

Linear Regression

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Linear regression with one variable

Regression

$$r = f(x) + \varepsilon$$

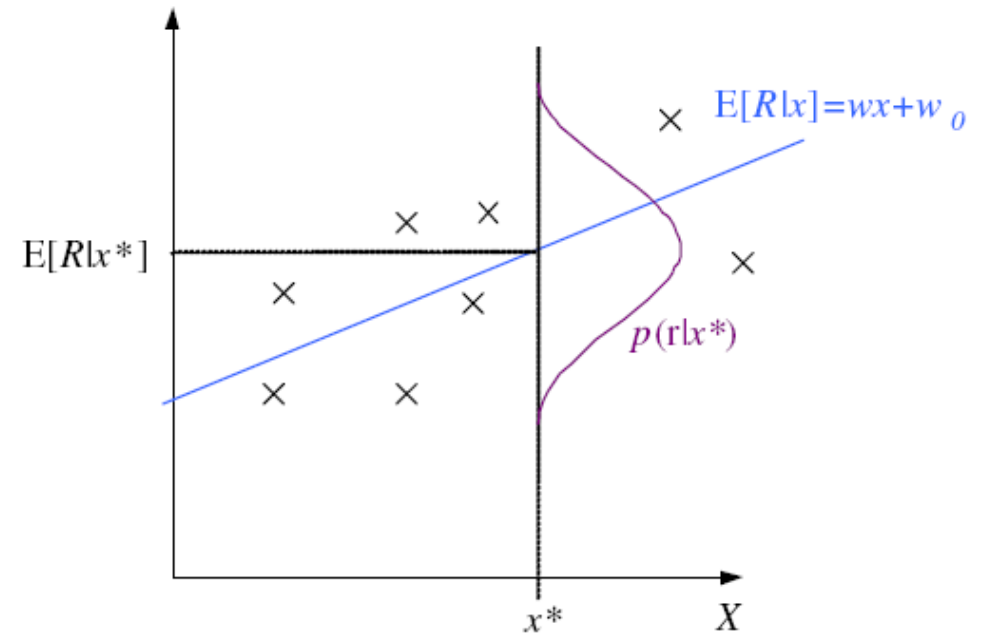
estimator: $g(x | \theta)$

$$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$p(r | x) \sim \mathcal{N}(g(x | \theta), \sigma^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta | \mathcal{X}) = \log \prod_{t=1}^N p(x^t, r^t)$$

$$= \log \prod_{t=1}^N p(r^t | x^t) + \log \prod_{t=1}^N p(x^t)$$



Regression: From LogL to Error

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta | \mathcal{X}) = \log \prod_{t=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left[-\frac{[r^t - g(x^t | \theta)]^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

$$= -N \log \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | \theta)]^2$$

$$E(\theta | \mathcal{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | \theta)]^2$$

Most frequently used error function
 $E = -\log l$

θ minimize the error function are called the least squares estimates.

Linear Regression

$$g(x^t | w_1, w_0) = w_1 x^t + w_0$$



$$\sum_t r^t = N w_0 + w_1 \sum_t x^t$$

$$\sum_t r^t x^t = w_0 \sum_t x^t + w_1 \sum_t (x^t)^2$$



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} N & \sum_t x^t \\ \sum_t x^t & \sum_t (x^t)^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_t r^t \\ \sum_t r^t x^t \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Gradient Descent

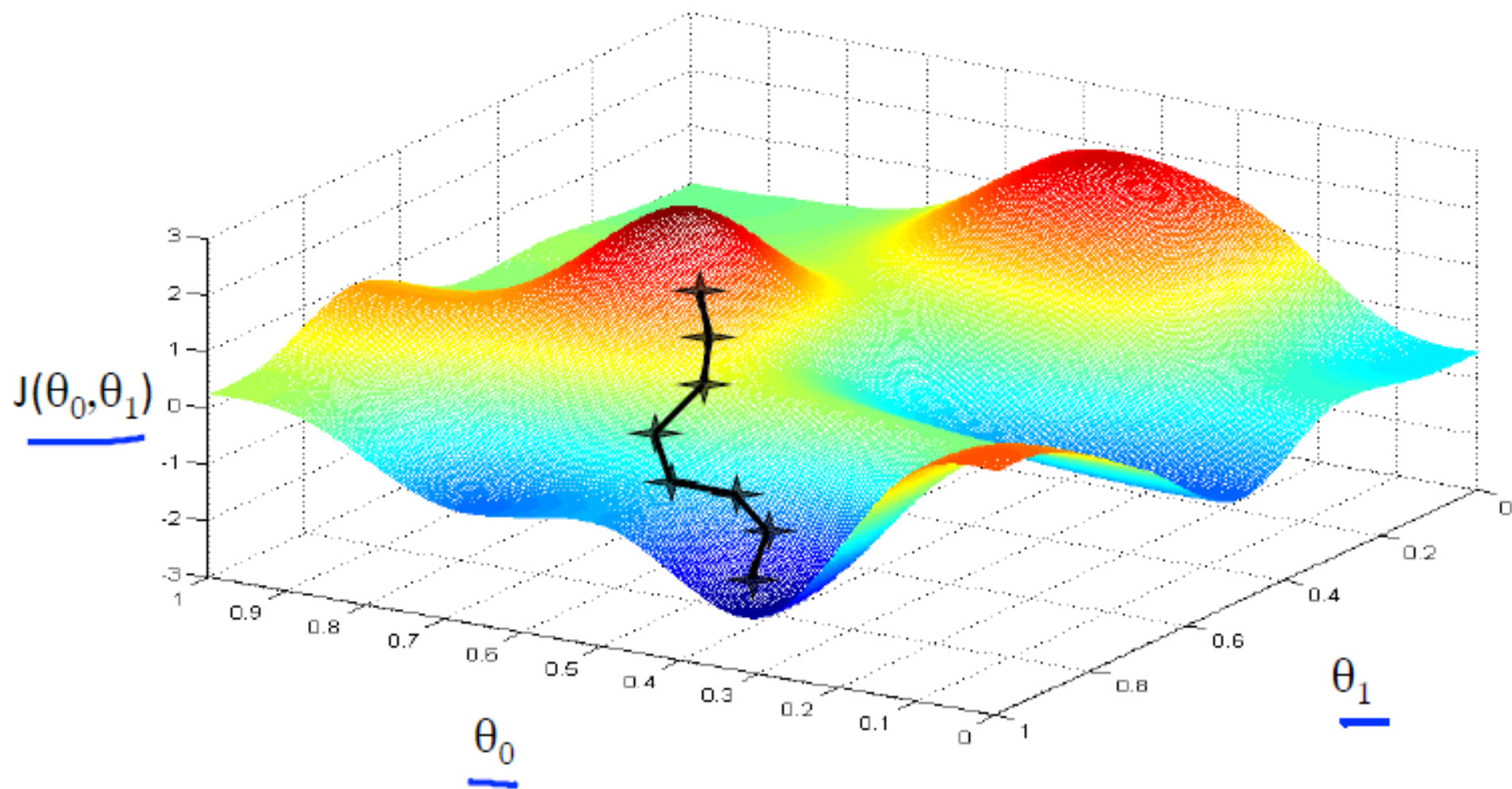
Have some function $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$

Want $\min_{\theta_0, \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$

Outline

Start with some θ_0, θ_1

Keep changing θ_0, θ_1 to reduce $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$ until we hopefully end up at a minimum



Gradient Descent

repeat until convergence {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

(for $j=0$ and $j=1$)

}

Simultaneously update

Gradient Descent

Simultaneously update

$$temp0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

$$temp1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

$$\theta_0 := temp0$$

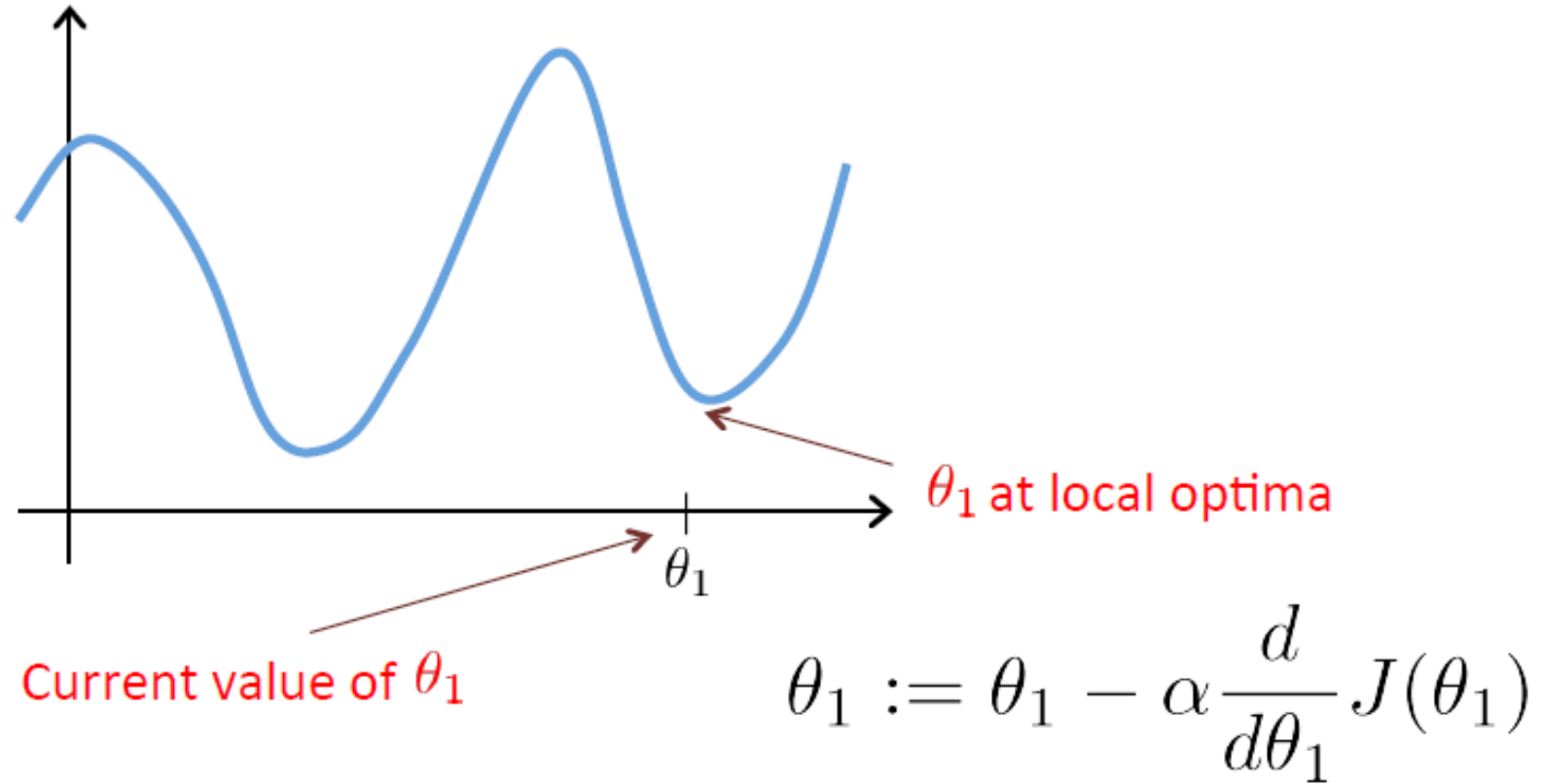
$$\theta_1 := temp1$$

Gradient Descent

If α (learning rate) is too small, gradient descent can be slow.

If α (learning rate) is too large, gradient descent can overshoot the minimum. It may fail to converge.

Gradient Descent



Gradient Descent

Gradient descent can converge to a local minimum, even with the learning rate α fixed.

As we approach a local minimum, gradient descent will automatically take smaller steps. So, no need to decrease α over time.

Gradient descent for linear regression

Gradient Descent

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Error function – linear regression

$$E(w|X) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | w)]^2$$

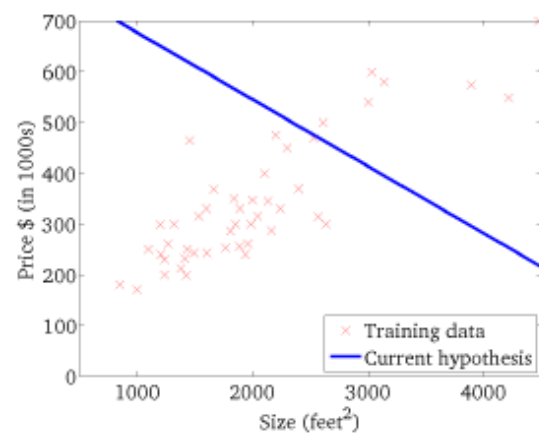
Gradient descent for linear regression

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     $w_0 := w_0 - \alpha \sum_{t=1}^N (g(x^t|w) - r^t)$   
  
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}
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Simultaneously update

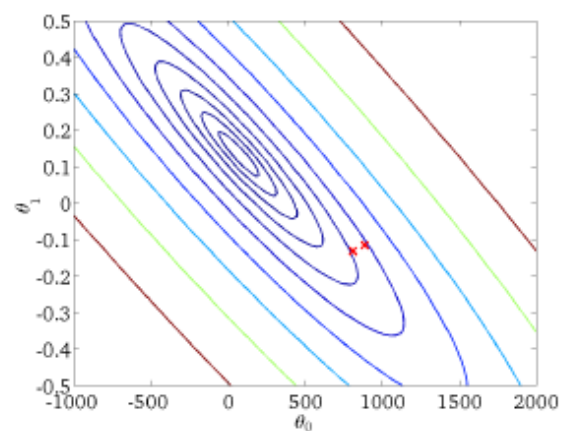
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(for fixed θ_0, θ_1 , this is a function of x)



$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

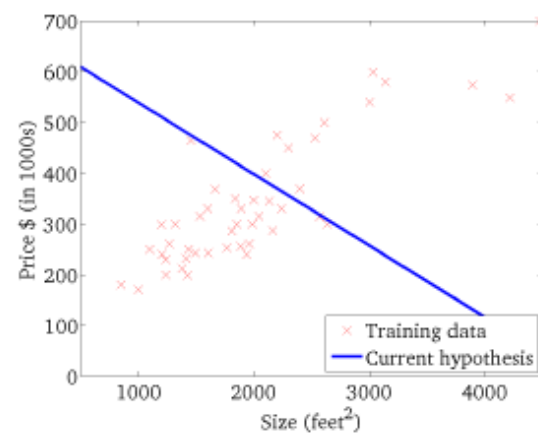
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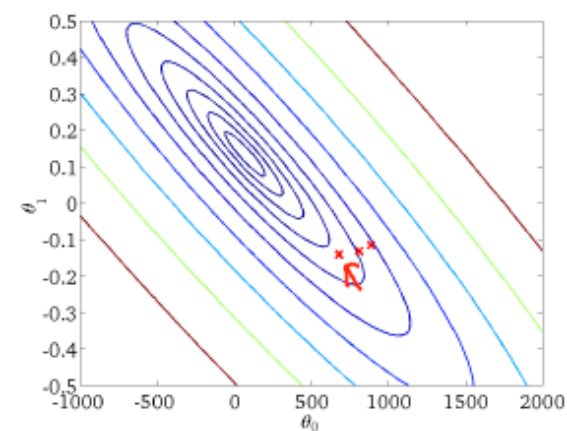
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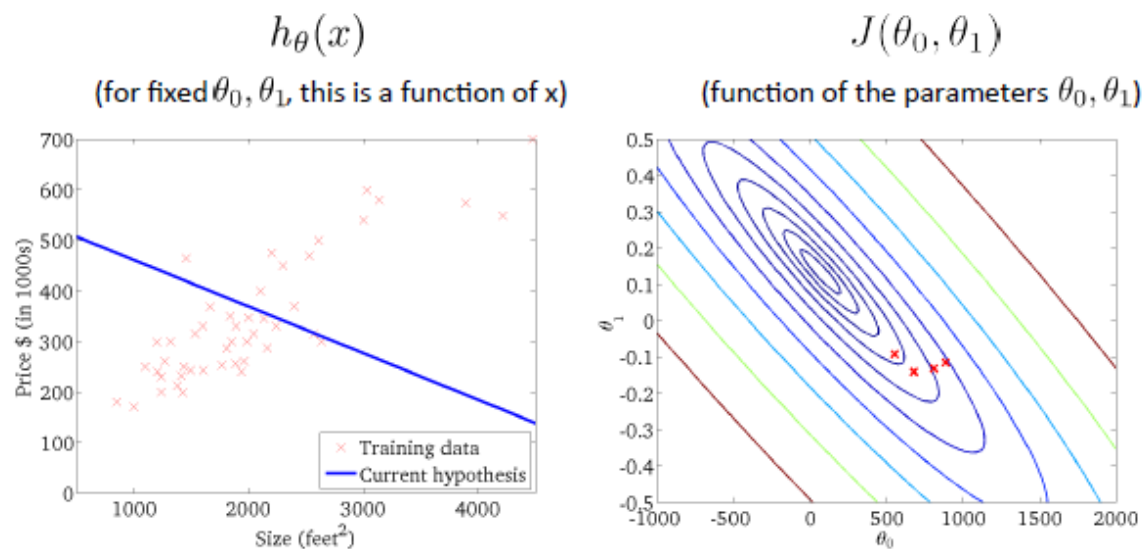


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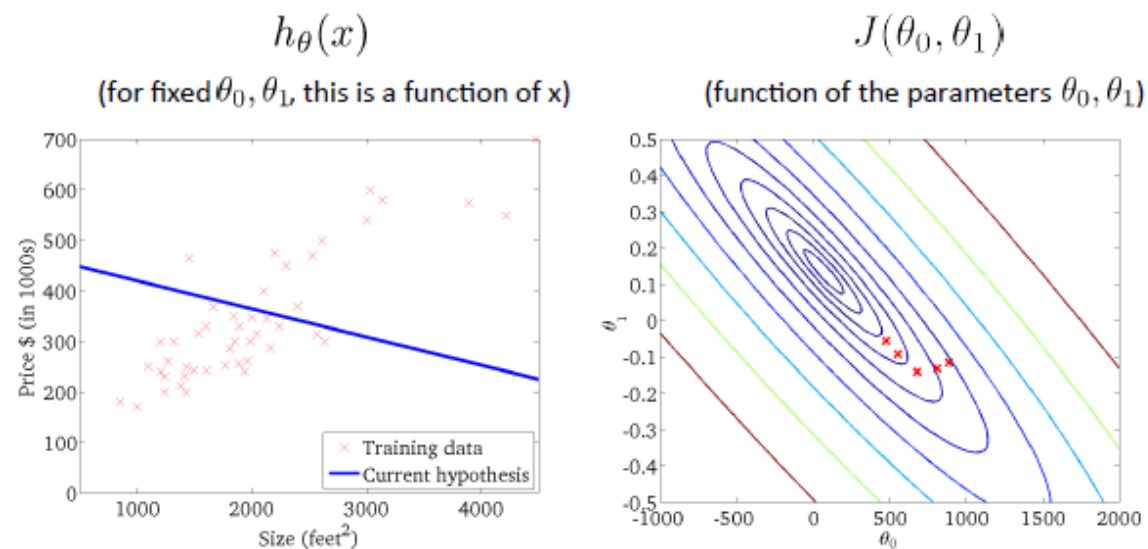
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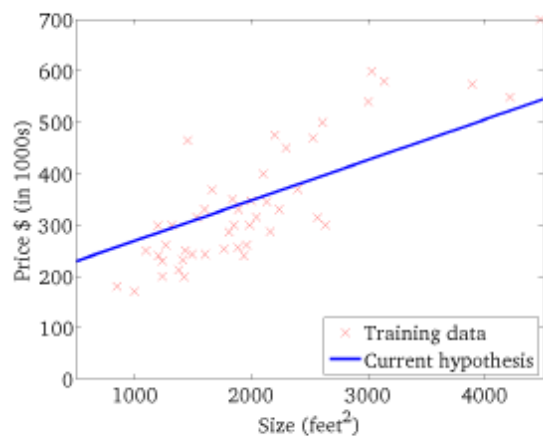


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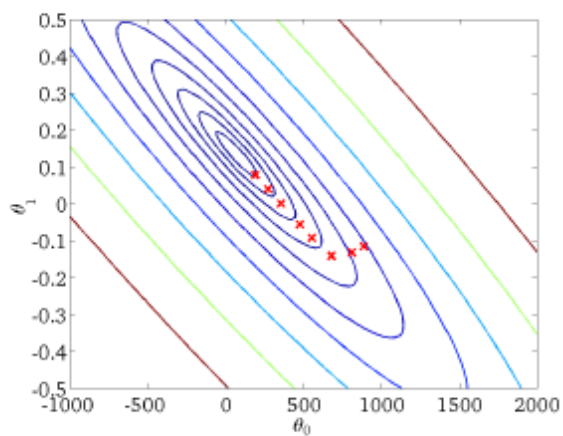
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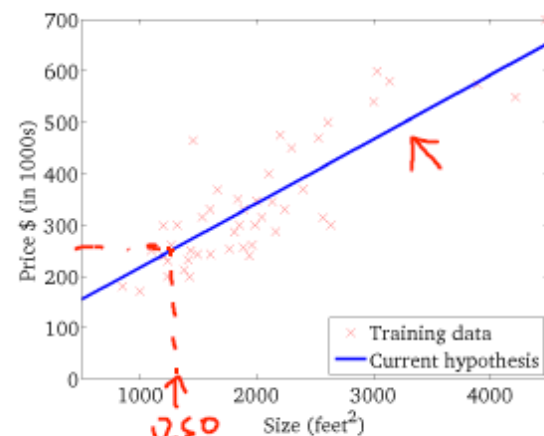
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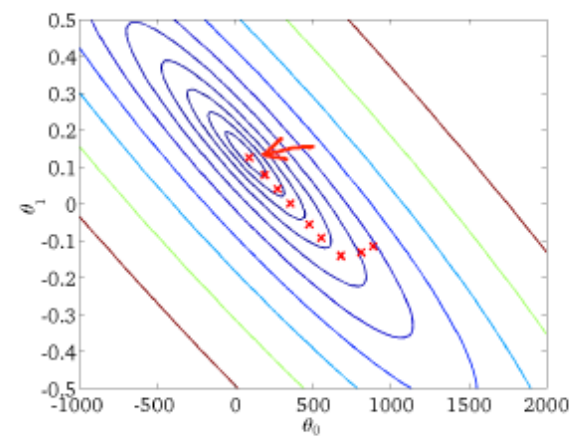
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Linear regression with multiple variables

Multivariate Regression

$$g(x^t | w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d) = w_0 + w_1 x_1^t + w_2 x_2^t + \dots + w_d x_d^t = w^T x^t$$

$$E(w | X) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N [r^t - g(x^t | w)]^2$$

Multivariate Regression

- Normal Equation

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_t r^t &= Nw_0 + w_1 \sum_t x_1^t + w_2 \sum_t x_2^t + \cdots + w_d \sum_t x_d^t \\ \sum_t x_1^t r^t &= w_0 \sum_t x_1^t + w_1 \sum_t (x_1^t)^2 + w_2 \sum_t x_1^t x_2^t + \cdots + w_d \sum_t x_1^t x_d^t \\ \sum_t x_2^t r^t &= w_0 \sum_t x_2^t + w_1 \sum_t x_1^t x_2^t + w_2 \sum_t (x_2^t)^2 + \cdots + w_d \sum_t x_2^t x_d^t \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_t x_d^t r^t &= w_0 \sum_t x_d^t + w_1 \sum_t x_d^t x_1^t + w_2 \sum_t x_d^t x_2^t + \cdots + w_d \sum_t (x_d^t)^2\end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Regression

- Normal Equation

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & x_2^1 & \cdots & x_d^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_d^2 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 1 & x_1^N & x_2^N & \cdots & x_d^N \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_d \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r^1 \\ r^2 \\ \vdots \\ r^N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^T X \mathbf{w} = X^T \mathbf{r} \rightarrow \mathbf{w} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{r}$$

Example

$$w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T r$$

	Size (feet ²)	Number of bedrooms	Number of floors	Age of home (years)	Price (\$1000)
x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	r
1	2104	5	1	45	460
1	1416	3	2	40	232
1	1534	3	2	30	315
1	852	2	1	36	178

$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 & 5 & 1 & 45 \\ 1 & 1416 & 3 & 2 & 40 \\ 1 & 1534 & 3 & 2 & 30 \\ 1 & 852 & 2 & 1 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$

$r = \begin{bmatrix} 460 \\ 232 \\ 315 \\ 178 \end{bmatrix}$

Gradient Descent

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repeat until convergence {  
     $w_j := w_j - \alpha \sum_{t=1}^N (g(x^t|w) - r^t) \cdot x_j^t$   
}
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Feature Scaling

Idea: Make sure features are on a similar scale

Mean normalization

$$x' = \frac{x - \text{mean}(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

x': normalized value

Debugging

- How to make sure that gradient descent is working correctly
- How to choose learning rate

Convergence Plot (number of iteration vs $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$)

