



Regression For Machine learning

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Linear regression with one input

How much is my house worth?



Look at recent sales in my neighborhood

- How much did they sell for?



Regression fundamentals: Data, Model, Task

Data



input *output*
↓ ↓
($x_1 = \text{sq.ft.}$, $y_1 = \$$)



($x_2 = \text{sq.ft.}$, $y_2 = \$$)



($x_3 = \text{sq.ft.}$, $y_3 = \$$)



($x_4 = \text{sq.ft.}$, $y_4 = \$$)

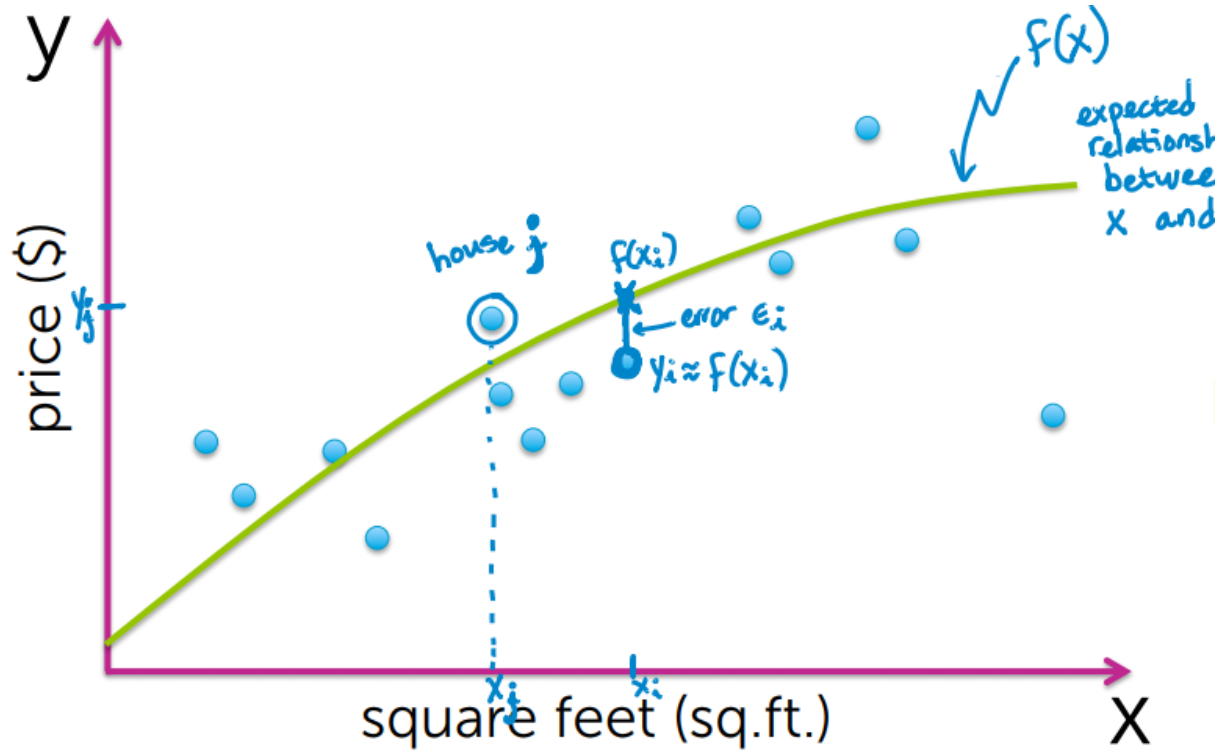


($x_5 = \text{sq.ft.}$, $y_5 = \$$)

Input vs. Output:

- y is the quantity of interest
- assume y can be predicted from x

Model

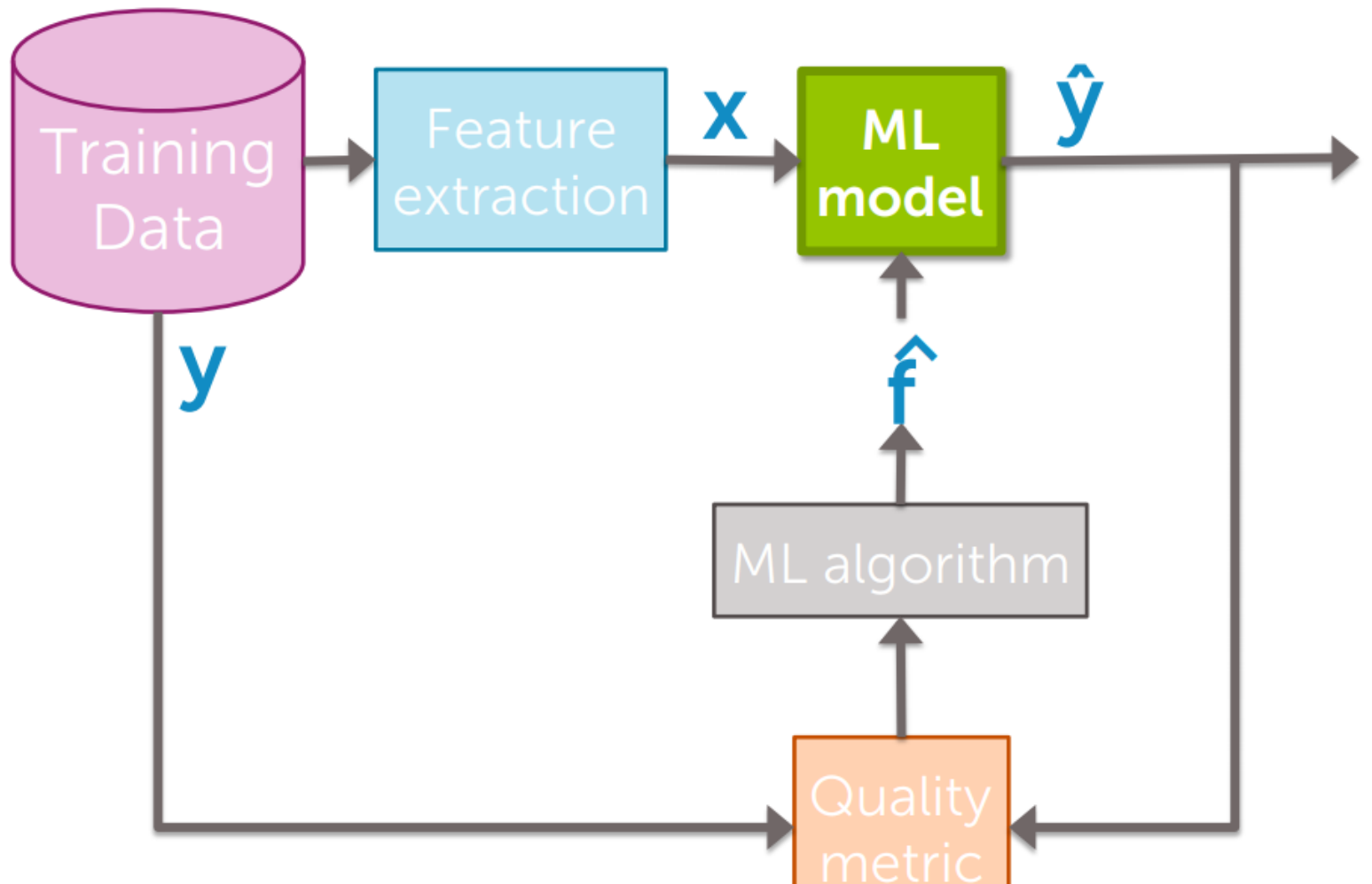


Regression model:

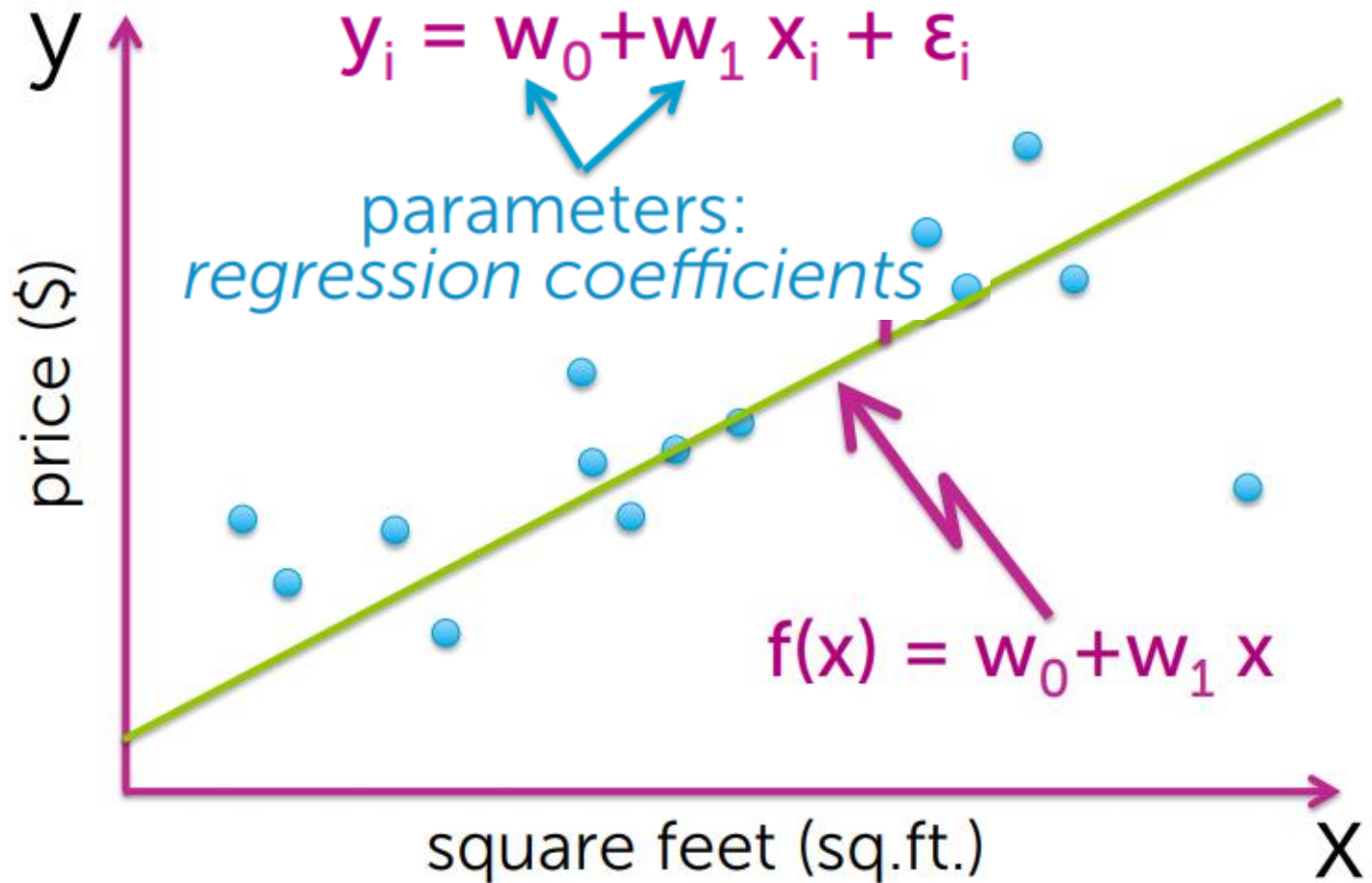
$$y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

$E[\epsilon_i] = 0$ ← equally likely that error is + or -
↑ expected value

Simple linear regression

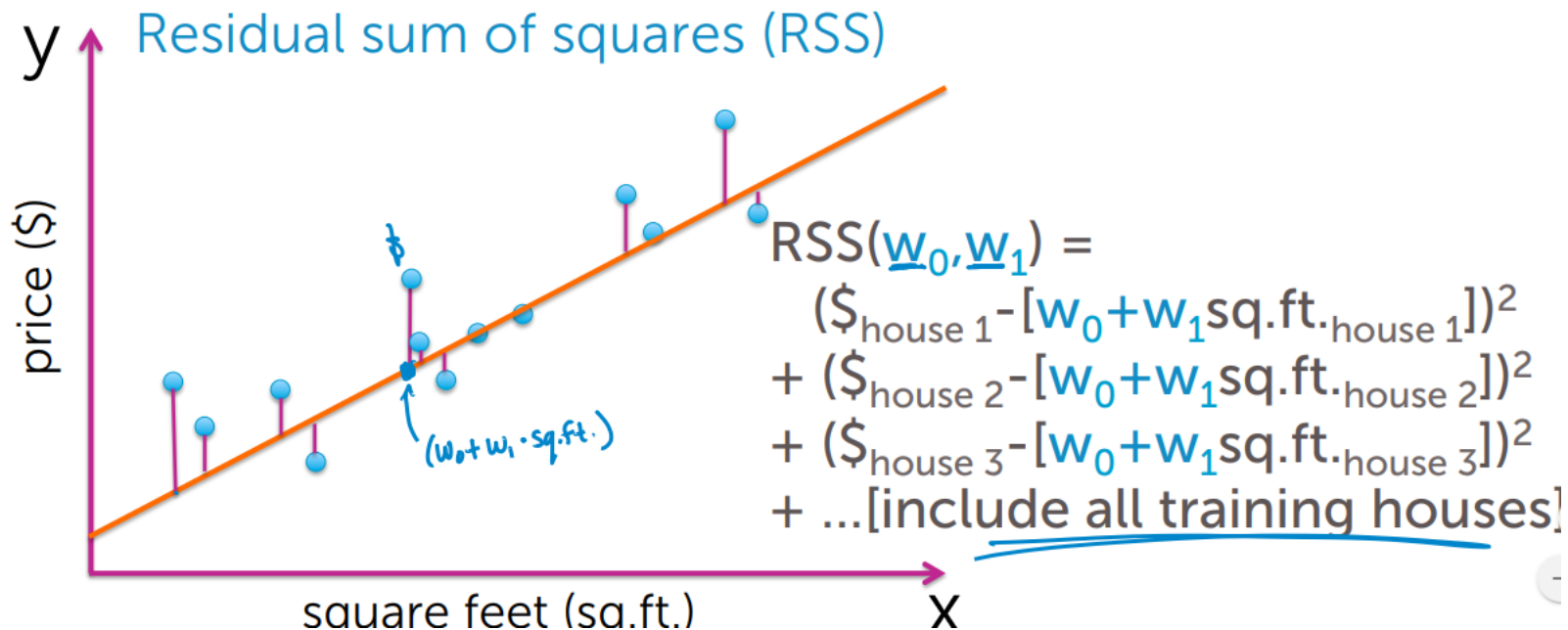


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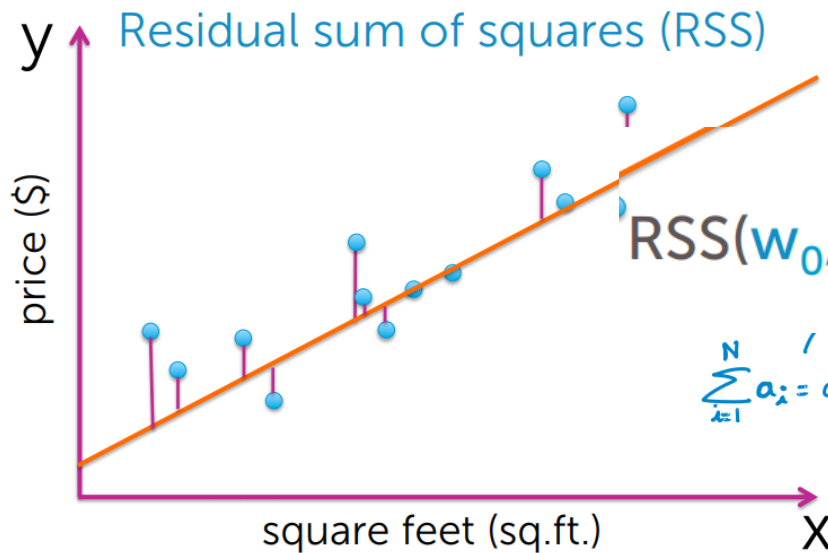


Fitting a line to data

- “Cost” of using a given line.



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$$RSS(w_0, w_1) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - [w_0 + w_1 x_i])^2$$

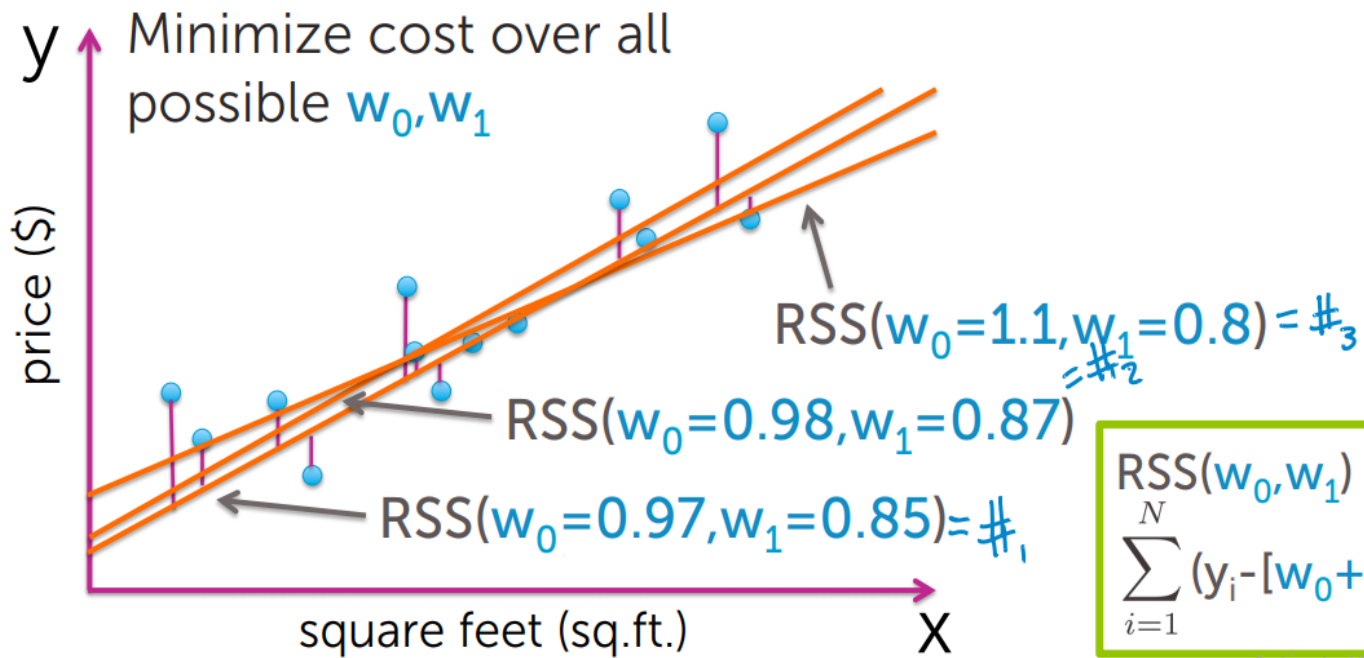
$$\sum_{i=1}^N a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_N$$

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Here,

$$a_i = (y_i - [w_0 + w_1 x_i])^2$$

Find “best” line

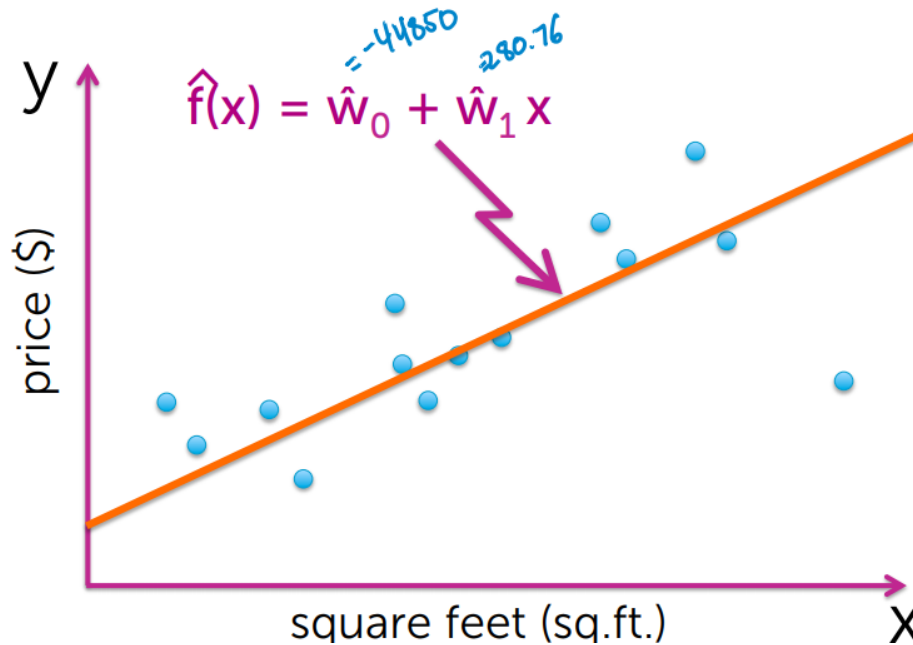


$$RSS(w_0, w_1) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - [w_0 + w_1 x_i])^2$$

Activate Windows

The fitted line: use + interpretation

Model vs. fitted line



Regression model:

$$y_i = w_0 + w_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

parameters (unknown variables)

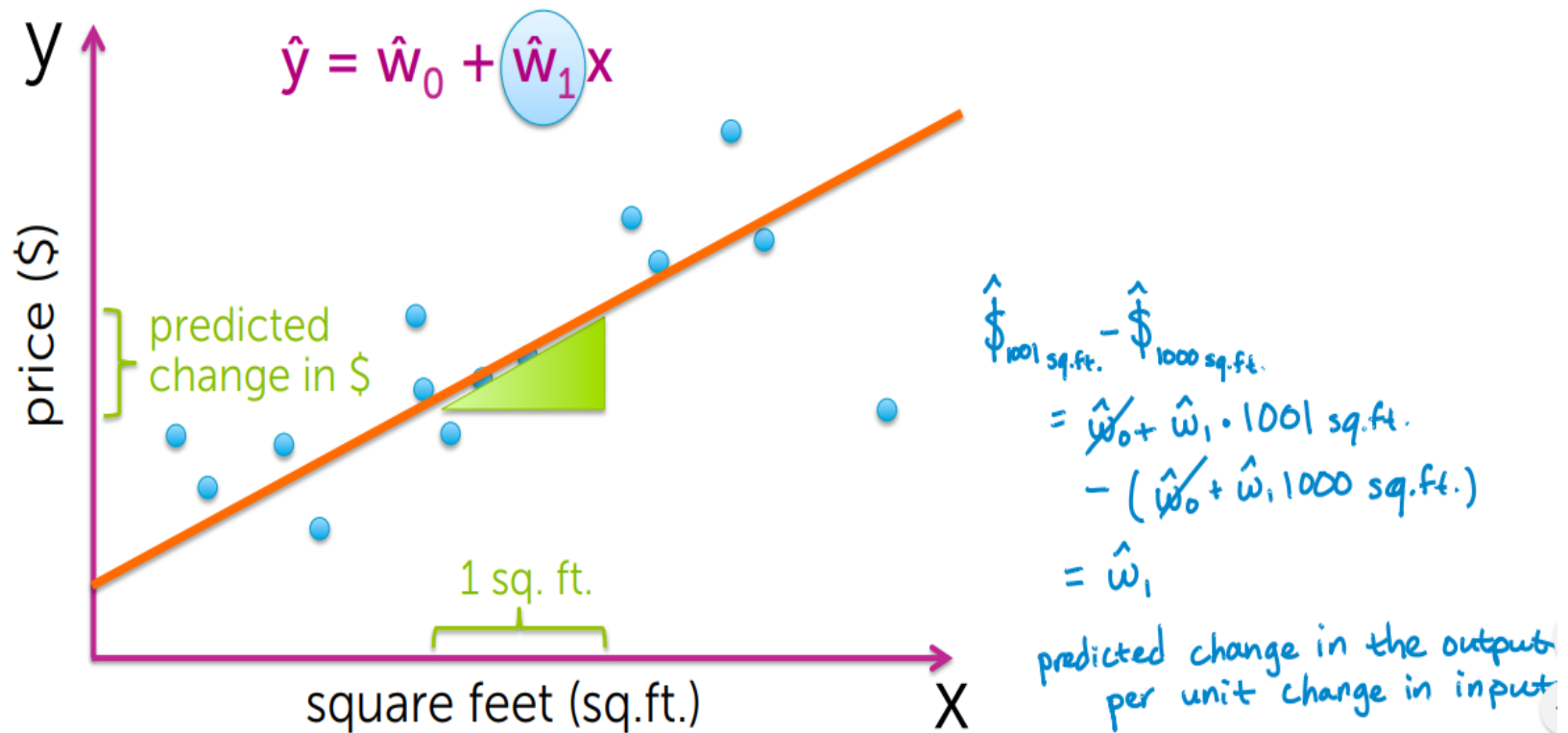
Estimated parameters:

$$\hat{w}_0 = -44850, \hat{w}_1 = 280.76$$

take actual values

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Interpreting the coefficients



Predicted Change in the OUTPUT per unit change in INPUT

Case1: Compute the gradient

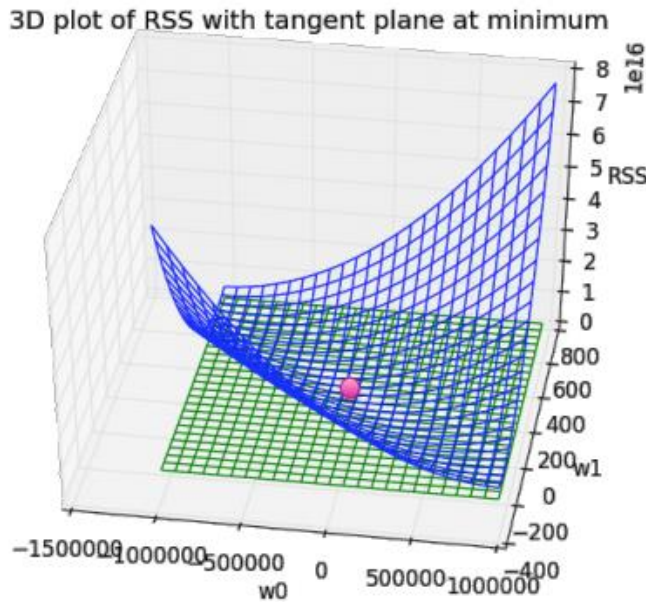
$$\text{RSS}(w_0, w_1) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - [w_0 + w_1 x_i])^2$$

Taking the derivative w.r.t. w_0

Putting it together:

$$\nabla \text{RSS}(w_0, w_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)] \\ -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)] x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Mathematics



top term:

$$\hat{w}_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y_i}{N} - \hat{w}_1 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$

Annotations:
 - $\frac{\sum y_i}{N}$: average house sales price
 - $\frac{\sum x_i}{N}$: average sq. ft.
 - \hat{w}_1 : estimate the slope

bottom term:

$$\sum y_i x_i - \hat{w}_0 \sum x_i - \hat{w}_1 \sum x_i^2 = 0$$

plug in \hat{w}_0 :

$$\hat{w}_1 = \frac{\sum y_i x_i - \frac{\sum y_i \sum x_i}{N}}{\sum x_i^2 - \frac{\sum x_i \sum x_i}{N}}$$

W1– Covariance of (x,y)/var(x)

W0– Mean(y)–W1*Mean(x) this is was we seen

Python class

Case 2: Gradient descent

Interpreting the gradient:

$$\nabla \text{RSS}(w_0, w_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)] \\ -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)] x_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \hat{y}_i(w_0, w_1)] \\ -2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \hat{y}_i(w_0, w_1)] x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

actual house sales observation y_i *predicted value* $\hat{y}_i(w_0, w_1)$

while not converged $(-2) \cdot (-n)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_0^{(t+1)} \\ w_1^{(t+1)} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_0^{(t)} \\ w_1^{(t)} \end{bmatrix} + 2\eta \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \hat{y}_i(w_0^{(t)}, w_1^{(t)})] \\ \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \hat{y}_i(w_0^{(t)}, w_1^{(t)})] x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

If overall, under predicting \hat{y}_i , then $\sum [y_i - \hat{y}_i]$ is positive

→ w_0 is going to increase

similar intuition for w_1 , but multiply by x_i

Gradient method

- Computing regression parameters (gradient descent example)

The data

Consider the following 5 point synthetic data set:

1	X	Y	
2	0	1	
3	1	3	
4	2	7	
5	3	13	
6	4	21	

We will need a starting value for the slope and intercept,
a step_size and a tolerance

initial_intercept = 0

initial_slope = 0

step_size = 0.05

tolerance = 0.01



In each step of the gradient descent we will do the following:

1. Compute the predicted values given the current slope and intercept

2. Compute the prediction errors (prediction - Y)

3. Update the intercept:

compute the derivative: $\text{sum}(\text{errors})$

compute the adjustment as step_size times the derivative

decrease the intercept by the adjustment

4. Update the slope:

compute the derivative: $\text{sum}(\text{errors} * \text{input})$

compute the adjustment as step_size times the derivative

decrease the slope by the adjustment

5. Compute the magnitude of the gradient

6. Check for convergence

The algorithm in action

First step:

Intercept = 0

Slope = 0

1. predictions = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

2. errors = [-1, -3, -7, -13, -21]

3. update Intercept

$\text{sum}([-1, -3, -7, -13, -21]) = -45$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * 45 = -2.25$

$\text{new_intercept} = 0 - -2.25 = 2.25$

4. update Slope

$\text{sum}([0, 1, 2, 3, 4] * [-1, -3, -7, -13, -21]) = -140$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * -140 = -7$

$\text{new_slope} = 0 - -7 = 7$

5. $\text{magnitude} = \text{sqrt}((-45)^2 + (-140)^2) = 147.05$

6. $\text{magnitude} > \text{tolerance}$: not converged

Second step:

Intercept = 2.25

Slope = 7

1. predictions = [2.25, 9.25, 16.25, 23.25, 30.25]

2. errors = [1.25, 6.35, 9.25, 10.25, 9.25]

3. update Intercept

$\text{sum}([1.25, 6.35, 9.25, 10.25, 9.25]) = 36.25$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * 36.25 = 1.8125$

$\text{new_intercept} = 2.25 - 1.8125 = 0.4375$

4. update Slope

$\text{sum}([0, 1, 2, 3, 4] * [1.25, 6.35, 9.25, 10.25, 9.25])$
 $= 92.5$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * 92.5 = 4.625$

$\text{new_slope} = 7 - 4.625 = 2.375$

5. $\text{magnitude} = \text{sqrt}((36.25)^2 + (92.5)^2) = 99.35$

6. $\text{magnitude} > \text{tolerance}$: not converged

Let's skip forward a few steps... after the 77th step we have gradient magnitude 0.0107.

78th Step:

Intercept = -0.9937

Slope = 4.9978

1. predictions = [-0.99374, 4.00406, 9.00187, 13.99967, 18.99748]

2. errors = [-1.99374, 1.00406, 2.00187, 0.99967, -2.00252]

3. update Intercept

$\text{sum}([-1.99374, 1.00406, 2.00187, 0.99967, -2.00252]) = 0.009341224$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * 0.009341224 = 0.0004670612$

$\text{new_intercept} = -0.9937 - 0.0004670612 = -0.994207$

4. update Slope

$\text{sum}([0, 1, 2, 3, 4] * [-1.99374, 1.00406, 2.00187, 0.99967, -2.00252]) = -0.0032767$

$\text{adjustment} = 0.05 * -0.0032767 = -0.00016383$

$\text{new_slope} = 4.9978 - 0.00016383 = 4.9979$

5. $\text{magnitude} = \sqrt{()^2 + ()^2} = 0.0098992$

6. $\text{magnitude} < \text{tolerance}$: converged!

Final slope: -0.994

Final Intercept: 4.998

If you continue you will get to (-1, 5) but at this point the change in RSS (our cost) is negligible.

Multiple Linear regression

Generic basis expansion

Model:

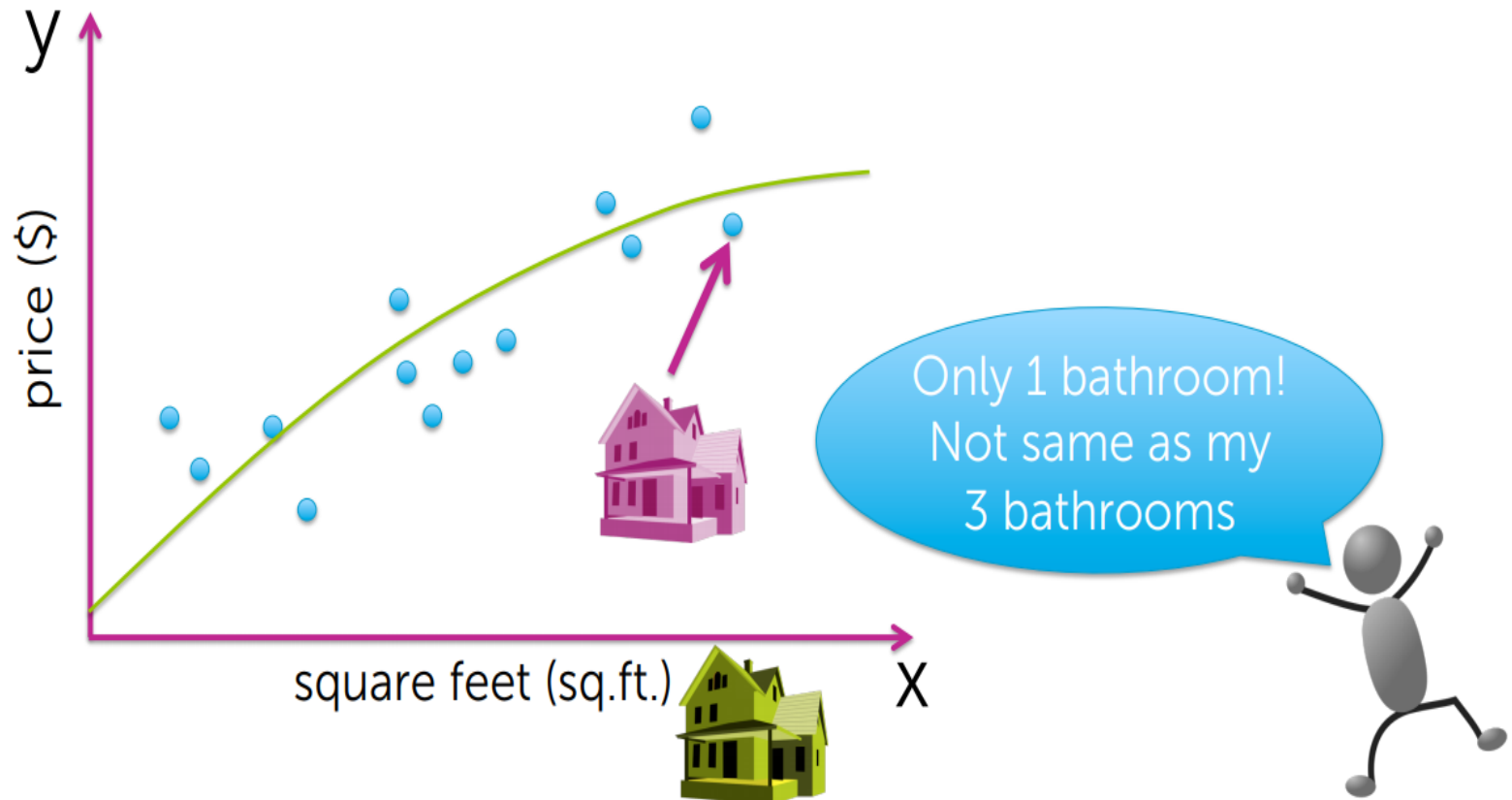
$$y_i = w_0 h_0(x_i) + w_1 h_1(x_i) + \dots + w_D h_D(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^D w_j h_j(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

*jth regression coefficient
or weight*

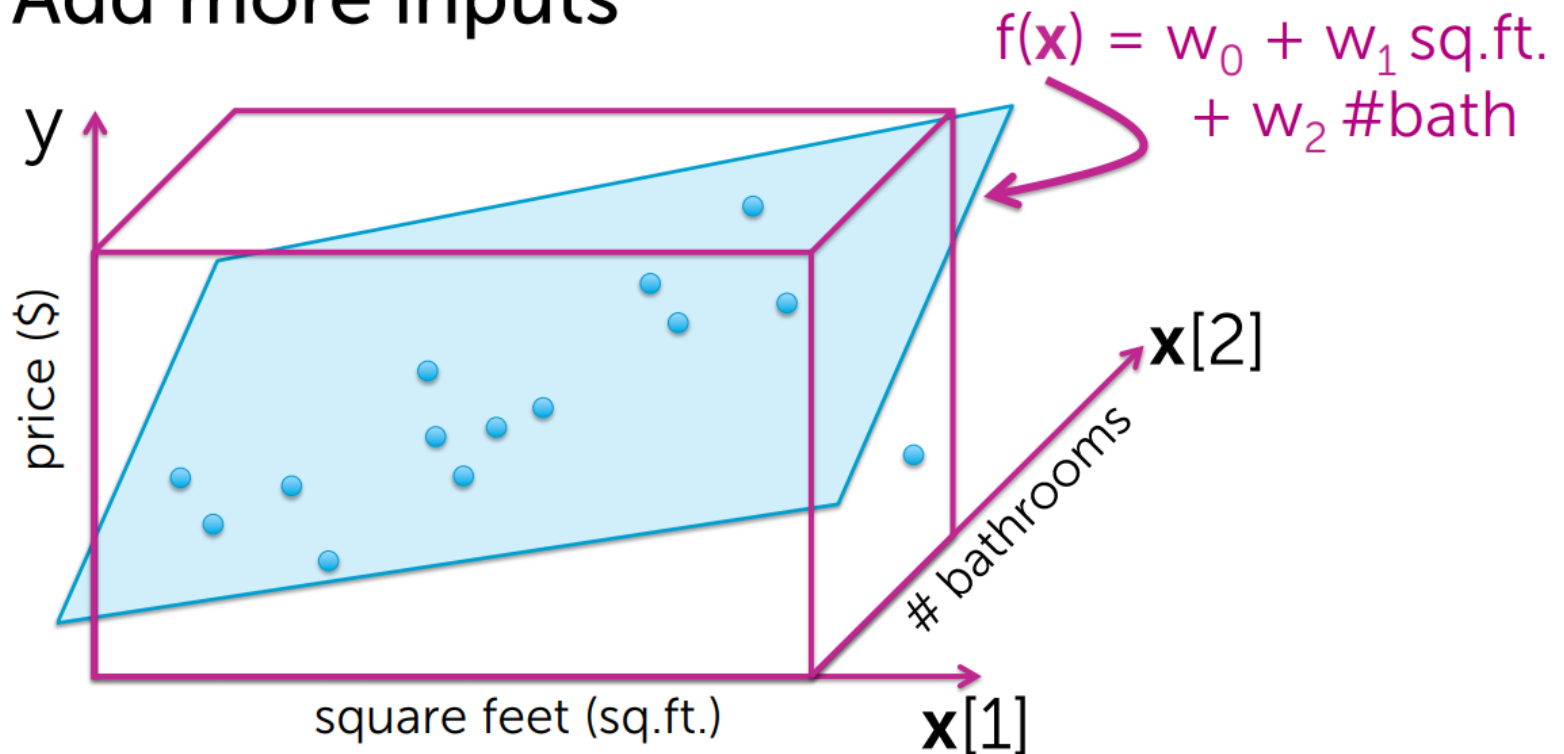
jth feature

Predictions just based on house size



Dimensionality changes addition of Features

Add more inputs



More generically... D-dimensional curve

Model:

$$y_i = w_0 h_0(\mathbf{x}_i) + w_1 h_1(\mathbf{x}_i) + \dots + w_D h_D(\mathbf{x}_i) + \varepsilon_i$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^D w_j h_j(\mathbf{x}_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

feature 1 = $h_0(\mathbf{x})$... e.g., 1

feature 2 = $h_1(\mathbf{x})$... e.g., $\mathbf{x}[1]$ = sq. ft.

feature 3 = $h_2(\mathbf{x})$... e.g., $\mathbf{x}[2]$ = #bath

or, $\log(\mathbf{x}[7])$ $\mathbf{x}[2]$ = $\log(\text{\#bed}) \times \text{\#bath}$

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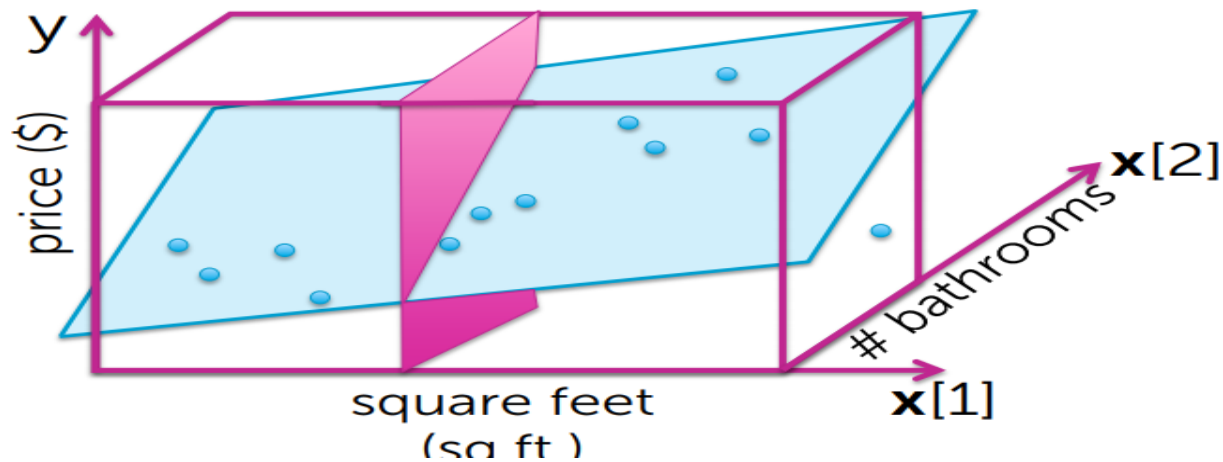
feature D+1 = $h_D(\mathbf{x})$... some other function of $\mathbf{x}[1], \dots, \mathbf{x}[d]$

Interpreting the fitted function

Two linear features

$$\hat{y} = \hat{w}_0 + \hat{w}_1 \mathbf{x}[1] + \hat{w}_2 \mathbf{x}[2]$$

fix



When we fix one feature and rest one unit increase what will be the changes in Y

Fitting D-dimensional curves

- Step 1: Rewrite the regression model

For observation i

$$y_i = \sum_{j=0}^D w_j h_j(\mathbf{x}_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Diagram illustrating the matrix representation of the regression model for observation i:

$$y_i = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 & w_1 & w_2 & \dots & w_D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0(x_i) \\ h_1(x_i) \\ h_2(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ h_D(x_i) \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon_i$$

Handwritten annotations in blue:

- w^T above the weight vector.
- $h(x_i)$ to the left of the basis function vector.
- $h^T(x_i)$ above the basis function vector.
- w to the left of the weight vector.

Expanded scalar form:

$$y_i = w_0 h_0(x_i) + w_1 h_1(x_i) + \dots + w_D h_D(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Final simplified form:

$$y_i = w^T h(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Rewrite in matrix notation

For all observations together

The diagram illustrates the matrix notation for a linear regression model. It shows a vector Y (pink boxes) on the left, followed by an equals sign, then a matrix H (green boxes) multiplied by a vector W (blue boxes), plus a vector ϵ (grey boxes).

The vector Y has elements $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_N$.

The matrix H has elements $h_0(x_i), h_1(x_i), h_2(x_i), \dots, h_D(x_i)$ for each observation i . A handwritten blue arrow points to the first row of H with the label $h(x_1)$.

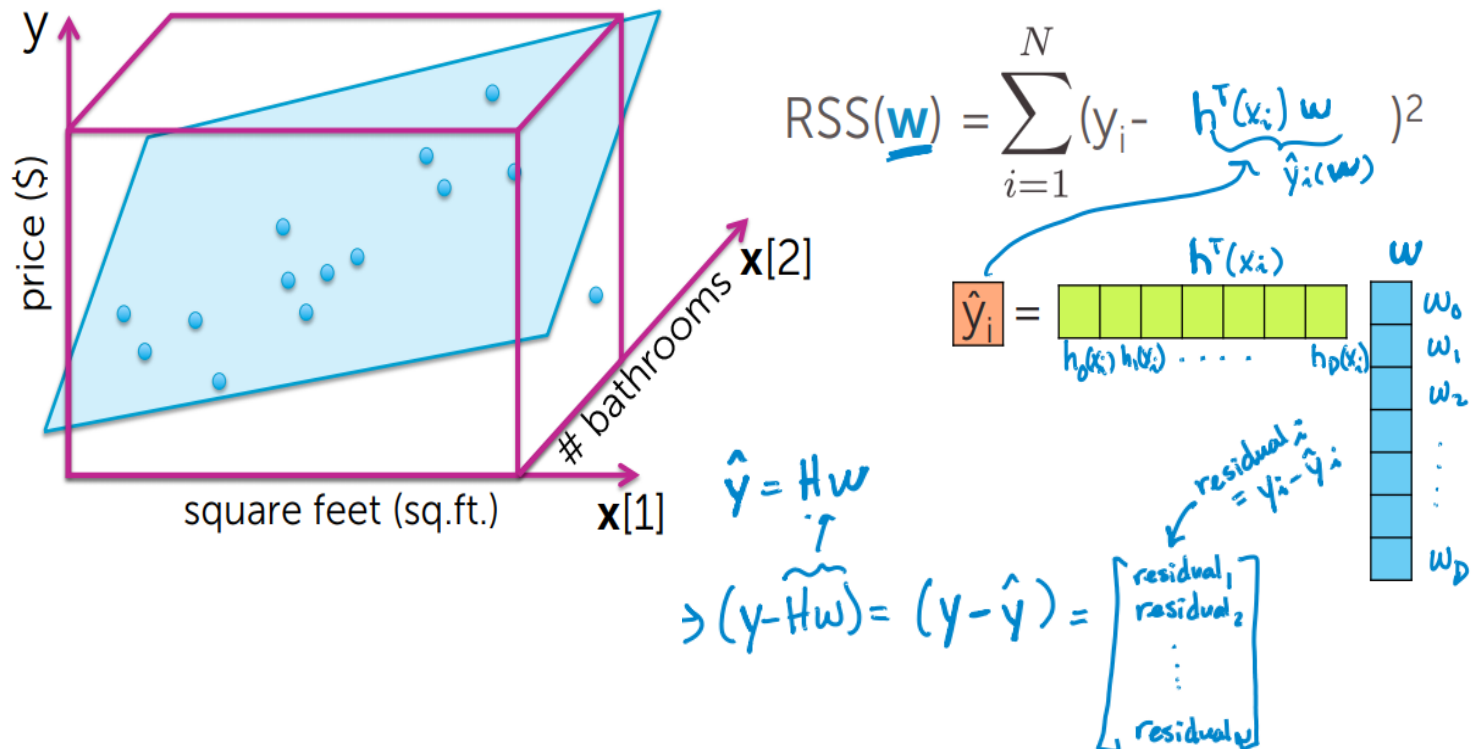
The vector W has elements $w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_D$.

The vector ϵ has elements $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \dots, \epsilon_N$.

We can write this as $Y=HW+\epsilon$

Step 2: Compute the cost

- RSS for multiple regression



RSS in Matrix Notations

$$\text{RSS}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - h(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \mathbf{w})^2$$

$$(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})$$

residual ₁	residual ₂	residual ₃	...	residual _N	residual ₁
					residual ₂
					residual ₃
					...
					residual _N

Step 3: Take the gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\text{RSS}}(\mathbf{w}) &= \nabla [(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})] \\ &= -2\mathbf{H}^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

Why? By analogy to 1D case:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dw} (y-hw)(y-hw) &= \frac{d}{dw} (y-hw)^2 = 2 \cdot (y-hw)' (-h) \\ &= -2h(y-hw)\end{aligned}$$

↑
Scalars

Step 4, Approach 1:

- Set the gradient = 0

s

$$\nabla \text{RSS}(\mathbf{w}) = -2\mathbf{H}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w}) = 0$$

Solve for \mathbf{w} :

$$-2\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{y} + 2\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{y}$$

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H})^{-1}}_{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{y}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} \\ &\bullet \mathbf{I}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \\ &\mathbf{I}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$



Step 4,

Approach 2: Gradient descent

- Gradient descent is most powerful because earlier methods are highly computational intensive.
- Thank You

