

ISTA 421 + INFO 521
**Introduction to
Machine Learning**

Lecture 4:
Geometry of LLMS,
Nonlinear response (basis fns)

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Next Topics

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 - Linear Algebra: matrix operators
 - Some Geometry of Linear Algebra
 - Least Mean Squares in Matrix formulation
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- Nonlinear Response: Basis Functions
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- Regularized Least Squares

Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

- First, express our original 1-variable, 2-param model in matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x_n; w_0, w_1) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n = w_0 + w_1 x_n$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2$$

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Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

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- Next, express the operations involving all of the data (the inputs \mathbf{x}_n and the targets \mathbf{t}_n):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} & \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} t_1 - w_0 - w_1 x_1 \\ t_2 - w_0 - w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N - w_0 - w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{X} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{x}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) &= (t_1 - (w_0 + w_1 x_1))^2 + (t_2 - (w_0 + w_1 x_2))^2 + \dots \\ & & &+ (t_N - (w_0 + w_1 x_N))^2 \\ & & &= \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2 \\ & & &= \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - f(x_n; w_0, w_1))^2 \\ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 + w_1 x_1 \\ w_0 + w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_0 + w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2 \end{aligned}$$

Much nicer! The $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$ operation allows us to drop the sums!

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Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

- Now that we have the matrix version of the loss function, “just” take derivative...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t})^\top (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N} ((\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top - \mathbf{t}^\top) (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top \mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{t}
 \end{aligned}$$

note: book accidentally drops the 1/N here

$\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$ and $\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$ are the transpose of one another ... and both products come out to be **scalars** (i.e., “1x1 matrices”, where transpose of one is the same as the other), so the products are the same and can be combined.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$f(\mathbf{w})$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$	\mathbf{x}
$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}$	\mathbf{x}
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w}$	$2\mathbf{w}$
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w}$	$2\mathbf{C}\mathbf{w}$

Some useful identities

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \frac{2}{N} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{N} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}.$$

$$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$$

The **matrix normal equation!**
(guaranteed unique solution when the n column vectors of \mathbf{X} are linearly independent)

But what does this mean??

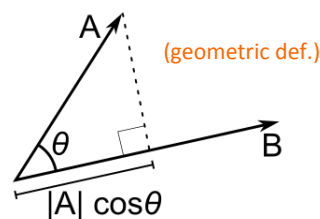
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Relation of $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}$ to Geometry

- $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}$ is special (also $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$), called the *dot product* (aka *scalar product*; the *inner product* for the Euclidean space)

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n \quad (\text{algebraic def.})$$

- Plays a role in defining
 - Euclidean distance (norm)
 - Angles



$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \arccos \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \right).$$

The dot product of vectors that are 90° (or more generally, orthogonal) is $= 0$

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Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

A linear equation expresses a constraint between variables

The “row” picture

A system of linear equations – more constraints!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

$$-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$$

$$\begin{matrix} u \\ v \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} c_1 & c_2 \end{matrix}$

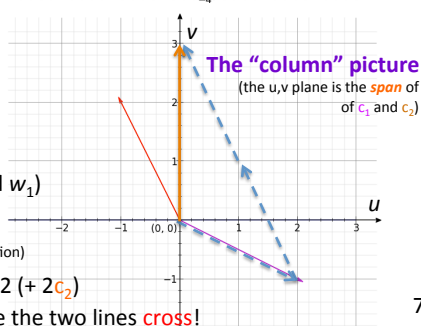
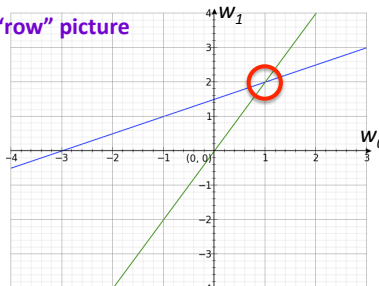
$$Xw = t \quad w = X^{-1}t$$

“Solving” the linear system involves finding the linear combinations (i.e., the amounts w_0 and w_1) of c_1 and c_2 that equal the column vector $(0,3)^T$.

Solve using your favorite method (e.g., Gaussian Elimination)

Here, the solution happens to be $w_0=1$ ($1 \cdot c_1$), $w_1=2$ ($+2 \cdot c_2$)

The w_0 's and w_1 's corresponds to the point where the two lines cross!



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Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

But what happens if we're **over-constrained**?

GOAL: Find a solution that is *closest* to (minimizes the distance between) the crossing points!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

$$-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$$

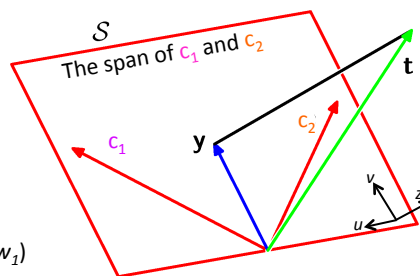
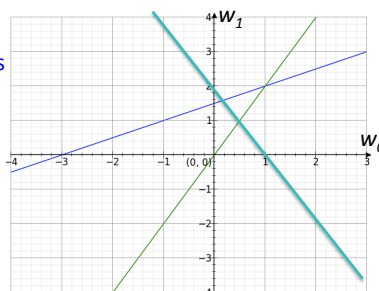
$$2w_0 + w_1 = 2$$

$$\begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ z \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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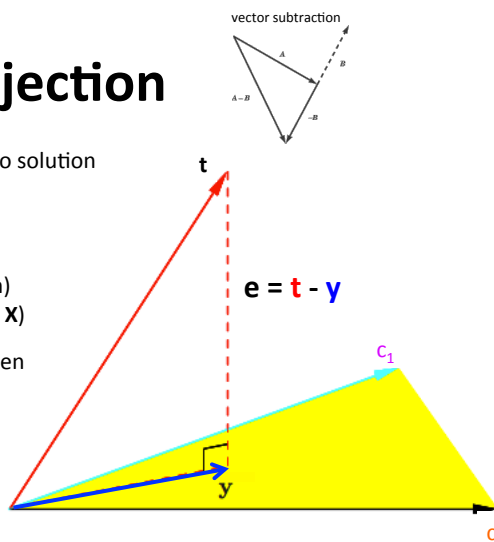
Finding the projection

$\mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{t}$...what we started with, but no solution

$\mathbf{X} \hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{y}$...something we can solve

In particular, we want \mathbf{y} to be the *closest* to \mathbf{t} but in the column space (the span) of \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 (which are the columns of \mathbf{X})

But we know the shortest distance between the end of \mathbf{t} and the span is a vector \mathbf{e} that is *orthogonal* (right angles!) to \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 (i.e., orthogonal to \mathbf{X})

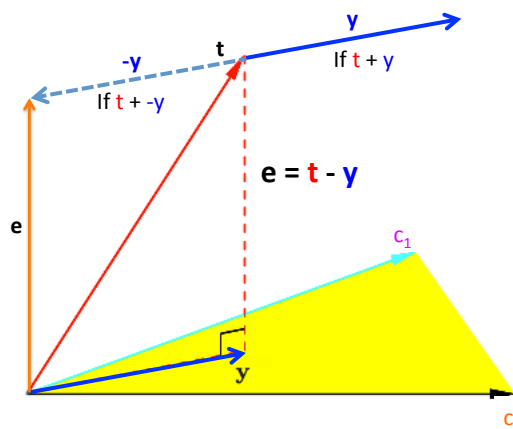


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In case you need to remember vector subtraction...

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Now we want to enforce: \mathbf{e} 's length to be *minimal* and direction *orthogonal* to \mathbf{X}

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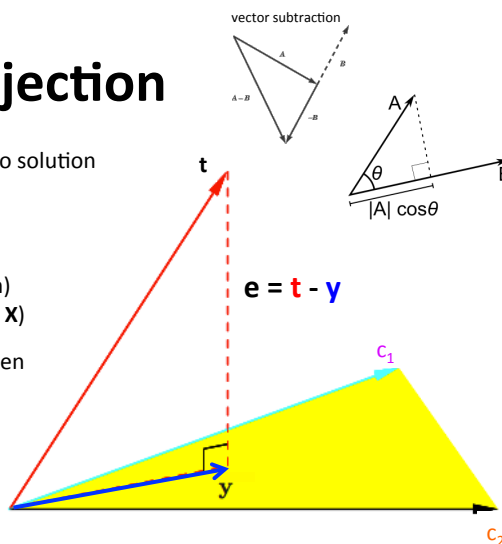
$$\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{y}) = 0 \quad \text{plug in for } \mathbf{e}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}}) = 0 \quad \text{substitute original } \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{y} \text{ (since we don't know } \mathbf{y}\text{)}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = 0 \quad \text{multiply through...}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{t}$$

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Finding the projection

$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{t}$...what we started with, but no solution

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This is just what minimizing the squared loss did!

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^T(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})$$

This "error" vector \mathbf{e} is the shortest distance (Note: we can't differentiate the "absolute value" so the squaring of the difference – of the *length* of \mathbf{e} – was a better choice for doing it the calc way)

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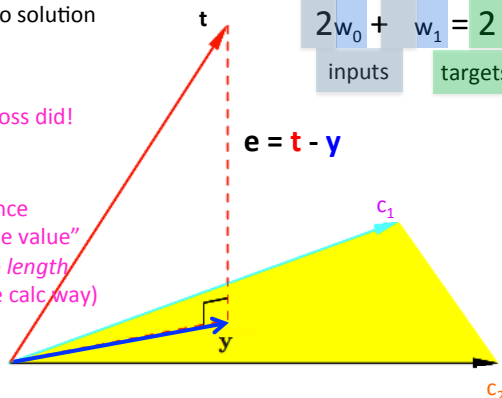
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The Normal Equations

For model: $t = f(x_1, \dots, x_k; w_0, \dots, w_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k x_i w_i$

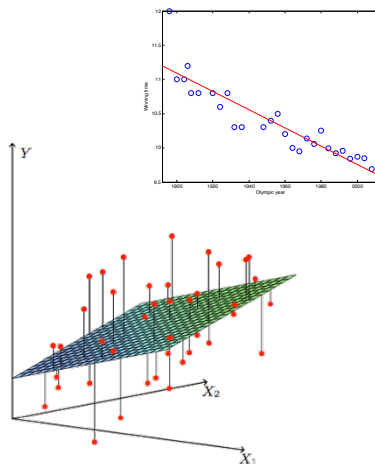
$$w_0 = \bar{t} - w_1 \bar{x}$$

$$w_1 = \frac{\overline{xt} - \bar{x}\bar{t}}{\overline{x^2} - (\bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$$

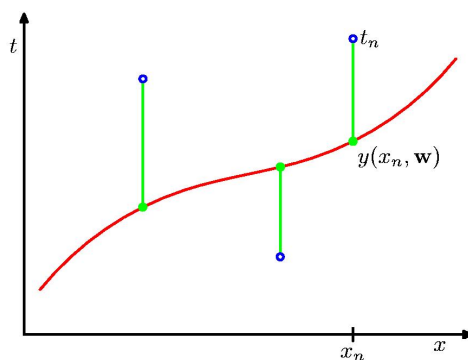
$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{x}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{bmatrix}$$



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Sum-of-Squares Loss (Error) Function

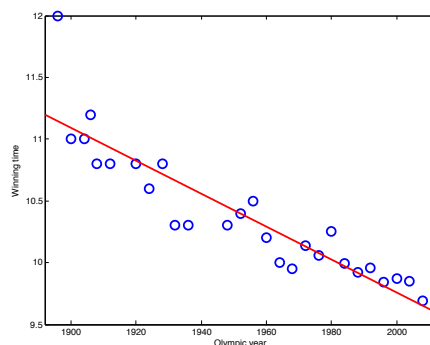


$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2$$

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{y(x_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2 \quad \text{Another formulation, from Bishop (2006)}$$

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Linear (in variables) has its limit!



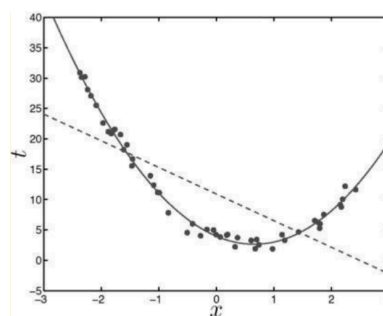
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Nonlinear Response

- We can extend the power of linear LMS best fit to models that have a non-linear **response**.

$$f(x; \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \\ x_n^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N & x_N^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

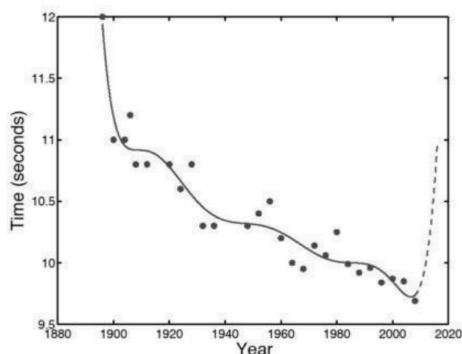


Fitting the parameters \mathbf{w} still works the same! The only difference is that we square the x values *at the input phase* (for each of the elements of the third column vector)

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Generalize to Models of k^{th} -order Polynomials

$$f(x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{k=0}^K w_k x^k \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^0 & x_1^1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^K \\ x_2^0 & x_2^1 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^K \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ x_N^0 & x_N^1 & x_N^2 & \cdots & x_N^K \end{bmatrix}$$



Note: this is **not** creating more **independent** sources of information about individuals, but it **is** giving the model the capacity to consider **non-linear components** of what original inputs there are.

And we're still just learning **LINEAR COMBINATIONS** of those **components**

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Linear Combination of *Basis Functions* (not just polynomials)

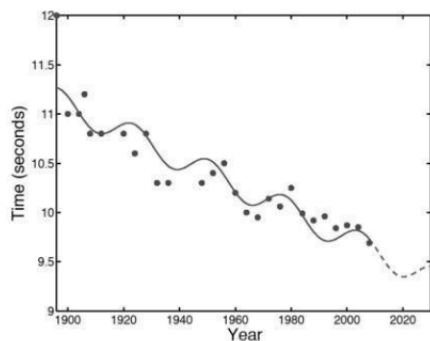
$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(x_1) & h_2(x_1) & \cdots & h_K(x_1) \\ h_1(x_2) & h_2(x_2) & \cdots & h_K(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ h_1(x_N) & h_2(x_N) & \cdots & h_K(x_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_1(x) = 1$$

$$h_2(x) = x$$

$$h_3(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x-a}{b}\right)$$

$$f(x; \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 \sin\left(\frac{x-a}{b}\right).$$



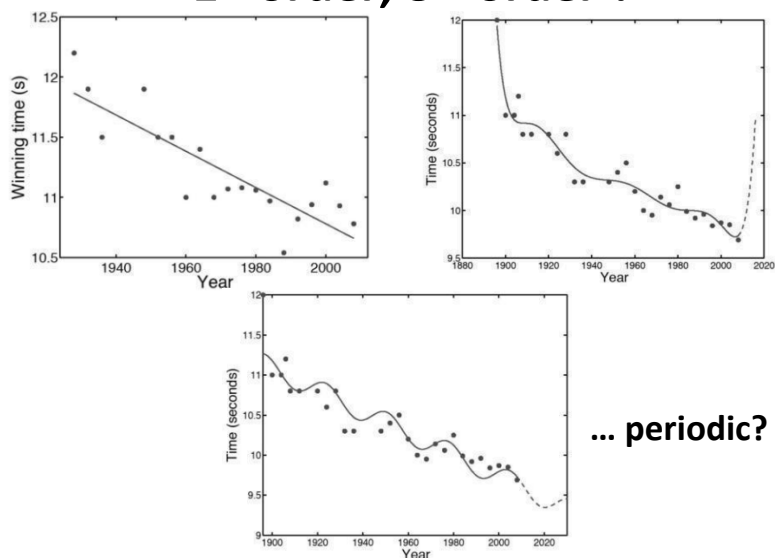
Careful !!

a and b must be **constants**

All parameters (as variables) must be **linearly** combined

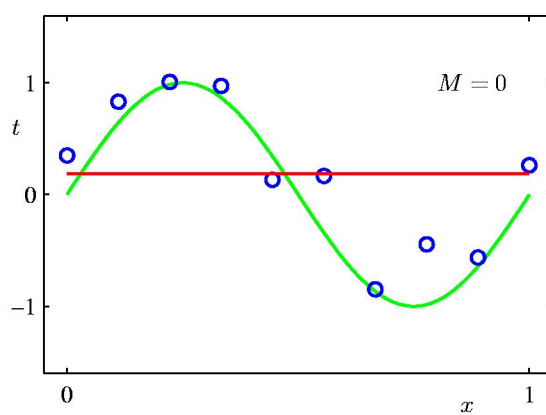
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**Which Model is better:
1st order, 8th order ?**



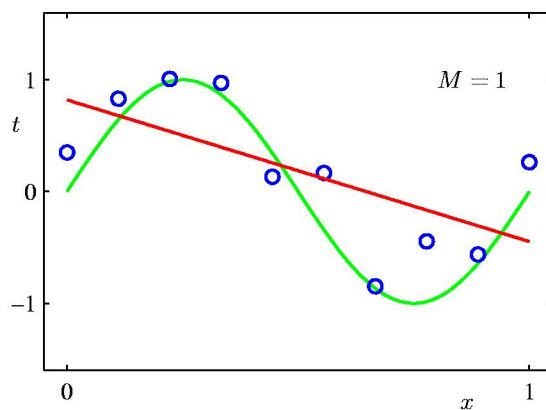
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0th Order Polynomial



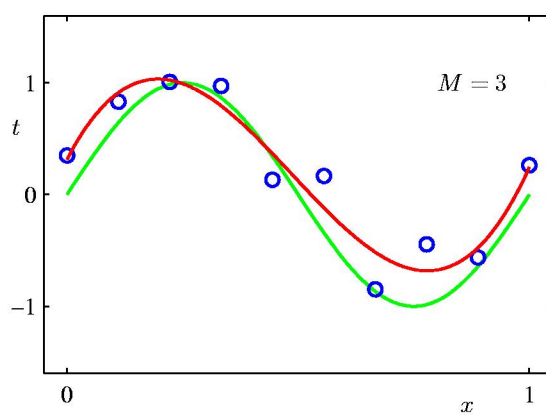
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1st Order Polynomial



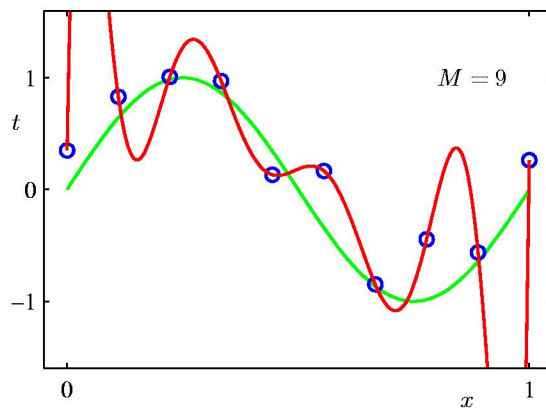
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3rd Order Polynomial



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9th Order Polynomial



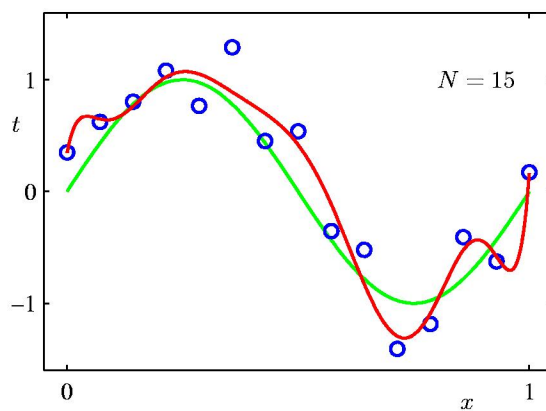
Overfitting

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Data Set Size:

$N = 15$

9th Order Polynomial

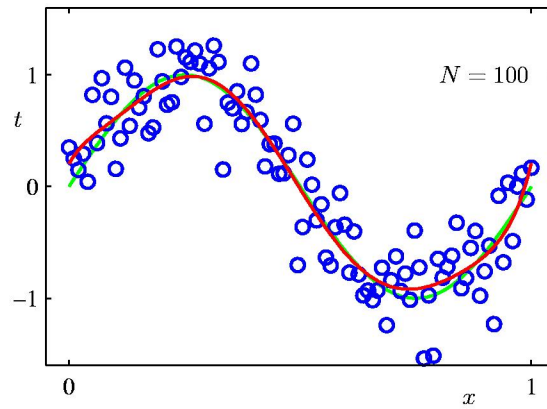


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Data Set Size:

$$N = 100$$

9th Order Polynomial



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