

Regularization

Model complexity: overfitting

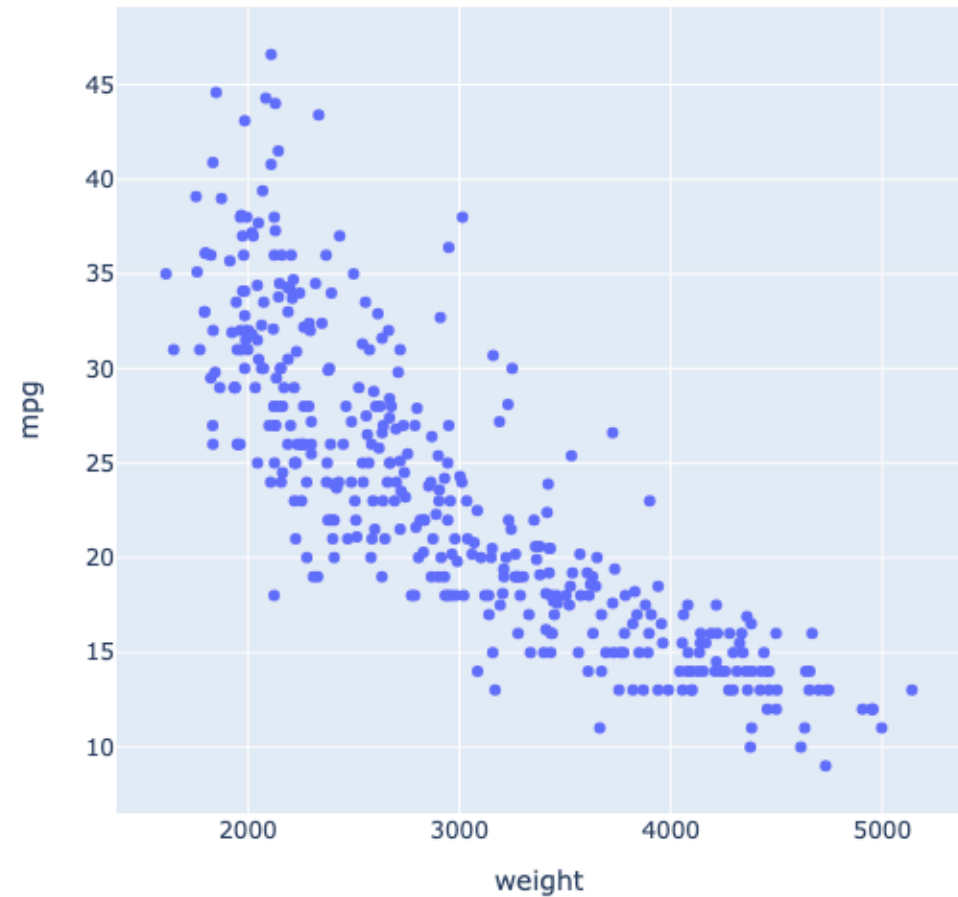
Good model:

- fits the data well
- generalizes to new data

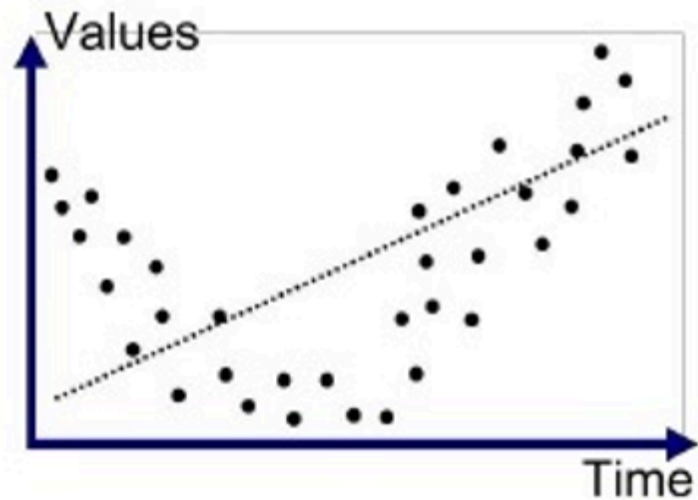
Overfit model:

- fits the data **too** well
- fails to generalize to new data

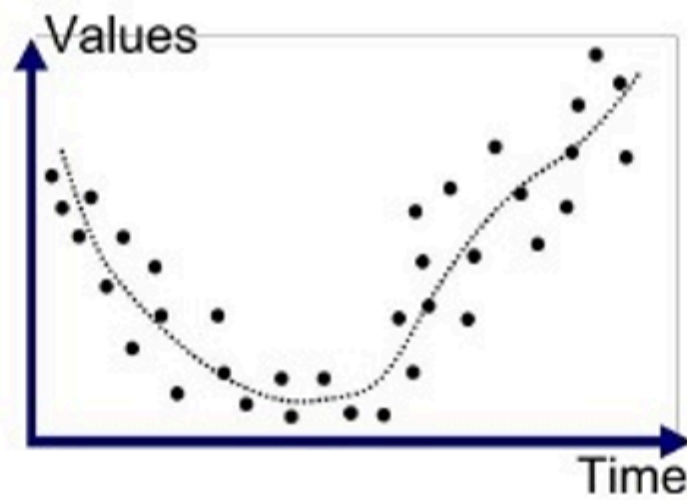
Weight vs MPG



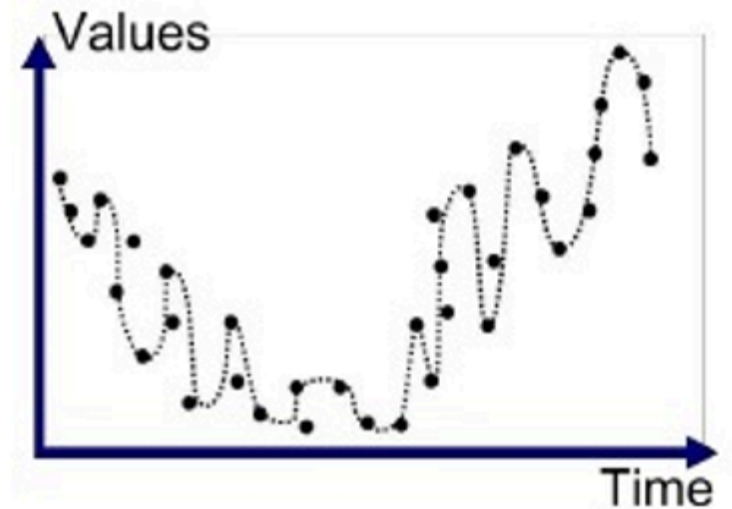
Regression example



Underfitted

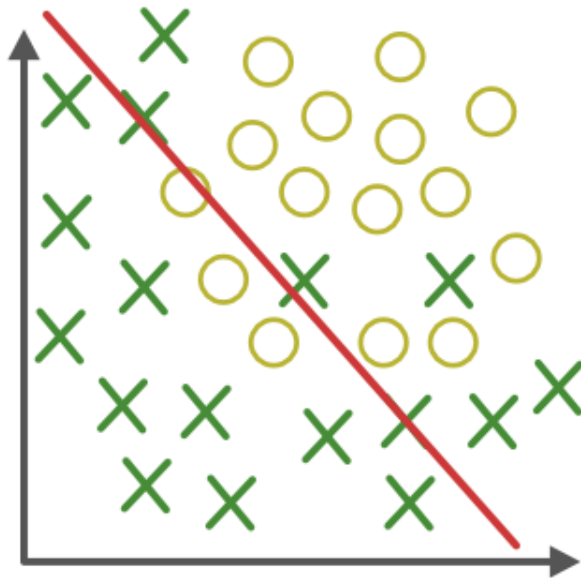


Good Fit/Robust

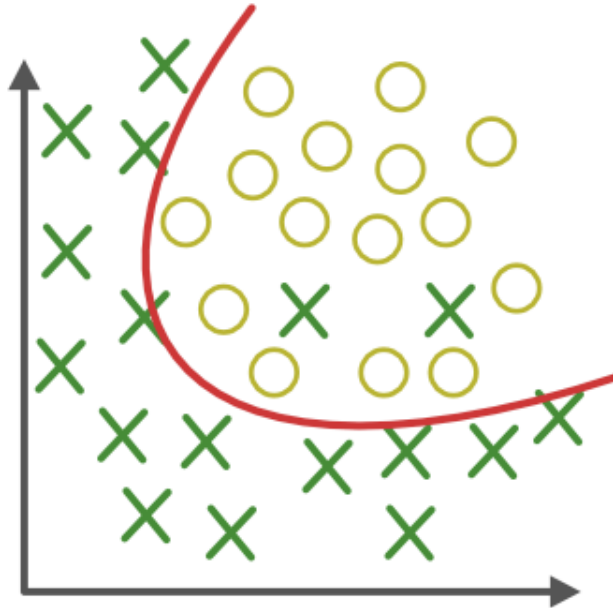


Overfitted

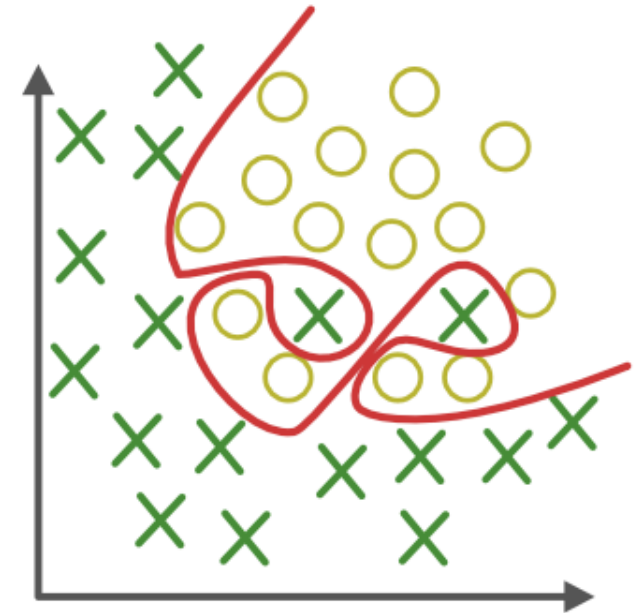
Classification example



Under-fitting
(too simple to
explain the variance)



Appropriate-fitting



Over-fitting
(forcefitting--too
good to be true) 

MACHINE LEARNING GENERALIZATION

FINDING THE PERFECT FIT

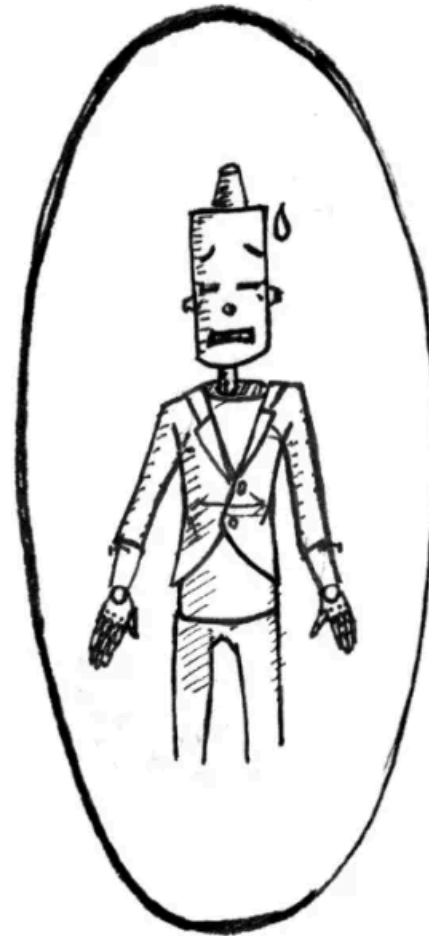
UNDERFIT



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OVERFIT



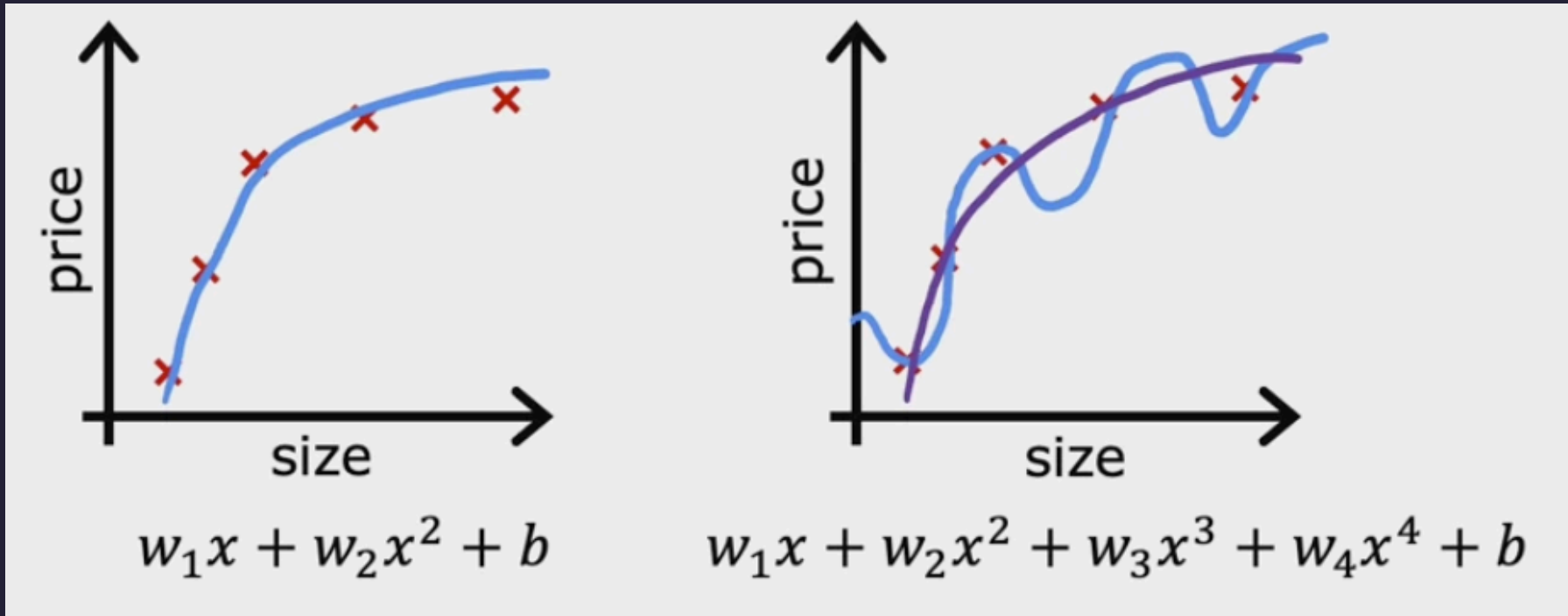
How to prevent overfitting?

Collect more data

Feature selection: restrict the model complexity by choosing fewer features

| Regularization: restrict the model complexity by penalizing large weights

Regularization



Regularization

Small weights (≈ 0) to make the model simpler

$$f(x) = 28x + 385x^2 - 39x^3 + 174x^4 + 100$$

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$$f(x) = 13x - 0.23x^2 - 0.0000012x^3 + 0.0002x^4 + 4$$

To make w_3, w_4 small (≈ 0), modify the cost function:

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(a^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) + \underbrace{(1000w_3^2 + 1000w_4^2)}_{\text{penalty for large weights}}$$

Modified cost function with regularization

Minimize both **loss** and **complexity**

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(a^{(i)}, y^{(i)})}_{\text{loss}} + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2}_{\text{complexity}}$$

- j : index of the feature ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$)
- w_j : weight of the feature j
- complexity term: sum of squares of the weights
- **λ (lambda): regularization parameter**

Regularization parameter

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(a^{(i)}, y^{(i)})}_{\text{loss}} + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2}_{\text{complexity}}$$

large λ

- Complexity term dominates
- Weights close to zero

small λ :

- Complexity term close to zero \Rightarrow Non-regularized model
- Weights close to non-regularized values

Regularized linear regression

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^{(i)} - a^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to w_j

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, b)}{\partial w_j} = \frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + 2\lambda w_j$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to b

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, b)}{\partial b} = \frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)})$$

Regularization: "Shrinking" the weights

Gradient descent update rule for w_j

$$\begin{aligned}w_j &= w_j - \alpha \frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, b)}{\partial w_j} \\&= w_j - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + 2\lambda w_j \right) \\&= w_j - 2\alpha\lambda w_j - \alpha \left(\frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} \right) \\&= \underbrace{w_j(1 - 2\alpha\lambda)}_{\text{shrink factor}} - \underbrace{\alpha \left(\frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} \right)}_{\text{usual update}}\end{aligned}$$

Regularized logistic regression

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y^{(i)} \log(a^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - a^{(i)})] + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to w_j

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, b)}{\partial w_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + 2\lambda w_j$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to b

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, b)}{\partial b} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a^{(i)} - y^{(i)})$$

Regularized softmax regression

$$J(\vec{w}, \vec{b}) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K y_k^{(i)} \log(a_k^{(i)}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K w_{j,k}^2$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to $w_{j,k}$

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, \vec{b})}{\partial w_{j,k}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + 2\lambda w_{j,k}$$

Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to b_k

$$\frac{\partial J(\vec{w}, \vec{b})}{\partial b_k} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)})$$

Ridge and Lasso regression

Ridge regression:

- **L2** regularization term: w_j^2
- shrink weights (close but not equal to zero)

$$J(\vec{w}, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(y^{(i)}, a^{(i)}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^2$$

Lasso regression:

- **L1** regularization term: $|w_j|$
- sparse weights (set some weights to zero)

$$J(w, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(y^{(i)}, a^{(i)}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n |w_j|$$

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