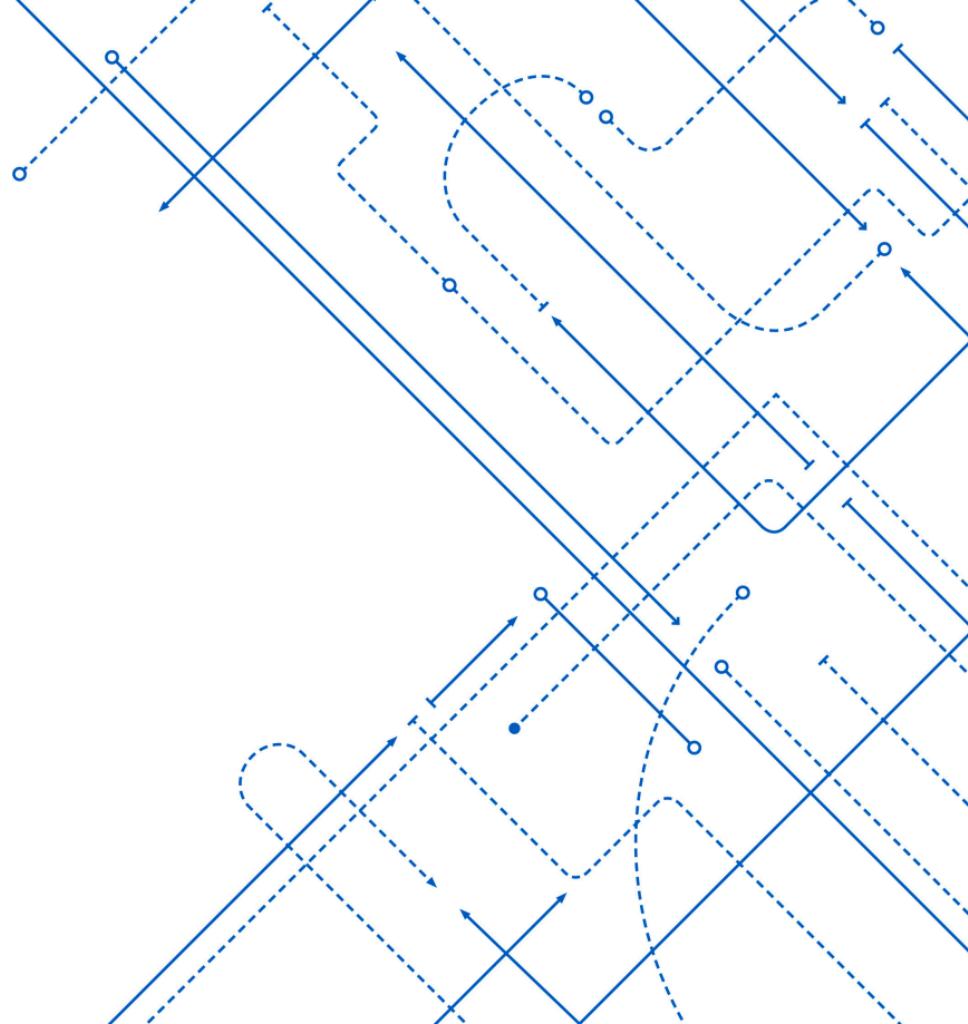


# A Review, then Sliding into Classification

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# Announcements

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- PA2 due Sunday night
- Quiz 4 is out, we will review Quiz 3 today
- PA 3 is out March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Minimal coding, we'll be annotating data, calculating agreement statistics, and reflecting on the process
  - You have almost a month to do this (in other words, a break from programming assignments for a while)
- Midterm is March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - In class, mostly
  - One page handwritten notes, front and back
  - Official Accessibility requests **due by next Tuesday**
- Questions?



# Terms/concepts you now know/have seen

- “Review”
  - Probability distribution
  - Expected Values
  - Stats (e.g. mean/variance)
  - Python
  - Pandas/Numpy/Jupyter
- ML High-level ideas
  - Model class
  - Loss function
    - Squared Error
    - Regularization
  - Optimization algorithm
    - (Stochastic) Gradient Descent
    - Closed form solutions
  - Making Predictions
- Models
  - (Regularized) Linear Regression
  - Polynomial regression
  - Decision Tree Regression
  - kNN regression
  - ~~(Generalized) additive models~~
- Selection & Evaluation
  - 2/3-way holdout methods
  - K-fold cross validation
  - Bias/Variance tradeoff
  - Generalization error
  - The 3 sources of error
  - Over/underfitting



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# This week

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- PA 1, Quiz 3
- A brief review of where we're at
  - Supervised learning – what's the point?
  - Where do features come from?
  - What does `sklearn.linear_model.LinearRegression()` actually do?
- A “new” setup from a *probabilistic* perspective
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation
  - Using the probabilistic approach to re-derive OLS regression
- Intro to classification
  - Logistic Regression
  - Bayes Optimal Classifier
  - Naïve Bayes
- Potentially: SVMs & Kernels

# Back to the beginning

- In Supervised ML, we have...

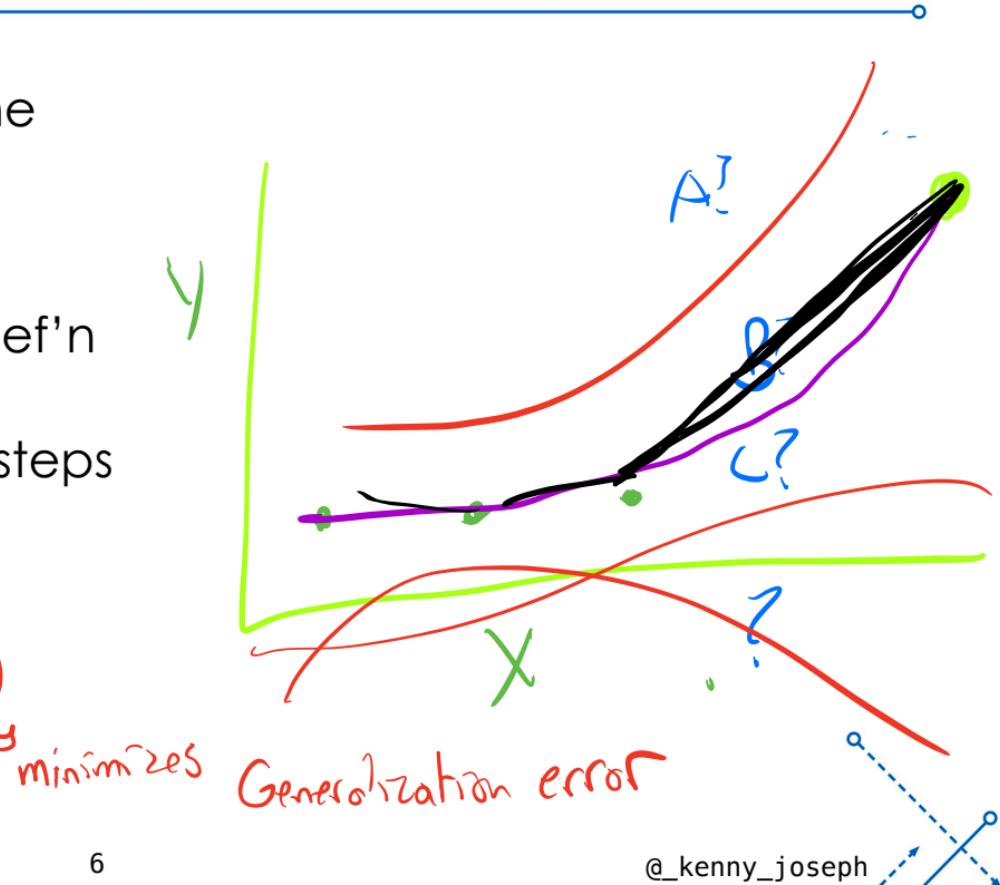
$(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$  where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are "features"  $y \in \text{label}$   
 $D = \{\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{L}$

- We want to be able to get  $y$  when we only have  $\mathbf{x}$ ...

$$h(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow y_i$$

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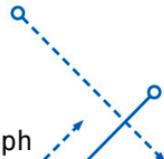
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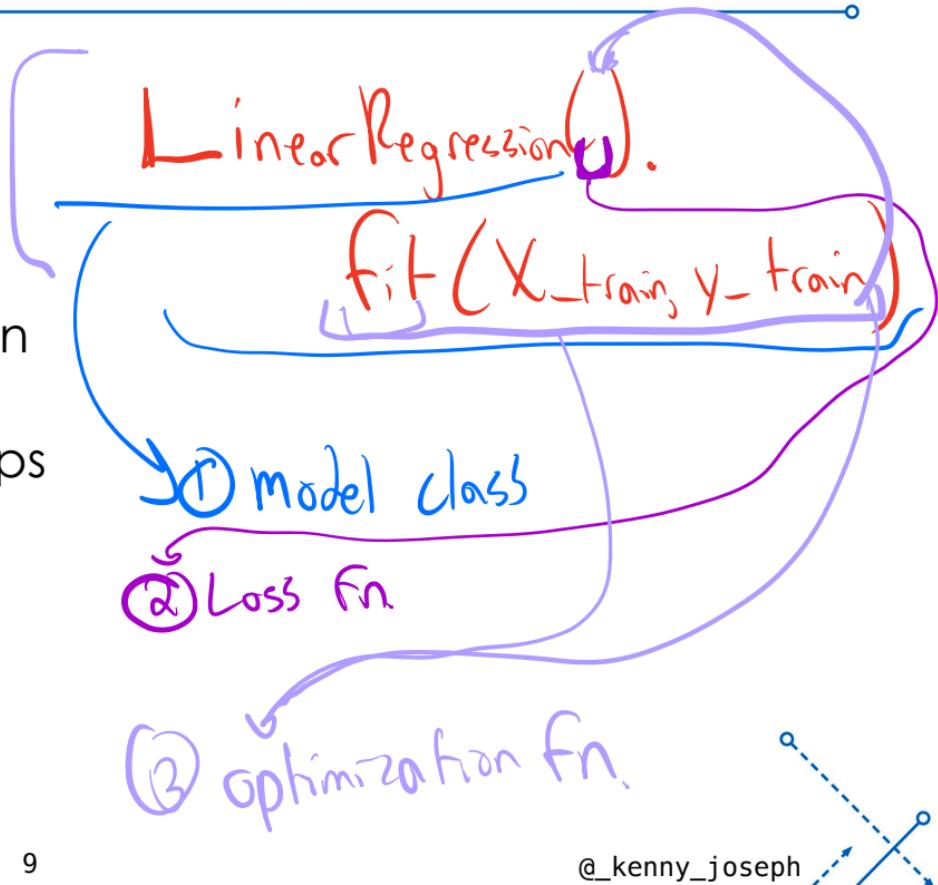
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LR  
Model does?  $f(x) = w^T x$   
(Loss fn?  $\text{LSE } (w^T x - y)^2$ )  
Optimize? GD / Closed form  
Selection/evaluation? RMSE

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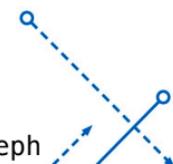


# Re-introducing probability...

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- Some holes in this “optimization” story...
  - What was all that business about “expectations”?
  - What about “training data as a random sample”? Of what?
  - Why SSE?
- Remembering the **probabilistic** part...

$$(x_i, y_i) \sim P(X, Y)$$



# Implications of probabilistic framing

- Goal changes slightly – find  $h(x)$  approx.  $y$
- Re-specifying “the best we can do”...
- Re-explaining “training data as a random sample”...
- But what about the SSE optimization part?

$$\mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim p} [L(x, y | h(\cdot))]$$

Diagram illustrating the probabilistic framing:

The equation shows the expected loss over a distribution  $p$ . Above the equation, there is handwritten text:  $h(x) \approx y$  and  $E_{(x,y) \sim p}$ .

A large blue bracket groups the entire equation, and a blue arrow points from the bottom right towards the distribution  $p$ .

# Maximum Likelihood estimation

- P(coin) is heads, when  $D = \{H, T, T, H, H, H, H, T, T, T, T\}$ ?
- More formal derivation?
- Use **MLE**
  - Specify parameterized distribution
  - Find parameters that make observed data most likely
- For coin toss...

$$P(H) = \frac{n_H}{n_H + n_T} \rightarrow 0.4$$
$$P(D; \theta) = \left( \frac{(n_H + n_T)}{n_H} \right) \theta^{n_H} (1-\theta)^{n_T}$$
$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D; \theta)$$
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Example from:

<https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4780/2018fa/lectures/lecturenote06.html>

# Linking back to the optimization view

- If we have a good model of the distrn. from which  $(x, y)$  is drawn, we can use it to put forward a good guess as to  $E[Y | X=x]$
- MLE gets us the best estimate of this probability distribution, **given a particular parameterized form...**
- Actually, two kinds of models
  - Generative
  - Discriminative

$$\begin{array}{c} (x, y) \sim P \\ E_{P(x,y)}[Y | X=x] \\ P(y|x) \\ P(x,y) \end{array}$$

# A "new strategy" for ML

1. Define  $p(y|x)$  in terms of some parameterized model
2. Write down (log) likelihood function ↗ "loss fn."
3. Find the parameters that maximize the probability of the observed data

Diagram illustrating the likelihood function for a Gaussian model:

$$p(y_i | x_i) \sim N(\omega^T x_i, \sigma^2)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i^T \omega - y_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

likelihood fn:  $\prod p(y_i | x_i; \omega)$

argmax  $\omega$

$\sum \log p(x_i, y_i; \omega)$

model class

# Trying our “new strategy” for linear regression

$\underset{w}{\operatorname{argmax}}$

$$\sum \log(y_i | x_i, w)$$

$$\sum \log\left(\frac{y_i}{1-y_i}\right) + \log(e^{-x_i^T w})$$

$$\text{margin } E(x_i^T w - y_i)^2$$

See Sections 1 and 2 of <https://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4780/2018fa/lectures/lecturenote08.html> for the full derivation!

$$\underset{w}{\operatorname{argmax}} - \sum (x_i^T w - y_i)^2$$



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