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#### Starting point :

- Outcome measurement Y (also called dependent variable, response, target);
- Vector of p predictor measurements X (also called inputs, regressors, covariates, features, independent variables). X is a matrix of dimension (N,p), where n is the number of measurements;
- In the regression problem, Y is quantitative (e.g price, blood pressure);
- We have training data (x1,y1),..., (xN,yN). These are observations (examples, instances) of these measurements.



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Linear Regression model with one variable

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1$$

 $Price_{house30} = K + \beta_1 Surface_{House30}$ 

Figure (TBD) In fact, we could imagine the price depends from severals factors, so we come with Linear Regression with several variables :

 $Price_{house30} =$ 

 $K + \beta_1 Surface_{House30} + \beta_2 NbOfRooms_{House30} + \beta_3 Location_{House30}$ In general :

$$Y_i = h(X^i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \beta_2 X_{i,2} + \dots + \beta_i X_{i,p}$$

Traditionaly p is called the number of features. We will use matrix notation, so there will be double indices.



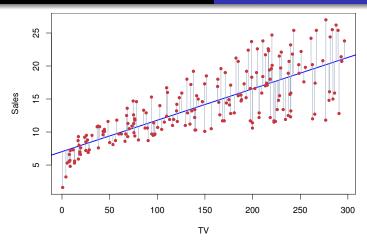
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$$\approx \beta_0 + \beta_1 TV$$

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- The parameters in the linear regression model are very easy to interpret.
- $\beta_j, 1 \leq j \leq p$  is the average increase in Y when  $X_j$  is increased by one and all other  $X_i$  are held constant.
- Vocabulary :  $\beta_0$  is the intercept (i.e. the average value for Y if all the X?s are zero),  $\beta_j$  is the slope for the jth variable  $X_j$

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- Historical method : least square regression ;
- Modern method: numerical iterative process: gradient descent and a huge family of similar algorithms (Maths: (Numerical)(Convex or not) Optimization.

Cost function, traditionally noted  $J(\beta)$  is given by :  $J(\beta) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (h(X^i) - Y_i)^2$  n is N explained before.

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Explanation, Solution in One dim Solution in p dim

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- Level on a curve or surface, direction of steppest descent
- Stochastic approach (SGD)

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- The goal of Unsupervised Learning is to discover interesting things about the measurements: is there an informative way to visualize the data? Can we discover subgroups among the variables or among the observations?
- We discuss two methods :
  - principal components analysis (PCA), a tool used for data visualization or data pre-processing before supervised techniques are applied, and
  - clustering, a broad class of methods for discovering unknown subgroups in data.



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