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Bayesian linear regression

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- Linear regression: reminder
- Bayesian linear regression:
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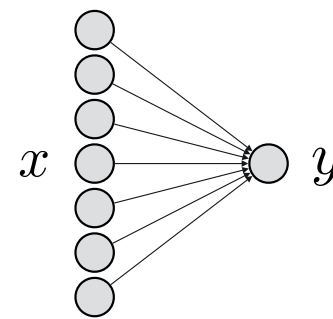
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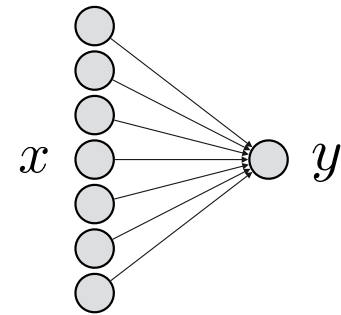
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Applications:

- bioinformatics
- physics
- economics
- text processing
- search engines ...

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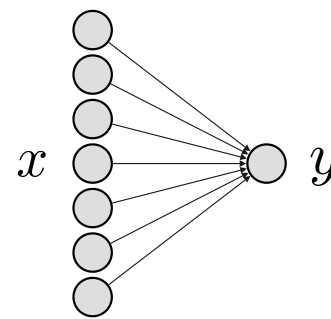
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$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i^T w - y_i)^2 \rightarrow \min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

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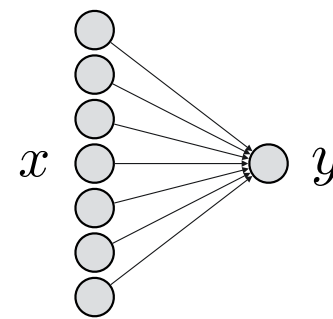
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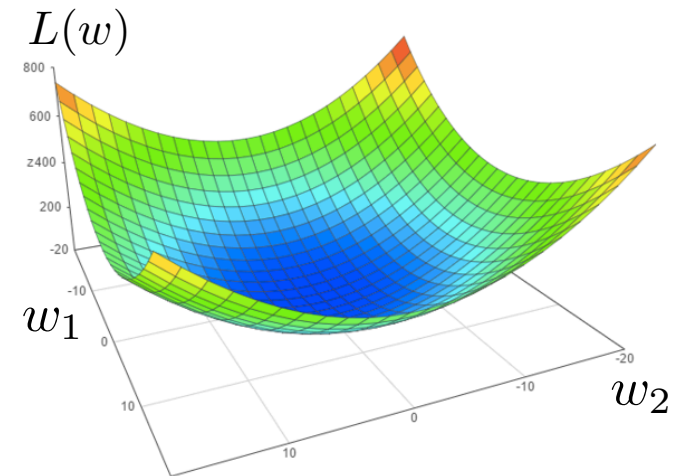
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Linear regression: training

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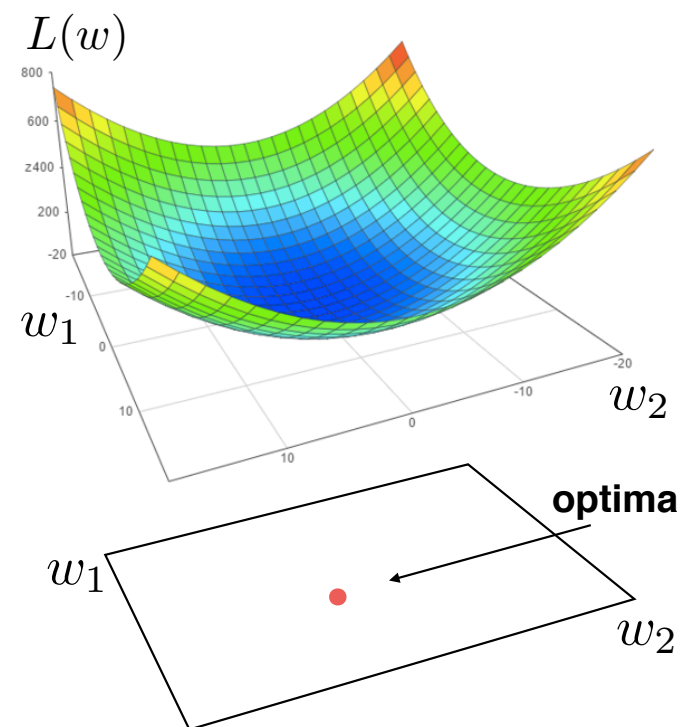
Optimal weights:

$$w_{ML} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

— if $\text{rank}(X^T X) = d$,
otherwise infinite number of solutions

Image from <https://www.globalsoftwaresupport.com/linear-regression/>

Convex function:



Linear regression: regularization

$$L(w) = \frac{1}{N} \|Xw - Y\|^2 + \lambda \|w\|^2 \rightarrow \min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

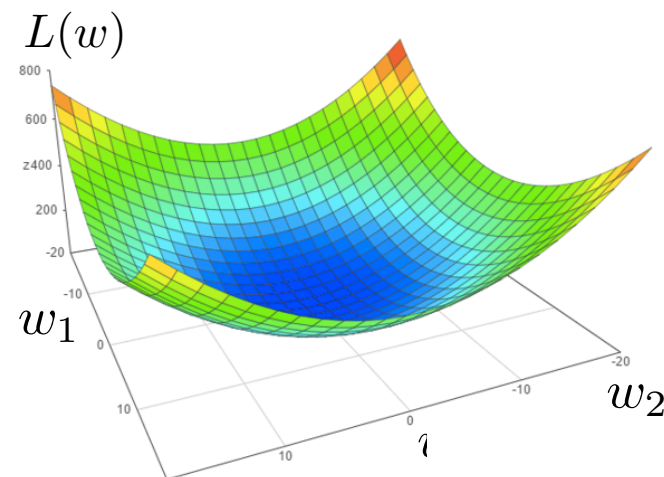
$\lambda > 0$

Optimal weights:

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- Always unique solution
- Preventing overfitting

Strongly convex function:



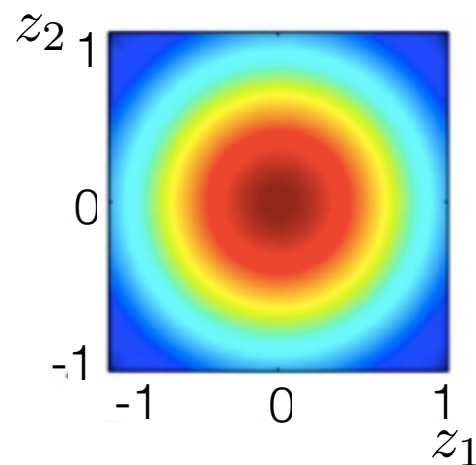
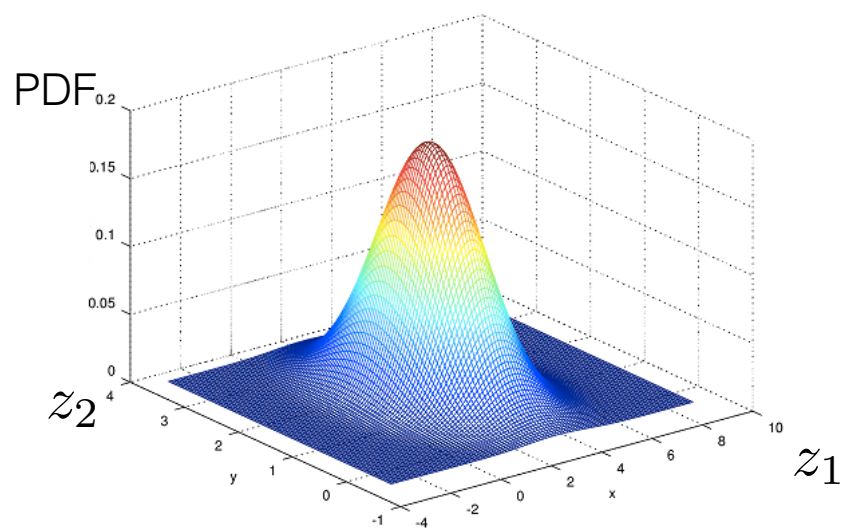
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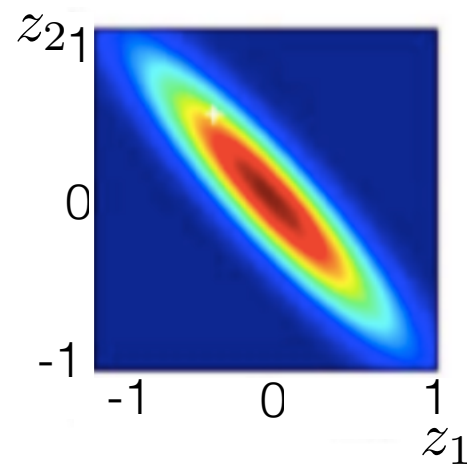
Multivariate normal (Gaussian) distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(z|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(z - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(z - \mu)\right),$$

$z \in \mathbb{R}^d$
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diagonal Σ



non-diagonal Σ

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**how does target Y
depend on input X ?**


**what weights w
do we expect?**

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- prior ?

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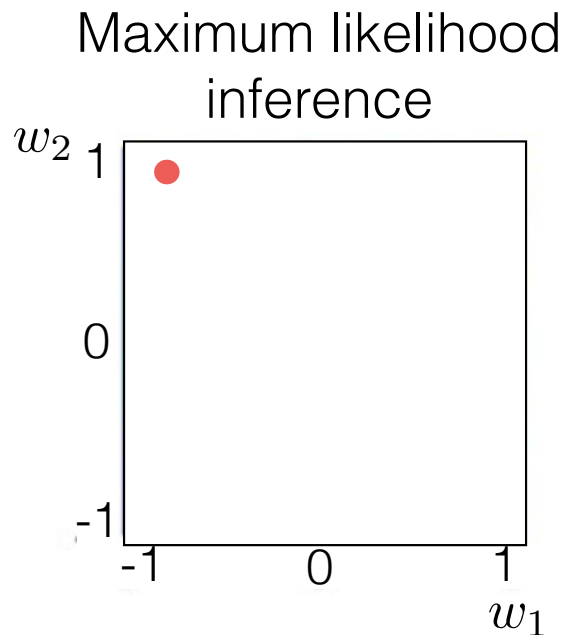
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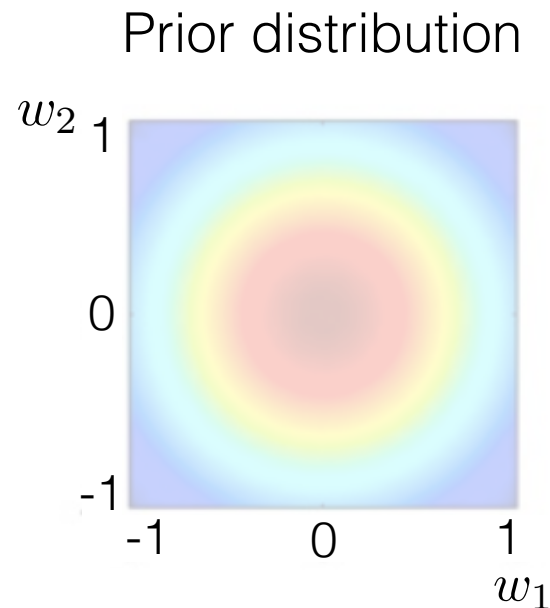
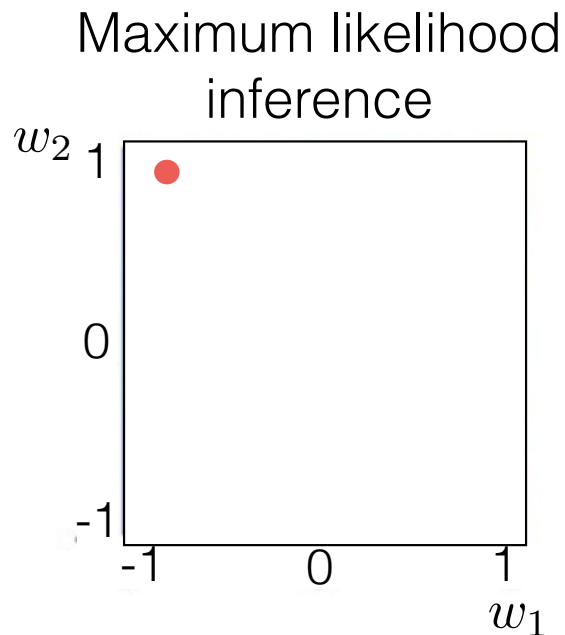
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Options of training Bayesian linear regression



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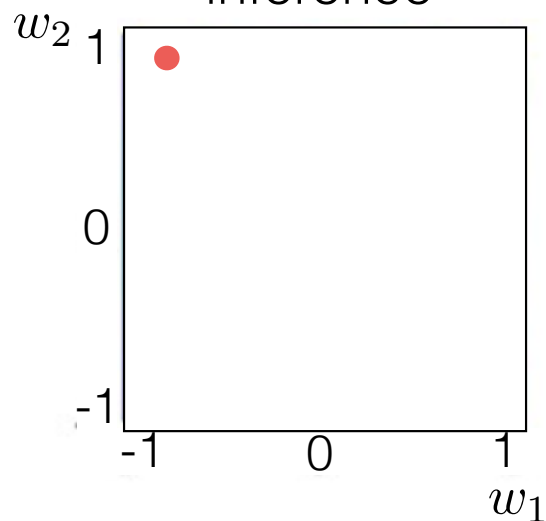
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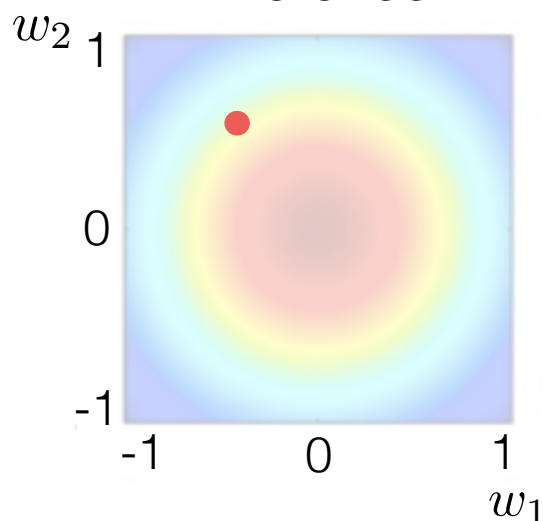
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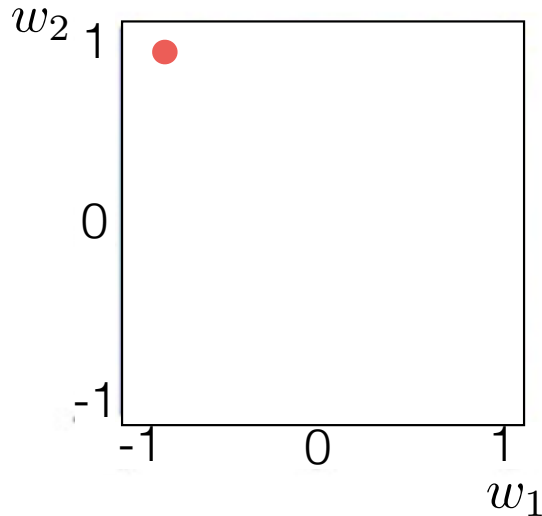


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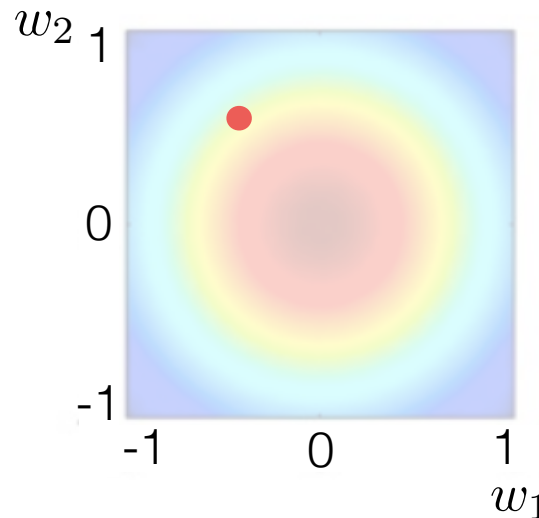
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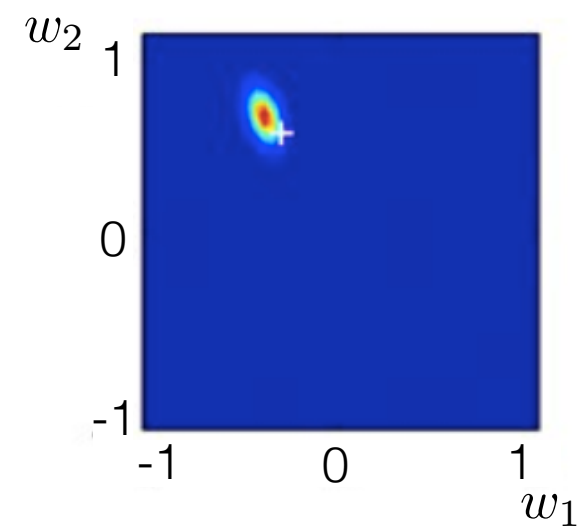
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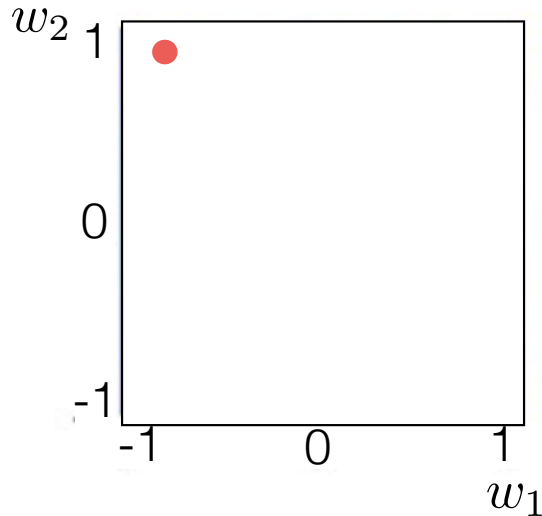
Full Bayesian inference: posterior distribution



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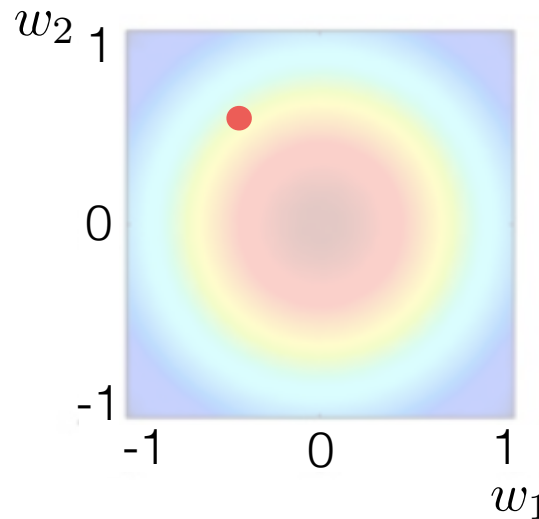
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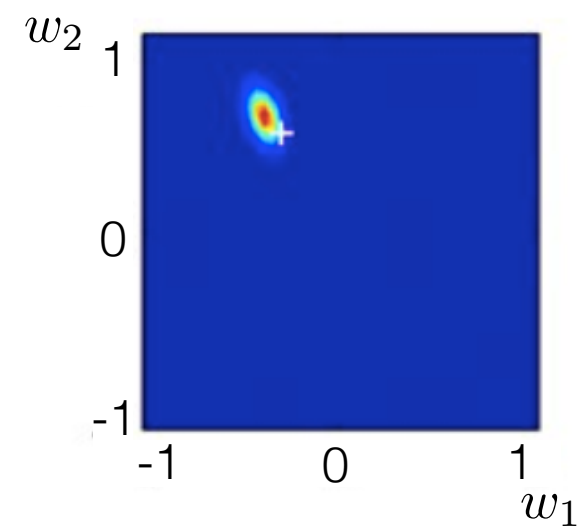
corresponds to
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corresponds to conventional
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Full Bayesian inference:
posterior distribution



Bayesian linear regression: training

Full Bayesian inference: $p(w|X, Y)$

Likelihood and prior are conjugate \rightarrow posterior is normal

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quadratic form w.r.t weights  **normal distribution**

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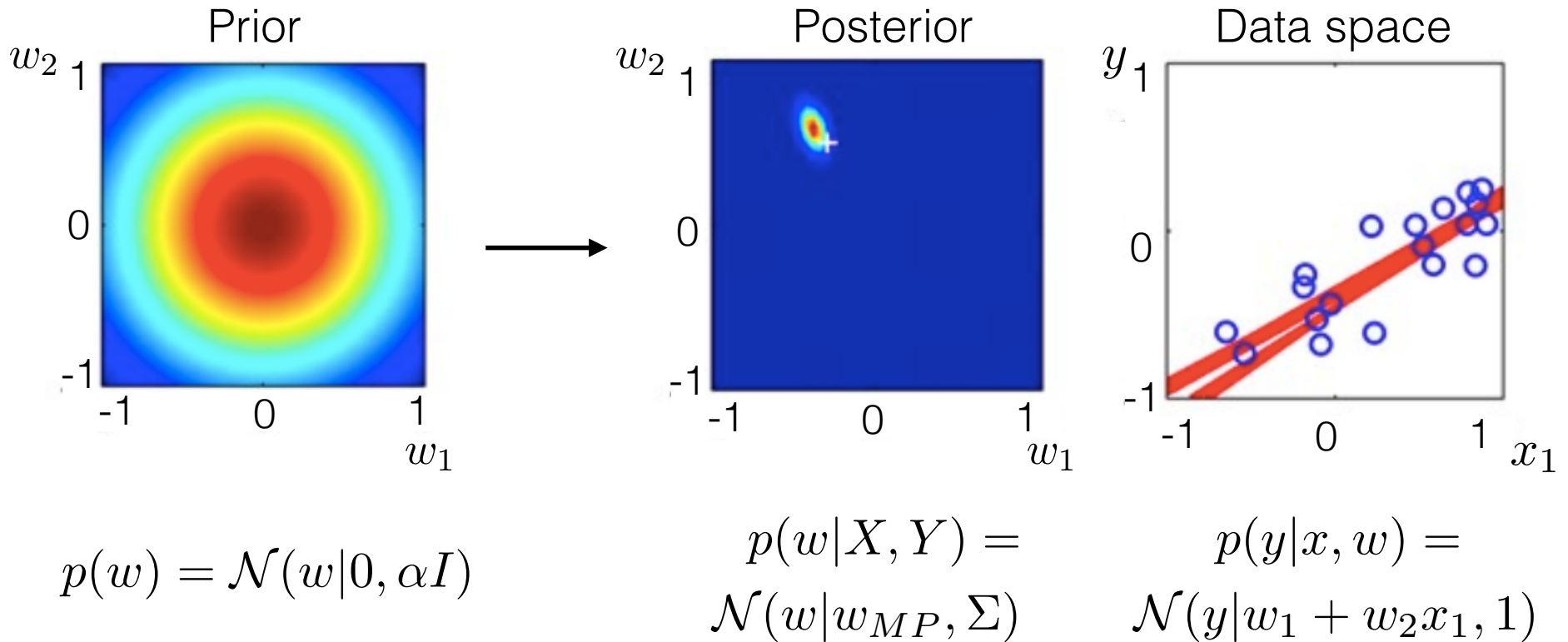
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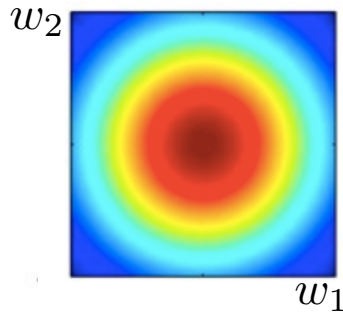
$$\Sigma = X^T X + \frac{1}{\alpha} I$$

Training visualization

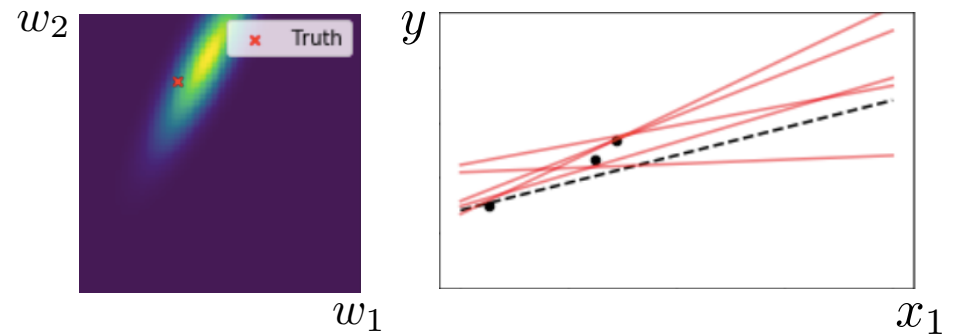


Training: increasing amount of data

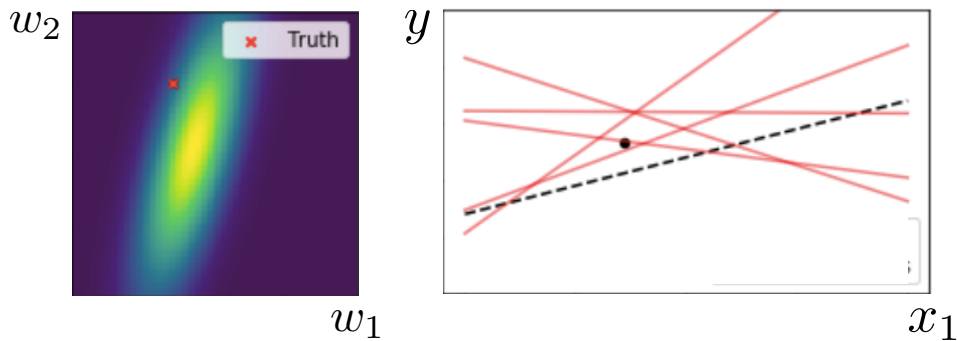
Prior:



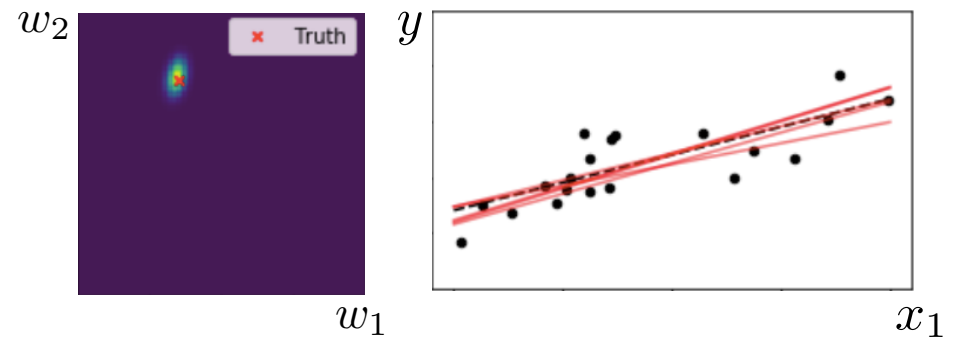
3 data points (N=3):



1 data point (N=1):



20 data points (N=20):



Images from <http://krasserm.github.io/2019/02/23/bayesian-linear-regression/>

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Prediction?

Full Bayesian inference

Training stage:

$$p(w|X, Y) = \frac{p(Y|X, w)p(w)}{\int p(Y|X, \tilde{w})p(\tilde{w})d\tilde{w}}$$



Testing stage:

$$p(y_*|x_*, X, Y) = \int p(y_*|x_*, w)p(w|X, Y)dw = \mathbb{E}_{p(w|X, Y)}p(y_*|x_*, w)$$

x_* — new object

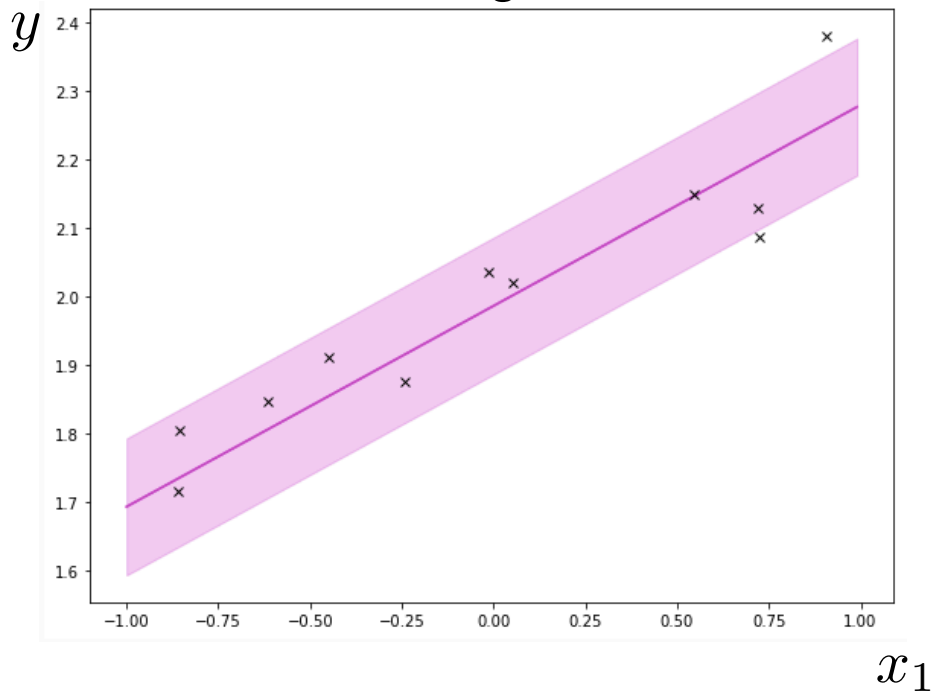
Bayesian linear regression: prediction

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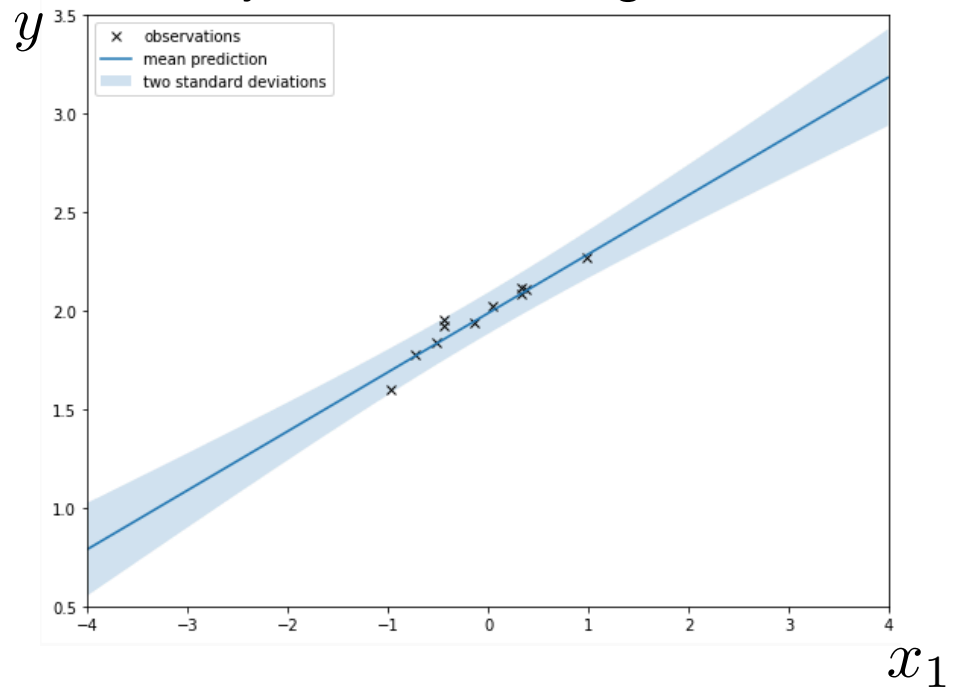
Prediction visualization

Linear regression



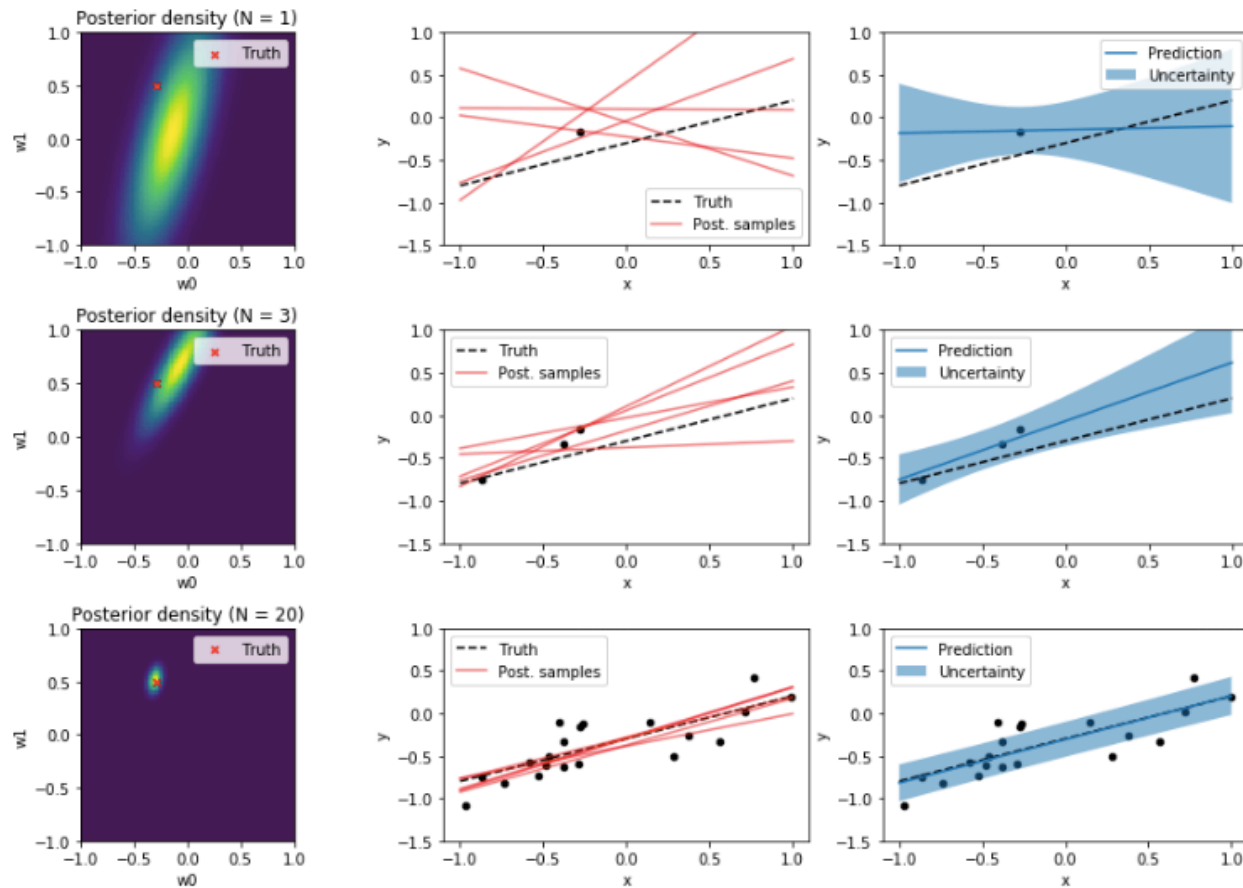
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Bayesian linear regression



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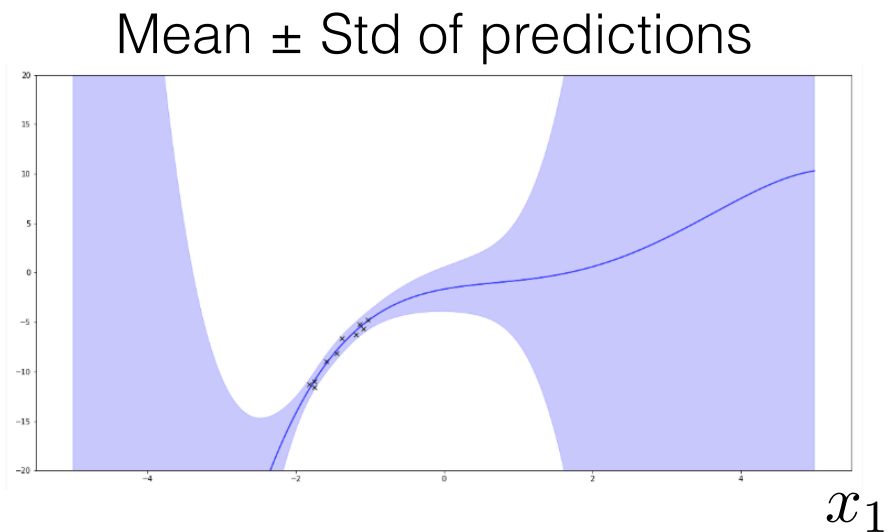
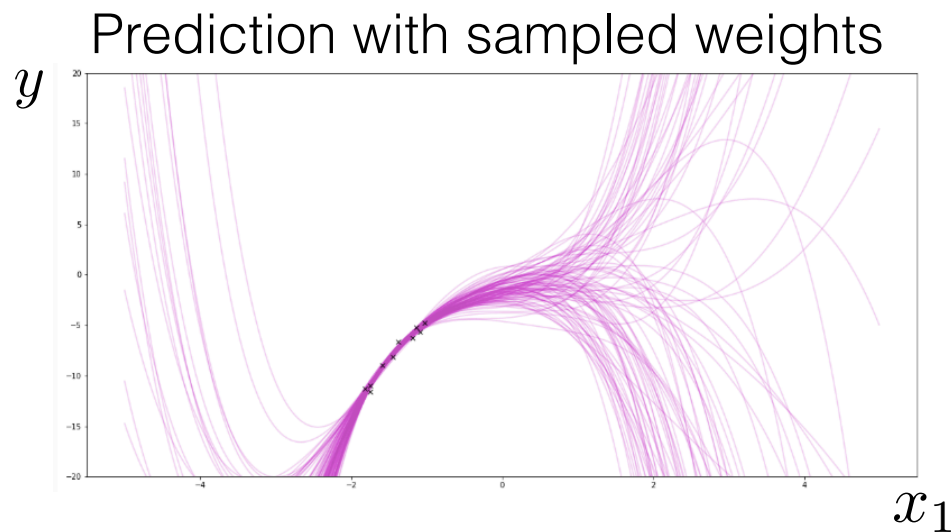


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Prediction: polynomial features

Modify training data: add polynomial features

$$p(y|x, w) = \mathcal{N}(y|w_1 + w_2 \underbrace{x_1}_{\text{}} + w_3 \underbrace{x_1^2}_{\text{}} + \dots w_6 \underbrace{x_1^5}_{\text{}}, 1)$$



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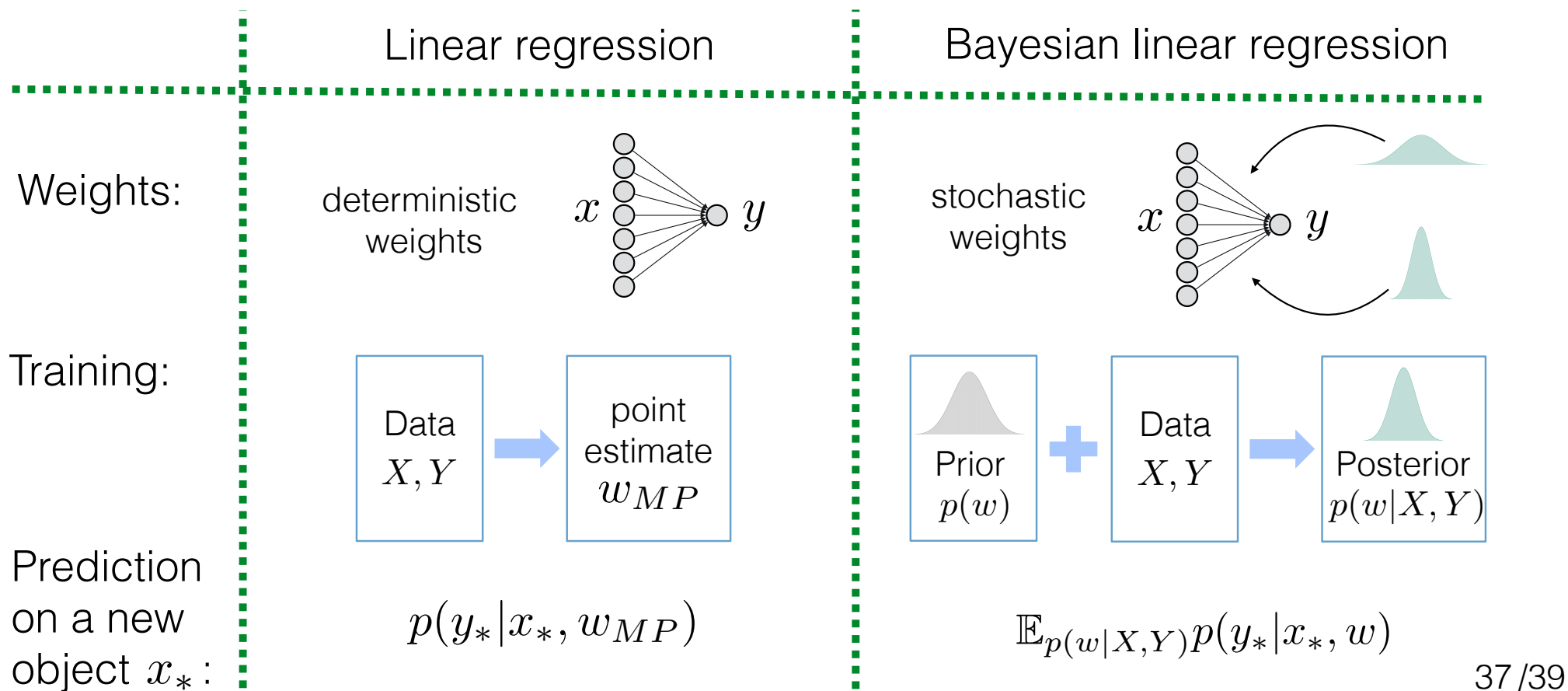
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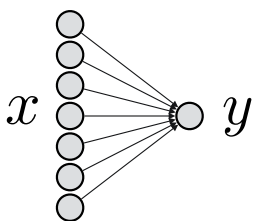
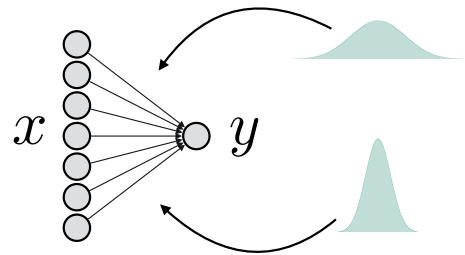
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Putting everything together



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	Linear regression	Bayesian linear regression
Weights:	<p>deterministic weights</p> 	<p>stochastic weights</p> 
Training:	$w_{MP} = (X^T X + \frac{1}{\alpha} I)^{-1} X^T Y$	$p(w X, Y) = \mathcal{N}(w w_{MP}, \Sigma)$ $w_{MP} = (X^T X + \frac{1}{\alpha} I)^{-1} X^T Y$ $\Sigma = X^T X + \frac{1}{\alpha} I$
Prediction on a new object x_* :	$\mathcal{N}(y_* x_*^T w_{MP}, 1)$	$\mathcal{N}(y_* x_*^T w_{MP}, 1 + x_*^T \Sigma x_*)$

Summary

- Conventional training of linear regression is equivalent to ML / MP Bayesian inference
- We can perform full Bayesian inference for linear regression, and obtain weight variance and covariance, in addition to mean values
- Bayesian regression provides more informative predictive uncertainty