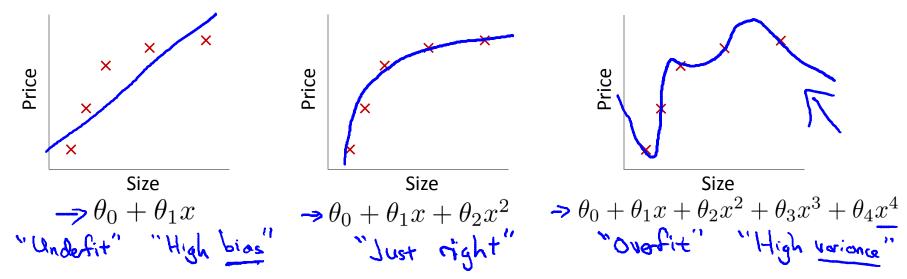
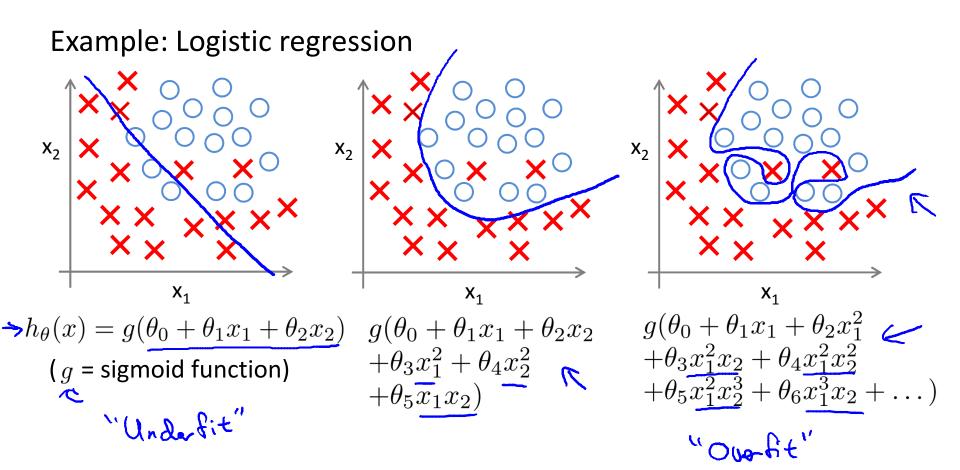


# The problem of overfitting

#### Example: Linear regression (housing prices)



**Overfitting:** If we have too many features, the learned hypothesis may fit the training set very well  $(\overline{J(\theta)} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \approx 0)$ , but fail to generalize to new examples (predict prices on new examples).



## Addressing overfitting:

- $x_1 = size of house$  $x_2 = no. of bedrooms$ 

  - $x_3 =$  no. of floors
  - $x_4 = age of house$
  - $x_5 =$  average income in neighborhood
  - $x_6 =$  kitchen size

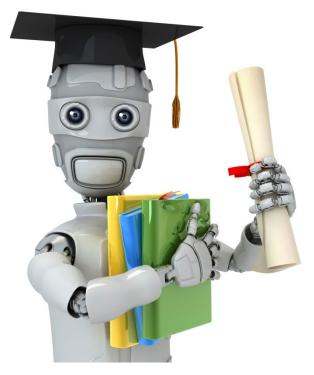
 $x_{100}$ 

Price	
	Size

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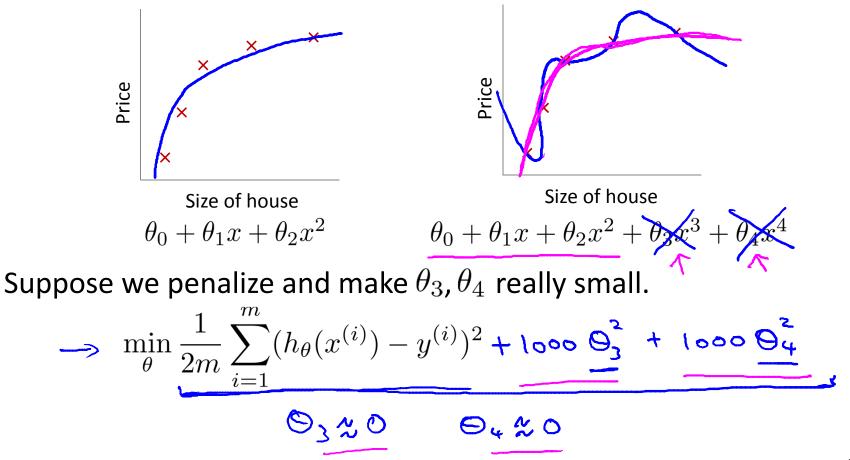
Options:

- 1. Reduce number of features.
- $\rightarrow$  Manually select which features to keep.
- ——— Model selection algorithm (later in course).
- 2. Regularization.
  - $\rightarrow$  Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of parameters  $\theta_{j}$ .
    - Works well when we have a lot of features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting y.



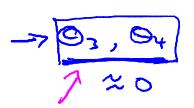
## **Cost function**

#### Intuition



Small values for parameters  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \ldots, \theta_n \in$ 

- "Simpler" hypothesis <---
- Less prone to overfitting <--</li>



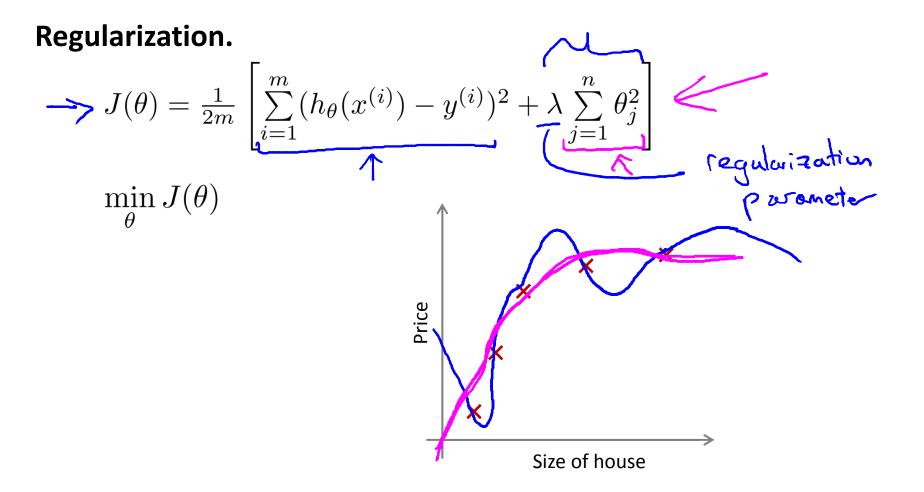
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Housing:

– Features: 
$$\underline{x_1}, \underline{x_2}, \dots, x_{100}$$

- Parameters: 
$$\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{100}$$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \underbrace{\stackrel{\circ}{\leq} \mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{I}} \right]$$



In regularized linear regression, we choose  $\theta$  to minimize

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$

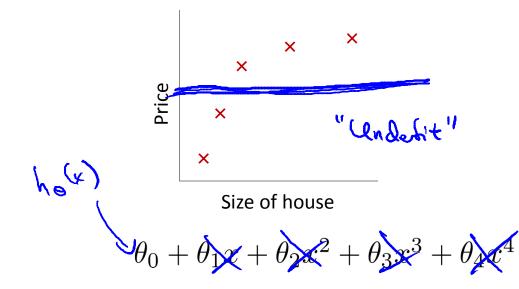
What if  $\lambda\,$  is set to an extremely large value (perhaps for too large for our problem, say  $\lambda=10^{10}$  )?

- Algorithm works fine; setting  $\lambda$  to be very large can't hurt it
- Algortihm fails to eliminate overfitting.
- Algorithm results in underfitting. (Fails to fit even training data well).
- Gradient descent will fail to converge.

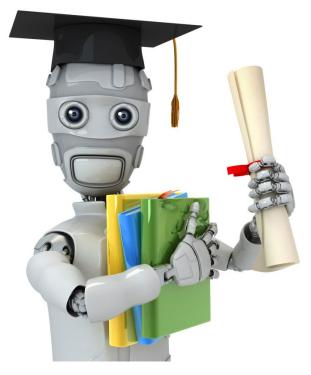
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$$9_{1}, 9_{2}, 0_{3}, 9_{4}$$
  
 $0, 20, 0_{2}, 20$   
 $0_{3}, 20, 0_{4}, 20$   
 $h_{0}(x) = 0_{0}$ 



## Regularized linear regression

#### **Regularized linear regression**

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + (\lambda) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2 \right]$$
$$\min_{\substack{\theta \\ \uparrow}} J(\theta)$$

Gradient descent  
Repeat {  

$$\Rightarrow \theta_0 := \theta_0 - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_0^{(i)}$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha$   
 $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} - \frac{\lambda}{m} \Theta_j$   
 $(j = \mathbf{X}, 1, 2, 3, ..., n)$   
 $\theta_j := \theta_j (1 - \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m}) - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$   
 $- \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} < 1$   $\Theta \cdot \mathbf{q} = \Theta_j \times \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$ 

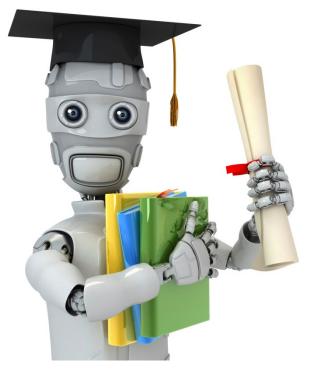
### Normal equation

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} (x^{(1)})^{T} \\ \vdots \\ (x^{(m)})^{T} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbb{R}^{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min_{\theta} J(\theta) \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \underbrace{\min_{\theta} J(\theta)}_{\theta} \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \underbrace{\lim_{\theta \to 1} J(\theta)}_{\theta} \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \underbrace{\lim_{\theta \to$$

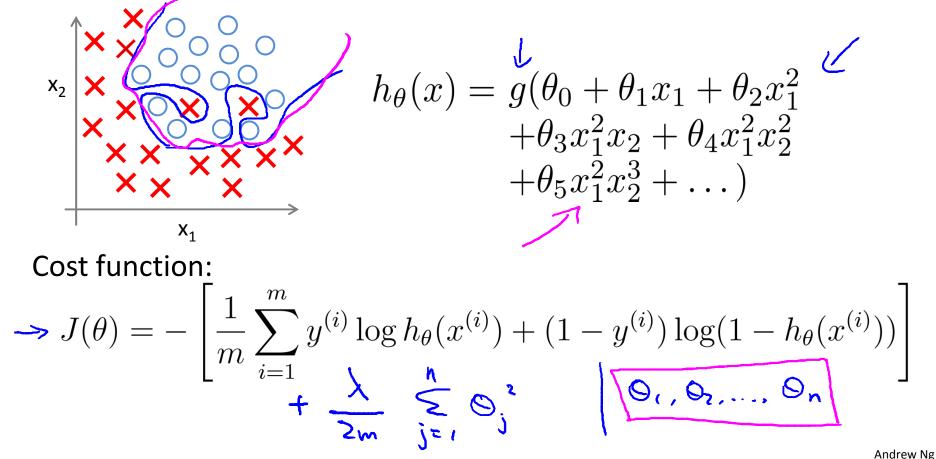
### Non-invertibility (optional/advanced).

Suppose 
$$m \leq n, \quad \leftarrow \quad (\text{#examples})$$
  
 $\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$   
 $non-invertible / singular$   
If  $\lambda > 0,$   
 $\theta = \left( X^T X + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} X^T y$   
invertible .



## Regularized logistic regression

**Regularized logistic regression.** 



### **Gradient descent**

Repeat {

Advanced optimization  
function [jVal, gradient] = costFunction (theta) theta(h+i)  
jVal = [code to compute 
$$J(\theta)$$
];  
 $J(\theta) = \left[-\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}y^{(i)}\log(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1-y^{(i)})\log 1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})\right] + \left[\frac{\lambda}{2m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\theta_{j}^{2}\right]$   
 $gradient(1) = [code to compute \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_{0}}J(\theta)\right];$   
 $\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_{0}^{(i)} \in$   
 $gradient(2) = [code to compute \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_{1}}J(\theta)\right];$   
 $\left[\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_{1}^{(i)}\right] - \frac{\lambda}{m}\theta_{1} \in$   
 $gradient(3) = [code to compute \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_{2}}J(\theta)\right];$   
 $\left[\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})x_{2}^{(i)}\right] - \frac{\lambda}{m}\theta_{2}$   
 $gradient(n+1) = [code to compute \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_{n}}J(\theta)\right];$