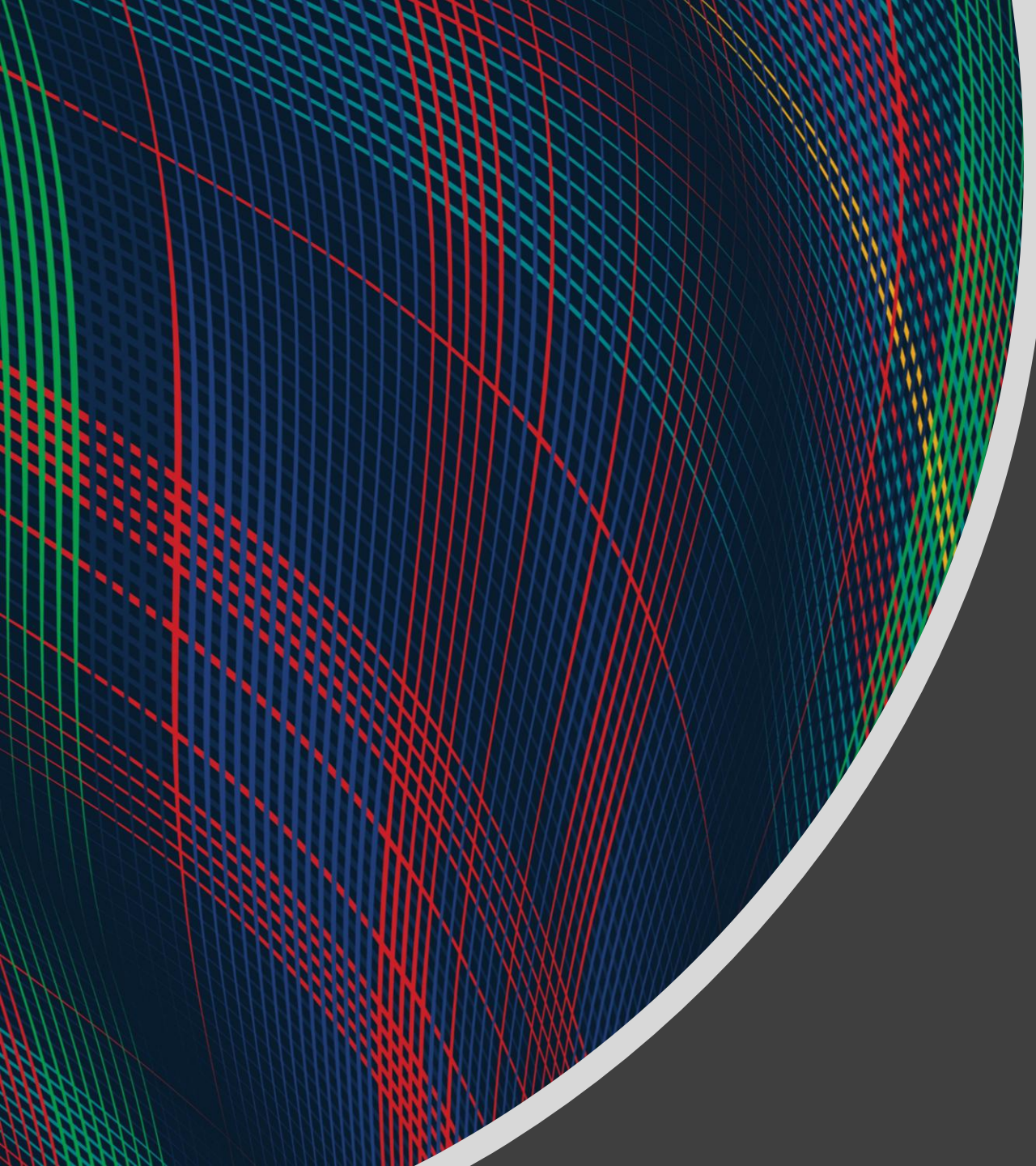


An abstract graphic on the left side of the slide, featuring a sphere-like shape composed of a dense grid of intersecting red, green, and blue lines. The lines are curved and follow the contour of the sphere, creating a complex, woven pattern. The sphere is set against a dark gray background.

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Introduction to ML

Optimization and
Linear Regression

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Pre-reading: Optimization Formulation

Find the best $h(x) \rightarrow \hat{y}$ by searching in the space of hypothesis functions $h \in \mathcal{H}$.

Loss: $\ell(y, \hat{y})$ is the loss or cost of predicting $\hat{y}$ when the true value is y .

Risk: Risk for a hypothesis function is the expected loss over the data distribution:

$$R(h) = \mathbb{E}_{XY}[\ell(Y, h(X))]$$

Minimizing Risk

Specifically: find a prediction function $h^*: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ that minimizes the expected loss for randomly drawn test data (X, Y)

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY}[\ell(Y, h(X))]$$

Pre-reading: Empirical Risk Minimization

Risk

$$R(h) = \mathbb{E}_{X,Y} [\ell(Y, h(X))]$$

Empirical Risk

$$\hat{R}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell \left(y^{(i)}, h \left(x^{(i)} \right) \right) \quad \mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \right) \right\}_{i=1}^N$$

Empirical Risk Minimization

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \hat{R}(h)$$

Pre-reading: Loss Functions

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY} [L(Y, h(X))]$$

Loss function:

$$L: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Classification:

- Two-class, 0,1 loss
- Two-class, arbitrary loss

False positives and false negatives:

Poll (unused)

For a healthcare classification problem where:

$Y=0$ represents a negative test for cancer (healthy)

$Y=1$ represents a positive test for cancer (sick)

Which two-class loss value should be highest?

- A. True negative
- B. False negative
- C. False positive
- D. True positive

Poll (unused)

Does our decision tree algorithm (recursively finding the best attribute to split on at each node) find a hypothesis that minimizes empirical risk for zero-one loss?

- A. Yes, always
- B. Yes, but only when splitting with error rate
- C. Yes, but only when splitting with mutual information
- D. No

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^N$$

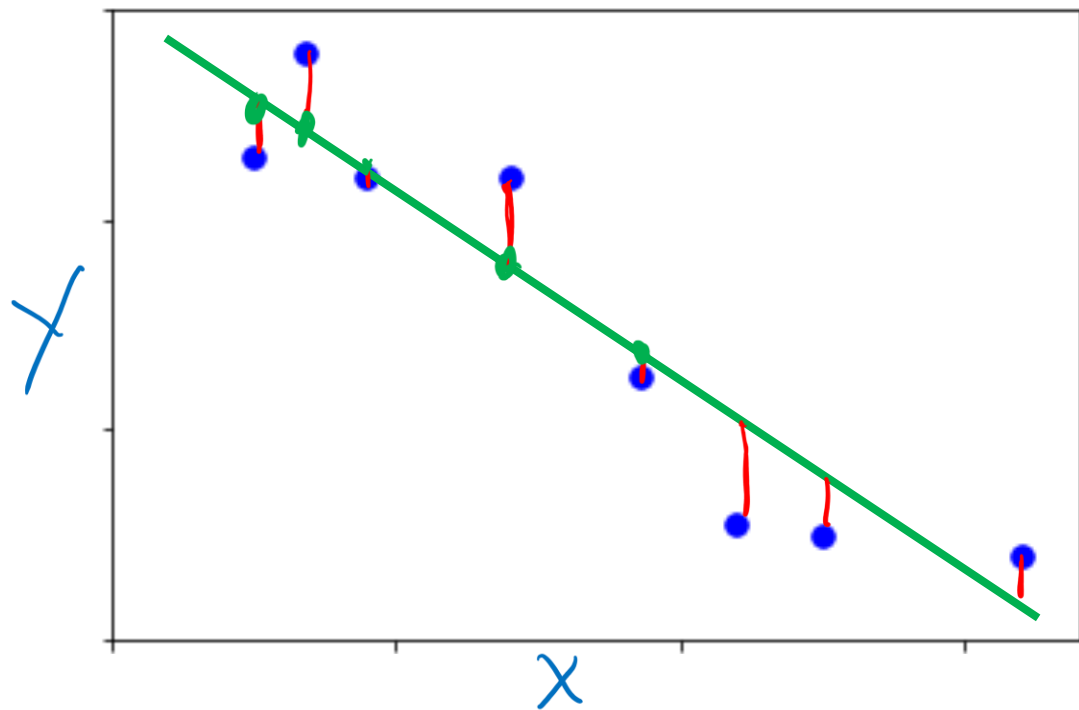
$$\hat{R}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(y^{(i)}, h(x^{(i)}))$$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \hat{R}(h)$$

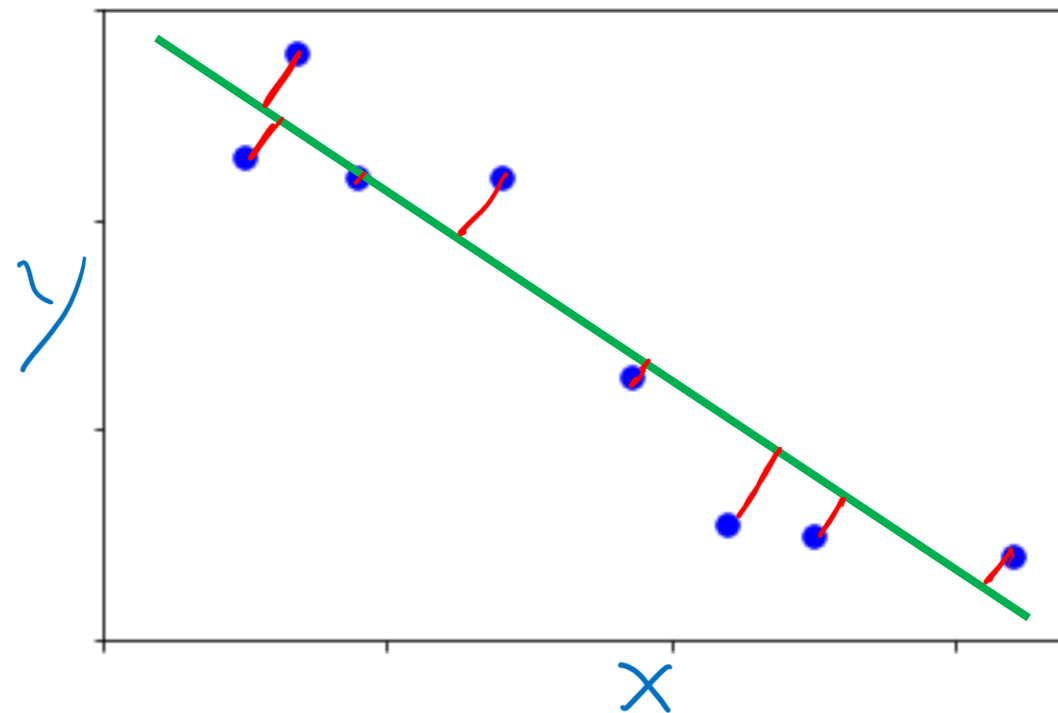
Poll 1

Which is a correct depiction of linear regression error lines for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\hat{y} = wx + b$

A



B



Poll 2

Given $\theta = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$, what goes in the top entry for a linear regression

vector with two features, $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$?

Poll 3: Two questions

Fill in the blanks: Linear regression optimization

$$\frac{\text{1) } \quad ?}{\text{2) } \quad ?} \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i)})^2$$

1) What type of optimization?

- A. min
- B. max
- C. argmin
- D. argmax

2) What are we optimizing over?

- A. x
- B. y
- C. θ
- D. x, θ
- E. x, y
- F. x, y, θ

Pre-reading: Risk in Regression

Squared error loss $\ell(y, h(x)) = (y - h(x))^2$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_h \mathbb{E}_{XY}[\ell(Y, h(X))]$$

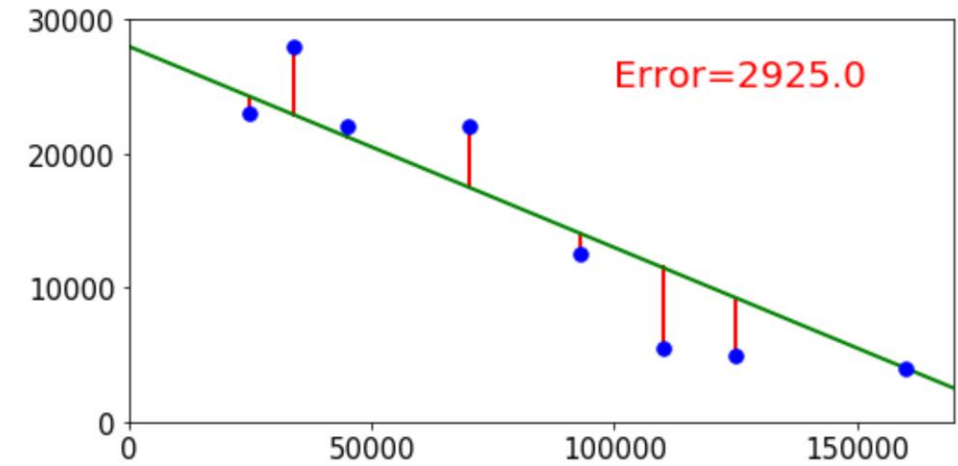
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{R}(h) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell\left(y^{(i)}, h\left(x^{(i)}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y^{(i)} - h\left(x^{(i)}\right)\right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Mean squared error!} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y^{(i)} - \left(wx^{(i)} + b\right)\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

Constructing the Design Matrix

Linear Algebra Formulation

Constructing the design matrix

Goal: Replace summations with linear algebra



$$\begin{aligned} J(w, b) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \left(y^{(i)} - \left(b + \sum_j^M w_j x_j^{(i)} \right) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \left(y^{(i)} - (\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{From pre-reading} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Reminder (Lec 2): Dataset notation

Dataset notation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D} &= \{(y^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^N \\ &= \left\{ \left(y^{(i)}, x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, x_3^{(i)}, x_4^{(i)} \right) \right\}_{i=1}^N\end{aligned}$$

Linear algebra can represent all data

$$\mathbf{y} \in \{0,1,2\}^N$$

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 4} \quad (\text{design matrix})$$

Species	Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width
0	4.3	3.0	1.1	0.1
0	4.9	3.6	1.4	0.1
0	5.3	3.7	1.5	0.2
1	4.9	2.4	3.3	1.0
1	5.7	2.8	4.1	1.3
1	6.3	3.3	4.7	1.6
2	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8

Linear Algebra Formulation

Constructing the design matrix

$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = b + \sum_j^M w_j x_j^{(i)}$$

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$\vec{y}$

Linear Algebra Formulation

Constructing the design matrix

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Species
0
0
0
1
1
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2

$\vec{y}$

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Linear Algebra Formulation

Constructing the design matrix

$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = b + \sum_j^M w_j x_j^{(i)}$$
$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$$

Species	(account for bias)	Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width
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$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

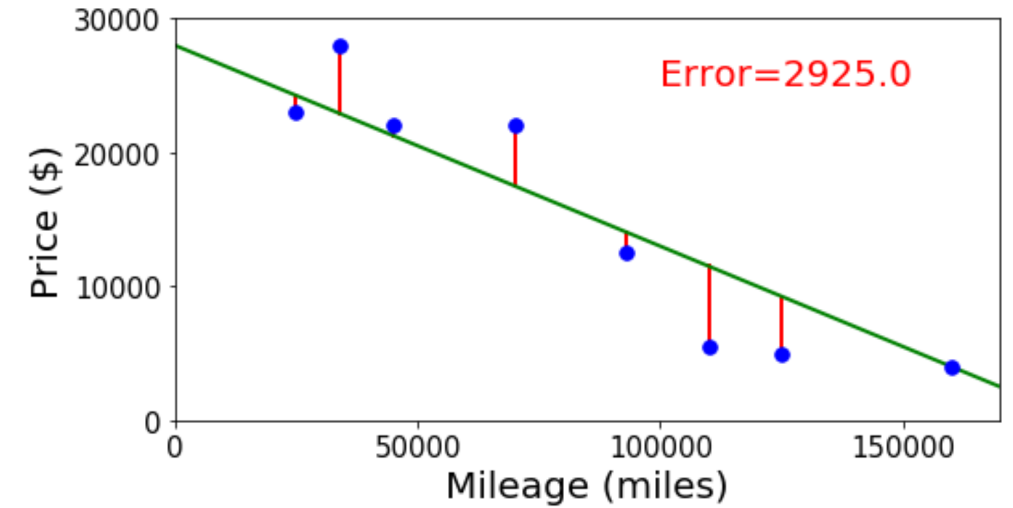
Linear Regression

System of Equations

Poll 4

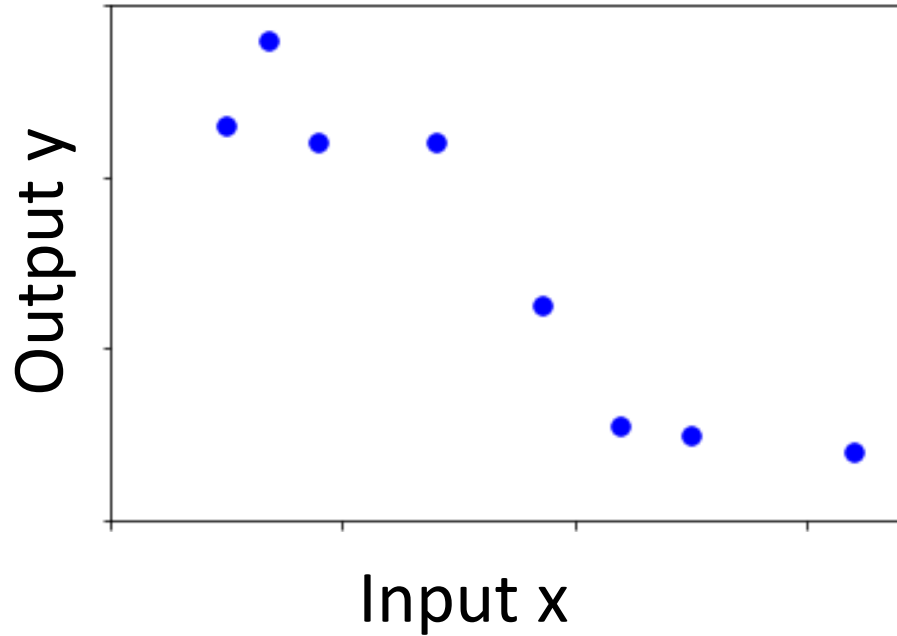
Now that we have $\mathbf{y} = X\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we can solve this system of equations to get the best $\boldsymbol{\theta}$?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I have no idea



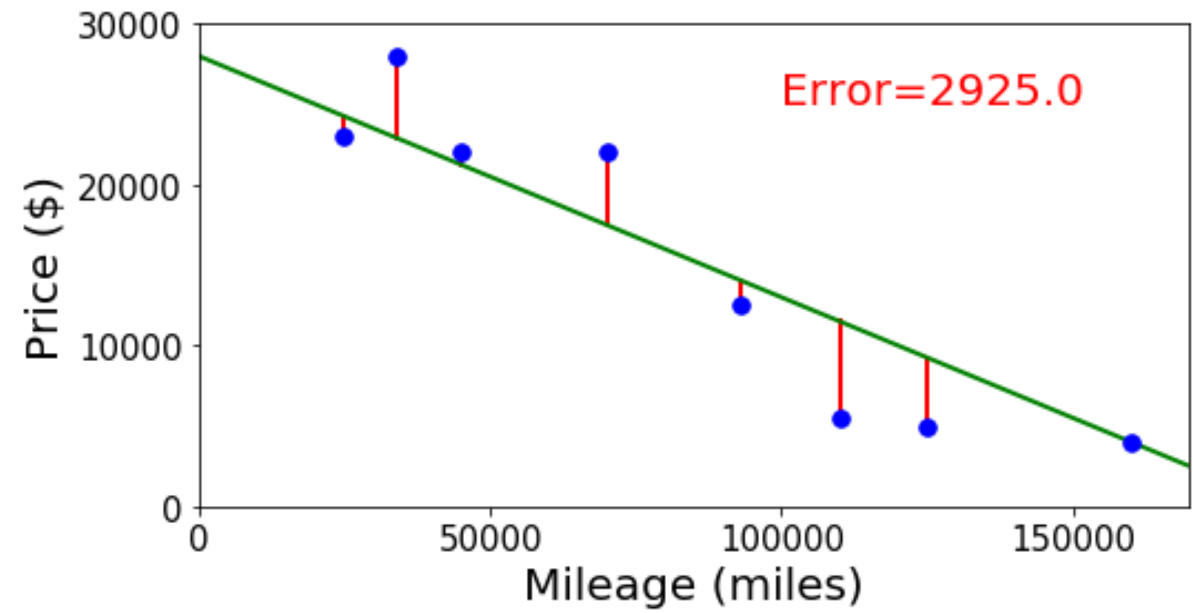
Linear Regression

Number of solutions? Objective function value, $J(\theta)$?



Linear Regression

Linear algebra formulation



Closed-form Solution

Linear Regression

$$\|\vec{z}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i z_i = \vec{z}^T \vec{z}$$

Expanding objective before computing gradient

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Linear Regression

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Calculus Time-out

Partial derivatives

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Vector in, scalar out

Gradient

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Functions with linear algebra

$$y = f(x)$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} X_{1,1} & \cdots & X_{1,L} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{M,1} & \cdots & X_{M,L} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = f(x)$$

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Calculus with Linear Algebra

One way to think of it: bag of partial derivatives

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = f \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

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Numerator Layout

$y = f(x)$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$	$X \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L}$
$y \in \mathbb{R}$	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \in \mathbb{R}$	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times M}$ Output by input	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial X} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M}$ Transpose of input
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$Y \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$ Size of output	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^?$?	$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \in \mathbb{R}^?$?

Denominator Layout

$y = f(x)$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$	$X \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L}$
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Calculus with Linear Algebra

Jacobian: Vector in, vector out

Numerator-layout

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Numerator-layout vs denominator-layout

Vector in, vector out

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M \text{ (assume } N > M \text{ for illustrative purposes)}$

Numerator layout	Denominator layout
Number of outputs $\times$ number of inputs	Number of inputs $\times$ number of outputs
$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Vector in, scalar out

Numerator-layout

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times M}$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Numerator-layout vs denominator-layout

Vector in, scalar out

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Numerator layout	Denominator layout
Number of outputs $\times$ number of inputs	Number of inputs $\times$ number of outputs
$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times M}$	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Scalar in, vector out

Numerator-layout

$$\mathbf{y} = f(x) \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = f(x)$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Gradient: Vector in, scalar out

Transpose of numerator-layout

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times M}, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_M \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Calculus with Linear Algebra

Matrix in, scalar out

Numerator layout: Transpose of matrix dimensions

Denominator layout: Keep same dimensions as matrix

$$y = f(\mathbf{X}) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} \text{ (denominator layout)}$$

$$y = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} X_{1,1} & \cdots & X_{1,L} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{M,1} & \cdots & X_{M,L} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Exercise

Suppose we have a function that takes in a vector and squares each element individually, returning another vector, $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x})$.

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Example: } f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 49 \\ 9 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is $\partial \mathbf{y} / \partial \mathbf{x}$? (use numerator layout)

Derivatives of Functions with Respect to Vectors

	Numerator layout	Denominator layout	Notes
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}$	I_N	I_N	$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T$	I_N	I_N	$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} t\mathbf{v}$	tI_N	tI_N	$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}^T$	$\mathbf{v}$	
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{u}^T$	$\mathbf{u}$	
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}$	$2\mathbf{v}^T$	$2\mathbf{v}$	
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}^T (A + A^T)$	$(A + A^T) \mathbf{v}$	
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}$	$2\mathbf{v}^T A$	$2A \mathbf{v}$	If $A = A^T$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} A \mathbf{v}$	A	A^T	
$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^T A$	A^T	A	

Numerator Layout

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Denominator Layout

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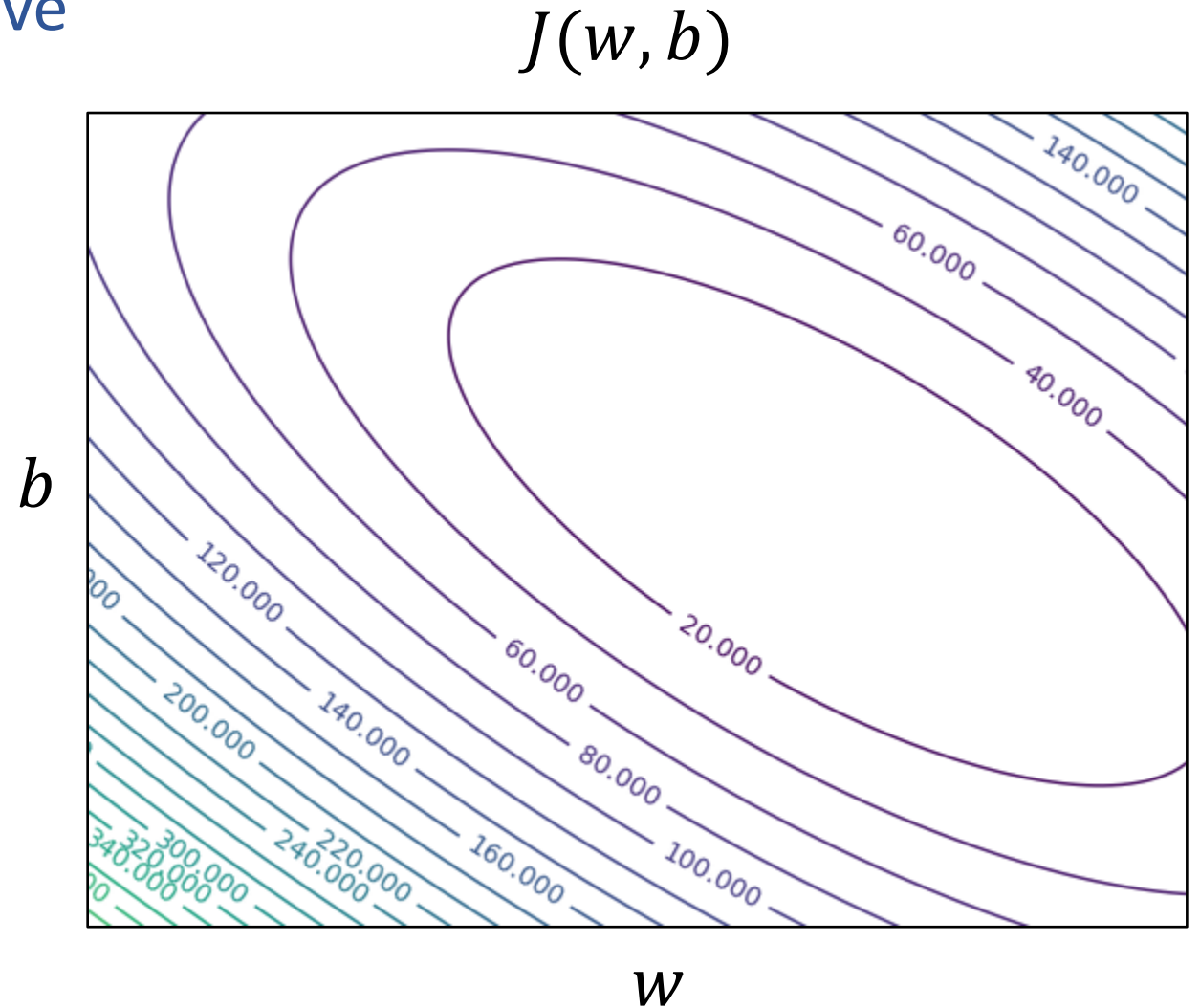
Linear Regression

Closed-form Solution

Linear Regression

Methods for optimizing the objective

- Closed-form solution



Linear Regression

Expanding objective before computing gradient

$$\begin{aligned} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T) (\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T X \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

Linear Regression

Gradient of objective with respect to parameters

$$\begin{aligned} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{u}$$

-- or --

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{u}^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^T A \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = (A + A^T) \mathbf{z}$$

-- or --

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^T A \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{z}^T (A + A^T)$$

Linear Regression

Gradient of objective with respect to parameters

$$\begin{aligned} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N} \|\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \nabla J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N} (0 \quad -2X^T \mathbf{y} + 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T X^T X) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{u}$$

-- or --

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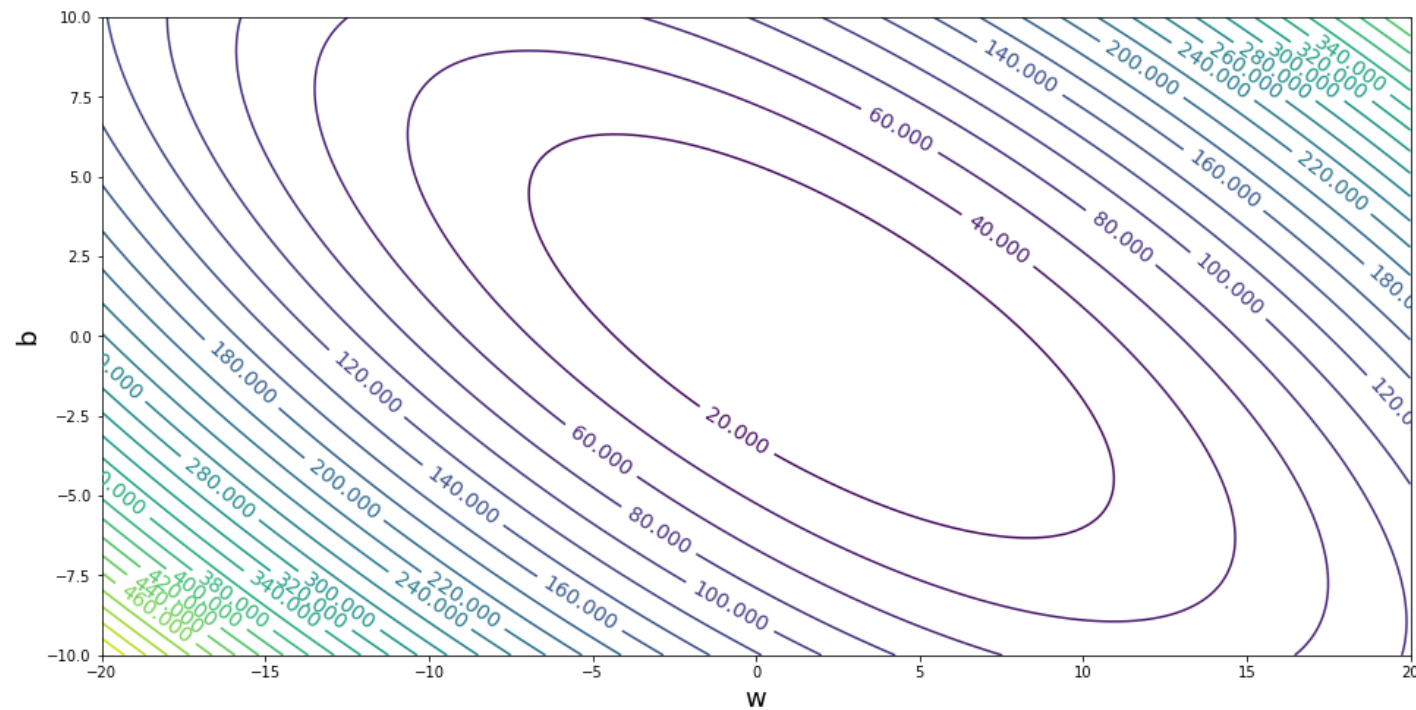
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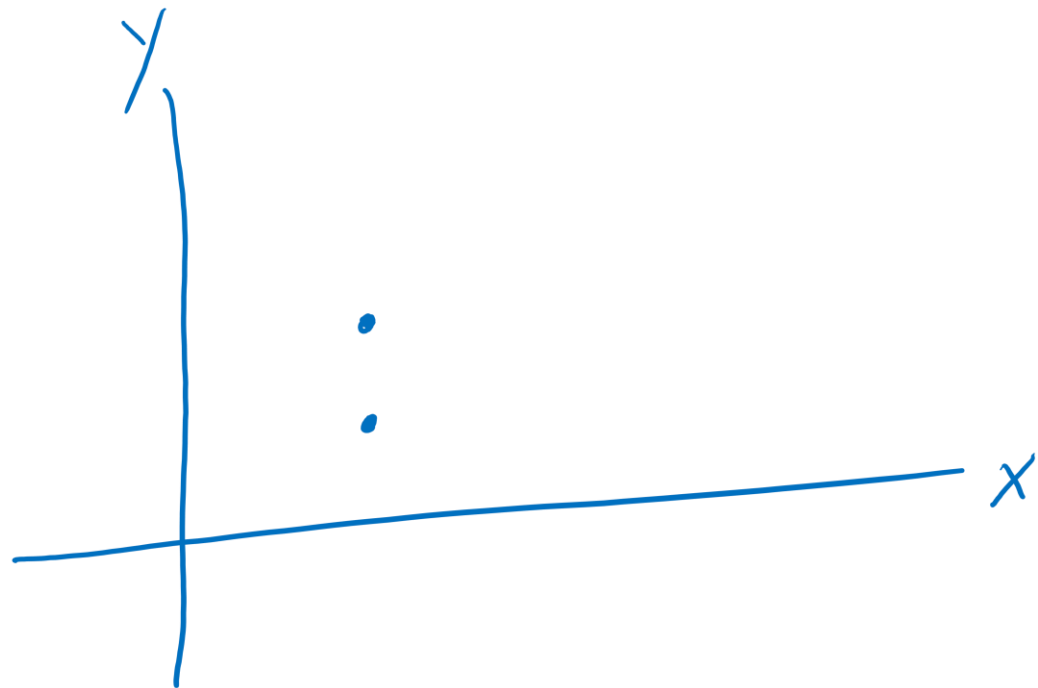
Closed-form solution

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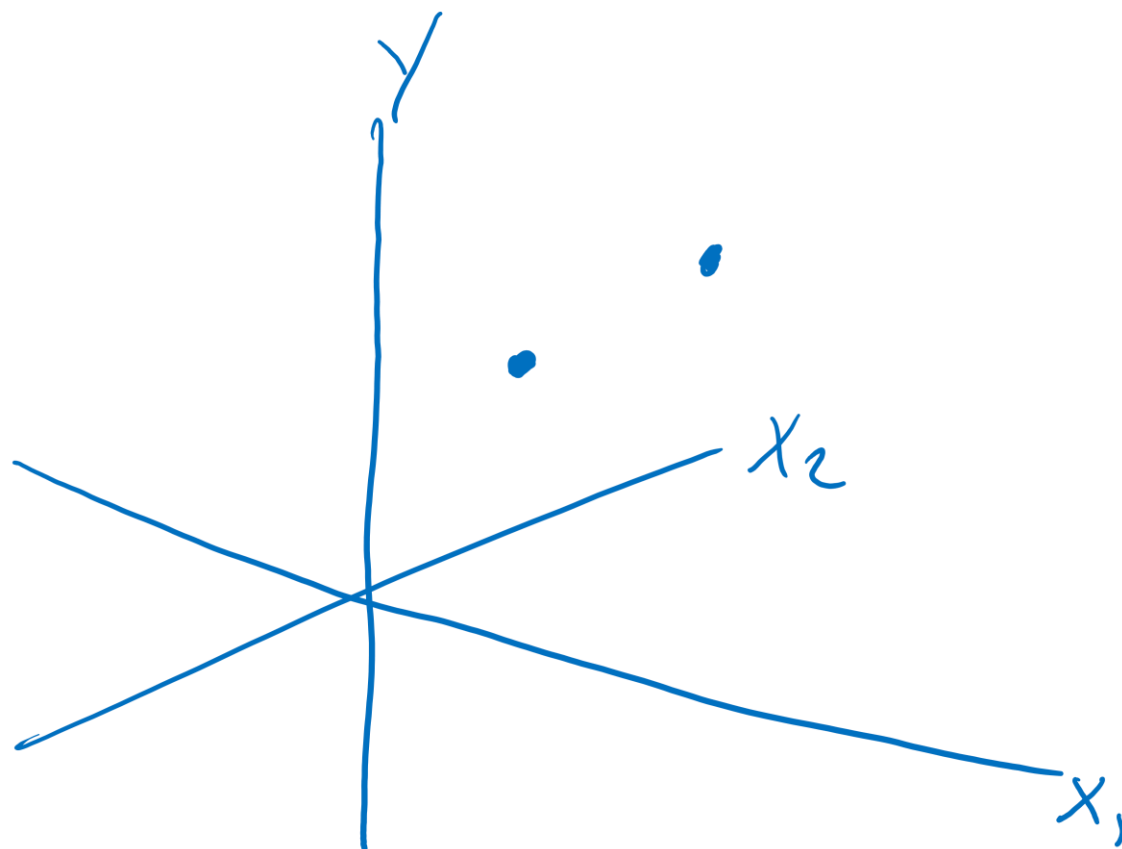


Linear Regression

Number of solutions



A note on matrix rank:



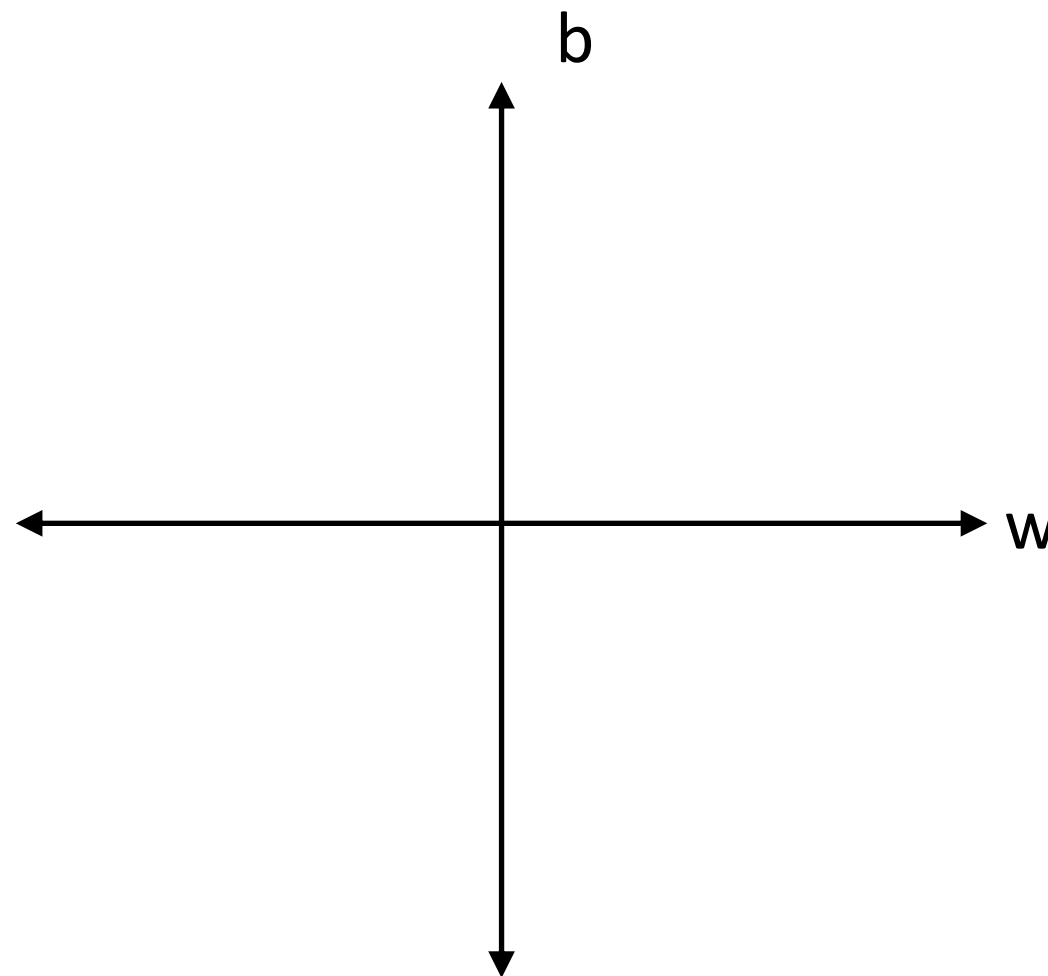
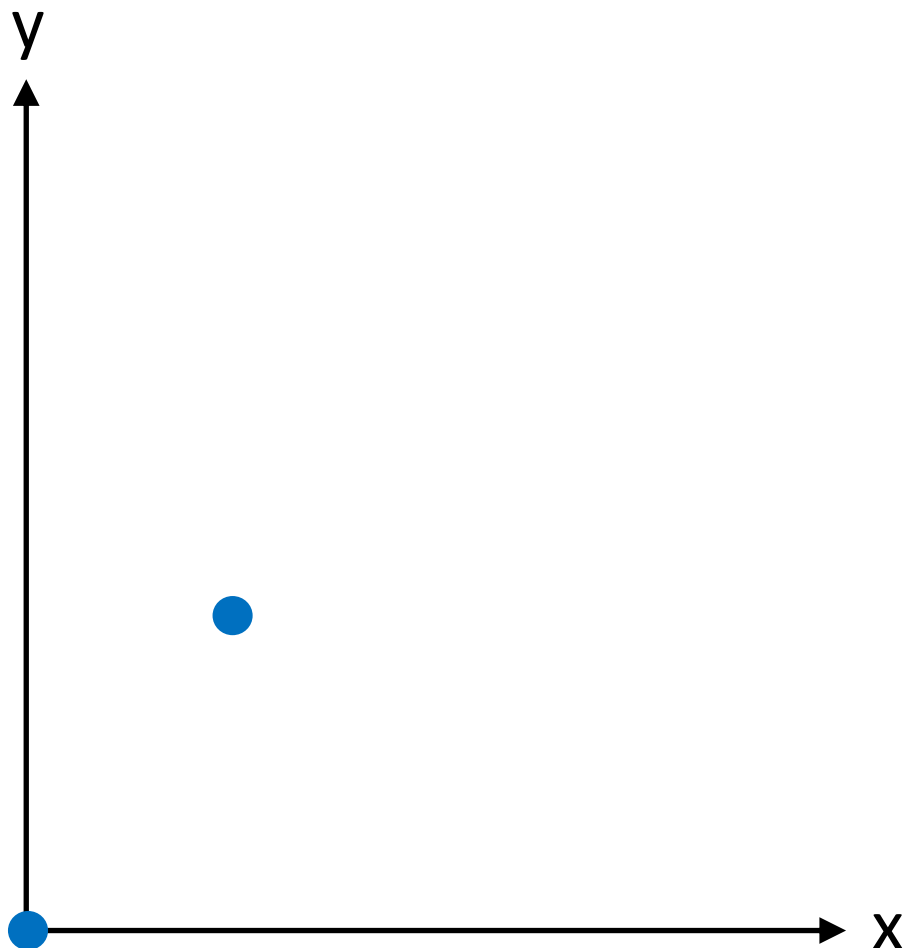
Optimization

Grid Search, Gradient Descent, Stochastic Gradient Descent

Linear Regression

Optimizing the objective

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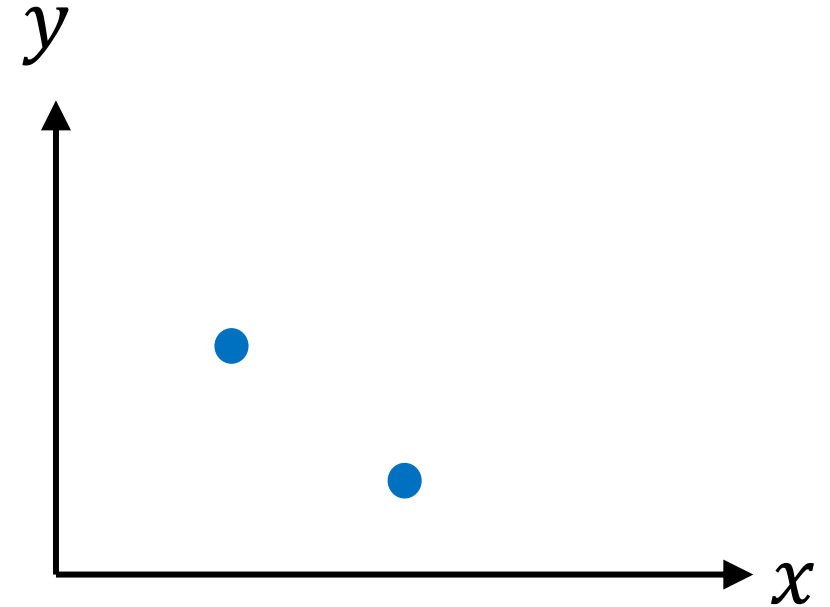


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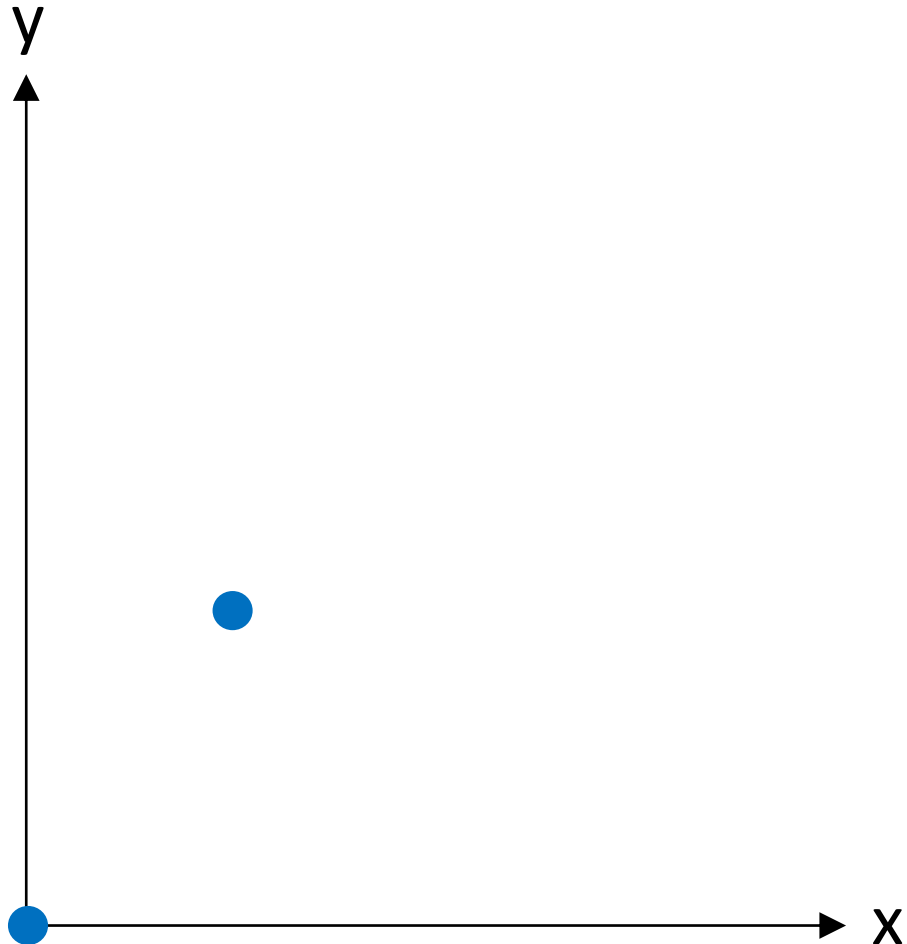
For fixed data and fixed slope, w , what shape do we get by plotting MSE objective vs intercept, b ?

- A. Line
- B. Plane
- C. Half-plane
- D. Convex parabola (U-shape)
- E. Concave parabola (up-side-down U)
- F. None of the above

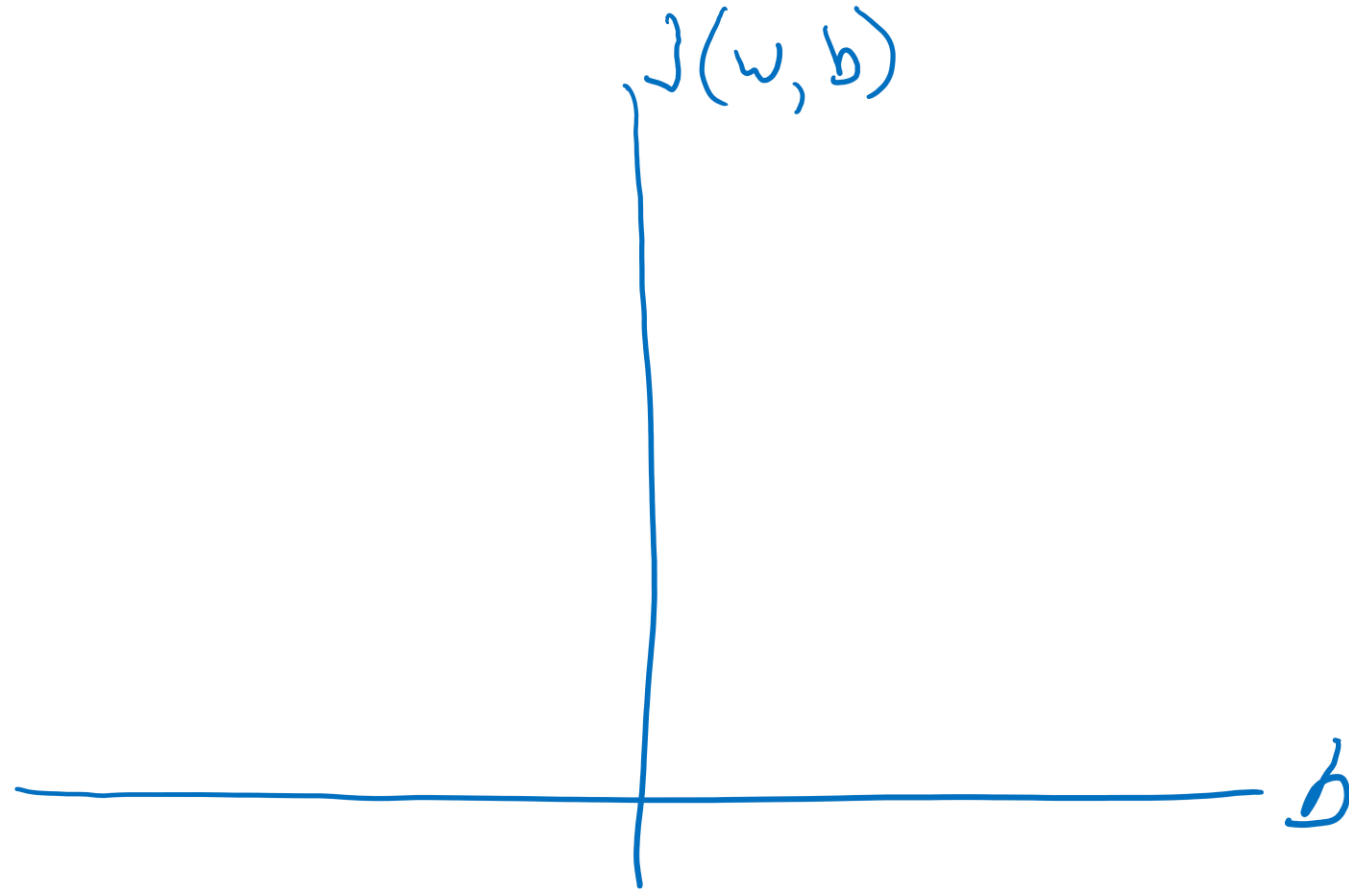


Linear Regression

Optimizing the objective



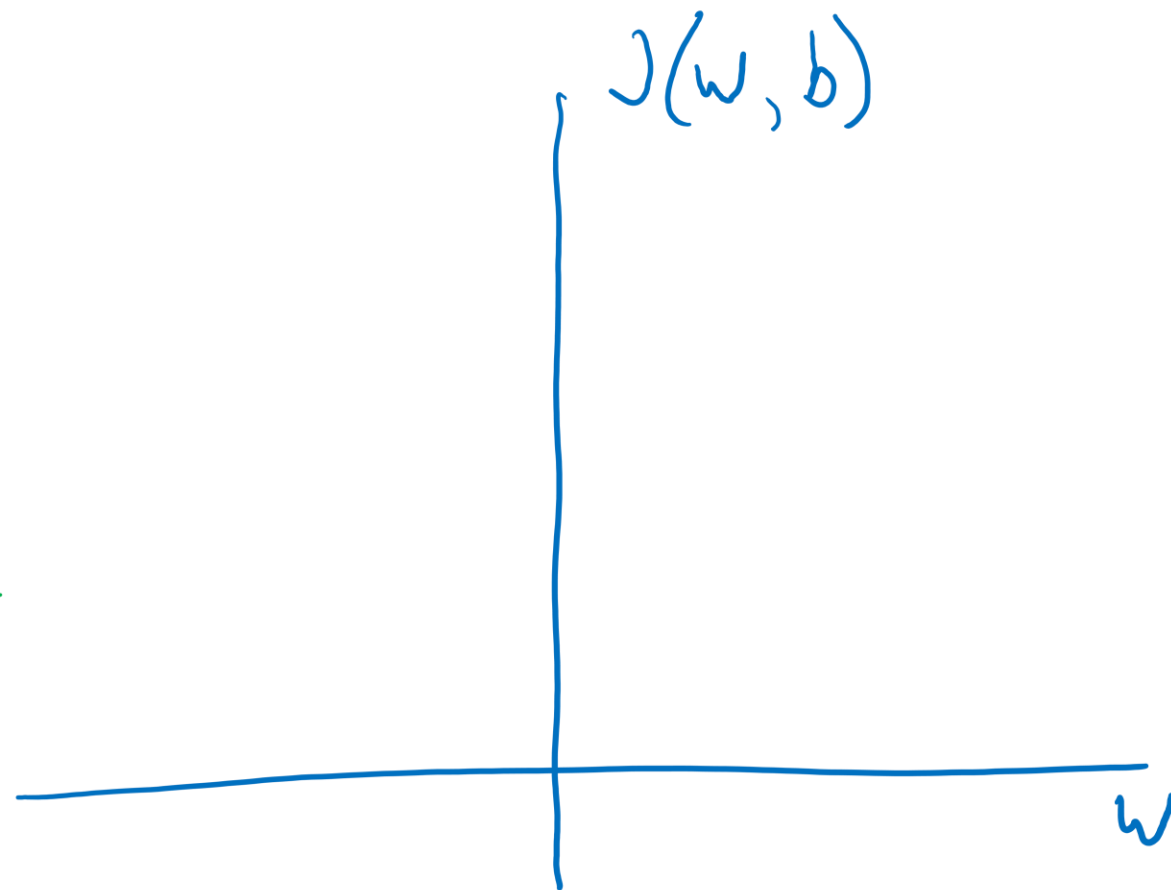
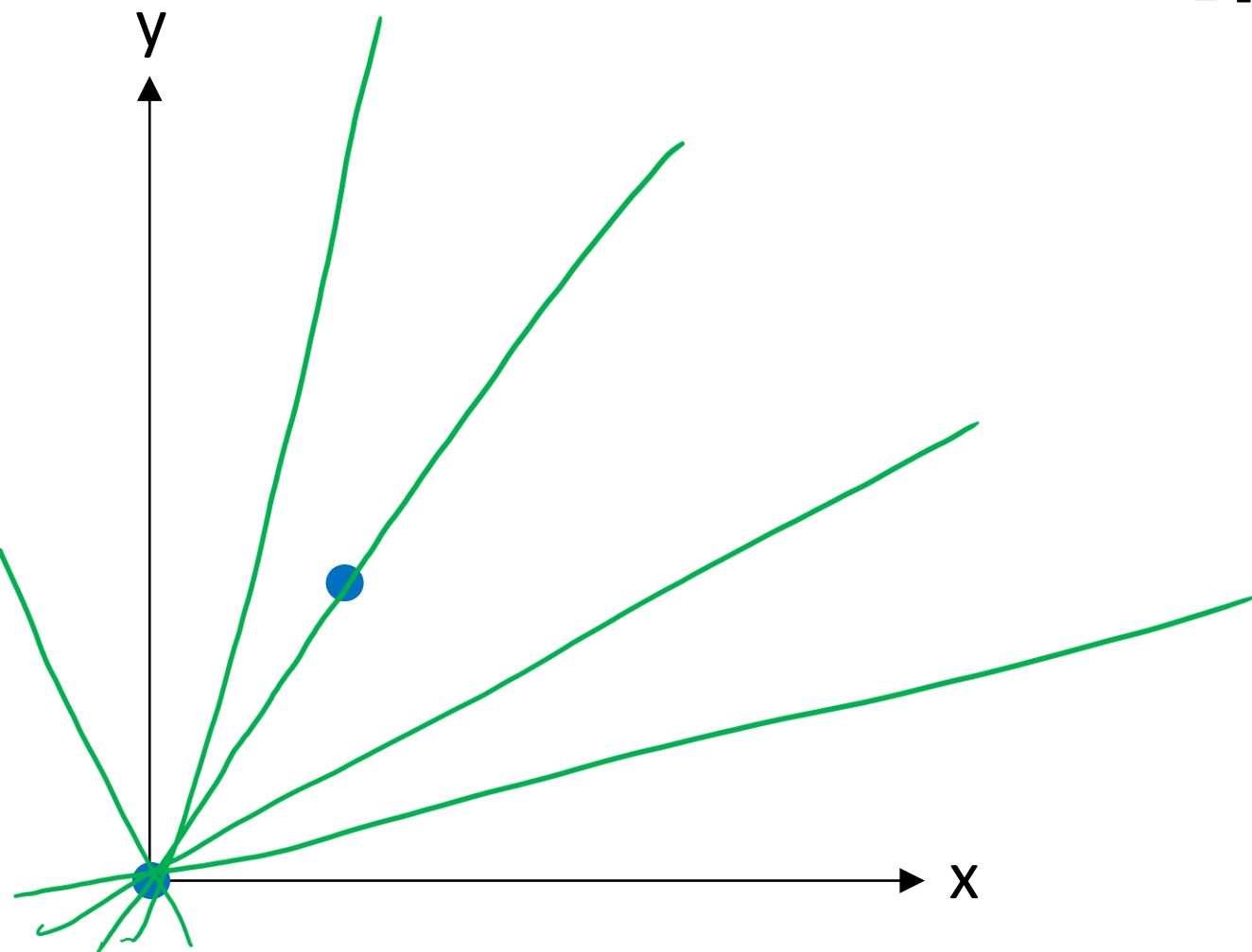
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Linear Regression

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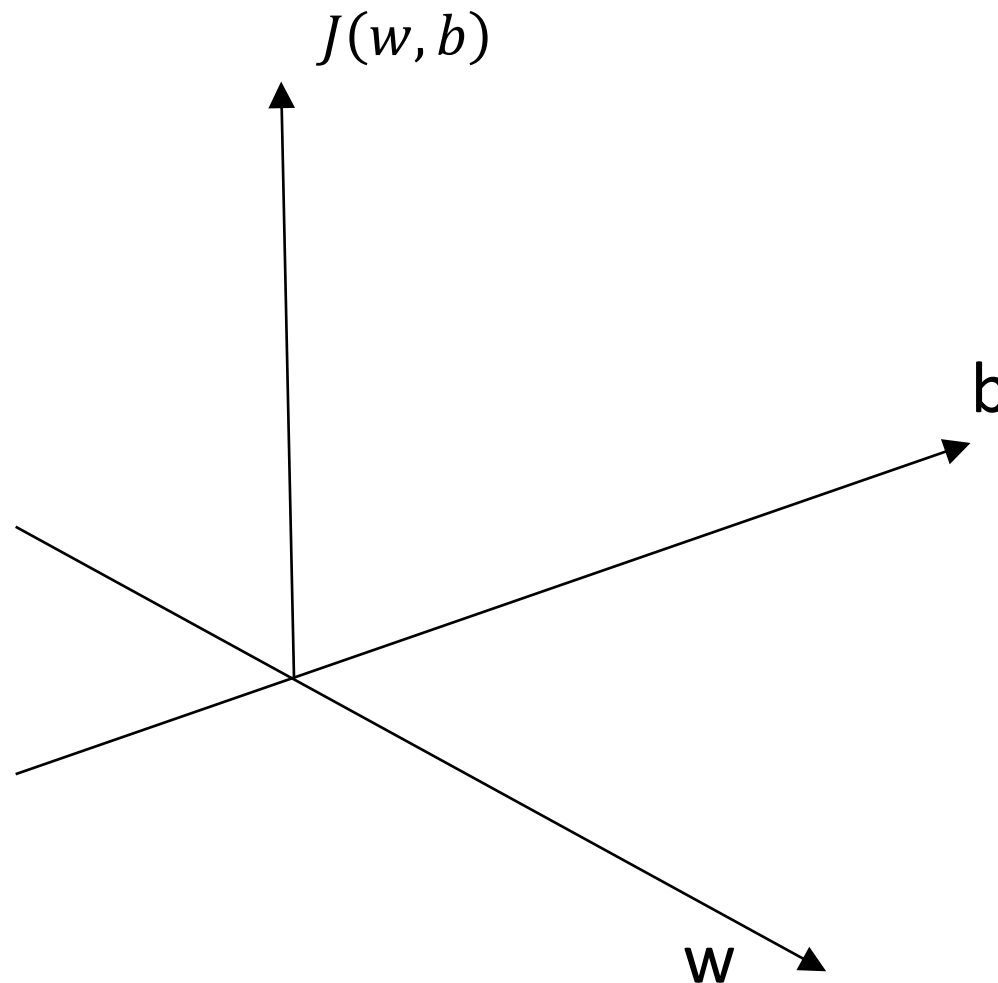
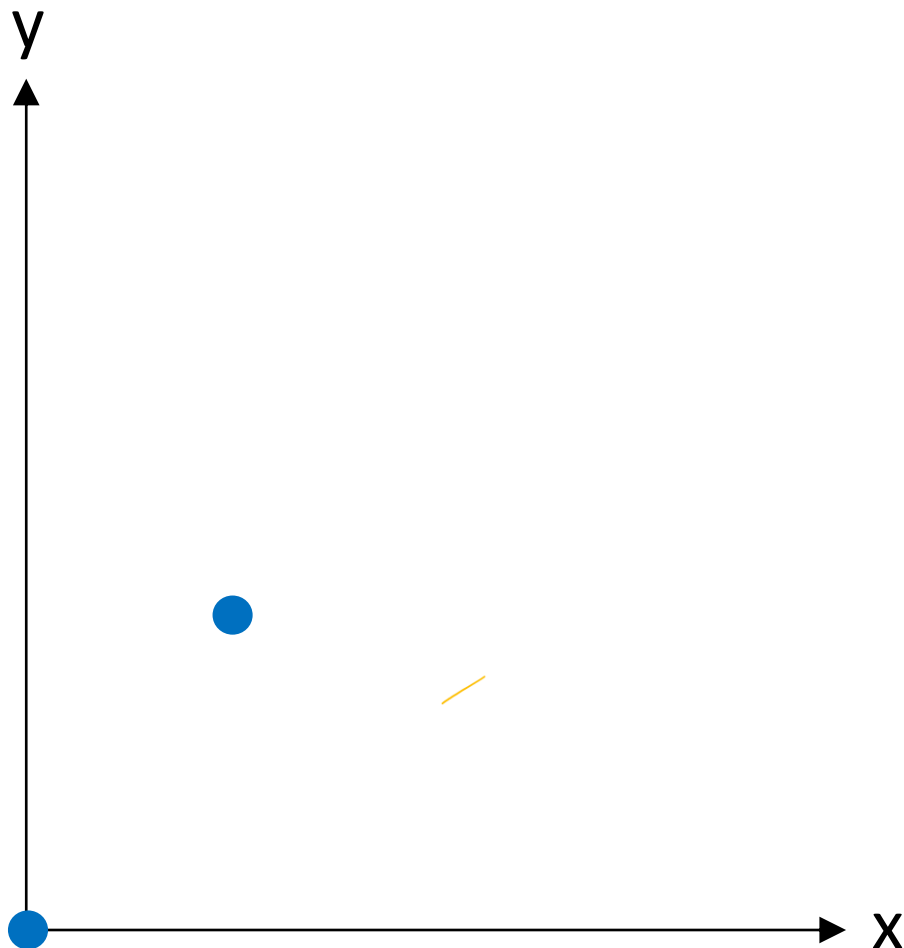
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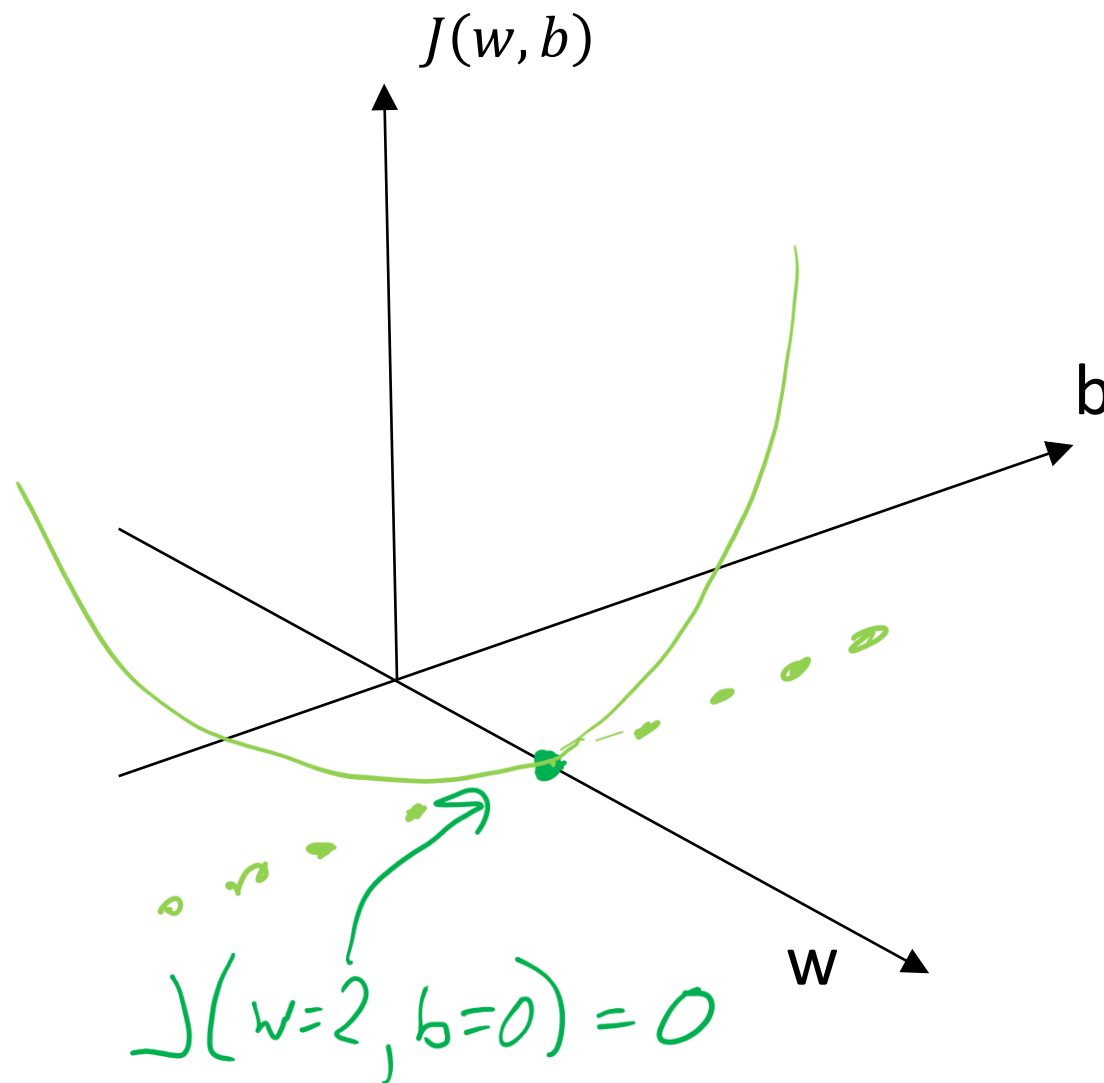
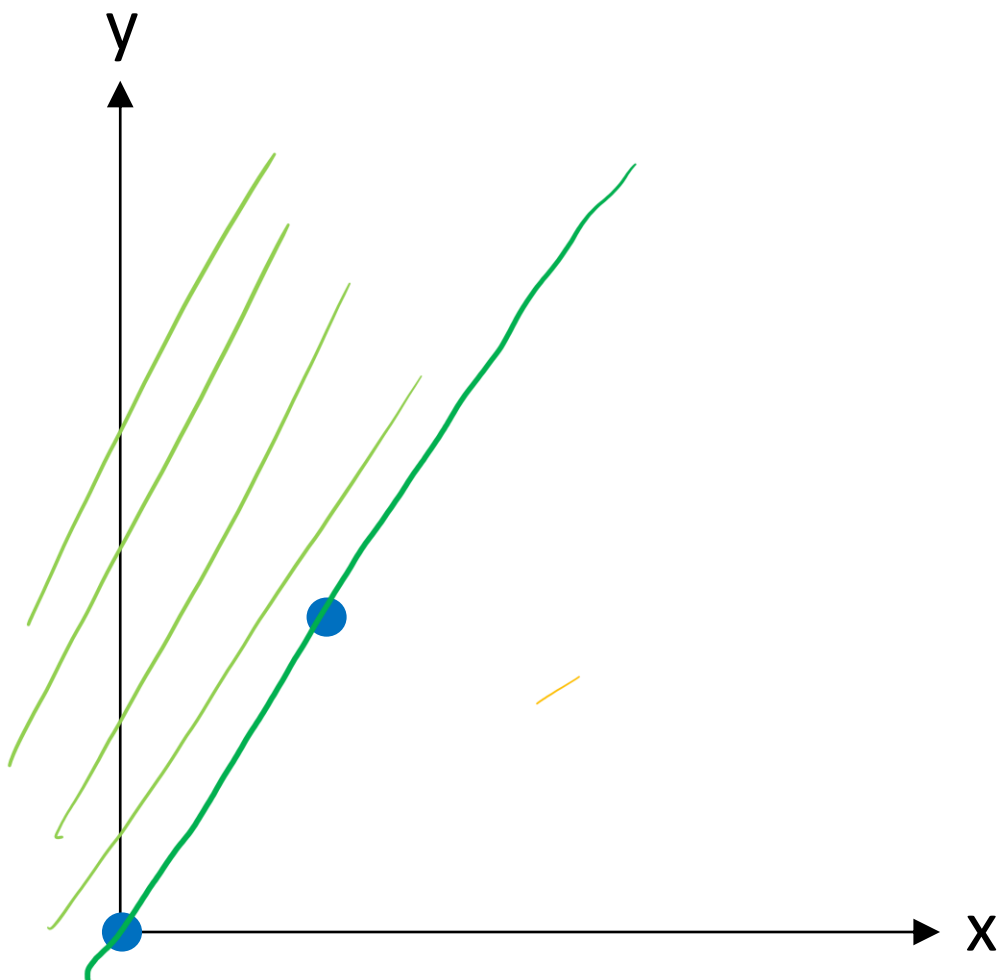
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Linear Regression

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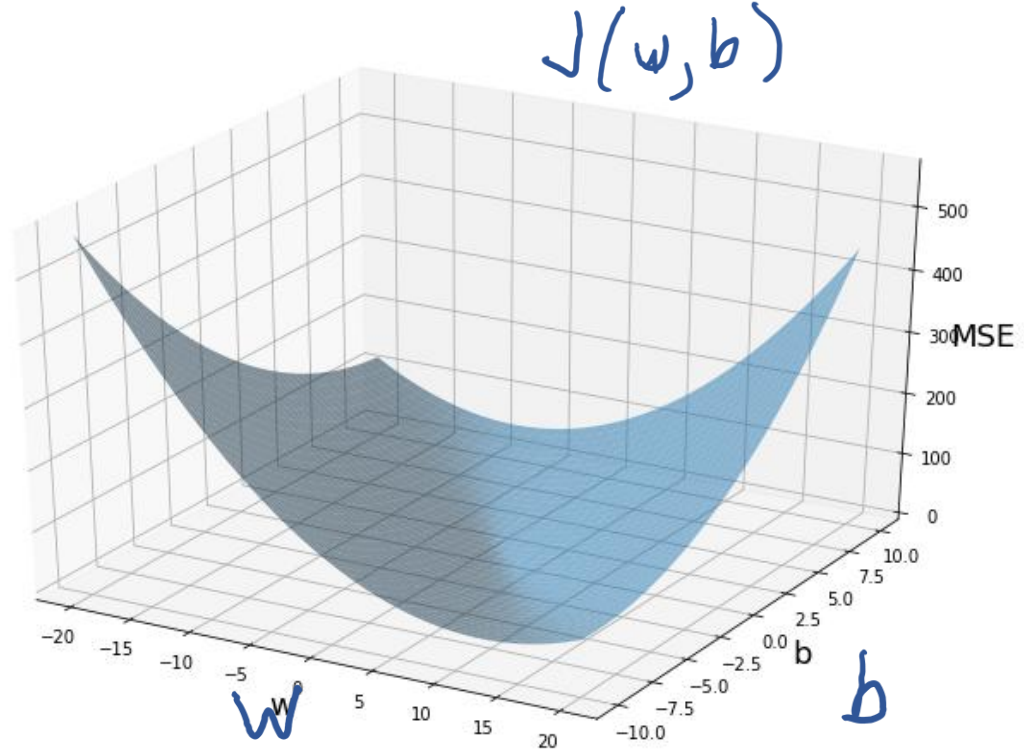
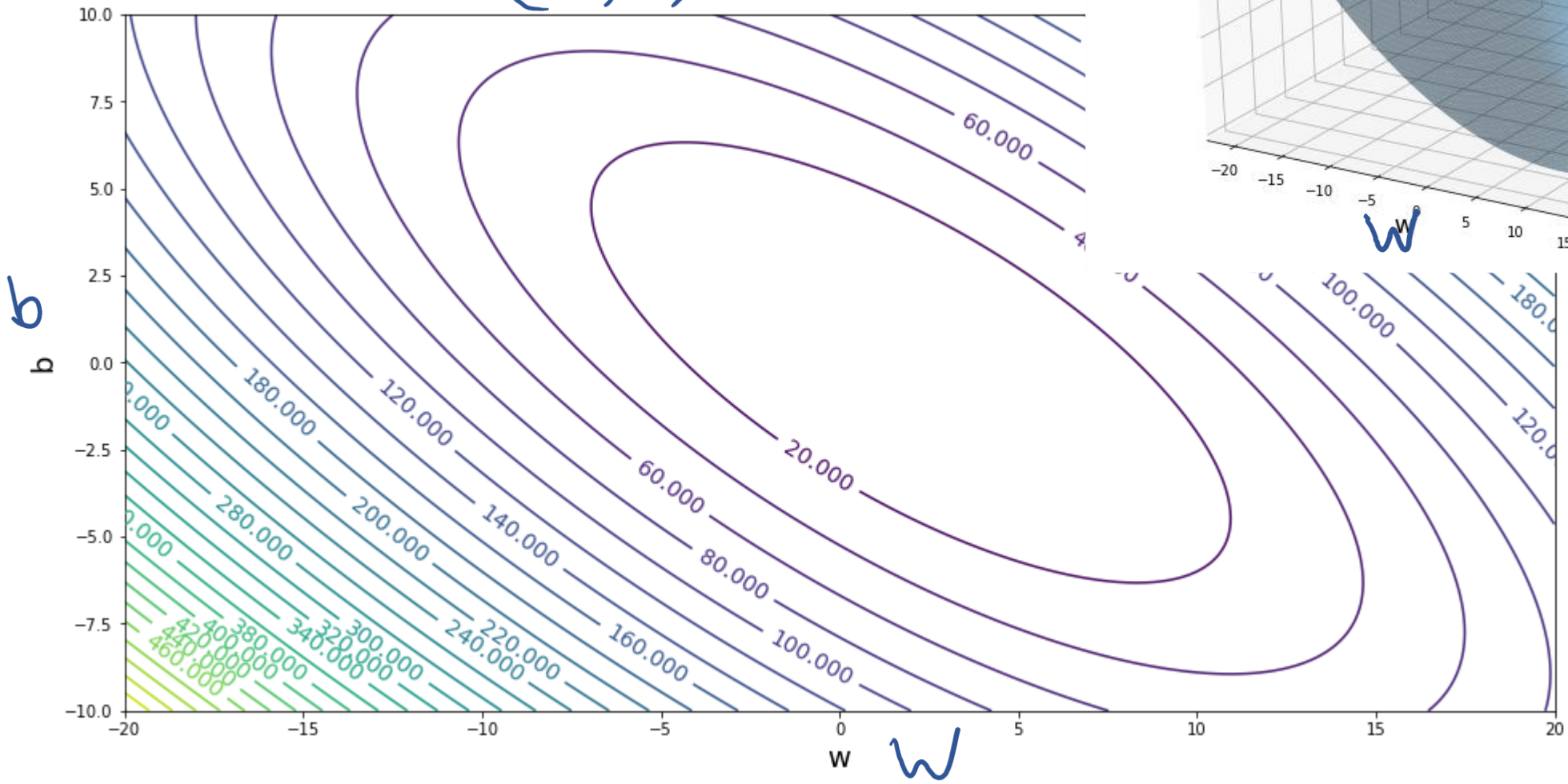
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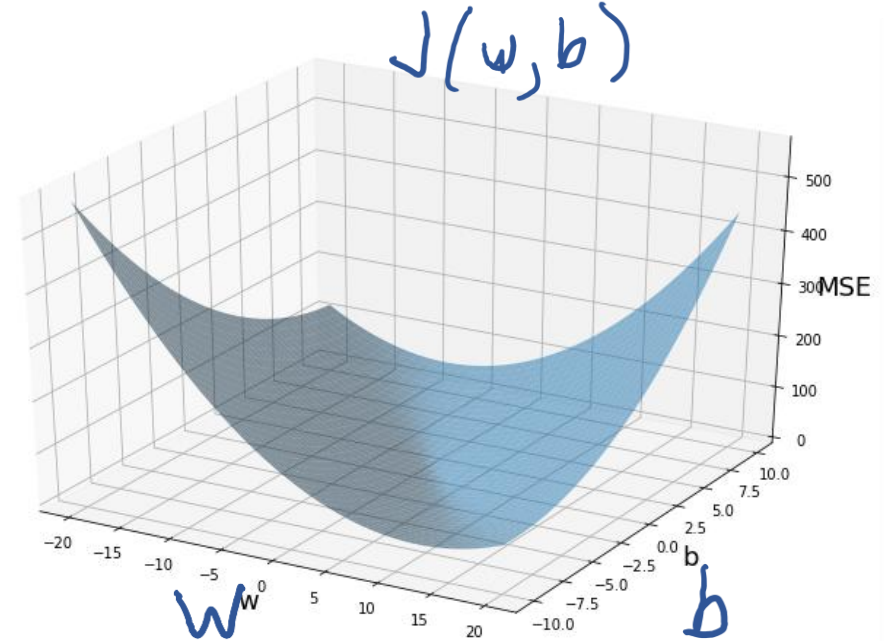
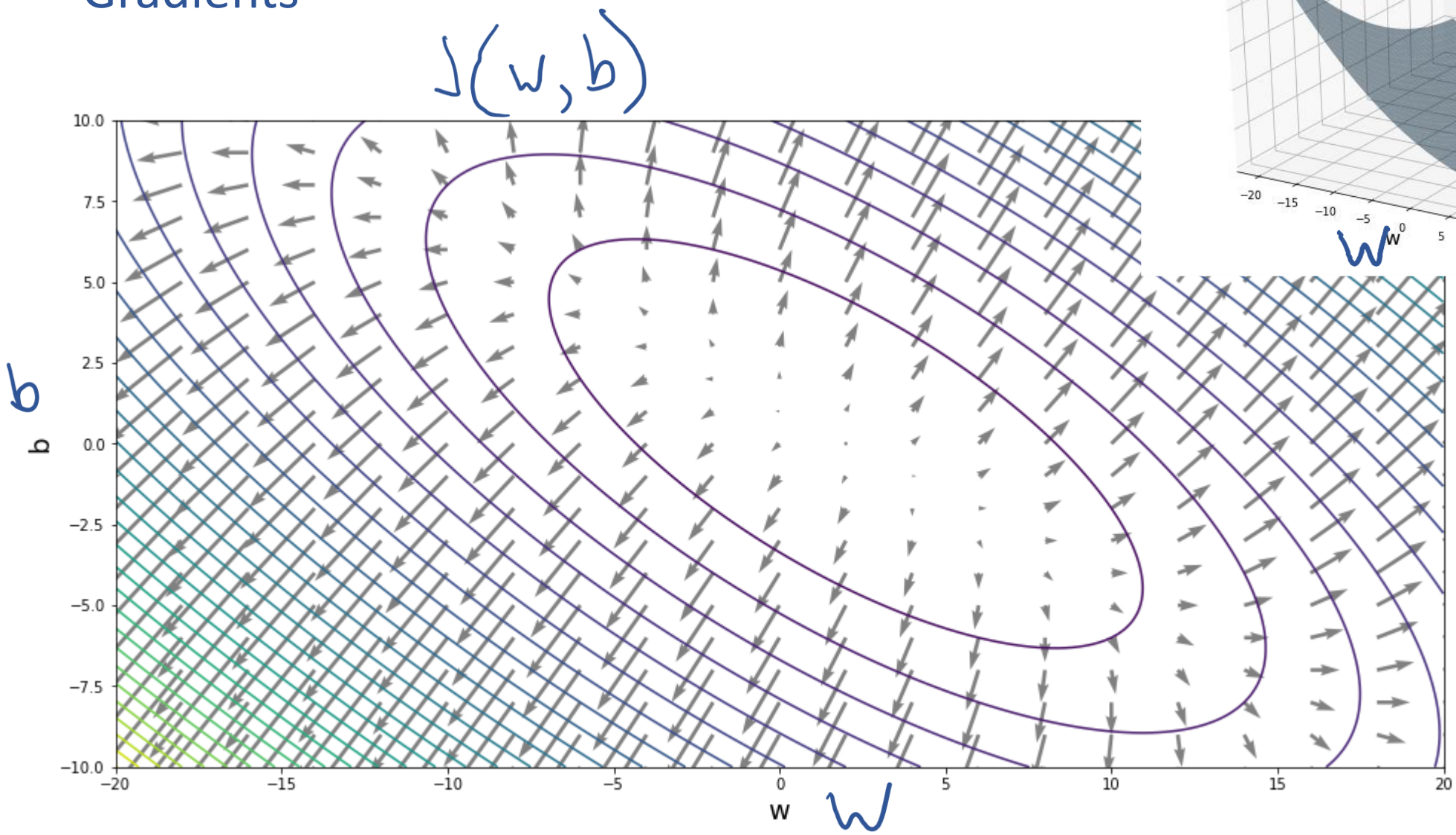
Optimizing the objective

$J(w, b)$



Optimization

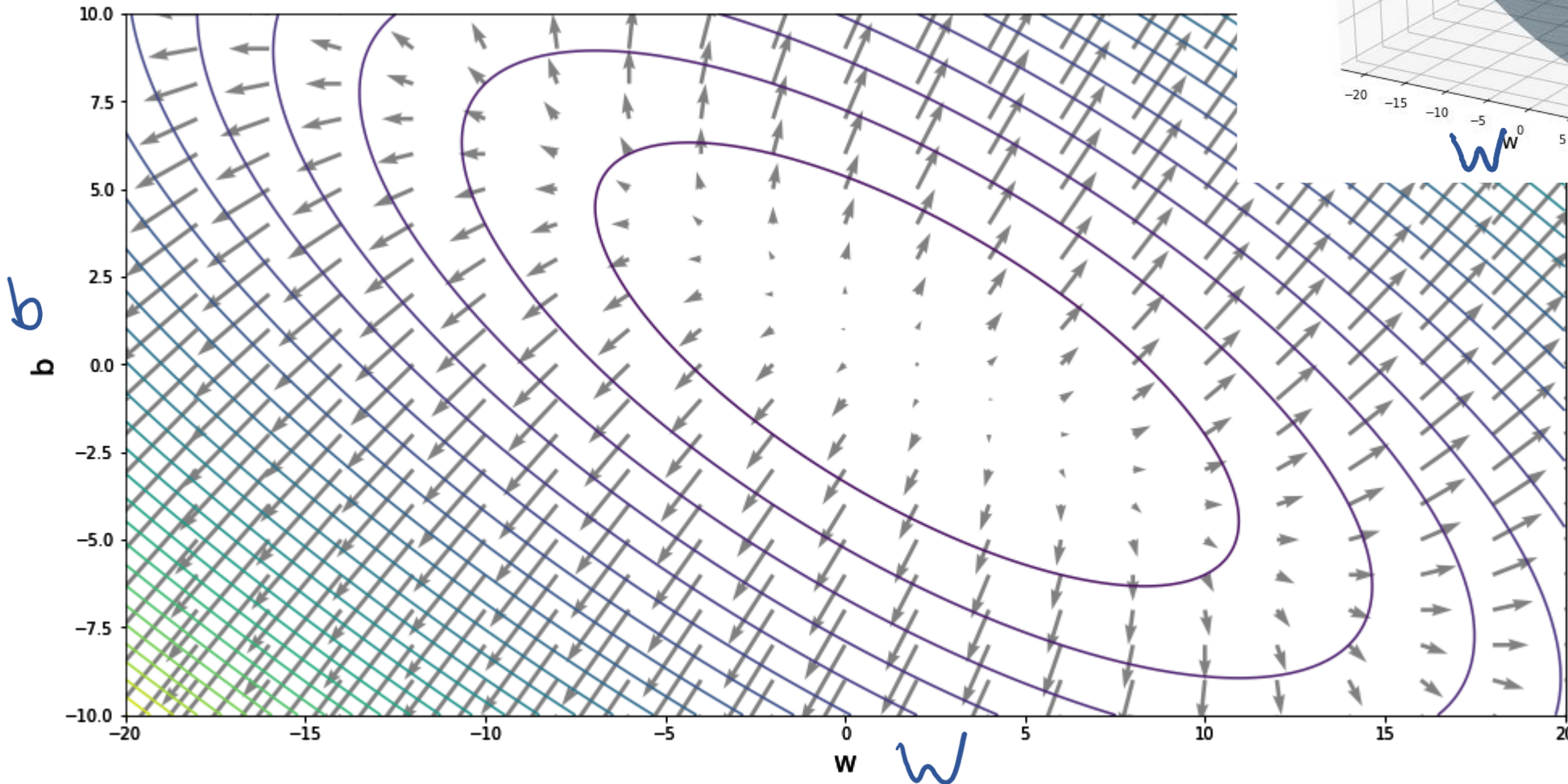
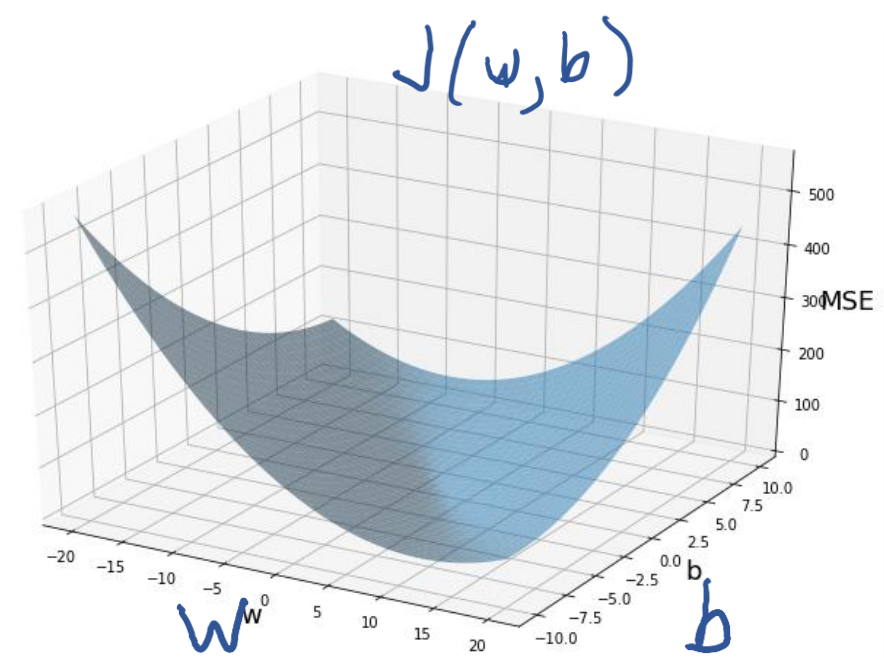
Gradients



Optimization

Linear regression has a closed-form solution!!

Solve for $\nabla J(w, b) = 0$ for w^*, b^*



Optimization

Gradients

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Linear Regression

Gradient Descent

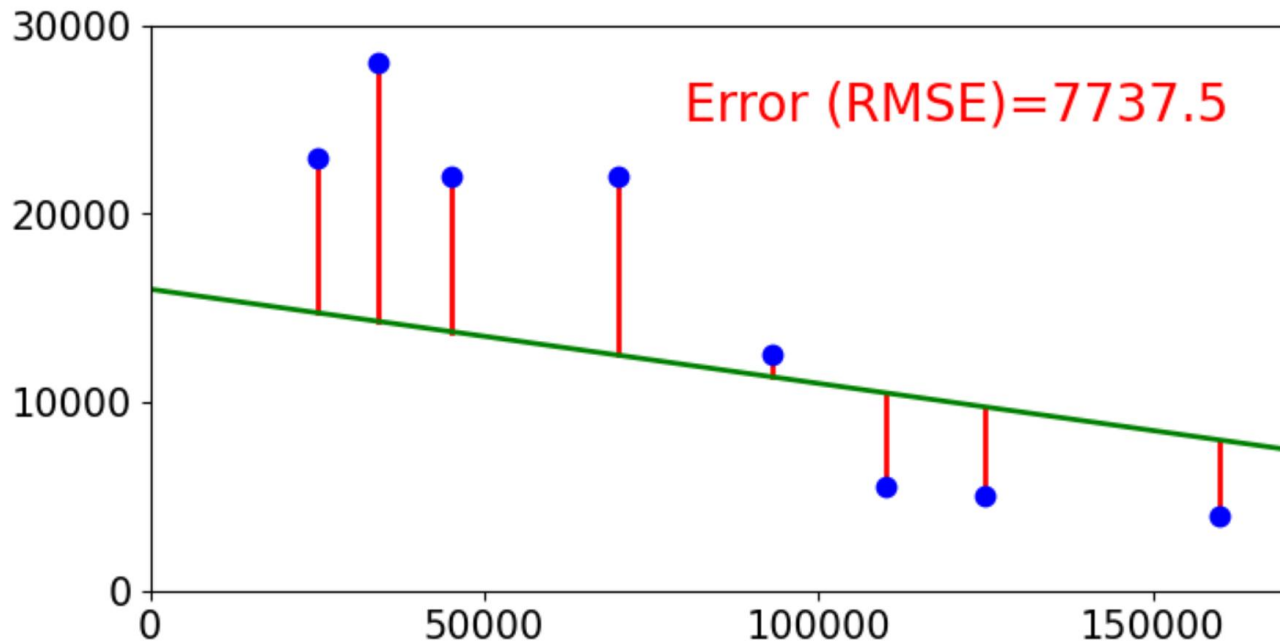
Linear Regression

Demos to optimize the objective

Linear model optimization

[regression_interactive.ipynb](#)

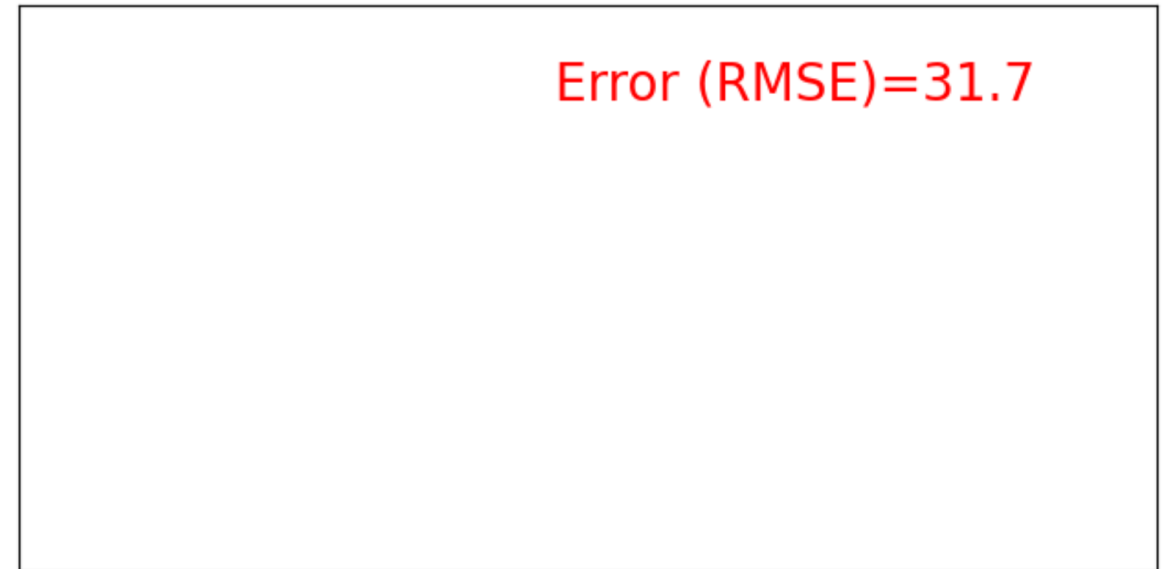
m -0.05
b 16000



Blind version

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m -20.00
b -10.00



Poll 6

Open blind optimization on course website

Mess with sliders to find best model

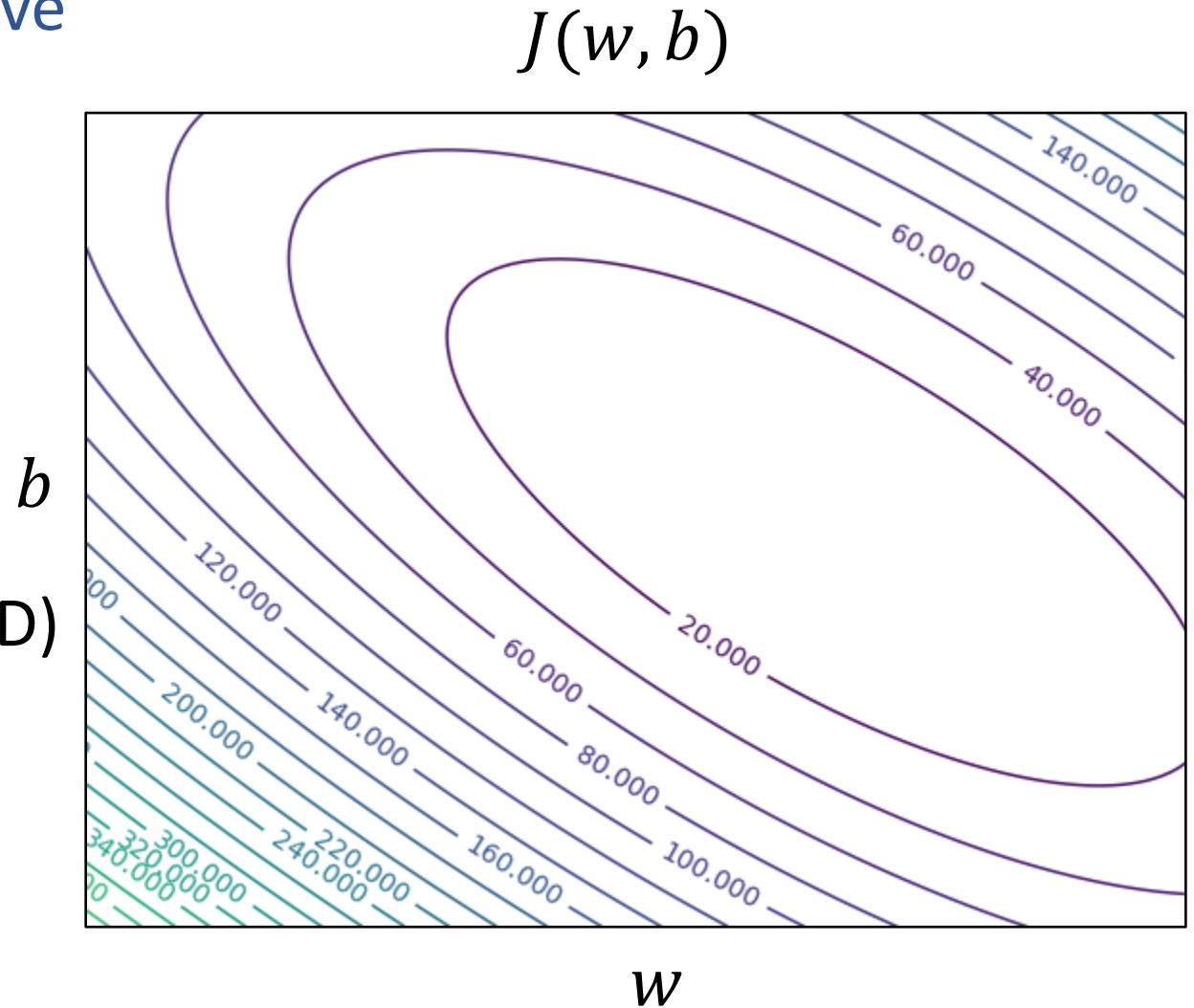
What's the best RMSE that you got?

What's are the corresponding best parameters?

Linear Regression

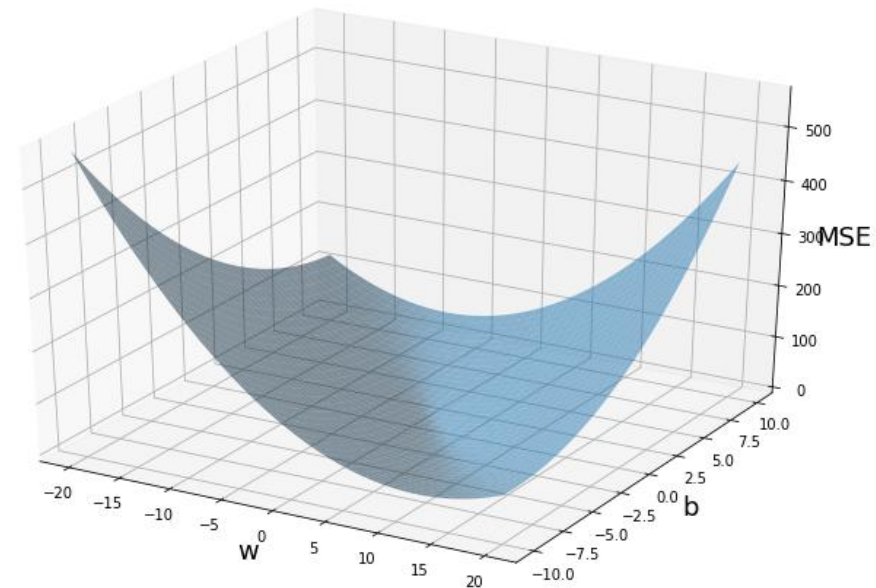
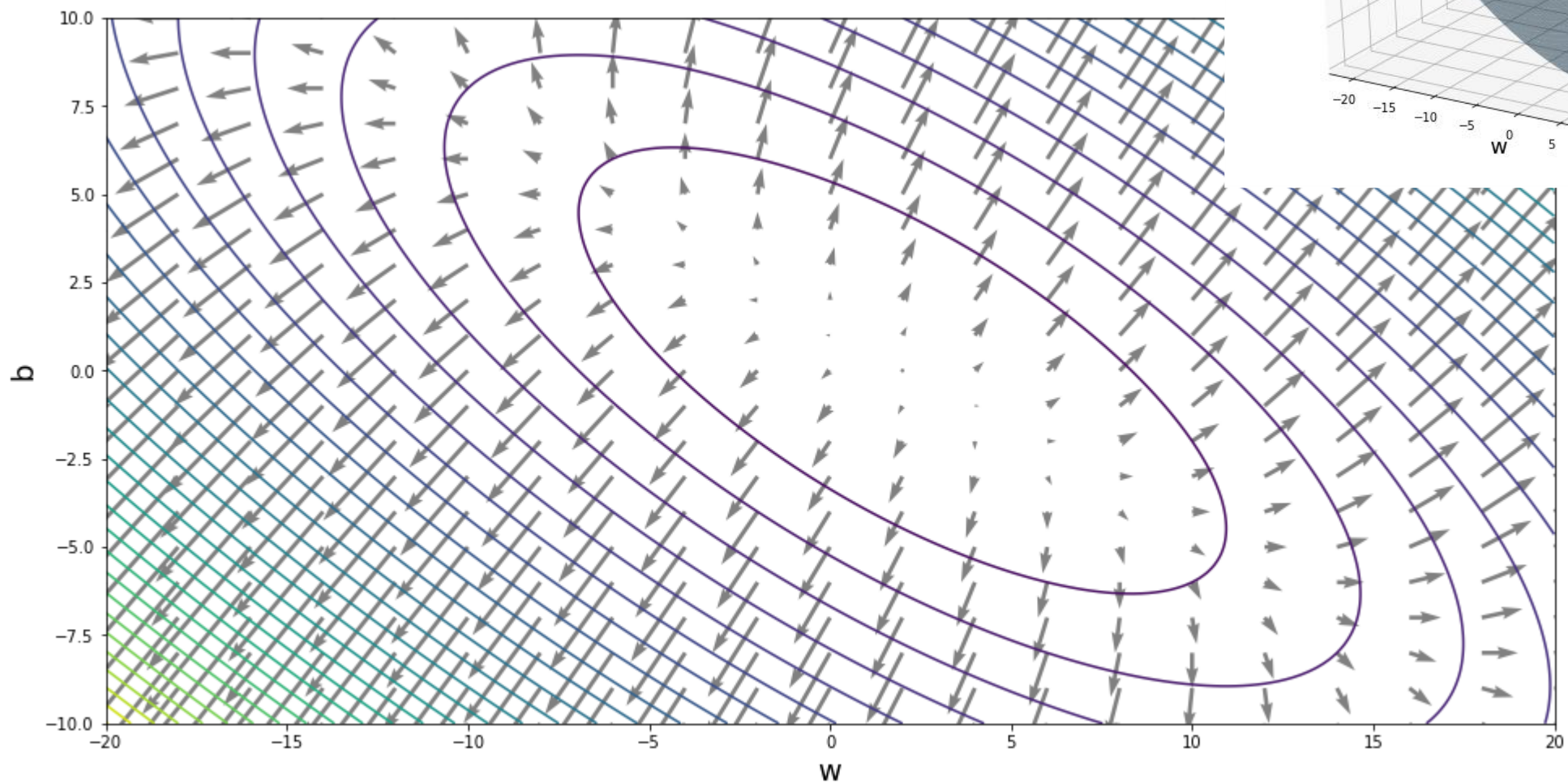
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Optimization

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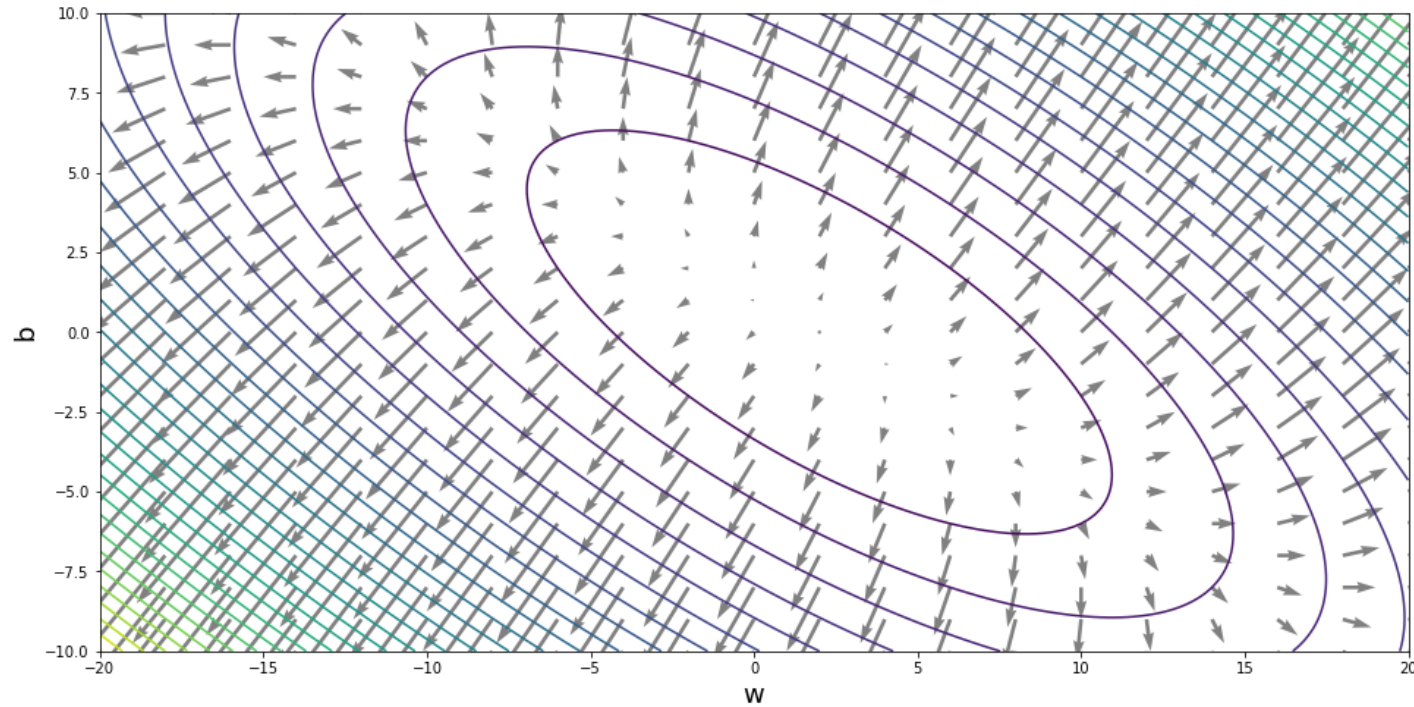


Optimization

Gradient descent

Hyperparameter:

learning rate α (or sometimes γ, η)



While not converged

Compute gradient: $\nabla J = \left[\frac{\partial J}{\partial w}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial b} \right]^\top$

Update parameters

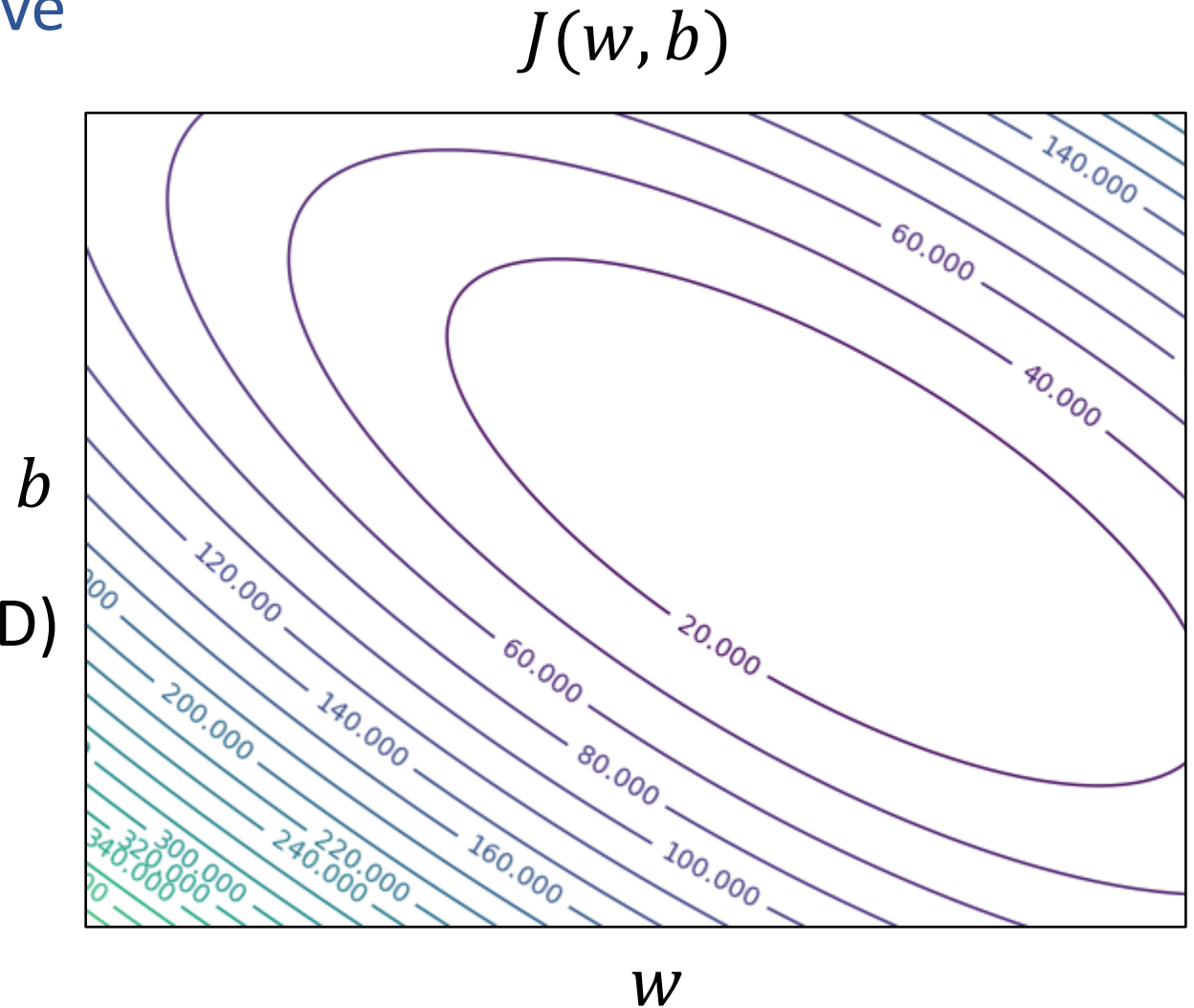
$$w \leftarrow w - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial w}$$

$$b \leftarrow b - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial b}$$

Linear Regression

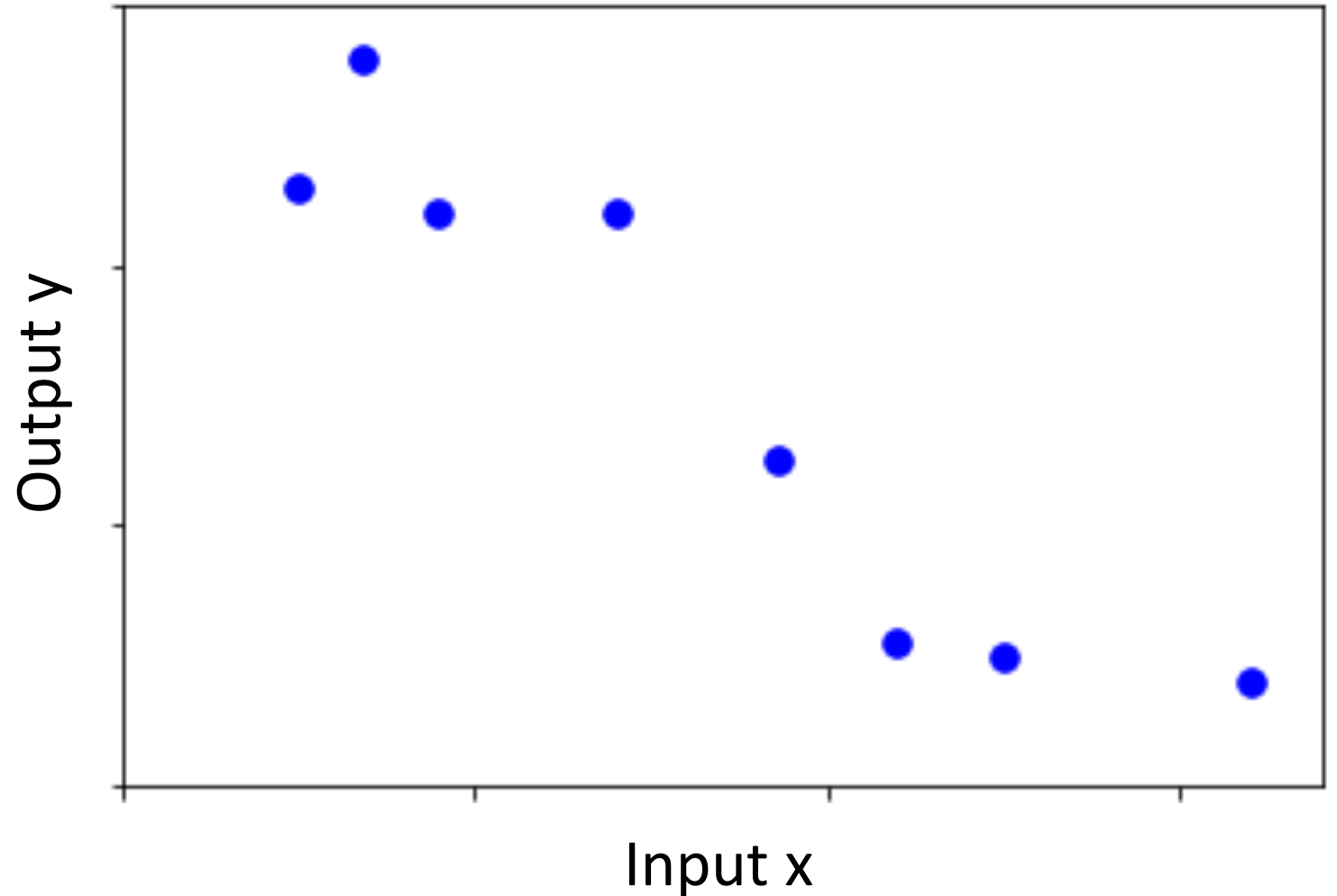
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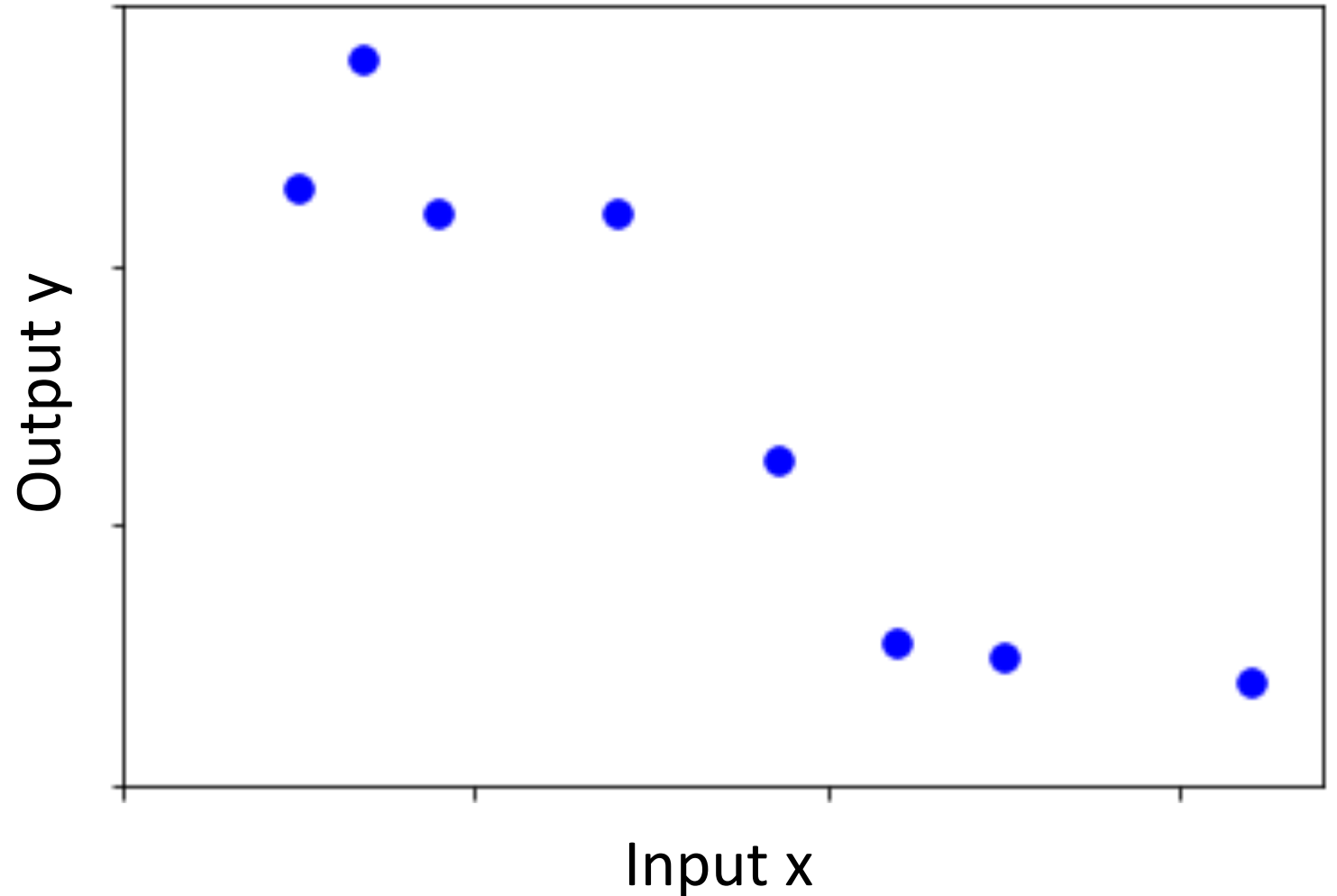
Linear Regression Gradient Descent

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Gradient Descent

Batch -> Mini-batch -> Stochastic

Basically, just a difference in how many training points are each time we compute a gradient (and then take a step with that gradient)

(Batch) GD



Effective batch size = N

Mini-batch SGD



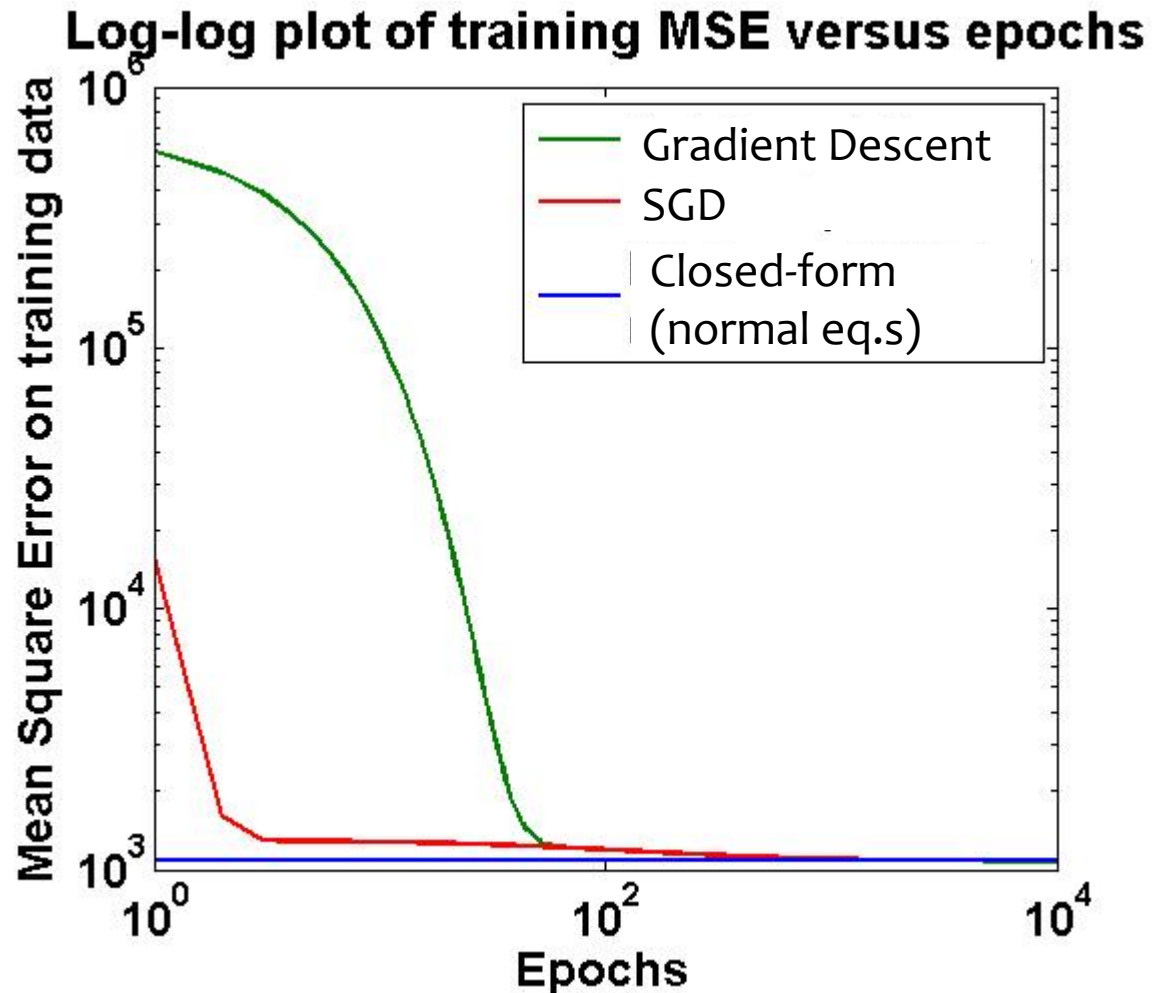
Batch size = B , e.g., $B = 10$

SGD



Effective batch size = 1

Convergence Curves



- Def: an **epoch** is a single pass through the training data

1. For GD, only **one update** per epoch
2. For SGD, **N updates** per epoch
 $N = (\# \text{ train examples})$

- SGD reduces MSE much more rapidly than GD
- For GD / SGD, training MSE is initially large due to uninformed initialization

Additional Slides

(Batch) Gradient Descent and SGD

(Batch) Gradient Descent

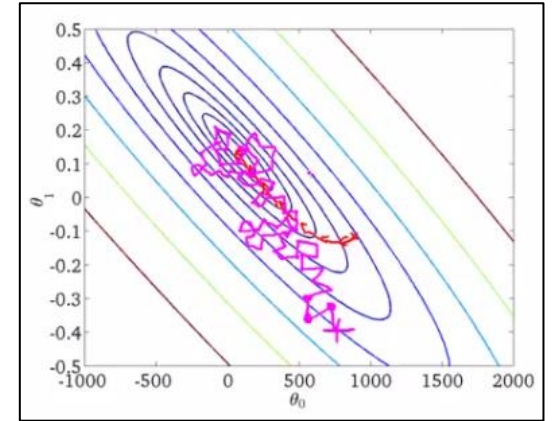
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1: procedure GD( $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\theta^{(0)}$ )  
2:    $\theta \leftarrow \theta^{(0)}$   
3:   while not converged do  
4:      $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$   
5:   return  $\theta$ 
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Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

Algorithm 2 Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

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1: procedure SGD( $\mathcal{D}, \theta^{(0)}$ )  
2:    $\theta \leftarrow \theta^{(0)}$   
3:   while not converged do  
4:      $i \sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, 2, \dots, N\})$   
5:      $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} J^{(i)}(\theta)$   
6:   return  $\theta$ 
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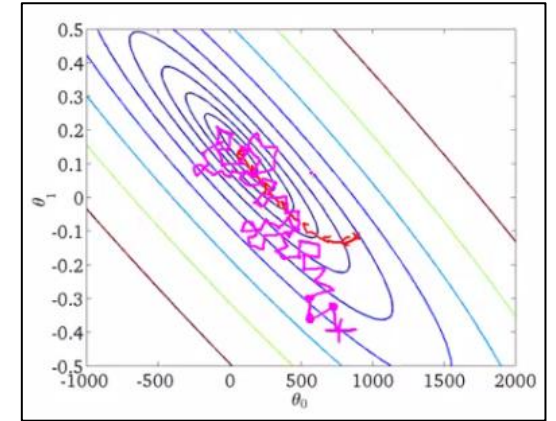
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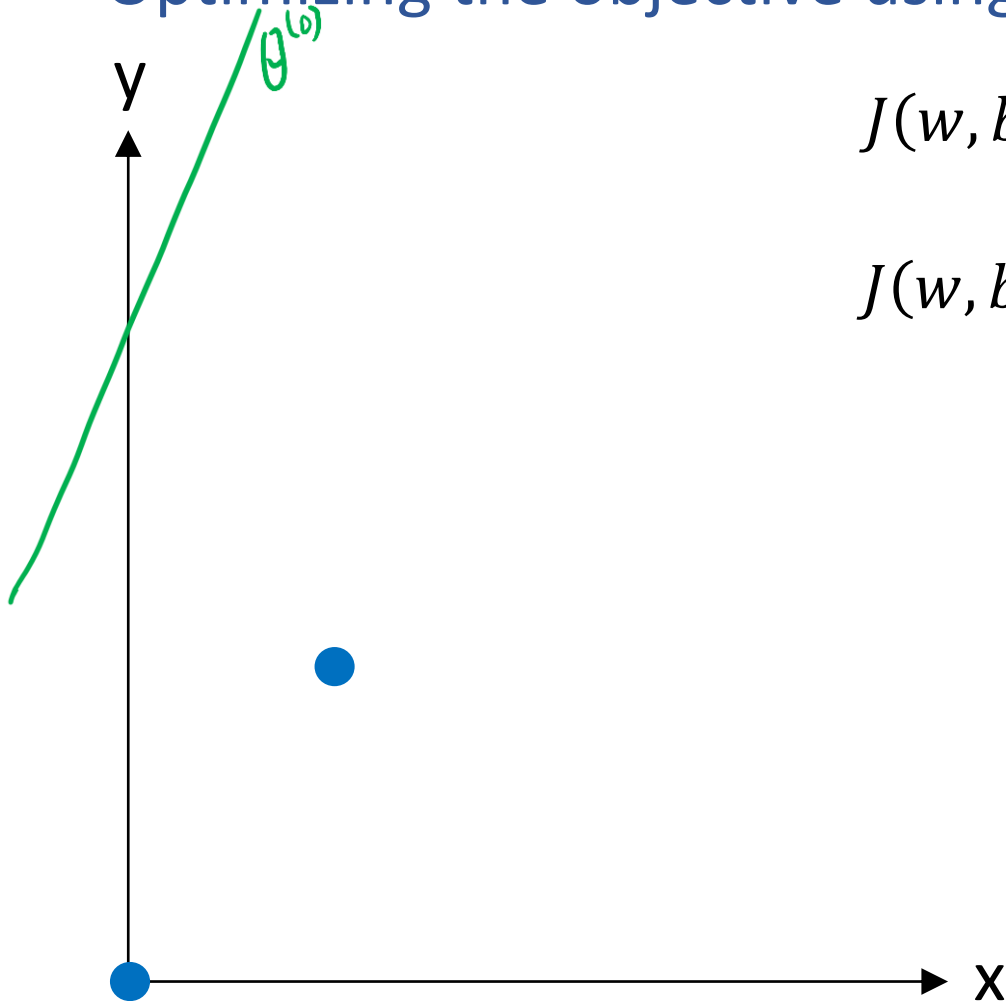
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In practice, it is common to implement SGD using sampling **without** replacement (i.e. $\text{shuffle}(\{1, 2, \dots, N\})$), even though most of the theory is for sampling **with** replacement (i.e. $\text{Uniform}(\{1, 2, \dots, N\})$).

(Batch) Gradient Descent

Optimizing the objective using all points (just two in this example)



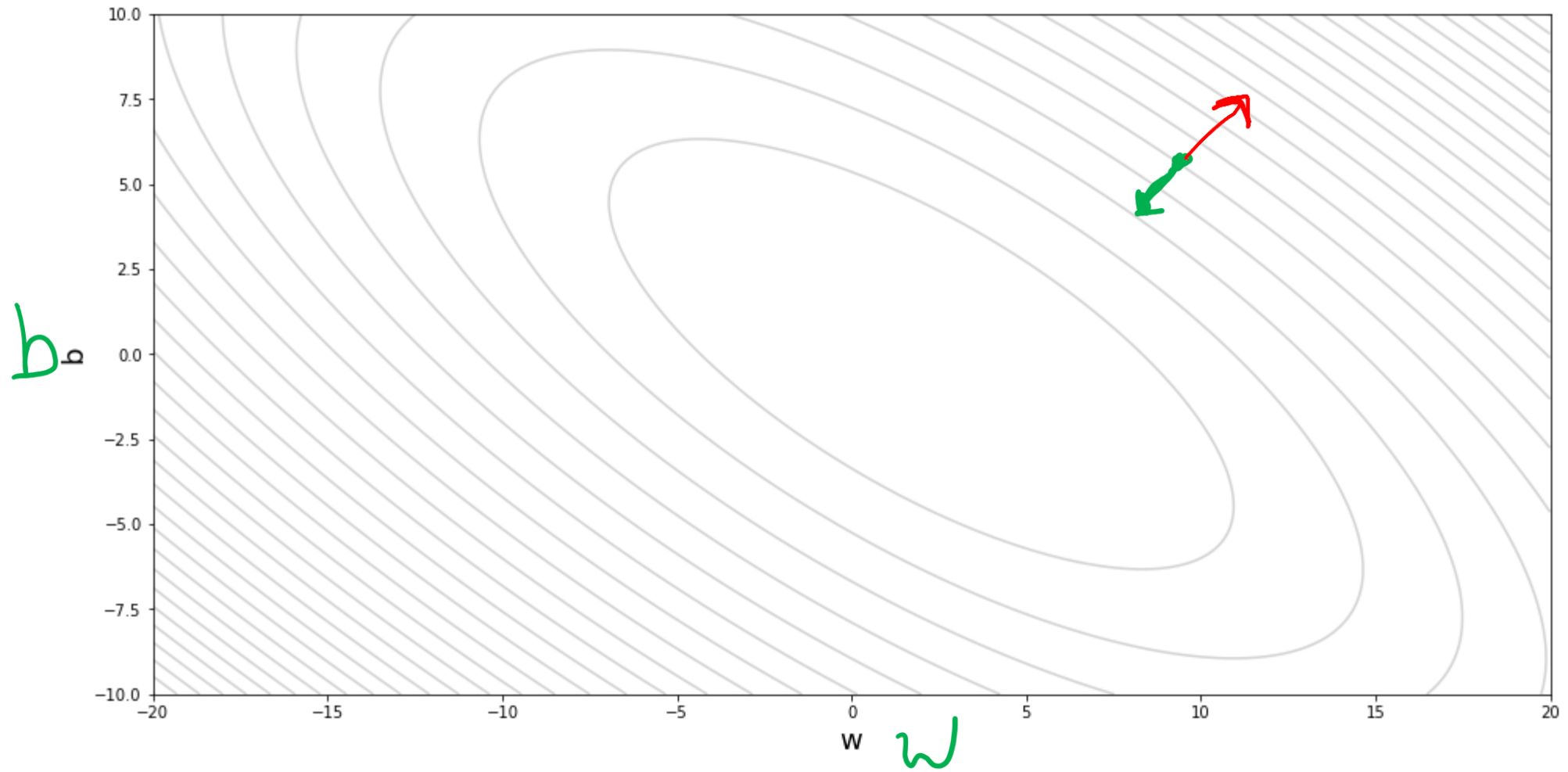
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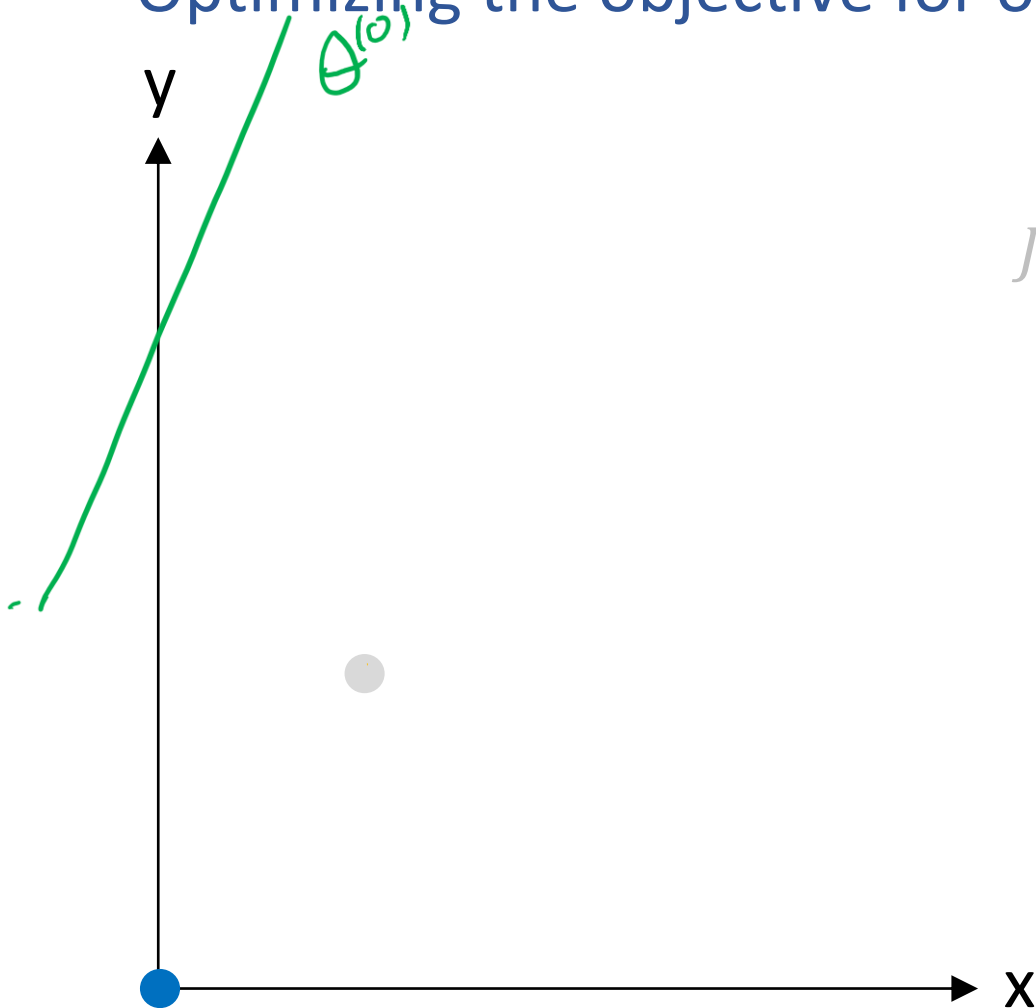
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Stochastic Gradient Descent

Optimizing the objective for one point at a time

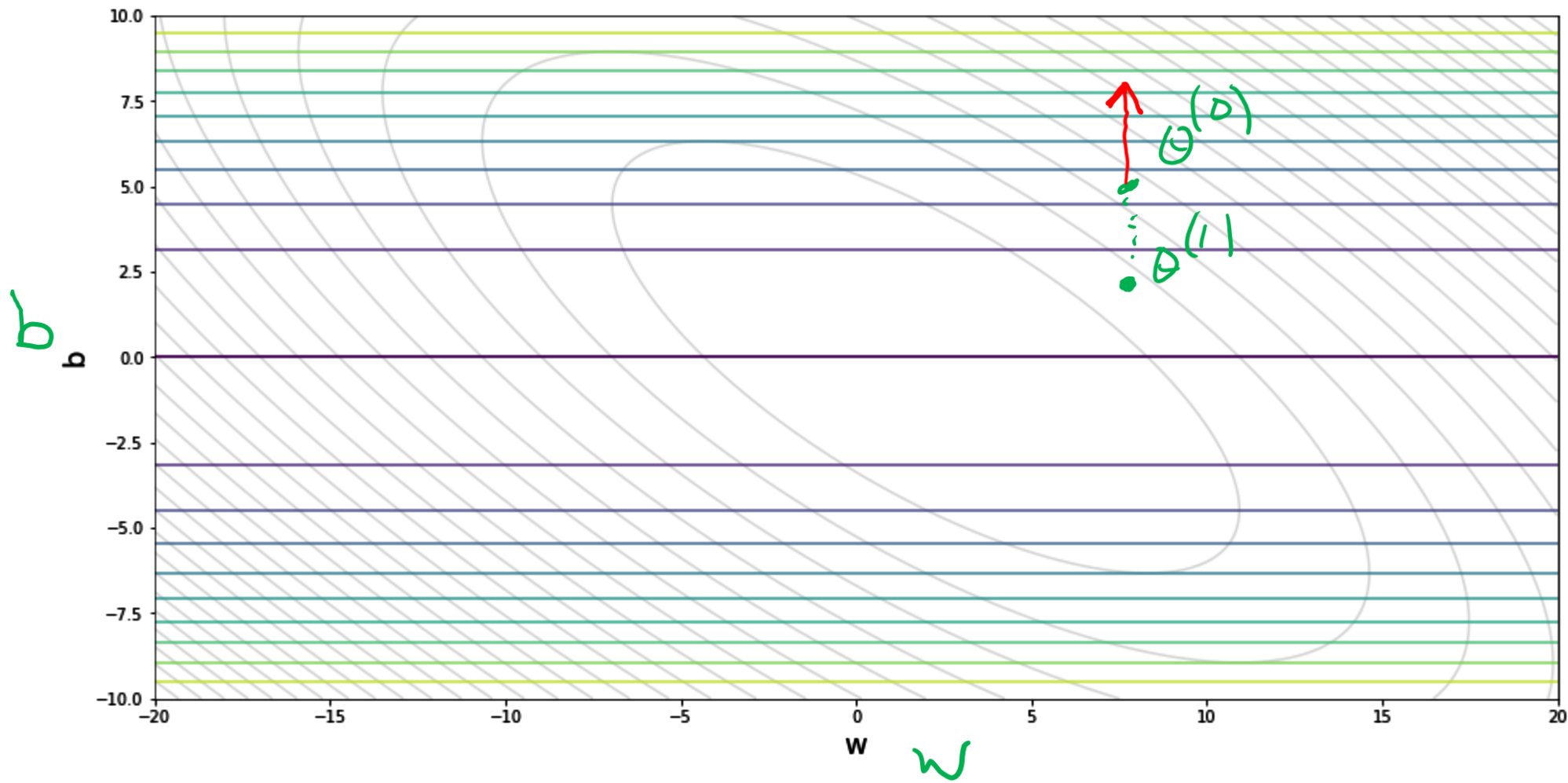


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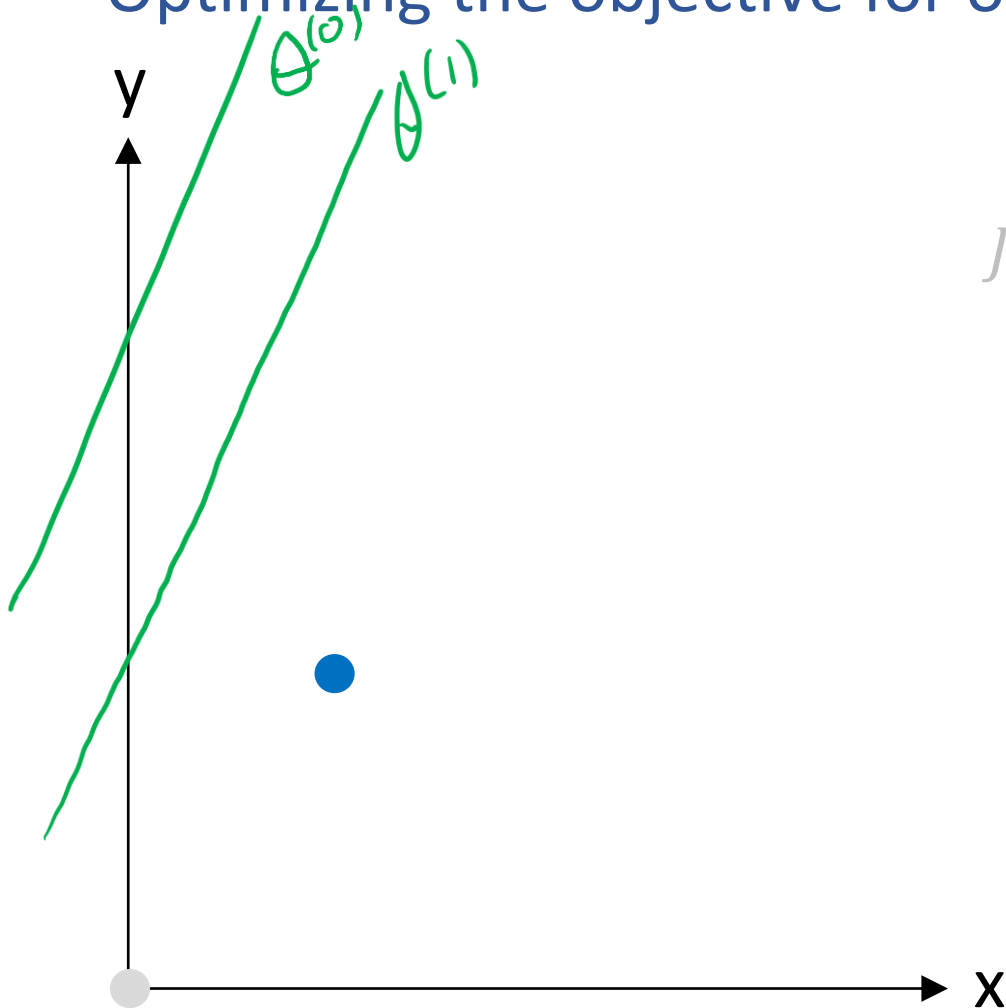
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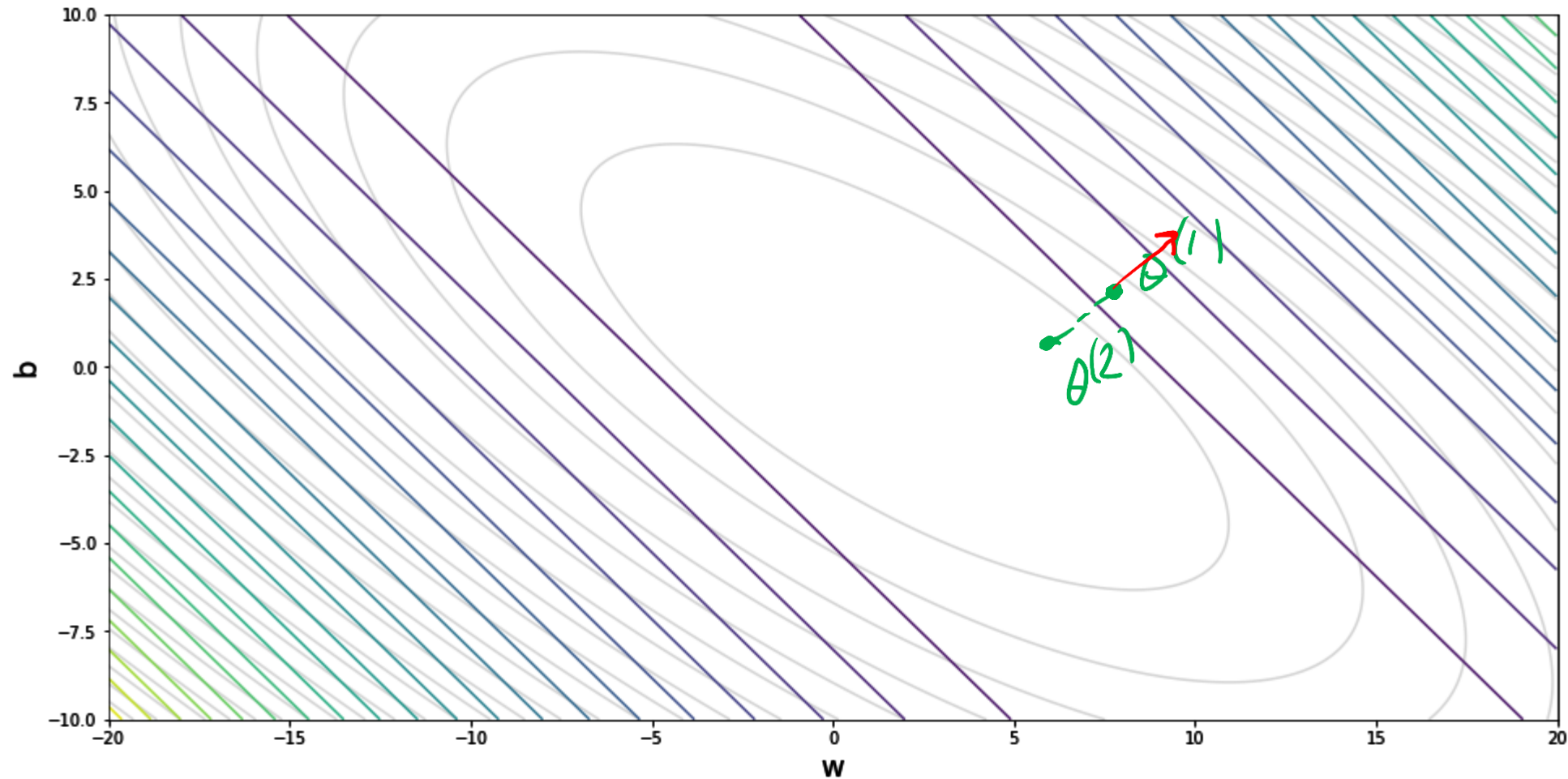


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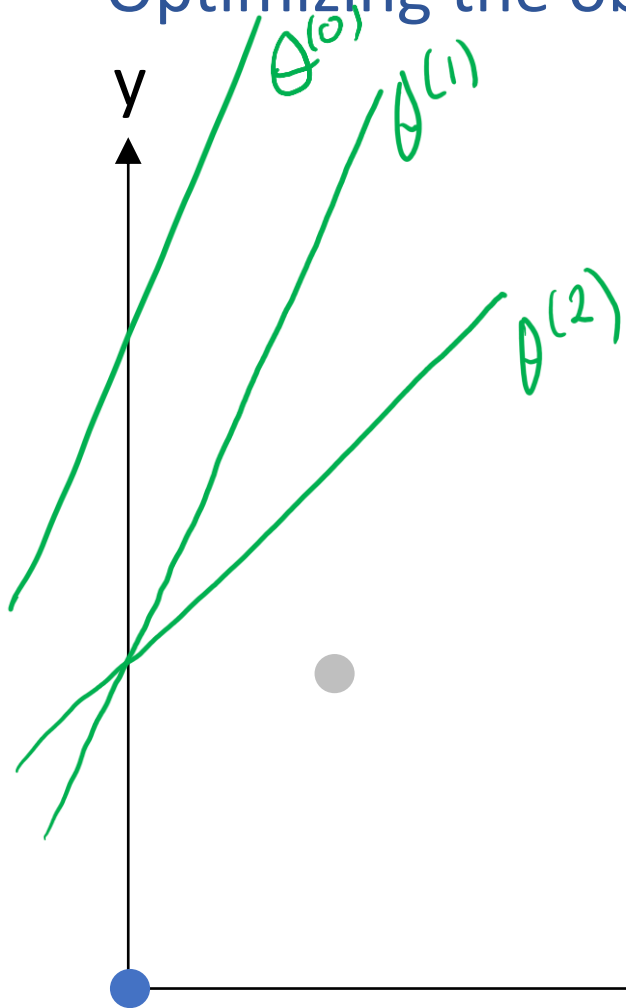
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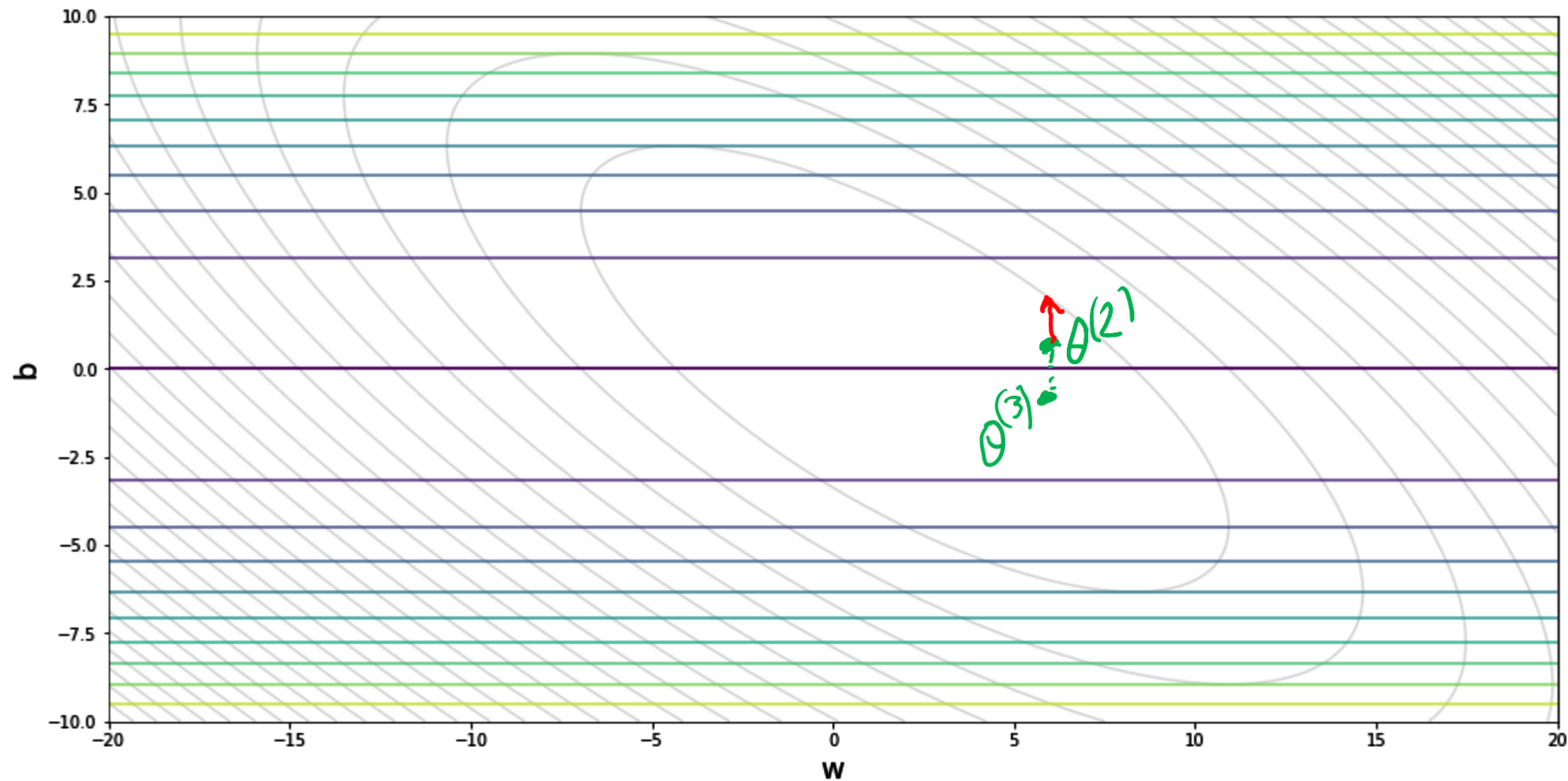


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