

Machine Learning

# Regularization

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The problem of  
overfitting

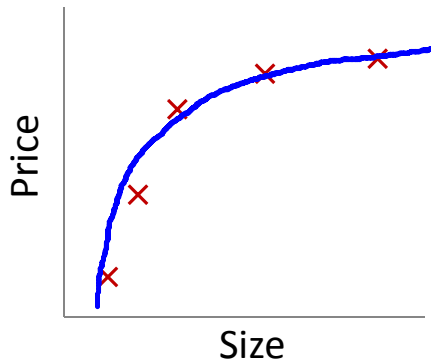
## Example: Linear regression (housing prices)



$$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

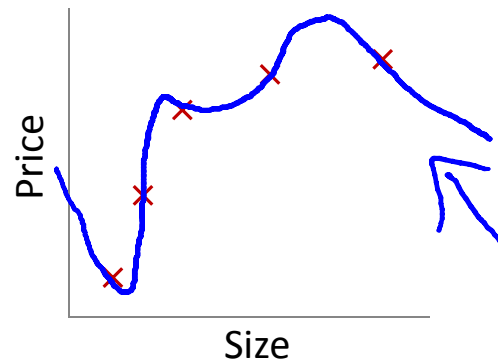
"Underfit" "High bias"

has a strong preconception or bias



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

"Just right"



$$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$$

"Overfit" "High variance"

**Overfitting:** If we have too many features, the learned hypothesis may fit the training set very well ( $J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \approx 0$ ), but fail to generalize to new examples (predict prices on new examples).

# Example: Logistic regression



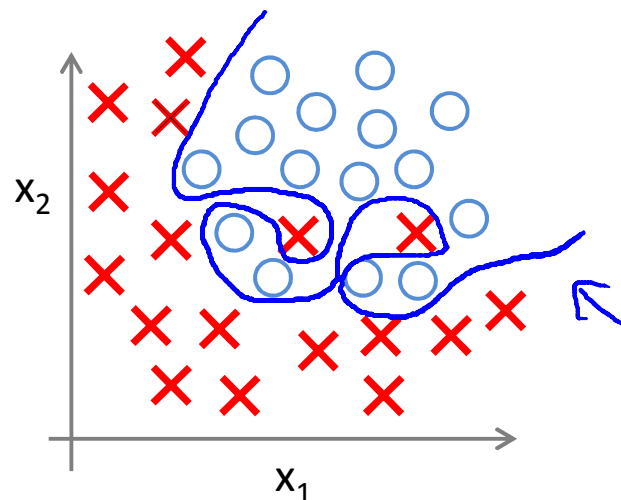
$\rightarrow h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2)$   
 ( $g$  = sigmoid function)

↩  
 "Underfit"



$g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2$   
 $+ \theta_3 x_1^2 + \theta_4 x_2^2$   
 $+ \theta_5 \underline{x_1 x_2})$

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$g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2$   
 $+ \theta_3 \underline{x_1^2 x_2} + \theta_4 \underline{x_1^2 x_2^2}$   
 $+ \theta_5 \underline{x_1^2 x_2^3} + \theta_6 \underline{x_1^3 x_2} + \dots)$

↖  
 "Overfit"

## Addressing overfitting:

$x_1$  = size of house

$x_2$  = no. of bedrooms

$x_3$  = no. of floors

$x_4$  = age of house

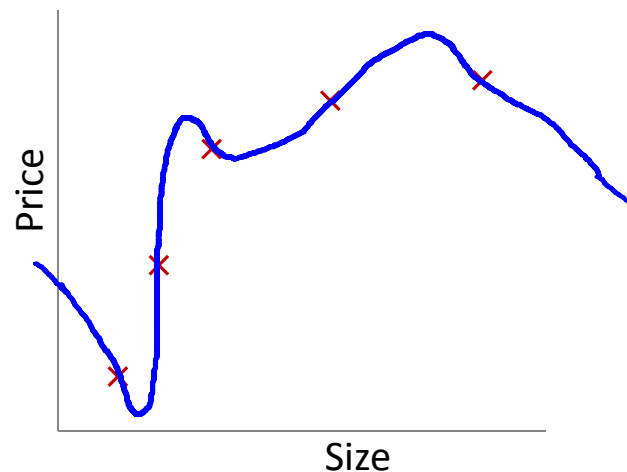
$x_5$  = average income in neighborhood

$x_6$  = kitchen size

$\vdots$

$x_{100}$

if we have too many features but too little data,  
over fitting can be a problem



# Addressing overfitting:

Options:

## 1. Reduce number of features.

- — Manually select which features to keep.
- — Model selection algorithm (later in course).

## 2. Regularization.

- — Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of parameters  $\theta_j$ .
- Works well when we have a lot of features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting  $y$ .





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# Cost function

# Intuition



Size of house

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



Size of house

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \cancel{\theta_3 x^3} + \cancel{\theta_4 x^4}$$

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Suppose we penalize and make  $\theta_3, \theta_4$  really small.

$$\rightarrow \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \underbrace{1000 \theta_3^2}_{\theta_3 \approx 0} + \underbrace{1000 \theta_4^2}_{\theta_4 \approx 0}$$



# Regularization.

Small values for parameters  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$

ex: small  $\theta_3$  and  $\theta_4$  makes  $h$  like a quadratic

- “Simpler” hypothesis
- Less prone to overfitting

$\rightarrow \theta_3, \theta_4$   
 $\approx 0$

Housing:

- Features:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{100}$
- Parameters:  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{100}$

we don't know which one to shrink, so we do all of them

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \right]$$

by convention we start from 1

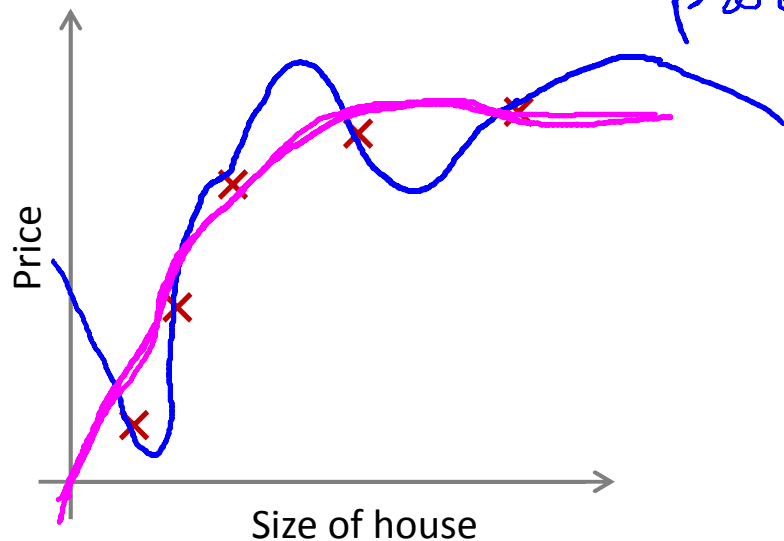
~~$\theta_0$~~   $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_{100}$

# Regularization.

$$\rightarrow J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2}_{\text{training error}} + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2}_{\text{regularization parameter}} \right]$$

$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$

lambda controls the trade off between 2 different goals:  
goal 1: captured by 1st term, we want to fit the training set well  
goal 2: we want to keep the parameter small, and that's captured by the second term.  
and what lambda does is to control the trade off between these two goals



In regularized linear regression, we choose  $\theta$  to minimize

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \right]$$

What if  $\lambda$  is set to an extremely large value (perhaps far too large for our problem, say  $\lambda = 10^{10}$ )?

- Algorithm works fine; setting  $\lambda$  to be very large can't hurt it
- Algorithm fails to eliminate overfitting.
- Algorithm results in underfitting. (Fails to fit even training data well).  

then we get rid of  $\theta_1$  to  $\theta_n$  in  $h$ , only  $\theta_0$  left  $\Rightarrow$   $\theta$  become a straight line
- Gradient descent will fail to converge.

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$h_{\theta}(x)$

$$\theta_0 + \cancel{\theta_1 x} + \cancel{\theta_2 x^2} + \cancel{\theta_3 x^3} + \cancel{\theta_4 x^4}$$

$\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$

$\theta_1 \approx 0, \theta_2 \approx 0$

$\theta_3 \approx 0, \theta_4 \approx 0$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0$$





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Regularized linear  
regression

## Regularized linear regression

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2} \right]$$

$$\min_{\theta} \underline{J(\theta)}$$

# Gradient descent

$$\theta_0$$

$$\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$$

Repeat {

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta)$$

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

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha$$

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

$$+ \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_j$$

$$(j = \cancel{0}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$$

}

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

$$\rightarrow J(\theta)$$

$$\theta_j^2$$

$$1 - \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} < 1$$

$$0.99$$

$$\theta_j \times 0.99$$

$$\theta_j = \theta_j * 0.99 - \text{xxxx}$$



# Normal equation

$$\underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} (x^{(1)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (x^{(m)})^T \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$$

$m \times (n+1)$

$$\underset{\uparrow}{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\rightarrow \min_{\theta} \underline{J(\theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta = \left( X^T X + \lambda \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)} \right)^{-1} X^T y$$

$\in \mathbb{R} \quad n=2$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

set partial J partial theta = 0 you can get this

Non-square matrices (m-by-n matrices for which  $m \neq n$ ) do not have an inverse.

## Non-invertibility (optional/advanced).

if  $m < n$ ,  $X$  is non-invertible  
= might be

Suppose  $m \leq n$ ,  $\leftarrow$   
(#examples) (#features)

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

non-invertible / singular

pinv

inv

If  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\theta = \left( X^T X + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} X^T y$$

invertible.

regularization also  
takes care of the  
non-invertible  
issue !!!!

this make the non-  
invertible matrix  
invertible now !!!

its not invertible,  
inv doesnt work !





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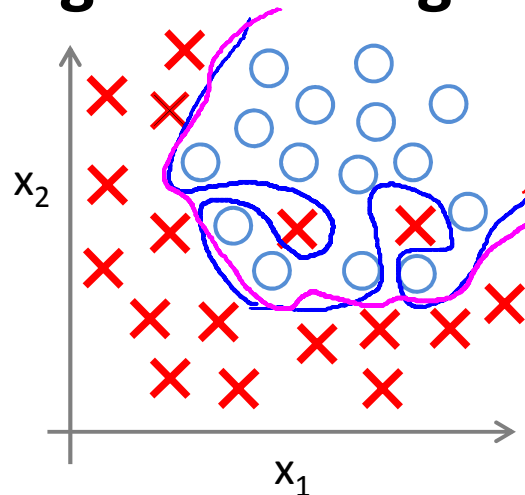
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Regularized  
logistic regression

# Regularized logistic regression.

even though we are using polynomial that gives you this, if you use regularization to keep the parameters small, you may likely get a decision boundary like this



$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 + \theta_3 x_1^2 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 + \theta_5 x_1^2 x_2^3 + \dots)$$

Cost function:

$$\rightarrow J(\theta) = - \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right] + \left[ \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \right]$$

when using regularization, even when you have a lot of features, the regularization can help take care of the over fitting problem

$\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$

# Gradient descent

Repeat {

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

$$\rightarrow \theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}}_{\substack{(j = \cancel{0}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n) \\ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n}} + \frac{1}{n} \theta_j \right] \leftarrow$$

}

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

$$\underline{h_{\theta}(x)} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

# Advanced optimization

→ `function [jVal, gradient] = costFunction(theta)`

`jVal = [code to compute  $J(\theta)$ ];`

$$\rightarrow J(\theta) = \left[ -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right] + \left[ \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2 \right]$$

→ `gradient(1) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta)$ ];`

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

→ `gradient(2) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta)$ ];`

$$\left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)} \right) + \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_1 \leftarrow$$

→ `gradient(3) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} J(\theta)$ ];`

$$\vdots \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_2^{(i)} \right) + \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_2$$

`gradient(n+1) = [code to compute  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} J(\theta)$ ];`

$f_{\text{minunc}}$  (a cost function)  $\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\theta_0 \leftarrow \text{theta}(1)$   
 $\theta_1 \leftarrow \text{theta}(2)$   
 $\theta_n \leftarrow \text{theta}(n+1)$

$J(\theta)$

