INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING COMPSCI 4ML3

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### **MATRIX FORM OLS**

• 
$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ \dots \\ \Delta_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & \dots & x_d^1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^n & \dots & x_d^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \dots \\ w_d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \dots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}}{\underset{i=1}{\overset{N}{\underset{i=1}{\sum}}} (\Delta_i)^2 = \underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}}{\underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}{\underset{i=1}{\sum}}} \|\Delta\|_2^2 =$$
$$\underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}}{\underset{W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}{\underset{i=1}{\sum}}} \|XW - Y\|_2^2$$
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#### **BIAS/INTERCEPT TERM**

• ADD A NEW AUXILIARY DIMENSION TO THE DATA

• 
$$X_{n \times (d+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & \cdots & x_d^1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 1 \\ x_1^n & \cdots & x_d^n & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $W_{(d+1) \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \cdots \\ w_d \\ w_0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

• SOLVE OLS:  $\min_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+1) \times 1}} \|XW - Y\|_2^2$ 

•  $w_0$  WILL BE THE BIAS TERM!

### "NON-LINEAR" DATA?

• For example, what is the best degree 2 polynomial?



• How can we reuse the "least-squares machinery"?

### **IDEA: DATA TRANSFORMATION**

• WE INCREASED THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR PREDICTOR BY A FORM OF DATA TRANSFORMATION/AUGMENTATION

• 
$$X'_{n \times (d+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^1 & \cdots & x_d^1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 1 \\ x_1^n & \cdots & x_d^n & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 CAN WE USE THE SAME IDEA TO MAKE OUR PREDICTOR EVEN MORE FLEXIBLE (NON-LINEAR)?



 $\binom{2+1}{1} = 3 \qquad M = 2$ 



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### **LEAST-SQUARES FOR POLYNOMIALS**

• IDEA:  $ax^2 + bx + c$  is still linear with respect to the parameters! (w.r.t. a, b and c)

• INSTEAD OF 
$$X_{n \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ \dots \\ x^n \end{pmatrix}$$
 USE  $X'_{n \times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 & (x^1)^2 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x^n & (x^n)^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

- Treat  $X_{n \times 3}$  as if it was your original input data
- WE CAN EXTEND THIS TO HIGHER DEGREE POLYNOMIALS SIMILARLY, E.G.,  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$
- NOTEBOOK EXAMPLE

# **MULTIVARIATE POLYNOMIALS**

- How about when x is multivariate itself?
  - $w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_1x_2 + w_4(x_1)^2 + w_5(x_2)^2 + w_6$
  - INSTEAD OF  $(x_1, x_2)$  USE  $(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_1 x_2 \ (x_1)^2 \ (x_2)^2 \ 1)$

d = 6

• TREAT THE NEW X AS (A HIGHER-DIMENSIONAL) INPUT

- INPUT DIMENSION: d
- DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL: M
- NUMBER OF TERMS (MONOMIALS) OF DEGREE AT MOST  $M \approx \begin{pmatrix} M+d \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M+d \\ M \end{pmatrix}$ d = 2M = 2M = 2

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# OVERFITTING



M = 1

x

M = 9

x

0

0

## OVERFITTING

- DIVIDE THE DATA
  RANDOMLY TO
  "TRAIN" AND "TEST" SETS
- ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE
  ERROR FOR EACH SET:

• 
$$\sqrt{\frac{\|\widehat{Y} - Y\|_2^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \widehat{y}_i)^2}{n}}$$



#### MORE DATA, LESS OVER-FITTING



**Figure 1.6** Plots of the solutions obtained by minimizing the sum-of-squares error function using the M = 9 polynomial for N = 15 data points (left plot) and N = 100 data points (right plot). We see that increasing the size of the data set reduces the over-fitting problem.

## **THE TRADE-OFF**

- A POWERFUL/FLEXIBLE CURVE-FITTING METHOD
- MALL TRAINING ERROR
- → Requires more training data to generalize
  - OTHERWISE LARGE TEST ERROR
- A LESS FLEXIBLE CURVE-FITTING METHOD
  - LARGER TRAINING ERROR
  - Requires less training data
  - $\rightarrow$  Smaller difference between training and test error
- THE SO-CALLED "BIAS-VARIANCE" TRADE-OFF

### THE CASE OF MULTIVARIATE POLYNOMIALS

- Assume  $M \gg d$
- NUMBER OF TERMS (MONOMIALS):  $\approx \left(\frac{M}{d}\right)^d \longrightarrow \left(\frac{M+d}{M}\right)$
- #TRAINING SAMPLES  $\approx \#$  PARAMETERS  $\approx (\frac{M}{d})^{d}$ 
  - #TRAINING SAMPLES SHOULD INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY WITH d
  - SUSCEPTIBLE TO OVER-FITTING...
  - AN EXAMPLE OF **CURSE OF DIMENSIONALITY!**
- WE CAN SAY **SAMPLE COMPLEXITY** OF LEARNING MULTIVARIATE POLYNOMIALS IS EXPONENTIAL IN d
  - ORTHOGONAL TO COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY