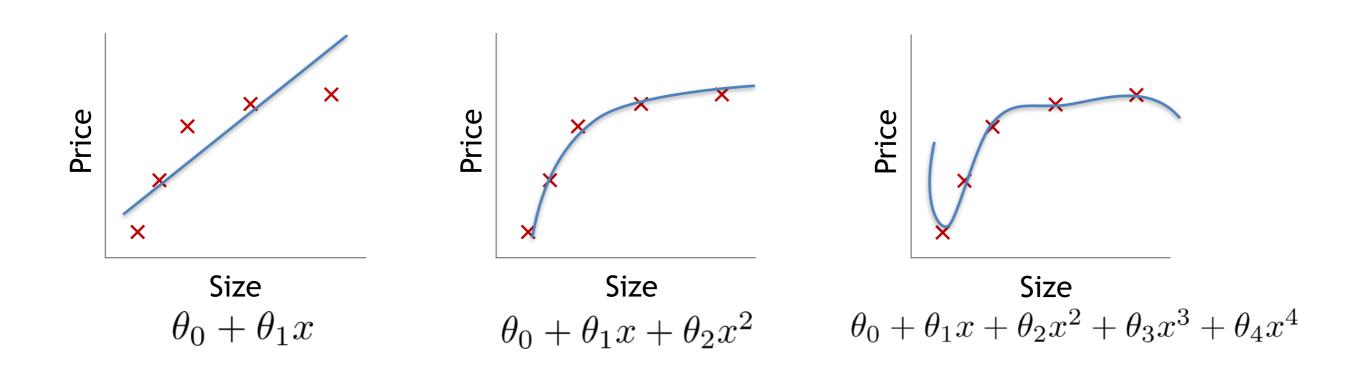
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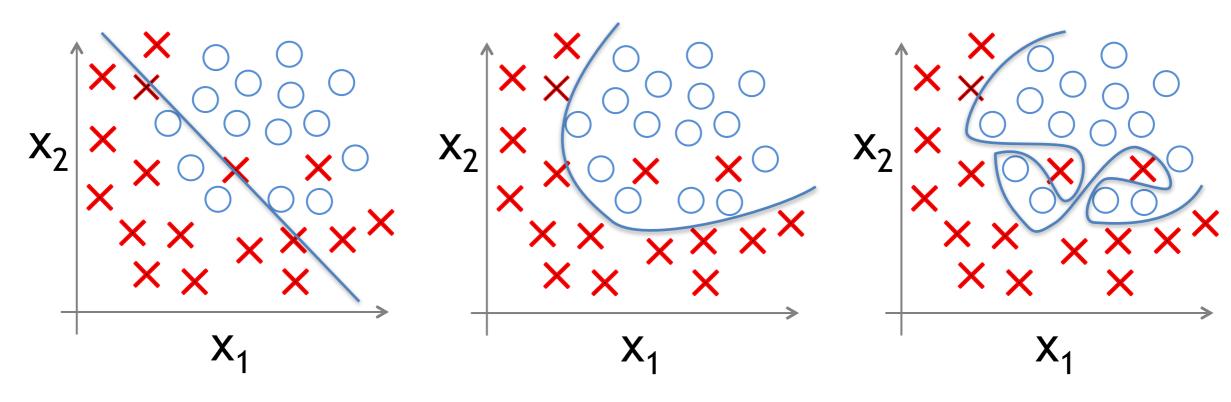
# Regularization The problem of overfitting

#### Example: Linear regression (housing prices)



**Overfitting:** If we have too many features, the learned hypothesis may fit the training set very well  $(J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \approx 0$ ), but fail to generalize to new examples (predict prices on new examples)

## Example: Logistic regression

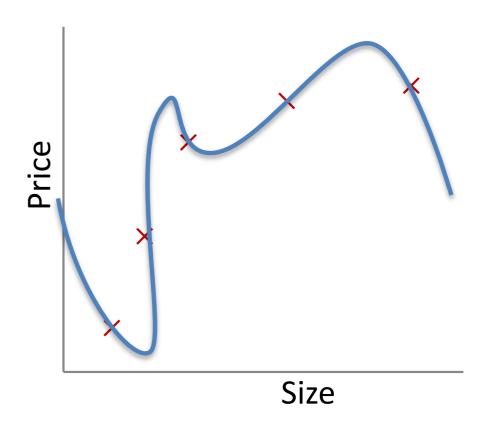


$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2) \quad g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \\ + \theta_3 x_1^2 + \theta_4 x_2^2 \\ + \theta_5 x_1 x_2) \quad g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 \\ + \theta_3 x_1^2 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 \\ + \theta_5 x_1^2 x_2^3 + \theta_6 x_1^3 x_2 + \dots)$$
 (g = sigmoid function)

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

## Addressing overfitting

```
x_1 =  size of house x_2 =  no. of bedrooms x_3 =  no. of floors x_4 =  age of house x_5 =  average income in neighborhood x_6 =  kitchen size \vdots
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the problem gets harder as the number of features increases

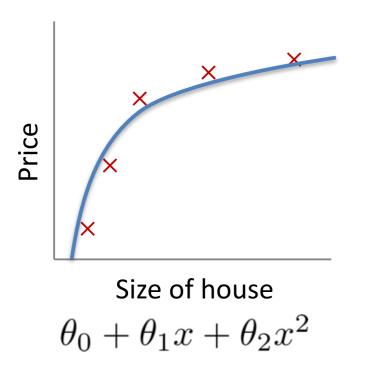
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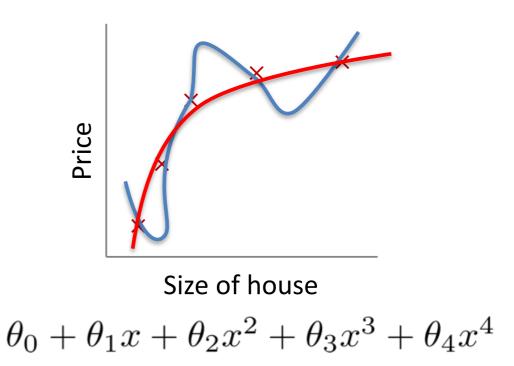
#### **Options:**

- 1. Reduce number of features
  - Manually select which features to keep
  - Model selection algorithm
- 2. Regularization
  - Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of parameters  $\theta_j$
  - Works well when we have a lot of features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting y

## Regularization Cost function

#### Intuition





Suppose we penalize and make  $\theta_3$ ,  $\theta_4$  really small.

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + 1000 \cdot \theta_3^2 + 1000 \cdot \theta_4^2$$
$$\theta_3 \approx 0 \qquad \theta_4 \approx 0$$

Small values for parameters  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ 

- "Simpler" hypothesis
- Less prone to overfitting

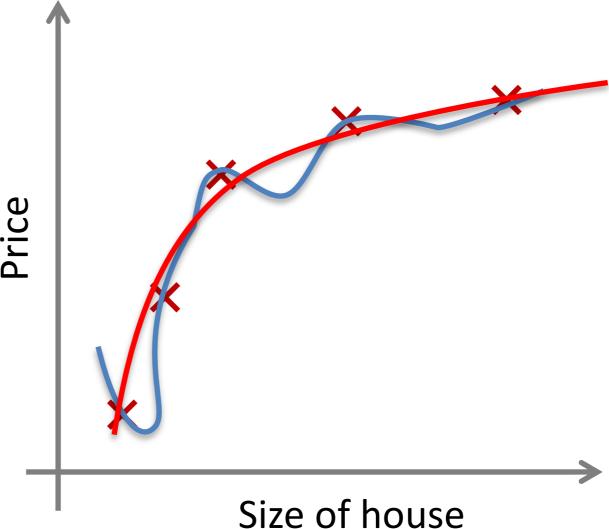
#### Housing:

- Features:  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{100}$
- Parameters:  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{100}$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

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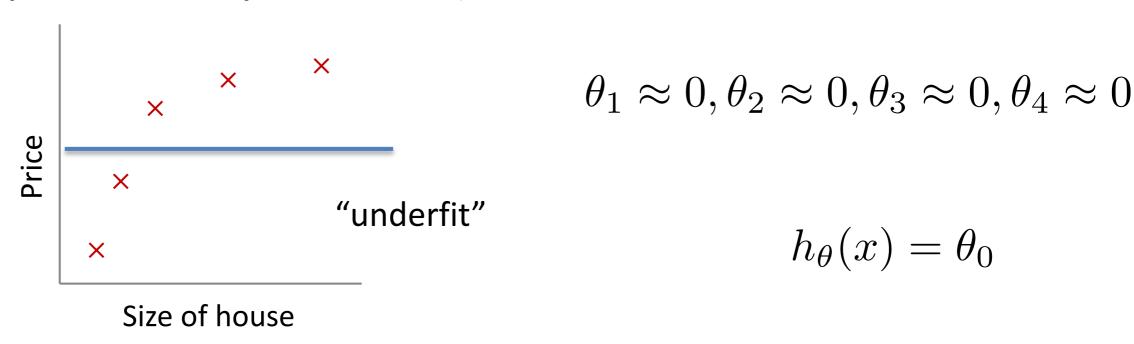
$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$$



In regularized linear regression, we choose  $\theta$  to minimize

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

What if  $\lambda$  is set to an extremely large value (perhaps for too large for our problem, say  $\lambda = 10^{10}$ )?



$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$$

# Regularization Regularized linear regression

## Regularized linear regression

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

#### Gradient descent

Repeat  $\{$   $\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$   $\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_j \right]$   $(j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ 

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

## Normal equation

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} (x^{(1)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (x^{(m)})^T \end{bmatrix}$$
$$m \times (n+1)$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

$$\theta = \left(X^T X + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ & 1 \\ & \ddots \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$(n+1) \times (n+1)$$

## Non-invertibility

Suppose 
$$m \le n$$
, (#examples) (#features)

$$\theta = (X^TX)^{-1}X^Ty$$
 non-invertible

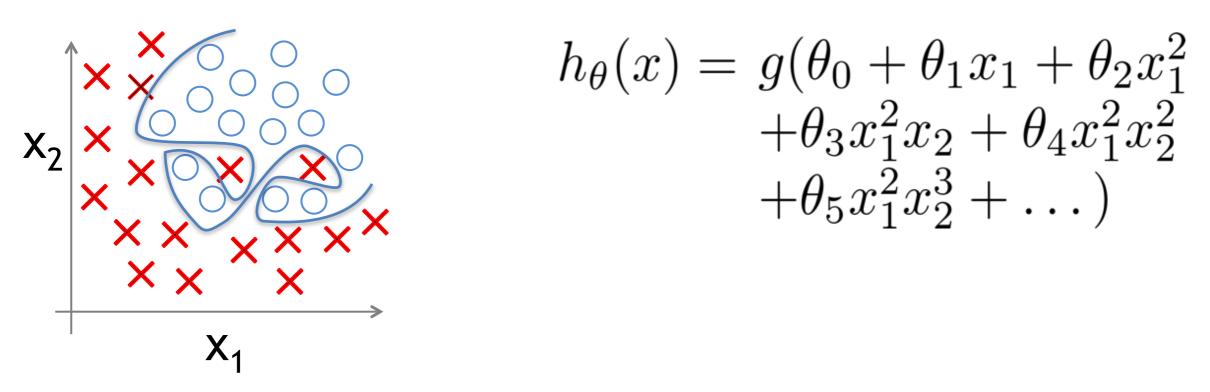
If 
$$\lambda > 0$$
,

$$\theta = \left( X^T X + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} X^T y$$

invertible

## Regularization Regularized logistic regression

## Regularized logistic regression



$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 + \theta_3 x_1^2 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 + \theta_5 x_1^2 x_2^3 + \dots)$$

#### Cost function:

$$J(\theta) = -\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))\right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \theta_{j}^{2}$$

#### Gradient descent

Repeat  $\{$   $\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$   $\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} + \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_j \right]$   $\{j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ 

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

#### Advanced optimization

```
def grad(theta, X, y):
      gradient[0] = [code to compute \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta)]
                       \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}
      gradient[1] = [code to compute \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta) ]
                       \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)} - \frac{\lambda}{m} \theta_1
      gradient[2] = [code to compute \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} J(\theta)]
          \frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})-y^{(i)})x_{2}^{(i)}-\frac{\lambda}{m}\theta_{2}
      gradient[n] = [code to compute \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} J(\theta)]
       return gradient
```