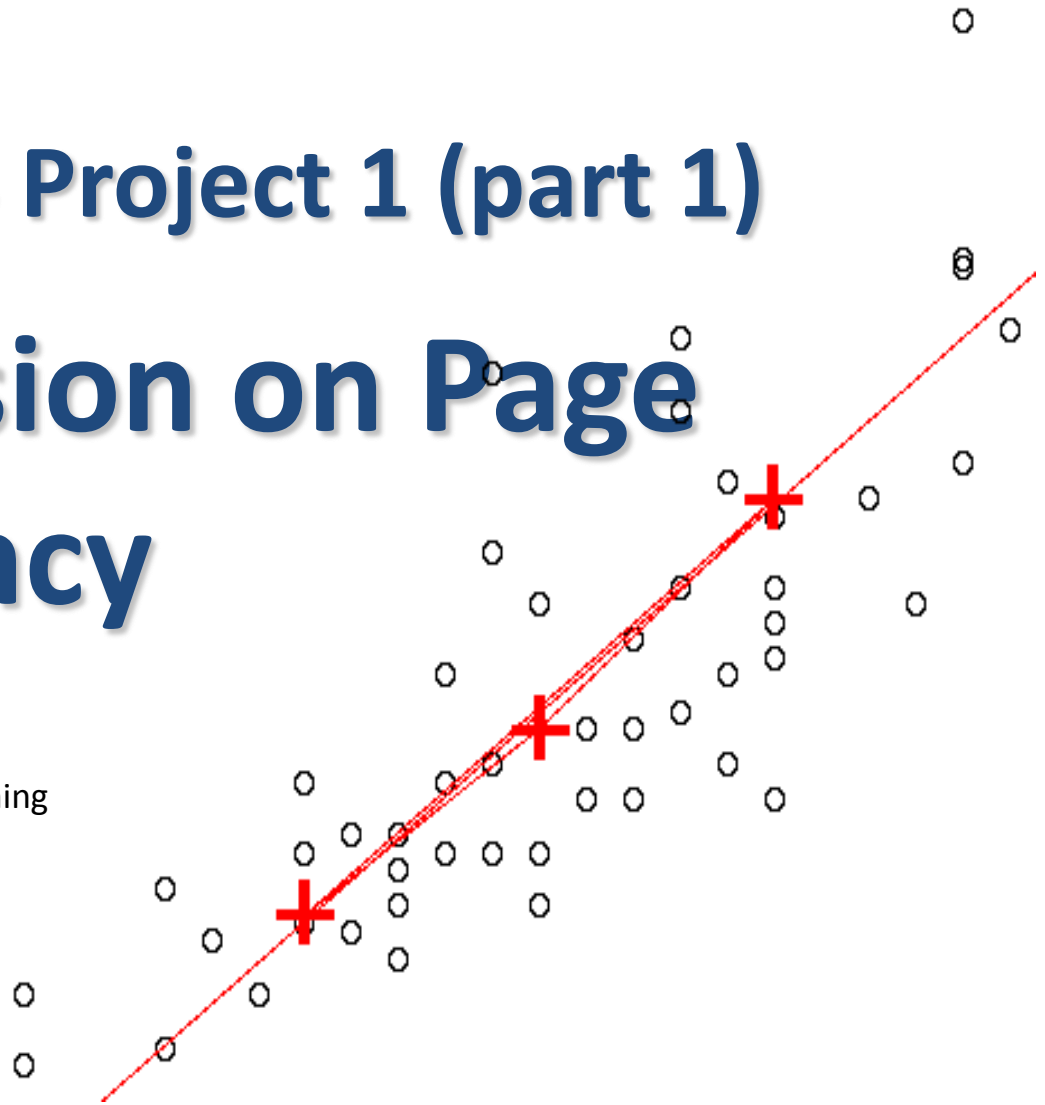


CSE 4/574 Project 1 (part 1)

Regression on Page Relevancy

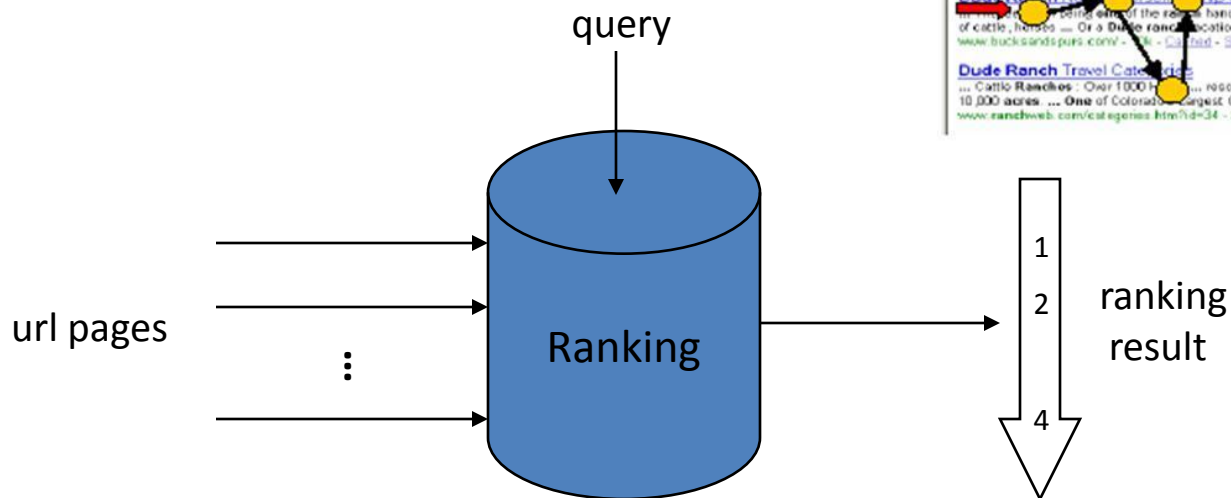
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Web search ranking

Goal: given queries and a documents/urls, estimate the Web search results (relevance) of the pages to the queries.

Ranking the pages via a relevance function.

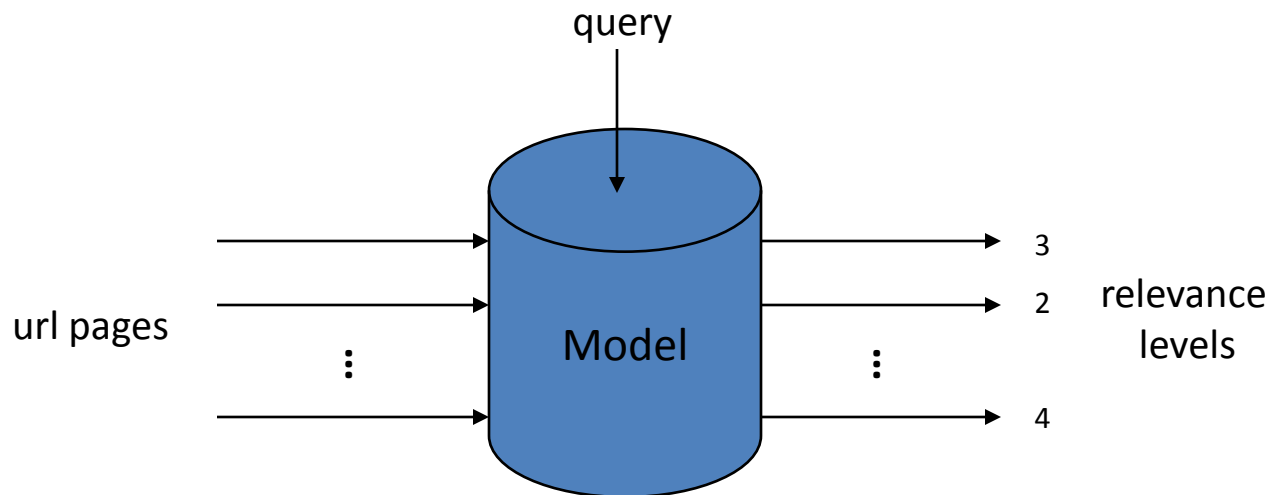


Regression on Page Relevancy

Not Ranking!!

Goal: Train a **regression model** based on query-url pair datasets , then predict the page relevancy labels for new coming queries.

Binary / multiple levels of relevance (Bad, Fair, Good, Excellent, Perfect, ...)



Datasets

Large scale real world learning to rank (LTR) datasets that has been released:

	Queries	Doc.	Rel.	Feat.	Year
Letor3.0 – Gov	575	568k	2	64	2008
Letor3.0 – Ohsumed	106	16k	3	45	2008
Letor4.0	2476	85k	3	46	2009
Yandex	20267	213k	5	245	2009
Yahoo	36251	883k	5	700	2010

Leter4.0 Dataset

LETOR is a package of benchmark data sets for research on Learning To Rank released by Microsoft Research Asia.

- The latest version, 4.0, can be found at <http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/beijing/projects/letor/letor4dataset.aspx> (It contains 8 datasets for four ranking settings derived from the two query sets and the Gov2 web page collection.)

- For this project, one dataset of [MQ2008](#) is used (supervised ranking):

"Querylevelnorm.txt" (15211 urls/samples in total)

Letor4.0 Dataset

Sample rows from the MQ2008 dataset:

Querylevelnorm.txt

0	qid:10002	1:0.007477	2:0.000000	3:1.0000
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0	qid:10002	1:1.000000	2:1.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10002	1:0.008411	2:0.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10002	1:0.005607	2:0.500000	3:1.0000
0	qid:10002	1:0.259813	2:1.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10032	1:0.021201	2:0.000000	3:1.0000
0	qid:10032	1:0.000000	2:0.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10032	1:0.007067	2:0.000000	3:0.6666
2	qid:10032	1:0.056537	2:0.000000	3:0.6666
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0	qid:10032	1:0.130742	2:0.000000	3:0.3333
1	qid:10032	1:0.593640	2:1.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10032	1:1.000000	2:0.000000	3:0.0000
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0	qid:10035	1:0.039604	2:0.000000	3:0.0000
0	qid:10035	1:0.326733	2:0.000000	3:0.0000
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1. The first column is relevance label of this pair. The larger the relevance label, the more relevant the query-document pair.
Judgments $\in \{0; 1; 2\}$
2. The second column is query id,
3. The following 46 columns are features. A query-document pair is represented by a 46-dimensional feature vector of real numbers in the range 0 to 1.
4. The end of the row is a comment about the pair, including id of the document.

Features

Given a query and a document, construct a feature vector (normalized between 0 and 1)

Column in Output	Description
1	TF(Term frequency) of body
2	TF of anchor
3	TF of title
4	TF of URL
5	TF of whole document
6	IDF(Inverse document frequency) of body
7	IDF of anchor
8	IDF of title
9	IDF of URL
10	IDF of whole document
11	TF*IDF of body
12	TF*IDF of anchor
13	TF*IDF of title
14	TF*IDF of URL
15	TF*IDF of whole document
16	DL(Document length) of body
17	DL of anchor
18	DL of title
19	DL of URL
20	DL of whole document
21	BM25 of body
22	LMIR.ABS of body
23	LMIR.DIR of body
24	LMIR.JM of body
25	BM25 of anchor
26	LMIR.ABS of anchor
27	LMIR.DIR of anchor
28	LMIR.JM of anchor
29	BM25 of title
30	LMIR.ABS of title
31	LMIR.DIR of title
32	LMIR.JM of title
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35	LMIR.DIR of URL
36	LMIR.JM of URL
37	BM25 of whole document
38	LMIR.ABS of whole document
39	LMIR.DIR of whole document
40	LMIR.JM of whole document
41	PageRank
42	Inlink number
43	Outlink number
44	Number of slash in URL
45	Length of URL
46	Number of child page

Import Data Set

- Matlab function: `fopen`, `textscan`, `strfind`, etc.

Read by line

File -> Import Data...

```
>> line_string = importedData{1} % imported data is nx1 cell
```

Name	Value	Class
Querylevelnorm	<15211x1 cell>	cell

or

```
>> fid = fopen('dataset.txt');  
>> data = textscan(fid, '%[^\n]'); % read by lines, data is 1x1 cell  
>> line_string = data{1}{1};
```

Name	Value	Class
data	<1x1 cell>	cell
data in cell	<15211x1 cell>	cell

Example of line in string [1x604 char]

```
>> line_string = 0 qid:10002 1:0.007477 2:0.000000 3:1.000000 4:0.000000 5:0.007470 6:0.000000 7:0.000000 8:0.000000 9
```

Process Data Set (i)

Process the original data into a **matrix** containing relevance labels (the first column) and feature vectors. This input matrix (**training data**) will be feed into your regression model.

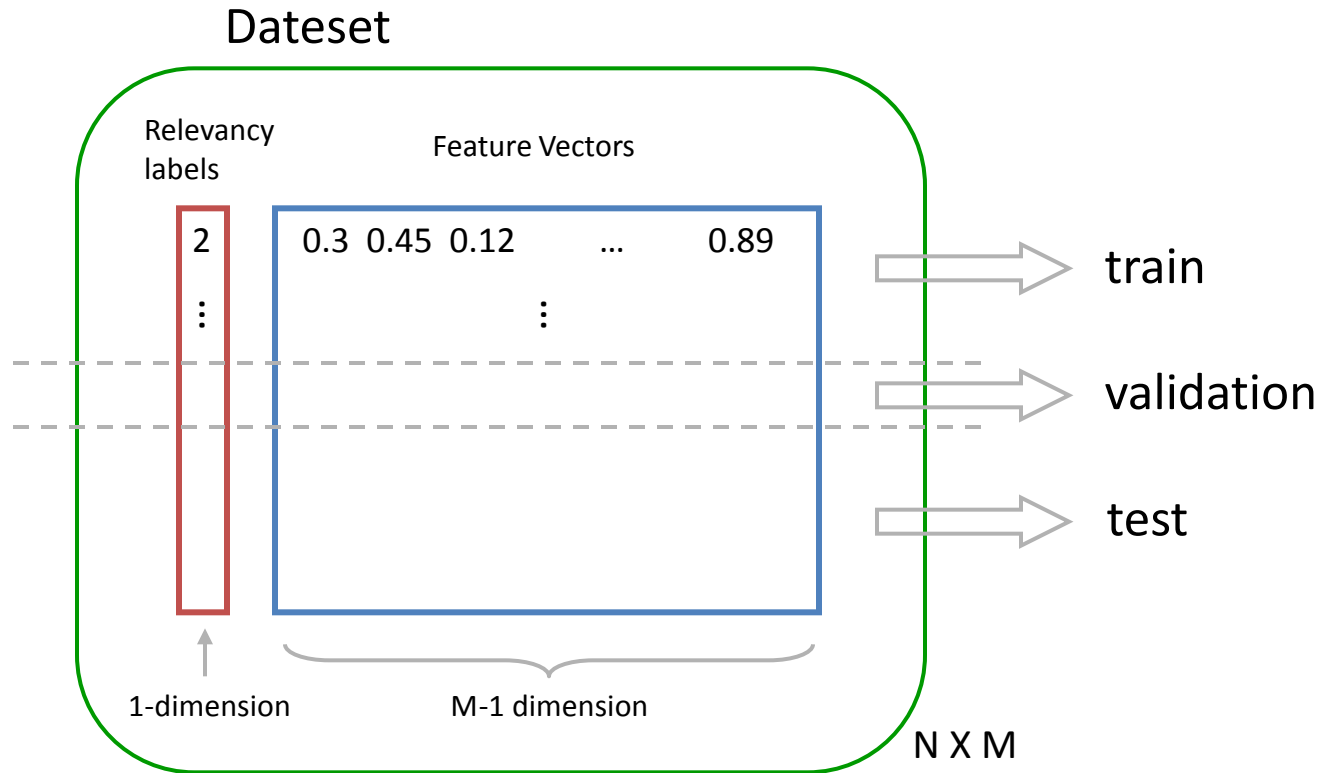
- LETOR 4.0

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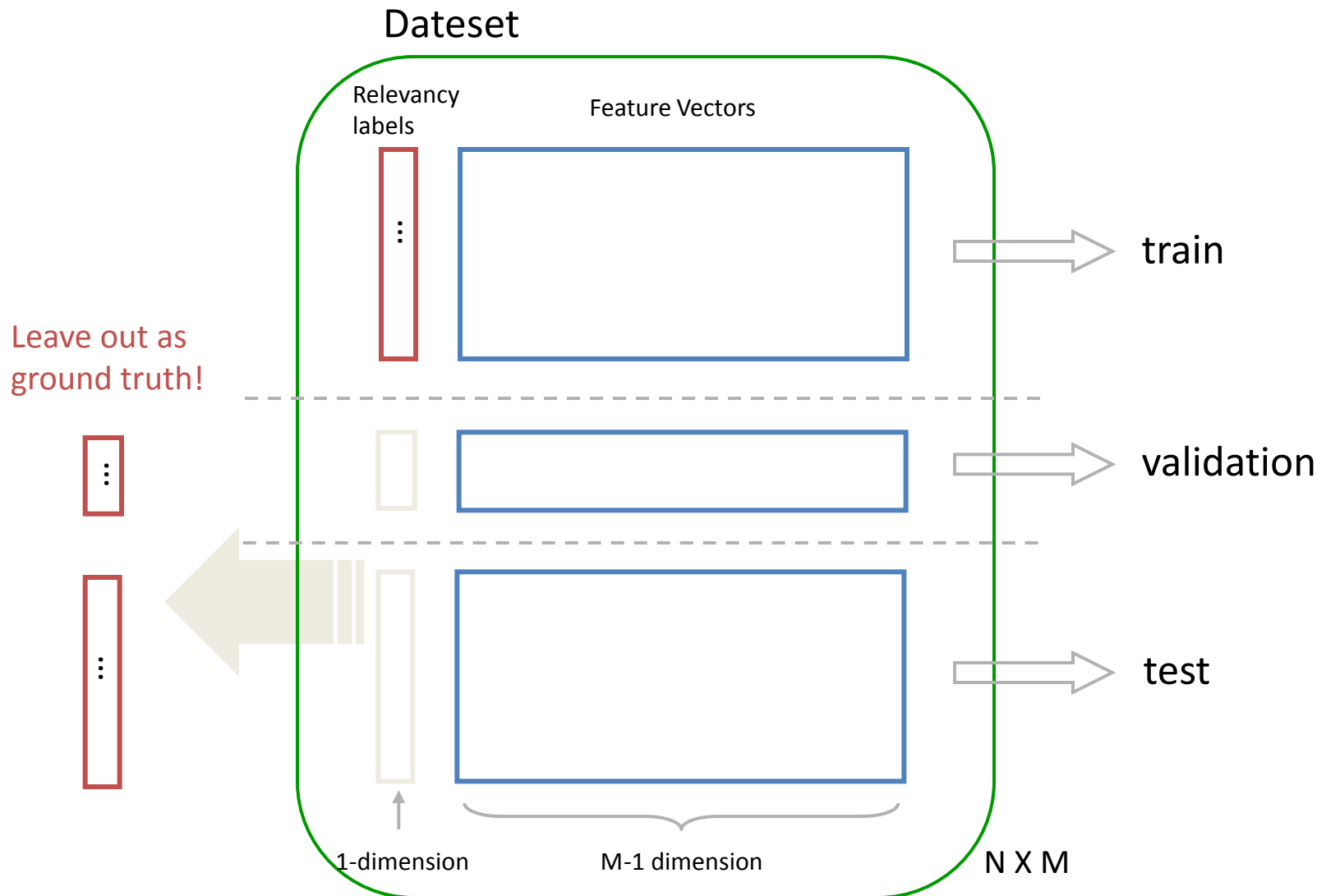
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Process Data Set (ii)

For LETOR 4.0, you need partition the data set into three subsets.



Train/Validation/Test Sets



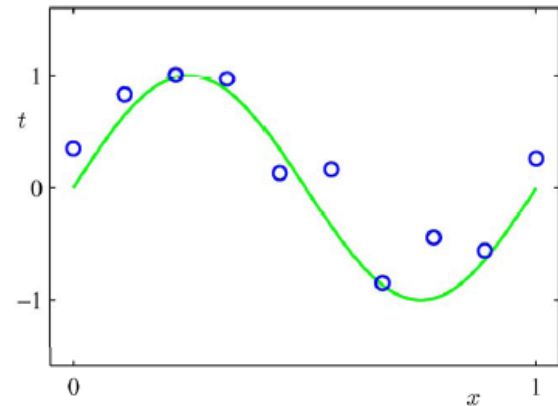
Linear Regression

Problem: We want a general way of obtaining a linear model (model is linear in the parameters) that fitted to observed data.

General set up:

Given a set of training examples (\mathbf{x}_n, t_n) , $n=1, \dots, N$

Goal: learn a function $y(x)$ to minimize some loss function (error function): $E(y, t)$



Linear Basis function Model:

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(x) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w}$$

- Typically, $\phi_0(x) = 1$, so that w_0 acts as a bias parameter.
- In the simplest case, we use linear basis functions : $\phi_j(x) = x_j$.

Linear Regression

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_{M-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

a single data

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x_1) & \phi_1(x_1) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(x_1) \\ \phi_0(x_2) & \phi_1(x_2) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x_N) & \phi_1(x_N) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

a basis function

N x M design matrix

Estimation:

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \Phi \mathbf{w}$$

Squared Error function:

$$E(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{t}) = (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t})^T (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t})$$

Minimize error:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{t})$$

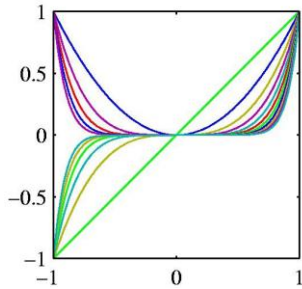
Least squares solution:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E = \Phi^T (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) = 0$$

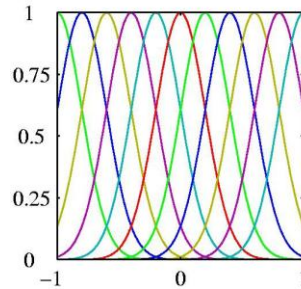
$$\mathbf{w}^* = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

Linear Basis Function Models

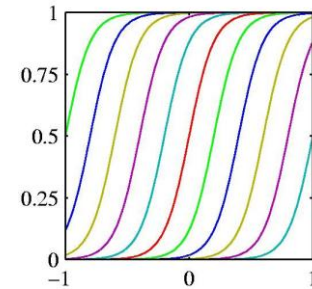
$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w}$$



Polynomial



Gaussian



Sigmoid

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = x^j \quad \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu_j)^2}{2s^2}\right\} \quad \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma\left(\frac{x - \mu_j}{s}\right)$$

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

Linear Regression for Project

Project Goal: To predict the value of one or more continuous **target variables** t given the value of a D -dimensional vector x of input variables.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^D \\ x_2^1 & x_2^2 & & x_2^D \\ & \ddots & & \\ x_n^1 & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^D \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{pmatrix}$$

One dimensional:
 $D = 1$ (already encountered)

$$\text{Find } \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_? \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Regression for Project

Polynomial Basis Function (not required)

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = x^j$$

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^D w_{(i,j)} \phi_j(x_i)$$

Different orders
of polynomial

Sum over
D dimension

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1, x_1^1, x_1^2, \dots, x_1^D, (x_1^1)^2, (x_1^2)^2, \dots, (x_1^D)^2, \dots, (x_1^1)^{M-1}, (x_1^2)^{M-1}, \dots, (x_1^D)^{M-1} \\ \vdots \\ 1, x_N^1, x_N^2, \dots, x_N^D, (x_N^1)^2, (x_N^2)^2, \dots, (x_N^D)^2, \dots, (x_N^1)^{M-1}, (x_N^2)^{M-1}, \dots, (x_N^D)^{M-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

N x ((M-1)xD + 1) matrix

w: (M-1)xD+1 dimension weight vector

Linear Regression for Project

Gaussian Basis Function

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu_j)^2}{2s^2}\right\}$$

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \sum_{i=1}^D w_{(i,j)} \phi_j(x_i)$$

Different Gaussian
parameter settings

Sum over
D dimension

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1, \phi_1(x_1^1), \phi_1(x_1^2), \dots, \phi_1(x_1^D), \phi_2(x_1^1), \phi_2(x_1^2), \dots, \phi_2(x_1^D), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(x_1^1), \phi_{M-1}(x_1^2), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(x_1^D) \\ \vdots \\ 1, \phi_1(x_N^1), \phi_1(x_N^2), \dots, \phi_1(x_N^D), \phi_2(x_N^1), \phi_2(x_N^2), \dots, \phi_2(x_N^D), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(x_N^1), \phi_{M-1}(x_N^2), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(x_N^D) \end{pmatrix}$$

N x ((M-1)xD + 1) matrix

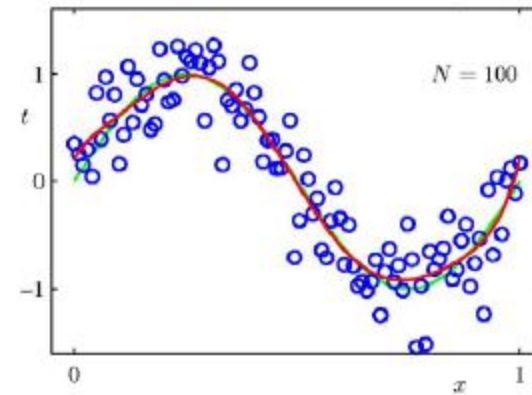
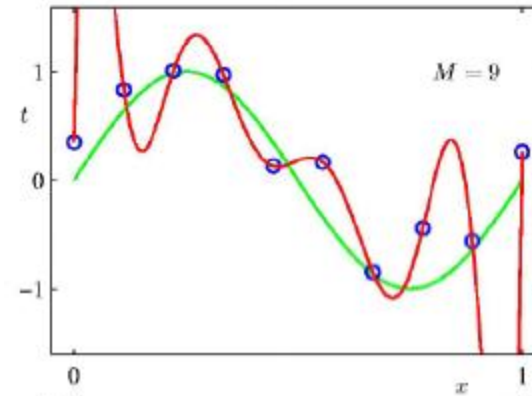
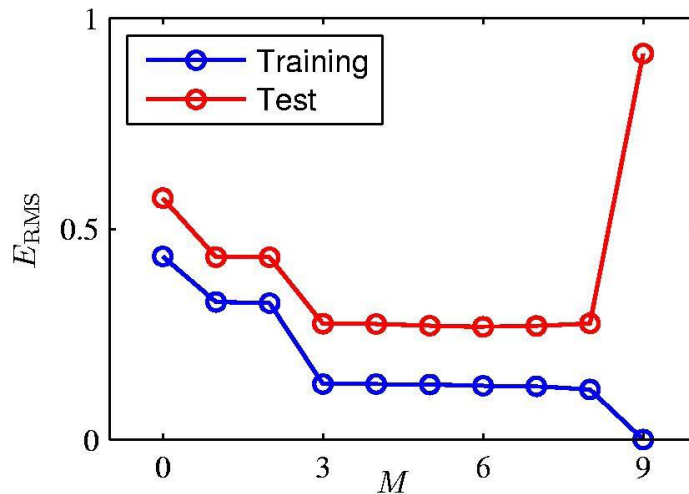
w: (M-1)xD+1 dimension weight vector

Sigmoid basis function: similar to Gaussian

Overfitting Issue

What can we do to curb overfitting?

- Use less complex model
- Use more training examples
- Regularization



Regularized Least Square

Add regularization term to error function to control over-fitting:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = E_D(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda E_W(\mathbf{w})$$

Data dependent term

Regularization term

Squared Error function:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t})^T (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

encourage small weight values!

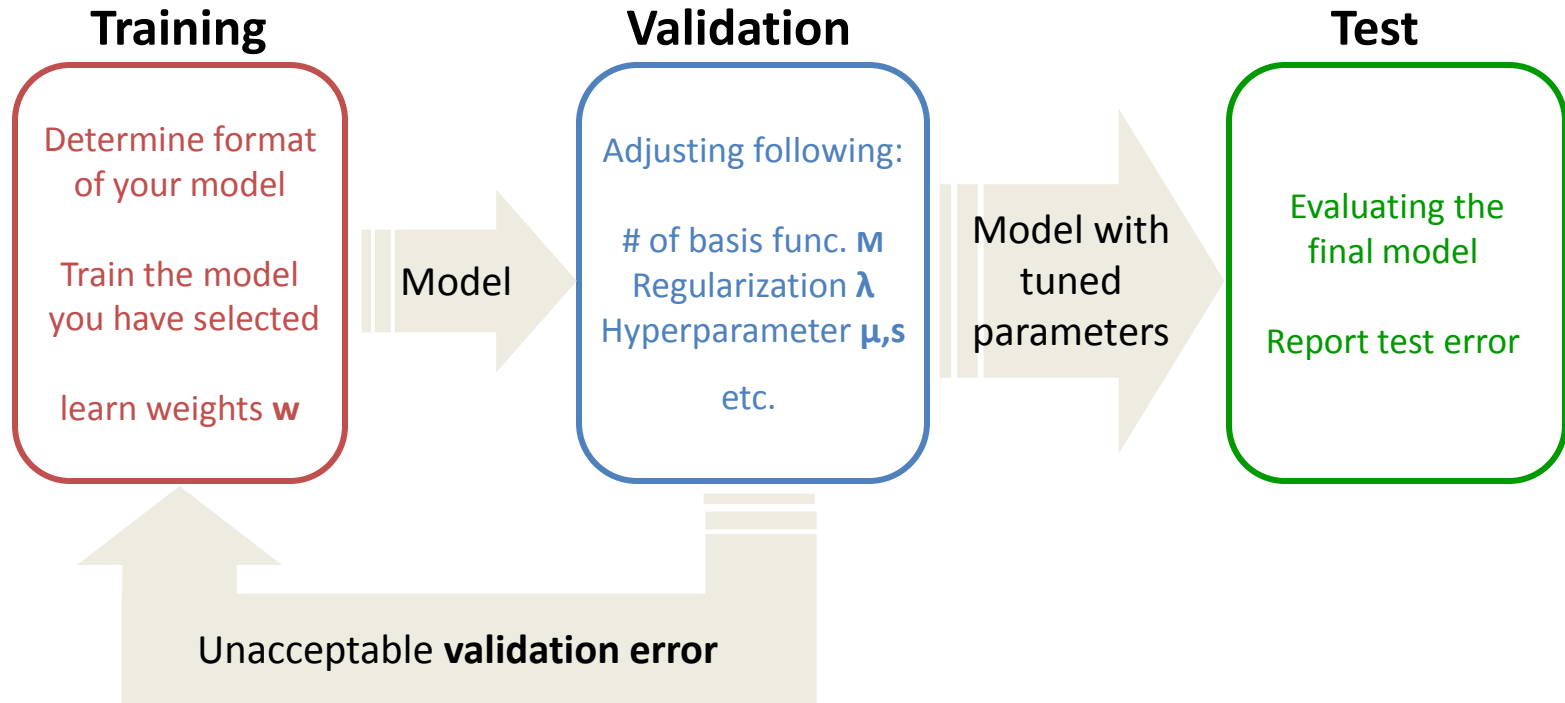
Minimize error:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathbf{w})$$

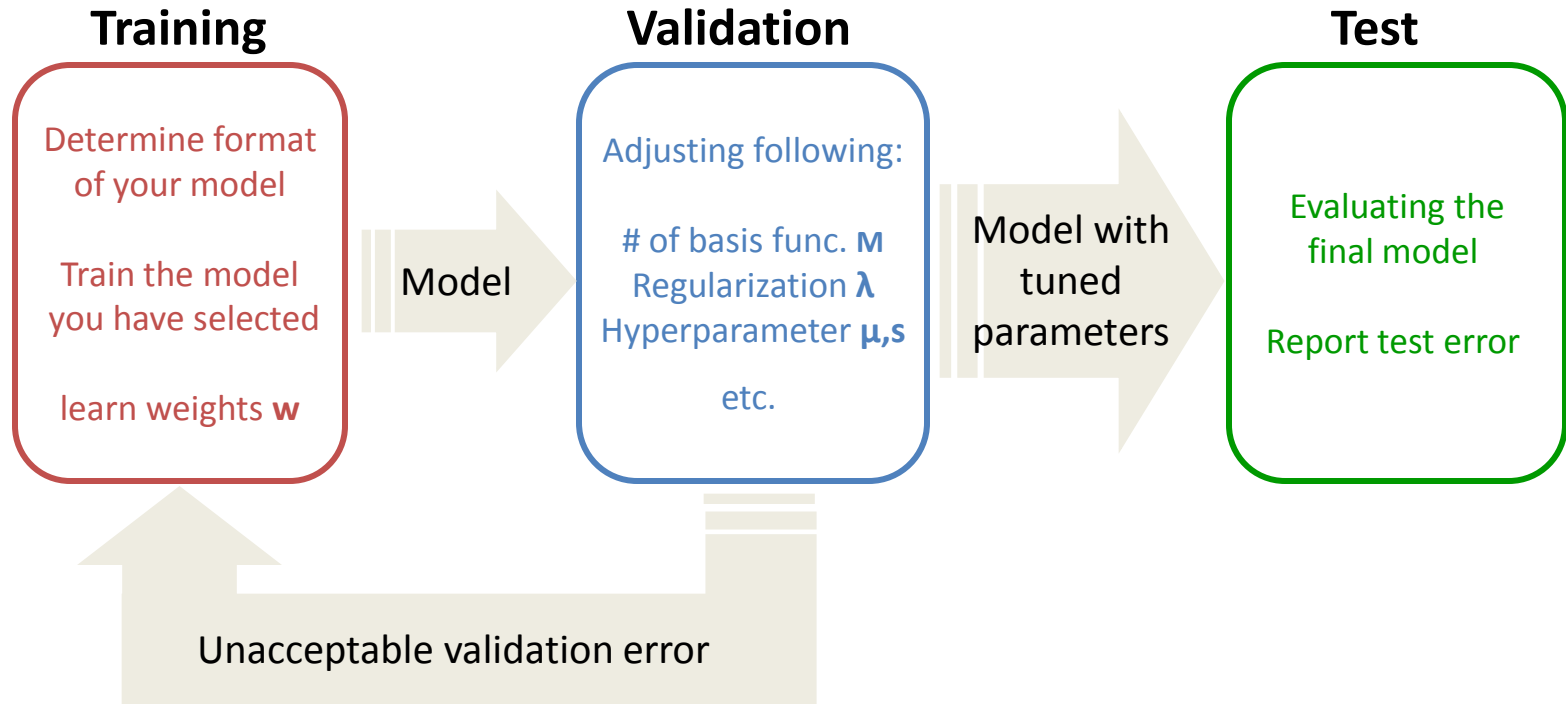
Regularized Least squares solution:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E = \Phi^T (\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) + \lambda \mathbf{w} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{w}^* = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

Experimental Phases



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Optimal solution?

Model complexity?

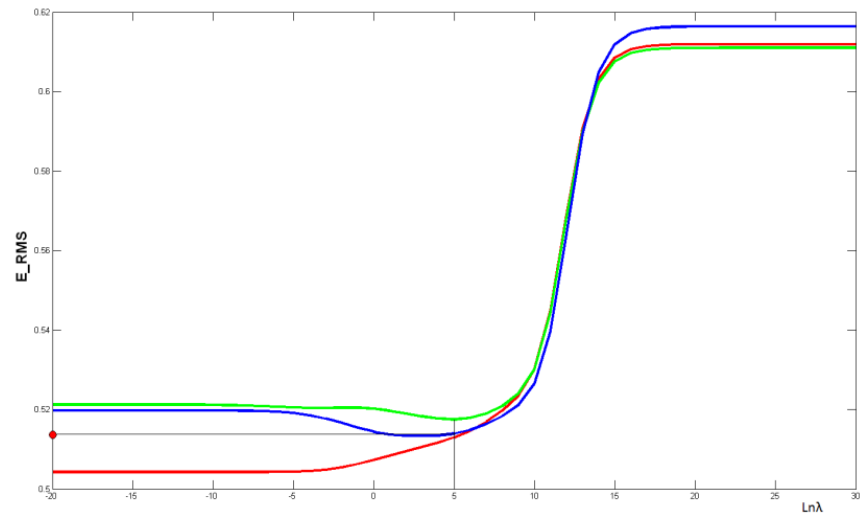
Evaluation Metrics

Express results as Root Mean Square Error: E_{RMS}

$$E_{RMS}(\mathbf{w}) = \sqrt{\frac{2E_D(\mathbf{w})}{N}}$$

N: number of data in data set

$E_D(\mathbf{w})$: sum of square error function
(data-dependent error)



Project Report

- Explain the problem and how you choose your model.
- Elaborate your validating process.
 - The intuitive choice of parameters)
There are no limitation on setting parameters and there could be infinity choices.
You can define some range or choose some specific values.
 - Description of how you went about avoiding overfitting.
- Generate graphs showing how error changes with the adjusting of parameters.
- Report final result and evaluating model performance.