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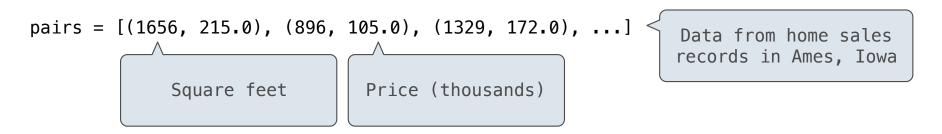
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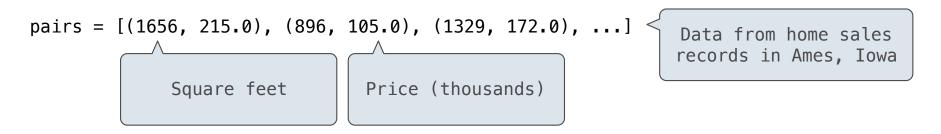
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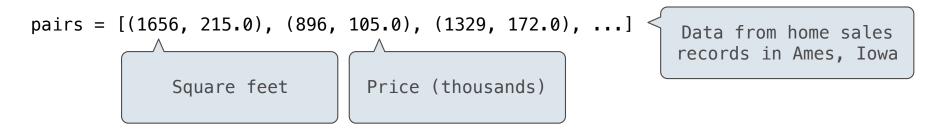


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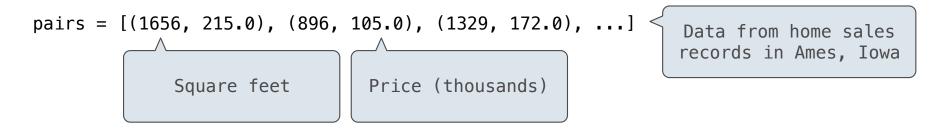
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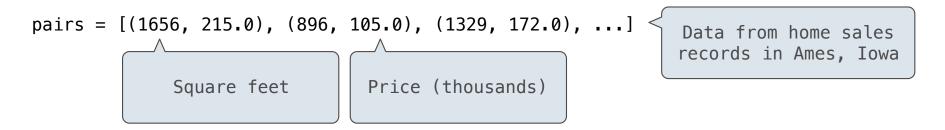
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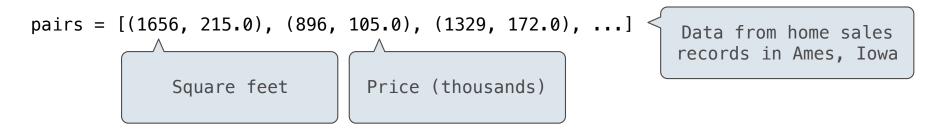


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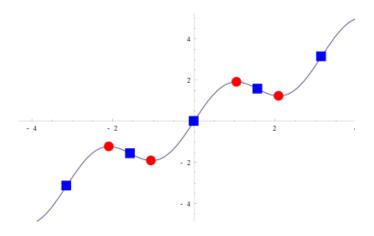
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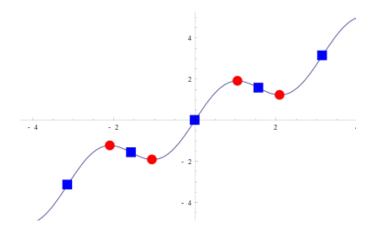
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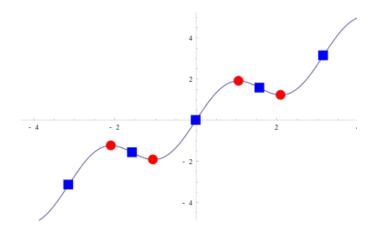


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Note: Root mean squared error can be optimized through linear algebra alone, but numerical optimization works for a much larger class of related error measures