

McGill **Artificial Intelligence** Society



Lecture 2: Regression

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Today's Lesson Plan

Linear Regression

Optimization Via Gradient Descent

Logistic Regression

Multinomial Regression

Recall two main types of supervised algorithms

Regression:

- Input maps directly to a continuous output space
- Involves estimating or predicting a response
- Ex: predicting housing prices, computing trends in stock market

Classification:

- Input maps to a class label
- Classification is the act of identifying group membership
- Ex: image classification, semantic classification in text

Linear Regression

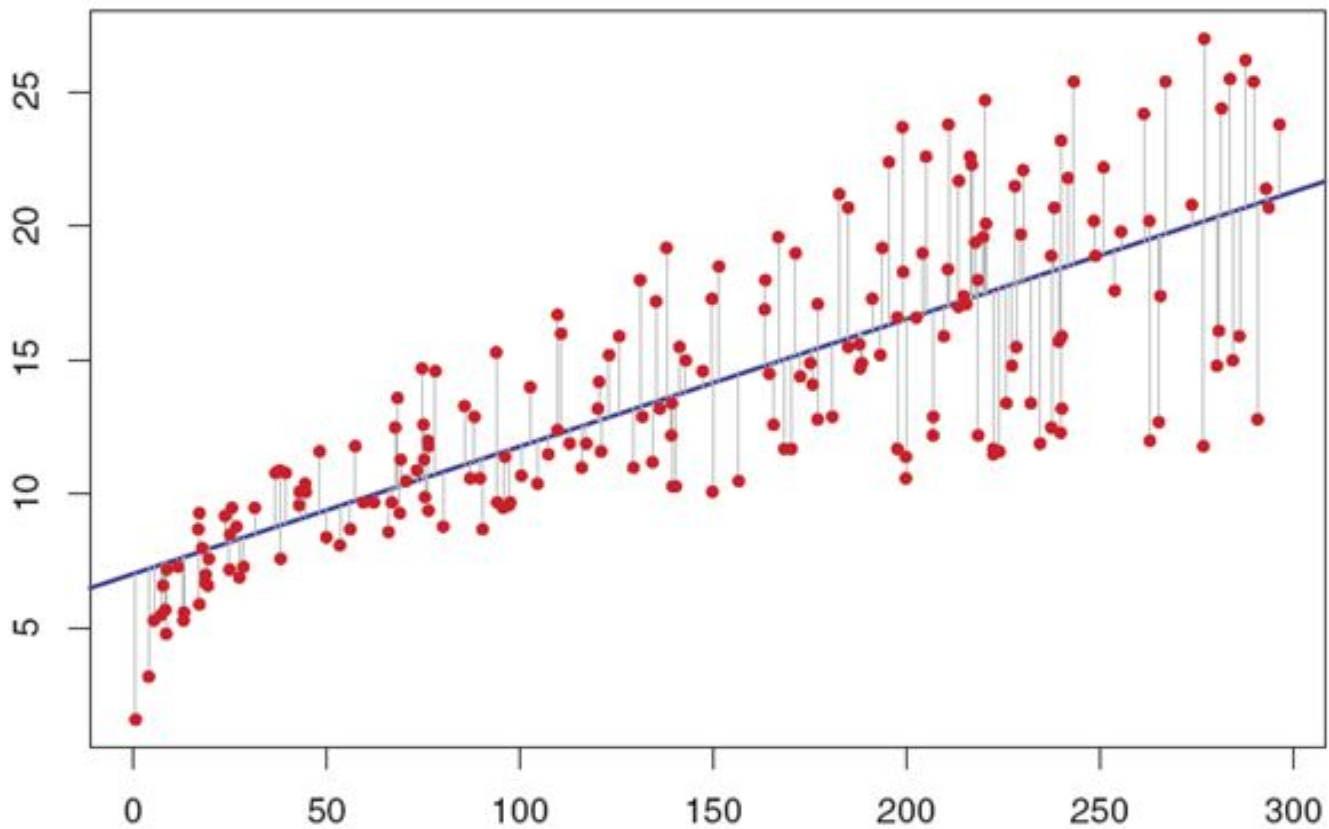


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Linear Regression

We begin with the general format of a linear regression problem

$$y = \theta_1 x + \theta_0 + \epsilon$$

Error due to the variance

Where we model real-world practicalities with standard Gaussian noise

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

In vector(compact) form, we write:

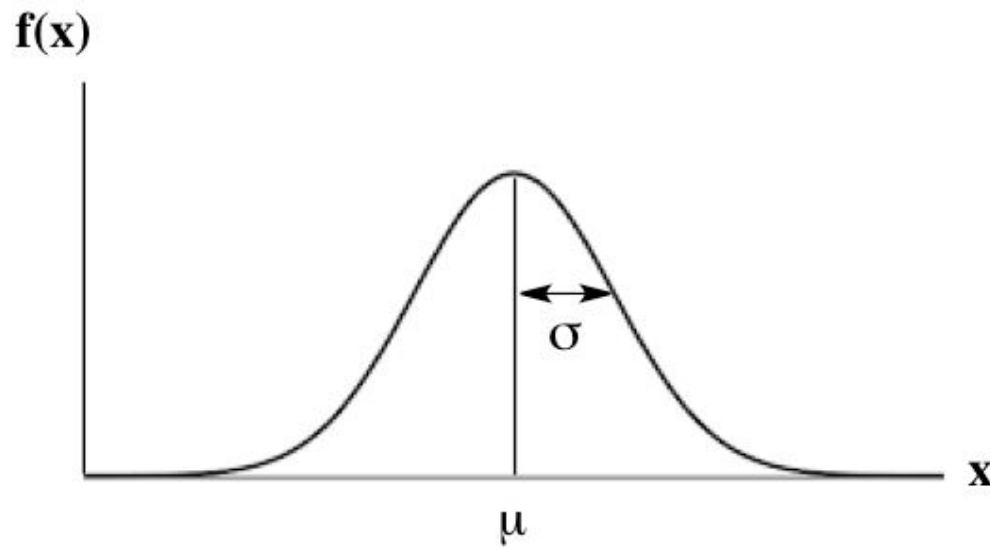
$$y = \theta^T X + \epsilon$$

Probabilistic interpretation:

$$p(y|x, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|w^T x, \sigma^2)$$

Quick Review Of Gaussian Distribution!

The Gaussian Distribution



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$e = 2.71828$$

Distribution defined by its mean, variance

What are we trying to solve?

We can guaranty that solution is correct, but we can guaranty that our solution is the most likely to be correct based on our data.

In essence, we want to solve the optimization problem

most likely solution $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(D|\theta)$

Where D is a representation of the dataset. The log-likelihood is therefore written as follows:

$$l(\theta) = \log p(D|\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y_i|x_i, \theta)$$

In practice, negative log likelihood is used

we use log function because

1. its differentiable
2. Probability is monotonically increasing

$$NLL(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y_i|x_i, \theta)$$

It's a lot easier to minimize a function than to maximize a function

minimize negative likelihood to maximize probability

Framing the Optimization Problem

We expand the likelihood equation to its full form

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log\left[\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - w^T x_i)^2\right)\right]$$

distance btwn actual value and predicted value

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$
$$= \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \text{RSS}(w) - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

Where the residual sum of squares is:

We do not consider this term in our optimization problem as it is constant with respect to the parameters of the model

$$\text{RSS}(w) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - w^T x_i)^2$$

Residual sum of squares

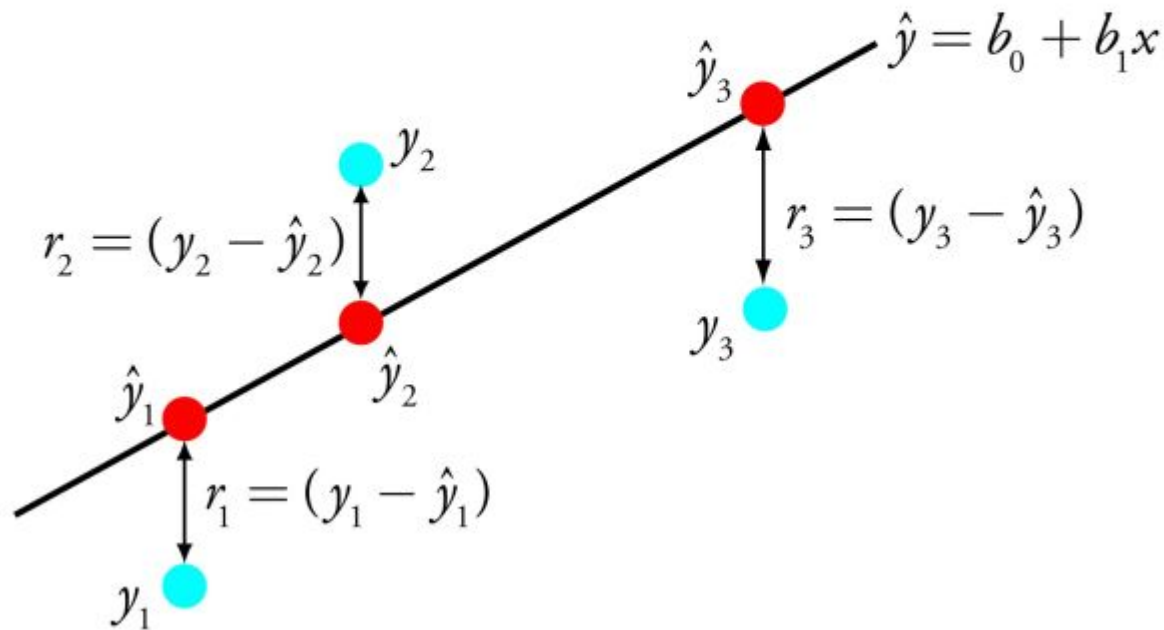
Summing distance btwn actual value and predicted value

When your function is strictly convex, the gradient = 0 is definitely a minima

Linear Regression -Least Squares Method

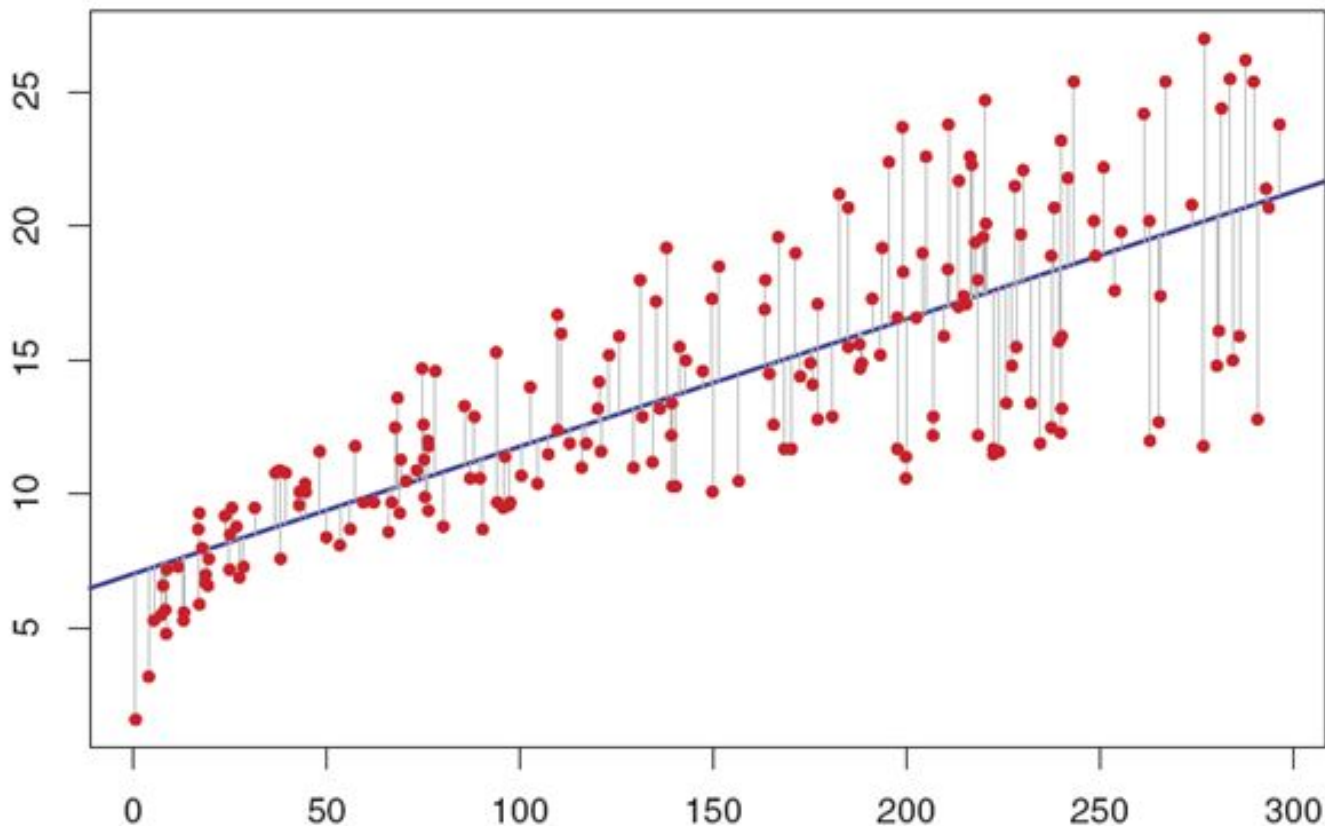
$$\text{Let } \hat{y}_i = h(x) = b_0 + b_1 x$$

$$\min J(b_0, b_1)$$



Cost function (Residual sum of squares)
Minimize the function by differentiating (global/local extremas)

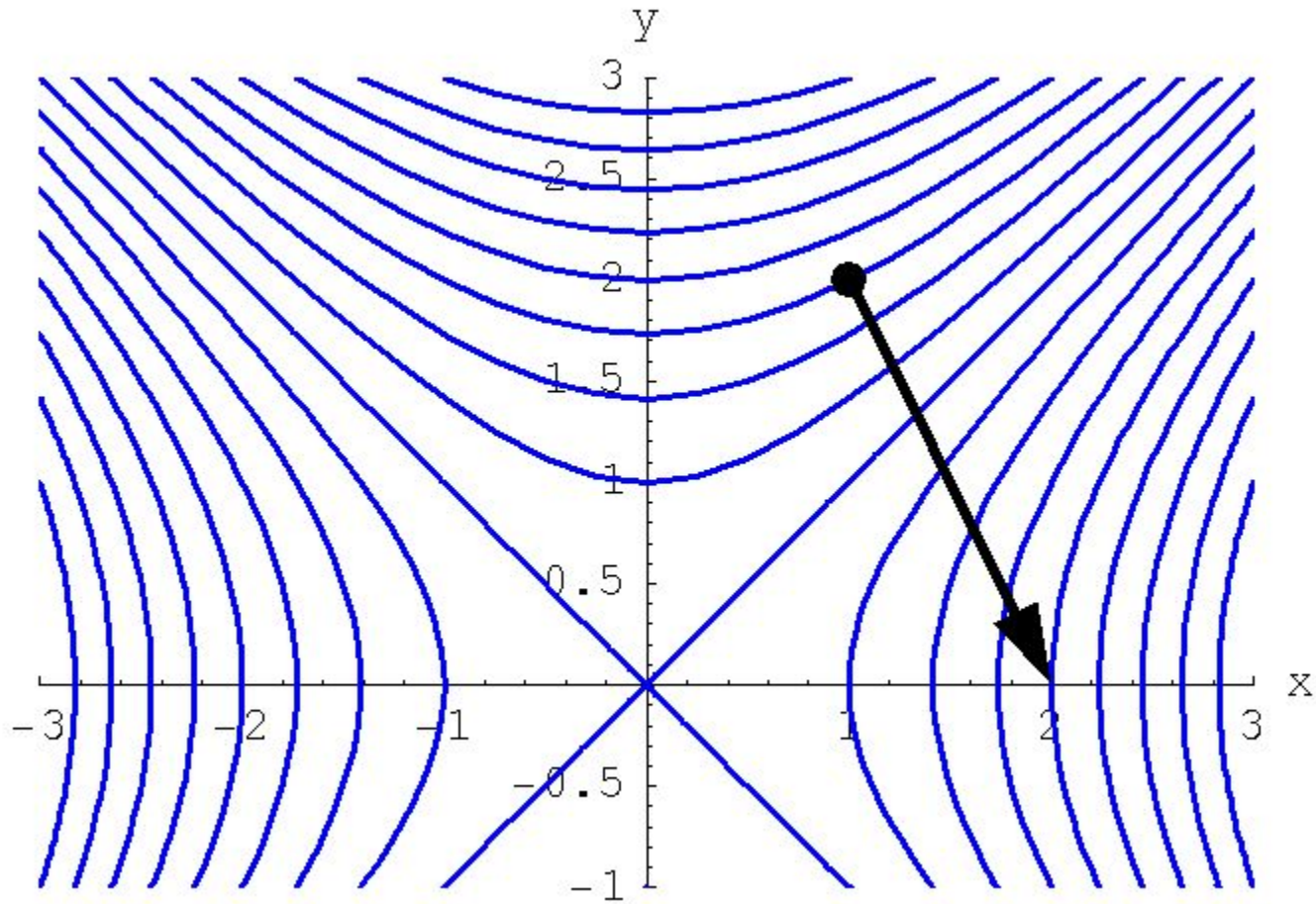
Linear Regression -Least Squares Method



We care more about the average mistakes

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Optimization Via Gradient Descent



Derivation of the MLE

Rewriting the objective in a form that is amenable to differentiation

Neg log function

$$NLL(w) = \frac{1}{2}(y - Xw)^T(y - Xw) = \frac{1}{2}w^T(X^T X)w - w^T(X^T y)$$

Where:

$$X^T X = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i^T$$

And XTY follows, we can compute the gradient of the NLL, and we wish to set it to 0:

$$g(w) = [X^T X w - X^T y] = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i (w^T x_i - y_i)$$

How do we know this reaches a minima?

function is strictly convex we can guarantee that it has only one local minima.

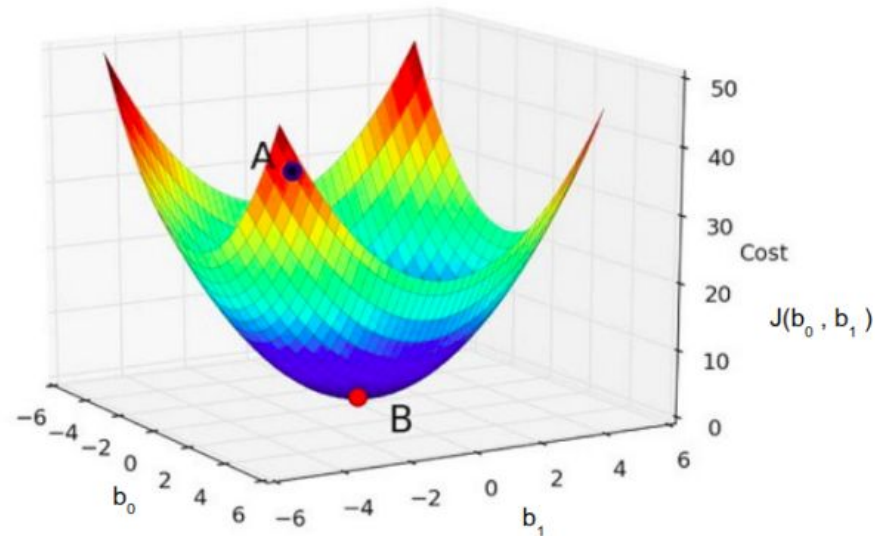
quadratic function

Derivation of the MLE

Given that this problem is convex (proof omitted), we know that it has a unique global minimizer, which we can find by setting the gradient to 0, where the solution to the problem is:

$$X^T X w = X^T y$$

↖ slope of the line

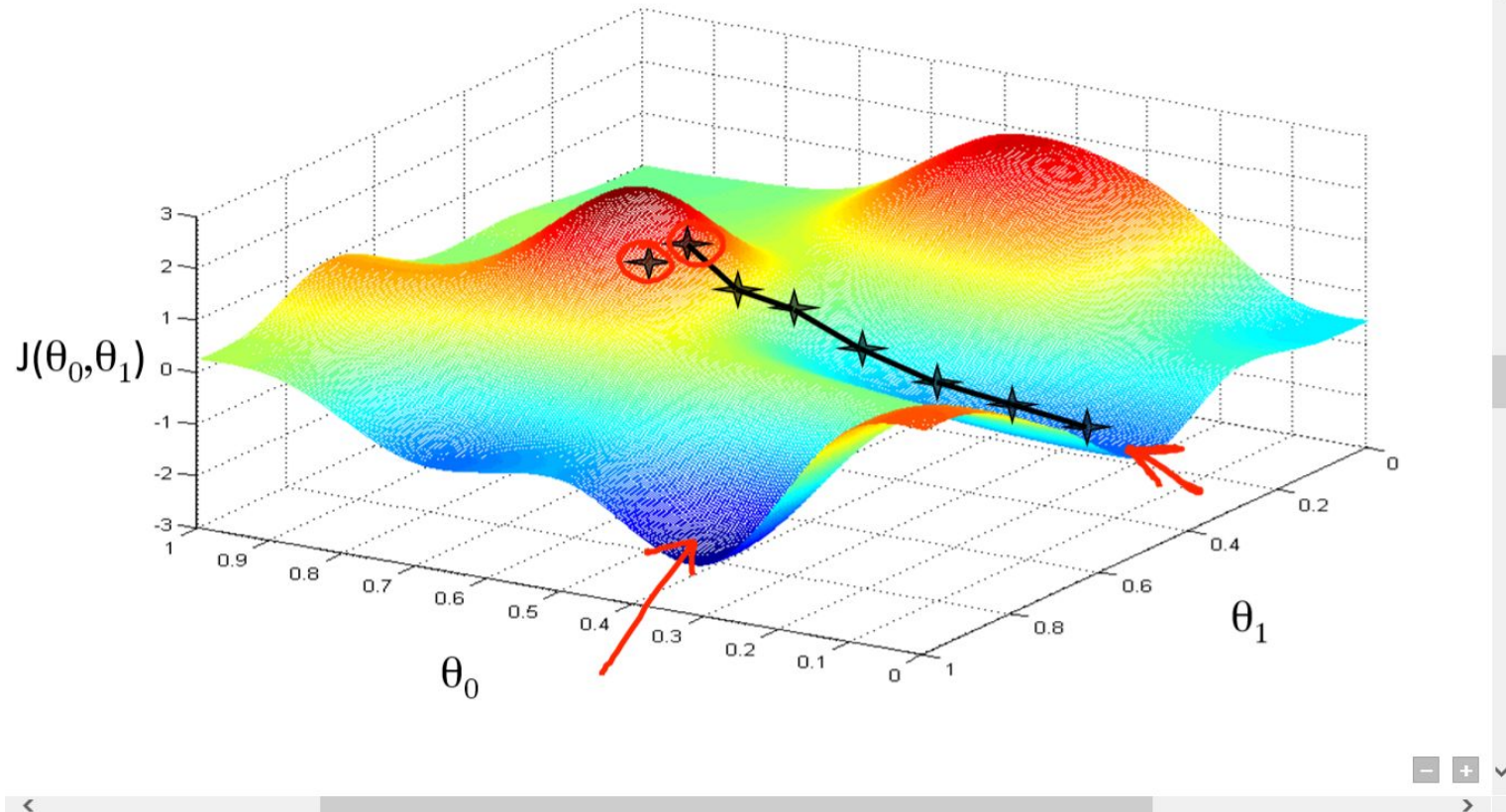


Rearranging the terms, we get the ordinary least squares solution in closed form:

$$\hat{w}_{OLS} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

Observe complexity - 3 matrix multiplications, 1 matrix inverse: can compute in polynomial time, **bad for large datasets with many examples, many features.**

Gradient Descent



Arrows are
two minima

Gradient Descent

We essentially want to iteratively get closer to the minimum of our objective function (defined as the MSE with respect to our weights).

- w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots such that $MSE(w_0) > MSE(w_1) > MSE(w_2) > \dots$

1. Pick initial w_0
2. For $k = 1, 2, \dots$,
$$w_{k+1} = w_k - \alpha g(w_k)$$

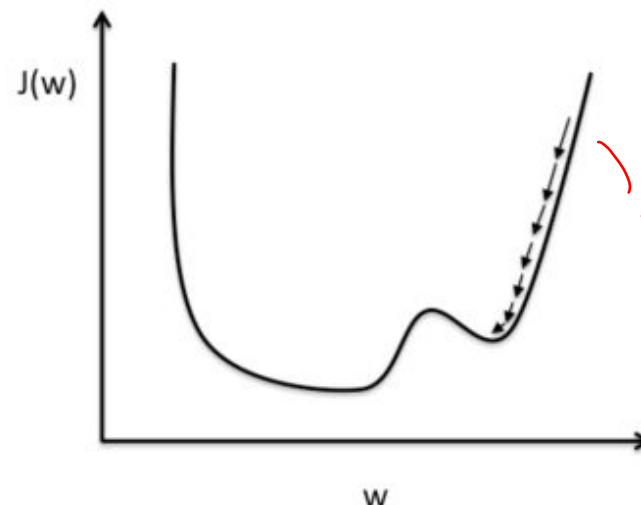
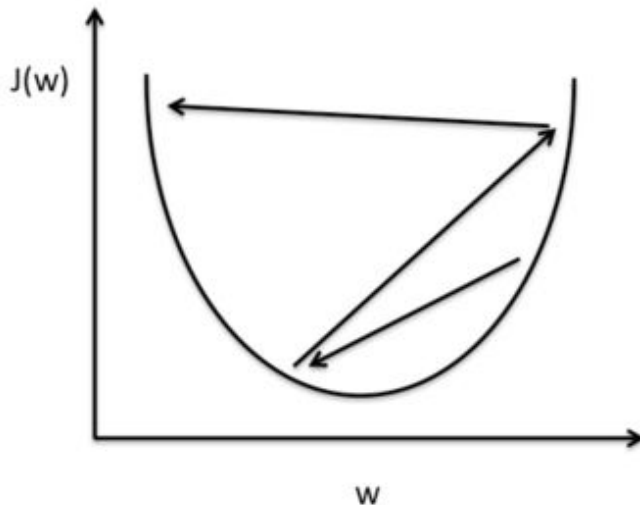
where $\alpha > 0$ is called the “learning rate”

End when $|w_{k+1} - w_k| < \varepsilon$

magnitude of every step

we take $-\alpha$ because we want to move towards local minima.

Picking α

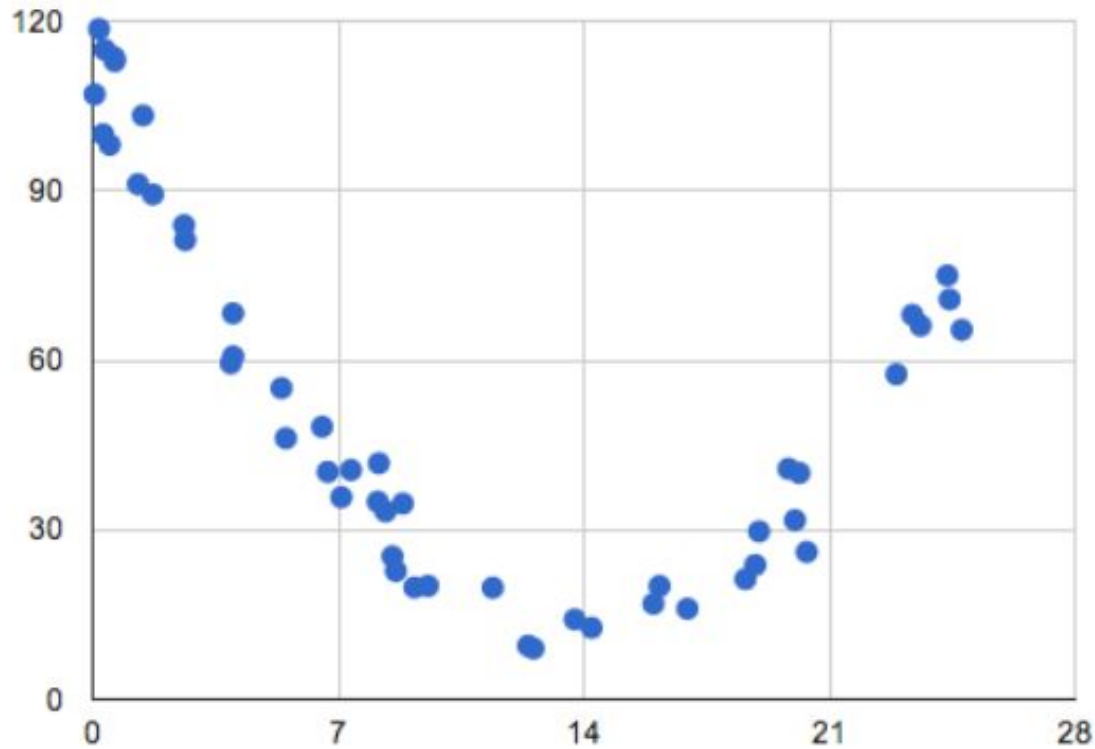


Non-convex
function
We want to
approximate
with a
convex
function

Too large: we “overshoot” and don’t converge to the global minima

Too small: the weights might not move far enough to reach a local minima, slow convergence

What if Data is Non-Linear? *Can we still use linear regression?*



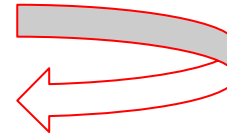
$$h(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

Introducing Polynomial Regression

We linearize our hypothesis $h(x)$:

$$h(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

$$h(x_1, x_2) = b_0 + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2$$



*z+ doesn't have to be
2D*

Such that $x_1 = x$, and $x_2 = x^2$

This way, the model is still **linear** with respect to its **parameters**.

Introducing Polynomial Regression

Instead of just using X , we apply a basis function expansion by replacing x with some non-linear function of the inputs s.t.

$$p(y|x, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(y|w^T \phi(X), \sigma^2)$$

Where

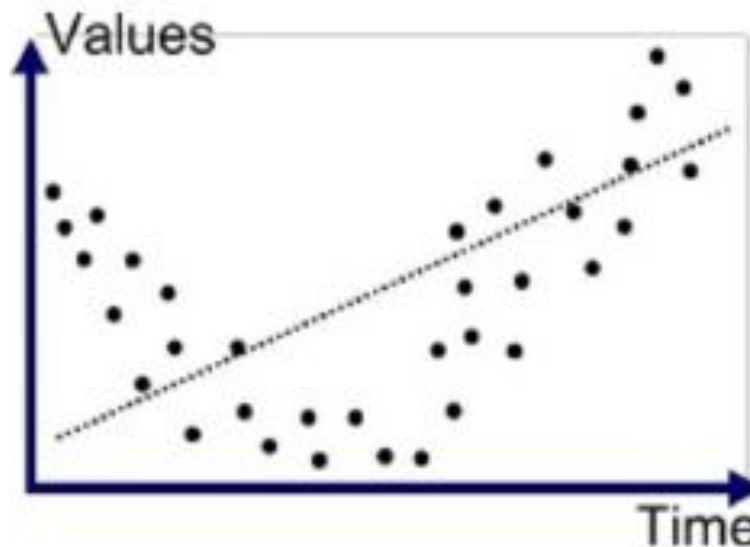
$$\phi(X) = [1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d]$$

$x_0 \quad x_1 \quad x_2$

- model is still linear in parameters w
- allows to fit nonlinear data ($\phi(X)$ can be replaced with many other basis function expansions or kernels)

Overfitting vs. Underfitting

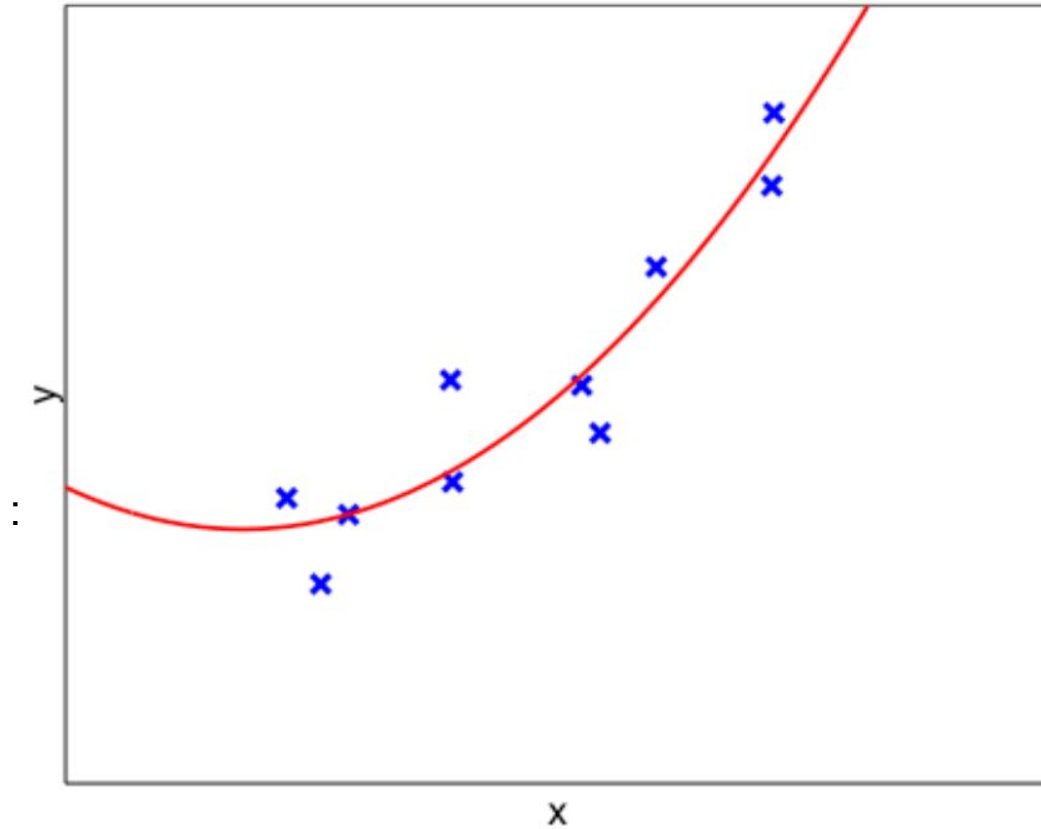
Intuitively, a linear (or a low dimensional polynomial) will **not be powerful to fit more complex models** → **underfitting**.



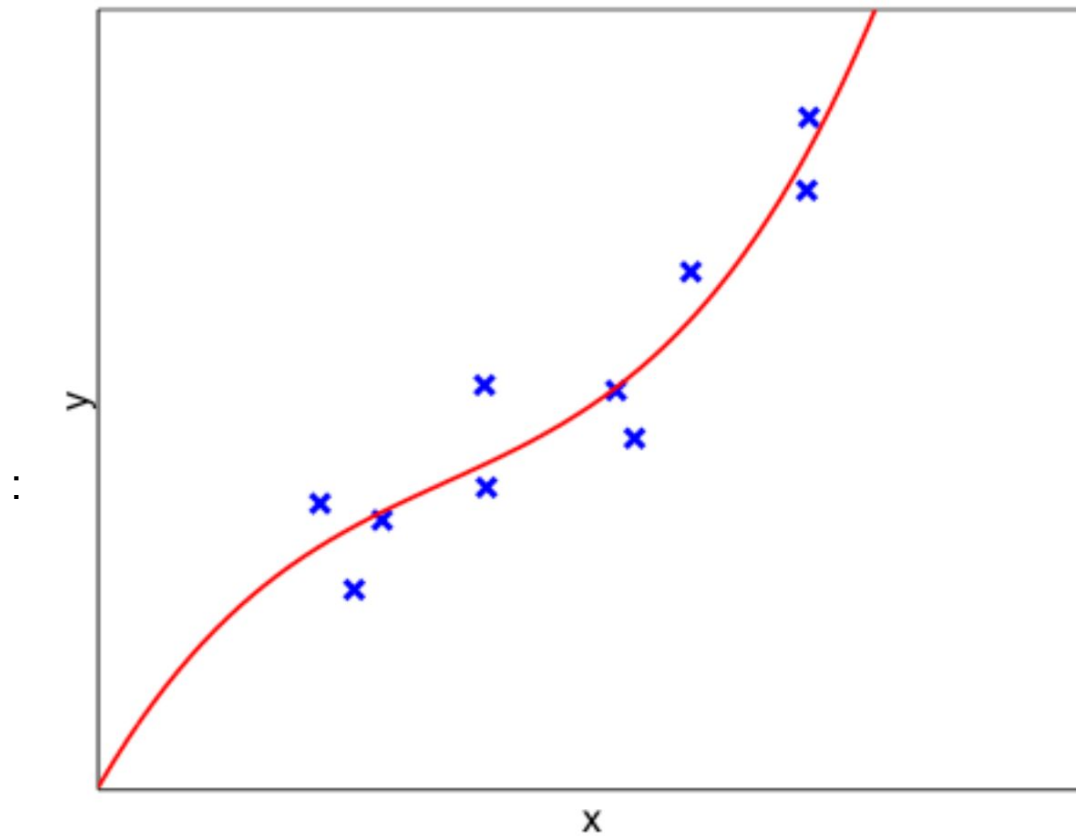
Overfitting - the phenomena by which the model is so adapted to the training set that it no longer generalizes well to the underlying model

*Learning the noise of the data
(variance)*

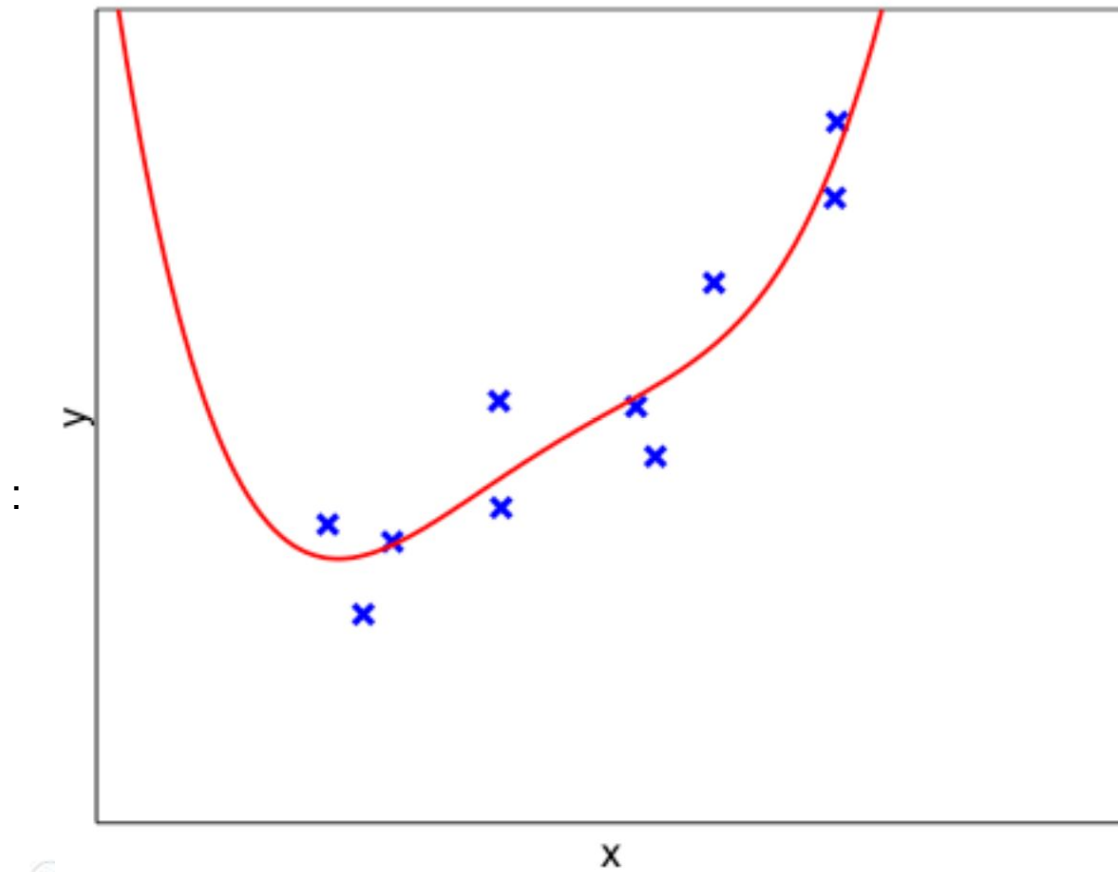
Order 2 fit



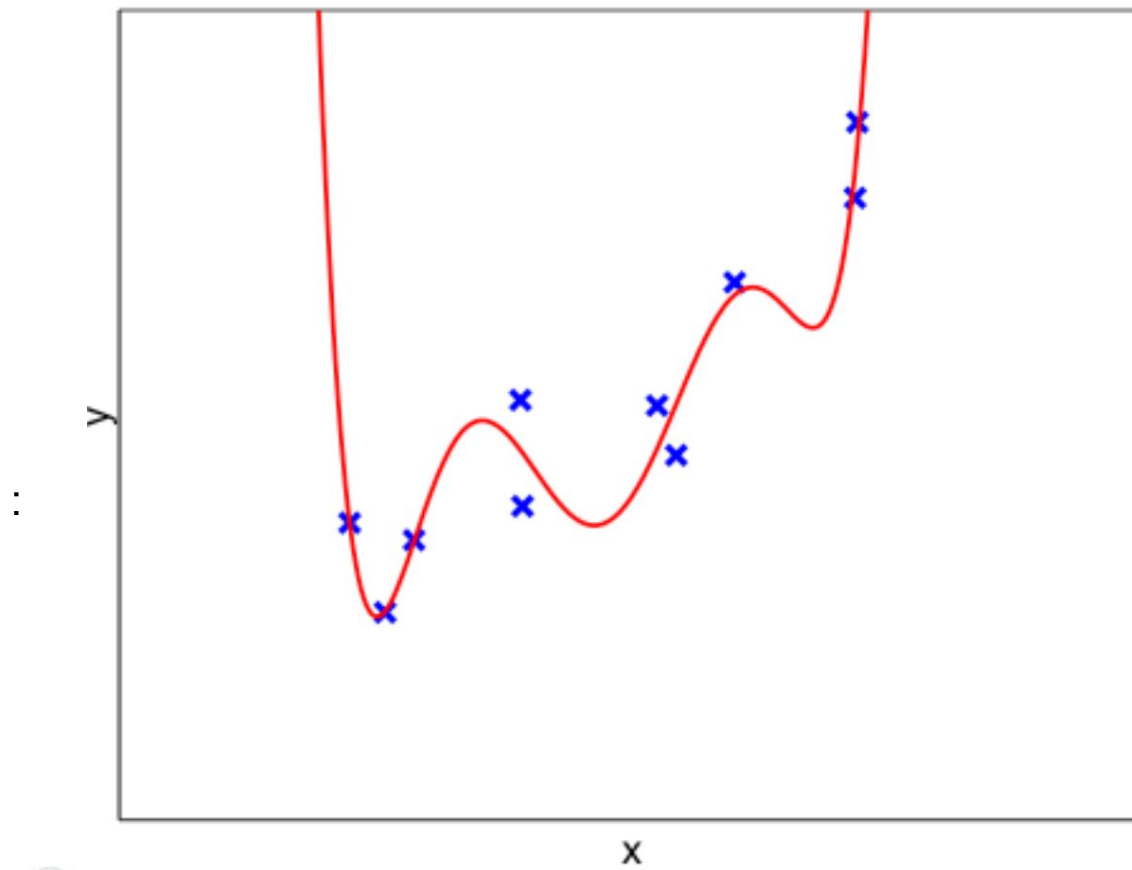
Order 3 fit



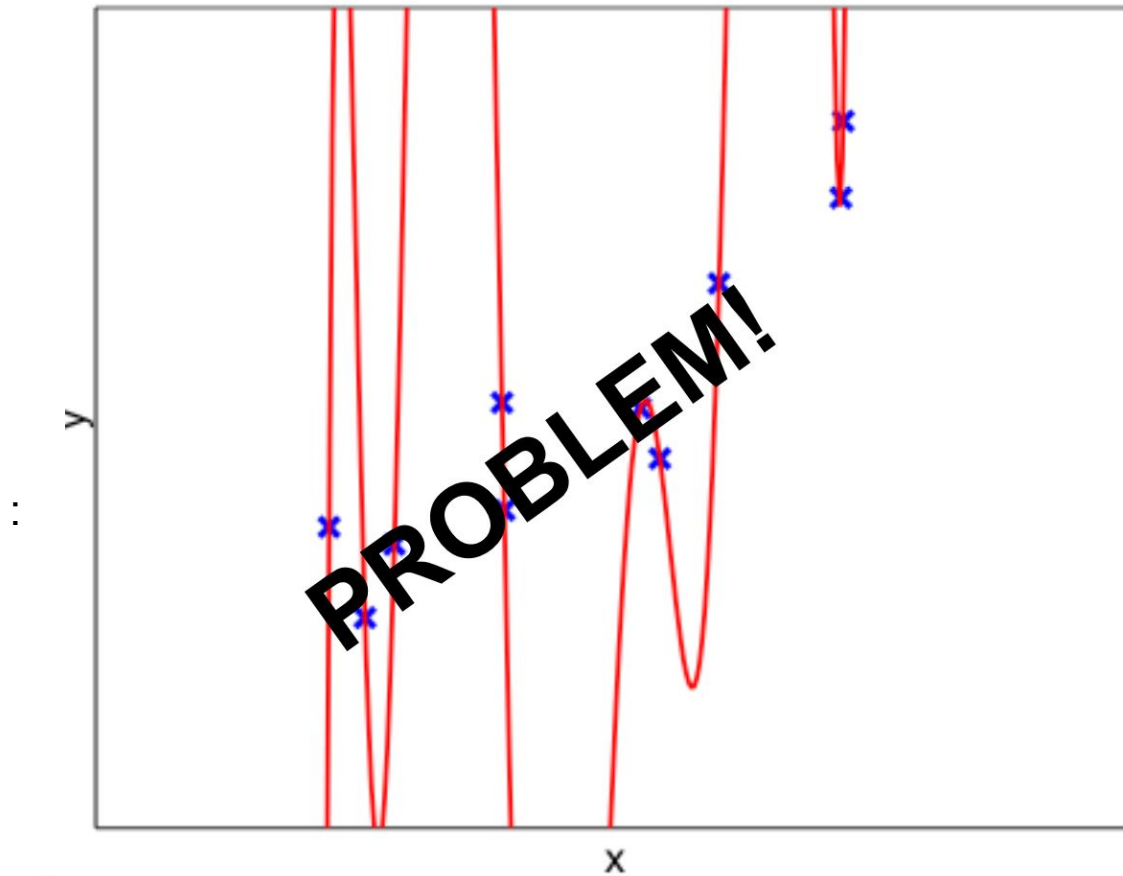
Order 4 fit



Order 6 fit



Order 9 fit



Addressing Overfitting

*Need training set
and validation set*

How to address overfitting -

1) **Hyperparameter tuning -**

Simply **modify hyperparameters** that control the complexity of the model (in this case, the value of d) until you get the validation set accuracy optimized

2) **Adding more data-**

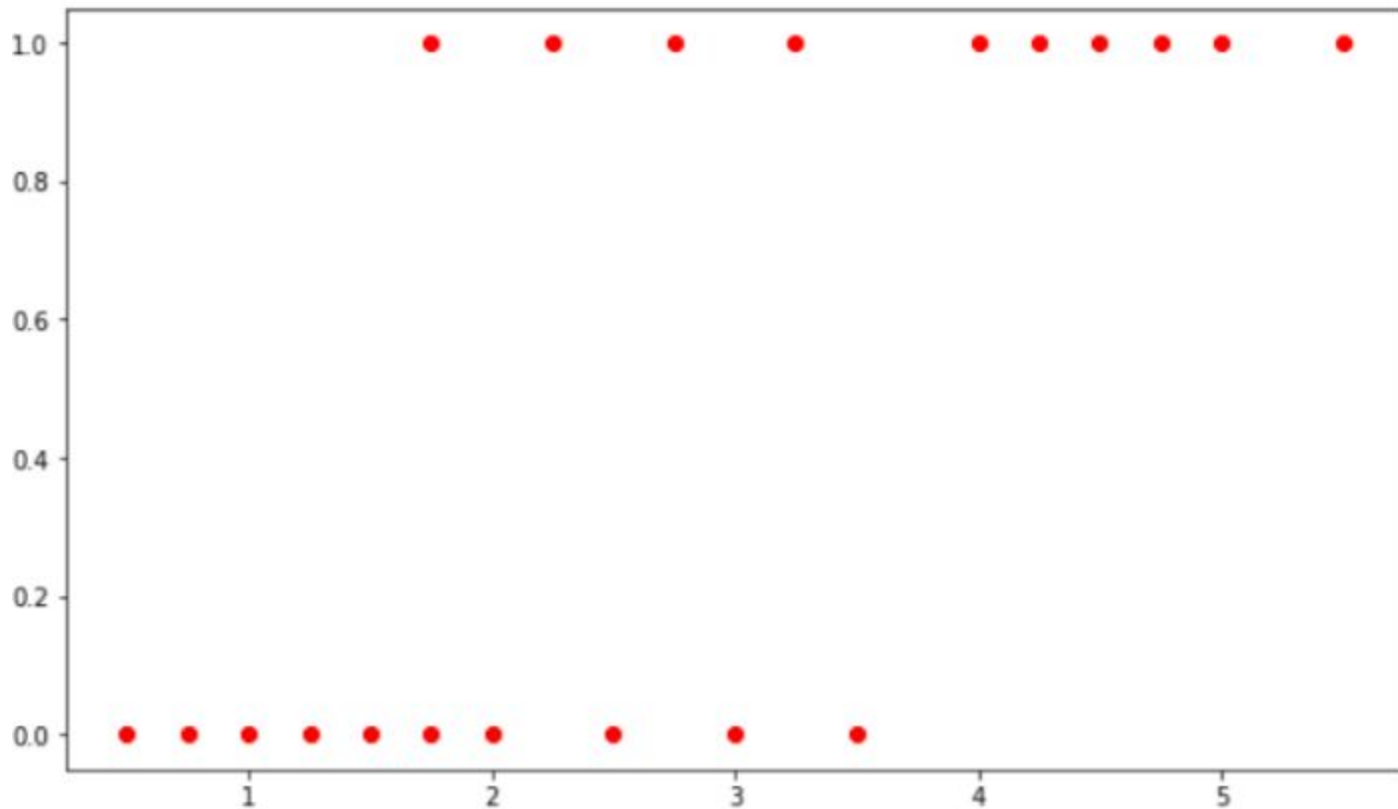
- Adding more data, so simply having more training set data can
- allow for a more complex model without overfitting

More sophisticated methods: Ridge regression (L2 regularization), dropout in neural networks, lasso regression (L1 regularization), cross-validation, etc.

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5-MINUTE BREAK

Now Consider the Following Problem...

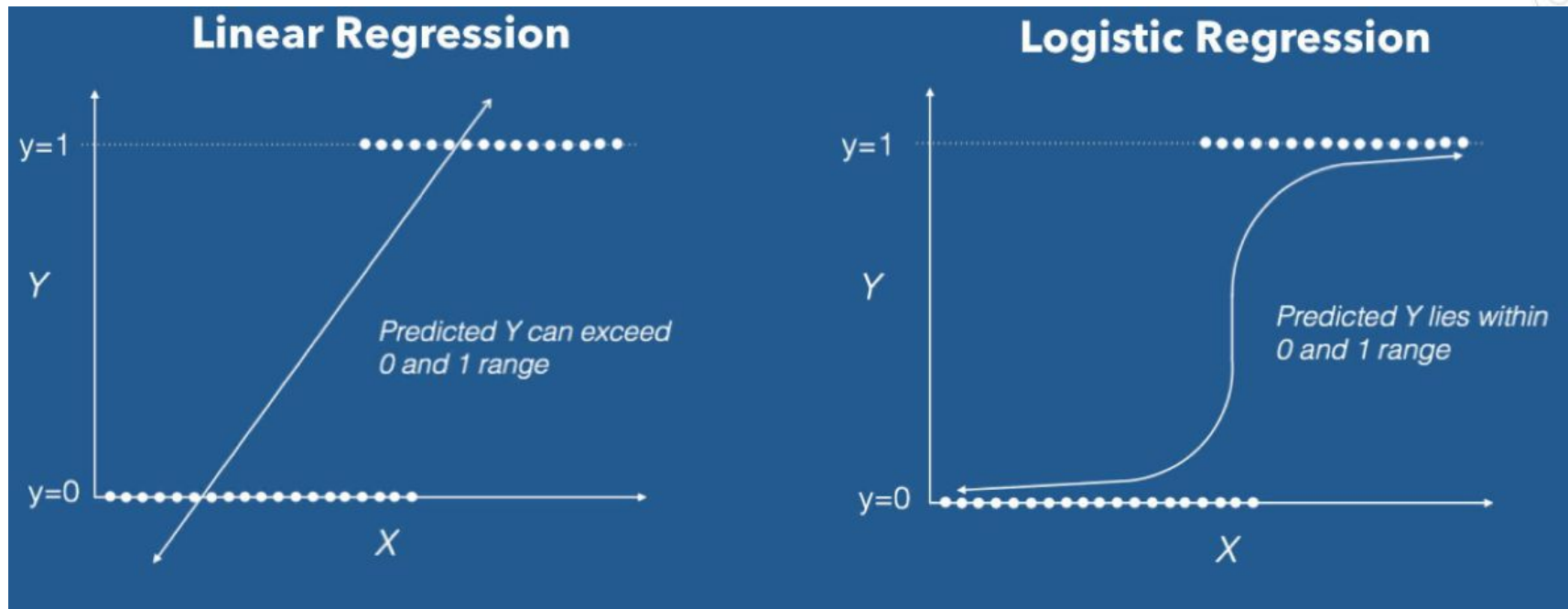


Data classify either as 0 or 1 EX: classing e-mail as a spam or not

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Problem of linear regression: data is discrete, if we draw a line which is continuous, everything in the middle would mean anything
Prediction can exceed the range
No matter what the input is, we want the output is exactly 0 or 1

Why Linear Regression Doesn't Work Here



Logistic Regression

Instead of modeling our response directly, logistic regression models the probability that y belongs to a certain class:

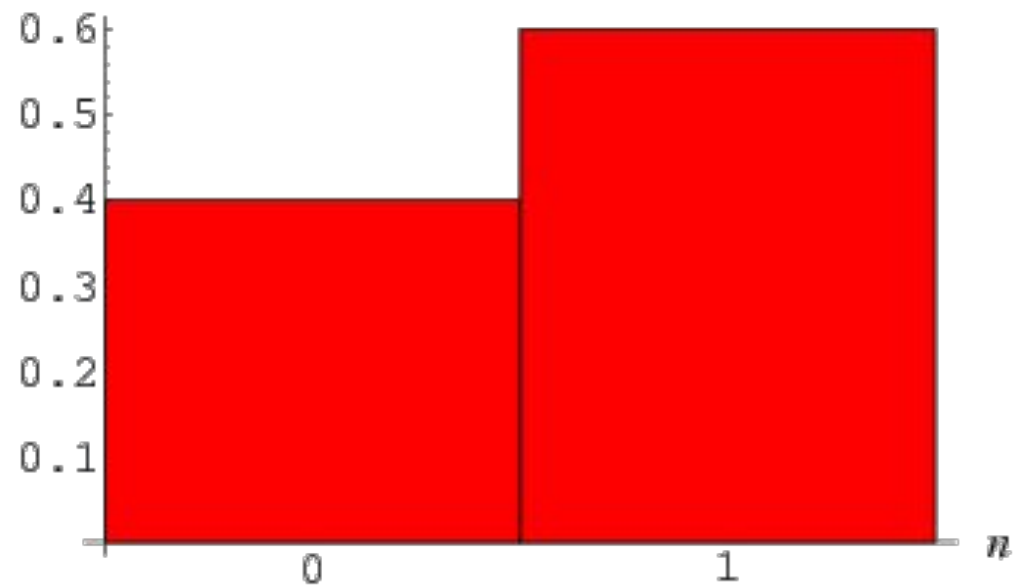
$$p(y|x, w) = \text{Ber}(y|\text{sigm}(w^T x))$$

Bernoulli, sigmoid... what are those??

s shape curve that restrict function btwn 0 and 1

Bernoulli Random Variable

$P(n)$ for $p = 0.6$



Sigmoid/ Logistic Function

We want a function f s.t. $\text{range}(f) \in [0, 1] \forall X$
such that

We can round the output to 0 or 1

Logistic Function (Ct'd)

$$P(X) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1)X}}$$

$$\frac{P(X)}{1 - P(X)} = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{P(X)}{1 - P(X)} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

The “logit/log-odds” function is linear in X

Computing Regression Coefficients

Although we can use the least-squares method and estimate using our training data, **we prefer the maximum likelihood approach due to its better statistical properties** (out of the scope of the course).

$$\ell(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \prod_{i: y_i=1} p(x_i) \prod_{i': y_{i'}=0} (1 - p(x_{i'})).$$

likelihood of β_0 and β_1

we want all the probability to happen at the same time based on these parameters

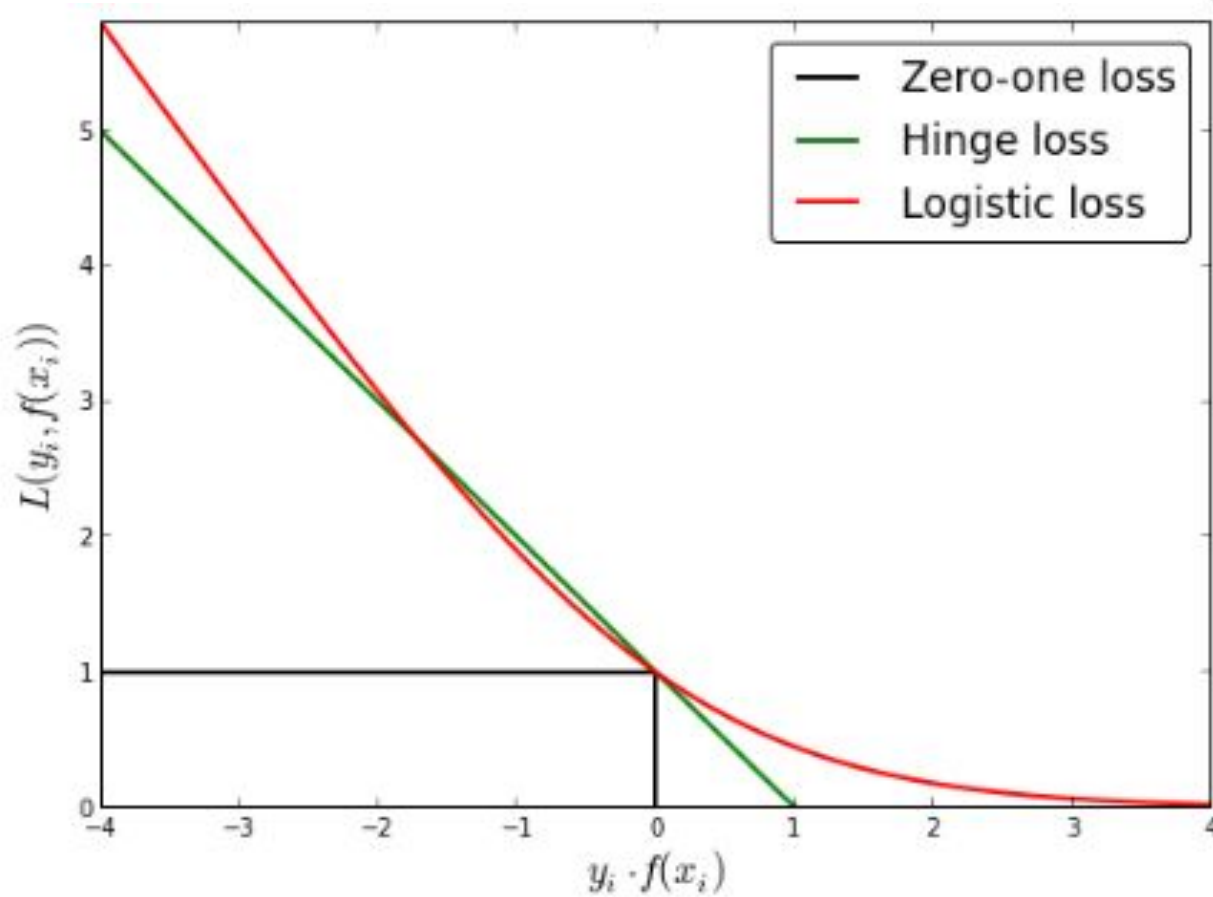
We seek to minimize **logistic loss**:

'Log' everything to get a sum

$$J(b) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)} \cdot \ln z^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \cdot \ln (1 - z^{(i)}) \right)$$

$$z = h(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-b^T \bar{x}}}$$

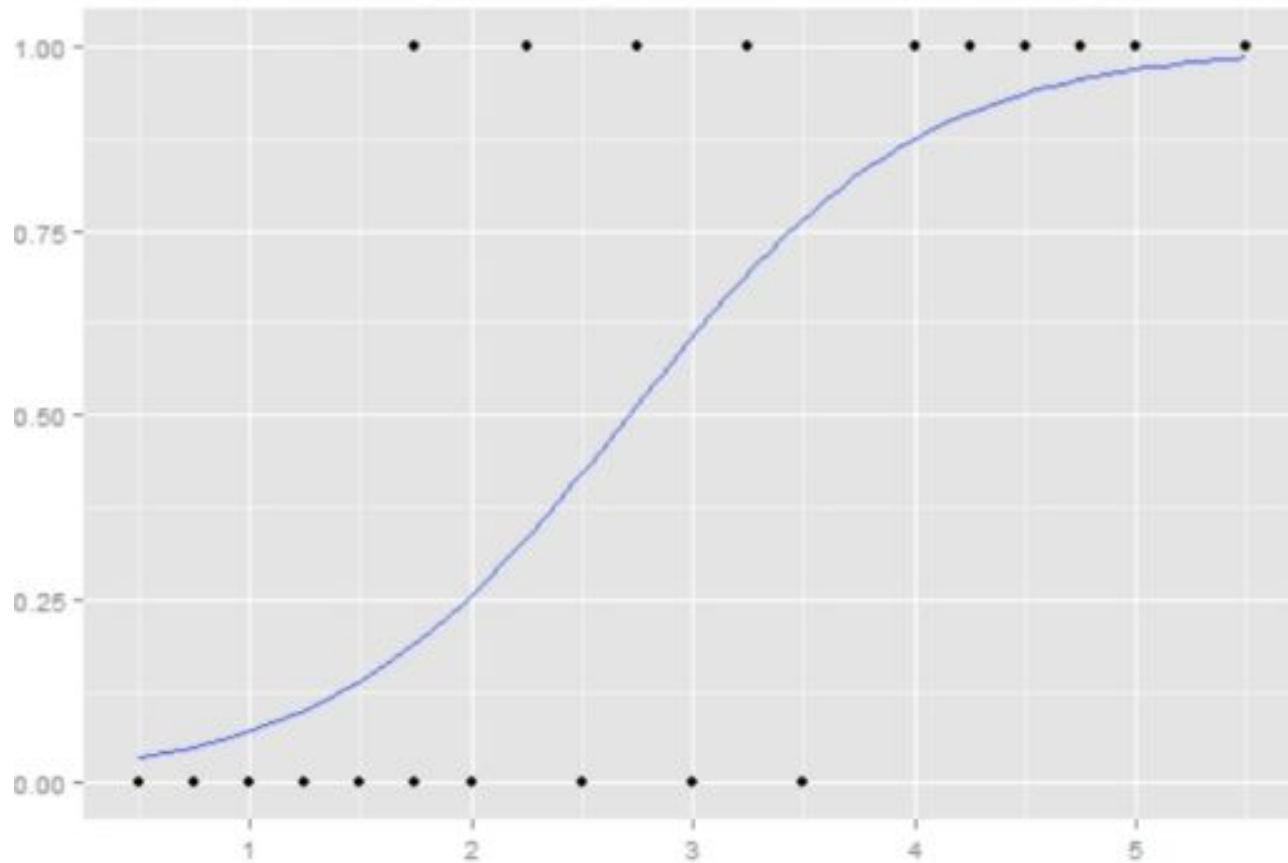
Logistic Loss



$$J(b) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \left(y^{(i)} \cdot \ln z^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \cdot \ln (1 - z^{(i)}) \right)$$

[Image from Stack Exchange](#)

Coefficients should return something like this...



SUMMARY

| | Linear | Logistic |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Label Type | Continuous | Categorical |
| Problem Type | Actual Regression | Actually Classification |
| Hypothesis | $\theta^T x$ | $s(\theta^T x)$ |
| Loss | Mean Squared | Logistic |
| Analytical Solution | Yes | No |

Thanks!

Any questions?

Reminders:

Homework 1 and deliverable
1 due before next lecture.

