

Lecture 7: Intro to recognition and linear ML

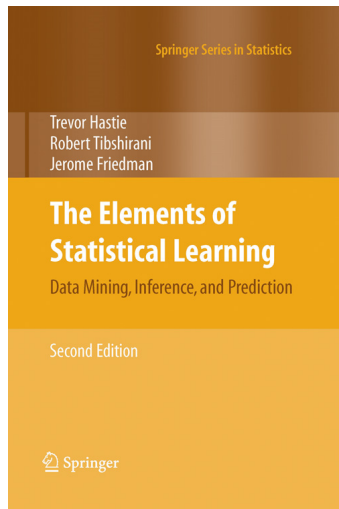
COS 429: Computer Vision



Terminology

- ML is incredibly messy terminology-wise.
- Most things have at lots of names.
- I will try to write down multiple of them so if you see it later you'll know what it is.

Pointers



Useful book (Free too!):
The Elements of Statistical Learning
Hastie, Tibshirani, Friedman <https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ElemStatLearn/>



Useful set of data:
UCI ML Repository
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets.html>

A lot of important and hard lessons summarized:
<https://homes.cs.washington.edu/~pedrod/papers/cacm12.pdf>

Machine Learning (ML)

- Goal: make “sense” of data
- Overly simplified version: transform vector \mathbf{x} into vector $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})$ that’s somehow better
- Potentially you fit \mathbf{T} using pairs of datapoints and desired outputs $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$, or just using a set of datapoints (\mathbf{x}_i)
- Always are trying to find some transformation that minimizes or maximizes some **objective function** or goal.

Machine Learning

Input: \mathbf{x}

Feature vector/Data point:

Vector representation of datapoint. Each dimension or “**feature**” represents some aspect of the data.

Output: \mathbf{y}

Label / target:

Fixed length vector of desired output. Each dimension represents some aspect of the output data

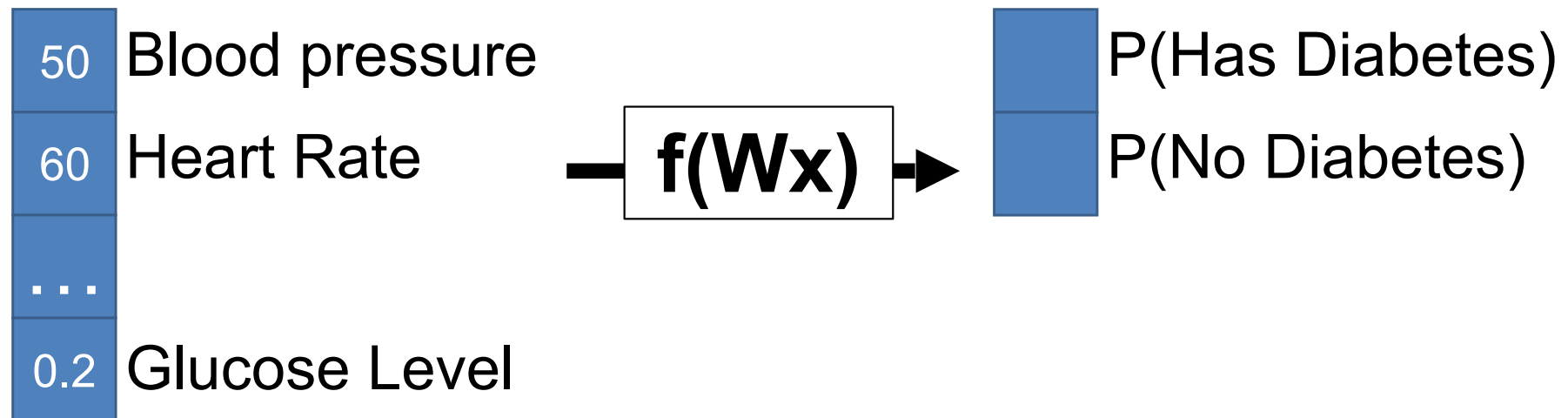
Supervised: we are given \mathbf{y} .

Unsupervised: we are not, and make our own \mathbf{y} s.

Example – Health

Input: \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^N

Output: \mathbf{y}

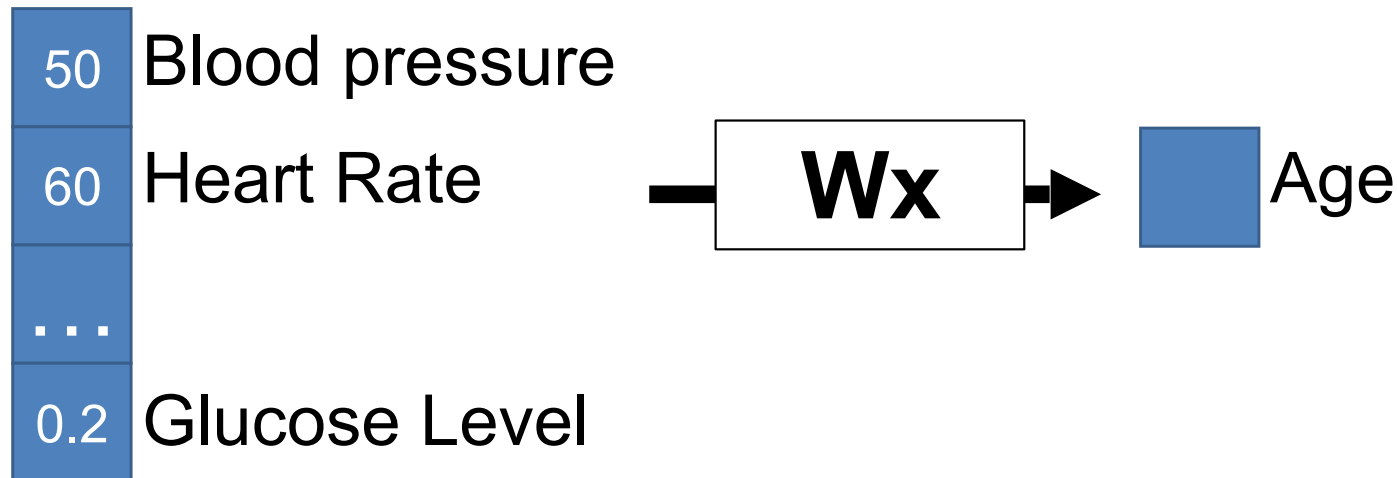


Intuitive objective function: Want correct category to be likely with our model.

Example – Health

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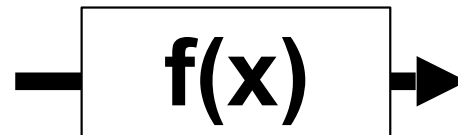


Intuitive objective function: Want our prediction of age to be “close” to true age.

Example – Health

Input: \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^N

50	Blood pressure
60	Heart Rate
...	
0.2	Glucose Level



Output: **discrete \mathbf{y}**
(unsupervised)

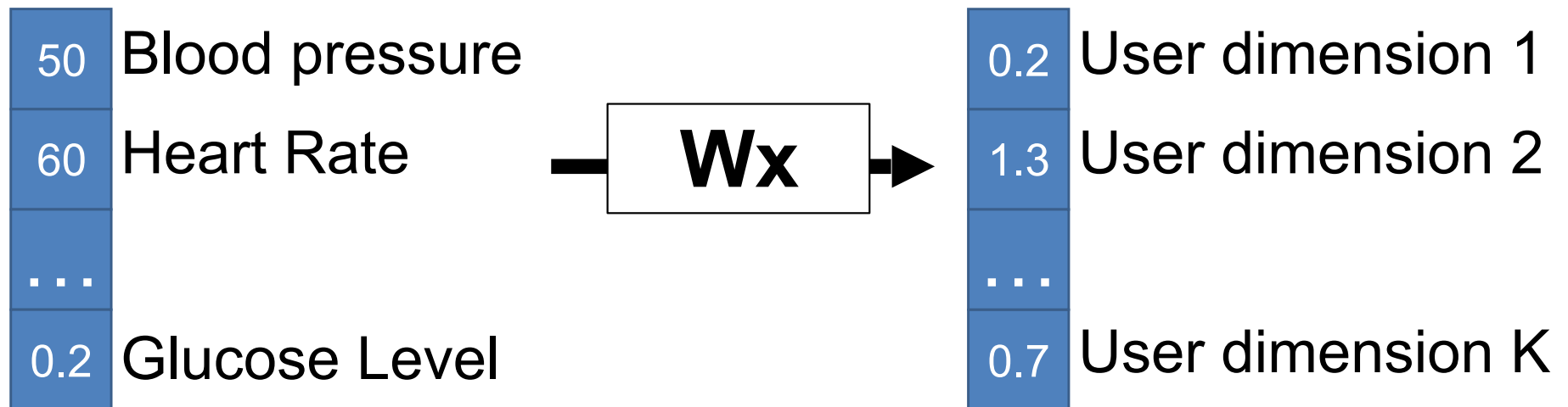
0/1	User group 1
0/1	User group 2
...	
0/1	User group K

Intuitive objective function: Want to find K groups that explain the data we see.

Example – Health

Input: \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^N

Output: **continuous \mathbf{y}**
(discovered)

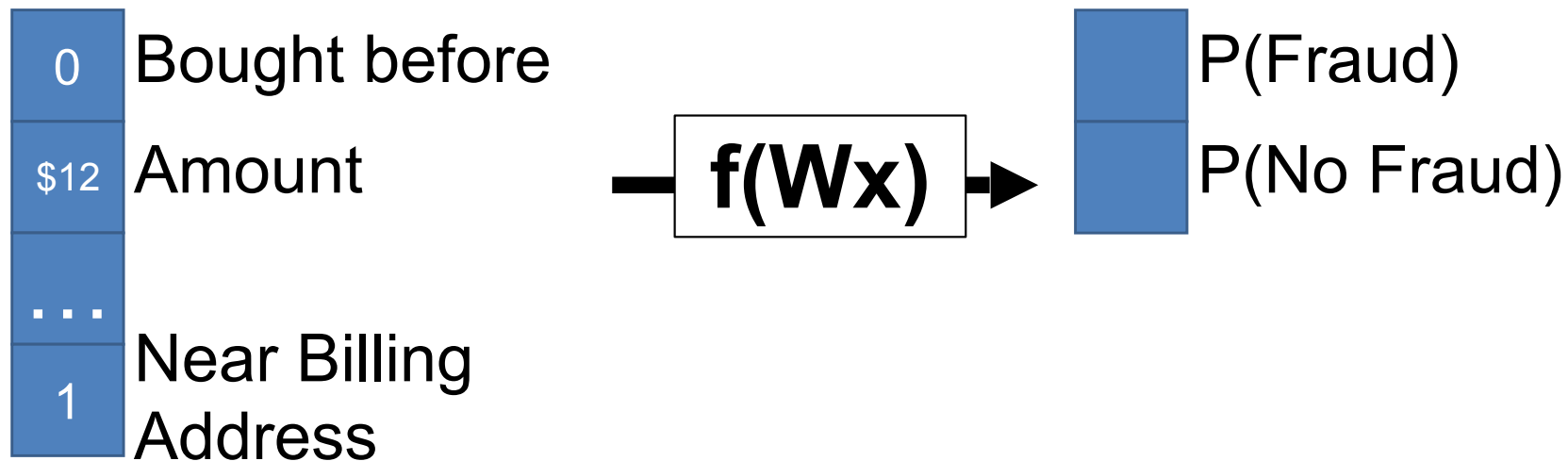


Intuitive objective function: Want to K dimensions (often two) that are easier to understand but capture the variance of the data.

Example – Credit Card Fraud

Input: \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^N

Output: \mathbf{y}

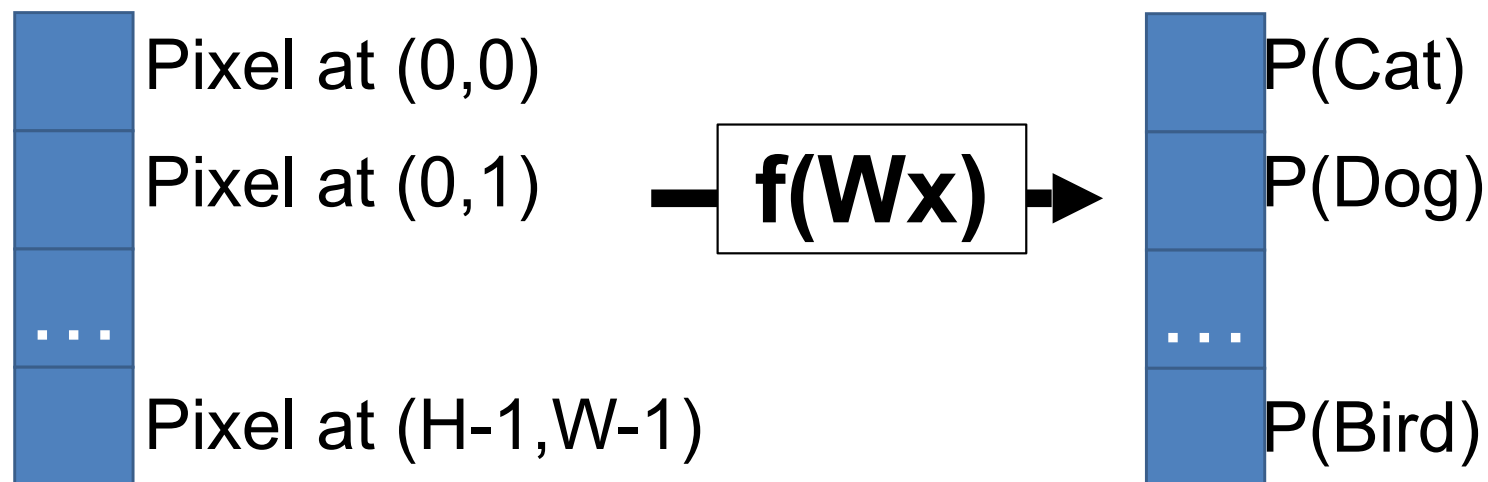


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Example – Computer Vision

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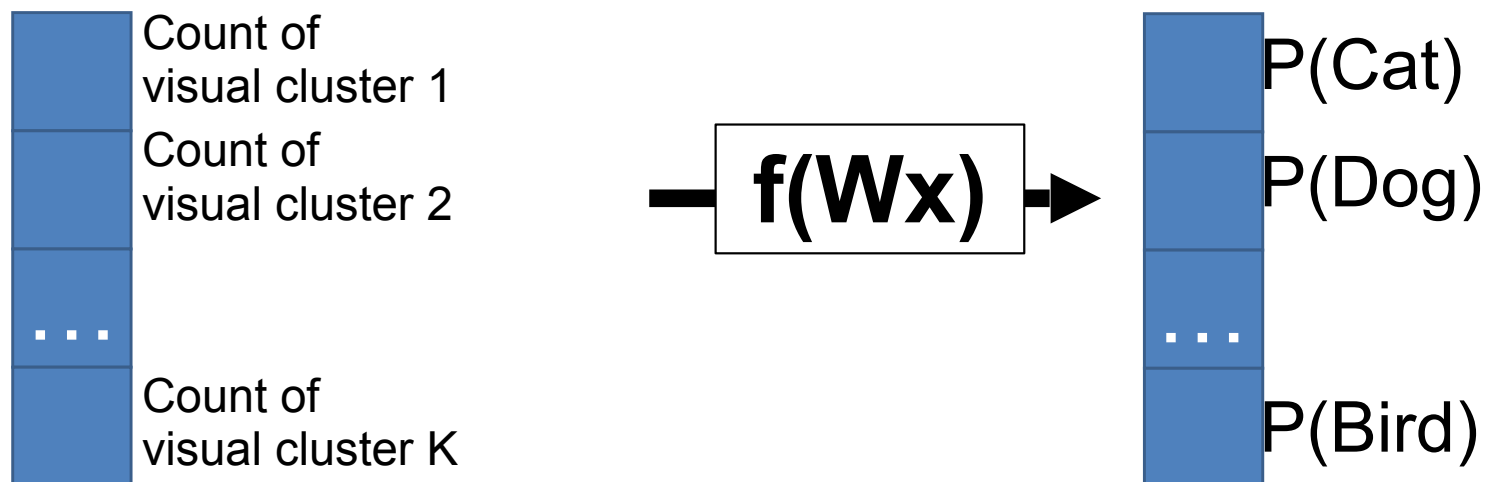


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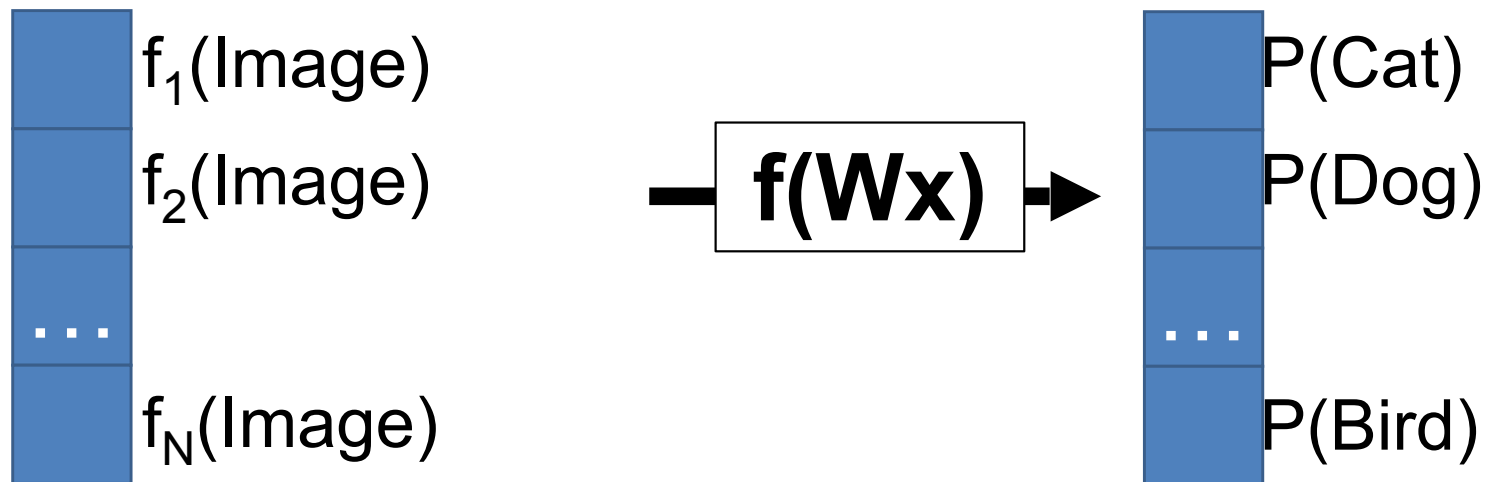


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Abstractions

- Throughout, assume we've converted data into a fixed-length feature vector. There are well-designed ways for doing this.
- But remember it could be big!
 - Image (e.g., 224x224x3): 151K dimensions
 - Patch (e.g., 32x32x3) in image: 3072 dimensions

ML Problems in Vision



(Explained via cats)

ML Problem Examples in Vision

**Supervised
(Data+Labels)**

**Unsupervised
(Just Data)**

**Discrete
Output**

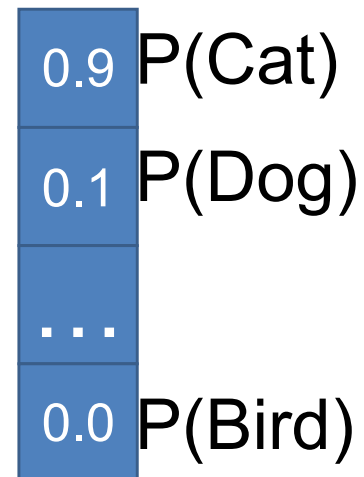
**Classification/
Categorization**

**Continuous
Output**

ML Problem Examples in Vision

Categorization/Classification

Binning into K mutually-exclusive categories



ML Problem Examples in Vision

	Supervised (Data+Labels)	Unsupervised (Just Data)
Discrete Output	Classification/ Categorization	
Continuous Output	Regression	

ML Problem Examples in Vision

Regression

Estimating continuous variable(s)



3.6
kg

Cat weight

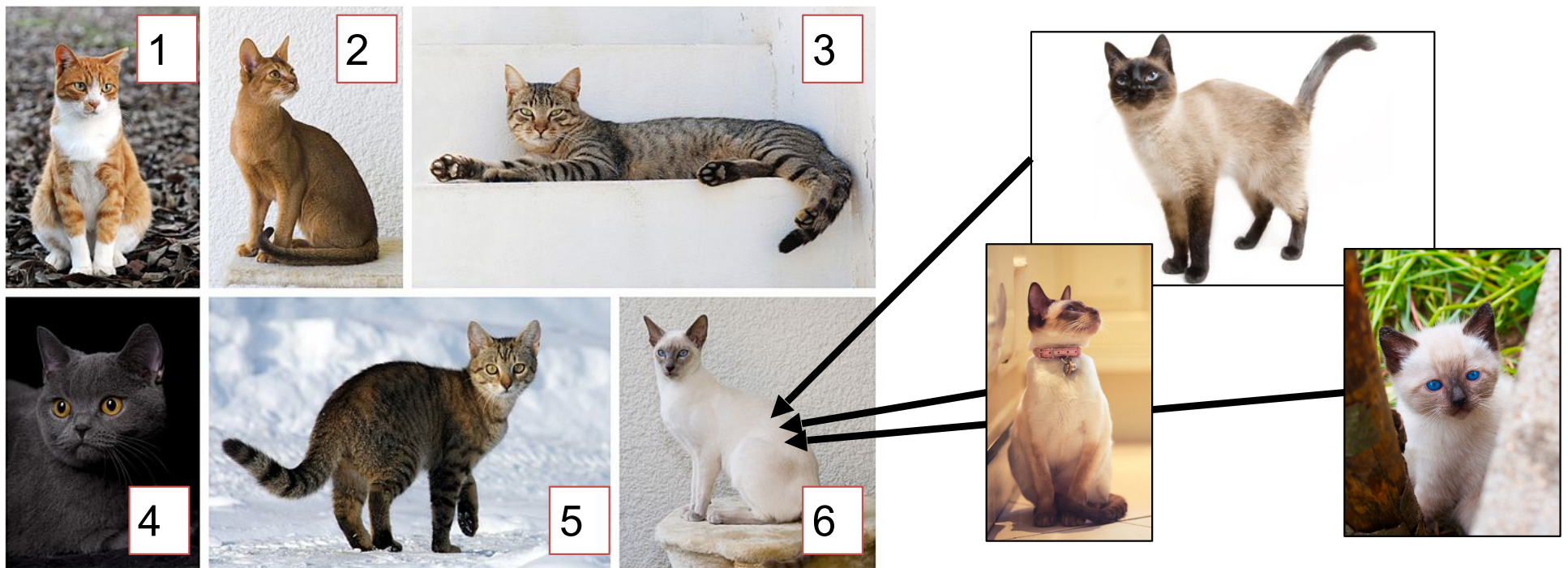
ML Problem Examples in Vision

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ML Problem Examples in Vision

Clustering

Given a set of cats, automatically discover clusters or *categories*.



ML Problem Examples in Vision

	Supervised (Data+Labels)	Unsupervised (Just Data)
Discrete Output	Classification/ Categorization	Clustering
Continuous Output	Regression	Dimensionality Reduction

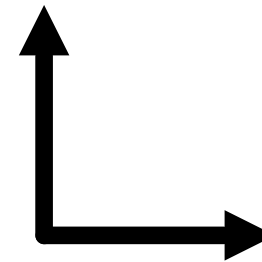
ML Problem Examples in Vision

Dimensionality Reduction

Find dimensions that best explain the whole image/input



Cat size in image



Location of cat in image

For ordinary images, this is currently a totally hopeless task. For certain images (e.g., faces, this works reasonably well)

Practical Example

- ML has a tendency to be mysterious
- Let's start with:
 - A simple model (a line)
 - A simple fitting method
- One thing to remember:
 - N eqns, $<N$ vars = overdetermined (will have errors)
 - N eqns, N vars = exact solution
 - N eqns, $>N$ vars = underdetermined (infinite solns)

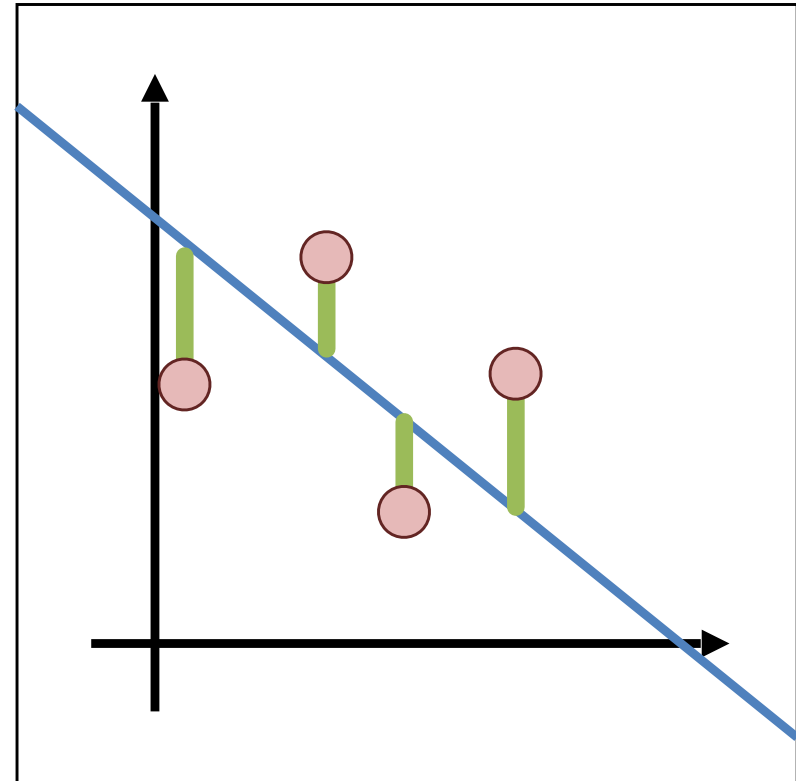
Example – Least Squares

Let's make the world's **worst** weather model

Data: $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_k, y_k)$

Model: $(m, b) y_i = mx_i + b$
Or $(\mathbf{w}) y_i = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i$

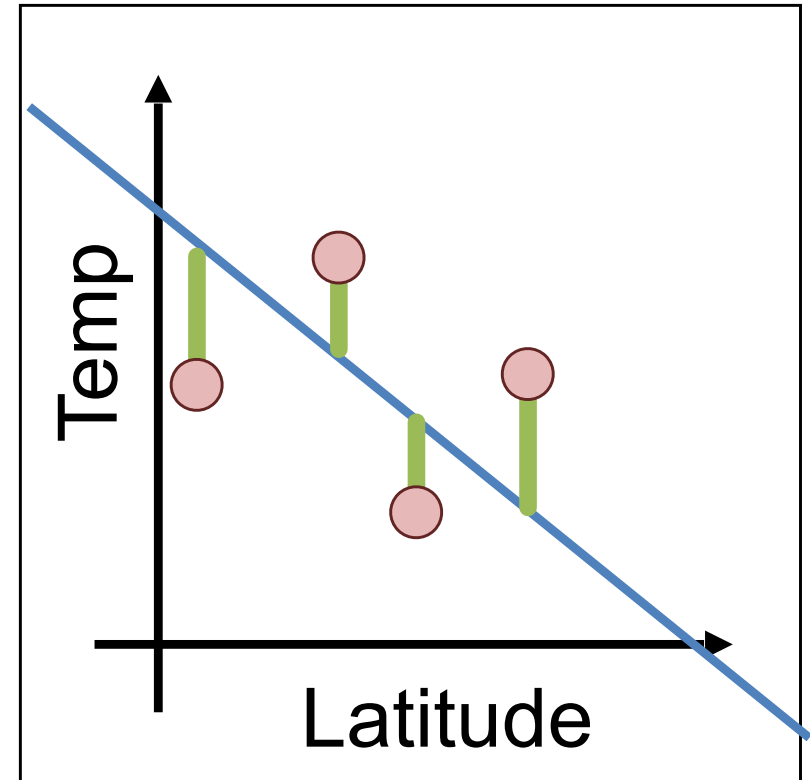
Objective function:
 $(y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$



World's Worst Weather Model

Given latitude (distance above equator), predict temperature in October by fitting a line

<u>City</u>	<u>Latitude (°)</u>	<u>Temp (F)</u>
Princeton	40	66
Boston, MA	42	62
Austin, TX	30	82
Mexico City	19	75
Vancouver	49	57



Example – Least Squares

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

Output:

Temperature

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Inputs:

Latitude, 1

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Model/Weights:

Latitude, “Bias”

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Example – Least Squares

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Output:

Temperature

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ \vdots \\ 57 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inputs:

Latitude, 1

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 40 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 49 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Model/Weights:

Latitude, “Bias”

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

**Intuitively why do we add
a one to the inputs?**

Example – Least Squares

Training (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) :

$$\operatorname{argmin}_w \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \quad \text{or}$$
$$\operatorname{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - y_i\|^2$$

Loss function/objective: evaluates correctness.
Here: Squared L2 norm / Sum of Squared Errors

Training/Learning/Fitting: try to find model that
optimizes/minimizes an objective / loss function

Recall: optimal \mathbf{w}^* is $\mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

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Inference (\mathbf{x}) :

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = w_1 x_1 + \cdots + w_F x_F$$

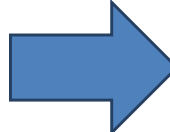
Testing/Inference: Given a new output, what's the prediction?

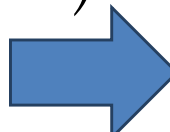
Least Squares: Learning

Data

<u>City</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Temp</u>
Princeton	40	66
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Model


$$\text{Temp} = -0.7 * \text{Lat} + 94$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{5 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 40 & 1 \\ 42 & 1 \\ 30 & 1 \\ 19 & 1 \\ 49 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y}_{5 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 62 \\ 82 \\ 75 \\ 57 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}_{2 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7 \\ 94 \end{bmatrix}$$


Let's Predict The Weather

The COS429 Weather Channel

<u>City</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Temp</u>	<u>Temp</u>	<u>Error</u>
Princeton	40	66	65.5	0.5
Boston, MA	42	62	64.1	2.1
Austin, TX	30	82	72.7	9.3
Mexico City	19	75	80.5	5.5
Vancouver	49	57	59.1	2.1

Is This a Minimum Viable Product?

The *COS429*
Weather
Channel

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Washington, DC:

$$\text{Temp} = -0.7 * 39 + 94 = 66.7$$

Actual in DC:

69



Atlanta, GA:

$$\text{Temp} = -0.7 * 34 + 94 = 70.2$$

Actual in Atlanta:

74



Melbourne, Australia:

$$\text{Temp} = -0.7 * (-38) + 94 = \mathbf{120.6}$$

Actual in Melbourne:

68

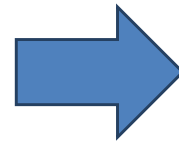
Won't do so well in the Australian market...

Where Can This Go Wrong?

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Data

<u>City</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Temp</u>
Princeton	40	66
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Model

$$\text{Temp} = -2.0 * \text{Lat} + 146.0$$

How well can we predict Princeton and Boston and why?

Always Need Separated Testing

Model might be fit data too precisely “*overfitting*”
Remember: #datapoints = #params = perfect fit

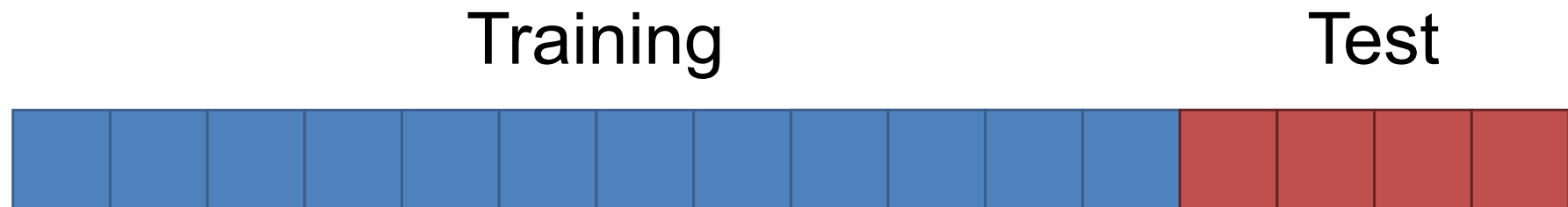
Model may only work under some conditions (e.g.,
trained on northern hemisphere).



Melbourne:
Temp = $-0.7 * (-38) + 94 = 121$

Training and Testing

Fit model parameters on **training** set;
evaluate on *entirely unseen* **test** set.



Nearly any model can predict data it's seen. If your model can't accurately interpret "unseen" data, it's probably useless. We have no clue whether it has just memorized.

Let's Improve Things

If one feature does ok, what about more features!?

<u>City Name</u>	<u>Latitude (deg)</u>	<u>Avg March High (F)</u>	<u>Avg Snowfall</u>	<u>Oct Temp (F)</u>
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Mexico City	19	79	0	75
Vancouver	49	51	17.2	57

$$X_{5 \times 4}$$

4 features + a feature of 1s for intercept/bias

$$y_{5 \times 1}$$

Let's Improve Things

All the math works out!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Data} & \boxed{w^* = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y} & \text{Model} \\ \mathbf{X}_{5 \times 4} \quad \mathbf{y}_{5 \times 1} & \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} & \mathbf{w}_{4 \times 1} \end{array}$$

New COS429 Weather Rule:

$$w_1^* \text{latitude} + w_2^* (\text{avg July high}) + w_3^* (\text{avg snowfall}) + w_4^* 1$$

In general called linear regression

Let's Improve Things More

If one feature does ok, what about **LOTS** of features!?

<u>City Name</u>	<u>Latitude (deg)</u>	<u>Avg March High (F)</u>	<u>Avg Snowfall</u>	<u>Month of Year</u>	<u>Elevation (ft)</u>	<u>% Letter P</u>	<u>Oct Temp (F)</u>
Princeton	40	51	24	10	203	100	66
Boston, MA	42	46	48	10	141	3	62
Austin, TX	30	73	0.6	10	489	2	82
Mexico City	19	79	0	10	7382	4	75
Vancouver	49	51	17.2	10	197	1	57

$X_{5 \times 7}$

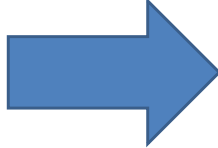
6 features + a feature of 1s for intercept/bias

$y_{5 \times 1}$

Let's Improve Things More

Data $\mathbf{X}_{5 \times 7}$ $\mathbf{y}_{5 \times 1}$

$\boxed{\mathbf{w}^* = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}}$



Model $\mathbf{w}_{7 \times 1}$

$\mathbf{w}^* = \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ is a 7×7 matrix but is **rank deficient** (rank 5) *and has no inverse. There are an infinite number of solutions.*

Have to express some preference for which of the infinite solutions we want.

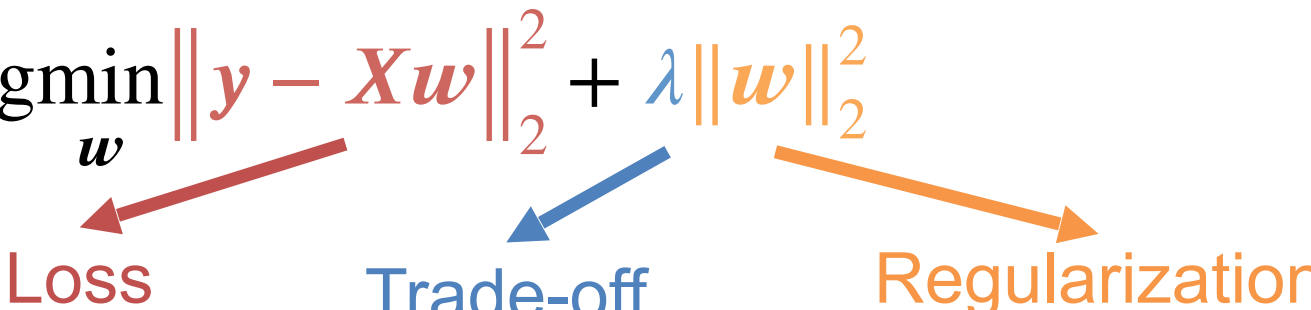
The Fix – Regularized Least Squares

Add **regularization** to objective that prefers some solutions:

Before: $\operatorname{argmin}_w \|y - Xw\|_2^2 \longrightarrow \text{Loss}$

After: $\operatorname{argmin}_w \|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \lambda \|w\|_2^2$

Loss Trade-off Regularization



Want model “smaller”: pay a penalty for w with big norm

Intuitive Objective: accurate model (low loss) but not too complex (low regularization). λ controls how much of each.

The Fix – Regularized Least Squares

Objective: $\operatorname{argmin}_w \left\| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \left\| \mathbf{w} \right\|_2^2$

Loss Trade-off Regularization

Take $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$, set to $\mathbf{0}$, solve

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})}^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$ is full-rank (and thus invertible) for $\lambda > 0$

Called *lots of things*: regularized least-squares, Tikhonov regularization (after Andrey Tikhonov), ridge regression, Bayesian linear regression with a multivariate normal prior.

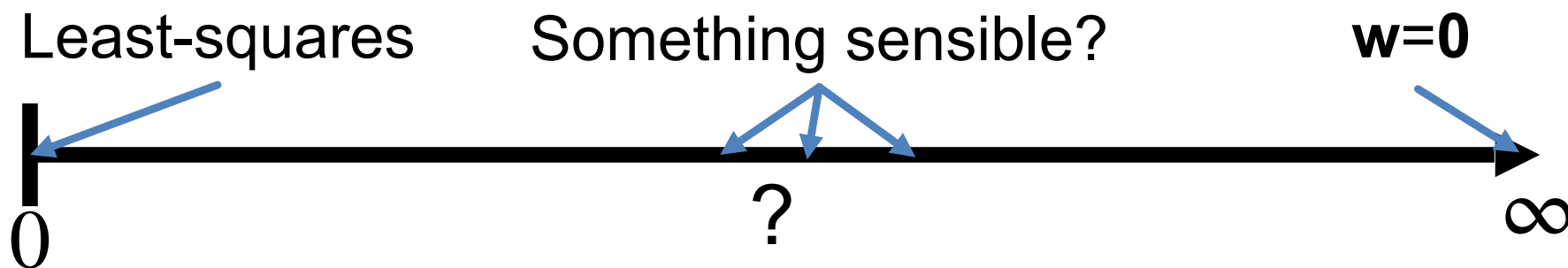
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Loss Trade-off Regularization

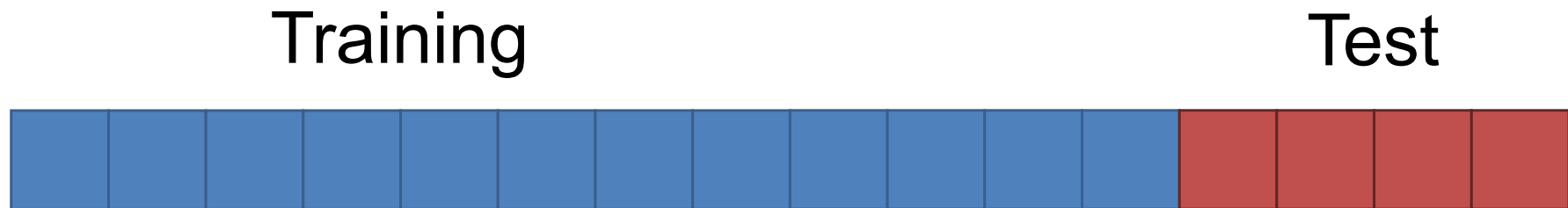
What happens (and why) if:

- $\lambda=0$
- $\lambda=\infty$



Training and Testing

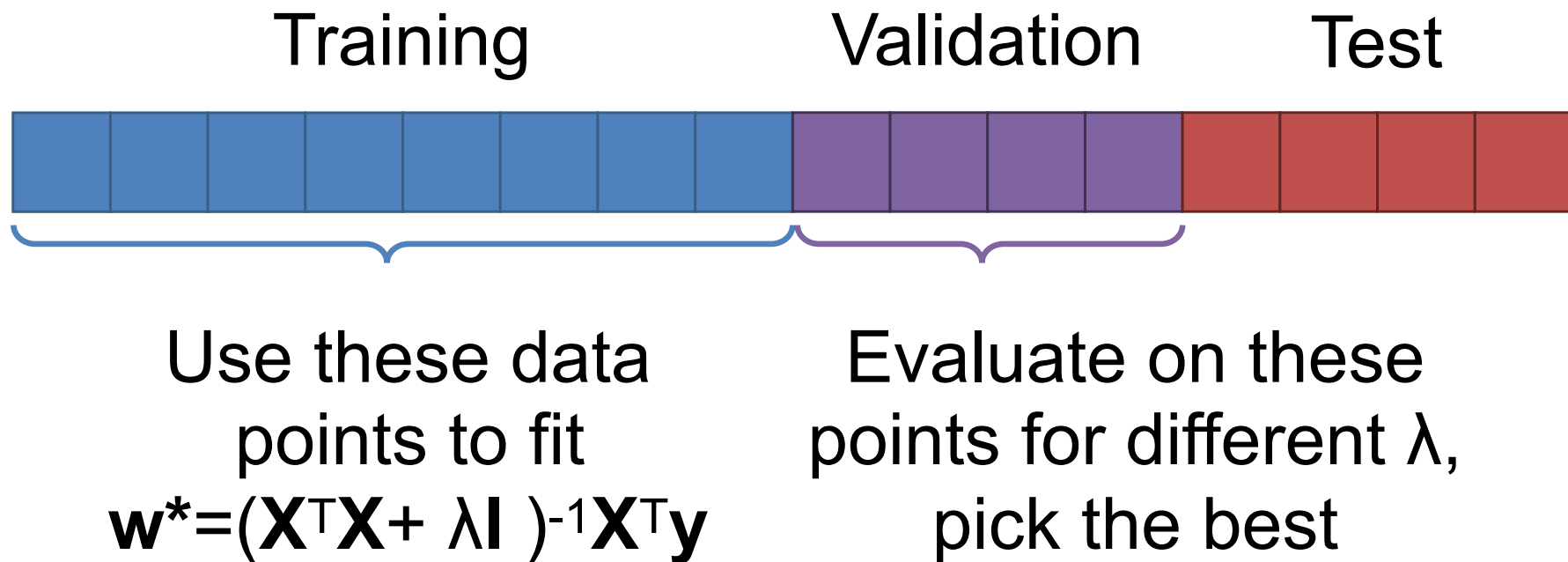
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How do we pick λ ?

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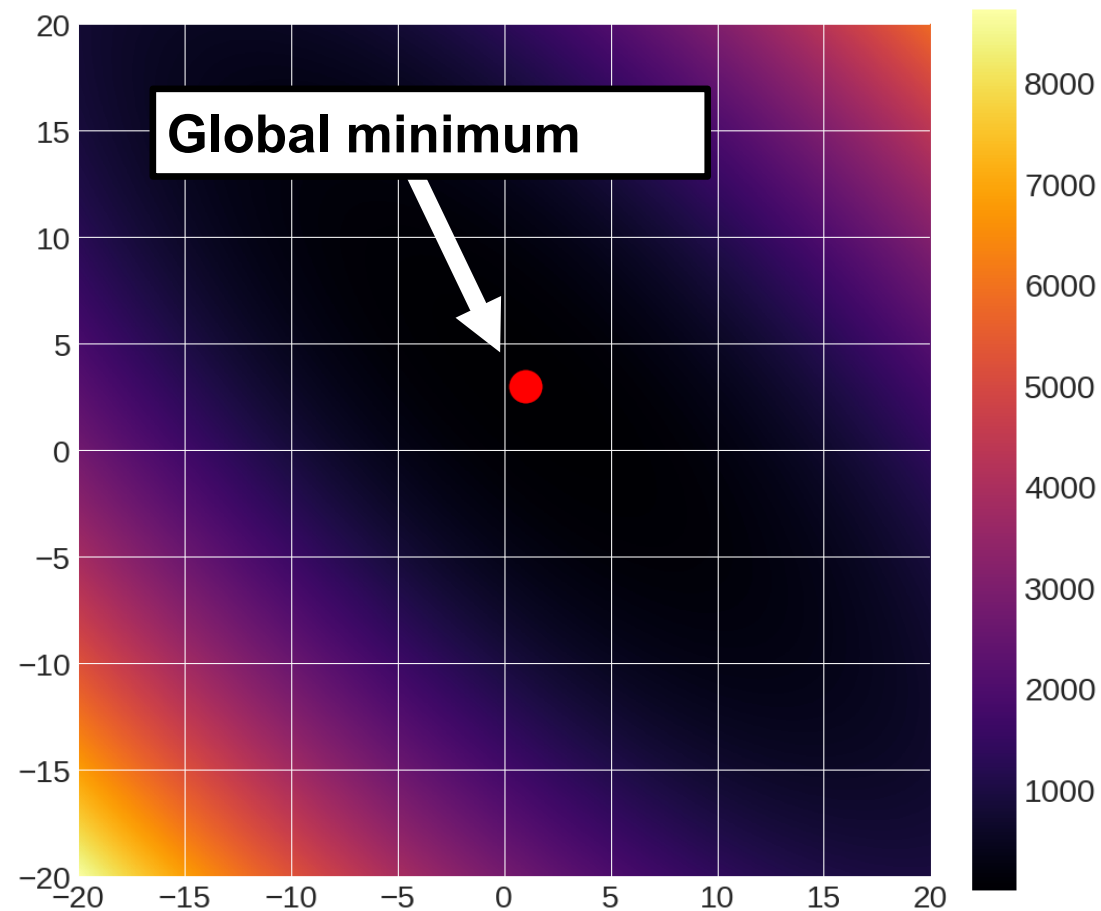
Fit model parameters on training set;
find *hyperparameters* by testing on validation set;
evaluate on *entirely unseen* test set.



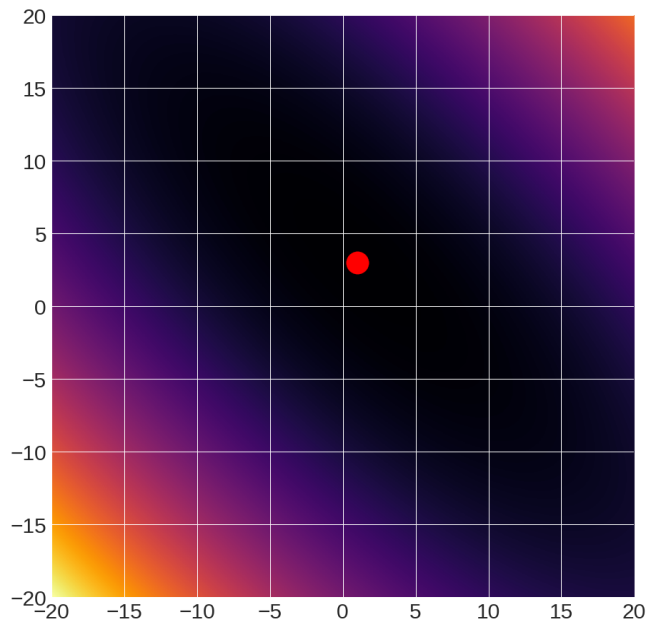
Optimization

Sample Function to Optimize

$$f(x,y) = (x+2y-7)^2 + (2x+y-5)^2$$



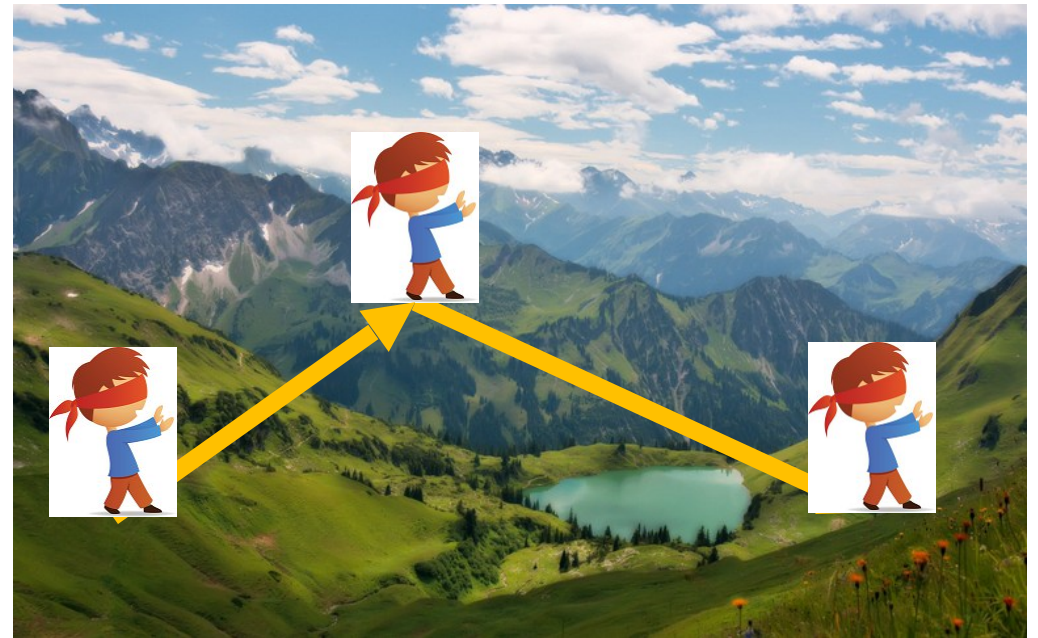
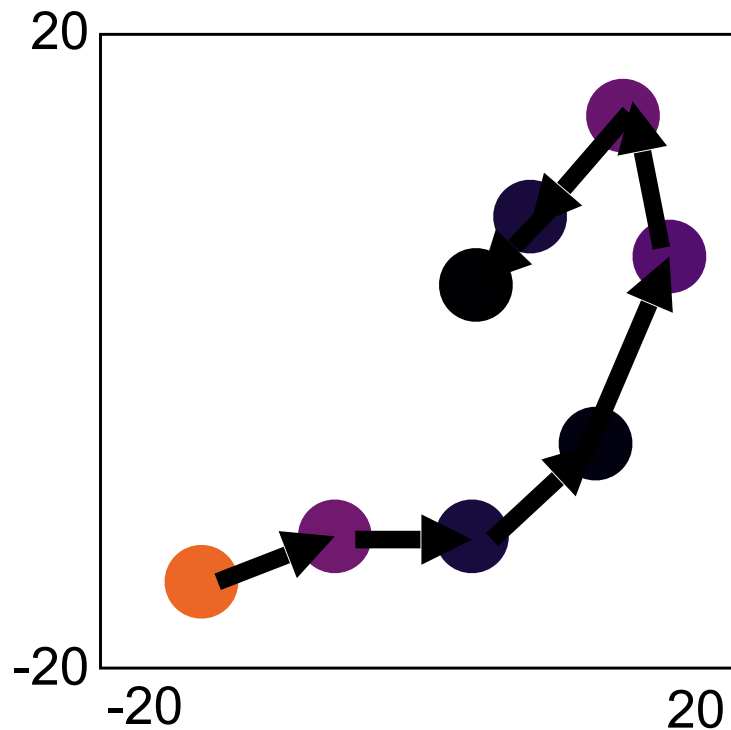
A Caveat



- Each point in the picture is a function evaluation
- Here it takes microseconds – so we can easily see the answer
- Functions we want to optimize may take hours to evaluate

More Caveat

Model in your head: moving around a landscape with a teleportation device

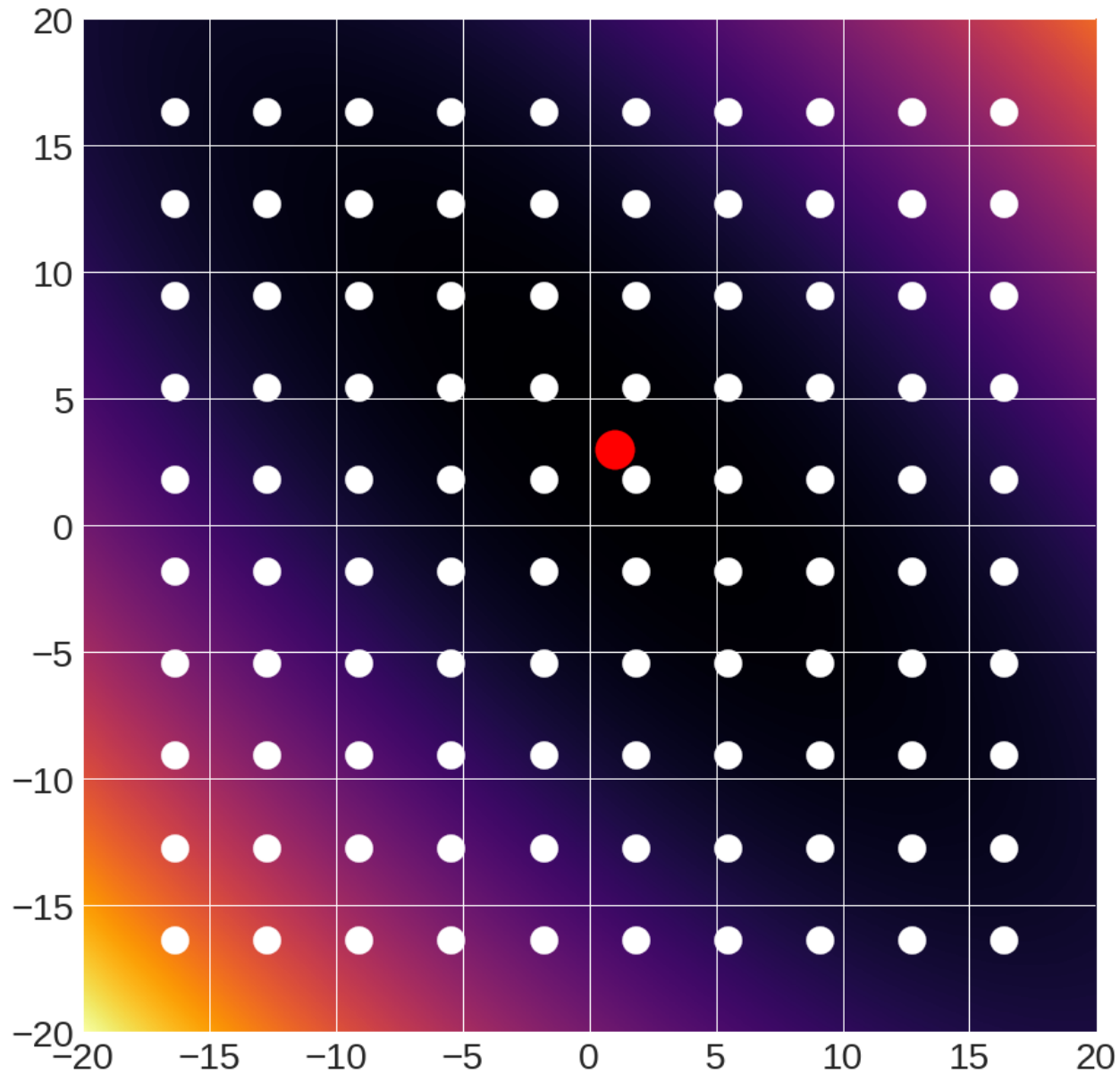


Landscape diagram: Karpathy and Fei-Fei

Option #1A – “Grid Search”

```
#systematically try things
best, bestScore = None, Inf
for dim1 Value in dim1 Values:
    ....
    for dimNValue in dimNValues:
        w = [dim1 Value, ..., dimNValue]
        if L(w) < bestScore:
            best, bestScore = w, L(w)
return best
```

Option #1A – “Grid Search”



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Pros:

1. Super simple
2. Only requires being able to evaluate model

Cons:

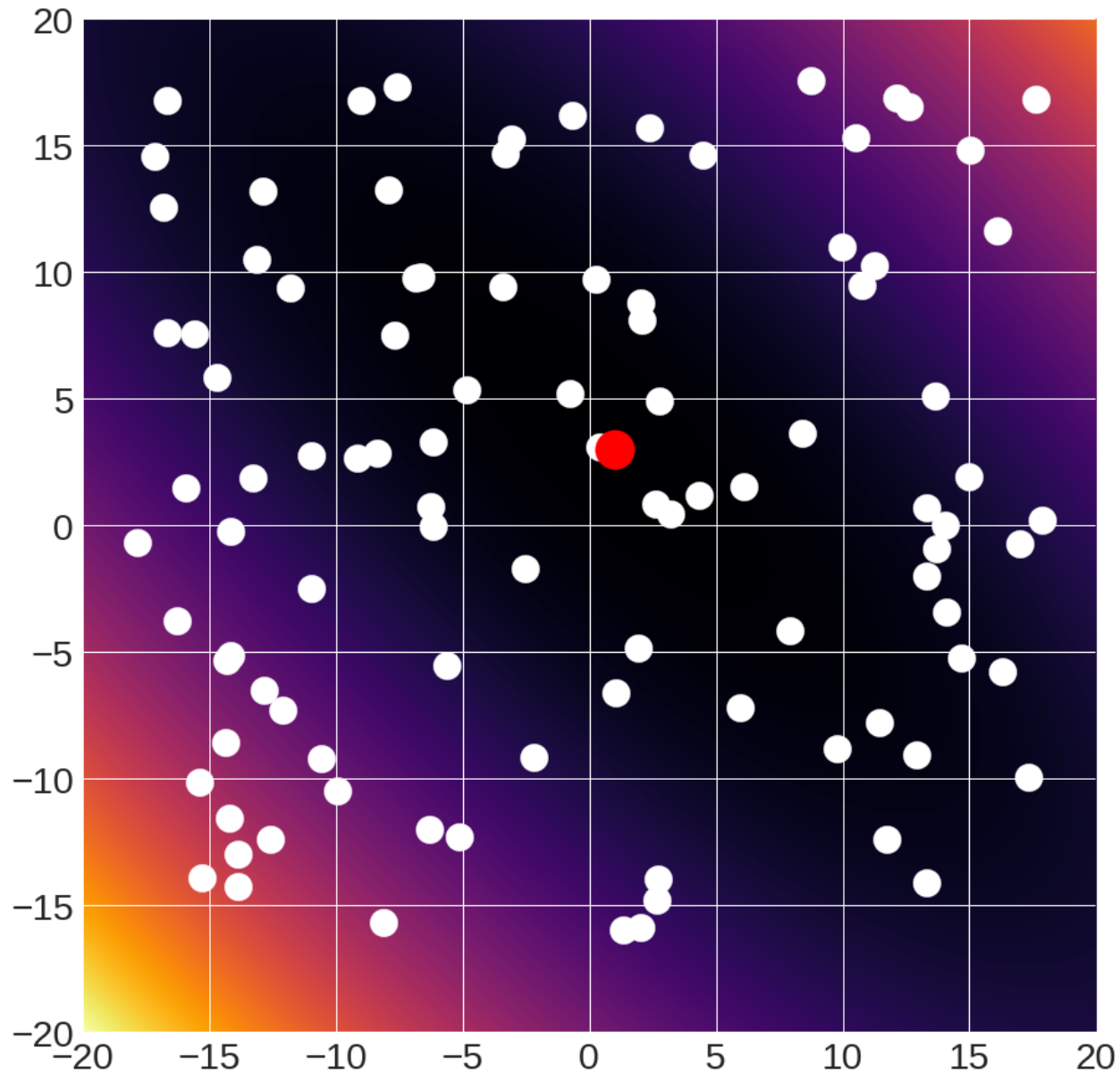
1. Scales horribly to high dimensional spaces

Complexity: $\text{samplesPerDim}^{\text{numberOfDims}}$

Option #1B – Random Search

```
#Do random stuff RANSAC Style
best, bestScore = None, Inf
for iter in range(numIters):
    w = random(N,1) #sample
    score =  $L(\mathbf{w})$  #evaluate
    if score < bestScore:
        best, bestScore = w, score
return best
```

Option #1B – Random Search



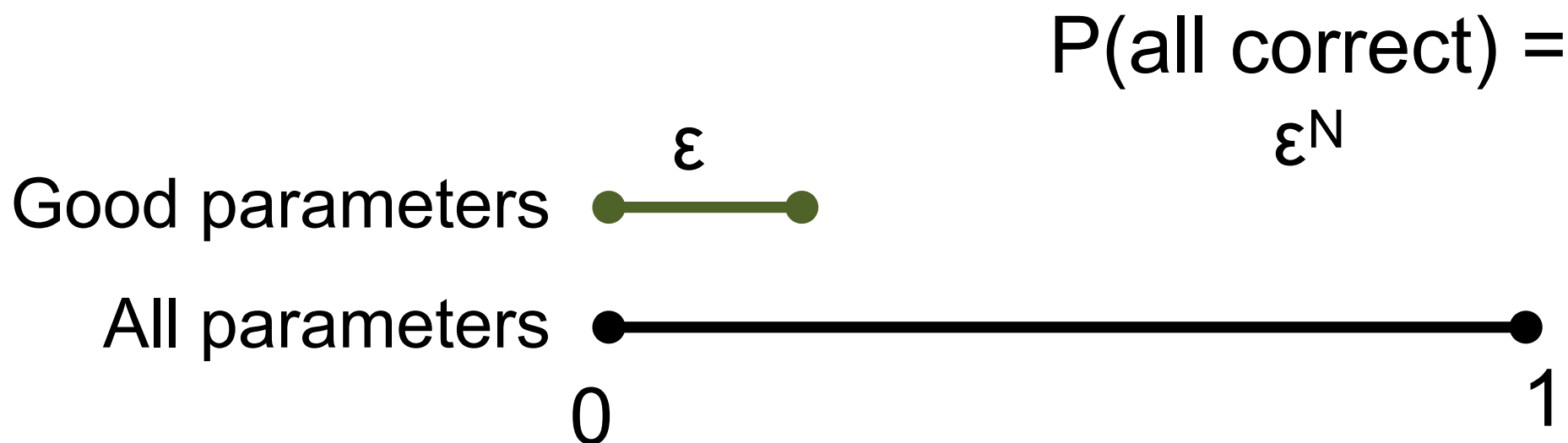
Option #1B – Random Search

Pros:

1. Super simple
2. Only requires being able to sample model and evaluate it

Cons:

1. Slow and stupid – throwing darts at high dimensional dart board
2. Might miss something



When Do You Use Options 1A/1B?

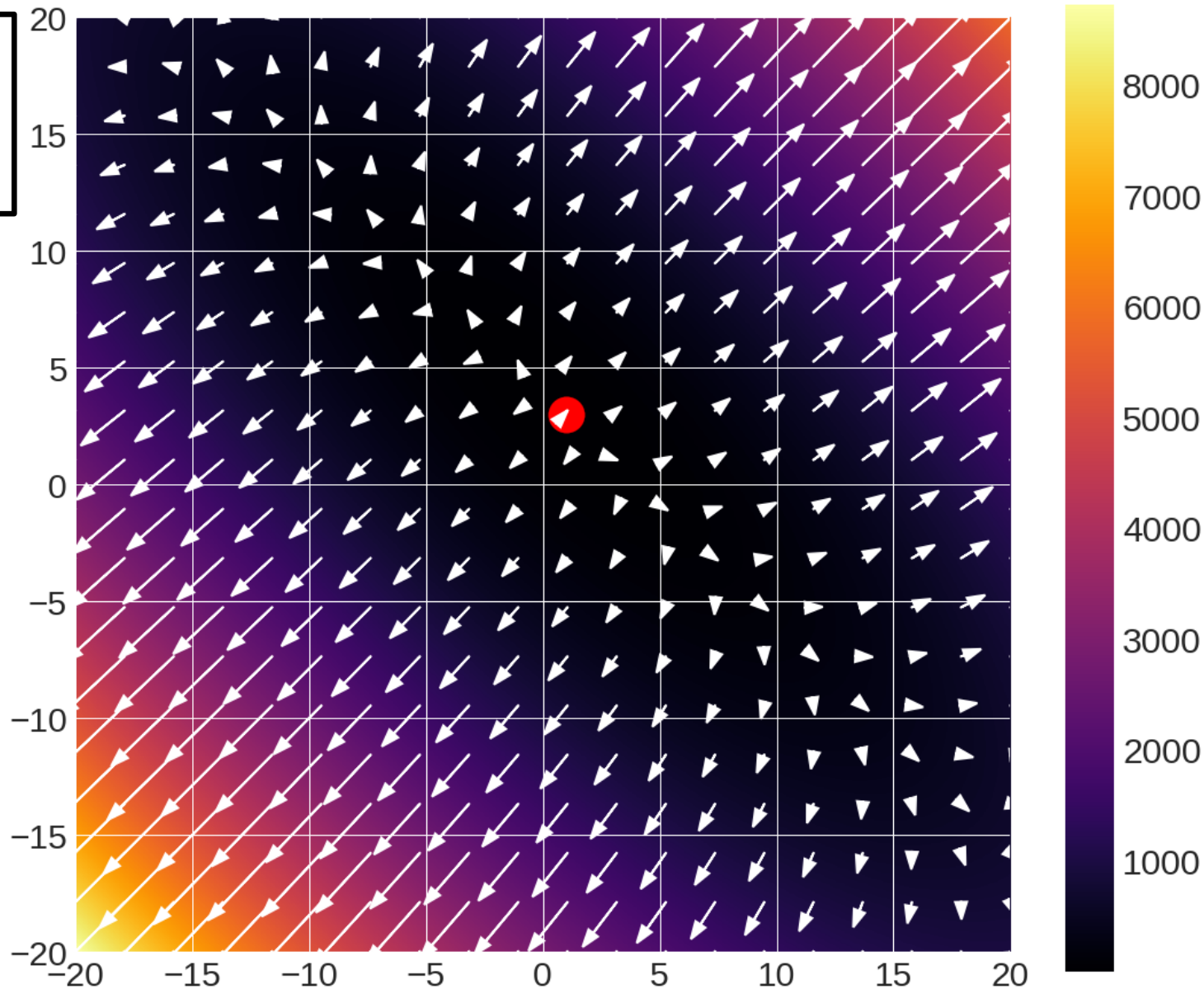
Use these when

- Number of dimensions small, space bounded
- Objective is impossible to analyze (e.g., test accuracy if we use this distance function)

Random search is arguably more effective; grid search makes it easy to systematically test something (people love certainty)

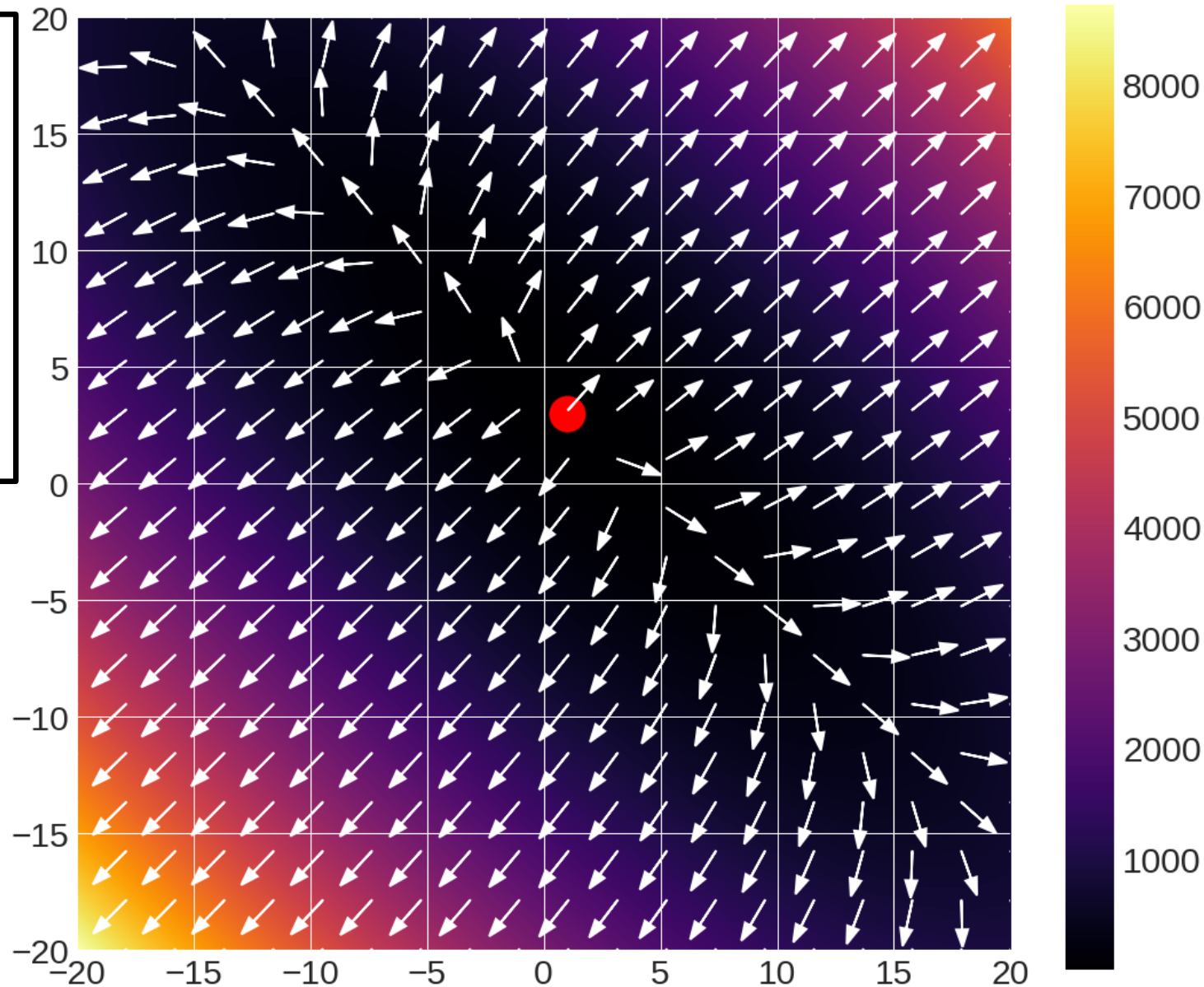
Option 2 – Use The Gradient

Arrows:
gradient



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Arrows:
**gradient
direction**
(scaled to unit
length)



Option 2 – Use The Gradient

Want: $\operatorname{argmin}_w L(\mathbf{w})$

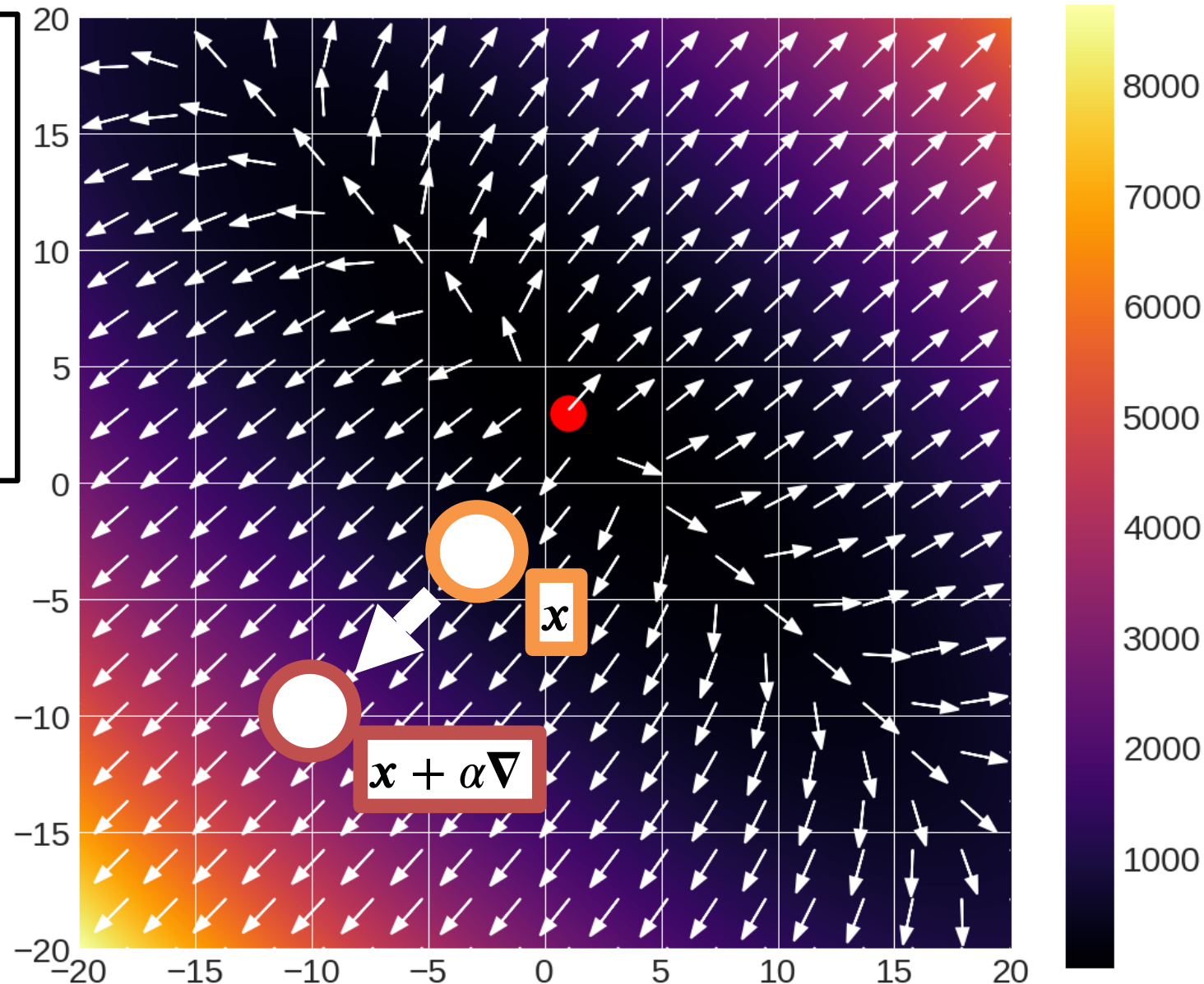
What's the geometric interpretation of: $\nabla_w L(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial L / \partial x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \partial L / \partial x_N \end{bmatrix}$

Which is bigger (for small α)?

$$L(\mathbf{w}) \begin{matrix} \leq ? \\ > ? \end{matrix} L(\mathbf{w} + \alpha \nabla_w L(\mathbf{w}))$$

Option 2 – Use The Gradient

Arrows:
gradient
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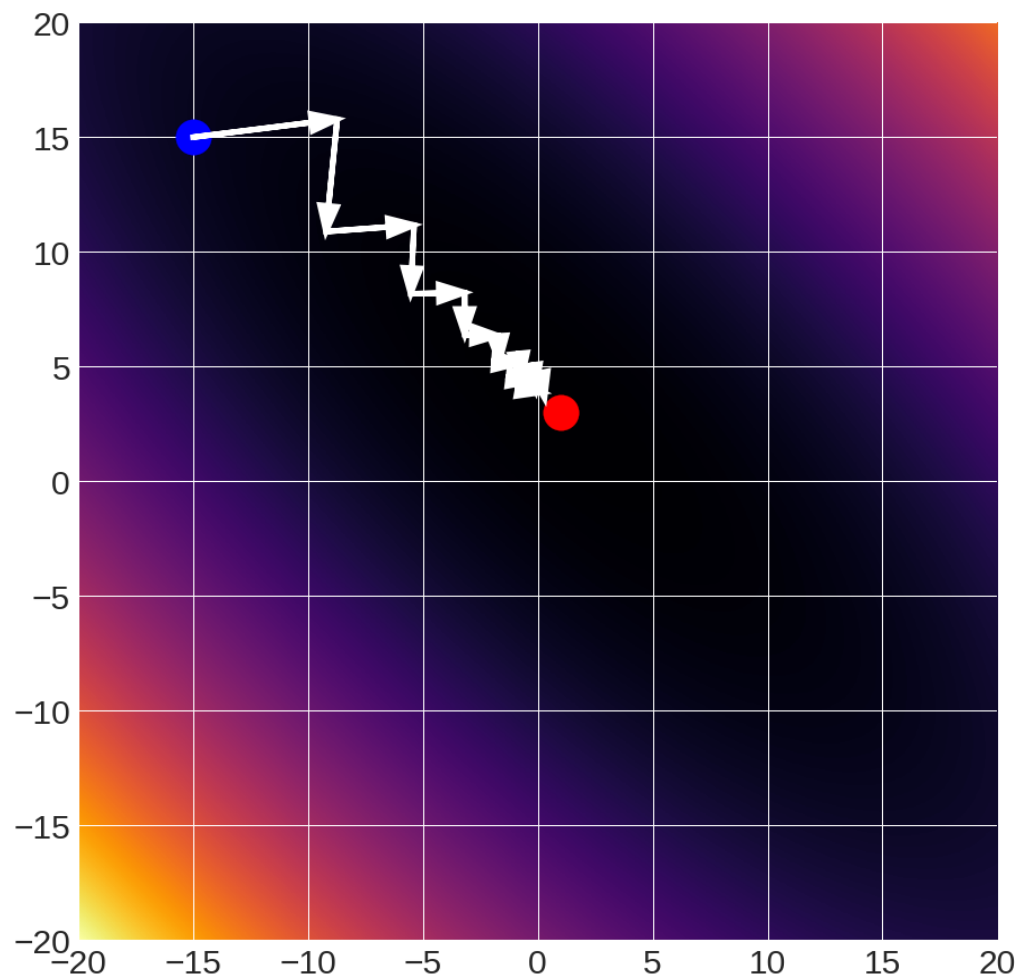
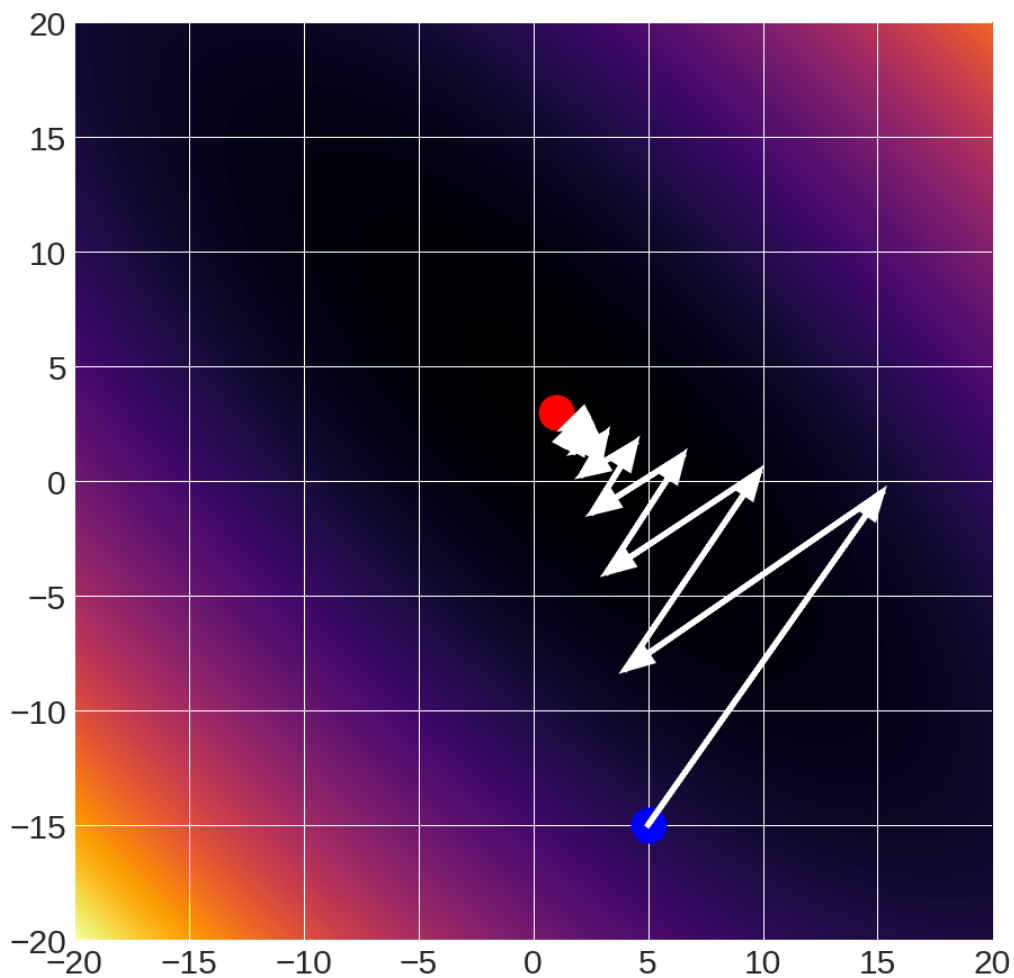
Option 2 – Use The Gradient

Method: at each step, move in direction of negative gradient

```
w0 = initialize() #initialize  
for iter in range(numIters):  
    g =  $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w})$  #eval gradient  
    w = w + -stepsize(iter)*g #update w  
return w
```

Gradient Descent

Given starting point (blue)
 $w_{i+1} = w_i + -9.8 \times 10^{-2} \times \text{gradient}$



Computing the Gradient

How Do You Compute The Gradient?
Numerical Method:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

How do you compute this?

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \epsilon) - f(x)}{\epsilon}$$

In practice, use:

$$\frac{f(x + \epsilon) - f(x - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon}$$

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How many function evaluations per dimension?

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Use calculus!

Computing the Gradient

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} & \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L(\mathbf{w}) = 2\lambda \mathbf{w} + \sum_{i=1}^n - \left(2(y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i \right)$$

Note: if you look at other derivations, things are written either $(y - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$ or $(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} - y)$; the gradients will differ by a minus.

Interpreting the Gradient

Recall:

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} + -\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}L(\mathbf{w}) \text{ \#update } \mathbf{w}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}L(\mathbf{w}) = 2\lambda\mathbf{w} + \sum_{i=1}^n -\left(2(y_i - \mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i)\mathbf{x}_i\right)$$

Push \mathbf{w} towards 0

$$-\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}L(\mathbf{w}) = \underbrace{-2\lambda\mathbf{w}}_{\text{Push } \mathbf{w} \text{ towards } 0} + \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\left(2(y_i - \mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i)\mathbf{x}_i\right)}_{\alpha}$$

If $y_i > \mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i$ (too low): then $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} + \alpha\mathbf{x}_i$ for some α

Before: $\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}$

After: $(\mathbf{w} + \alpha\mathbf{x})^T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}$

Computing The Gradient

- Numerical: foolproof but slow
- Analytical: can mess things up 😊
- In practice: do analytical, but check with numerical (called a gradient check)

Summary of terminology

$$\operatorname{argmin}_w \lambda \|w\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|w^T x_i - y_i\|_2^2$$

x Inputs, features, Xs, data

y Outputs, targets, labels, ys

w Weights, weight vector, parameters, params

λ Trade-off parameters, regularization strength

Next time

