

CS 260: Foundations of Data Science

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- Lab 2 posted, due Tuesday
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TA Hour Schedule

Monday 7-8:30pm: Trang (BMC campus)

Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm: Nasa (H110)

Wednesday 4-6pm: Yuxuan (H204)

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- Why are models useful? (recap)
- Linear models
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Why are models useful?

- Understand/explain/interpret the phenomenon
- Predict outcomes for future examples

What are the most important features?

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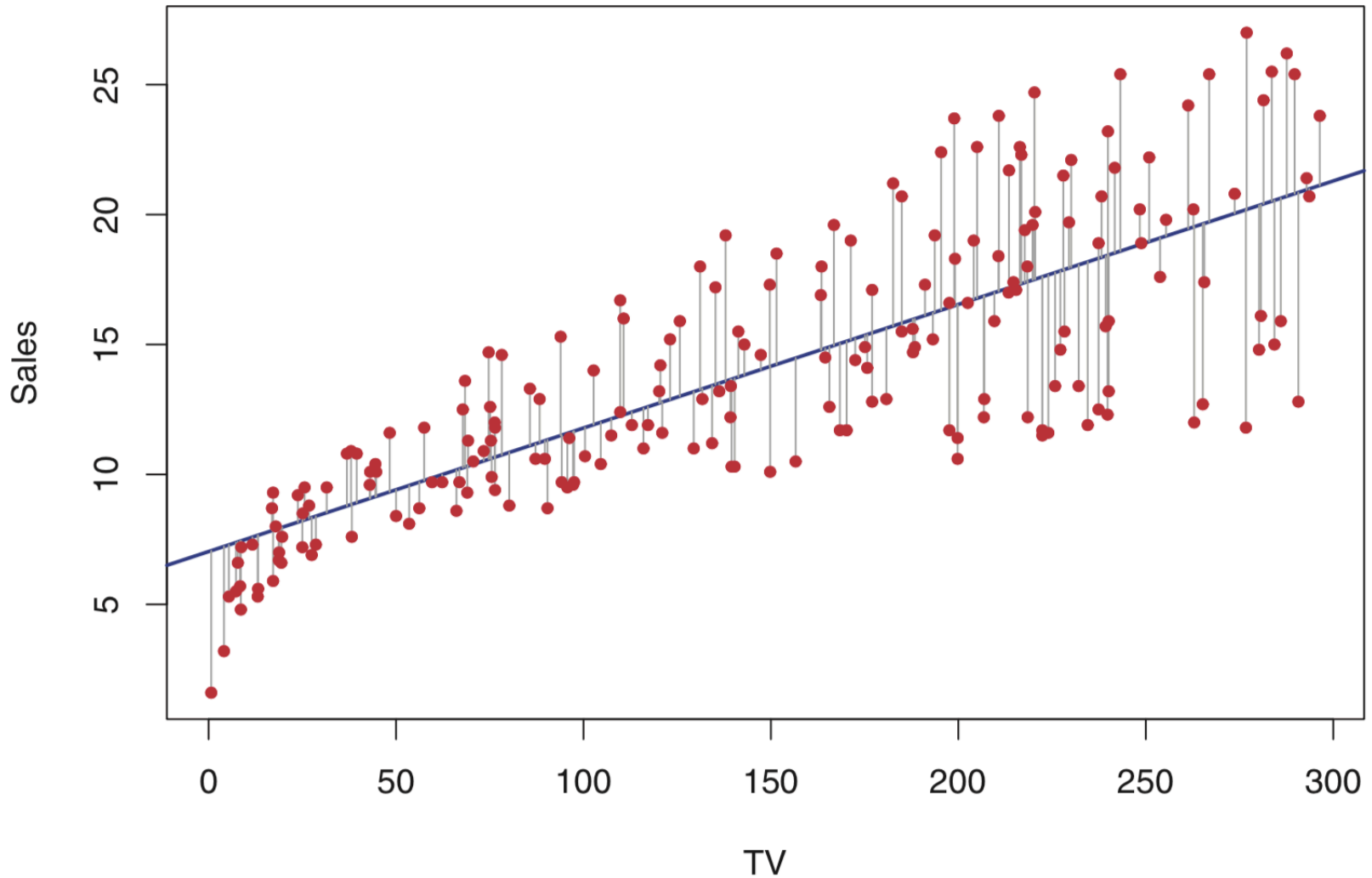
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Goals of fitting a linear model

- 1) Which of the features/explanatory variables/predictors (x) are associated with the response variable (y)?
- 2) What is the relationship between x and y ?
- 3) Is a linear model enough?
- 4) Can we predict y given a new x ?

Example: predict sales from TV advertising budget



Maybe a linear model is not enough

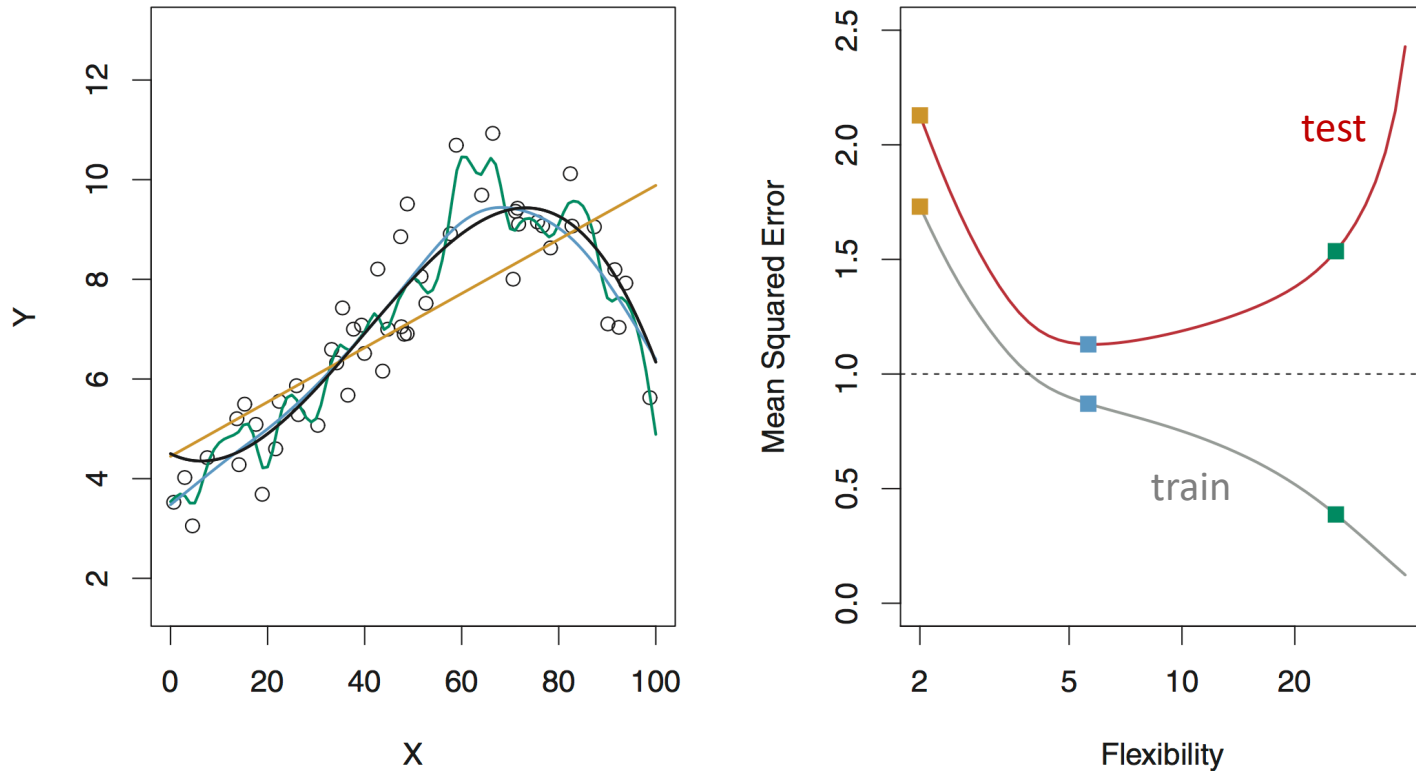
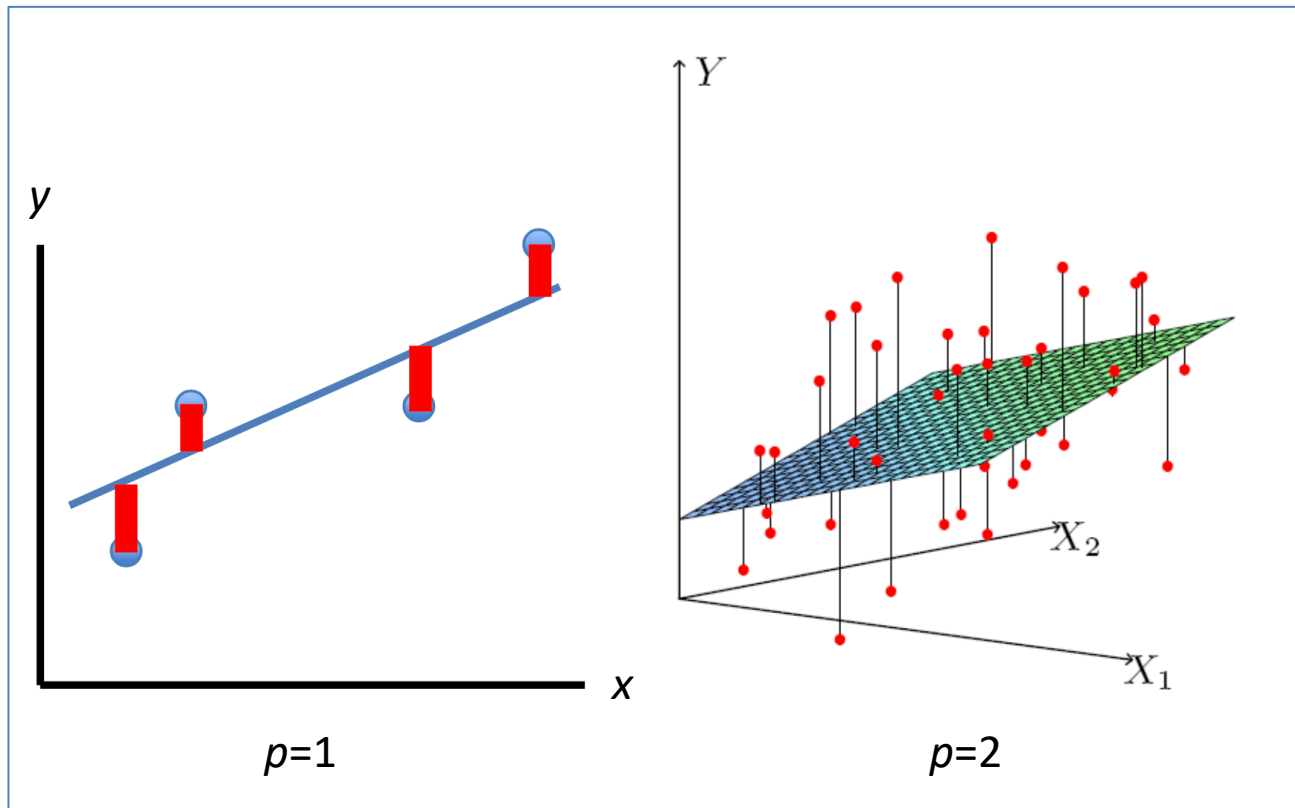


FIGURE 2.9. Left: Data simulated from f , shown in black. Three estimates of f are shown: the linear regression line (orange curve), and two smoothing spline fits (blue and green curves). Right: Training MSE (grey curve), test MSE (red curve), and minimum possible test MSE over all methods (dashed line). Squares represent the training and test MSEs for the three fits shown in the left-hand panel.

Linear model with 1 or 2 features



Linear Regression

- Output (y) is continuous, not a discrete label
- Learned model: *linear function* mapping input to output (a *weight* for each feature + *bias*)
- Goal: minimize the *RSS* (residual sum of squared errors) or *SSE* (sum of squared errors)

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Linear Model

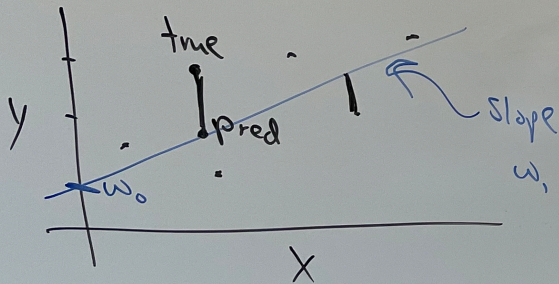
* feature x : x

* response: y

Model: $h_{\vec{w}}(x) = \underbrace{w_0}_{\text{intercept}} + \underbrace{w_1}_{\text{slope}} x$

$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}$ hypothesis.

model
params



"fit" the model: find \hat{w}_0, \hat{w}_1

residual: $y_i - \hat{y}_i$ (difference between true + predicted)

Overall: minimize **RSS**: residual sum of squares

Cost/loss function

$$J(w_0, w_1) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\underbrace{y_i}_{\text{true}} - \underbrace{w_0 - w_1 x_i}_{\text{pred}})^2$$

Minimize!

(a) w_0
derivative
wrt w_0

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_0} = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - w_0 - w_1 x_i) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n w_0}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - w_1 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

how we
minimize.

$$w_0 = \bar{y} - w_1 \bar{x}$$

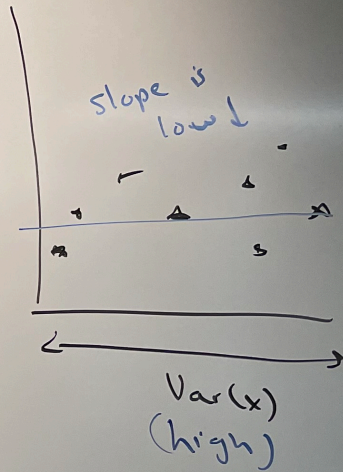
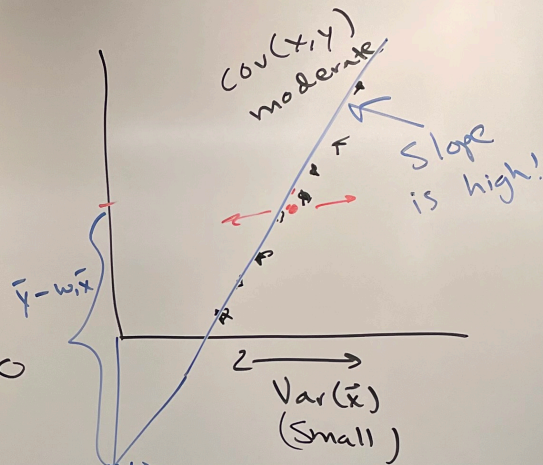
\bar{x} = mean of x_i 's
 \bar{y} = mean of y_i 's

$$(b) \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - w_0 - w_1 x_i) x_i = 0$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i x_i - \bar{y} x_i + w_1 \bar{x} x_i - w_1 x_i^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{w}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i - \bar{y} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x} x_i + x_i^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}{\text{Var}(\bar{x})}$$

MANY STEPS



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Handout 4

② $p=1$ ("simple")
model params = 2

③ $J(w_0, w_1)$ "cost"
"loss"
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sum \dots$
 $= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \text{RSS}}$

④

$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$(x_1, y_1) = (1, 0)$
 $(x_2, y_2) = (0, 1)$

$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{2}$

Whole model!

model

$\hat{w}_0 = 1$
 $\hat{w}_1 = -1$

$\hat{w}_1 = \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{2})(0 - \frac{1}{2}) + (0 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{2})}{(1 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + (0 - \frac{1}{2})^2}$

$= \frac{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \boxed{-1} \star$

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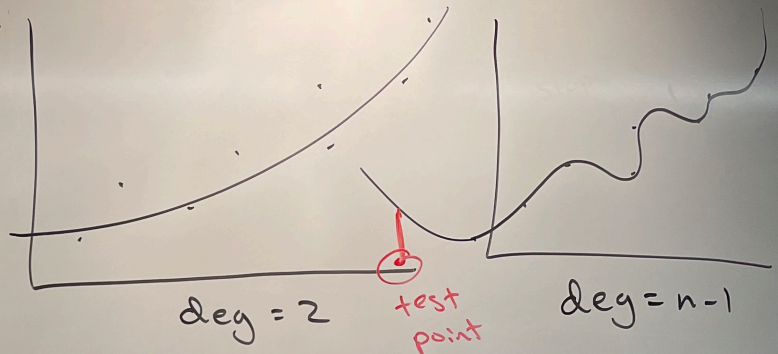
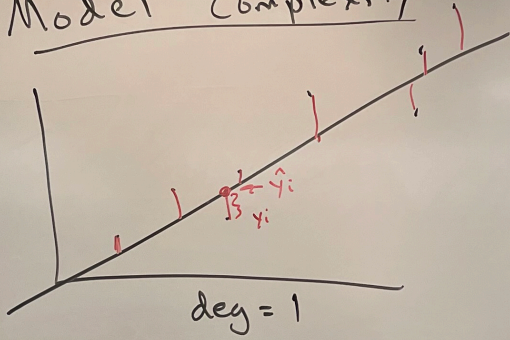
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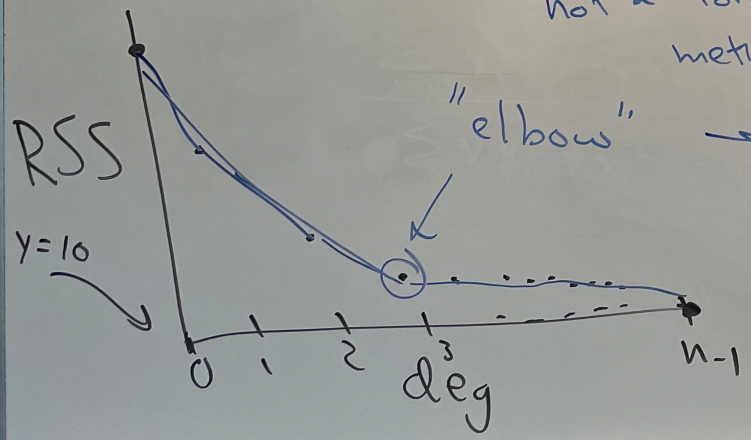
$$= \frac{1}{2} - (-1) \frac{1}{2}$$

$\hat{w}_0 = 1$ *

Model Complexity



Elbow plot



"not a formal method"

choice = deg 3