# **Ridge Regression**

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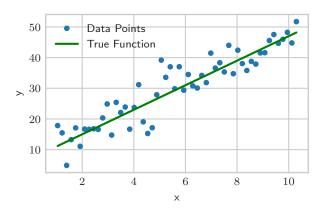
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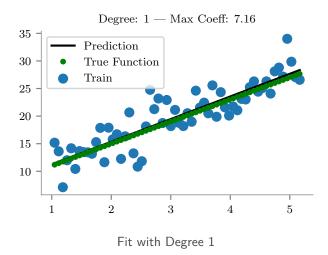
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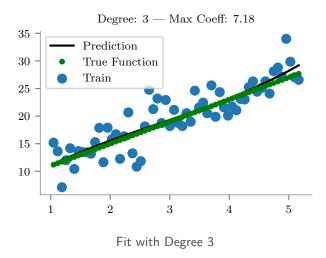
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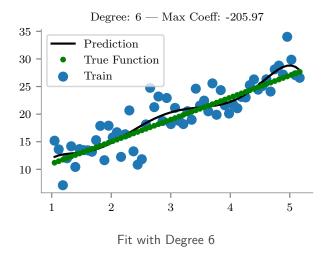
In 
$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots$$
 it is max  $|c_i|$ 

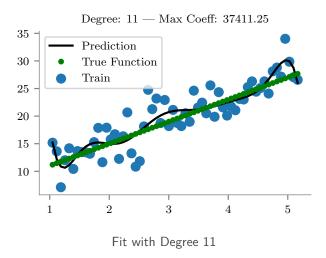


Base Data Set

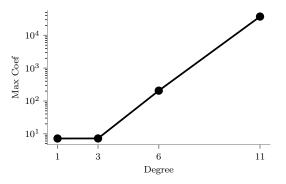








In the examples we notice that as the degree increases (as the prediction starts to overfit the base data), the maximum coefficient also increases.



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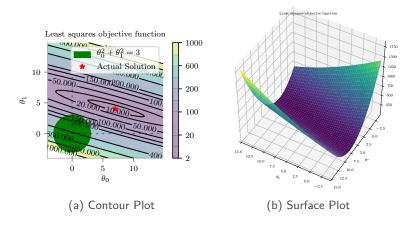
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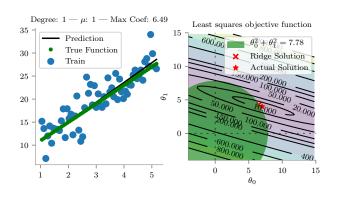
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimise } (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ & \text{s.t. } \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} \leq \boldsymbol{S} \\ & L(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \boldsymbol{\mu} \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{S}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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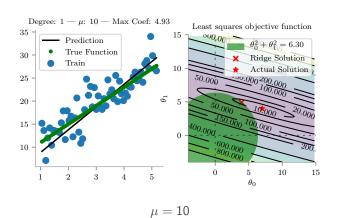
If 
$$\mu \neq 0$$
  $\Rightarrow \theta^T \theta - S = 0$ 

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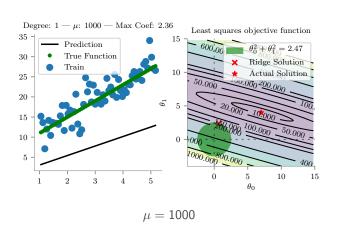


 $\mu = 1$ 

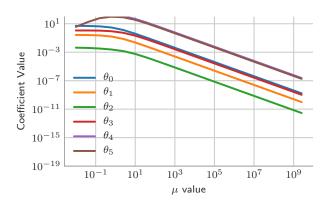
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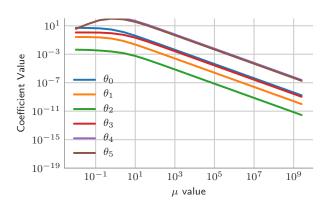


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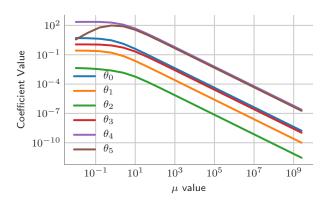
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Are  $\theta_i$  all zero for high  $\mu$ ?

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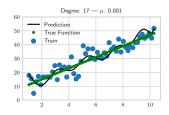
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# Analytical Method

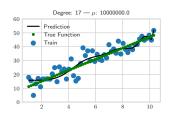
Ridge Objective: 
$$\min_{\theta} \left( \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right)^T \left( \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) + \mu \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial L\left(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\mu}\right)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} &= 0\\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ \mathbf{y}^{T} \mathbf{y} - 2 \mathbf{y}^{T} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \boldsymbol{\mu} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{T} \boldsymbol{\theta} &= 0\\ \Longrightarrow &- \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} + \left( \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \mathbf{I} \right) \boldsymbol{\theta} &= 0\\ \Longrightarrow &\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*} = \left( \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y} \end{split}$$

# Bias/Variance



Fit High Order Polynomial  $\implies$  high variance  $\implies \mu \rightarrow 0$ 



Fit High Order Polynomial  $\implies$  low variance  $\implies \mu \rightarrow \infty$ 

### Example

**Q.)** Solve Regularized ( $\mu=2$ ) and Unregularized.

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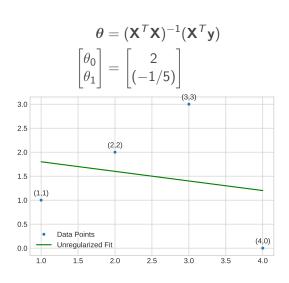
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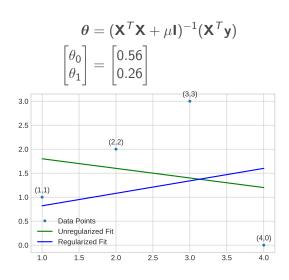
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### Multi-collinearity

 $(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}$  is not computable when  $|\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}| = 0$ . This was a drawback of using linear regression

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix **X** is not full rank.

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But with ridge regression, the matrix to be inverted is  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} + \mu\mathbf{I}$  and not  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ .

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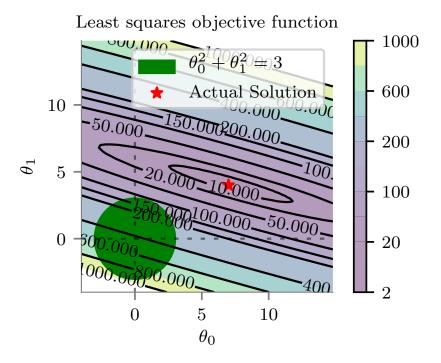
### Extension of the analytical model

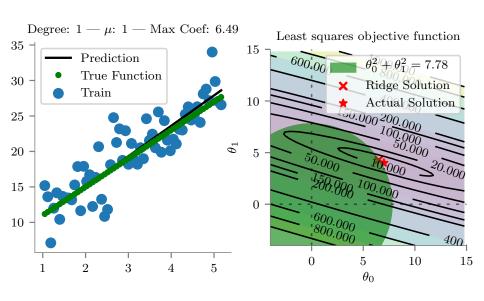
For ridge with no penalty on  $\theta_0$ 

$$\hat{oldsymbol{ heta}} = \left( \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} + \mu \mathbf{I}^{*} 
ight)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{y}$$

where,

$$I^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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· Contrast with update equation for unregularised regression:

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$$\theta = \underbrace{\theta}_{\text{No Shrinking }\theta} - \alpha (-2\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y} + 2\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}\theta)$$

