# Chapter ML:III (continued)

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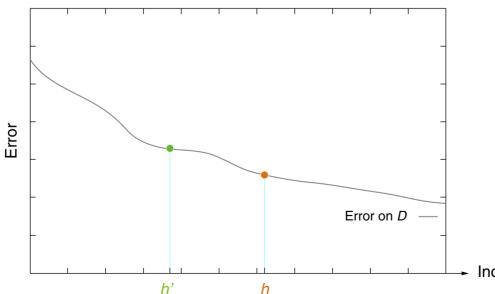
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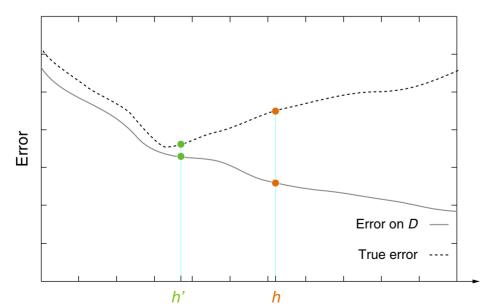
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Reasons for overfitting are often rooted in the example set D:

- □ *D* is noisy and we "learn noise."
- $\Box$  D is biased and hence not representative.
- $\Box$  D is too small and hence pretends unrealistic data properties.

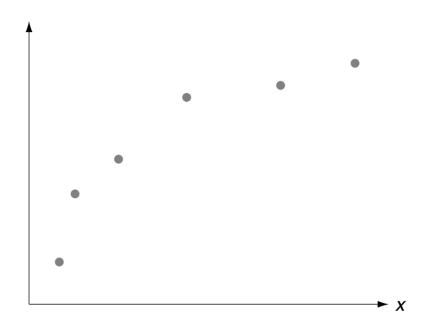
#### Remarks:

of a model function or its parameters.

Recap. A hypothesis is a proposed explanation for a phenomenon. [Wikipedia] Here, a hypothesis "explains" (= fits) the data D. Hence, a concrete model function y(), y(), or, if the function type is clear from the context, its parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  or  $\theta$  are called "hypothesis". The variable name h (similarly:  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ ,  $h_i$ , h', etc.) may be used to refer to a specific instance

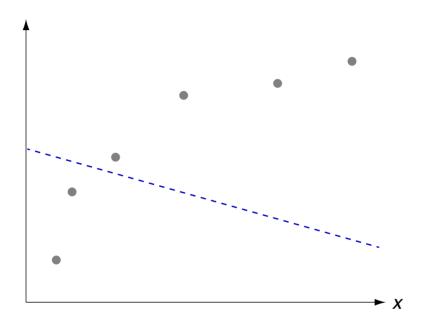
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Example: Linear Regression



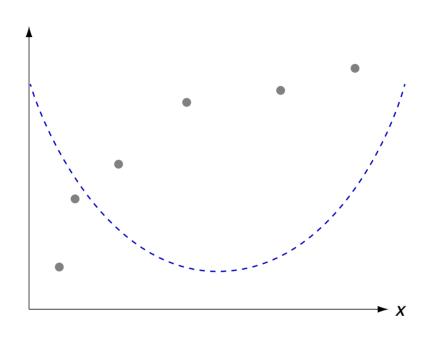
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Example: Linear Regression (continued)



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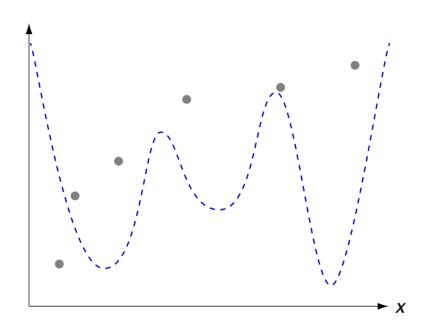
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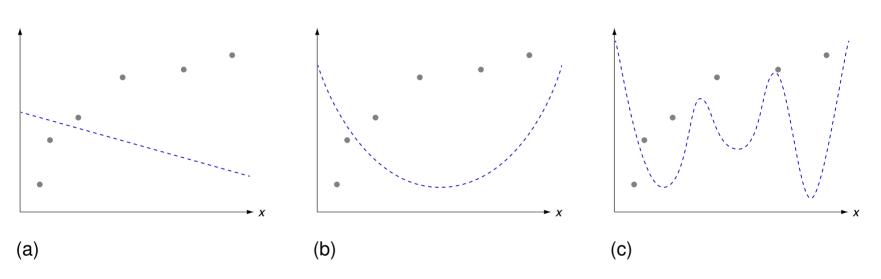


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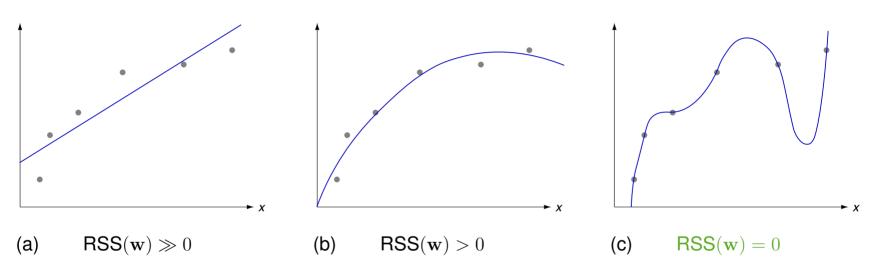
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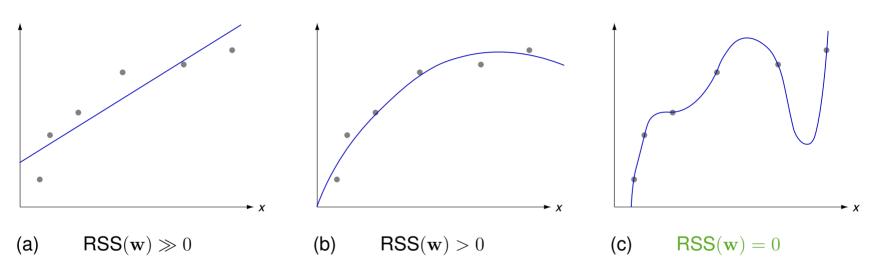
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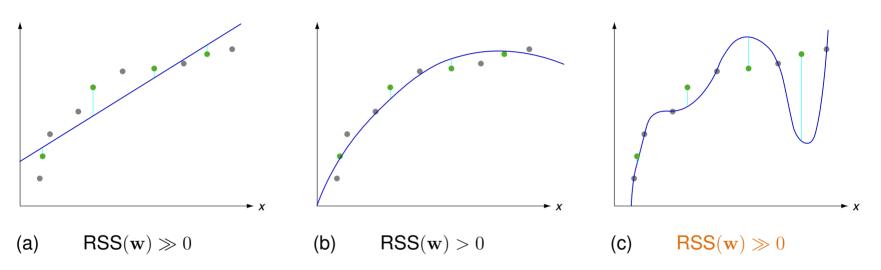


#### Questions:

- (1) How to choose a suited model function / hypothesis space H?
- (2) How to parameterize a model function / pick an element from H?

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Let  $D_{test}$  be a set of test examples.

If  $D = D_{tr} \cup D_{test}$  is representative of the real-world population in X, the quadratic model function (b),  $y(x) = w_0 + w_1 \cdot x + w_2 \cdot x^2$ , is the closest match.

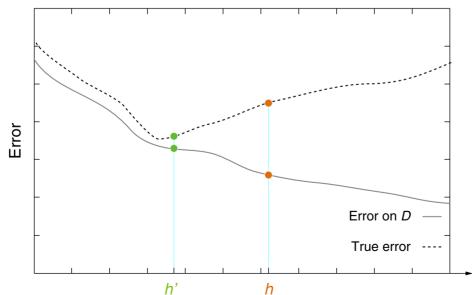
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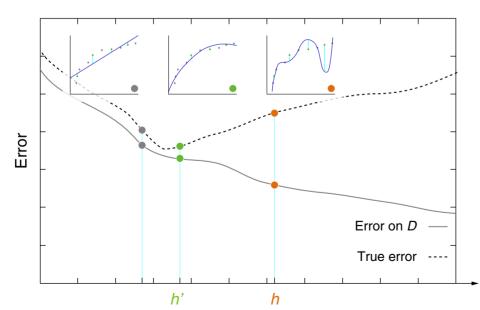
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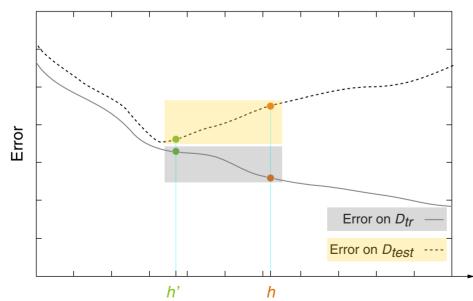
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In particular:  $Err(h, D_{test}) \gg Err(h, D_{tr})$ 

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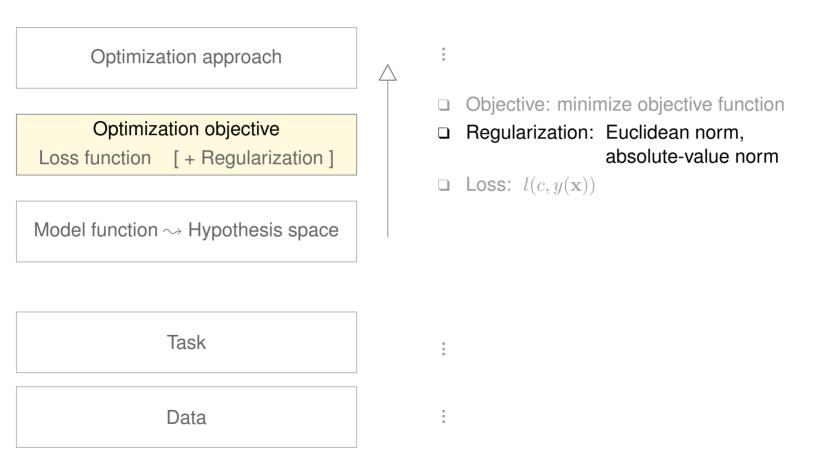
- □ Regularization: Increase model bias by constraining the hypothesis space.
  - (1) Model function: Consider functions of lower complexity / VC dimension. [Wikipedia]
  - (2) Hypothesis w: Bound the absolute values of the weights in  $\vec{w}$  of a model function.

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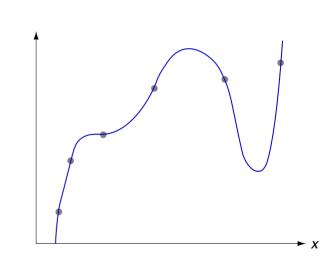
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$$\rightarrow$$
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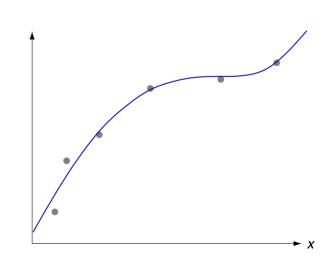
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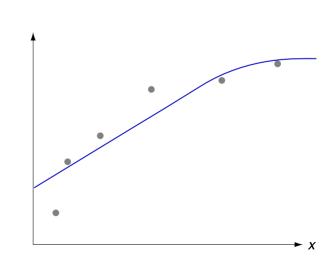
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#### Observations:

- Model complexity depends (also) on the magnitude of the weights w.
- $\Box$  Minimizing  $L(\mathbf{w})$  sets no bounds on the weights  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- $\square$  Regularization is achieved with a "counterweight"  $\lambda \cdot R(\mathbf{w})$  that grows with  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- $\Box$  Aside from  $\lambda$  no additional hyperparameter is introduced.

#### Remarks:

- $\square$   $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  is called (global) "objective function", "cost function", or "error function";  $\mathscr{E}(\mathbf{w})$  is its pointwise counterpart.
- The regularization term constrains the magnitude of the direction vector of the hyperplane, progressively reducing the hyperplane's steepness as  $\lambda$  increases. The intercept  $w_0$  is adjusted accordingly through minimization of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  but must not be part of the regularization term itself, which would lead to an incorrect solution.
- To denote the difference, we write  $\mathbf{w} \equiv (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_p)^T$  to refer to the entire parameter vector (the actual hypothesis), and  $\vec{\mathbf{w}} \equiv (w_1, \dots, w_p)^T$  for the direction vector excluding  $w_0$ .
- $\Box$  About choosing  $\lambda$ :
  - Recall subsection Comparing Model Variants of section Evaluating Effectiveness where hyperparameter optimization is tackled by means of a validation set.
  - How to calculate the regularization parameter  $\lambda$  in linear regression. [stackoverflow]
  - "No black-box procedures for choosing the regularization parameter  $\lambda$  are available, and most likely will never exist." [Hansen/Hanke 1993]

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#### Remarks (continued):

- ☐ The term "regularization" derives from "regular", a synonym for "smooth" within the context of model functions. [stackexchange]
- Regularization is applied in settings where the set of examples D is much smaller than the population of real-world objects O. Under the conditions of the Inductive Learning Hypothesis we can infer from D a hypothesis h that generalizes sufficiently well to the entire population—if h is sufficiently simple, stable (wrt. changes in D), and smooth, which can be reached with regularization.
  - However, if D covers (nearly) the entire population, minimizing the loss  $L(\mathbf{w})$  takes precedence over additional restrictions  $R(\mathbf{w})$  regarding the simplicity, the stability, and the smoothness of h.
- ☐ The origins of regularization go back to the fields of inverse problems and ill-posed problems. Solving an inverse problem means calculating from a set of observations the causal factors that produced them. [Wikipedia]
  - Inverse problems are often ill-posed, where "ill-posedness" is defined as not being "well-posed". In turn, a mathematical problem is called well-posed if (1) a solution exists, (2) the solution is unique, (3) the solution's behavior changes continuously with the initial conditions. [Wikipedia]

Under certain assumptions the problem of learning from examples forms an inverse problem. [deVito 2005]

### The Vector Norm as Regularization Function

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$$\Box$$
 Lasso regression.  $R_{||\vec{\mathbf{w}}||_1}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^p |w_i|_i$ 

#### Remarks:

The term "ridge" refers to the ridge that one gets in the likelihood function (equivalently, "valley" in the RSS) if the there is <u>multicollinearity</u> in the data. Ridge regression adds a penalty that turns the ridge into a peak in likelihood space or, equivalently, a depression in the minimization criterion. [stackexchange]

Ridge regression predates lasso regression. It is also known as weight decay in machine learning, and with multiple independent discoveries, it is variously known as the Tikhonov-Miller method, the Phillips-Twomey method, the constrained linear inversion method, and the method of linear regularization. [Wikipedia]

- "Lasso" is an acronym for "least absolute shrinkage and selection operator".
- $| | \cdot | |_k$  denotes the vector norm operator:

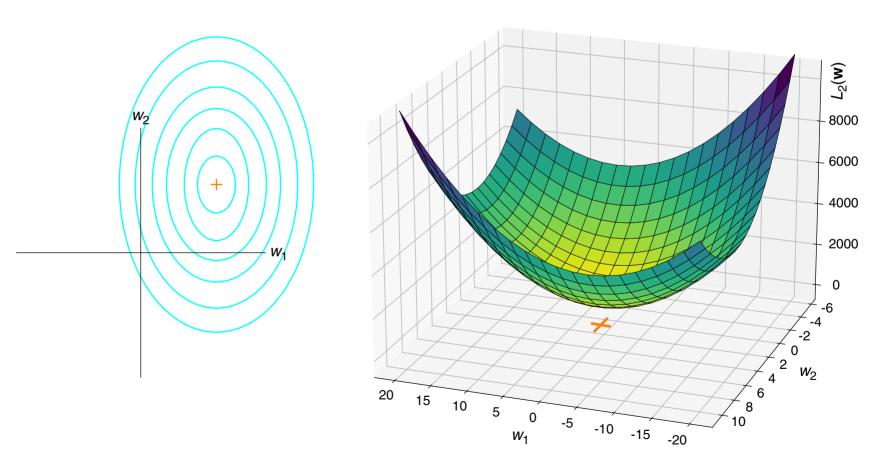
$$||\mathbf{x}||_k \equiv \left(\sum_{j=1}^p |x_j|^k\right)^{1/k},$$

where  $k \in [1, \infty)$  and p is the dimensionality of vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

 $\Box$  By convention,  $||\cdot||$  (omitting the subscript) refers to the Euclidean norm (k=2).

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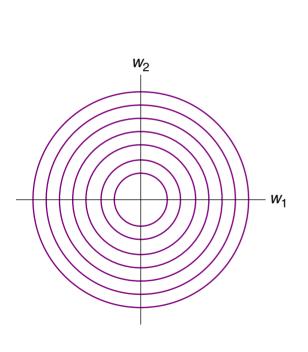
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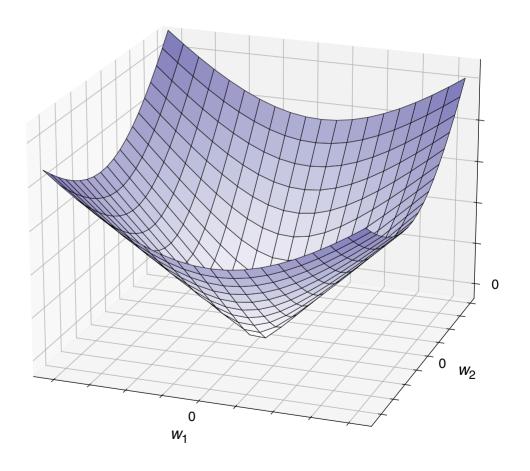


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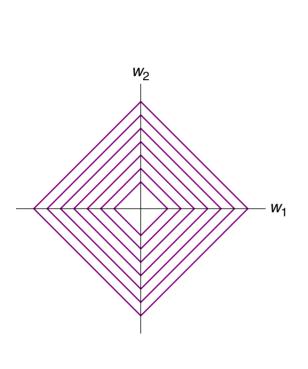


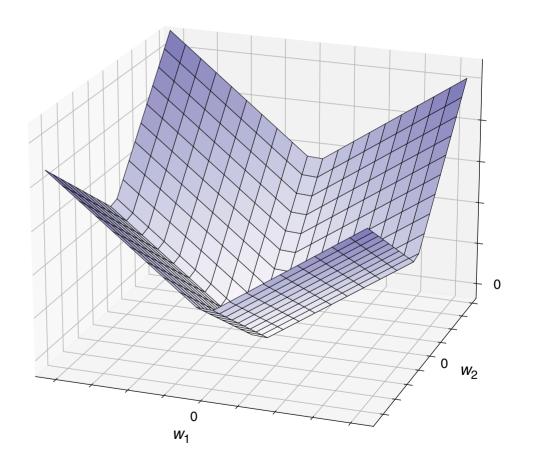


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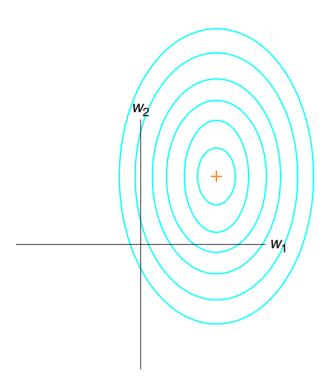


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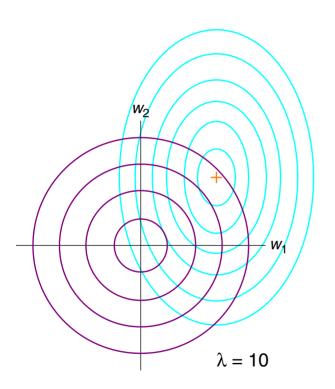
#### Remarks:

- The exemplified plots of the loss term,  $L(\mathbf{w})$ , and the regularization term,  $R(\mathbf{w})$ , are illustrated over the parameter space  $\{(w_1, w_2) \mid w_i \in \mathbf{R}\}$  (instead of  $\{(w_0, w_1) \mid w_i \in \mathbf{R}\}$ ) to better emphasize the characteristic difference between ridge regression and lasso regression.
- The contour line plots show two-dimensional projections of the three-dimensional convex loss function (here: RSS) for a given set of example data, as well as of the two regularization functions  $R_{||\mathbf{w}||_2^2}$  and  $R_{||\mathbf{w}||_1}$ , whose shapes do not depend on the data.
- □ A contour line is a curve along which the respective function has a constant value.

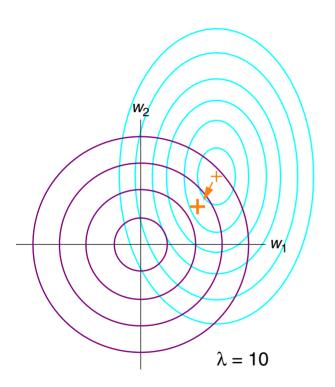
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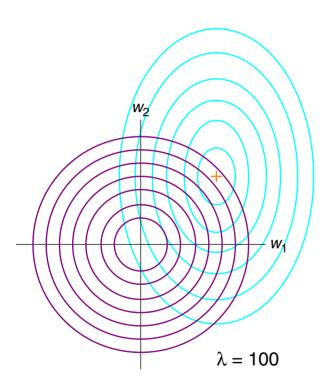
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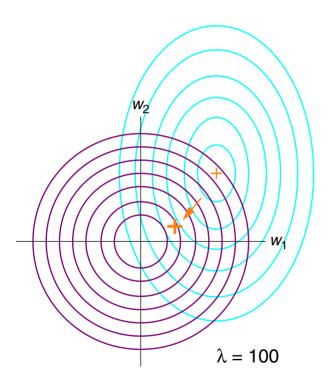
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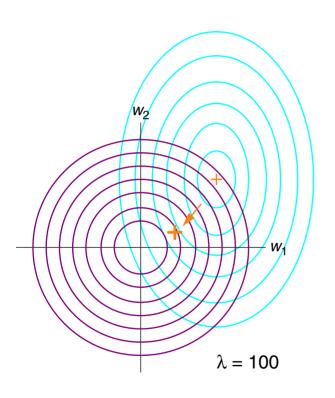


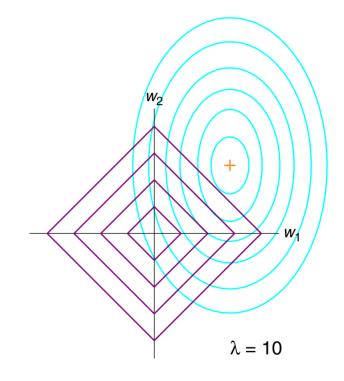
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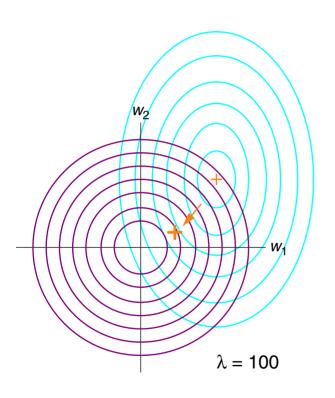
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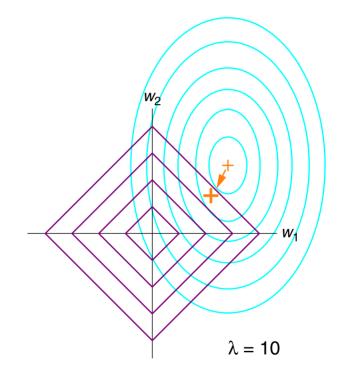




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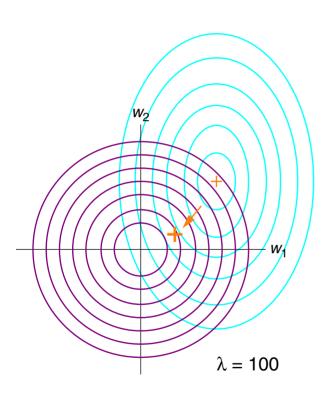
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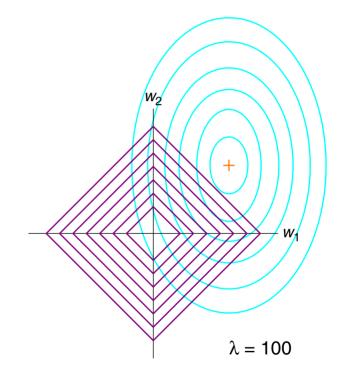




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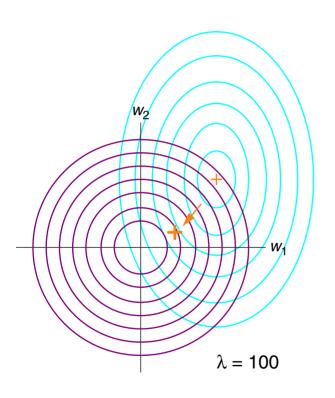
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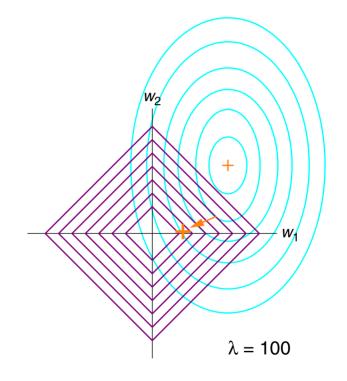




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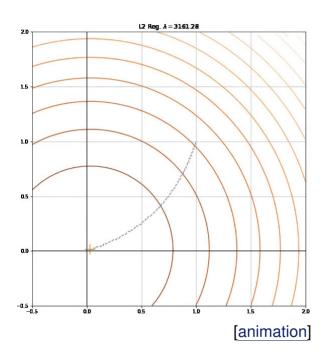


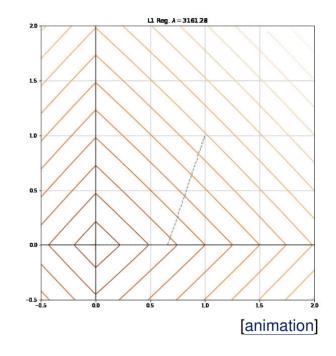


The Vector Norm as Regularization Function (continued)

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The animations show superimposed contourlines. The choice of R determines the trajectory the minimum takes towards the origin as a function of  $\lambda$ . [stackexchange]

#### Remarks:

- The exemplified loss function is minimal at the cross. Without regularization, the weights associated with the minimum will be the result of a linear regression. By adding the regularization term  $\lambda \cdot R(\mathbf{w})$  with  $\lambda > 0$ , the joint minimum of the two functions is found closer to the origin of the parameter space than the minimum of the loss function.
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- The minimum of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  is on a tangent point between a contour line of  $L(\mathbf{w})$  and a contour line of  $R(\mathbf{w})$ . Barring exceptional cases, the minimum of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  (the sum of global loss and regularization) is unique, even if the minimum of  $L(\mathbf{w})$  (the global loss) is non-unique.
- $\square$  A key difference between ridge  $(R_{||\vec{\mathbf{w}}||_2^2})$  and lasso  $(R_{||\vec{\mathbf{w}}||_1})$  regression is that, with lasso regression, parameters can be reduced to zero, eliminating the corresponding feature from the model function.
  - With ridge regression, the influence of all parameters will be reduced "uniformly." In particular, a parameter will be reduced to zero if and only if the minimum of the loss function is found on that parameter's axis.

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