# lecture2-supervised-learning

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## 1 Lecture 2: Supervised Machine Learning

#### 1.0.1 Applied Machine Learning

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#### 2 Announcements

- The linear algebra and probability tutorial is this week
  - Wednesday at 8pm
  - In Bloomberg 161
- The Python and Numpy tutorial is next week
  - Tuesday at 7:30pm
  - Room TBD
- Homework 0 is out on Gradescope

# 3 Recall: Supervised Learning

The most common approach to machine learning is supervised learning.

- 1. First, we collect a dataset of labeled training examples.
- 2. We train a model to output accurate predictions on this dataset.
- 3. When the model sees new, similar data, it will also be accurate.

# 4 Part 1: A Supervised Machine Learning Problem

Let's start by dissecting a simple example of a supervised learning problem.

# 5 Three Components of Supervised Machine Learning

To apply supervised learning, we define a dataset and a learning algorithm.

 $Dataset + Learning Algorithm \rightarrow Predictive Model$ 

The output is a predictive model that maps inputs to targets. For instance, it can predict targets on new inputs.

## 6 A Supervised Learning Dataset

Let's start with a simple example of a supervised learning problem: predicting diabetes risk.

We start with a dataset of diabetes patients. \* For each patient we have a access to their BMI and an estimate of diabetes risk (from 0-400). \* We are interested in understanding how BMI affects an individual's diabetes risk.

```
[2]: import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     from sklearn import datasets
     # We will use the UCI Diabetes Dataset
     # It's a toy dataset often used to demo ML algorithms.
     diabetes_X, diabetes_y = datasets.load_diabetes(return_X_y=True, as_frame=True)
     # Use only the BMI feature
     diabetes X = diabetes X.loc[:, ['bmi']]
     # The BMI is zero-centered and normalized; we recenter it for ease of
     \rightarrowpresentation
     diabetes_X = diabetes_X * 30 + 25
     # Collect 20 data points
     diabetes_X_train = diabetes_X.iloc[-20:]
     diabetes_y_train = diabetes_y.iloc[-20:]
     # Display some of the data points
     pd.concat([diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train], axis=1).head()
```

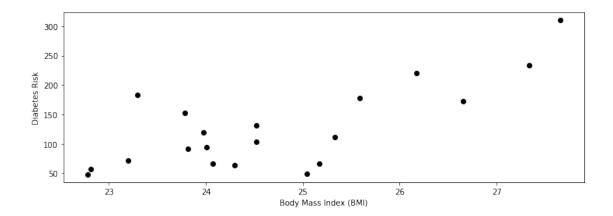
```
[2]: bmi target
422 27.335902 233.0
423 23.811456 91.0
424 25.331171 111.0
425 23.779122 152.0
426 23.973128 120.0
```

We can also visualize this two-dimensional dataset.

```
[3]: %matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 4]

plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train, color='black')
plt.xlabel('Body Mass Index (BMI)')
plt.ylabel('Diabetes Risk')
```

```
[3]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Diabetes Risk')
```



# 7 A Supervised Learning Algorithm: The Model Class

Let's assume that risk is a linear function of BMI. In other words, for some unknown  $\theta_0, \theta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

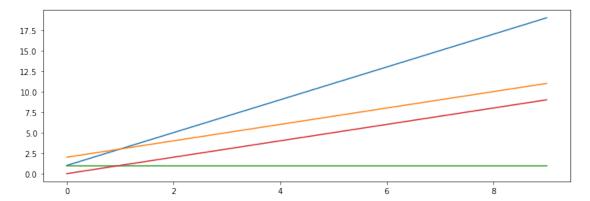
$$y = \theta_1 \cdot x + \theta_0,$$

where x is the BMI (also called the independent variable), and y is the diabetes risk score (the dependent variable).

The parameters  $\theta_1, \theta_0$  are the slope and the intercept of the line relates x to y.

We can visualize this for a few values of  $\theta_1, \theta_0$ .

```
[4]: theta_list = [(1, 2), (2,1), (1,0), (0,1)]
for theta0, theta1 in theta_list:
    x = np.arange(10)
    y = theta1 * x + theta0
    plt.plot(x,y)
```



## 8 A Supervised Learning Algorithm: The Optimizer

Given our assumption that x, y follow the a linear relationship, the goal of a supervised learning algorithm is to find a good set of parameters consistent with the data.

This is an optimization problem.

For now, let's call the sklearn.linear\_model library to find a  $\theta_1, \theta_0$  that fit the data well.

```
[6]: from sklearn import linear_model
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

# Create linear regression object
    regr = linear_model.LinearRegression()

# Train the model using the training sets
    regr.fit(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train.values)

# Make predictions on the training set
    diabetes_y_train_pred = regr.predict(diabetes_X_train)

# The coefficients
    print('Slope (theta1): \t', regr.coef_[0])
    print('Intercept (theta0): \t', regr.intercept_)
```

Slope (theta1): 37.378842160517664 Intercept (theta0): -797.0817390342369

## 9 A Supervised Learning Model

The supervised learning algorithm gave us a pair of parameters  $\theta_1^*, \theta_0^*$ . These define the *predictive* model  $f^*$ , defined as

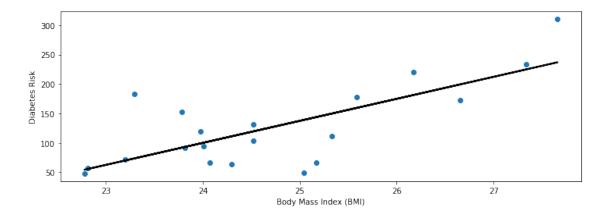
$$f(x) = \theta_1^* \cdot x + \theta_0^*,$$

where again x is the BMI, and y is the diabetes risk score.

We can visualize the linear model that best fits our data.

```
[7]: plt.xlabel('Body Mass Index (BMI)')
    plt.ylabel('Diabetes Risk')
    plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train)
    plt.plot(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train_pred, color='black', linewidth=2)
```

[7]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1253f9240>]



# 10 Making New Predictions

Given a new dataset of patients with a known BMI, we can use this model to estimate their diabetes risk

Given an  $x_{\text{new}}$ , we can output prediction  $y_{\text{new}}$  as

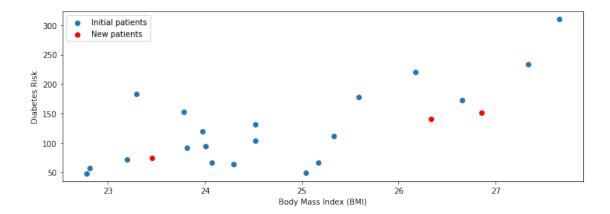
$$y_{\text{new}} = f(x_{\text{new}}) = \theta_1^* \cdot x_{\text{new}} + \theta_0.$$

Let's start by loading more data. We will load three new patients (shown in red below) that we haven't seen before.

```
[8]: # Collect 3 data points
    diabetes_X_test = diabetes_X.iloc[:3]
    diabetes_y_test = diabetes_y.iloc[:3]

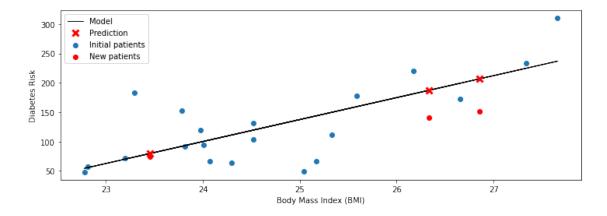
plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train)
    plt.scatter(diabetes_X_test, diabetes_y_test, color='red')
    plt.xlabel('Body Mass Index (BMI)')
    plt.ylabel('Diabetes Risk')
    plt.legend(['Initial patients', 'New patients'])
```

[8]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1259cd390>



Our linear model provides an estimate of the diabetes risk for these patients.

#### [9]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x125bfb048>



## 11 Why Supervised Learning?

Supervised learning can be useful in many ways. \* Making predictions on new data. \* Understanding the mechanisms through which input variables affect targets.

### 12 Applications of Supervised Learning

Many of the most important applications of machine learning are supervised: \* Classifying medical images. \* Translating between pairs of languages. \* Detecting objects in a self-driving car.

# Part 2: Anatomy of a Supervised Learning Problem: The Dataset

We have seen an example of supervised machine learning.

Let's now examine more closely the components of a supervised learning problem, starting with the dataset.

# 13 Recall: Three Components of a Supervised Machine Learning Problem

To apply supervised learning, we define a dataset and a learning algorithm.

 $Dataset + Learning Algorithm \rightarrow Predictive Model$ 

The output is a predictive model that maps inputs to targets. For instance, it can predict targets on new inputs.

## 14 A Supervised Learning Dataset

Let's dive deeper into what's a supervised learning dataset.

We will again use the UCI Diabetes Dataset as our example.

The UCI dataset contains many additional data columns besides bmi, including age, sex, and blood pressure. We can ask sklearn to give us more information about this dataset.

```
[10]: import numpy as np
  import pandas as pd
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 4]
  from sklearn import datasets

# Load the diabetes dataset
  diabetes = datasets.load_diabetes(as_frame=True)
  print(diabetes.DESCR)
```

.. \_diabetes\_dataset:

Diabetes dataset

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Ten baseline variables, age, sex, body mass index, average blood pressure, and six blood serum measurements were obtained for each of n=442 diabetes patients, as well as the response of interest, a quantitative measure of disease progression one year after baseline.

\*\*Data Set Characteristics:\*\*

:Number of Instances: 442

:Number of Attributes: First 10 columns are numeric predictive values

:Target: Column 11 is a quantitative measure of disease progression one year after baseline

:Attribute Information:

- age age in years
- sex
- bmi body mass index
- bp average blood pressure
- s1 tc, T-Cells (a type of white blood cells)
- s2 ldl, low-density lipoproteins
- s3 hdl, high-density lipoproteins
- s4 tch, thyroid stimulating hormone
- s5 ltg, lamotrigine
- s6 glu, blood sugar level

Note: Each of these 10 feature variables have been mean centered and scaled by the standard deviation times `n\_samples` (i.e. the sum of squares of each column totals 1).

Source URL:

https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~boos/var.select/diabetes.html

For more information see:

Bradley Efron, Trevor Hastie, Iain Johnstone and Robert Tibshirani (2004) "Least Angle Regression," Annals of Statistics (with discussion), 407-499. (https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/Papers/LARS/LeastAngle\_2002.pdf)

## 15 A Supervised Learning Dataset: Notation

We say that a training dataset of size n (e.g., n patients) is a set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$

Each  $x^{(i)}$  denotes an input (e.g., the measurements for patient i), and each  $y^{(i)} \in \mathcal{Y}$  is a target (e.g., the diabetes risk).

Together,  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  form a training example.

We can look at the diabetes dataset in this form.

```
[11]: # Load the diabetes dataset
diabetes_X, diabetes_y = diabetes.data, diabetes.target

# Print part of the dataset
diabetes_X.head()
```

```
[11]:
                        sex
                                  bmi
                                                       s1
                                                                 s2
              age
                                             bp
         0.038076 0.050680
                             0.061696
                                       0.021872 -0.044223 -0.034821 -0.043401
      1 - 0.001882 - 0.044642 - 0.051474 - 0.026328 - 0.008449 - 0.019163
                                                                     0.074412
      2 0.085299 0.050680 0.044451 -0.005671 -0.045599 -0.034194 -0.032356
      3 -0.089063 -0.044642 -0.011595 -0.036656
                                                 0.012191
                                                           0.024991 -0.036038
      4 0.005383 -0.044642 -0.036385 0.021872 0.003935 0.015596 0.008142
               s4
                         s5
      0 -0.002592
                  0.019908 -0.017646
      1 -0.039493 -0.068330 -0.092204
      2 -0.002592 0.002864 -0.025930
```

## 16 Training Dataset: Inputs

4 -0.002592 -0.031991 -0.046641

0.022692 -0.009362

More precisely, an input  $x^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}$  is a d-dimensional vector of the form

$$x^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(i)} \\ x_2^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ x_d^{(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

For example, it could be the values of the d features for patient i.

The set  $\mathcal{X}$  is called the feature space. Often, we have,  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Let's look at data for one patient.

#### [12]: diabetes\_X.iloc[0]

3 0.034309

```
[12]: age
              0.038076
              0.050680
      sex
      bmi
              0.061696
      bp
              0.021872
             -0.044223
      s1
             -0.034821
      s2
      s3
             -0.043401
             -0.002592
      s4
```

```
s5 0.019908
s6 -0.017646
```

Name: 0, dtype: float64

## 17 Training Dataset: Attributes

We refer to the numerical variables describing the patient as *attributes*. Examples of attributes include: \* The age of a patient. \* The patient's gender. \* The patient's BMI.

Note that thes attributes in the above example have been mean-centered at zero and re-scaled to have a variance of one.

#### 18 Training Dataset: Features

Often, an input object has many attributes, and we want to use these attributes to define more complex descriptions of the input.

- Is the patient old and a man? (Useful if old men are at risk).
- Is the BMI above the obesity threshold?

We call these custom attributes features.

Let's create an "old man" feature.

```
[13]: diabetes_X['old_man'] = (diabetes_X['sex'] > 0) & (diabetes_X['age'] > 0.05)
      diabetes_X.head()
[13]:
                                                                                 \
                                                        s1
                                                                   s2
                                                                             s3
                                  bmi
                                              bp
                        sex
      0 0.038076
                   0.050680
                             0.061696
                                        0.021872 -0.044223 -0.034821 -0.043401
      1 - 0.001882 - 0.044642 - 0.051474 - 0.026328 - 0.008449 - 0.019163
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                                                            0.015596
                         s5
               s4
                                    s6
                                        old_{man}
      0 -0.002592
                  0.019908 -0.017646
                                          False
      1 -0.039493 -0.068330 -0.092204
                                          False
      2 -0.002592 0.002864 -0.025930
                                           True
      3 0.034309 0.022692 -0.009362
                                          False
      4 -0.002592 -0.031991 -0.046641
                                          False
```

### 19 Training Dataset: Features

We may denote features via a function  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}^p$  that takes an input  $x^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}$  and outputs a p-dimensional vector

$$\phi(x^{(i)}) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x^{(i)})_1 \\ \phi(x^{(i)})_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi(x^{(i)})_p \end{bmatrix}$$

We say that  $\phi(x^{(i)})$  is a featurized input, and each  $\phi(x^{(i)})_i$  is a feature.

#### 20 Features vs Attributes

In practice, the terms attribute and features are often used interchangeably. Most authors refer to  $x^{(i)}$  as a vector of features.

We will follow this convention and use the term "attribute" only when there is ambiguity between features and attributes.

#### 21 Features: Discrete vs. Continuous

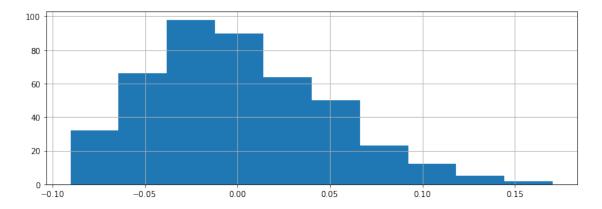
Features can be either discrete or continuous. We will see that some ML algorithms handle these differently.

The BMI feature that we have seen earlier is an example of a continuous feature.

We can visualize its distribution.

[14]: diabetes\_X.loc[:, 'bmi'].hist()

#### [14]: <AxesSubplot:>



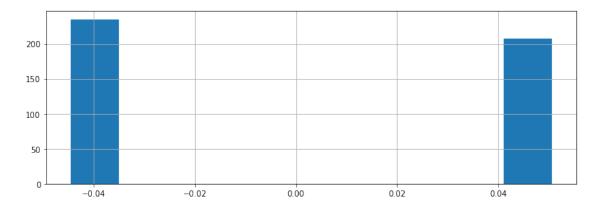
Other features take on one of a finite number of discrete values. The **sex** column is an example of a categorical feature.

In this example, the dataset has been pre-processed such that the two values happen to be 0.05068012 and -0.04464164.

```
[15]: print(diabetes_X.loc[:, 'sex'].unique())
diabetes_X.loc[:, 'sex'].hist()
```

[ 0.05068012 -0.04464164]

#### [15]: <AxesSubplot:>



# 22 Training Dataset: Targets

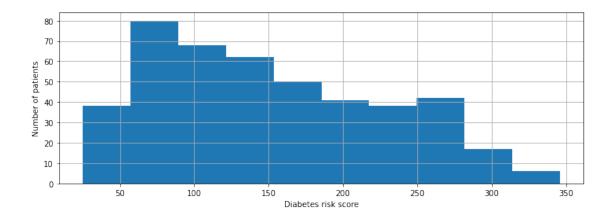
For each patient, we are interested in predicting a quantity of interest, the *target*. In our example, this is the patient's diabetes risk.

Formally, when  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  form a training example, each  $y^{(i)} \in \mathcal{Y}$  is a target. We call  $\mathcal{Y}$  the target space.

We plot the distirbution of risk scores below.

```
[16]: plt.xlabel('Diabetes risk score')
   plt.ylabel('Number of patients')
   diabetes_y.hist()
```

[16]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='Diabetes risk score', ylabel='Number of patients'>



## 23 Targets: Regression vs. Classification

We distinguish between two broad types of supervised learning problems that differ in the form of the target variable.

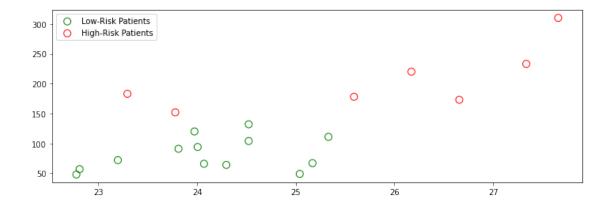
- 1. **Regression**: The target variable y is continuous. We are fitting a curve in a high-dimensional feature space that approximates the shape of the dataset.
- 2. Classification: The target variable y is discrete. Each discrete value corresponds to a *class* and we are looking for a hyperplane that separates the different classes.

We can easily turn our earlier regression example into classification by discretizing the diabetes risk scores into high or low.

```
[17]: # Discretize the targets
diabetes_y_train_discr = np.digitize(diabetes_y_train, bins=[150])

# Visualize it
plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==0],
diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==0], marker='o', s=80,
facecolors='none', edgecolors='g')
plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==1],
diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==1], marker='o', s=80,
facecolors='none', edgecolors='r')
plt.legend(['Low-Risk Patients', 'High-Risk Patients'])
```

[17]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x125ffc240>



Let's try to generate predictions for this dataset.

```
[18]: # Create logistic regression object (note: this is actually a classification_
       \hookrightarrow algorithm!)
      clf = linear_model.LogisticRegression()
      # Train the model using the training sets
      clf.fit(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train_discr)
      # Make predictions on the training set
      diabetes_y_train_pred = clf.predict( )
      # Visualize it
      plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==0],__
       →diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==0], marker='o', s=140, __

¬facecolors='none', edgecolors='g')
      plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==1],__
       →diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_discr==1], marker='o', s=140, __

→facecolors='none', edgecolors='r')
      plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_pred==0],__

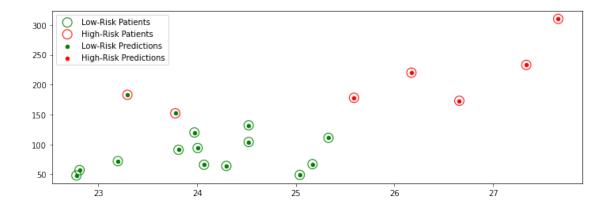
→diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_pred==0], color='g', s=20)

      plt.scatter(diabetes_X_train[diabetes_y_train_pred==1],__

→diabetes_y_train[diabetes_y_train_pred==1], color='r', s=20)

      plt.legend(['Low-Risk Patients', 'High-Risk Patients', 'Low-Risk Predictions',
       →'High-Risk Predictions'])
```

[18]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11847d320>



# Part 3: Anatomy of a Supervised Learning Problem: The Learning Algorithm Let's now look at what a general supervised learning algorithm looks like.

## 24 Recall: Three Components of a Supervised Machine Learning Problem

To apply supervised learning, we define a dataset and a learning algorithm.

 $Dataset + Learning Algorithm \rightarrow Predictive Model$ 

The output is a predictive model that maps inputs to targets. For instance, it can predict targets on new inputs.

# 25 The Components of a Supervised Machine Learning Algorithm

We can also define the high-level structure of a supervised learning algorithm as consisting of three components: \* A model class: the set of possible models we consider. \* An objective function, which defines how good a model is. \* An optimizer, which finds the best predictive model in the model class according to the objective function

Let's look again at our diabetes dataset for an example.

```
[19]: import numpy as np
  import pandas as pd
  from sklearn import datasets
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 4]

# Load the diabetes dataset
  diabetes = datasets.load_diabetes(as_frame=True)
  diabetes_X, diabetes_y = diabetes.data, diabetes.target
```

# # Print part of the dataset diabetes\_X.head()

[19]: s2 sex bmi bp s1 s3 age 0.021872 -0.044223 -0.034821 -0.043401 0.038076 0.050680 0.061696 1 - 0.001882 - 0.044642 - 0.051474 - 0.026328 - 0.008449 - 0.0191630.085299 0.050680 0.044451 -0.005671 -0.045599 -0.034194 -0.032356 3 -0.089063 -0.044642 -0.011595 -0.036656 0.012191 0.024991 -0.036038 0.005383 -0.044642 -0.036385 0.021872 0.003935 0.015596 0.008142 s4 s5 **s**6 0 -0.002592 0.019908 -0.017646 1 -0.039493 -0.068330 -0.092204 2 -0.002592 0.002864 -0.025930 0.034309 0.022692 -0.009362 4 -0.002592 -0.031991 -0.046641

#### 26 Model: Notation

We'll say that a model is a function

$$f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$$

that maps inputs  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  to targets  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

Often, models have parameters  $\theta \in \Theta$  living in a set  $\Theta$ . We will then write the model as

$$f_{\theta}: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$$

to denote that it's parametrized by  $\theta$ .

#### 27 Model Class: Notation

Formally, the model class is a set

$$\mathcal{M} \subseteq \{ f \mid f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y} \}$$

of possible models that map input features to targets.

When the models  $f_{\theta}$  are paremetrized by parameters  $\theta \in \Theta$  living in some set  $\Theta$ . Thus we can also write

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ f_{\theta} \mid \theta \in \Theta \}.$$

# 28 Model Class: Example

One simple approach is to assume that x and y are related by a linear model of the form

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \cdot x_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_2 + \dots + \theta_d \cdot x_d$$

where x is a featurized input and y is the target.

The  $\theta_j$  are the parameters of the model,  $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , and  $\mathcal{M} = \{\theta_0 + \theta_1 \cdot x_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_2 + ... + \theta_d \cdot x_d \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}\}$ 

## 29 Objectives: Notation

To capture this intuition, we define an *objective function* (also called a *loss function*)

$$J(f): \mathcal{M} \to [0, \infty),$$

which describes the extent to which f "fits" the data  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ .

When f is parametrized by  $\theta \in \Theta$ , the objective becomes a function  $J(\theta): \Theta \to [0, \infty)$ .

## 30 Objective: Examples

What would are some possible objective functions? We will see many, but here are a few examples:

\* Mean squared error:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( f_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^{2}$$

\* Absolute (L1) error:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| f_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right|$$

These are defined for a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, 2, ..., n\}.$ 

```
[60]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error

y1 = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4])
y2 = np.array([-1, 1, 3, 5])

print('Mean squared error: %.2f' % mean_squared_error(y1, y2))
print('Mean absolute error: %.2f' % mean_absolute_error(y1, y2))
```

Mean squared error: 1.50
Mean absolute error: 1.00

# 31 Optimizer: Notation

At a high-level an optimizer takes an objective J and a model class  $\mathcal{M}$  and finds a model  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  with the smallest value of the objective J.

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{M}} J(f)$$

Intuitively, this is the function that bests "fits" the data on the training dataset.

When f is parametrized by  $\theta \in \Theta$ , the optimizer minimizes a function  $J(\theta)$  over all  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

## 32 Optimizer: Example

We will see that behind the scenes, the sklearn.linear\_models.LinearRegression algorithm optimizes the MSE loss.

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( f_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

We can easily measure the quality of the fit on the training set and the test set.

Let's run the above algorithm on our diabetes dataset.

```
[54]: # Collect 20 data points for training
diabetes_X_train = diabetes_X.iloc[-20:]
diabetes_y_train = diabetes_y.iloc[-20:]

# Create linear regression object
regr = linear_model.LinearRegression()

# Train the model using the training sets
regr.fit(diabetes_X_train, diabetes_y_train.values)

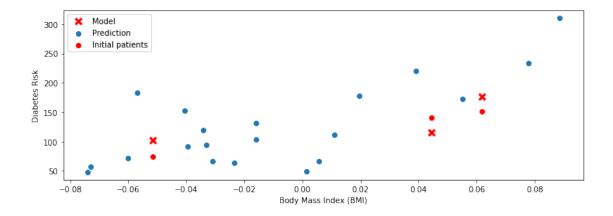
# Make predictions on the training set
diabetes_y_train_pred = regr.predict(diabetes_X_train)

# Collect 3 data points for testing
diabetes_X_test = diabetes_X.iloc[:3]
diabetes_y_test = diabetes_y.iloc[:3]

# generate predictions on the new patients
diabetes_y_test_pred = regr.predict(diabetes_X_test)
```

The algorithm returns a predictive model. We can visualize its predictions below.

[55]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x12f6a46a0>



```
Training set mean squared error: 1118.22
Test set mean squared error: 667.81
Test set mean squared error on random inputs: 15887.97
```

# 33 Summary: Components of a Supervised Machine Learning Problem

To apply supervised learning, we define a dataset and a learning algorithm.

$$\underbrace{\text{Dataset}}_{\text{Features, Attributes, Targets}} + \underbrace{\text{Learning Algorithm}}_{\text{Model Class + Objective + Optimizer}} \rightarrow \text{Predictive Model}$$

The output is a predictive model that maps inputs to targets. For instance, it can predict targets on new inputs.

#### 34 Notation: Feature Matrix

Suppose that we have a dataset of size n (e.g., n patients), indexed by i = 1, 2, ..., n. Each  $x^{(i)}$  is a vector of d features.

**Feature Matrix** Machine learning algorithms are most easily defined in the language of linear algebra. Therefore, it will be useful to represent the entire dataset as one matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , of the form:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_1^{(2)} & \dots & x_1^{(n)} \\ x_2^{(1)} & x_2^{(2)} & \dots & x_2^{(n)} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ x_d^{(1)} & x_d^{(2)} & \dots & x_d^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, we can vectorize the target variables into a vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of the form

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)} \\ x^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ x^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}.$$