

# Math 4570 Matrix Methods for DA and ML

## Section 8. Ridge and LASSO Regressions

A  $0 \rightarrow$  Polynomial.

b  $\textcircled{1}$  Locally weighted linear regression

2. Ridge Regression

3. Lasso Regression

4. Elastic net Regression

$$\vec{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} X^T y \\ \vdots \\ X^T y \end{bmatrix}$$

➤ Review

$$\| (X, \vec{y}) \|$$

- Training Data  $D = \{(\vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$

- Linear Model Assumption:  $h(\vec{x}) = \vec{\theta}^T \vec{x} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$

- Find  $\vec{\theta}$  to minimize RSS( $\vec{\theta}$ )  $= \sum_{i=1}^n (h(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 = \|\underbrace{X\vec{\theta}}_{\text{prediction}} - \underbrace{\vec{y}}_{\text{True}}\|^2$

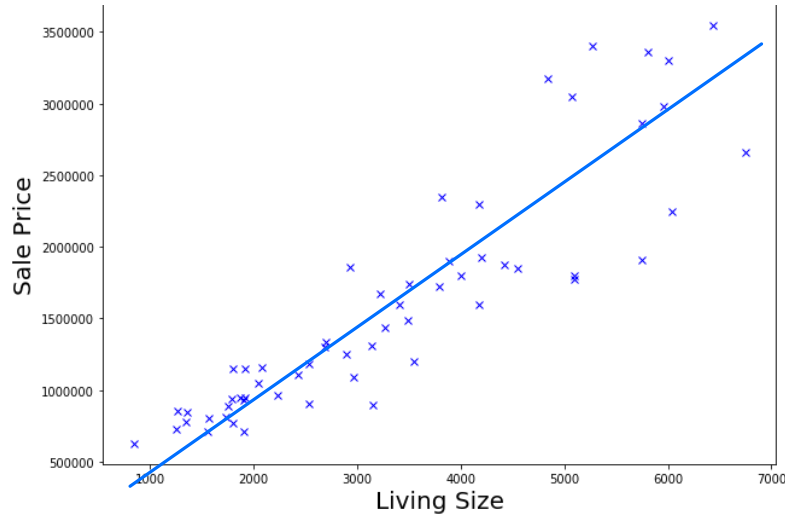
$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^{(1)} & x_2^{(1)} & \dots & x_d^{(1)} \\ 1 & x_1^{(2)} & x_2^{(2)} & \dots & x_d^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_1^{(n)} & x_2^{(n)} & \dots & x_d^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_d \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

If rank  $X = d+1$ ,  $\underset{\vec{\theta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{RSS}(\vec{\theta})$  is given by

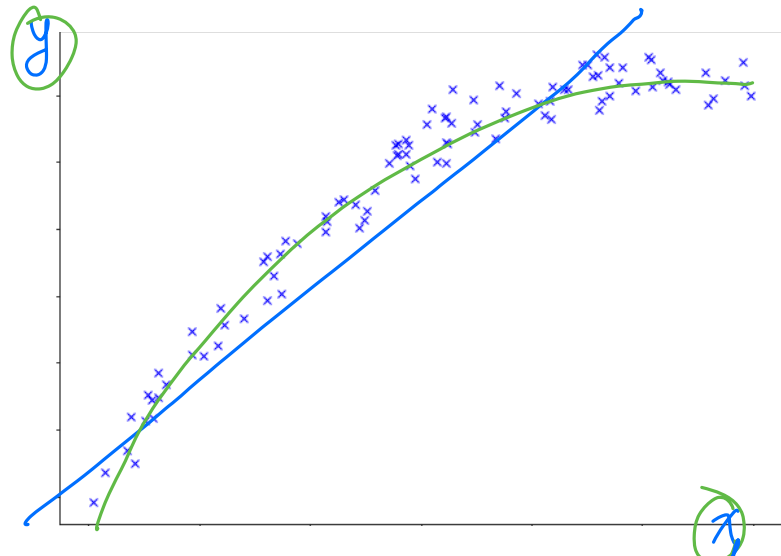
$$\text{Least Squares solution } \vec{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$

➤ Predict house price

**Potential Disadvantage of a parametric approach:** The (linear) model we choose will usually not match the true unknown form of  $h(\vec{x})$ . If the chosen model is too far from the true  $h(\vec{x})$ , then our estimate will be poor.



We can try to solve this problem by choosing flexible models that can fit many different possible functional forms flexible for  $h(\vec{x})$ . But in general, fitting a more flexible model requires estimating a greater number of parameters.



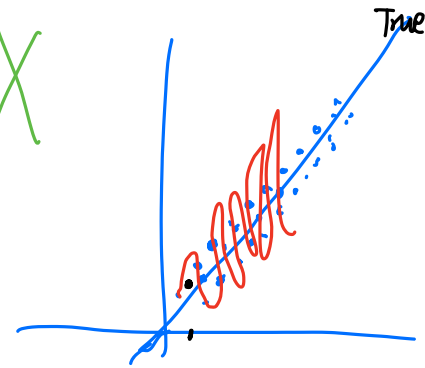
Model  
 For example, New assumption:

$$h(x_1) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_1^2 + \theta_3 \sqrt{x_1} + \theta_4 \log x_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ x_1^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y$$

$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
1	$x_1^{(1)}$	$x_2^{(1)} = x_1^{(1)2}$	$x_3^{(1)} = \sqrt{x_1^{(1)}}$	$\log x_1^{(1)}$
1	$x_1^{(2)}$	$x_2^{(2)} = x_1^{(2)2}$	$x_3^{(2)} = \sqrt{x_1^{(2)}}$	$\log x_1^{(2)}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{opt.}}{=} (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

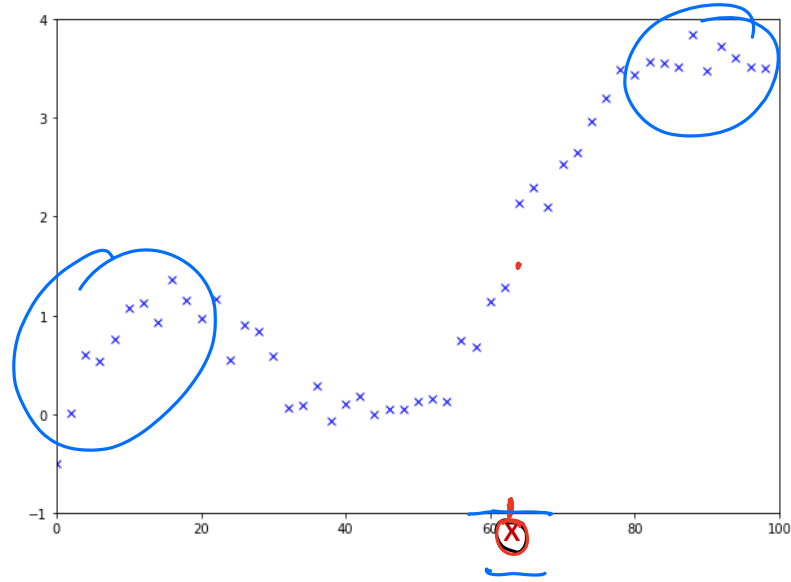


Suppose  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we can try polynomial model using new features  
 $x_1, x_2, \underbrace{x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1 x_2}, \underbrace{x_1^3, x_2^3, x_1^2 x_2, x_1 x_2^2}, \underbrace{x_1^4, x_2^4, x_1^3 x_2, x_1^2 x_2^2, x_1 x_2^3}, \dots$

**Potential Disadvantage: overfitting** the data.  
 These more complex models can lead to a phenomenon that they follow the errors, or noise, too closely.

➤ **Locally weighted regression**

Goal: Evaluate  $h$  **at certain  $x$**



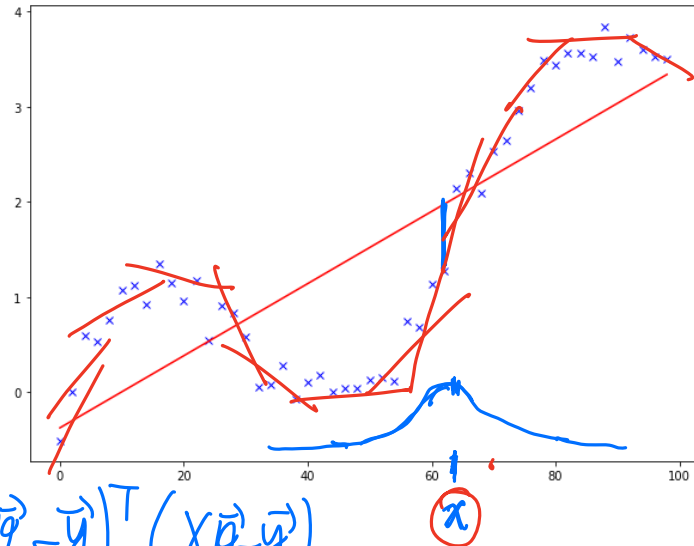
➤ Recall Linear Regression: Find

$$h(\vec{x}) = \vec{\theta}^T \vec{x} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1$$

to minimize the RSS cost function:

$$RSS(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (h(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - \vec{y}^{(i)})^2$$

$$= \| X\vec{\theta} - \vec{y} \| ^2 = (X\vec{\theta} - \vec{y})^T (X\vec{\theta} - \vec{y})$$



$$D = \{ (\vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \}$$

➤ Minimize new weighted cost function

$$RSS_W(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n w^{(i)} (h(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - \vec{y}^{(i)})^2$$

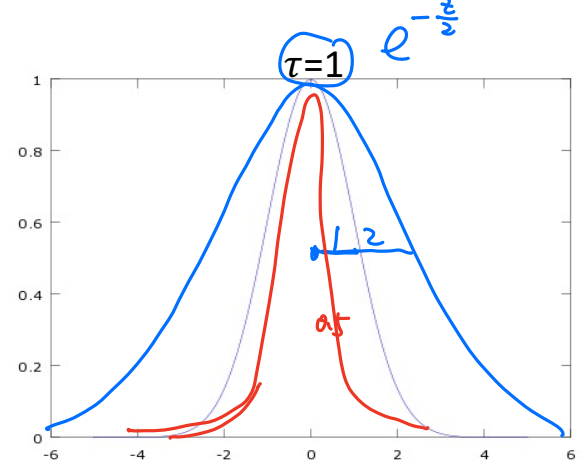
Here,  $w^{(i)} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\vec{x}^{(i)} - \vec{x}\|^2}{2\tau^2}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{x}^{(i)} = \vec{x} \\ \rightarrow 0 & \text{if } \|\vec{x}^{(i)} - \vec{x}\| \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$

$$J(\vec{\theta}) = RSS_W(\vec{\theta}) = (\vec{X}\vec{\theta} - \vec{y})^T W (\vec{X}\vec{\theta} - \vec{y})$$

$$= \|\vec{X}\vec{\theta} - \vec{y}\|_W^2$$

• Claim:  $\nabla_{\vec{\theta}} J = 2\vec{X}^T W (\vec{X}\vec{\theta} - \vec{y}) = 0$

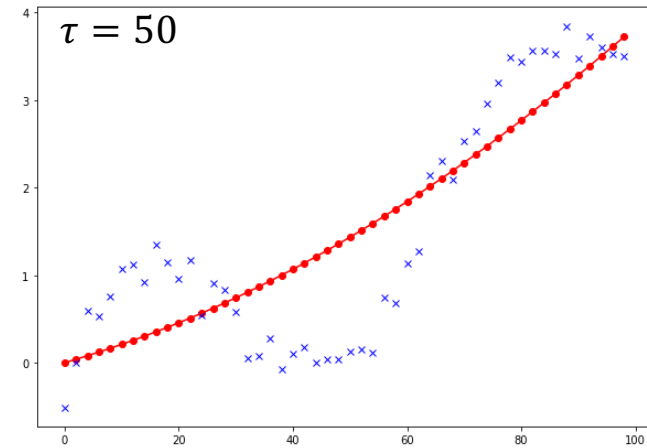
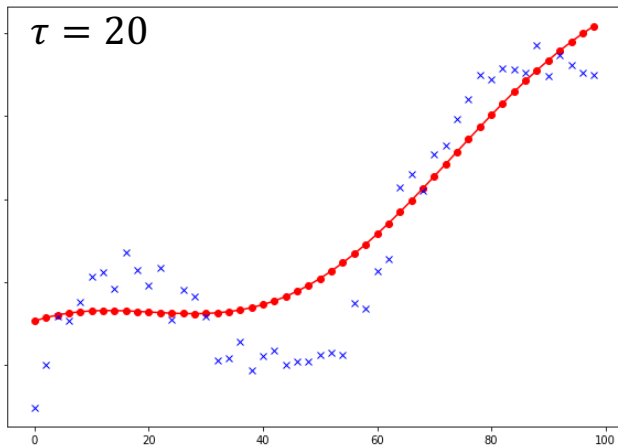
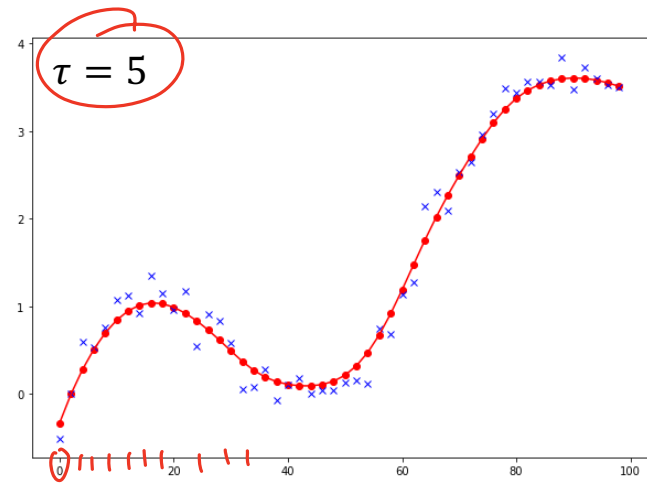
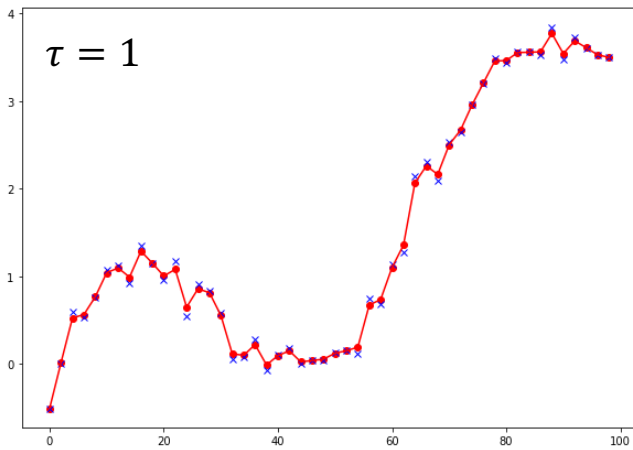
$$\underline{\underline{\vec{X}^T W \vec{X} \vec{\theta} = \vec{X}^T W \vec{y}}}$$



$$f(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\tau^2}\right)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w^{(1)} & & & \\ & w^{(2)} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & w^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\theta} = (\vec{X}^T W \vec{X})^{-1} \vec{X}^T W \vec{y}$$



We need the training data as well as the parameters to make a prediction.

```
import numpy as np ✓
import pandas as pd ✓

# To plot pretty figures
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt ✓
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x = 2*np.arange(50)
y = np.sin(x/10) + (x/50)**2 + 0.2*np.random.randn(50)
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```
def normal_equation(x, y, w=None):
    if w is None:
        return np.linalg.inv(x.T.dot(x)).dot(x.T).dot(y)
    else:
        return np.linalg.inv(x.T.dot(w).dot(x)).dot(x.T).dot(w).dot(y)|
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$\hat{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \bar{y}$

```
def weight_w(x, x_i, tau):
    return np.diag(np.exp(-((x-x_i)[: ,1]**2)/(2*tau**2)))
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```
xa = np.append(np.ones(x.shape[0]), x)
xc = xa.reshape(2,50).T
yc = y.reshape(50,1)

theta = normal_equation(xc,yc)|
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```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
Y_pred=xc.dot(theta)
ax.plot(xc[:,1],yc, 'x',color='Blue')
plt.plot(xc[:,1], Y_pred, color='red')
fig.set_size_inches(10, 7)
plt.show()
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# Calculate predictions
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pred = []
for k, xc_j in enumerate(xc):
    w = weight_w(xc, xc_j, 5) =  $\tau$ 
    theta = normal_equation(xc, yc, w)
    pred.append(theta.T.dot(xc_j[:,np.newaxis]).ravel()[0])
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(xc[:,1],yc, 'x',color='Blue')
plt.plot(xc[:,1], pred, color='red')
plt.scatter(xc[:,1], pred, color='red')
fig.set_size_inches(10, 7)
plt.show()
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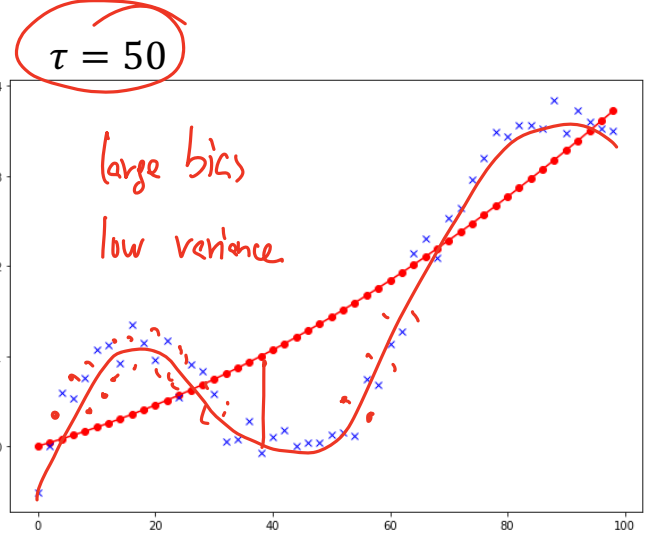
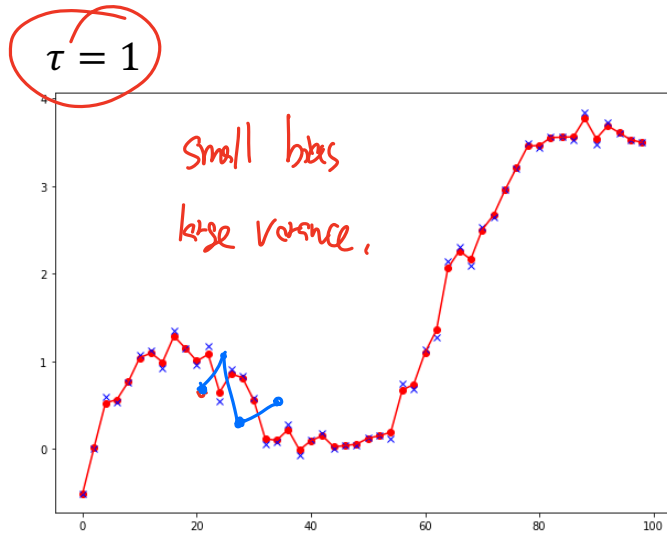
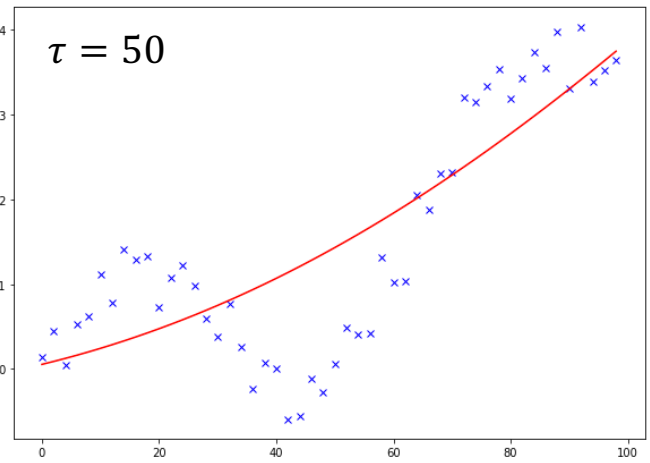
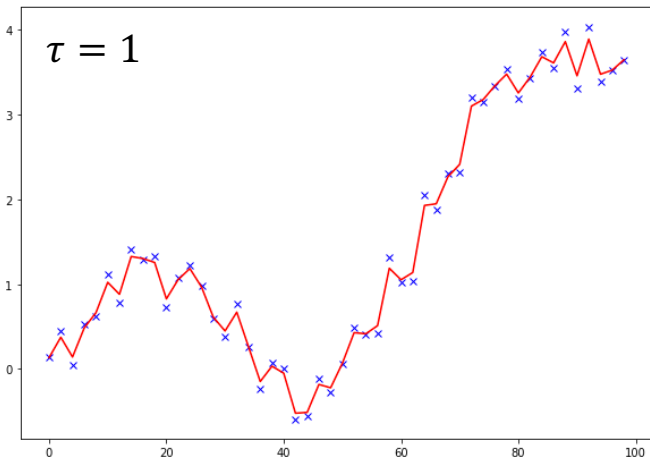
Given training Data  $D = \{(\vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + \dots + \theta_d X_d$$

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A **parametric** inference method gives a predictor function  $h_{\vec{\theta}}(\vec{x})$  with a finite number of parameters  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_d$ .

A **non-parametric** inference method estimates without parameters, or with an infinite number of parameters.



Total error = bias<sup>2</sup> + variance + noise

## ➤ Bias-Variance Trade Off (first view)

When  $\tau = 1$ , if we change the training data from the same model and recompute the linear regression(or classifier), the **change** in the fit is very high.

By contrast, when  $\tau = 50$ , if we change the training data from the same model and recompute the linear regression, the **change** in the fit is very low.

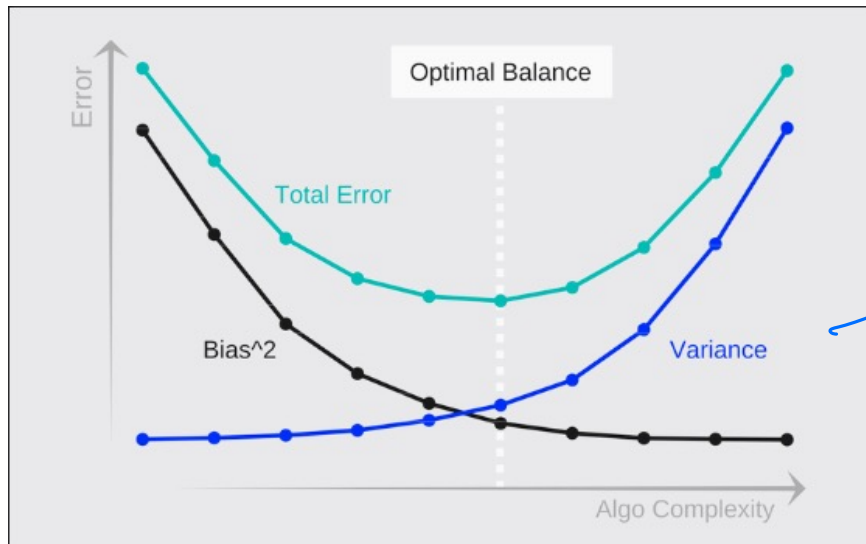
This contrast between the two algorithms is know as the **bias-variance trade off**.

For a class of models, the **bias** roughly is the expected error of the best model (regression or classifier) in the model class given a random set of training data. (This part of the generalization error is due to wrong assumptions.)

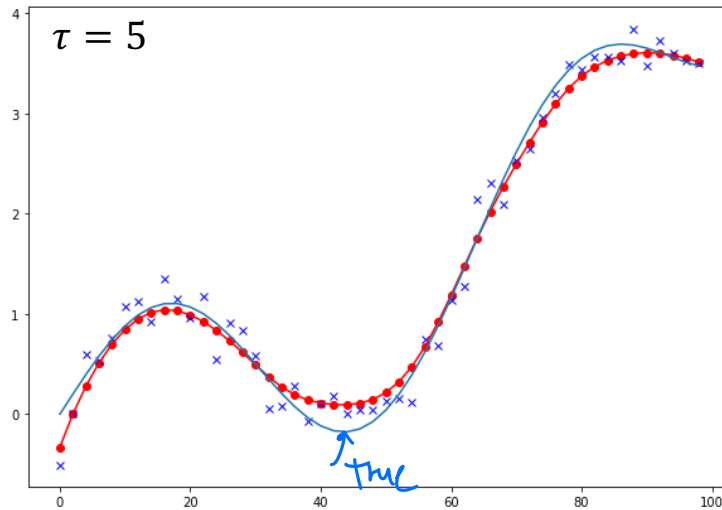
The **variance** is roughly the sensitivity of the model to the training data. (This part is due to the model's excessive sensitivity to small variations in the training data.)

$$\text{Total Error} = (\text{Bias})^2 + \text{Variance} + \text{Irreducible Error}$$

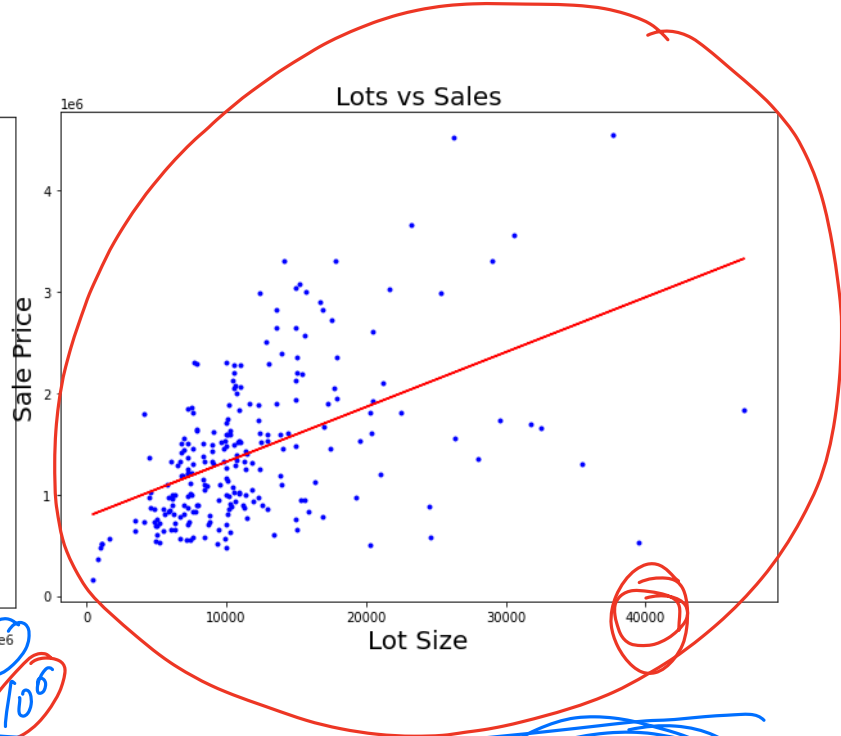
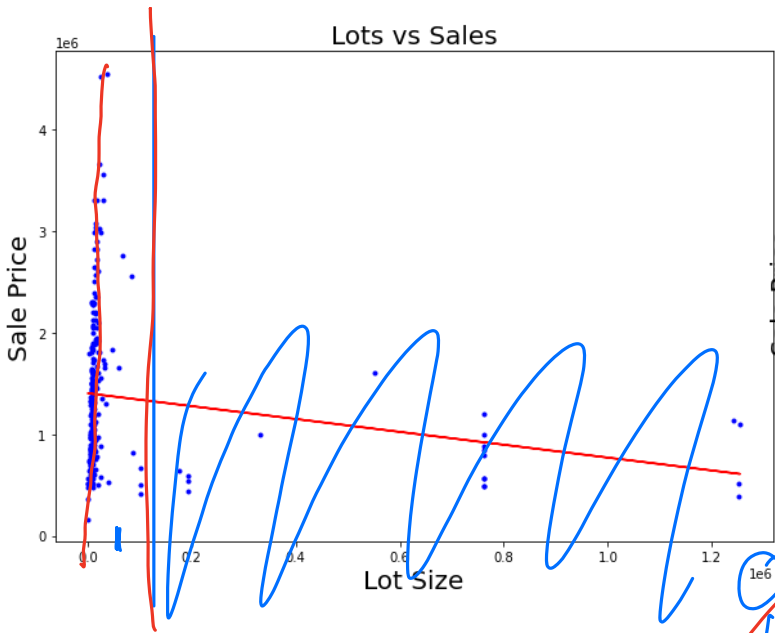
**Irreducible Error** is due to the noisiness of the data itself. The only way to reduce this part of the error is to clean up the data.



The best fit lies somewhere in between the extreme ends.



Remark: Clean up the data.



0, 3, 6

2, 3, 4

$$\frac{2+4}{2} = \text{mean} = 3$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2^2+3^2+4^2}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \text{RSS}(\hat{\theta})}$$

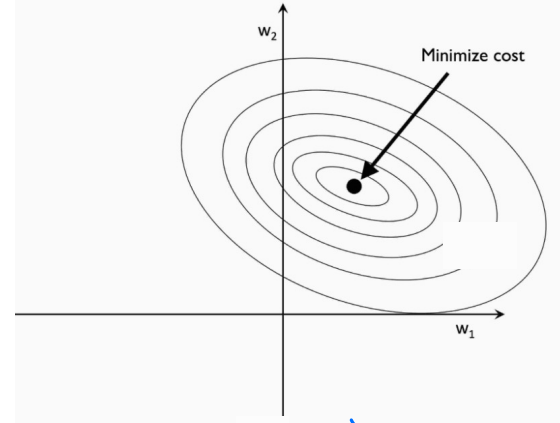
$$\rightarrow \{(\vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \mid i=1, \dots, n\} \quad \vec{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

➤ Feature selection (Shrinkage/regularization methods)

Data:  $h(\vec{x}) = \vec{\theta}^T \vec{x} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$

Model:  $h(\vec{x}) = \vec{\theta}^T \vec{x} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_d x_d$

Square sum:  $RSS(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (h(\vec{x}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$



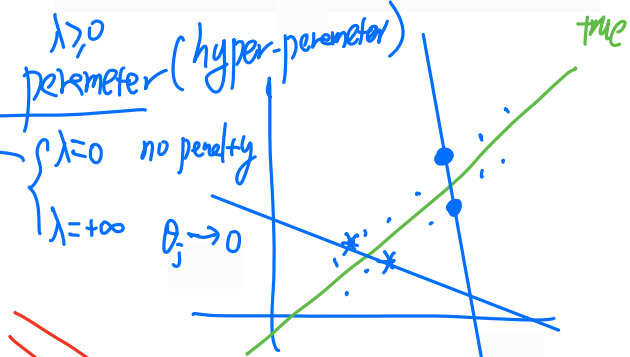
➤ Ridge Regression

Ridge regression cost function:

$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$  suppose  $x_1 \approx x_2$

$J^{Ridge}(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - h_{\theta}(\vec{x}^{(i)}))^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2$

= RSS + penalty



$\| \vec{y} - X\vec{\theta} \|^2 + \lambda \| \vec{\theta} \|^2$

suppose  $\theta_i = 0$

• Goal: Find  $\arg \min_{\vec{\theta}} J^{Ridge}(\vec{\theta})$

level curves for  $RSS(\vec{\theta})$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y} = \underset{\vec{\theta}}{\text{argmin}} \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta})$$

### Lagrange Multiplier method (Karush-Kuhn-Tucker)

Minimize the Ridge cost function

easier

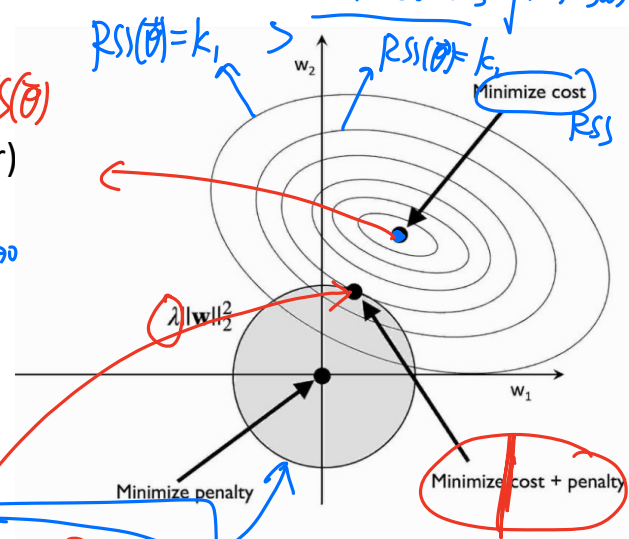
$$J^{\text{Ridge}}(\vec{\theta}) = \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2$$

$\theta_j \rightarrow \infty$

is equivalent to minimize  $\text{RSS}(\vec{\theta})$  subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2 - t \leq 0$

hard

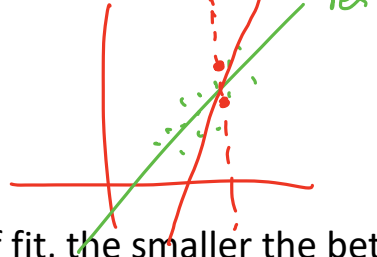
$$\underset{\vec{\theta}}{\text{argmin}} J^{\text{Ridge}}(\vec{\theta})$$



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➤ **Remarks on Ridge Regression**



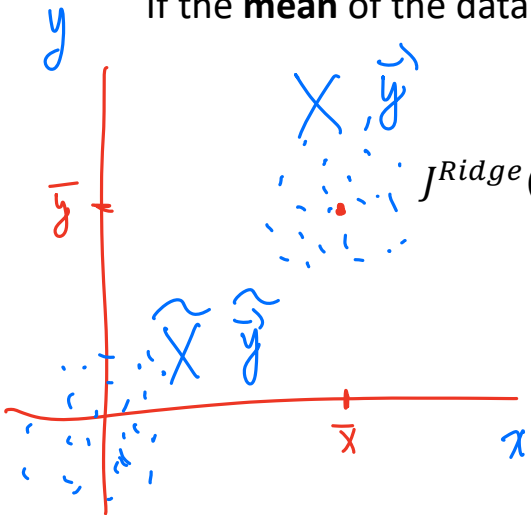
1. The first term  $RS(\theta)$  measures **goodness** of fit, the smaller the better.
2. The second term is called **shrinkage penalty**, which shrinkage  $\theta_i$  towards to 0.
3. The shrinkage **reduces variance** (at the cost increased bias). Ridge regression works best in situations where the least squares estimates have high variance.
4. The intercept  $\theta_0$  is not penalized.
5. Ridge Regression is affected by the scale. (Least squares solution is unaffected by the scale. )
6. Ridge regression also has substantial computational advantages.

$$\nabla_{\vec{\theta}} J^{\text{ridge}} = 0$$

assume  $\theta_0 = 0$

$$\vec{\theta} = \underline{\underline{(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}}}$$

If the **mean** of the data matrix  $X$  is zero, then  $\theta_0 = 0$ , in this case,



$$J^{Ridge}(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - h_{\theta}(\vec{x}^{(i)}))^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2$$

$$= (X\vec{\theta} - \vec{y})^T (X\vec{\theta} - \vec{y}) + \lambda \vec{\theta}^T \vec{\theta} \quad \vec{x} \rightarrow y$$

Calculate  $\nabla_{\vec{\theta}} J = 0$ , we get

mean( $\vec{x}$ ) =  $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{x}_d \end{bmatrix}$  Data  $(X, \vec{y})$

$$\vec{\theta} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\tilde{x}} = \vec{x} - \text{mean}(\vec{x}) \\ \vec{\tilde{y}} = y - \text{mean}(\vec{y}) \end{cases}$$

$\bar{x}_1 \quad \dots \quad \bar{x}_d$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_d$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}_{n \times d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{X} = X - \begin{bmatrix} \text{mean}(\vec{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ \text{mean}(\vec{x})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y} = \bar{y} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y} \\ \vdots \\ \bar{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Remark:** (Standardization of feature variables/ Feature Scaling)

Before applying the Ridge/Lasso/ Elastic net regressions, we need to rescale an original variable to have equal range or variance.

1. Min-max scaling/**normalization**/ 0-1 scaling (Scikit-Learn: MinMaxScaler)

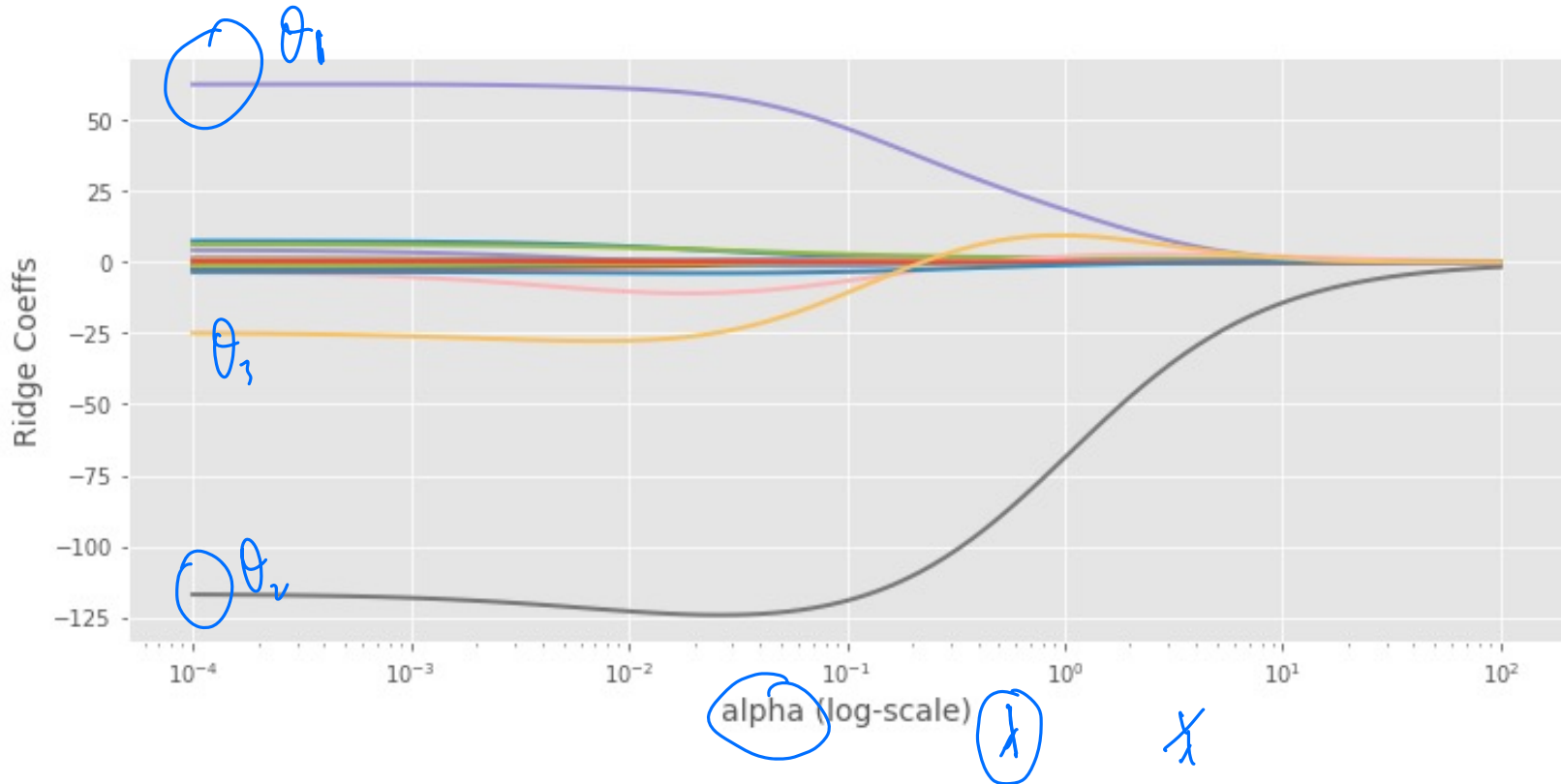
$$\frac{x_i - \min(x_i)}{\max(x_i) - \min(x_i)}$$

2. Standardization (Scikit-Learn: StandardScaler)

$$\frac{x_i - \text{mean}(x_i)}{s(x_i)} = \bar{x}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_i^{(j)}}{n}$$

where  $s(x)$  is the standard deviation of  $x$ .

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \left( x_i^{(j)} - \bar{x}_i \right)^2}$$



➤ Lasso Regression

model

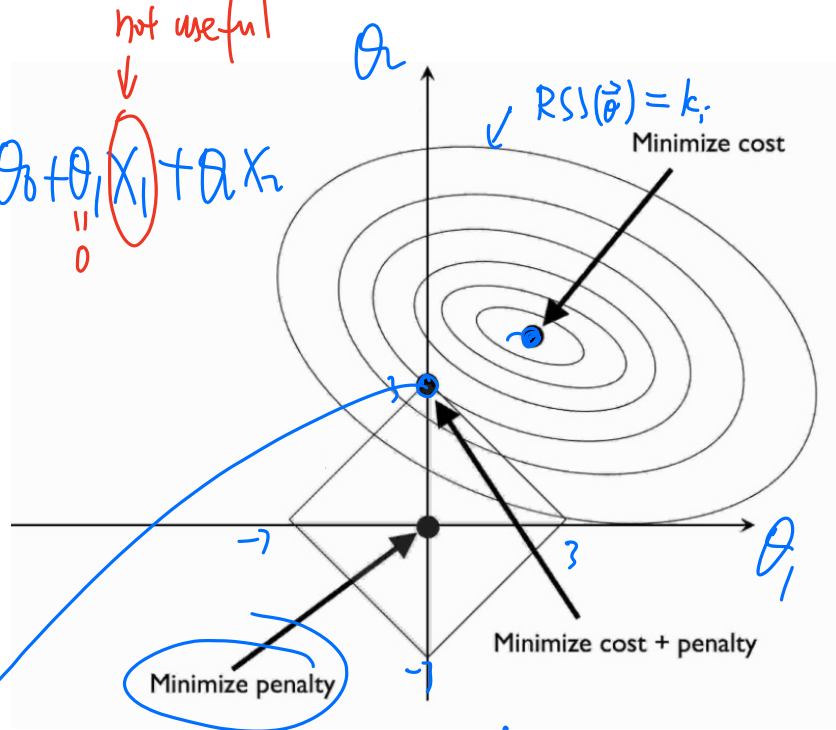
$h(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2$

*not useful* (with arrow pointing to  $\theta_1$ )  
*0* (with arrow pointing to  $x_1$ )

Lasso regression cost function:

$$J^{Lasso}(\vec{\theta}) = \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j|$$

penalty



$|\theta_1| + |\theta_2| = 3$

Minimize the Lasso cost function

is equivalent to minimize  $\text{RSS}(\vec{\theta})$  subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j| - t \leq 0$

$\vec{\theta}^{Lasso} = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmin}} J^{Lasso}(\vec{\theta}) = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmin}} \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta})$  subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j| - t \leq 0$

➤ Remarks on Lasso and Ridge Regressions

0. Lasso stands for Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator.

1. Lasso tends to completely eliminate the weights of the least important features. (It performs variable selection, and yields sparse models.) Hence, Lasso is more interpretable than ridge.

2. The lasso implicitly assumes that a number of the coefficients truly equal zero.

3. Ridge regression outperforms the lasso in terms of prediction error.

4. Both ridge and Lasso can improve over the traditional least squares by trade off variance with bias.

5. There are significant improvement when the variance of the least squares is large, mostly with small n and large d.

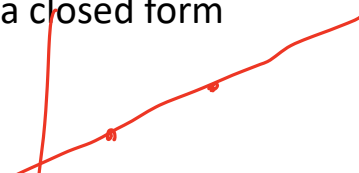
*more data than features.*

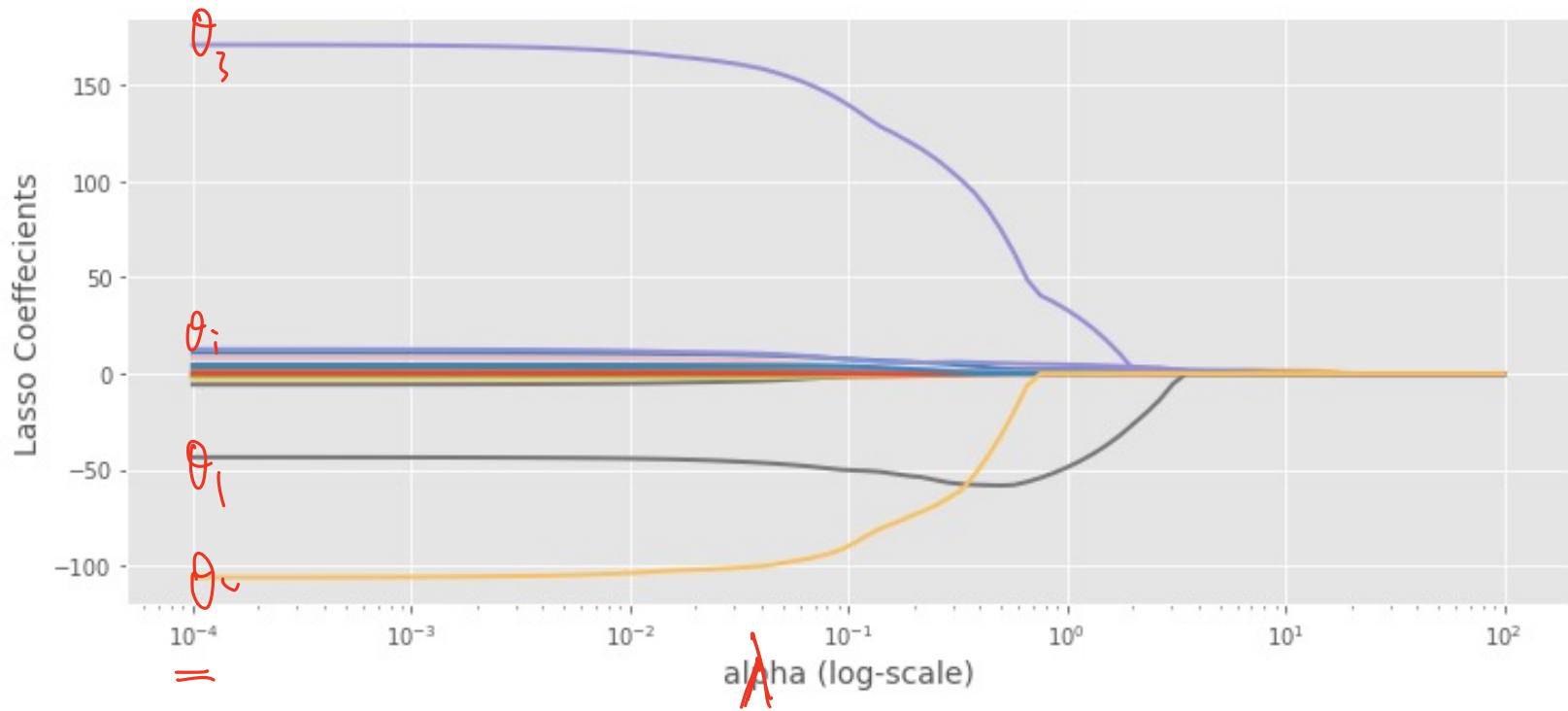
$$\underline{\underline{X^T X \vec{\theta}}} = \underline{\underline{X^T \vec{y}}}$$

6. Lasso has feature selection, while ridge does not.

7. Use **cross validation** to determine which one has better prediction.

8. Ridge has closed form solution. Lasso generally does not have a closed form solution.





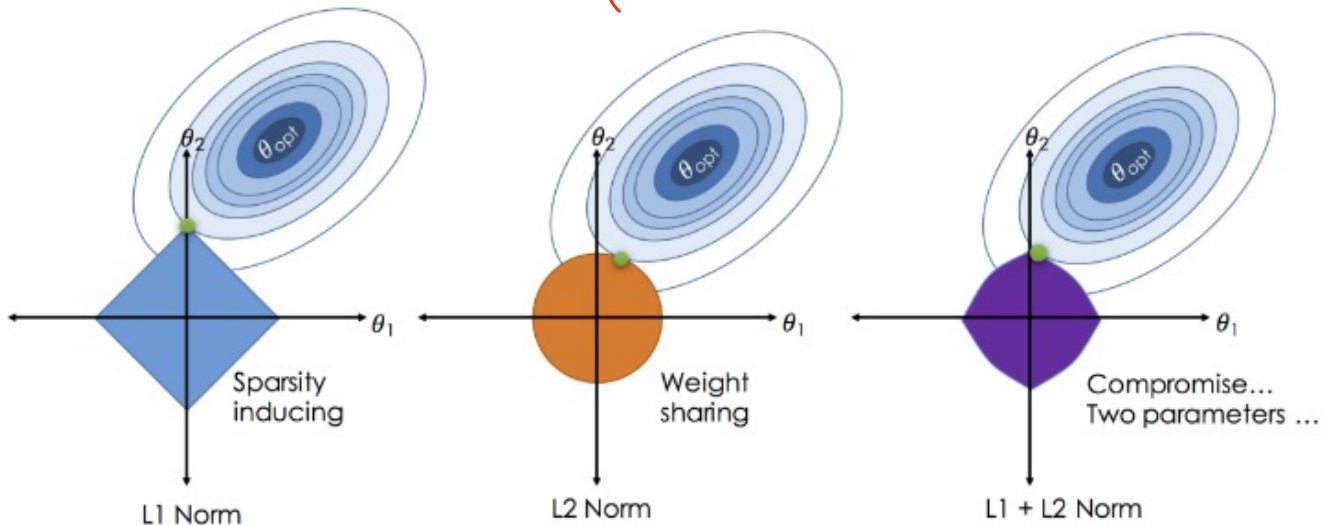
## ➤ Elastic net Regression

Sci-kit or Statmodels

Elastic net regression cost function:

$$J(\vec{\theta}) = \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j| + \eta \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2$$

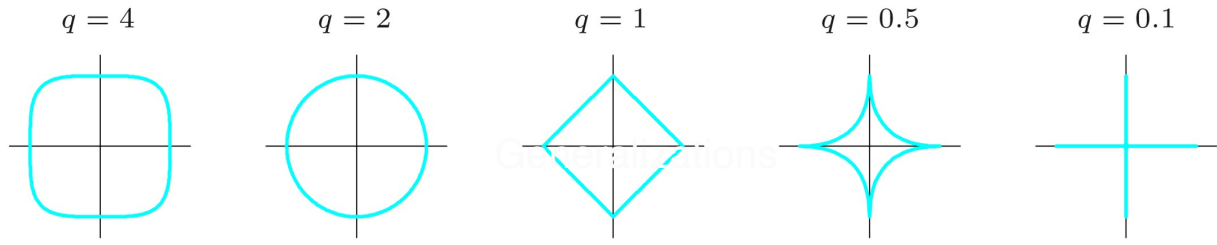
$$\propto \left( \frac{1}{2} \Sigma + \lambda \Sigma \right)$$





**Generalizations:** For any positive number  $q$ .

$$J(\vec{\theta}) = \text{RSS}(\vec{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^d |\theta_j|^q$$



We introduced a few different statistical learning methods.  
Which one is the best approach?

George Box 1987: “All models are wrong, but some are useful.” (No Free Lunch Theorem)  
Hence, no one method dominates all others over all possible data sets. On a particular data set, one specific method may work best, but some other method may work better on a similar but different data set.

It is an important task to decide for any given set of data which method produces the best results. Selecting the best approach can be one of the most challenging parts of machine learning in practice. (Project?)