

# Regularized Linear Regression

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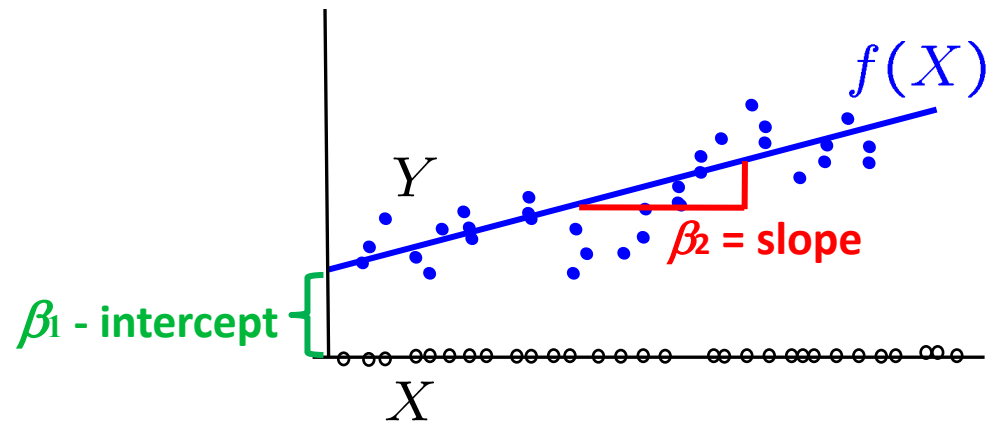
# Linear Regression

$$\hat{f}_n^L = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}_L} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(X_i) - Y_i)^2 \quad \text{Least Squares Estimator}$$

$\mathcal{F}_L$  - Class of Linear functions

Uni-variate case:

$$f(X) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X$$



Multi-variate case:

$$f(X) = X\beta \quad \text{where} \quad X = [X^{(1)} \dots X^{(p)}], \quad \beta = [\beta_1 \dots \beta_p]^T$$

# Least Squares Estimator

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$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i \beta - Y_i)^2 \quad \hat{f}_n^L(X) = X \hat{\beta}$$

$$= \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{A} \beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A} \beta - \mathbf{Y}) = \arg \min_{\beta} J(\beta)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1^{(1)} & \dots & X_1^{(p)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_n^{(1)} & \dots & X_n^{(p)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

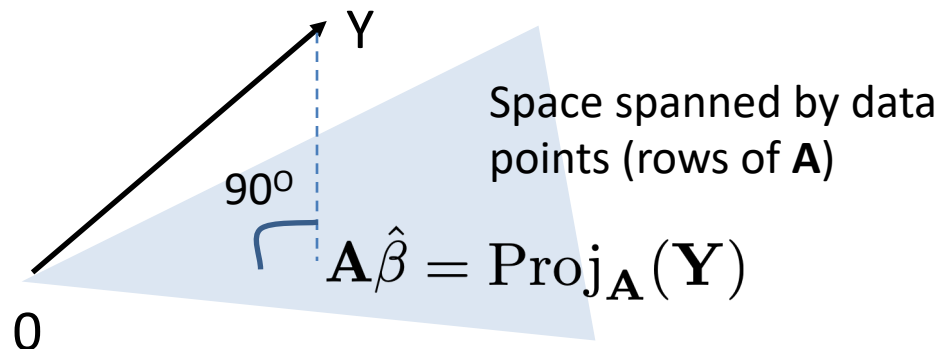
# Least Square solution satisfies Normal Equations

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\hat{\beta}} = 0 \quad \text{gives} \quad \underbrace{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})}_{p \times p} \underbrace{\hat{\beta}}_{p \times 1} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}}_{p \times 1}$$

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2) If dimension  $p$  is large, computing inverse is expensive  $O(p^3)$

Gradient descent since objective is convex ( $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \succeq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \beta^{t+1} &= \beta^t - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left. \frac{\partial J(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \right|_t \\ &= \beta^t - \alpha \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \beta^t - \mathbf{Y}) \end{aligned}$$

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Recall: **Full rank matrices are invertible.** What is rank of  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$  ?

$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{number of non-zero eigenvalues of } (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{number of non-zero singular values of } \mathbf{A} \leq \min(n, p)$  since  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n \times p$

So,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}), r \leq \min(n, p)$  not invertible if  $r < p$  (e.g.  $n < p$  i.e. high-dimensional setting)

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If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T$ , then normal equations  $\underbrace{(\mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T)}_{r \times p} \underbrace{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}_{p \times 1} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{Y})}_{r \times 1}$   
 $\underbrace{\mathbf{S}}_{S-r \times r}$

$r$  equations in  $p$  unknowns. Under-determined if  $r < p$ , hence no unique solution.

# Regularized Least Squares

What if  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$  is not invertible ?

r equations , p unknowns – underdetermined system of linear equations  
many feasible solutions

Need to constrain solution further

e.g. bias solution to “small” values of  $\beta$  (small changes in input don’t translate to large changes in output)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - X_i \beta)^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2$$

Ridge Regression  
(l2 penalty)

$$= \arg \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y}) + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MAP}} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

Is  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})$  invertible ?

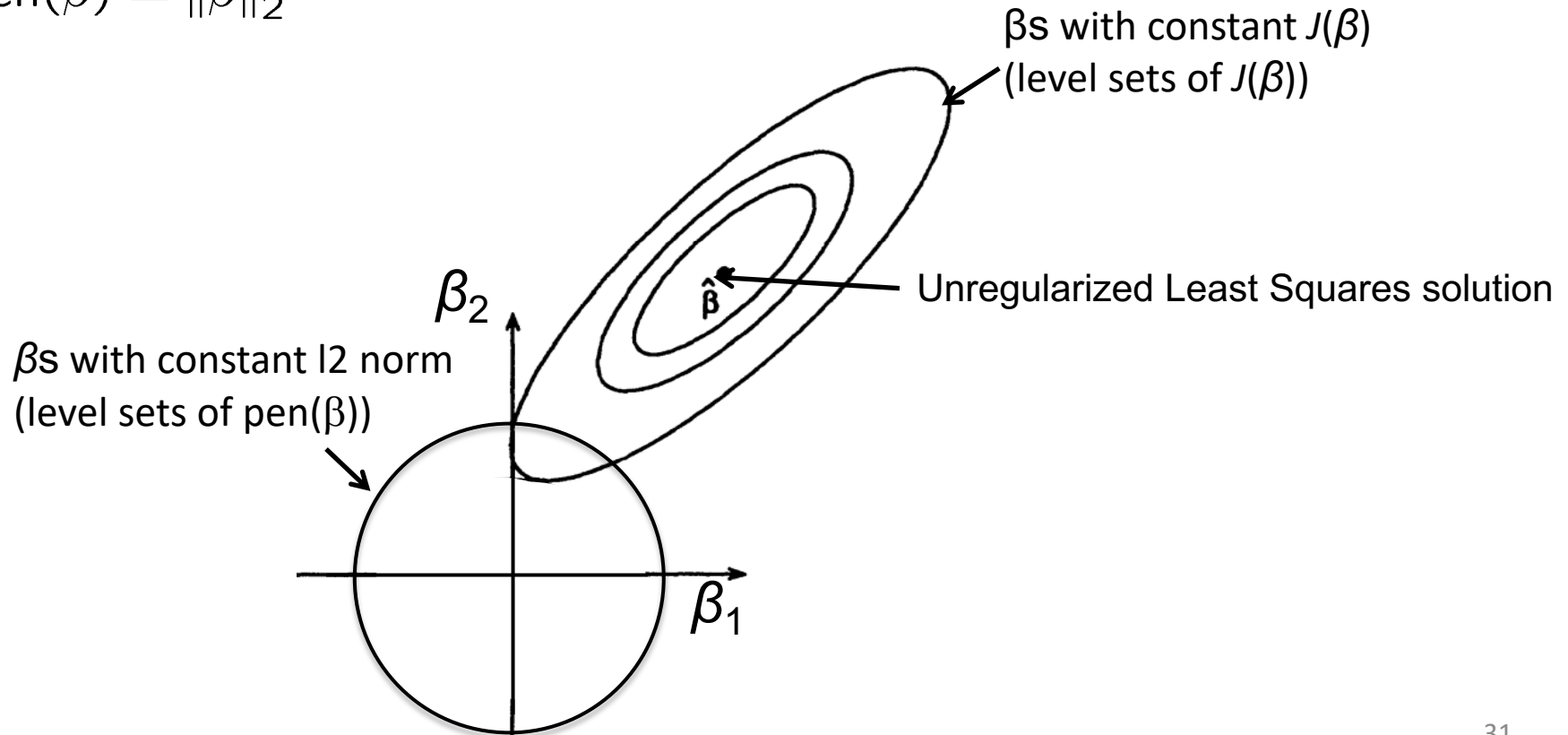


# Understanding regularized Least Squares

$$\min_{\beta} (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{A}\beta - \mathbf{Y}) + \lambda \text{pen}(\beta) = \min_{\beta} J(\beta) + \lambda \text{pen}(\beta)$$

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Many  $\beta$  can be zero – many inputs are irrelevant to prediction in high-dimensional settings (typically intercept term not penalized)

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No closed form solution, but can optimize using sub-gradient descent (packages available)

# Ridge Regression vs Lasso

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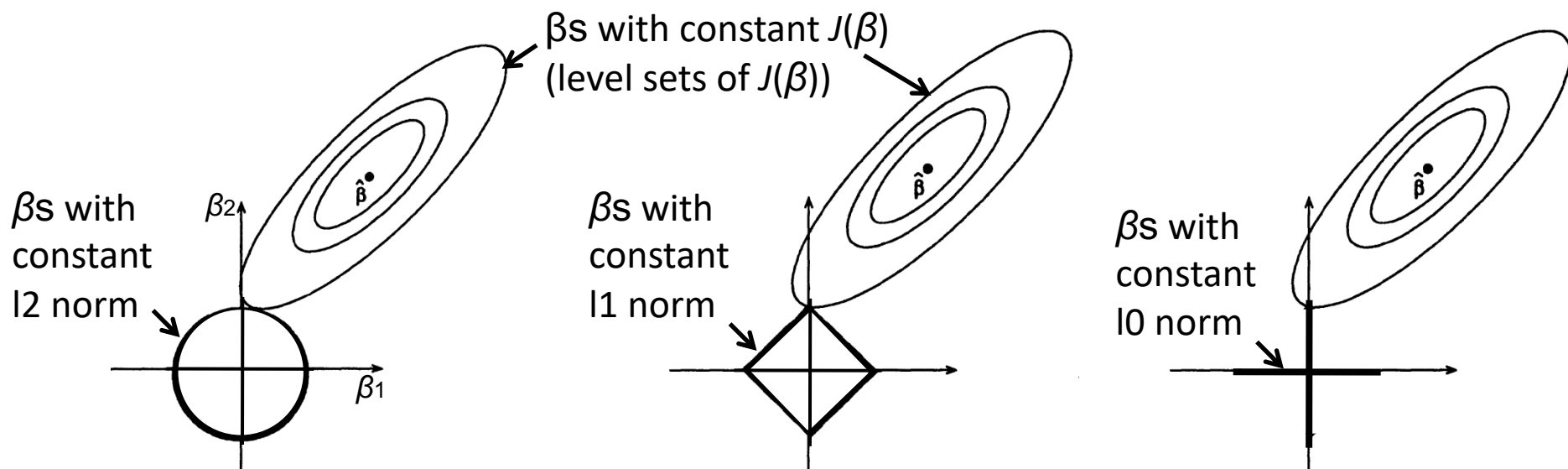
Lasso:

$$\text{pen}(\beta) = \|\beta\|_1$$

Ideally l0 penalty,

but optimization

becomes non-convex



**Lasso (l1 penalty) results in sparse solutions – vector with more zero coordinates**  
**Good for high-dimensional problems – don't have to store all coordinates, interpretable solution!**

# Matlab example

```
clear all  
close all
```

```
n = 80;    % datapoints  
p = 100;   % features  
k = 10;    % non-zero features
```

```
rng(20);  
X = randn(n,p);  
weights = zeros(p,1);  
weights(1:k) = randn(k,1)+10;  
noise = randn(n,1) * 0.5;  
Y = X*weights + noise;
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Xtest = randn(n,p);  
noise = randn(n,1) * 0.5;  
Ytest = Xtest*weights + noise;
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lassoWeights = lasso(X,Y,'Lambda',1,  
    'Alpha', 1.0);  
Ylasso = Xtest*lassoWeights;  
norm(Ytest-Ylasso)
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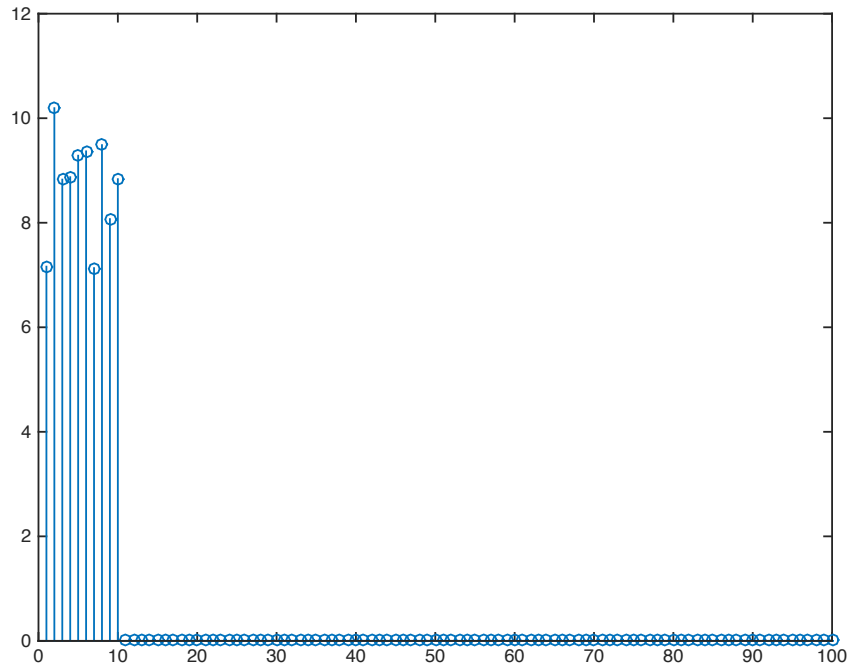
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ridgeWeights = lasso(X,Y,'Lambda',1,  
    'Alpha', 0.0001);  
Yridge = Xtest*ridgeWeights;  
norm(Ytest-Yridge)
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stem(lassoWeights)  
pause  
stem(ridgeWeights)
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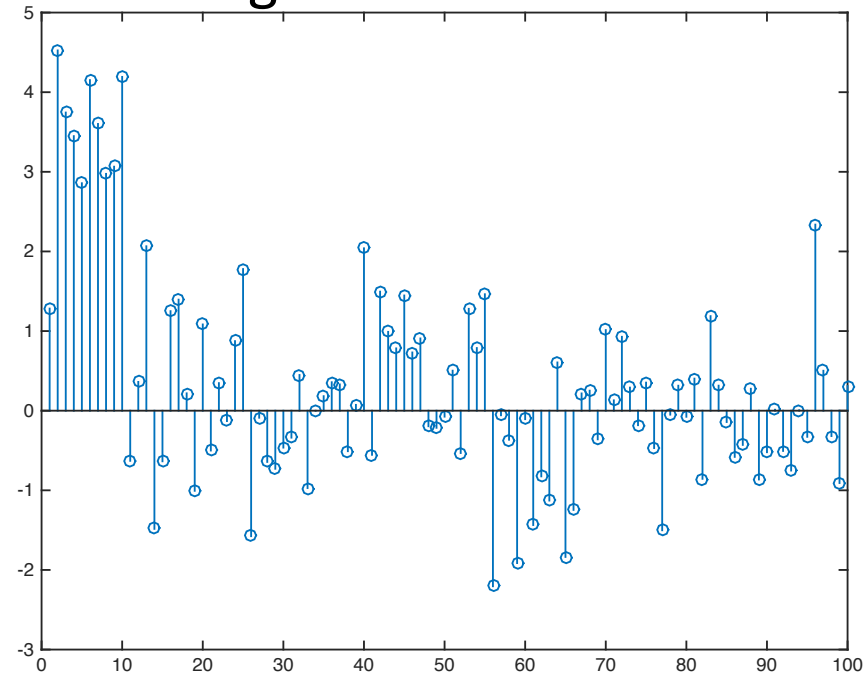
Test MSE = 33.7997

Lasso Coefficients



Test MSE = 185.9948

Ridge Coefficients



# **Regularized Least Squares – connection to MLE and MAP (Model-based approaches)**

# Least Squares and M(C)LE

Intuition: Signal plus (zero-mean) Noise model

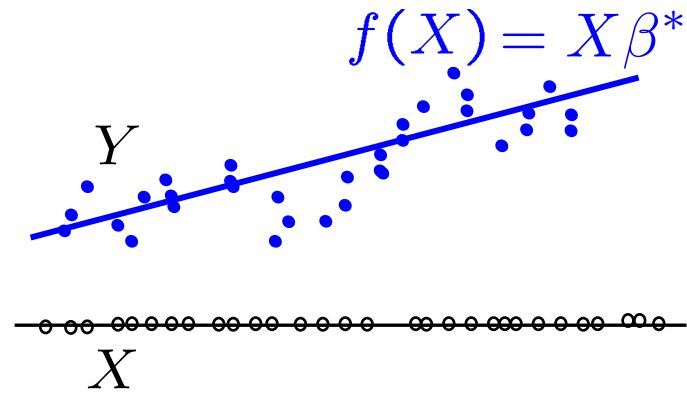
$$Y = f^*(X) + \epsilon = X\beta^* + \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad Y \sim \mathcal{N}(X\beta^*, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MLE}} = \arg \max_{\beta} \underbrace{\log p(\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n | \beta, \sigma^2, \{X_i\}_{i=1}^n)}_{\text{Conditional log likelihood}}$$

Conditional log likelihood

$$= \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i \beta - Y_i)^2 = \hat{\beta}$$



**Least Square Estimate is same as Maximum Conditional Likelihood Estimate under a Gaussian model !**



# Regularized Least Squares and M(C)AP

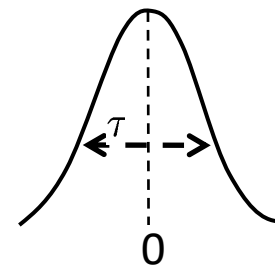
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I) Gaussian Prior

$$\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\beta) \propto e^{-\beta^T \beta / 2\tau^2}$$



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↓  
constant( $\sigma^2, \tau^2$ )

**Ridge Regression**

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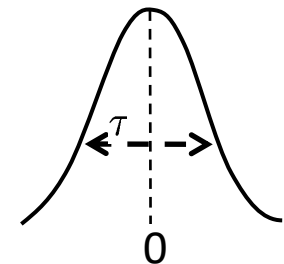
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Prior belief that  $\beta$  is Gaussian with zero-mean biases solution to “small”  $\beta$

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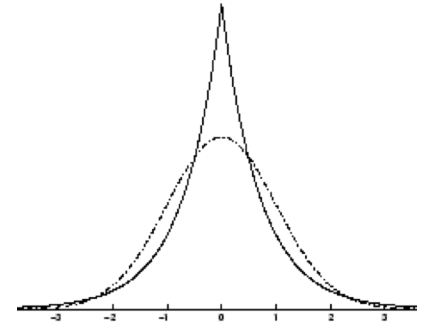
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II) Laplace Prior

$\beta_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Laplace}(0, t)$

$$p(\beta_i) \propto e^{-|\beta_i|/t}$$



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$\downarrow$   
 constant( $\sigma^2, t$ )

**Lasso**

Prior belief that  $\beta$  is Laplace with zero-mean biases solution to “sparse”  $\beta$