



Machine Learning

Linear Regression with multiple variables

Multiple features

Multiple features (variables).

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1416	232
1534	315
852	178
...	...

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Notation:

n = number of features

$x^{(i)}$ = input (features) of i^{th} training example.

$x_j^{(i)}$ = value of feature j in i^{th} training example.

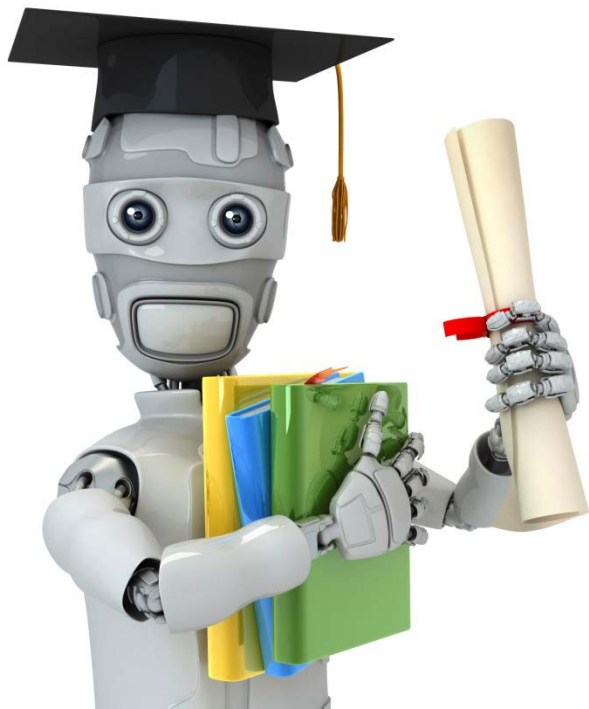
Hypothesis:

Previously: $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n$$

For convenience of notation, define $x_0 = 1$.

Multivariate linear regression.



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Gradient descent for multiple variables

Hypothesis: $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta^T x = \theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n$

Parameters: $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$

Cost function:

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

Gradient descent:

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \dots, \theta_n)$$

} (simultaneously update for every $j = 0, \dots, n$)

Gradient Descent

Previously (n=1):

Repeat {

$$\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \underbrace{\alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta)}$$

$$\theta_1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x^{(i)}$$

(simultaneously update θ_0, θ_1)

}

New algorithm ($n \geq 1$):

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_j^{(i)}$$

(simultaneously update θ_j for
 $j = 0, \dots, n$)

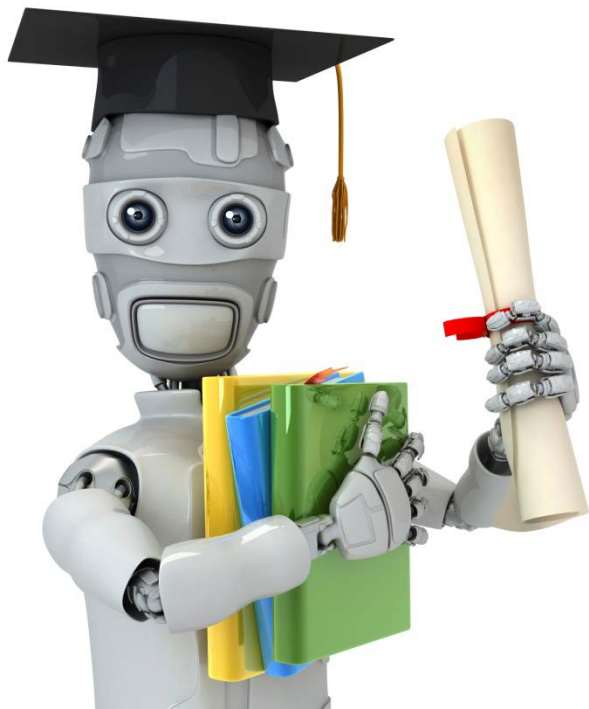
}

$$\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_0^{(i)}$$

$$\theta_1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_1^{(i)}$$

$$\theta_2 := \theta_2 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_2^{(i)}$$

...



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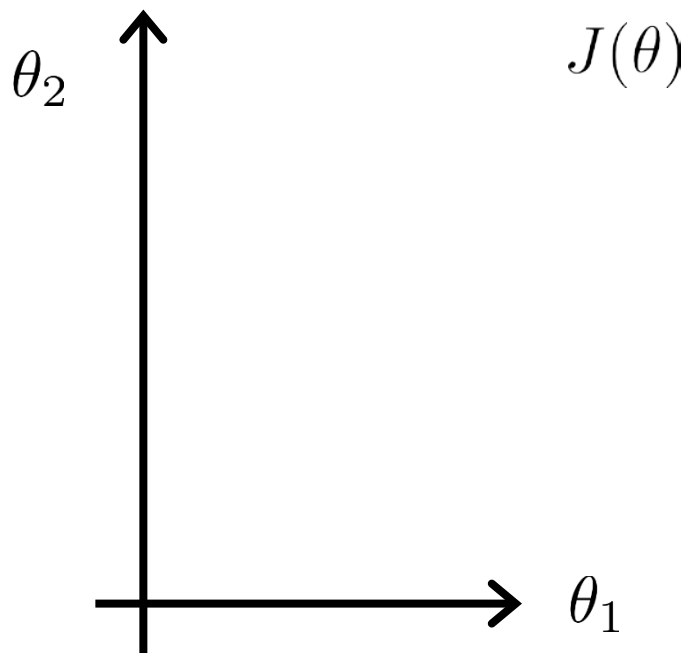
Gradient descent in practice I: Feature Scaling

Feature Scaling

Idea: Make sure features are on a similar scale.

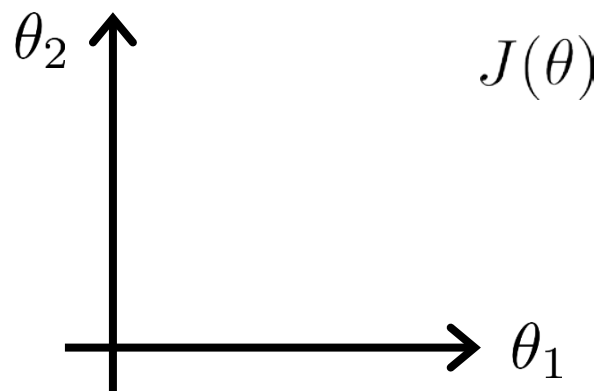
E.g. $x_1 = \text{size (0-2000 feet}^2\text{)}$

$x_2 = \text{number of bedrooms (1-5)}$



$$x_1 = \frac{\text{size (feet}^2\text{)}}{2000}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\text{number of bedrooms}}{5}$$



Feature Scaling

Get every feature into approximately a $-1 \leq x_i \leq 1$ range.

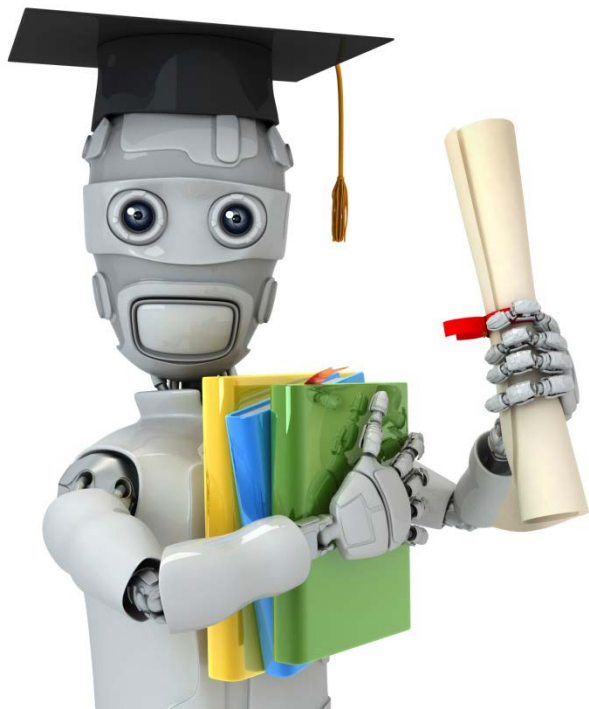
Mean normalization

Replace x_i with $x_i - \mu_i$ to make features have approximately zero mean
(Do not apply to $x_0 = 1$).

E.g. $x_1 = \frac{size - 1000}{2000}$

$$x_2 = \frac{\#bedrooms - 2}{5}$$

$$-0.5 \leq x_1 \leq 0.5, -0.5 \leq x_2 \leq 0.5$$



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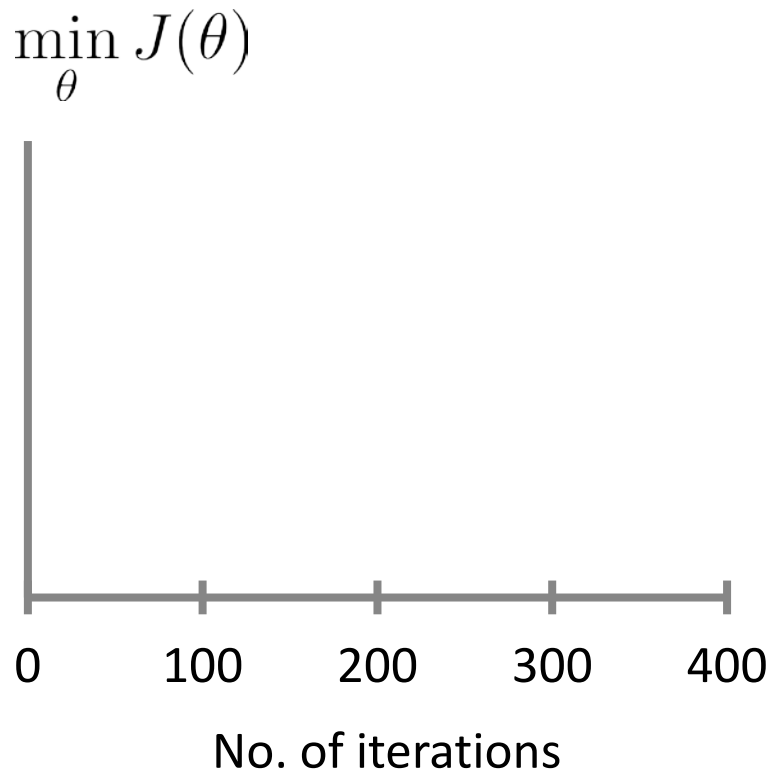
Gradient descent in practice II: Learning rate

Gradient descent

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

- “Debugging”: How to make sure gradient descent is working correctly.
- How to choose learning rate α .

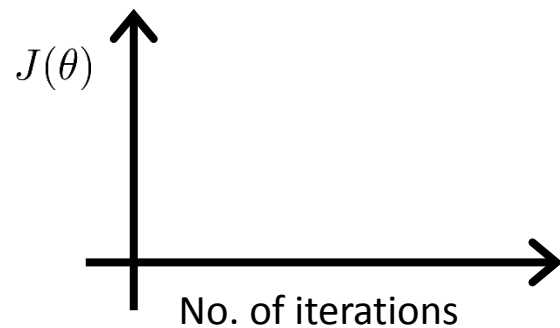
Making sure gradient descent is working correctly.



Example automatic
convergence test:

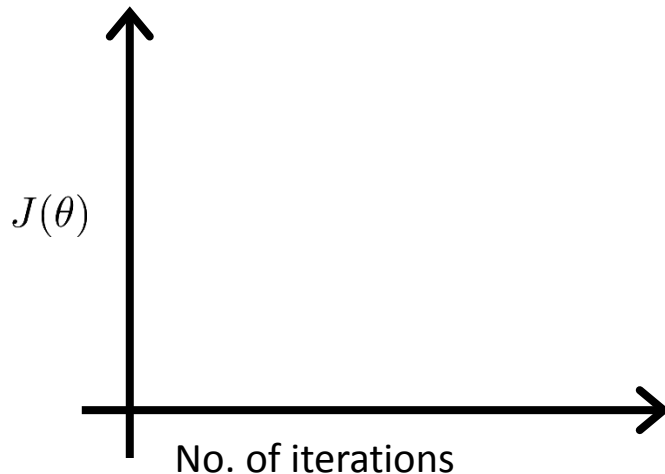
Declare convergence if $J(\theta)$
decreases by less than 10^{-3}
in one iteration.

Making sure gradient descent is working correctly.



Gradient descent not working.

Use smaller α .



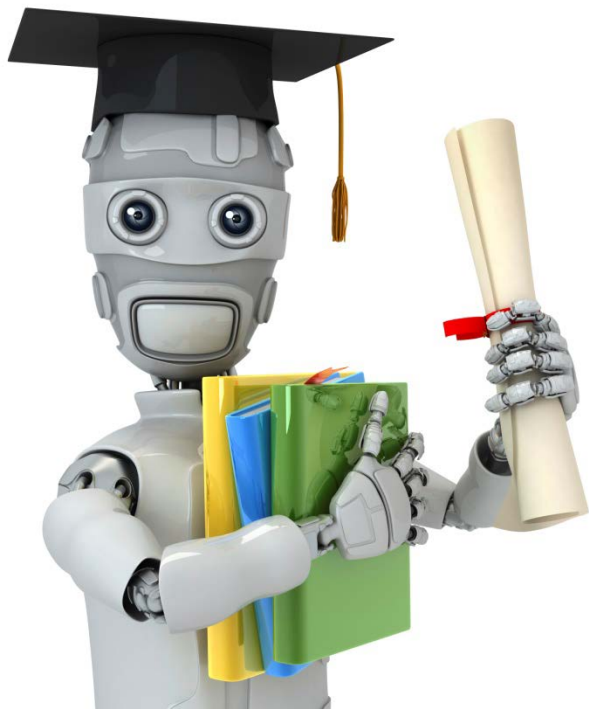
- For sufficiently small α , $J(\theta)$ should decrease on every iteration.
- But if α is too small, gradient descent can be slow to converge.

Summary:

- If α is too small: slow convergence.
- If α is too large: $J(\theta)$ may not decrease on every iteration; may not converge.

To choose α , try

$\dots, 0.001, \quad , 0.01, \quad , 0.1, \quad , 1, \dots$



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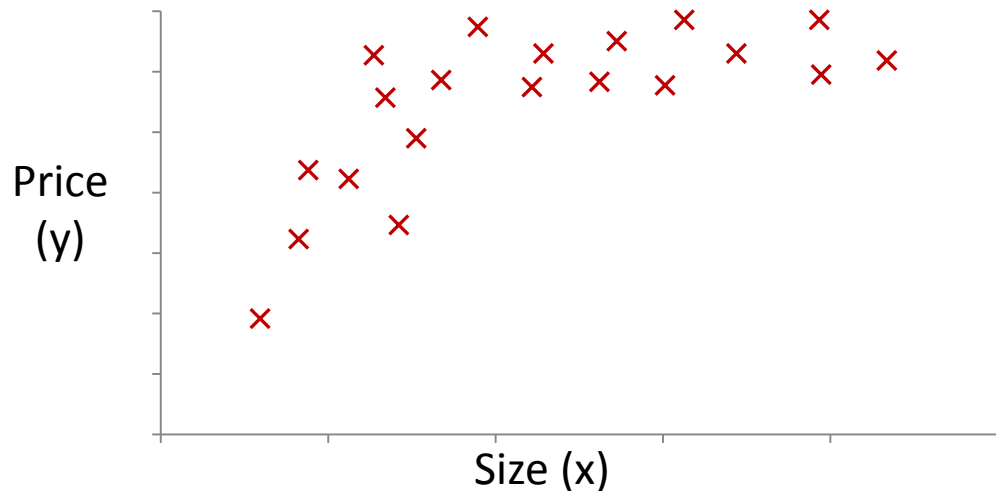
Features and
polynomial regression

Housing prices prediction

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times \text{frontage} + \theta_2 \times \text{depth}$$



Polynomial regression



$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$$

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3$$

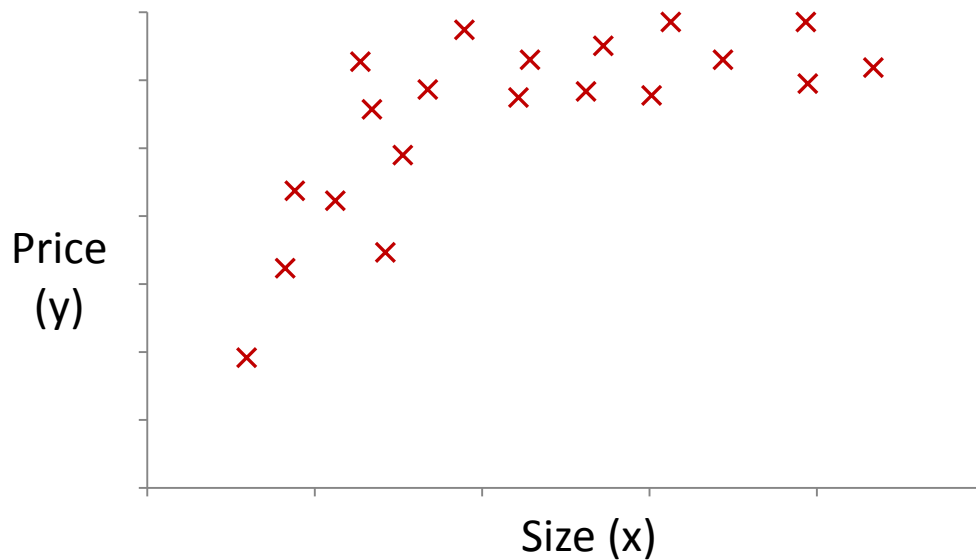
$$\begin{aligned} h_{\theta}(x) &= \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_3 \\ &= \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2(\text{size})^2 + \theta_3(\text{size})^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = (\text{size})$$

$$x_2 = (\text{size})^2$$

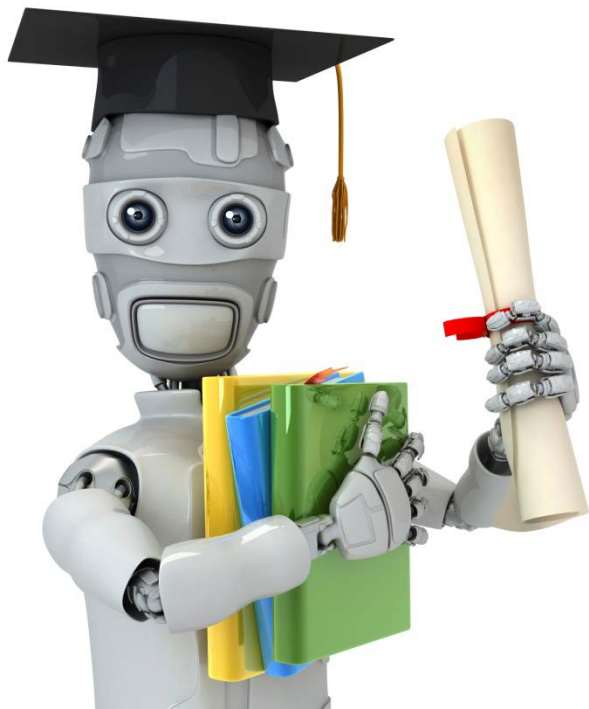
$$x_3 = (\text{size})^3$$

Choice of features



$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2(\text{size})^2$$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2\sqrt{(\text{size})}$$

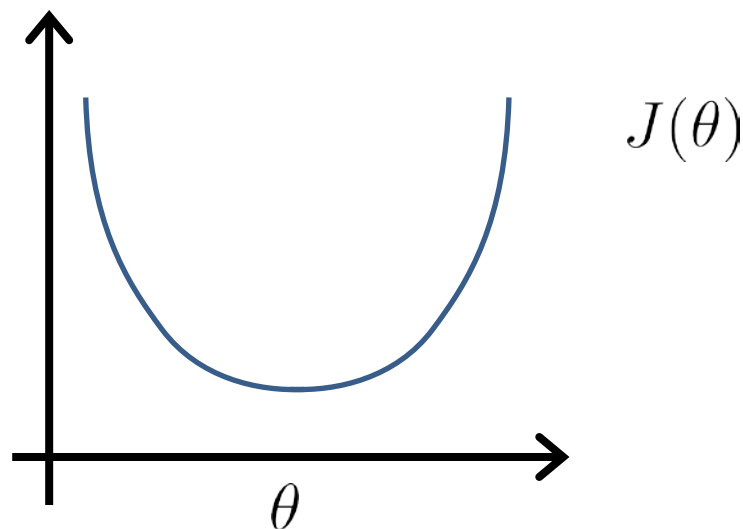


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Normal equation

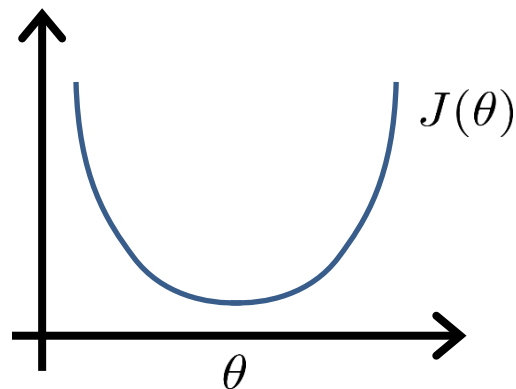
Gradient Descent



Normal equation: Method to solve for θ analytically.

Intuition: If 1D ($\theta \in \mathbb{R}$)

$$J(\theta) = a\theta^2 + b\theta + c$$



$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \quad J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) = \dots = 0 \quad (\text{for every } j)$$

Solve for $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$

Examples: $m = 4$.

	Size (feet ²)	Number of bedrooms	Number of floors	Age of home (years)	Price (\$1000)
x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	y
1	2104	5	1	45	460
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$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 & 5 & 1 & 45 \\ 1 & 1416 & 3 & 2 & 40 \\ 1 & 1534 & 3 & 2 & 30 \\ 1 & 852 & 2 & 1 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 460 \\ 232 \\ 315 \\ 178 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

m **examples** $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$; n **features**.

$$x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0^{(i)} \\ x_1^{(i)} \\ x_2^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ x_n^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

E.g. If $x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$(X^T X)^{-1}$ is inverse of matrix $X^T X$.

Octave: `pinv(x'*x)*x'*y`

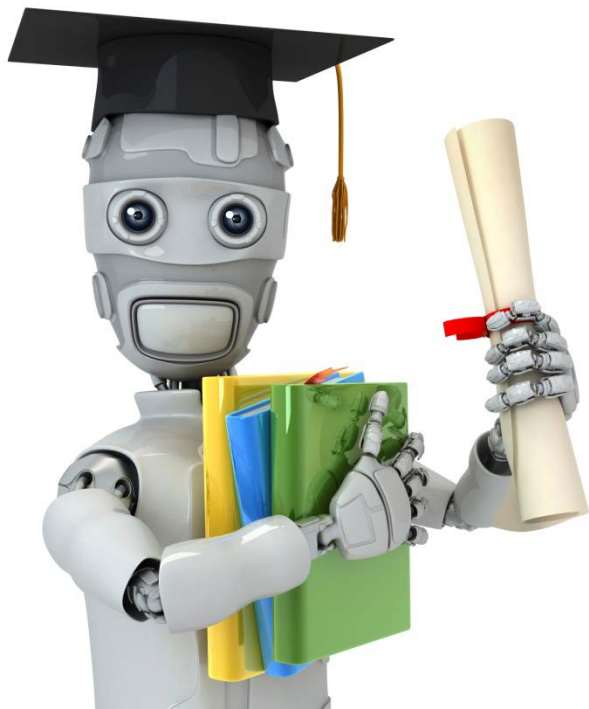
m training examples, n features.

Gradient Descent

- Need to choose α .
- Needs many iterations.
- Works well even when n is large.

Normal Equation

- No need to choose α .
- Don't need to iterate.
- Need to compute $(X^T X)^{-1}$
- Slow if n is very large.



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Normal equation
and non-invertibility
(optional)

Normal equation

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

- What if $X^T X$ is non-invertible? (singular/degenerate)
- Octave: `pinv(X'*X)*X'*y`

What if $X^T X$ is non-invertible?

- Redundant features (linearly dependent).
E.g. $x_1 = \text{size in feet}^2$
 $x_2 = \text{size in m}^2$
- Too many features (e.g. $m \leq n$).
 - Delete some features, or use regularization.

