

# Introduction to Machine Learning

## Introduction to Linear Classifiers

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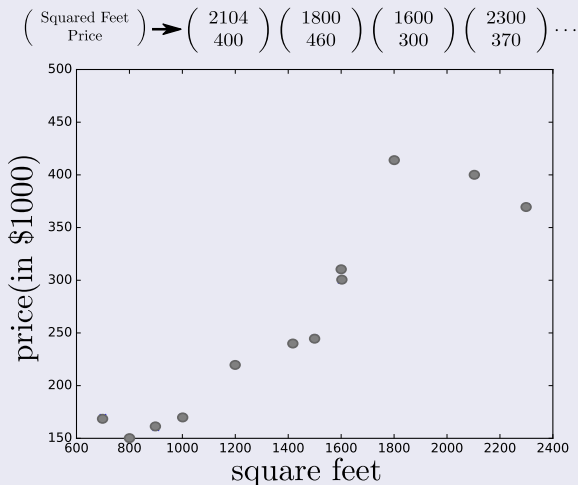
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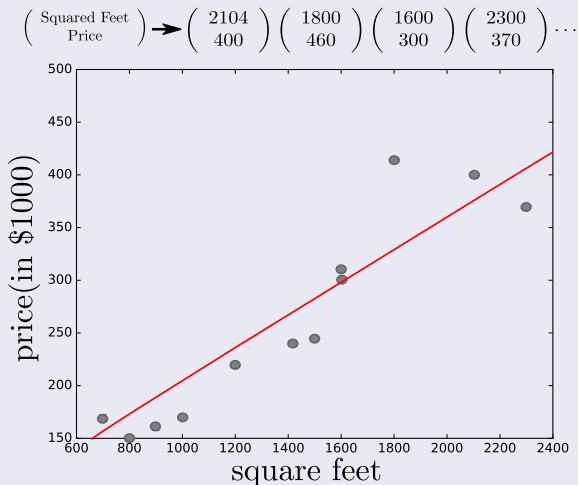
# Many Times, we have things as regression

We have this kind of data sets (House Prices per Square Feet)



Thus

We can adjust a line/hyperplane to be able to forecast prices



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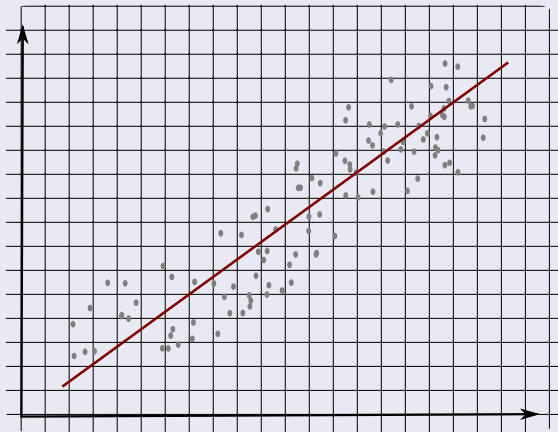
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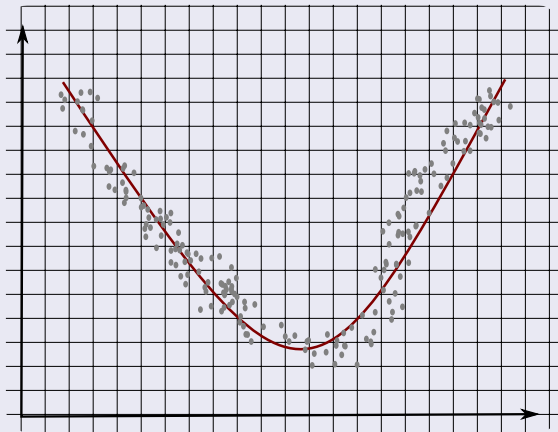
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# Non-Linear Regression

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# As an Approximation

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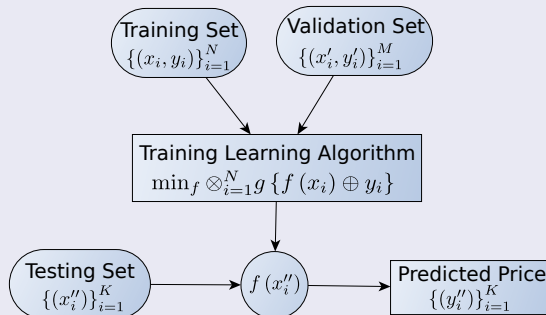
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# Then, in Supervised Training[2]

We have the following process  $(x_i, y_i)$





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First than anything, we have a parametric model!!!

Here, we have an hyperplane as a model:

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0 \quad (1)$$

**Note:**  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  is also know as dot product

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We have:

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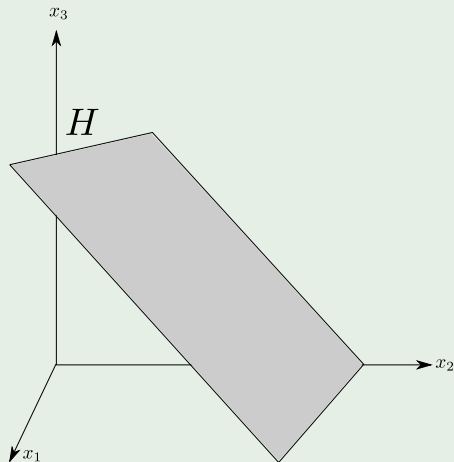
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# Example

## Hyperplane in $\mathbb{R}^3$



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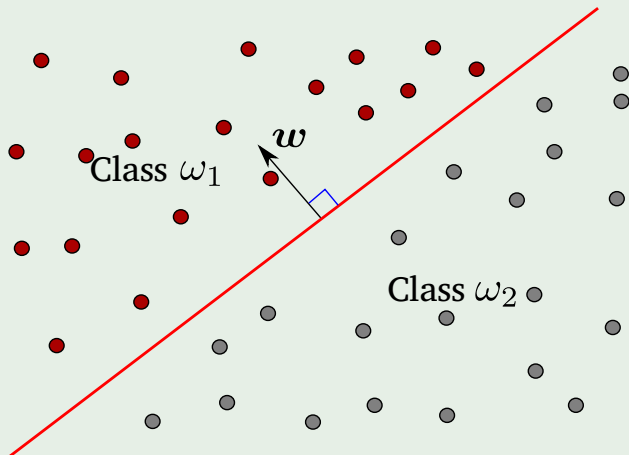
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# Splitting The Space $\mathbb{R}^2$

Using a simple straight line (Hyperplane)



# Splitting the Space?

For example, assume the following vector  $w$  and constant  $w_0$

$$w = (-1, 2)^T \text{ and } w_0 = 0$$

Hyperplane



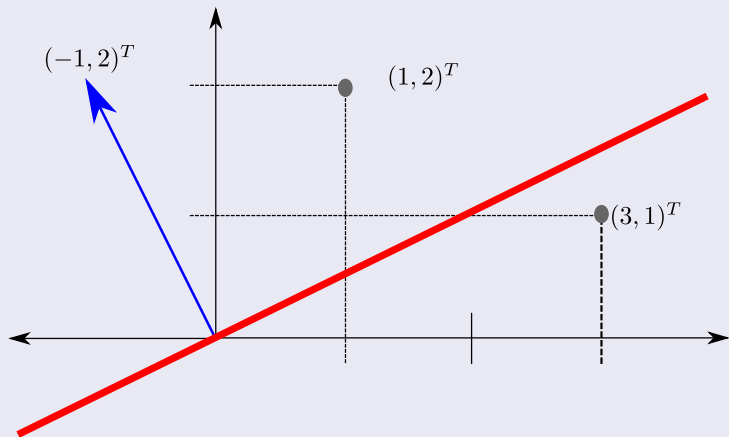
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Then, we have

The following results

$$g\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = (-1, 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 = 3$$

$$g\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = (-1, 2) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \times 3 + 2 \times 1 = -1$$

YES!!! We have a positive side and a negative side!!!



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The equation  $g(x) = 0$  defines a decision surface

Separating the elements in classes,  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .

When  $w$  is linear the decision surface is an hyperplane

Now assume  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are both on the decision surface

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# Defining a Decision Surface

Then

$$\mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = 0 \quad (4)$$

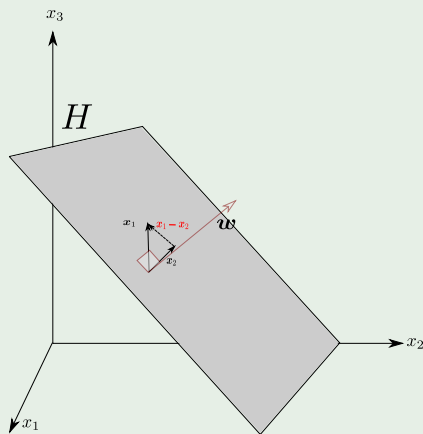


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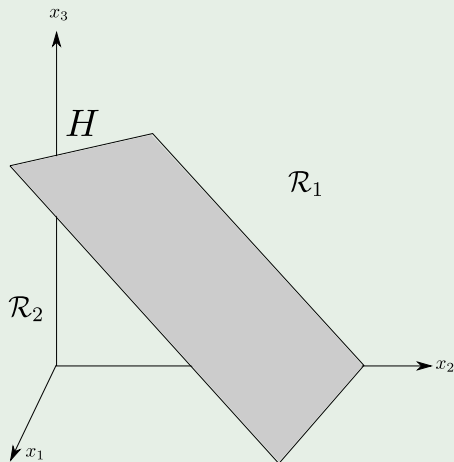
$x_1 - x_2$  lives in the hyperplane i.e. it is perpendicular to  $w^T$

- Remark: any vector in the hyperplane is a linear combination of elements in the plane.
- **Therefore any vector in the plane is perpendicular to  $w^T$**



Therefore

The space is split in two regions (Example in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) by the hyperplane  $H$





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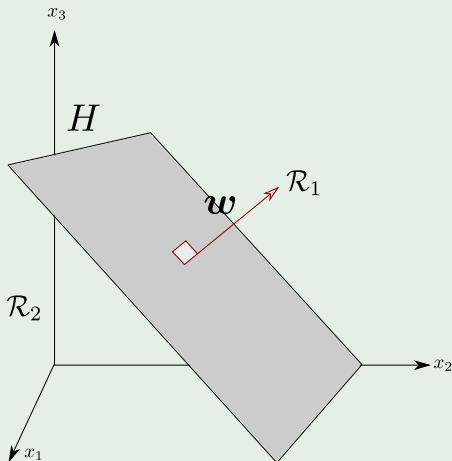
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# Some Properties of the Hyperplane

Given that  $g(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_1$



## It is more

### We can say the following

- Any  $x \in \mathcal{R}_1$  is on the positive side of  $H$ .
- Any  $x \in \mathcal{R}_2$  is on the negative side of  $H$ .

In addition,  $y(x)$  can give us a way to obtain the distance from  $x$  to the hyperplane  $H$ .

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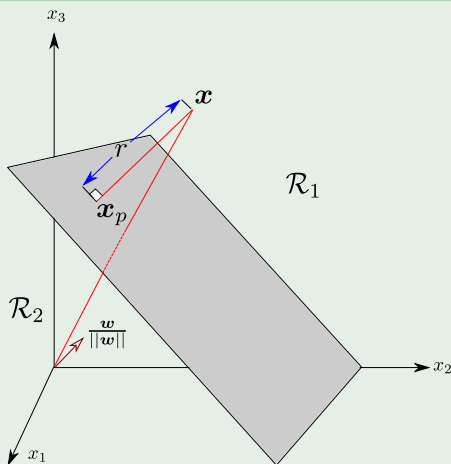
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## Now

Since  $g(x_p) = 0$

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- If  $w_0 = 0$ , the hyperplane has the homogeneous form  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  and hyperplane passes through the origin.



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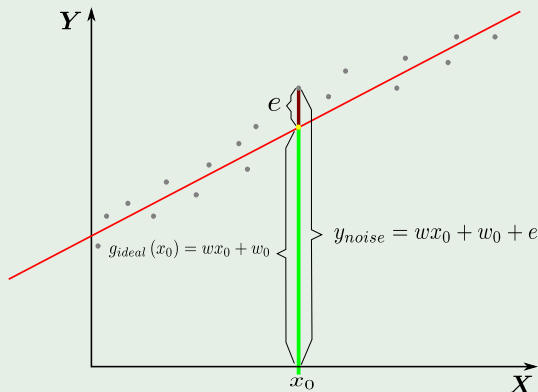
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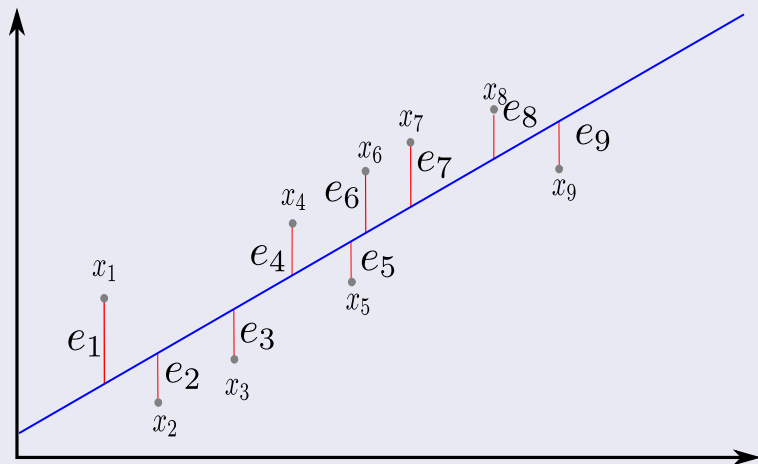
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## Furthermore

Then stacking all the possible estimations into the product Data Matrix and weight vector

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## Note about other representations

We could have  $\mathbf{x}^T = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d, 1)$  thus

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Then, we have the following trick with  $\mathbf{X}$

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# The projected elements by the matrix

## Definition $Image(\mathbf{X})$

- The column space of a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is the span (set of all possible linear combinations) of its column vectors.

$$Image(\mathbf{X}) = span\{\mathbf{X}_1^{col}, ..., \mathbf{X}_{d+1}^{col}\}$$

- In other words, the image of a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is all the vectors  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  with  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$



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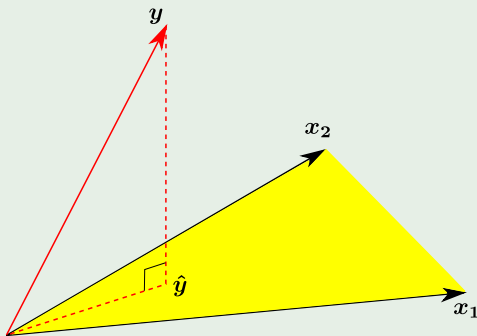
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- by function  $\hat{y} = \mathbf{X} \left( \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T y$ .



## Geometrically

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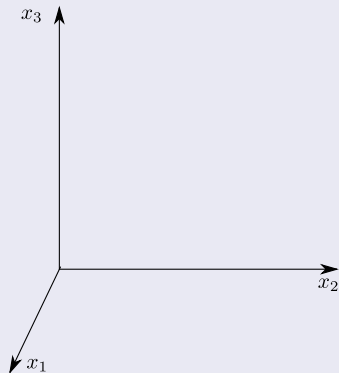
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Why? Assume that you are in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Something like



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In our case

### The Projection Matrices for the coordinate systems

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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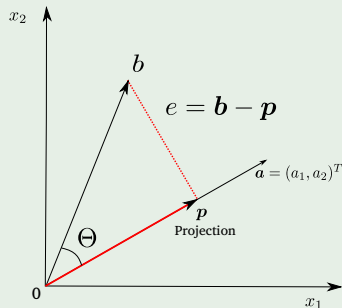
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# With a little of Geometry

We have the following



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## Using the Norm

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The key step was  $A^T [\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}] = 0$

Linear algebra gives this "normal equation"

- 1 Our subspace is the column space of  $A$ .
- 2 The error vector  $\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}$  is perpendicular to that column space.
- 3 Therefore  $\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}$  is in the nullspace of  $A^T$



When  $A$  has independent columns,  $A^T A$  is invertible

### Theorem

$A^T A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  has linearly independent columns.



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# Proof

Consider the following

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# Geometric Interpretation

We have

The image of the mapping:

$$h : \boldsymbol{w} \longmapsto \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{w}$$

$$h : \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \longmapsto \mathbb{R}^N$$

is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .



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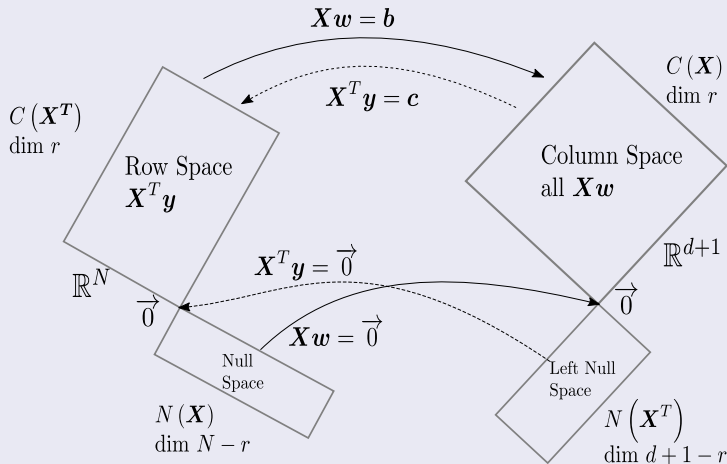
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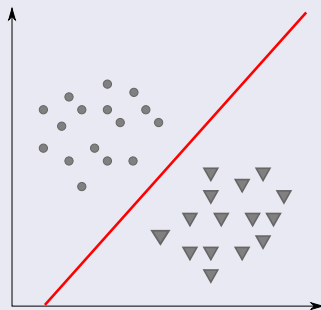


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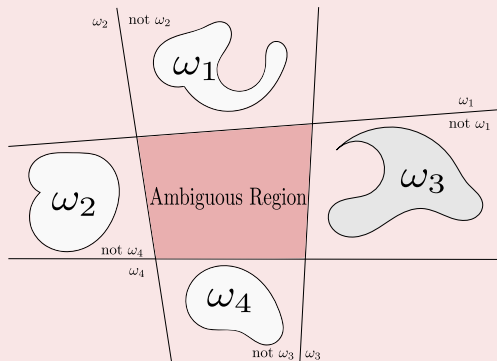
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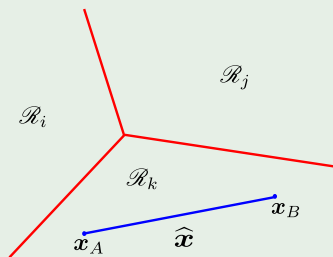


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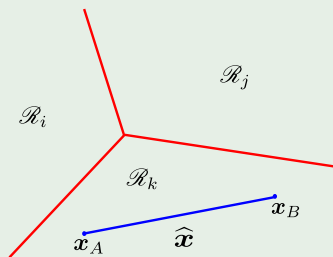
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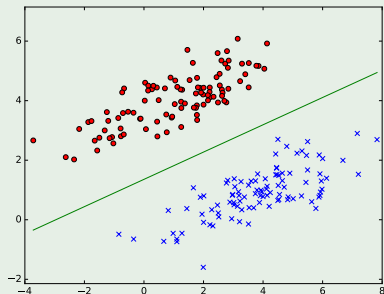


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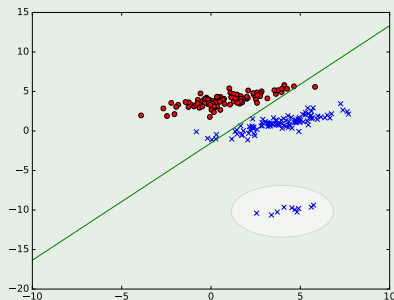
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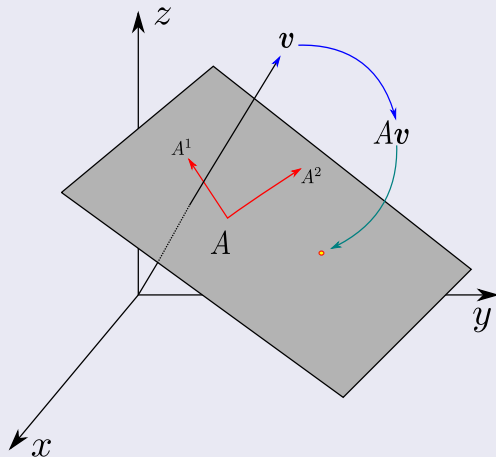
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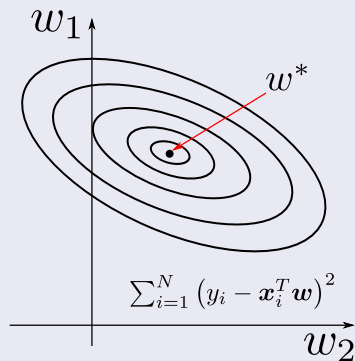


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## What could be the problem?

- Imagine that you finish with an over-fitting at the optimal  $w^*$



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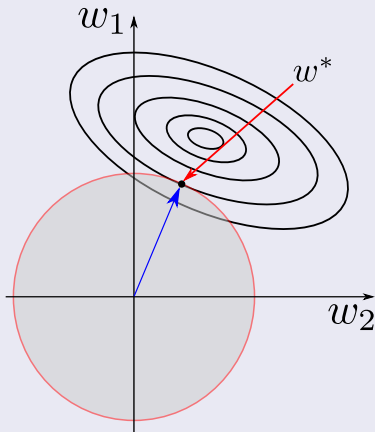


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