

Machine Learning

Regression analysis

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Introduction

	X_1	\dots	X_n	Y
$(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)})$	$x_1^{(1)}$	\dots	$x_n^{(1)}$	$y^{(1)}$
$(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)})$	$x_1^{(2)}$	\dots	$x_n^{(2)}$	$y^{(2)}$
\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots
$(\mathbf{x}^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$	$x_1^{(m)}$	\dots	$x_n^{(m)}$	$y^{(m)}$

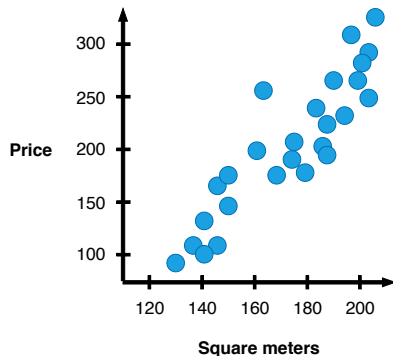
Objective: To find a function $f(x)$ that correctly predicts the value of y given x

$$f(x) \rightarrow \hat{y}^{(i)} \approx y^{(i)}$$

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Objective: To find a function $f(x)$ that correctly predicts the Price of the house given the number of squared metres

$$f \rightarrow \hat{Price}^{(i)} \approx Price(i)$$



Linear regression (one variable)

One variable:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

- $\beta_0 \rightarrow$ function's intercept
- $\beta_1 \rightarrow$ function's slope

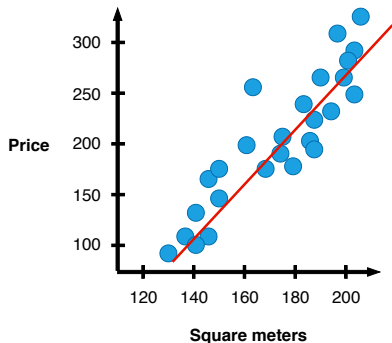


Figure 1: Linear regression with one variable

Linear regression (multiple variables)

2 variables:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$$

n variables

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_n x_n$$

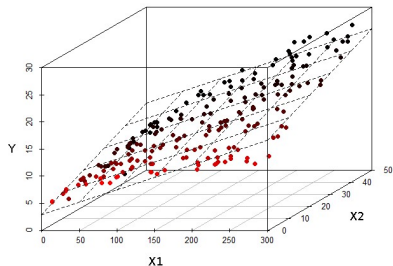


Figure 2: Linear regression with two variables

How can we know the goodness of $f(x)$?



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

Determine the values of $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ that **minimize** $\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y)$

Linear regression:

- Gradient descent
- Normal equations

Extensions of linear regression

X can be transformed to allow linear regression techniques to fit much more complicated datasets

- Polynomial transformation

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$$

2 new columns are generated from $X \rightarrow X^2, X^3$

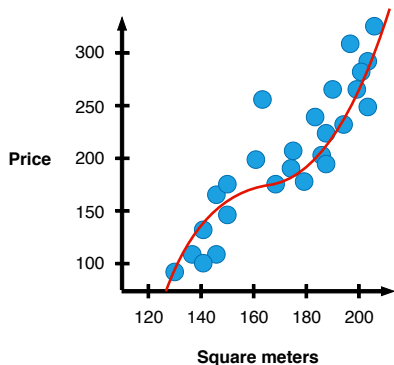
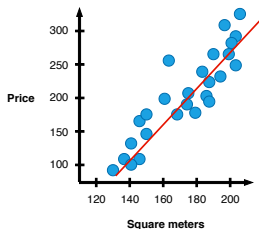
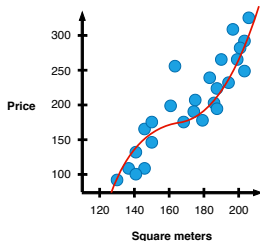


Figure 3: Polynomial regression with "one" variable

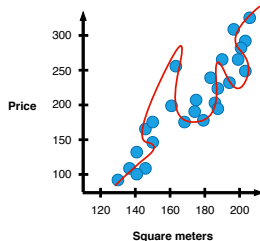
Underfitting vs Overfitting



Underfit. High bias



"Just right"



Overfit. High variance

Overfitting: If our model is too complex, the learned function may fit the training set very well ($J(\hat{y}, y) \approx 0$), but **fail to generalize** to new examples (predict prices of new houses)

Addressing overfitting

1. Reduce the number of features

- Manual selection
- With an algorithm

2. Regularization

- Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of β_i
- Two types: **L1** (lasso), **L2** (ridge)

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