

# NEURAL COMPUTATION

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# RECAP

- \* Linear regression!
- \* Ordinary least squares (OLS)
- \* Regularized regression
  - \* Priors on weights
  - \* Penalties on weights
  - \* Ad hoc metrics (early stopping)

# RECAP

- \* L2 penalty = Gaussian prior = ridge
- \* L1 penalty = Laplacian prior = LASSO

# TODAY

- \* Analytic solutions to L2-regularized regression problems:
  - \* Ridge regression
  - \* Tikhonov regression

# RIDGE REGRESSION

- \* Multivariate normal (MVN) prior on beta
- \* L2 penalty on beta
- \* Gradient descent w/ early stopping

# RIDGE REGRESSION

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} [||Y - X\beta||_2^2 + \lambda ||\beta||_2^2]$$

**ERROR or LOSS**      **PENALTY**

# RIDGE REGRESSION

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^\top X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^\top Y$$

$$\hat{\beta} = X_{ridge}^+ Y$$

# RIDGE REGRESSION

- \* Efficient solution with SVD

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^\top X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^\top Y$$

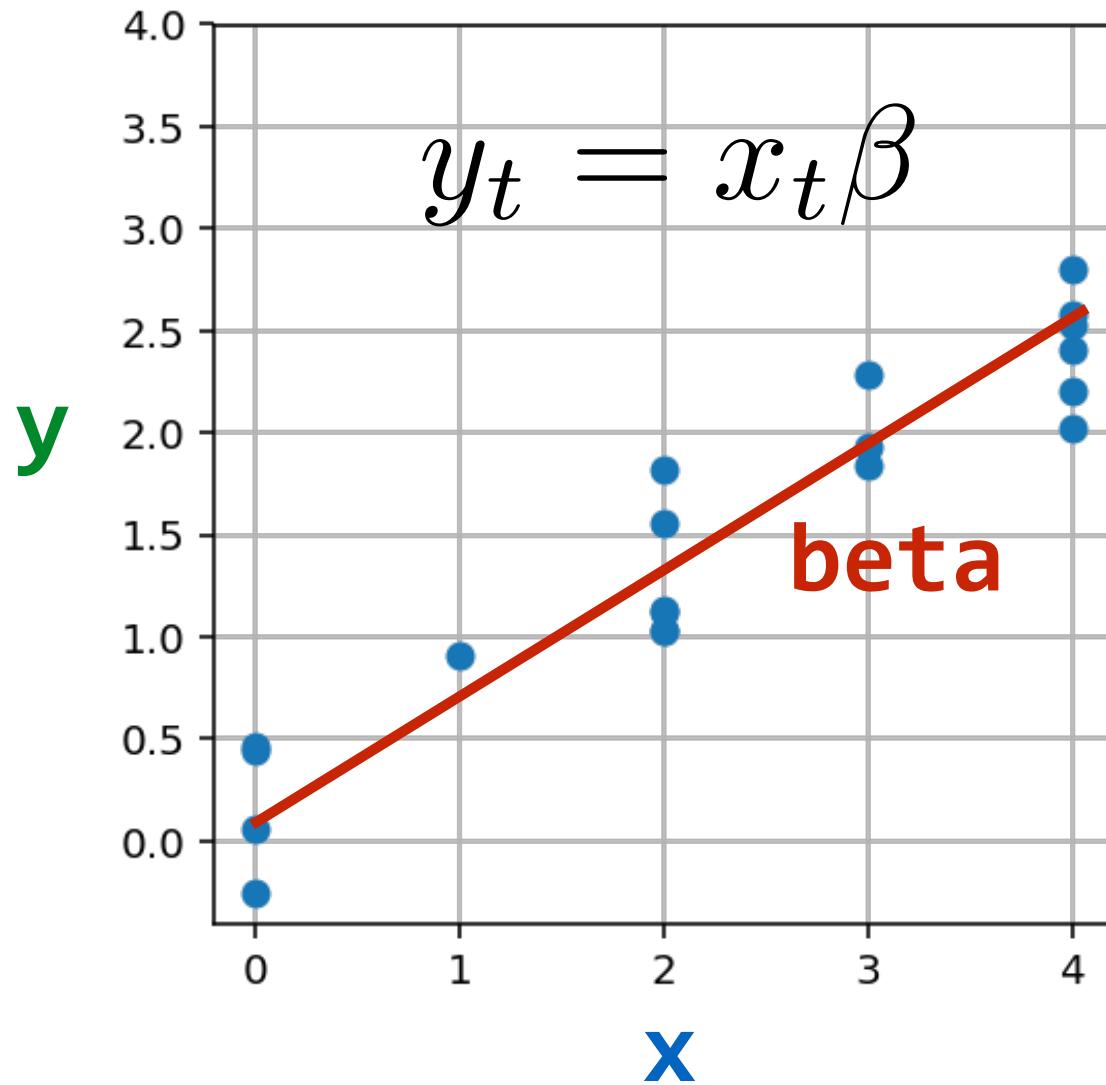
$$(\text{SVD}) \quad X = U S V^\top \quad D = \frac{S}{S^2 + \lambda^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = V D U^\top Y$$

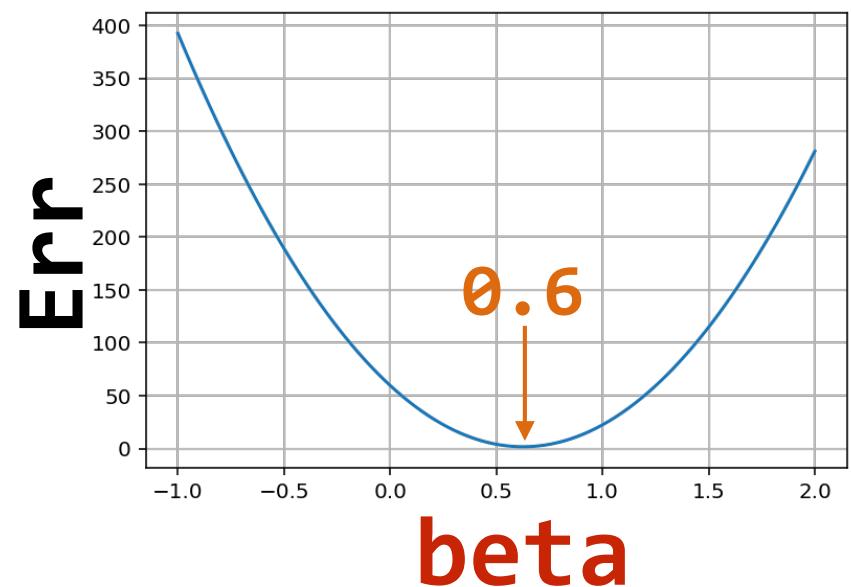
# RIDGE REGRESSION

- \* How to choose lambda?
- \* GCV - Generalized Cross Validation 🤔
- \* Block-wise cross-validation 👍

# 1D EXAMPLE



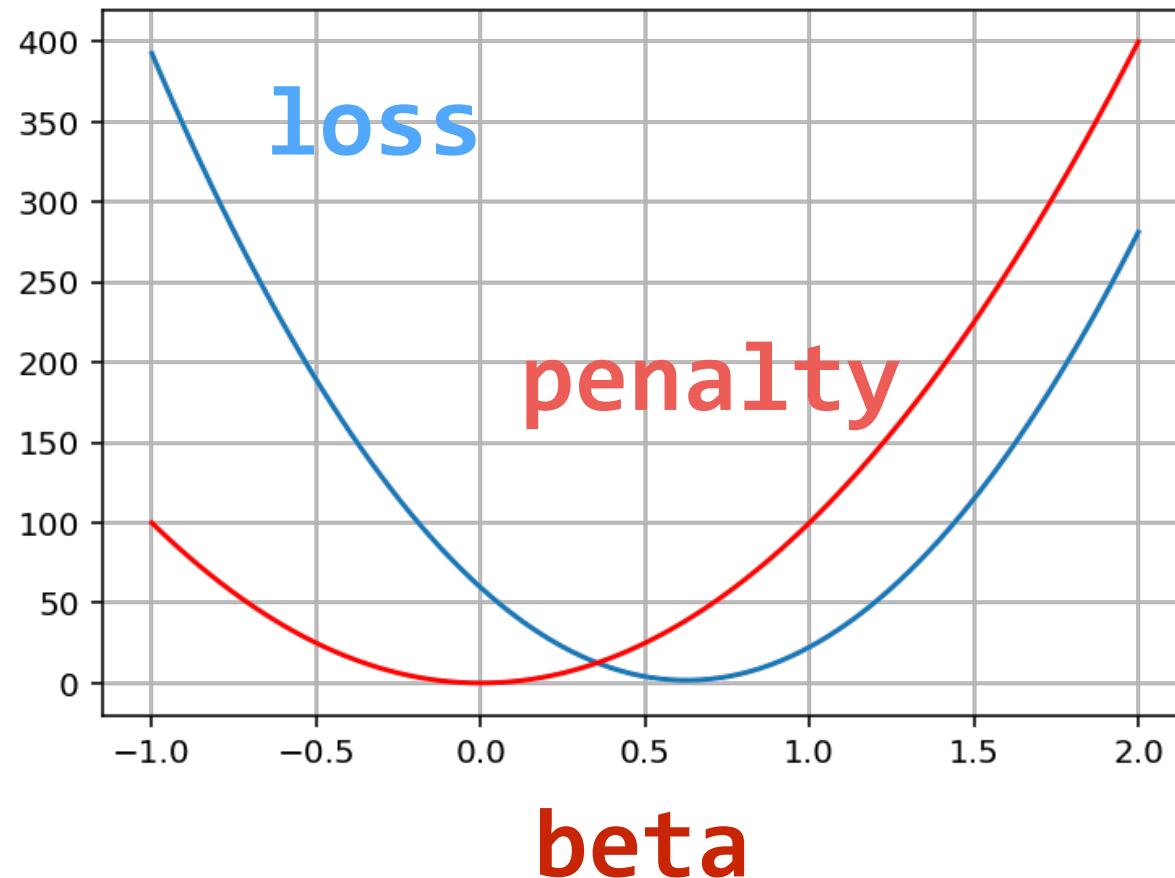
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# 1D EXAMPLE

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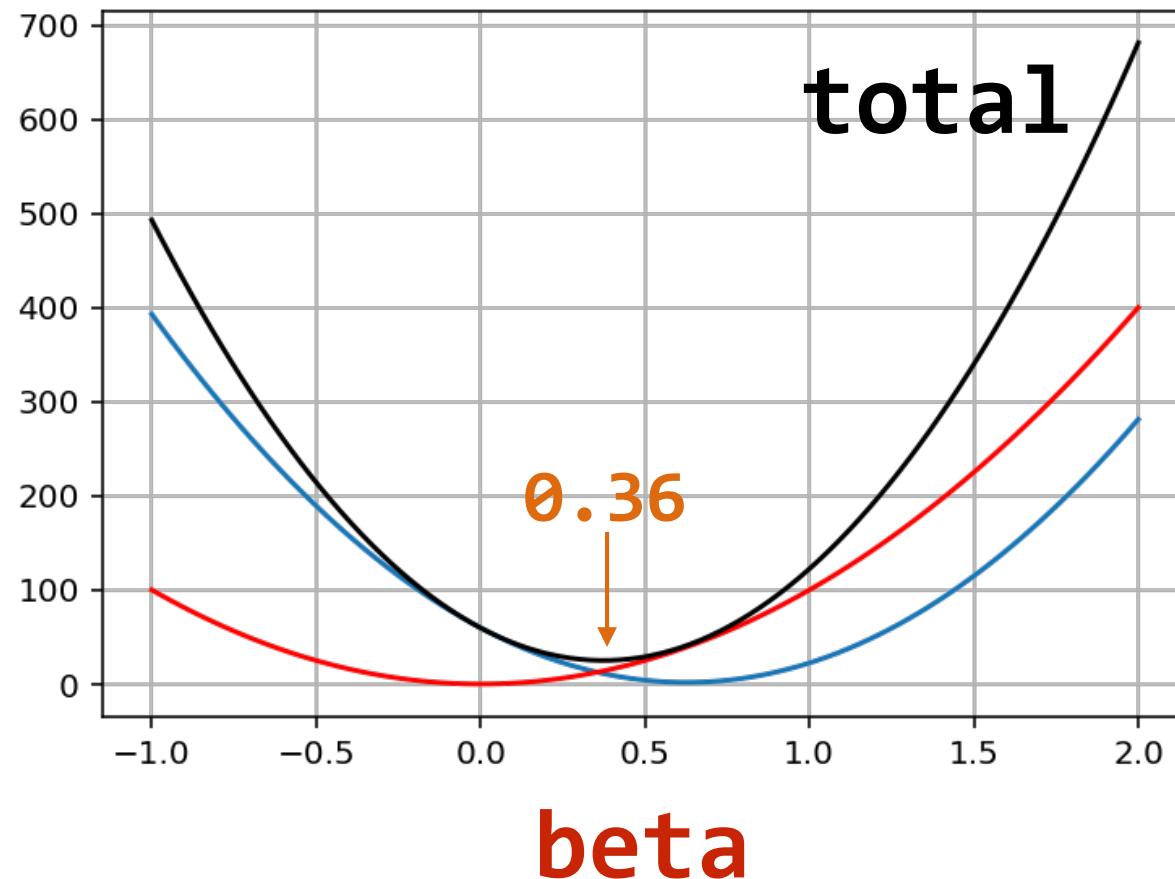
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# COVARIANCE

- \* A measure of the “joint variability” of two variables

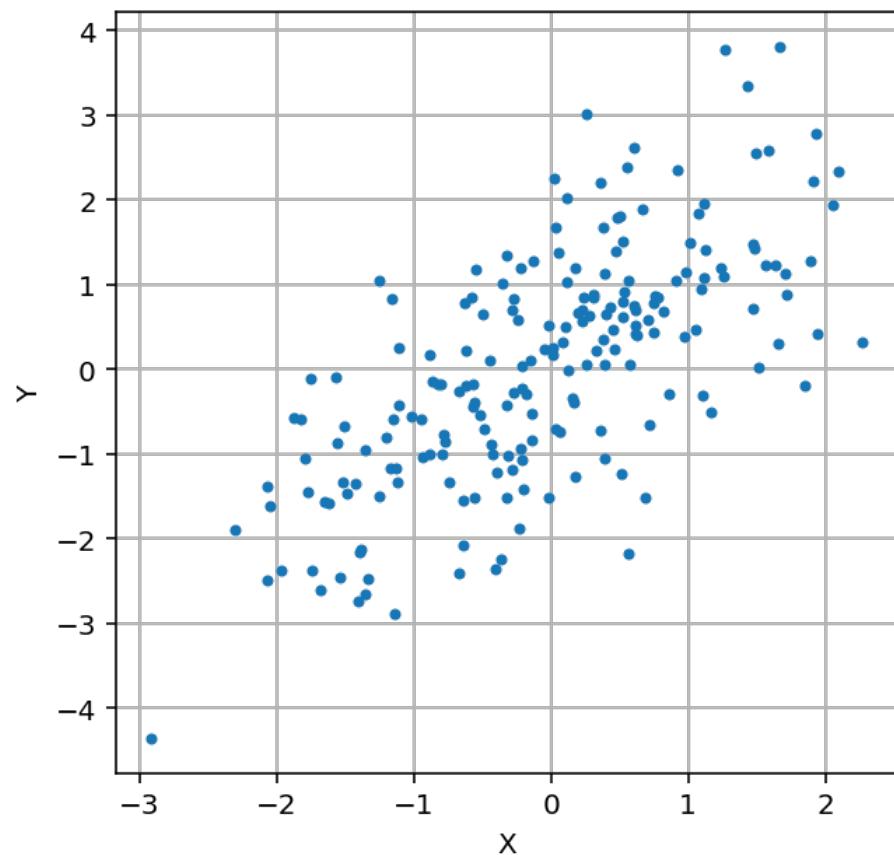
# COVARIANCE

$$\text{cov}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$\text{cov}(X, X) = E[(X - E[X])(X - E[X])] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \text{var}(X)$$

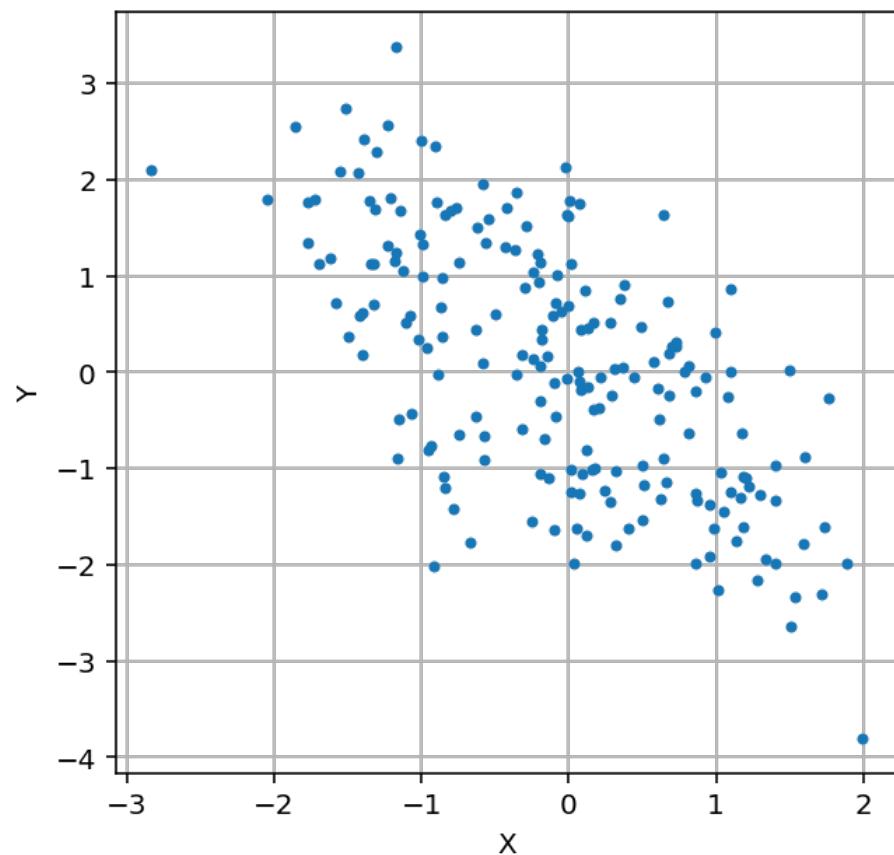
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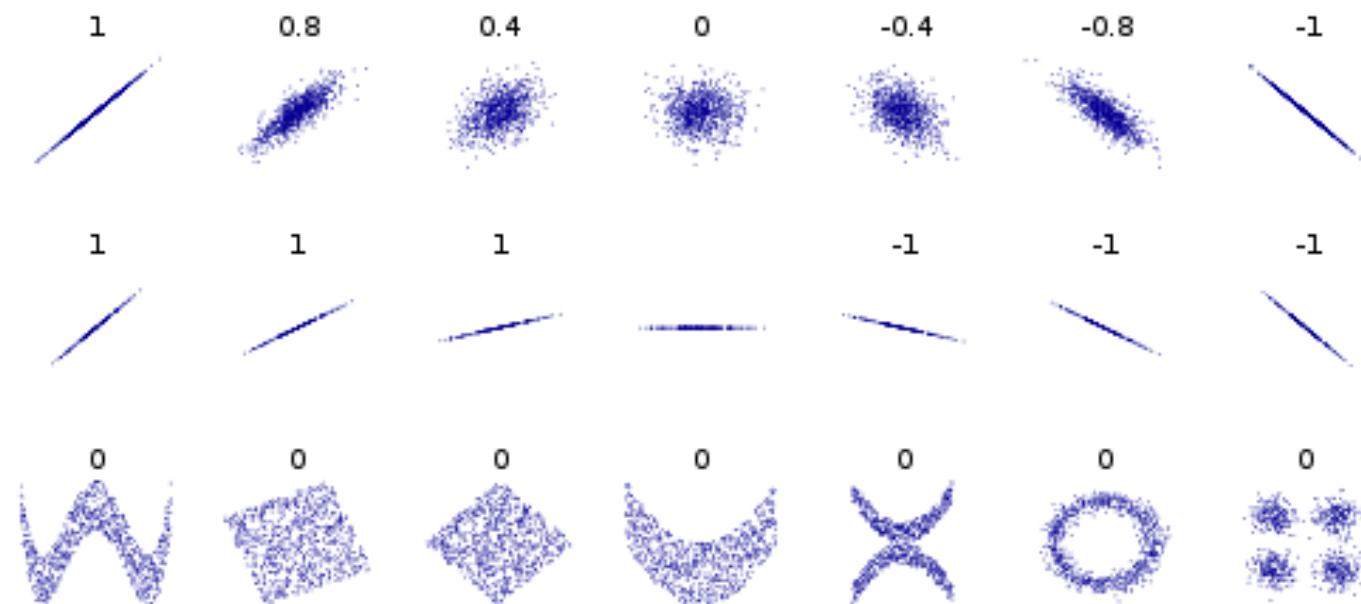


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# COVARIANCE

(Well, correlation...)



# COVARIANCE MATRIX

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} & & n \\ & A_1 & \\ & A_2 & \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cov}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(A_1) & \text{cov}(A_1, A_2) \\ \text{cov}(A_1, A_2) & \text{var}(A_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

(assuming  $A$  is mean 0)  $\text{cov}(A) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) AA^T$

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

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- \* TIKHONOV REGRESSION

$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} [||Y - X\beta||_2^2 + \lambda ||C\beta||_2^2]$$

↑  
PENALTY  
MATRIX

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* RIDGE REGRESSION is a special case of TIKHONOV REGRESSION
- \* TIKHONOV REGRESSION puts a ZERO-MEAN MULTIVARIATE NORMAL PRIOR on the weights
- \* in RIDGE REGRESSION the covariance matrix of the prior has a constant diagonal
  - \* i.e. the prior is a SPHERE
- \* in TIKHONOV REGRESSION the covariance matrix can be \*ANYTHING\*

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* the multivariate normal prior given by  
**TIKHONOV REGRESSION**

$$\beta \sim N(0, \sigma^2(C^T C)^{-1})$$

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* any **TIKHONOV** problem can be converted into a **RIDGE** problem

$$A = XC^{-1} \leftarrow \text{1. CHANGE OF BASIS}$$

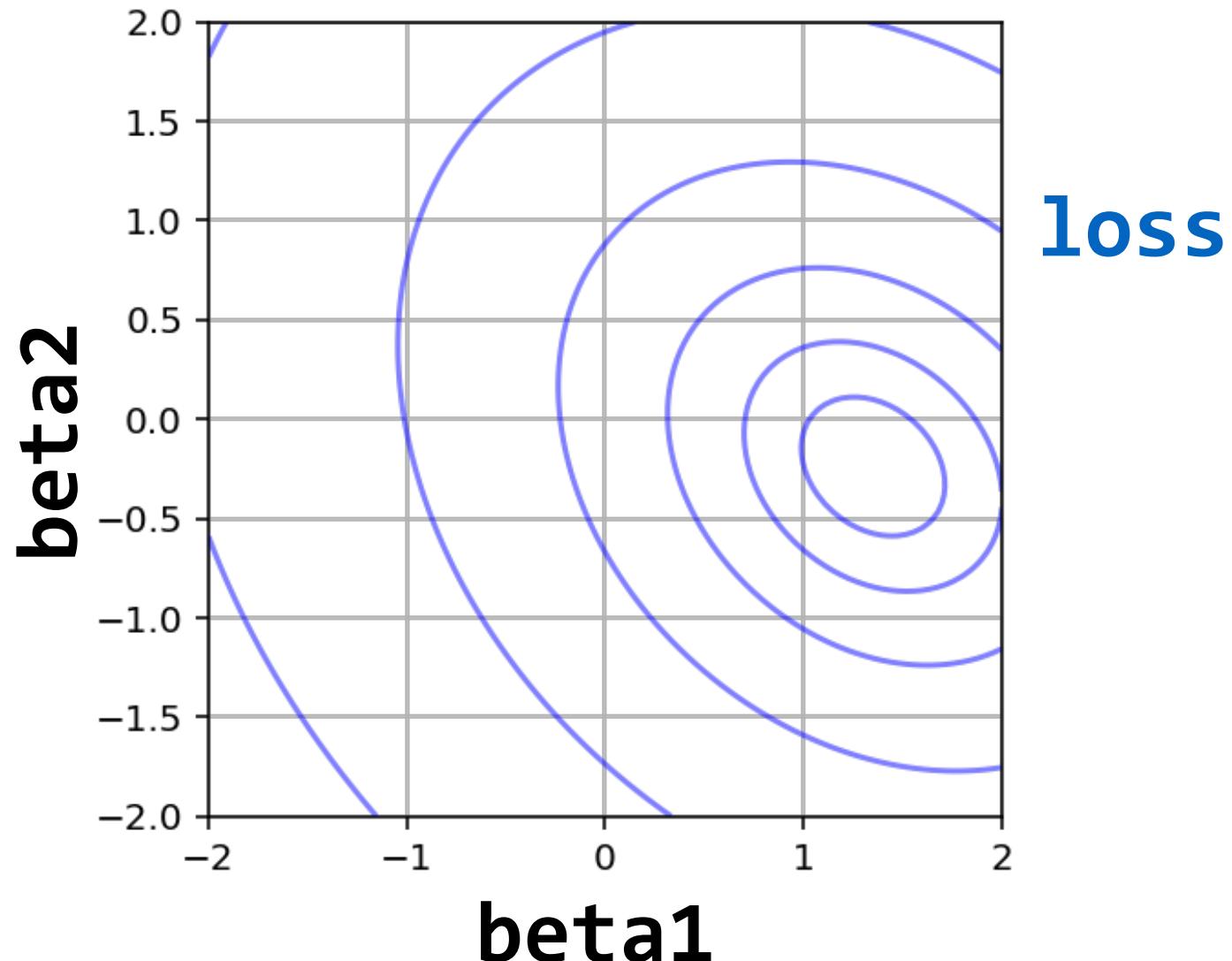
$$\hat{\beta}_A = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} [||Y - A\beta||_2^2 + \lambda ||\beta||_2^2]$$

↑  
2. RIDGE REGRESSION

$$\hat{\beta} = C^{-1} \hat{\beta}_A \leftarrow \text{3. CHANGE BASIS AGAIN}$$

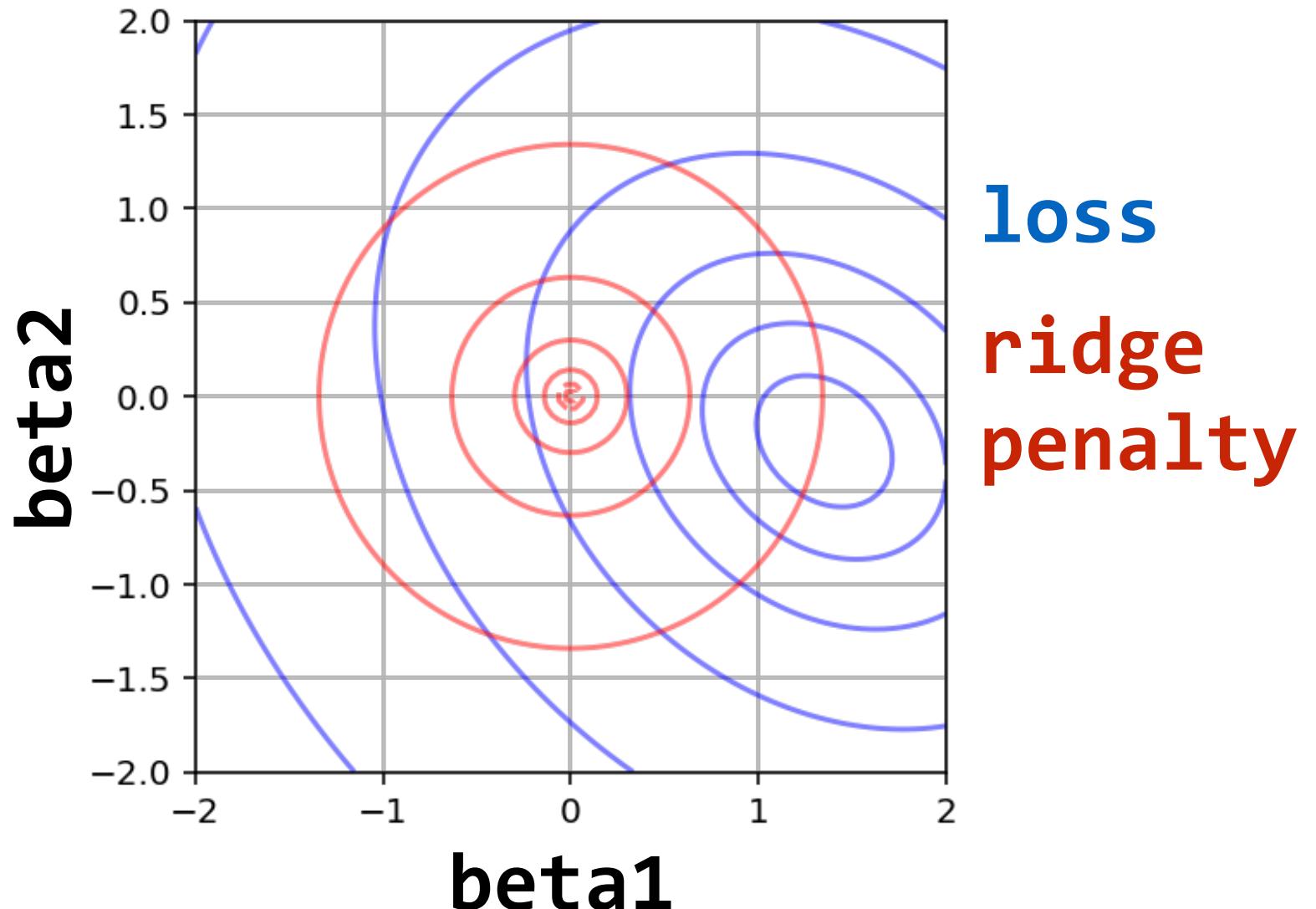
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$$y_t = x_{1,t}\beta_1 + x_{2,t}\beta_2$$



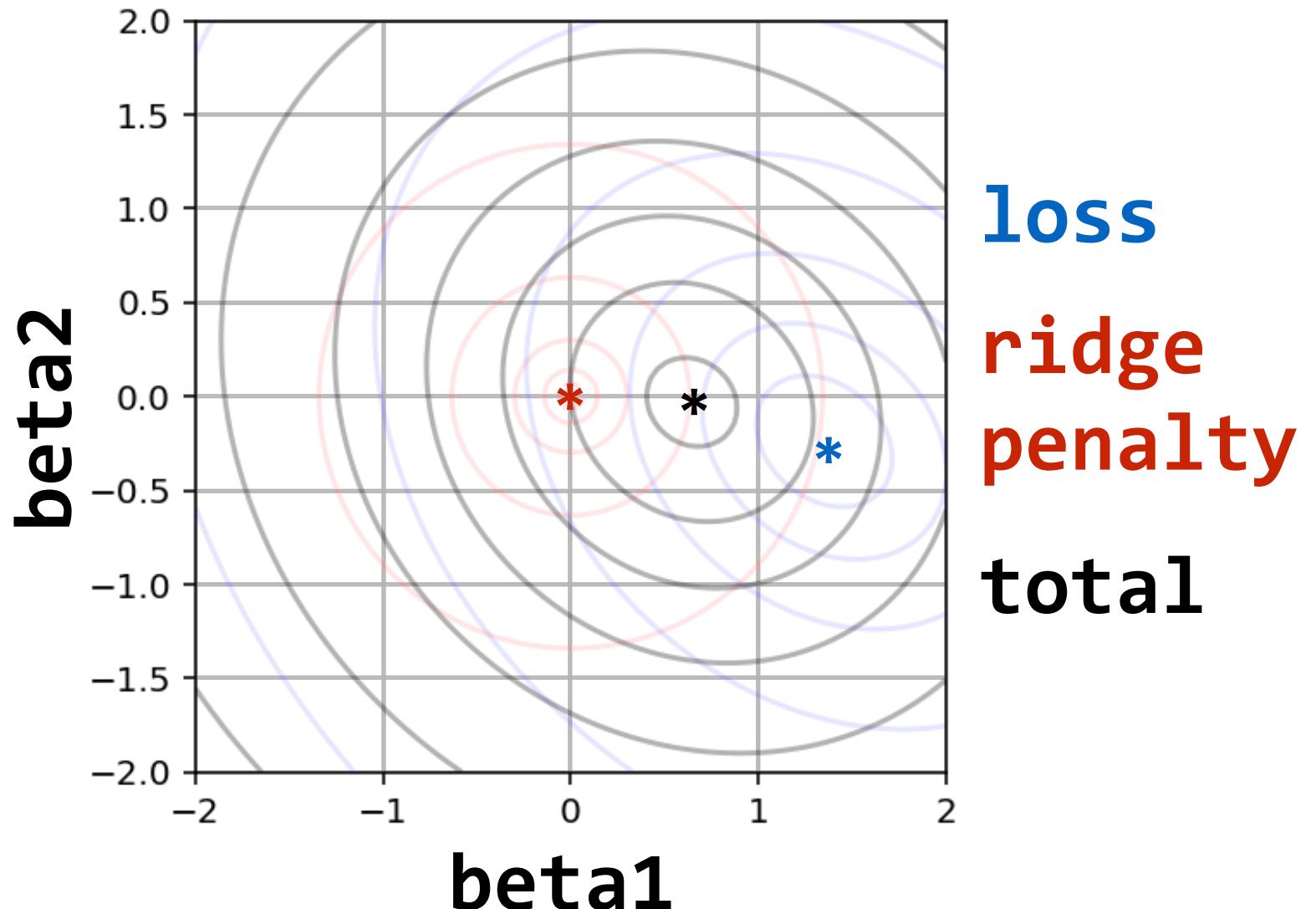
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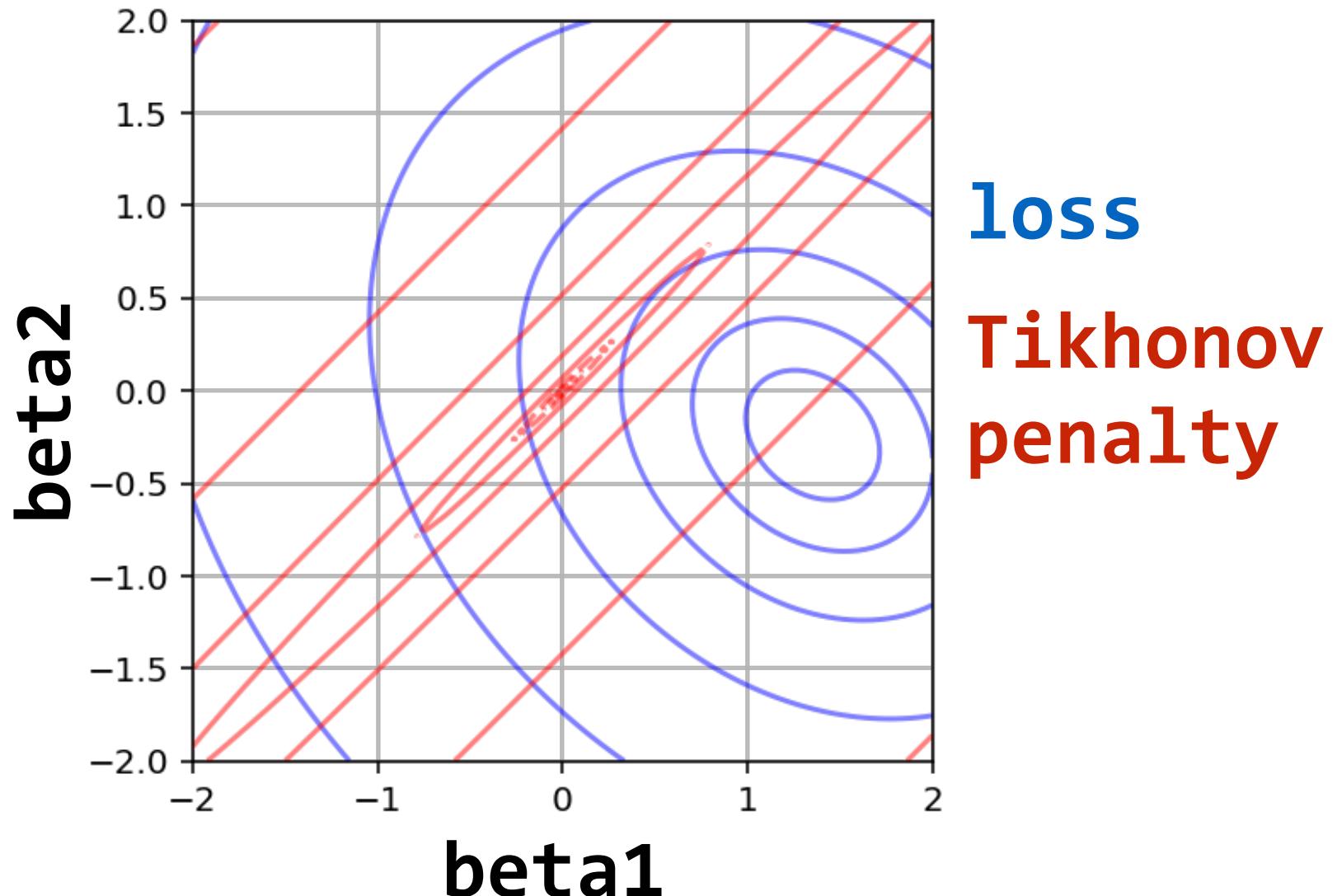


# EXAMPLE

- \* Suppose we strongly suspect that **beta1** and **beta2** should be similar

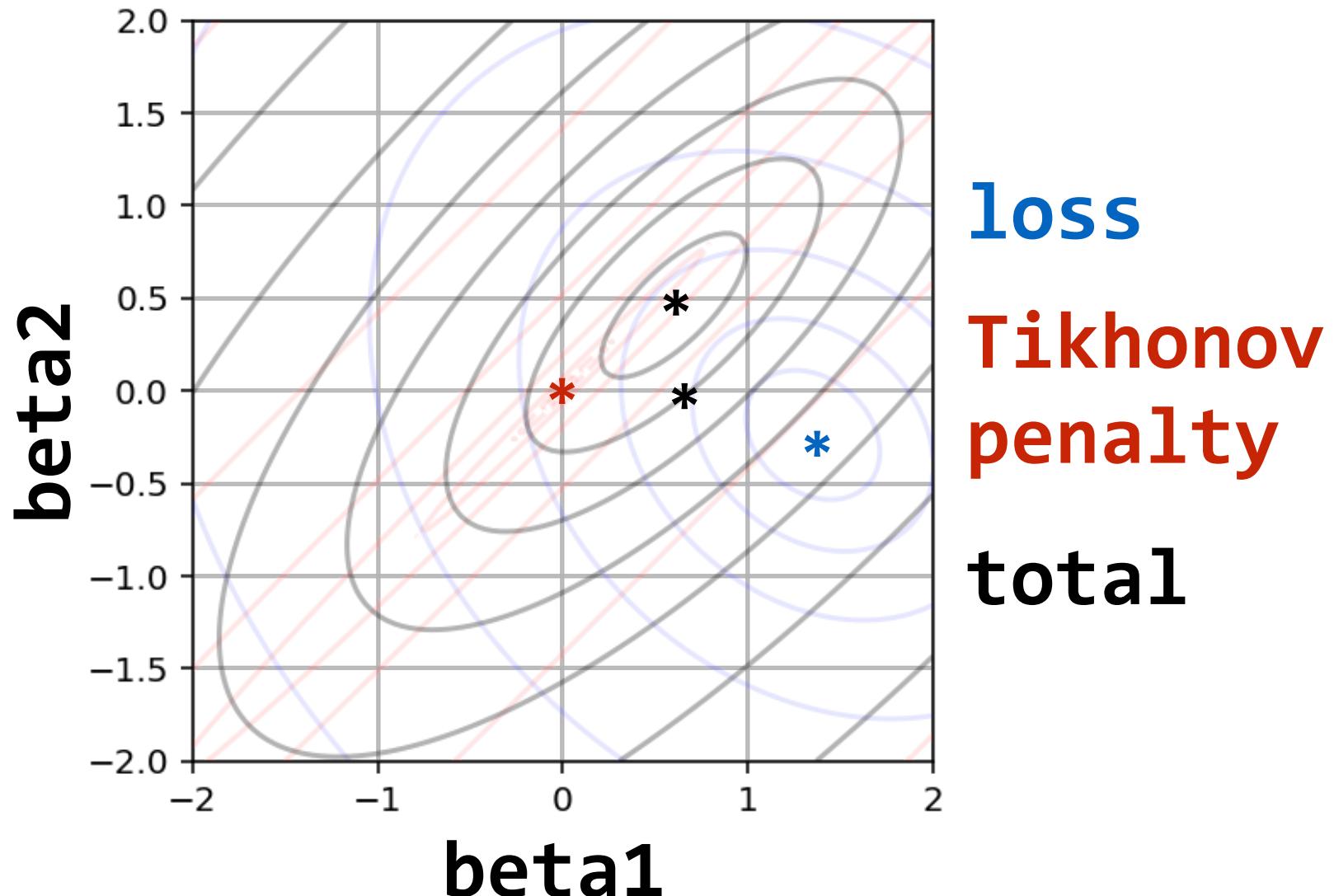
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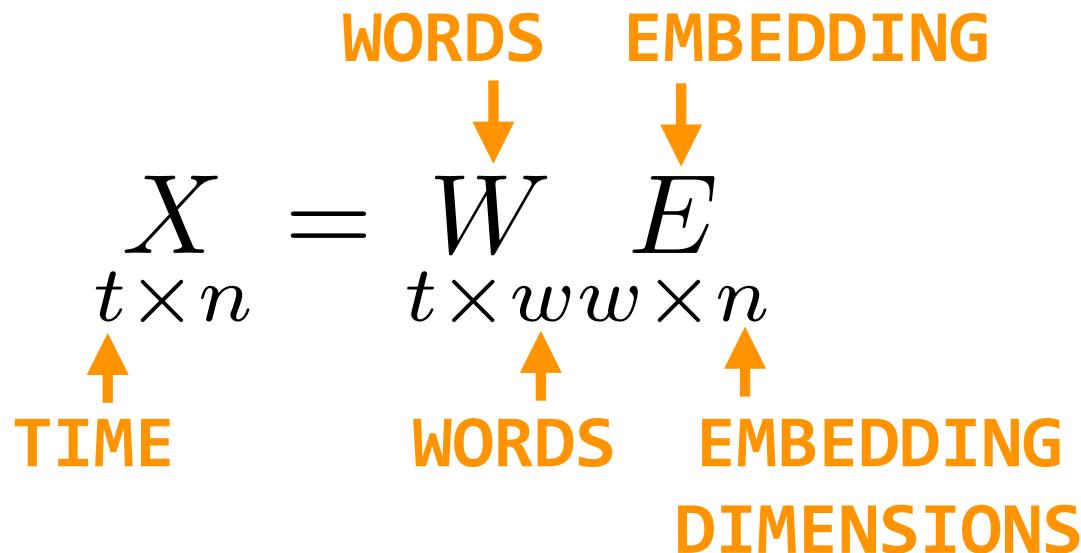


# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* any **TIKHONOV** problem can be converted into a **RIDGE** problem by a **LINEAR TRANSFORMATION**
- \* conversely, **ANY LINEAR TRANSFORMATION** of  $X$  followed by **RIDGE REGRESSION** is equivalent to some **TIKHONOV REGRESSION** problem

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* WORD EMBEDDING MODELS
- \* think of stimulus matrix as WORDS over time projected onto WORD EMBEDDING



# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* this is equivalent to **TIKHONOV REGRESSION** on the **WORDS** with a prior determined by the **WORD EMBEDDING**

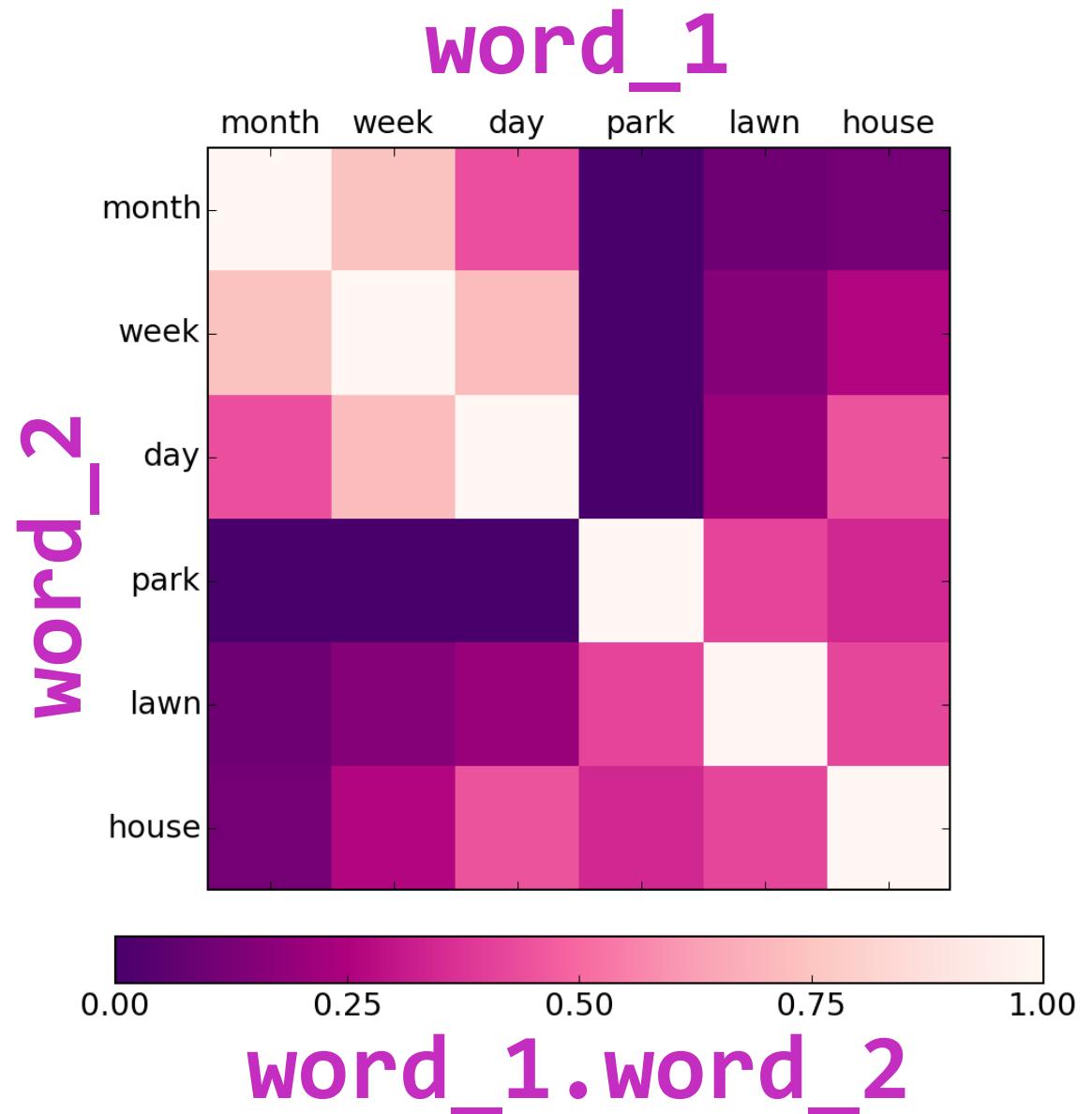
$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \Sigma_{\beta} = (C^T C)^{-1} = E^T E$$

PRIOR COVARIANCE                    INVERSE OF PENALTY INNER PRODUCT                    EMBEDDING INNER PRODUCT

- \* i.e. the prior covariance between two words' weights is equal to the dot product of their embedding vectors

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

$E^T E =$   
EMBEDDING  
INNER PRODUCT,  
*english1000*



# TIKHONOV REGRESSION

- \* to get **WEIGHTS ON WORDS** we just project onto the **EMBEDDING**

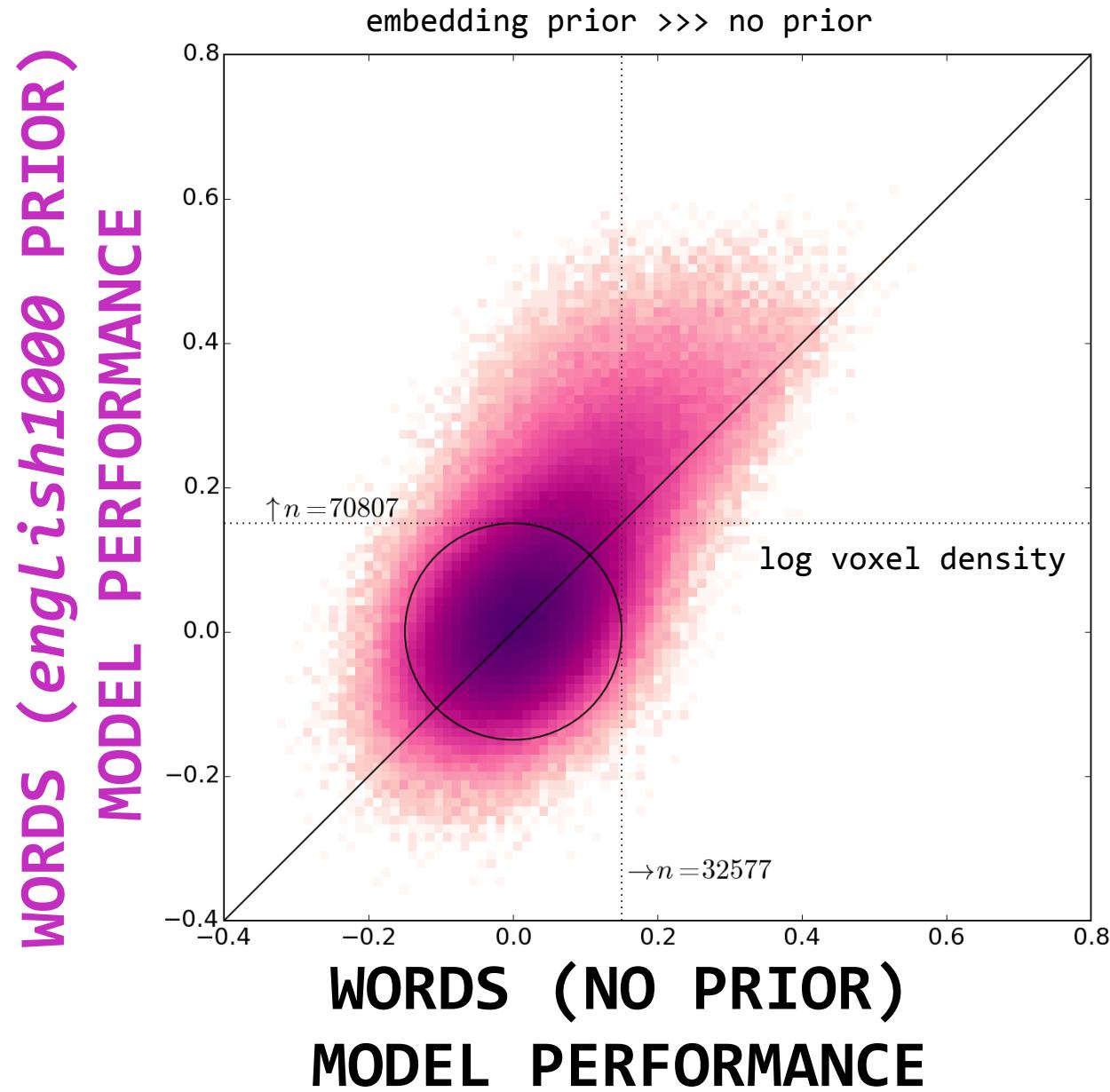
$$\hat{\beta}_W = E \hat{\beta}_X$$

WEIGHTS IN WORD SPACE      EMBEDDING      WEIGHTS IN EMBEDDING SPACE

$w \times v$        $w \times n$        $n \times v$

- \* (this is equivalent to simulating responses to single words)

# TIKHONOV REGRESSION



# **NEXT TIME**

- \* Data quality!