

Advanced Linear Regression Loss Functions

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***** Flowchart

Linear equation

$$\hat{y} = wx + b$$

where \hat{y} is a predicted value,

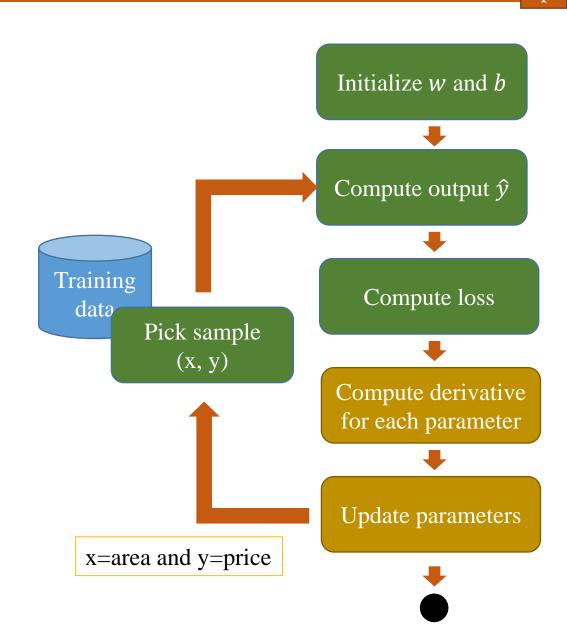
w and b are parameters

and x is an input feature

Error (loss) computation

Idea: compare predicted values \hat{y} and label values y Squared loss

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$



***** Formulae

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Find better w and b

Use gradient descent to minimize the loss function

Compute derivate for each parameter

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w} = 2x(\hat{y} - y)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial b} = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

Update parameters

$$w = w - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} \qquad b = b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$$

 η is learning rate



Example



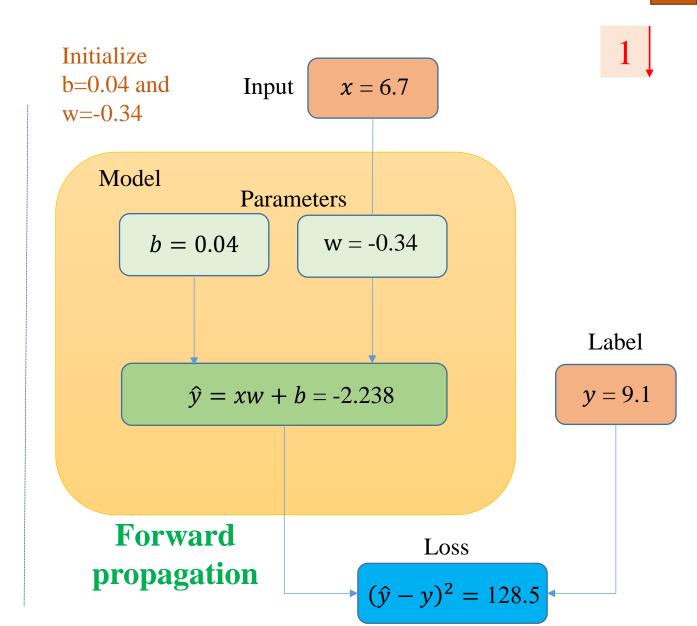
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area	price
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4.6	5.9
3.5	4.6
5.5	6.7

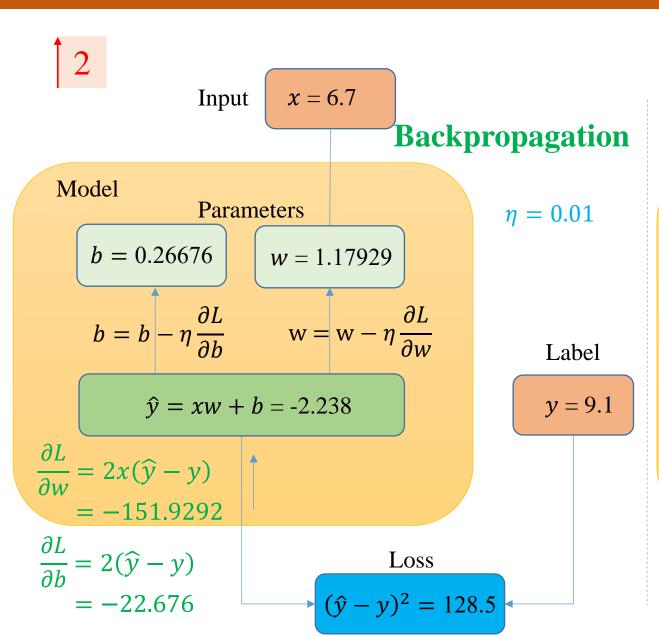
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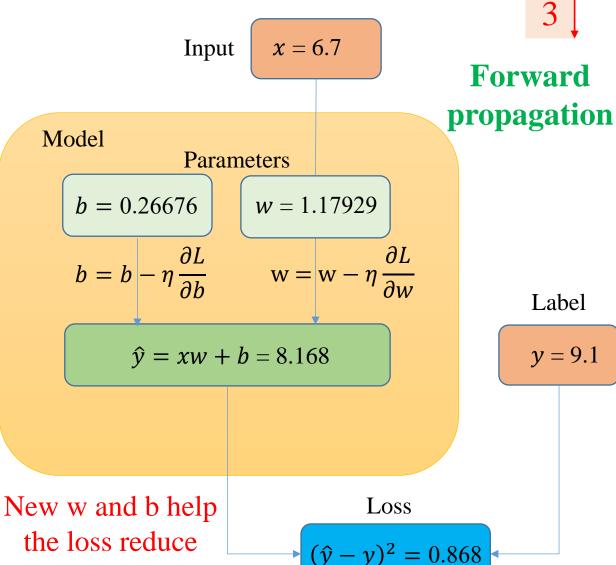
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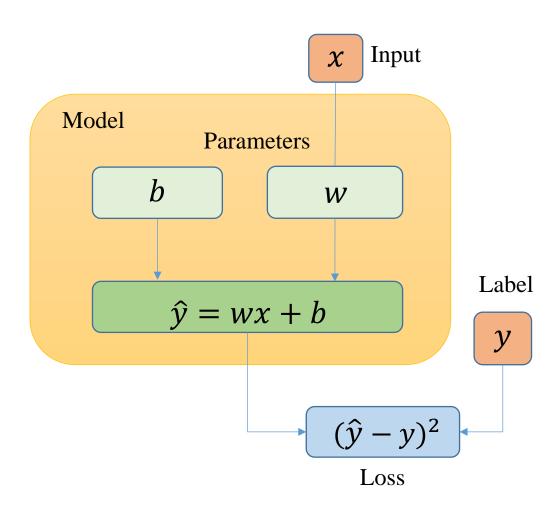








Summary (simple version)



- 1) Pick a sample (x, y) from training data
- 2) Compute the output \hat{y}

$$\hat{y} = wx + b$$

3) Compute loss

$$L = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

4) Compute derivative

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 2x(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

5) Update parameters

$$w = w - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w}$$

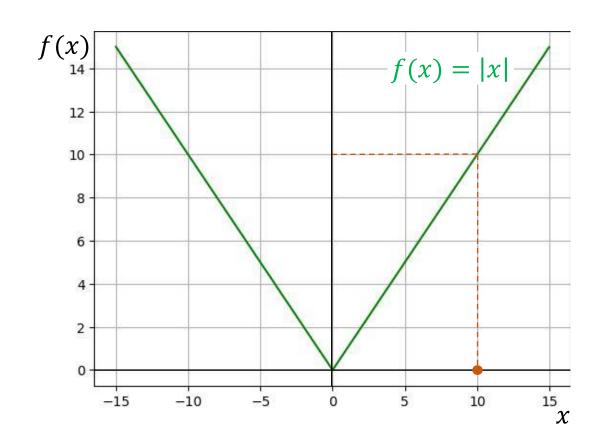
$$b = b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$$

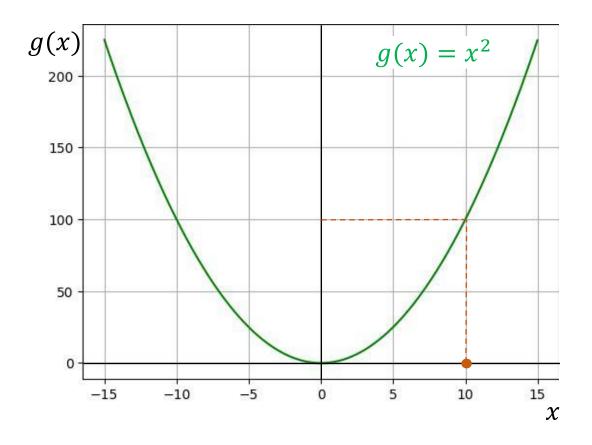
$$\eta \text{ is learning rate}$$



Objectives

***** Loss functions





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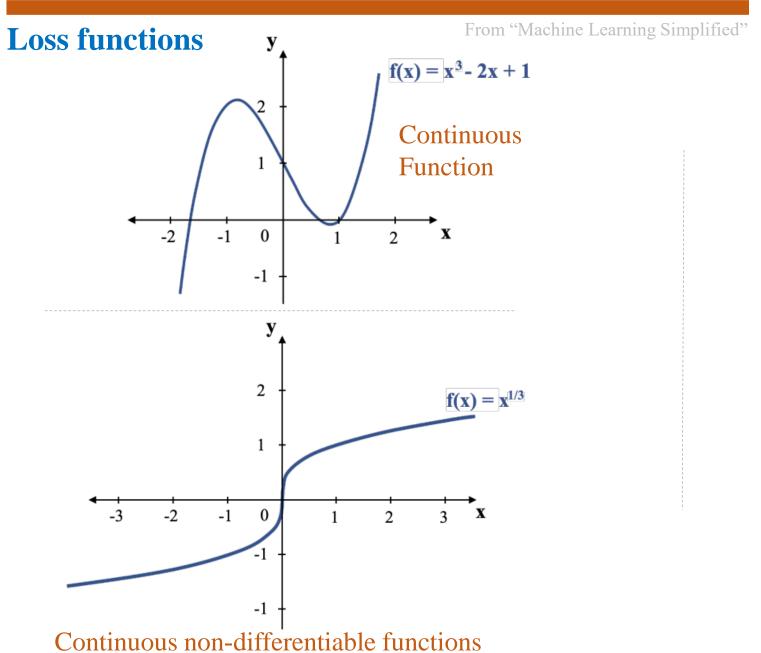
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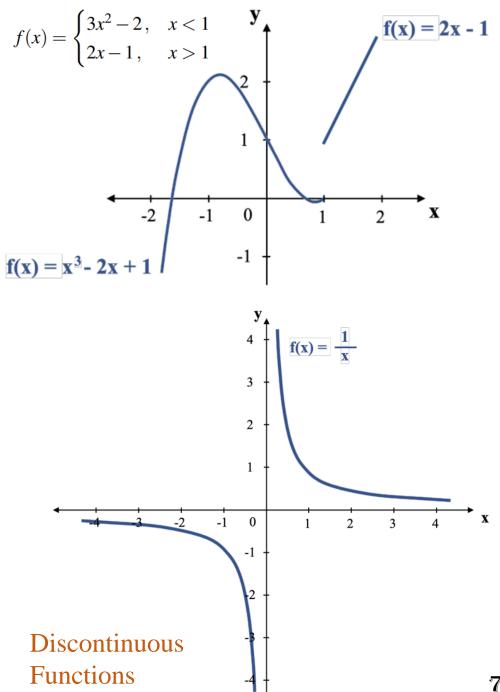
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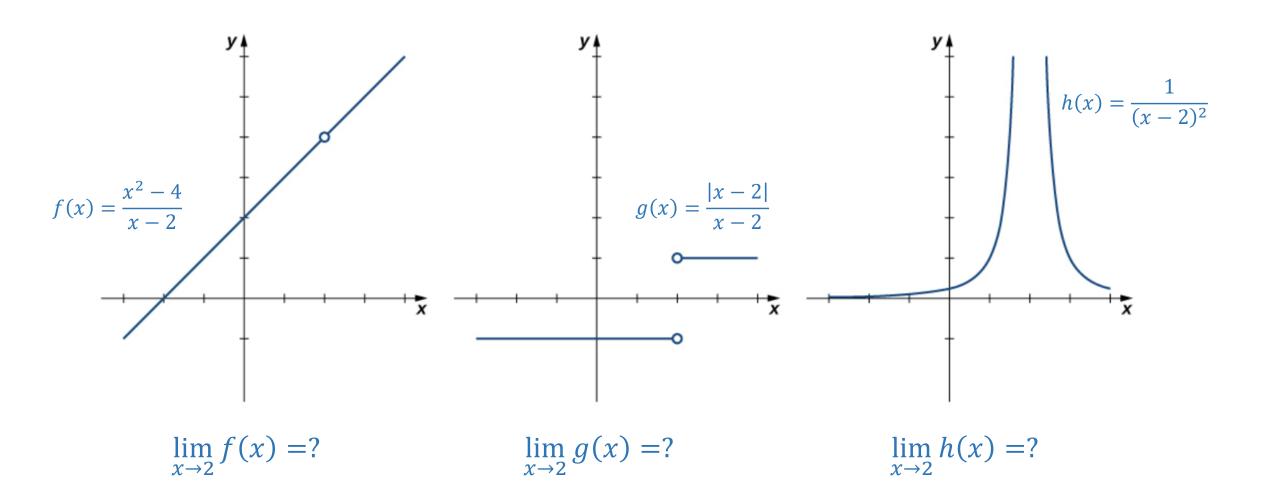




Conditions for Loss Functions

Definition

from the reference book

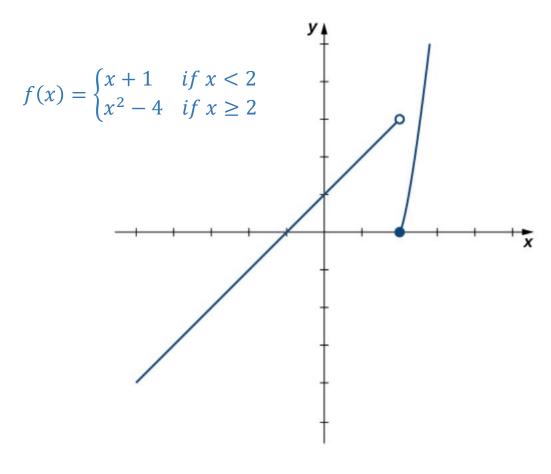




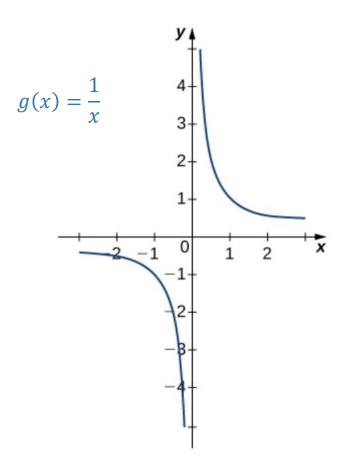
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$$\lim_{x\to 2} f(x) = ?$$



$$\lim_{x\to 0}g(x)=?$$

Continuity

Definition

A function f(x) is **continuous at a point** a if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:

- i. f(a) is defined
- ii. $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ exists
- iii. $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$

A function is **discontinuous at a point** *a* if it fails to be continuous at *a*.

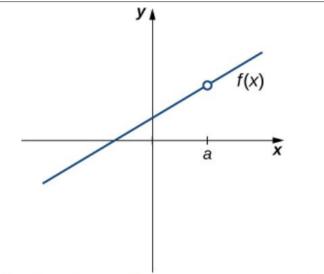


Figure 2.32 The function f(x) is not continuous at a because f(a) is undefined.

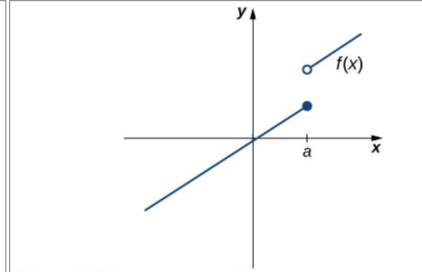


Figure 2.33 The function f(x) is not continuous at a because $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ does not exist.

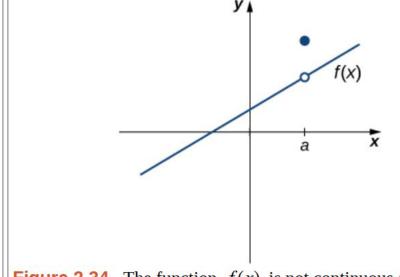


Figure 2.34 The function f(x) is not continuous at a because $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \neq f(a)$.



Differentiability

Definition

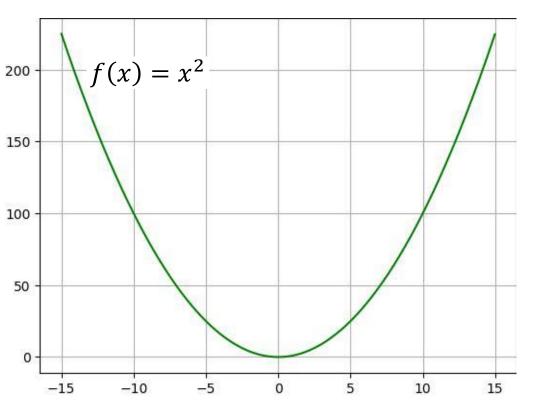
Definition

Let f be a function. The **derivative function**, denoted by f', is the function whose domain consists of those values of x such that the following limit exists:

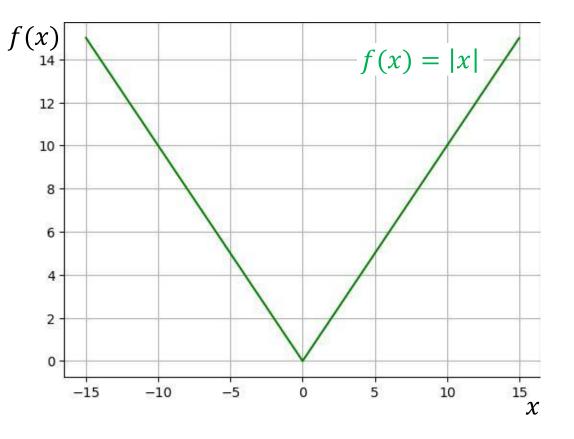
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.$$
 (3.9)

A function f(x) is said to be **differentiable at** a if f'(a) exists. More generally, a function is said to be **differentiable on** S if it is differentiable at every point in an open set S, and a **differentiable function** is one in which f'(x) exists on its domain.

Check if the function is continuous and differentiable



Check if the function is continuous and differentiable



Discussion 1: Is it OK to use the following loss function?

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y} - y)^2$$

Discussion 2: if so, construct formulas

Discussion 3: What about the following loss function?

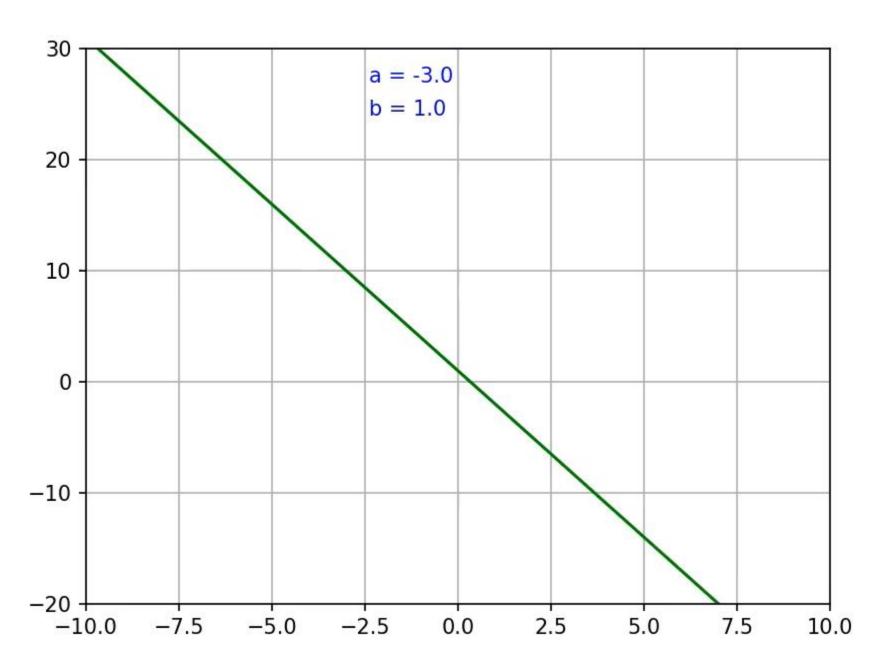
$$L = \frac{1}{2}(y - \hat{y})^2$$

Discussion 4: Construct the connection between the two following losses?

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y} - y)^2$$
 $L_2 = (\hat{y} - y)^2$

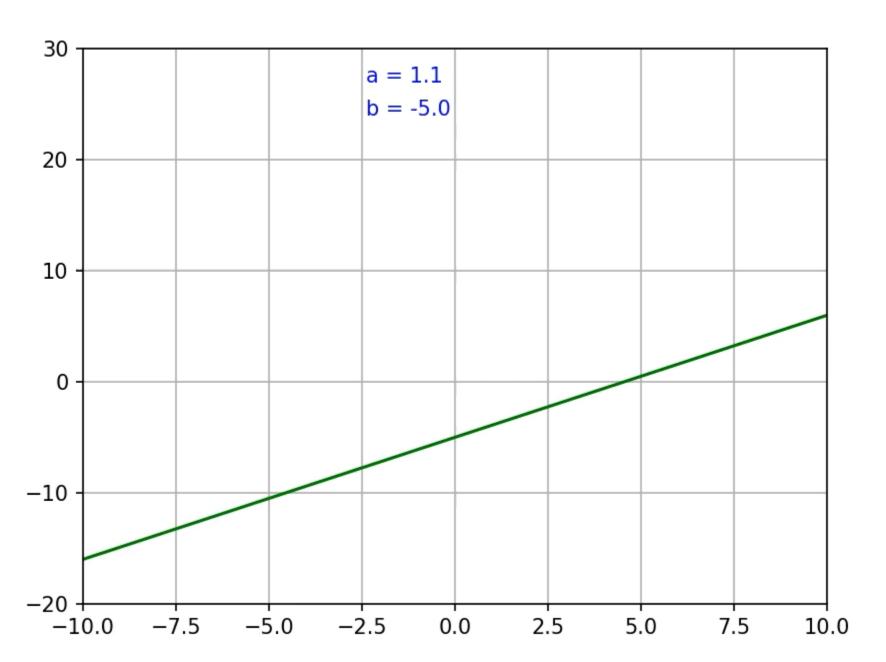
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Discussion 5: Can we remove b?



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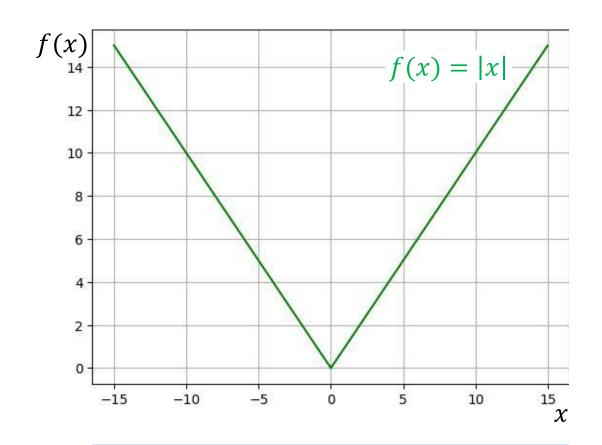
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Discussion 6: What about the following loss function?

$$L = |\hat{y} - y|$$

area price 6.7 9.1 4.6 5.9 3.5 4.6 5.5 6.7

❖ Mean Absolute Error (MAE)



$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$$
 for $x \neq 0$

$$w = 1.185$$

$$b = 0.340$$

One sample

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = |\hat{y} - y|$$

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area	price	prediction	error
6.7	9.1	5.5	3.6
4.6	5.9	3.8	2.1
3.5	4.6	3.1	1.5
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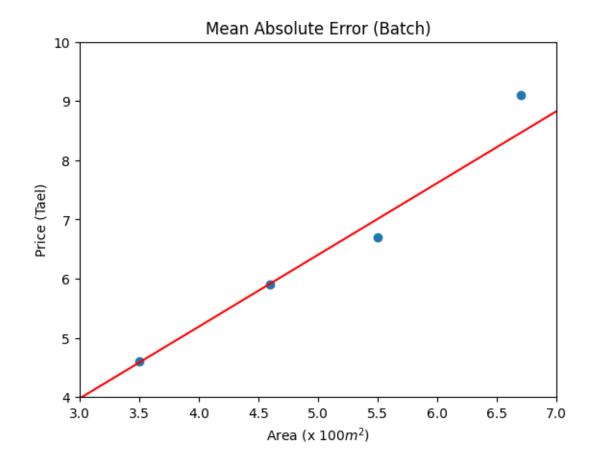
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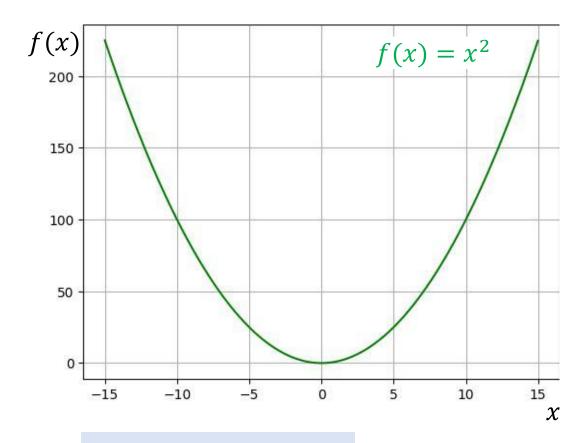
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❖ Mean Squared Error (MSE)



$$f'(x) = 2x$$

One sample

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

N samples

$$L(\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\widehat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

I	У	y	L
area	price	prediction	error
6.7	9.1	5.5	12.9
4.6	5.9	3.9	4.41
3.5	4.6	3.1	2.25
5.5	6.7	4.6	4.41

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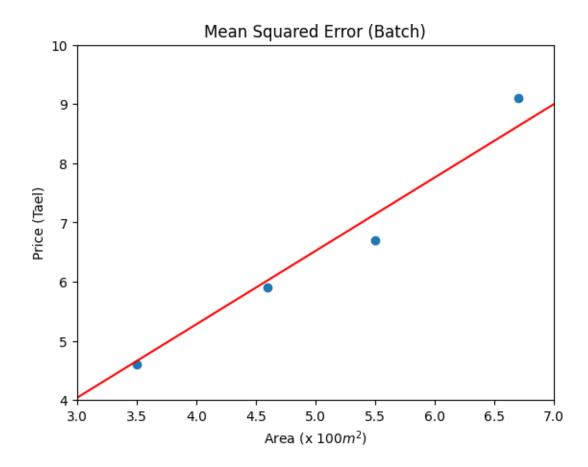
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 2x(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

5) Update parameters

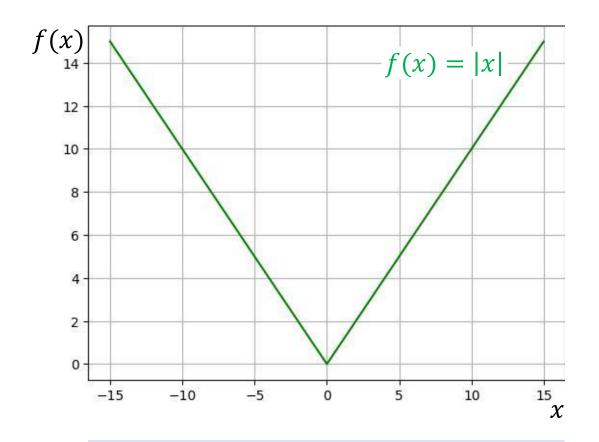
$$w = w - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} \qquad b = b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$$

$$w = 1.207$$

$$b = 0.251$$



❖ Mean Absolute Error (MAE)



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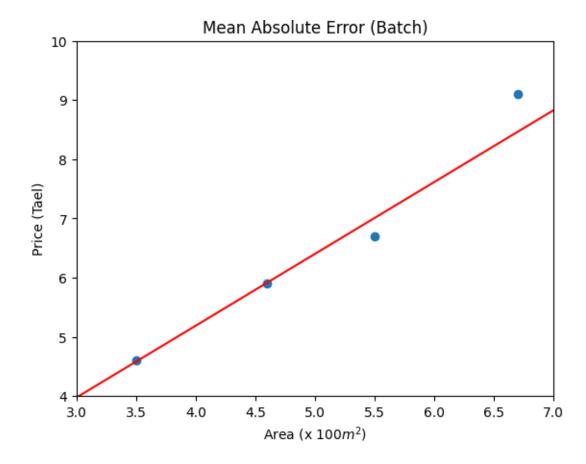
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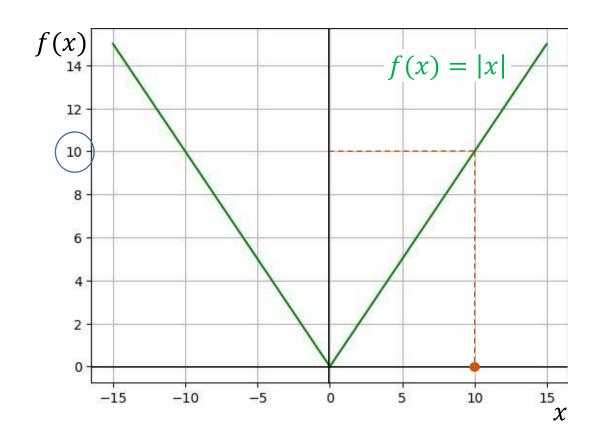
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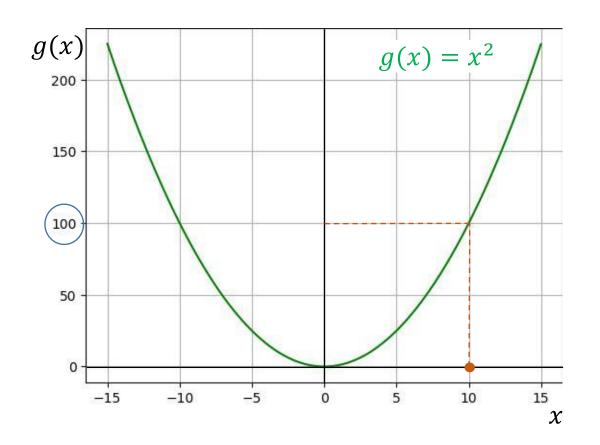
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Quiz 4: The pros and cons of MSE and MAE when data contain outliers?



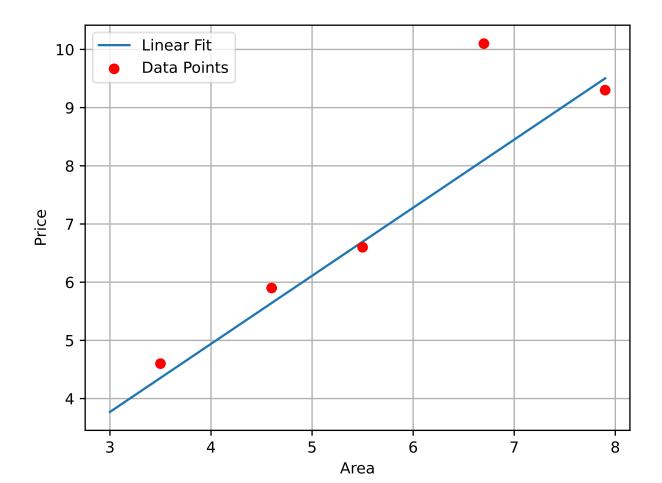


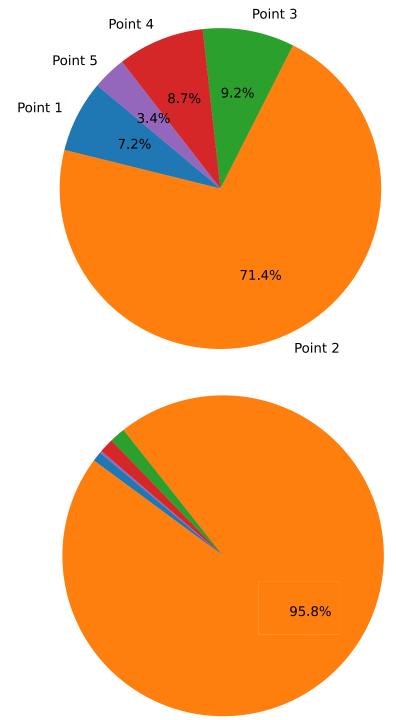
$$g(10) \gg f(10)$$

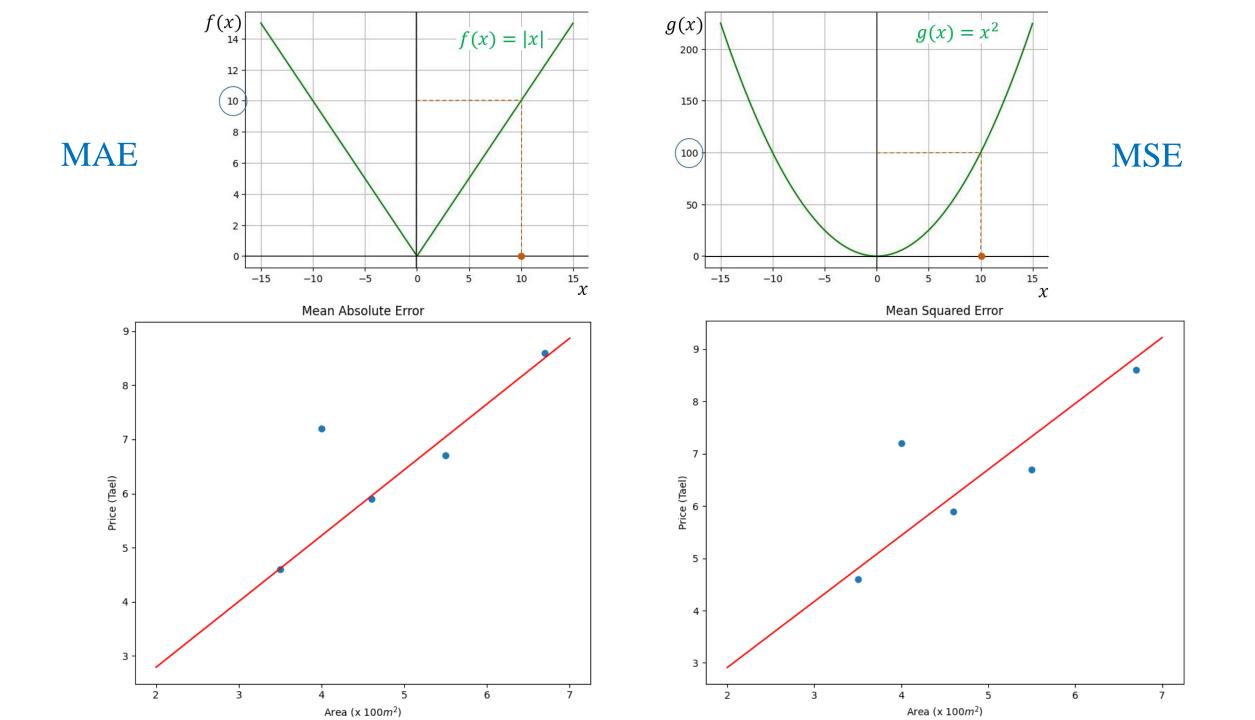
If x = 10 is an outlier, g(10) has more negative effect

⇒ MAE is better to tolerate outliers

real price pridicted price absolute error squared error area 9.3 9.5 0.203 7.9 0.041 6.7 10.1 8.1 2.001 4004 noise 5.9 4.6 5.6 0.258 0.066 3.5 0.060 4.6 4.4 0.245 5.5 6.6 6.7 0.009 0.095

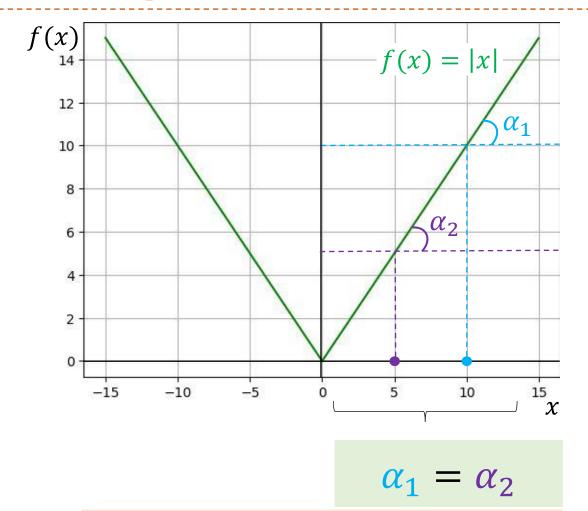




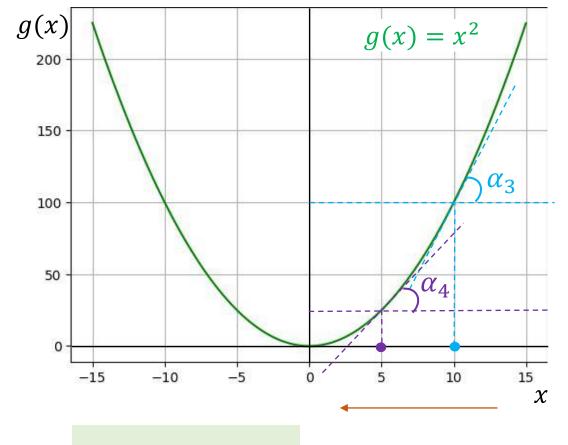




Quiz 5: The pros and cons of MSE and MAE with a fixed learning rate η ?



 $\eta f'(x)$ values are constants



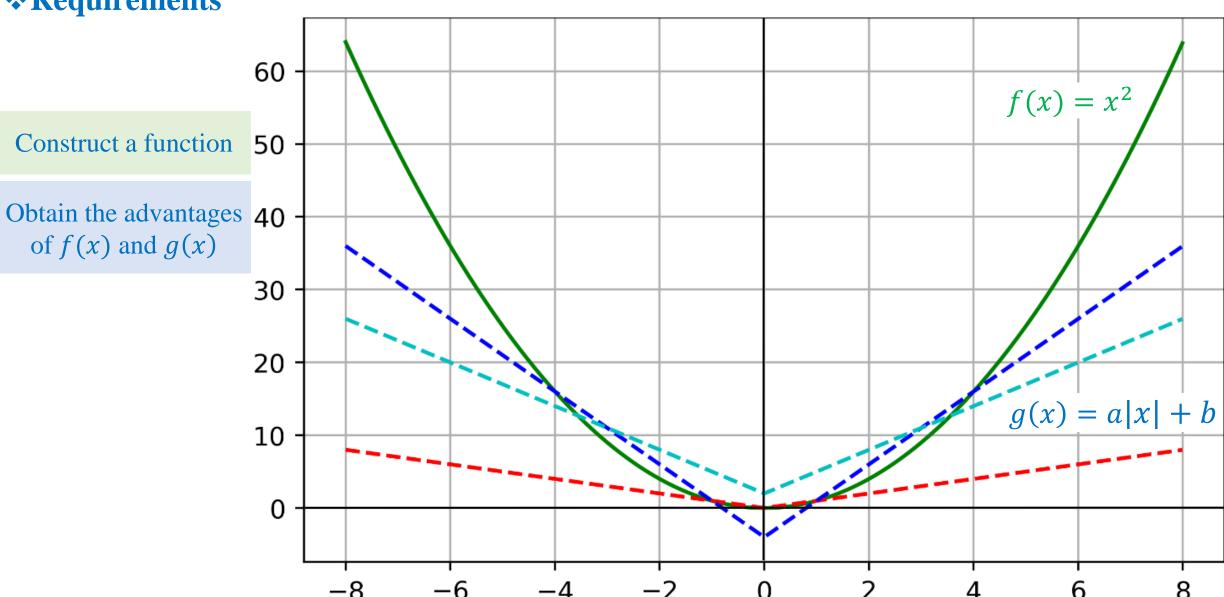
 $\alpha_3 > \alpha_4$

 $\eta f'(x)$ values reduce

⇒ MSE is better when working with a fixed learning rate

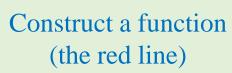






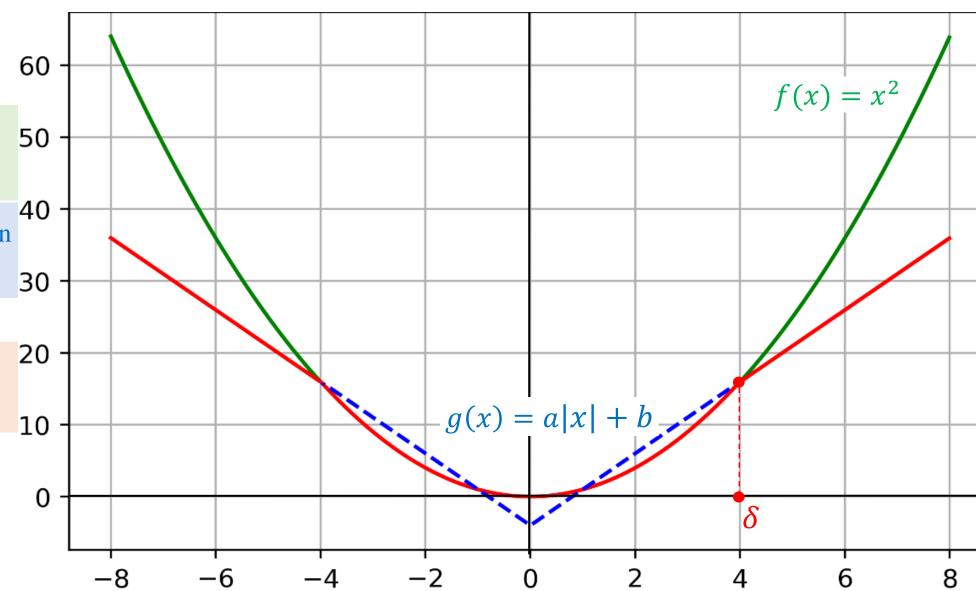






that is differentiable in the function domain

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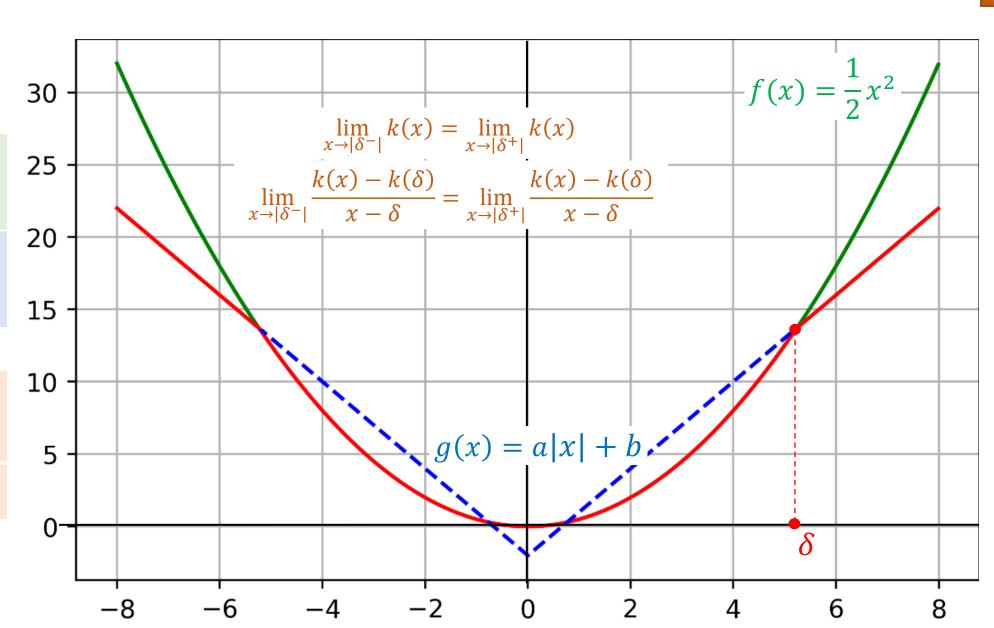
Requirements

Construct a function (the red line)

that is differentiable in the function domain

$$k(x) = ?$$

Change a little bit



Construct the function

$$k(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^2 & \text{for } |x| \le \delta \\ a|x| + b & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To the function k(x) be continuous at $x = \delta$

$$\lim_{x \to |\delta^{-}|} k(x) = \lim_{x \to |\delta^{+}|} k(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \to |\delta^{-}|} \frac{1}{2} x^{2} = \lim_{x \to |\delta^{+}|} a|x| + b$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \delta^{2} = a\delta + b \quad (1)$$

To the function k(x) be differentiable at $x = \delta$

$$\lim_{x \to |\delta^{-}|} \frac{k(x) - k(\delta)}{x - \delta} = \lim_{x \to |\delta^{+}|} \frac{k(x) - k(\delta)}{x - \delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \to |\delta^{-}|} \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{2} - \frac{1}{2}\delta^{2}}{x - \delta} = \lim_{x \to |\delta^{+}|} \frac{(a|x| + b) - (a\delta + b)}{x - \delta}$$

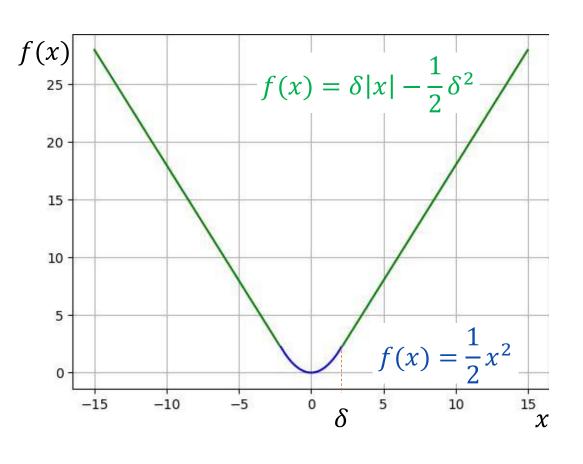
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \to |\delta^{-}|} \frac{1}{2}(x + \delta) = \lim_{x \to |\delta^{+}|} \frac{a(|x| - \delta)}{x - \delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = a$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\delta^{2} = \delta\delta + b \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2}\delta^{2}$$



***** Huber loss



One sample

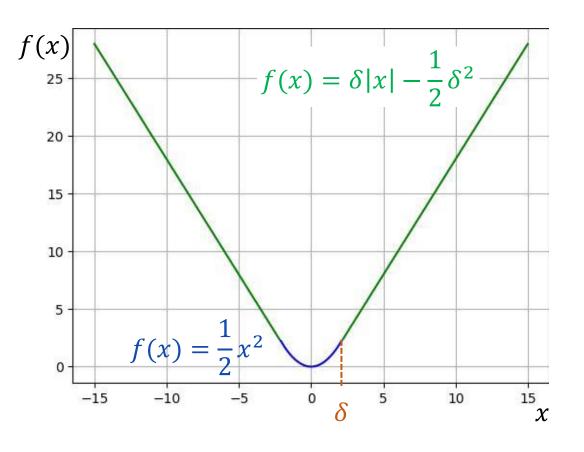
$$L(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (\hat{y} - y)^2 & \text{for } |\hat{y} - y| \le \delta \\ \delta |\hat{y} - y| - \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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area	price	prediction	error
6.7	9.1	5.5	5.2
4.6	5.9	3.8	2.2
3.5	4.6	3.1	1.1
5.5	6.7	4.6	2.2

$$\delta = 2$$

***** Huber loss



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Compute derivative

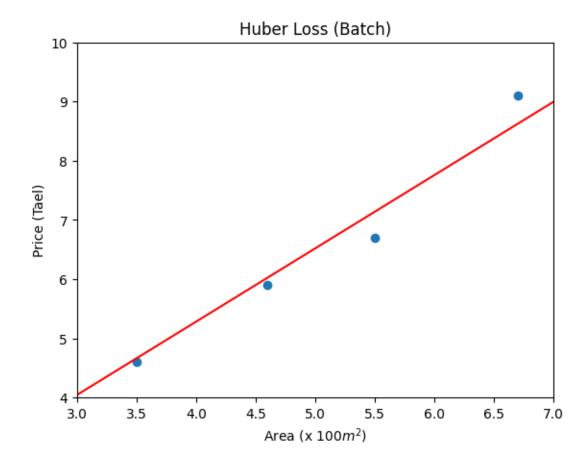
$$L'_{w} = \begin{cases} x(\hat{y} - y) & \text{for } |\hat{y} - y| \le \delta \\ \delta x \frac{(\hat{y} - y)}{|\hat{y} - y|} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$L'_{b} = \begin{cases} (\hat{y} - y) & \text{for } |\hat{y} - y| \leq \delta \\ \delta \frac{(\hat{y} - y)}{|\hat{y} - y|} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

***** Huber loss

$$w = 2.201$$

$$b = 0.284$$



- 1) Pick a sample (x, y) from training data
- 2) Compute the output \hat{y}

$$\hat{y} = wx + b$$

3) Compute loss

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y} - y)^2 & \text{for } |\hat{y} - y| \le \delta \\ \delta|\hat{y} - y| - \frac{1}{2}\delta^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

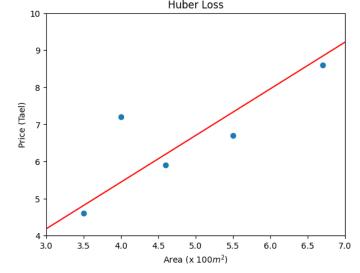
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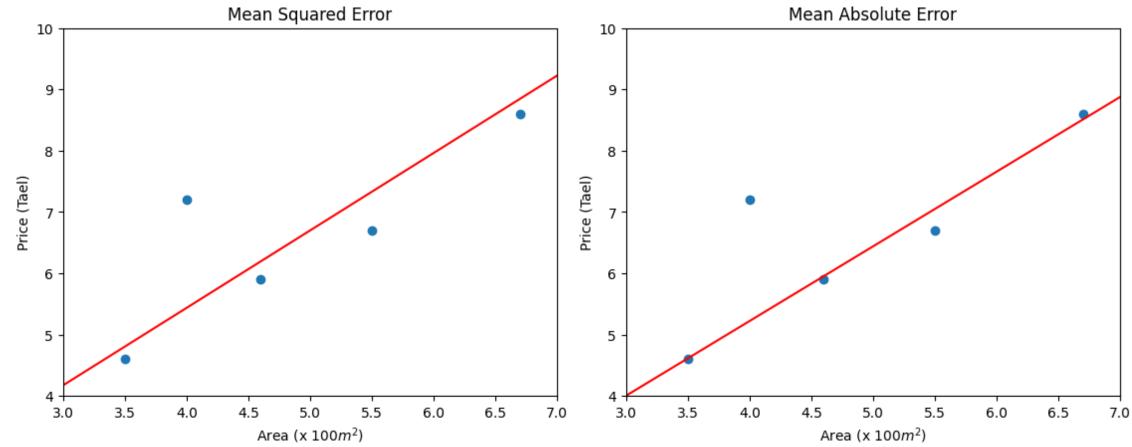
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- **Comparison** (outliers)
 - ***** Batch training

area	price
6.7	8.6
4.6	5.9
3.5	4.6
5.5	6.7
4	7.2





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Linear Regression

General formula

Feature	Label	
area	price	
6.7	9.1	
4.6	5.9	
3.5	4.6	
5.5	6.7	

House price data

Model:
$$\hat{y} = w_1 x_1 + b$$

price = $a * area + b$

Featur	es	Label
≑ Radio	Newspaper	\$ Sales
37.8	69.2	22.1
39.3	45.1	10.4
45.9	69.3	12
41.3	58.5	16.5
10.8	58.4	17.9
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Advertising data

Model:
$$\hat{y} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3 + b$$

Sale = $w_1 * TV + w_2 * Radio + w_3 * Newspaper + b$

1) Pick a sample (x_1, x_2, x_3, y) from training data

2) Compute the output \hat{y}

$$\hat{y} = w_1 * TV + w_2 * R + w_3 * N + b$$

$$\hat{y} = w_1 * x_1 + w_2 * x_2 + w_3 * x_3 + b$$

3) Compute loss

$$L = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

4) Compute derivative

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = 2x_1(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3} = 2x_3(\hat{y} - y)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = 2x_2(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

5) Update parameters

$$w_1 = w_1 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} \qquad w_3 = w_3 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3}$$
$$w_2 = w_2 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} \qquad b = b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$$

Linear Regression

Featur	res	Label
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$$L = (\hat{y} - y)^2$$

4) Compute derivative

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = 2x_1(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3} = 2x_3(\hat{y} - y)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = 2x_2(\hat{y} - y) \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

5) Update parameters

$$w_1 = w_1 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} \qquad w_3 = w_3 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_3}$$

$$w_2 = w_2 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} \qquad b = b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b}$$

```
1 # compute output and loss
 2 def predict(x1, x2, x3, w1, w2, w3, b):
       return w1*x1 + w2*x2 + w3*x3 + b
 3
 4 def compute_loss(y_hat, y):
      return (y_hat - y)**2
 6
 7 # compute gradient
 8 def compute_gradient_wi(xi, y, y_hat):
       dl_dwi = 2*xi*(y_hat-y)
       return dl_dwi
10
11 def compute_gradient_b(y, y_hat):
       dl_db = 2*(y_hat-y)
      return dl_db
14
15 # update weights
   def update_weight_wi(wi, dl_dwi, lr):
       wi = wi - lr*dl dwi
       return wi
18
19 def update_weight_b(b, dl_db, lr):
       b = b - lr*dl db
20
       return b
21
```

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TV	≑ Radio	Newspaper	Sales
230.1	37.8	69.2	22.1
44.5	39.3	45.1	10.4
17.2	45.9	69.3	12
151.5	41.3	58.5	16.5
180.8	10.8	58.4	17.9

Label

Features

```
def initialize_params():
        w1 = random.gauss(mu=0.0, sigma=0.01)
 2
 3
        w2 = random.gauss(mu=0.0, sigma=0.01)
        w3 = random.gauss(mu=0.0, sigma=0.01)
 4
        b = 0
 5
 6
        return w1, w2, w3, b
 7
 8
   # initialize model's parameters
10 w1, w2, w3, b = initialize_params()
11 print(w1, w2, w3, b)
0.01609506469549467 0.00607778501208891 0.0023344573891806507 0
```

```
1 import numpy as np
   import random
 3
   def get_column(data, index):
        result = [row[index] for row in data]
 5
 6
        return result
    data = np.genfromtxt('advertising.csv',
                         delimiter=',',
 9
                         skip header=1).tolist()
10
11
   # get tv (index=0)
   tv_data = get_column(data, 0)
14
   # get radio (index=1)
   radio_data = get_column(data, 1)
17
   # get newspaper (index=2)
    newspaper data = get column(data, 2)
20
   # get sales (index=0)
22 sales_data = get_column(data, 3)
```

Unnormalized data $\eta = 10^{-5}$

Label **Features** TV **♦ Radio Newspaper \$ Sales** 230.1 37.8 69.2 22.1 44.5 39.3 45.1 10.4 17.2 45.9 69.3 12 151.5 41.3 58.5 16.5

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58.4

17.9

```
x1: 230.1
x2: 37.8
x1: 69.2
y: 22.1
```

180.8

y_hat: 4.0947591112215855

10.8

dl_dw1: -8286.011857015827
dl_dw2: -1361.1962111916482
dl_dw3: -2491.925339006933
dl_db: -36.01048177755683

w1: 0.09895518326565295 w2: 0.019689747124005393 w3: 0.027253710779249984 b: 0.0003601048177755684

```
for epoch in range(epoch_max):
        for i in range(N):
 2
 3
            # get a sample
            x1 = tv data[i]
 4
            x2 = radio data[i]
 5
            x3 = newspaper data[i]
 6
            y = sales data[i]
 7
 8
            # compute output
 9
10
            y_hat = predict(x1, x2, x3, w1, w2, w3, b)
11
12
            # compute gradient w1, w2, w3, b
            dl dw1 = compute_gradient_wi(x1, y, y_hat)
13
14
            dl dw2 = compute gradient wi(x2, y, y hat)
            dl_dw3 = compute_gradient_wi(x3, y, y_hat)
15
16
            dl_db = compute_gradient_b(y, y_hat)
17
18
            # update parameters
19
            w1 = update_weight_wi(w1, dl_dw1, lr)
            w2 = update_weight_wi(w2, d1_dw2, lr)
20
            w3 = update_weight_wi(w3, d1_dw3, lr)
21
22
            b = update weight b(b, dl db, lr)
```

Normalized data

$$\eta = 10^{-2}$$

Features

Label

	TV \$	Radio	+ Newspaper	\$ Sales
√ 	230.1	37.8	69.2	22.1
¥ <u> </u>	44.5	39.3	45.1	10.4
√	17.2	45.9	69.3	12
{	151.5	41.3	58.5	16.5
\ \	180.8	10.8	58.4	17.9

0.01609506469549467 0.00607778501208891 0.0023344573891806507

x1: 0.5504267881241568

x2: -0.09835863697705782

x1: 0.007579284750337614

y: 22.1

y_hat: 0.008279045632653116

dl_dw1: -24.319750018095103

dl_dw2: 4.345823123098159

dl_dw3: -0.33487888747630074

dl_db: -44.1834419087347

w1: 0.2592925648764457

w2: -0.037380446218892686

w3: 0.005683246263943658

b: 0.441834419087347

```
x = \frac{x - x_{mean}}{x_{max} - x_{min}}
```

```
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        for i in range(N):
 2
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            x1 = tv data[i]
 4
            x2 = radio data[i]
 5
            x3 = newspaper data[i]
 6
            y = sales data[i]
 8
            # compute output
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            y_hat = predict(x1, x2, x3, w1, w2, w3, b)
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12
            # compute gradient w1, w2, w3, b
            dl dw1 = compute_gradient_wi(x1, y, y_hat)
13
            dl_dw2 = compute_gradient_wi(x2, y, y_hat)
14
15
            dl_dw3 = compute_gradient_wi(x3, y, y_hat)
            dl_db = compute_gradient_b(y, y_hat)
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            # update parameters
            w1 = update_weight_wi(w1, dl_dw1, lr)
19
            w2 = update_weight_wi(w2, d1_dw2, lr)
20
            w3 = update_weight_wi(w3, d1_dw3, lr)
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22
            b = update weight b(b, dl db, lr)
```

f(x)f(x) = |x|12 10 8 6 2 -15 -5 -10 10 15 g(x) $g(x) = x^2$ 200 150 100 50 -15 -10 -5 10 15

Summary

