Linear Regression & Gradient Descent

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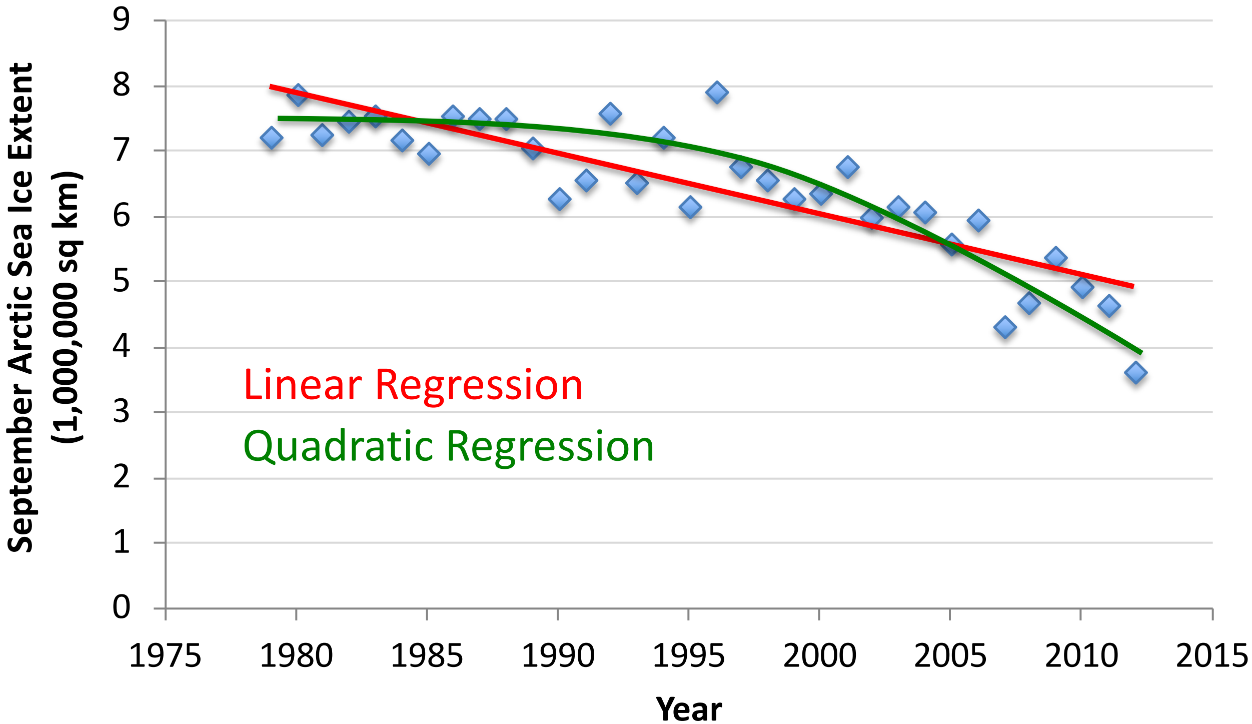
Regression

Given:

- Data $\boldsymbol{X} = \left\{\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}^{(n)}\right\}$ where $\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Corresponding labels $\boldsymbol{y} = \left\{y^{(1)}, \ldots, y^{(n)}\right\}$ where $y^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$



Data from G. Witt. Journal of Statistics Education, Volume 21, Number 1 (2013)

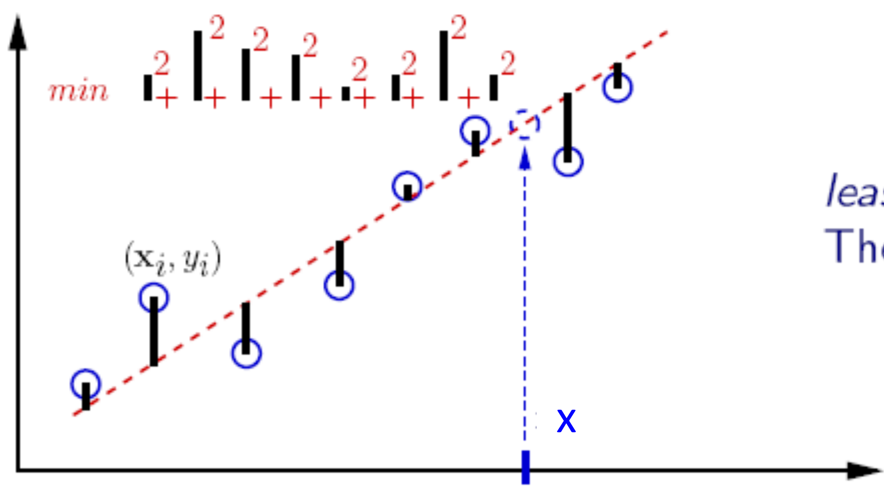
Linear Regression

- Hypothesis:

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \ldots + \theta_d x_d = \sum_{j=0}^{d} \theta_j x_j$$

Assume $x_0 = 1$

- Fit model by minimizing sum of squared errors



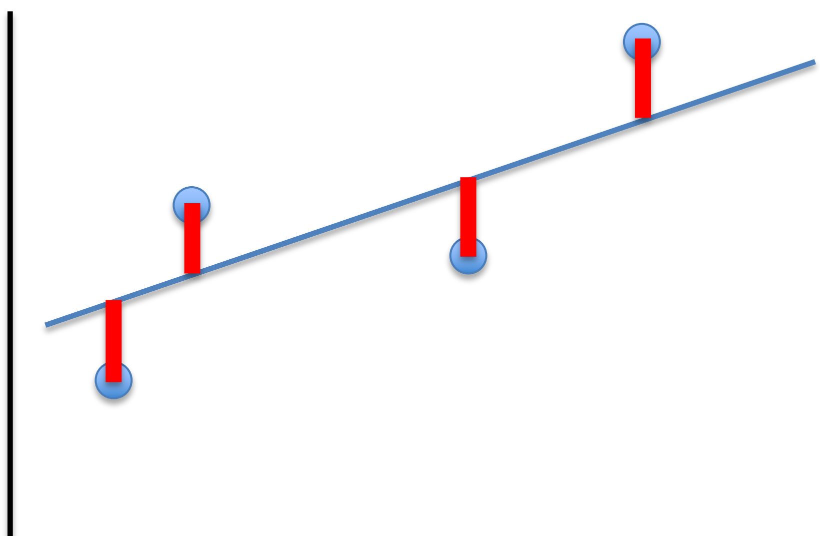
least squares (LSQ)
The fitted line is used as a predictor

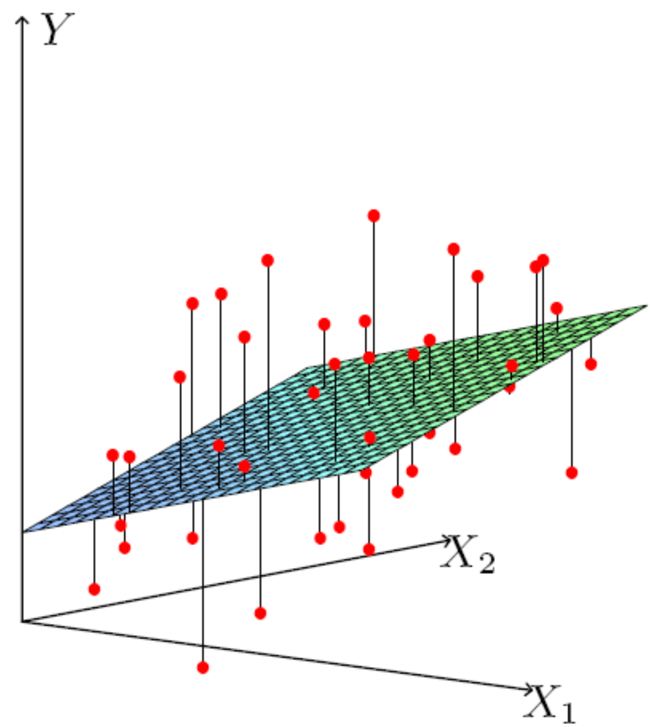
Least Squares Linear Regression

- Cost Function

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} \right) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

- Fit by solving $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$





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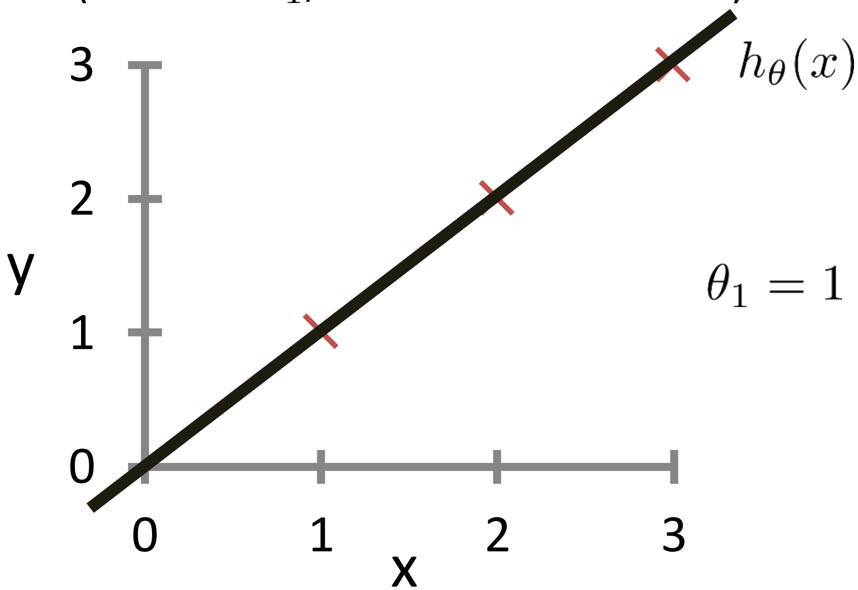

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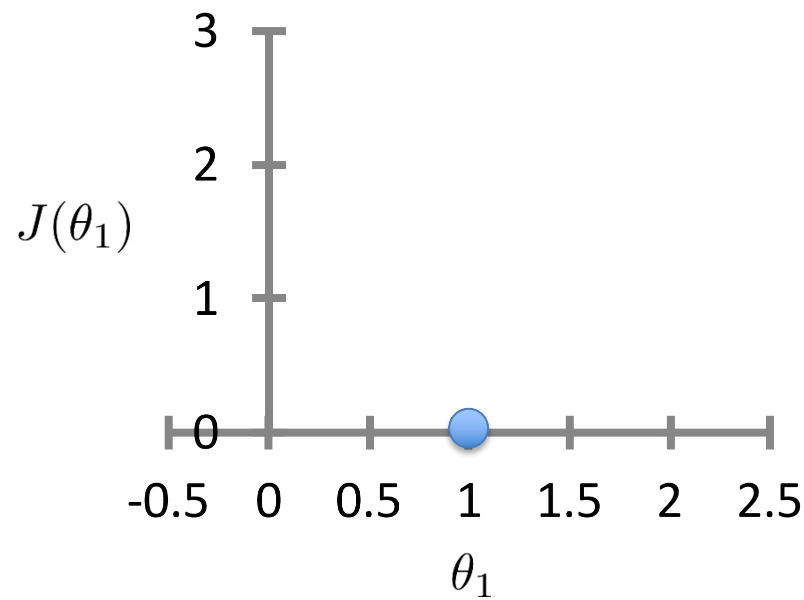

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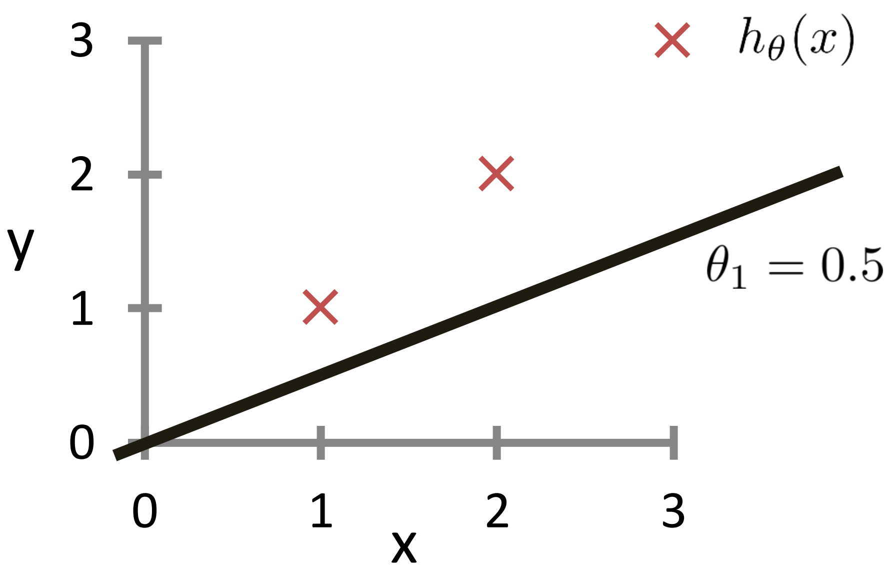

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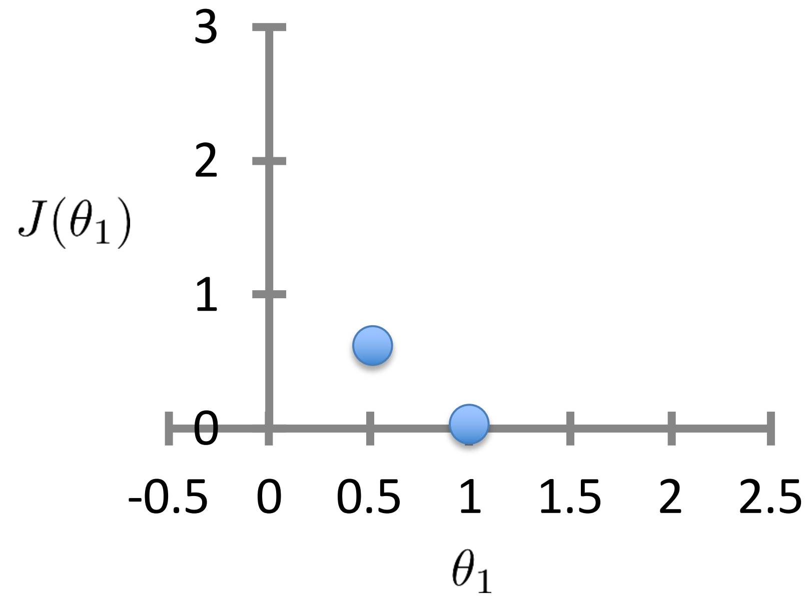

$$J([0, 0.5]) = \frac{1}{2 \times 3} \left[(0.5 - 1)^2 + (1 - 2)^2 + (1.5 - 3)^2 \right] \approx 0.58$$

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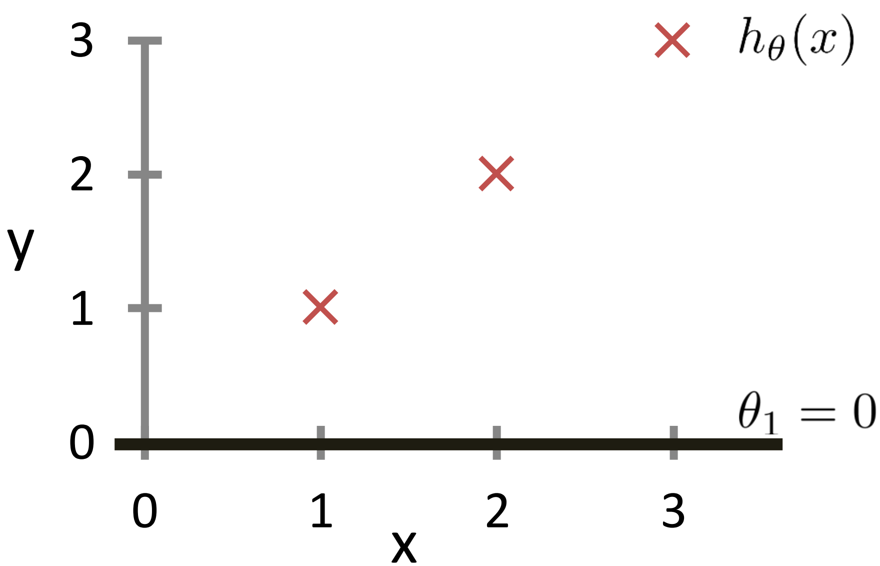

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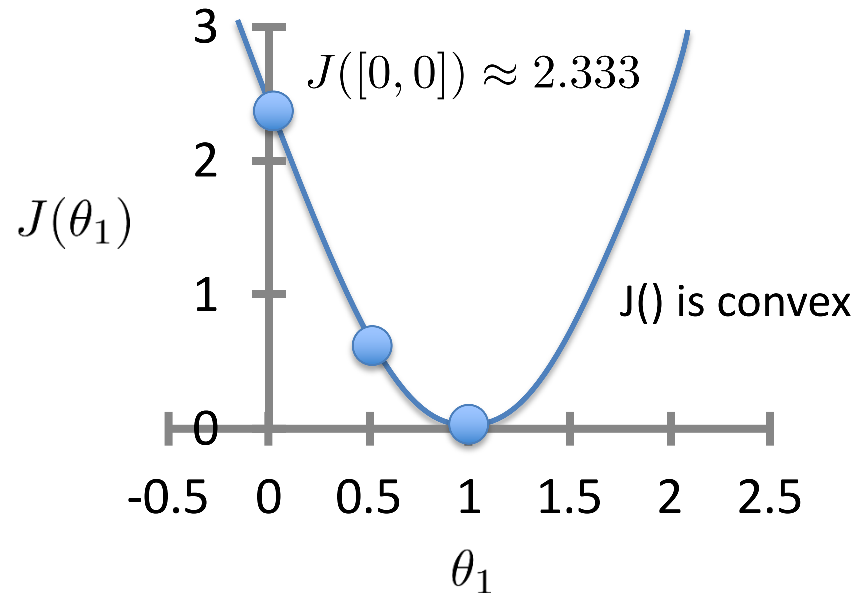

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A function of a single variable J() is convex if it is **twice differentiable** and its **second derivative is always nonnegative**.

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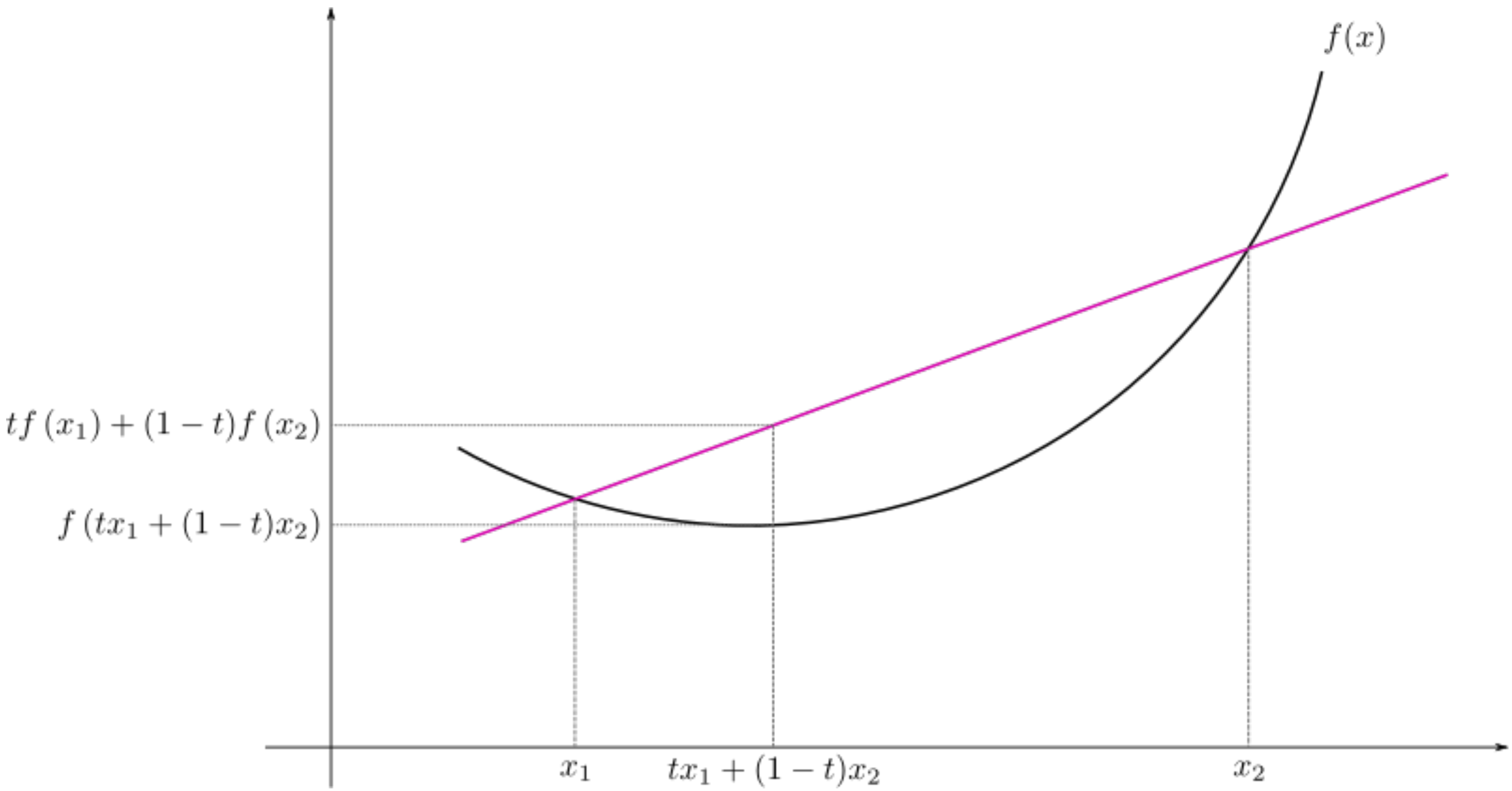

Jensen's Inequality

$$f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tf(x_1) + (1-t)f(x_2)$$

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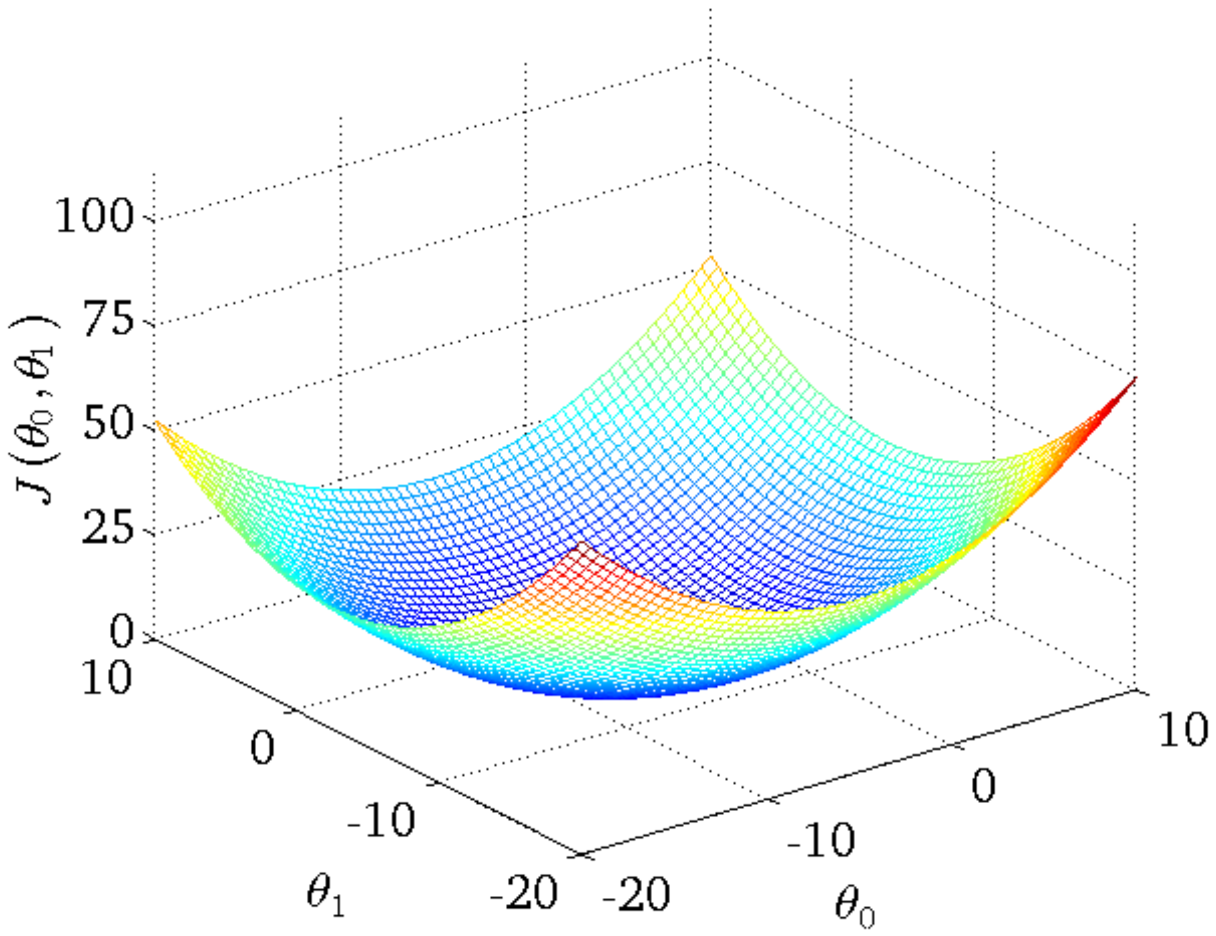

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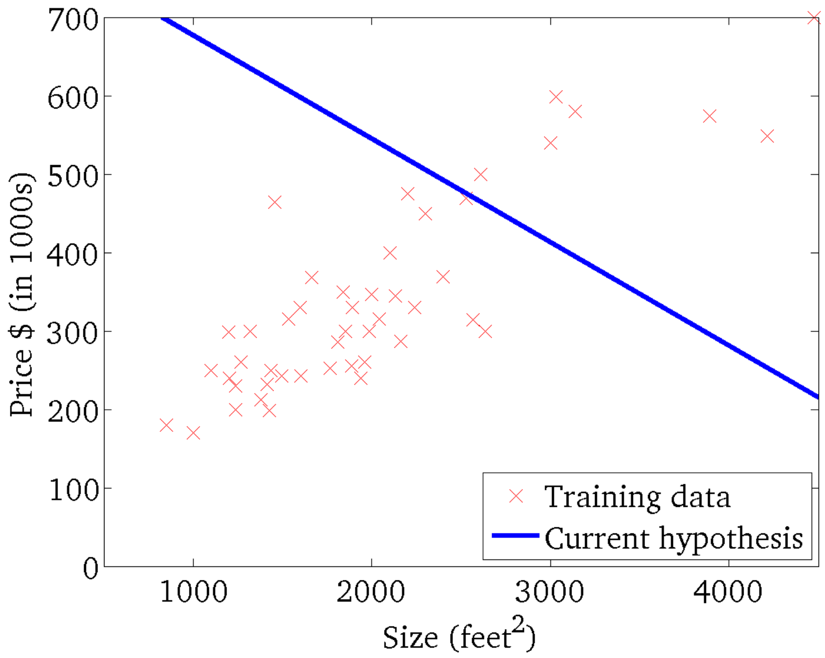

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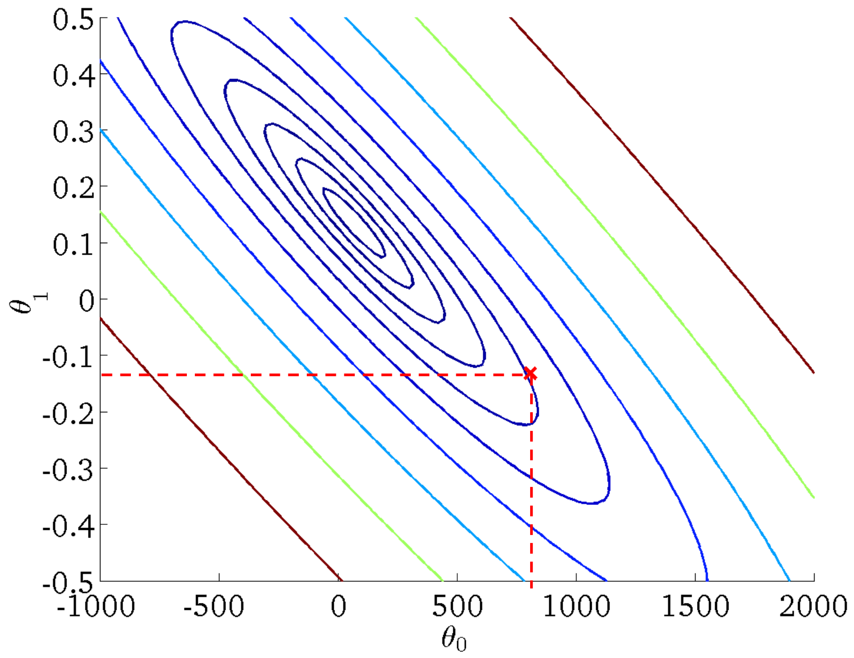

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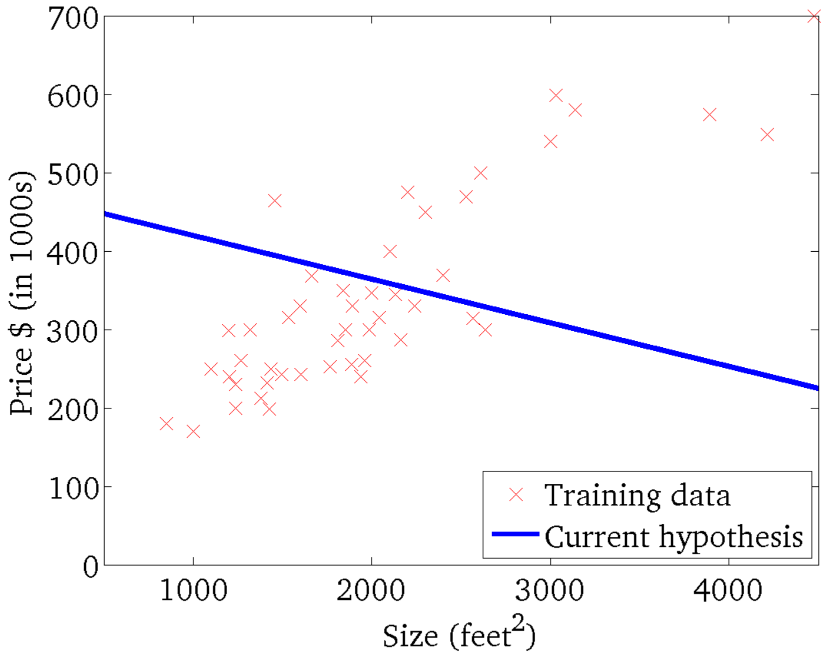

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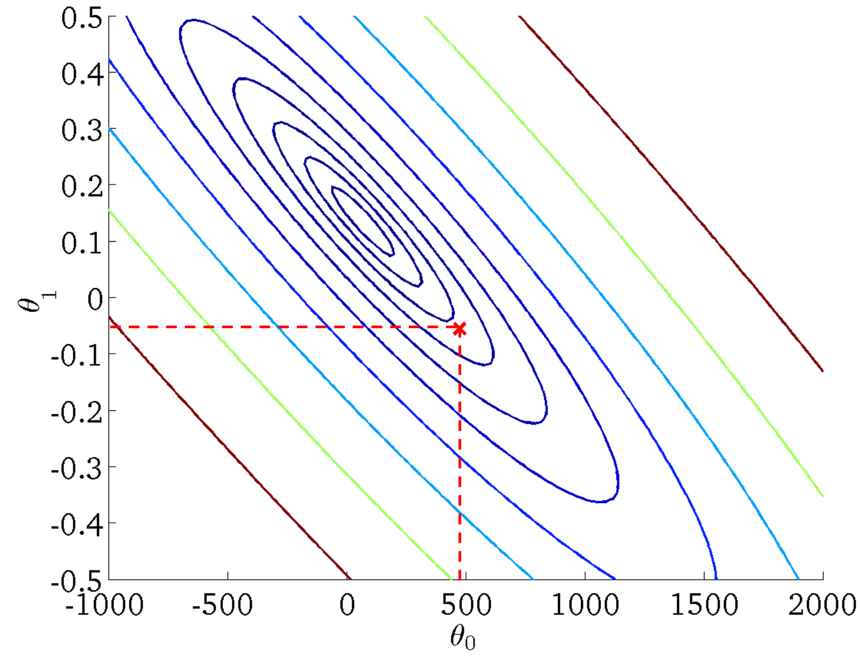

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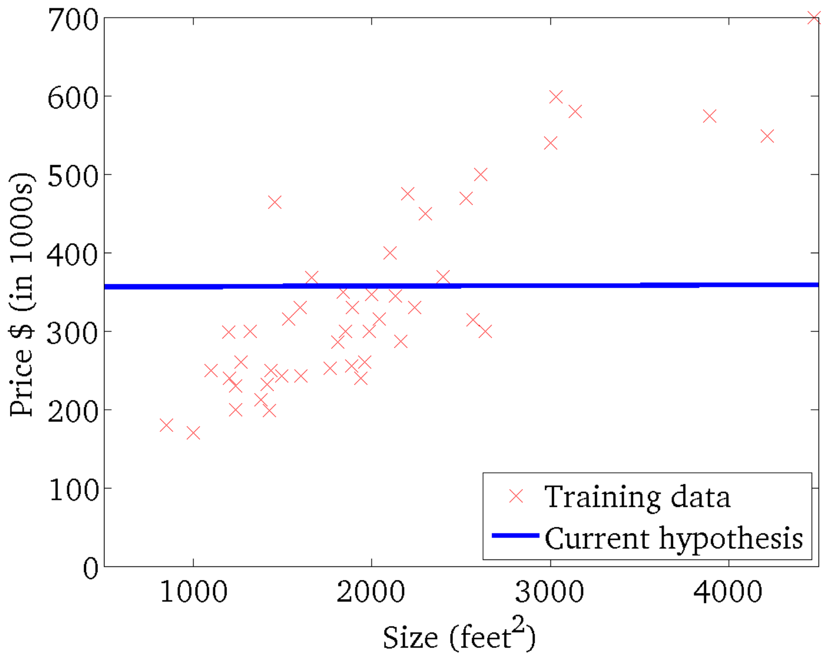

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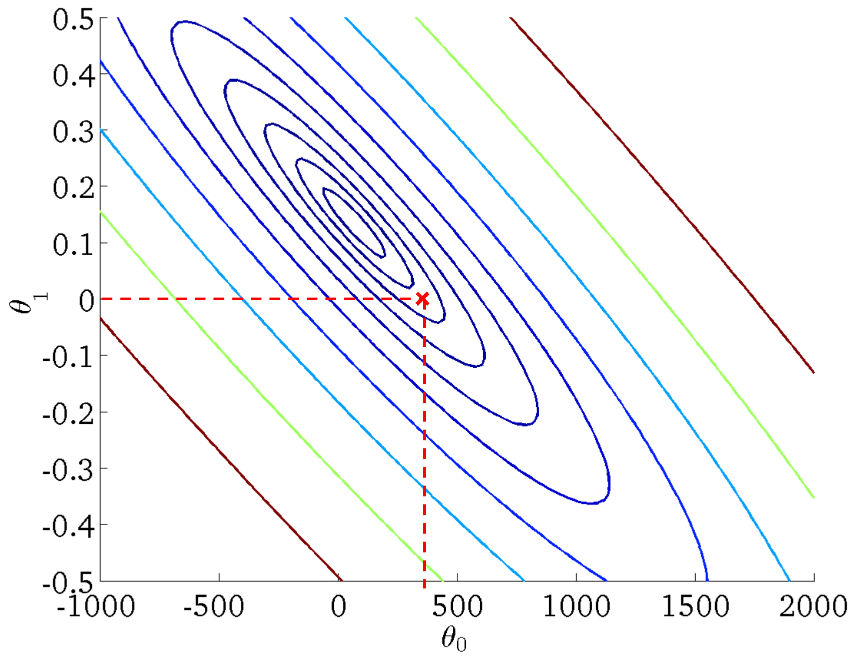

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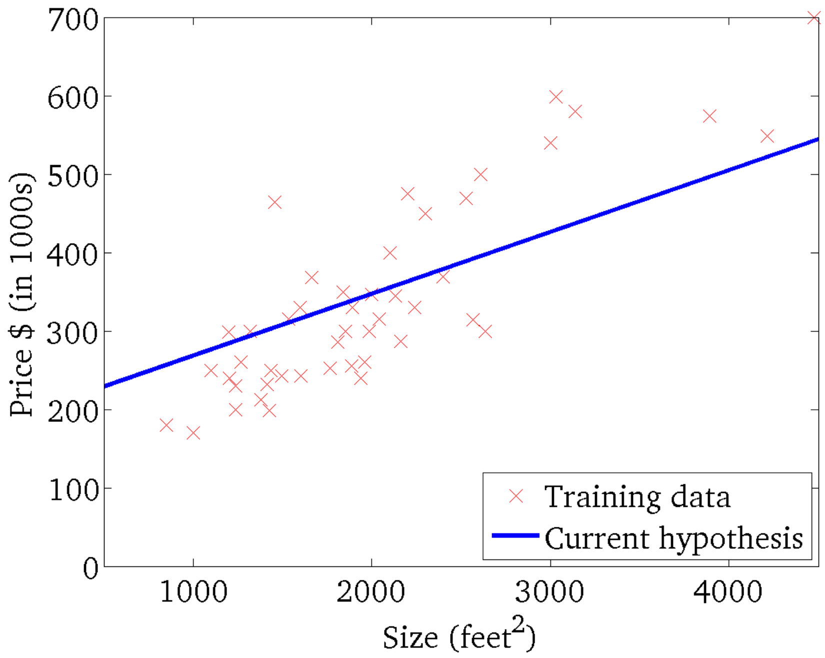

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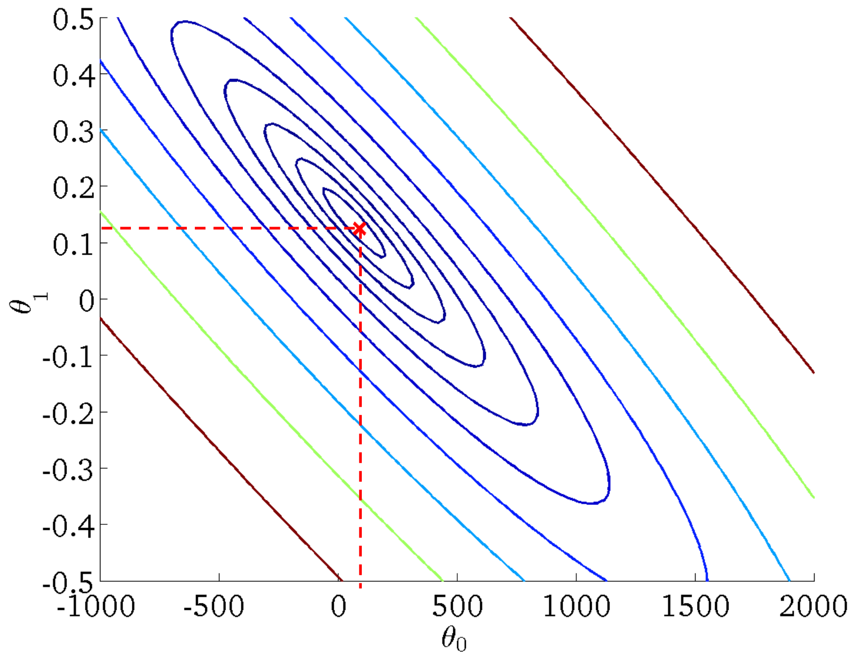

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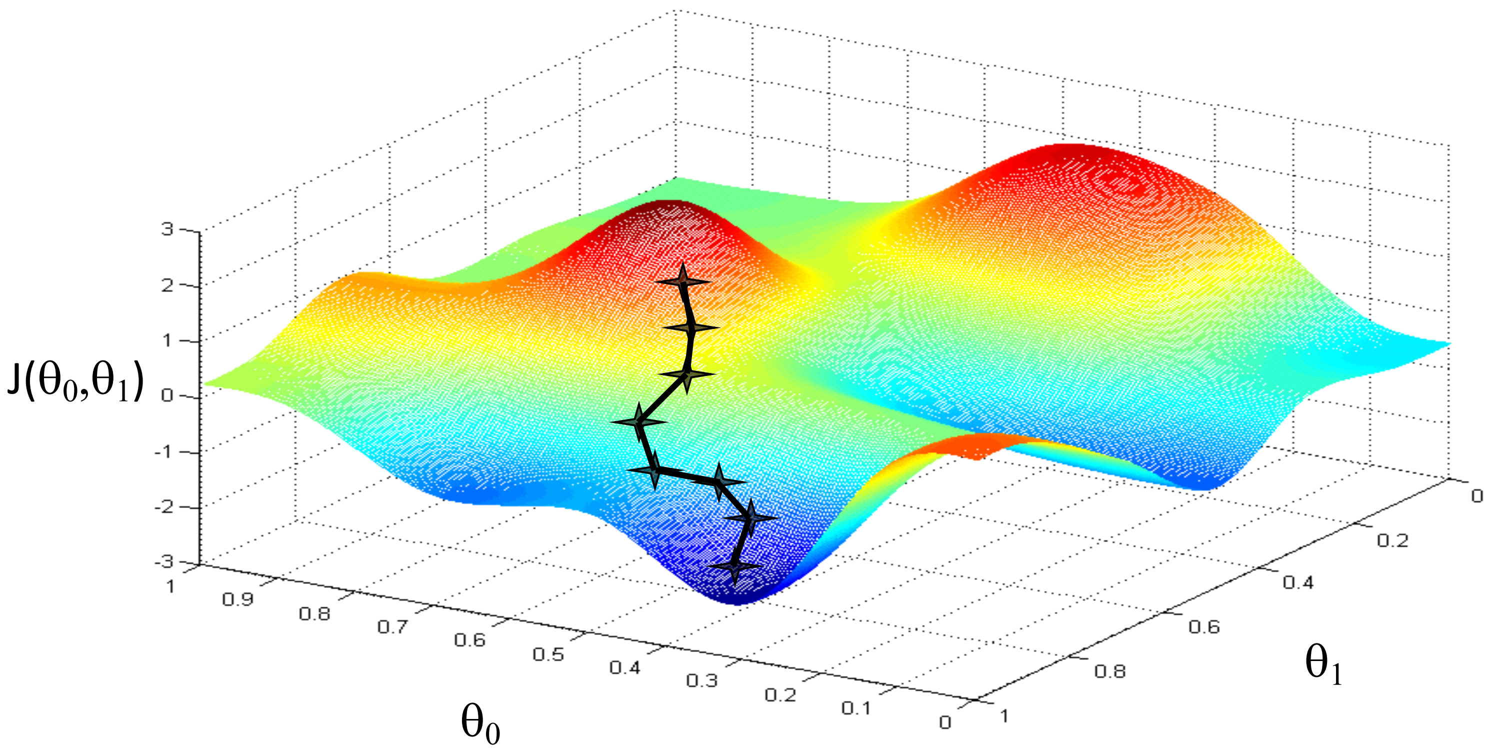

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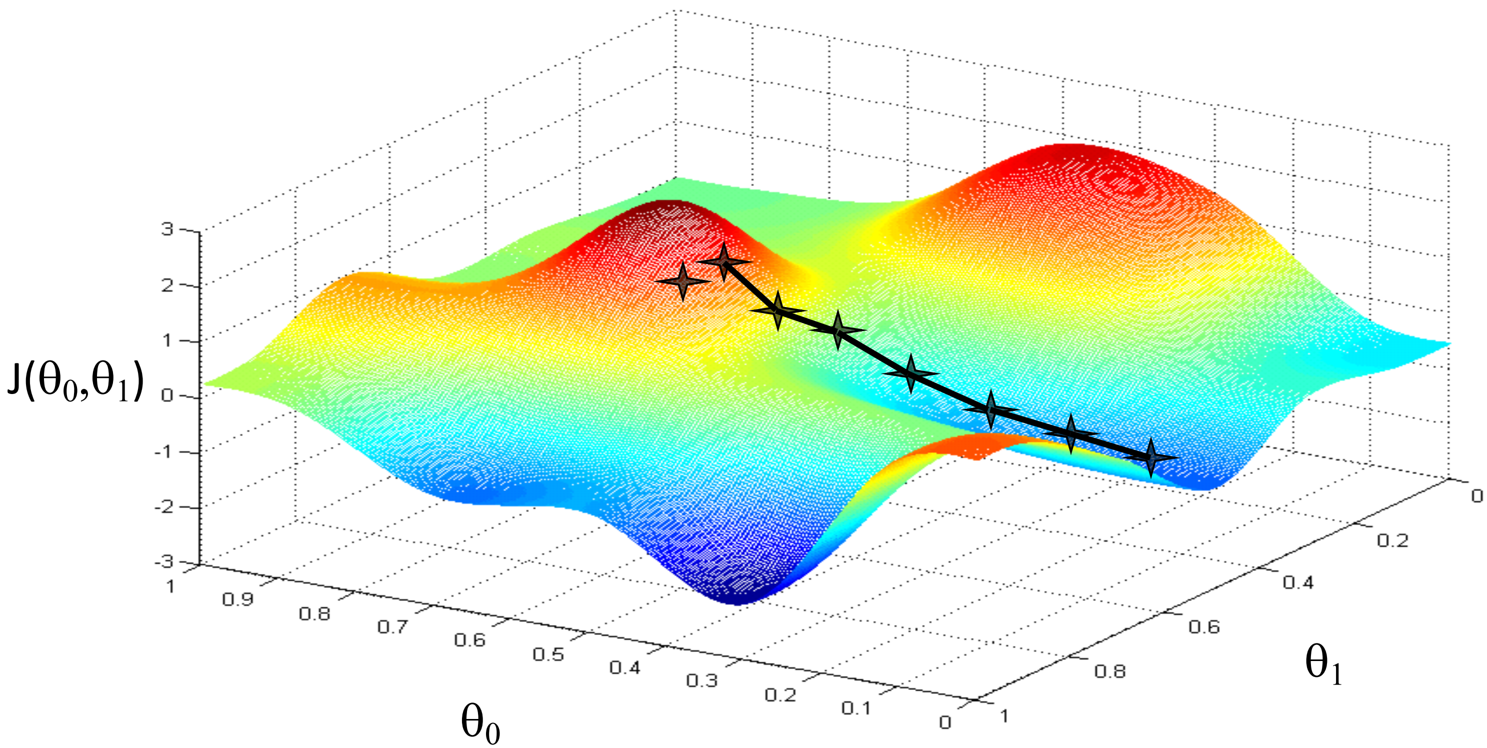

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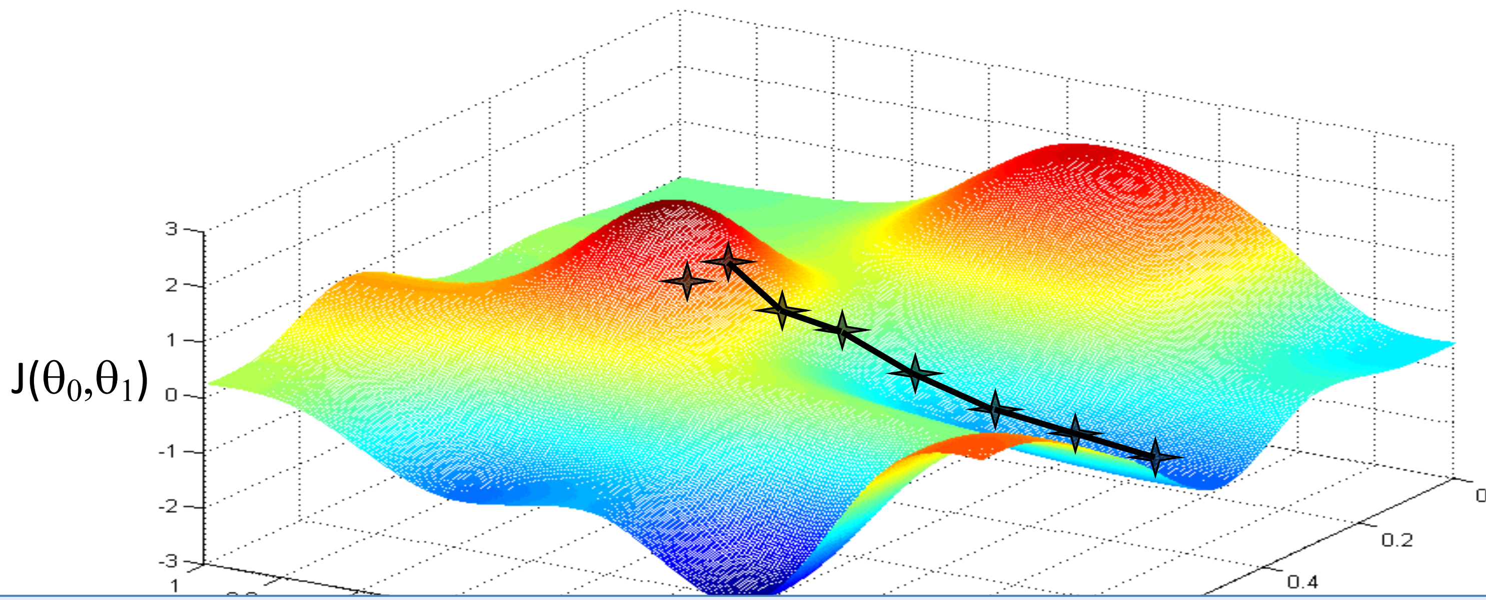

Since the least squares objective function is convex (concave), we don’t need to worry about local minima in linear regression

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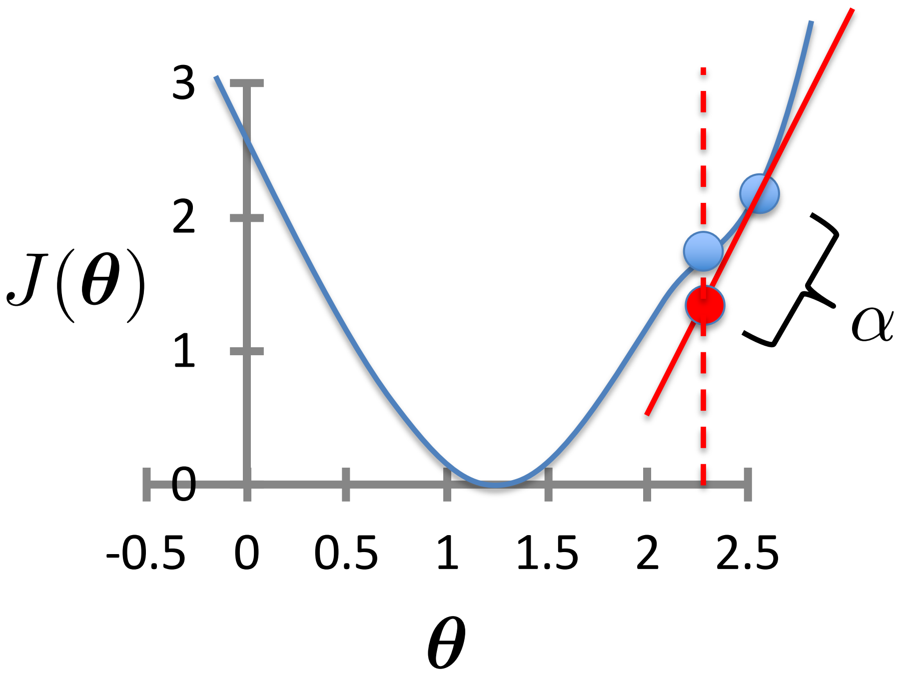
Gradient Descent

- Initialize $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Repeat until convergence

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

simultaneous update
for j = 0 ... d

learning rate (small)
e.g., α = 0.05



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Gradient Descent for Linear Regression

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- Assume convergence when $\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{new} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{old}\|_2 < \epsilon$

L_2 norm: $$\|\boldsymbol{v}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i v_i^2} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \ldots + v_{|v|}^2}$$

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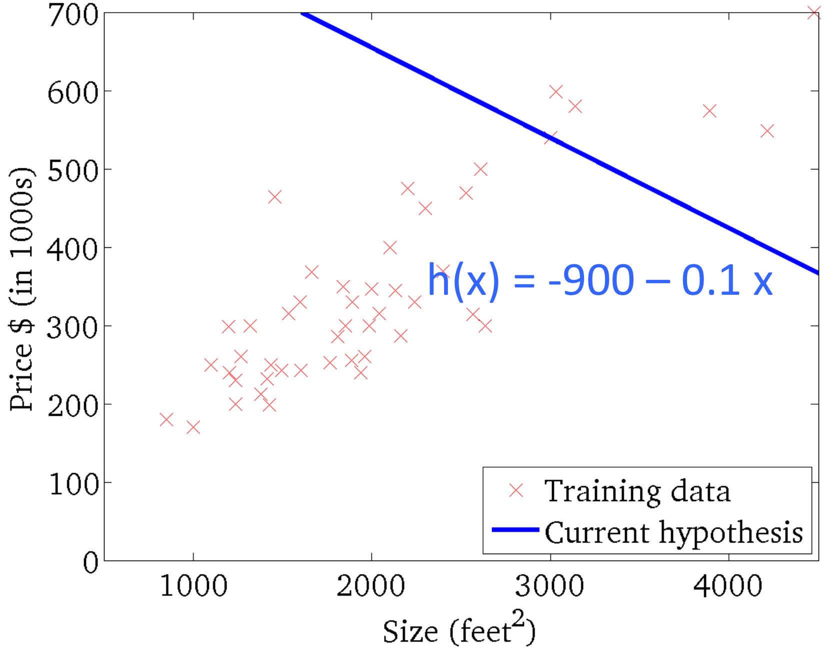

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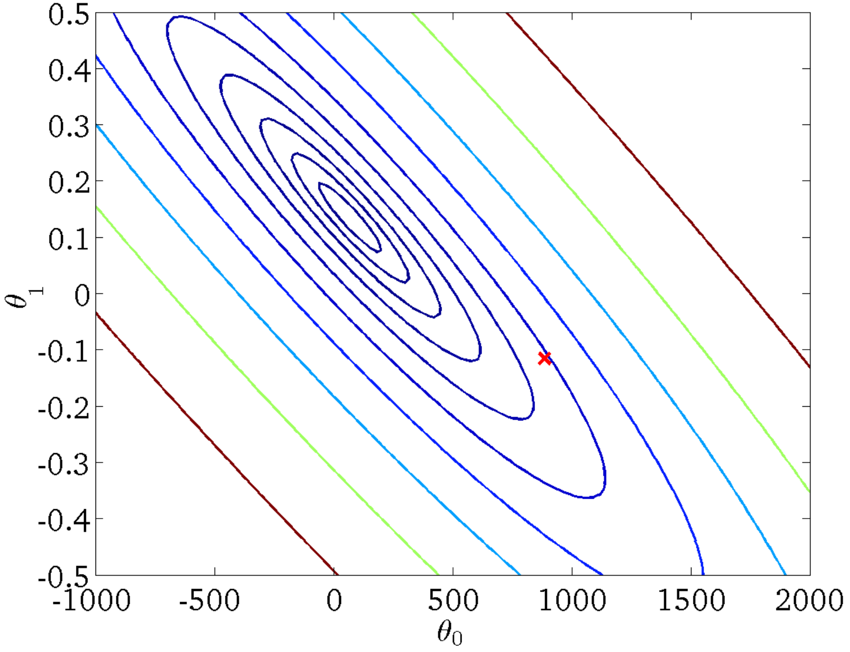

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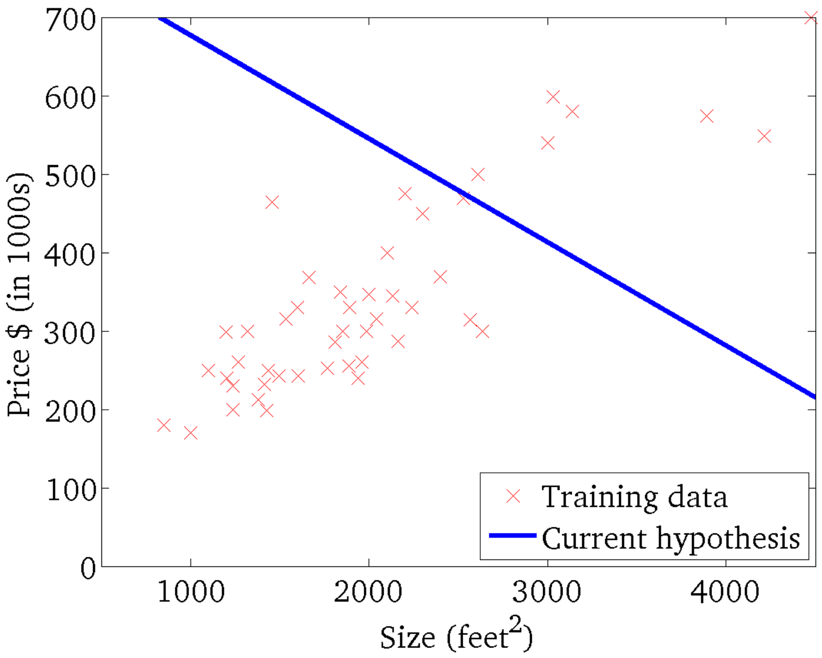

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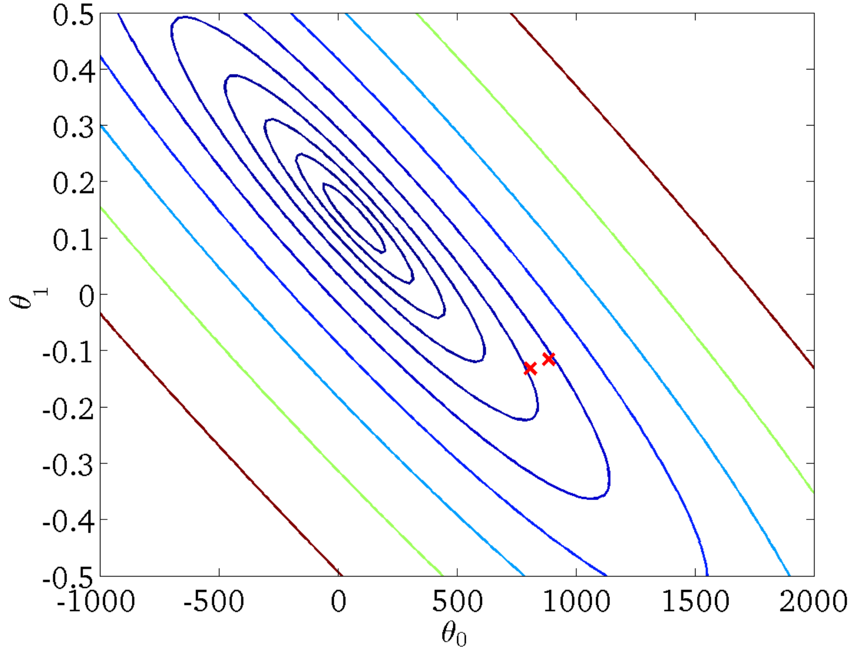

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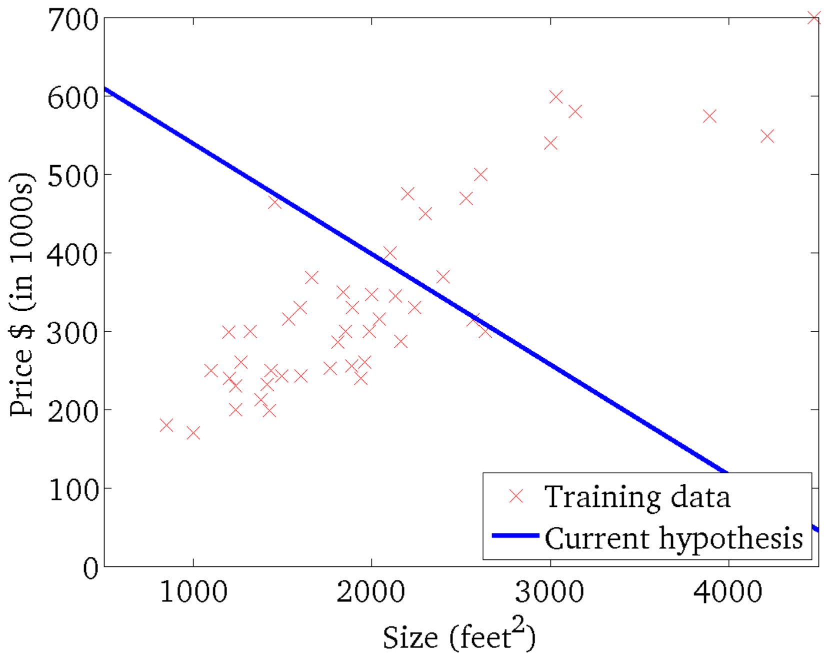

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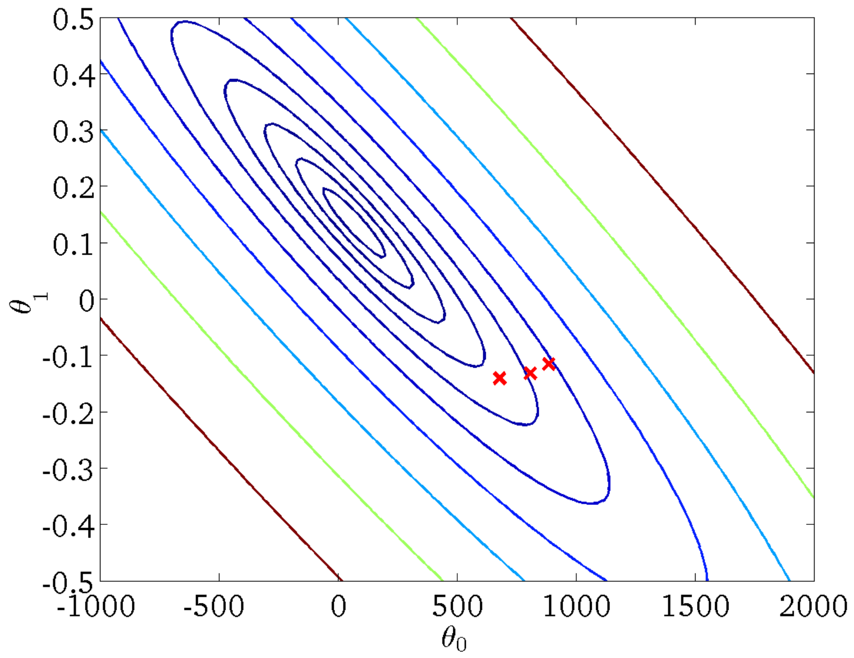

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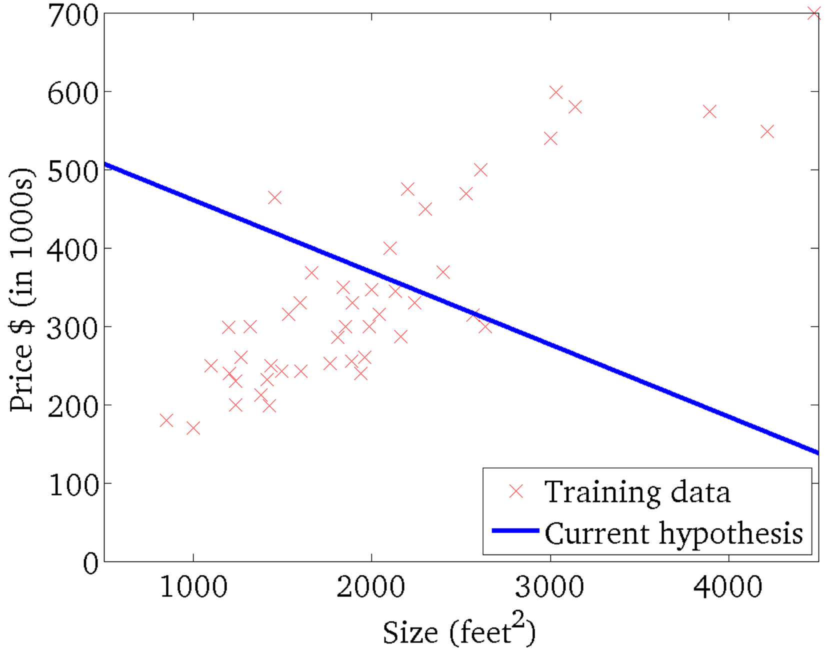

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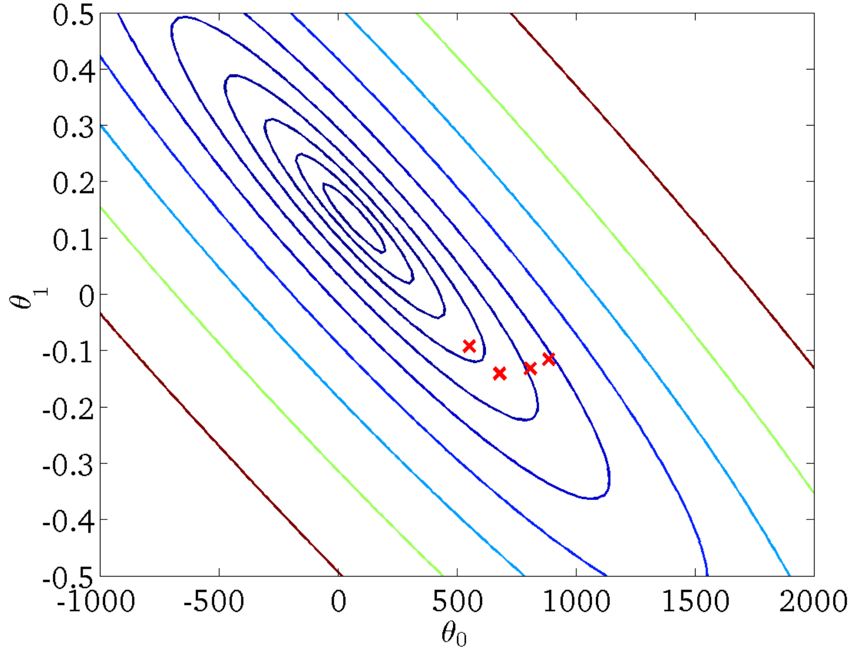

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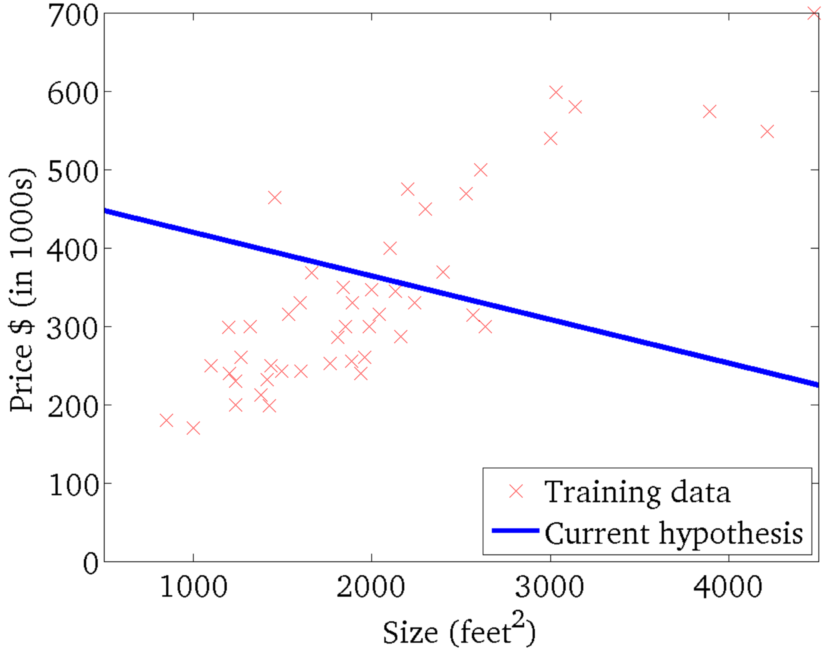

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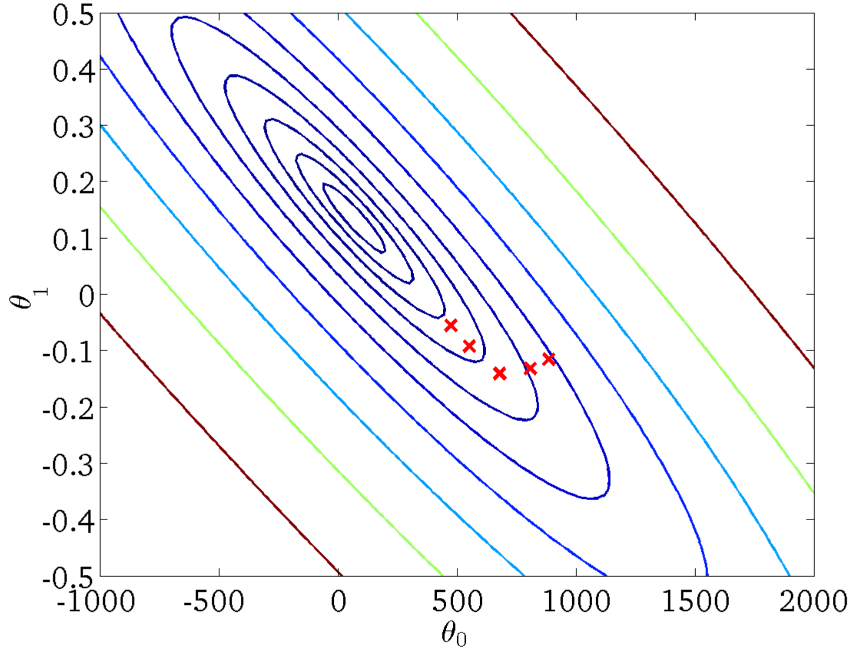

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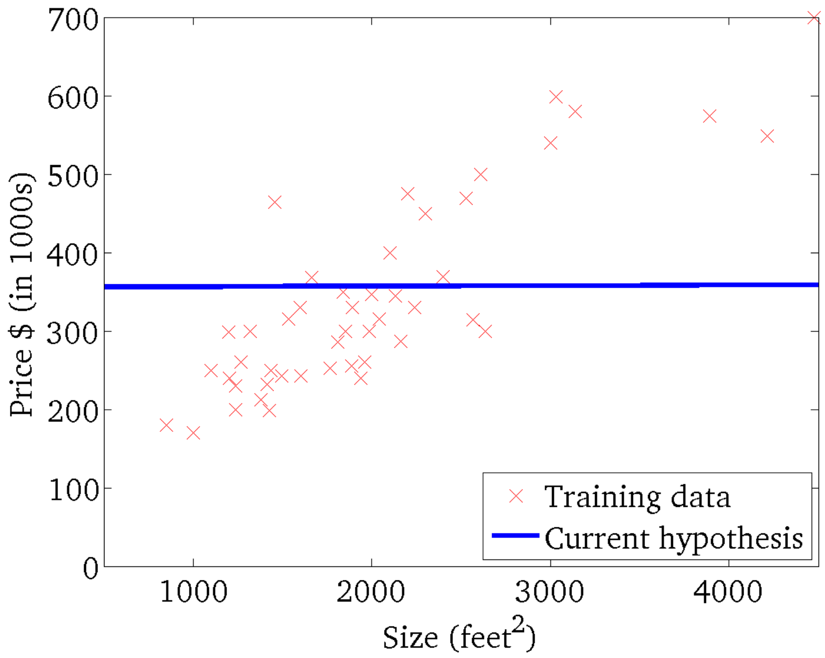

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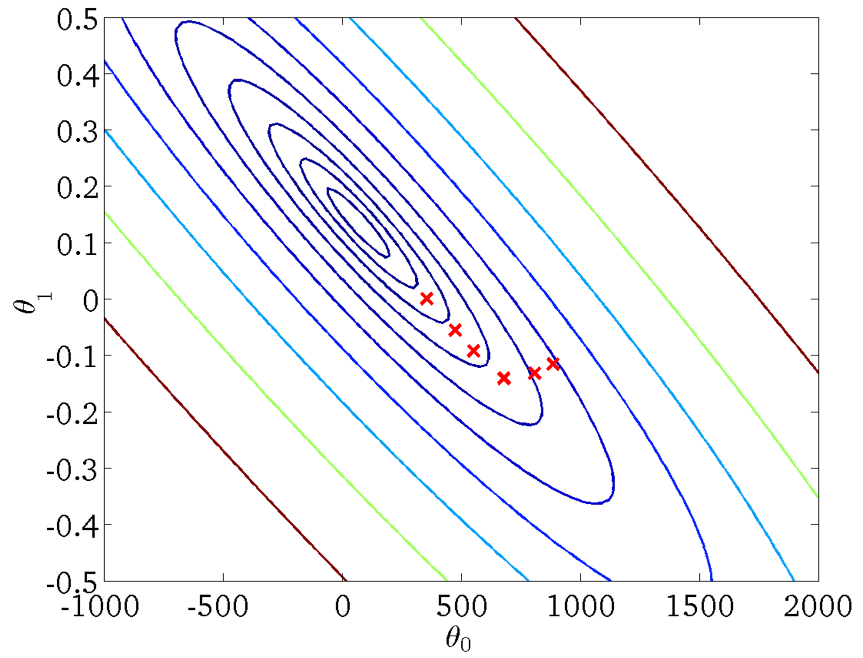

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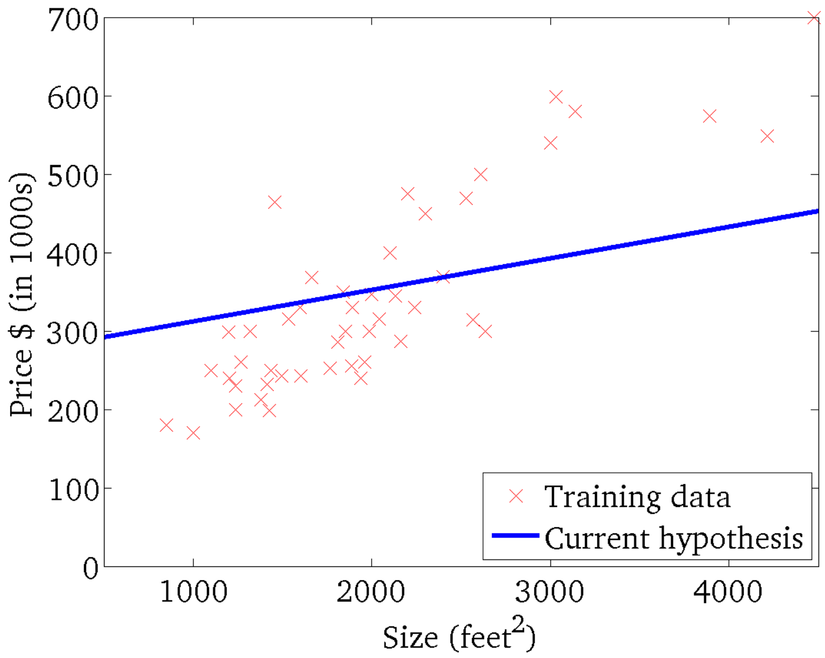

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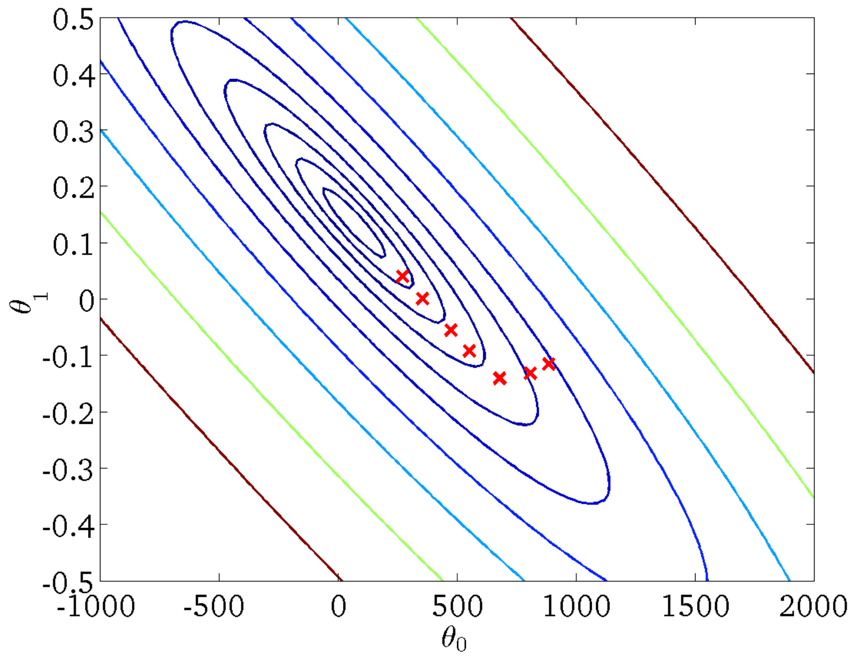

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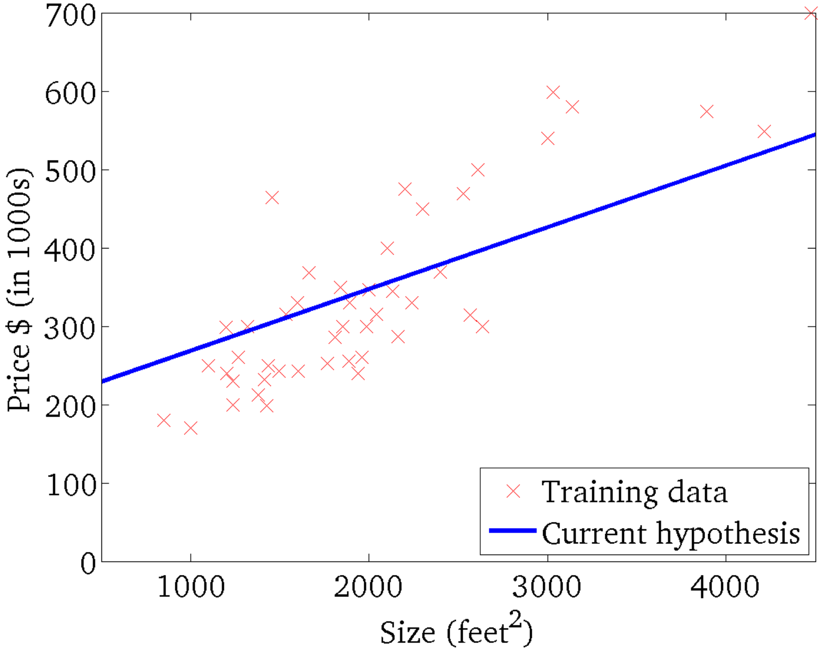

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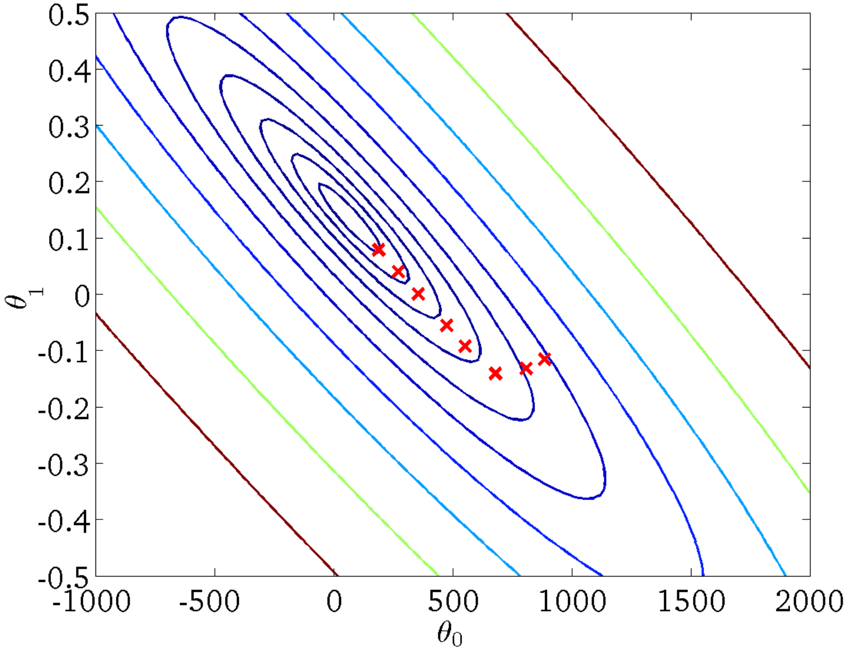

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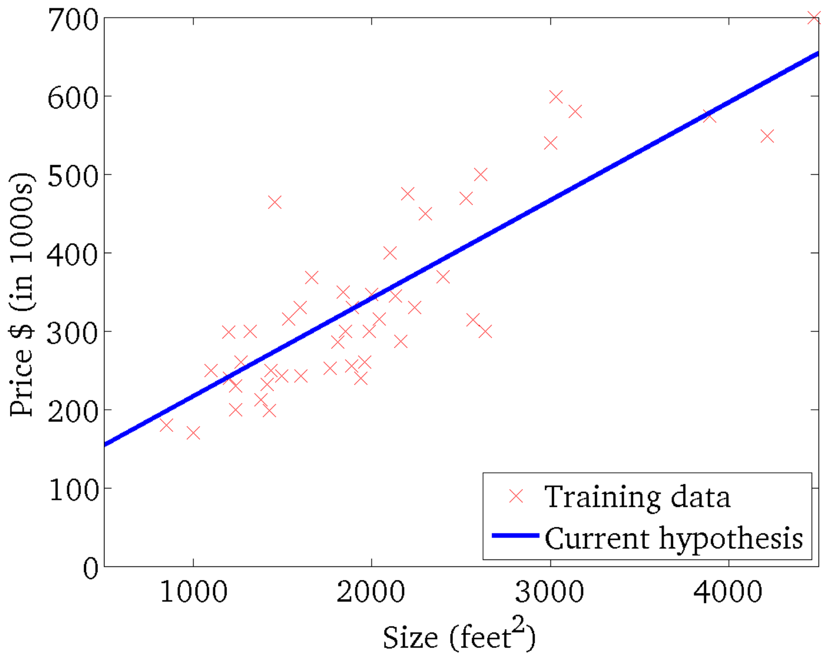

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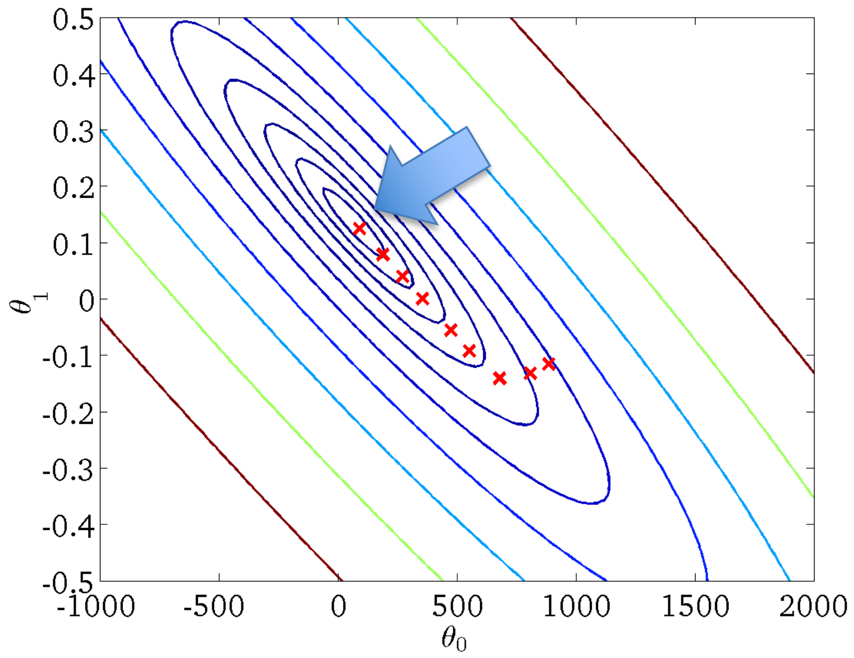
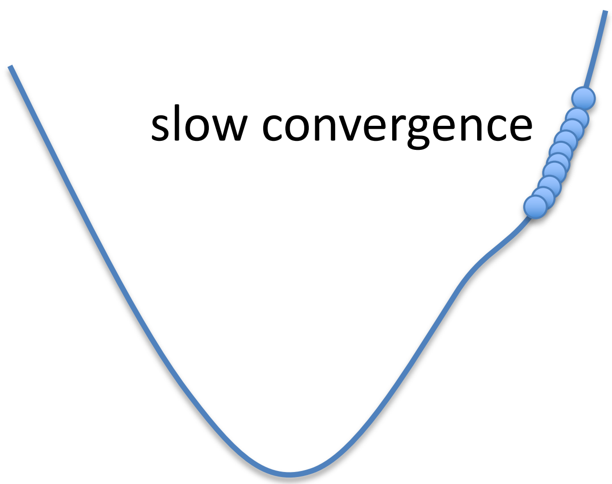


Choosing α

α too small



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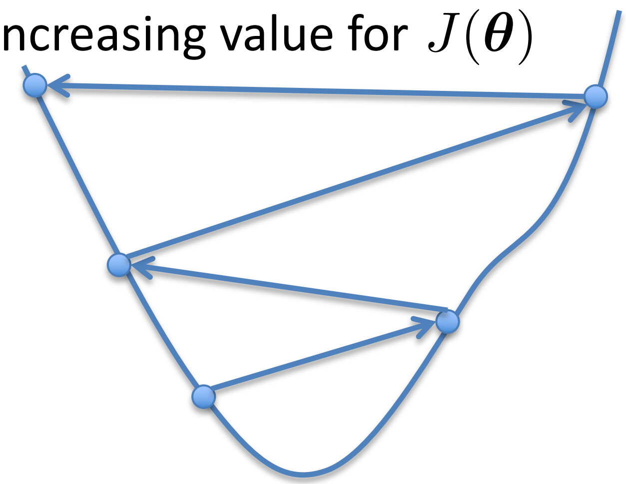

- May overshoot the minimum
- May fail to converge
- May even diverge

To see if gradient descent is working, print out $J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ each iteration

- The value should decrease at each iteration
- If it doesn't, adjust α