

Accouncements

$$n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$



HW0 Due Thursday at 11:59 PM

You should turn in a PDF and a python file(s)

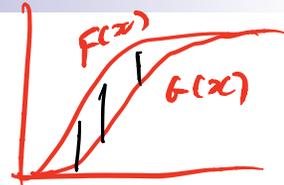


Figure for problem 9 should be in the PDF

$$\sup_x |f(x) - g(x)|$$

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Fix $x \in [0, 1]$, $\mathbb{1}\{A\} = 1$ if A is true, 0 otherwise

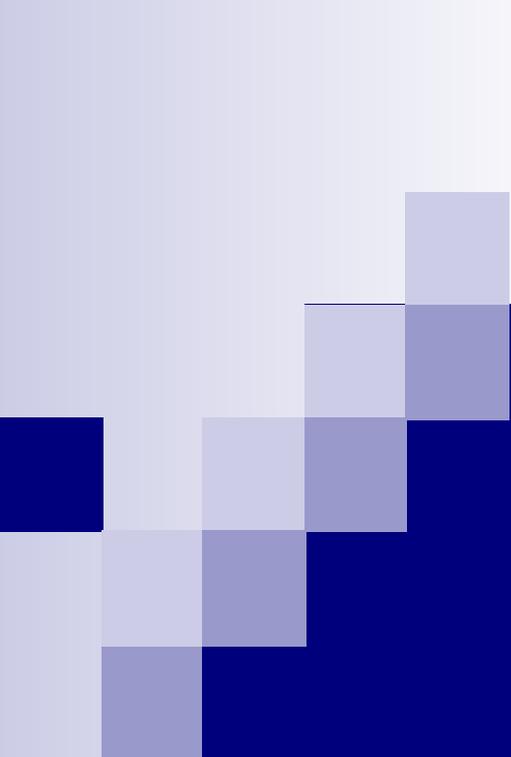
U is random variable, uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$

$$1. \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{U \leq x\}] = \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}\{u \leq x\} \cdot 1 \, du = \int_0^x 1 \cdot 1 \, du = x$$

$$2. \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{U \leq x\}^2] = \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}\{u \leq x\}^2 \cdot 1 \, du = \int_0^x 1 \cdot 1 \, du = x$$

$$3. \mathbb{E}[U] = \int_0^1 u \cdot 1 \, du = \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4. \mathbb{E}[U^p] \quad \text{for } p > 0 = \int_0^1 u^p \cdot 1 \, du = \frac{u^{p+1}}{p+1} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{p+1}$$



Bayesian Methods

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MLE Recap - coin flips

- **Data:** sequence $D = (HHTHT\dots)$, **k heads** out of **n flips**
- **Hypothesis:** $P(\text{Heads}) = \theta$, $P(\text{Tails}) = 1 - \theta$

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{n-k}$$

- Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE): Choose θ that maximizes the probability of observed data:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MLE} &= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \log P(\mathcal{D}|\theta)\end{aligned}\quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{k}{n}$$

MLE Recap - Gaussians

- MLE:

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|\mu, \sigma) = -n \log(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \hat{\sigma}^2_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_{MLE})^2$$

- MLE for the variance of a Gaussian is **biased**

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2_{MLE}] \neq \sigma^2$$

- Unbiased variance estimator:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2_{unbiased} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_{MLE})^2$$

MLE Recap

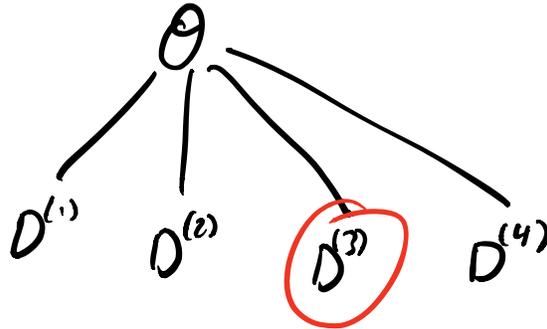
- Learning is...
 - Collect some data
 - E.g., coin flips
 - Choose a hypothesis class or model
 - E.g., binomial
 - Choose a loss function
 - E.g., data likelihood
 - Choose an optimization procedure
 - E.g., set derivative to zero to obtain MLE
 - Justifying the accuracy of the estimate
 - E.g., Hoeffding's inequality

What about prior

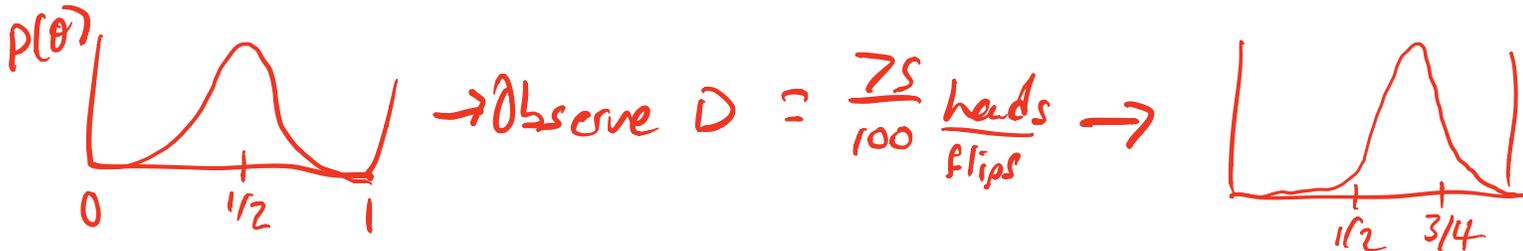
- *Billionaire*: Wait, I know that the coin is “close” to 50-50. What can you do for me now?
- **You say: I can learn it the Bayesian way...**

Bayesian vs Frequentist

- Data: \mathcal{D} Estimator: $\hat{\theta} = t(\mathcal{D})$ loss: $\ell(t(\mathcal{D}), \theta)$
- Frequentists treat unknown θ **as fixed** and the data D **as random**.



- Bayesian treat the data D **as fixed** and the unknown θ **as random**



Bayesian Learning

- Use Bayes rule:

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D} | \theta)P(\theta)}{P(\mathcal{D})}$$

- Or equivalently:

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D} | \theta)P(\theta)$$

Bayesian Learning for Coins

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D} | \theta)P(\theta)$$

- Likelihood function is simply Binomial:

$$P(\mathcal{D} | \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

- What about prior?
 - Represent expert knowledge
- Conjugate priors:
 - Closed-form representation of posterior
 - **For Binomial, conjugate prior is Beta distribution**

Beta prior distribution – $P(\theta)$

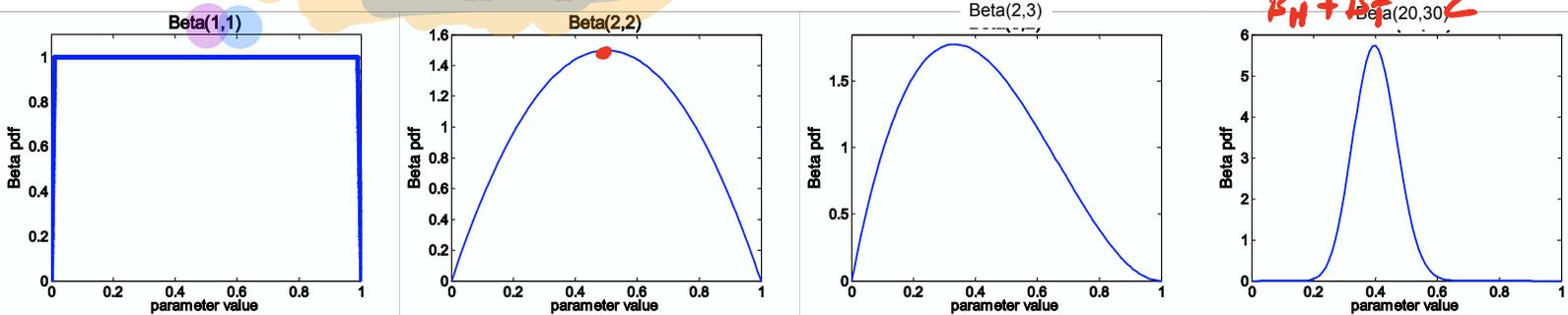
$$p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1-\theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{\alpha_H}{\alpha_H + \alpha_T}$$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\beta_H-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta_T-1}}{B(\beta_H, \beta_T)} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H, \beta_T)$$

Mean: $\frac{\beta_H}{\beta_H + \beta_T}$

Mode: $\frac{\beta_H - 1}{\beta_H + \beta_T - 2}$

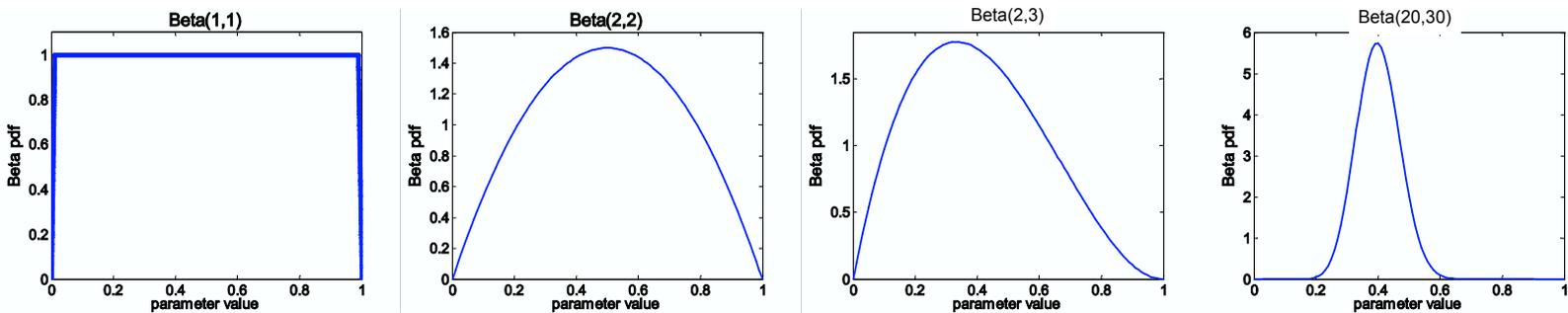


- Likelihood function: $P(\mathcal{D} | \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$
- Posterior: $P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \propto \underline{P(\mathcal{D} | \theta) P(\theta)}$

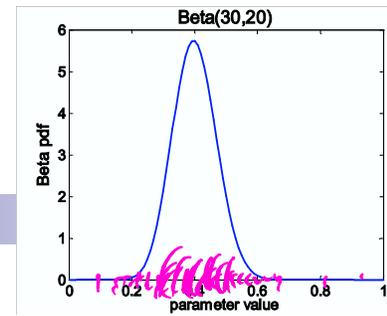
Posterior distribution

- Prior: $Beta(\beta_H, \beta_T)$
- Data: α_H heads and α_T tails
- Posterior distribution:

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = Beta(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$



Using Bayesian posterior



- Posterior distribution:

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$

- Bayesian inference:

- No longer single parameter:

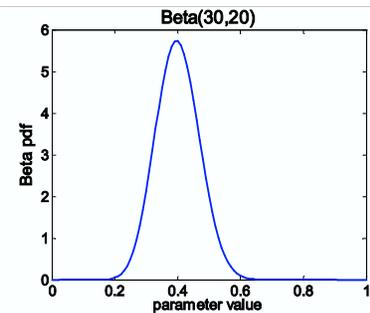
$$\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N \sim P(\theta | \mathcal{D})$$

$$\cancel{E[f(\theta) | \mathcal{D}]} E[f(\theta)] = \int_0^1 f(\theta) P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) d\theta$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\theta_i)$$

- Integral is often hard to compute

MAP: Maximum a posteriori approximation

$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$



$$E[f(\theta)] = \int_0^1 f(\theta) P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) d\theta$$

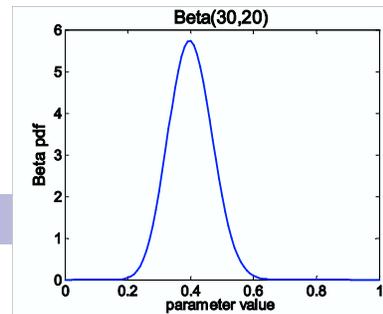
- As more data is observed, Beta is more certain
- MAP: use most likely parameter:

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \quad E[f(\theta)] \approx f(\hat{\theta})$$

$$= \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D} | \theta) P(\theta)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D} | \theta)$$

MAP for Beta distribution

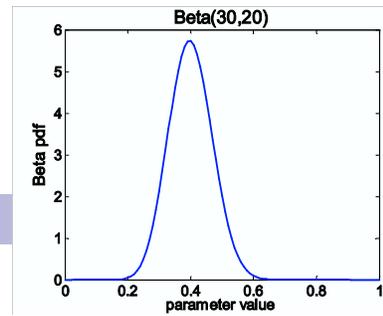


$$P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{\theta^{\beta_H + \alpha_H - 1} (1 - \theta)^{\beta_T + \alpha_T - 1}}{B(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$

- MAP: use most likely parameter:

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{\alpha_H + \beta_H - 1}{\alpha_H + \beta_H + \alpha_T + \beta_T - 2}$$

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- Beta prior equivalent to extra coin flips
- As $M \rightarrow 1$, prior is “forgotten”
- But, for small sample size, prior is important!**

Recap for Bayesian learning

- Learning is...
 - Collect some data
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 - Choose a hypothesis class or model
 - E.g., binomial and **prior based on expert knowledge**
 - Choose a loss function
 - E.g., **parameter posterior likelihood**
 - Choose an optimization procedure
 - E.g., set derivative to zero to obtain **MAP**
 - Justifying the accuracy of the estimate
 - E.g., **If the model is correct, you are doing best possible**

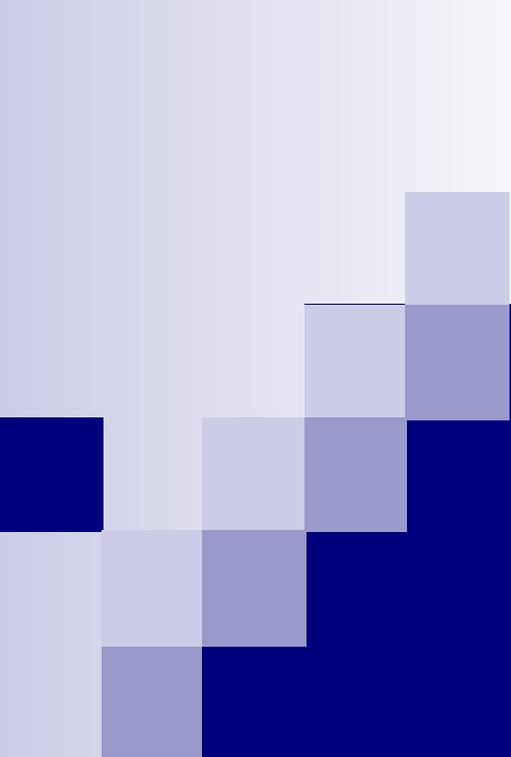
Recap for Bayesian learning

Bayesians are optimists:

- “If we model it correctly, we output most likely answer”
- Assumes one can accurately model:
 - Observations and link to unknown parameter θ : $p(x|\theta)$
 - Distribution, structure of unknown θ : $p(\theta)$

Frequentist are pessimists:

- “All models are wrong, prove to me your estimate is good”
- Makes very few assumptions, e.g. $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < \infty$ and constructs an estimator (e.g., median of means of disjoint subsets of data)
- Prove guarantee $\mathbb{E}[(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2] \leq \epsilon$ under hypothetical true θ 's



Linear Regression

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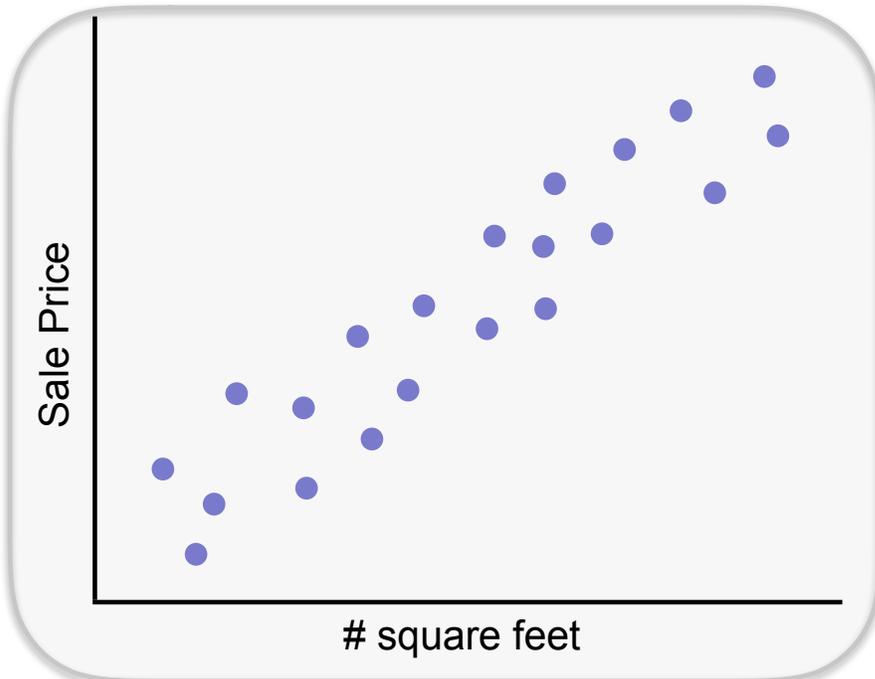
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The regression problem

Given past sales data on [zillow.com](https://www.zillow.com), predict:

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Training Data:

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

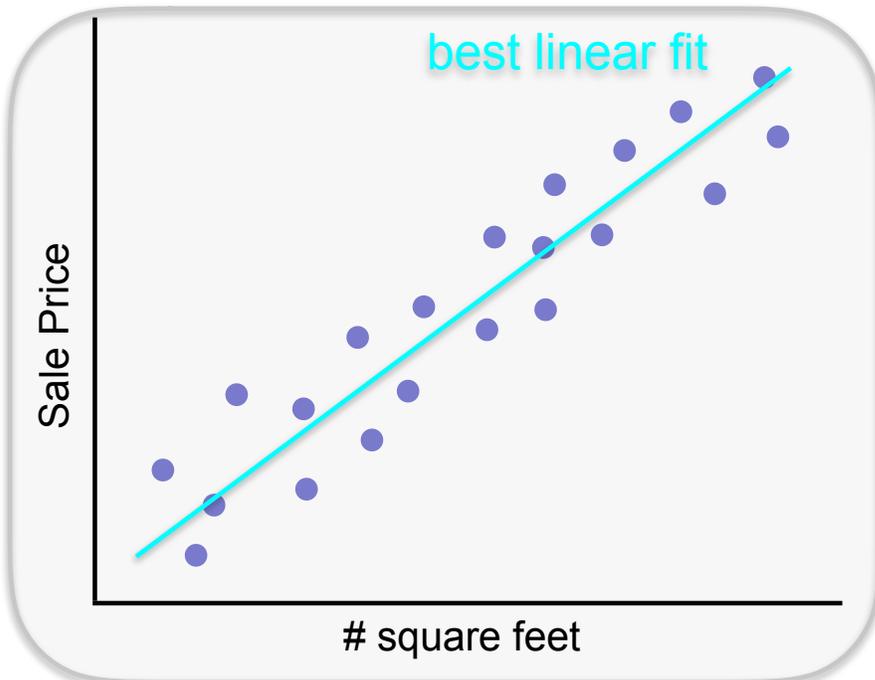
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Hypothesis: linear

$$y_i \approx x_i^T w = \sum_{j=1}^d x_{ij} w_j$$

Loss: least squares

$$\min_w \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^T w)^2$$

The regression problem in matrix notation

$$\hat{w}_{LS} = \arg \min_w \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^T w)^2$$

$$= \arg \min_w \underbrace{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w)^T}_{1 \times n} \underbrace{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w)}_{n \times 1} = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w\|_2^2$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ x_n^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \vdots \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{y}
 \mathbf{X}

$\|u\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i|^p\right)^{1/p}$ $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\|u\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2}$

The regression problem in matrix notation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{w}_{LS} &= \arg \min_w \|y - Xw\|_2^2 \\ &= \arg \min_w \underbrace{(y - Xw)^T (y - Xw)}_{= J(w)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_w J(w) &= \nabla_w (y^T y - y^T Xw - (Xw)^T y + w^T X^T Xw) \\ &= 0 - X^T y - X^T y + 2X^T Xw \\ &= -2X^T y + 2X^T Xw = 0 \quad X^T X \hat{w}_{LS} = X^T y \\ \hat{w}_{LS} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y\end{aligned}$$

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What about an offset?

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{w}_{LS}, \hat{b}_{LS} &= \arg \min_{w,b} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (x_i^T w + b))^2 \\ &= \arg \min_{w,b} \|\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{X}w + \mathbf{1}b)\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \hat{w}_{LS} + \hat{b}_{LS} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{X} \hat{w}_{LS} + \hat{b}_{LS} \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{y}$$

If $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{1} = 0$ (i.e., if each feature is mean-zero) then

$$\hat{w}_{LS} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

$$\hat{b}_{LS} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

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But why least squares?

Consider $y_i = x_i^T w + \epsilon_i$ where $\epsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

$$P(y|x, w, \sigma) =$$

Maximizing log-likelihood

Maximize:

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|w, \sigma) = \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}\right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{(y_i - x_i^T w)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

MLE is LS under linear model

$$\hat{w}_{LS} = \arg \min_w \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^T w)^2$$

$$\hat{w}_{MLE} = \arg \max_w P(\mathcal{D}|w, \sigma)$$

$$\text{if } y_i = x_i^T w + \epsilon_i \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

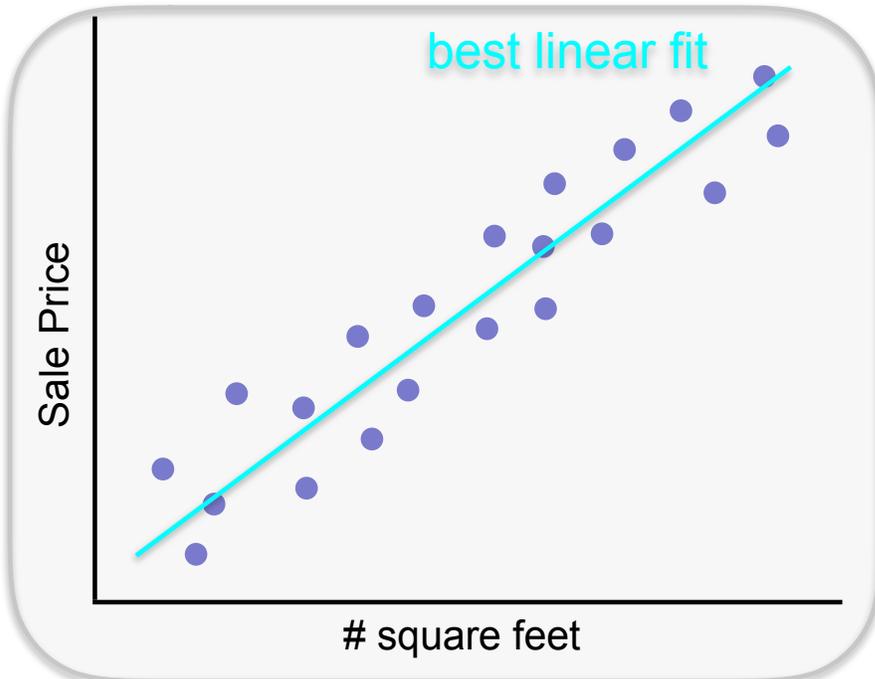
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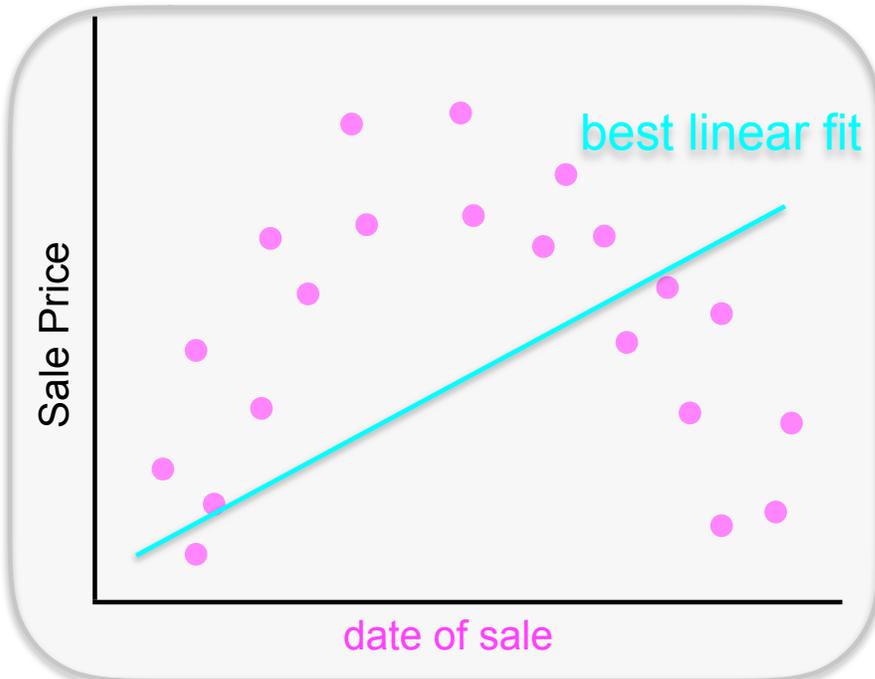
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Transformed data:

$h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ maps original features to a rich, possibly high-dimensional space

$$\text{in } d=1: h(x) = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(x) \\ h_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ h_p(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^p \end{bmatrix}$$

for $d>1$, generate $\{u_j\}_{j=1}^p \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$$h_j(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(u_j^T x)}$$

$$h_j(x) = (u_j^T x)^2$$

$$h_j(x) = \cos(u_j^T x)$$

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Hypothesis: linear

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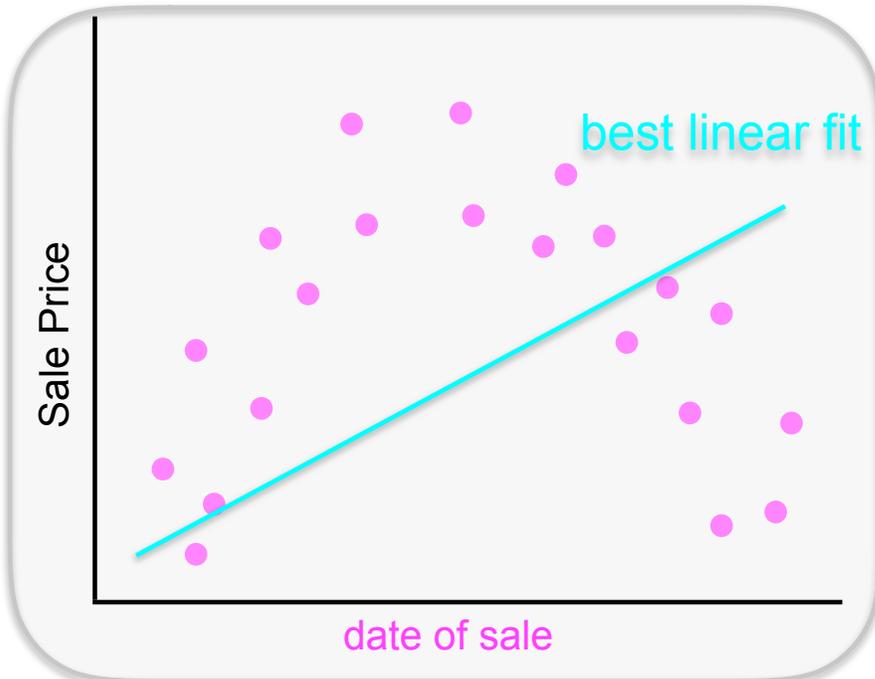
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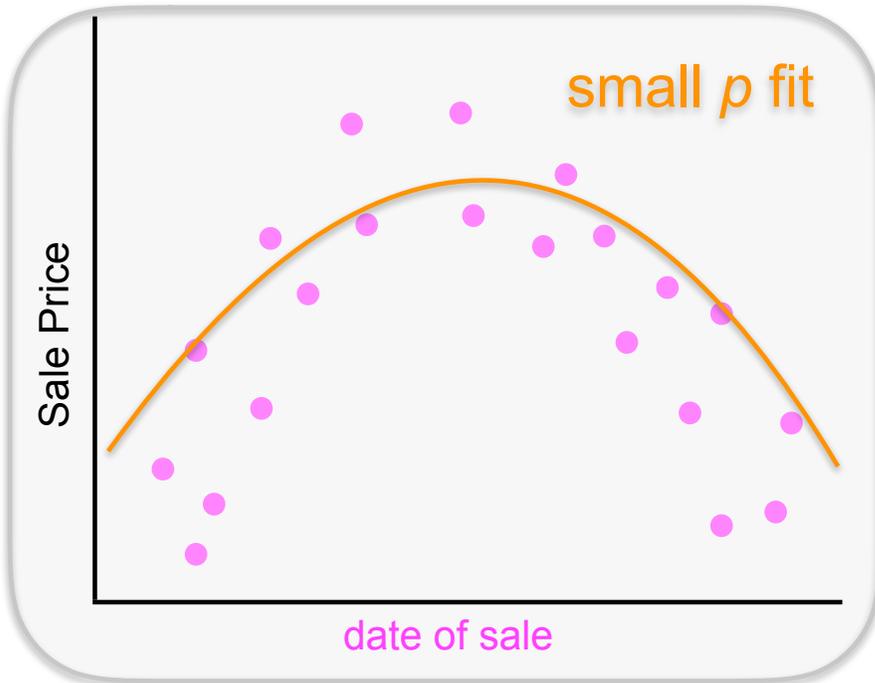
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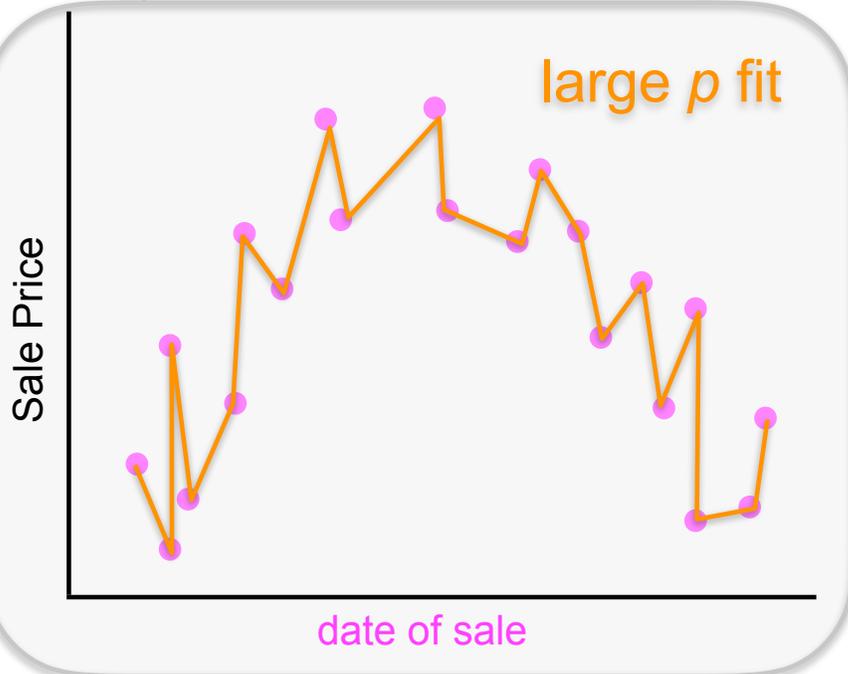
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What's going on here?