


# Linear Regression

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# Outline

- Supervised Learning 
- Linear Regression
- Extension

$X_{\text{new}}$   $Y_{\text{new}}$  actual

# Supervised Learning: Overview

Functions  $\mathcal{F}$

$$f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

Training data

$$\{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}\}$$

LEARNING

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{find } \hat{f} \in \mathcal{F} \\ \text{s.t. } y_i \approx \hat{f}(x_i) = \hat{y} \end{array}$$



Learning machine

PREDICTION

$$y = \hat{f}(x)$$

New data

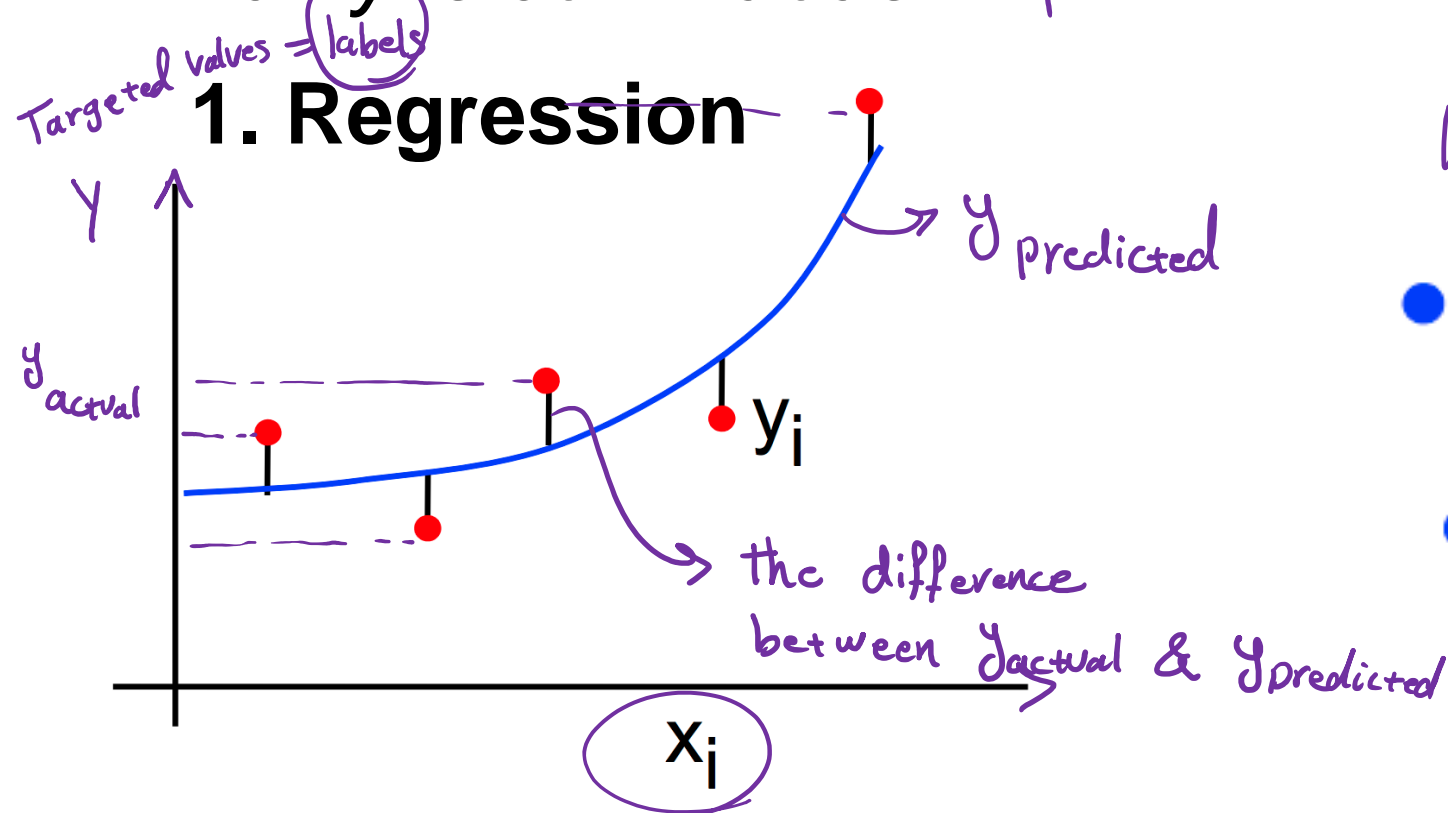
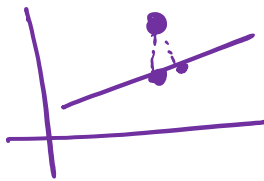
$$x$$

# Supervised Learning: Two Types of Tasks

**Given:** training data  $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$

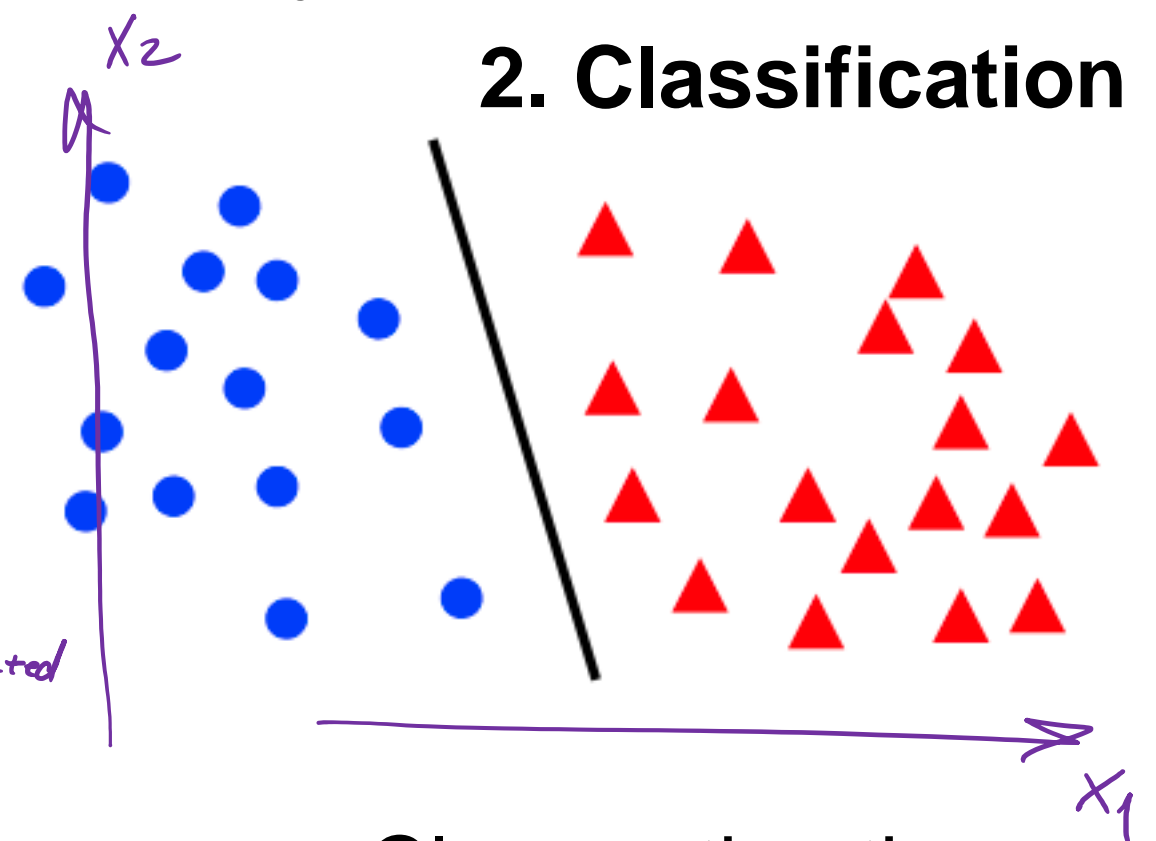
**Learn:** a function  $f(\mathbf{x}) : y = f(\mathbf{x})$

When  $y$  is continuous:



Curve fitting

When  $y$  is discrete:

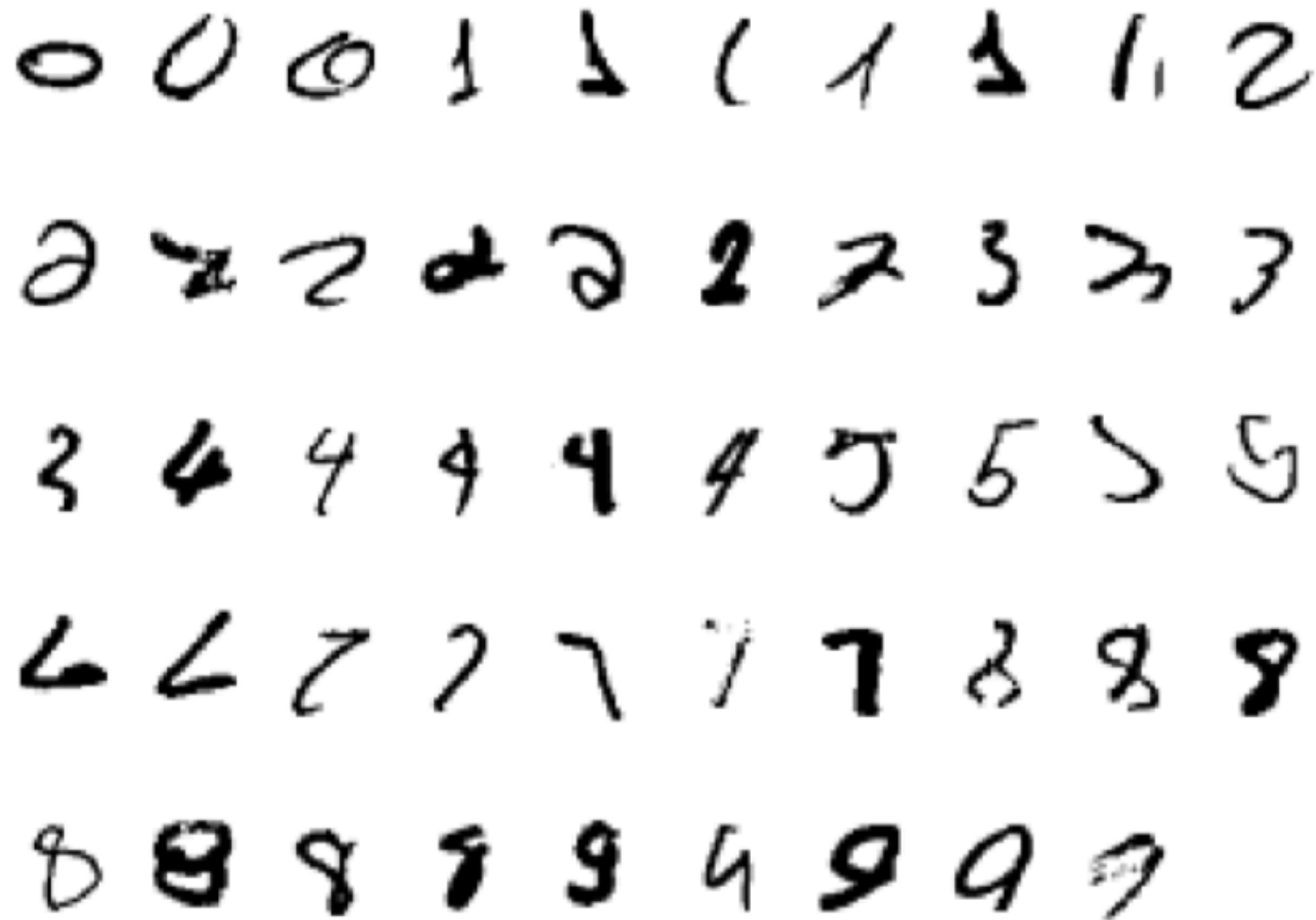


Class estimation

# Classification Example 1: Handwritten digit recognition

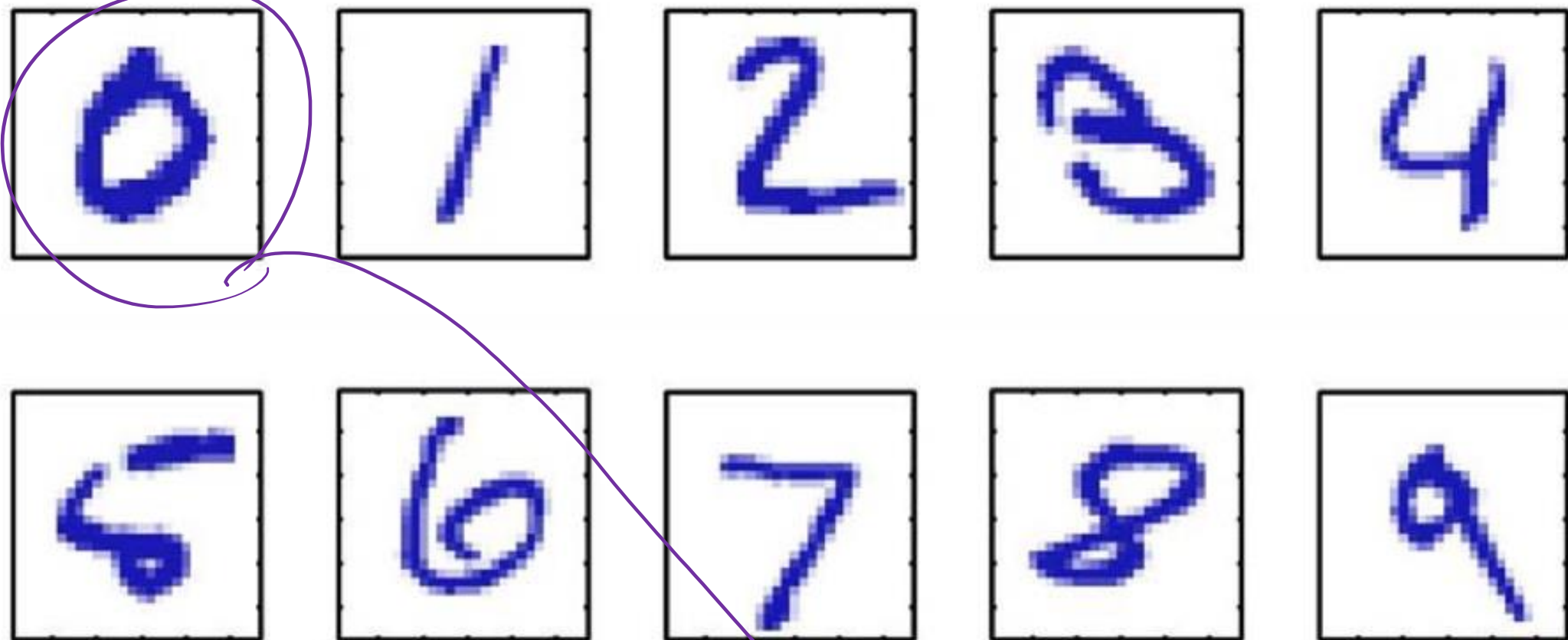
As a supervised classification problem

Start with training data, e.g. 6000 examples of each digit



- Can achieve testing error of 0.4%
- One of first commercial and widely used ML systems (for zip codes & checks)

# Classification Example 1: Hand-Written Digit Recognition



Images are 28 x 28 pixels

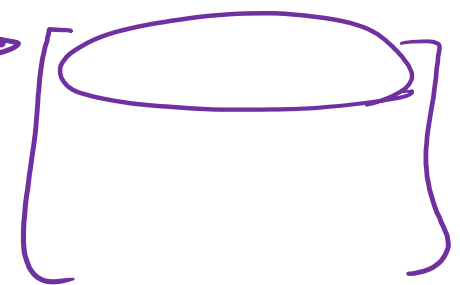
**A classification problem**

Represent input image as a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$

Learn a classifier  $f(\mathbf{x})$  such that,

$$f : \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$\mathbf{x} =$

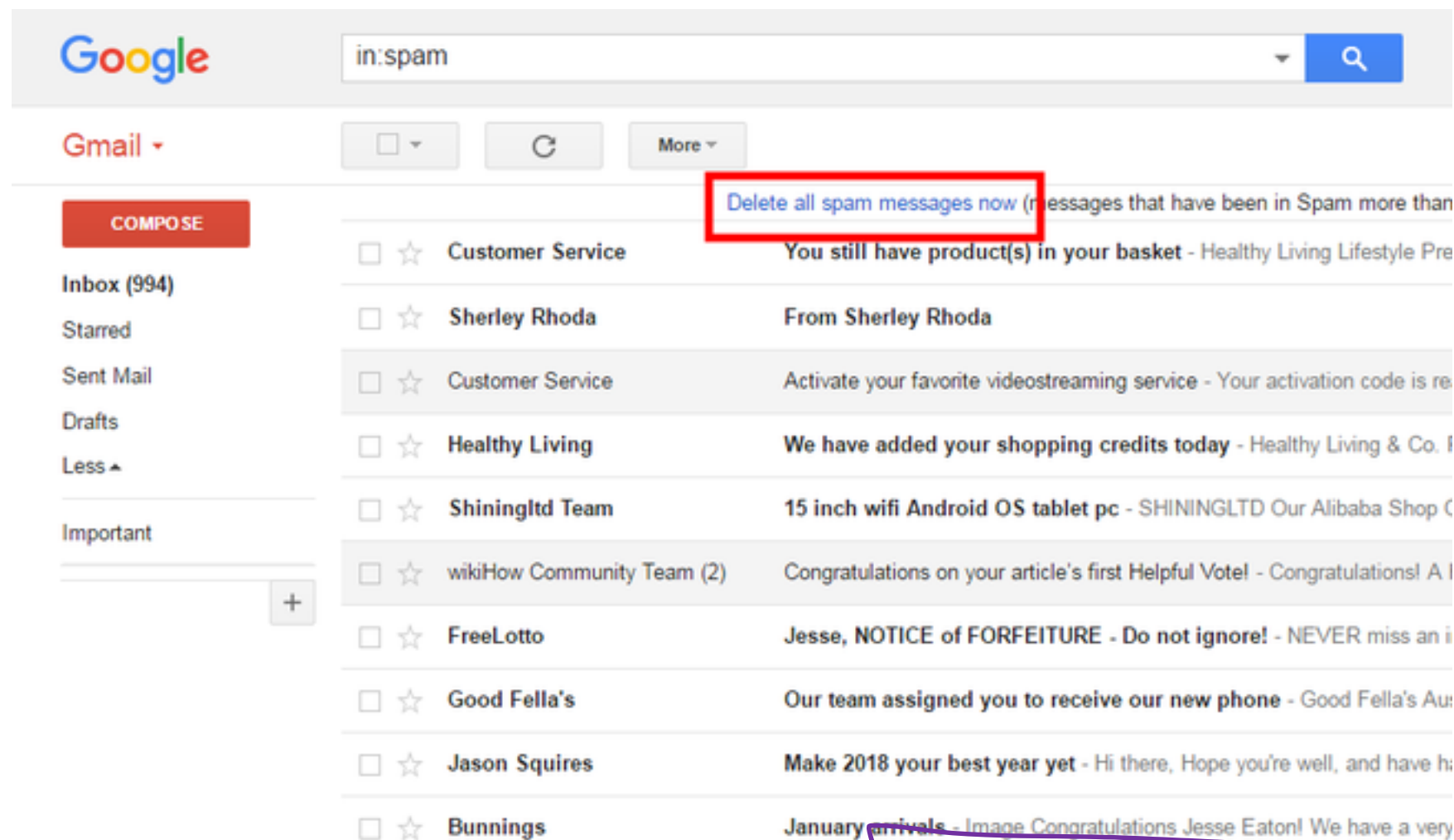


10 x d

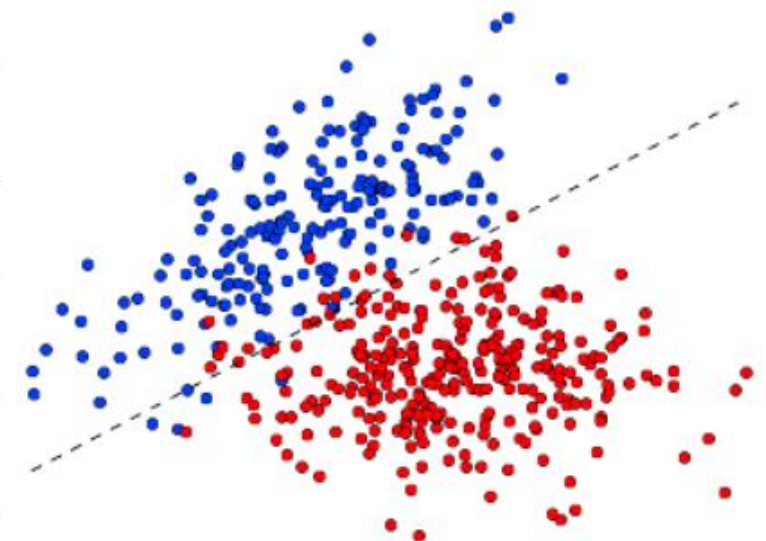


# Classification Example 2: Spam Detection

TF-IDF



NOT SPAM



SPAM

## A classification problem

- This is a classification problem
- Task is to classify email into spam/non-spam
- Data  $x_i$  is word count
- Requires a learning system as “enemy” keeps innovating

“Bag of words encoding”

$$X = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} all & great & few & bad & \dots \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} Email\ 1 \\ Email\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ Email\ n \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Regression Example 1: Apartment Rent Prediction

- Suppose you are to move to Atlanta
- And you want to find the **most reasonably priced** apartment satisfying your **needs**:

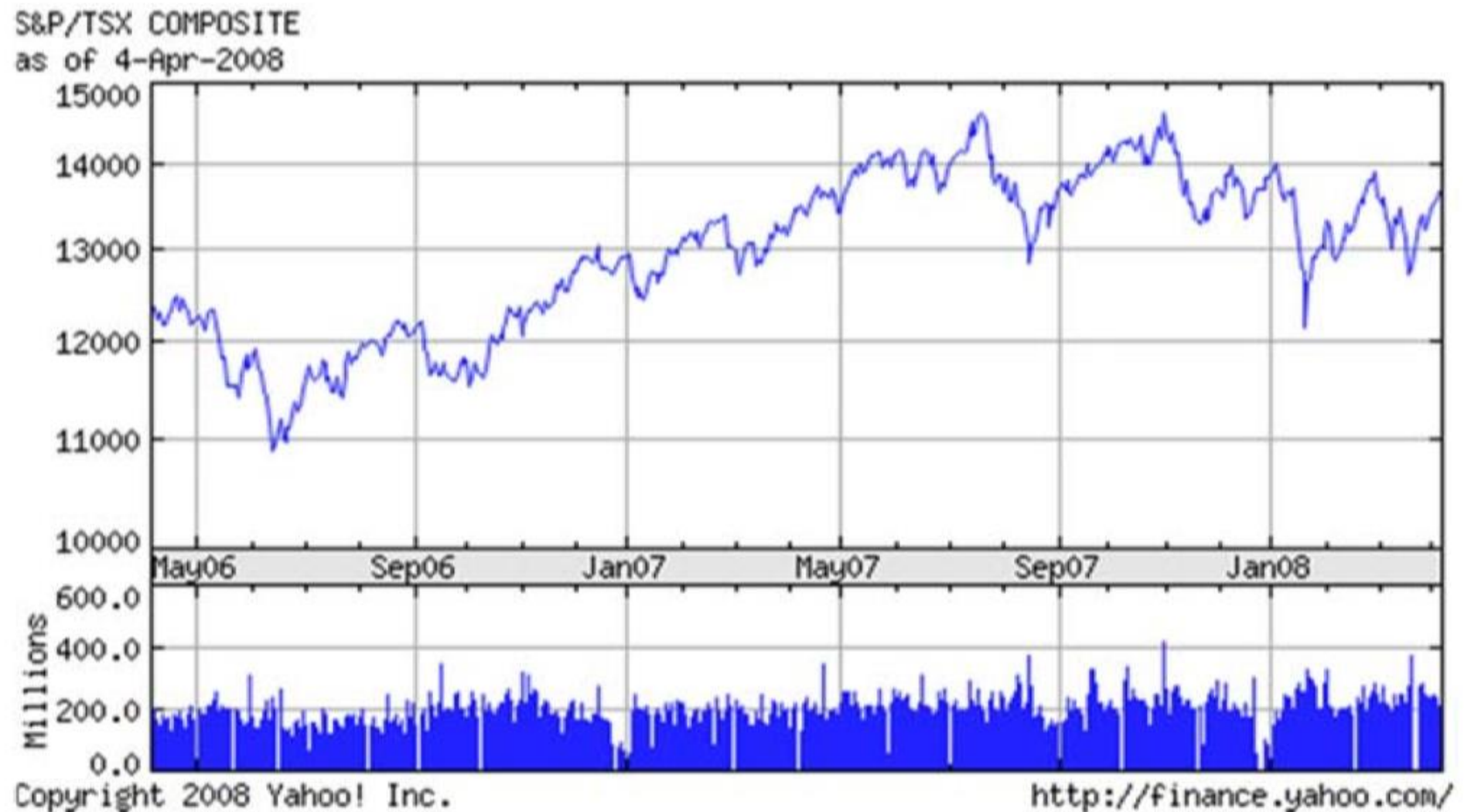
square-ft., # of bedroom, distance to campus ...

**A regression problem**

Living area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	# bedroom	Rent (\$)
230	1	600
506	2	1000
433	2	1100
109	1	500
...		
150	1	?
270	1.5	?



# Regression Example 2: Stock Price Prediction



- Task is to predict stock price at future date

**A regression problem**

$$\hat{y} = \underbrace{m}_{\text{slope}} x + \underbrace{b}_{\text{Intercept}}$$

Living area (feature)

$$\hat{y} = \underbrace{\Theta_0}_{\text{bias term}} + \Theta_1 X_1$$

## Features:

- Living area, distance to campus, # bedroom ...
- Denote as  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$

Linear combination of FEATURES

## Target:

- Rent

- Denoted as  $y$

$$\hat{y} \in \mathbb{R} = m_1 x_{Loc} + m_2 x_{Liv} + b$$

$$\hat{y} = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 X_1 + \Theta_2 X_2 = \boxed{X\Theta}$$

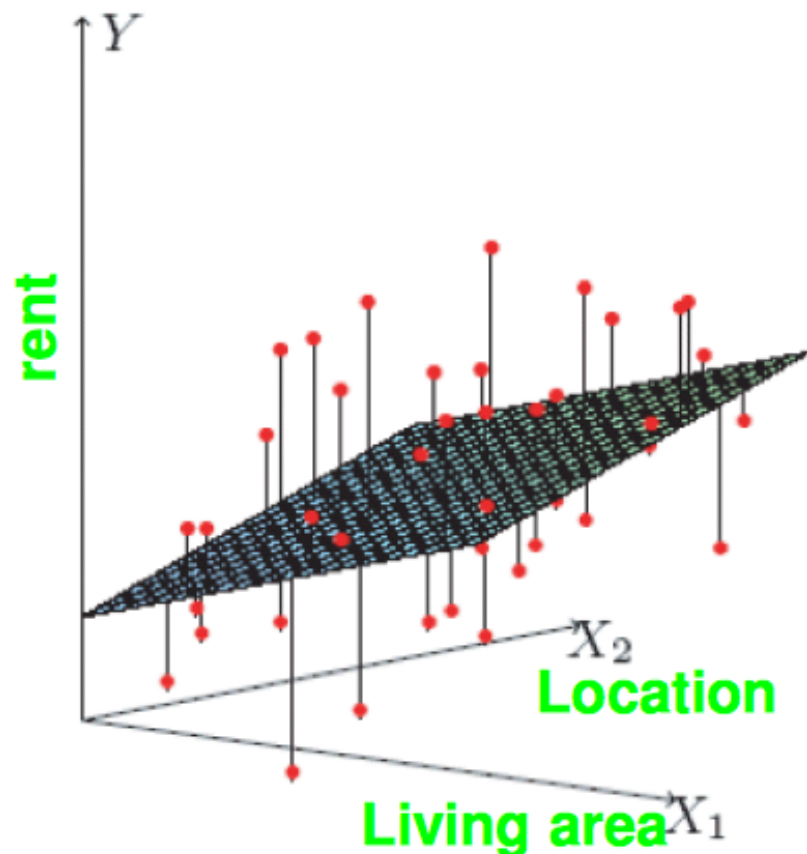
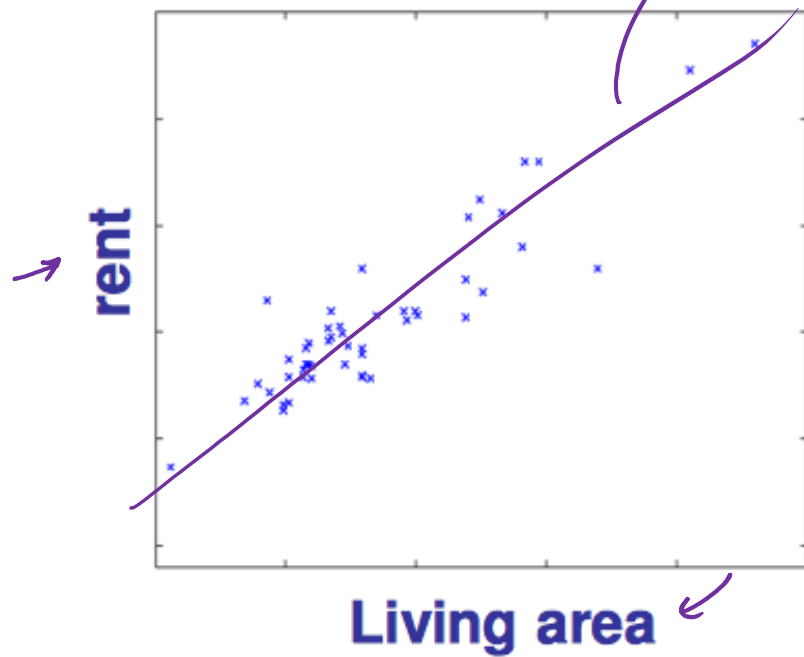
$$X_i = [1 \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_d]$$

$1 \times (d+1)$

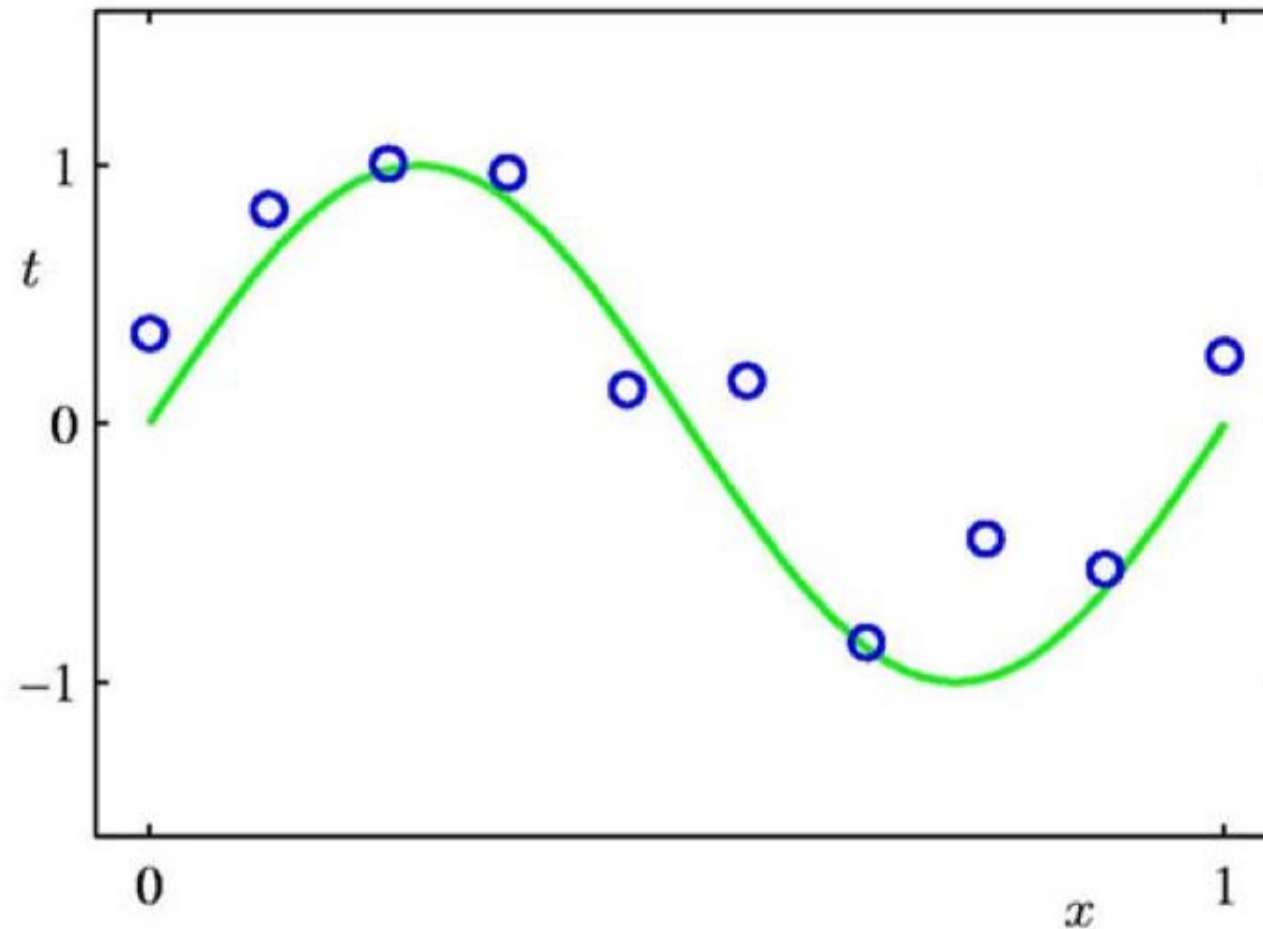
## Training set:

- $x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in R^d$
- $y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$

$$\Theta_{(d+1) \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_0 \\ \Theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Theta_d \end{bmatrix}$$



# Regression: Problem Setup




- Suppose we are given a training set of  $N$  observations

$$(x_1, \dots, x_N) \text{ and } (y_1, \dots, y_N), x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Regression problem is to estimate  $y(x)$  from this data

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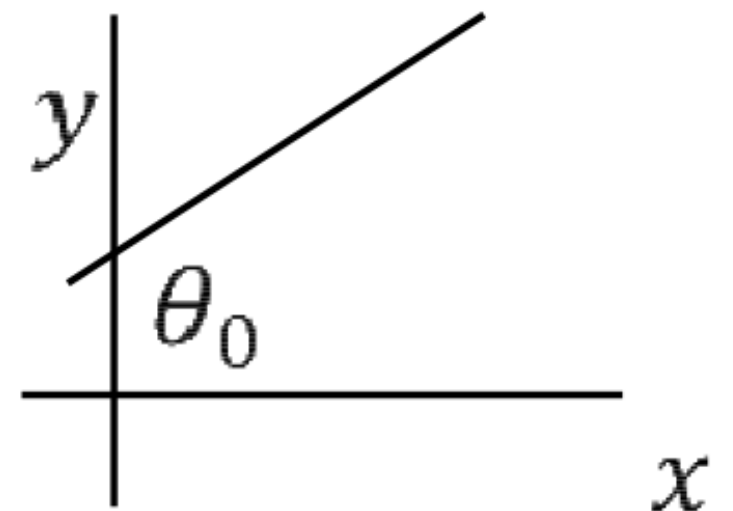
# Linear Regression

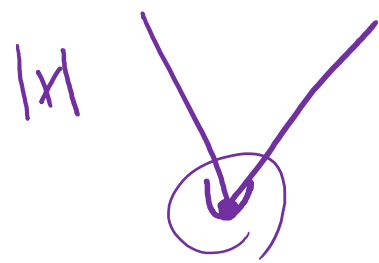
- Assume  $y$  is a linear function of  $x$  (features) plus noise  $\epsilon$

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d + \epsilon$$

- where  $\epsilon$  is an error term of unmodeled effects or [random noise](#)
- Let  $\theta = (\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)^T$ , and augment data by one dimension

- Then  $\hat{y} = x\theta + \epsilon$   
*linear combination of features*  
*noise*





$$|y_i - x_i \theta|$$

# Least Mean Square Method

- Given  $n$  data points, find  $\theta$  that minimizes the mean square error

Training

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\theta) L(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i \theta)^2$$

$y_{\text{actual}}$

$y_{\text{predicted}}$

$x_i$   
 $1 \times (d+1)$

$\theta$   
 $(d+1) \times 1$

- Our usual trick: set gradient to 0 and find parameter  $\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T y_i + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T x_i \theta = 0$$



## Matrix form

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^{\{1\}} & \dots & x_1^{\{d\}} \\ 1 & x_2^{\{1\}} & \ddots & x_2^{\{d\}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n^{\{1\}} & \dots & x_n^{\{d\}} \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_d \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times (d+1)$ 
 $n \times 1$ 
 $(d+1) \times 1$

$$MSE(\theta) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} L(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} (y - x\theta)^T (y - x\theta)$$

$$x\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1^{\{1\}} + \theta_2 x_1^{\{2\}} + \dots + \theta_d x_1^{\{d\}} \\ \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_2^{\{1\}} + \theta_2 x_2^{\{2\}} + \dots + \theta_d x_2^{\{d\}} \\ \vdots \\ \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_n^{\{1\}} + \theta_2 x_n^{\{2\}} + \dots + \theta_d x_n^{\{d\}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times 1$

*Handwritten annotations for the MSE formula:*  
 - Above  $x$ :  $n \times 1$   
 - Above  $\theta$ :  $n \times 1$   
 - Below  $x$ :  $(n \times d+1)$   
 - Below  $\theta$ :  $(d+1) \times 1$   
 - Below  $x\theta$ :  $1 \times n$   
 - Below  $y$ :  $n \times 1$   
 - Below  $(y - x\theta)$ :  $1 \times 1$

# Matrix Version and Optimization

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T y_i + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T x_i \theta = 0$$

Let's rewrite it as:

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \underbrace{(x_1, \dots, x_n)^T}_{n \times (d+1)} (y_1, \dots, y_n) + \frac{2}{n} (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T (x_1, \dots, x_n) \theta = 0$$

Define  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \underbrace{X^T}_{(d+1) \times n} \underbrace{y}_{n \times 1} + \frac{2}{n} \underbrace{X^T X}_{(d+1) \times (d+1)} \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1}}_{(d+1) \times (d+1)} \underbrace{X^T}_{(d+1) \times n} \underbrace{y}_{n \times 1} = X^+ y$$

$X^+$  is the **pseudo-inverse** of  $X$   
 $X^T X X^+ = X^T$

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

$X_{n \times d}$

$n = \text{instances}$      $d = \text{dimension}$

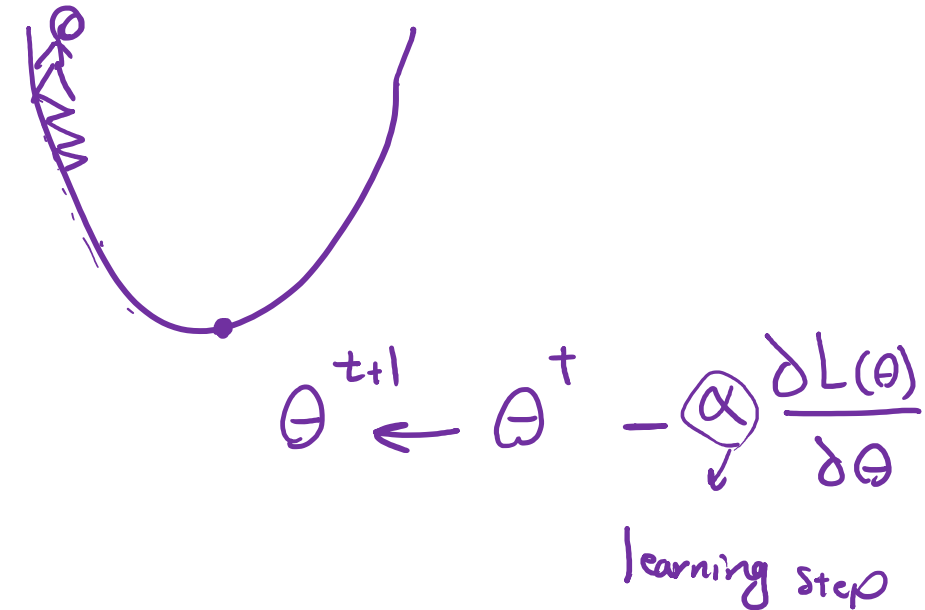
$$X^T X = \left[ \begin{array}{c} d \times n \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} n \times d \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} d \times d \end{array} \right]$$

Not a big matrix because  $n \gg d$  This matrix is invertible most of the times. If we are VERY unlucky and columns of  $X^T X$  are not linearly independent (it's not a full rank matrix), then it is not invertible.

# Alternative Way to Optimize

- The matrix inversion in  $\hat{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$  can be very expensive to compute

- $$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$



- Gradient descent

$$\hat{\theta}^{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{\theta}^t + \frac{\alpha}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$

- Stochastic gradient descent (use one data point at a time)

SGD  $\leftarrow \hat{\theta}^{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{\theta}^t + \beta_t \times x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$

Batch  $\leftarrow$  BGD

Training data

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Training data} \\ \textcircled{X}_{n \times (d+1)} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Actual labels} \\ Y_{n \times 1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Theta_{(d+1) \times 1} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(x) = \hat{y} \quad \text{predicted labels}$$

$y_p$  is as close as possible to  $y_a$

$$f(x) = \hat{y} = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \Theta_d x_d = X \Theta \quad \text{Linear combination of features}$$

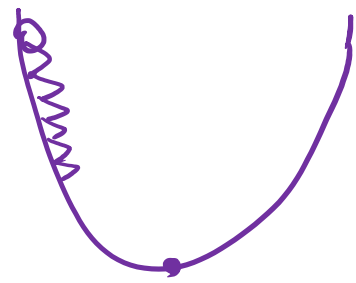
$$L(\Theta) = E(\Theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \overset{\text{actual}}{\tilde{y}_i} - \overset{\text{predicted}}{\hat{y}_i} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - x_i \Theta)^2$$

i.e. Convex

$$= E[(y_i - x_i \Theta)^2] = \text{bias}^2 + \text{Variance}$$

$$\Theta_{(d+1) \times 1} = \frac{\underbrace{\left( \underbrace{X^T X}_{(d+1) \times (d+1)} \right)^{-1} \underbrace{X^T Y}_{(d+1) \times 1}}_{(d+1) \times 1}$$

① GD



i.e.  $L(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - x_i \theta)^2$

Initialize  $\theta$  with random numbers or zero

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

$$\theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta^t - \alpha \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta^t + \frac{\alpha}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$

$$\theta^t \rightarrow \theta^{t+1}$$

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② SGD

$$\theta^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta^t + \beta x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$

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③ BGD or Batch GD

Using a Batch of datapoints

It takes 5 iteration  
to reach to one epoch

In total, I have 100 datapoints and  
I use 20 datapoints in each iteration



# Recap

- Stochastic gradient update rule

$$\hat{\theta}^{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{\theta}^t + \beta_t \times x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$

- Pros: on-line, low per-step cost
- Cons: coordinate, maybe slow-converging

- Gradient descent

$$\hat{\theta}^{t+1} \leftarrow \hat{\theta}^t + \frac{\alpha}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^T (y_i - x_i \theta)$$

- Pros: fast-converging, easy to implement
- Cons: need to read all data

- Solve normal equations

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

- Pros: a single-shot algorithm! Easiest to implement.
- Cons: need to compute inverse  $(X^T X)^{-1}$ , expensive, numerical issues (e.g., matrix is singular ..)

# Linear regression for classification

Raw Input  $x = (\overset{1}{x_0}, x_1, \dots, x_{25\overset{6}{6}})$

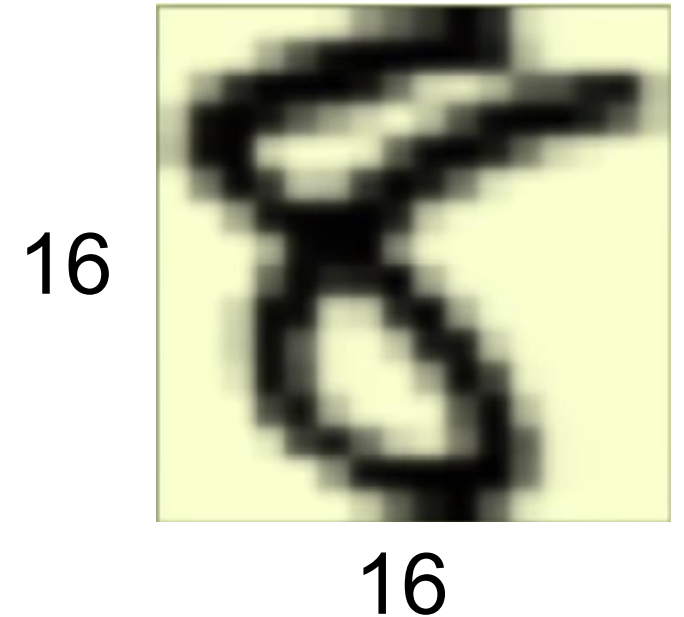
Linear model  $(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{25\overset{6}{6}})$

Extract useful information

*intensity and symmetry*  $x = (1, x_1, x_2)$

*Sum up all the pixels = intensity*

*Symmetry = -(difference between flip version)*



$$x = (1, x_1, x_2)$$

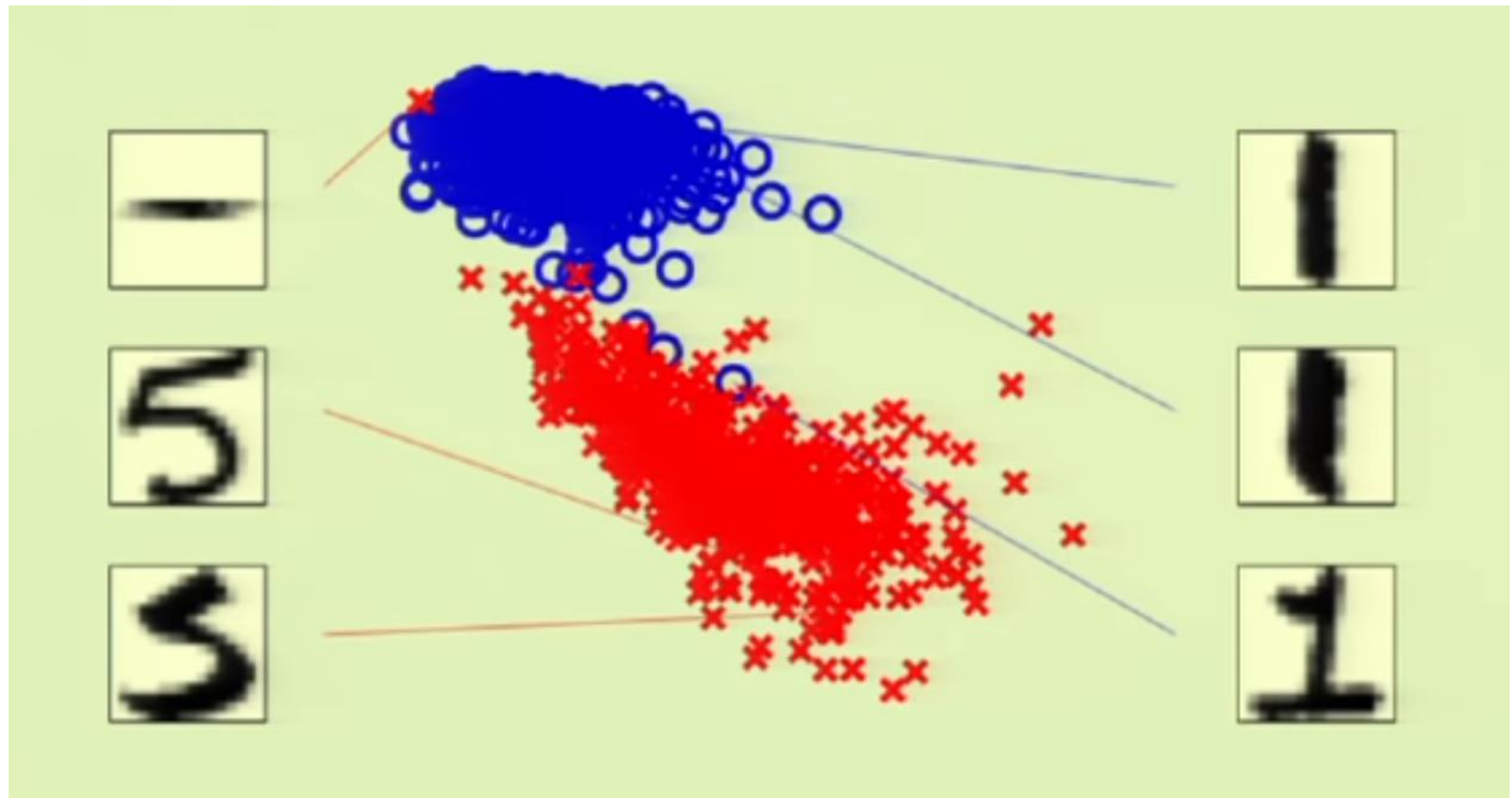
$$\begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{int} & \text{sym} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

*symmetry*

$$\hat{y} = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 \underbrace{x_1}_{\text{intensity}} + \Theta_2 \underbrace{x_2}_{\text{symmetry}} \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_1 = \text{intensity} \quad x_2 = \text{symmetry}$$

It is almost linearly separable



*intensity*

# Linear regression for classification

Binary-valued functions are also real-valued  $\pm 1 \in \mathbb{R}$

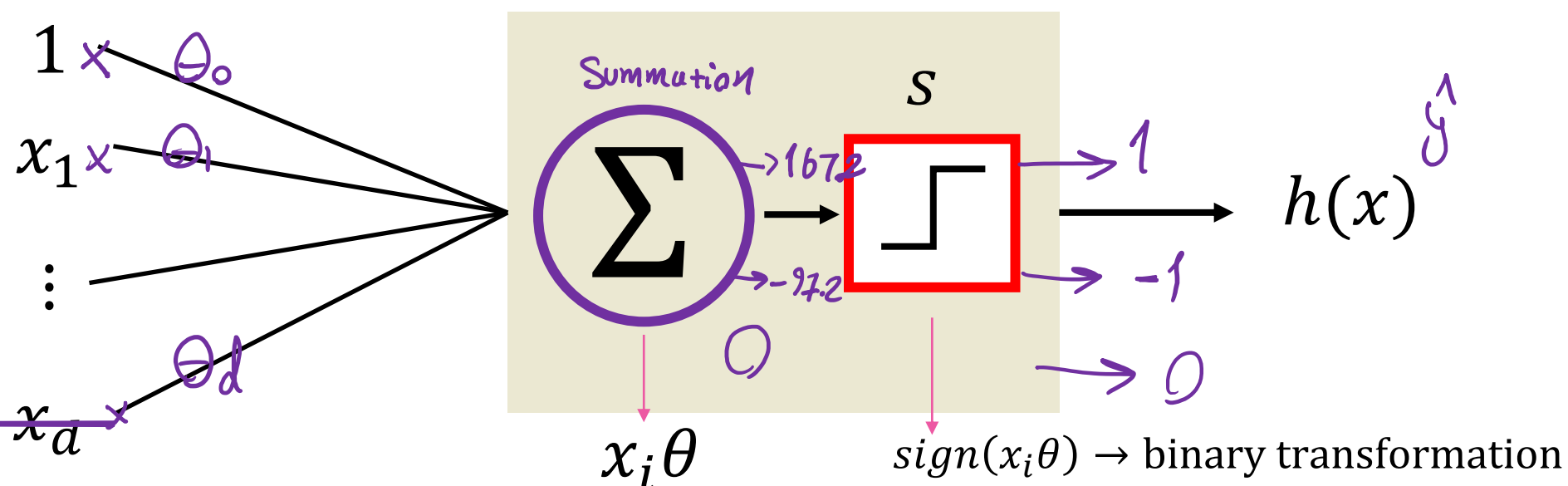
Use linear regression  $x_i \theta \approx y_n = \pm 1$   $i = \text{index of a data-point}$

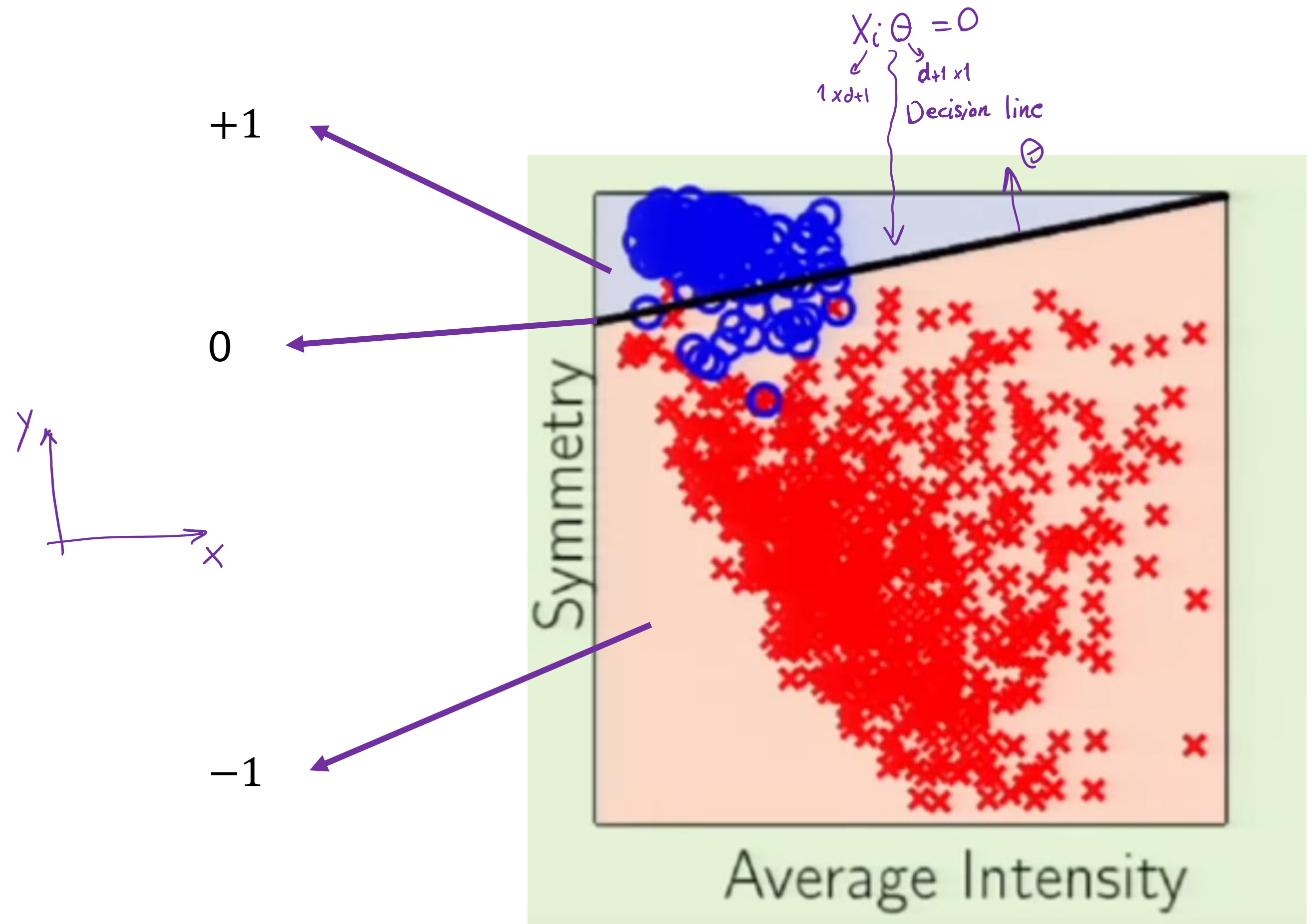
Let's calculate,  $\text{sign}(x_i \theta) = \begin{cases} -1 & x_i \theta < 0 \\ 0 & x_i \theta = 0 \\ 1 & x_i \theta > 0 \end{cases}$

$\Sigma = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$  A linear combination of features

For one data point (data-point  $i$ ) with  $d$  dimensions (instance):


One learning block





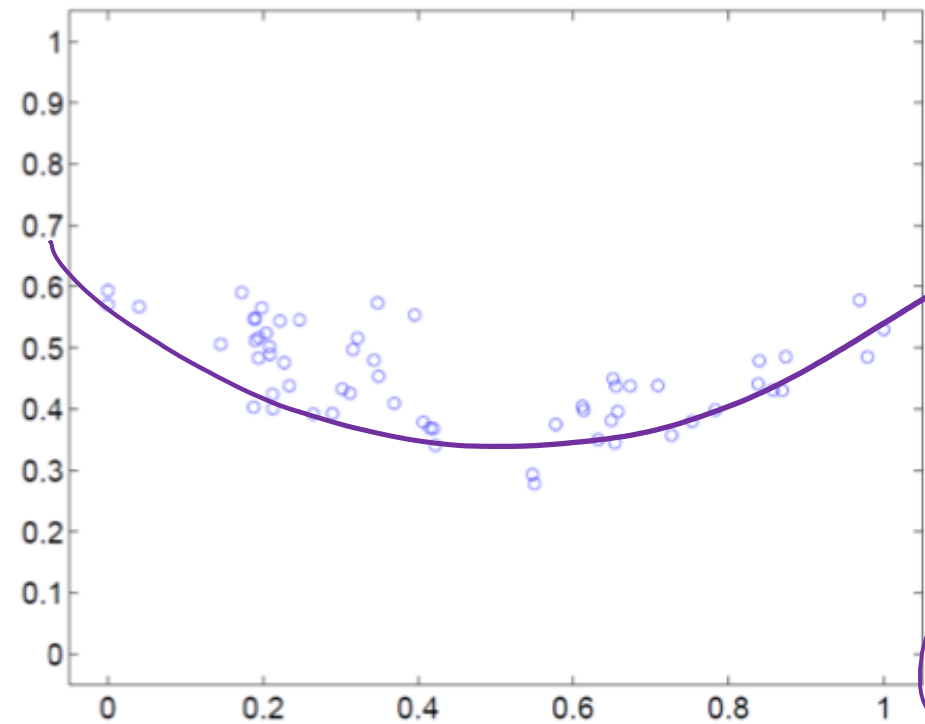
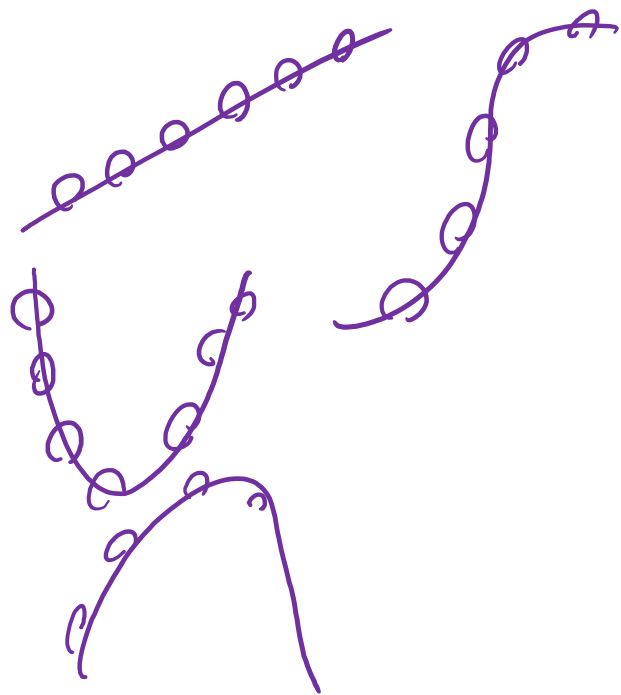
Not really the best for classification, but t's a good start

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# Extension to Higher-Order Regression



$$X = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ \vdots \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} h & h^2 & h^3 & \dots & h^d \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h & h^2 & h^3 & \dots & h^d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h & w \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} h & w & h^2 & w^2 & h w \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ h^2 w & w^2 h & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

- Want to fit a polynomial regression model

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \dots + \theta_d x^d + \epsilon$$

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 z_1 + \theta_2 z_2 + \dots + \theta_d z_d$$

- $z = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d\} \in R^d$  and  $\theta = (\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d)^T$

$$y = z\theta$$

# Least Mean Square Still Works the Same

- Given  $n$  data points, find  $\theta$  that minimizes the mean square error

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} L(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - z_i \theta)^2$$

- Our usual trick: set gradient to 0 and find parameter

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^T (y_i - z_i \theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^T y_i + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^T z_i \theta = 0$$

# Matrix Version of the Gradient

$$z = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d\} \in R^d \quad y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2}{n} z^T y + \frac{2}{n} z^T z \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = (z^T z)^{-1} z^T y = z^+ y$$

- If we choose a different maximal degree **d** for the polynomial, the solution will be different.

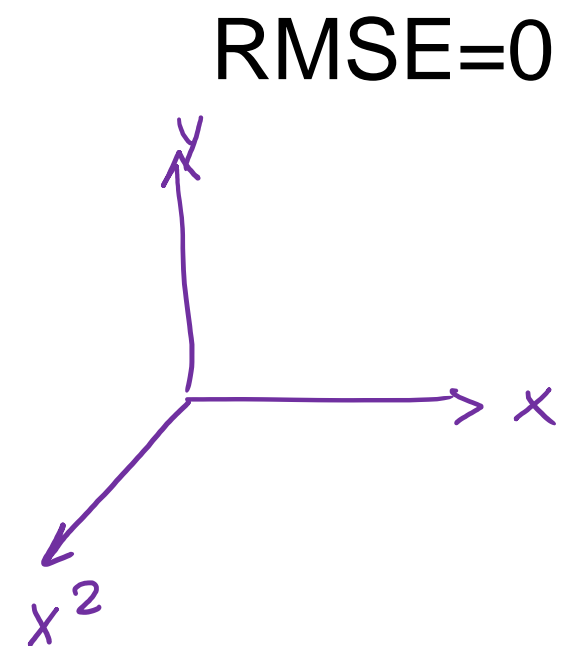
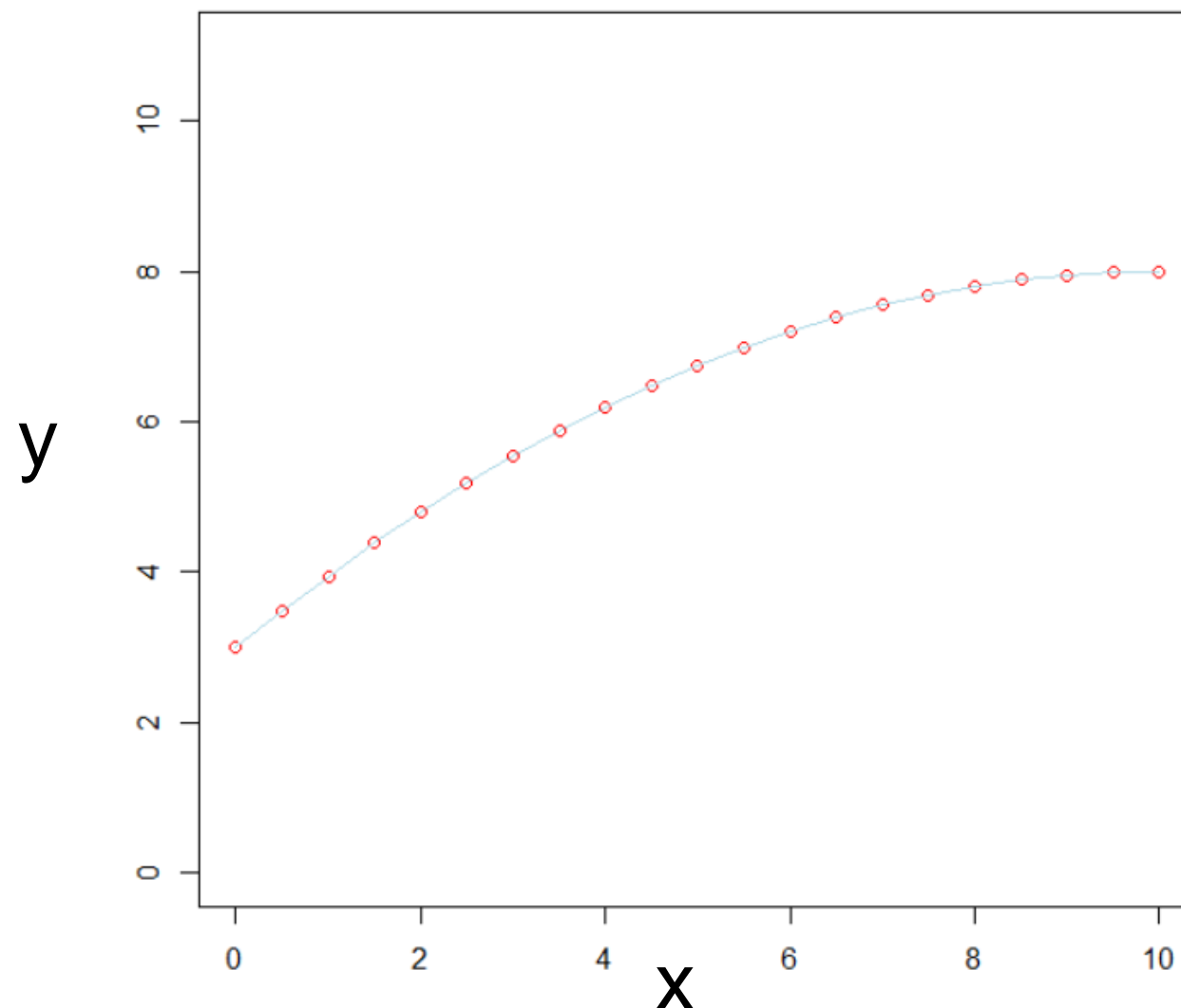
# What is happening in polynomial regression?

$$x = [0, 0.5, 1, \dots, 9.5, 10]$$

$$y = [3, 3.4875, 3.95, \dots, 7.98, 8]$$

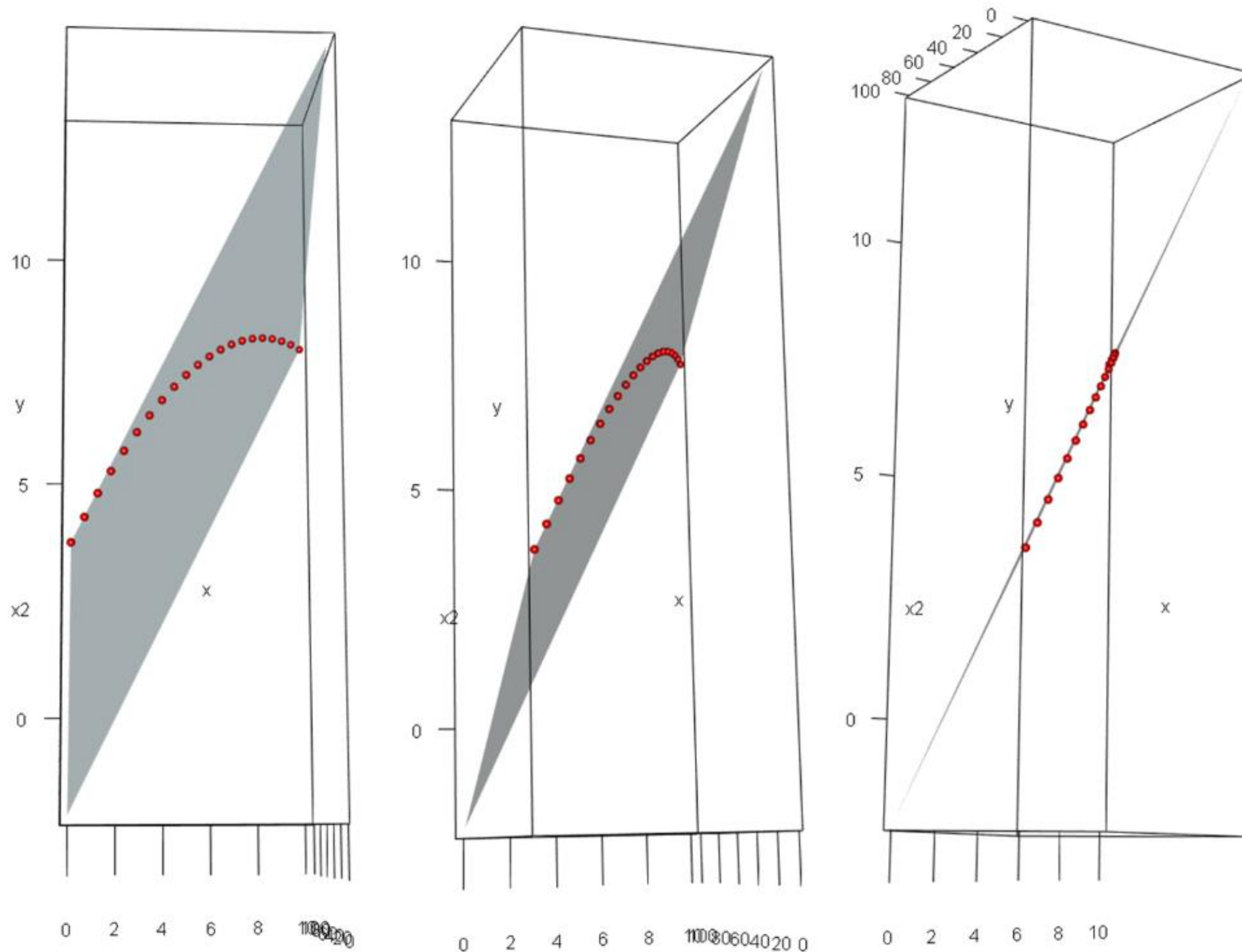
$$f = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$$

$$\theta_0 = 3; \theta_1 = 1; \theta_2 = -0.5$$

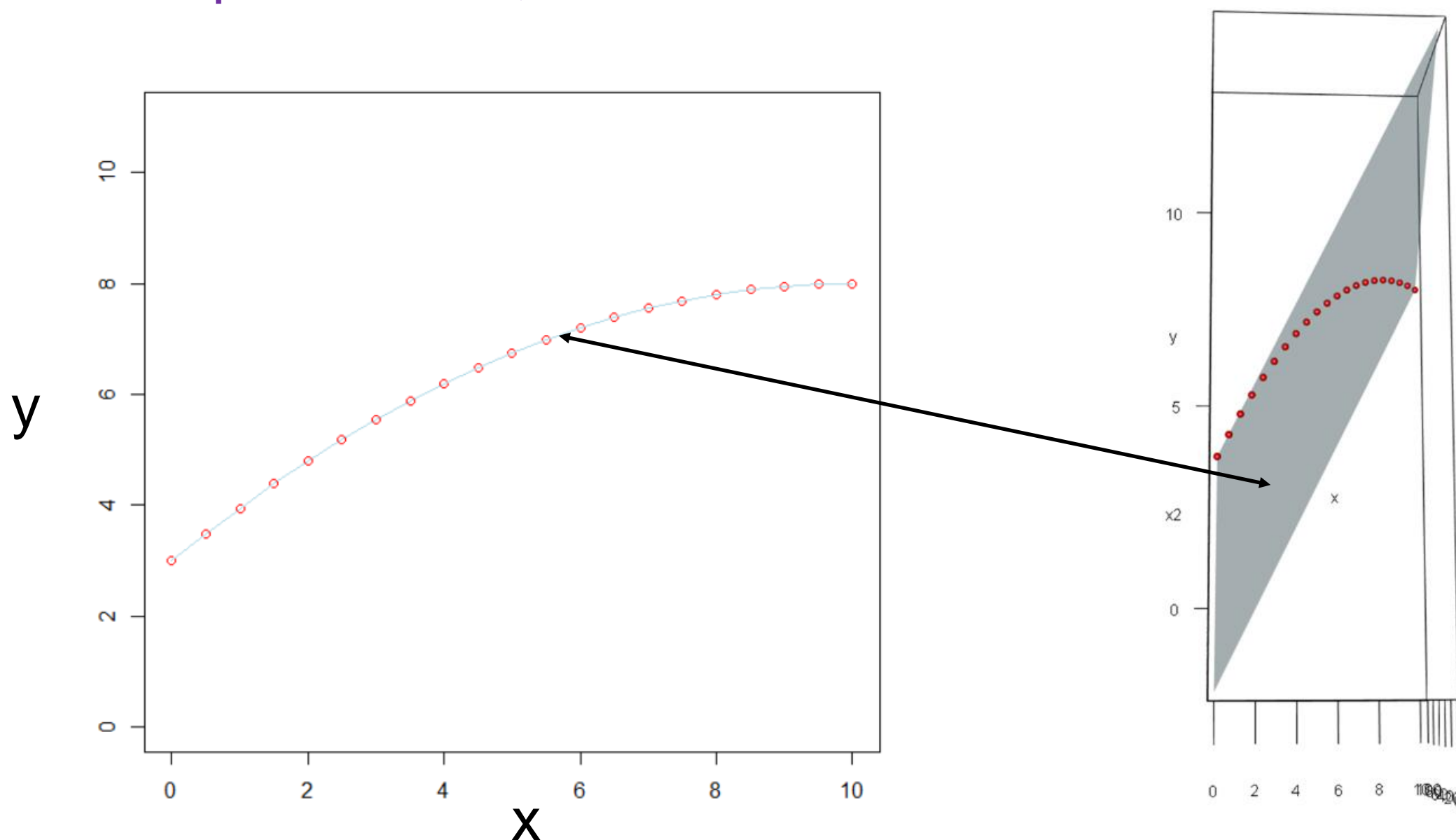


# Let's add to the feature space

$$x_1 = [0, 0.5, 1, \dots, 9.5, 10] \quad x_2^2 = [0, 0.25, 1, \dots, 90.25, 100]$$
$$y = [3, 3.4875, 3.95, \dots, 7.98, 8]$$



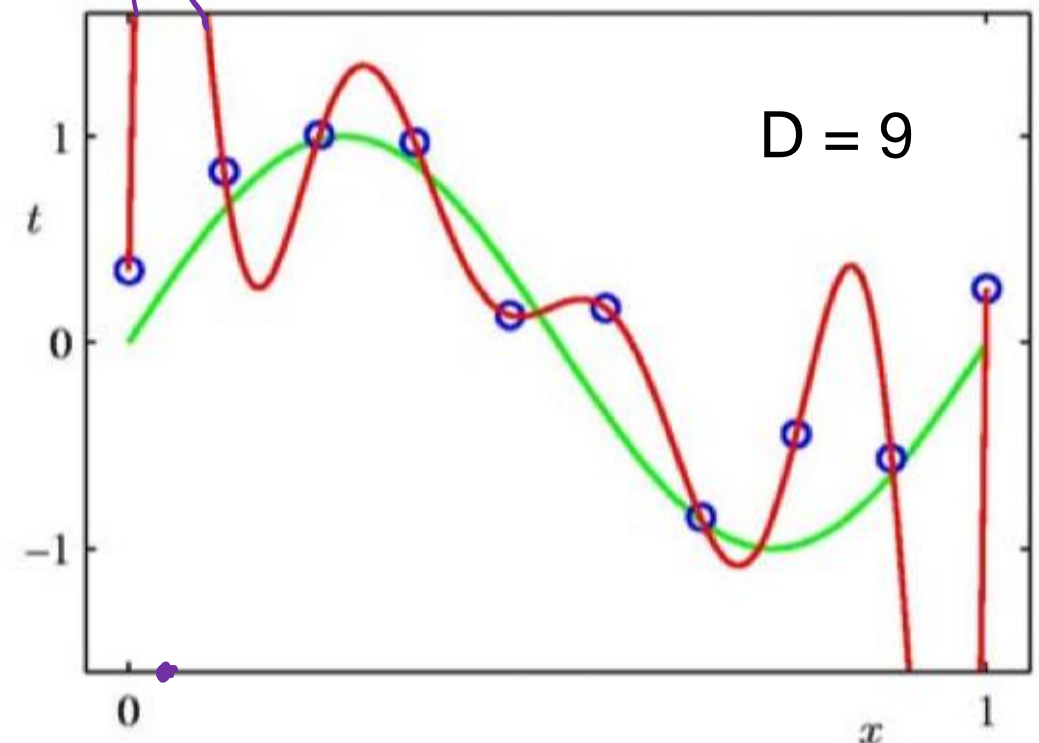
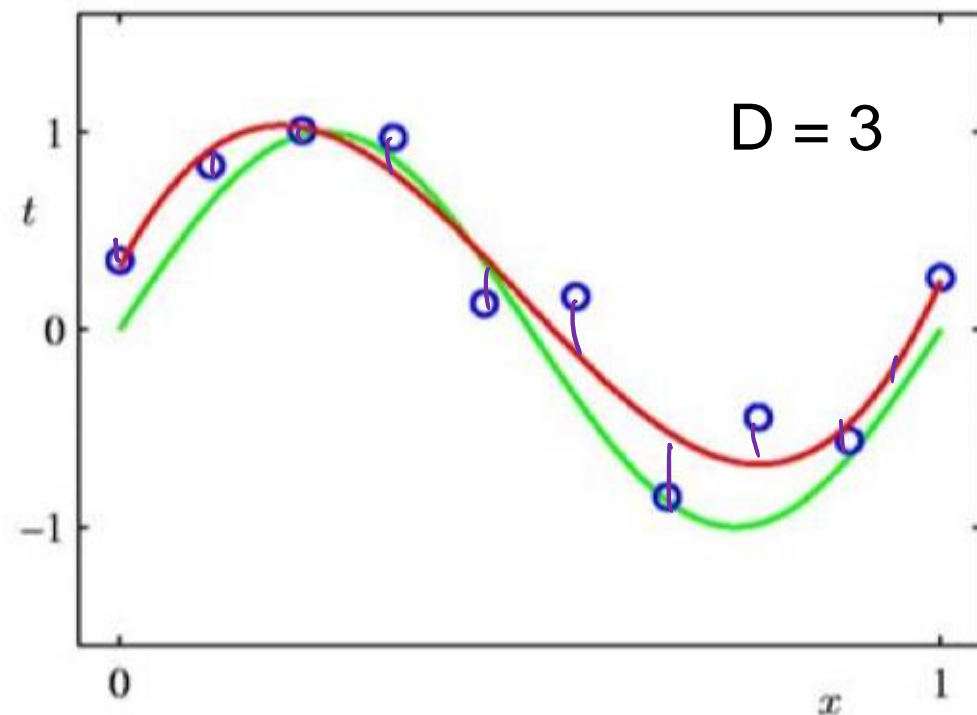
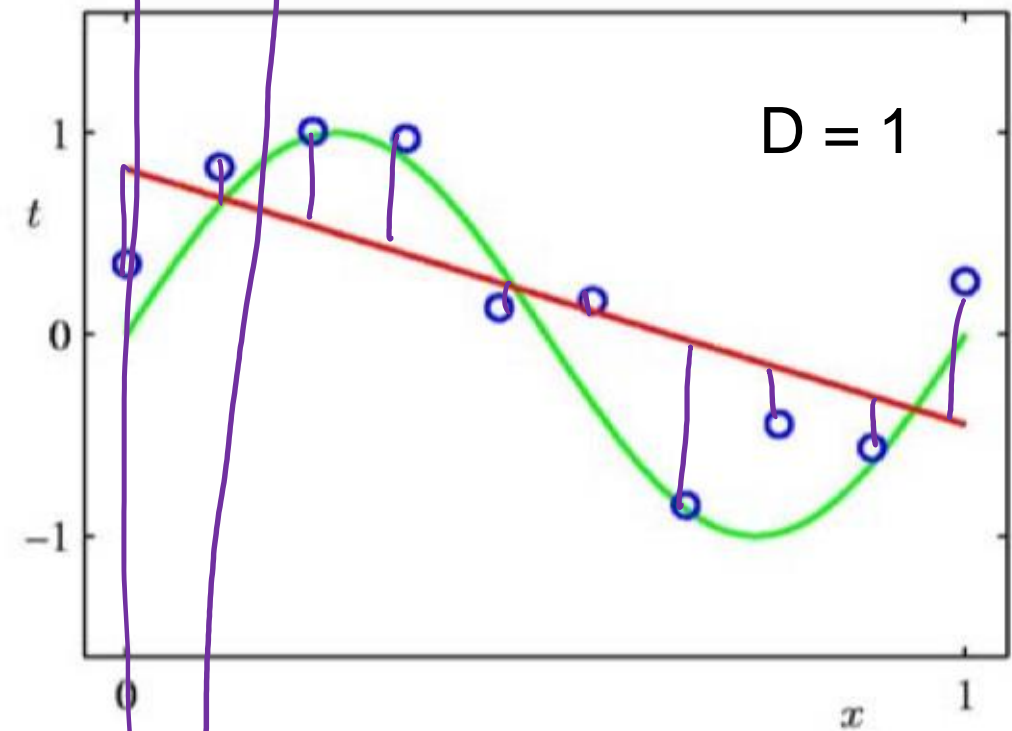
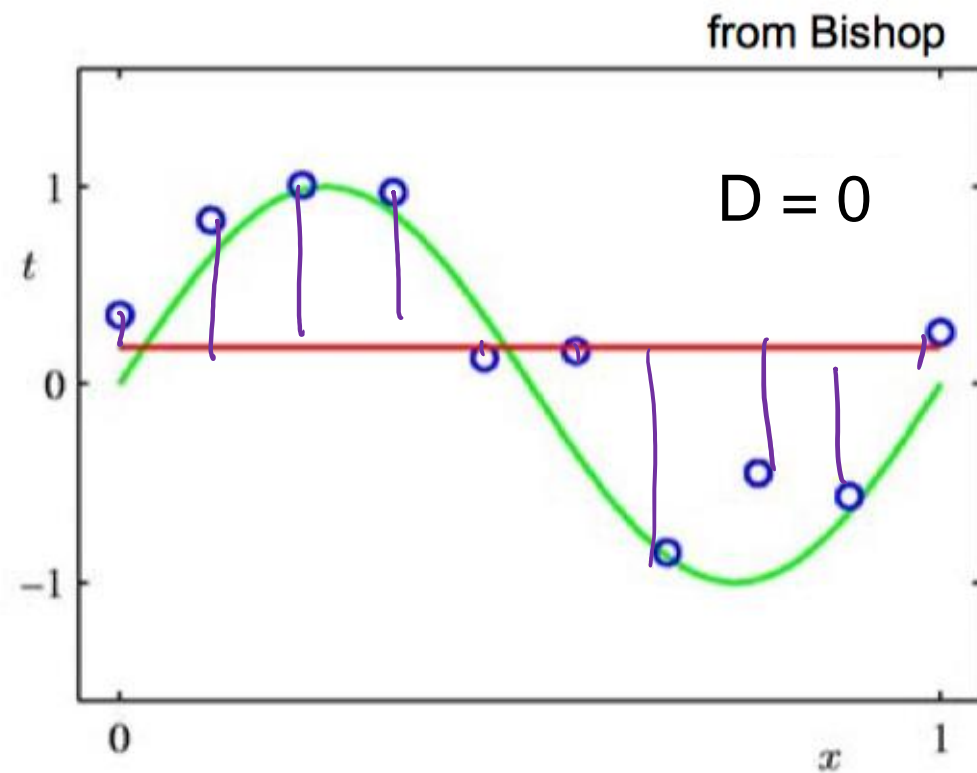
We are fitting a  $D$ -dimensional hyperplane in a  $D+1$  dimensional hyperspace (in above example a 2D plane in a 3D space). That hyperplane really is 'flat' / 'linear' in 3D. It can be seen a non-linear regression (a curvy line) in our 2D example in fact it is a flat surface in 3D. So the fact that it is mentioned that the model is linear in parameters, it is shown here.





$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \dots + \theta_d x^d$$

# Increasing the Maximal Degree



# Bias-Variance Trade off

[Animation](#)

We will have multiple prediction values (i.e. through Cross validation)  $E[y_p]$

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i \theta)^2 = E[(y_a - y_p)^2]$$

$$(y_a - y_p)^2 = (y_a - E[y_p] + E[y_p] - y_p)^2$$

$$= (y_a - E[y_p])^2 + (E[y_p] - y_p)^2 + 2(y_a - E[y_p])(E[y_p] - y_p)$$

$$E[E[y_p]] = E[y_p]$$

$$E[(y_a - y_p)^2] = (y_a - E[y_p])^2 + E[(E[y_p] - y_p)^2]$$

$$= [Bias]^2 + Variance$$

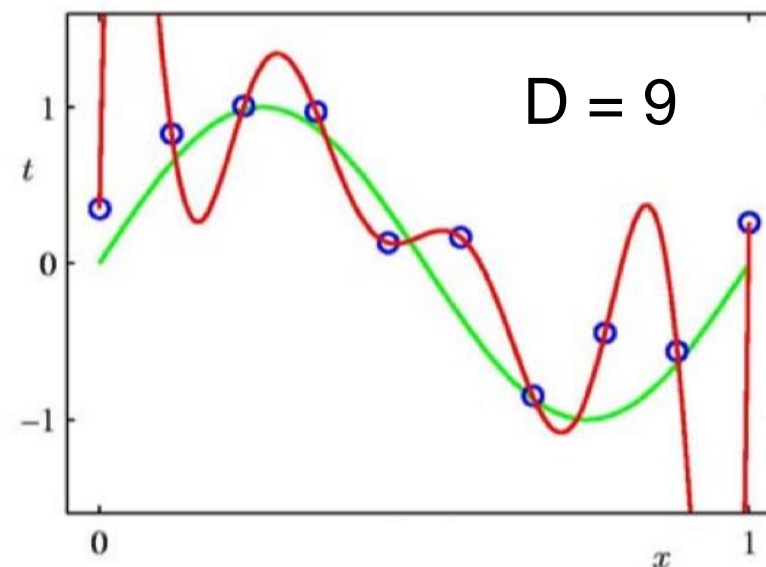
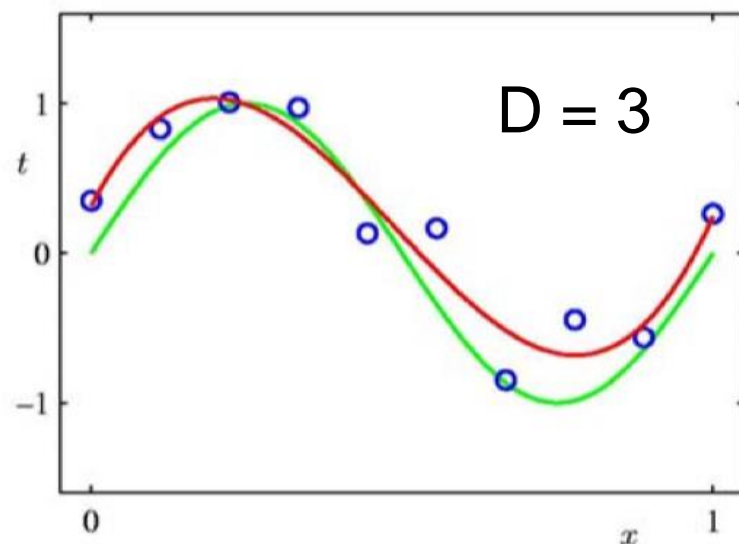
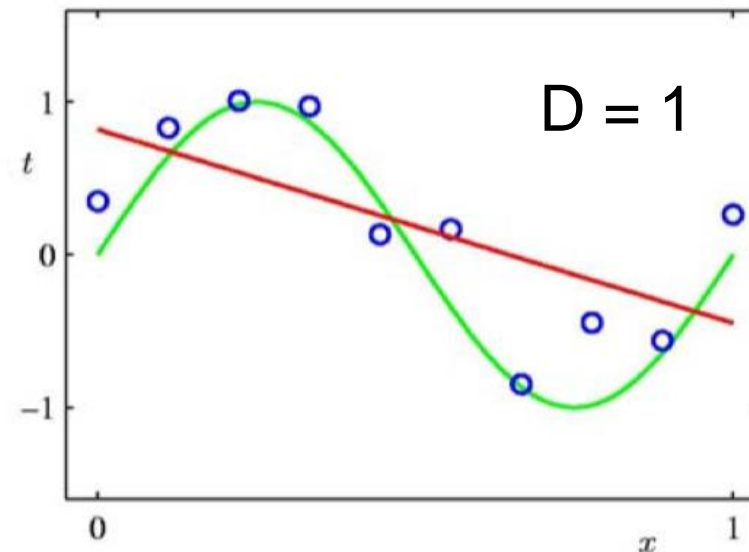
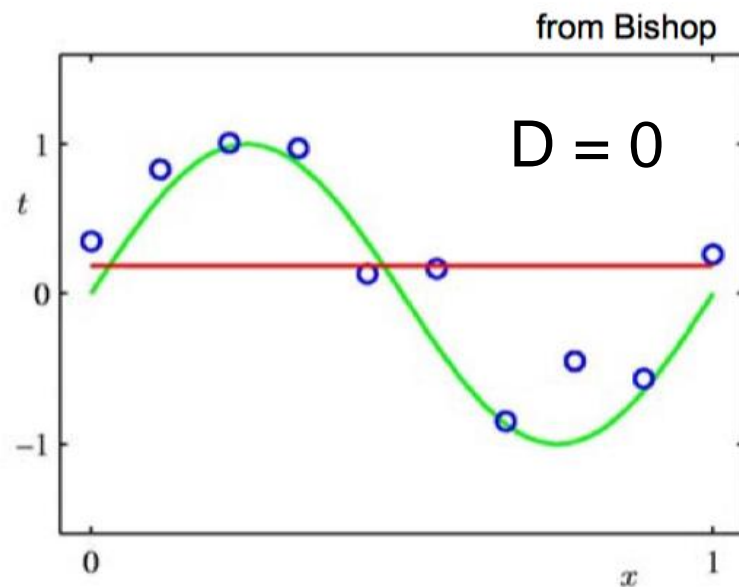
$$= [true\ value - mean(predictions)]^2 - mean[mean(prediction) - prediction]^2$$

Why  $E[2(y_a - E[y_p])(E[y_p] - y_p)] = 0$  ?

$y_a - E[y_p]$  is a scalar, therefore  $E[y_a - E[y_p]] = y_a - E[y_p]$

$$\begin{aligned} & E[2(y_a - E[y_p])(E[y_p] - y_p)] \\ &= 2(y_a - E[y_p])E[E[y_p] - y_p] \\ &= 2(y_a - E[y_p])\left(E[E[y_p]] - E[y_p]\right) \\ &= 2(y_a - E[y_p])(E[y_p] - E[y_p]) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Which One is Better?



- Can we increase the maximal polynomial degree to very large, such that the curve passes through all training points?
  - We will know the answer in next lecture.

# Take-Home Messages

- Supervised learning paradigm
- Linear regression and least mean square
- Extension to high-order polynomials