1. Simple Linear Regression

Definition:

Simple Linear Regression is a supervised machine learning algorithm used to model the relationship between a single independent variable (feature) and a dependent variable (output). The goal is to find the best-fit line that minimizes the error between the predicted and actual values.

Key Concepts:

- **Independent Variable (X):** The input feature used to predict the output.
- **Dependent Variable (Y):** The output variable that we aim to predict.
- **Best-Fit Line:** The line that minimizes the sum of squared errors between the predicted and actual values.
- **Error (Residual):** The difference between the actual value and the predicted value.

Mathematical Representation:

The equation of the best-fit line is given by:

$y=\theta 0+\theta 1x$ $y=\vartheta 0+\vartheta 1x$

- **$\theta 0$ $\vartheta 0$:** Intercept (the value of y when x = 0).
- **$\theta 1$ $\vartheta 1$:** Slope (the change in y for a unit change in x).

Objective:

Minimize the cost function (Mean Squared Error) to find the optimal values of $\theta 0$ $\vartheta 0$ and $\theta 1$ $\vartheta 1$.

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2. Cost Function (Mean Squared Error - MSE)

Definition:

The cost function measures the average squared difference between the predicted and actual values. The goal is to minimize this function to achieve the best-fit line.

Mathematical Representation:

$J(\theta 0,\theta 1)=12m\sum i=1m(h\theta(x(i))-y(i))2$ $J(\vartheta 0,\vartheta 1)=2m1i=1\sum m(h\vartheta(x(i))-y(i))2$

- **$h\theta(x)$ $h\vartheta(x)$:** Predicted value.

- **y(i)$y(i)$:** Actual value.
- **mm:** Number of data points.

Advantages:

- **Differentiable:** Allows the use of gradient descent for optimization.
- **Convex Function:** Ensures a single global minimum, making optimization easier.
- **Fast Convergence:** The quadratic nature of the function leads to faster convergence.

Disadvantages:

- **Sensitive to Outliers:** Outliers can significantly increase the error due to the squaring of residuals.
- **Unit Change:** The error is in squared units, which can be difficult to interpret.

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3. Gradient Descent

Definition:

Gradient Descent is an optimization algorithm used to minimize the cost function by iteratively adjusting the parameters (θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1) in the direction of the steepest descent.

Mathematical Representation:

θj:=θj−α∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)ϑj:=ϑj−α∂∂ϑj∂J(ϑ0,ϑ1)

- **αα:** Learning rate (controls the step size).
- **∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)∂ϑj∂J(ϑ0,ϑ1):** Partial derivative of the cost function with respect to θjϑj.

Key Concepts:

- **Learning Rate (αα):** A small value that controls the step size during optimization. Too large can cause overshooting, and too small can slow convergence.
- **Convergence:** The process stops when the algorithm reaches the global minimum or a point close to it.

Advantages:

- **Efficient:** Works well for large datasets.
- **Flexible:** Can be applied to various cost functions.

Disadvantages:

- **Sensitive to Learning Rate:** Choosing the wrong learning rate can lead to slow convergence or divergence.
- **Local Minima:** In non-convex functions, gradient descent can get stuck in local minima.

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4. Performance Metrics

R-Squared (R^2):

- **Definition:** Measures the proportion of variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variable(s).
- **Formula:**

R2=1−SSresSStot$R2=1-\frac{SSres}{SStot}$

  - **SSres*SSres*:** Sum of squared residuals.
  - **SStot*SStot*:** Total sum of squares.

Adjusted R-Squared:

- **Definition:** Adjusts the R-squared value for the number of predictors in the model, penalizing the addition of irrelevant features.
- **Formula:**

Adjusted R2=1−((1−R2)(n−1)n−p−1)Adjusted $R2=1-(\frac{n-p-1}{(1-R2)(n-1)})$

  - **n*n*:** Number of data points.
  - **p*p*:** Number of independent features.

Mean Absolute Error (MAE):

- **Definition:** Measures the average absolute difference between predicted and actual values.
- **Formula:**

MAE=1n∑i=1n|y(i)−hθ(x(i))|MAE=$n1i=1\sum n|y(i)-h\vartheta(x(i))|$

Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):

- **Definition:** The square root of the mean squared error, providing error in the same units as the dependent variable.
- **Formula:**

RMSE=1n∑i=1n(y(i)−hθ(x(i))2RMSE=*n*1*i*=1∑*n*(*y*(*i*)−*hϑ*(*x*(*i*))2

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5. Overfitting and Underfitting

Overfitting:

- **Definition:** When a model learns the training data too well, capturing noise and outliers, leading to poor performance on new data.
- **Indicators:**
    - High accuracy on training data.
    - Low accuracy on test data.
- **Solution:** Regularization, cross-validation, or reducing model complexity.

Underfitting:

- **Definition:** When a model is too simple to capture the underlying pattern in the data, leading to poor performance on both training and test data.
- **Indicators:**
    - Low accuracy on both training and test data.
- **Solution:** Increase model complexity or add more features.

Bias-Variance Tradeoff:

- **Bias:** Error due to overly simplistic assumptions in the model (leads to underfitting).
- **Variance:** Error due to the model's sensitivity to small fluctuations in the training set (leads to overfitting).

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6. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

Definition:

OLS is a method used to estimate the parameters (θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1) in linear regression by minimizing the sum of squared residuals.

Mathematical Representation:

- **Intercept (θ0ϑ0):**

θ0=y¯−θ1x¯ϑ0=y¯−ϑ1x¯

- **Slope (θ1ϑ1):**

θ1=∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)(y(i)−y¯)∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)2ϑ1=∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)2∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)(y(i)−y¯)

Advantages:

- **Closed-Form Solution:** Provides an exact solution without the need for iterative optimization.
- **Efficient:** Works well for small to medium-sized datasets.

Disadvantages:

- **Sensitive to Outliers:** Similar to MSE, OLS is affected by outliers.
- **Assumptions:** Assumes linearity, homoscedasticity, and independence of errors.

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7. Polynomial Regression

Definition:

Polynomial Regression is a form of regression analysis where the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable is modeled as an nth-degree polynomial.

Mathematical Representation:

y=θ0+θ1x+θ2x2+⋯+θnxny=ϑ0+ϑ1x+ϑ2x2+⋯+ϑnxn

Key Concepts:

- **Degree of Polynomial:** Determines the complexity of the model. Higher degrees can capture more complex relationships but may lead to overfitting.
- **Non-Linear Relationships:** Polynomial regression is used when the relationship between variables is non-linear.

Advantages:

- **Flexibility:** Can model complex, non-linear relationships.
- **Simple Implementation:** Extends linear regression by adding polynomial terms.

Disadvantages:

- **Overfitting:** High-degree polynomials can overfit the data.
- **Interpretability:** Higher-degree polynomials are harder to interpret.

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8. Convergence Algorithm

Definition:

The convergence algorithm is used in gradient descent to iteratively update the parameters (θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1) until the cost function reaches a minimum.

Key Steps:

1. Initialize θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1.
2. Compute the cost function J(θ0,θ1)J(ϑ0,ϑ1).
3. Update the parameters using the gradient descent formula.
4. Repeat until convergence (i.e., when the change in the cost function is minimal).

Learning Rate (αα):

- Controls the step size in gradient descent.
- Too high: May overshoot the minimum.
- Too low: May take too long to converge.

ANOTHER NOTES

1. Simple Linear Regression Introduction

- **Definition**: Simple Linear Regression is a supervised machine learning algorithm used to model the relationship between a single independent variable (input feature) and a dependent variable (output feature). It is the foundation for more complex algorithms like neural networks.
- **Objective**: To predict the dependent variable based on the independent variable by fitting a best-fit line to the data points.
- **Key Concepts**:
    - **Independent Feature (X)**: The input variable (e.g., weight).
    - **Dependent Feature (Y)**: The output variable (e.g., height).
    - **Best-Fit Line**: A straight line that minimizes the error between the predicted and actual values.
    - **Error**: The difference between the actual value (Y) and the predicted value (Ŷ).
    - **Simple vs. Multiple Linear Regression**: Simple linear regression uses one independent variable, while multiple linear regression uses multiple independent variables.

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2. Understanding Simple Linear Regression Equations

- **Equation of a Line**: The best-fit line is represented by the equation:

Y^=θ0+θ1X*Y^=ϑ0+ϑ1X*

    - **θ0ϑ0**: Intercept (value of Y when X = 0).
    - **θ1ϑ1**: Slope (change in Y for a unit change in X).
- **Notations**:
    - **Y^*Y^***: Predicted value.
    - **Y**: Actual value.
    - **Error**: Y−Y^*Y*−*Y^*.

- **Goal**: Minimize the error by adjusting θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1.

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3. Cost Function

- **Definition**: The cost function measures the error between the predicted and actual values. The goal is to minimize this error.
- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**:

J(θ0,θ1)=12m∑i=1m(Y^i−Yi)2*J*(ϑ0,ϑ1)=2*m*1*i*=1∑*m*(*Y*^*i*−*Yi*)2

  - **m**: Number of data points.
  - **Y^i*Y^i***: Predicted value for the i-th data point.
  - **Yi*Yi***: Actual value for the i-th data point.
- **Purpose**: To find the values of θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1 that minimize the cost function.

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4. Convergence Algorithm

- **Definition**: The convergence algorithm is an optimization technique used to minimize the cost function by iteratively adjusting the parameters (θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1).
- **Gradient Descent**:
  - **Objective**: To reach the global minimum of the cost function.
  - **Update Rule**:

θj:=θj−α∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)*ϑj*:=*ϑj*−*α*∂∂*ϑj*∂*J*(ϑ0,ϑ1)

    - **αα**: Learning rate (controls the step size).
    - **∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)∂∂ϑj∂J(ϑ0,ϑ1)**: Derivative of the cost function with respect to θjϑj.
  - **Process**:
    - Calculate the derivative (slope) of the cost function.
    - Update θjϑj based on the slope and learning rate.
    - Repeat until convergence (reaching the global minimum).

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5. Convergence Algorithm Part02

- **3D Gradient Descent**: When both θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1 are updated, the cost function forms a 3D surface. The goal is to reach the global minimum on this surface.
- **Convergence Equation**:

θj:=θj−α∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)ϑj:=ϑj−α∂∂ϑjJ(ϑ0,ϑ1)

  - **θ0ϑ0 Update**:

θ0:=θ0−α1m∑i=1m(Y^i−Yi)ϑ0:=ϑ0−αm1i=1∑m(Y^i−Yi)

  - **θ1ϑ1 Update**:

θ1:=θ1−α1m∑i=1m(Y^i−Yi)Xiϑ1:=ϑ1−αm1i=1∑m(Y^i−Yi)Xi

- **Learning Rate (αα)**: A small value (e.g., 0.001) that controls the speed of convergence. Too large a value can cause overshooting, while too small a value can slow down convergence.

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6. Performance Metrics

- **R-Squared (R^2)**:
  - **Definition**: Measures the proportion of variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variable.
  - **Formula**:

R2=1−SSresSStotR2=1−SStotSSres

    - **SSresSSres**: Sum of squared residuals (errors).
    - **SStotSStot**: Total sum of squares.
  - **Interpretation**: R^2 ranges from 0 to 1. A higher R^2 indicates a better fit.
- **Adjusted R-Squared**:
  - **Definition**: Adjusts R^2 for the number of predictors in the model. It penalizes the addition of irrelevant features.
  - **Formula**:

Adjusted R2=1−((1−R2)(n−1)n−p−1)Adjusted R2=1−(n−p−1(1−R2)(n−1))

    - **n**: Number of data points.

- **p**: Number of independent features.

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7. MSE, MAE, RMSE

- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**:
  - **Definition**: Average of the squared differences between predicted and actual values.
  - **Formula**:

MSE=1n∑i=1n(Yi−Y^i)2MSE=*n*1*i*=1∑*n*(*Yi*−*Y*^*i*)2

  - **Advantages**: Differentiable, converges faster.
  - **Disadvantages**: Sensitive to outliers, not in the same unit as the output.
- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**:
  - **Definition**: Average of the absolute differences between predicted and actual values.
  - **Formula**:

MAE=1n∑i=1n|Yi−Y^i|MAE=*n*1*i*=1∑*n*|*Yi*−*Y*^*i*|

  - **Advantages**: Robust to outliers, same unit as output.
  - **Disadvantages**: Not differentiable at zero, slower convergence.
- **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)**:
  - **Definition**: Square root of MSE.
  - **Formula**:

RMSE=1n∑i=1n(Yi−Y^i)2RMSE=*n*1*i*=1∑*n*(*Yi*−*Y*^*i*)2

  - **Advantages**: Same unit as output, differentiable.
  - **Disadvantages**: Sensitive to outliers.

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8. Overfitting and Underfitting

- **Overfitting**:

    - **Definition**: The model performs well on training data but poorly on new, unseen data.
    - **Causes**: Too complex model, too many features.
    - **Solution**: Regularization, cross-validation, reducing model complexity.
- **Underfitting**:
    - **Definition**: The model performs poorly on both training and test data.
    - **Causes**: Too simple model, insufficient features.
    - **Solution**: Increase model complexity, add more features.
- **Bias-Variance Tradeoff**:
    - **High Bias**: Underfitting (low accuracy on training data).
    - **High Variance**: Overfitting (low accuracy on test data).

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9. Linear Regression with OLS

- **Definition**: Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) is a method to estimate the parameters ($\theta 0 \vartheta 0$ and $\theta 1 \vartheta 1$) by minimizing the sum of squared errors.
- **Formulas**:
    - **Intercept ($\theta 0 \vartheta 0$)**:

$$\theta 0 = \bar{Y} - \theta 1 \bar{X} \vartheta 0 = \bar{Y} - \vartheta 1 \bar{X}$$

    - **Slope ($\theta 1 \vartheta 1$)**:

$$\theta 1 = \sum i=1 n (Xi - \bar{X})(Yi - \bar{Y}) \sum i=1 n (Xi - \bar{X})^2 \vartheta 1 = \sum i=1 n (Xi - \bar{X})^2 \sum i=1 n (Xi - \bar{X})(Yi - \bar{Y})$$

- **Advantages**: Simple, no need for iterative optimization.
- **Disadvantages**: Assumes linearity, sensitive to outliers.

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10. Polynomial Regression Intuition

- **Definition**: Polynomial regression models the relationship between the independent and dependent variables as an nth-degree polynomial.
- **Equation**:

Y^=θ0+θ1X+θ2X2+⋯+θnXn$Y^=\vartheta 0+\vartheta 1X+\vartheta 2X2+\cdots+\vartheta nXn$

- **Purpose**: To model non-linear relationships.
- **Degree of Polynomial**:
    - **Degree 1**: Linear regression.
    - **Degree 2**: Quadratic relationship.
    - **Higher Degrees**: Can model more complex relationships but may lead to overfitting.
- **Tradeoff**: Higher degrees can fit the data better but may overfit. Lower degrees may underfit.

These notes provide a comprehensive understanding of linear regression, its variants, and related concepts, formatted for clarity and ease of understanding.

Some expected interview questions related to linear regression and related concepts

1. What is Linear Regression?

Question:
Can you explain what linear regression is and how it works?

Answer:
Linear regression is a supervised machine learning algorithm used to model the relationship between a dependent variable (output) and one or more independent variables (features). The goal is to find the best-fit line (or hyperplane in higher dimensions) that minimizes the error between the predicted and actual values. The equation for simple linear regression is:

y=θ0+θ1x$y=\vartheta 0+\vartheta 1x$

where:

- yy is the dependent variable,
- xx is the independent variable,
- θ0$\vartheta 0$ is the intercept,
- θ1$\vartheta 1$ is the slope.

The algorithm works by minimizing the cost function (usually Mean Squared Error) using optimization techniques like gradient descent or Ordinary Least Squares (OLS).

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2. What is the Cost Function in Linear Regression?

Question:
What is the cost function in linear regression, and why is it important?

Answer:
The cost function in linear regression measures the error between the predicted and actual values. The most commonly used cost function is **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**, which is defined as:

J(θ0,θ1)=12m∑i=1m(hθ(x(i))−y(i))2*J*(*ϑ*0,*ϑ*1)=2*m*1*i*=1∑*m*(*hϑ*(*x*(*i*))−*y*(*i*))2

where:

- hθ(x)*hϑ*(*x*) is the predicted value,
- y(i)*y*(*i*) is the actual value,
- m*m* is the number of data points.

The cost function is important because it quantifies how well the model is performing. The goal of linear regression is to minimize this cost function to find the best-fit line.

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3. What is Gradient Descent?

Question:
Can you explain gradient descent and how it is used in linear regression?

Answer:
Gradient descent is an optimization algorithm used to minimize the cost function in linear regression. It works by iteratively adjusting the parameters (θ0*ϑ*0 and θ1*ϑ*1) in the direction of the steepest descent of the cost function. The update rule for gradient descent is:

θj:=θj−α∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)*ϑj*:=*ϑj*−*α*∂∂*ϑj*∂*J*(*ϑ*0,*ϑ*1)

where:

- α*α* is the learning rate (controls the step size),
- ∂∂θjJ(θ0,θ1)∂*ϑj*∂*J*(*ϑ*0,*ϑ*1) is the partial derivative of the cost function with respect to θj*ϑj*.

Gradient descent continues until the algorithm converges to the minimum of the cost function.

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4. What is the Difference Between R-Squared and Adjusted R-Squared?

Question:
What is the difference between R-squared and adjusted R-squared?

Answer:

- **R-squared (R2*R2*):** Measures the proportion of variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variables. It ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 indicates a perfect fit.

R2=1−SSresSStot*R*2=1−*SStotSSres*

- **Adjusted R-squared:** Adjusts the R-squared value for the number of predictors in the model. It penalizes the addition of irrelevant features and is always less than or equal to R-squared.

Adjusted R2=1−((1−R2)(n−1)n−p−1)Adjusted *R*2=1−(*n*−*p*−1(1−*R*2)(*n*−1))

where:

- n*n* is the number of data points,
- p*p* is the number of independent features.

Adjusted R-squared is preferred when comparing models with different numbers of predictors.

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5. What is Overfitting and Underfitting?

Question:
What is overfitting and underfitting in the context of linear regression?

Answer:

- **Overfitting:** Occurs when a model learns the training data too well, capturing noise and outliers, leading to poor performance on new data. It is characterized by high accuracy on the training set but low accuracy on the test set.

Solution: Regularization (e.g., L1/L2), cross-validation, or reducing model complexity.

- **Underfitting:** Occurs when a model is too simple to capture the underlying pattern in the data, leading to poor performance on both training and test data. It is characterized by low accuracy on both sets.

Solution: Increase model complexity or add more features.

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6. What is the Difference Between L1 and L2 Regularization?

Question:
What is the difference between L1 and L2 regularization in linear regression?

Answer:

- **L1 Regularization (Lasso):** Adds the absolute value of the coefficients to the cost function. It tends to produce sparse models by shrinking some coefficients to zero, effectively performing feature selection.

J(θ)=MSE+λ∑i=1n|θi|$J(\vartheta)=MSE+\lambda i=1\sum n|\vartheta i|$

- **L2 Regularization (Ridge):** Adds the squared value of the coefficients to the cost function. It shrinks all coefficients but does not set them to zero, reducing overfitting without eliminating features.

J(θ)=MSE+λ∑i=1nθi2$J(\vartheta)=MSE+\lambda i=1\sum n\vartheta i2$

Key Difference: L1 regularization can eliminate features, while L2 regularization only shrinks them.

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7. What is Polynomial Regression?

Question:
What is polynomial regression, and when would you use it?

Answer:
Polynomial regression is a form of regression analysis where the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable is modeled as an nth-degree polynomial. It is used when the relationship between variables is non-linear. The equation for polynomial regression is:

y=θ0+θ1x+θ2x2+⋯+θnxn$y=\vartheta 0+\vartheta 1x+\vartheta 2x2+\cdots+\vartheta nxn$

When to Use: When the data shows a non-linear trend, and simple linear regression cannot capture the relationship effectively.

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8. What is the Bias-Variance Tradeoff?

Question:
Can you explain the bias-variance tradeoff in machine learning?

Answer:
The bias-variance tradeoff is a fundamental concept in machine learning that describes the tradeoff between two sources of error in a model:

- **Bias:** Error due to overly simplistic assumptions in the model (leads to underfitting).
- **Variance:** Error due to the model's sensitivity to small fluctuations in the training set (leads to overfitting).

Tradeoff: A model with high bias (underfitting) has low variance, while a model with high variance (overfitting) has low bias. The goal is to find a balance that minimizes both bias and variance to achieve good generalization.

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9. What is Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)?

Question:
What is Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), and how does it work?

Answer:
Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) is a method used to estimate the parameters (θ0ϑ0 and θ1ϑ1) in linear regression by minimizing the sum of squared residuals. The formulas for OLS are:

- **Intercept (θ0ϑ0):**

θ0=y¯−θ1x¯ϑ0=*y*¯−ϑ1*x*¯

- **Slope (θ1ϑ1):**

θ1=∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)(y(i)−y¯)∑i=1n(x(i)−x¯)2ϑ1=∑*i*=1*n*(*x*(*i*)−*x*¯)2∑*i*=1*n*(*x*(*i*)−*x*¯)(*y*(*i*)−*y*¯)

OLS provides a closed-form solution and is efficient for small to medium-sized datasets.

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10. How Do You Handle Multicollinearity in Linear Regression?

Question:
What is multicollinearity, and how do you handle it in linear regression?

Answer:

Multicollinearity occurs when two or more independent variables in a regression model are highly correlated, leading to unreliable and unstable estimates of regression coefficients.

How to Handle:

1. **Remove Correlated Features:** Drop one of the highly correlated variables.
2. **Regularization:** Use L1 or L2 regularization to penalize large coefficients.
3. **Principal Component Analysis (PCA):** Reduce dimensionality by transforming correlated features into uncorrelated components.
4. **Increase Sample Size:** More data can help reduce the impact of multicollinearity.