

CSCI 111 Web Programming and Problem Solving  
Section 1

PART III Artificial Intelligence

Weeks [12 - 15]

Week-12-lecture-3: Machine Learning. Linear Regression.

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# The problem: Predict the price of a house

What would be the price for a house with 4 rooms?

Rooms	Price
1	10
2	15
3	20
4	?
5	30
6	35
7	40

# The problem: Predict the price of a house

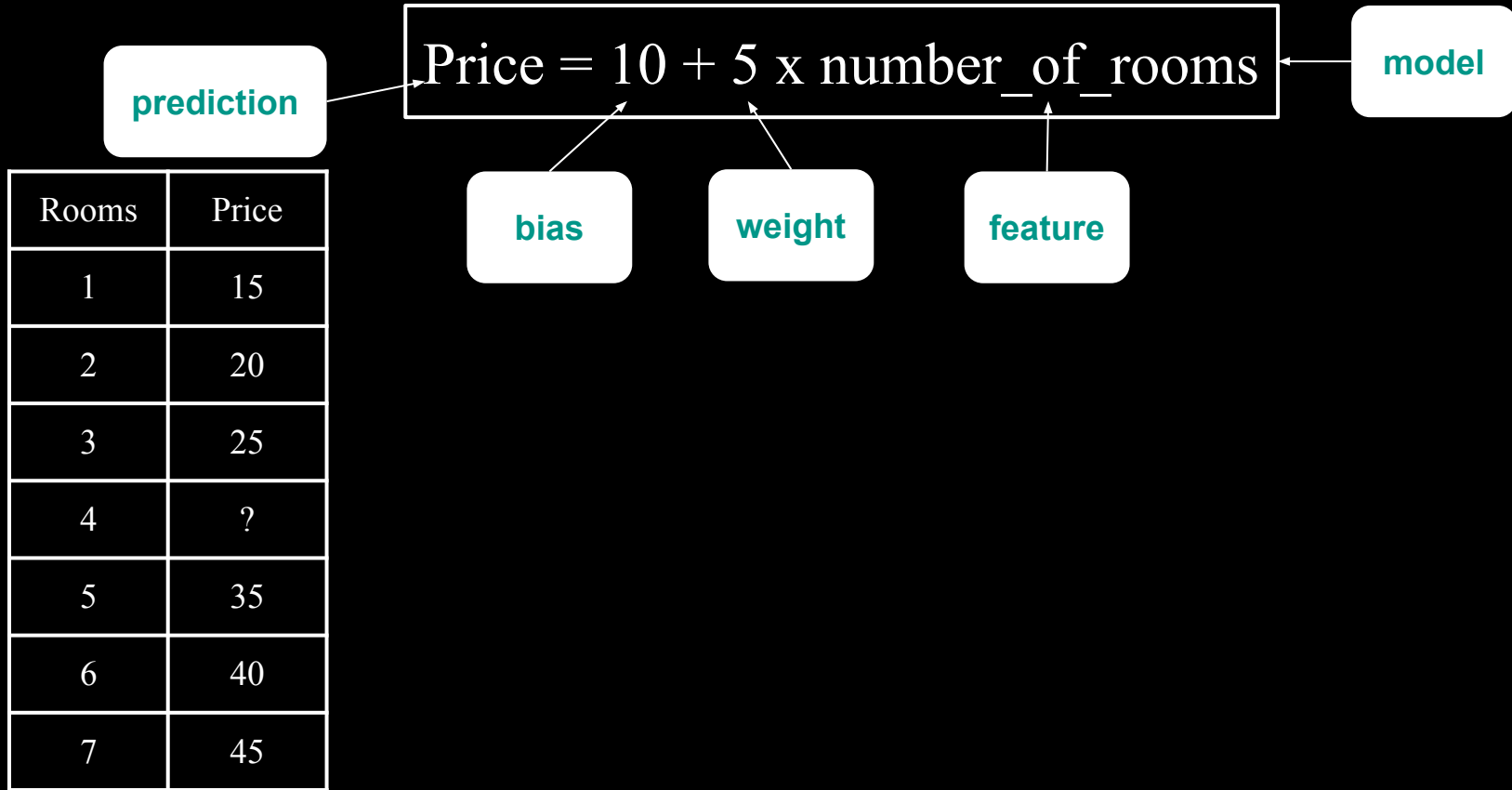
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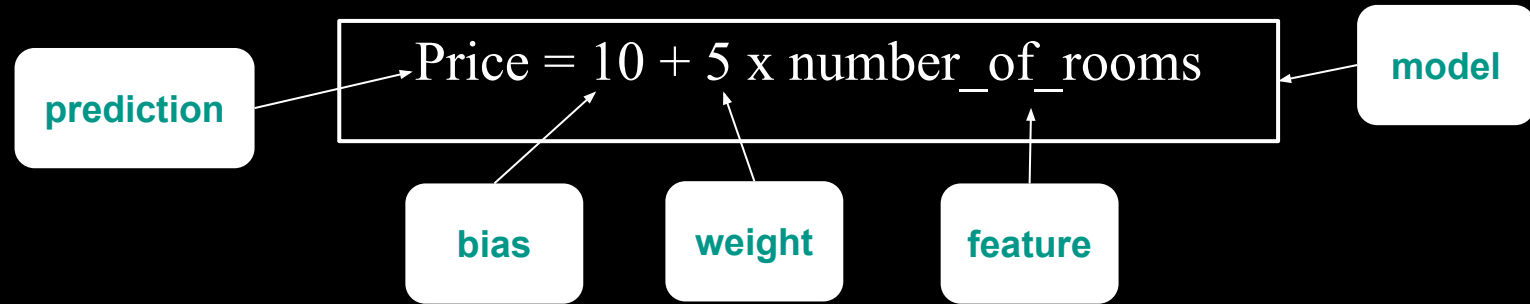
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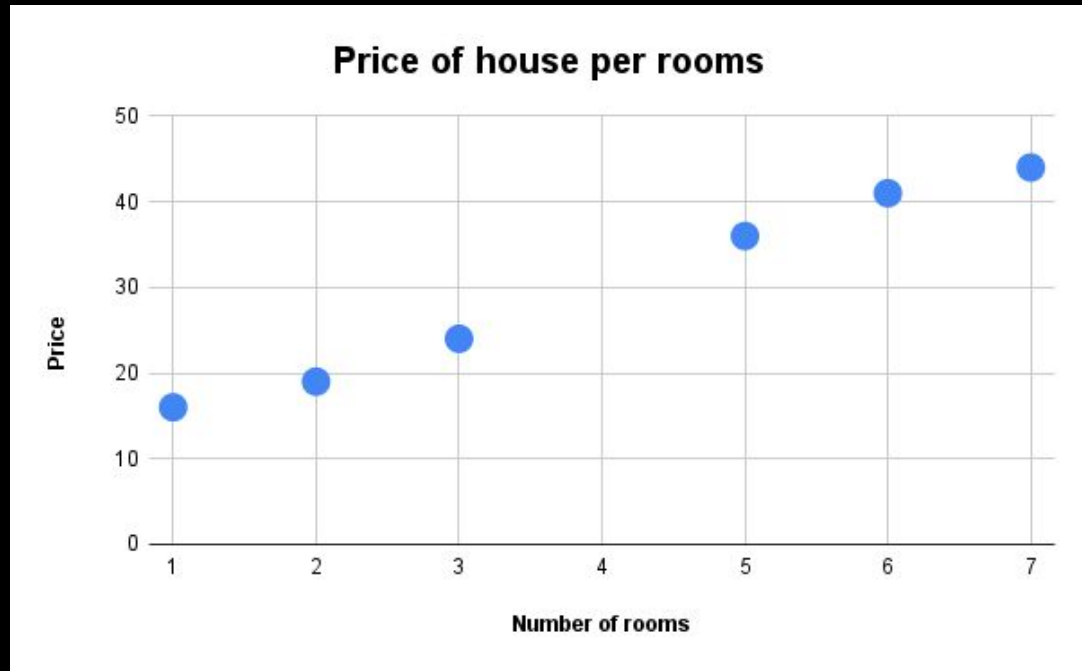
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The model to predict price for a house



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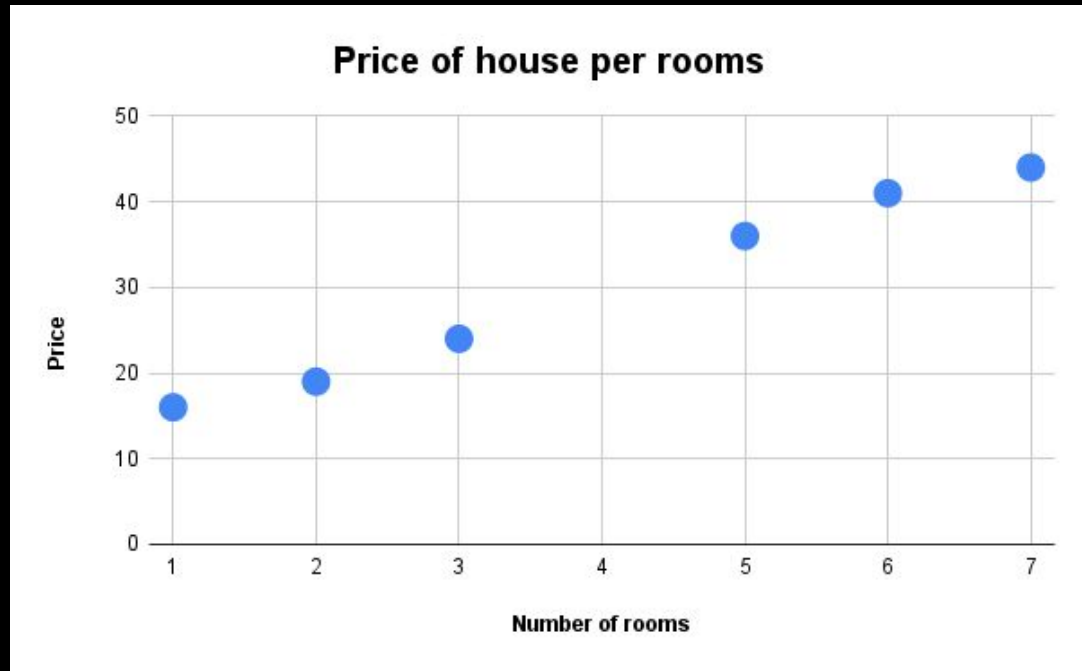
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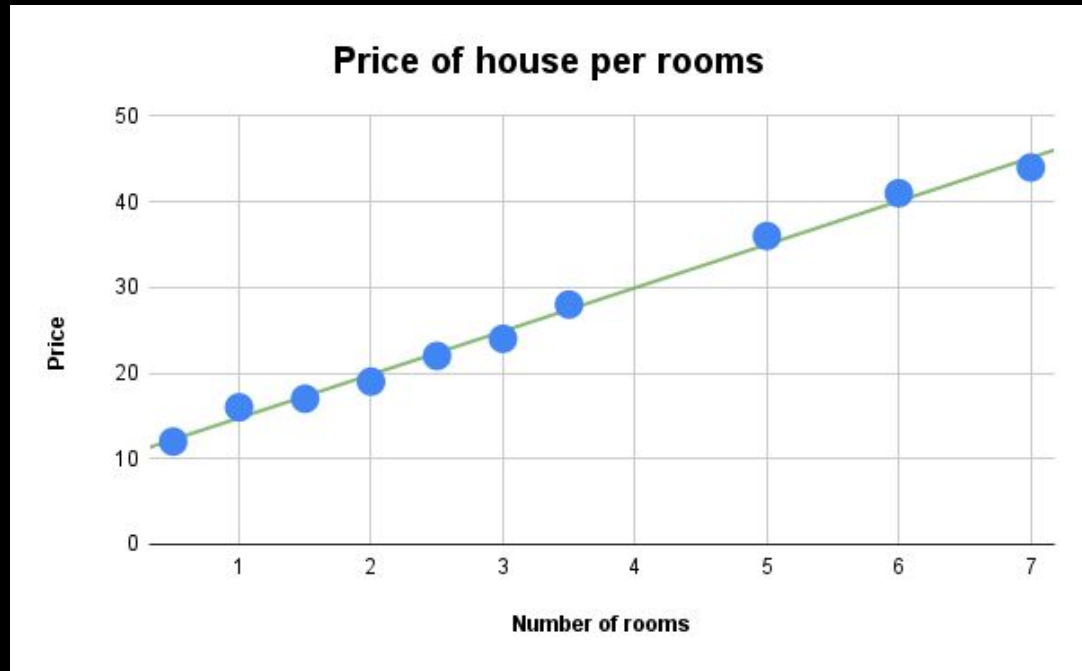


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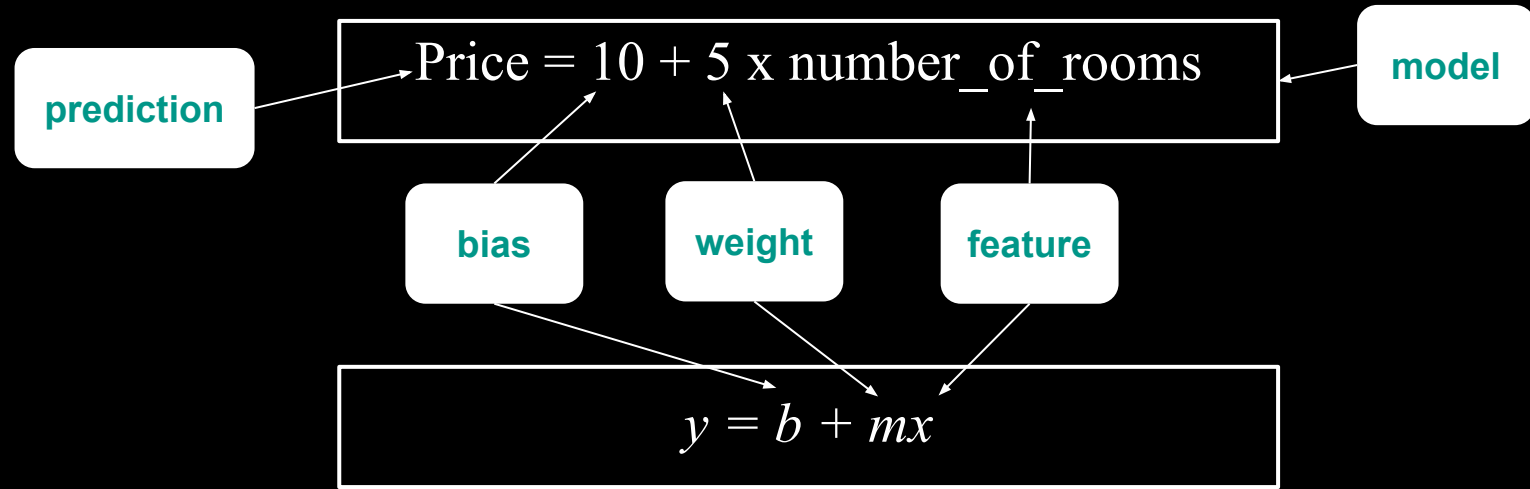
The goal of linear regression is to draw the straight line that passes as close as possible to these points.

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Linear equation

# Multivariate linear regression

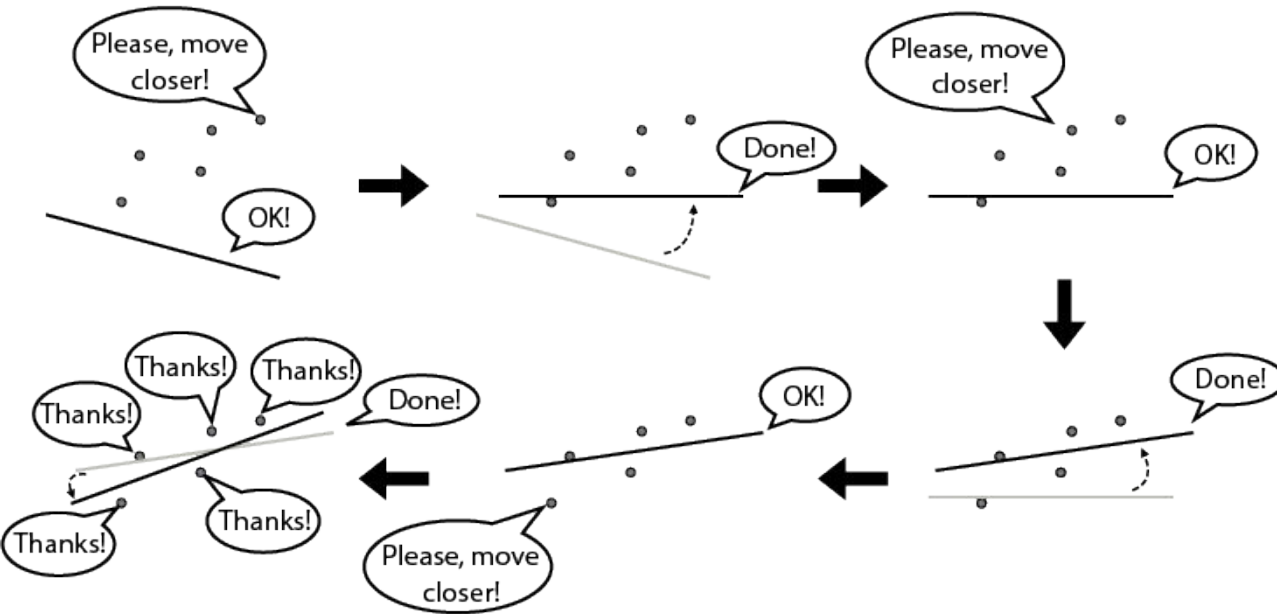
feature

$$\text{Price} = 5 \times \text{number\_of\_rooms} + 1.5 \times \text{size} - 2 \times \text{age} + 2 \times \text{number\_of\_schools} + 10$$

weight value -  
how important is  
the feature to  
determine the price

sign affects  
whether the price  
rises (+) or falls (-)

# The linear regression algorithm



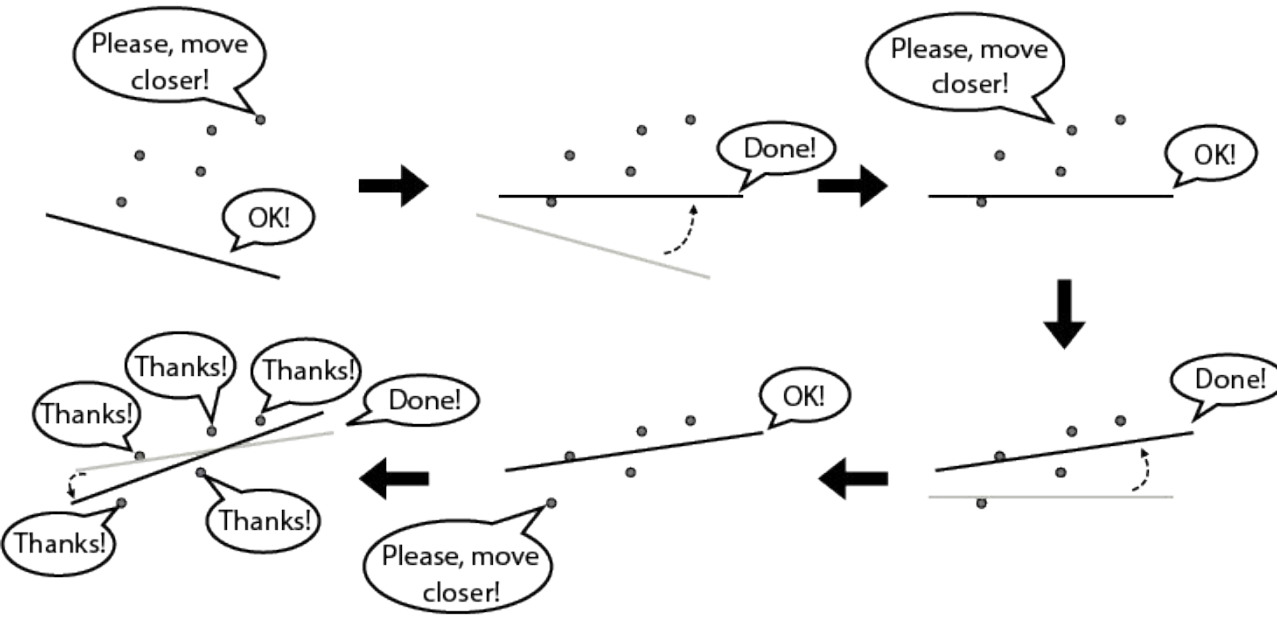
Pick a random line.

**Repeat many times:**

- Pick a random data point.
- Move the line a little closer to the point.

**Return** the line you've obtained.

# The linear regression algorithm



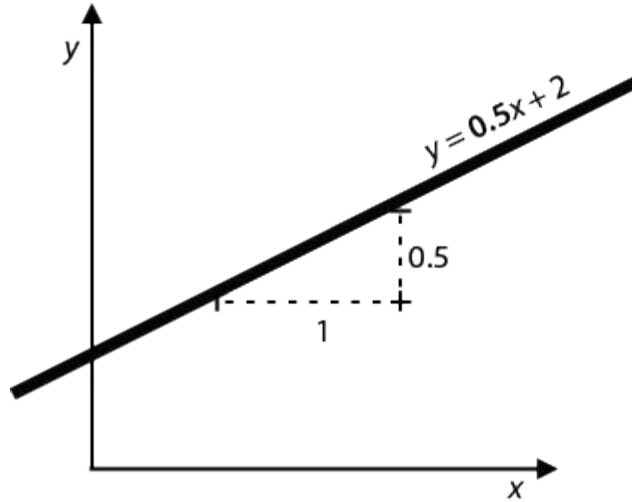
Pick a model with random weights and a random bias.

**Repeat many times:**

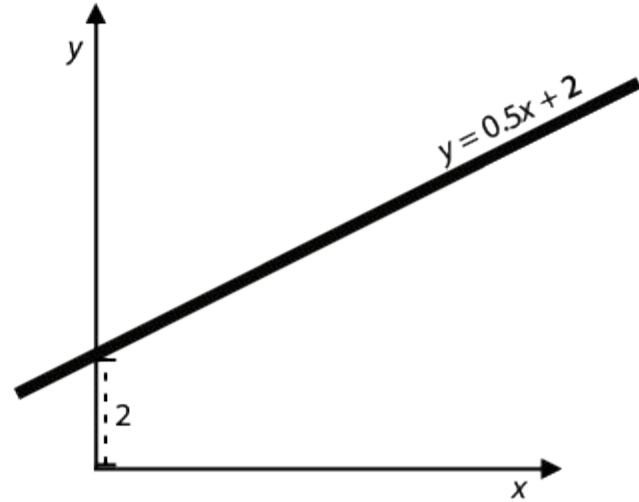
- Pick a random data point.
- Slightly adjust the weights and bias to improve the prediction for that particular data point.

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# The linear regression algorithm

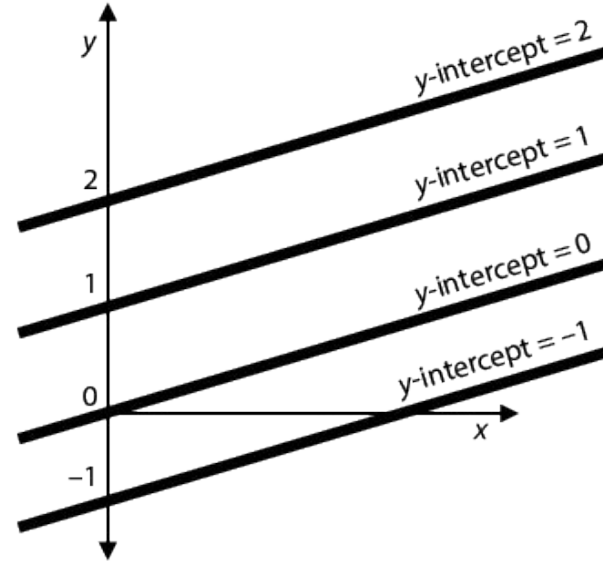
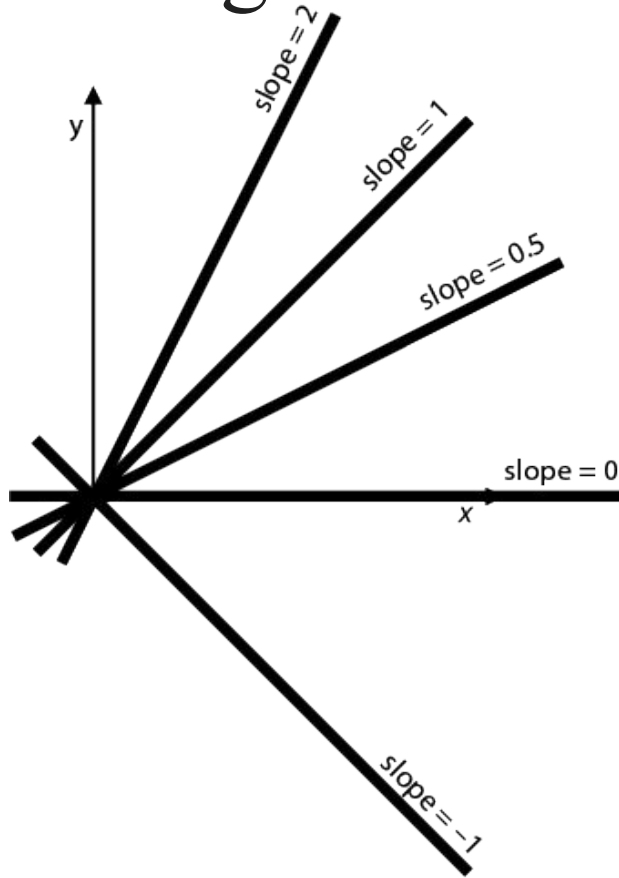


Slope = 0.5



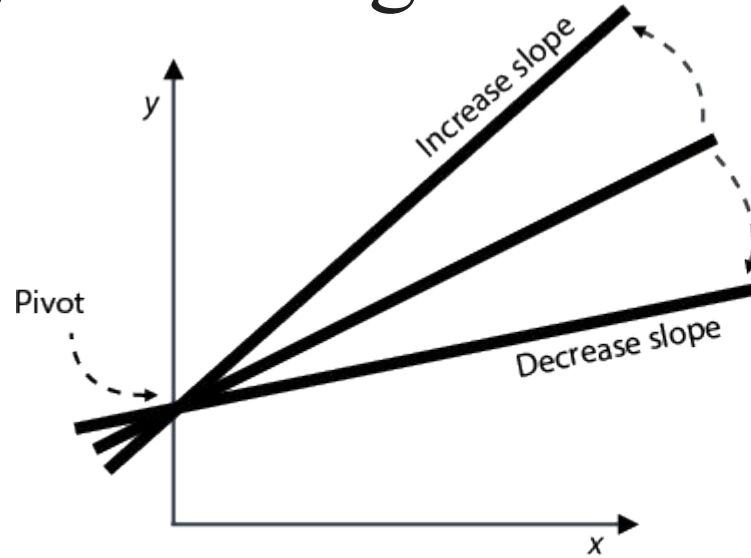
y-intercept = 2

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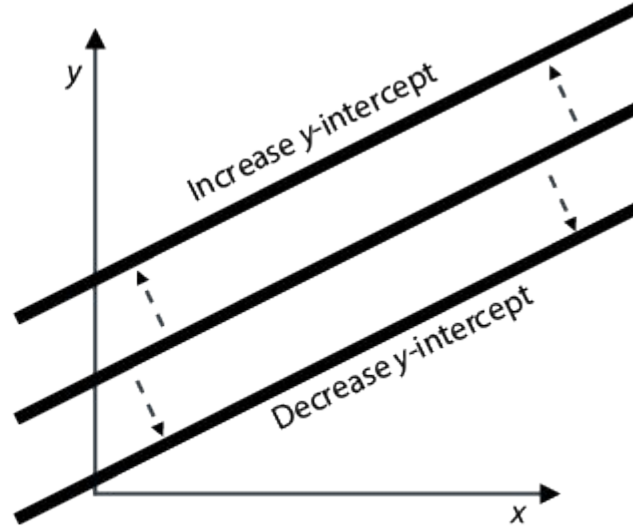


**Rotate clockwise and  
counterclockwise**

If we increase the slope of a line, the line will rotate counterclockwise.

If we decrease the slope of a line, the line will rotate clockwise.

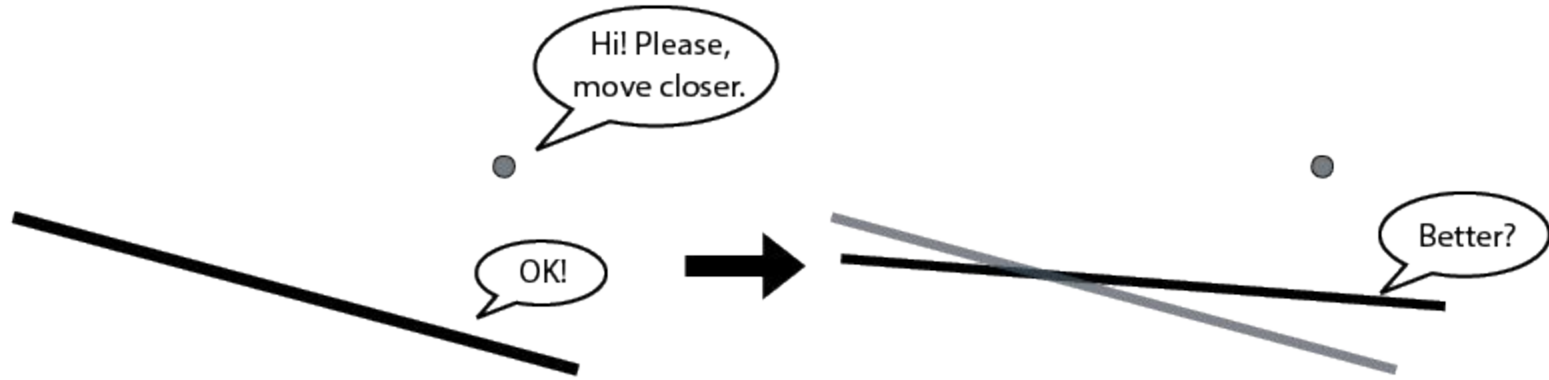
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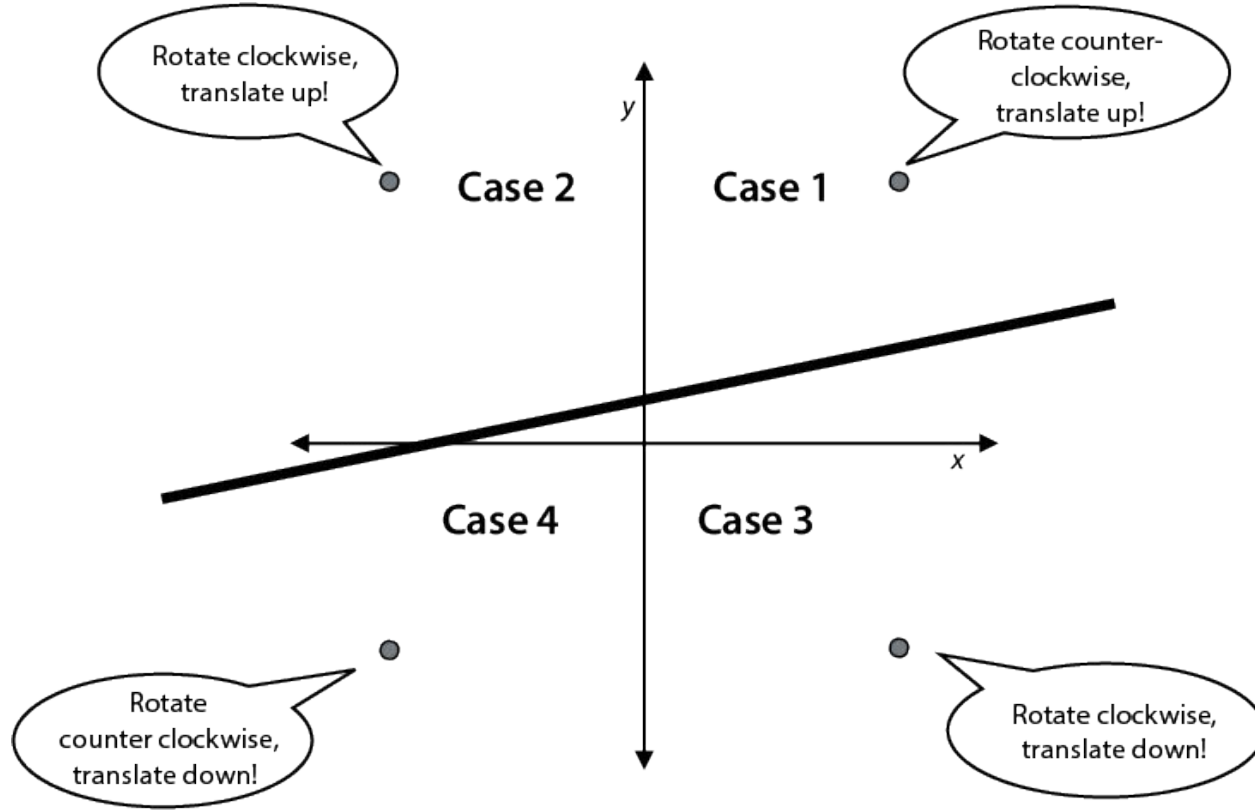
**Translate up and down**

If we increase the y-intercept of a line, the line is translated upward.  
If we decrease the y-intercept of a line, the line is translated downward.

# The linear regression algorithm



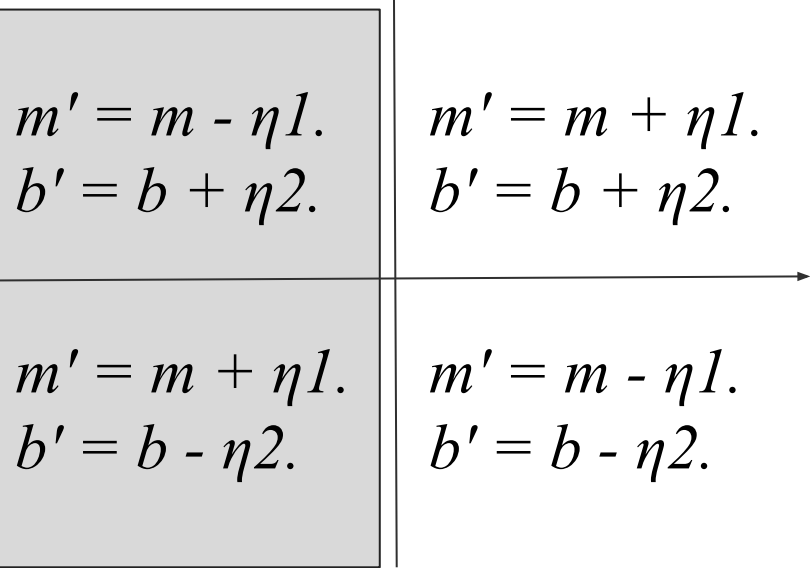
# The linear regression algorithm



# The linear regression. Simple Trick

**input:**  $y = mx + b$ ,  $(x, y)$

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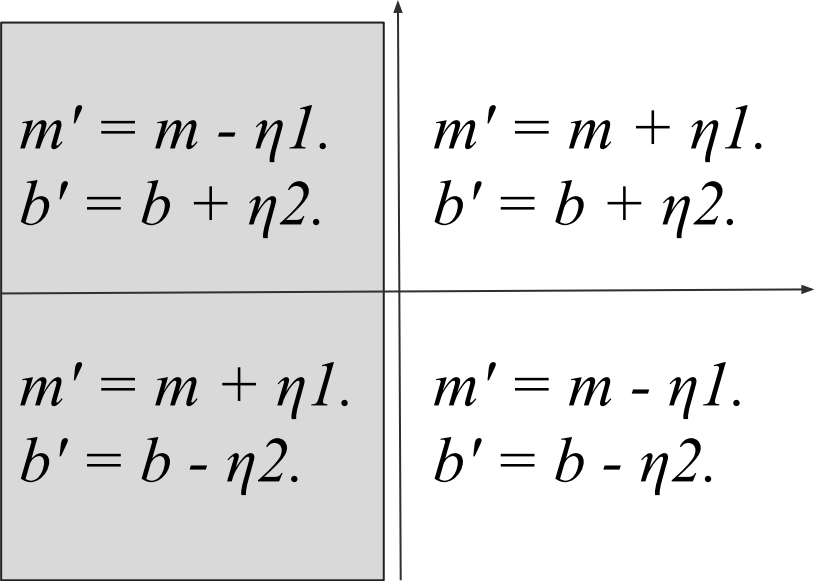
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- If the model gave us a price for the house that is lower than the actual price, add a small random amount to the price per room and to the base price of the house.
- If the model gave us a price for the house that is higher than the actual price, subtract a small random amount from the price per room and the base price of the house.

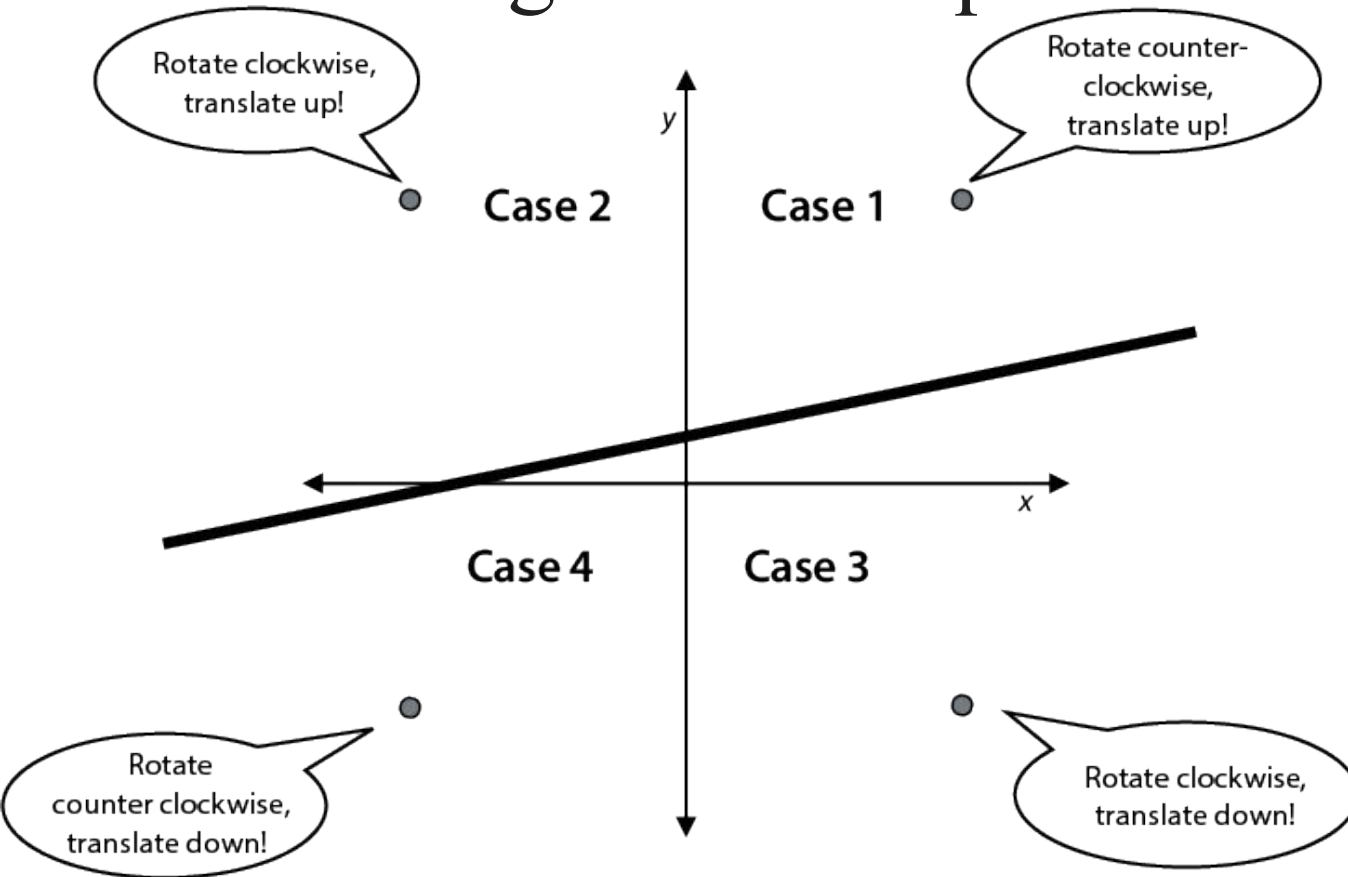
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# The linear regression. Square trick

**Move the line closer to point:**

**find values with the correct signs (+ or −) to add to the slope and the  $y$ -intercept.**

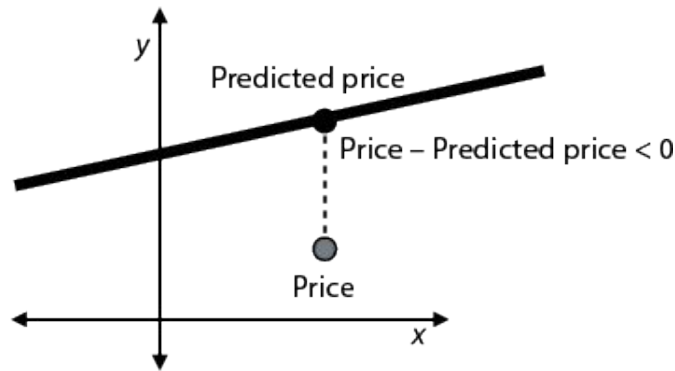
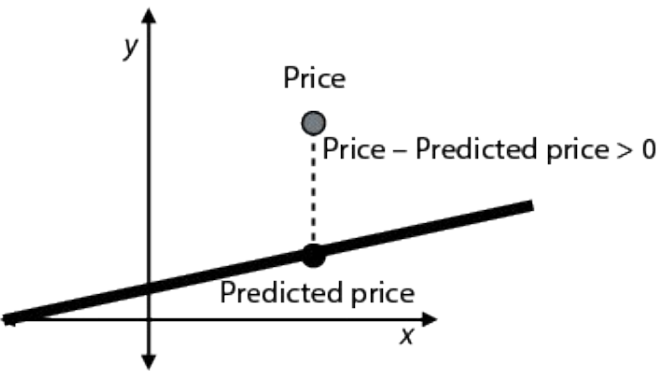
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**Observation 1:** In the simple trick, when the point is above the line, we add a small amount to the  $y$ -intercept. When it is below the line, we subtract a small amount.



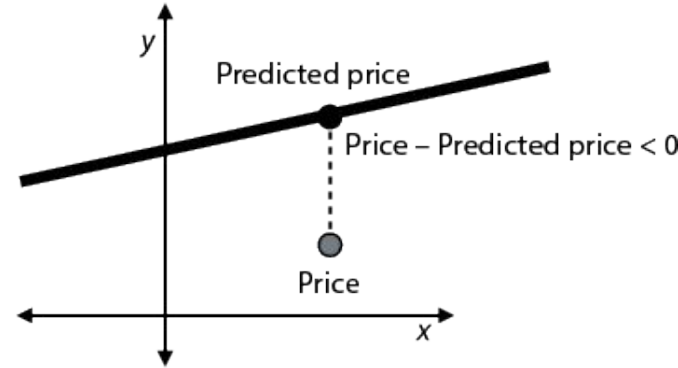
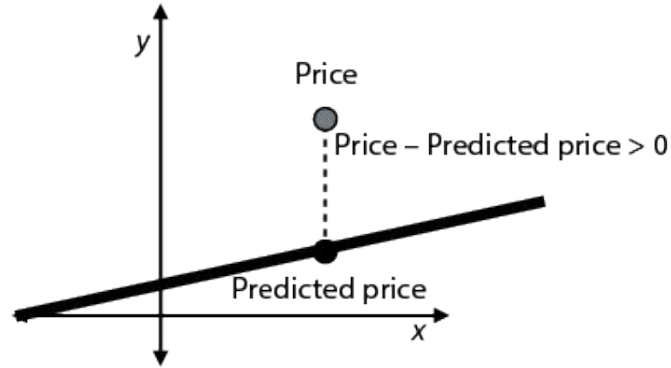
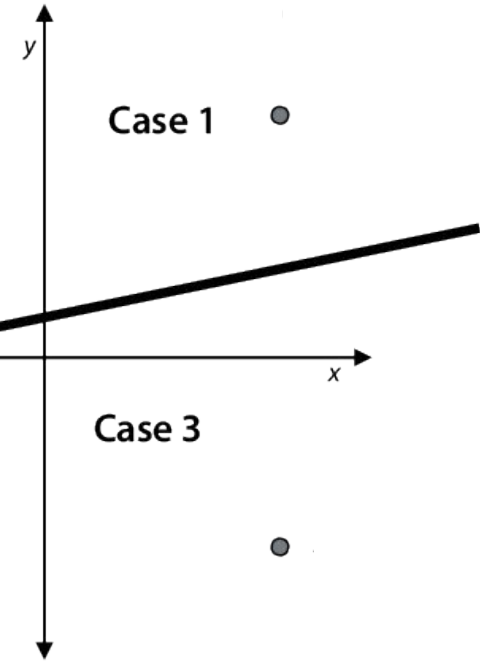
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**Observation 2:** If a point is above the line, the value  $y - y'$  (the difference between the price and the predicted price) is positive. If it is below the line, this value is negative.

# The linear regression. Square trick

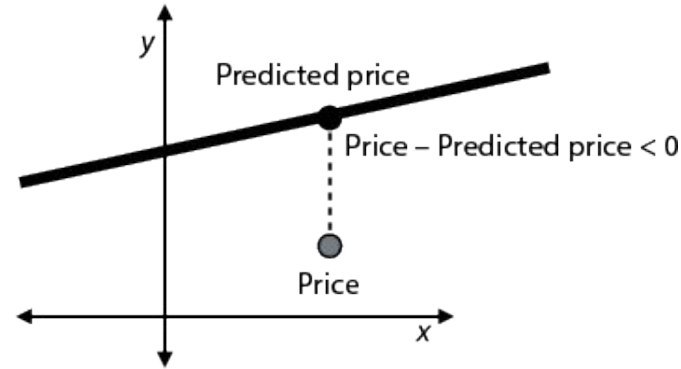
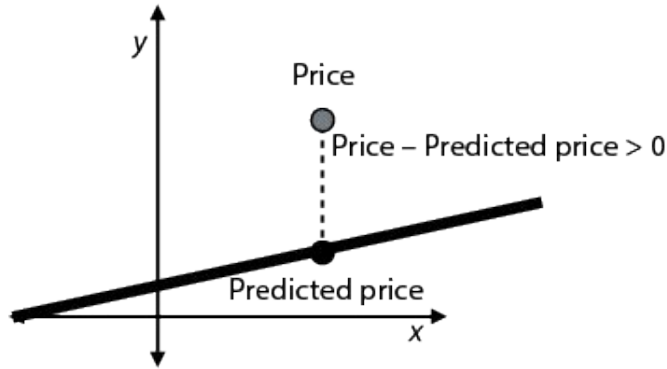
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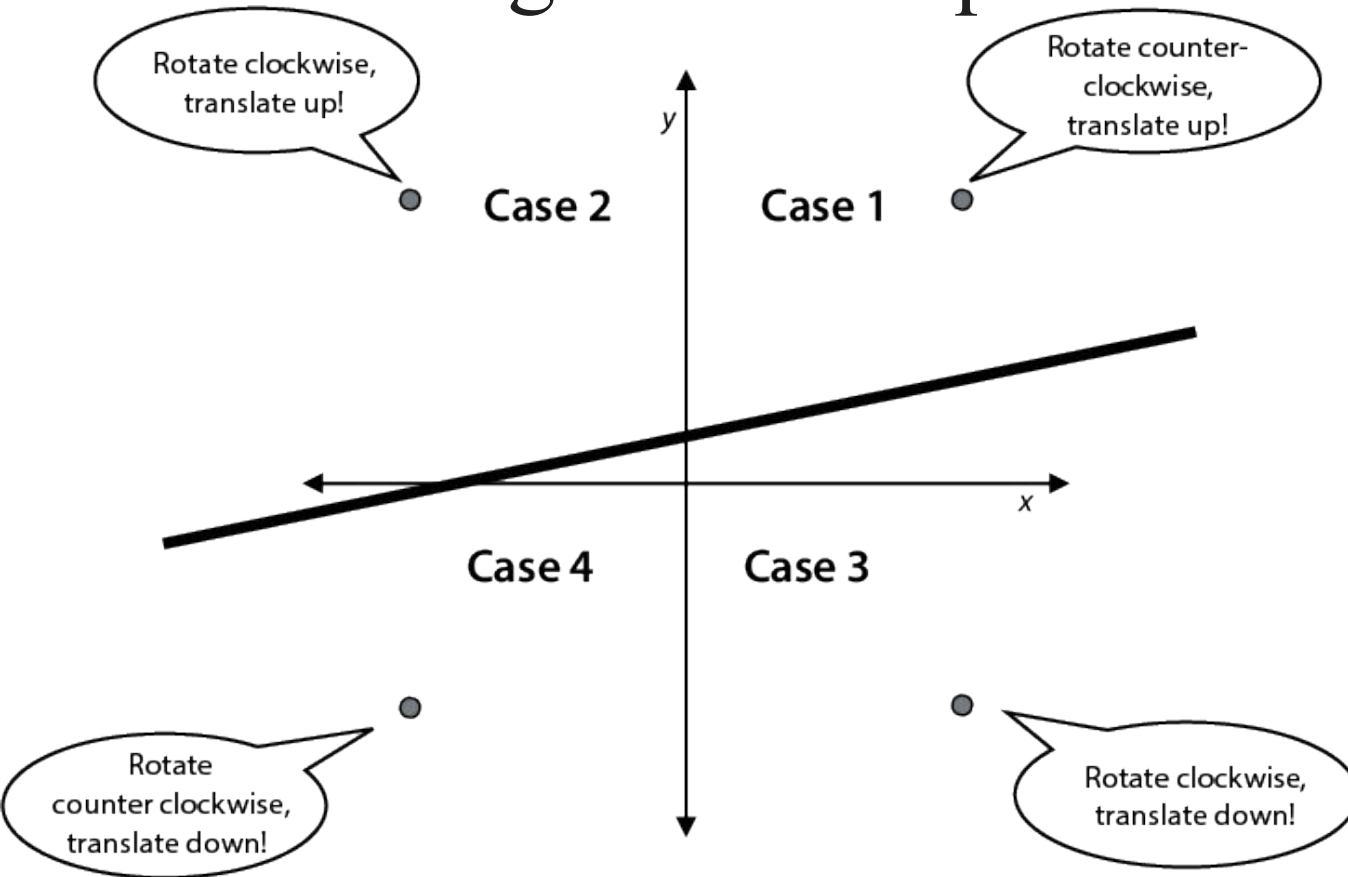
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**learning rate** - A very small number  $\eta$ , which is set before training model to keep the changes in very small amounts by training. The value  $\eta \cdot (y - y')$  is added to the y-intercept to move the line in the direction of the point.

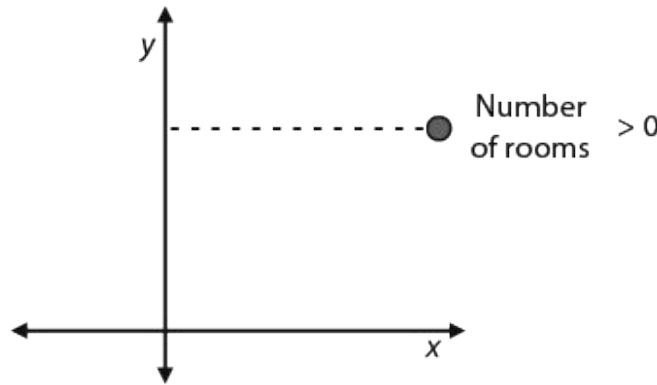
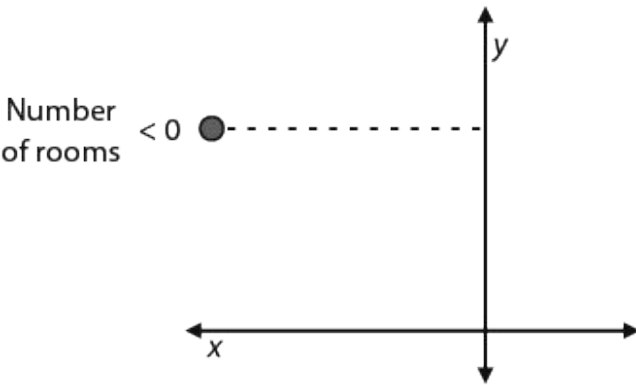


# The linear regression. Square trick



**Observation 3:** In the simple trick, when the point is in scenario 1 or 4 (above the line and to the right of the vertical axis, or below the line and to the left of the vertical axis), we rotate the line counterclockwise. Otherwise (scenario 2 or 3), we rotate it clockwise.

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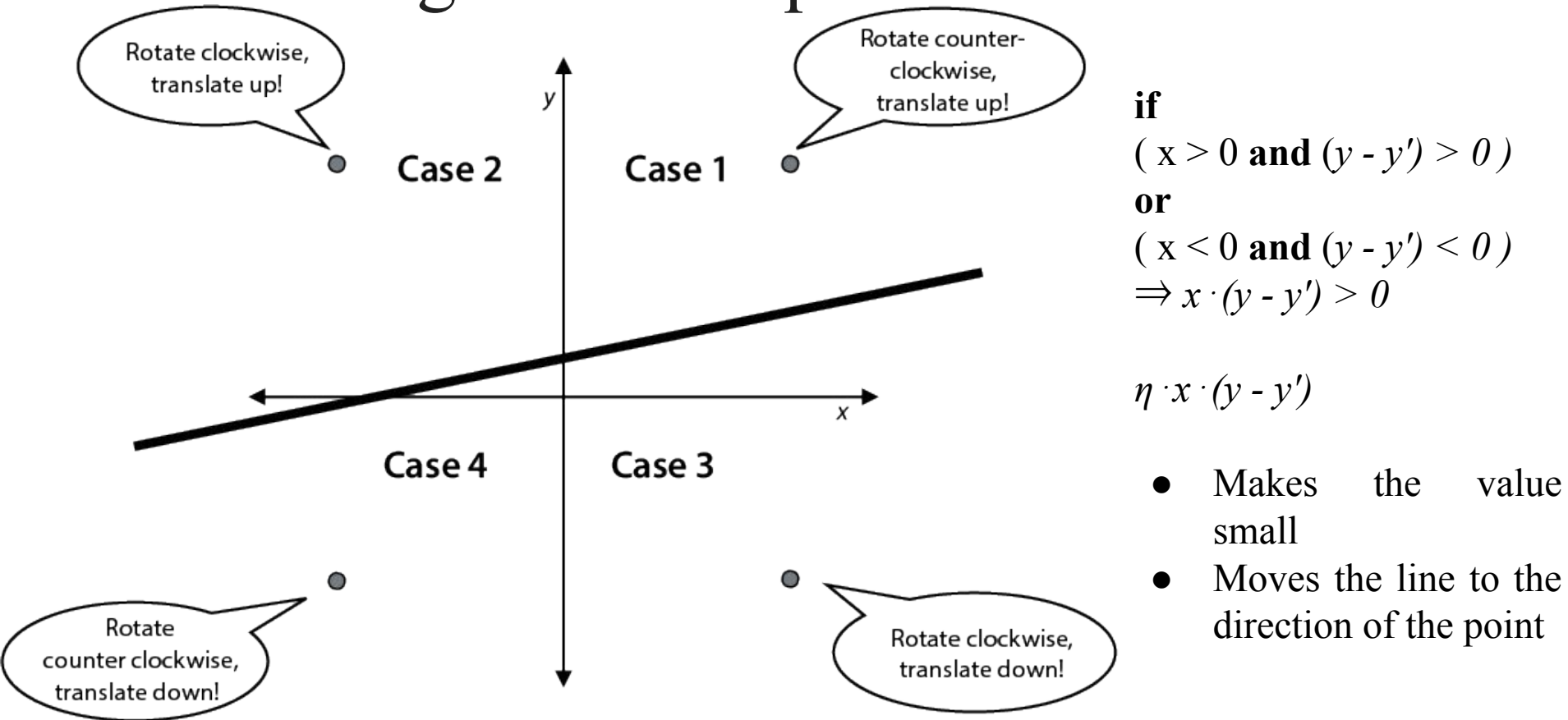


## Observation 4:

If a point  $(x, y)$  is to the right of the vertical axis, then  $x$  is positive.

If the point is to the left of the vertical axis, then  $x$  is negative.

# The linear regression. Square trick



# The linear regression. Square trick

input:

$$y = mx + b, (x, y), \eta$$

steps:

$$m' = m + \eta \cdot x \cdot (y - y') \text{ (rotate).}$$

$$b' = b + \eta \cdot x \cdot (y - y') \text{ (translate).}$$

output:

price per room and base price:  $m'$ ,  $b'$

# The linear regression

Repeat the square trick many times to move the line closer to the points.

**Input:** a dataset of houses with number of rooms and prices

**Procedure:**

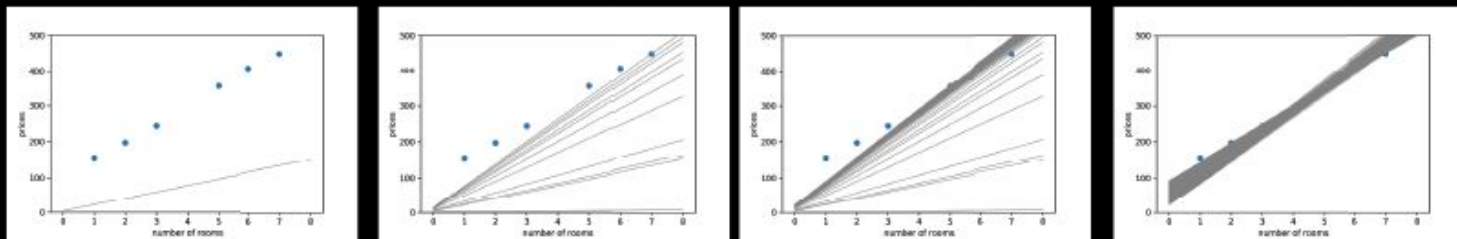
- Random values for  $m$  and  $b$ .

- Repeat many times:

  - Pick a random data point.

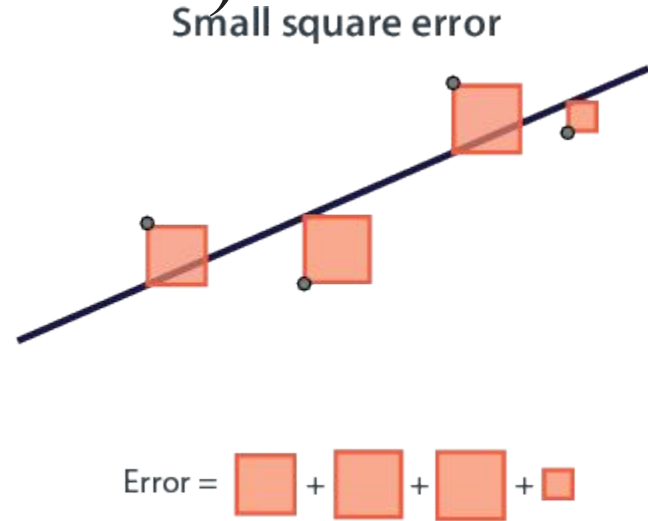
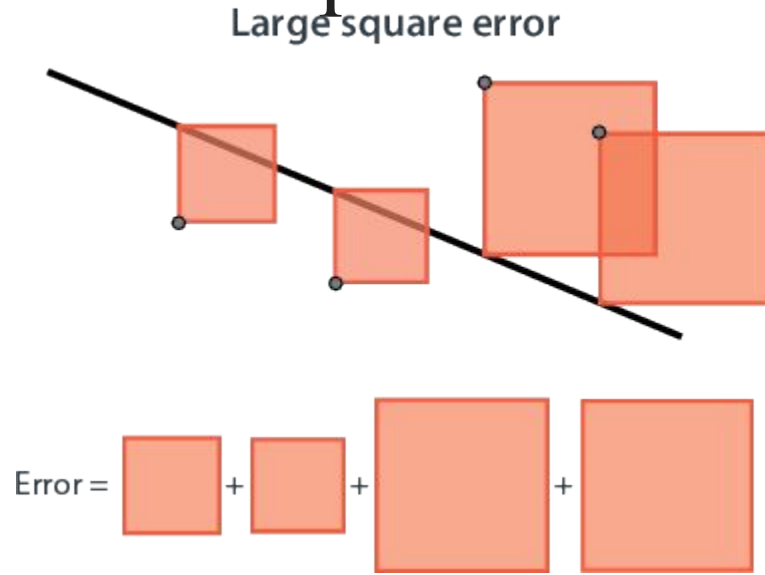
  - Update the slope and the y-intercept using the square trick.

**Output:**  $y' = m'x + b'$





# Root mean square error. (RMSE)



The model makes an error of around RMSE for any prediction we make.

# Self study

General case: The linear regression. Square trick.

RMSE.

Serrano, L., 2021. Grokking machine learning. Simon and Schuster.,  
Chapter 3

# Gradient descent

# Summary