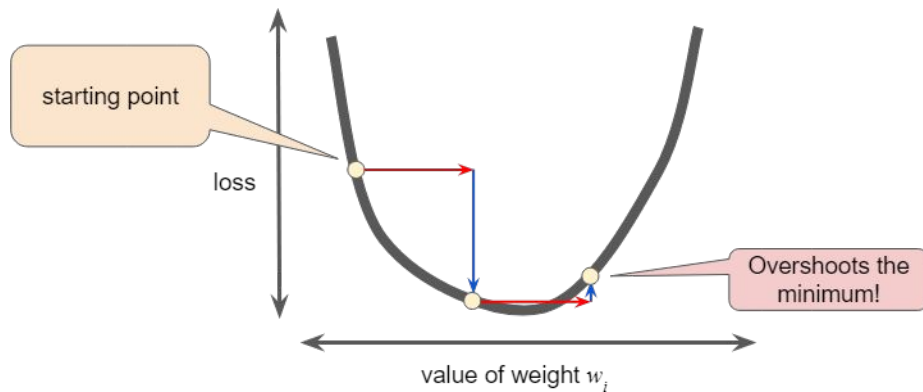
Learning Rate

Gradient descent algorithms multiply the gradient by a scalar known as the **learning rate** (also sometimes called **step size**)

```
= gradient descent magnitude * learning rate  
= 2.5 * 0.01  
= 0.025
```



Learning Rate



Goldilocks Learning Rate

Related to how flat our loss function is.

More Hyperparameters

Batch Size

A **batch** is the total number of examples you use to calculate the gradient in a single iteration.

A very large batch may cause even a single iteration to take a very long time to compute.

Enormous batches tend not to carry much more predictive value than large batches.

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SDG)

Batch size of 1 per iteration.

Mini-batch stochastic gradient descent (mini-batch SGD)

Batch size of 10-1000 per iteration.

More Hyperparameters

Epoch

A **full training pass** over the entire dataset such that each example has been seen once.

Thus, an epoch represents **$N/\text{batch size}$** training iterations, where N is the total number of examples.



**Supervised
learning**

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Classification

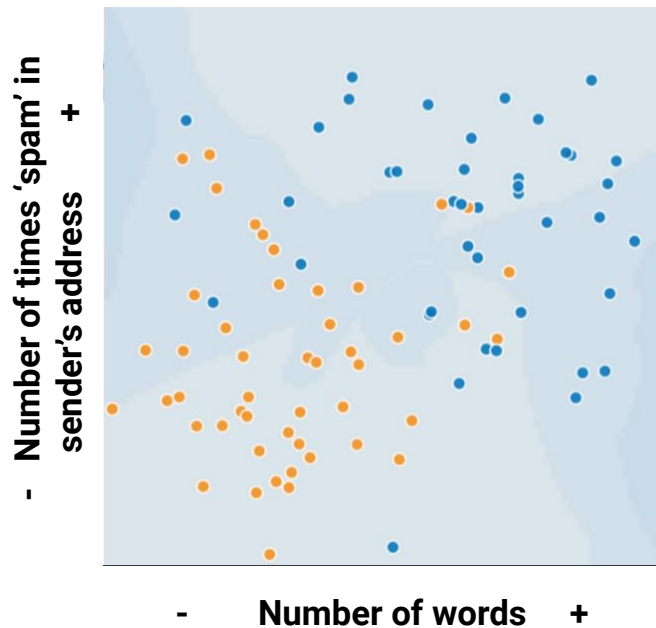
What can we use?



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jrobertson@gmail.co	16:15:24	50	Not Spam
supersпам@spami.com	16:14:13	191	Spam
shiwoo4@gmail.com	11:15:33	40	Not Spam
jerickson@hotmail.com	03:24:16	71	Not Spam
notspam@imspam.com	22:04:15	220	Spam
issпам@notspam	16:09:07	114	Spam

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Let's build the model



Helpers

Loss Function

MSE

Optimizer

SGD-MbSGD

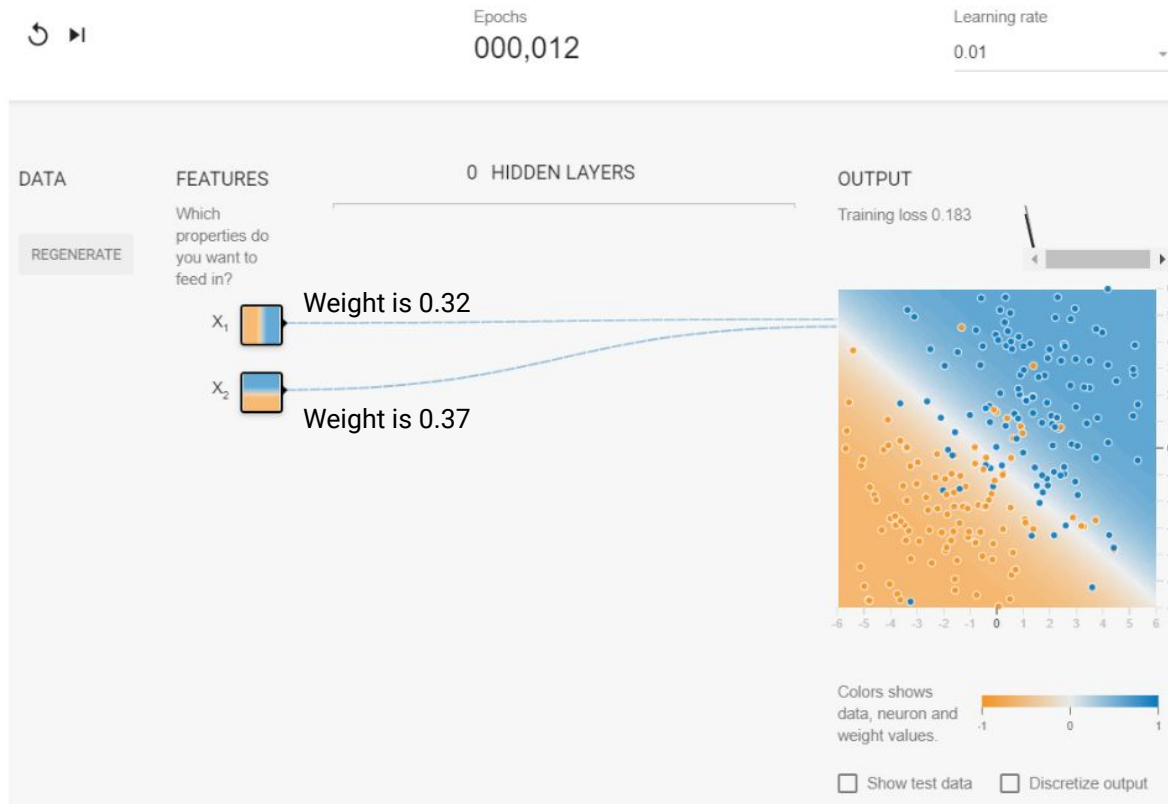
Hyperparameters

Learning Rate

Batch Size

Epochs

The Model



Parameters

Learning Rate

0.01

Batch Size

Full Dataset

Epochs

12

w_1

0.32

w_2

0.37

MSE

0.183

Our results



- Number of words
- Frequency of word 'spam' in sender



ML Model



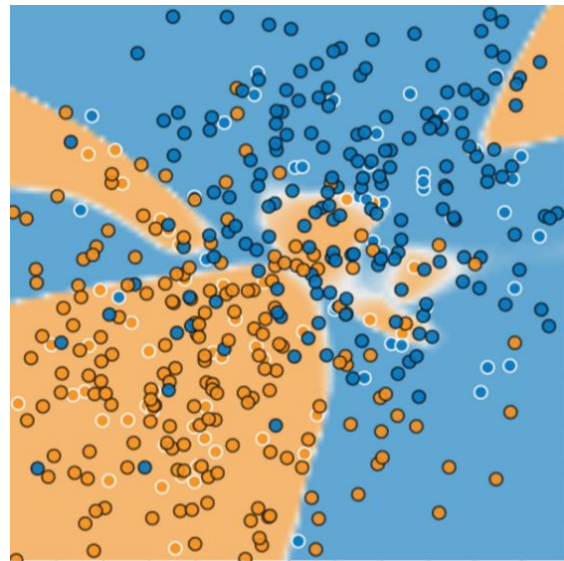
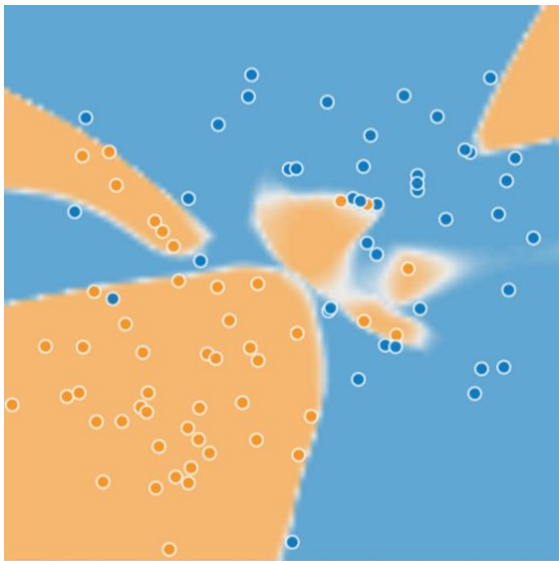
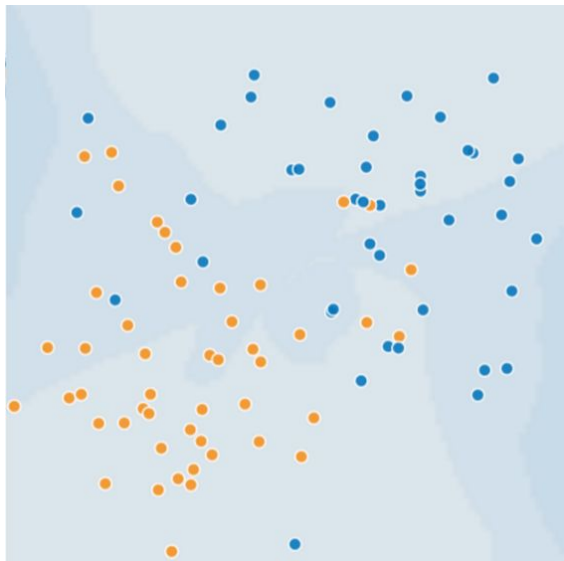
Spam / Not Spam

95%

Accuracy

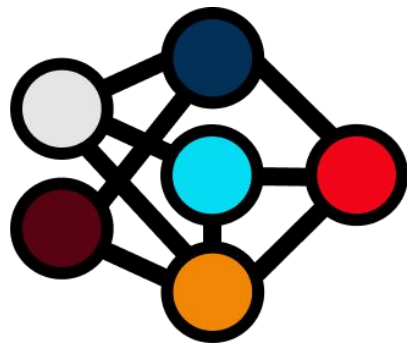


What's coming?



Low Loss.
Still a bad model.

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Thank you!