CS 60050
Machine Learning

Overfitting and Regularization

Some slides taken from course materials of Andrew Ng

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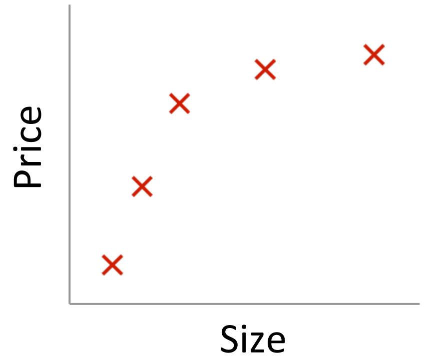

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Fitting a linear function
- Not a good fit
- Underfitting or high bias

Fitting a quadratic function works well

Fitting a higher order function
- Not a good model – does not generalize
- Overfitting or high variance

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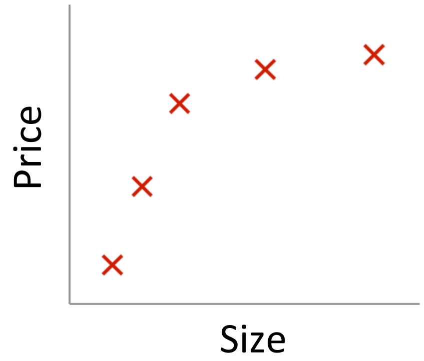

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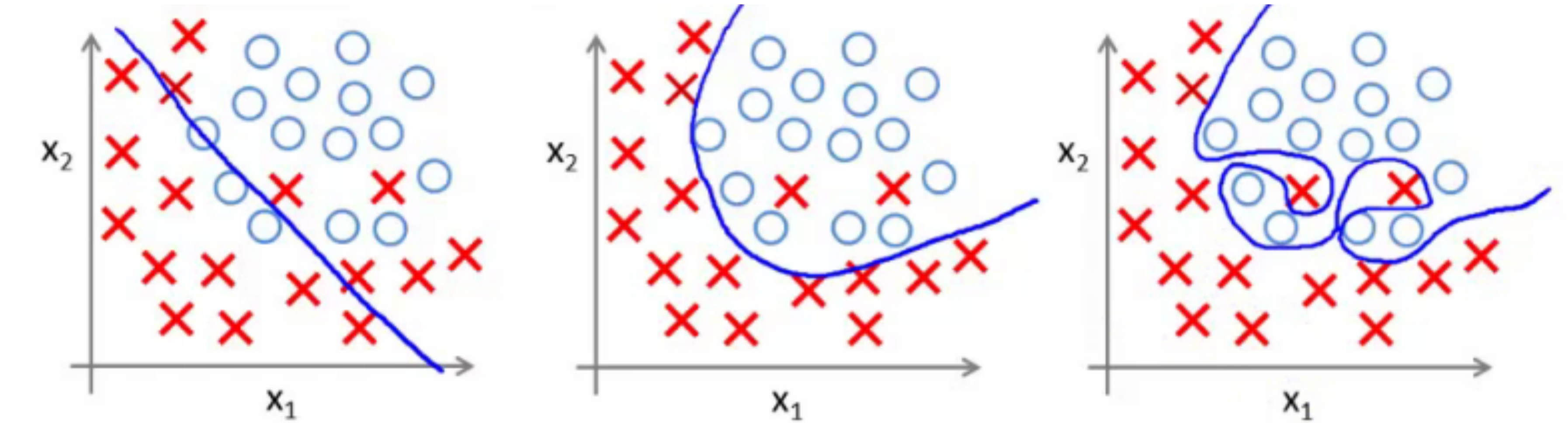
Overfitting: If we have too many features, the learned hypothesis may fit the training set very well ($J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \approx 0$), but fail to generalize to new examples.

Example: Logistic regression



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UNDERFITTING (high bias)

OVERFITTING (high variance)

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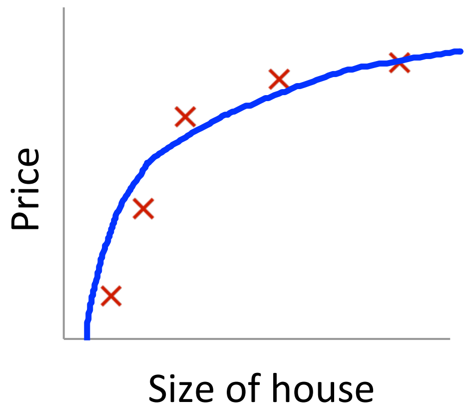
Addressing overfitting: Two ways

1. Reduce number of features
   - Manually select which features to keep
   - Some algorithms to be discussed later
   - Problem: loss of some information (discarded features)

2. Regularization
   - Keep all the features, but reduce magnitude/values of parameters θ_j
   - Works well when we have a lot of features, each of which contributes a bit to predicting y

Intuition of regularization



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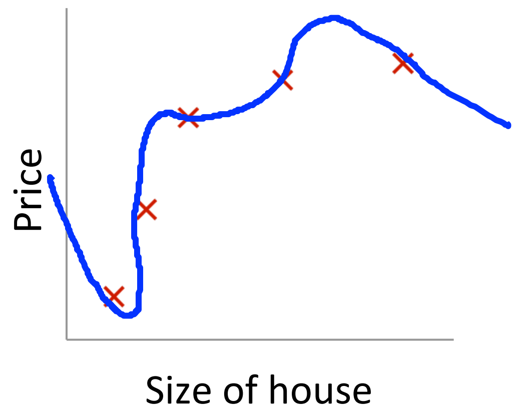

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Suppose we penalize and make θ_3, θ_4 really small.

$$\min_\theta \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \quad + K\,\Theta_3^2 + K\,\Theta_4^2$$

Regularization

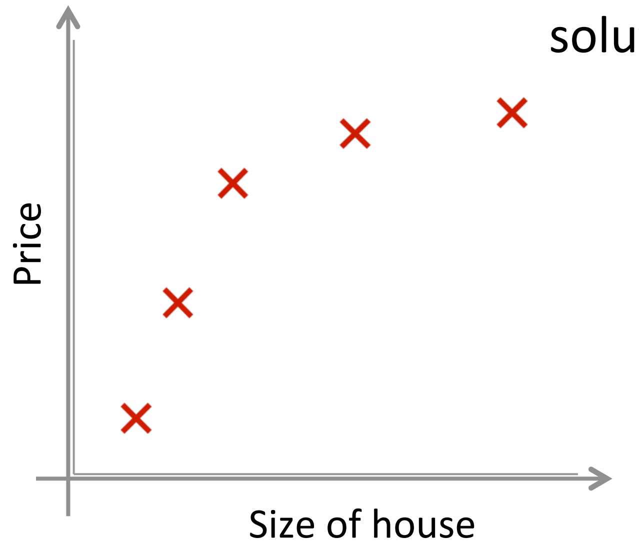
$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m}(h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{n} \theta_j^2\right]$$

By convention, regularization is not applied on θ_0 (makes little difference to the solution)

$$\min_\theta J(\theta)$$

λ: Regularization parameter

Smaller values of parameters lead to more generalizable models, less overfitting



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In regularized linear regression, we choose θ to minimize

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Regularization parameter λ

- Controls trade-off between our two goals
- (1) fitting the training data well
- (2) keeping values of parameters small

- What if λ is too large? Underfitting

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Regularized linear regression

Gradient Descent for ordinary linear regression

Repeat $\{$

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Regularized logistic regression

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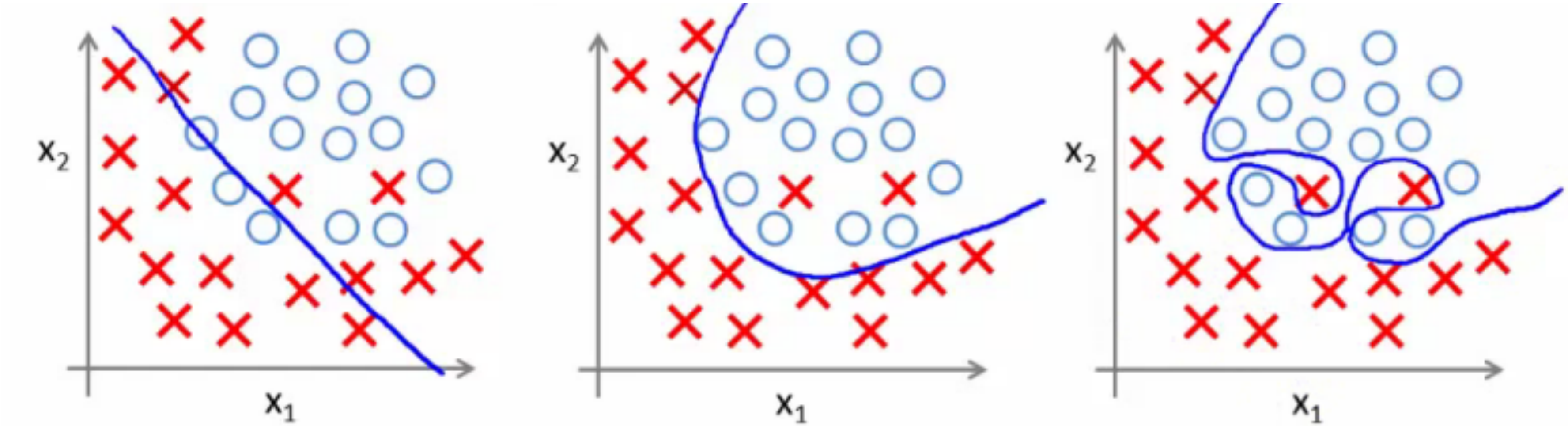

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