

Supervised Learning I: Regression

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Today

- Multivariate linear regression
- Solution for SSD cost
 - Indirect
 - Direct
- Maximum likelihood cost

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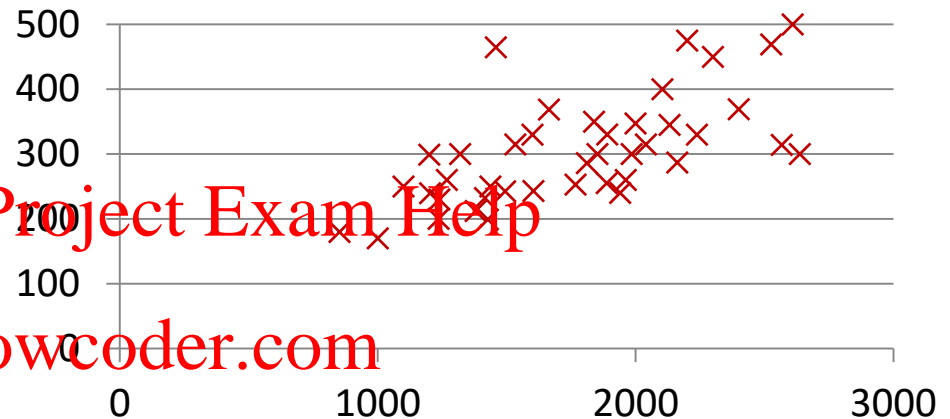
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Linear Regression

Hypothesis:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

θ_i 's: Parameters



Cost Function: Add WeChat powcoder

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

SSD = sum of squared differences, also

SSE = sum of squared errors

Multidimensional inputs

Size (feet ²)	Number of bedrooms	Number of floors	Age of home (years)	Price (\$1000)
2104	5	1	45	460
1416	3	2	40	232
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852	2	1	36	178
...

Notation:

n = number of features

$x^{(i)}$ = input (features) of i^{th} training example.

$x_j^{(i)}$ = value of feature j in i^{th} training example.

Multivariate Linear Regression

Hypothesis:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \theta_n x_n$$

For convenience of notation, define $x_0 = 1$.

θ_i 's: Parameters <https://powcoder.com>

Cost Function: Add WeChat powcoder

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

Goal: minimize $J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ **How??**
 $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$

Two potential solutions

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta; x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})$$

Gradient descent (Assignment 1 Projective Example)

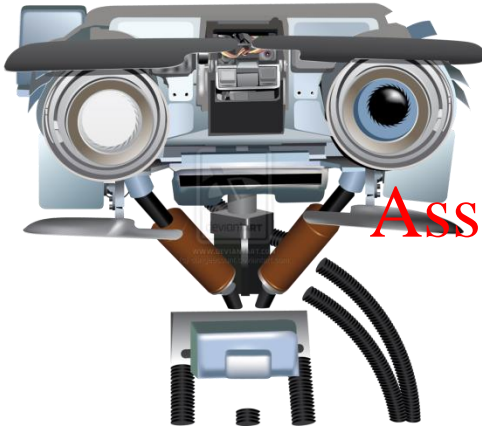
- Start with a guess for θ
- Change θ to decrease $J(\theta)$
- Until reach minimum

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Direct minimization

- Take derivative, set to zero
- Sufficient condition for minima
- Not possible for most “interesting” cost functions



Solving Linear Regression

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Gradient Descent

Gradient Descent Algorithm

Set $\theta = 0$

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) \quad \text{simultaneously for all } j = 0, \dots, n$$

} until convergence

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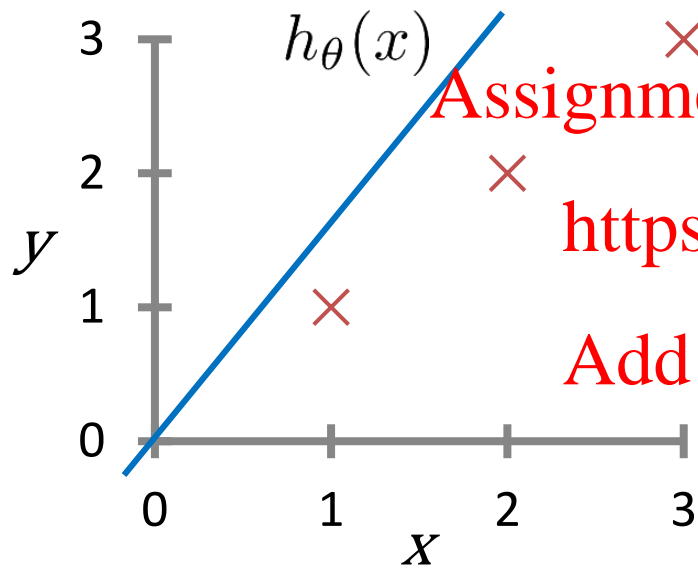
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Gradient Descent: Intuition

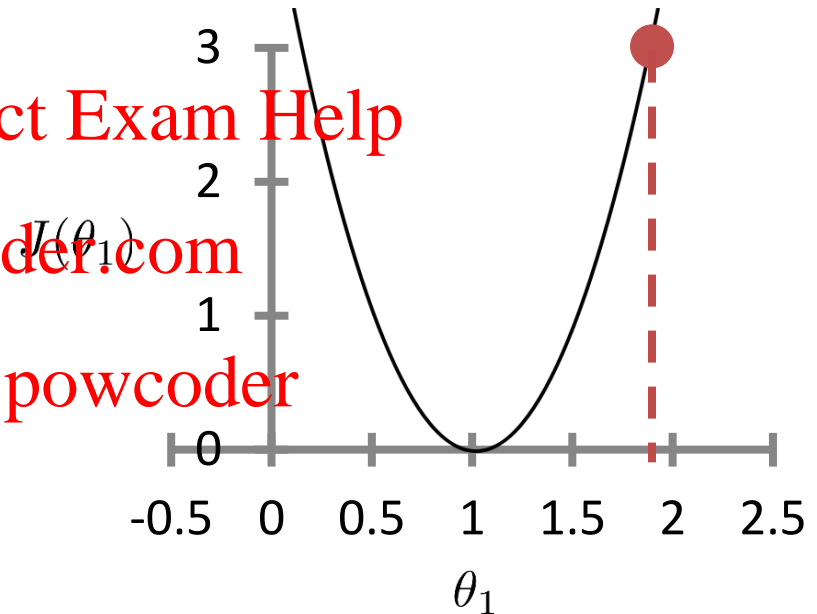
$$h_{\theta}(x)$$

(for fixed θ_1 , this is a function of x)



$$J(\theta_1)$$

(function of the parameter θ_1)

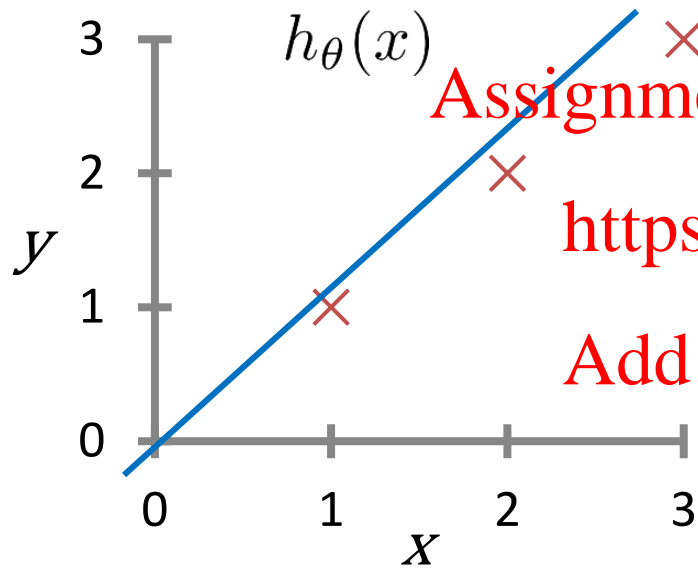


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Gradient Descent: Intuition

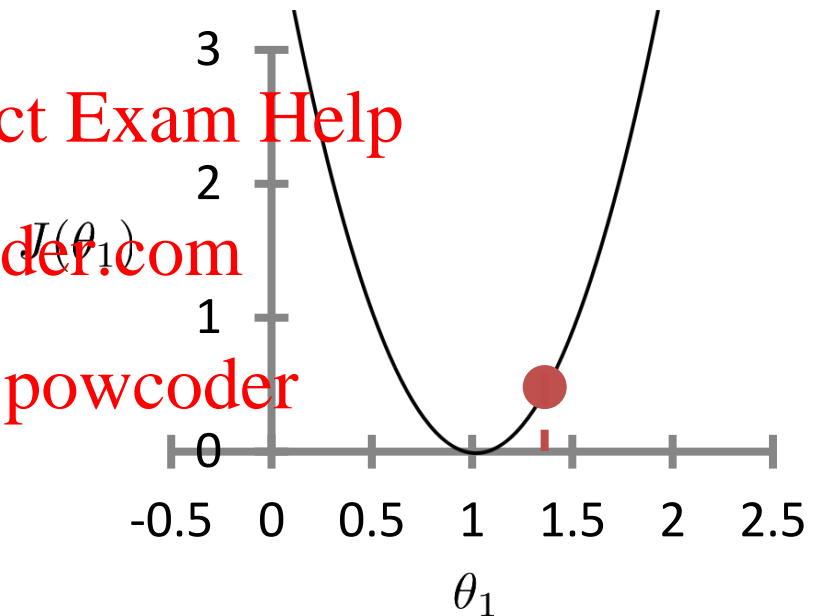
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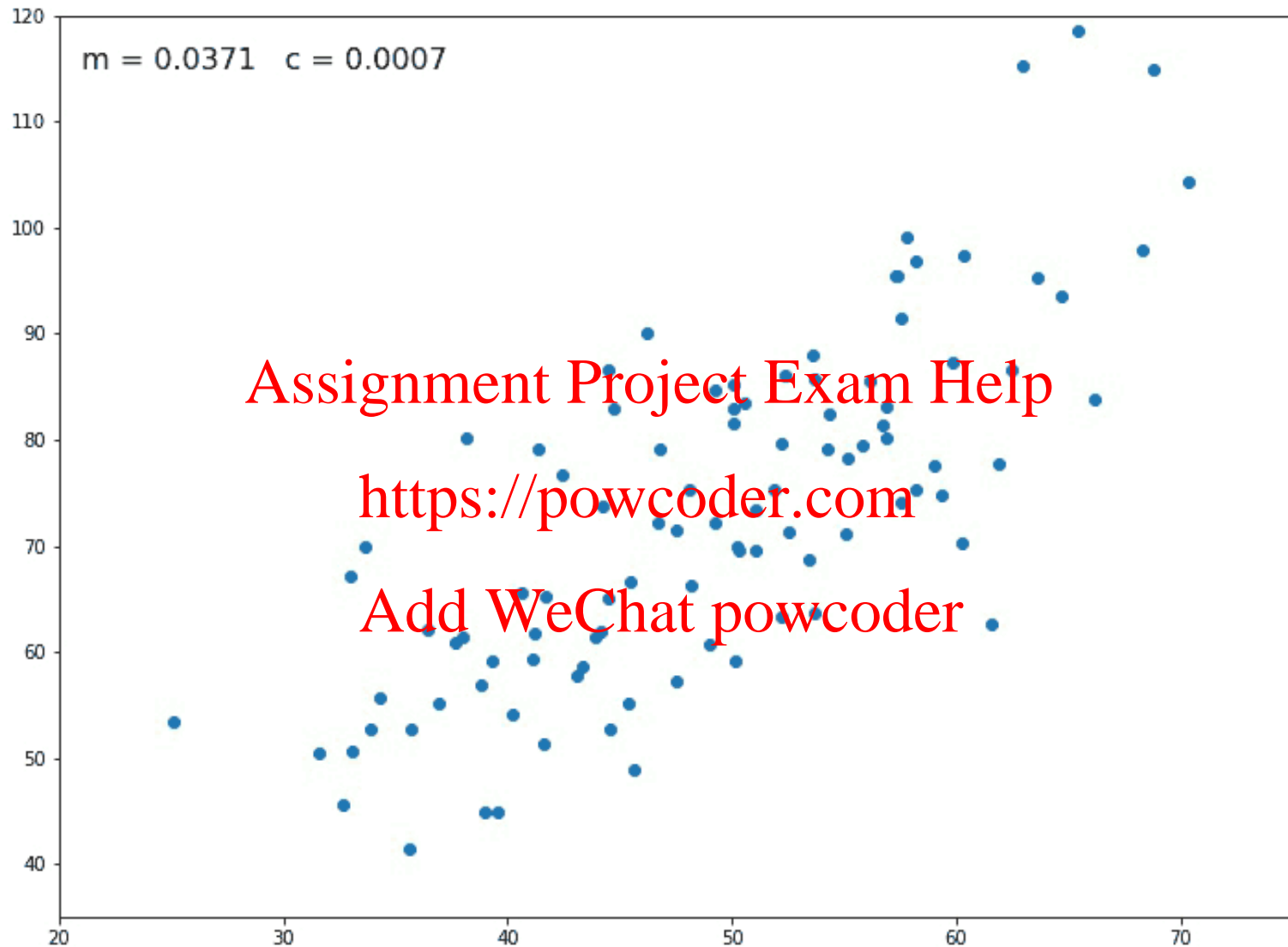


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Gradient descent illustration (credit: <https://towardsdatascience.com/>)

Gradient for Least Squares Cost

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) =$$

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Gradient for Least Squares Cost

For one example

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{1}{2} (h_{\theta}(x) - y)^2$$

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Gradient for Least Squares Cost

For one example

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{1}{2} (h_{\theta}(x) - y)^2 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (h_{\theta}(x) - y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} (h_{\theta}(x) - y)\end{aligned}$$

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What is this?

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Gradient Descent Algorithm

Set $\theta = 0$

Repeat {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}$$

simultaneously for all $j = 0, \dots, n$

} until convergence

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in vector form?

$$\theta := \theta + \alpha \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i = h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}$$

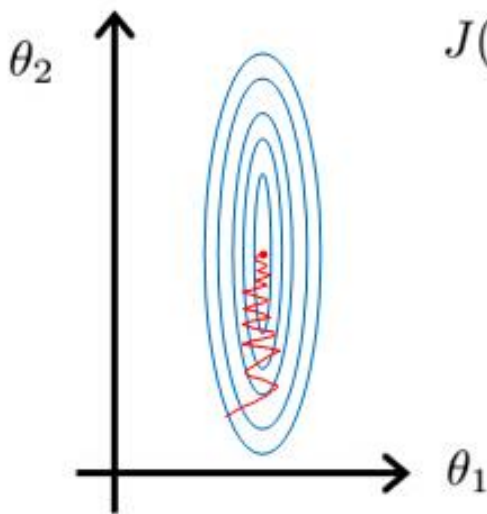
$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_n^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(m)} & \dots & x_n^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Feature normalization

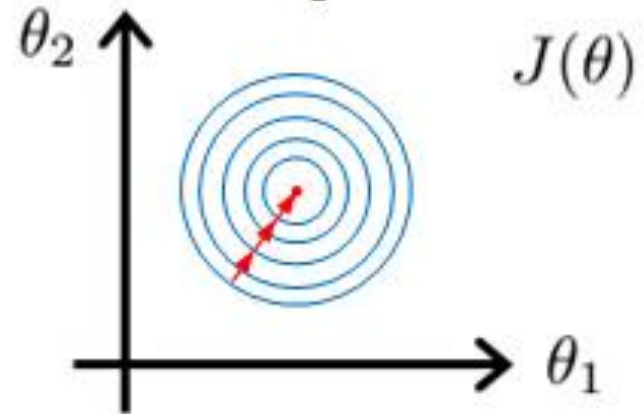
- If features have very different scale, GD can get “stuck” since x_j affects size of gradient in the direction of j^{th} dimension
- Normalizing features to be zero-mean (μ) and same-variance (σ) helps gradient descent converge faster

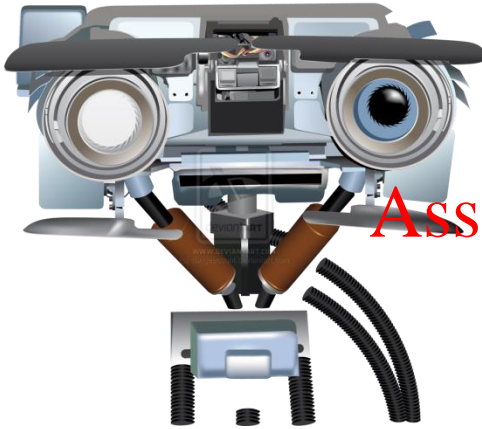
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$$x_j^{(i)} = \frac{x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j}{\sigma_j}$$





Solving Linear Regression

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Direct Solution

Direct solution

Want to minimize SSD:

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

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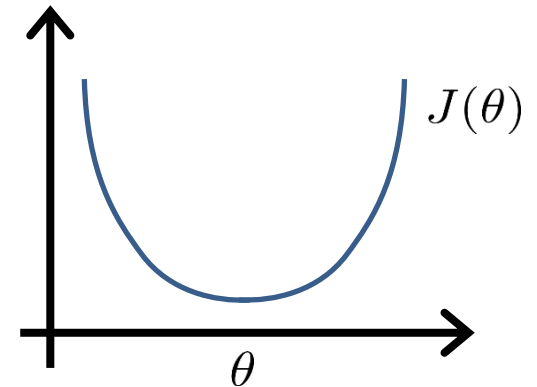
Find minima of function <https://powcoder.com>

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta) = \dots = 0 \quad (\text{for every } j)$$

Solve for $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$



Direct solution

Re-write SSD using vector-matrix notation:

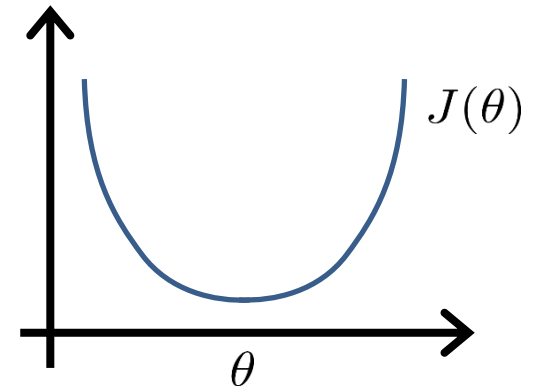
$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} (X\theta - y)^T (X\theta - y)$$

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Where:

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$$X = \begin{bmatrix} - & (x^{(1)})^T & - \\ - & (x^{(2)})^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & (x^{(m)})^T & - \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$



Solution: Normal Equation

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

Derivation of Normal Equations

- SSE in matrix form:

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} (X\theta - y)^T (X\theta - y) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m} \{ \theta^T \{X^T X\} \theta - 2\{X^T y\}^T \theta + \text{const} \}$$

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- Take derivative with respect to θ (vector), set to 0

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} \propto X^T X \theta - X^T y = 0$$

ignore constant multiplier

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

- Also known as the **least mean squares**, or **least squares** solution

Example: $m = 4$.

	Size (feet ²)	Number of bedrooms	Number of floors	Age of home (years)	Price (\$1000)
x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	y
1	2104	5	1	45	460
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**Design
Matrix**

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 & 5 & 1 & 45 \\ 1 & 1416 & 3 & 2 & 40 \\ 1 & 1534 & 3 & 2 & 30 \\ 1 & 852 & 2 & 1 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 460 \\ 232 \\ 315 \\ 178 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Normal
Equation**

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

Trade-offs

m training examples, n features.

Gradient Descent

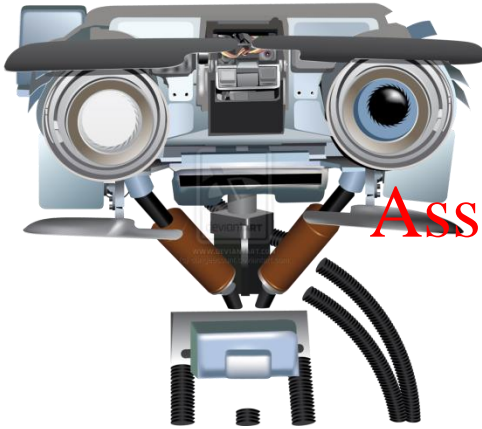
Normal Equations

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|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to choose α.• Needs many iterations.• Works well even when n is large. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No need to choose α.• Don't need to iterate.• Need to compute $(X^T X)^{-1}$• Slow if n is very large. |
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Maximum Likelihood for Linear Regression

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So far, we have treated outputs as noiseless

- Defined cost function as “distance to true output” [Assignment Project Exam Help](#)
- An alternate view:
 - data (x,y) are generated by unknown process
 - however, we only observe a noisy version
 - how can we model this uncertainty?
- Alternative cost function?

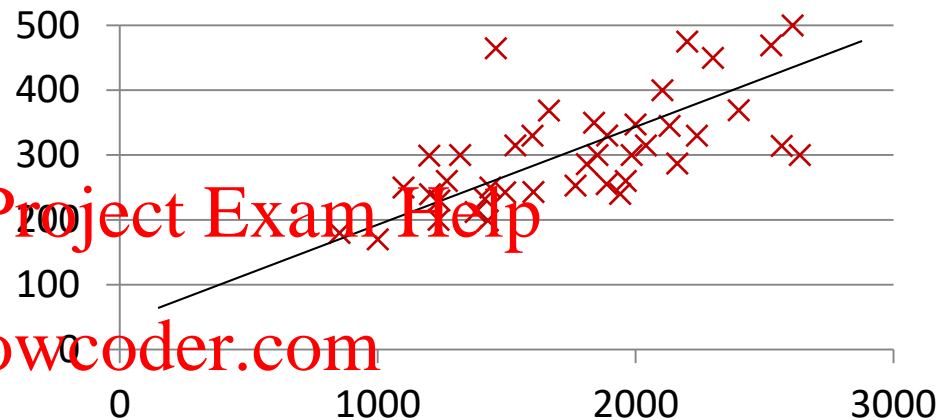
How to model uncertainty in data?

Hypothesis:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta^T x$$

θ : parameters

$D = (x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$: data



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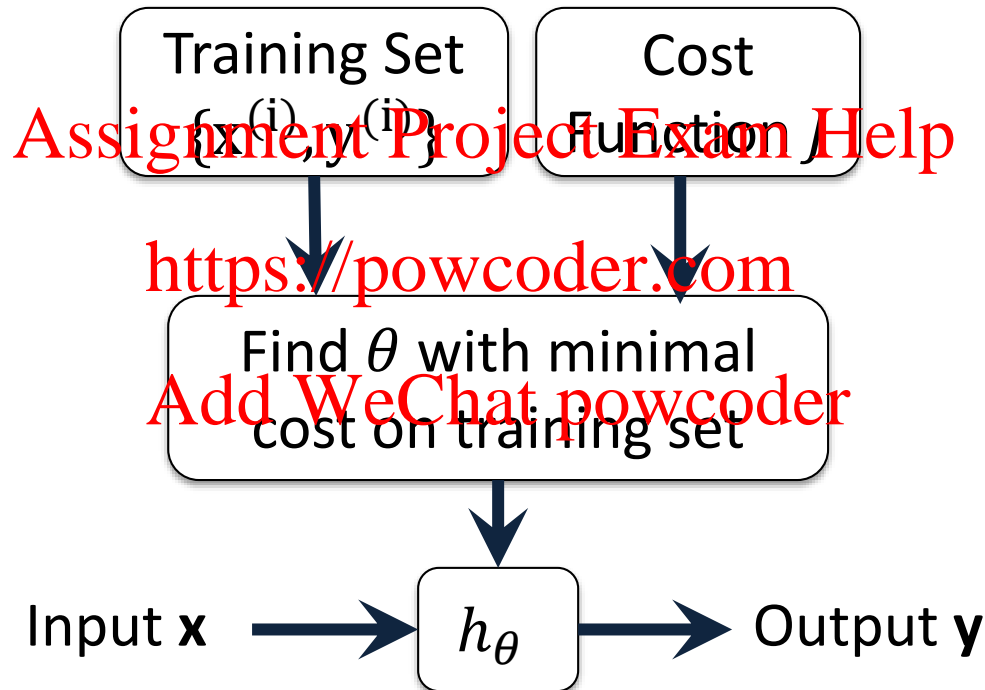
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New cost function:

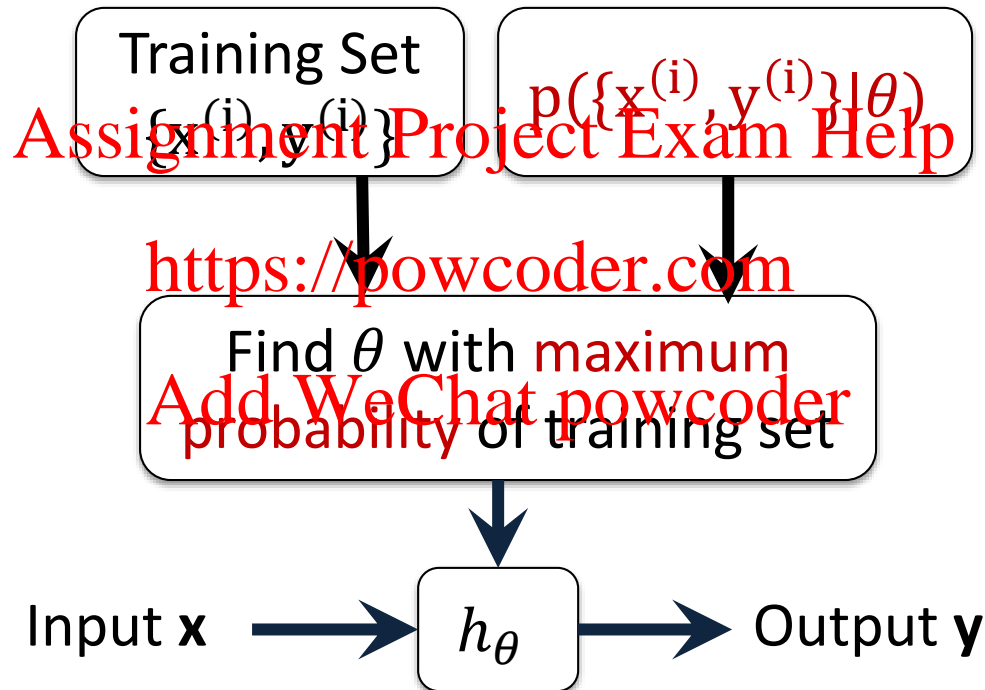
maximize probability of data given model:

$$p((x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) | \theta)$$

Recall: Cost Function



Alternative View: “Maximum Likelihood”



Maximum Likelihood: Example

- Intuitive example: Estimate a coin toss

I have seen 3 flips of heads, 2 flips of tails, what is the chance of head (or tail) of my next flip?

- Model: <https://powcoder.com>

Each flip is a Bernoulli random variable X

X can take only two values: 1 (head), 0 (tail)

$$p(X = 1) = \theta, \quad p(X = 0) = 1 - \theta$$

- θ is a parameter to be identified from data

Maximum Likelihood: Example

- 5 (independent) trials



$X_1 = 1$



$X_2 = 0$



$X_3 = 1$



$X_4 = 1$



$X_5 = 0$

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- Likelihood of all 5 observations:

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$$p(X_1, \dots, X_5 | \theta) = \theta^3 (1 - \theta)^2$$

- Intuition

ML chooses θ such that likelihood is maximized

Maximum Likelihood: Example

- 5 (independent) trials



$X_1 = 1$



$X_2 = 0$



$X_3 = 1$



$X_4 = 1$



$X_5 = 0$

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- Likelihood of all 5 observations:

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$$p(X_1, \dots, X_5 | \theta) = \theta^3 (1 - \theta)^2$$

- Solution (left as exercise)

$$\theta_{ML} = \frac{3}{(3 + 2)}$$

i.e. fraction of heads in total number of trials

PSet 1 Out

- Due on Tuesday 9/15 11:59pm GMT -5
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- Diagnostic homework covering topics covered
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Next Class

Supervised Learning II: Classification:

classification; sigmoid function; logistic regression.

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Reading: Bishop 4.3.1-4.3.2; 4.3.4

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[overview of logistic regression](#)