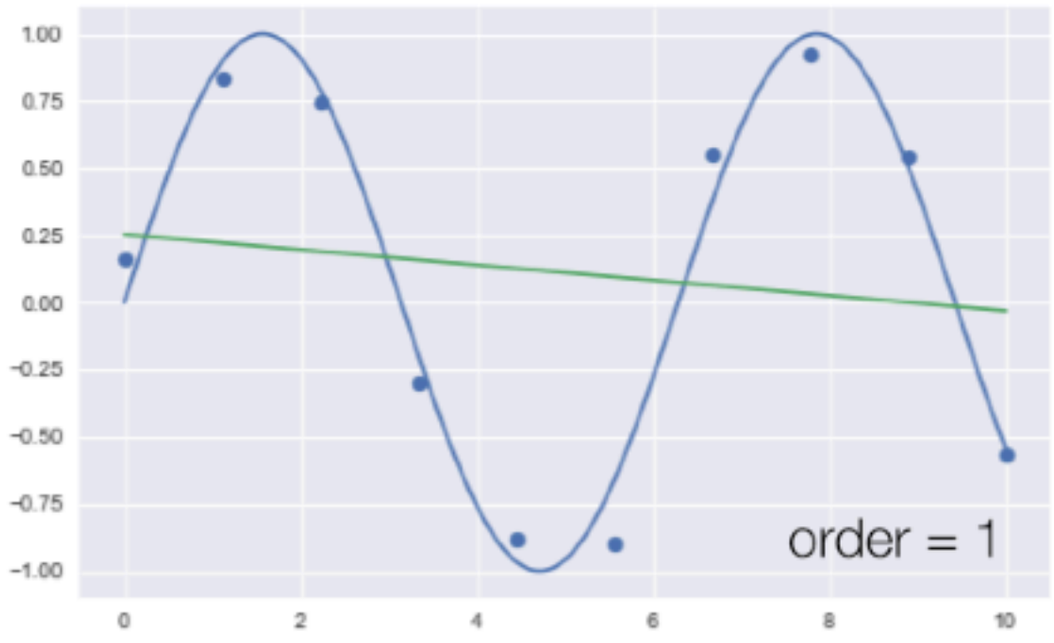
General formulation:

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + ... + w_D x_D$$



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The key property of this model is that it is a linear function of the parameters !

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} w_j x_j$$

Linear in x and w

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

Linear in w and phi(x)