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# Applied Machine Learning with Big Data “EE 6973”



Topic:  
Linear Regression

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# Logistics

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# Outline

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Prerequisites:

Calculus

Python

Linear Algebra

Probability

# 3 Types of Learning

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## Supervised

- Learning from labeled data
- E.g., Spam classification

- Classification
- Regression
- Ranking

## Unsupervised

- Discover structure in unlabeled data
- E.g., Document clustering

- Clustering
- Hidden Markov Models

## Reinforcement

- Learning by “doing” with delayed reward
- E.g., Chess computer

# Supervised Learning

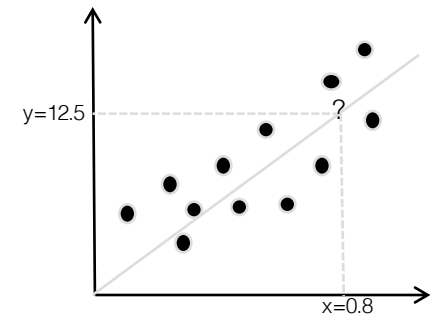
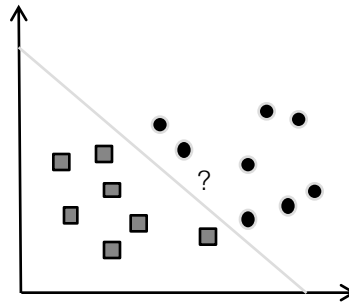
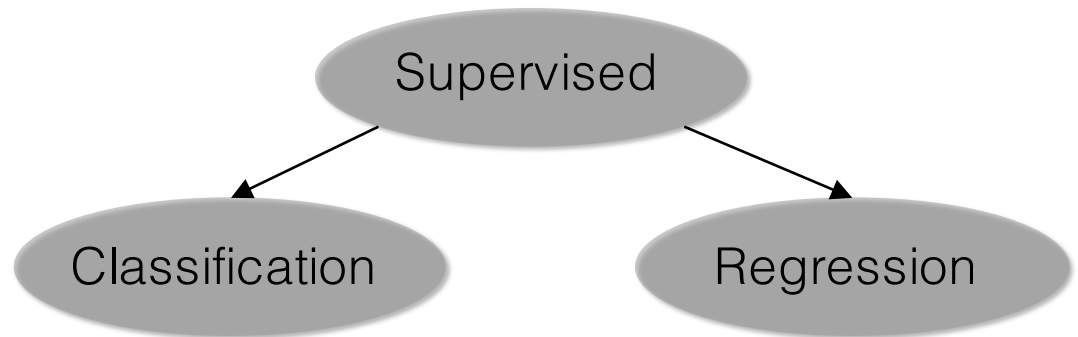
**Given** examples of a function  $(X, F(X))$

**Predict** function  $F(X)$  for new examples  $X$

Discrete  $F(X)$ : Classification

Continuous  $F(X)$ : Regression

$F(X) = \text{Probability}(X)$ : Probability estimation



# Regression and Classification Examples

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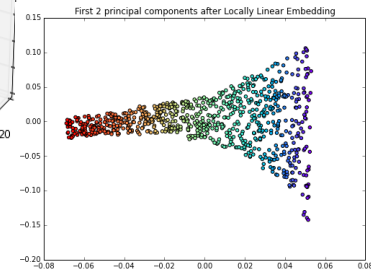
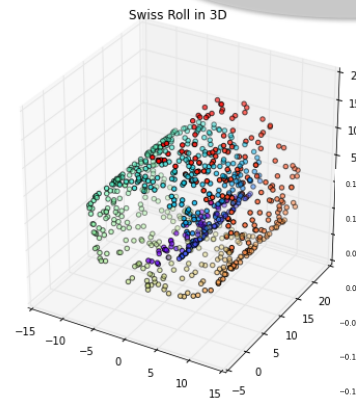
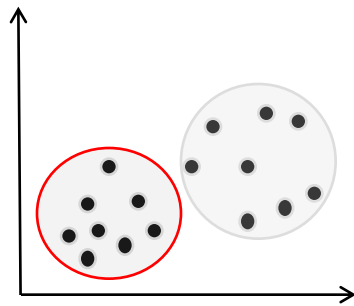
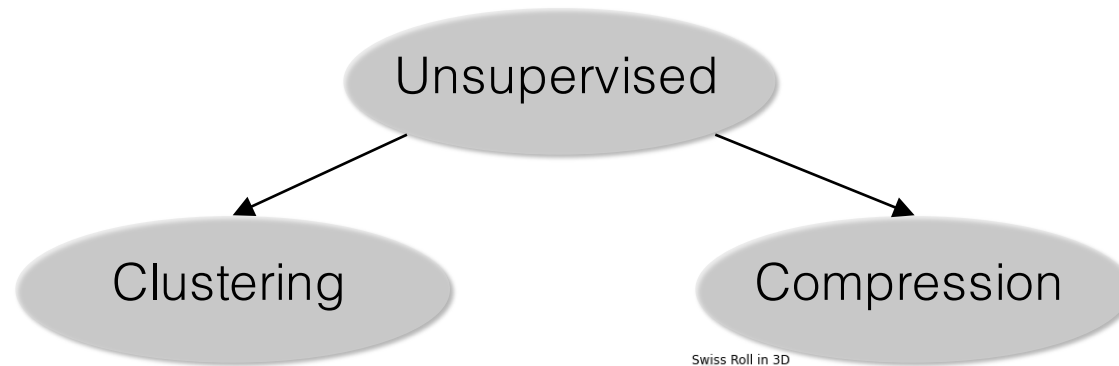
## Stock prediction

- \* Predict the price of a stock ( $y$ )
- \* Depends on  $x$  =
  - Recent history of stock price
  - News events
  - Related commodities

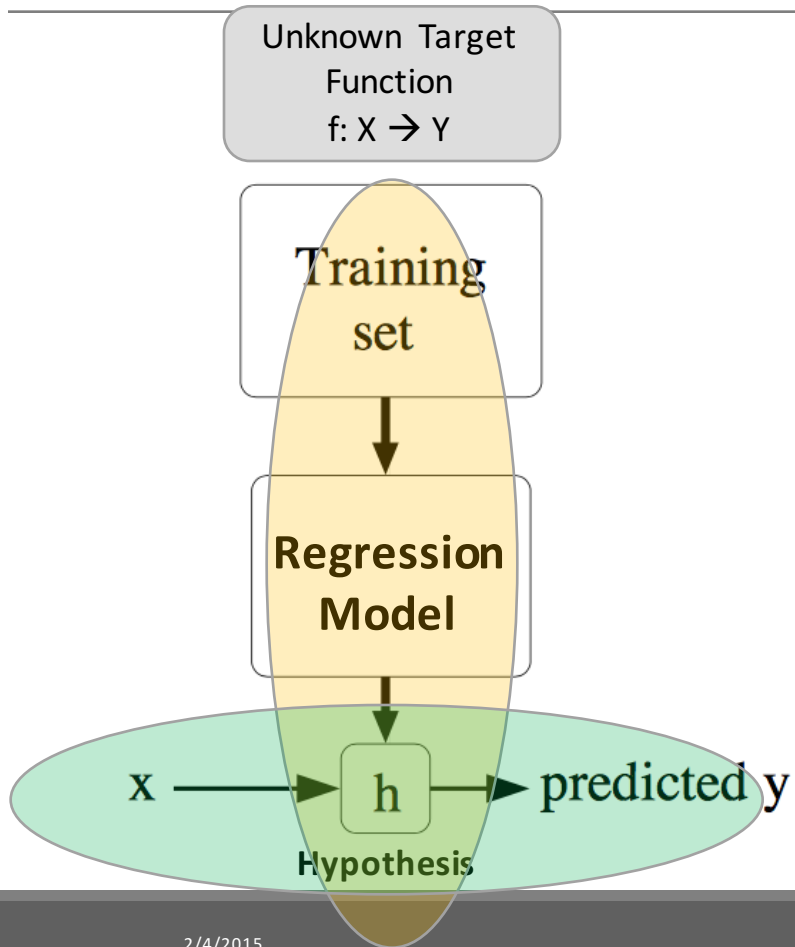
Spam or Not spam emails

Music or Tweeter  
Sentiment Analysis

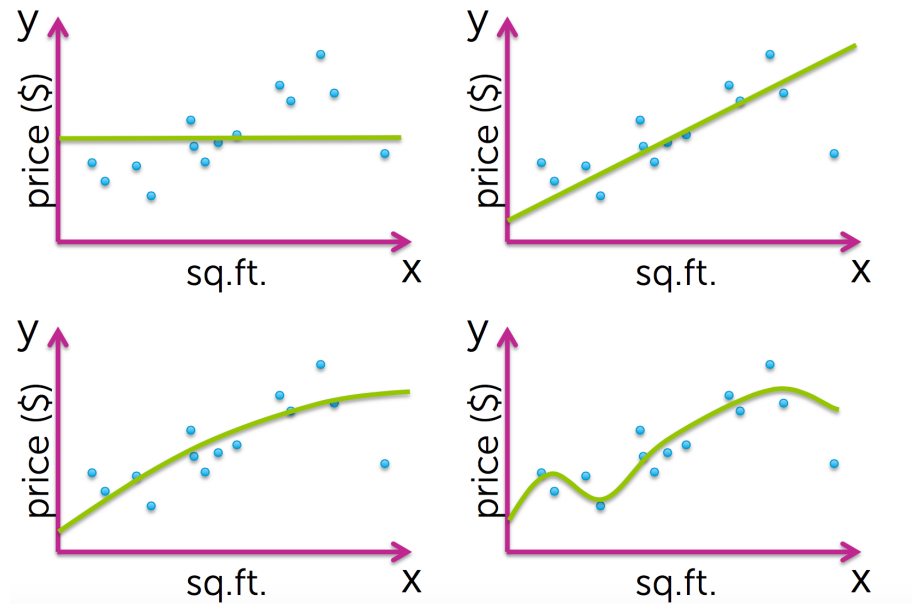
# Unsupervised Learning



# Linear Regression Learning Model



## What is Linear Regression?

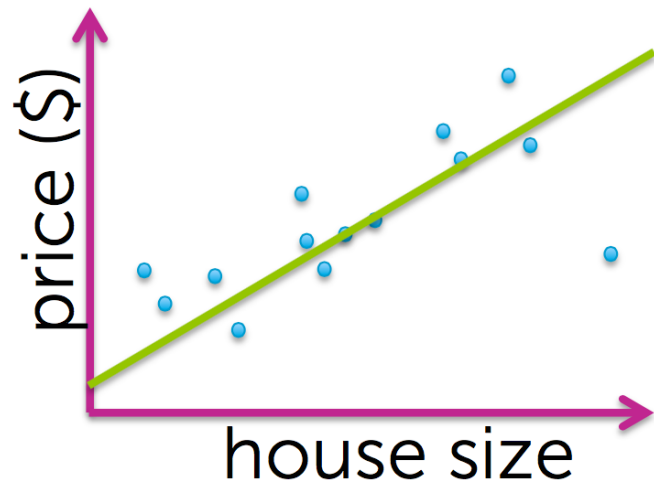




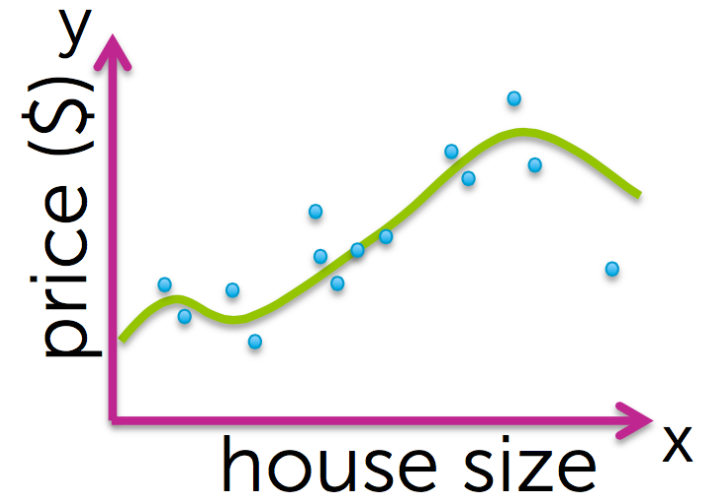
# Simple Regression vs. Multiple Regression

What makes it simple?

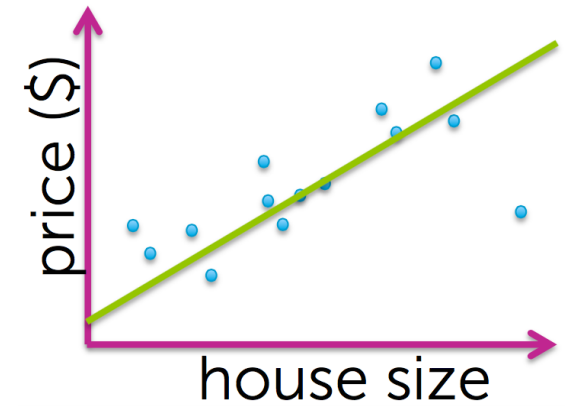
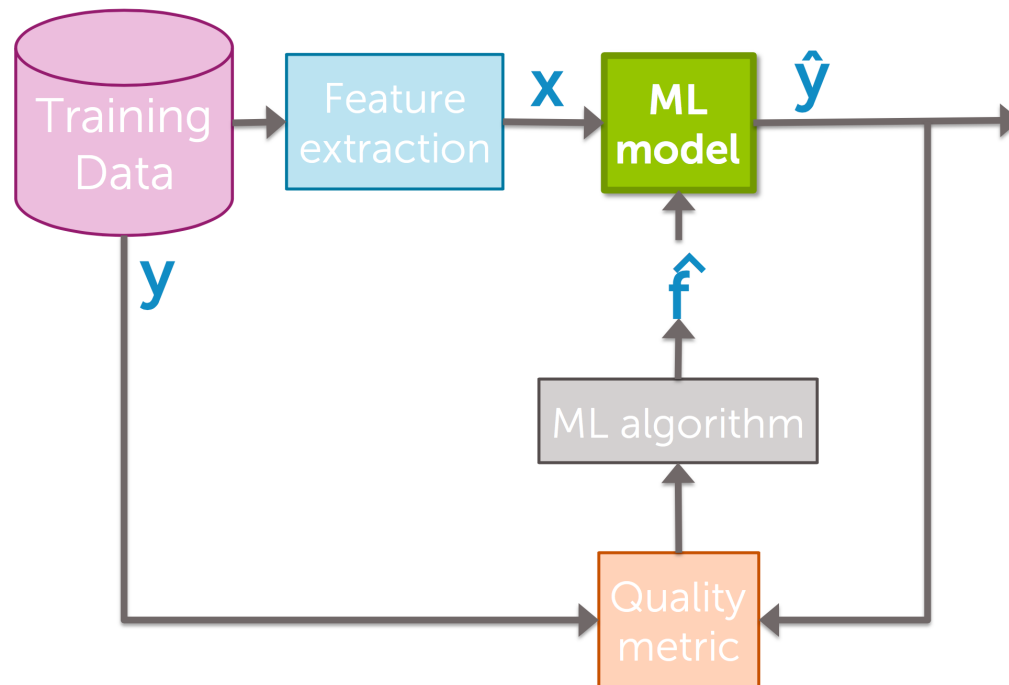
1 input and just fit a line to data



Fit **more complex relationships** than just a line



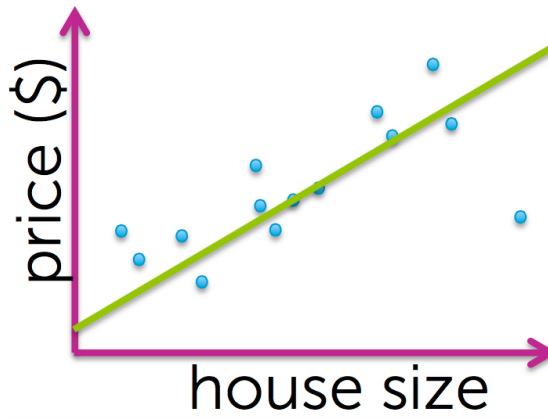
# Regression Model



# Predicting house prices

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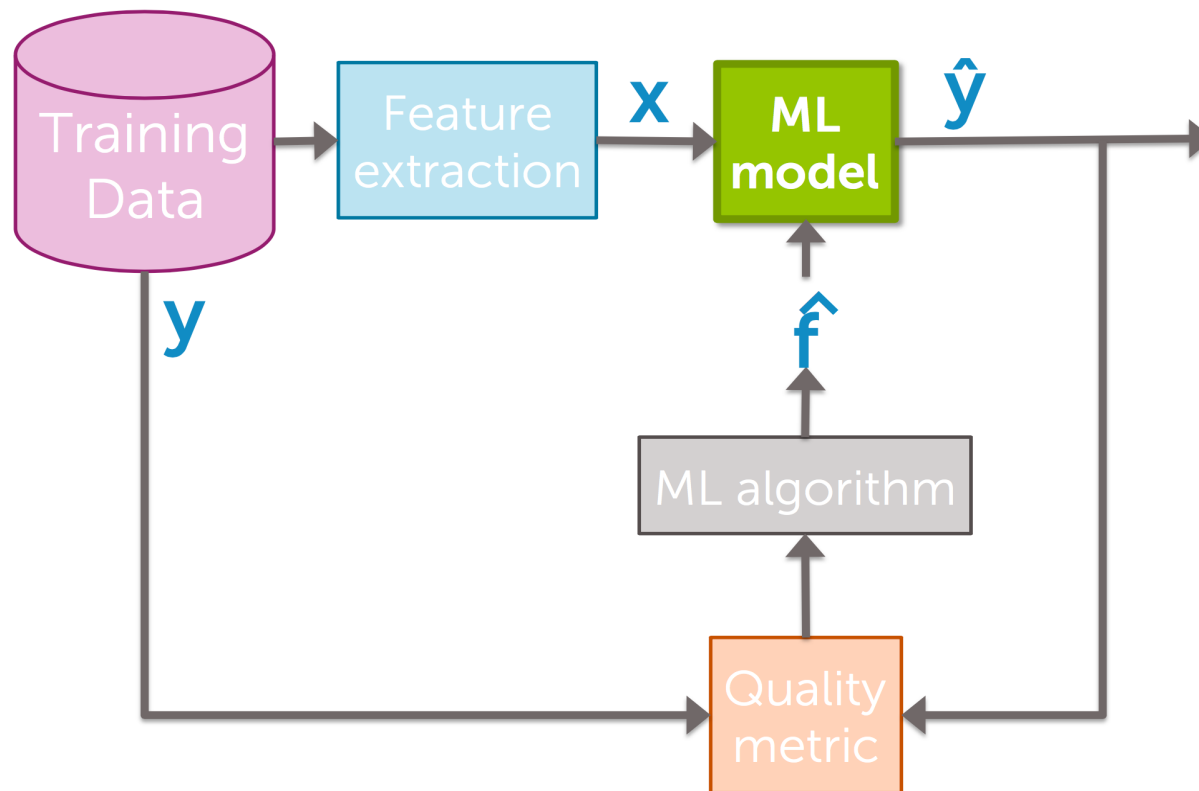
How much is my house worth?



Look at recent sales in my neighborhood

- How much did they sell for?

# Regression Model



# Regression Algorithm

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We will need a starting value for the slope and intercept, a step\_size and a tolerance

`initial_intercept = 0, initial_slope = 0, step_size = 0.05, tolerance = 0.01`

## The algorithm

In each step of the gradient descent we will do the following:

1. Compute the predicted values given the current slope and intercept
2. Compute the prediction errors (prediction - Y)
3. Update the intercept:

compute the derivative:  $\text{sum}(\text{errors})$

compute the adjustment as step size times the derivative

decrease the intercept by the adjustment

4. Update the slope:

compute the derivative:  $\text{sum}(\text{errors} * \text{input})$

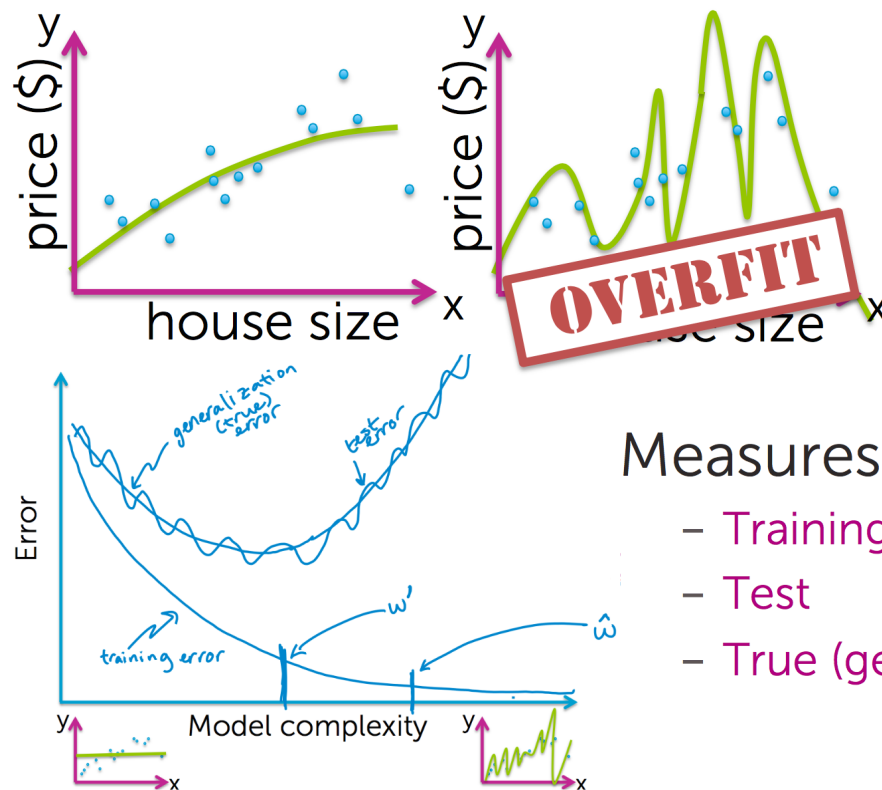
compute the adjustment as step\_size times the derivative

decrease the slope by the adjustment

5. Compute the magnitude of the gradient

6. Check for convergence

# Assessing Performance



Measures of error:

- Training
- Test
- True (generalization)

# Real world examples

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$X$  = # hours of exercise in a week  $\rightarrow$   $Y$  = body mass index

$X$  = # hours of studying in a week  $\rightarrow$   $Y$  = grade for the course

$X$

$Y$

Objective/Error/Cost Function

# Thank you

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# Question #1

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What is an appropriate application of linear regression?

- 1) Predicting a person's height, given the amounts of certain substances in their diet
- 2) Predicting whether or not a person likes cake, given the amounts of certain substances in their diet

# Question #2

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What would lead to a negative r-squared?

- 1) We predict the opposite of the target value
- 2) We predict the negative of the target value
- 3) We predict worse than the mean of the target values

# Assignment #1 - closed form example

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Computing regression parameters The data

Consider the following 5 point synthetic data set:

X: 0,1,2,3,4

Y: 1,3,7,13,21

We want the line that “best fits” this data set as measured by residual sum of squares

In summary, we have:

**slope = 5, intercept = -1**

Finally we can add the line to our plot from above