### EECS 545: Machine Learning

### Lecture 3. Linear Regression (part 2)

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#### **Announcements**

HW1 due: 1/28 (Tue) 11:55pm

One more review session: Probability

Office hours (Jan 20 - ):
 Tue, 3:00-5:00pm, BBB2901
 Wed, 6:00-8:00pm, BBB3941
 Thu, 2:00-4:00pm, BBB2901

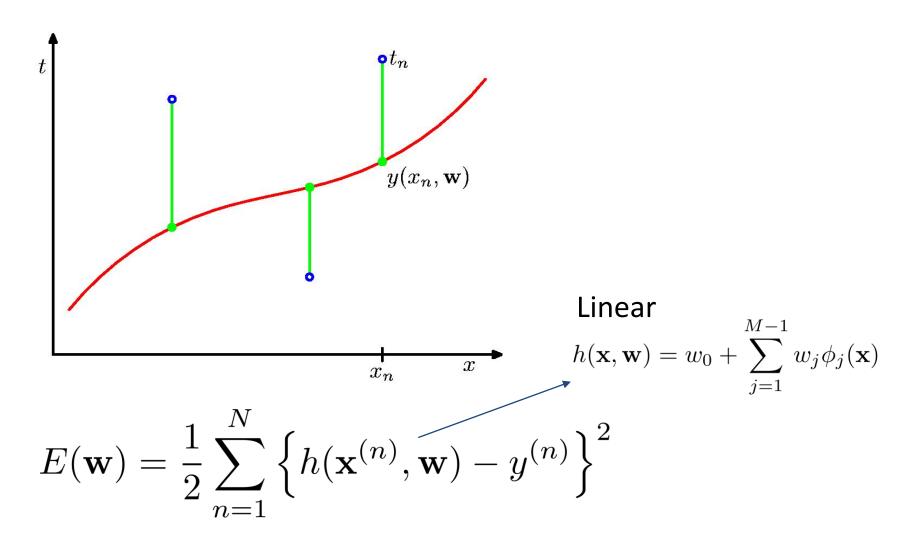
Office hours today:
 Fri(Jan 17), 6:30-8:30pm, BBB1637

#### Outline

- Linear regression review
- Regularized linear regression
- Review on probability
- Maximum likelihood interpretation of linear regression

Locally-weighted linear regression

### Regression, sum of square error



We want to find w that minimizes  $E(\mathbf{w})$  over the training data.

### Least squares problem

Objective function

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)} \right)^2$$

M: dimension of feature, N: number of data  $\phi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$ : j-th feature of data

- Two ways to find w that minimizes E(w)
  - 1. Gradient descent
  - 2. Closed-form solution

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#### 1. Gradient Descent

$$\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_j} = \sum_{n=1}^N (\sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)}) \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$$

 $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w})$ 

#### 2. Closed-form solution

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}$$

**w**: M by 1 
$$\mathbf{w} = [w_0, w_1, ..., w_{M-1}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{y} \colon \mathbf{N} \ \mathrm{by} \ \mathbf{1} \quad \ \mathbf{y} = [y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, ..., y^{(N)}]^T$$

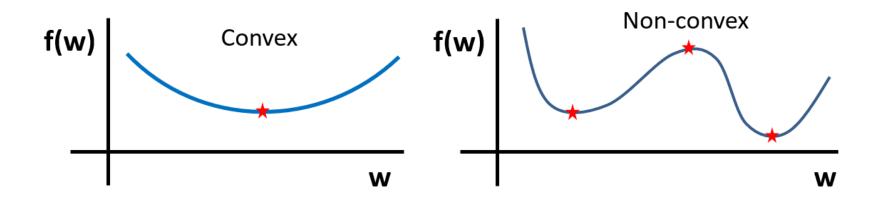
$$\Phi$$
: N by M

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}) \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{x}^{(N)}) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}^{(N)}) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathbf{x}^{(N)}) \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Useful trick: Matrix Calculus

Compute gradient and set gradient to 0
 (condition for optimal solution)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w}) = 0$$



Need to compute the first derivative in matrix form

#### Gradient via matrix calculus

Compute gradient and set to zero

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} \right)$$
$$= \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$
$$= 0$$

Solve the resulting equation (normal equation)

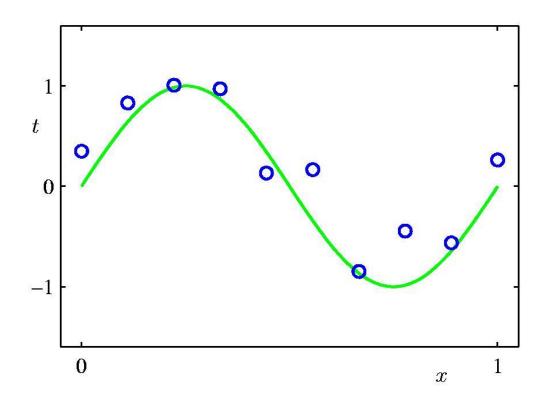
$$\Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} = \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$
$$\mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

This is the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse:  ${f \Phi}^\dagger = ({f \Phi}^T{f \Phi})^{-1}{f \Phi}^T$ 

applied to:  $\Phi \mathbf{w} pprox \mathbf{y}$ 

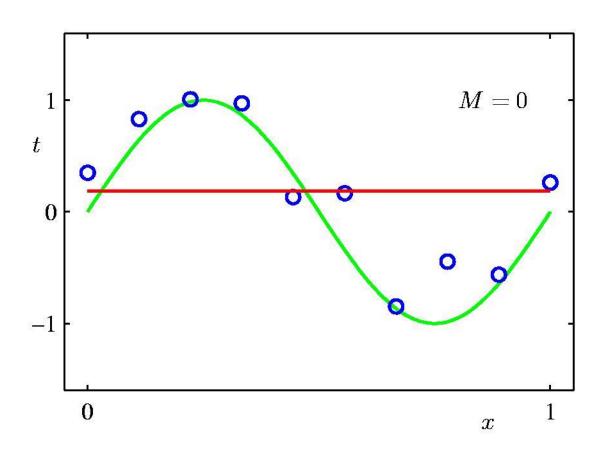
# Back to curve-fitting examples

# Polynomial Curve Fitting

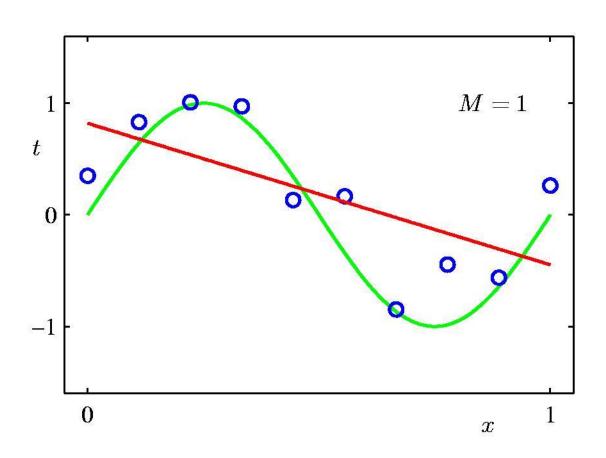


$$h(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \ldots + w_{M-1} x^{M-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j x^j$$

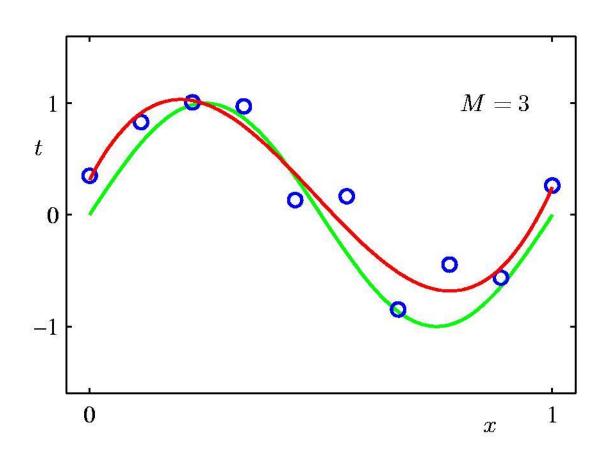
# Oth Order Polynomial



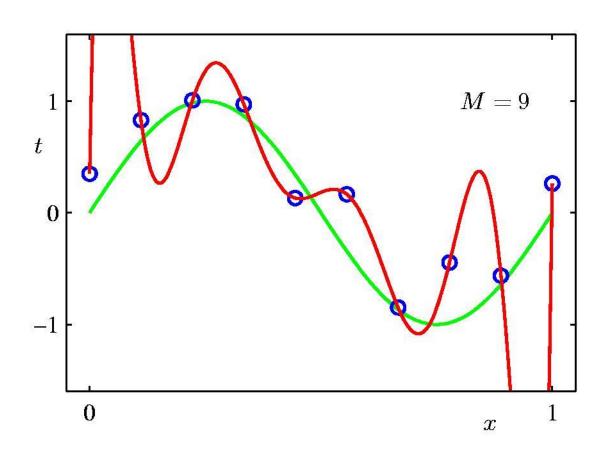
# 1<sup>st</sup> Order Polynomial



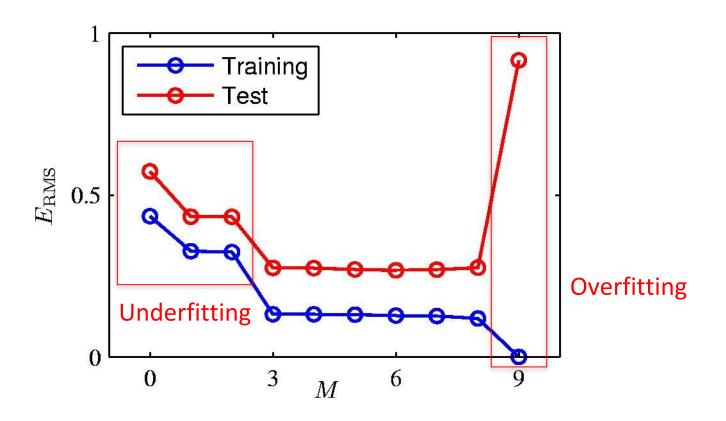
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Polynomial



# 9<sup>th</sup> Order Polynomial



## Over-fitting



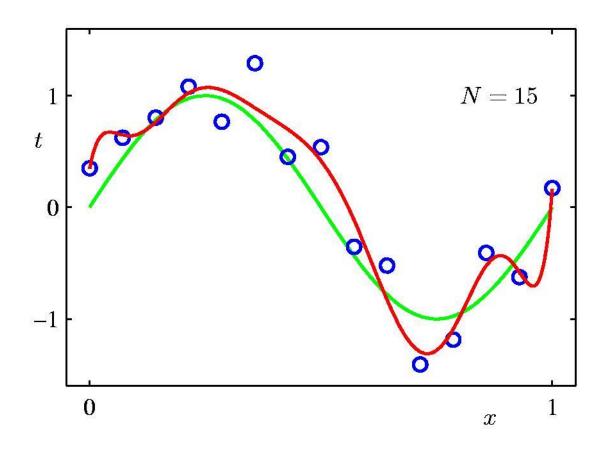
Root-Mean-Square (RMS) Error:  $E_{\rm RMS} = \sqrt{2E(\mathbf{w}^{\star})/N}$ 

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Q: How do we resolve the over-fitting problem?

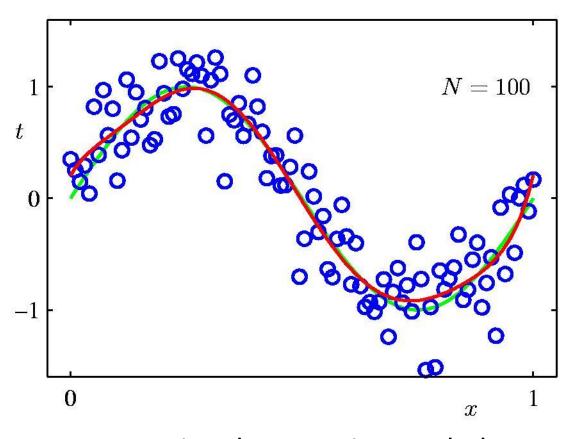
#### Data Set Size: N = 15

#### 9th Order Polynomial



### Data Set Size: N = 100

#### 9th Order Polynomial



Increasing data set size can help

# Q. How do we choose the degree of polynomial?

#### Rule of thumb

- If you have a small number of data, then use low order polynomial (small number of features).
  - Otherwise, your model will overfit

- As you obtain more data, you can gradually increase the order of the polynomial (more features).
  - However, your model is still limited by the finite amount of the data available (i.e., the optimal model for finite data cannot be infinite dimensional polynomial).
- Controlling model complexity: regularization

# Regularized Linear Regression

# Back to Polynomial Coefficients

M = 0	M = 1	M = 3	M = 9	
0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35	
	-1.27	7.99	232.37	
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•	_		Coefficients	are large!
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# Regularized Least Squares (1)

Consider the error function:

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

Data term + Regularization term

 $\lambda$  is called the regularization coefficient.

 With the sum-of-squares error function and a quadratic regularizer, we get

Penalize large coefficient values

$$\widetilde{E}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^{2}$$

New objective function

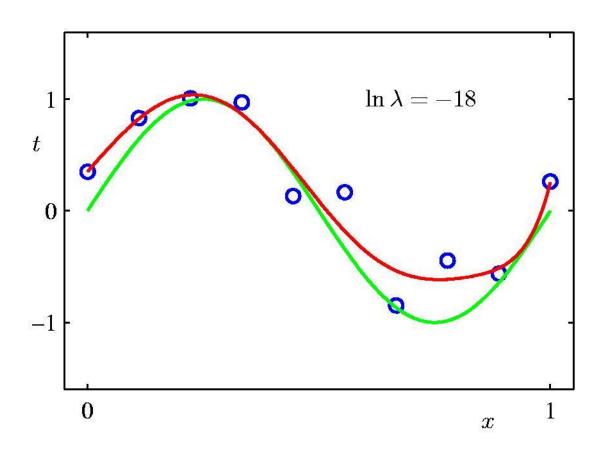
Definition (L2): 
$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j^2$$

Effect of λ

# L2 Regularization: $\ln \lambda = 0$

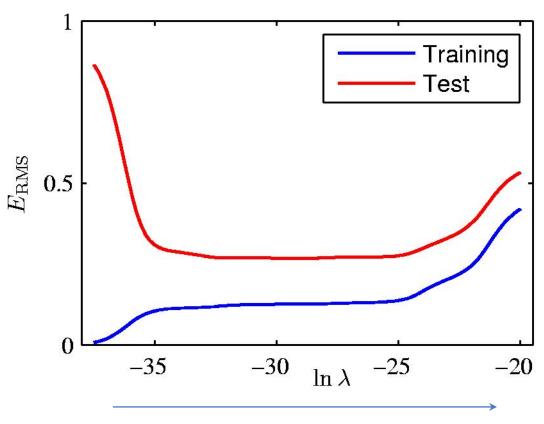
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# L2 Regularization: $\ln \lambda = -18$



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### L2 Regularization: $E_{\rm RMS}$ vs. $\ln \lambda$



$$E_{\rm RMS} = \sqrt{2E(\mathbf{w}^{\star})/N}$$

Larger regualrization

NOTE: For simplicity of presentation, we divided the data into training set and test set. However, it's **not** legitimate to find the optimal hyperparameter based on the test set. We will talk about legitimate ways of doing this when we cover model selection and cross-validation.

# **Polynomial Coefficients**

	$\ln \lambda = -\infty$	$\ln \lambda = -18$	$\ln \lambda = 0$
$w_0^{\star}$	0.35	0.35	0.13
$w_1^{\star}$	232.37	4.74	-0.05
$w_2^{\star}$	-5321.83	-0.77	-0.06
$w_3^{\star}$	48568.31	-31.97	-0.05
$w_4^{\star}$	-231639.30	-3.89	-0.03
$w_5^{\star}$	640042.26	55.28	-0.02
$w_6^{\star}$	-1061800.52	41.32	-0.01
$w_7^\star$	1042400.18	-45.95	-0.00
$w_8^{\star}$	-557682.99	-91.53	0.00
$w_9^{\star}$	125201.43	72.68	0.01

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Closed-form solution:

$$\mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

#### Derivation

Objective function

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Compute gradient and set it zero:

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$$= \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} - \Phi^T \mathbf{y} + \lambda \mathbf{w}$$

$$= (\lambda \mathbf{I} + \Phi^T \Phi) \mathbf{w} - \Phi^T \mathbf{y} \qquad \mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

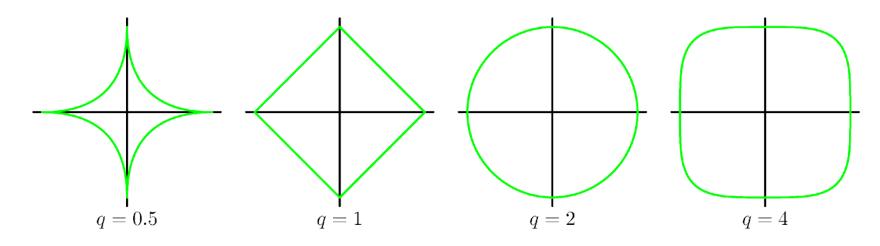
$$= 0 \qquad \text{vs Ordinary Least Square}$$

Therefore, we get:  $\mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\pmb{\lambda}\mathbf{I} + \Phi^T\Phi)^{-1}\Phi^T\mathbf{y}$ 

# Regularized Least Squares (2)

With a more general regularizer, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{M} |w_{j}|^{q}$$

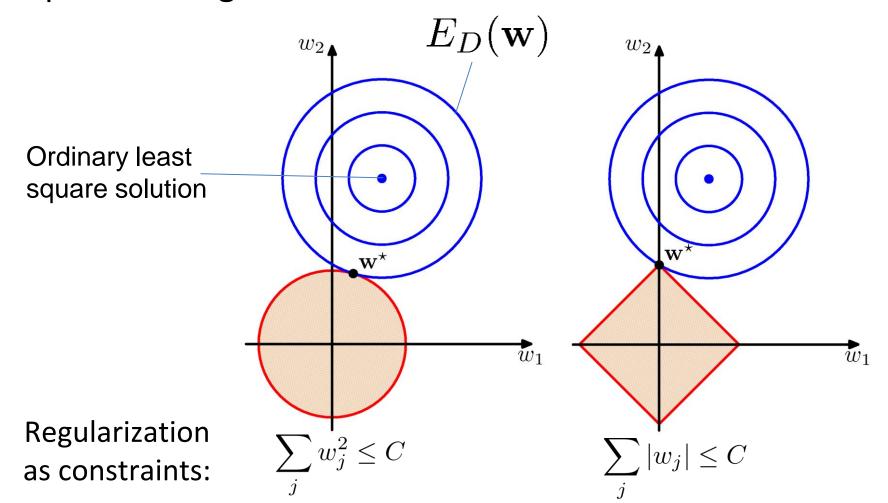


Lasso "L1 regularization" "L2 regularization"

Quadratic

# Regularized Least Squares (3)

 Lasso tends to generate sparser solutions than a quadratic regularizer.



### Summary: Regularized Linear Regression

- Simple modification of linear regression
- Regularization controls the tradeoff between "fitting error" and "complexity"
  - Small regularization results in complex models (but with risk of overfitting)
  - Large regularization results in simple models (but with risk of underfitting)
- It is important to find an optimal regularization that balances between the two.

# Maximum Likelihood interpretation of least squares regression

# Review on probability

## Probability: Terminology

- Experiment: Procedure that yields an outcome
  - E.g., Tossing a coin three times:
    - Outcome: HHH in one trial, HTH in another trial, etc.
- Sample space: Set of all possible outcomes in the experiment, denoted as  $\Omega$  (or S)
  - E.g., for the above example:
    - $\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$
- Event: subset of the sample space  $\Omega$  (i.e., an event is a set consisting of individual outcomes)
  - Event space: Collection of all events, called  $\mathcal{F}$  (aka  $\sigma$ -algebra)
  - E.g., Event that # of heads is an even number.
    - E = {HHT, HTH, THH, TTT}
- Probability measure: function (mapping) from events to probability levels. I.e.,  $P: \mathcal{F} \to [0,1]$  (see next slide)
  - Probability that # of heads is an even number: 4/8 = 1/2.
- Probability space:  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

# Law of Total Probability

- $P(A) \ge 0, \forall A \in \mathcal{F}$
- $P(\Omega) = 1$
- Law of total probability

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^{C})$$

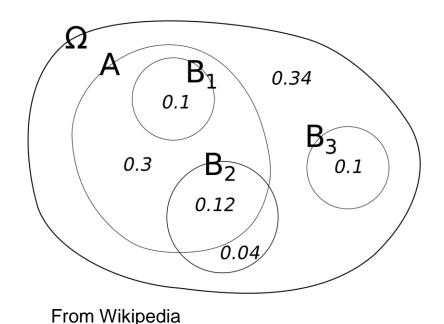
$$P(A) = \sum_{i} P(A \cap B_i)$$
 Discrete  $B_i$ 

$$P(A) = \int P(A \cap B_i) dB_i \quad \text{Continuous } B_i$$

#### **Conditional Probability**

For events  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$  with P(B) > 0, we may write the conditional probability of **A** given **B**:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$



$$P(A|B_1)=1$$

$$P(A|B_2) = 0.12 \div (0.12 + 0.04) = 0.75$$

$$P(A|B_3) = 0$$
 (disjoint)

P(A) (The unconditional probability)

$$= 0.30 + 0.10 + 0.12 = 0.52$$

#### Bayes' Rule

Using the chain rule we may see:

$$P(A|B)P(B) = P(A \cap B) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

Rearranging this yields Bayes' rule:

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

Often this is written as:

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_i P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}$$

Where  $B_i$  are a partition of  $\Omega$  (note the bottom is just the law of total probability).

#### Likelihood Functions

• Why is Bayes' so useful in learning? Allows us to compute the posterior of w given data D:

$$p(w|D) = \frac{p(D|w)p(w)}{p(D)}$$
Posterior

$$p(\mathbf{w}|D) \propto p(D|\mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w})$$

• The likelihood function, p(D|w), is evaluated for observed data D as a function of w. It expresses how probable the observed data set is for various parameter settings w.

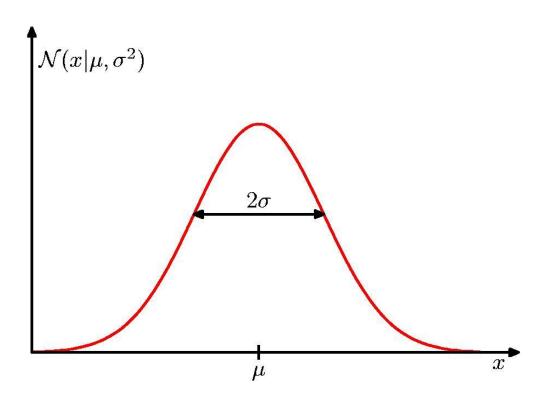
#### Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

- Maximum likelihood:
  - choose parameter setting w that maximizes likelihood function p(D|w).
  - Choose the value of w that maximizes the probability of observed data.

- Cf. MAP (Maximum a posteriori) estimation
  - Equivalent to maximizing  $P(w|D) \propto P(D|w)P(w)$
  - Can compute this using Bayes rule!
  - This will be covered in later lectures

#### The Gaussian Distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right\}$$



$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu,\sigma^2) > 0$$

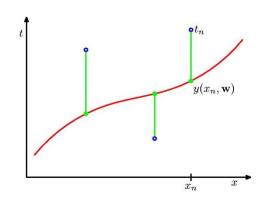
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}\left(x|\mu,\sigma^2\right) \, \mathrm{d}x = 1$$

# Maximum Likelihood interpretation of least squares regression

#### MLE for Linear Regression

Assume a stochastic model:

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$$y^{(n)} = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) + \epsilon \ \text{where } \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^{-1})$$



This gives a likelihood function:

$$p(y^{(n)}|\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(y^{(n)}|\mathbf{w}^T\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \beta^{-1})$$

• With input matrix  $\Phi$  and output matrix y, the data likelihood is:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(y^{(n)}|\mathbf{w}^{T}\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \beta^{-1})$$

#### Log-likelihood

Given data likelihood (prev. slide)

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(y^{(n)}|\mathbf{w}^{T}\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \beta^{-1})$$

Log likelihood:

$$\log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = N \log \beta - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \beta E_D(\mathbf{w})$$

Where 
$$E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^2$$

Derivation?

#### Derivation of log-likelihood of p

From 
$$p(y^{(n)}|\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(y^{(n)}|\mathbf{w}^T\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \beta^{-1})$$
  
$$= \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{\beta}{2}||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2)$$

$$\begin{split} \text{Derive:} & \quad \log p(y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, ..., y^{(N)} | \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ & \quad = \log \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y^{(n)} | \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), \boldsymbol{\beta}^{-1}) \\ & \quad = \sum_{n=1}^N \log \left( \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{\beta}{2} ||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2) \right) \\ & \quad = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \log \beta - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{\beta}{2} ||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2 \right) \\ & \quad = N \log \beta - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\beta}{2} ||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2 \end{split}$$

#### Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

- Let's maximize the log-likelihood!
- Set the gradient of log-likelihood = 0 (Why?)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \left( N \log \beta - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\beta}{2} ||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2 \right)$$

$$N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\beta}{2} ||y^{(n)} - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})||^2$$

$$= \beta \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y^{(n)} - \underline{\mathbf{w}}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})) \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$$
Scalar

$$= \beta \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N} y^{(n)} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})^T \mathbf{w} \right) = 0$$

• In matrix form,  $\beta(\Phi^T\mathbf{y} - \Phi^T\Phi\mathbf{w}) = 0$ 

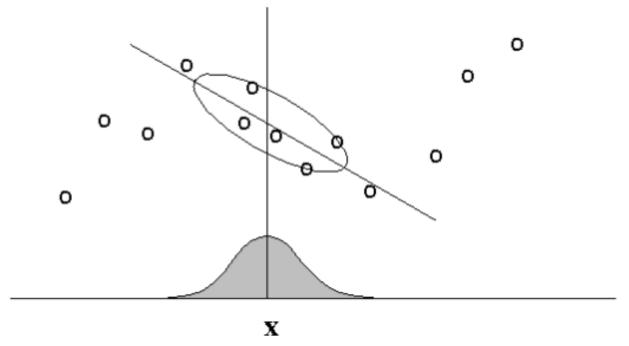
$$\mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

MLE solution is equivalent to OLS solution!

### Locally-weighted Linear Regression

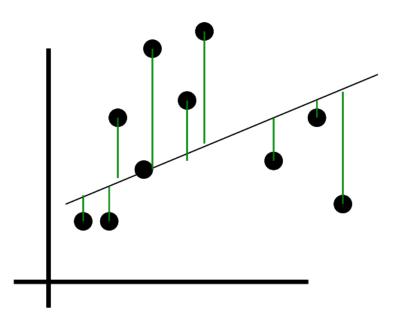
#### Locally weighted linear regression

 Main idea: When predicting f(x), give high weights for "neighbors" of x.



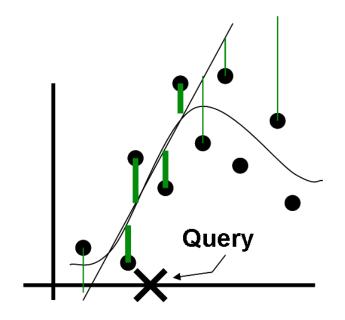
In locally weighted regression, points are weighted by proximity to the current x in question using a kernel. A regression is then computed using the weighted points.

## Regular linear regression vs. locally weighted linear regression



Regular linear regression

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^{2}$$



Locally weighted linear regression

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} r^{(n)} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^{2}$$

### Linear regression vs. Locally-weighted **Linear Regression**

- A new observation x, training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}_{n=1}^{N}$
- Linear regression

- 1. Fit **w** to minimize 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) - y^{(n)})^{2}$$

- 2. Predict:  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})$
- Locally-weighted linear regression
  - 1. Fit **w** to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} r^{(n)} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) y^{(n)})^{2}$  For every x
  - 2. Predict:  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})$

## Linear regression vs. Locally-weighted Linear Regression

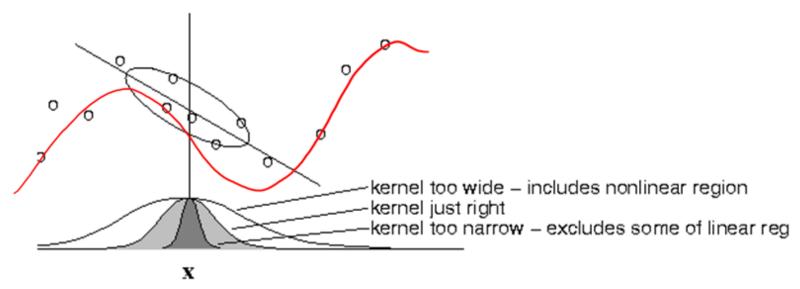
- Locally-weighted linear regression
  - 1. Fit **w** to minimize  $\sum_{n=1}^{N} r^{(n)} (\mathbf{w}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) y^{(n)})^{2}$
  - 2. Predict:  $\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})$
- Remarks:

"Gaussian Kernel"  $\tau$ : "kernel width"

- Standard choice:  $r^{(n)} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\phi(\mathbf{X}^{(n)}) \phi(\mathbf{x})\|^2}{2\tau^2}\right)$
- Note that  $r^{(n)}$  depends on x (query point), and you solve linear regression for each query point x.
- The problem can be formulated as a modified version of least squares problem (HW#1)

#### Locally weighted linear regression

- Choice of kernel width  $\tau$  matters
  - Requires hyper-parameter tuning



The estimator is minimized when kernel includes as many training points as can be accommodated by the model. Too large a kernel includes points that degrade the fit; too small a kernel neglects points that increase confidence in the fit.