

Machine Learning

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Topic 2

- Regression

- Empirical Risk Minimization $R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i; f(\theta))$

- Least Squares $L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (y_i - f(\theta; x_i))^2$

- Higher Order Polynomials $\Rightarrow f(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i X^i + \theta_0$

- Under-fitting / Over-fitting

- Cross-Validation

- Linear Function $f(\theta; x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_j + \theta_0$

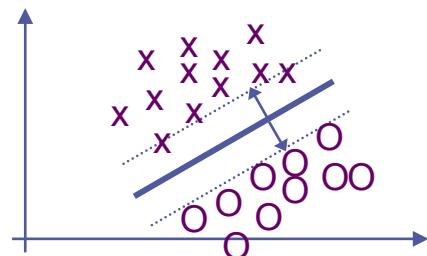
- Linear Loss $\xrightarrow{\partial_{\theta} R(\theta)} R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i)^2 \xrightarrow{\frac{\partial R(\theta)}{\partial \theta}} \text{with } N=1$

$\textcircled{2} N=N; \text{general}$

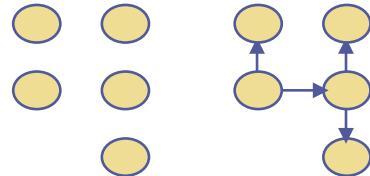
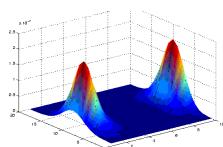
$$\xrightarrow{\quad} R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \| \vec{y} - \vec{\theta} \vec{X} \|^2 \xrightarrow{\frac{\partial R(\theta)}{\partial \theta}} \text{with General}$$

Regression

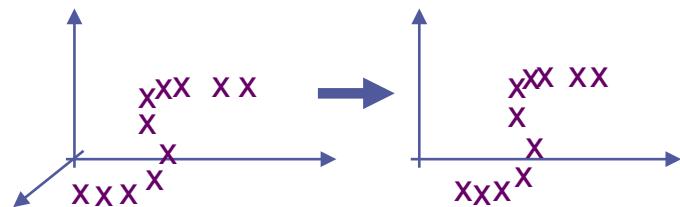
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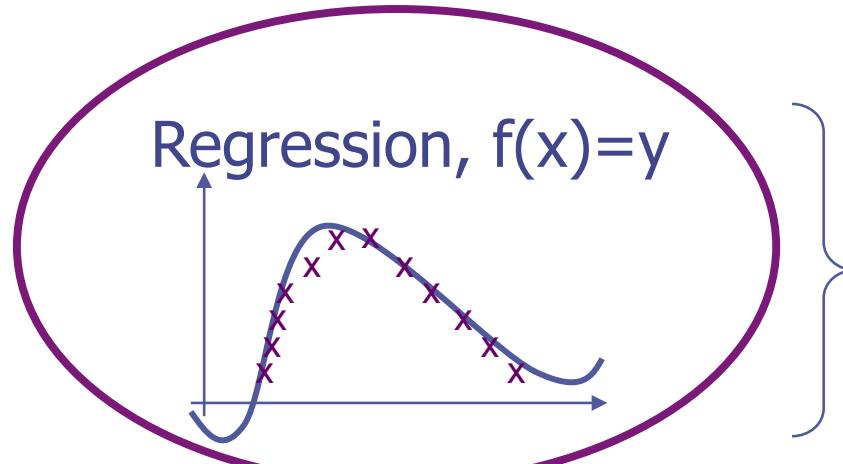
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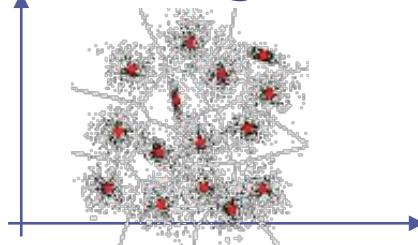
Feature Selection



Regression, $f(x)=y$



Clustering



Anomaly Detection



Supervised

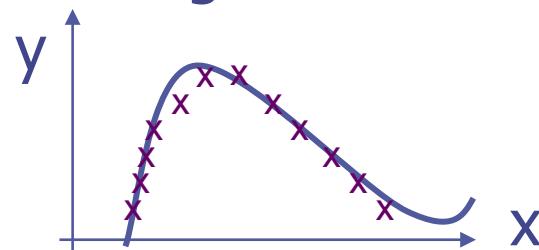
Unsupervised

Function Approximation

- Start with training dataset

$$\mathcal{X} = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^D = \begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(2) \\ \vdots \\ x(D) \end{bmatrix} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

- Have N (input, output) pairs
- Find a function $f(x)$ to predict y from x
That fits the training data well



- Example: predict the price of house in dollars y using $x = [\#rooms; \text{latitude}; \text{longitude}; \dots]$
- Need:
 - Way to evaluate how good a fit we have
 - Class of functions in which to search for $f(x)$

Empirical Risk Minimization

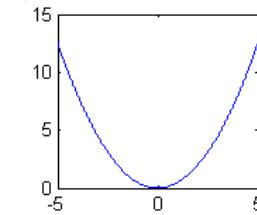
- Idea: minimize 'loss' on the training data set
- Empirical = use the training set to find the best fit
- Define a loss function of how good we fit a single point:

$$L(y, f(x))$$
- Empirical Risk = the average loss over the dataset

$$R = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i)) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(x_i))^2$$

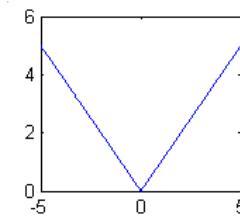
- Simplest loss: squared error from y value

$$L(y_i, f(x_i)) = \frac{1}{2} (y_i - f(x_i))^2$$



- Other possible loss: absolute error

$$L(y_i, f(x_i)) = |y_i - f(x_i)|$$



$$\text{Linear Function: } f(x; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^D \theta_i x_i + \theta_0 ; \quad f(x; \theta) = \theta^T x + \theta_0$$

$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i)) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta^T x_i - \theta_0)^2$$

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Linear Function Classes

- Linear is simplest class of functions to search over:

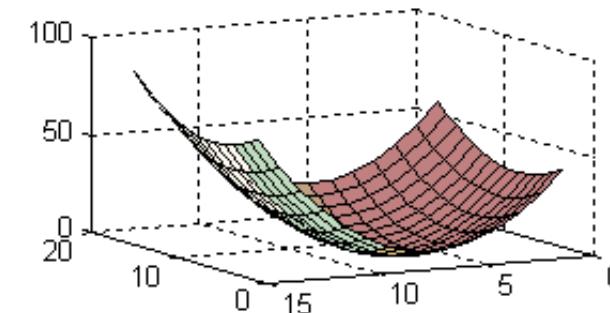
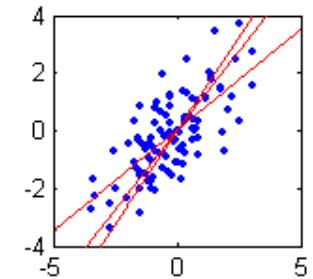
$$f(x; \theta) = \theta^T x + \theta_0 = \sum_{d=1}^D \theta_d x(d) + \theta_0$$

- Start with x being 1-dimensional ($D=1$):

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta_1 x + \theta_0$$

- Plug in the above & minimize empirical risk over θ

$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0)^2$$



- Note: minimum occurs when $R(\theta)$ gets flat (not always!)
- Note: when $R(\theta)$ is flat, gradient $\nabla_\theta R = 0$

Min by Gradient=0

- Gradient=0 means the partial derivatives are all 0

$$\nabla_{\theta} R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta_0} \\ \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta_1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_1 x_i$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{4} \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -y_i x_i + \theta_1 x_i^2 + \theta_0 x_i = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \sum -y_i x_i + \theta_1 \sum x_i^2 + \theta_0 \sum x_i = 0 \\ & \theta_1 = \frac{\sum y_i x_i - \theta_0 \sum x_i}{\sum x_i^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow$$

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$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sum y_i x_i - \frac{1}{N} \sum y_i \sum x_i}{\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{N} \sum x_i \sum x_i}$$

Properties of the Solution

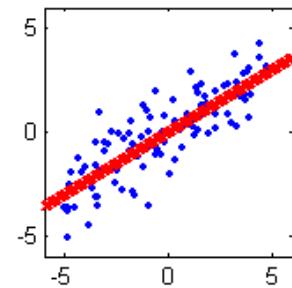
- Setting θ^* as before gives least squared error
- Define error on each data point as:

$$e_i = y_i - \theta_1^* x_i - \theta_0^*$$

- Note property #1:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0) = 0$$

...average error is zero $\frac{1}{N} \sum e_i = 0$

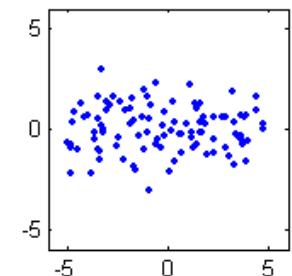
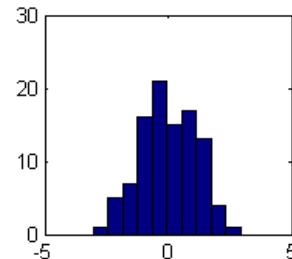


- Note property #2:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0) x_i = 0$$

...error not correlated with data

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum e_i x_i = \frac{1}{N} e^T x = 0$$



Multi-Dimensional Regression

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- Rewrite empirical risk in vector-matrix notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y_i - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 \\
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$$= \frac{1}{2N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1(1) & \dots & x_1(D) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N(1) & \dots & x_N(D) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_D \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2N} \|y - X\theta\|^2 \Rightarrow R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \|y - X\theta\|^2$$

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Multi-Dimensional Regression

- More realistic dataset: many measurements
- Have N apartments each with D measurements
- Each row of X is [#rooms; latitude; longitude,...]

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1(1) & \dots & x_1(D) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N(1) & \dots & x_N(D) \end{bmatrix}$$



	1212 Fifth Avenue PENTHOUSE Condo, Upper Carnegie Hill Listed by Nancy Packes Inc.	\$7,995,000 3 beds 3.5 baths 2,689 ft ²
	210 East 73rd Street #PHB Co-op, Upper East Side Listed by Brown Harris Stevens	\$3,495,000 2 beds 3 baths
	66 East 11th Street Building, Greenwich Village Listed by Douglas Elliman	\$120,000,000
	150 West 56th Street #PH Condo, Midtown Listed by Douglas Elliman	\$100,000,000 6 beds 9 baths 8,000 ft ²
	50 Central Park South #PH34/35 Condo, Central Park South Listed by Halstead Property	\$95,000,000 3 beds 3.5 baths
	15 Central Park West #35S Condo, Lincoln Square Listed by CORE	\$95,000,000 5 beds 5+ baths
	828 Fifth Avenue #XXX Co-op, Lenox Hill Listed by Stribling	\$72,000,000 8 beds 10.5 baths
	785 Fifth Avenue #PH1718 Co-op, Lenox Hill Listed by Corcoran	\$65,000,000 IN CONTRACT 7 beds 11 baths

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$$\frac{1}{2N} \nabla_{\theta} \left[\vec{y}^2 - \vec{y}^T \vec{X}\theta - \theta^T \vec{X}^T \vec{y} + \theta^T \vec{X}^T \vec{X}\theta \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} \nabla_{\theta} \left[\vec{y}^2 - 2\vec{y}^T \vec{X}\theta + \theta^T \vec{X}^T \vec{X}\theta \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} \left[-2\vec{y}^T \vec{X} + 2\theta^T \vec{X}^T \vec{X} \right] = 0$$

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$$\frac{\partial \vec{\theta}^T A \vec{\theta}}{\partial \vec{\theta}} = \vec{\theta}^T (A + A^T)$$

$= \vec{\theta}^T (\vec{\mathbf{X}}^T \vec{\mathbf{X}} + \vec{\mathbf{X}}^T \vec{\mathbf{X}})$

$= 2\vec{\theta}^T \cdot \vec{\mathbf{X}}^T \vec{\mathbf{X}}$

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$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\theta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

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$$(\vec{y}^T \vec{x})^T = (\vec{\theta}^T \vec{x}^T \vec{x})^T \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T \vec{x} \cdot \vec{\theta}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\theta}^* = (\vec{x}^T \vec{x})^{-1} \vec{x}^T \vec{y}}$$

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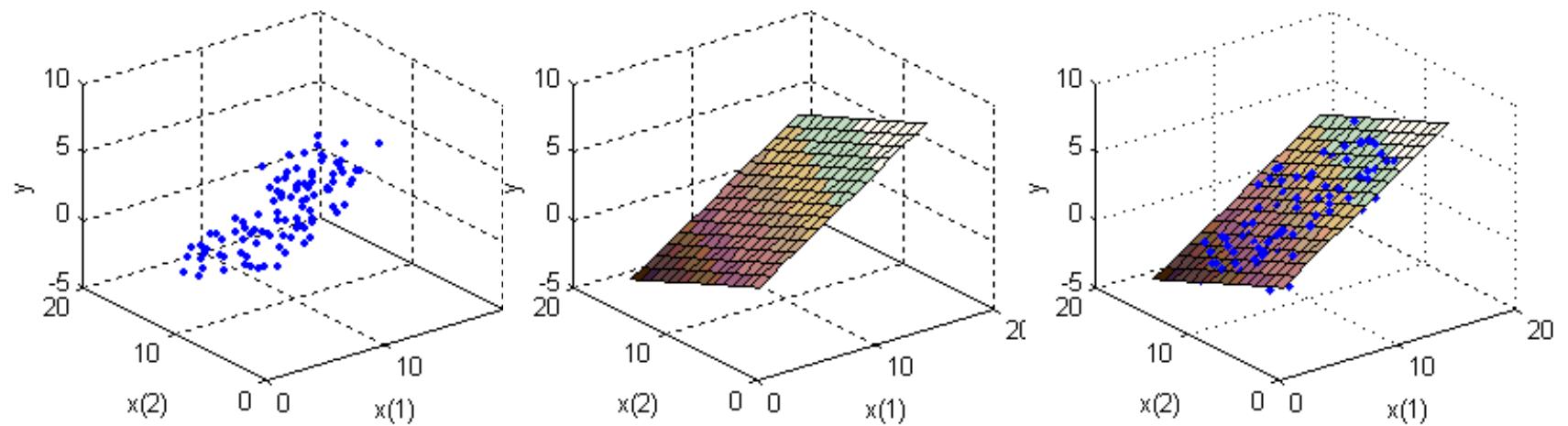
- In Matlab: “`t=pinv(X)*y`” or “`t=X\y`” or “`t=inv(X'*X)*X'*y`”
- If the matrix \mathbf{X} is skinny, the solution is probably unique
- If \mathbf{X} is fat (more dimensions than points) we get multiple solutions for theta which give zero error.
- The pseudoinverse (`pinv(X)`) returns the theta with zero error and which has the smallest norm.

$$\min_{\theta} \|\theta\|^2 \text{ such that } \mathbf{X}\theta = \mathbf{y}$$

2D Linear Regression

- Once best θ^* is found, we can plug it into the function:

$$f(x; \theta^*) = \theta_2^* x(2) + \theta_1^* x(1) + \theta_0^*$$



- What would a fat X look like?

$$\text{Polynomial} = f(x; \theta) = \sum_{p=1}^P x_p \theta_p + \theta_0$$

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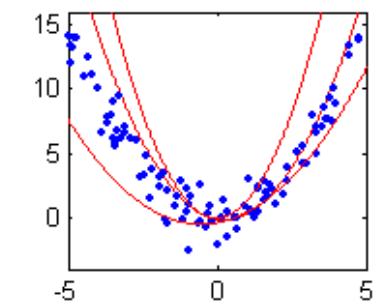
Polynomial Function Classes

- Back to 1-dim x ($D=1$) BUT Nonlinear

- Polynomial: $f(x; \theta) = \sum_{p=1}^P \theta_p x^p + \theta_0$

- Writing Risk:

$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^P \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N^1 & \dots & x_N^P \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_P \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$



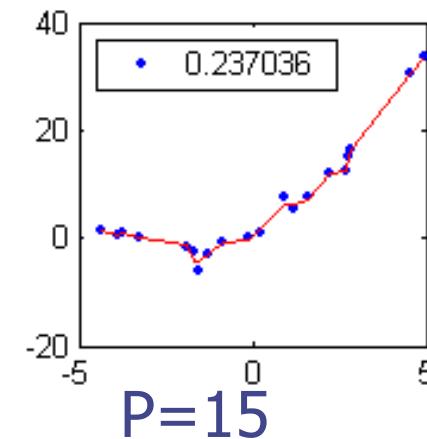
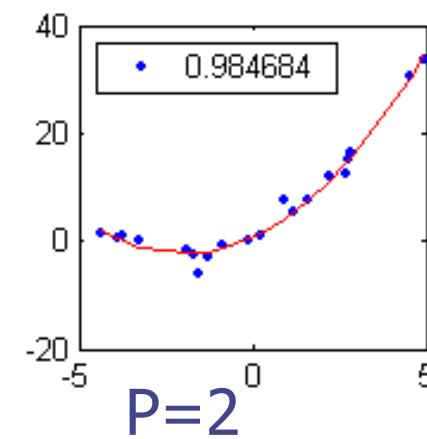
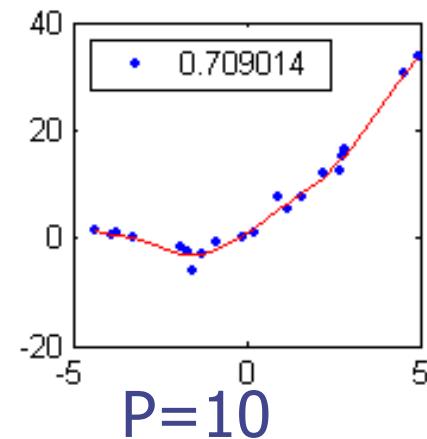
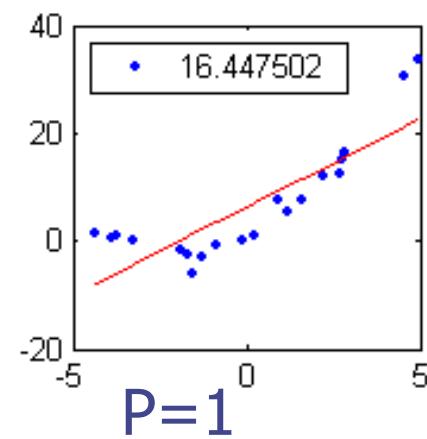
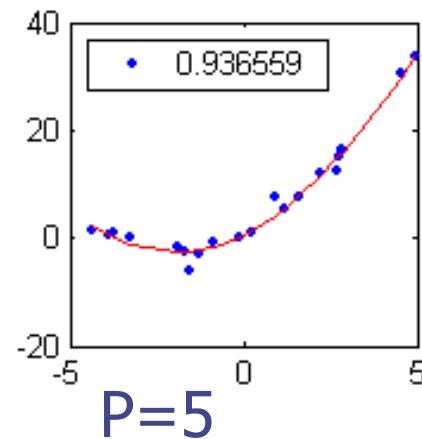
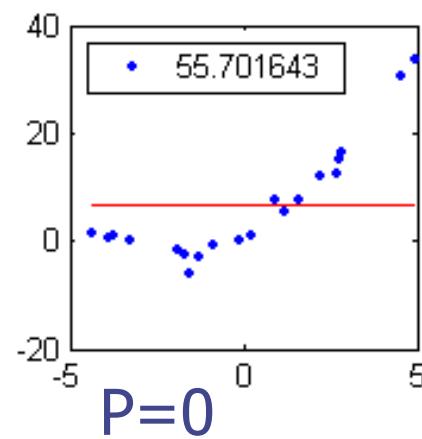
- Order-P polynomial regression fitting for 1D variable is same as P-dimensional linear regression!

- Construct a multidim $\mathbf{x}_i = [x_i^0 \ x_i^1 \ x_i^2 \ x_i^3]^T$ x-vector from x scalar

- More generally any $\mathbf{x}_i = [\phi_0(x_i) \ \phi_1(x_i) \ \phi_2(x_i) \ \phi_3(x_i)]^T$

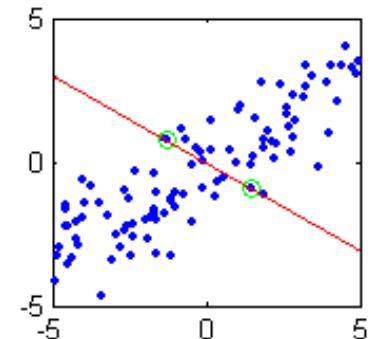
Underfitting/Overfitting

- Try varying P. Higher P fits a more complex function class
- Observe $R(\theta^*)$ drops with bigger P



Evaluating The Regression

- Unfair to use empirical to find best order P
- High P (vs. N) can overfit, even linear case!
- $\min R(\theta^*)$ not on training but on future data
- Want model to *Generalize* to future data



$$\text{True loss: } R_{true}(\theta) = \int P(x, y) L(y, f(x; \theta)) dx dy$$

- One approach: split data into training / testing portion

$$\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$$

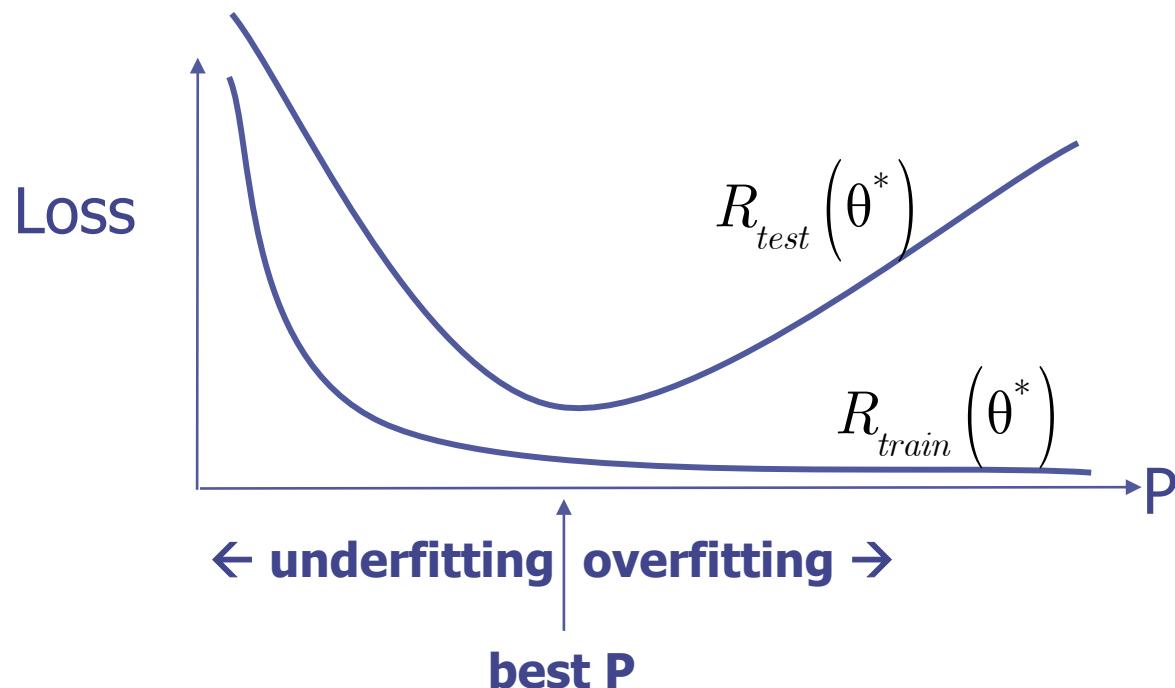
$$\{(x_{N+1}, y_{N+1}), \dots, (x_{N+M}, y_{N+M})\}$$

- Estimate θ^* with **training loss**: $R_{train}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i; \theta))$

- Evaluate P with **testing loss**: $R_{test}(\theta) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=N+1}^{N+M} L(y_i, f(x_i; \theta))$

Crossvalidation

- Try fitting with different polynomial order P
- Select P which gives lowest $R_{test}(\theta^*)$



- Think of P as a measure of the complexity of the model
- Higher order polynomials are more flexible and complex