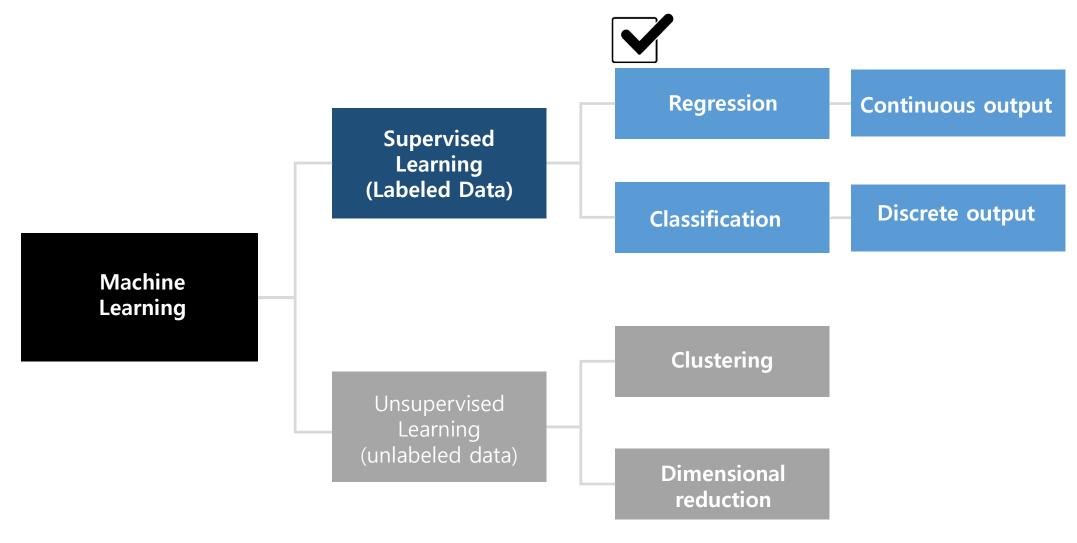
## **Linear Regression**

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# Machine learning problems



## Linear models

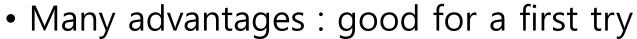
• Hypothesis set  $\mathcal{H}$ : a set of lines

$$h_w(x) = \theta_0^{2} + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{x}$$

**θ**: model parameter (learnable parameter)

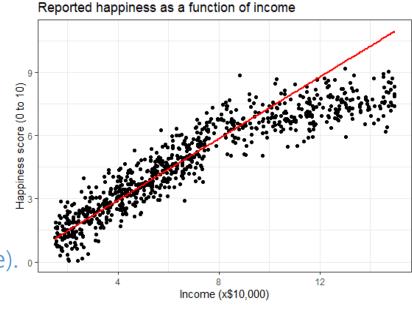
$$h_w(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 k_1(x_1) + \dots + \theta_d k_d(x_d) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T k(\boldsymbol{x})$$
 e.g.  $k_n(x) = \boldsymbol{x}^n$ 

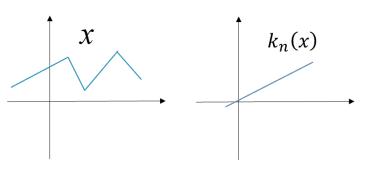
Linear model with a set of arbitrary functions (more general case). Linear in  $\theta$ , not necessarily in x



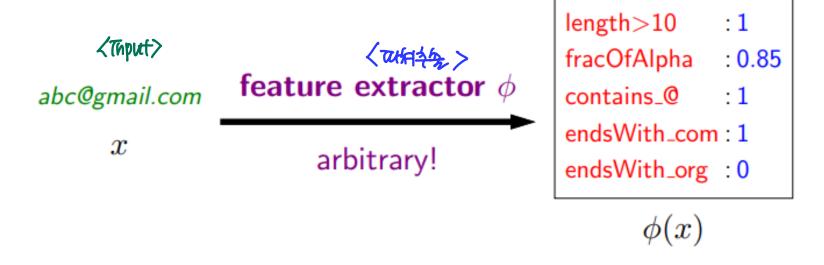
- Simplicity: easy to implement and interpret
- Generalization : higher chance  $E_{test} \approx E_{train}$
- Solve regression and classification problems

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## Feature organization



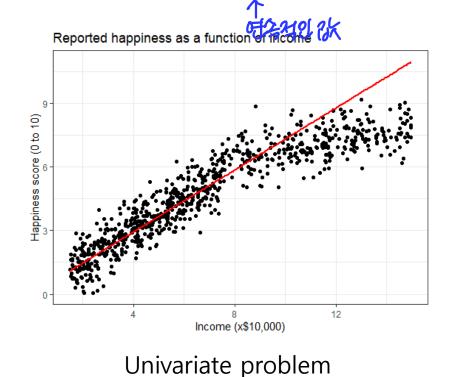
$$h_w(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \phi(x_1) + \dots + \theta_d \phi(x_d) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \phi(\boldsymbol{x})$$

 $\theta$ : model parameter (linear combination of features)

$$h_w(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 k_1 \phi(x_1) + \dots + \theta_d k_d \phi(x_d) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} k \phi(\boldsymbol{x})$$

## **Example:** happiness

• Predict real valued output y (happiness) from x when D = (x, y) is given



Life satisfaction	0.43*
Freedom	0.23*
Relevance of	0.09*
religion	
Religious person	0.04*
Gender	0.01*
Marital status	0.07*
Social class	0.18*
Health	0.37*

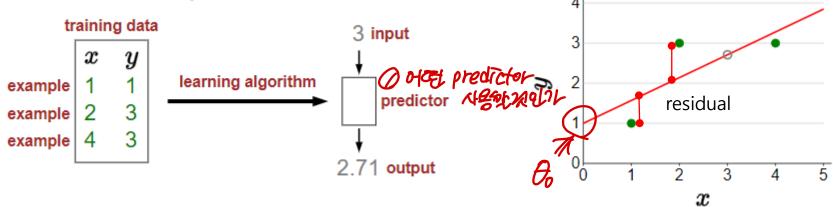
Happiness

Multivariate problem

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# Linear regression framework

Hypothesis function to map from x to y



Which predictor? Hypothesis class

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

Univariate linear model

How good is a predictor?

Loss function

$$\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

**Minimizing MSE** 

How to compute the best predictor?
Optimization algorithm

**Gradient descent algorithm Normal equation** 

## Linear regression: parameter opt.

Idea:

choose  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_1$  so that  $h_{\theta}(x)$  is close to y using our training set

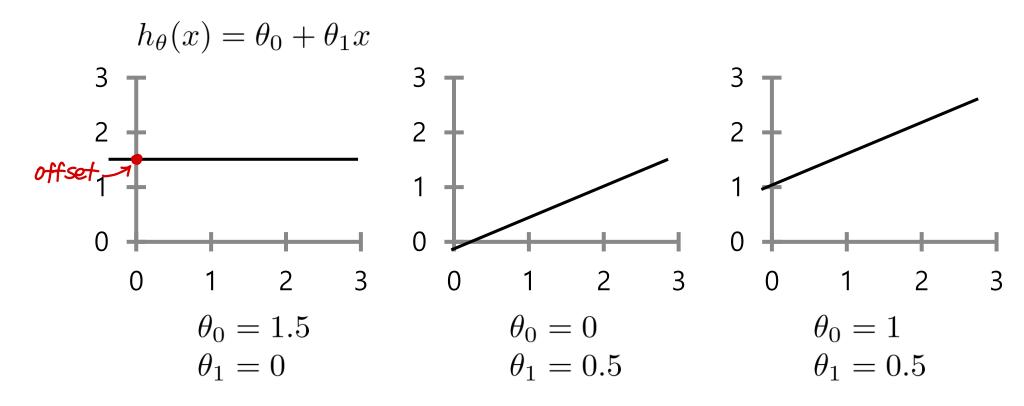


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# L<sub>2</sub> cost function (Goal : minimizing MSE)

 $J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$ minimize  $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$ 

 $\theta_0, \theta_1$ 

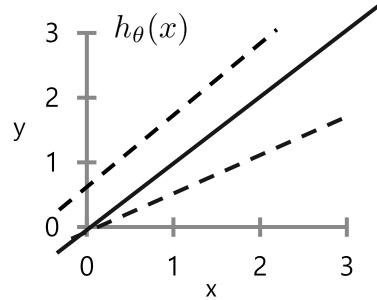
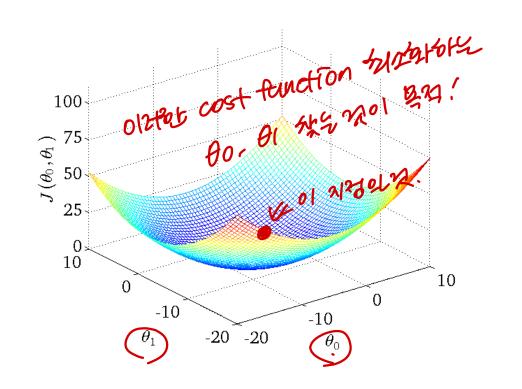
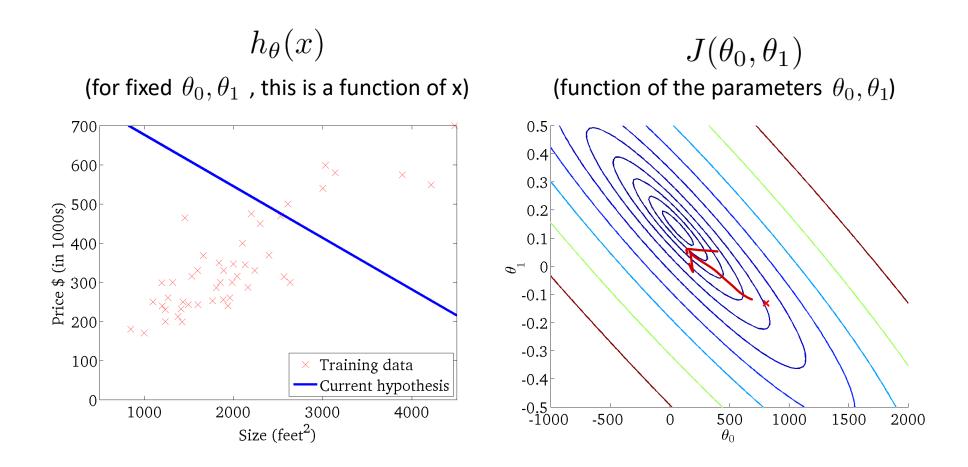
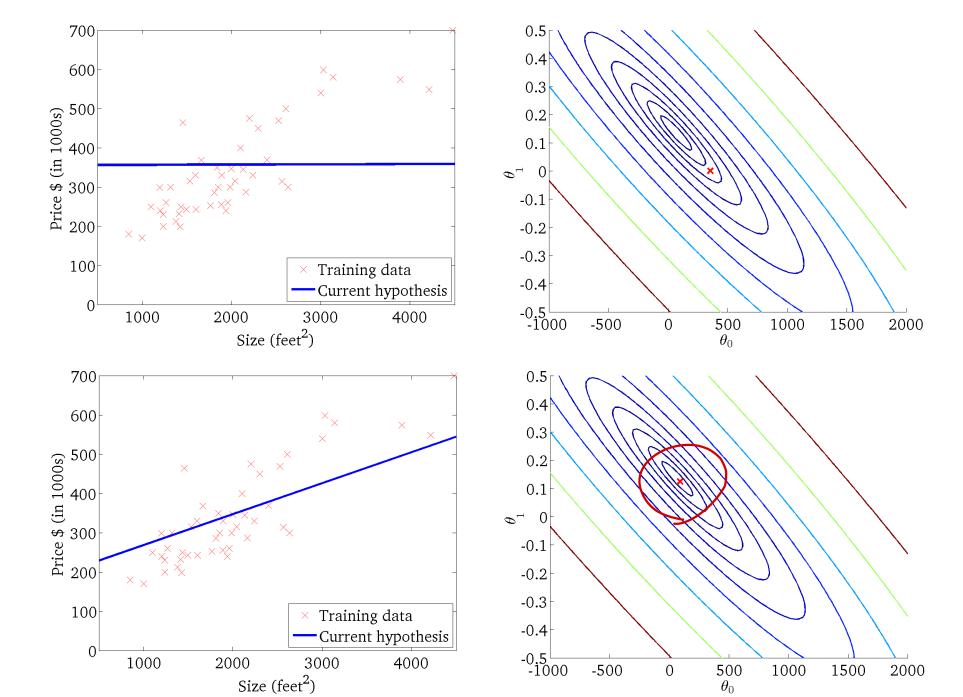


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# **Optimization**

### -Matrix representation in data

- m samples  $(x^{(1)},y^{(1)}),\ldots,(x^{(m)},y^{(m)})$ ; d-dimensional features.  $X = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ -x_2 \\ & \cdots \\ -x_N \end{bmatrix}, y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ & \cdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$  rows vector: inputs as  $\mathbf{x}^m \in \mathbf{R}^{1 \times (d+1)}$ 
  - - rows vector: inputs as  $x^m \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times (d+1)}$
- Target vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ 
  - column vectors  $y^m$
- Weight vector  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}$
- In-sample error is a function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and data X, y

$$\|y - X\theta\|_2$$

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	$\lceil 1 \rceil$	$x_1^0$	$x_2^0$	•••	$x_d^0$	
	1	$x_1^1$	$x_2^1$	• • •	$x_d^1$	
X =	1	$x_1^2$	$x_{2}^{2}$	•••	$x_d^2$	
	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	•••	
		$x_1^{N-1}$	$x_2^{N-1}$	•••	$x_d^{N-1}$	

# Optimization -Getting a solution $\theta$

- $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ : the solution to linear regression
  - Derived by minimizing  $E_{\theta}$  over all possible  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\theta}^* &= \underset{\mathbf{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} E(\mathbf{\theta}) \\ &= \underset{\mathbf{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} \frac{1}{N} \| \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{y} \|_{2}^{2} \\ &= \underset{\mathbf{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} \left[ \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - 2\mathbf{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

•  $\boldsymbol{E}$  is continuous, differentiable, and convex

- General optimization techniques
  - Gradient descent

# Normal equation (Least Square)

# Normal Equation OHS least Square problem

- -Analytic solution of  $\theta$ 
  - $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ : the solution to linear regression
    - Derived by minimizing  $E_{\theta}$  over all possible  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}$

$$\mathbf{\theta}^* = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} E(\mathbf{\theta})$$

$$= \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} \frac{1}{N} \| \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{y} \|_2^2$$

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$$= \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}}{\min} [\frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\theta} - 2\mathbf{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y})]$$

$$= 0$$

 $m{E}$  is continuous, differentiable, and convex

## Normal equation (Least Square)

- analytic solution of  $\theta$ 

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\theta}E &= \nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta - 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta) - 2\nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}) + 0 \\ &= \nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta) - 2\nabla_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta) + 0 \\ &= 0 \\ &\nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta) = \nabla_{\theta}(\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{B}\theta) = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}})\theta \\ &\nabla_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta) = \nabla_{\theta}(\mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}}\theta) = \mathbf{a} \end{split}$$

# Normal equation (Least Square)

### -Analytic solution of $\theta$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} E = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} - 2 \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y})$$

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) - 2 \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}) + 0$$

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) - 2 \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 0$$

$$= 2 \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} - 2 \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}$$

$$= 0$$

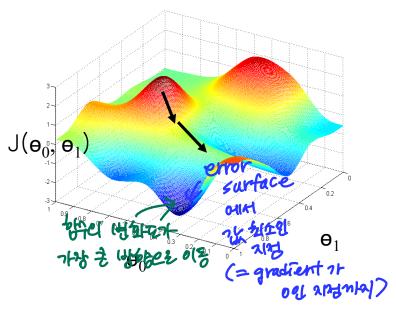
$$\therefore \boldsymbol{\theta}^* = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^{+}\mathbf{y} \iff \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{Y}$$

#### In practice

- What if the dimension of the input vector hugely increases (huge computational complexity)?
- What if the matrix is *not* invertible (redundant features; linearly dependent)?
- -> Needs iterative algorithm (gradient descent) ← মুমা পার ৬ ৬!

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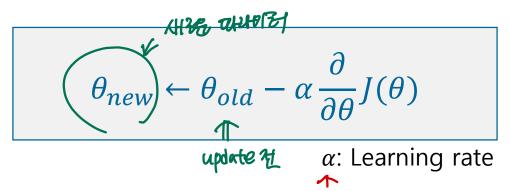
- Gradient: the derivative of vector functions
  - Direction of greatest increase (or decrease) of a function
  - Zero at (local) max/min
- Iteratively set the gradient to zero instead of analytically setting it to zero
- Gradient descent: a very general algorithm
  - Can train many other models with error measures



#### Two things to decide:

- Which direction?
- How much?

# Gradient descent algorithm Method to solve numerically



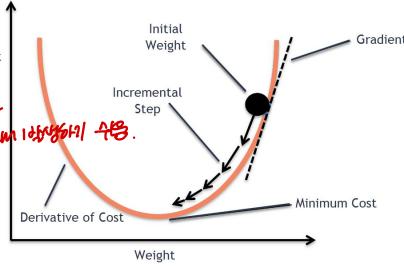
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### Two things to decide:

 Which direction? Steepest gradient descent with a greedy method

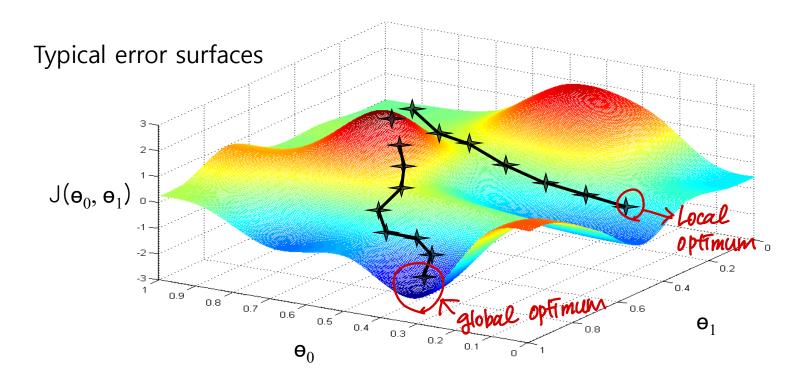
• How much? Step size ি মুখলাল গাইগ দ্বালাল লাক্তিয়া প্রাথন প্রাথন লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয়া প্রাথন লাক্তিয়া ক্রিয়ালা ক্রিয়ালা প্রাথন লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয় লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয়ে লাক্তিয়া লাক্তিয়ে লাক্

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$



## Illustration: Error surface

 $E_{train}(\theta)$  in high-dimensional space



Idea: get a step into the direction having the steepest gradient descent Property: local optimum, and the result depends on an initial position.

# Gradient descent algorithm Method to solve numerically

**Outline:** The function  $\underline{I}$  is the objective function that we want to optimize.  $\underline{\alpha}$ : the step size to control the rate to move down the error surface. It is a hyper parameter, which is a positive number (c.f.  $\theta$  is a learnable parameter)

- Start with initial parameters  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_1$
- Keep changing the parameters to reduce J until achieving the minimal cost

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repeat until convergence { \theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) }
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# Gradient descent algorithm for linear regression

#### **Linear regression model**

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$
  
 $J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$ 



#### **Gradient descent algorithm**

repeat until convergence {
$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)}$$
(for  $j = 1$  and  $j = 0$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \left( \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (h_\theta(x^i) - y^i)^2 \right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \left( \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^i - y^i)^2 \right)$$

$$j = 0 : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^i - y^i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (h_\theta(x^i) - y^i)$$
$$j = 1 : \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^i - y^i) x^i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (h_\theta(x^i) - y^i) x^i$$

# Gradient descent algorithm for linear regression

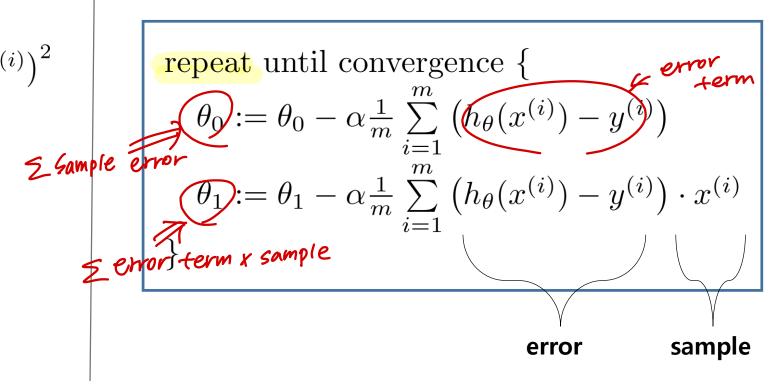
#### **Linear regression model**

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$
  
 $J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$ 



#### **Gradient descent algorithm**

repeat until convergence {  $\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$  (for j = 1 and j = 0) }



# Gradient descent algorithm VS Normal equation

#### **Gradient Descent**

- needs a number of iterations.
- works well even when n is large
- all examples (batch) are examined at each iteration
  - Use stochastic gradient descent (SGD) or mini batch
- Several advances such as AdaGrad, RMSProp, Adam for optimization



 Need to compute an inverse matrix and slow if the number of samples is very large

$$(X^TX)^{-1}$$



Local Minima Saddle points







## Quiz

### What answers are correct? Select all that apply.

A. In linear regression, the solution is interpretable with input features

Correct. The score is computed as a linear combination of input features and weights; the weight explains the importance of an input feature to the final output

**B.** In linear regression, a hypothesis is not necessarily to be a linear form of learnable parameters

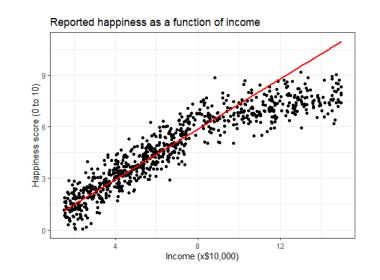
False. Linear regression model may not be a linear form of a raw data but it should be a linear form of parameters

## Summary

Linear regression model

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \phi(\mathbf{x})$$

$$e = (y - h(x))^2$$



- Linear regression model
  - Can be readily solved using gradient descent
  - Interpretable and lightweight; worth to try first!

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