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# Linear Regression with multiple variables

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Notation:

$n$  = number of features

$x^{(i)}$  = input (features) of  $i^{th}$  training example.

$x_j^{(i)}$  = value of feature  $j$  in  $i^{th}$  training example.

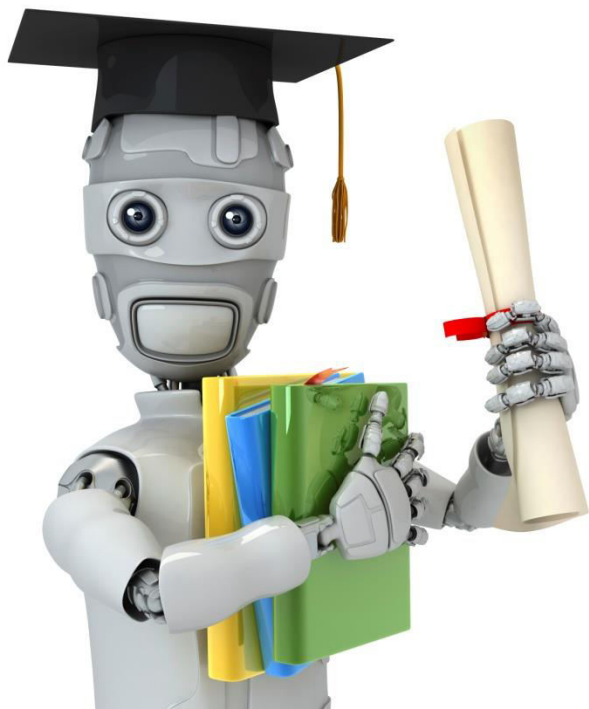
Hypothesis:

Previously:  $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n$$

For convenience of notation, define  $x_0 = 1$ .

Multivariate linear regression.



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## Gradient descent for multiple variables

Hypothesis:  $h_{\theta}(x) = \theta^T x = \theta_0 x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n$

Parameters:  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$

Cost function:

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

Gradient descent:

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \dots, \theta_n)$$

}

(simultaneously update for every  $j = 0, \dots, n$ )

# Gradient Descent

Previously ( $n=1$ ):

Repeat {

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

$$\theta_1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x^{(i)}$$

(simultaneously update  $\theta_0, \theta_1$ )

}

New algorithm ( $n \geq 1$ ):

Repeat {

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

(simultaneously update  $\theta_j$  for  
 $j = 0, \dots, n$ )

}

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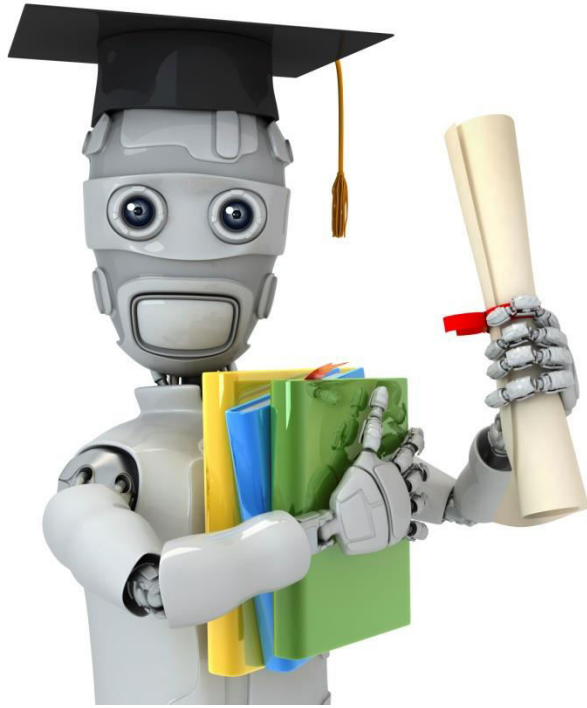
$$\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$$

$$\theta_1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)}$$

$$\theta_2 := \theta_2 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_2^{(i)}$$

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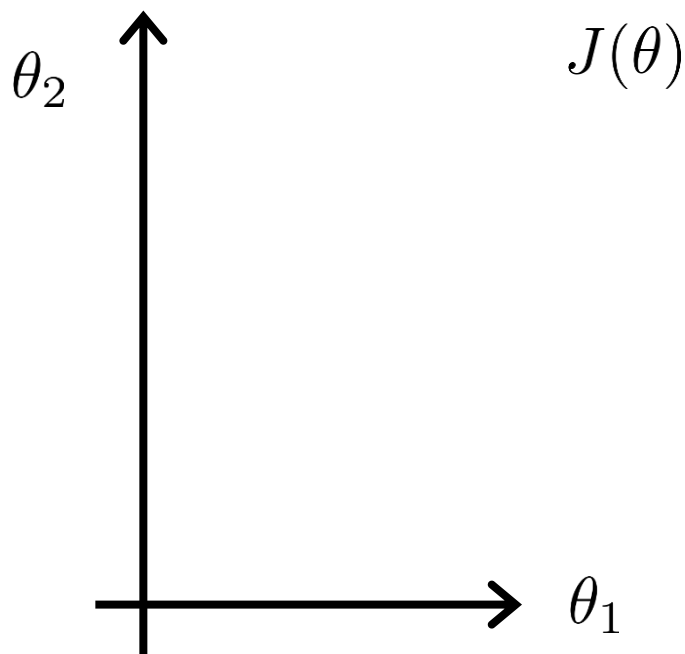
## Gradient descent in practice I: Feature Scaling

# Feature Scaling

Idea: Make sure features are on a similar scale.

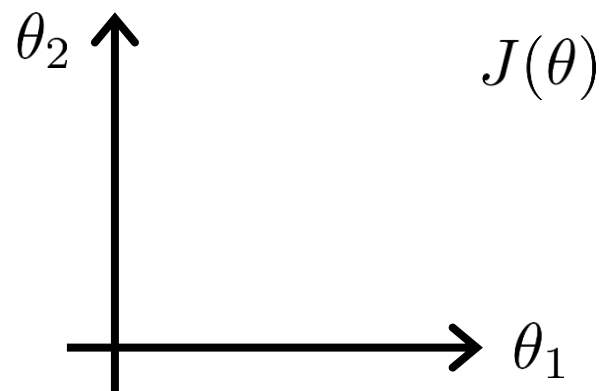
E.g.  $x_1 = \text{size (0-2000 feet}^2\text{)}$

$x_2 = \text{number of bedrooms (1-5)}$



$$x_1 = \frac{\text{size (feet}^2\text{)}}{2000}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\text{number of bedrooms}}{5}$$



## Feature Scaling

Get every feature into approximately a  $-1 \leq x_i \leq 1$  range.

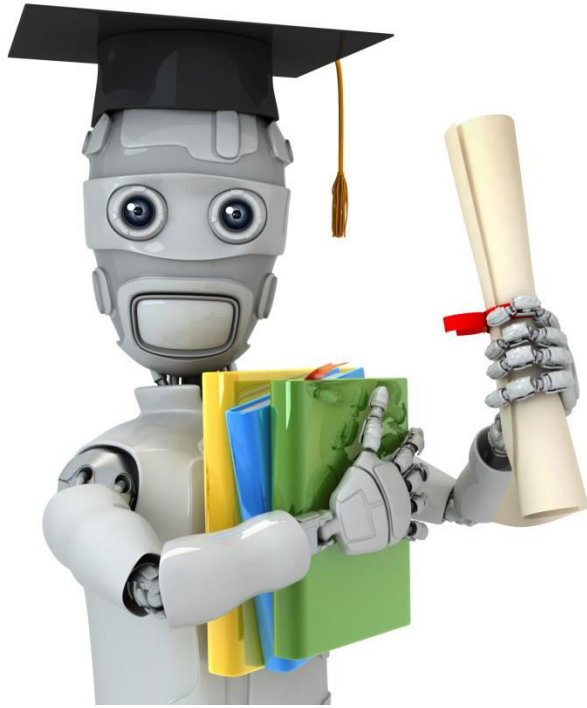
# Mean normalization

Replace  $x_i$  with  $x_i - \mu_i$  to make features have approximately zero mean  
(Do not apply to  $x_0 = 1$ ).

E.g.  $x_1 = \frac{size - 1000}{2000}$

$$x_2 = \frac{\#bedrooms - 2}{5}$$

$$-0.5 \leq x_1 \leq 0.5, -0.5 \leq x_2 \leq 0.5$$



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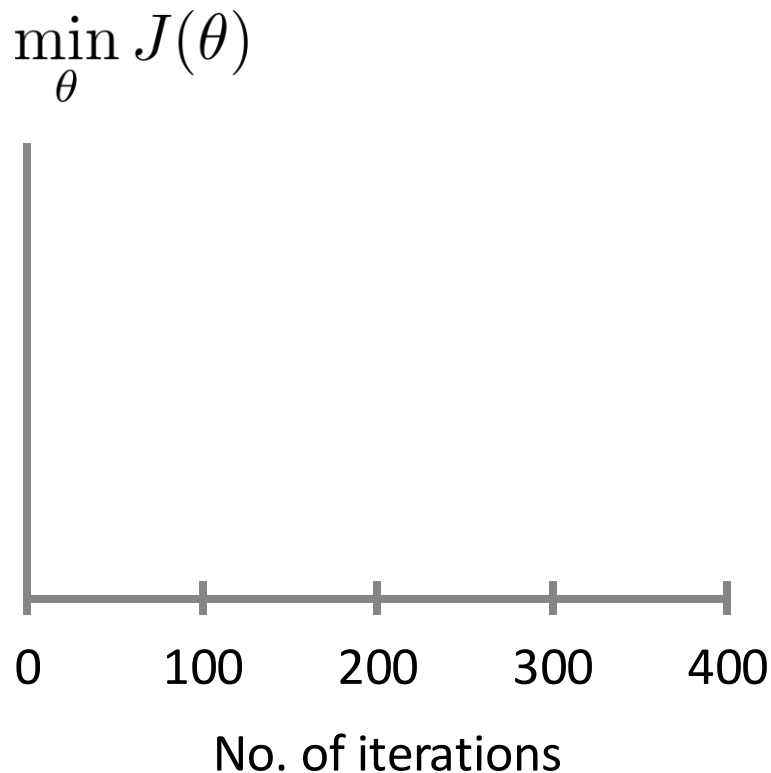
Gradient descent in practice II: Learning rate

# Gradient descent

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

- “Debugging”: How to make sure gradient descent is working correctly.
- How to choose learning rate  $\alpha$ .

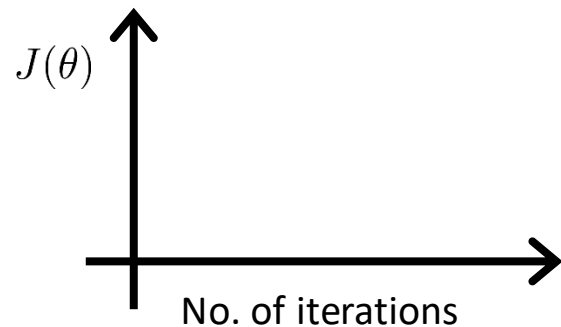
## Making sure gradient descent is working correctly.



Example automatic  
convergence test:

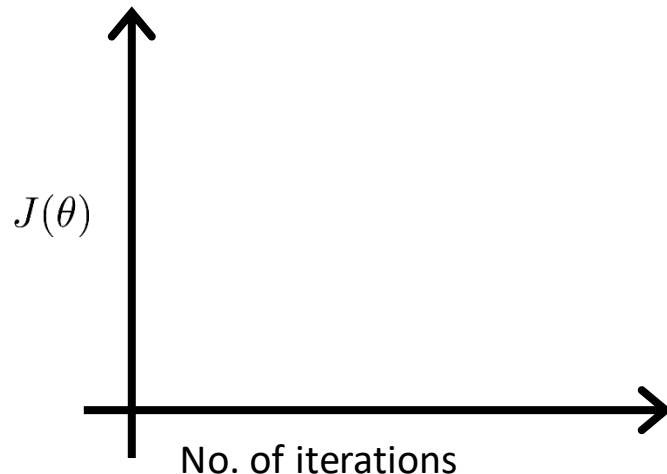
Declare convergence if  $J(\theta)$   
decreases by less than  $10^{-3}$   
in one iteration.

## Making sure gradient descent is working correctly.



Gradient descent not working.

Use smaller  $\alpha$ .



- For sufficiently small  $\alpha$ ,  $J(\theta)$  should decrease on every iteration.
- But if  $\alpha$  is too small, gradient descent can be slow to converge.

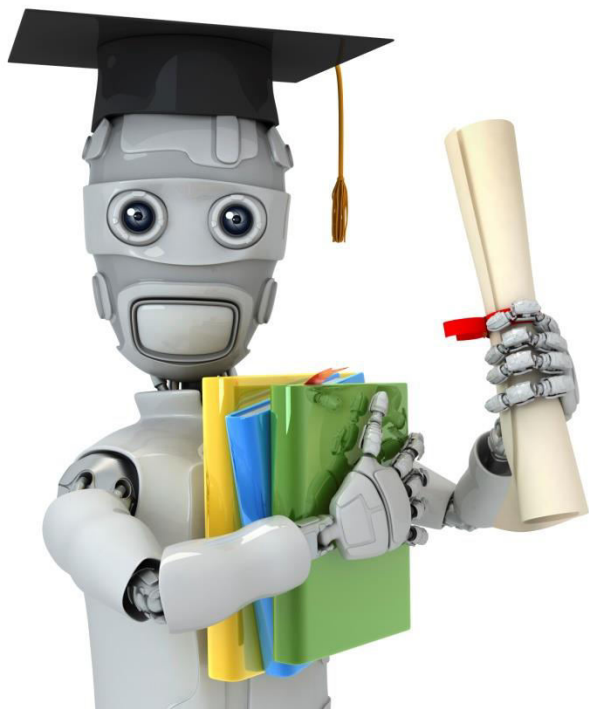


## Summary:

- If  $\alpha$  is too small: slow convergence.
- If  $\alpha$  is too large:  $J(\theta)$  may not decrease on every iteration; may not converge.

To choose  $\alpha$ , try

$\dots, 0.001, \quad , 0.01, \quad , 0.1, \quad , 1, \dots$



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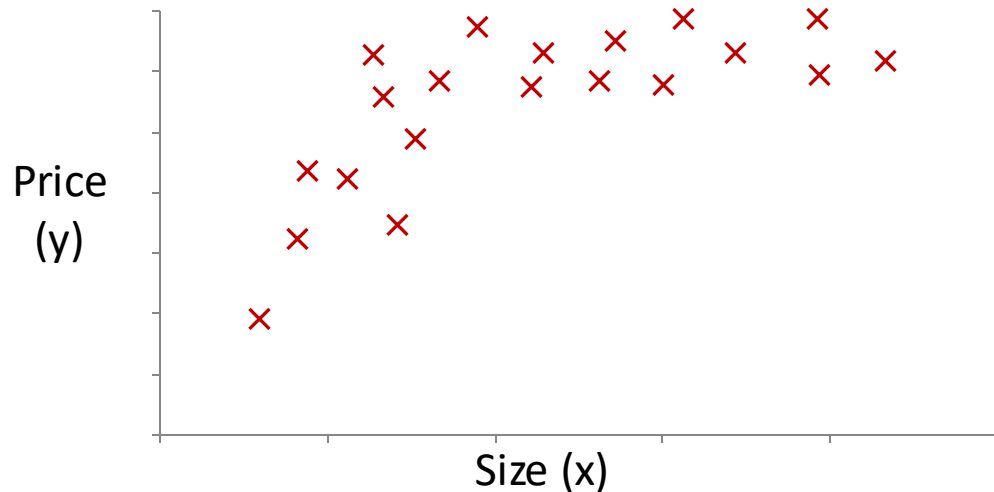
Features and polynomial regression

# Housing prices prediction

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times \textit{frontage} + \theta_2 \times \textit{depth}$$



# Polynomial regression



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

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3$$

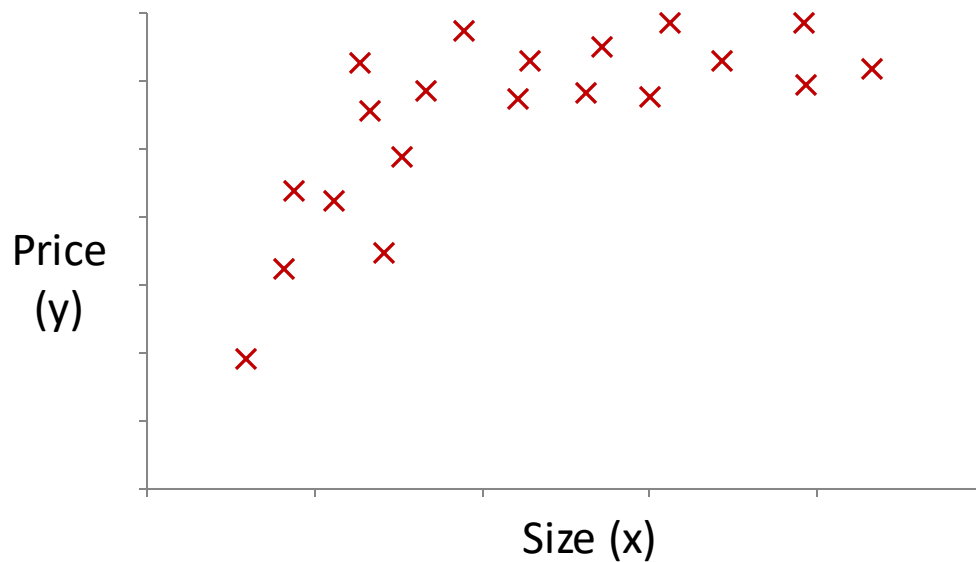
$$\begin{aligned} h_{\theta}(x) &= \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_3 \\ &= \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2(\text{size})^2 + \theta_3(\text{size})^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = (\text{size})$$

$$x_2 = (\text{size})^2$$

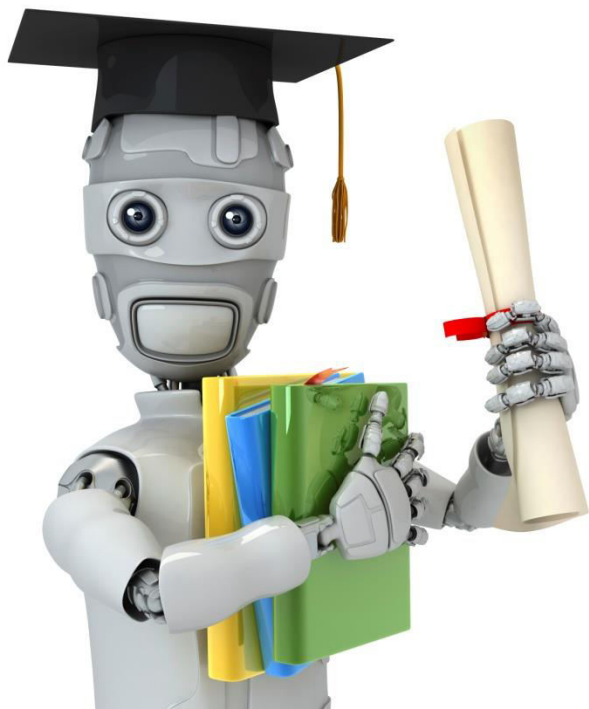
$$x_3 = (\text{size})^3$$

# Choice of features



$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2(\text{size})^2$$

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1(\text{size}) + \theta_2\sqrt{(\text{size})}$$



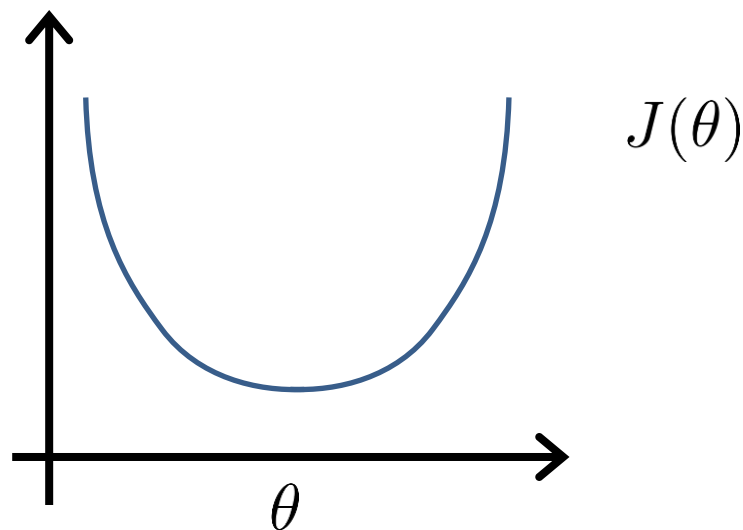
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## Normal equation

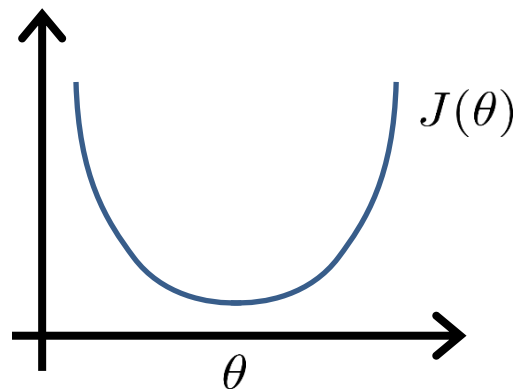
# Gradient Descent



Normal equation: Method to solve for  $\theta$  analytically.

Intuition: If 1D ( $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$J(\theta) = a\theta^2 + b\theta + c$$



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$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \quad J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) = \dots = 0 \quad (\text{for every } j)$$

Solve for  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$



Examples:  $m = 4$ .

	Size (feet <sup>2</sup> )	Number of bedrooms	Number of floors	Age of home (years)	Price (\$1000)
$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$y$
1	2104	5	1	45	460
1	1416	3	2	40	232
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$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 & 5 & 1 & 45 \\ 1 & 1416 & 3 & 2 & 40 \\ 1 & 1534 & 3 & 2 & 30 \\ 1 & 852 & 2 & 1 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 460 \\ 232 \\ 315 \\ 178 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

**$m$  examples  $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$  ;  $n$  features.**

$$x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0^{(i)} \\ x_1^{(i)} \\ x_2^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ x_n^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

E.g. If  $x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$

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

$(X^T X)^{-1}$  is inverse of matrix  $X^T X$ .

Octave: `pinv(X' * X) * X' * y`

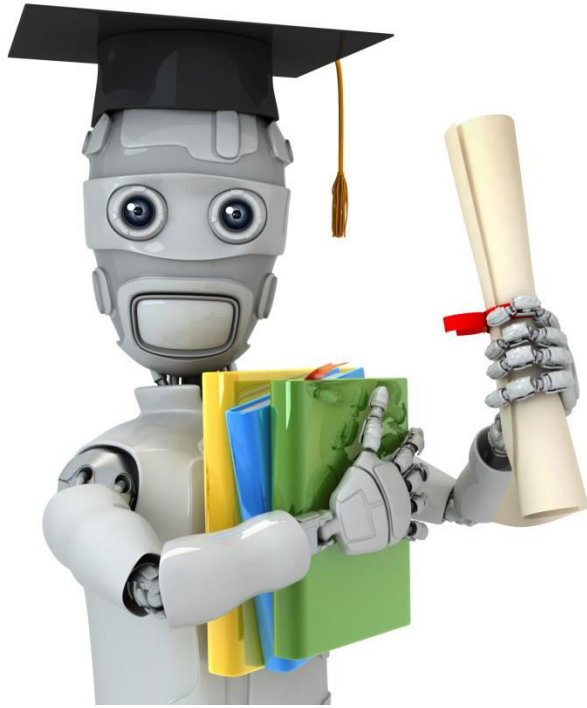
$m$  training examples,  $n$  features.

### Gradient Descent

- Need to choose  $\alpha$ .
- Needs many iterations.
- Works well even when  $n$  is large.

### Normal Equation

- No need to choose  $\alpha$ .
- Don't need to iterate.
- Need to compute  $(X^T X)^{-1}$
- Slow if  $n$  is very large.



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Normal equation  
and non-invertibility  
(optional)

## Normal equation

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

- What if  $X^T X$  is non-invertible? (singular/degenerate)
- Octave: `pinv(X' * X) * X' * y`

What if  $X^T X$  is non-invertible?

- Redundant features (linearly dependent).  
E.g.  $x_1 = \text{size in feet}^2$   
 $x_2 = \text{size in m}^2$
- Too many features (e.g.  $m \leq n$ ).
  - Delete some features, or use regularization.