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## The Regression side of Supervised Learning

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1. What is the hypothesis space of linear regression?

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☒ The set of flat hyperplanes

✓ **Correct**

Correct, in general linear regression considers all possible flat planes in the appropriate dimensionality.

☐ The best-fit line

☐ The set of curved lines.

☒ The set of straight lines.

✓ **Correct**

Correct, by default linear regression in two dimensions considers all possible straight lines.

☐ All hypothesis that give numbers instead of classes.

2. Why do non-linear feature expansions increase model complexity?

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☐ Because non-linear feature expansions are more complicated than linear features.

☐ Because non-linear feature expansions are hard to calculate.

☒ Because non-linear feature expansions generally increase the size of the hypothesis space.

✓ **Correct**

Correct. Increasing the size of the hypothesis space through the addition of non-linear features means more complex hypothesis are available to the learning algorithm.

3. What's the problem with doing regression to find numeric class labels directly?

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☐ Classification isn't convex.

☐ Transfer functions break loss functions.

☐ You can't actually convert class labels to numbers.

☐ Regression doesn't work for binary values.

☒ It just works better to separate classes.

☐ Classifications are categorical rather than numeric values.

✓ **Correct**

True! When you care about class labels, trying to fit a line (or hyperplane) to exactly recreate the classes is more difficult than finding a decision boundary.

4. Why might we \*not\* want our model to fit perfectly to our training data?

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☐ The model will have high bias.

☒ The model will have high variance and not generalize well to new data.

☐ We always want our model to fit perfectly to our training data.

✓ **Correct**

Correct! When our model fits perfectly to our training data we have low bias, but very high variance, resulting in overfitting.

5. What is the definition of a convex function?

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- ☒ For any two points on a graph, the line connecting the points is on or above the line of the graph.
- ☐ A function with neither local minima or global minima.
- ☐ A function with both local minima and global minima.
- ☐ For any two points on a graph, the line connecting the points is on or below the line of the graph.

✓ **Correct**

Correct! This is exactly the definition of a convex graph.

6. Why do we need iterative functions other than gradient descent to optimize loss functions?

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- ☐ Because the L2 loss function can have sharp corners.
- ☐ We don't need anything but gradient descent to optimize loss functions.
- ☒ Because not all loss functions are differentiable everywhere.

✓ **Correct**

Correct! In order to apply gradient descent, our loss function must be differentiable everywhere.

7. The bias/variance tradeoff is impacted by (select all that apply)

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☒ Model complexity

✓ **Correct**

Correct! A less complex model means higher bias and lower variance. A more complex model means lower bias and higher variance.

☒ An overly simple hypothesis space

✓ **Correct**

Correct! We may have high bias if we choose an overly simple hypothesis space.

☒ Randomness in training data

✓ **Correct**

Correct! Each time you sample new data from the same source and run a new analysis, creating a new model.  
  
Most phenomena are noisy, so the data will be different each time due to randomness.

☐ Bad dart throwers

8. L1 and L2 regularizers penalize:

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- ☒ The magnitude of weights in the loss function
- ☐ The distance between the line and the training data.
- ☐ The lambda parameter
- ☐ The magnitude of training data

✓ **Correct**

Correct! The magnitude of weights is a good proxy to measure complexity. Because we don't want our function to be too complex, we use a regularizer.