

# Machine Learning

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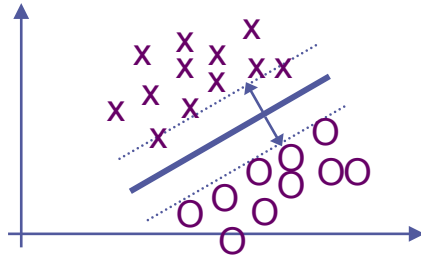
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# Topic 2

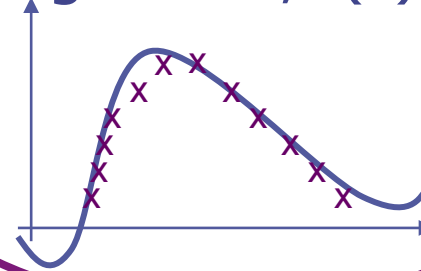
- Regression
- Empirical Risk Minimization
- Least Squares
- Higher Order Polynomials
- Under-fitting / Over-fitting
- Cross-Validation

# Regression

## Classification

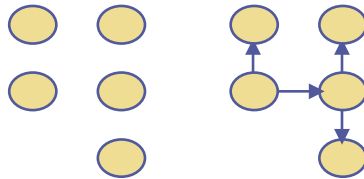
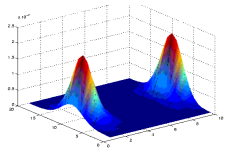


## Regression, $f(x)=y$

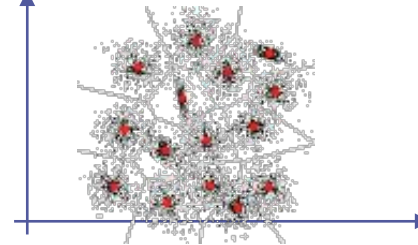


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## Density/Structure Estimation

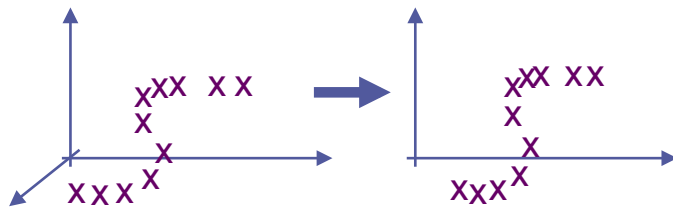


## Clustering

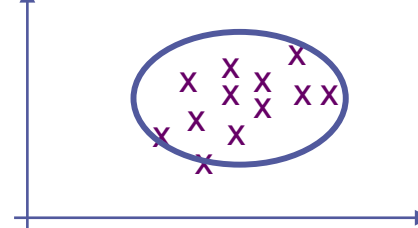


Unsupervised

## Feature Selection



## Anomaly Detection

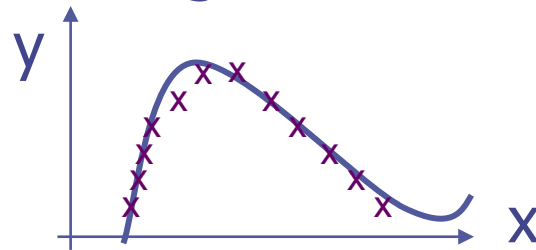


# Function Approximation

- Start with training dataset

$$\mathcal{X} = \left\{ (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N) \right\} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^D = \begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(2) \\ \dots \\ x(D) \end{bmatrix} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

- Have N (input, output ) pairs
- Find a function  $f(x)$  to predict  $y$  from  $x$   
That fits the training data well



- Example: predict the price of house in dollars  $y$  using  $x = [\text{\#rooms}; \text{latitude}; \text{longitude}; \dots]$
- Need:
  - a) Way to evaluate how good a fit we have
  - b) Class of functions in which to search for  $f(x)$

# Empirical Risk Minimization

- Idea: minimize 'loss' on the training data set
- Empirical = use the training set to find the best fit
- Define a loss function of how good we fit a single point:

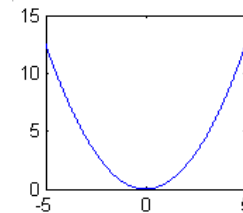
$$L(y, f(x))$$

- Empirical Risk = the average loss over the dataset

$$R = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i))$$

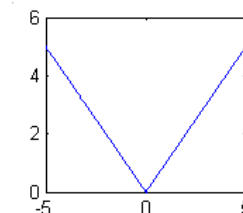
- Simplest loss: squared error from y value

$$L(y_i, f(x_i)) = \frac{1}{2} (y_i - f(x_i))^2$$



- Other possible loss: absolute error

$$L(y_i, f(x_i)) = |y_i - f(x_i)|$$



# Linear Function Classes

- Linear is simplest class of functions to search over:

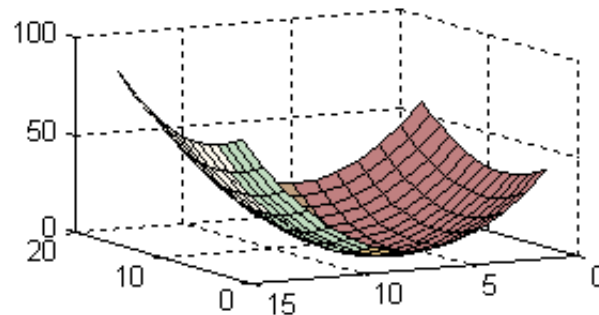
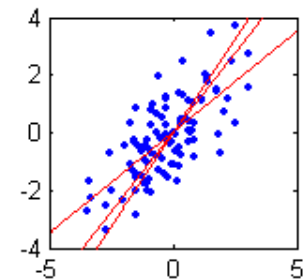
$$f(x; \theta) = \theta^T x + \theta_0 = \sum_{d=1}^D \theta_d x(d) + \theta_0$$

- Start with  $x$  being 1-dimensional ( $D=1$ ):

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta_1 x + \theta_0$$

- Plug in the above & minimize empirical risk over  $\theta$

$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0 \right)^2$$



- Note: minimum occurs when  $R(\theta)$  gets flat (not always!)
- Note: when  $R(\theta)$  is flat, gradient  $\nabla_{\theta} R = 0$

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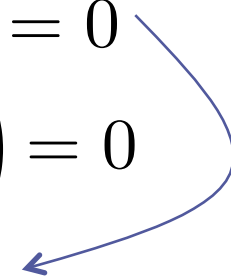
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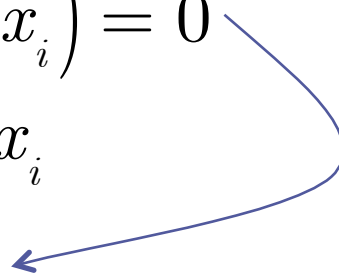
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# Properties of the Solution

- Setting  $\theta^*$  as before gives least squared error
- Define error on each data point as:

$$e_i = y_i - \theta_1^* x_i - \theta_0^*$$

- Note property #1:

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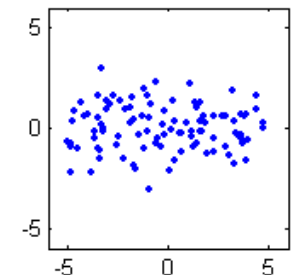
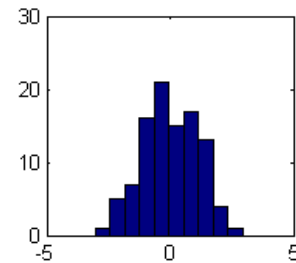
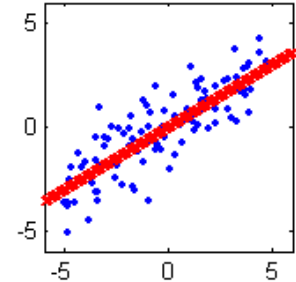
...average error is zero  $\frac{1}{N} \sum e_i = 0$

- Note property #2:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0) x_i = 0$$

...error not correlated with data

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum e_i x_i = \frac{1}{N} e^T x = 0$$



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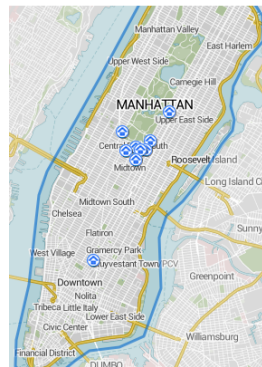
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# Multi-Dimensional Regression

- More realistic dataset: many measurements
- Have  $N$  apartments each with  $D$  measurements
- Each row of  $X$  is [#rooms; latitude; longitude,...]

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1(1) & \dots & x_1(D) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N(1) & \dots & x_N(D) \end{bmatrix}$$



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	<b>210 East 73rd Street #PHB</b> Co-op, Upper East Side Listed by <b>Brown Harris Stevens</b>	<b>\$3,495,000</b> 2 beds 3 baths
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	<b>15 Central Park West #355</b> Condo, Lincoln Square Listed by <b>CORE</b>	<b>\$95,000,000</b> 5 beds 5+ baths
	<b>828 Fifth Avenue #XXX</b> Co-op, Lenox Hill Listed by <b>Stribling</b>	<b>\$72,000,000</b> 8 beds 10.5 baths
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- In Matlab: `"t=pinv(X)*y"` or `"t=X\y"` or `"t=inv(X'*X)*X'*y"`
- If the matrix  $X$  is skinny, the solution is probably unique
- If  $X$  is fat (more dimensions than points) we get multiple solutions for  $\theta$  which give zero error.
- The pseudoinverse ( $\text{pinv}(X)$ ) returns the  $\theta$  with zero error and which has the smallest norm.

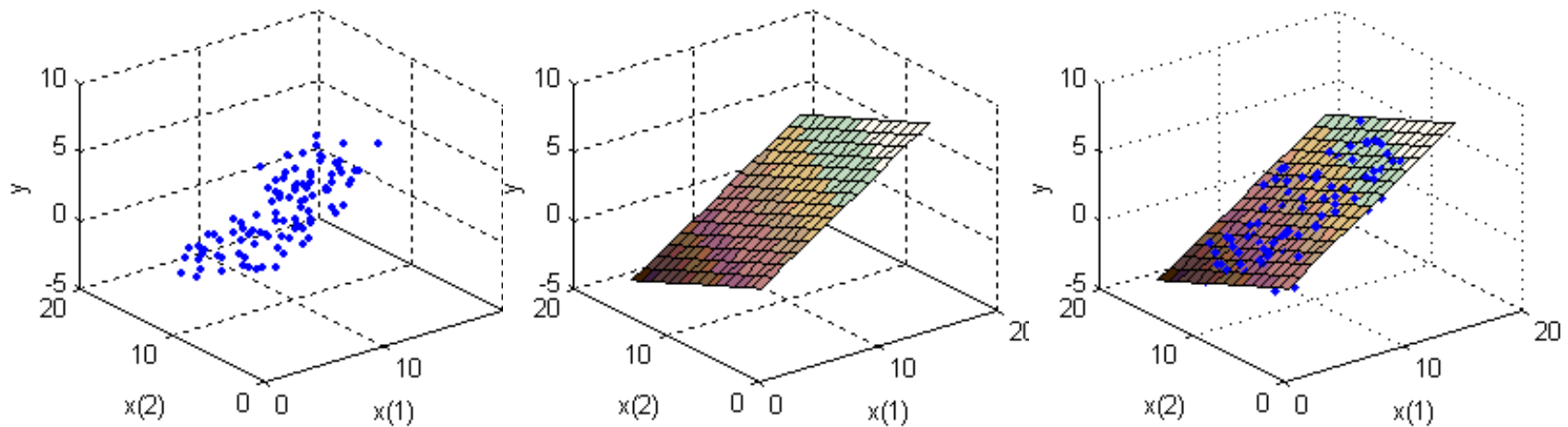
$$\min_{\theta} \|\theta\|^2 \text{ such that } \mathbf{X}\theta = \mathbf{y}$$



# 2D Linear Regression

- Once best  $\theta^*$  is found, we can plug it into the function:

$$f(x; \theta^*) = \theta_2^* x(2) + \theta_1^* x(1) + \theta_0^*$$

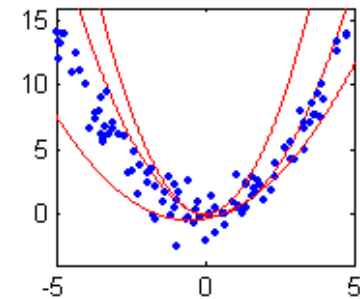


- What would a fat X look like?

# Polynomial Function Classes

- Back to 1-dim  $x$  ( $D=1$ ) BUT Nonlinear

- Polynomial:  $f(x; \theta) = \sum_{p=1}^P \theta_p x^p + \theta_0$



- Writing Risk: 
$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^P \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N^1 & \dots & x_N^P \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_P \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

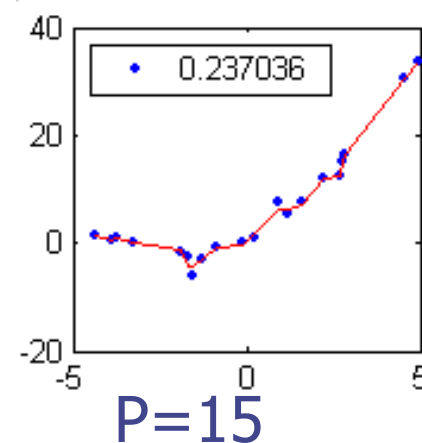
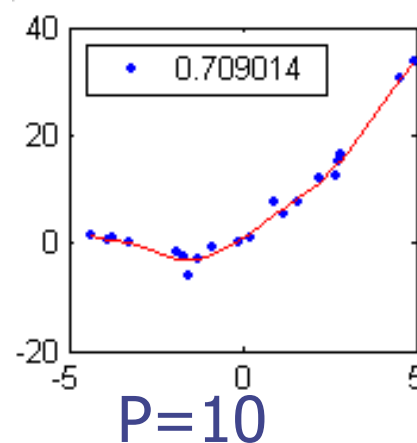
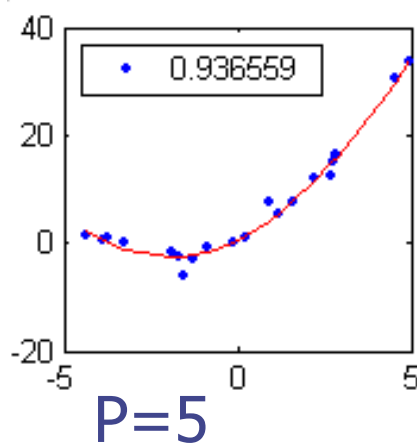
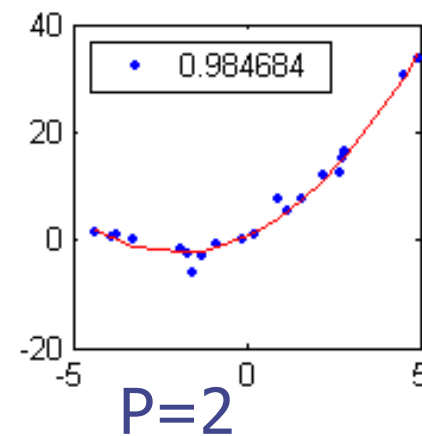
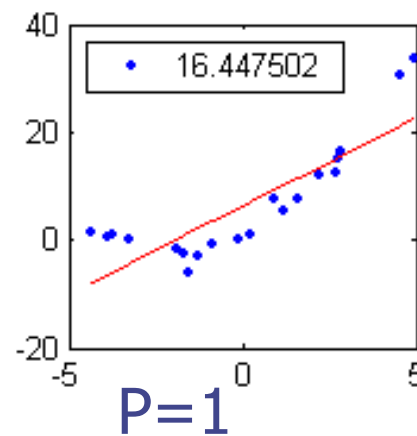
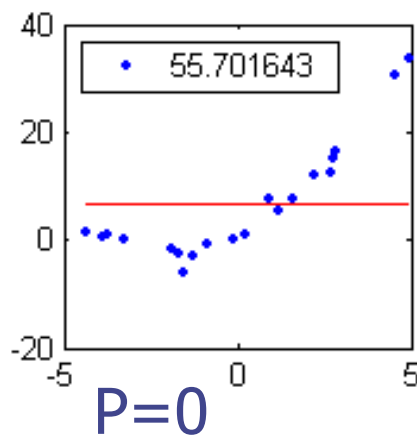
- Order-P polynomial regression fitting for 1D variable is same as P-dimensional linear regression!

- Construct a multidim  $\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^0 & x_i^1 & x_i^2 & x_i^3 \end{bmatrix}^T$   
x-vector from x scalar

- More generally any  $\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_0(x_i) & \phi_1(x_i) & \phi_2(x_i) & \phi_3(x_i) \end{bmatrix}^T$

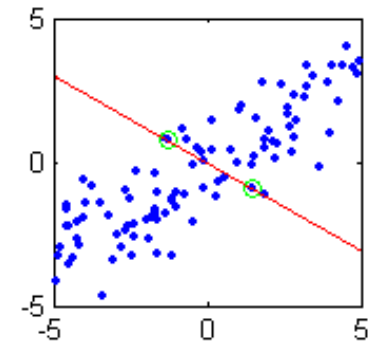
# Underfitting/Overfitting

- Try varying  $P$ . Higher  $P$  fits a more complex function class
- Observe  $R(\theta^*)$  drops with bigger  $P$



# Evaluating The Regression

- Unfair to use empirical to find best order P
- High P (vs. N) can overfit, even linear case!
- $\min R(\theta^*)$  not on training but on future data
- Want model to *Generalize* to future data



True loss:  $R_{true}(\theta) = \int P(x, y) L(y, f(x; \theta)) dx dy$

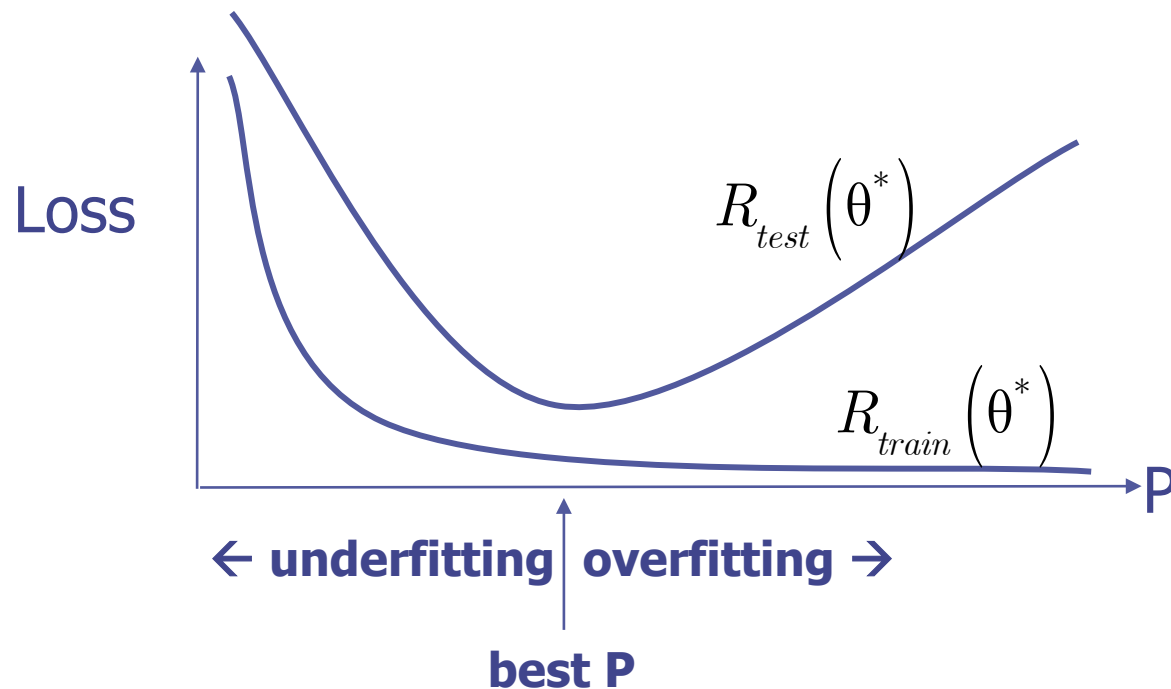
- One approach: split data into training / testing portion

$$\left\{ (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N) \right\} \quad \left\{ (x_{N+1}, y_{N+1}), \dots, (x_{N+M}, y_{N+M}) \right\}$$

- Estimate  $\theta^*$  with training loss:  $R_{train}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i; \theta))$
- Evaluate P with testing loss:  $R_{test}(\theta) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=N+1}^{N+M} L(y_i, f(x_i; \theta))$

# Crossvalidation

- Try fitting with different polynomial order  $P$
- Select  $P$  which gives lowest  $R_{\text{test}}(\theta^*)$



- Think of  $P$  as a measure of the complexity of the model
- Higher order polynomials are more flexible and complex