

# Supervised Machine Learning:

Q: What is it?

- Supervised machine learning is a type of machine learning where algorithm learns from labeled training data, then makes predictions based on that data.
- It's supervised because the process of an algorithm learning from the training from the training dataset can be thought of as a teacher supervised the learning process.
- The algorithm continuously makes predictions on the training data and is corrected by the teacher, and learning stops when the algorithm achieves an acceptable level of performance.

## Key Aspects:

1. Labeled Data:

- The training data includes both input data (features) and correct output (labels). These labels guide the learning algorithm.

2. Model Training:

- The algorithm processes the training data and learns a function that maps input to desired outputs.

3. Prediction:

- Once trained, the model can make predictions on new, unseen data.

4. Evaluation:

- The model's predictions are compared against actual labels to test its accuracy and performance.

## Types:

- Classification:

The output variable is a category, such as spam or not spam in email filtering. It's used when the data can be tagged, categorized, or classified into distinct groups.

- Regression:

The output variable is a real value, such as dollars or weight. Regression algorithms are used when the output is a continuous value.

## Common Algorithms:

- **Linear Regression:** Used for regression problems.
- **Logistic Regression:** Used for classification problems, especially binary classification.
- **Decision Trees:** Can be used for both classification and regression.
- **Support Vector Machines(SVM):** Primarily used for classification.
- **Random Forest:** An ensemble method that can be used for both classification and regression.
- **Gradient Boosting Machines(GBM):** Used for both regression and classification.

## Applications:

- **Spam Detection:** Classifying emails into spam and non-spam categories.
- **Customer Churn Prediction:** Predicting whether a customer will leave a service.
- **Credit Scoring:** Assessing a borrower's creditworthiness.
- **Sales Forecasting:** Estimating future sales amounts

## Challenges:

- **Overfitting:** A model might perform well on training data but poorly on unseen data.
- **Data Quality:** The performance of a supervised learning algorithm heavily depends on the quality and quantity of the data.

# Summary of Supervised Machine Learning:

Supervised machine learning is powerful for tasks where historical data predicts future events. However, its effectiveness relies on the quality of the training data and the ability to generalize from that data to unseen situations.

# Linear Regression:

## Introduction:

Linear regression is one of the simplest and most commonly used types of predictive analysis in statistics and machine learning.

It establishes a linear relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. The mathematics behind linear regression and its assumption are fundamental to understanding its operation and limitations.

## Mathematical Formulation:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$$

where:

- $y$  is the dependent variable (the variable we want to predict),
- $x$  is the independent variable (predictor),
- $\beta_0$  is the intercept (the value of  $y$  when  $x$  is zero),
- $\beta_1$  is the slope (the change in  $y$  for a one-unit increase in  $x$ ),
- $\varepsilon$  is the error term (or residual), which represents the unexplained variation in the dependent variable.

## Assumptions:

For linear regression models to provide reliable predictions, certain assumptions are made:

1. **Linearity:** The relationship between the independent variables should be linear.
2. **Independence:** Observation should be independent of each other.
3. **Homoscedasticity:** The residuals (or errors) should have constant variance. This means the variables.
4. **Normal Distribution of Errors:** The errors (residuals) should be normally distributed.
5. **No or Little Multicollinearity:** In multiple linear regression, the independent variables should not be too highly correlated with each other. Multicollinearity can destabilize the coefficient estimates.

# Summary of Linear Regression:

Understanding these mathematical foundations and assumptions is crucial because violations of these assumptions can lead to biased or inefficient estimates, making the model's predictions unreliable. In practice, checking these assumptions involves a mix of visualization (like residual plots) and statistical tests.

## Multi-linear Regression:

### Introduction:

Multilinear regression, or multiple linear regression, extends the simple linear regression model to accommodate multiple independent variables. This method allows for the examination of the relationship between one dependent variable and two or more independent variables.

### Mathematical Formulation:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n + \varepsilon$$

where:

- $y$  is the dependent variable (the variable we want to predict),
- $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are the independent variables (predictors),
- $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$  are the regression coefficients (or parameters) that represent the intercept and slopes of the regression line or hyperplane,
- $\varepsilon$  is the error term (or residual), which represents the unexplained variation in the dependent variable.

### Assumptions:

Multiple linear regression relies on several key assumptions:

1. **Linearity:** The relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable is linear.
2. **Independence:** Observations are independent of each other.
3. **Homoscedasticity:** The residuals have constant variance at every level of the independent variables.
4. **Normal Distribution of Errors:** The residuals are normally distributed.

**5.No or Little Multicollinearity:** Independent variables are not too highly correlated with each other.

**6.No Auto-correlation:** The residuals are not correlated with each other (particularly important in time series data).

## Summary of Multi-linear Regression:

Multiple linear regression is a power tool for understanding the relationship between one dependent variable and several independent variables. However, care must be taken to ensure the assumptions of the model are met, as violation of these assumptions can lead to incorrect conclusions.

## Polynomial Regression:

### Introduction:

Polynomial regression is a form of regression analysis in which the relationship between the independent variable  $x$  and the dependent variable  $y$  is modeled as an  $n$ th degree polynomial.

Polynomial regression fits a nonlinear relationship between the value of  $x$  and the corresponding condition mean of  $y$ , denoted  $E(y|x)$ , and has been used to describe nonlinear phenomena such as the growth rate of tissues, the distribution of carbon isotopes in lake sediments, and the progression of disease epidemics.

### Mathematical Formulation:

Here are the types of polynomial regression based on the degree of the polynomial:

1-Linear Regression (Degree 1):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \varepsilon$$

2-Quadratic Regression (Degree 2):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_1^2 + \varepsilon$$

3-Cubic Regression (Degree 3):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_1^2 + \beta_3 x_1^3 + \varepsilon$$

4-Quartic Regression (Degree 4):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_1^2 + \beta_3 x_1^3 + \beta_4 x_1^4 + \varepsilon$$

5-Quintic Regression (Degree 5):

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_1^2 + \beta_3 x_1^3 + \beta_4 x_1^4 + \beta_5 x_1^5 + \varepsilon$$

## Key Points:

### 1. Flexibility in Modeling Curves:

- Unlike linear regression, polynomial regression can model relationships that are not straight lines. It's particularly useful for modeling curves.

### 2. Choice of Degree:

- The degree of the polynomial is a crucial decision. A polynomial too high in degree can lead to overfitting, where the model starts to model the random noise in the data.

### 3. Still Linear Model:

- Despite dealing with nonlinear relationships, polynomial regression is still considered a linear model. This is because it's linear in the coefficients  $\beta_i$ , not the features  $x$ .

### 4. Potential for Extrapolation Errors:

- High-degree polynomials can lead to extreme values outside the range of the data, leading to poor extrapolation performance.

## Assumptions:

**1. Linearity in Parameters:** The model is linear in the coefficients, even though it can incorporate non-linear terms of the independent variable(s).

**2. Independence of Errors:** The residuals (predictive errors) of the model are independent from each other, with no correlation across observations.

**3. Homoscedasticity:** The variance of the errors is constant across all levels of the independent variables, meaning the size of the error does not depend on the value of the independent variable.

**4.Normal Distribution of Errors:** The error are assumed to be normally distributed, which is essential for generation with reliable confidence intervals and hypothesis tests.

**5.No or Little Multicollinearity:**If there are multiple independent variables, they should not be highly correlated with each other, to ensure stable coefficient estimates.

**6.Appropriate Range of Extrapolation:** Care should be taken when making predictions outside the range of the data, as polynomial models can yield unrealistic values far away from the observed data range.

**7.Correct Model Specification:** Choosing the right degree of the polynomial is crucial; too high can to overfitting while too low might underfit the data.

## Important Considerations:

**1.Model Complexity:** Higher-degree polynomials can fit the data better but may capture noise (overfitting). Model selection criteria, like-validation, AIC, or BIC, can be used to choose the appropriate degree.

**2.Features Scaling:** Polynomial regression can be sensitive to the scale of the features because polynomial terms can take on very large or very small values. Feature scaling can be important in these models.

## Summary of Polynomial Regression:

Polynomial regression is a simple yet powerful way to model a nonlinear relationship However, it requires careful consideration to avoid overfitting and to understand the nature of the curve being fitted to the data.

## Ridge Regression:

### Introduction:

Ridge Regression is a regularized version of linear Regression: a regularization term equal to added to cost function. This forces the learning algorithm to not only fit the data but also keep the model weights as small as possible. Note that the regularization term should only be added to the cost function during training. Once the model is trained, you want to evaluate the model's performance using the unregularized performance measure. is a technique used in machine

Regularization learning and statistics to prevent overfitting of models on training data. Overfitting occurs when a model learns the training data too well, including its noise and outliers, leading to poor generalization to new, unseen data. Regularization helps to solve this problem by adding a penalty to the model's complexity.

Ridge regression, also known as Tikhonov regularization, is a type of linear regression that includes a regularization term. The key idea behind ridge regression is to find a new line that doesn't fit the training data as well as ordinary least squares regression, in order to achieve better generalization to new data. This is particularly useful when dealing with multicollinearity (independent variables are highly correlated) or when the number of predictors (features) exceeds the number of observations.

## Key Concept:

- **Regularization:** Ridge regression adds a penalty equal to the square of the magnitude of coefficients. This penalty term (squared L2 norm) shrinks the coefficients towards zero, but it doesn't make them exactly zero.

## Mathematical Representation:

$$J(\beta) = \text{RSS} + \lambda \sum (\beta_j^2)$$

where:

- $J(\beta)$  is the cost function or objective function,
- RSS (Residual Sum of Squares) represents the sum of squared residuals, which measures the difference between the observed and predicted values,
- $\beta_j$  represents the regression coefficient for the  $j$ th independent variable,
- $\lambda$  is the regularization parameter (also known as the ridge parameter or penalty parameter), which controls the amount of shrinkage applied to the coefficients.



## Key Points:

- **Choosing Alpha:** Selecting the right value of alpha is crucial. It can be done using cross-validation techniques like Ridge CV.
- **Standardization:** It's often recommended to standardize the predictors before applying ridge regression.
- **Bias-Variance Tradeoff:** Ridge regression balances the bias-variance tradeoff in model training.

## Lasso Regression:

Lasso Regression, which stands for least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator, is a type of linear regression that uses shrinkage. Shrinkage here means that the data values are shrunk towards a central point, like the mean. The lasso technique encourages simple, sparse models (i.e., models with fewer parameters). This particular type of regression is well-suited for models showing high levels of multicollinearity or when you want to automate certain parts of model selection, like variable selection/parameter elimination.

## Key Features of Lasso Regression:

1. **Regularization Term:** The key characteristic of Lasso Regression is that it adds an L1 penalty to the regression model, which is the absolute value of the magnitude of the coefficients. The cost function for Lasso regression is:
2. **Feature Selection:** One of the advantages of lasso regression over ridge regression is that it can result in sparse models with few coefficients; some coefficients can become exactly zero and be eliminated from the model. This property is called automatic feature selection and is a form of embedded method.
3. **Parameter Tuning:** The strength of the L1 penalty is determined by a parameter, typically denoted as alpha or lambda. Selecting a good value for this parameter is crucial and is typically done using cross-validation.

4. **Bias-Variance Tradeoff:** Similar to ridge regression, lasso also manages the bias-variance tradeoff in model training. Increasing the regularization strength increases bias but decreases variance, potentially leading to better generalization on unseen data.
5. **Scaling:** Before applying lasso, it is recommended to scale/normalize the data as lasso is sensitive to the scale of input features.