



Linear Regression and Backpropagation

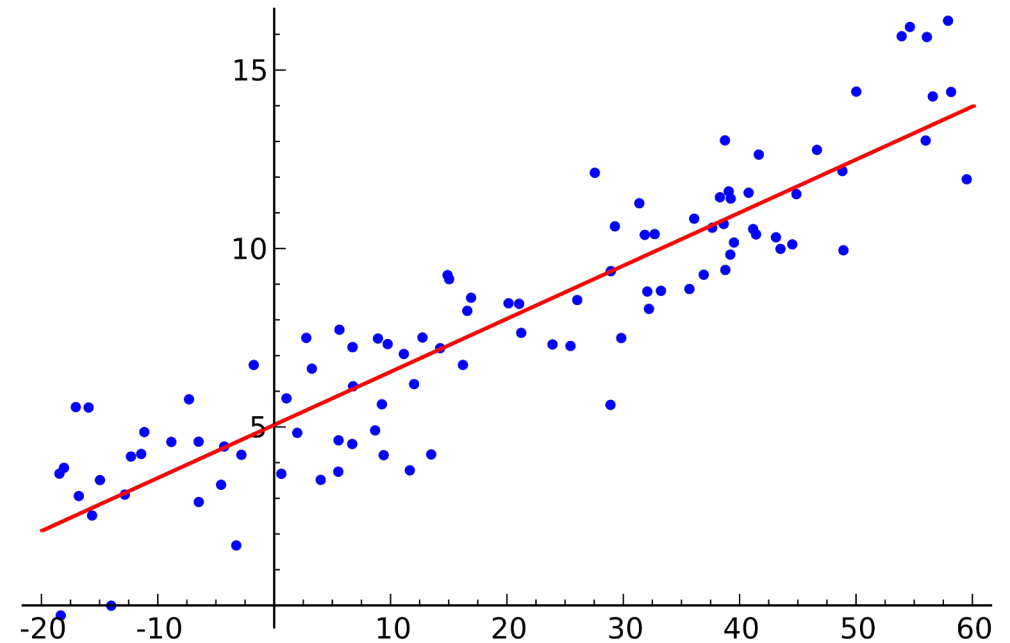
Linear Regression

- Fit a straight line or surface into an existing dataset $X = \{(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_N, Y_N)\}$ in a way that minimizes the discrepancies between predicted and expected values
- In the simplest case, we want to regress one value from one input value:

$$\hat{y}_i^* = a^* x_i + b^*$$

$$(a^*, b^*) = \operatorname{argmin}_{a,b} \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 =$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{a,b} \sum [(ax_i + b) - y_i]^2$$

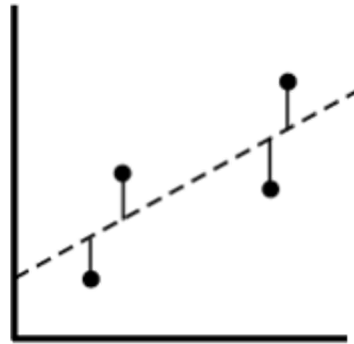


Linear Regression

- The loss function $\mathcal{L}(X)$ measures the vertical deviations between the predicted values \hat{y}_i and expected values y_i

$$\hat{y}_i = ax_i + b$$

$$\mathcal{L}(X) = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 = \sum [(ax_i + b) - y_i]^2$$



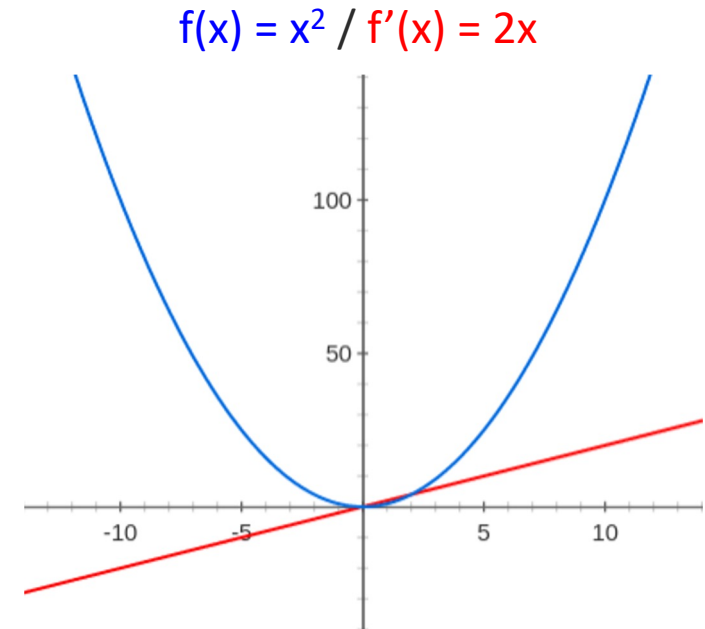
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is minimized when:

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Linear Regression – Least Square Fitting

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These lead to the equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = 2 \sum_i [(ax_i + b) - y_i] = 0$$

$$= a \sum_i x_i + Nb = \sum_i y_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a} = 2 \sum_i [(ax_i + b) - y_i] x_i = 0$$

$$= a \sum_i x_i^2 + b \sum_i x_i = \sum_i x_i y_i$$

In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_i x_i & N \\ \sum_i x_i^2 & \sum_i x_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i y_i \\ \sum_i x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i x_i & N \\ \sum_i x_i^2 & \sum_i x_i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i y_i \\ \sum_i x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

In closed-form:

$$a = \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) / \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$b = \bar{y} - a\bar{x}$$

Linear Regression – Least Square Fitting

```
def linear_least_squares_regression(points):  
    X = points[:,0]  
    Y = points[:,1]  
  
    X_mean = np.mean(X)  
    Y_mean = np.mean(Y)  
  
    a = np.sum(np.multiply(X-X_mean, Y-Y_mean)) / np.sum(np.square(X-X_mean))  
    b = Y_mean - a * X_mean  
  
    return a, b
```

Linear Regression – Least Square Fitting

- Closed-form solution
- Impractical/impossible to adapt to more complicated functions



Can we exploit the same idea in a simpler way?

Linear Regression

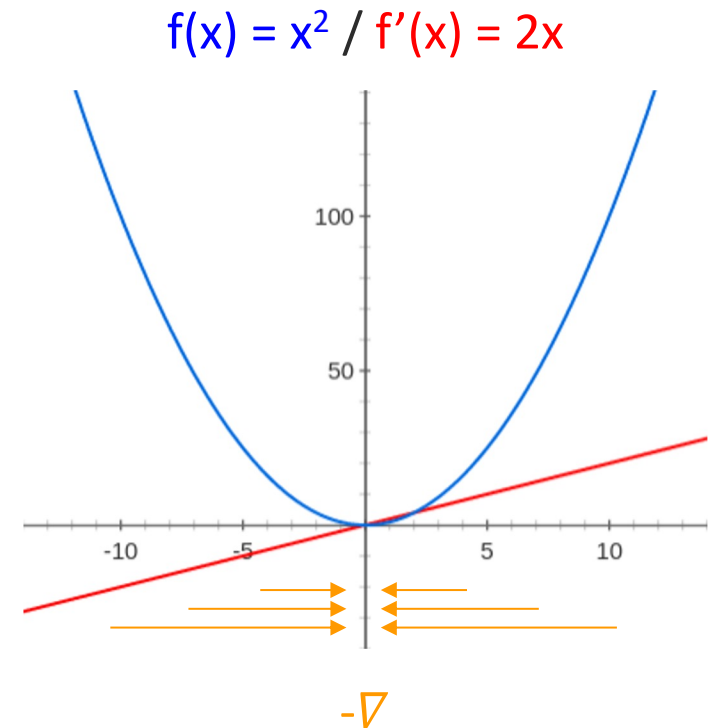
Initially guess the values of **a** and **b**. The average of the squares of the vertical deviations will be:

$$\mathcal{L} = 1/N \sum_i [(a x_i + b) - y_i]^2$$

Thus, we have the following partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = \nabla_b = 2/N \sum_i [(a x_i + b) - y_i]$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a} = \nabla_a = 2/N \sum_i [(a x_i + b) - y_i] x_i$$



Linear Regression – Gradient Descent

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The partial derivatives:

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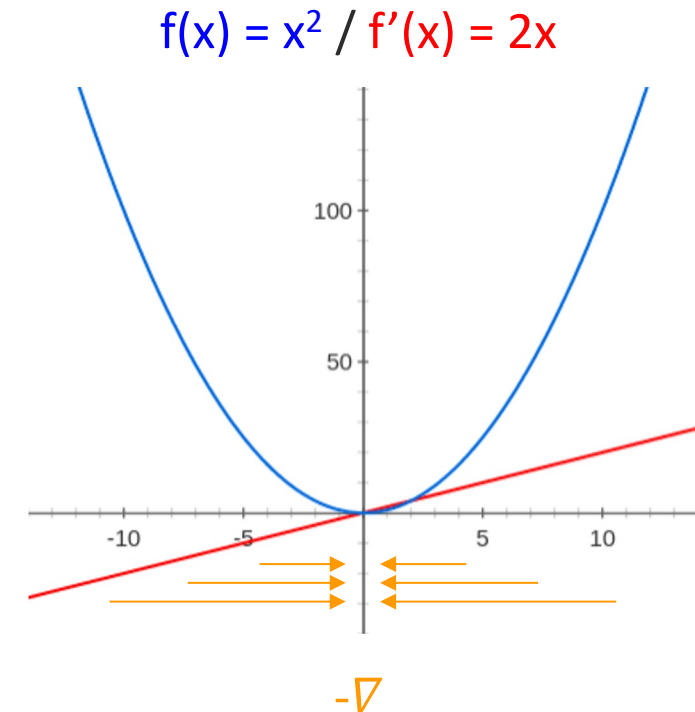
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a} = \nabla_a = 2/N \sum_i [(ax_i + b) - y_i]x_i$$

will indicate how to update a and b to obtain a better fitting result:

$$b_{t+1} = b_t - \lambda \nabla_b$$

$$a_{t+1} = a_t - \lambda \nabla_a$$

where λ is the learning rate.



Linear Regression – Gradient Descent

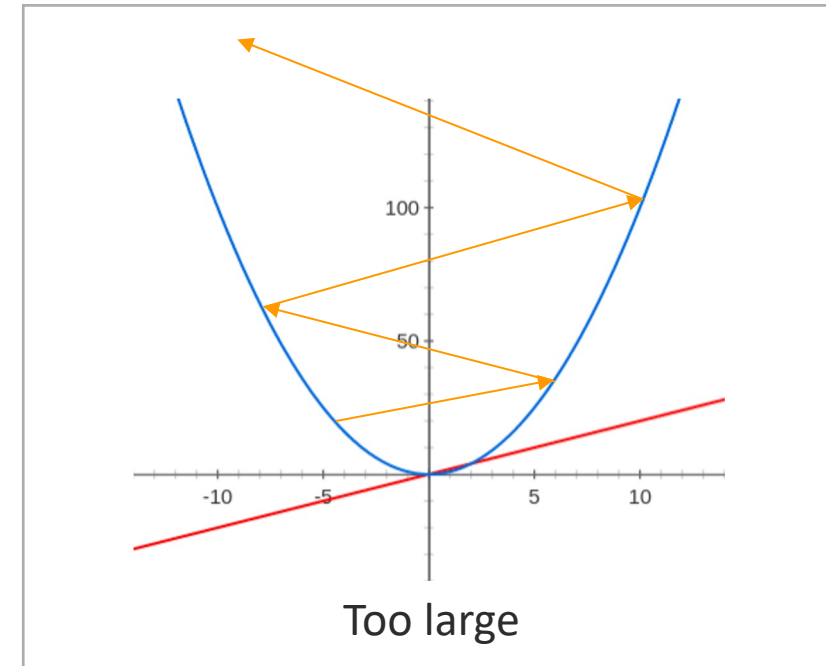
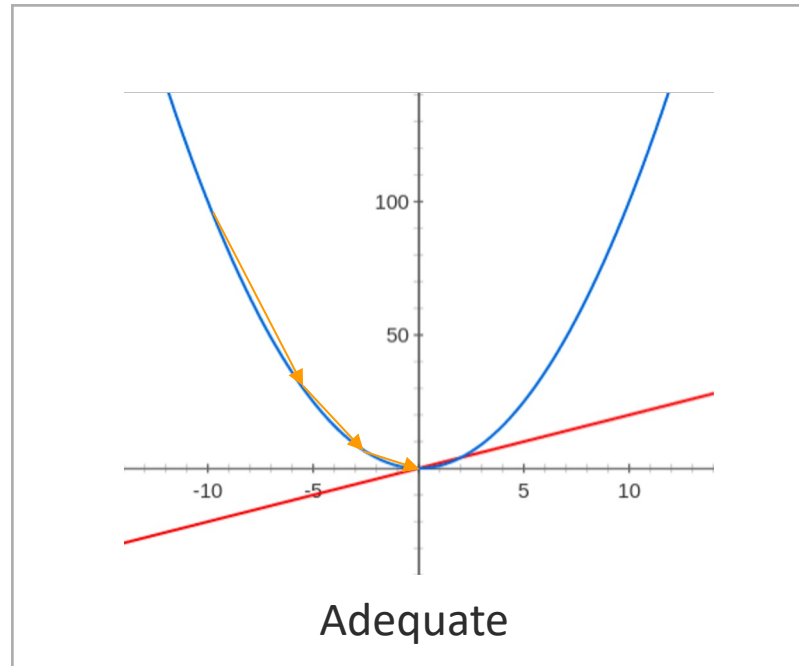
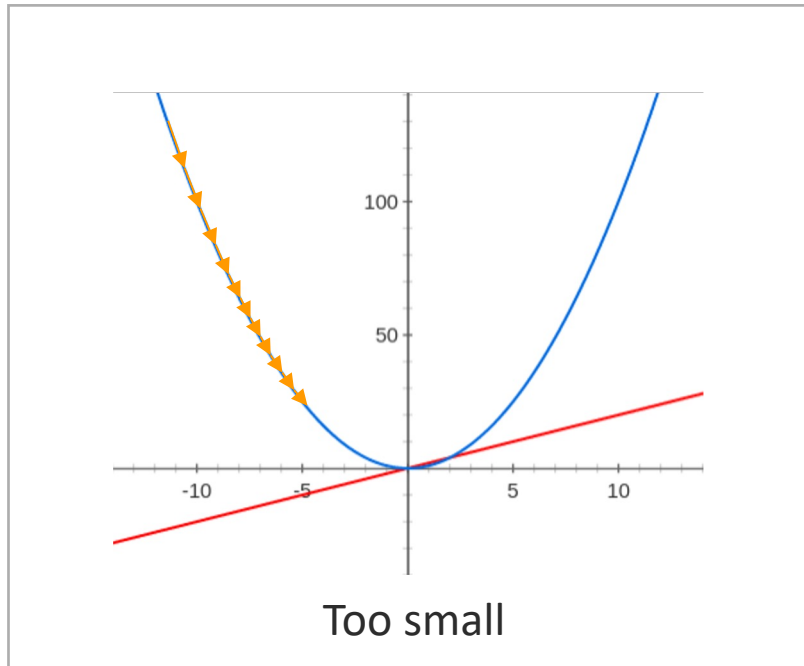
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def gradient_descent_step(points, a, b, learning_rate):  
    X = points[:,0]  
    Y = points[:,1]  
  
    tmp = ((a*X + b) - Y) * (2.0/len(points))  
    a_grad = np.sum(np.multiply(tmp, X))  
    b_grad = np.sum(tmp)  
  
    a_ = a - learning_rate * a_grad  
    b_ = b - learning_rate * b_grad  
  
    return a_, b_
```

Common Practice #1 – Hyperparameter Tuning

- Repeat the training several times with different hyperparameter values
- Grid search
 - Exhaustive search on a predefined set of hyperparameter values
 - Ex: learning_rate \rightarrow {1.0, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001}
- Ideally, the optimal value is not in the edge of the set

Gradient Descent – Picking a Learning Rate λ

- It is a common practice to test different learning rates within a predefined range and pick the one that converges faster



Knowledge Check 1



Which alternative best describes the learning rate for the regression scenarios shown in the right, from top to bottom?

A

Too low, adequate, too large

B

Too low, too large, adequate

C

Adequate, too low, too large

D

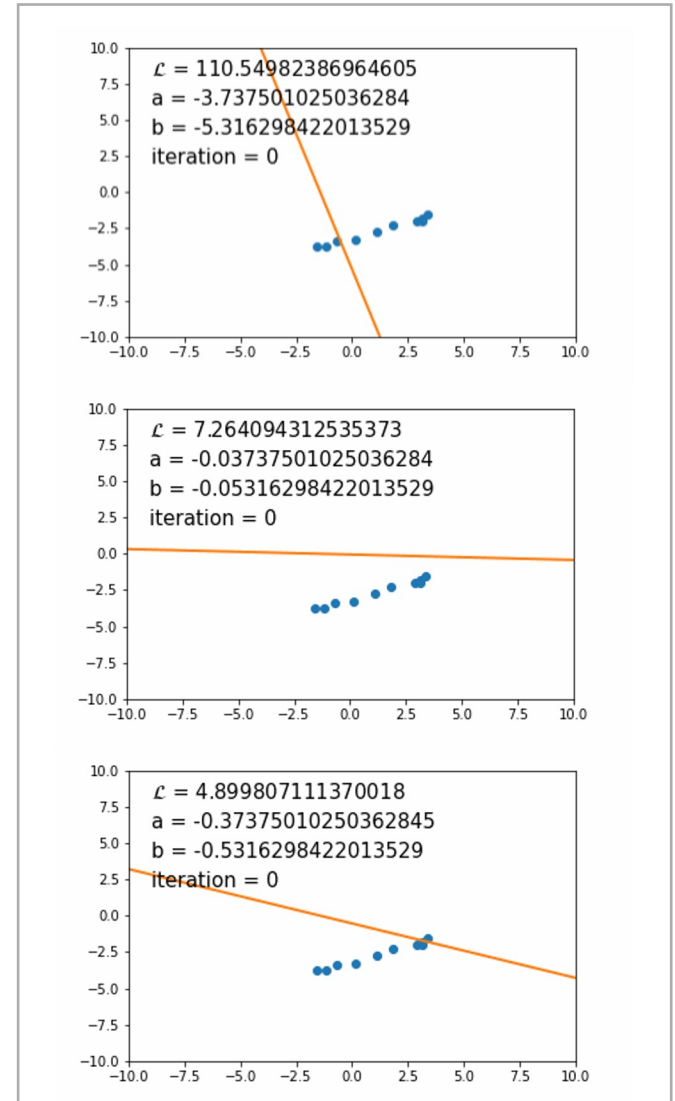
Adequate, too large, too low

E

Too large, too low, adequate

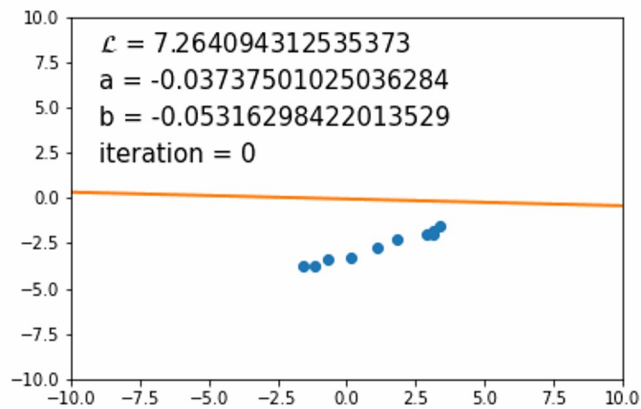
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Too large, adequate, too low

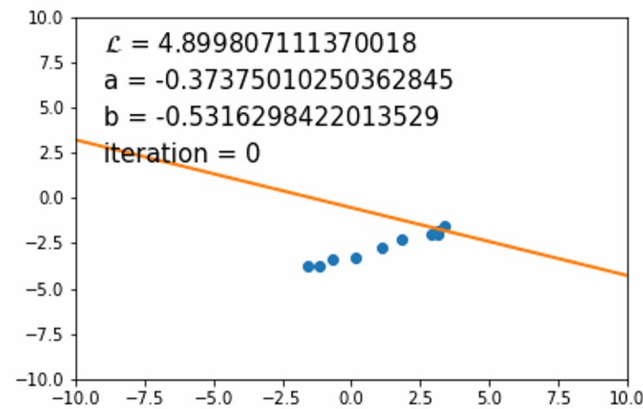


Gradient Descent – Picking a Learning Rate λ

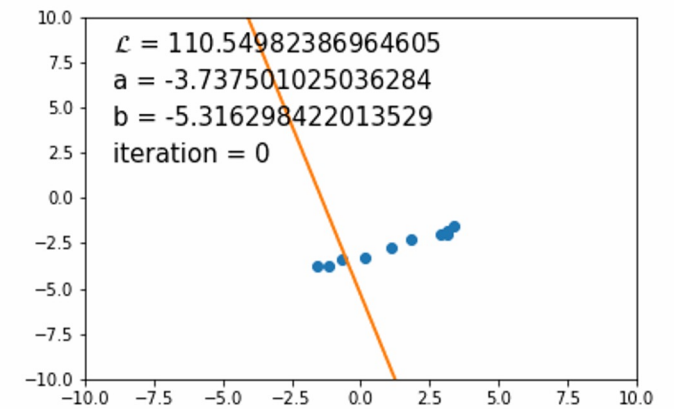
- Picking the best λ value depends on different factors (loss, function, data)



Too small (10^{-2})



Adequate (10^{-1})



Too large (10^0)

Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

- Input may have multiple values
- Output may have multiple values

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$

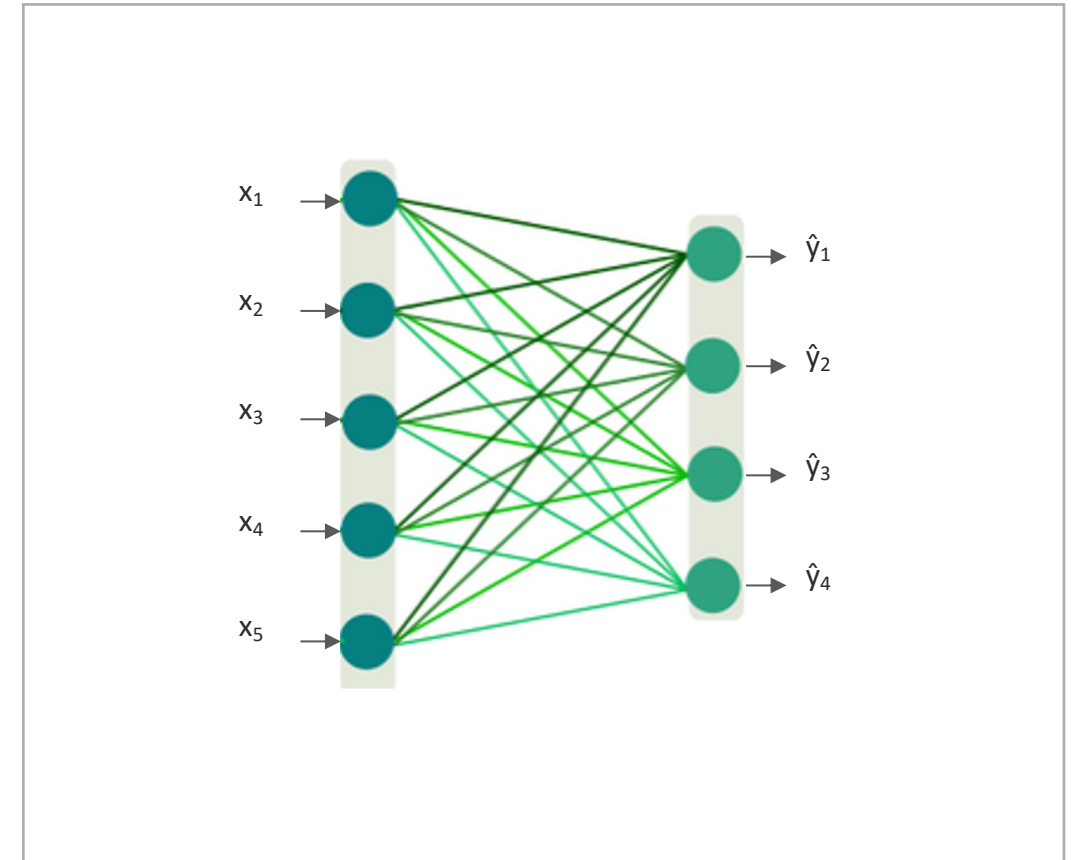
$$\hat{y}_j = \mathbf{w}_{1j}x_1 + \mathbf{w}_{2j}x_2 + \dots + \mathbf{w}_{|\mathbf{x}|j}x_{|\mathbf{x}|} + \mathbf{b}_j$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\frac{1}{2})\sum_k(\hat{y}_k - y_k)^2$$

Number of parameters:

$$|\mathbf{W}| = |\mathbf{x}| * |\mathbf{y}|$$

$$|\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{y}|$$



Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

$$w_{ij}^{t+1} = w_{ij}^t - \lambda \nabla_{w[ij]} = w_{ij}^t - \lambda \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ij}}$$

$$b_j^{t+1} = b_j^t - \lambda \nabla_{b[j]} = b_j^t - \lambda \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_j}$$

Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} (1/2) \sum_k (\hat{y}_k - y_k)^2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} (1/2) (\hat{y}_j - y_j)^2 = \\ (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} (\hat{y}_j - y_j) &= (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{w}_{*j} + b_j - y_j = \\ (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{w}_{*j} &= (\hat{y}_j - y_j) x_i\end{aligned}$$

Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_k (\hat{y}_k - y_k)^2 \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\hat{y}_j - y_j)^2 \right) = \\ (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} (\hat{y}_j - y_j) &= (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} \mathbf{xw}_{*j} + b_j - y_j = \\ (\hat{y}_j - y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} b_j &= (\hat{y}_j - y_j)\end{aligned}$$

Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ij}} = (\hat{y}_j - y_j)x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_j} = (\hat{y}_j - y_j)$$

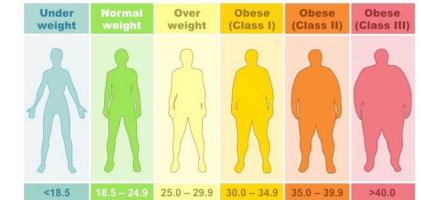
Linear Regression – Multivariate Data

- $x = (\text{height, weight}) = (x_0, x_1)$
- $y = \text{BMI}$
- $\hat{y} = w_0 x_{i0} + w_1 x_{i1} + b$
- One gradient per weight:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = \nabla_b = (w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + b) - y$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = \nabla_{w[0]} = [(w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + b) - y] x_0$$

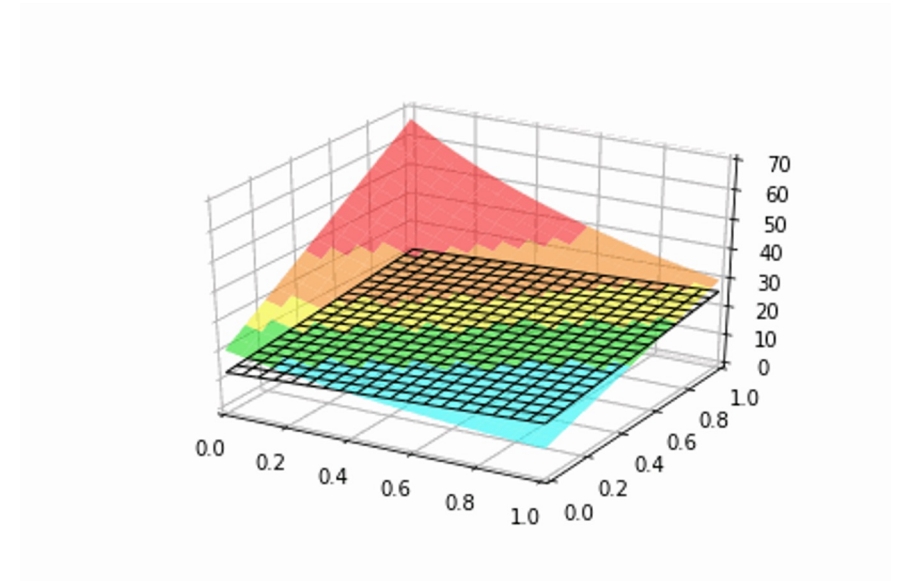
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = \nabla_{w[1]} = [(w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + b) - y] x_1$$



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Linear Regression – Gradient Descent for Multivariate Data

```
def gradient_descent_step(X, Y, W, b, learning_rate):  
    tmp = (np.matmul(X, np.transpose(W)) + b - Y)  
    W_grad = np.matmul(np.transpose(tmp), X) / X.shape[0]  
    b_grad = np.mean(tmp, axis=0)  
  
    W_ = W - learning_rate * W_grad  
    b_ = b - learning_rate * b_grad  
  
    return W_, b_
```



Common Practice #2 – Data Normalization

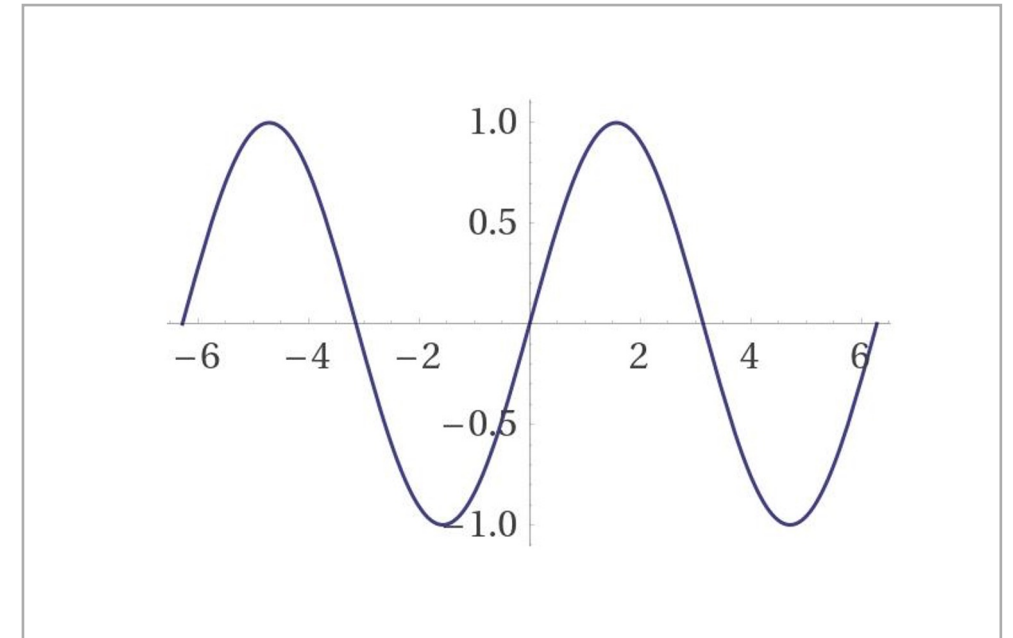
- Large values affect gradient-based optimization performance
- Differences in scale may increase the difficulty of the problem
- Gradients from larger parameters dominate the updates
- Poor generalization
- Common approaches:
 - Normalize inputs to the range from 0 to 1
 - Normalize inputs to the range from -1 to 1
 - Normalize inputs to an unit vector
 - Normalize inputs to a specific distribution (e.g. $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$)

Knowledge Check #2



Let's say you uniformly sample points from the function $\sin(x)$ in the range $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ and use linear regression to fit a function f into those points. What will be the value of $f(x)$?

- A $\sin(x)$
- B $\cos(x)$
- C 1
- D 0
- E -1





You have reached the end
of the lecture.

