



# Regression 2

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# Linear Regression: Advanced

- Overfitting
- Linear Basis Function Models
- Regularization (Ridge and Lasso)
- Evaluation

# Overfitting: Start with Linear Regression

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

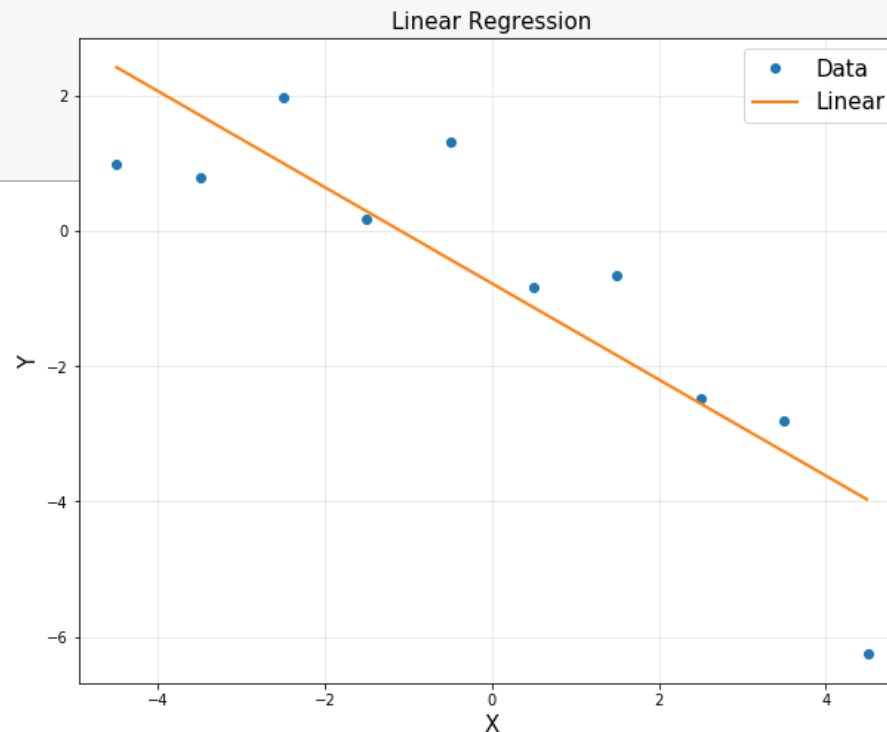
# 10 data points
n = 10
x = np.linspace(-4.5, 4.5, 10).reshape(-1, 1)
y = np.array([0.9819, 0.7973, 1.9737, 0.1838, 1.3180, -0.8361, -0.6591, -2.4701, -2.8122, -6.2512]).reshape(-1, 1)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
plt.plot(x, y, 'o', label = 'Data')
plt.xlabel('X', fontsize = 15)
plt.ylabel('Y', fontsize = 15)
plt.grid(alpha = 0.3)
plt.show()
```

```
A = np.hstack([x**0, x])
A = np.asmatrix(A)
```

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theta = (A.T*A).I*A.T*y
print(theta)
```

```
[[ -0.7774    ]
 [ -0.71070424]]
```



# Recap: Nonlinear Regression

- Polynomial (here, quad is used as an example)

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \text{noise}$$

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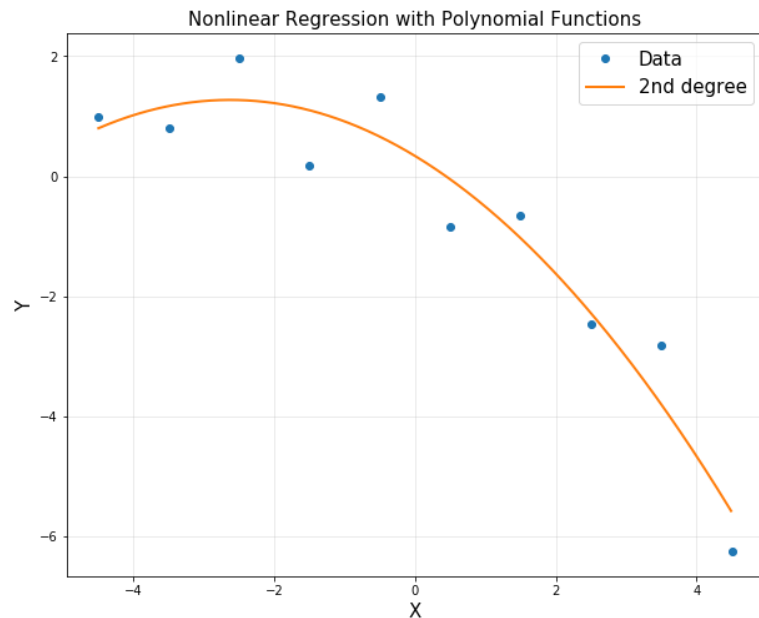
$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & & \\ 1 & x_m & x_m^2 \end{bmatrix} \implies \hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_m \end{bmatrix} = \Phi \theta$$

$$\implies \theta^* = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

# Nonlinear Regression

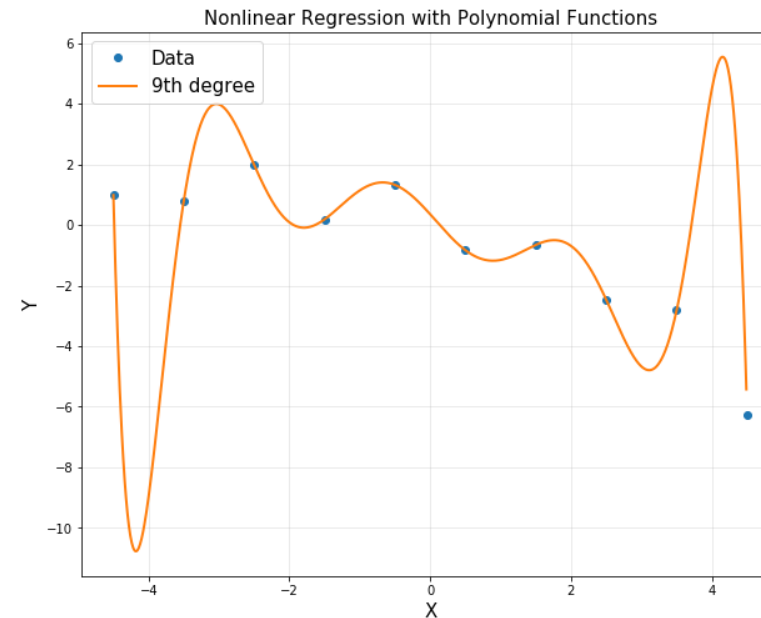
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[[ 0.33669062]  
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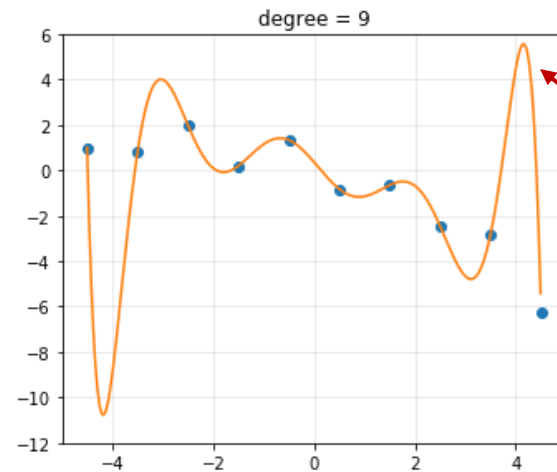
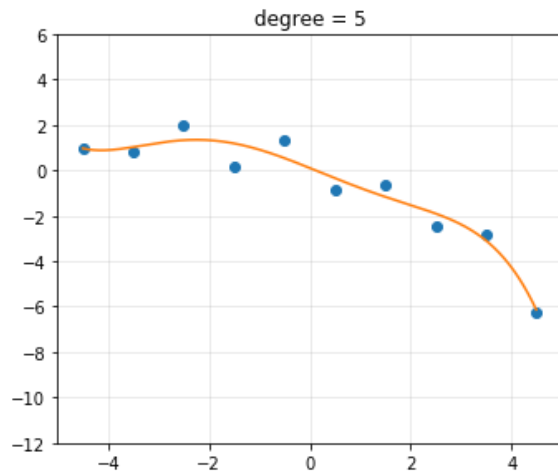
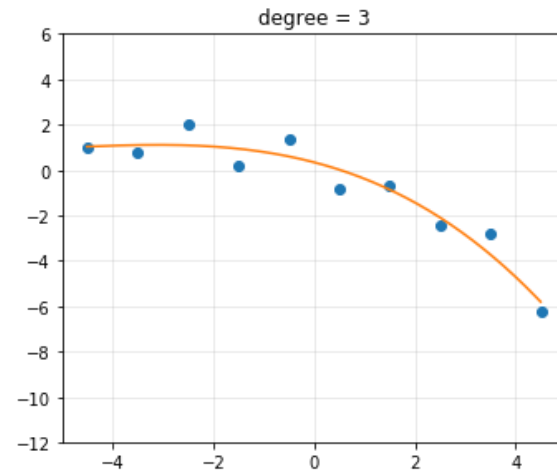
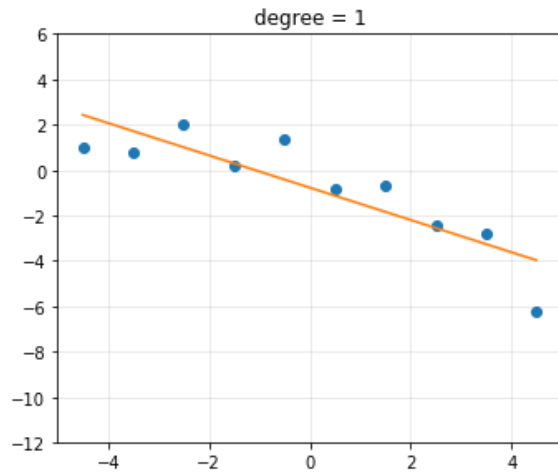
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A = np.hstack([x**i for i in range(10)])  
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theta = (A.T*A).I*A.T*y
```

10 input points with degree 9 (or 10)



# Polynomial Fitting with Different Degrees

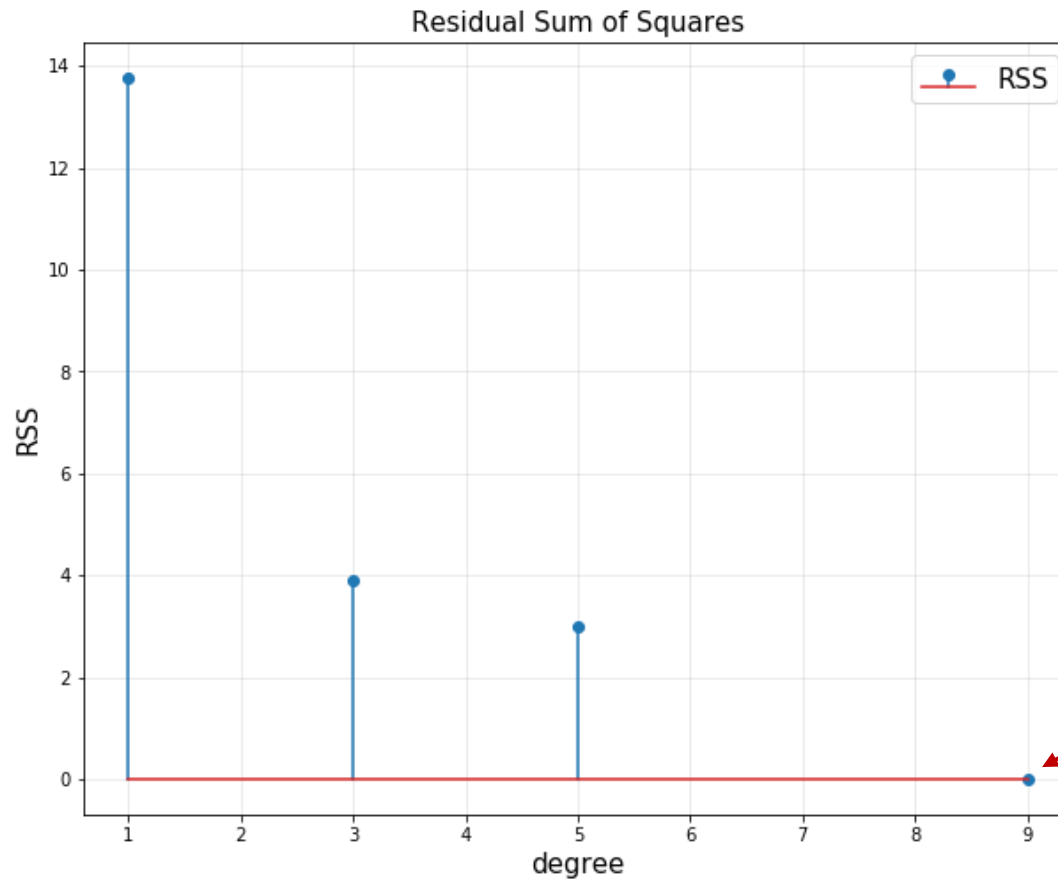
Regression



Low error on input data points,  
but high error nearby

# Loss

- Loss: Residual Sum of Squares (RSS)



$$\min_{\theta} \|\hat{y} - y\|_2^2$$

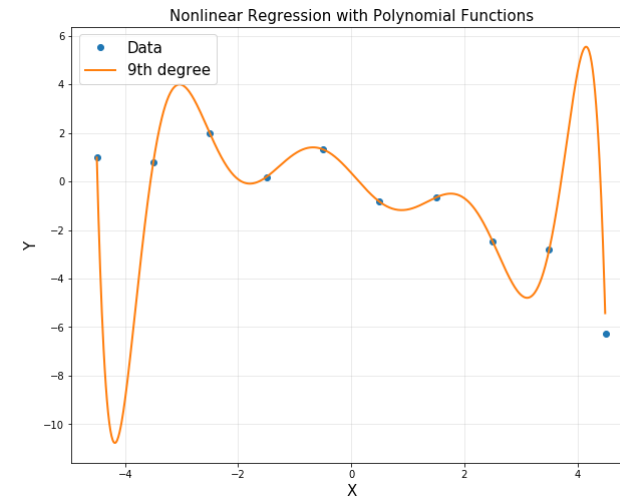
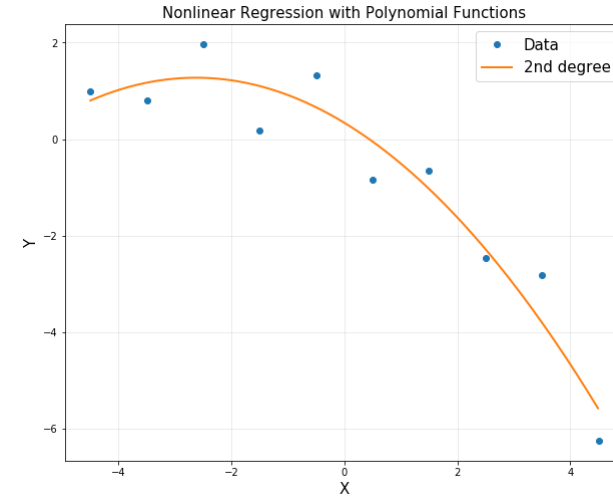
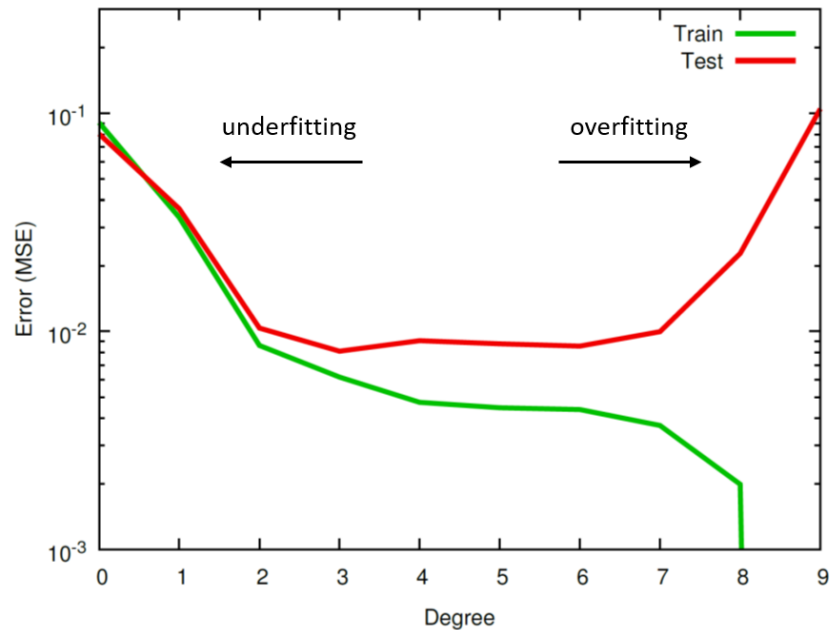
Minimizing loss in training data is often not the best



Low error on input data points, but high error nearby

# Issue with Rich Representation

- Low error on input data points, but high error nearby
- Low error on training data, but high error on testing data





# Function Approximation: Linear Basis Function Model

# Function Approximation

- Select coefficients among a well-defined function (basis) that closely matches a target function in a task-specific way

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$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & & \\ 1 & x_m & x_m^2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ 1 & x_m & x_m^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ b_0(x) & b_1(x) & b_2(x) \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^* = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

Different perspective:

- Approximate a target function as a linear combination of basis

$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=0}^d \theta_i b_i(x) = \Phi \theta$$

# Construct Explicit Feature Vectors

- Consider linear combinations of fixed nonlinear functions
  - Polynomial
  - Radial Basis Function (RBF)

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# Polynomial Basis

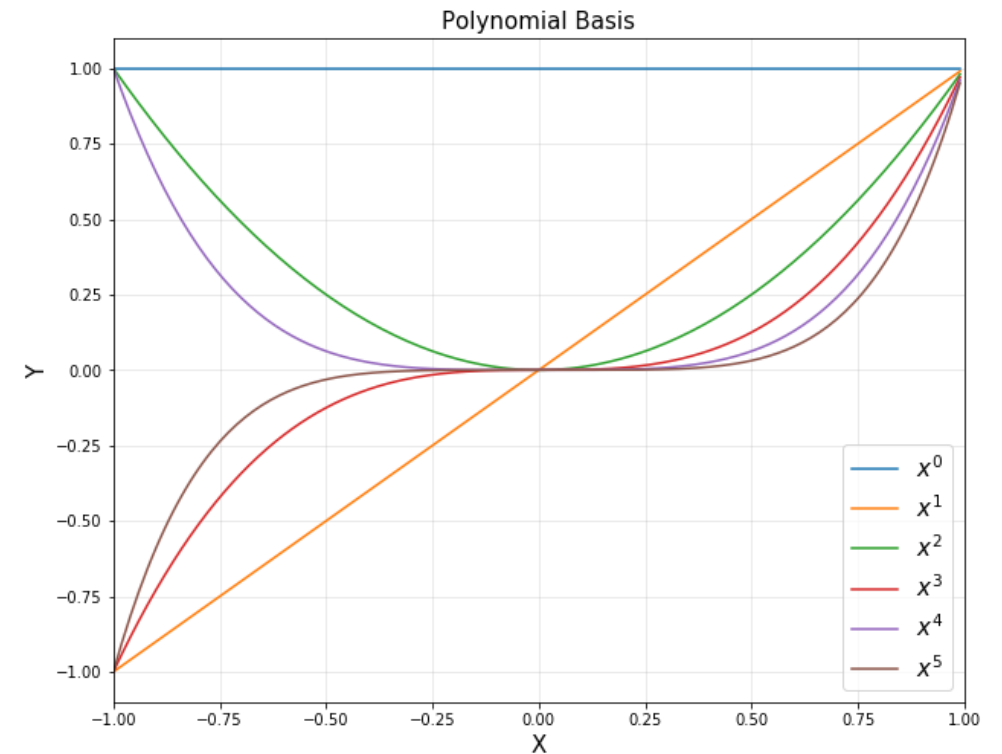
## 1) Polynomial functions

$$b_i(x) = x^i, \quad i = 0, \dots, d$$

```
xp = np.arange(-1, 1, 0.01).reshape(-1, 1)
polybasis = np.hstack([xp**i for i in range(6)])

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

for i in range(6):
    plt.plot(xp, polybasis[:,i], label = '$x^{\{i\}}$'.format(i))
```



# RBF Basis

2) Radial Basis Functions (RBF) with bandwidth  $\sigma$  and  $k$  RBF centers  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$b_i(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - \mu_i\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

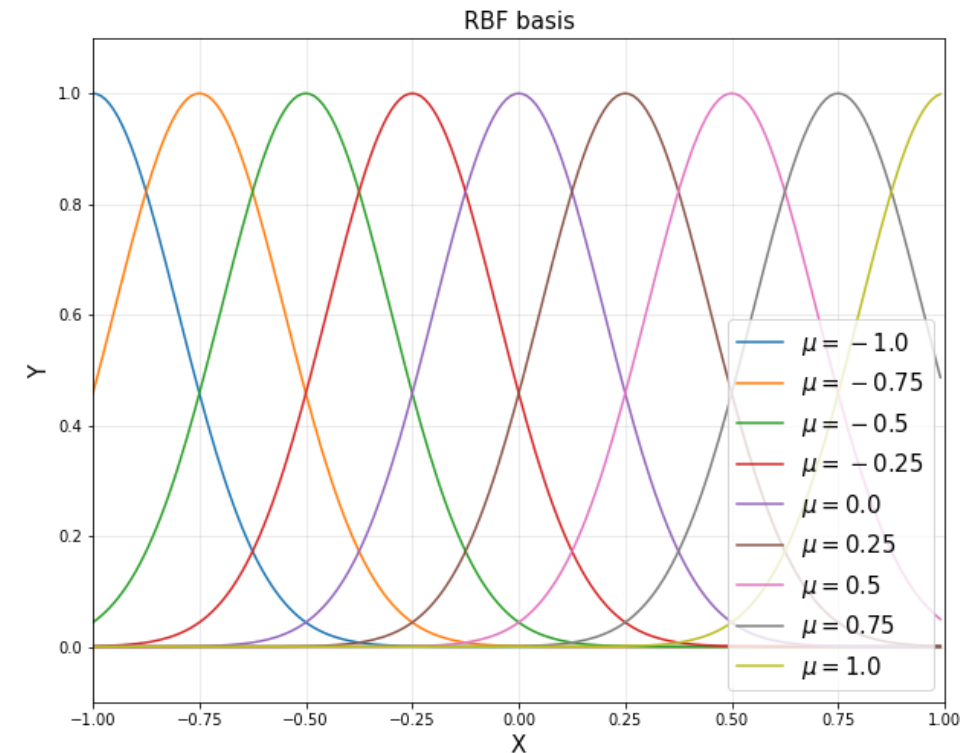
```
d = 9

u = np.linspace(-1, 1, d)
sigma = 0.2

rbfbasis = np.hstack([np.exp(-(x-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d)])

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

for i in range(d):
    plt.plot(xp, rbfbasis[:,i], label='$\mu = {}'.format(u[i]))
```



# Linear Regression with RBF

```
xp = np.arange(-4.5, 4.5, 0.01).reshape(-1, 1)

d = 10
u = np.linspace(-4.5, 4.5, d)
sigma = 0.2

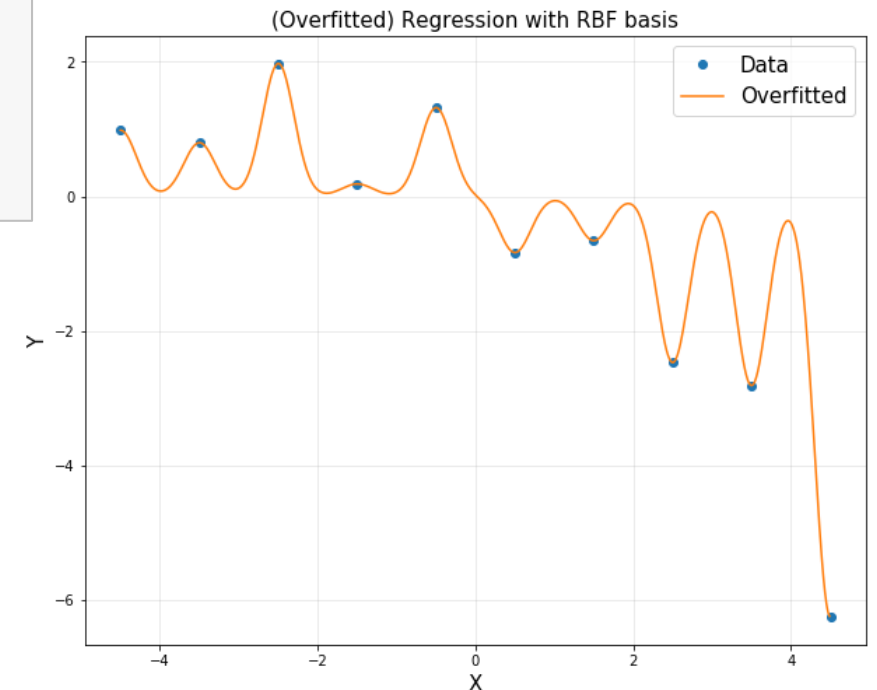
A = np.hstack([np.exp(-(x-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d)])
rbfbasis = np.hstack([np.exp(-(xp-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d)])

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theta = (A.T*A).I*A.T*y
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```

$$\theta = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

- With many features, our prediction function becomes very expensive
- Can lead to overfitting

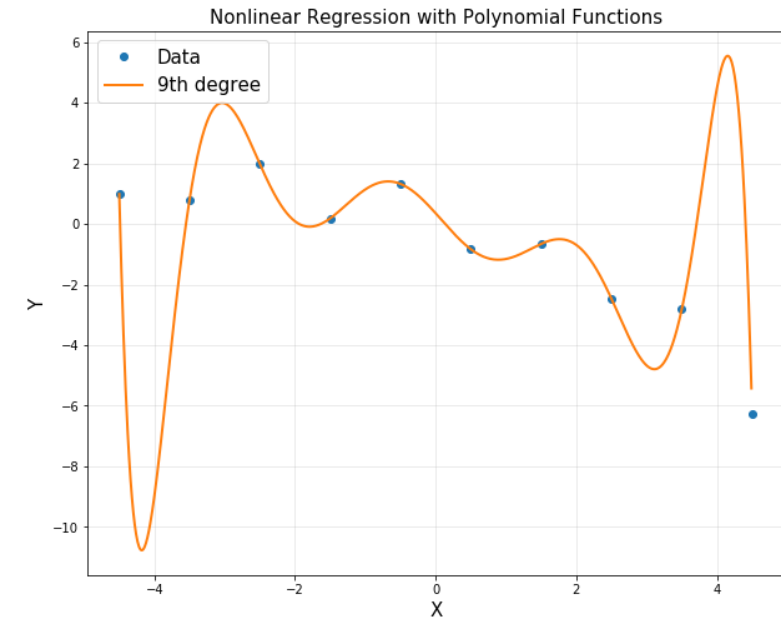


# Regularization



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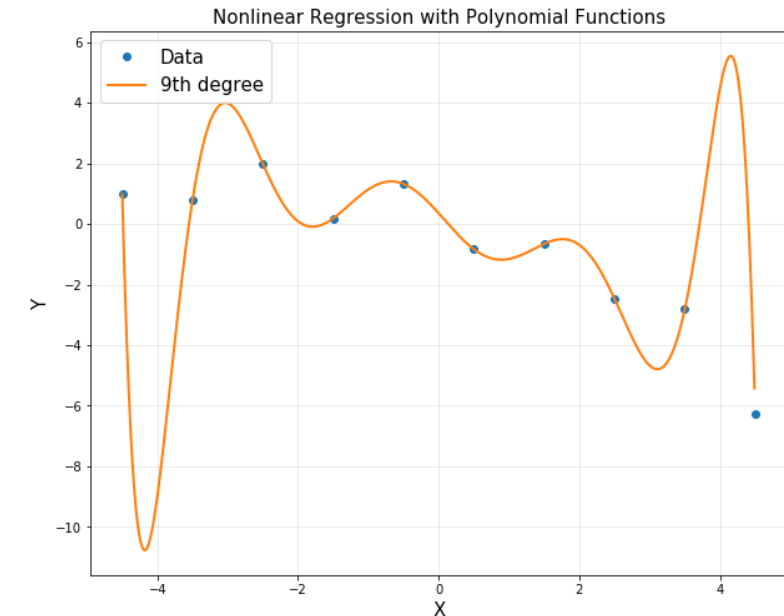


# Generalization Error

- Fundamental problem: we are optimizing parameters to solve

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell(y_i, \Phi\theta)$$

- But what we really care about is loss of prediction on new data  $(x, y)$ 
  - also called generalization error
- Divide data into training set, and validation (testing) set



# Representational Difficulties

- With many features, prediction function becomes very expressive (model complexity)
  - Choose less expressive function (e.g., lower degree polynomial, fewer RBF centers, larger RBF bandwidth)
  - Keep the magnitude of the parameter small
  - Regularization: penalize large parameters  $\theta$

$$\min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|_2^2$$

- $\lambda$ : regularization parameter, trades off between low loss and small values of  $\theta$

# With Less Basis Functions: Fewer RBF Centers

```
d = [2, 4, 6, 10]
sigma = 1

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))

for k in range(4):
    u = np.linspace(-4.5, 4.5, d[k])

    A = np.hstack([np.exp(-(x-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d[k])])
    rbfbasis = np.hstack([np.exp(-(xp-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d[k])])

    A = np.asmatrix(A)
    rbfbasis = np.asmatrix(rbfbasis)

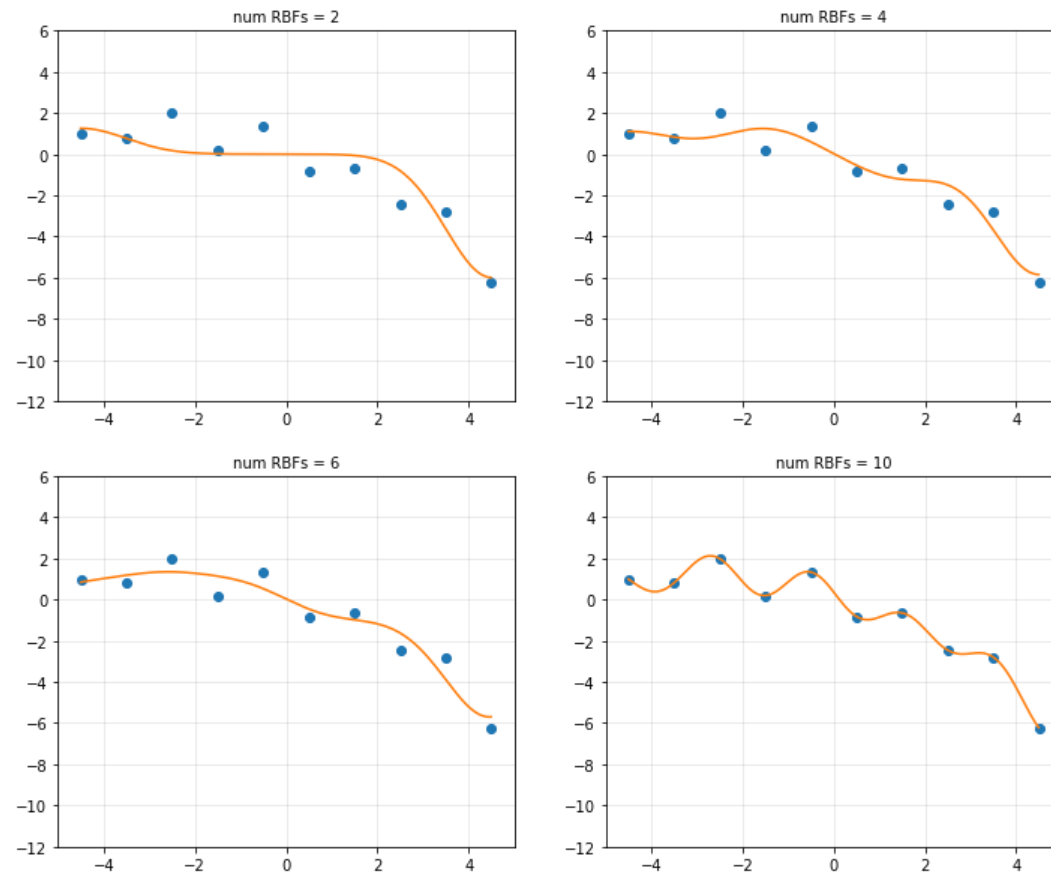
    theta = (A.T*A).I*A.T*y
    yp = rbfbasis*theta

    plt.subplot(2, 2, k+1)
    plt.plot(x, y, 'o')
    plt.plot(xp, yp)
    plt.axis([-5, 5, -12, 6])
    plt.title('num RBFs = {}'.format(d[k]), fontsize = 10)
    plt.grid(alpha = 0.3)
```

# With Less Basis Functions: Fewer RBF Centers

- Least-squares fits for different numbers of RBFs

Nonlinear Regression with RBF Functions



# Representational Difficulties

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# Regularization (Shrinkage Methods)

- Often, overfitting associated with very large estimated parameters
- We want to balance
  - how well function fits data
  - magnitude of coefficients

$$\text{Total cost} = \underbrace{\text{measure of fit}}_{RSS(\theta)} + \lambda \cdot \underbrace{\text{measure of magnitude of coefficients}}_{\lambda \cdot \|\theta\|_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2$$

- multi-objective optimization
- $\lambda$  is a tuning parameter

# Regularization (Shrinkage Methods)

- the second term,  $\lambda \cdot \|\theta\|_2^2$ , called a shrinkage penalty, is small when  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d$  are close to zeros, and so it has the effect of shrinking the estimates of  $\theta_j$  towards zero
- the tuning parameter  $\lambda$  serves to control the relative impact of these two terms on the regression coefficient estimates
- known as a *ridge regression*



# RBF: Start from Rich Representation

```
d = 10
u = np.linspace(-4.5, 4.5, d)

sigma = 1

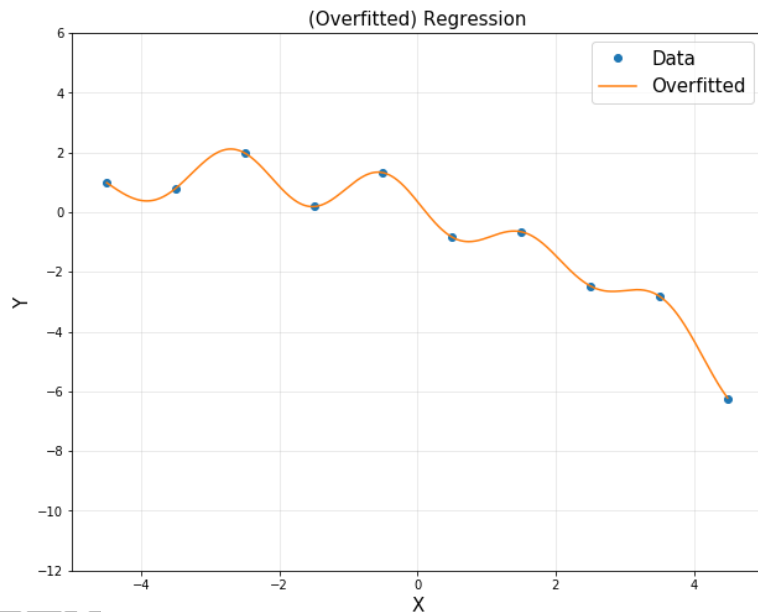
A = np.hstack([np.exp(-(x-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d)])
rbfbasis = np.hstack([np.exp(-(x-u[i])**2/(2*sigma**2)) for i in range(d)])

A = np.asmatrix(A)
rbfbasis = np.asmatrix(rbfbasis)

theta = cvx.Variable([d, 1])
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.sum_squares(A*theta-y))
prob = cvx.Problem(obj).solve()

yp = rbfbasis*theta.value
```

$$\min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2$$

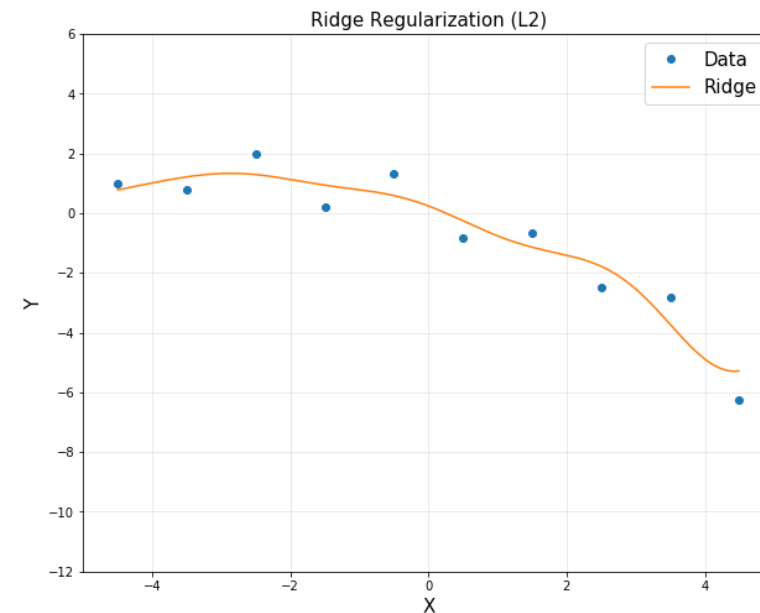
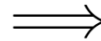
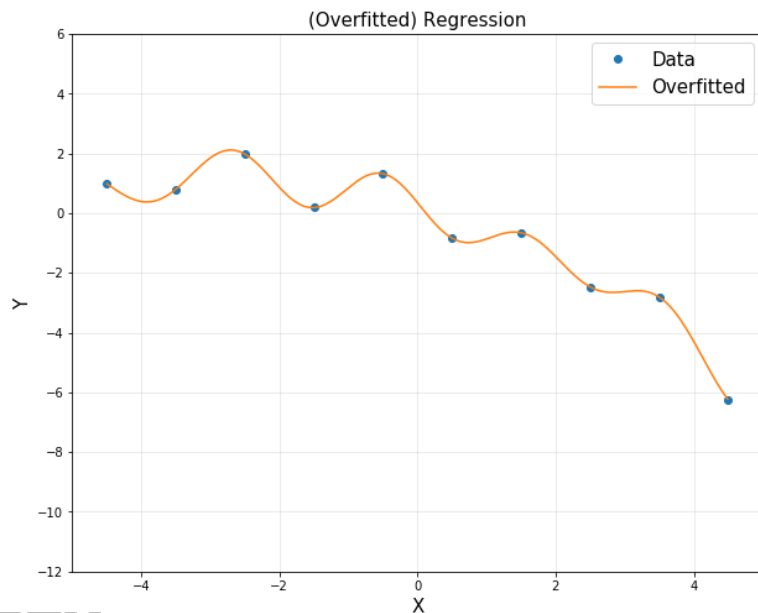


# RBF with Regularization

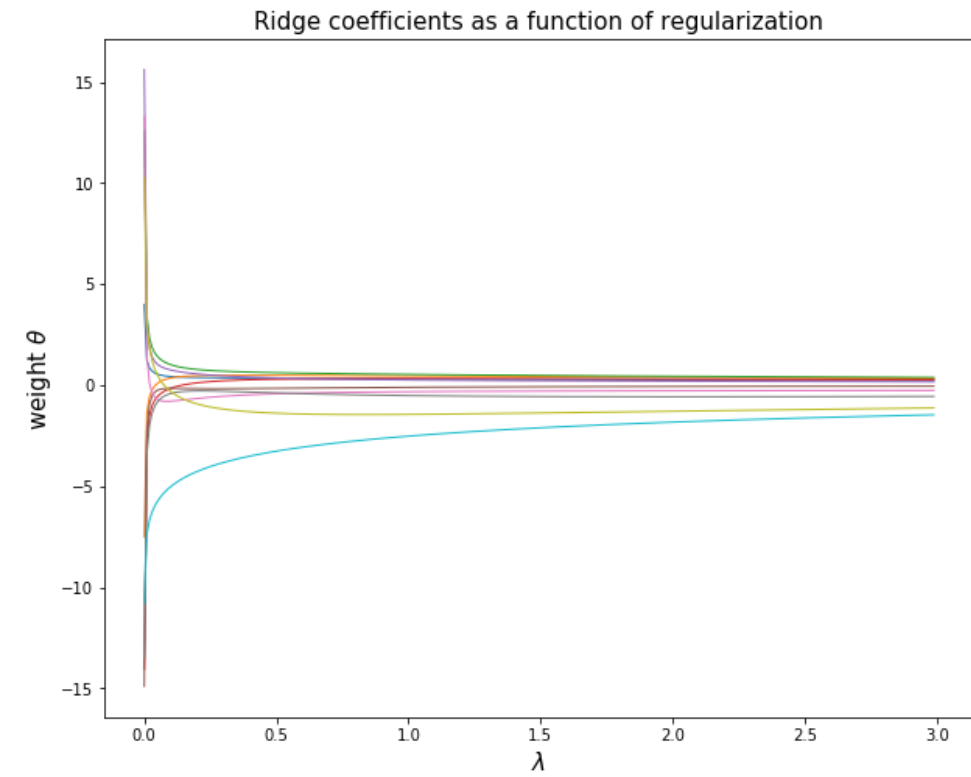
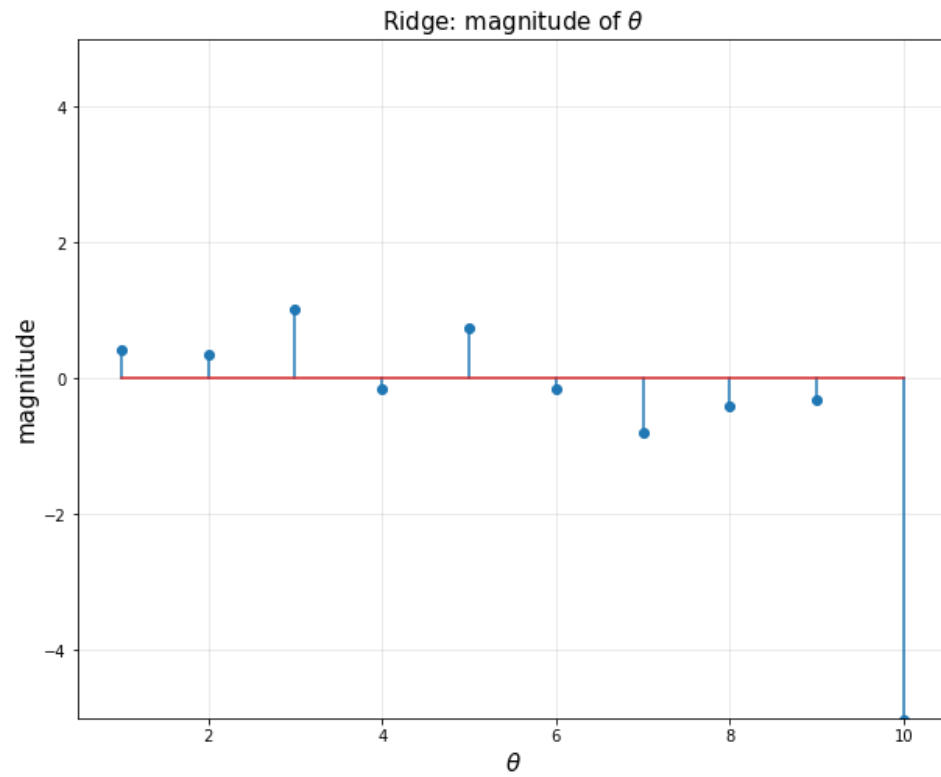
- Start from rich representation. Then, regularize coefficients  $\theta$

```
# ridge regression  
  
lamb = 0.1  
theta = cvx.Variable([d, 1])  
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.sum_squares(A*theta - y) + lamb*cvx.sum_squares(theta))  
prob = cvx.Problem(obj).solve()  
  
yp = rbfbasis*theta.value
```

$$\min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|_2^2$$



# Coefficients $\theta$



# Let's Use $L_1$ Norm

- Ridge regression

$$\text{Total cost} = \underbrace{\text{measure of fit}}_{RSS(\theta)} + \underbrace{\lambda \cdot \text{measure of magnitude of coefficients}}_{\lambda \cdot \|\theta\|_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \boxed{\lambda \|\theta\|_2^2}$$

- Try this cost instead of ridge...

$$\text{Total cost} = \underbrace{\text{measure of fit}}_{RSS(\theta)} + \underbrace{\lambda \cdot \text{measure of magnitude of coefficients}}_{\lambda \cdot \|\theta\|_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \boxed{\lambda \|\theta\|_1}$$

- $\lambda$  is a tuning parameter = balance of fit and sparsity
- Known as *LASSO*
  - least absolute shrinkage and selection operator

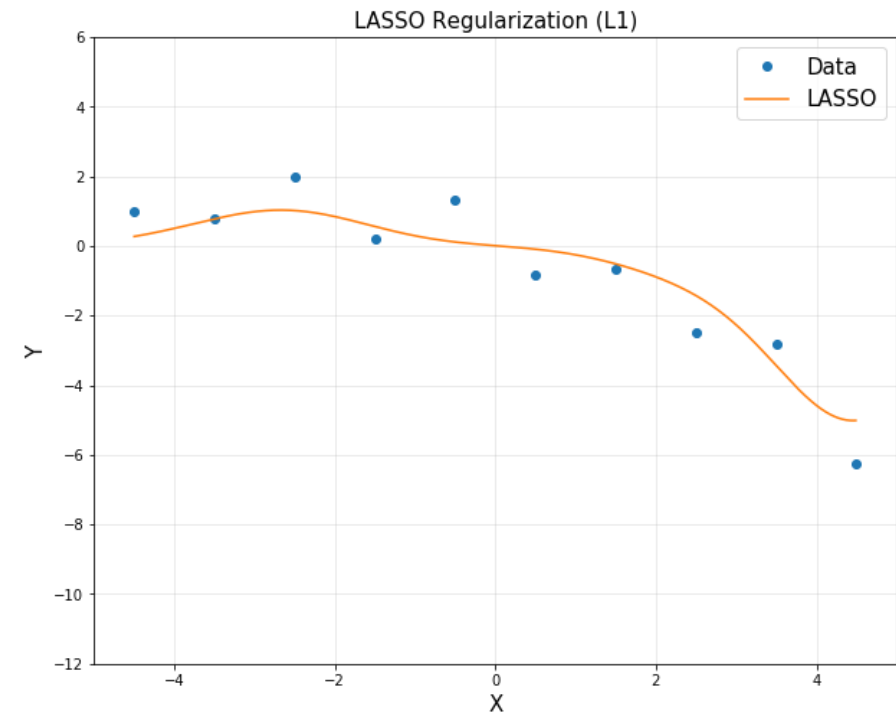
# RBF with LASSO

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# LASSO regression
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lamb = 2  
theta = cvx.Variable([d, 1])  
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.sum_squares(A*theta - y) + lamb*cvx.norm(theta, 1))  
prob = cvx.Problem(obj).solve()  
  
yp = rbfbasis*theta.value
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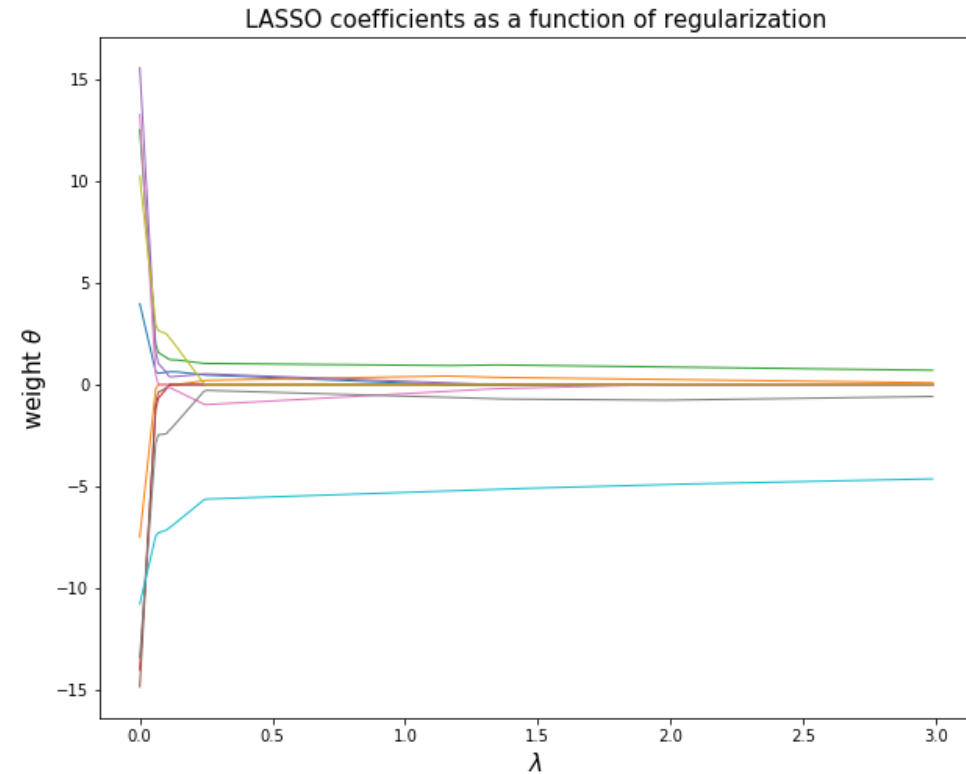
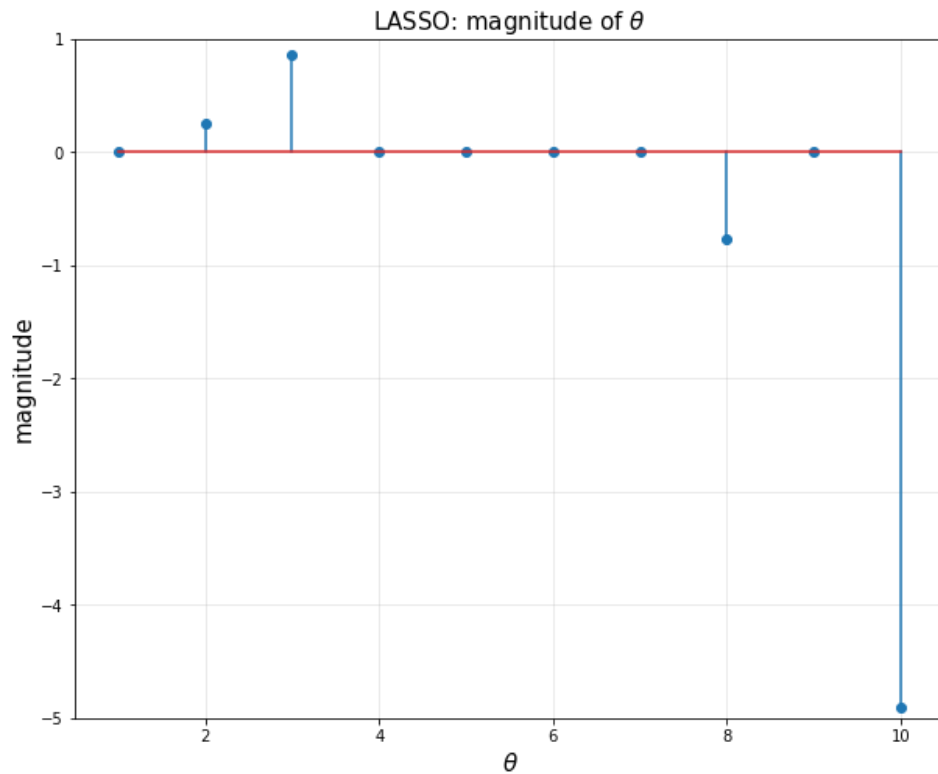
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- Approximated function looks similar to that of ridge regression



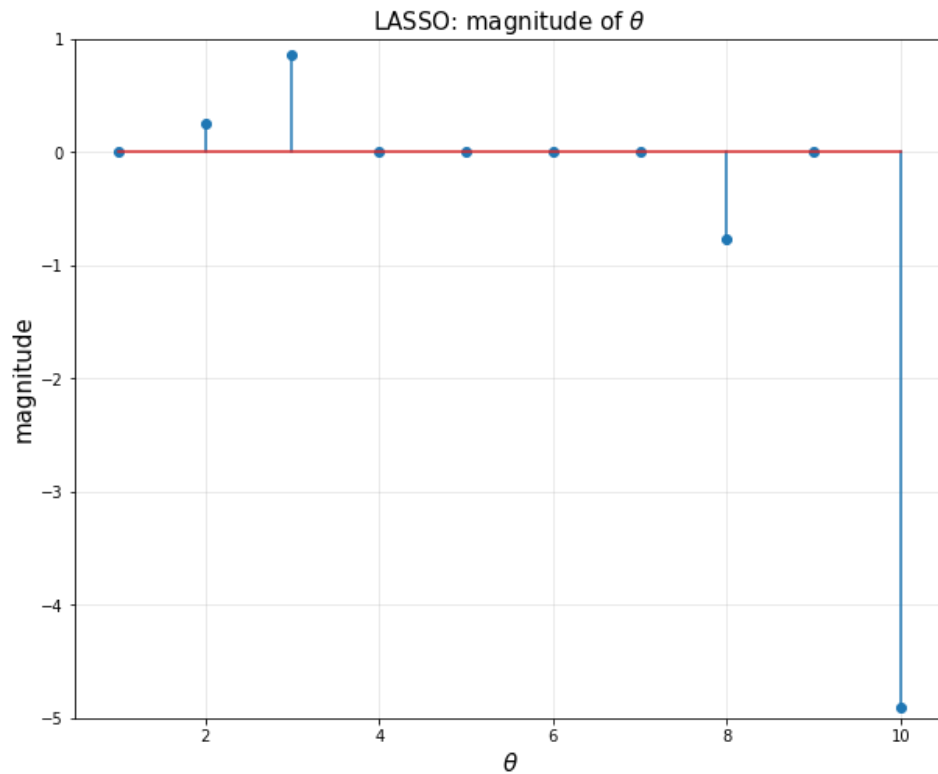
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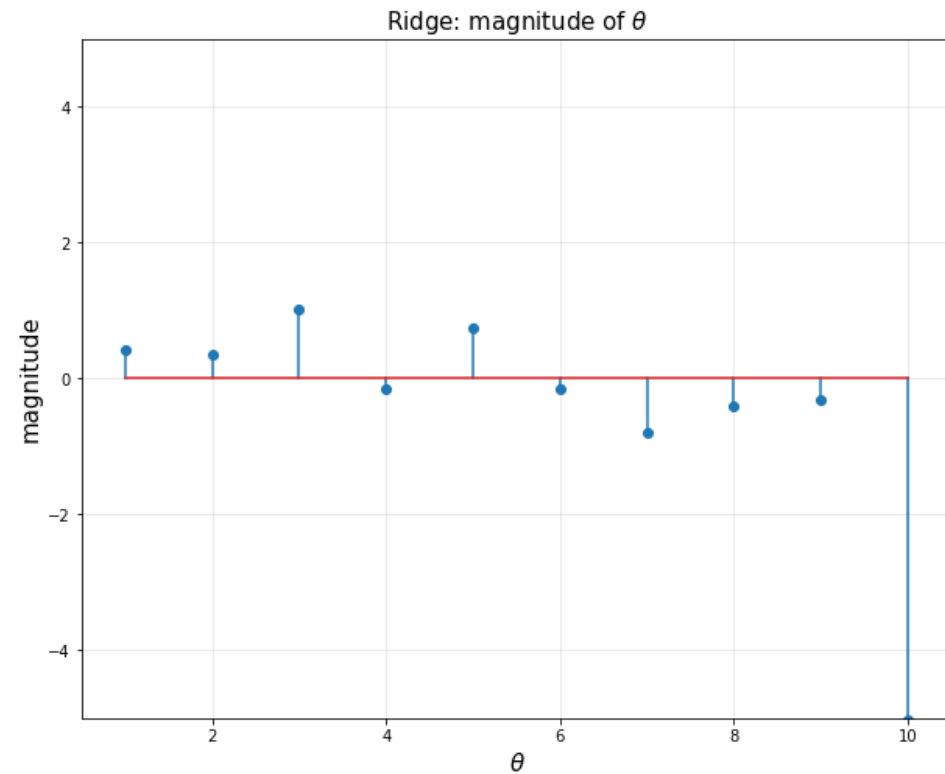


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LASSO



Ridge

# Sparsity for Feature Selection using Lasso

- Least squares with a penalty on the  $L_1$  norm of the parameters
- Start with full model (all possible features)
- ‘Shrink’ some coefficients exactly to 0
  - *i.e.*, knock out certain features
  - The  $L_1$  penalty has the effect of forcing some of the coefficient estimates to be exactly equal to zero
- Non-zero coefficients indicate ‘selected’ features



# LASSO vs. Ridge

- Another equivalent forms of optimizations

$$\min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|_1$$

$$\min \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|_2^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad & \min_{\theta} \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to } \|\theta\|_1 \leq s_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\theta} \|\Phi\theta - y\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to } \|\theta\|_2 \leq s_2 \end{aligned}$$

# LASSO vs. Ridge

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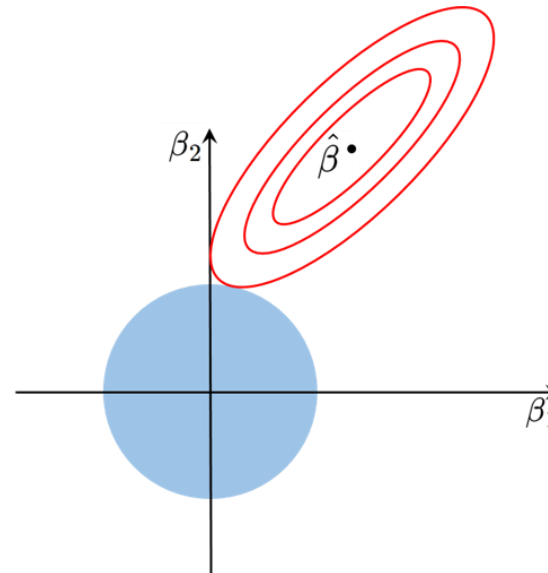
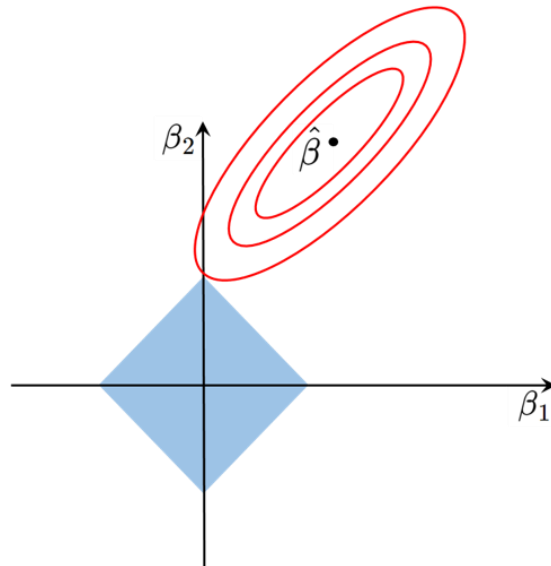
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$\Rightarrow$

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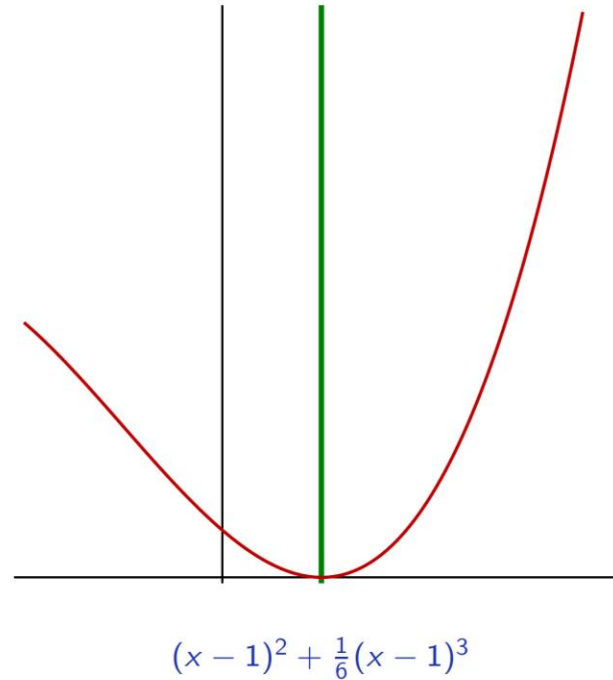
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# L2 Regularizers: Simple Example

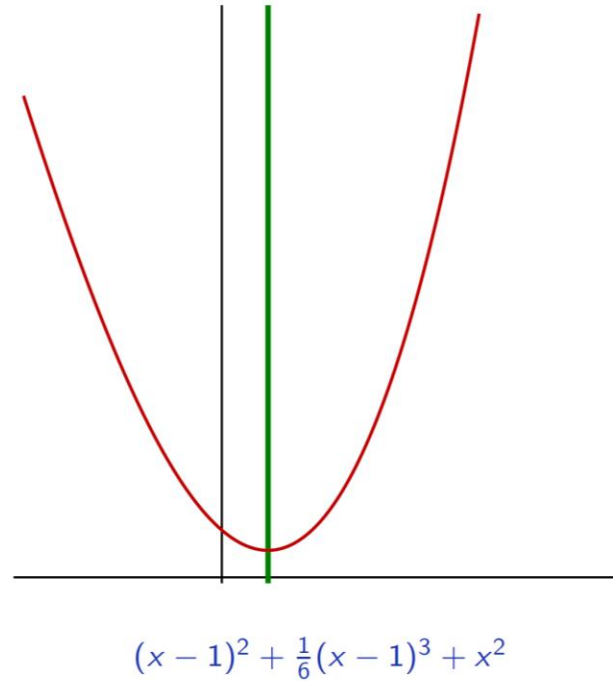
Increasing the  $\lambda$  parameter moves the optimal closer to 0, and away from the optimal for the loss alone.

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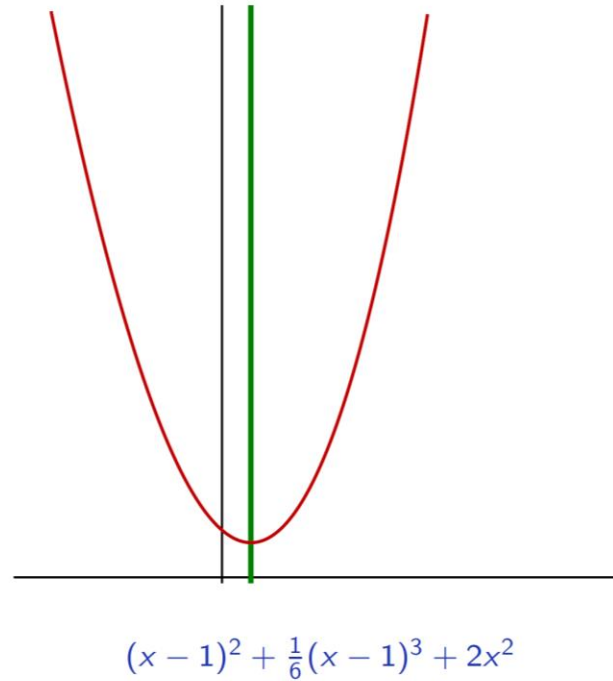
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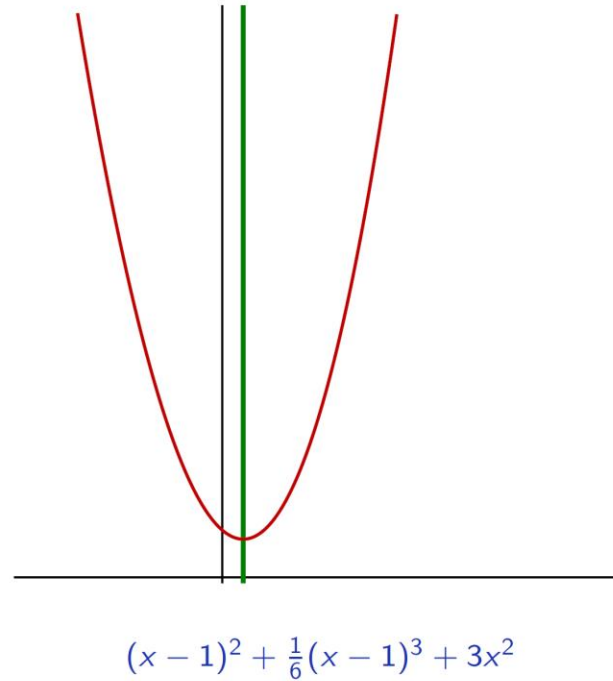
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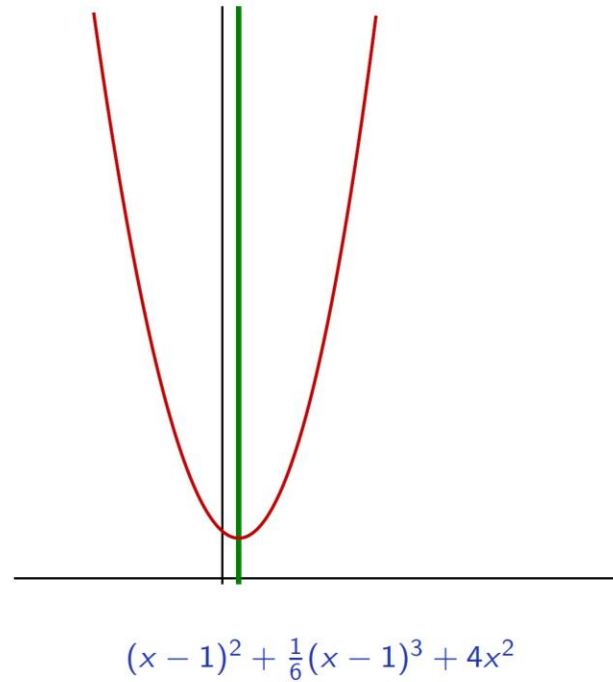
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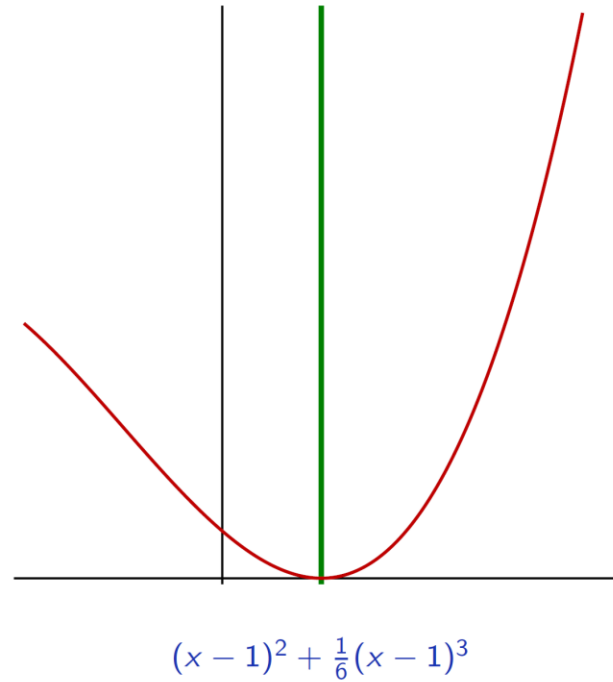
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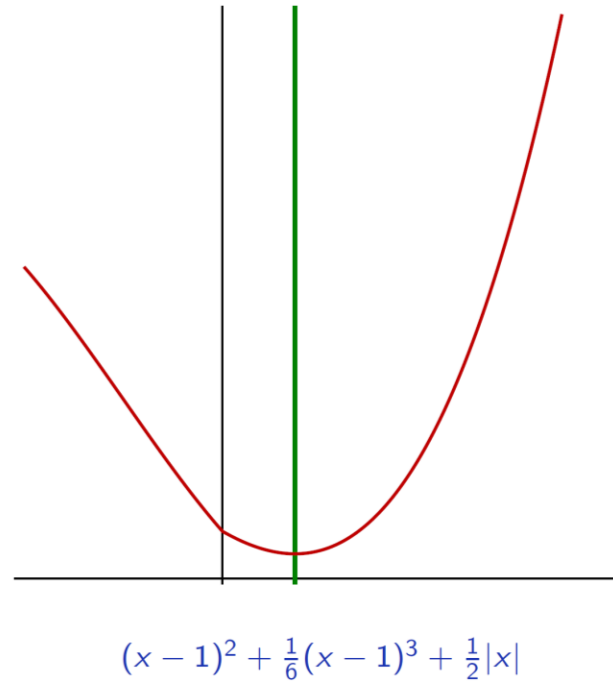
# L1 Regularizers: Simple Example

Increasing the  $\lambda$  parameter moves the optimal closer to 0, and away from the optimal for the loss without penalty.

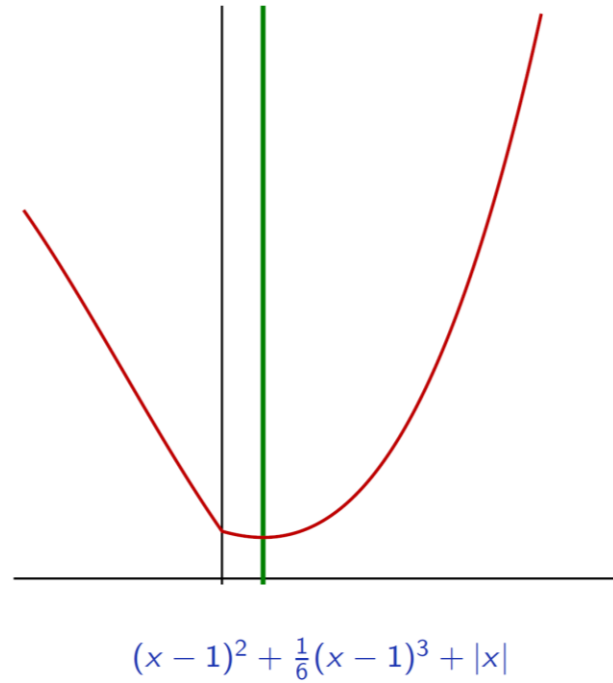




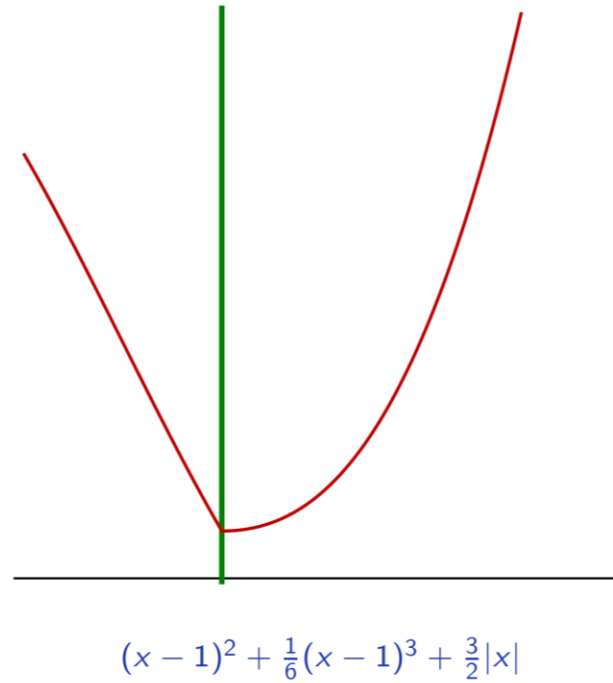
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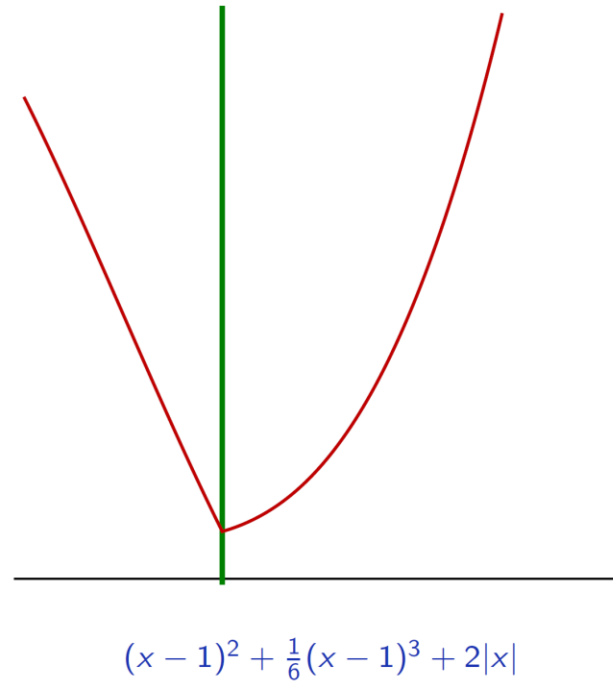
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# Evaluation

- Adding more features will always decrease the loss
- How do we determine when an algorithm achieves “good” performance?
- A better criterion:
  - Training set (e.g., 70 %)
  - Testing set (e.g., 30 %)
- Performance on testing set called *generalization* performance

