

Linear Regression

- Mathematical Model

Linear Regression tries to learn a straight line:

$$\hat{y} = mX + c$$

The model tries to find best m and c .

Where:

- x = input feature
- \hat{y} = predicted output
- m = slope (weight)
- c = intercept (bias)

- Loss Function - MSE (Mean Squared Error)

We measure how wrong predictions are using:

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

where:

- y_i = actual value
- \hat{y}_i = predicted value
- N = number of data points.

Goal: Minimize this loss

- Gradient Descent

We update parameters by moving in the direction of negative gradient (because gradients show direction of increasing error)

• Update rules

$$m = m - \alpha \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial m}$$

$$c = c - \alpha \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial c}$$

Here:

- α = learning rate (small number like 0.01)
- Partial derivatives tell us how change in m or c changes the error.

- Partial derivatives Calculations

1. Derivative w.r.t. m

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial m} = -\frac{2}{N} \sum x_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)$$

2. Derivative w.r.t. c

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial c} = -\frac{2}{N} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)$$

We plug these into update rules.

• Full update step Inside loop

$$m := m - \alpha \left(-\frac{2}{N} \sum X_i (y_i - (mX_i + c)) \right)$$

$$c := c - \alpha \left(-\frac{2}{N} \sum (y_i - (mX_i + c)) \right)$$

Repeat for many epochs \rightarrow Loss decreases \rightarrow best fit line appears.

• Intuition

Math Part	Meanings
Loss	How bad our line is
Derivatives	In which direction the error increases
Gradient Descent	Move downhill \rightarrow reduce error
Iterations	Slowly reach the best values.

“Linear Regression learns the best straight line by minimizing squared error using gradient descent.”