

# Social Media & Text Analysis

lecture 7 - Paraphrase Identification  
and Linear Regression

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(Recap)

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*... the forced resignation  
of the CEO of Boeing,  
Harry Stonecipher, for ...*

**sentence**

*... after Boeing Co. Chief  
Executive Harry Stonecipher  
was ousted from ...*

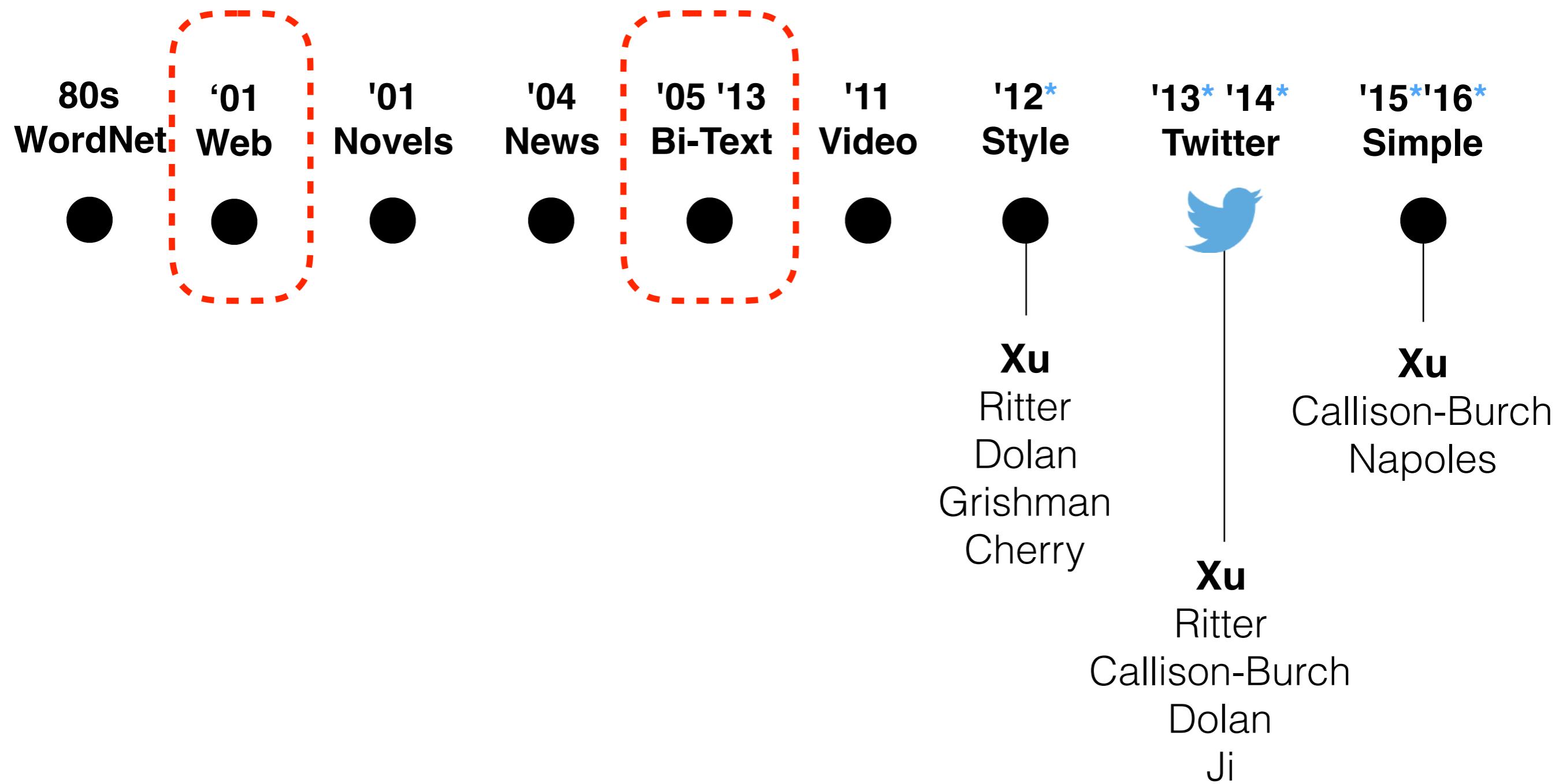
# The Ideal



Translation: "You have a bruised rib."

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# Paraphrase Research



# Distributional Similarity

Lin and Pantel (2001) operationalize the Distributional Hypothesis using dependency relationships to define similar environments.

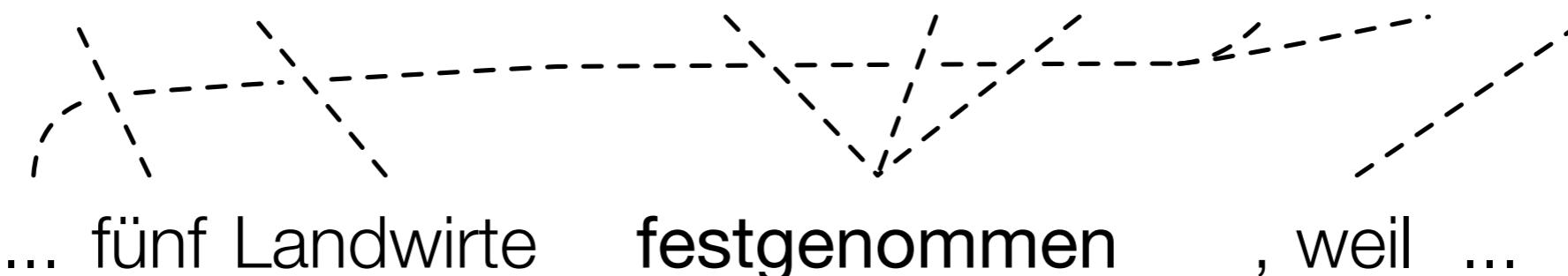
Duty and responsibility share a similar set of dependency contexts in large volumes of text:

modified by adjectives	objects of verbs
additional, administrative, assigned, assumed, collective, congressional, constitutional ...	assert, assign, assume, attend to, avoid, become, breach ...

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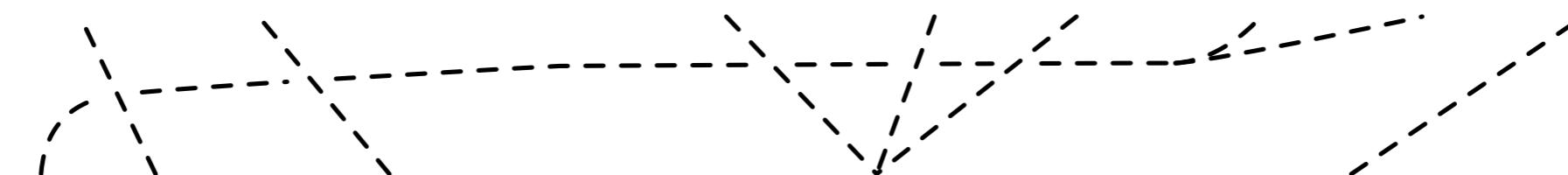
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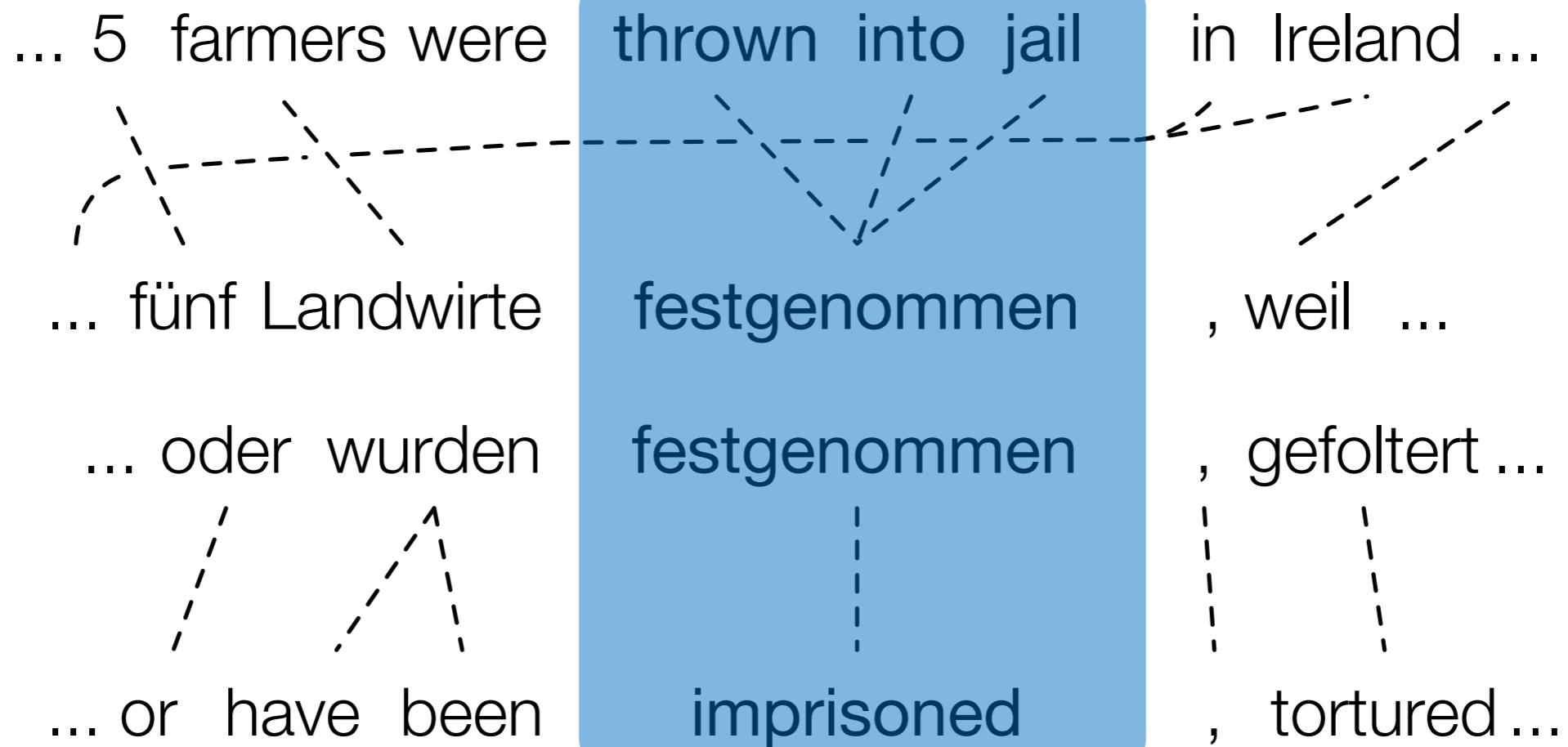
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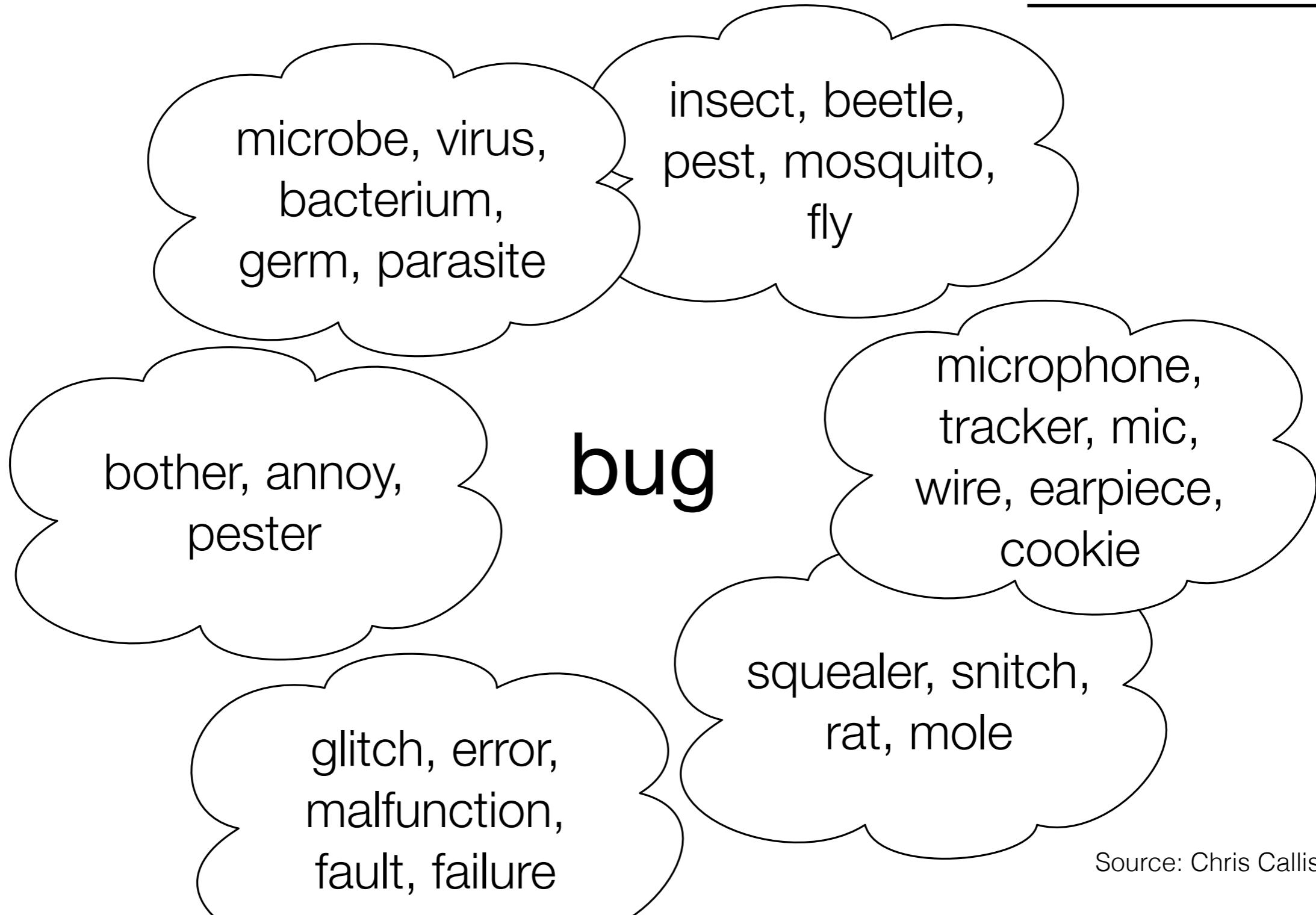
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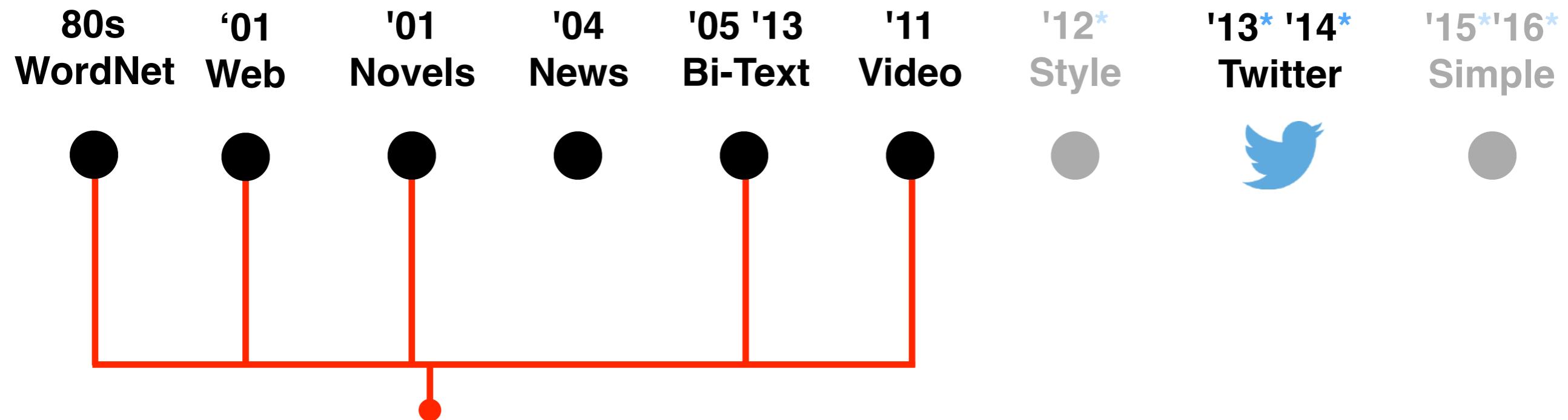
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word sense



# Another Key Limitation



**only paraphrases, no non-paraphrases**

# Paraphrase Identification

**obtain sentential paraphrases automatically**

*Mancini has been sacked by Manchester City*

Yes!

*Mancini gets the boot from Man City*

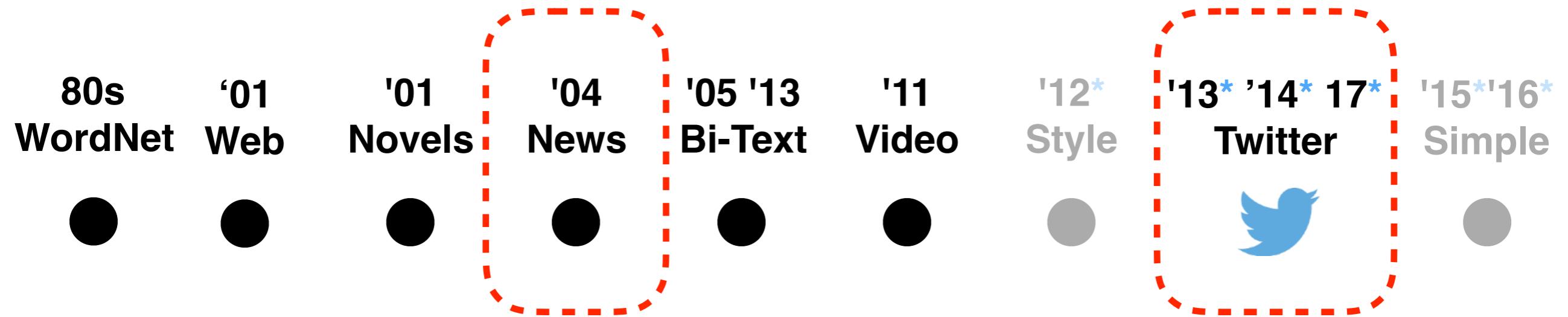
*WORLD OF JENKS IS ON AT 11*

No!

*World of Jenks is my favorite show on tv*

**(meaningful) non-paraphrases are needed to train classifiers!**

# Also Non-Paraphrases



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# News Paraphrase Corpus



Microsoft Research Paraphrase Corpus

**also contains some non-paraphrases**

# Twitter Paraphrase Corpus



**Rep. Stacey Newman** @staceynewman · 5h

So sad to hear today of former WH Press Sec **James Brady's passing**.  
@bradybuzz & family will carry on his legacy of #gunsense.



**Jim Sciutto** @jimsciutto · 4h

Breaking: Fmr. WH Press Sec. **James Brady** has died at 73, crusader for gun control after wounded in '81 Reagan assassination attempt



**NBC News** @NBCNews · 2h

**James Brady**, President Reagan's press secretary shot in 1981 assassination attempt, dead at 73 [nbcnews.to/WX1Btq](http://nbcnews.to/WX1Btq) [pic.twitter.com/1ZtuEakRd9](http://pic.twitter.com/1ZtuEakRd9)



**also contains a lot of non-paraphrases**

Paraphrase Identification:

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# (Recap) Classification Method: Supervised Machine Learning

- **Naïve Bayes**
- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- ...

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# Naïve Bayes

- ***Cons:***

features  $t_i$  are assumed independent given the class  $y$

$$P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n | y) = P(t_1 | y) \cdot P(t_2 | y) \cdot \dots \cdot P(t_n | y)$$

- ***This will cause problems:***

- correlated features → double-counted evidence
- while parameters are estimated independently
- hurt classifier's accuracy

# Classification Method: Supervised Machine Learning

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# Logistic Regression

- One of the most useful **supervised machine learning algorithm** for classification!
- Generally high performance for a lot of problems.
- Much more robust than Naïve Bayes (better performance on various datasets).

# Before Logistic Regression

**Let's start with  
something simpler!**

# Paraphrase Identification: Simplified Features

- We use only one feature:
  - number of words that two sentences share in common

A very related problem of Paraphrase Identification:  
**Semantic Textual Similarity**

- How similar (close in meaning) two sentences are?

5: completely equivalent in meaning

4: mostly equivalent, but some unimportant details differ

3: roughly equivalent, some important information differs/missing

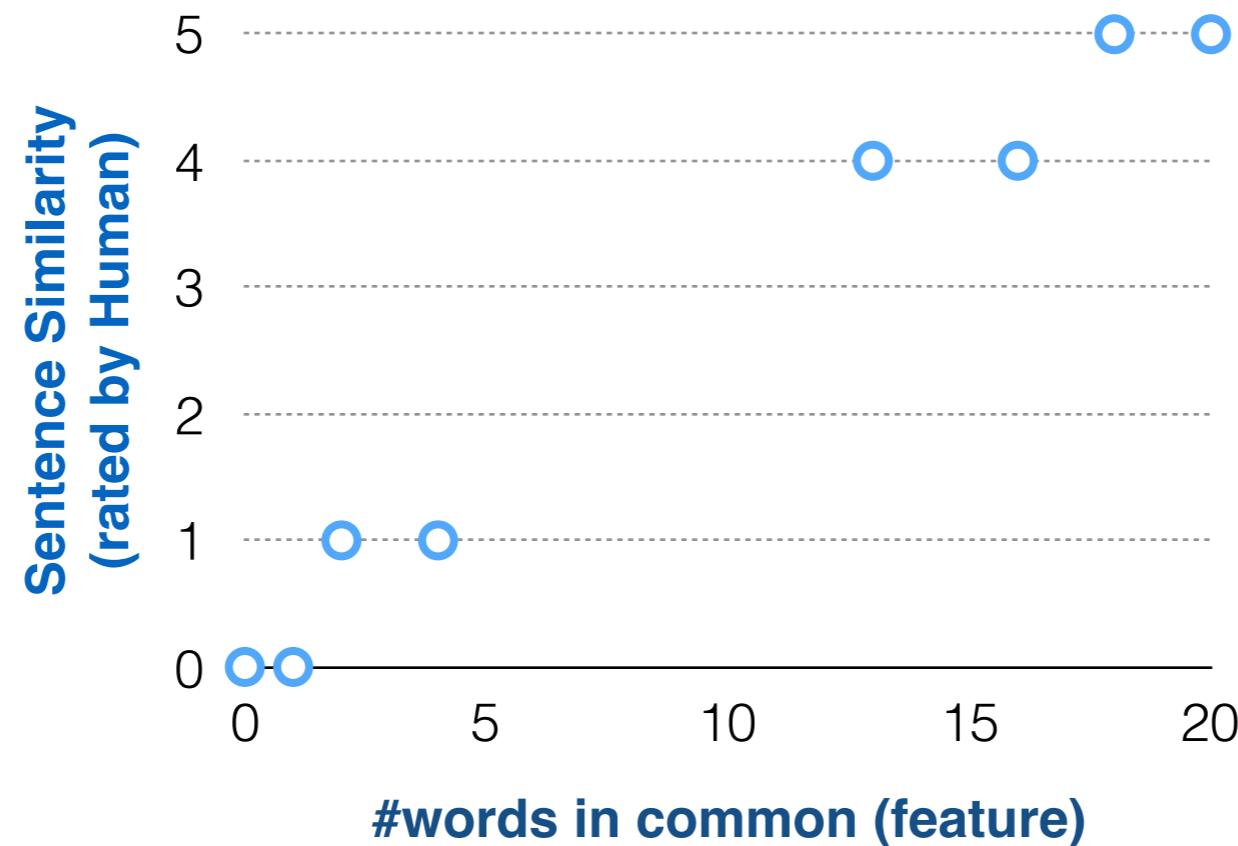
2: not equivalent, but share some details

1: not equivalent, but are on the same topic

0: completely dissimilar

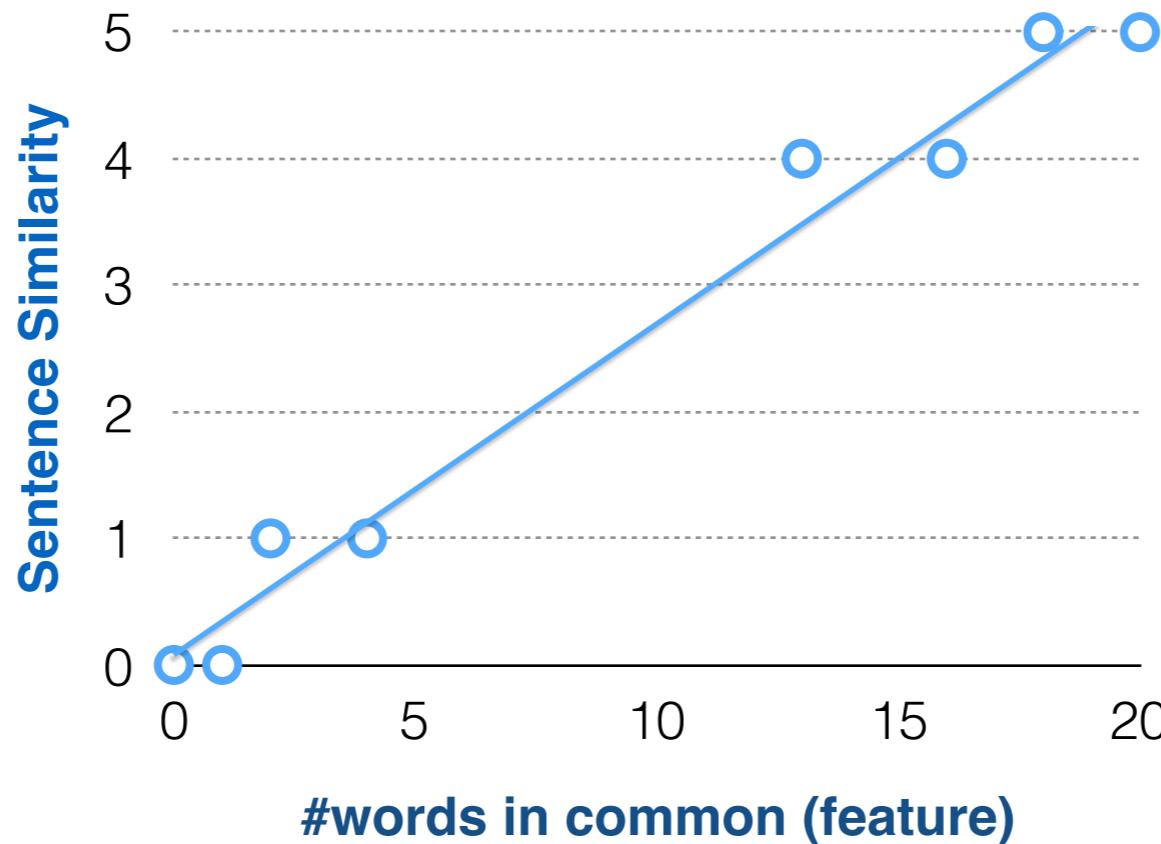
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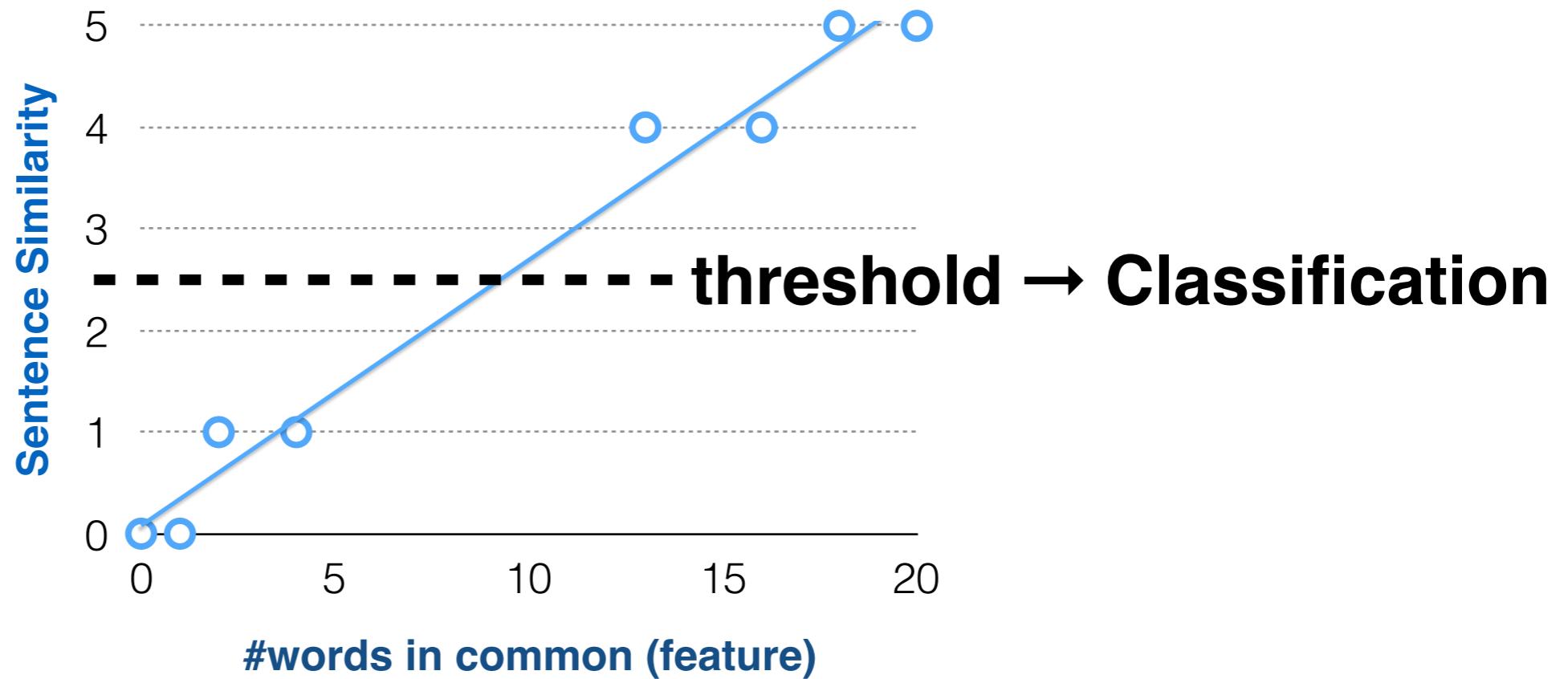
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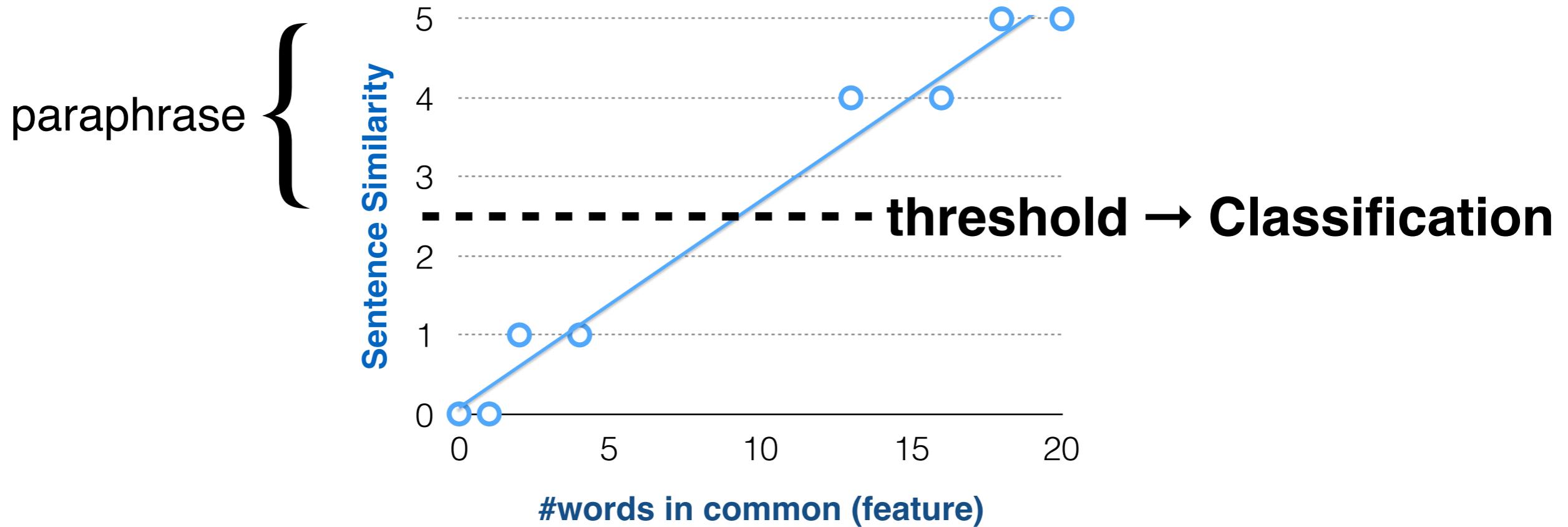
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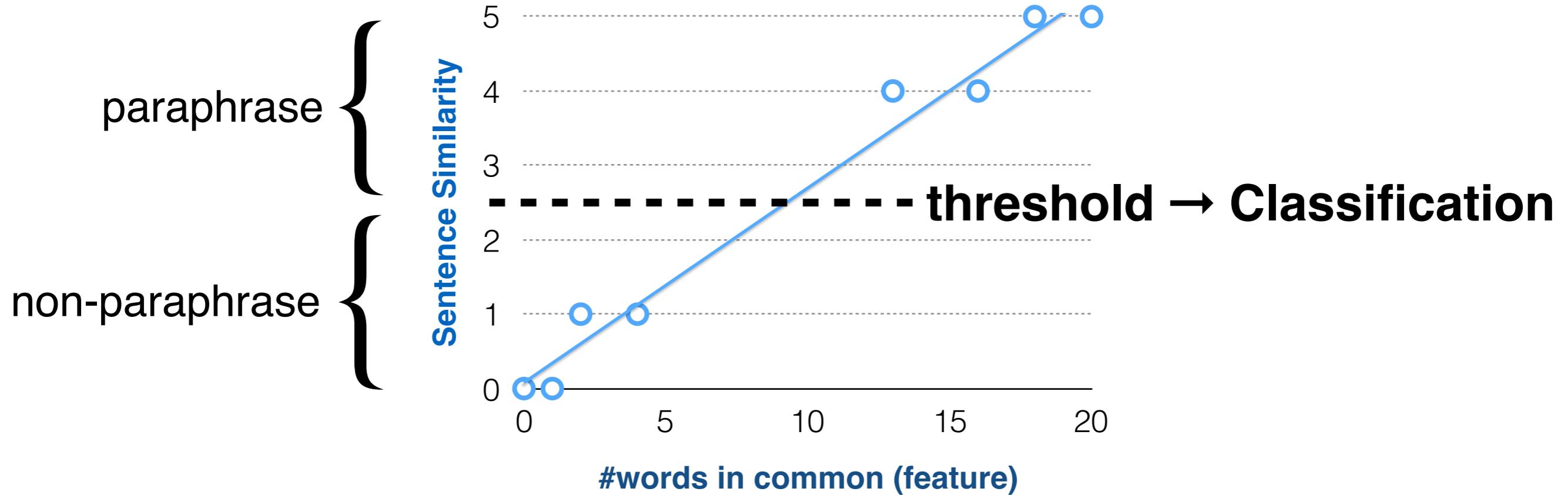
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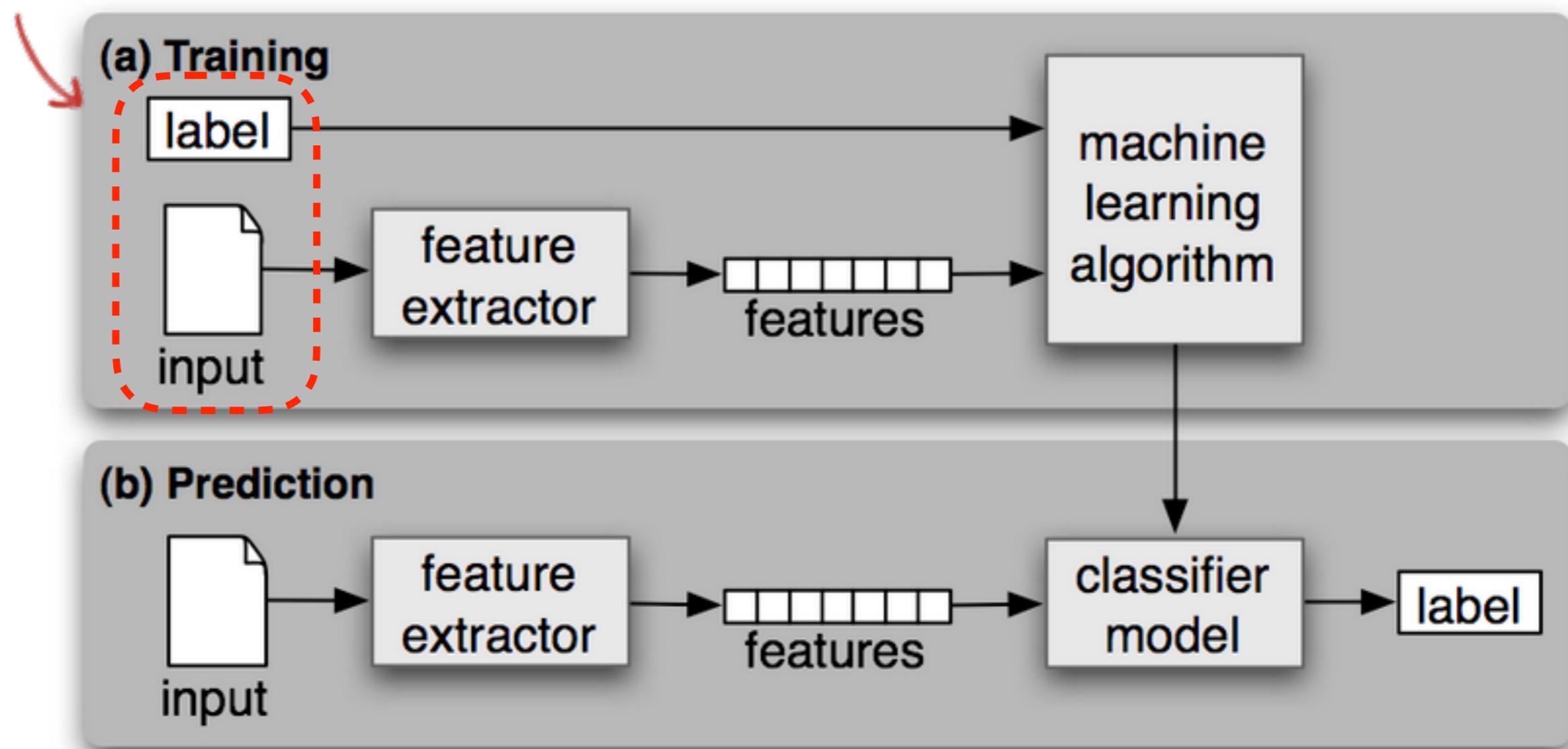
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- $y$ 's: “output”/“target” variable

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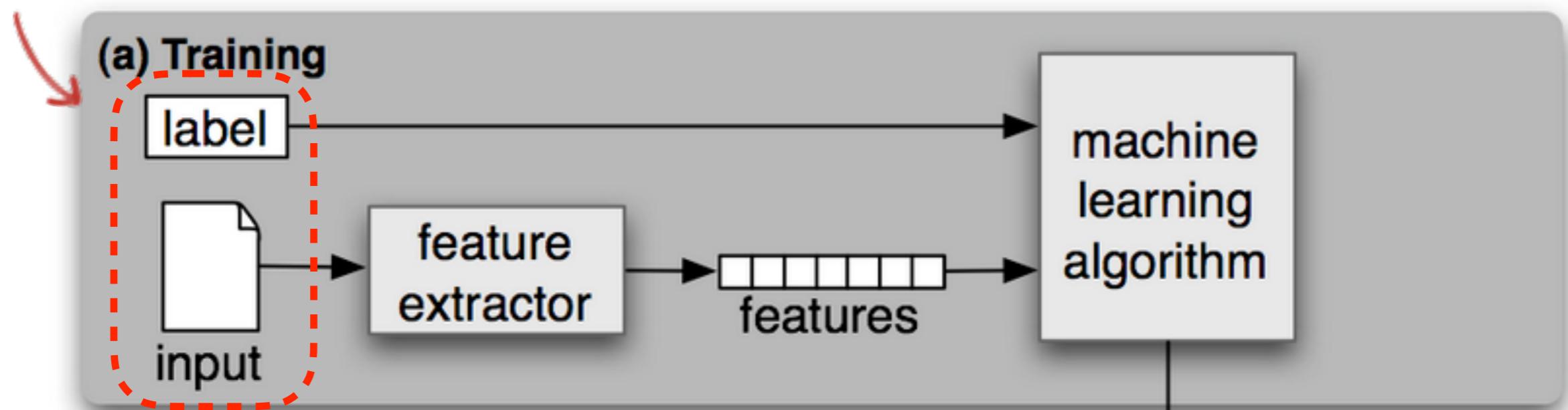
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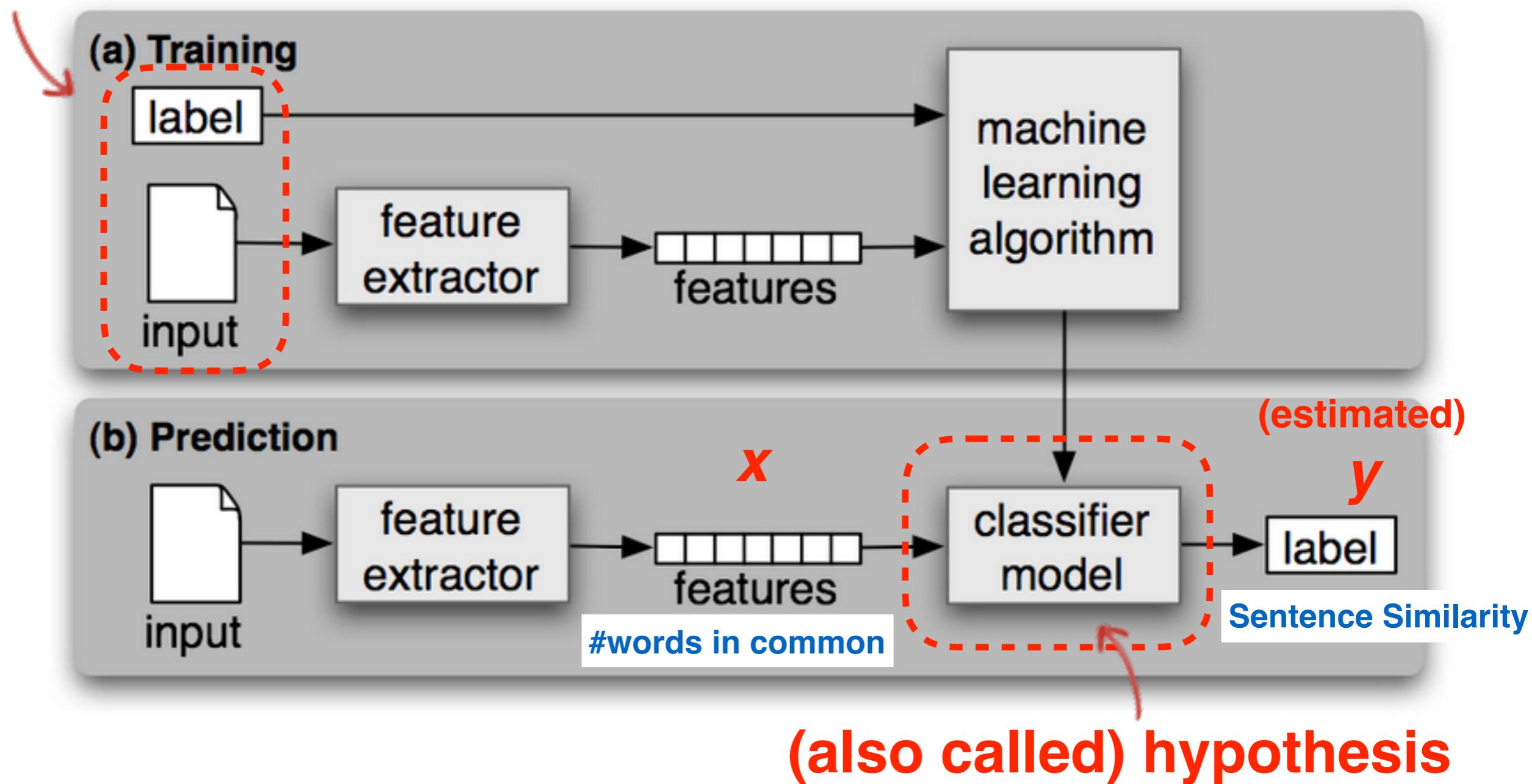
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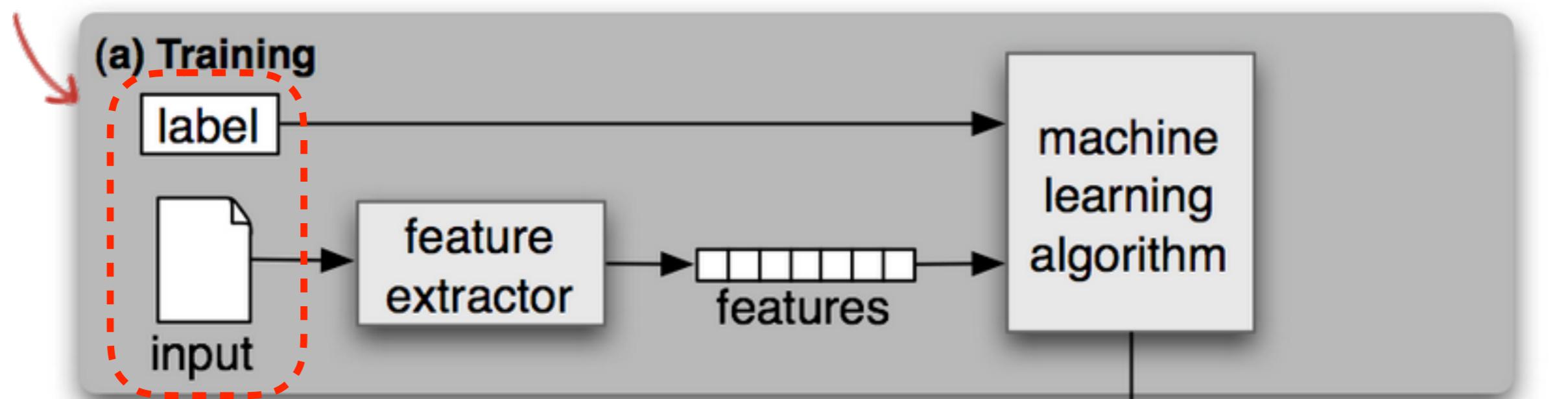
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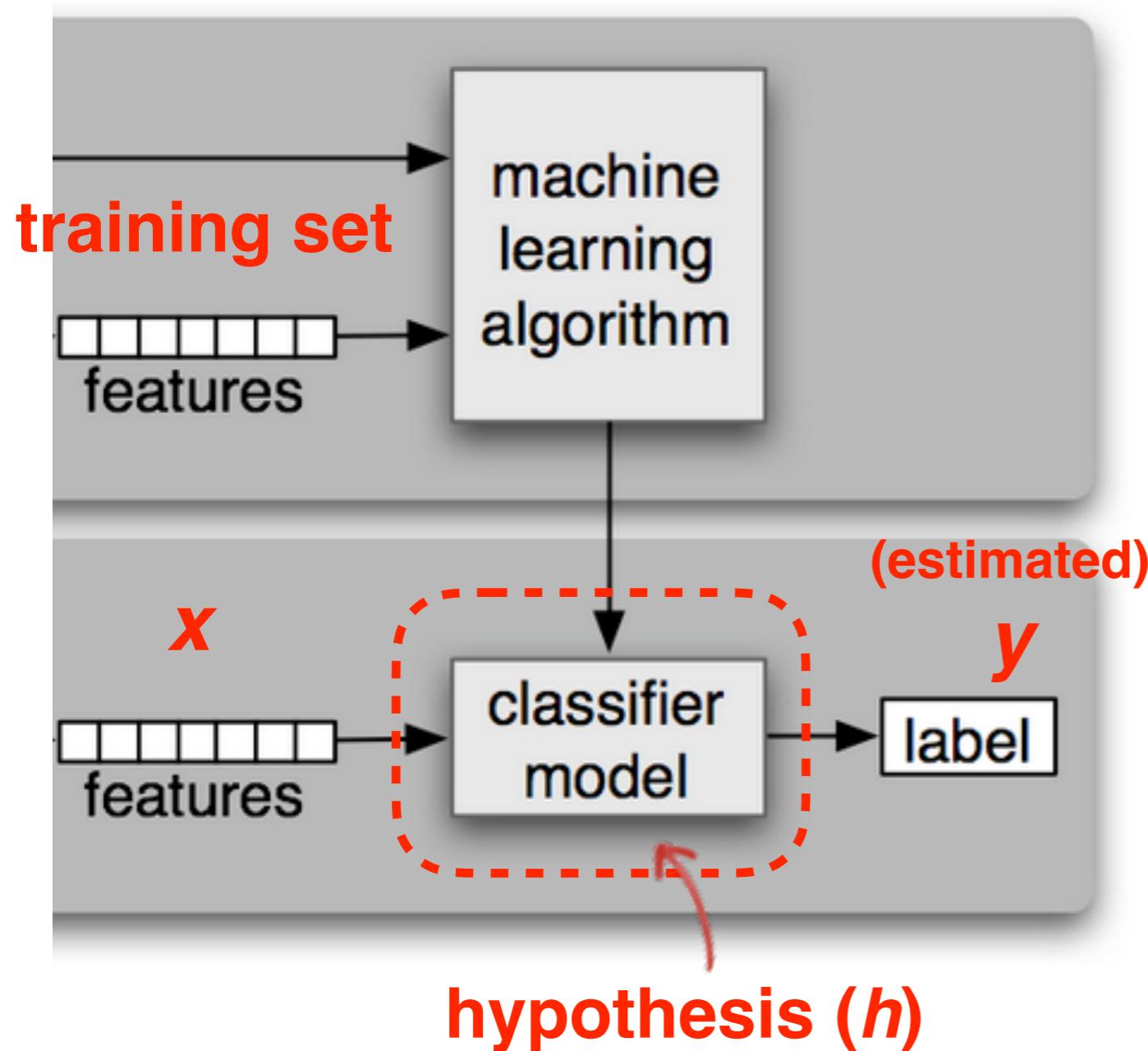
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# Linear Regression: Model Representation

- How to represent  $h$  ?



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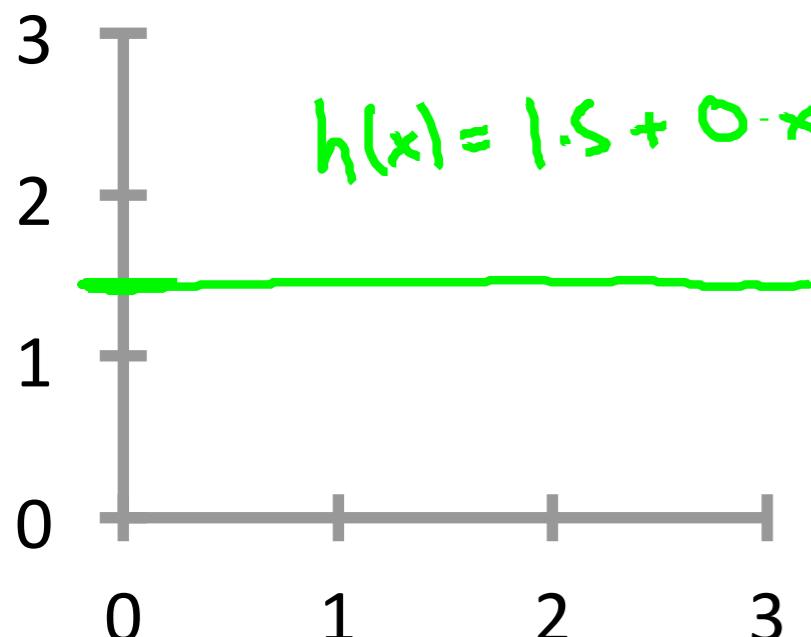
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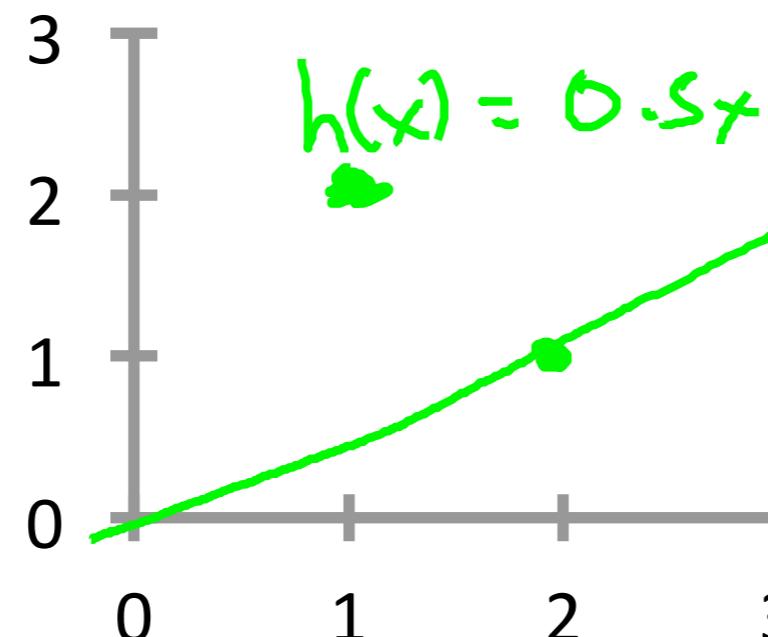
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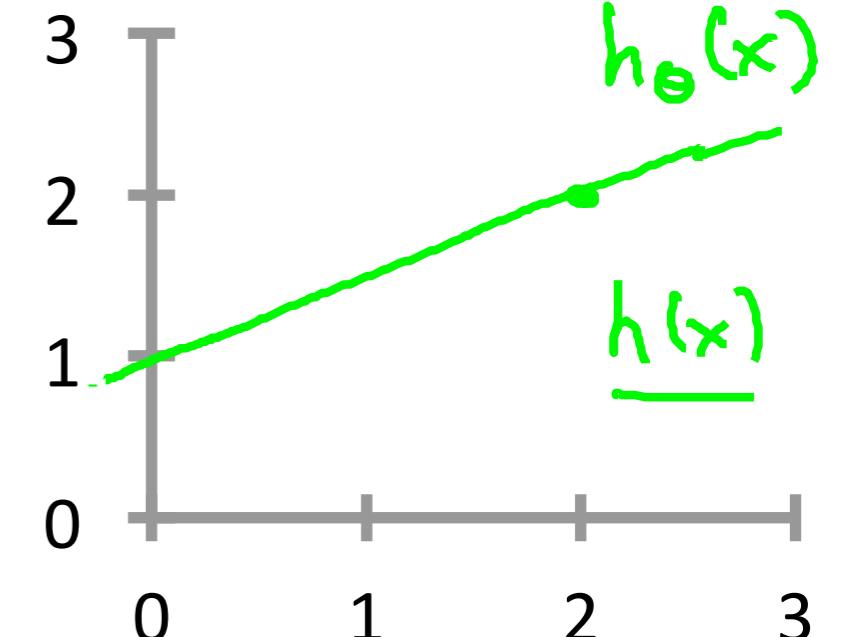
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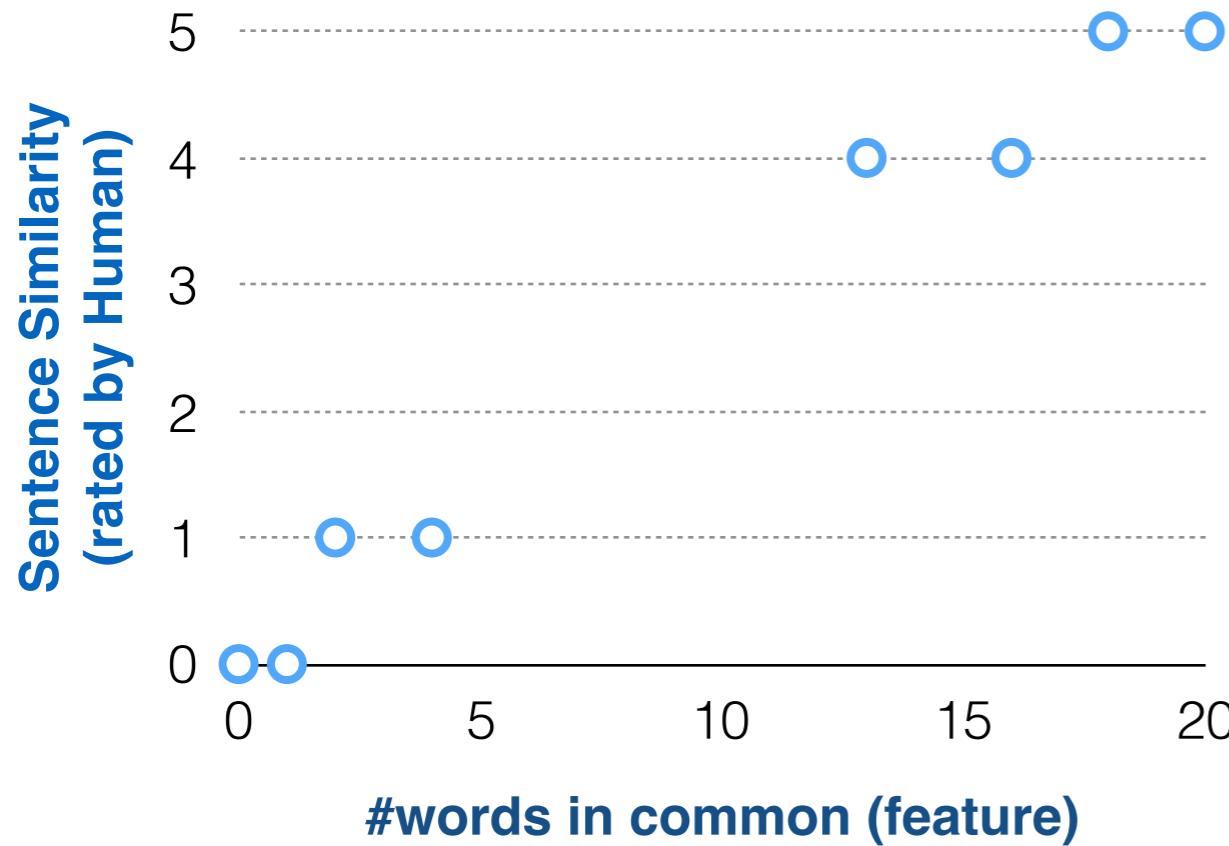


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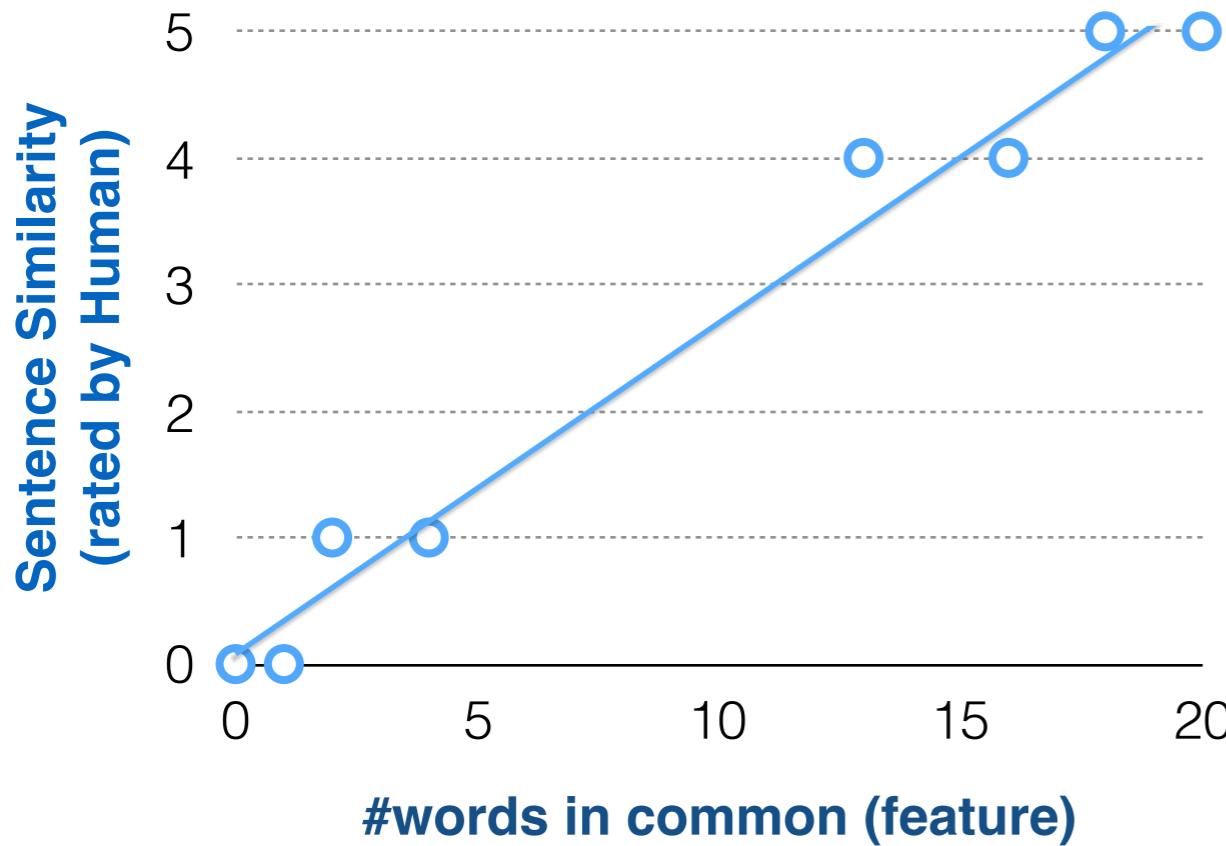
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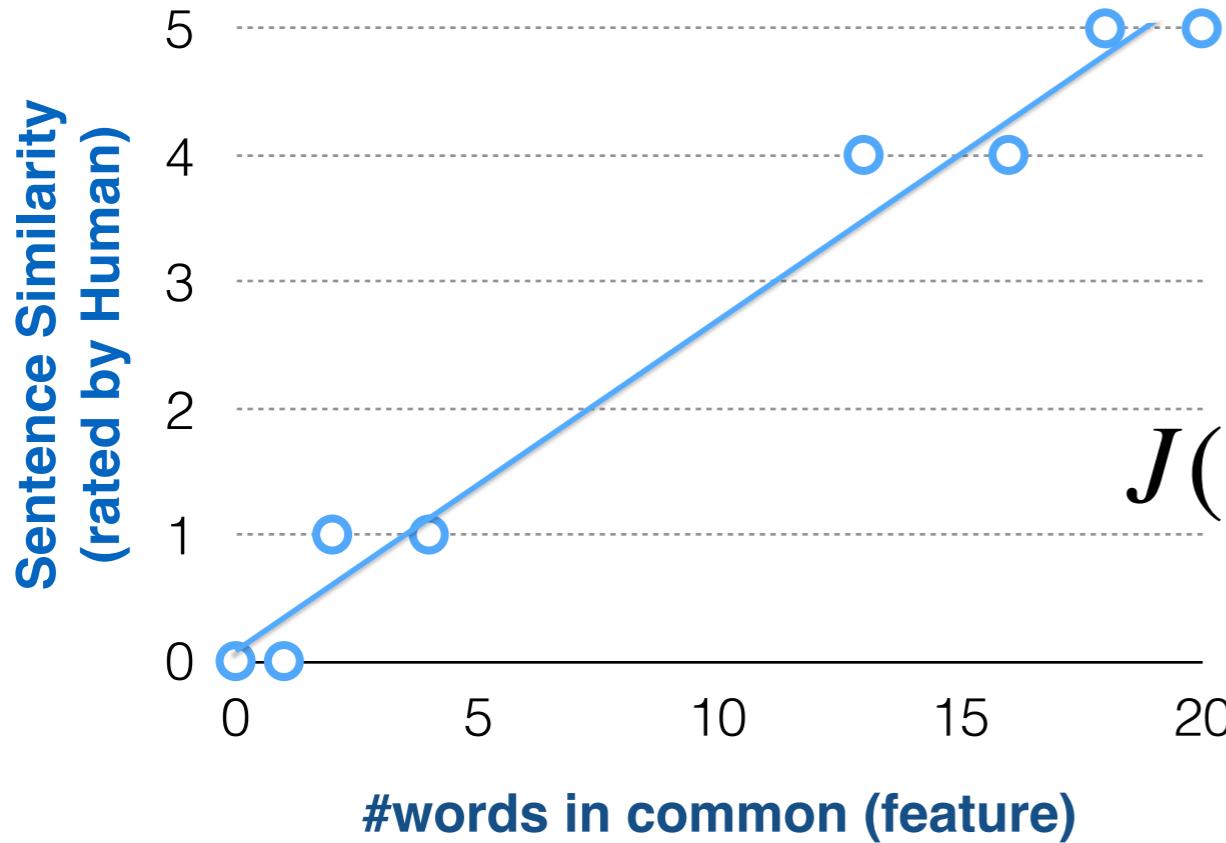
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**squared error function:**

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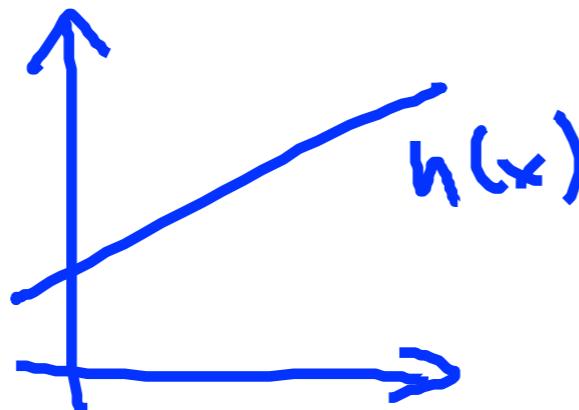
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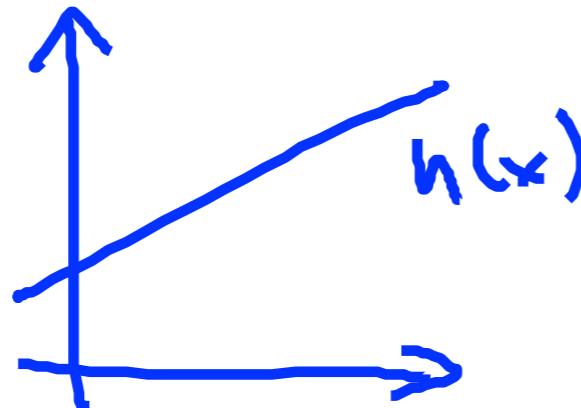
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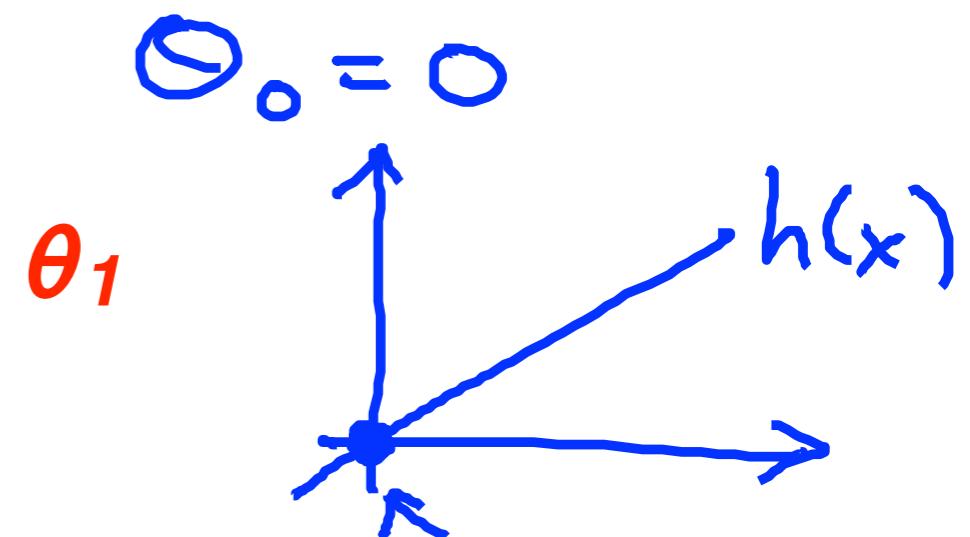
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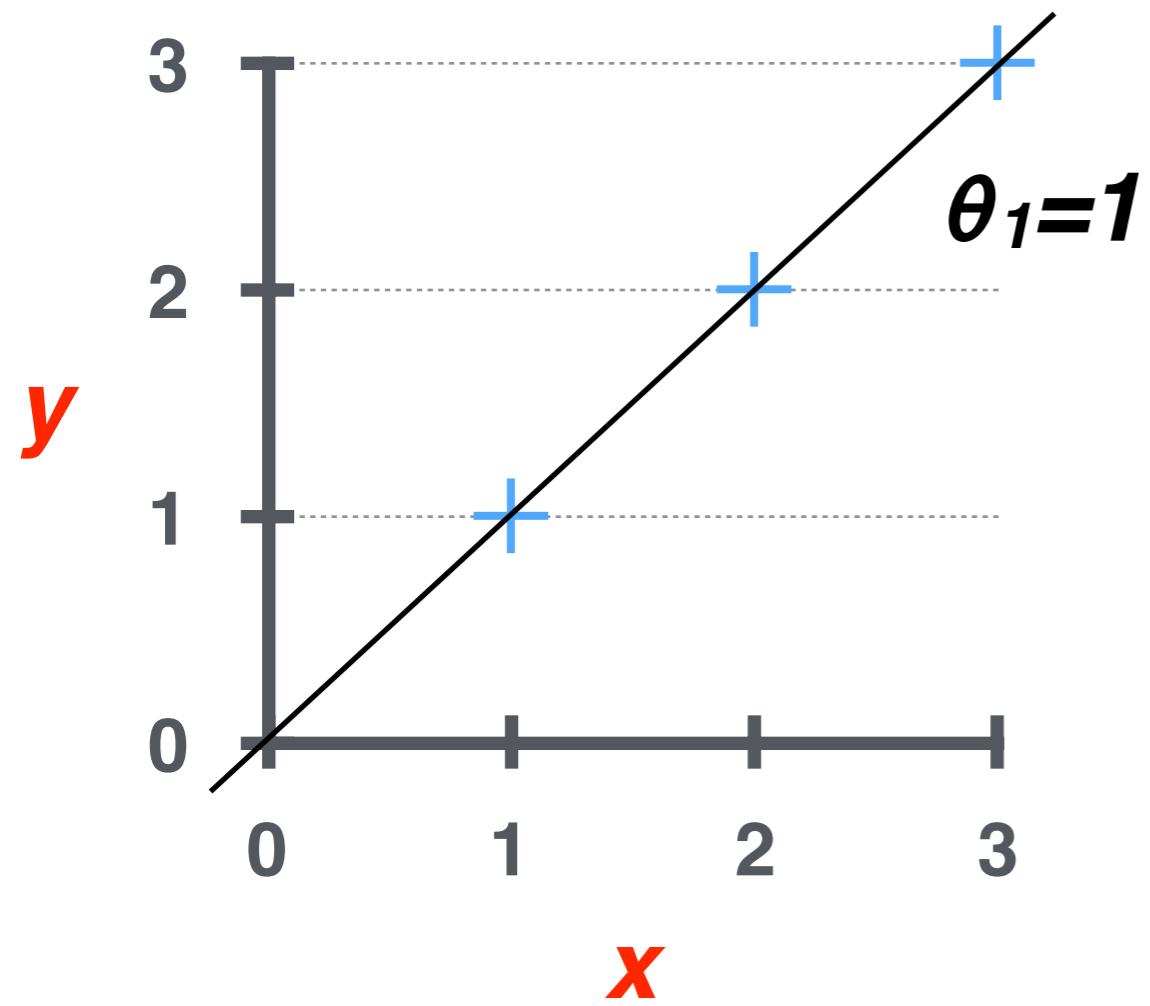
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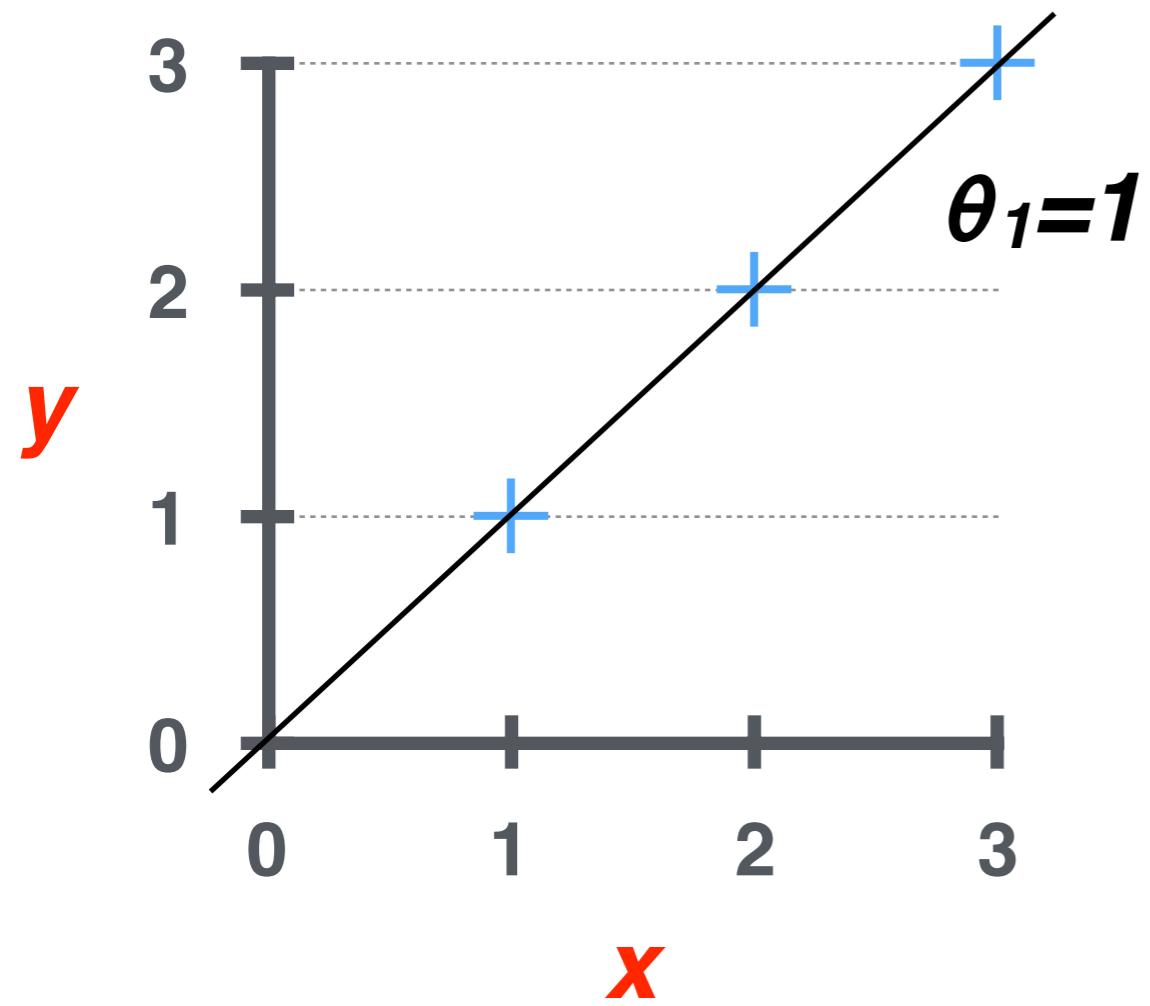
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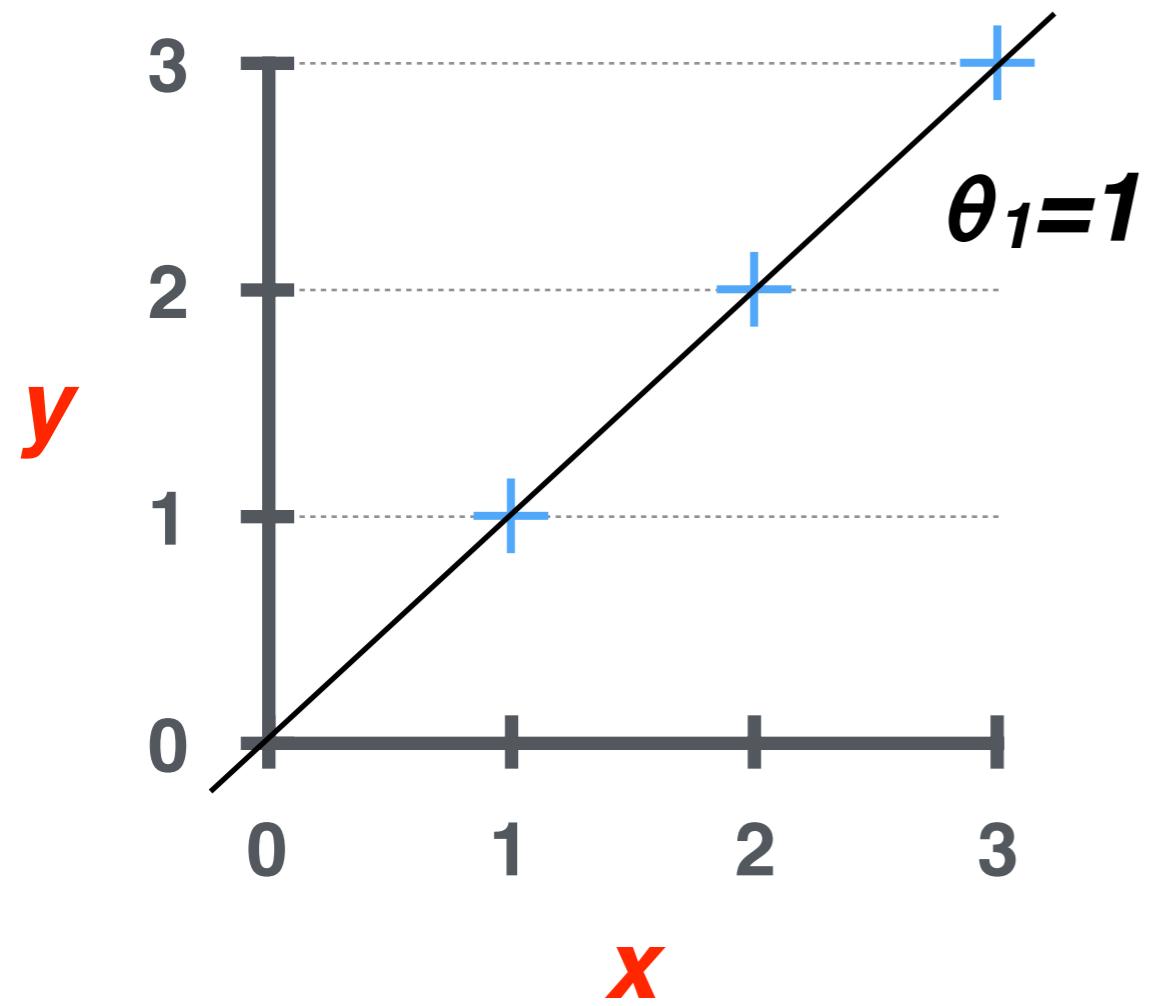
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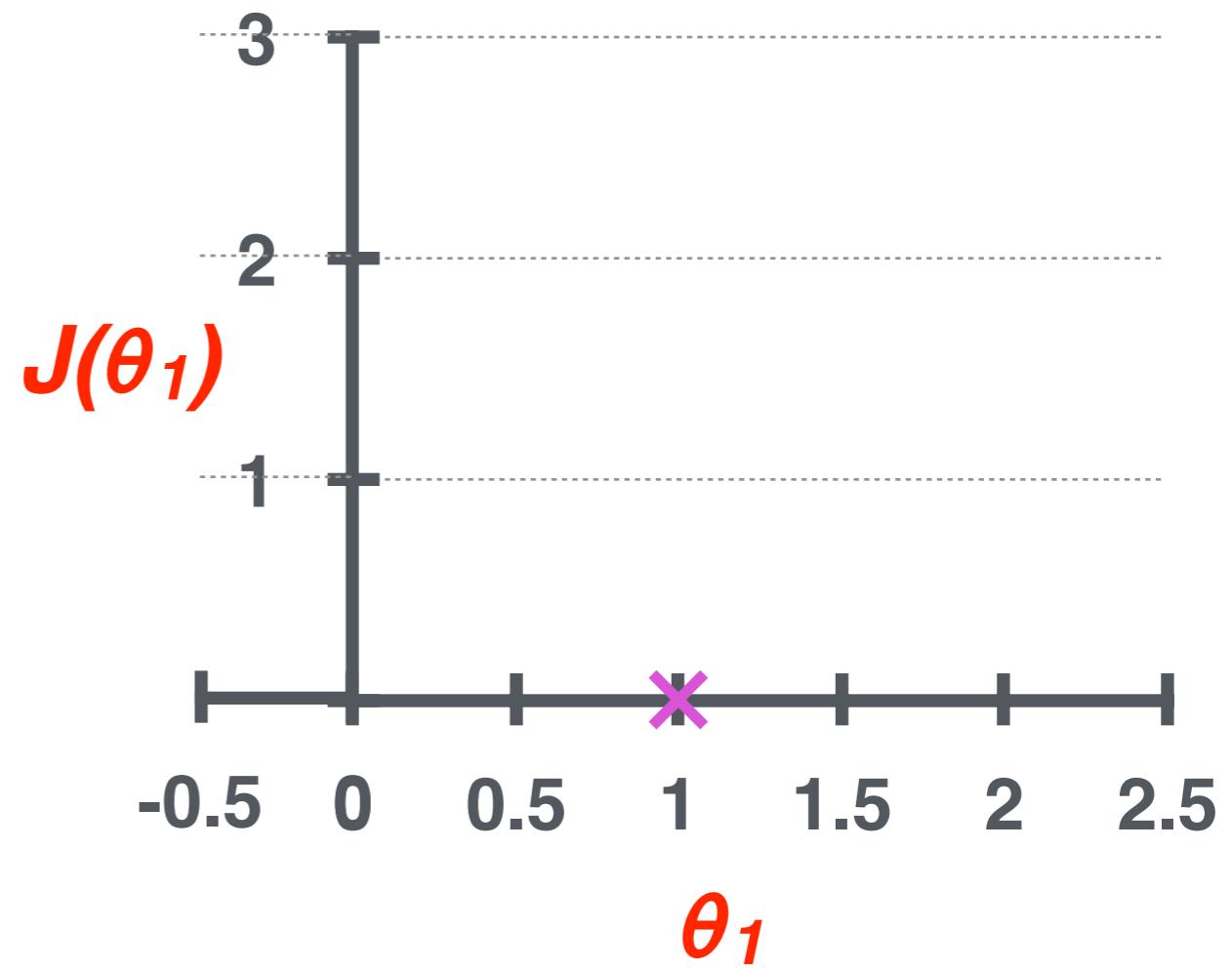
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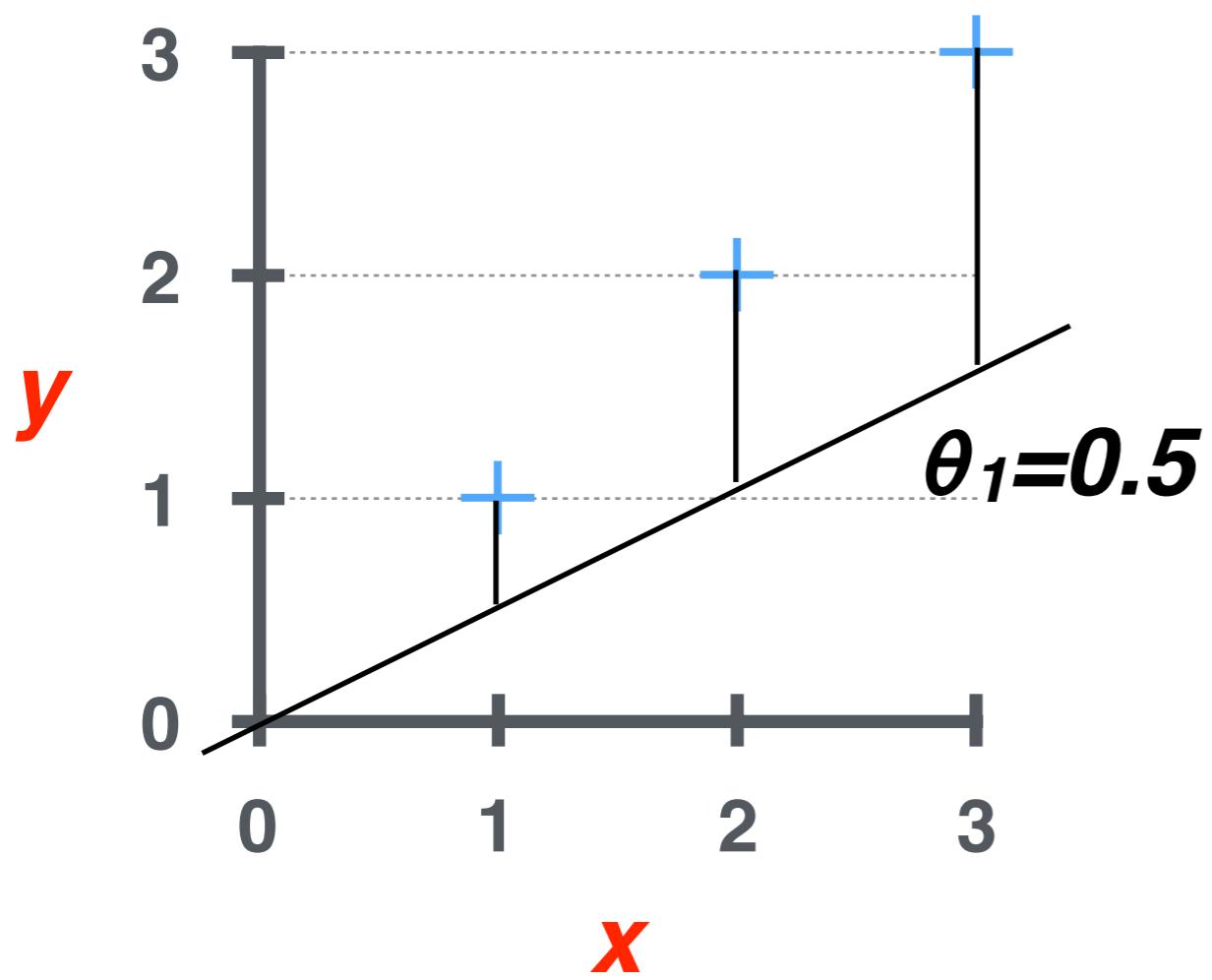
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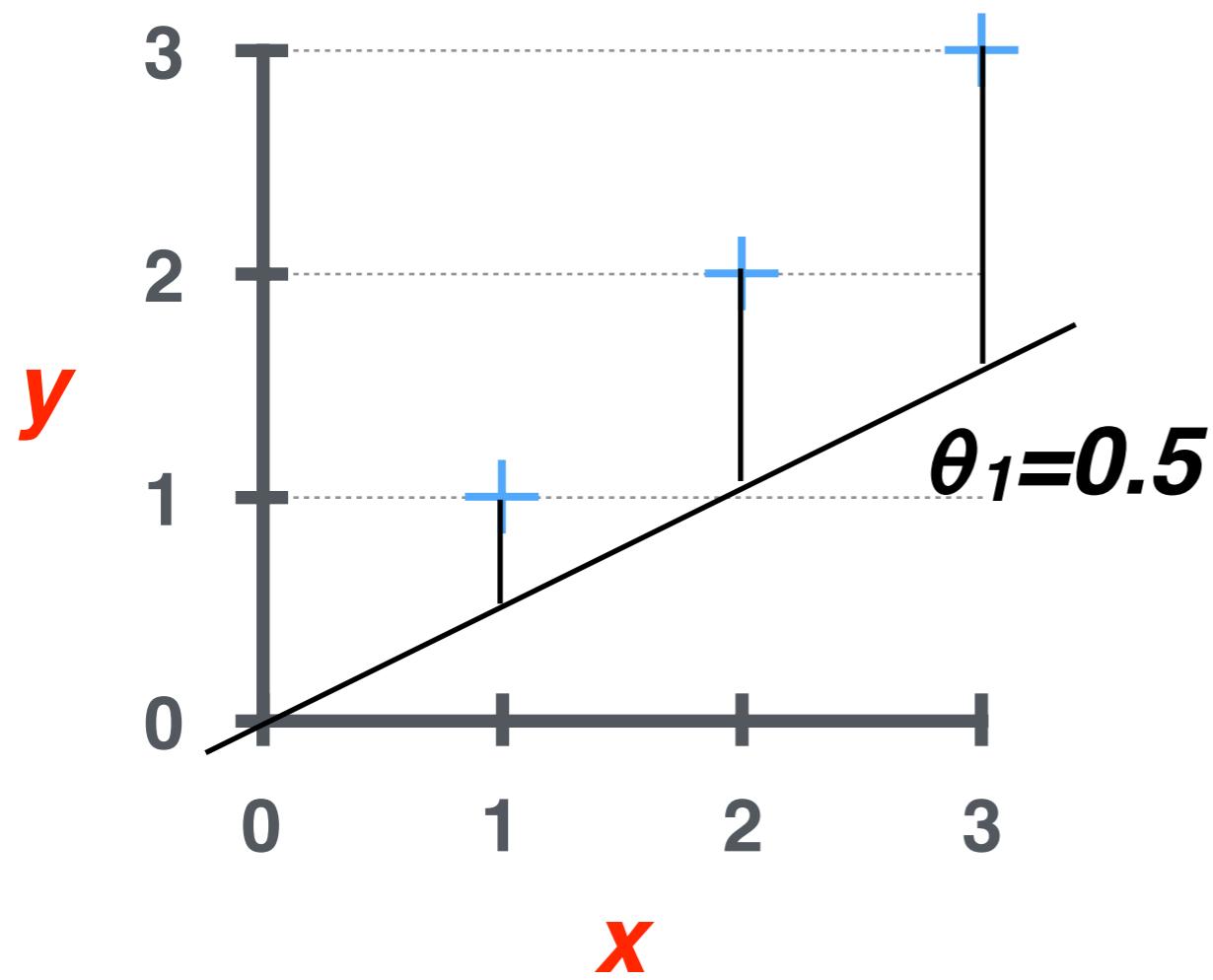
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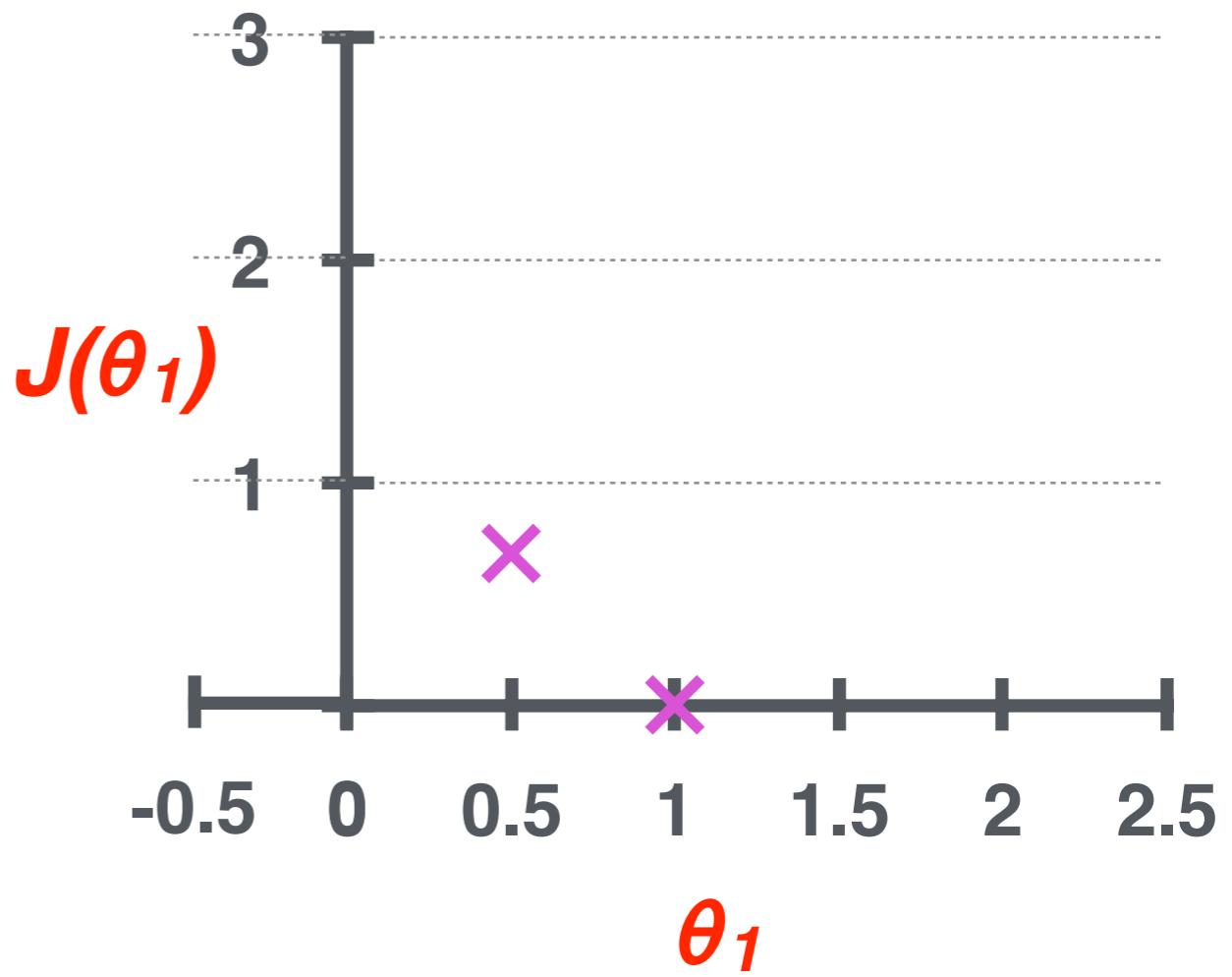
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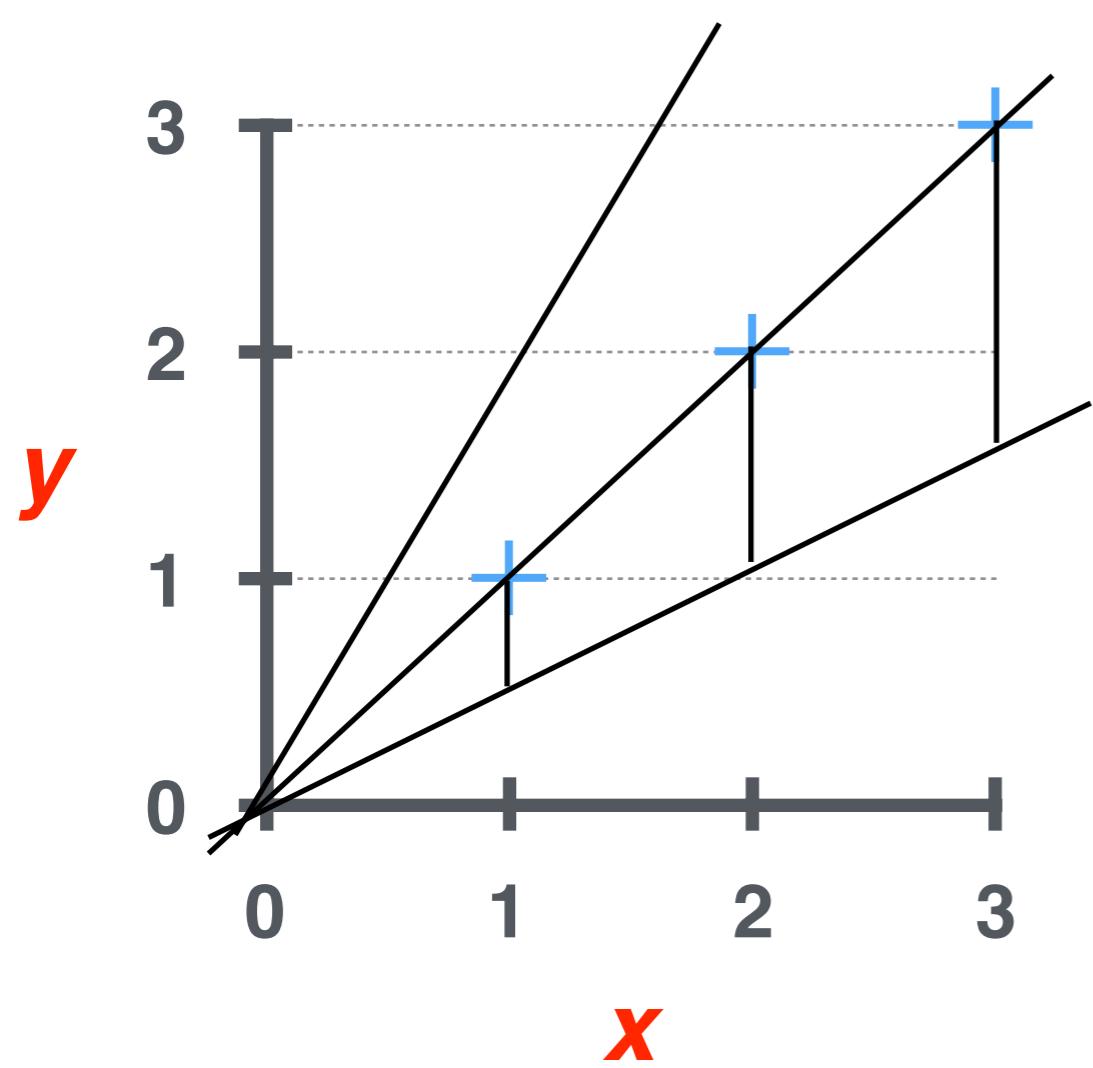
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$$J(0.5) = \frac{1}{2 \times 3} [(0.5 - 1)^2 + (1 - 2)^2 + (1.5 - 3)^2] = 0.68$$

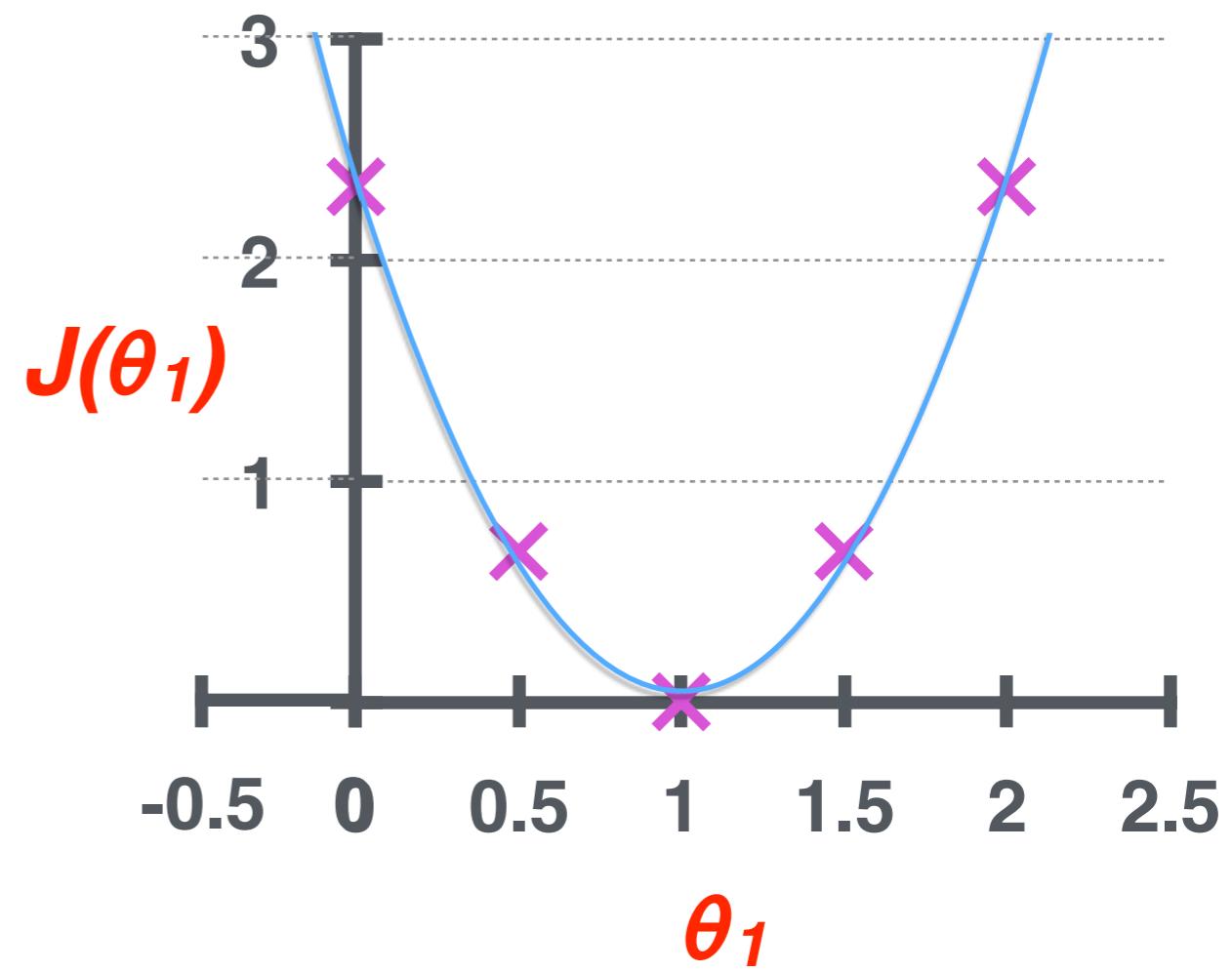
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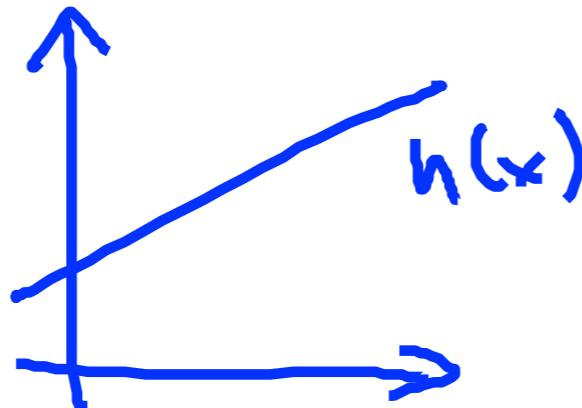
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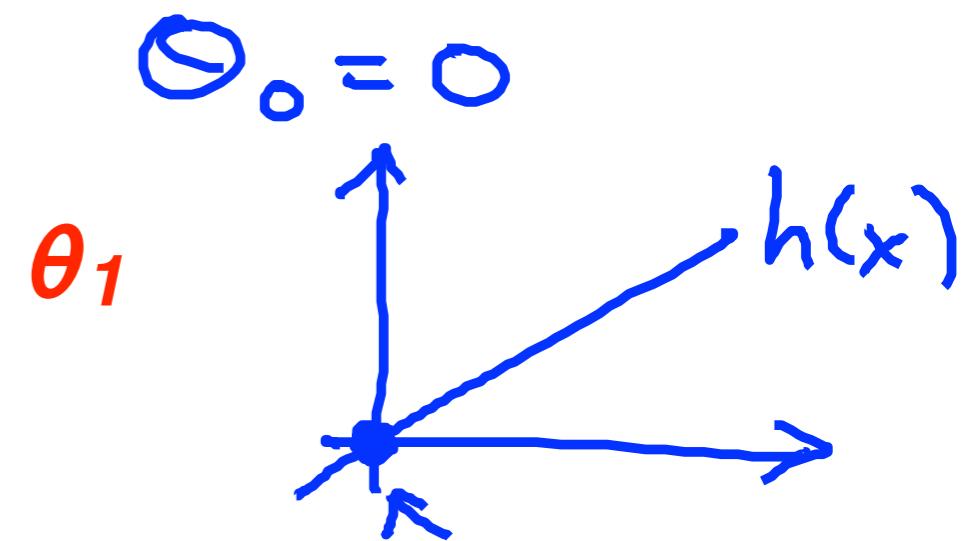
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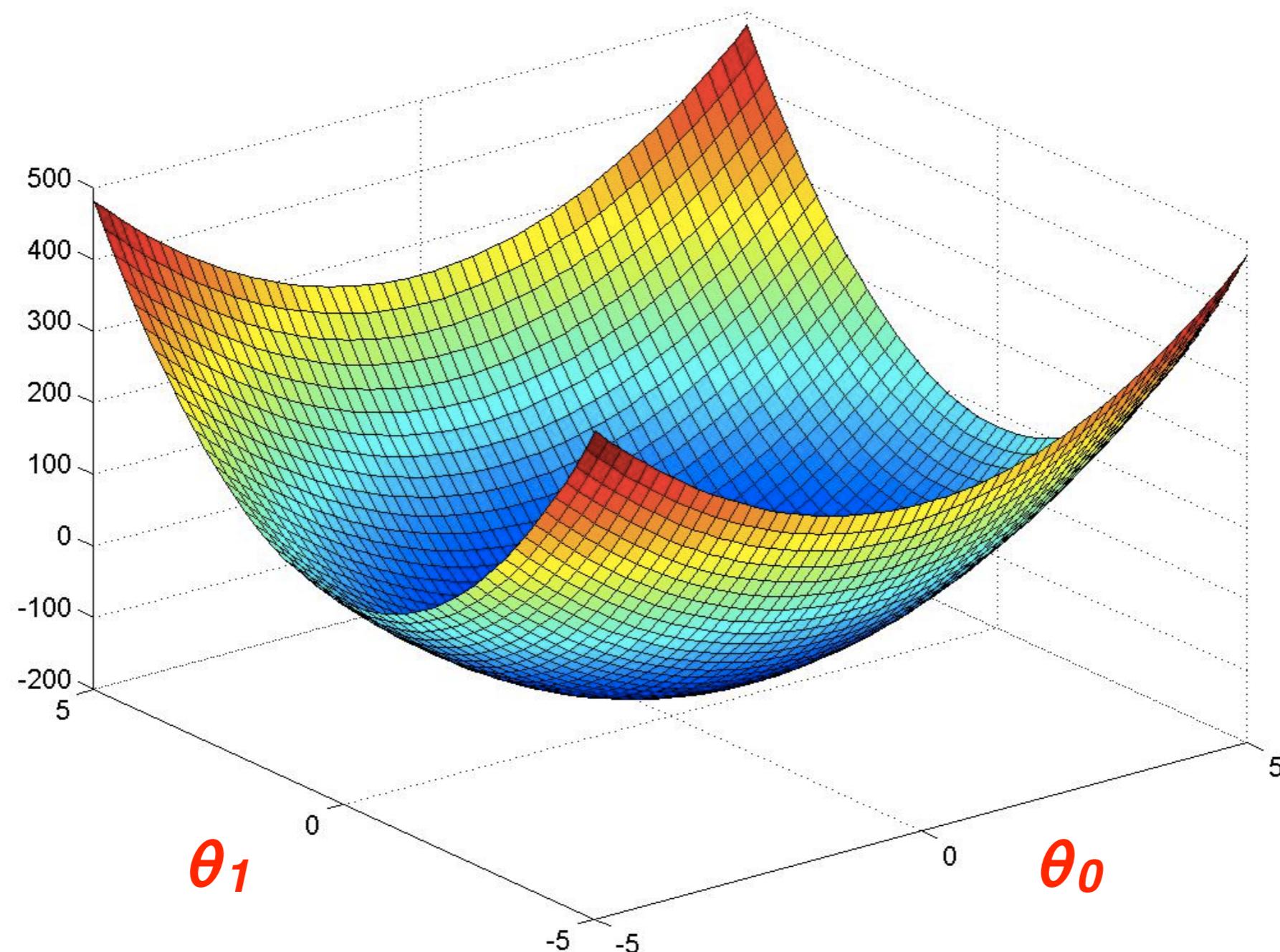
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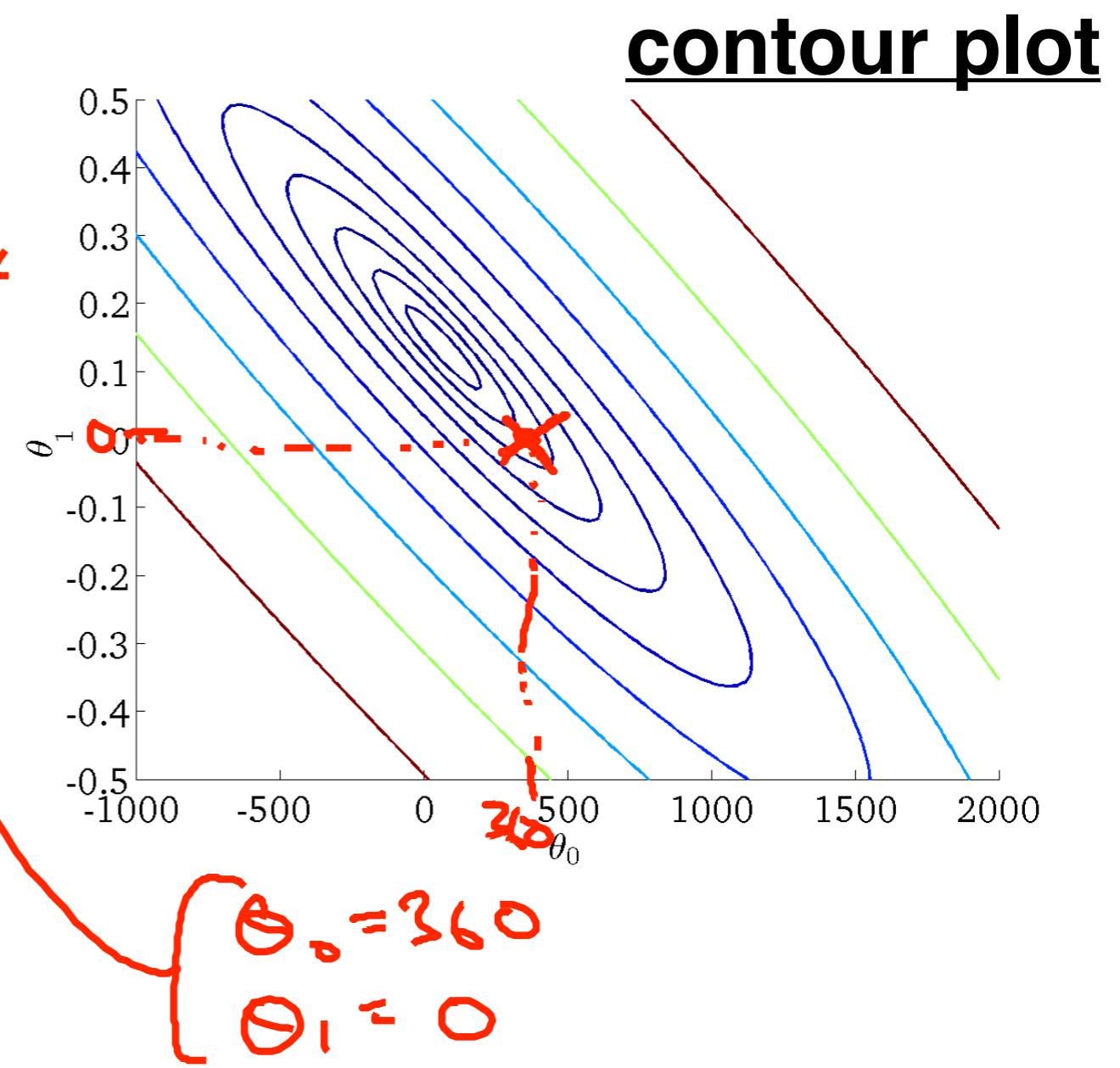
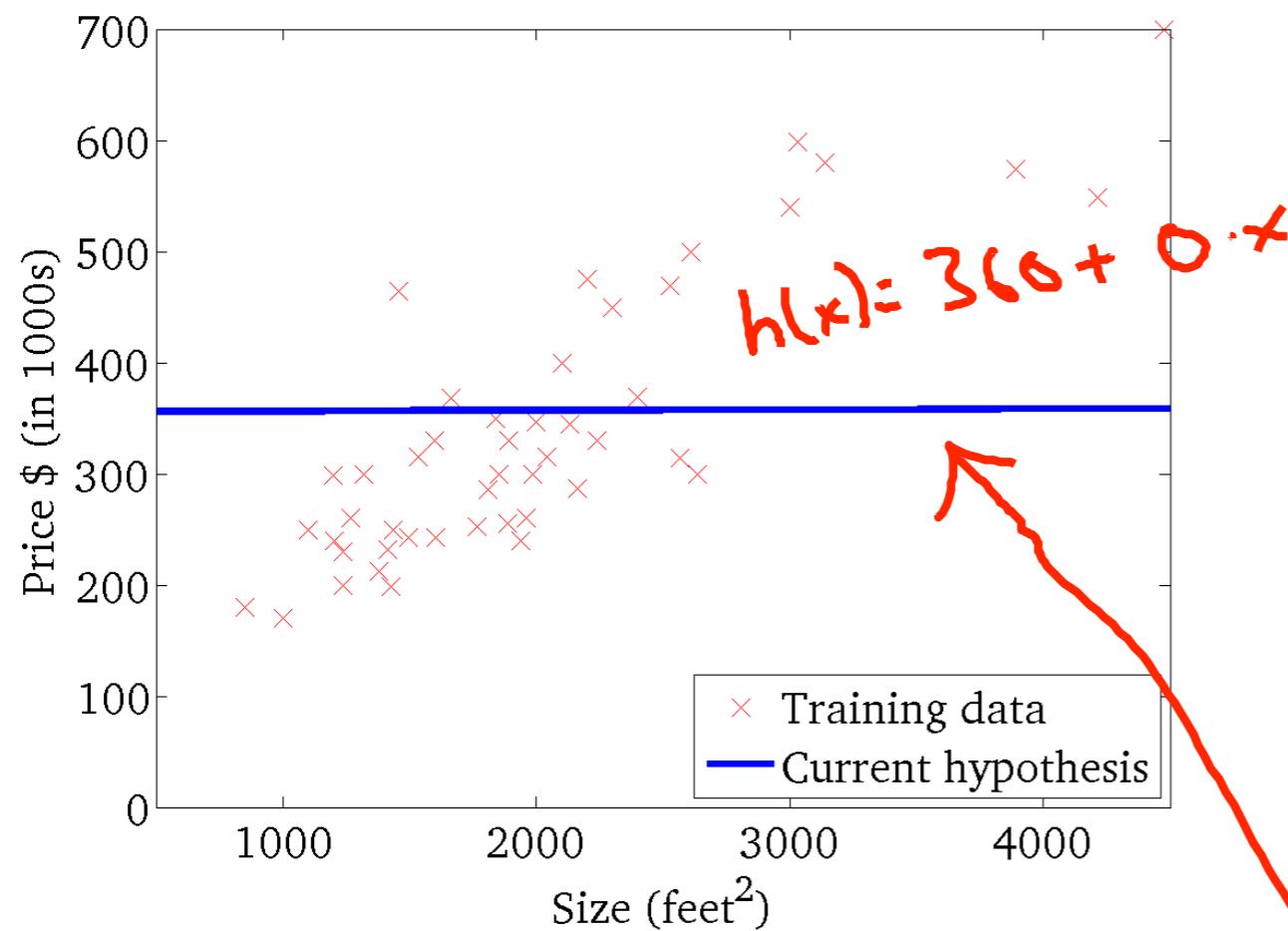
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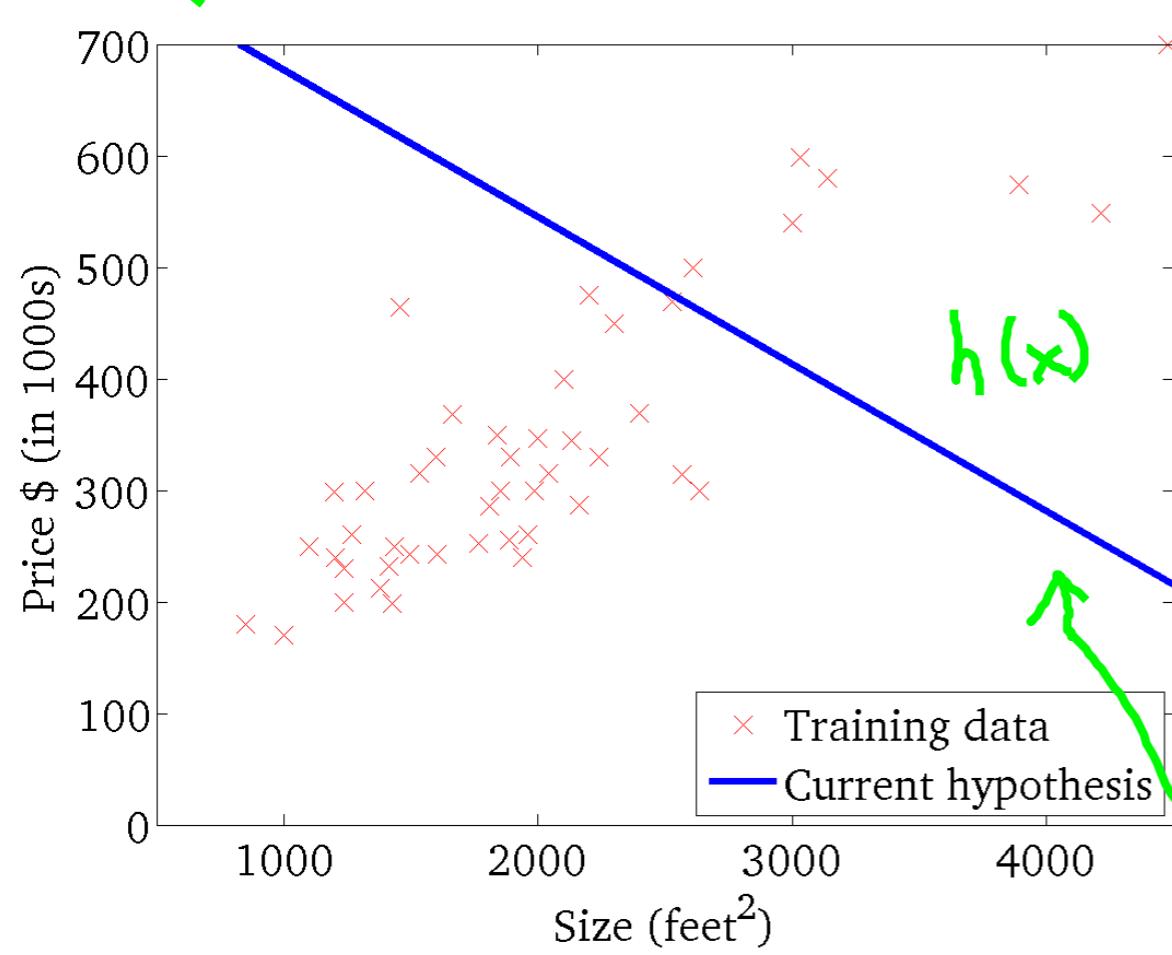
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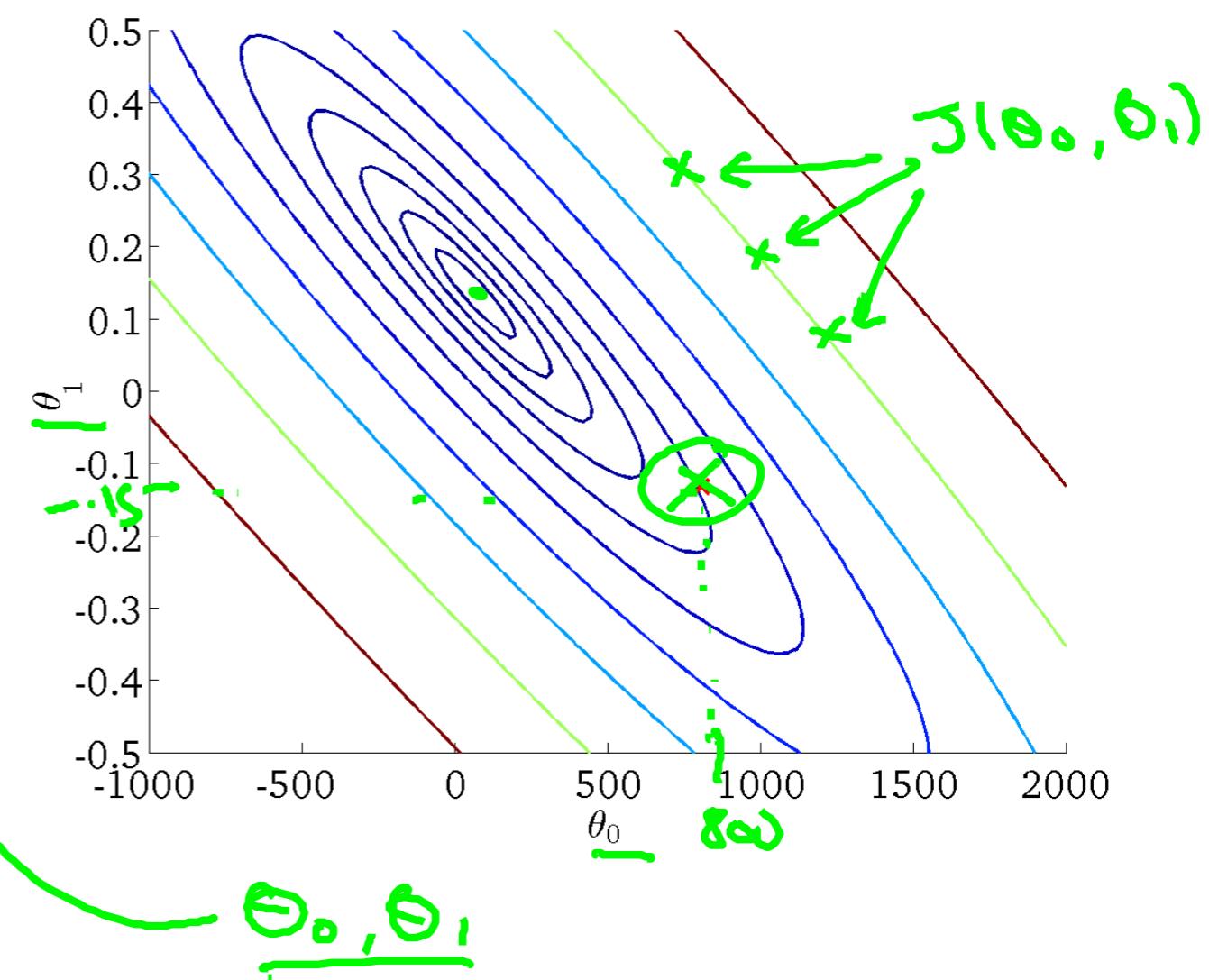
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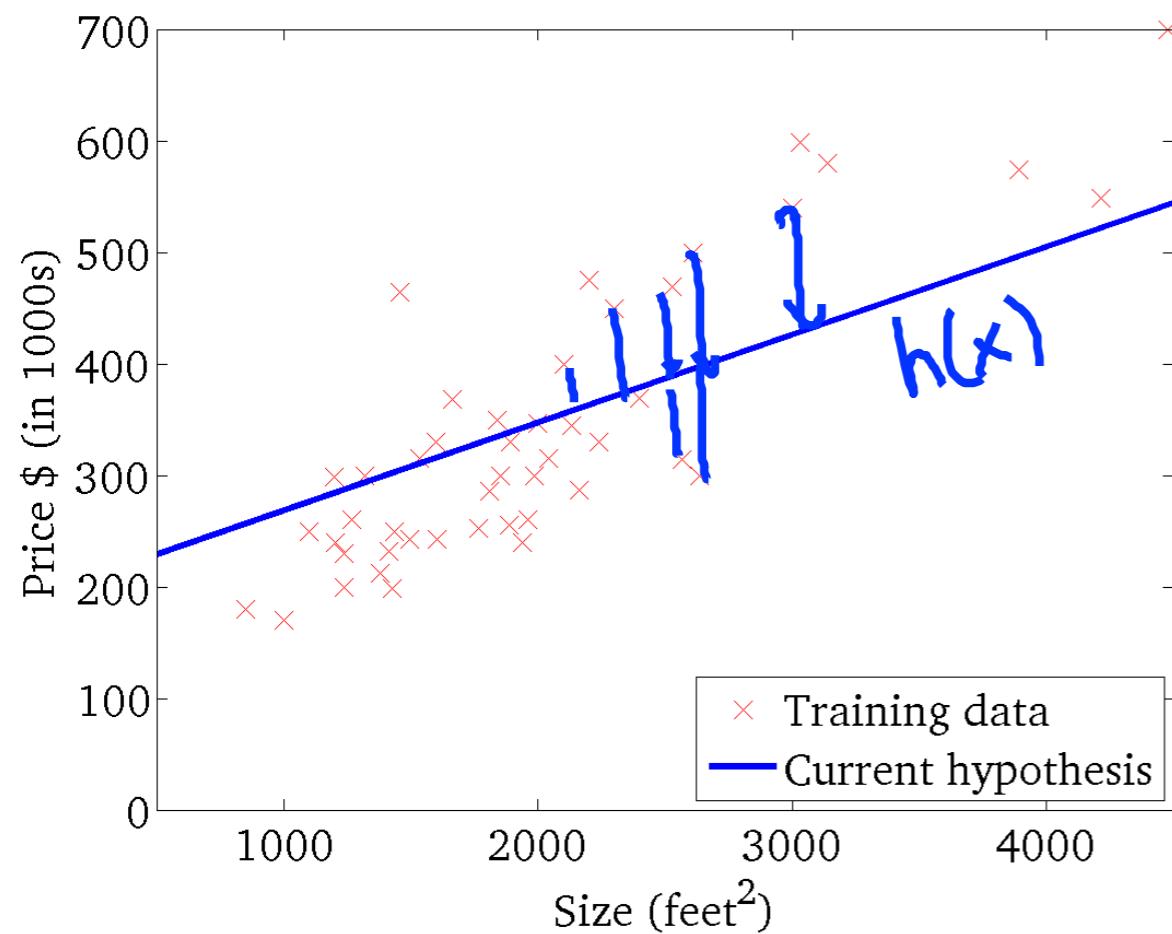
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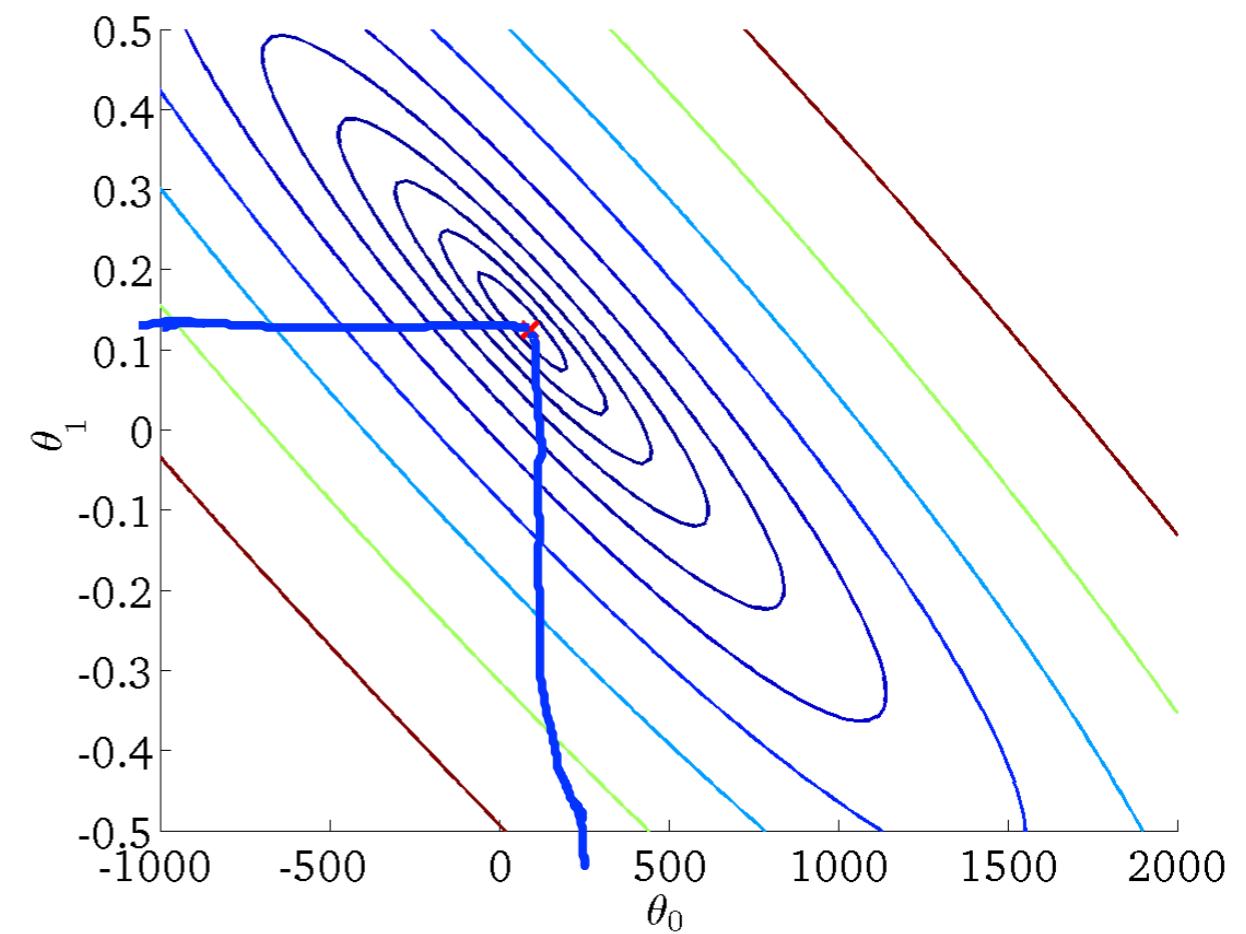
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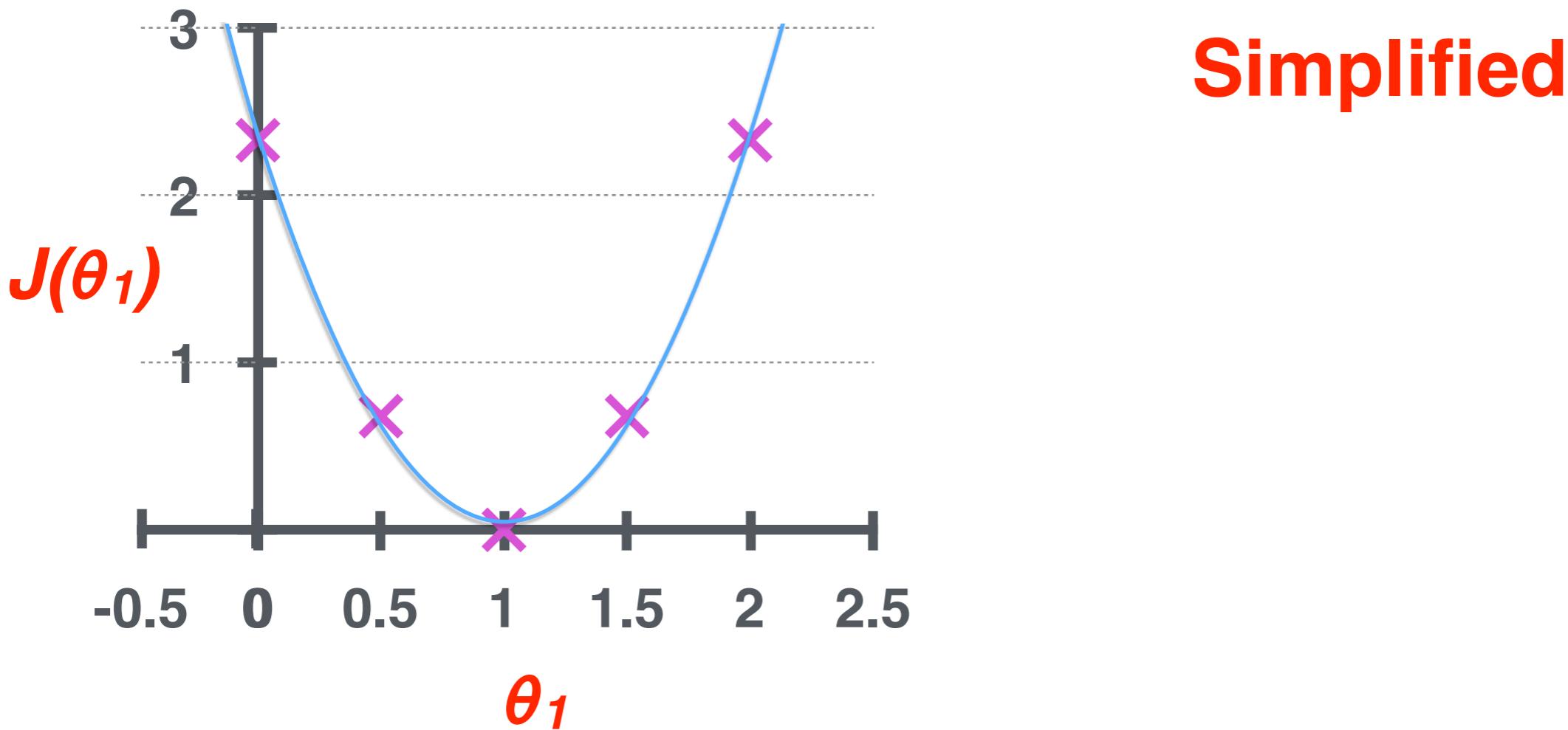
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# Parameter Learning

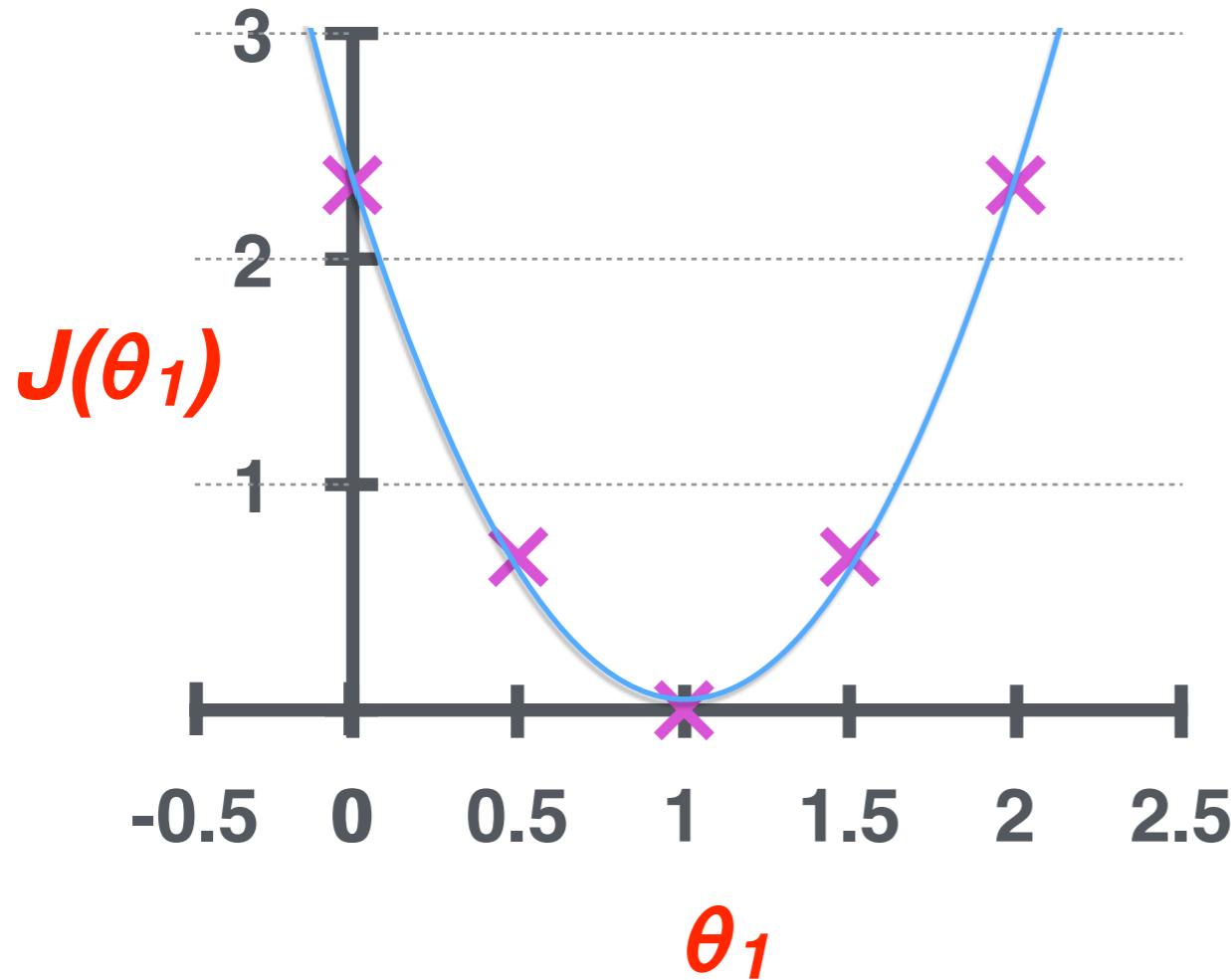
- Have some function  $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$
- Want  $\min_{\theta_0, \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$
- **Outline:**
  - Start with some  $\theta_0, \theta_1$
  - Keep changing  $\theta_0, \theta_1$  to reduce  $J(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  until we hopefully end up at a minimum

# Gradient Descent



minimize  $J(\theta_1)$

# Gradient Descent



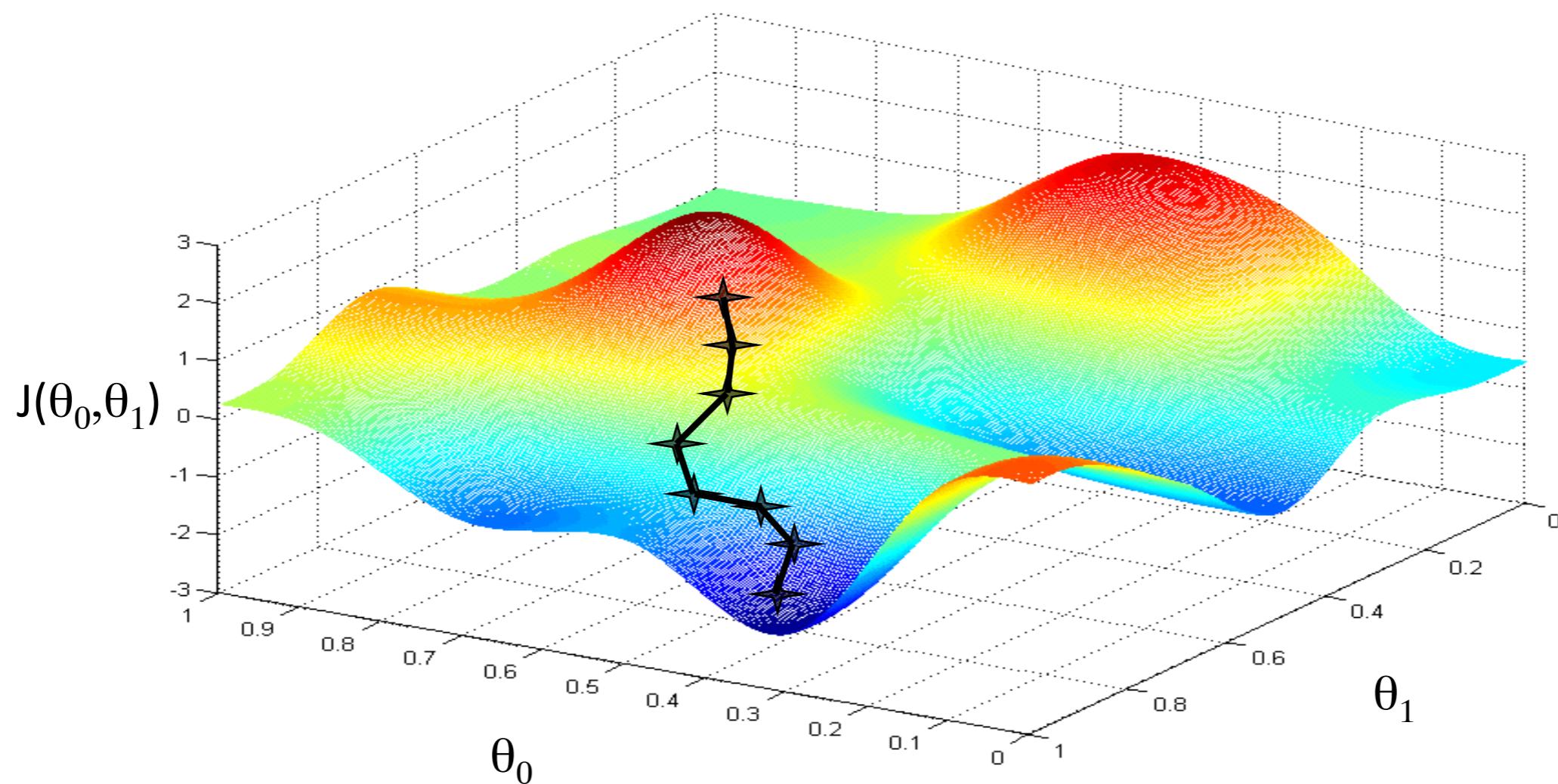
Simplified

$$\theta_1 := \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta_1)$$

learning rate

minimize  $J(\theta_1)$   
 $\theta_1$

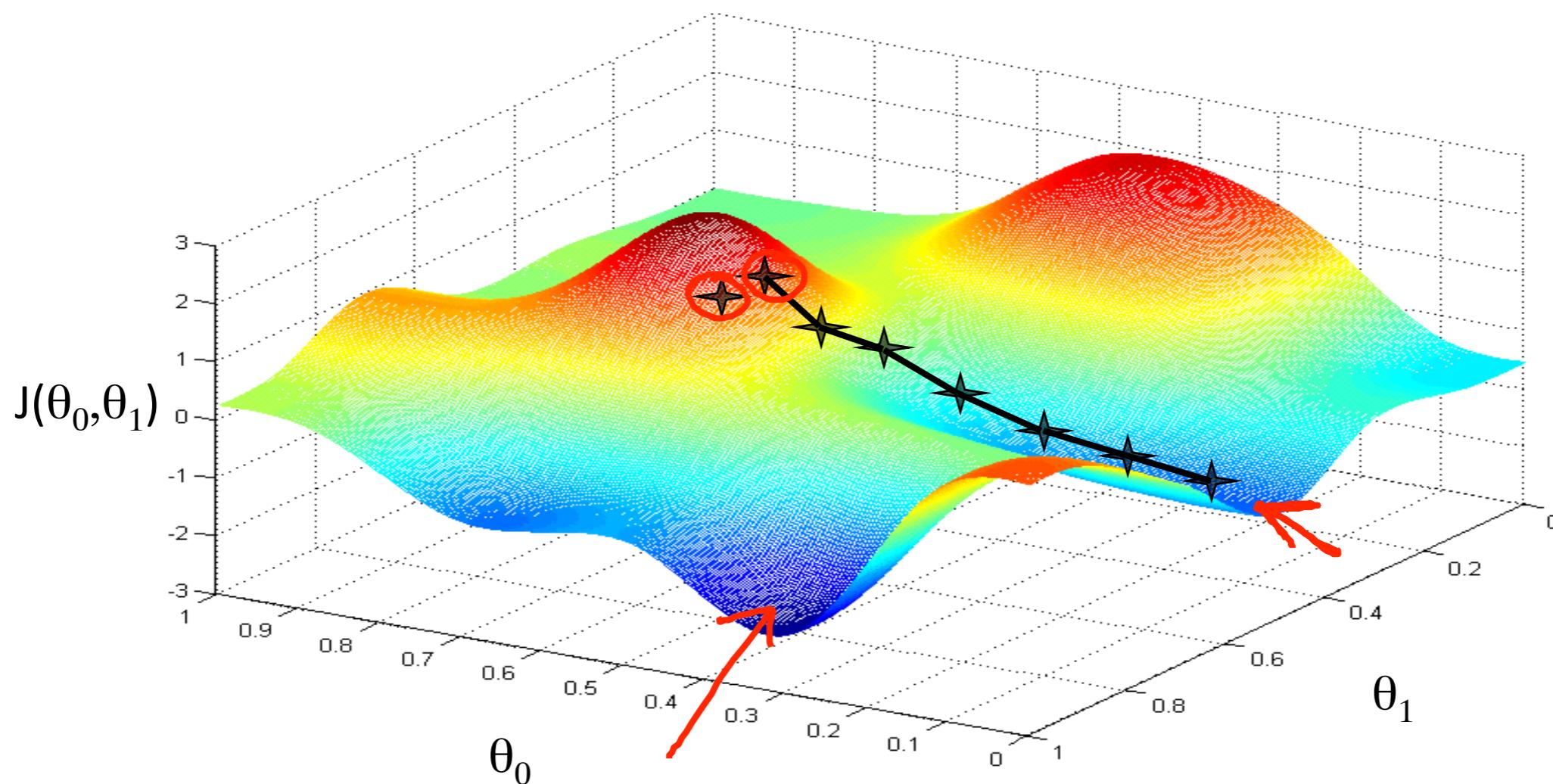
# Gradient Descent



$$\underset{\theta_0, \theta_1}{\text{minimize}} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

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# Gradient Descent



minimize  $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$   
 $\theta_0, \theta_1$

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# Gradient Descent

repeat until convergence {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

**learning rate**

simultaneous update  
for j=0 and j=1

Linear Regression w/ one variable:

# Gradient Descent

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

## Cost Function



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

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = ?$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = ?$$

Linear Regression w/ one variable:

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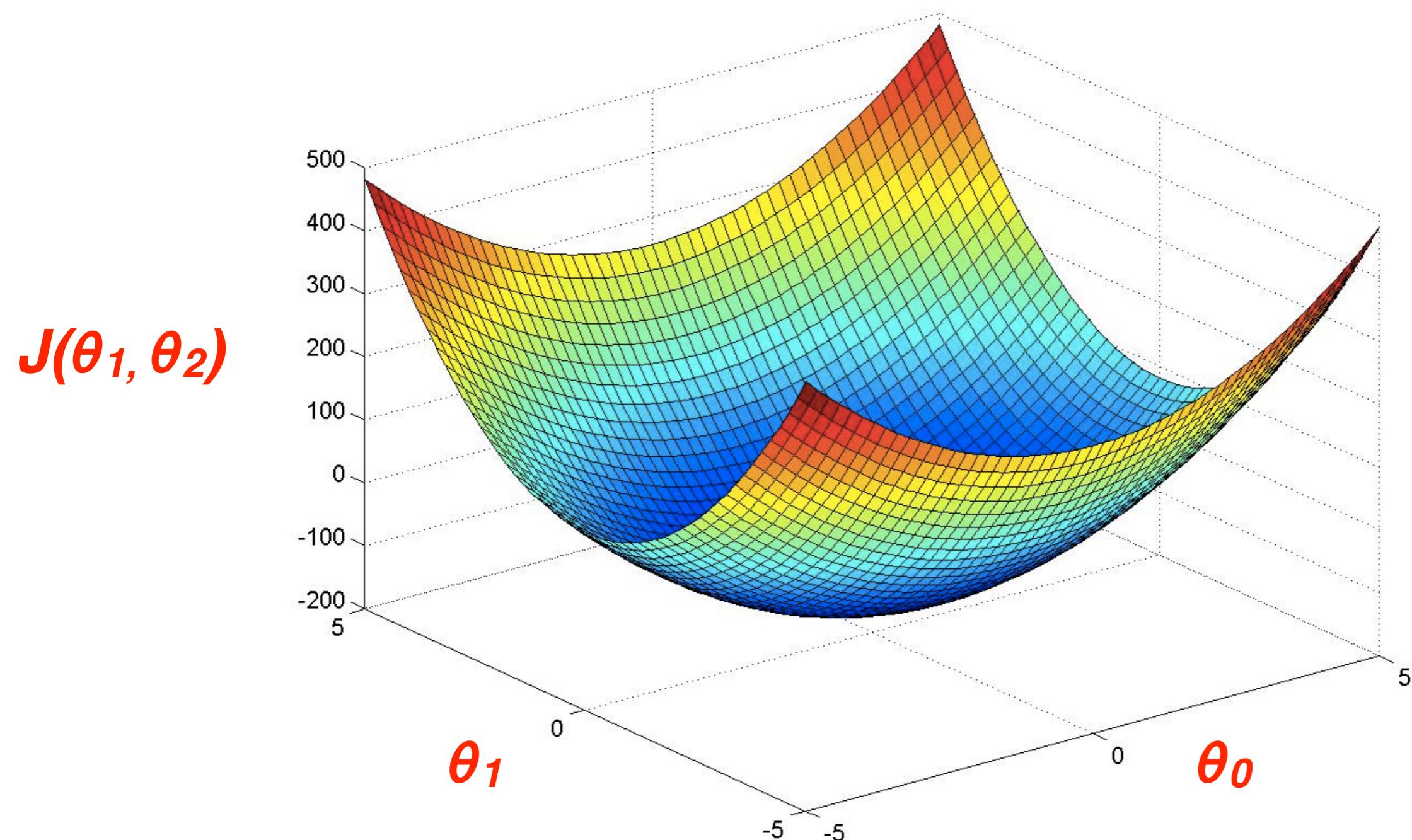
simultaneous update  $\theta_0, \theta_1$

$$\theta_1 \leftarrow \theta_1 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \cdot x^{(i)}$$

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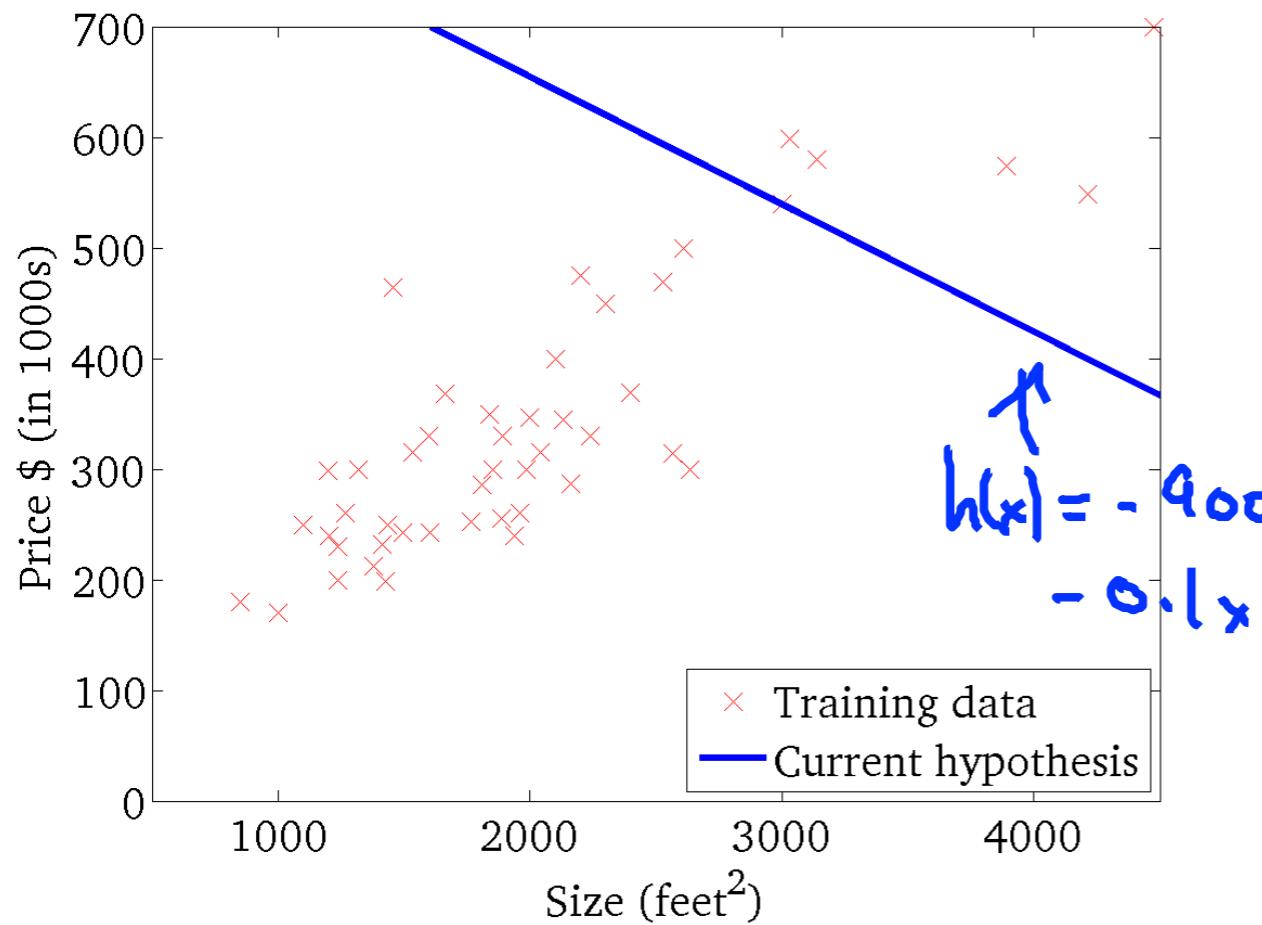
# Linear Regression

**cost function is convex**



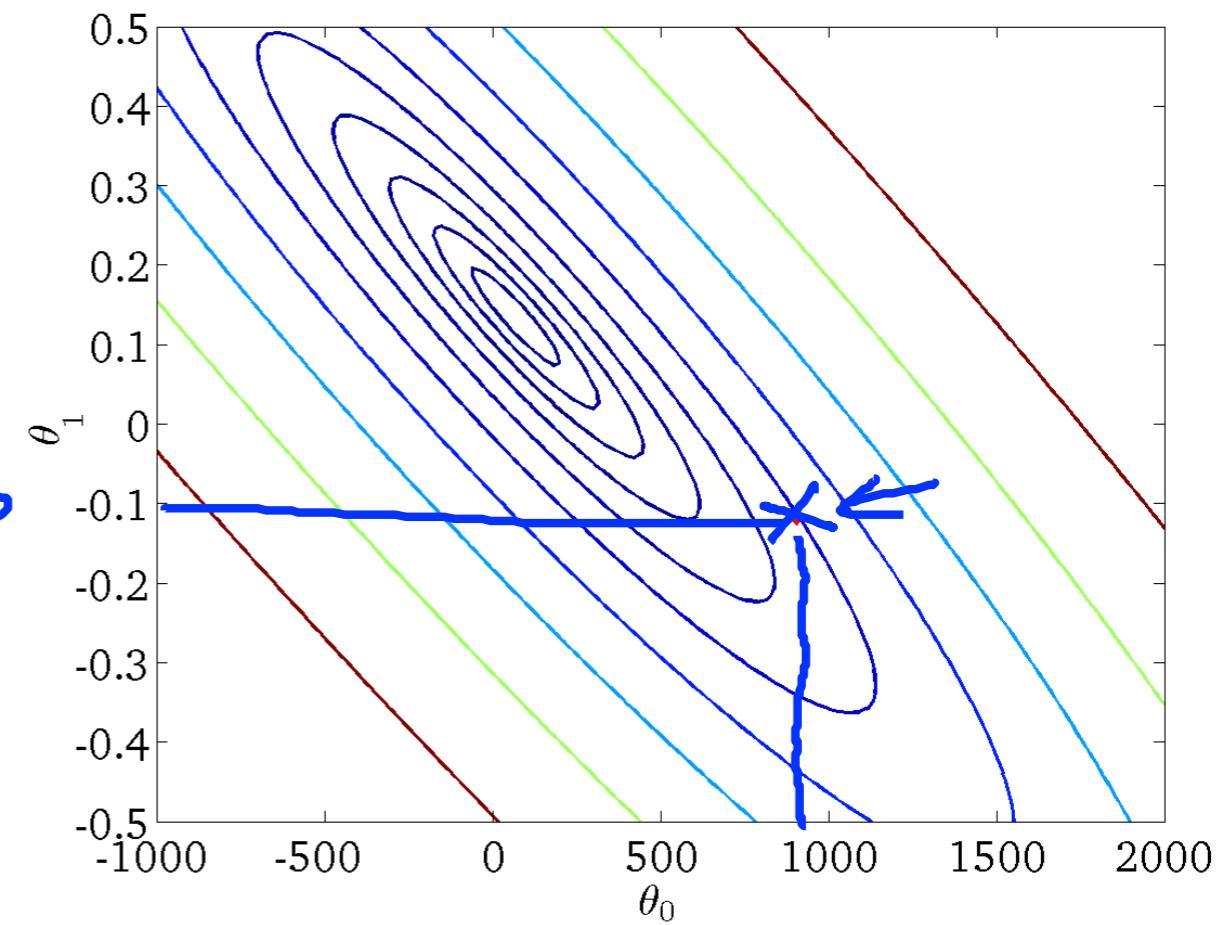
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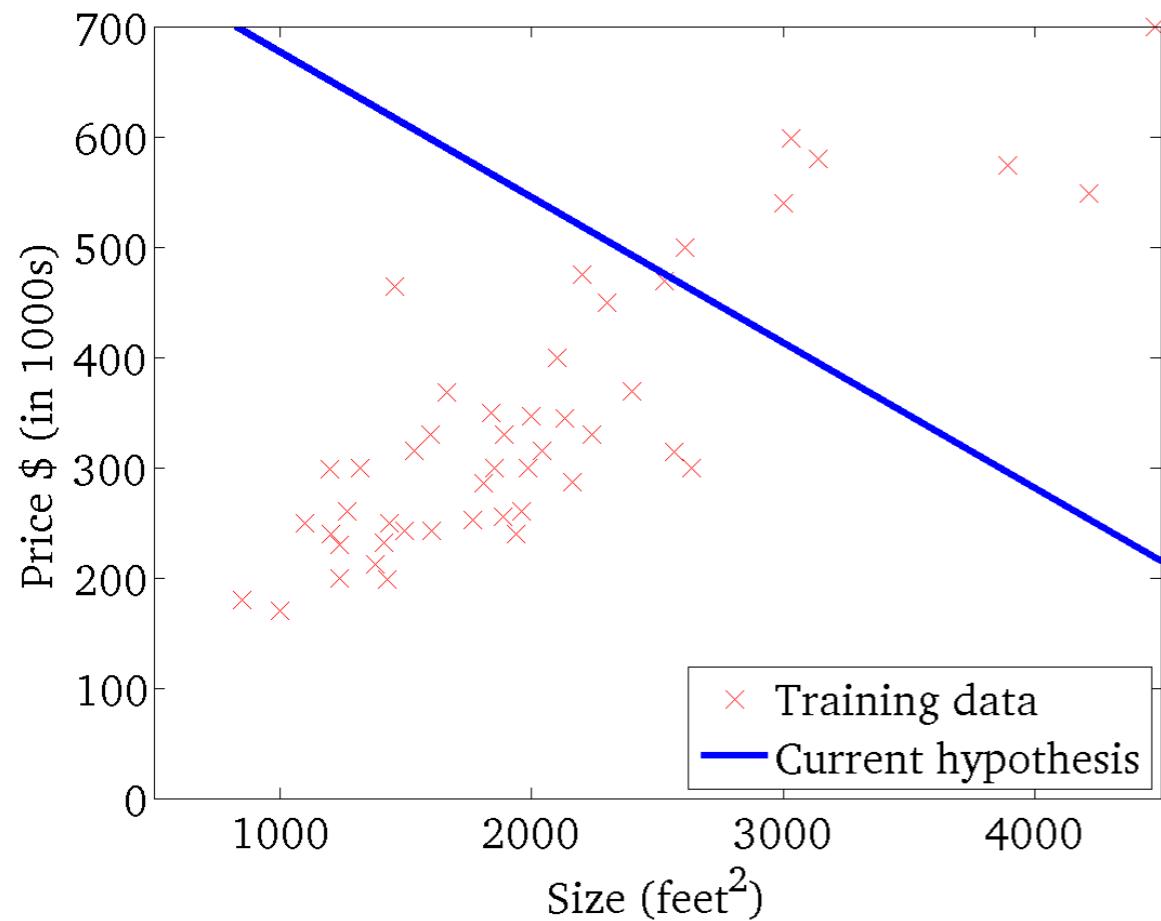
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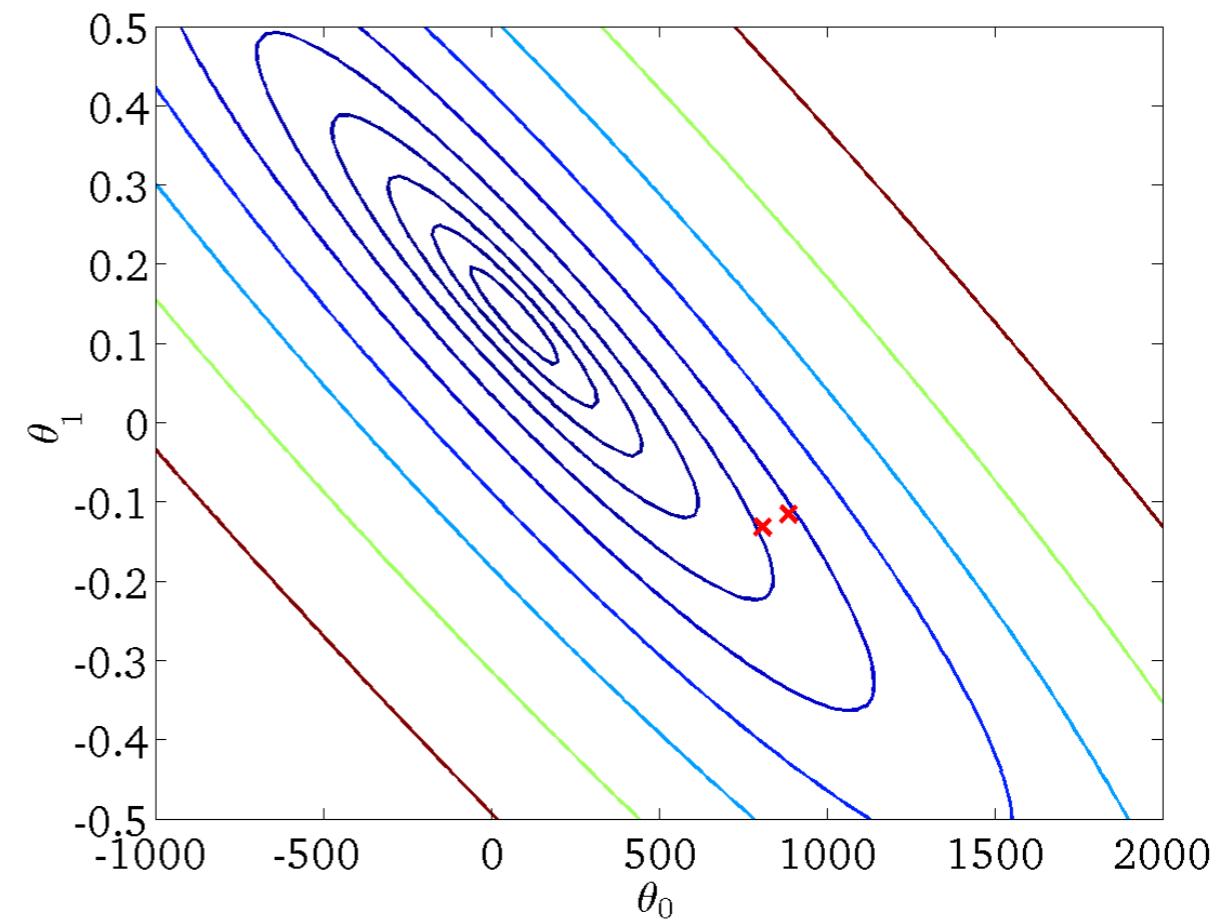
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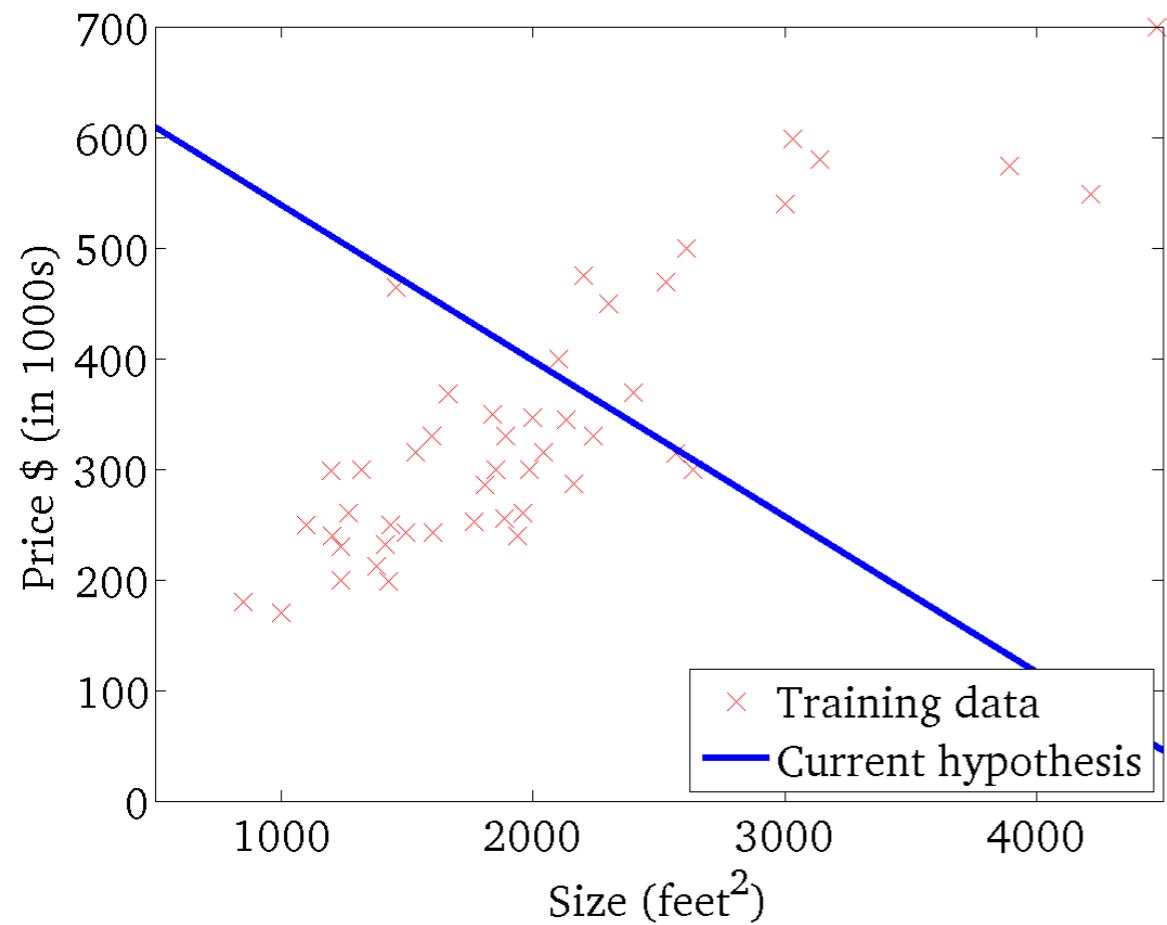
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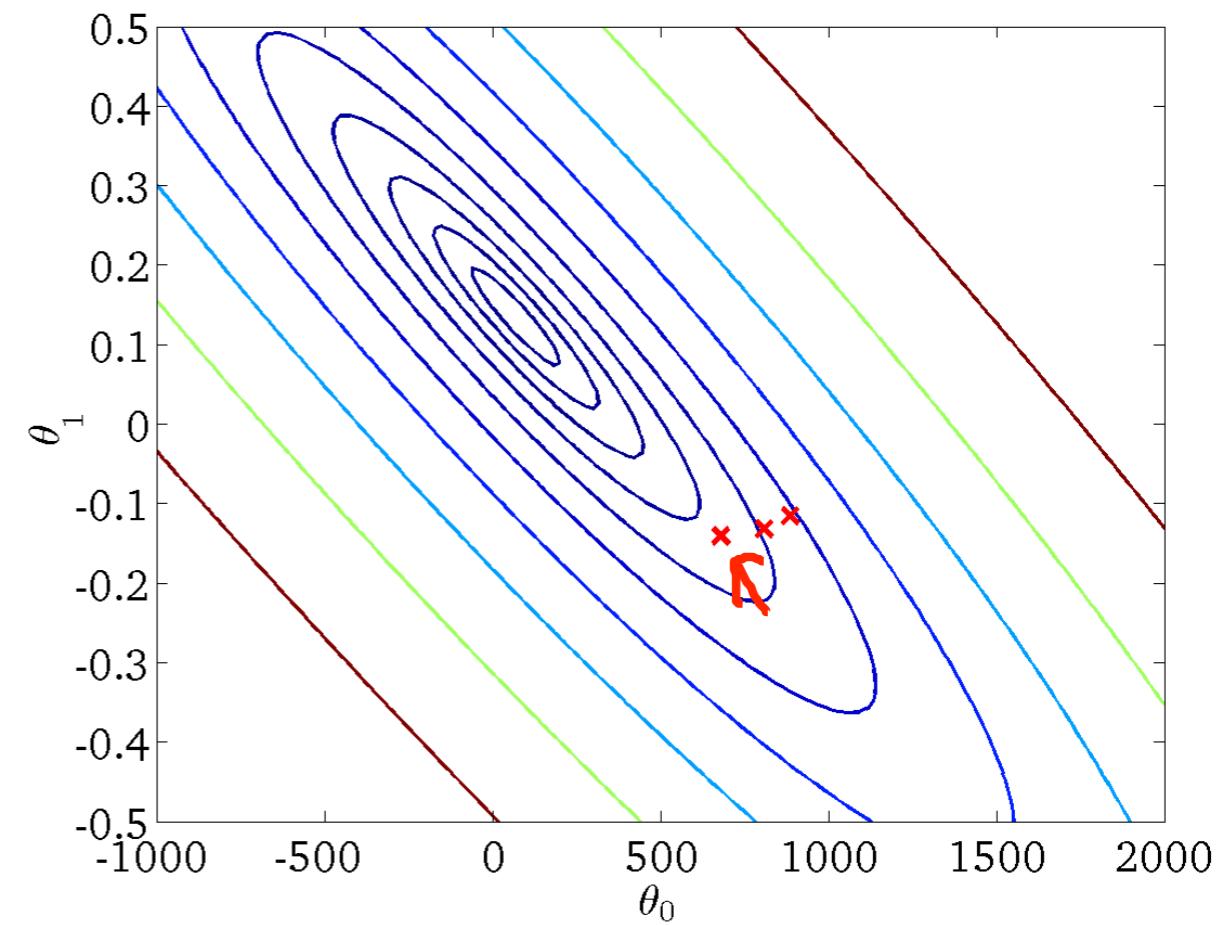
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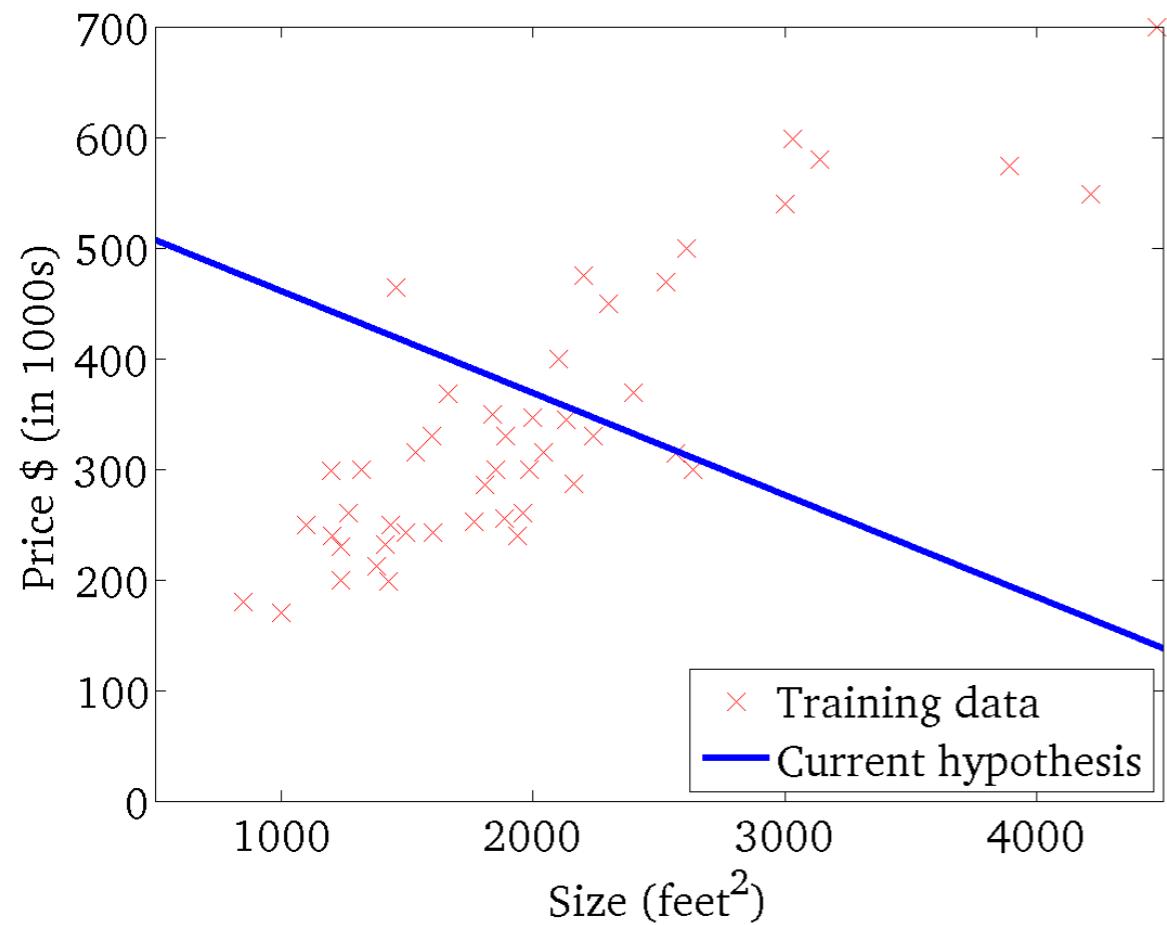
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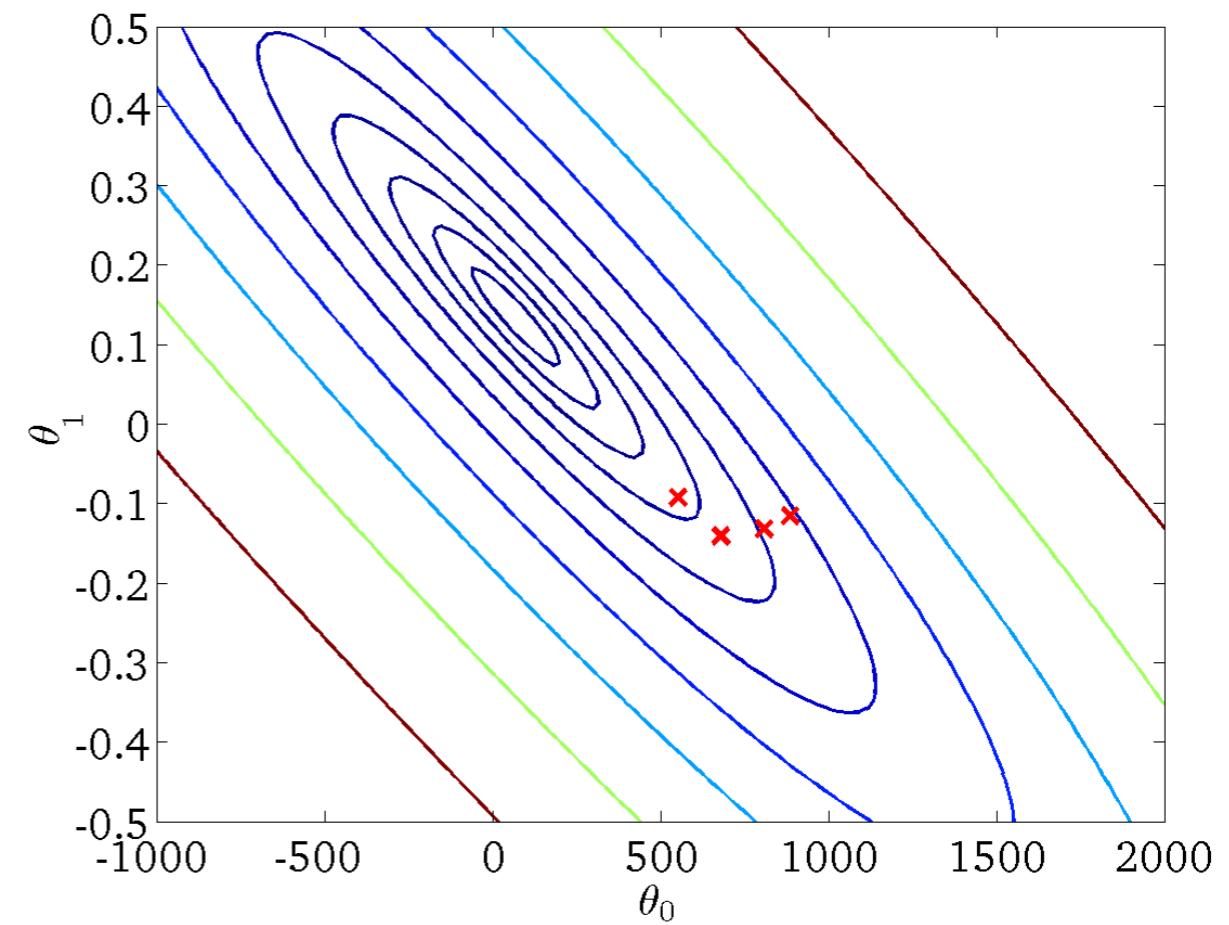
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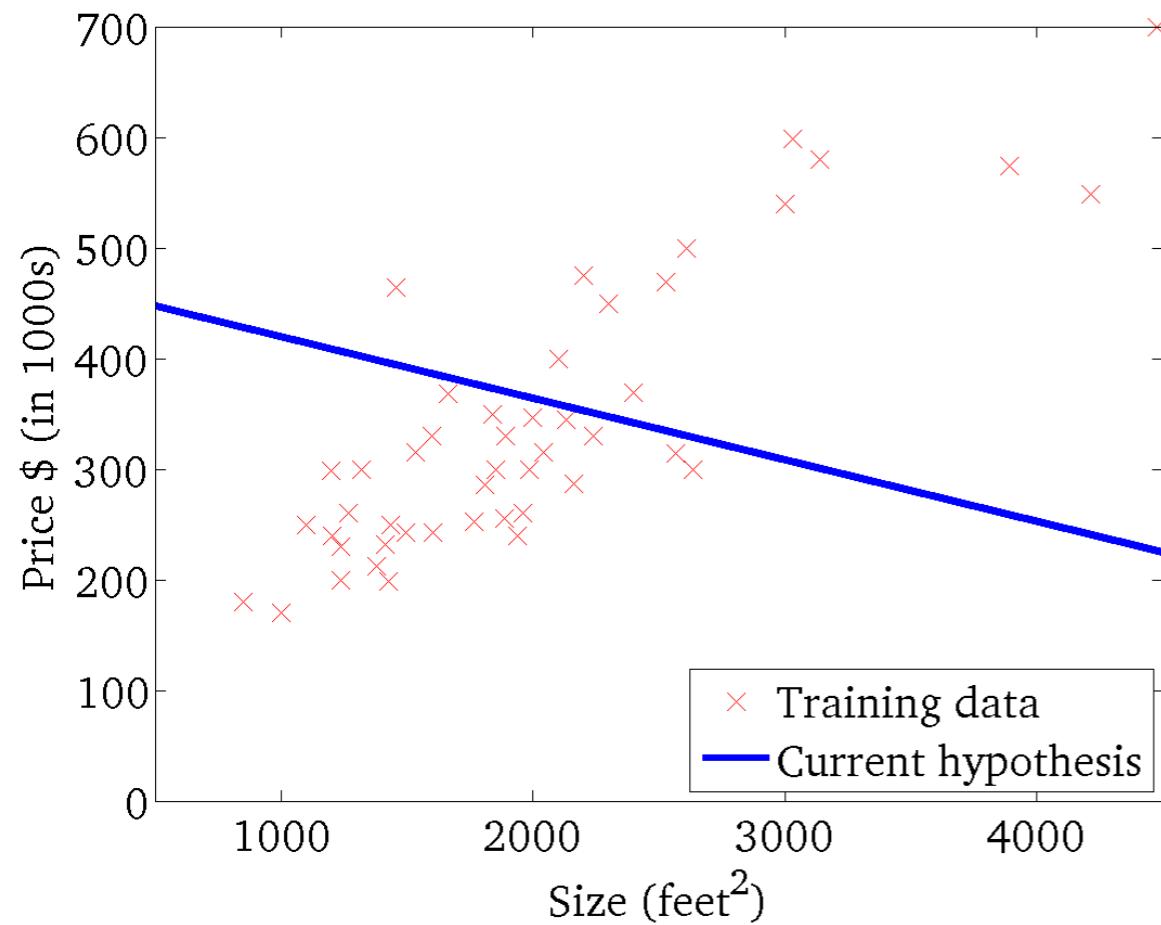
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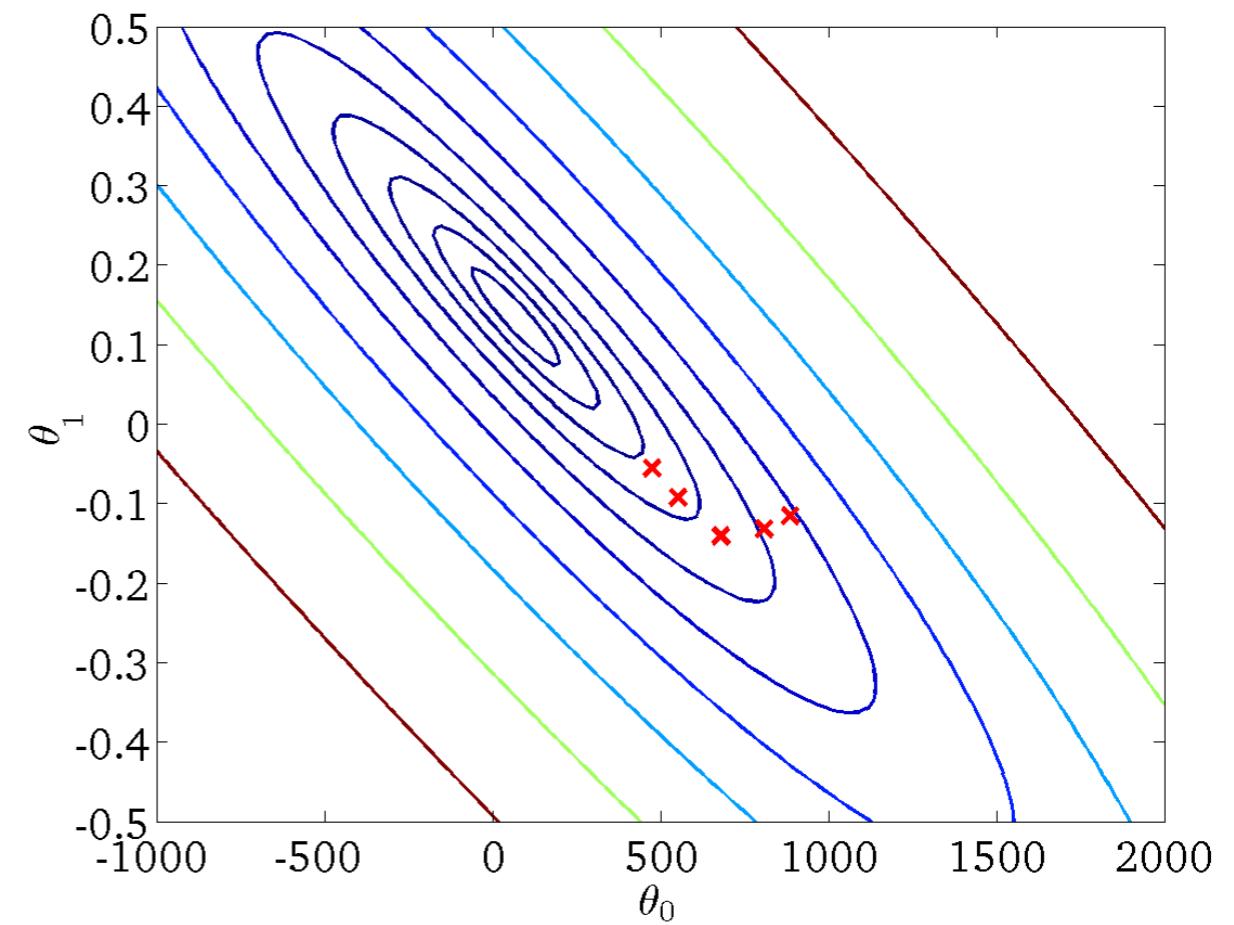
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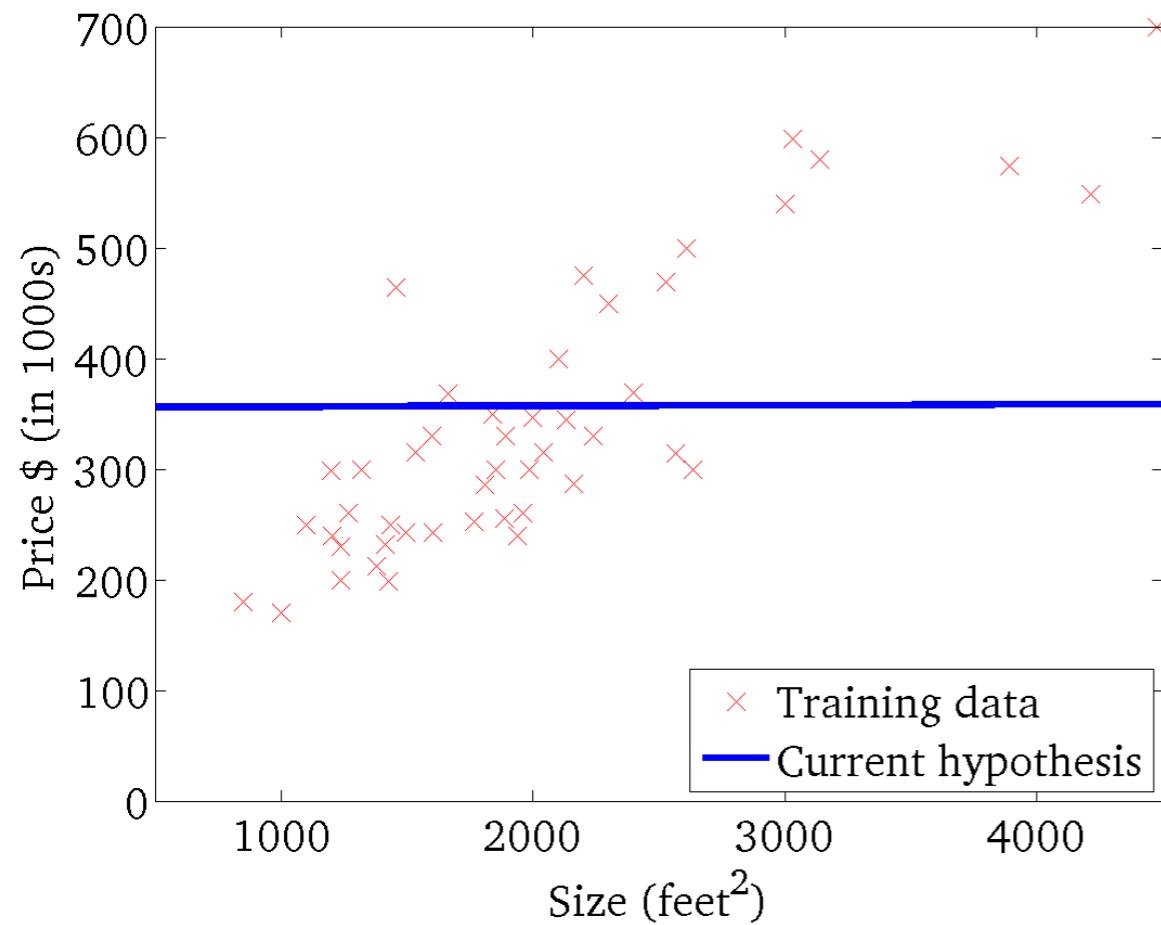
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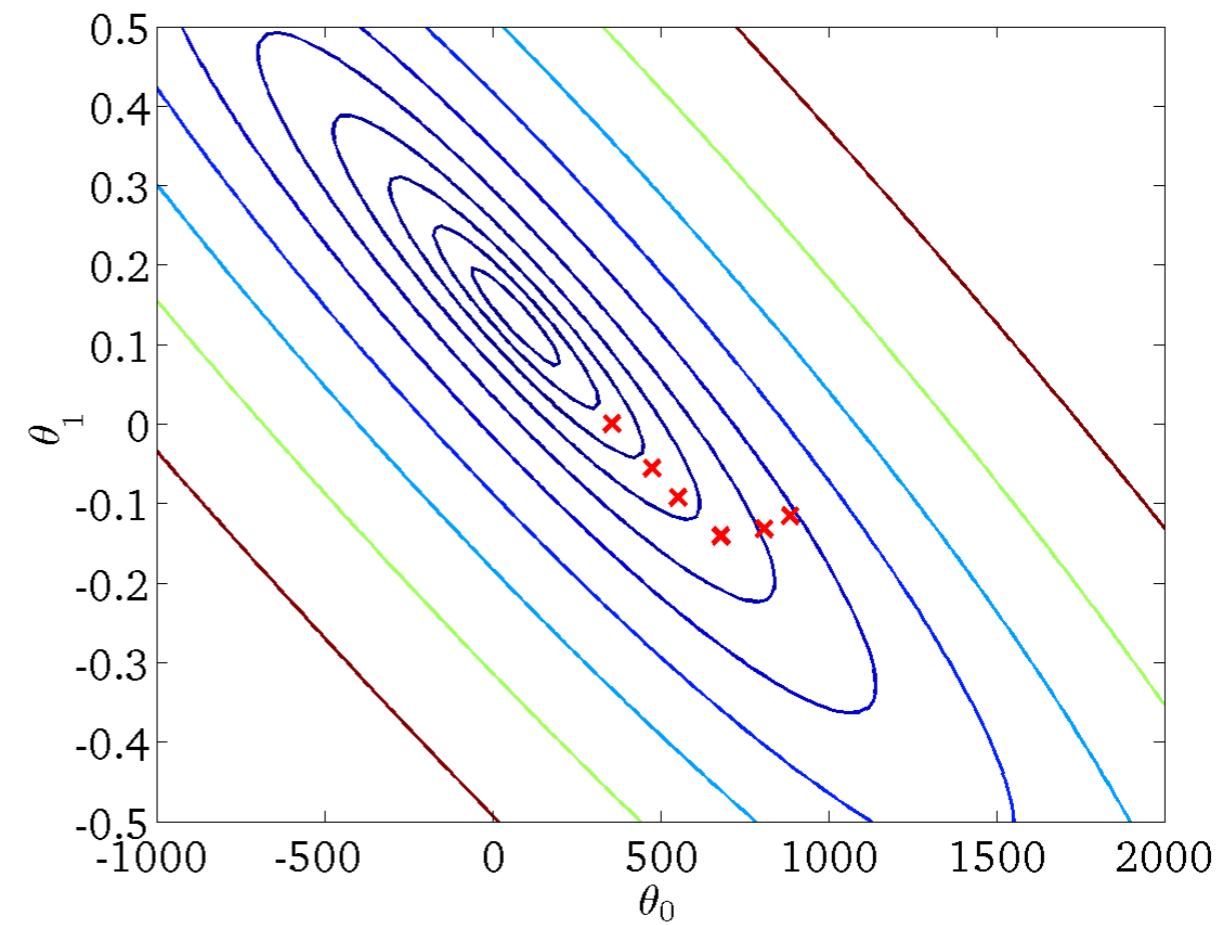
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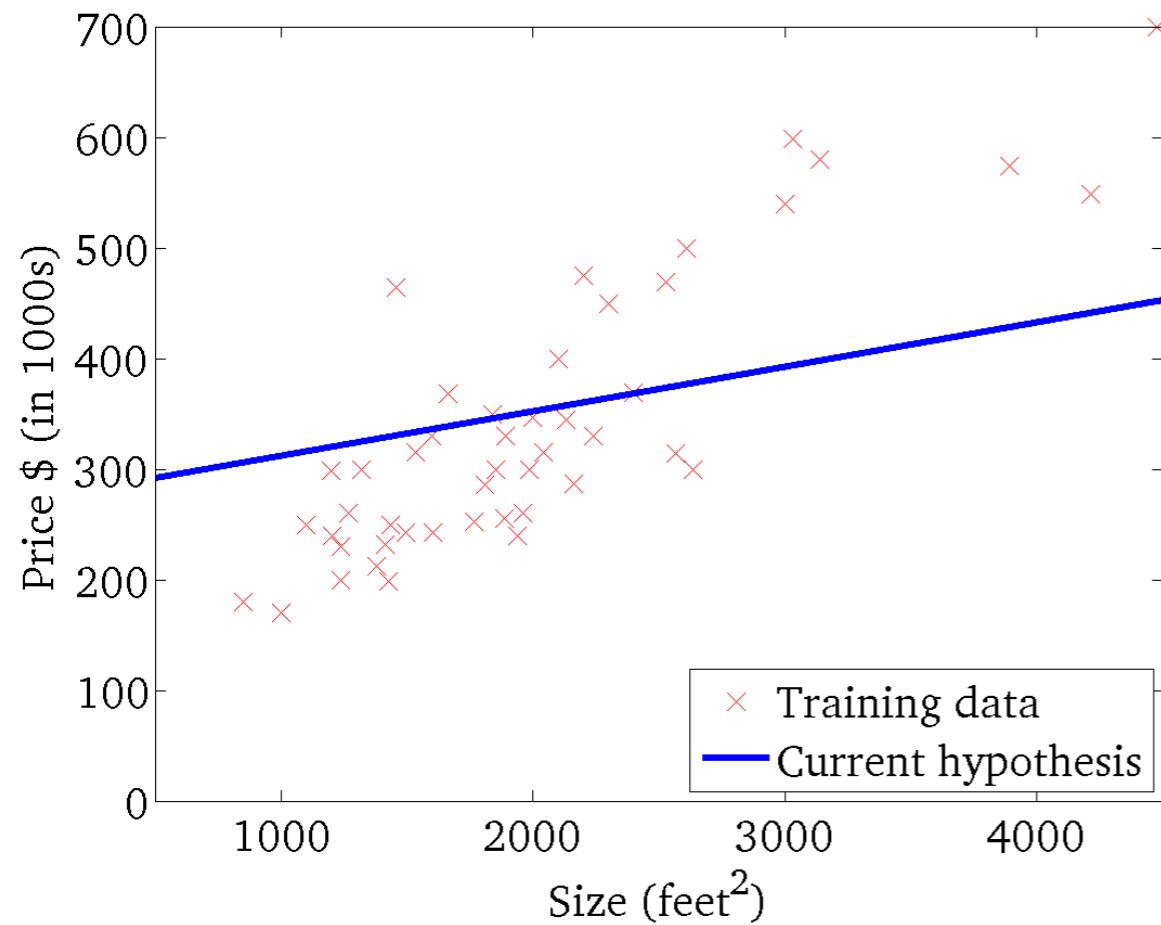
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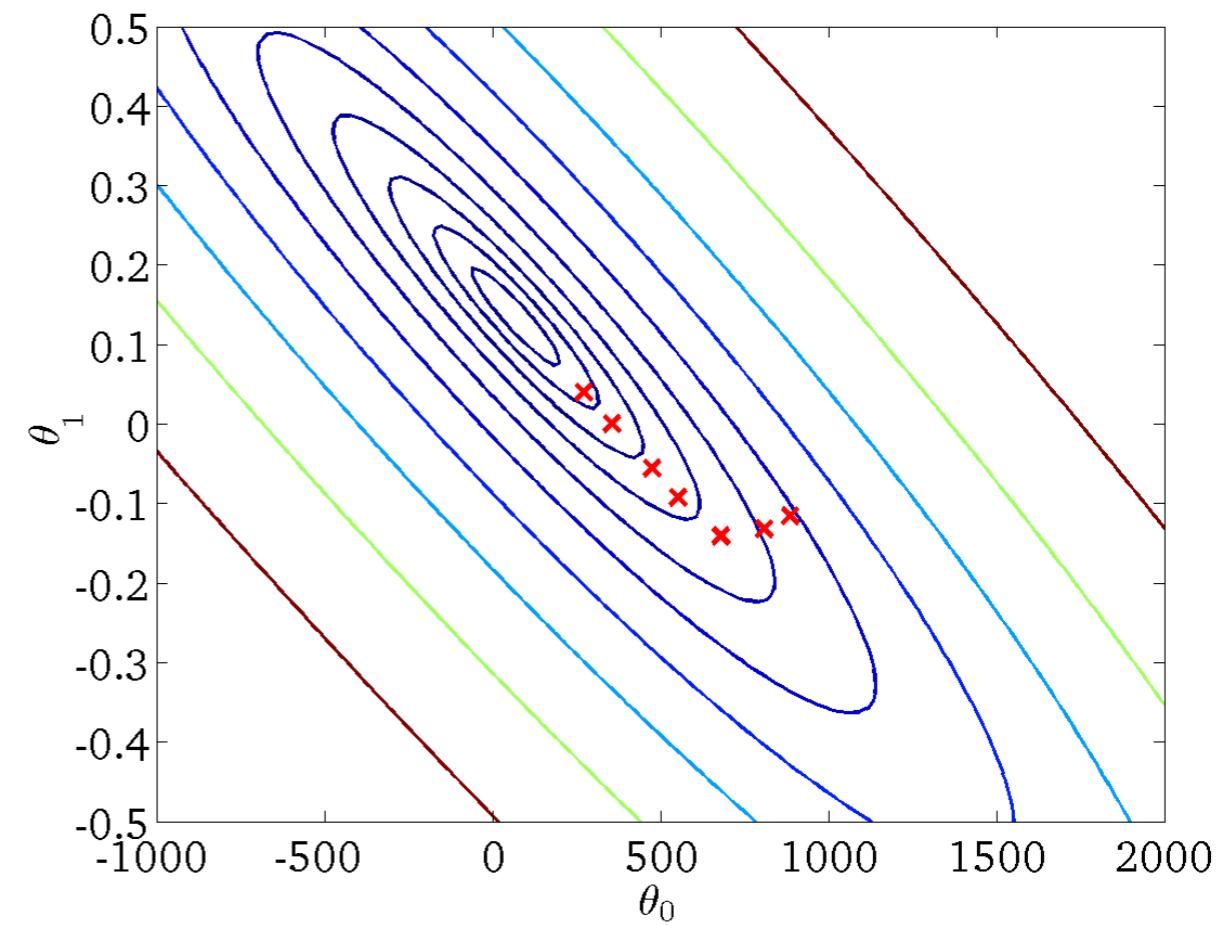
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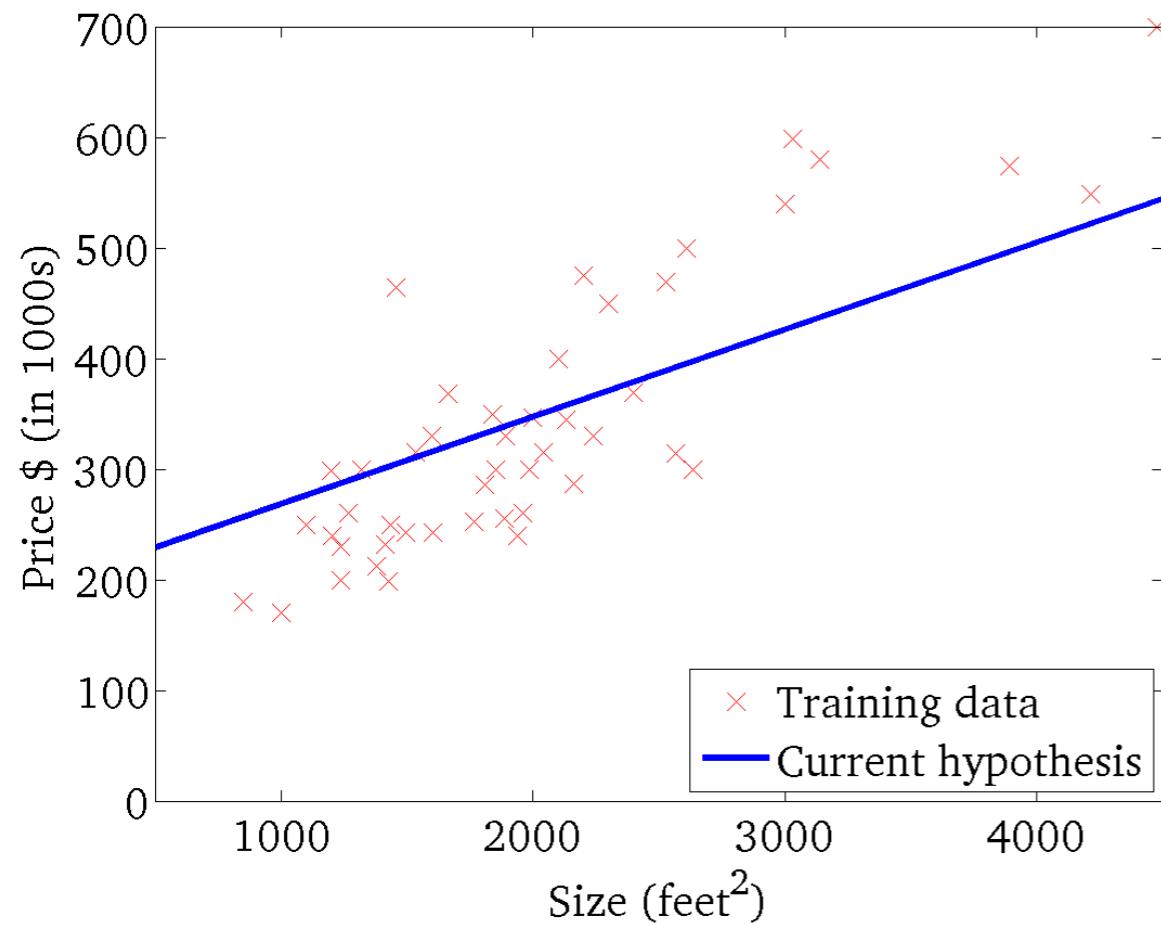
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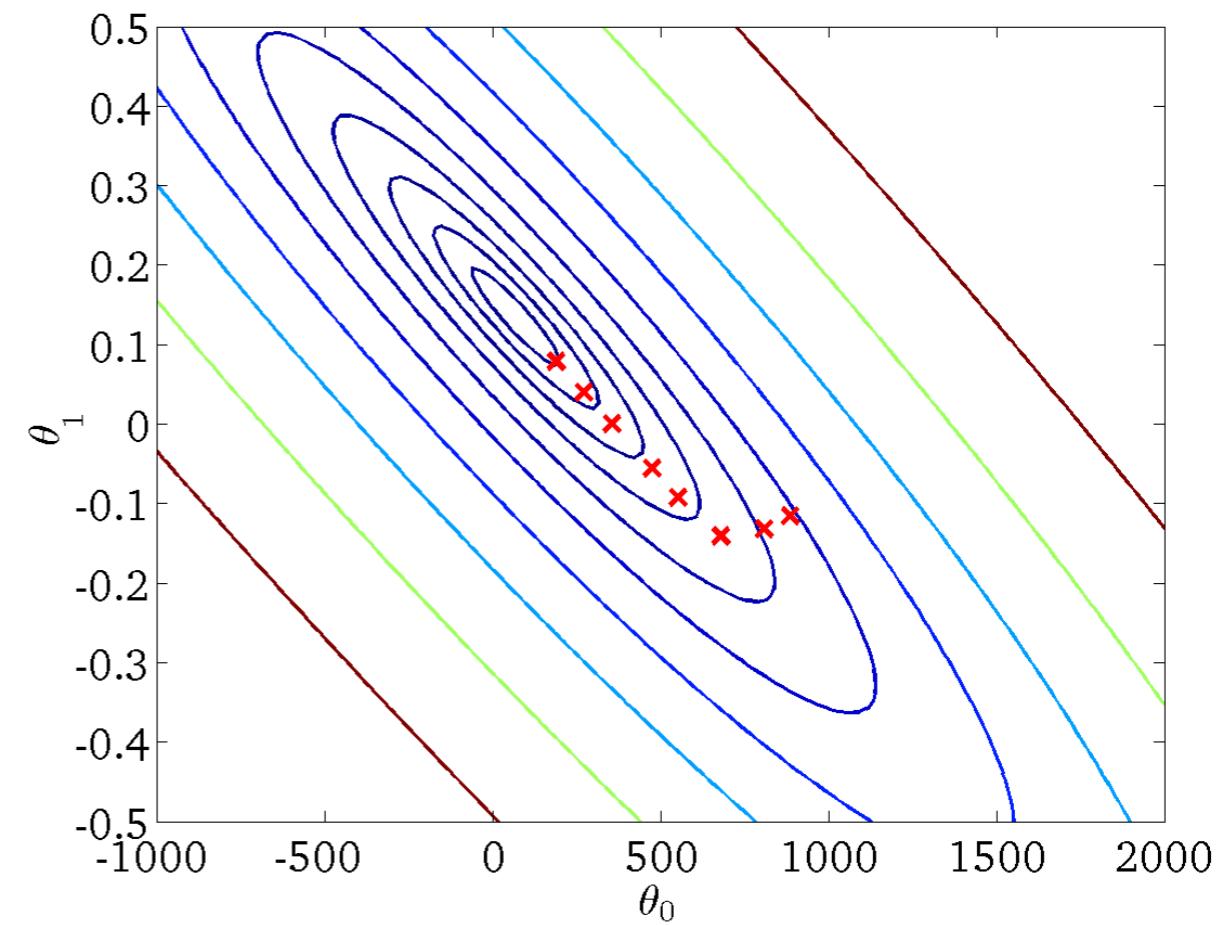
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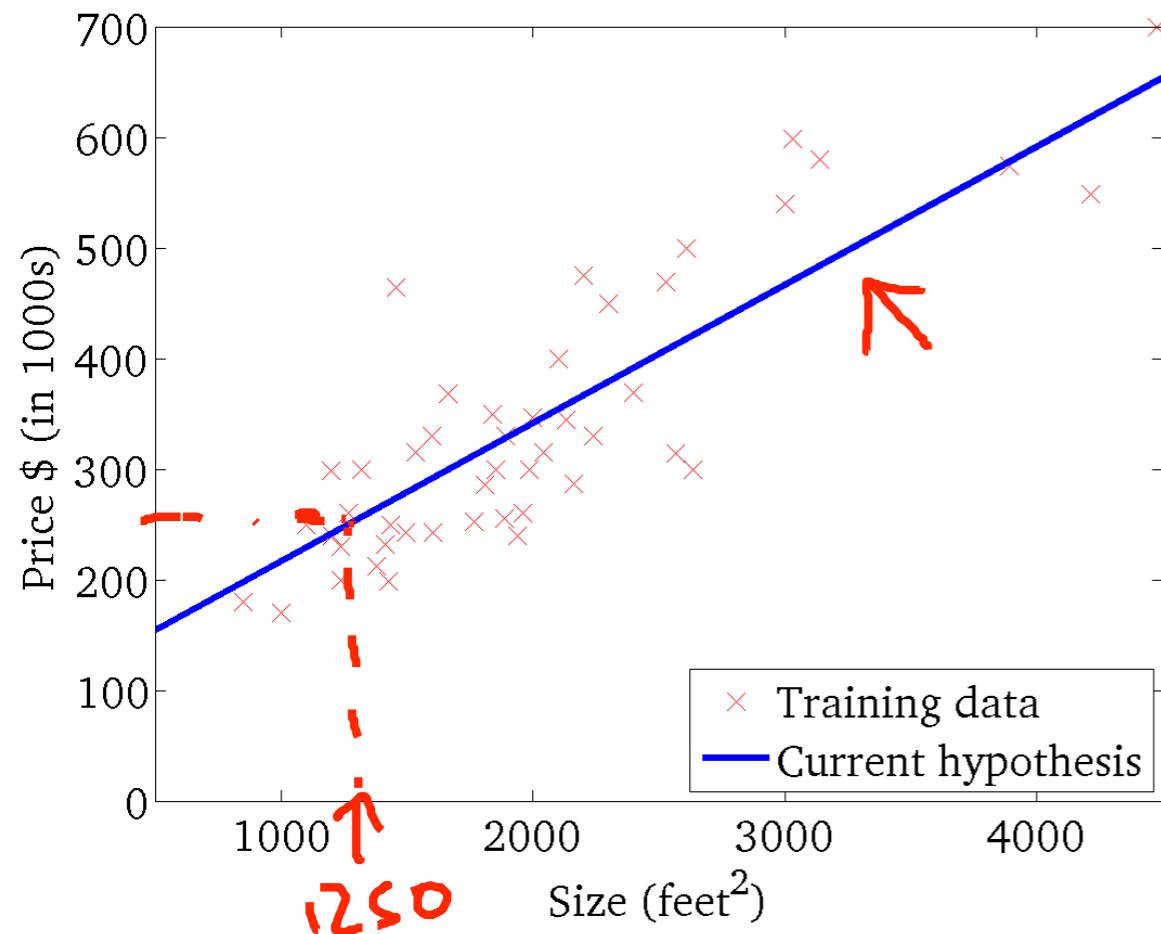
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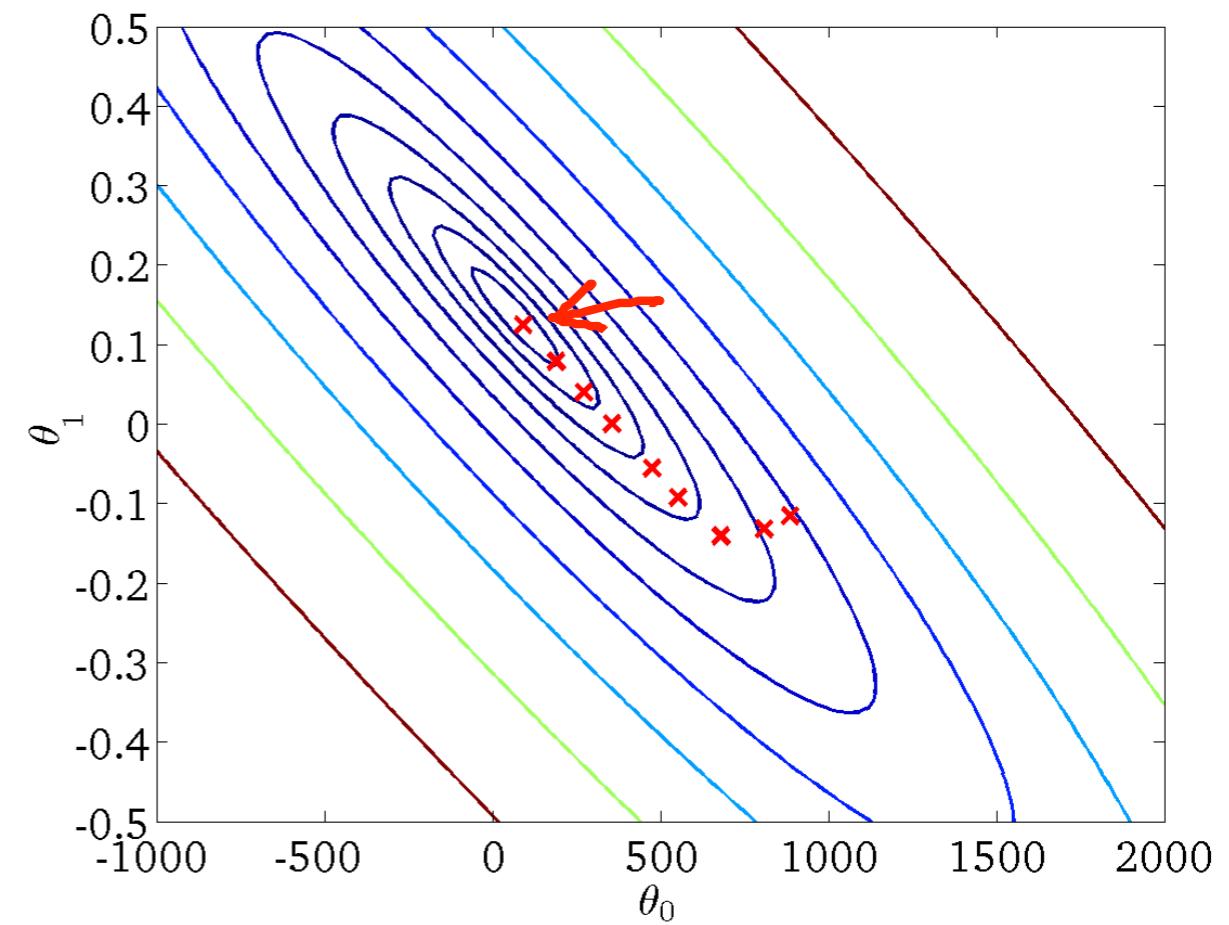
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# Batch Gradient Descent

- Each step of gradient descent uses all the training examples

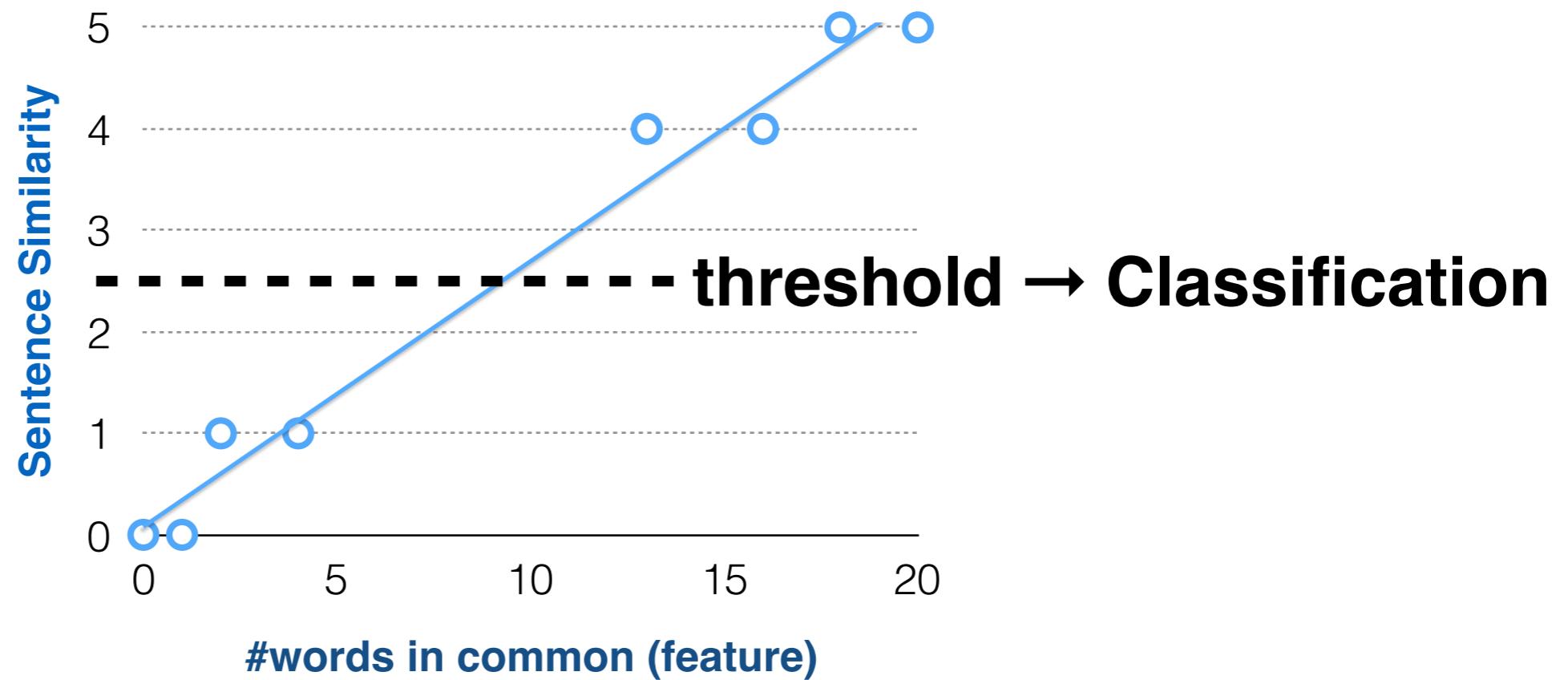
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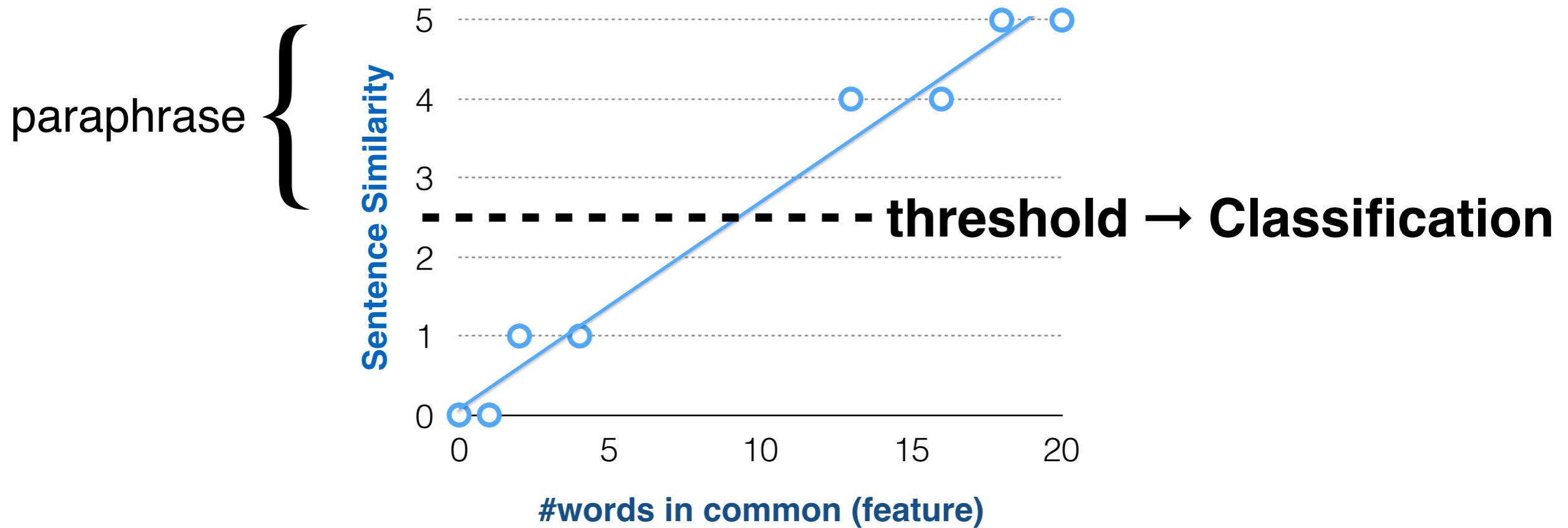
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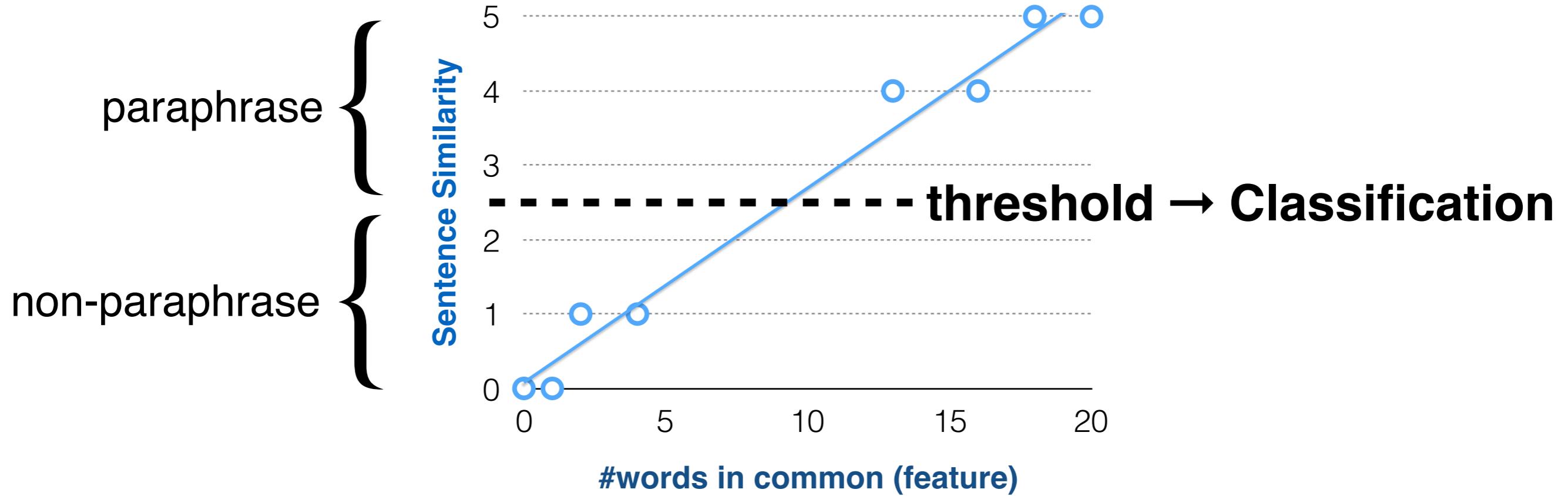
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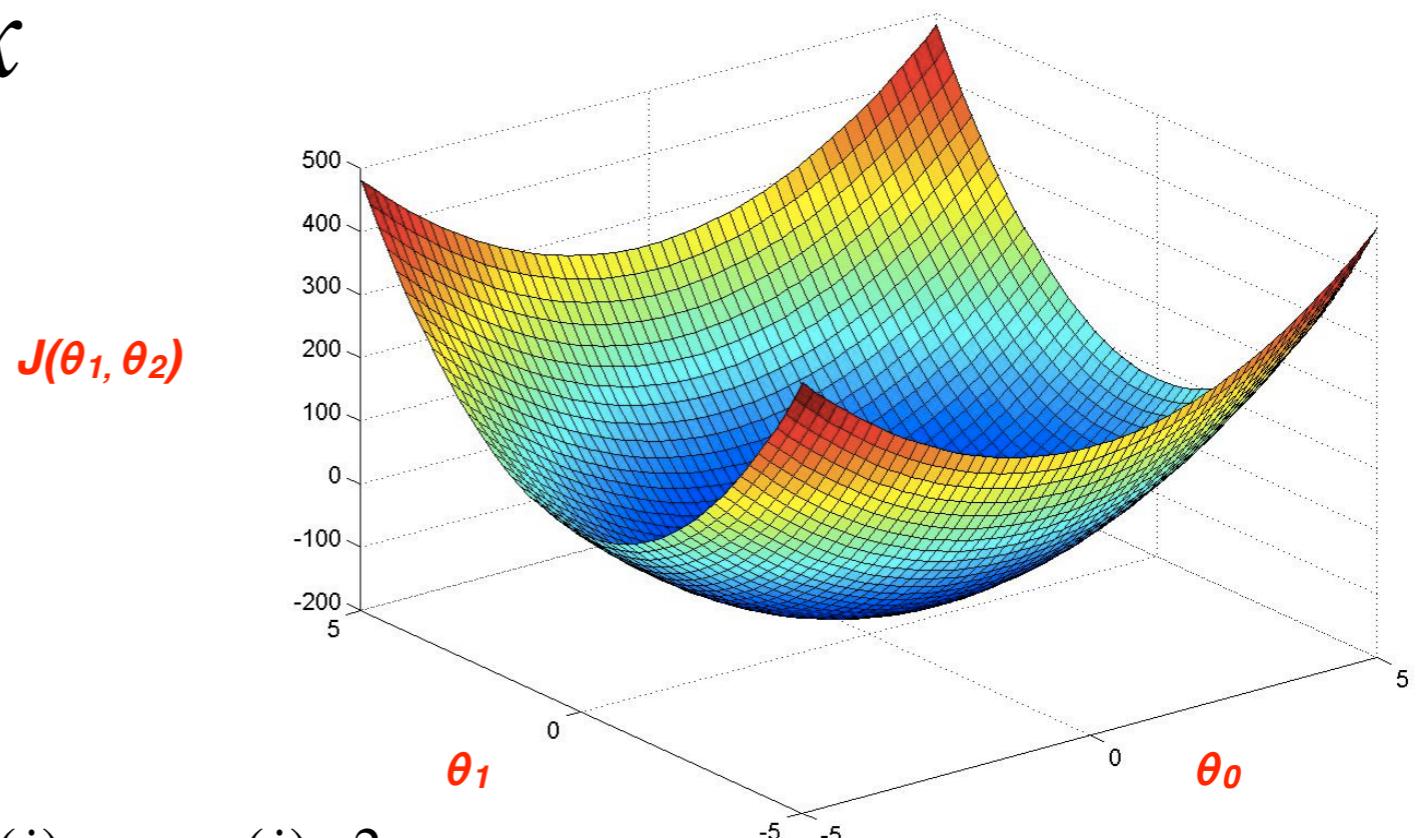
- **Parameters:**

$$\theta_0, \theta_1$$

- **Cost Function:**

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**learning rate**

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- Logistic Regression

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