Optimization for Data Science

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- **Where** : Telecom ParisTech
- **Location** : Amphi Estaunié or B312
- **ECTS** : 5 ECTS
- **Volume** : 40h
- **When** : 12 weeks (including one week break for holidays + one week for exam)
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- **All students **must** be registered on moodle.**

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Introduction to Optimization in Machine Learning

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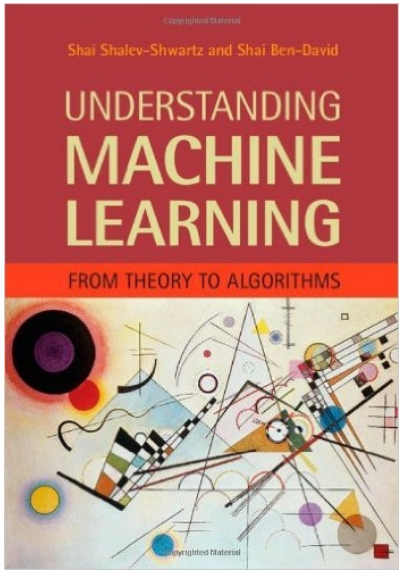
An Introduction to Supervised Learning

References for this class

Chapter 1

Understanding Machine Learning: From Theory to Algorithms



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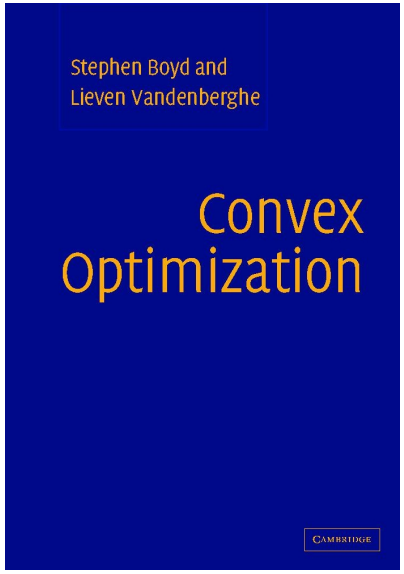
Convex Optimization



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x: Input/Feature

y: Output/Target

Find mapping h that assigns the "correct" target to each input

$$h : x \in X \longrightarrow y \in \mathbf{R}$$

Labeled Data: The training set

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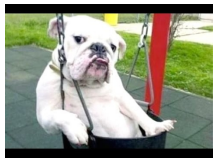
$h\left(\right.$  $\left.\right)$ $\longrightarrow$ **-1**

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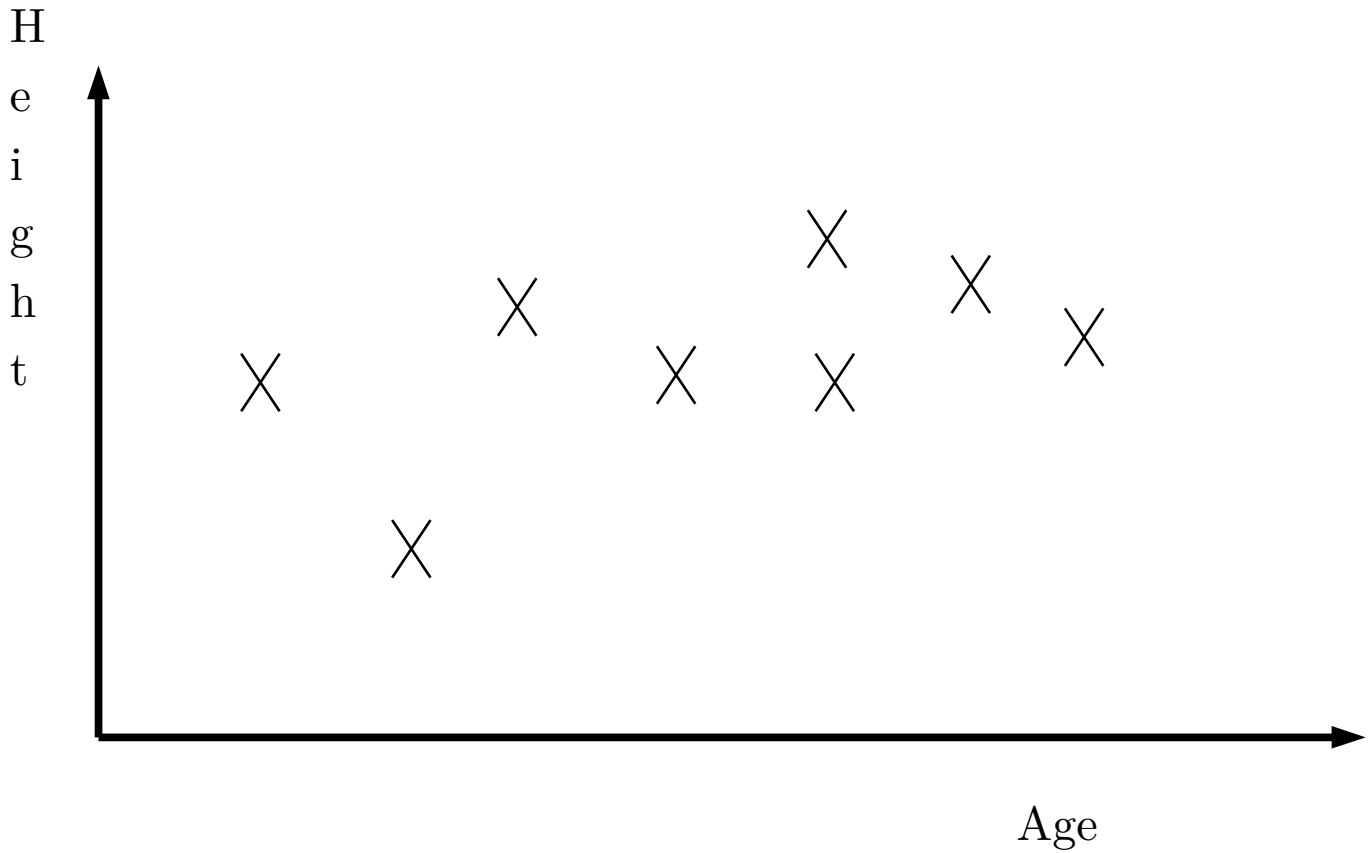

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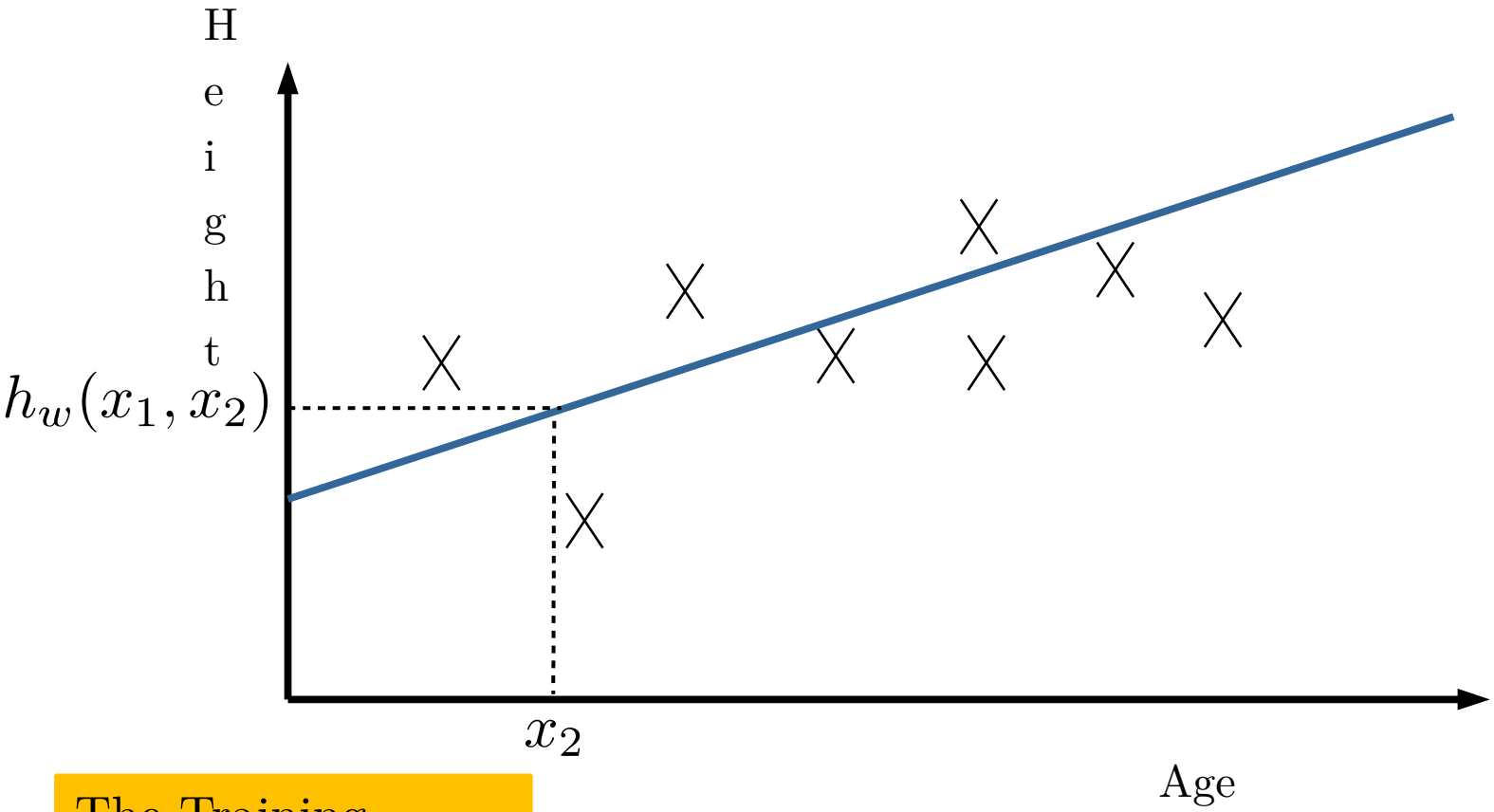

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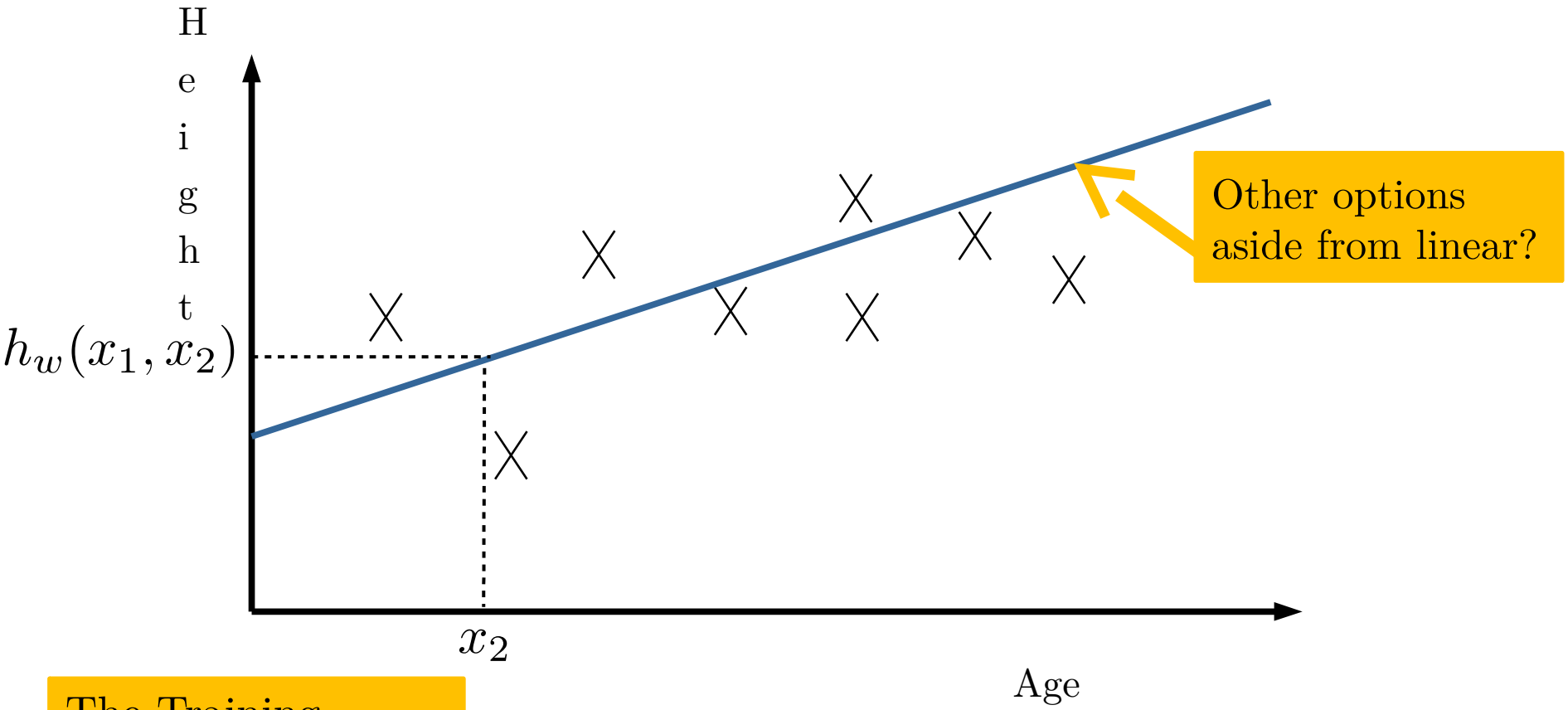

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Parametrizing the Hypothesis

Linear:

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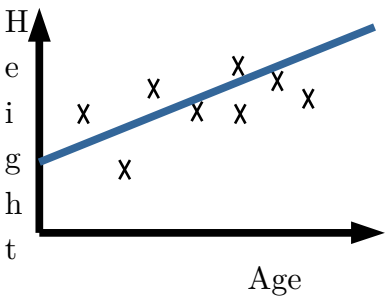

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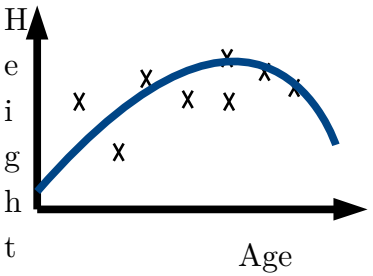

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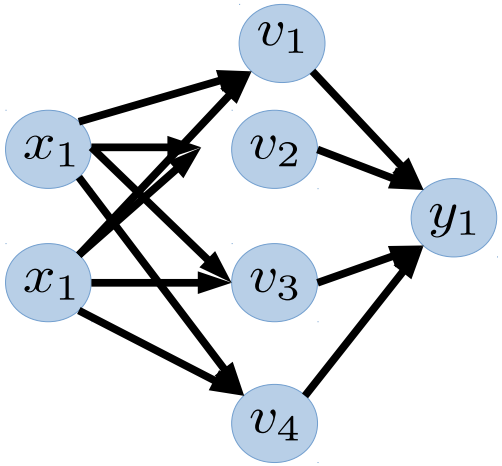

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$$v_1 = \text{sign}(w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2)$$

$$v_4 = 1/\left(1 + \exp(w_{41}x_1 + w_{42}x_2)\right)$$

Loss Functions

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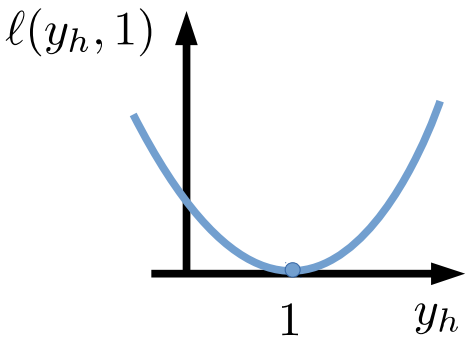

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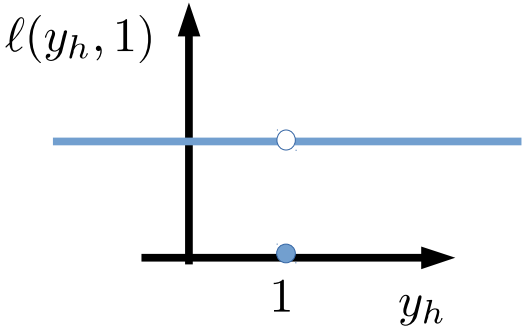

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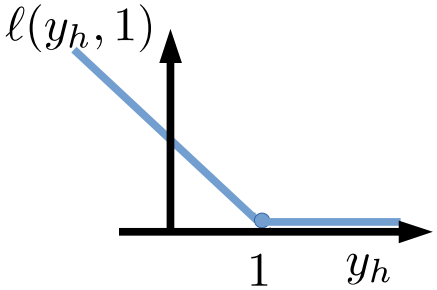

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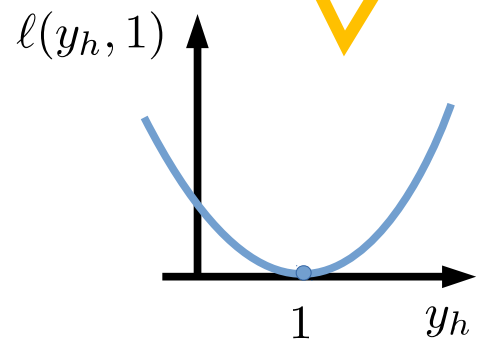

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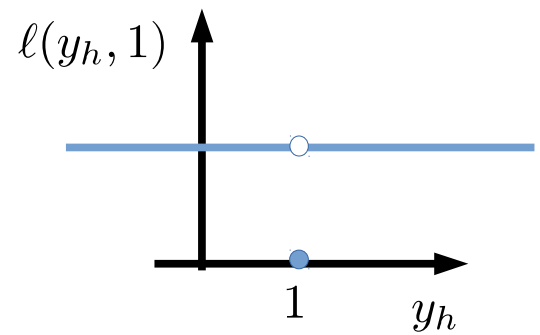

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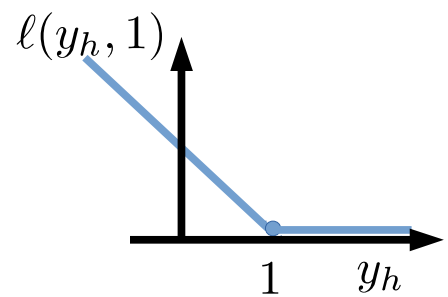

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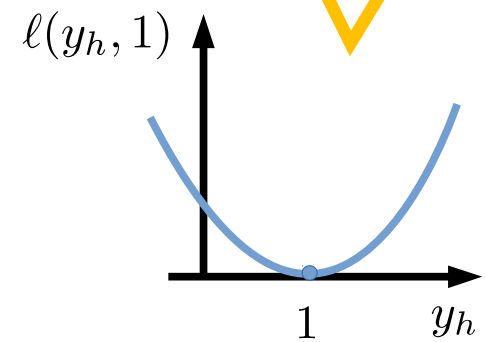

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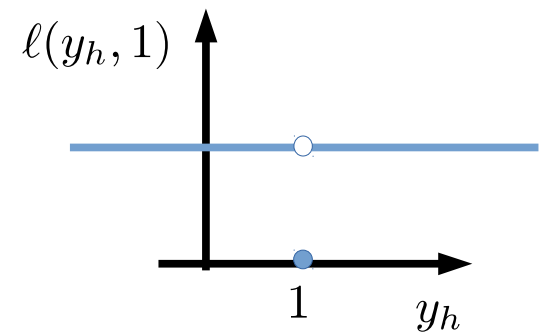

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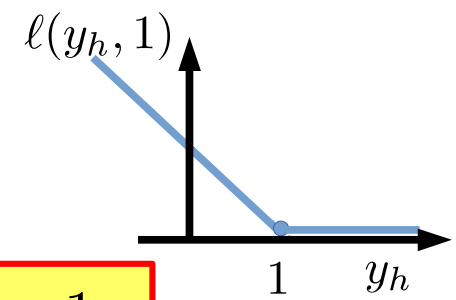

EXE: Plot the binary and hinge loss function in when $y = -1$

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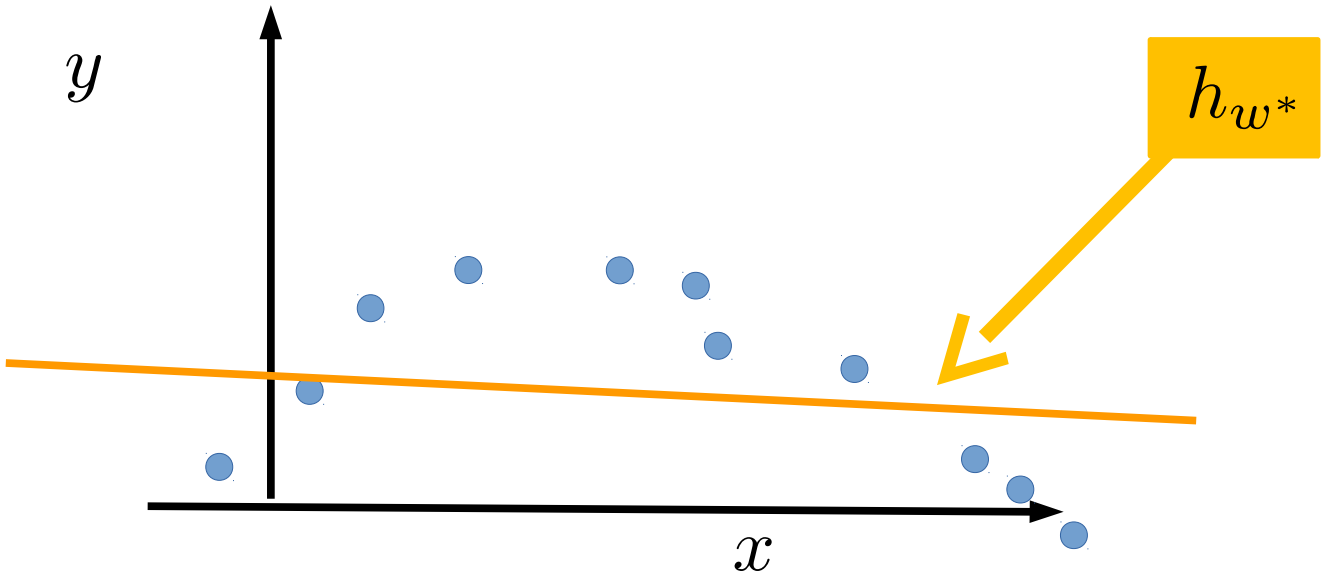

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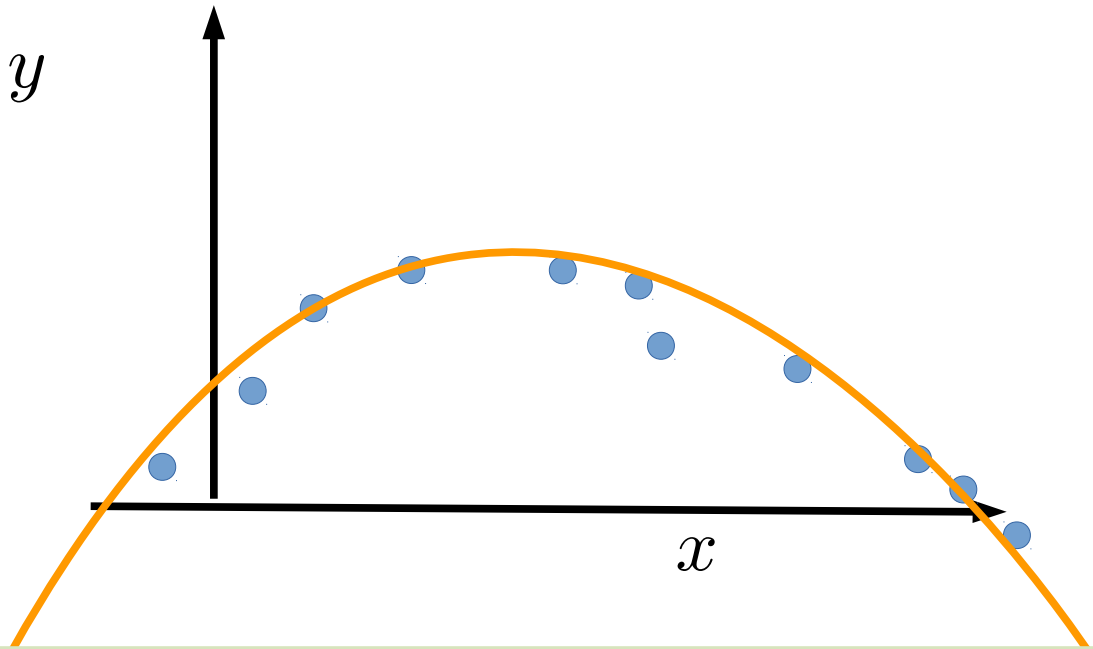

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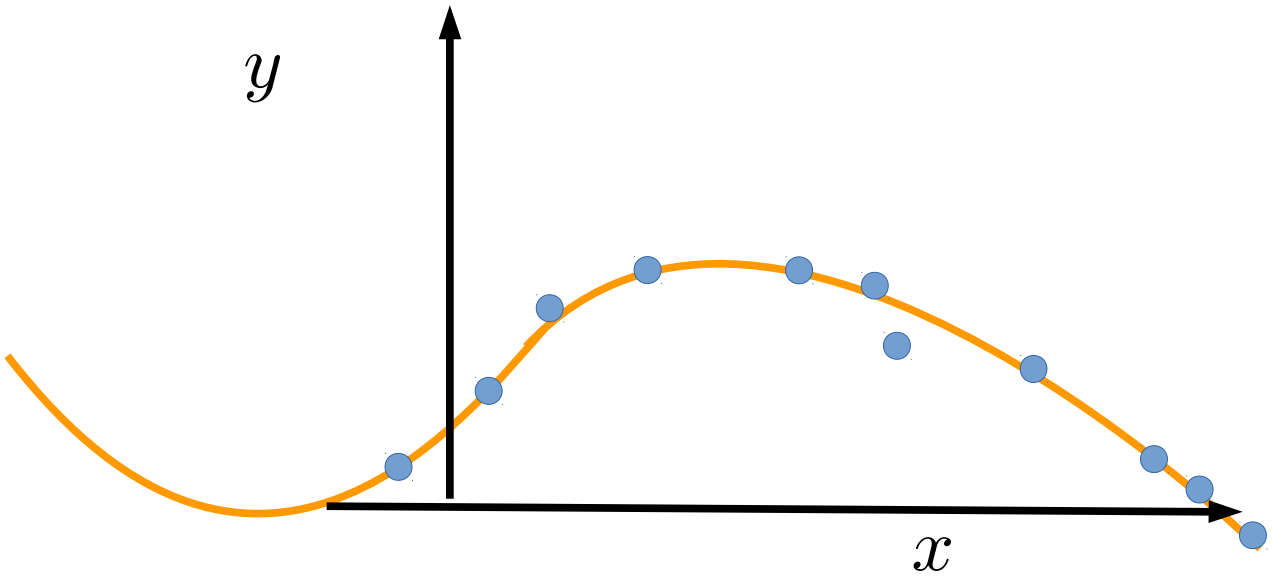

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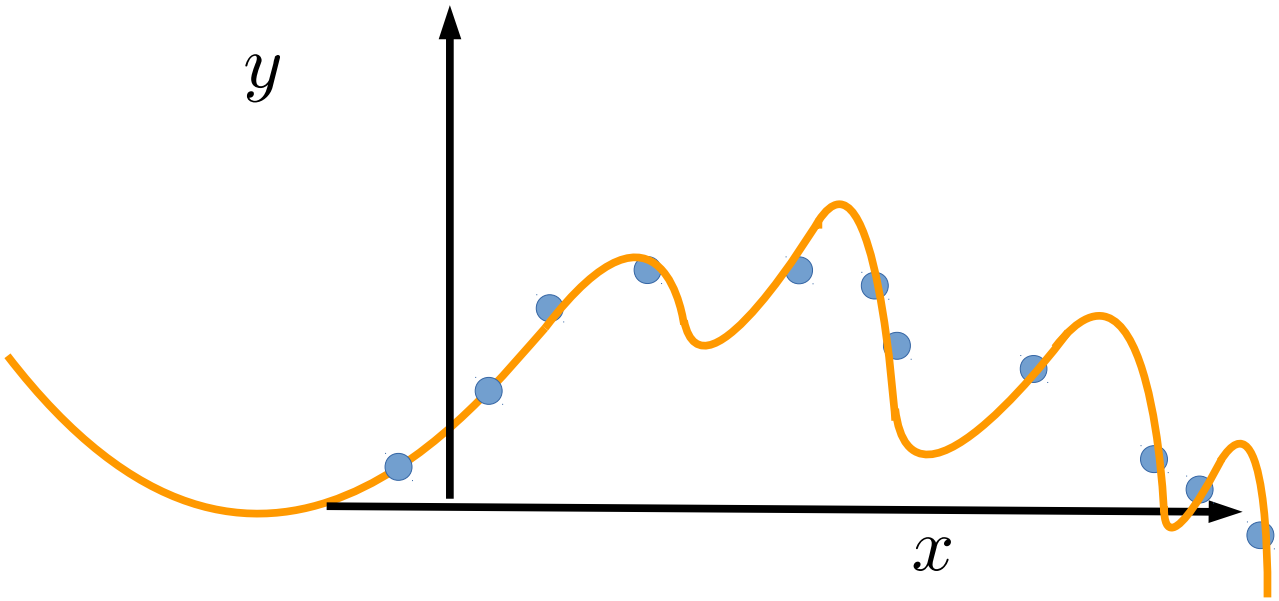

Fitting 9th order polynomial

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Regularizor Functions

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Exe:

$$R(w) = ||w||_2^2, \quad ||w||_1, \quad ||w||_p, \quad \text{other norms } \ldots$$

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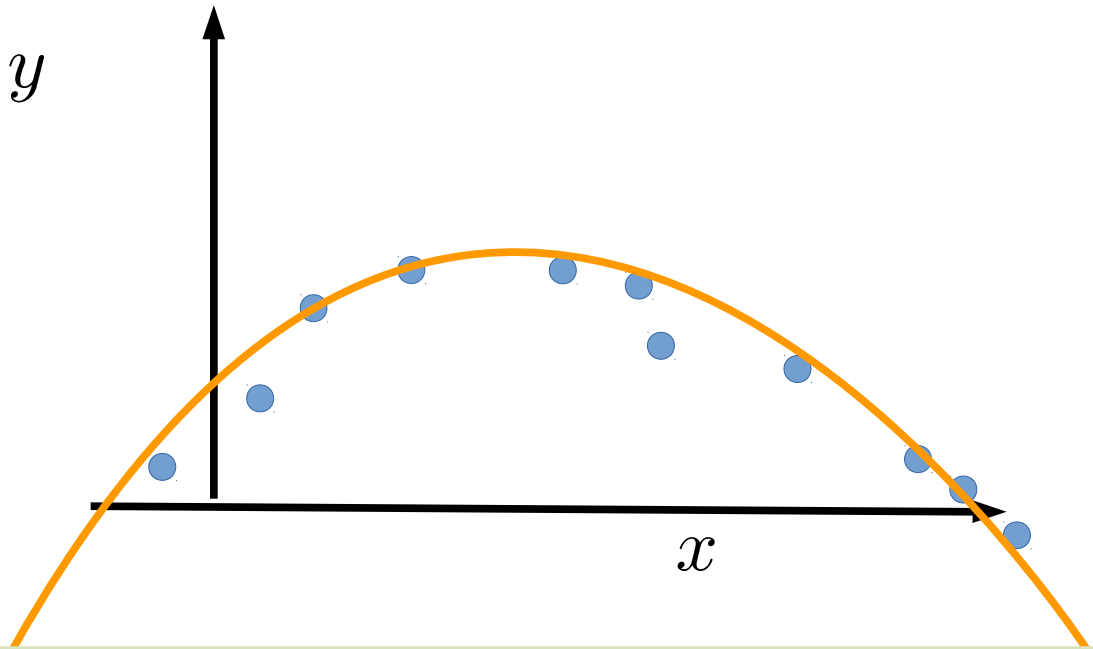

Fitting kth order polynomial

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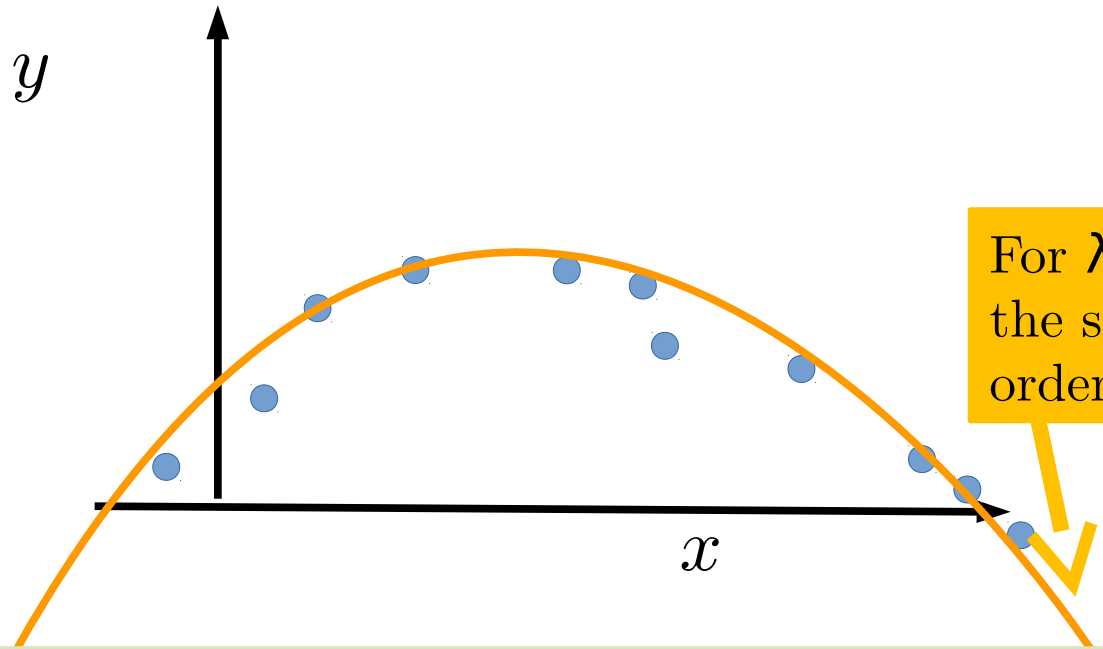

For λ big enough, the solution is a 2nd order polynomial

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L2 loss

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Ridge Regression

$$\min_{w \in \mathbf{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y^i - \langle w, x^i \rangle)^2 + \lambda ||w||_2^2$$

Exe: Support Vector Machines

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Hinge loss

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SVM with soft margin

$$\min_{w \in \mathbf{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \max\{0, 1 - y^i \langle w, x^i \rangle\} + \lambda ||w||_2^2$$

Exe: Logistic Regression

Linear hypothesis

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L2 regularizor

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Logistic loss

$$\ell(y_h, y) = \ln(1 + e^{-y y_h})$$

$\Downarrow$

Logistic Regression

$$\min_{w \in \mathbf{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(1 + e^{-y^i \langle w, x^i \rangle}) + \lambda ||w||_2^2$$

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(5) Test and cross-validate. If fail, go back a few steps

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(2) Choose a parametrization for hypothesis: $h_w(x)$

(3) Choose a loss function: $\ell(h_w(x), y) \geq 0$

(4) Solve the *training problem*:

$$\min_{w \in \mathbf{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell\left(h_w(x^i), y^i\right) + \lambda R(w)$$

(5) Test and cross-validate. If fail, go back a few steps

The Statistical Learning Problem: The hard truth

Do we really care if the loss $\ell\left(h_w(x^i), y^i\right)$ is small on the ***known*** labelled data paris (x^i, y^i) ? **Nope**

We really want to have a small loss on new unlabelled Observations!

Assume data sampled $(x, y) \sim \mathcal{D}$ where $\mathcal{D}$ is an unknown distribution

The Statistical Learning Problem: The hard truth

The statistical learning problem:

Minimize the expected loss over an *unknown* expectation

$$\min_{w \in \mathbf{R}^d} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim\mathcal{D}} \left[\ell\left(h_w(x), y\right)\right]$$

Variance of sample mean:

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim\mathcal{D}} \left[\ell\left(h_w(x), y\right)\right] - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell\left(h_w(x_i), y_i\right) \right| = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$