

# Regression - le features

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## Second lecture on regression

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# Linear regression with multiple weights

## Arbitrary (linear/non-linear) but FIXED functions

- Recap simple fit of straight line through points, introduce intercept
- **Flexibility** of functions chosen to represent data
- Linear vs non-linear
- Fits with **linear combinations** of functions
- Use of **matrix** to represent hypothesised (input-output) relation
- Gradient descent to reduce **loss**: average of **square(prediction - training output)**
- Calculus to compute gradient vector
- Express in numpy

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# Fitting a straight line through points

Subtracting the average = data centering

- Subtract from each (x,y) the average :

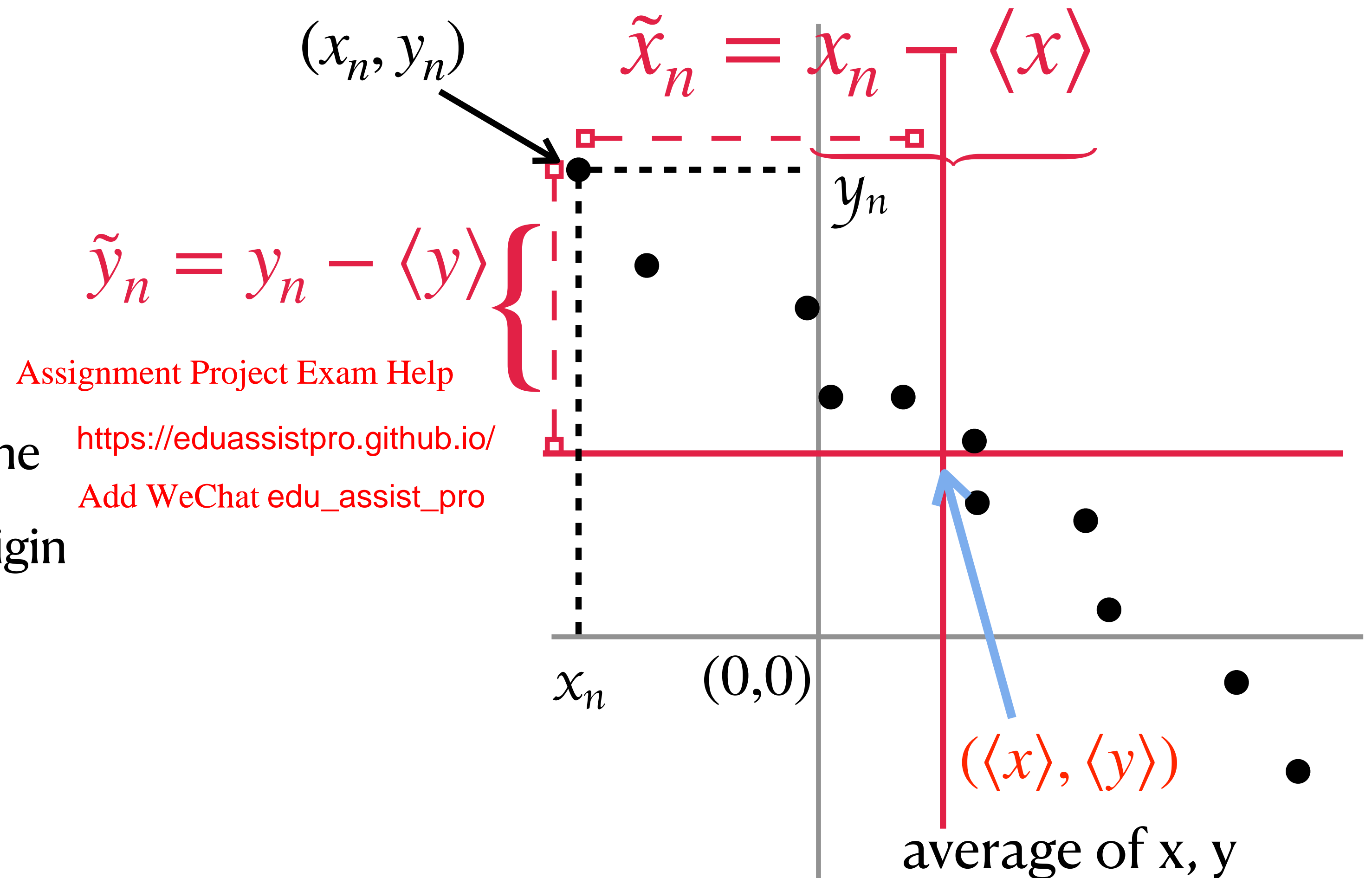
$$(\langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (x_n, y_n)$$

- The origin is shifted to the location of the
- Centred data: line goes through new origin

$$y_n = w_0 + w_1 x_n \Leftrightarrow \langle y \rangle = w_0 + w_1 \langle x \rangle$$

- Subtract means:

$$y_n - \langle y \rangle = w_1 (x_n - \langle x \rangle) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{y}_n = w_1 \tilde{x}_n$$



# Flexibility of polynomials

$$y = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \dots + w_M x^M$$

- Changing each weight  $w_i$  alters the shape of the function

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- Each power  $f_j(x) := x^j$
- $y = w_0 + w_1 f_1(x) + w_2 f_2(x) + \dots + w_M f_M$
- $w_i$  is called “feature-touching”  $i \geq 1$

# Linear regression with non-linear functions - 1

## What is linearity?

- $f(x) = wx \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (1.) f(x_1 + x_2) = w(x_1 + x_2) = wx_1 + wx_2 = f(x_1) + f(x_2) \\ (2.) f(ax) = af(x) \end{cases} \quad \text{(linear)}$

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- Complex relationships between inputs and outputs not captured by linear functions

- $g(x) = wx^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} g(x_1 + x_2) = w(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2) \neq wx_1^2 + wx_2^2 = g(x_1) + g(x_2); \\ g(ax) = a^2g(x) \neq ag(x) \end{cases}$   
(non-linear in x)

- But both  $f, g$  are linear in  $w$

# Linear regression with non-linear functions - 2

$$\hat{y}_n = w_0 + w_1\phi_1(x_n) + w_2\phi_2(x_n) + \cdots + w_p\phi_p(x_n), \quad \text{where } x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d, \hat{y}_n \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } \phi_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- Instead of  $f_j(x) := x^j$ , choose arbitrary functions  $\phi_j(x)$

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- $\hat{y}_1 = w_0 \cdot 1 + w_1\phi_1(x_1) + w_2\phi_2(x_1)$  <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>, first data point  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^d$   
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- $\hat{y}_2 = w_0 \cdot 1 + w_1\phi_1(x_2) + w_2\phi_2(x_2) + \cdots + w_p\phi_p(x_2)$ , second data point  $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- $\hat{y}_N = w_0 \cdot 1 + w_1\phi_1(x_N) + w_2\phi_2(x_N) + \cdots + w_p\phi_p(x_N)$ , last ( $N$ -th) data point
- Create column vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} := (\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \cdots, \hat{y}_N)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\mathbf{w} := (w_0, w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_p)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$
- Write out  $(N \times (p + 1))$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

# Matrix A is called a design matrix

$$w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p w_j \phi_j(x_n) = \hat{y}_n, \quad \mathcal{D} := \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=1, \dots, N}$$

Express the collection of proposed functions for each input-output pair as matrix form:

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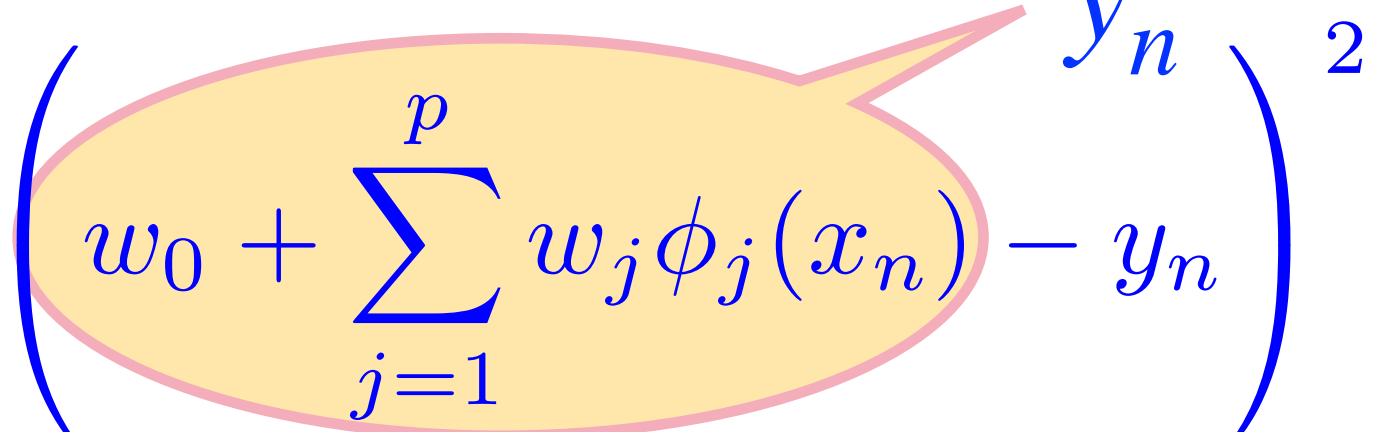
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$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi_1(x_1) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_1) \\ 1 & \phi_1(x_2) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \phi_1(x_N) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_N) \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_N \end{pmatrix}}_{\hat{\mathbf{y}}}$$



# Matrix $A$ is called a design matrix

Minimise mean squared residuals  $\frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$  to find weights  $\mathbf{w}$

$$L(w_0, w_1, \dots, w_p) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N r_n^2(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p w_j \phi_j(x_n) - y_n \right)^2$$


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- Exercise: show that the loss function is quadratic in each of the weights  $w_0, w_1, \dots, w_p$   
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- Exercise: deduce that the gradient vector  $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}$  of partial derivatives:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} L(w_0, w_1, \dots, w_p)$  is linear in the weights  $w_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, p$ .
- Exercise: go through the derivation (next slide):  $[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})]_k = (2/N) \sum_{n=1}^N r_n(\mathbf{w}) \phi_k(x_n)$



**Taking partial derivatives:**

$$[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})]_k := \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_k} = (2/N) \sum_{n=1}^N r_n(\mathbf{w}) \phi_k(x_n)$$

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# Recall: design matrix $A$ maps weights to predictions

$$w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p w_j \phi_j(x_n) = \hat{y}_n, \quad \mathcal{D} := \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=1, \dots, N}$$

Express the collection of proposed functions for each input-output pair as matrix form.  
 Each **column** of design matrix: **feature transform on inputs**; each **row** is a data-point

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$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x_1) & \phi_1(x_1) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_1) \\ \phi_0(x_2) & \phi_1(x_2) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x_N) & \phi_1(x_N) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_N) \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_N \end{pmatrix}}_{\hat{\mathbf{y}}}$$

**Gradient in terms of design matrix:**  $[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})]_k := \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_k} = (2/N) \sum_{n=1}^N r_n(\mathbf{w}) \phi_k(x_n)$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_0} L \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} L \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial w_p} L \end{pmatrix}^\top}_{(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L)^\top} = \frac{2}{N} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_N \end{pmatrix}^\top}_{\mathbf{r}^\top} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x_1) & \phi_1(x_1) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_1) \\ \phi_0(x_2) & \phi_1(x_2) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x_N) & \phi_1(x_N) & \cdots & \phi_p(x_N) \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}}$$

**single weights:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{w}^* \mathbf{x}$**

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[27]: def loss_slope_w1(w1, Xtrain, ytrain):
      return (2/len(Xtrain))*(np.dot(w1*Xtrain - ytrain, Xtrain))
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residuals

**Gradient in terms of design matrix:**  $[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})]_k := \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_k} = (2/N) \sum_{n=1}^N r_n(\mathbf{w}) \phi_k(x_n)$

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$$(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b})^\top =$$

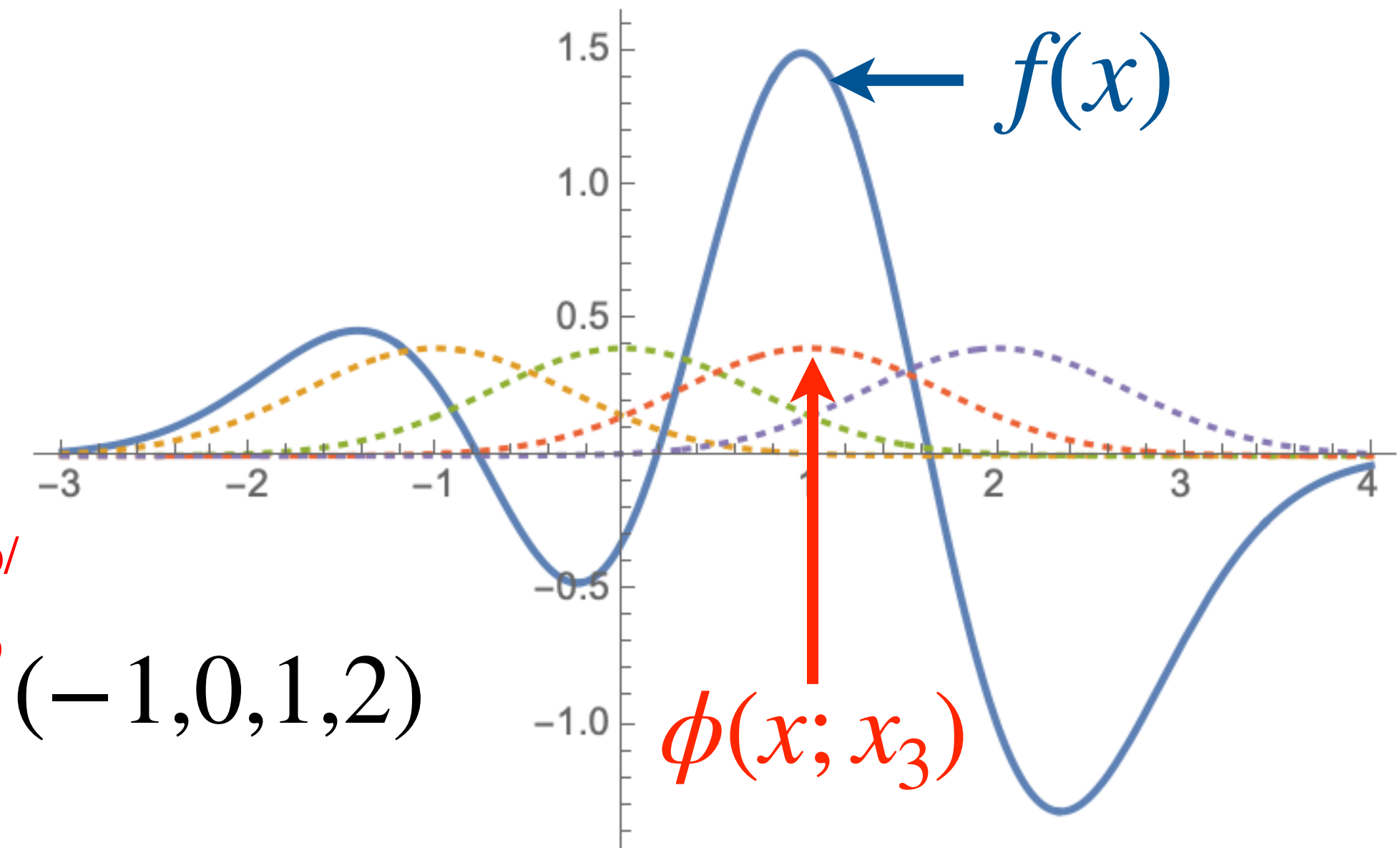
**multiple weights:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{w}$**

# Choosing features $\phi_j(x_n)$

## A few choices

- Monomials  $f_j(x_n) := x_n^j$  (seen before)

- Radial basis functions  $\phi(x; x_n) = g\left(\left\| \frac{x - x_n}{a} \right\|\right)$



- choose  $g(x) = \exp(-x^2)$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (-1, 0, 1, 2)$

- $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^4 w_n \phi(x, x_n)$ ,  $(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4) = (2, -4, 7, -5)$

- Local — influence of  $x_n$  restricted, unlike monomials; kernel for similarity/“blur”

- Orthogonal polynomials such as Chebyshev, Bessel, etc.

# Readings for regression

- First Course in Machine Learning (FCML) — Rogers, Girolami. Chapter 1.
- Page 299-300 of Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning (PRML)
- Geron, Hands-on Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras and Tensorflow, chapter 4 (with code on GitHub) — 20 pages

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# Revisiting gradient descent for linear regression

When the gradient vanishes

- Later: Revisit problem from perspective of linear algebra
- But first, a first look at classification next, with logistic/softmax regression

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