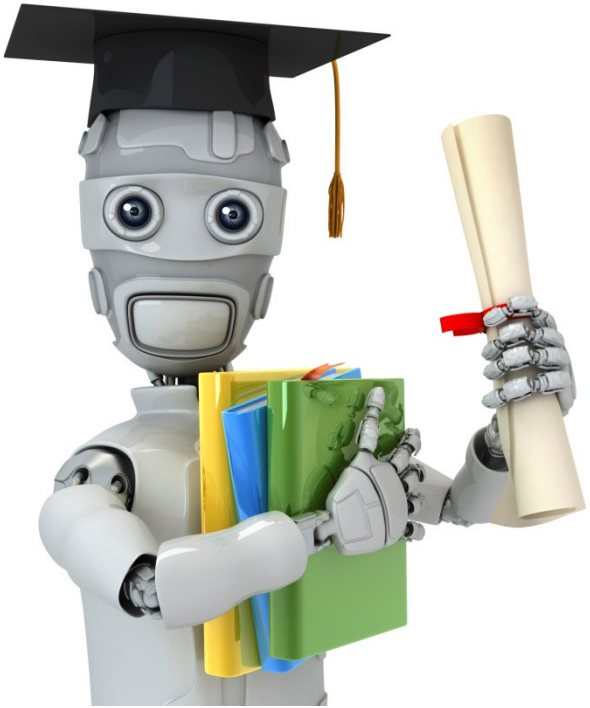

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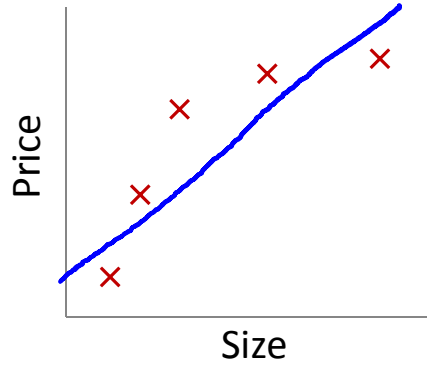
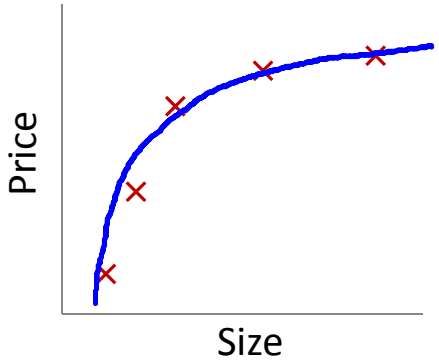
The problem of overfitting

Example: Linear regression (housing prices)



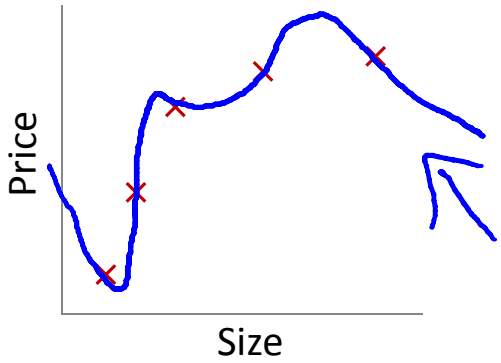
$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$

"Underfit" "High bias"



$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$

"Just right"

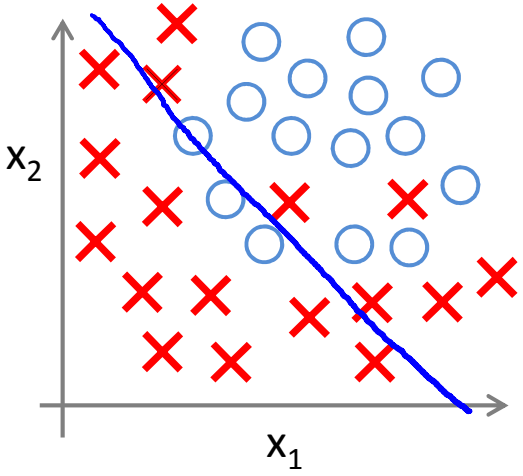


$\rightarrow \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$

"Overfit" "High variance"

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).

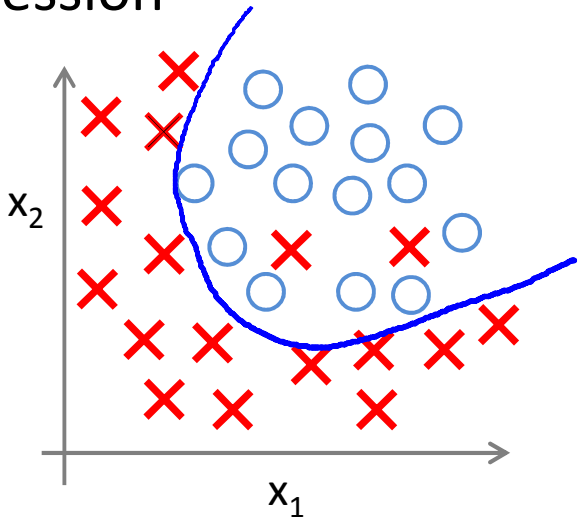
Example: Logistic regression



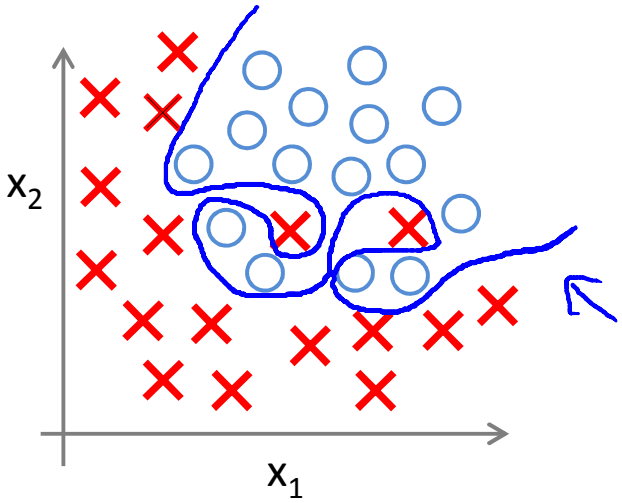
$h_\theta(x) = g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2)$

(g = sigmoid function)

"Underfit"



$g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_1^2 + \theta_4 x_2^2 + \theta_5 x_1 x_2)$

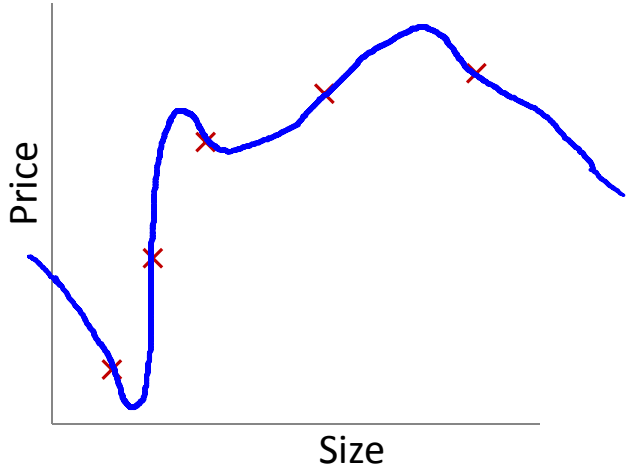


$g(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 + \theta_3 x_1^2 x_2 + \theta_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 + \theta_5 x_1^2 x_2^3 + \theta_6 x_1^3 x_2 + \dots)$

"Overfit"

Addressing overfitting:

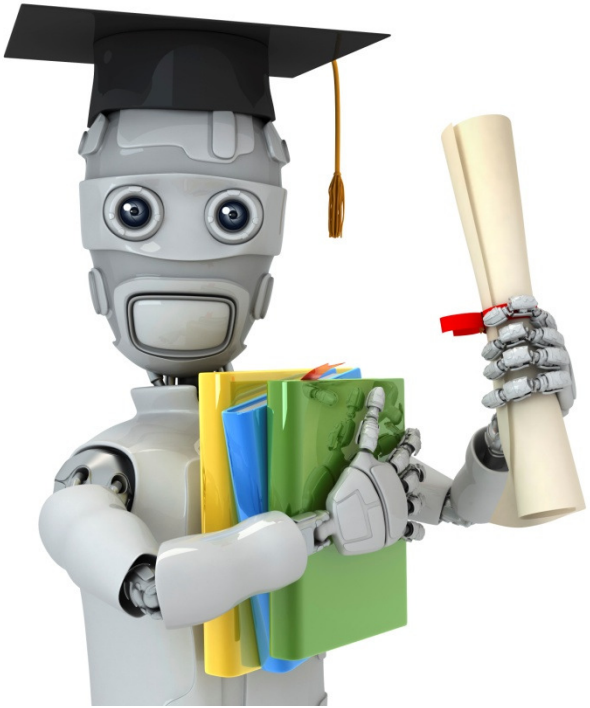
$x_1 =$ size of house
$x_2 =$ no. of bedrooms
$x_3 =$ no. of floors
$x_4 =$ age of house
$x_5 =$ average income in neighborhood
$x_6 =$ kitchen size
$\vdots$
x_{100}



Addressing overfitting:

Options:

1. Reduce number of features.
   - — Manually select which features to keep.
   - — Model selection algorithm (later in course).
2. Regularization.
   - — Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of parameters θ_j.
   - — Works well when we have a lot of features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting y.



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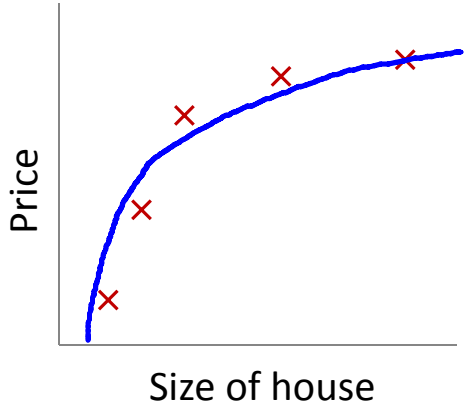
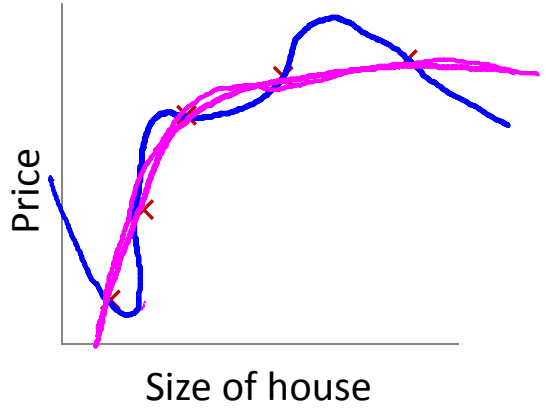
Cost function

Intuition



$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$$



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

Suppose we penalize and make θ_3, θ_4 really small.

$$\min_\theta \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + 1000\,\theta_3^2 + 1000\,\theta_4^2$$

$\theta_3 \approx 0$ $\theta_4 \approx 0$

Regularization.

Small values for parameters $\theta_0, \theta_1, \ldots, \theta_n$
- "Simpler" hypothesis
- Less prone to overfitting

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

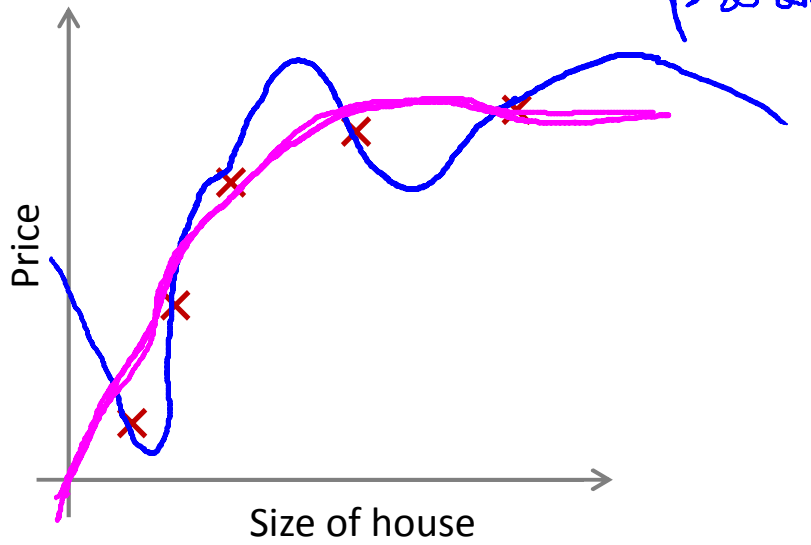
$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2\right]$$

Regularization.

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

regularization parameter

$$\min_\theta J(\theta)$$



In regularized linear regression, we choose θ 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 λ is set to an extremely large value (perhaps for too large for our problem, say $\lambda = 10^{10}$)?

- Algorithm works fine; setting λ to be very large can't hurt it
- Algortihm fails to eliminate overfitting.
- Algorithm results in underfitting. (Fails to fit even training data well).
- Gradient descent will fail to converge.

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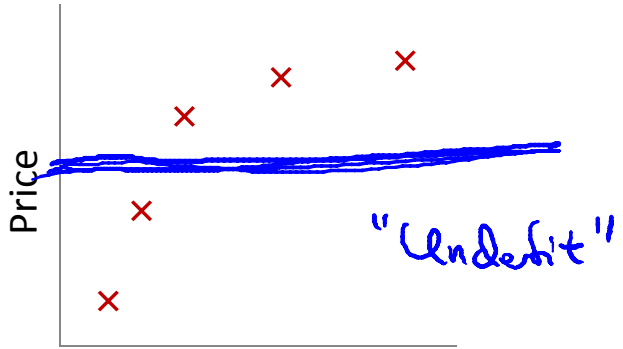


$h_\theta(x)$

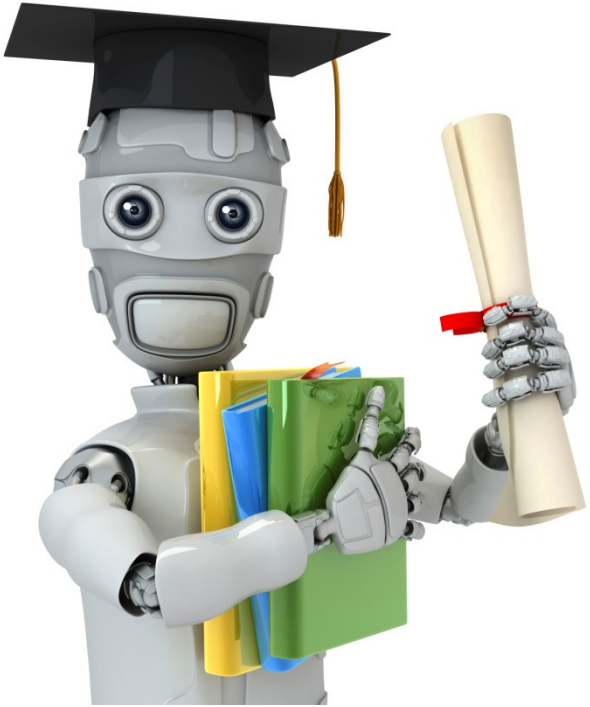
$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$

$\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$

$\theta_1 \approx 0, \theta_2 \approx 0$

$\theta_3 \approx 0, \theta_4 \approx 0$

$h_\theta(x) = \theta_0$



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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 $\{$

$$\theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$$

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

$(j = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n)$

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

$1 - \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} < 1$

0.99

$\theta_j \times 0.99$

Normal equation

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

$m \times (n+1)$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$\Rightarrow \min_\theta J(\theta)$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) \overset{\text{set}}{=} 0$ for all j

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

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

E.g. $n = 2$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Non-invertibility (optional/advanced).

Suppose $m \leq n$,

(#examples) (#features)

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

non-invertible / singular

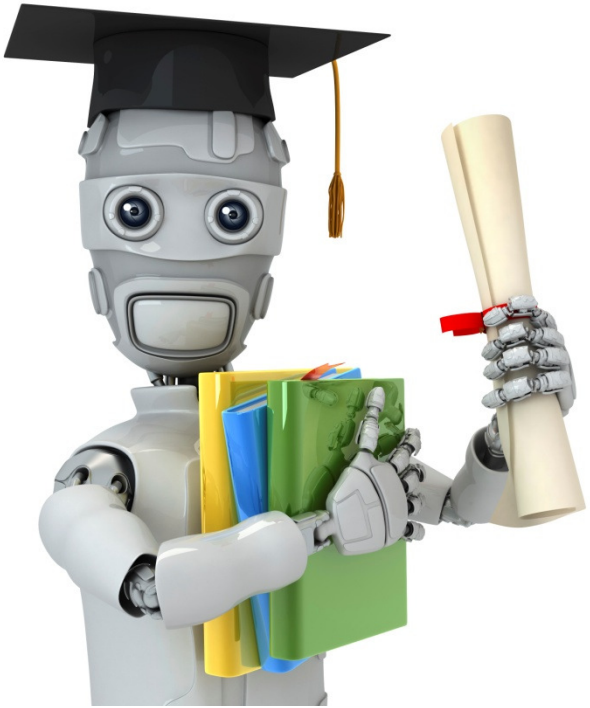
pinv

inv

If $\lambda > 0$,

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

invertible.



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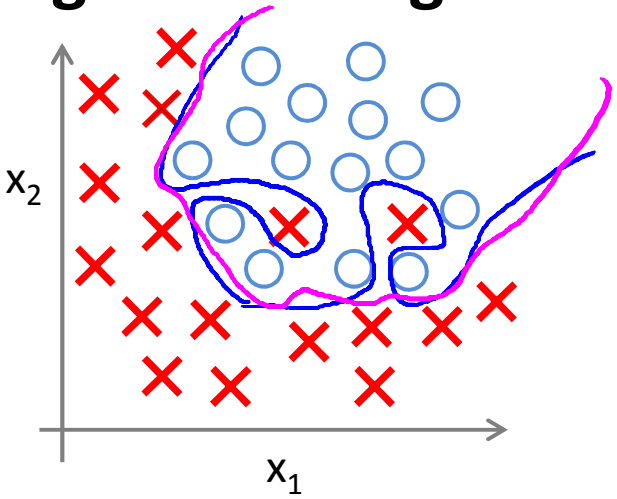
Regularized logistic regression

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:

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

$\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$

Gradient descent

Repeat $\{$

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$(j = \cancel{0}, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n)$

$\theta_1 \ldots \theta_n$

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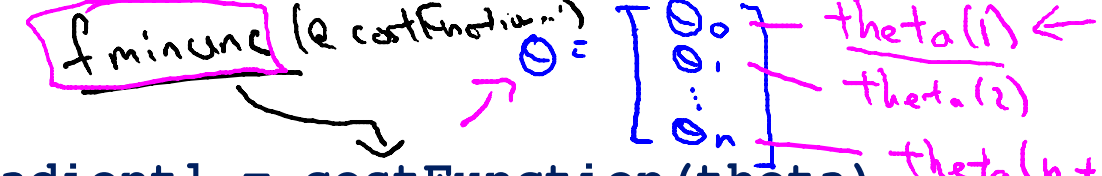
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$

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

Advanced optimization

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function [jVal, gradient] = costFunction(theta)
    jVal = [code to compute J(θ)];
    gradient(1) = [code to compute ∂/∂θ0 J(θ)];
    gradient(2) = [code to compute ∂/∂θ1 J(θ)];
    gradient(3) = [code to compute ∂/∂θ2 J(θ)];
    ⋮
    gradient(n+1) = [code to compute ∂/∂θn J(θ)];
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$$J(\theta) = \left[-\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} y^{(i)} \log\left(h_\theta(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log 1 - h_\theta(x^{(i)})\right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)} - \frac{\lambda}{m}\theta_1$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_2^{(i)} - \frac{\lambda}{m}\theta_2$$

$J(\theta)$