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1 Gradient Descent

Write a program that uses the gradient descent algorithm to find the best values of parameters w and b in a linear regression model. Evaluate your program with some test case.

Note: Be sure to leave appropriate comments for different parts of your code. A part of your score is allocated to your comments and explanations.

2 Minimizer in Linear Regression (Bonus)

Show that the minimizer for least-squares linear regression with L_2 regularization is $\mathbf{w} = (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$.

Note: To solve this question, you can use chapter 3 of the Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning (Bishop) book.