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## Starting point :

- Outcome measurement  $Y$  (also called dependent variable, response, target, label) ;
- Vector of  $p$  predictor measurements  $X_i$  (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, sales, categories, blood pressure) ;
- We have training data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ . These are observations (examples, instances) of these measurements.

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## Linear Regression model with one variable

- Pattern / Model :  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq N$

$$Price_{house30} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Surface_{House30} + \epsilon$$

- In fact, we could imagine the price depends from several factors, so we come with Linear Regression with several variables :

$$Price_{house30} = K + \beta_1 Surface_{House30} + \beta_2 NbOfRooms_{House30} + \beta_3 Location_{House30} + \epsilon$$

- In general :

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

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

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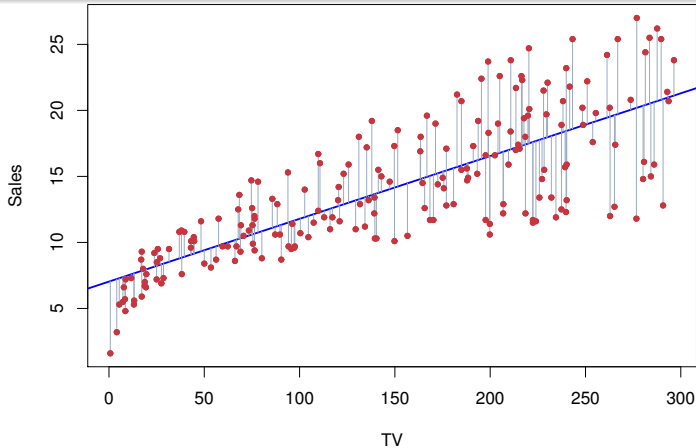
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$$\text{Sales} \approx \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{TV}$$



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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  $j$ th 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 :

$$J(\beta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (h(X^i) - Y_i)^2$$

Recall naming and indices are not universal, you will find sometimes  $n$  instead of  $N$  or  $p$ , or  $m$  instead of  $N$ , etc.

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- We want to minimize the quantity  $\sum_{i=1}^N (h(X^i) - Y_i)^2$  called MSE Mean Square Error
- Solution in one dimension : write partial derivatives in  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  of the cost function. To be done
- Solution in p dimension : Matrix

- In one dimension you will derive a 2x2 linear system :
$$\begin{cases} \beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i, \\ N\beta_0 + \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i. \end{cases}$$
- To recall : you can shift the variables  $(x_i, y_i)$  to be centred on the mean, new variables  $(\bar{x}_i, \bar{y}_i)$ , verifies  $\sum_i \bar{x}_i = 0$ ,  $\sum_i \bar{y}_i = 0$  it gives directly the well-known slope coefficient  $\beta_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \bar{y}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \bar{x}_i^2}$
- Solution in p dimensions : Matrix X including a column vector of 1, verify  $(X^T X)\beta = X^T Y$  gives  $\beta = (X^T X)^{-1}(X^T Y)$  assuming that the square matrix  $X^T X$  is invertible. This is the **Normal Equation**.

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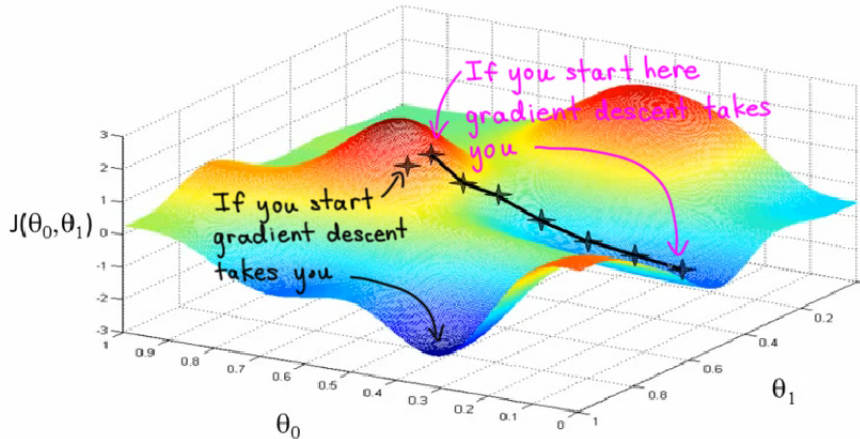
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- Levels on a curve or surface, directions of steepest descent
- Stochastic approach steps :
  - Initialize  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$
  - Compute the new direction :  $\beta_j := \beta_j - \alpha_j \frac{\partial J(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j}$  , for  $j = 0, \dots, p$
  - Evaluate  $J(\beta)$  and iterate
- Compare the complexity of the 2 methods

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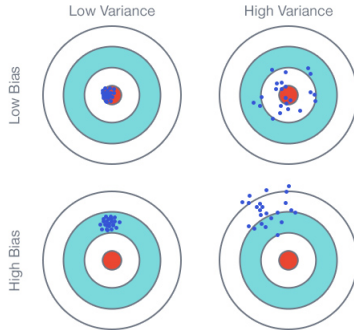
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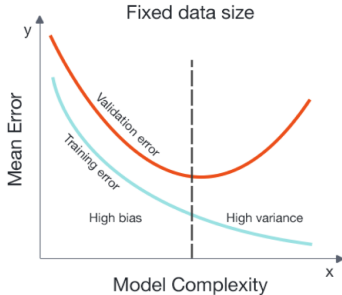
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# Bias-Variance definition



- Informal definition
- So-called Bias-Variance trade-off

## Train vs Test set error

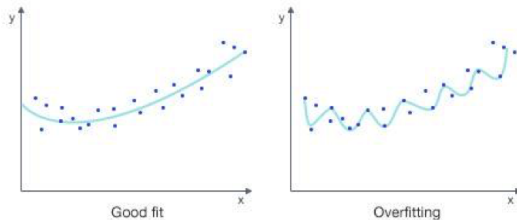


- Graphical model tuning

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# Overfitting



- Polynomial expansion (chapter Beyond Linearity)

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- Polynomial expansion : beyond the linearity (another chapter)



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- Linearity is a limitation but solving principles are more general ;
- Introducing complexity/flexibility of a model vs interpretability

