

# CHAPTER 2: REGRESSION. LINEAR MODELS (SYSTEMS)

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# Topics

1. Introduction
2. Linear model
3. Reducing to a linear model
4. Numerical optimization

# INTRODUCTION

# Regression

- It assigns the input pattern the corresponding output to a continuous variable

$$y = f : R^n \Rightarrow R$$

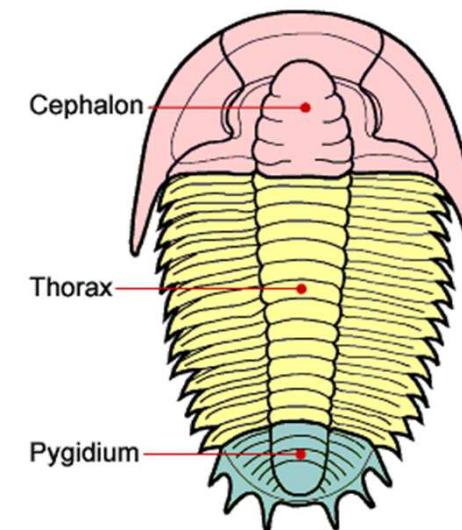
- General case:

$$y = f(x) \quad x \in R^n, y \in R^m$$

# Regression

## □ Example: Size estimation of Trilobites

- ✓ Under most preservation conditions, it is difficult to find complete copies of Trilobites
- ✓ The head (cephalon) is more common
- ✓ Therefore, it is useful for being able to estimate the body from measure of the head, to establish whom prove the better determination of total size.



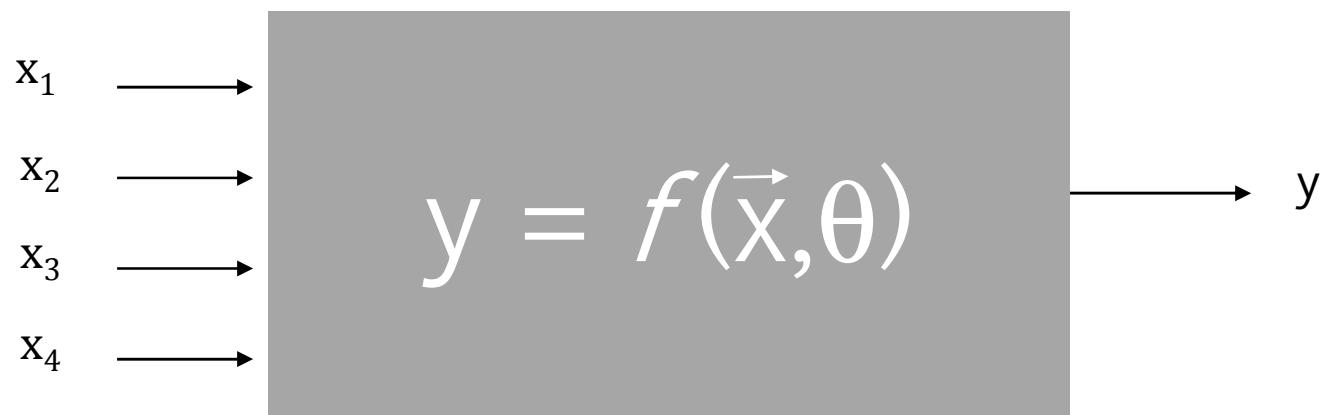
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Table 1. Trilobite Data<sup>1</sup>

Genus	Body Length (mm)	Glabellar Length (mm)	Glabellar Width (mm)
<i>Acaste</i>	23.14	3.50	3.77
<i>Balizoma</i>	14.32	3.97	4.08
<i>Calymene</i>	51.69	10.91	10.72
<i>Ceraurus</i>	21.15	4.90	4.69
<i>Cheirurus</i>	31.74	9.33	12.11
<i>Cybantyx</i>	36.81	11.35	10.10
<i>Cybeloides</i>	25.13	6.39	6.81
<i>Dalmanites</i>	32.93	8.46	6.08
<i>Delphion</i>	21.81	6.92	9.01
<i>Ormathops</i>	13.88	5.03	4.34
<i>Phacopdina</i>	21.43	7.03	6.79
<i>Phacops</i>	27.23	5.30	8.19
<i>Placopoaria</i>	38.15	9.40	8.71
<i>Pricyclopype</i>	40.11	14.98	12.98
<i>Ptychoparia</i>	62.17	12.25	8.71
<i>Rhenops</i>	55.94	19.00	13.10
<i>Sphaerexochus</i>	23.31	3.84	4.60
<i>Toxochasmops</i>	46.12	8.15	11.42
<i>Trimerus</i>	89.43	23.18	21.52
<i>Zacanthoides</i>	47.89	13.56	11.78
Mean	36.22	9.37	8.98
Std. Deviation	18.63	5.23	4.27

# Generic system (model)

System = Model

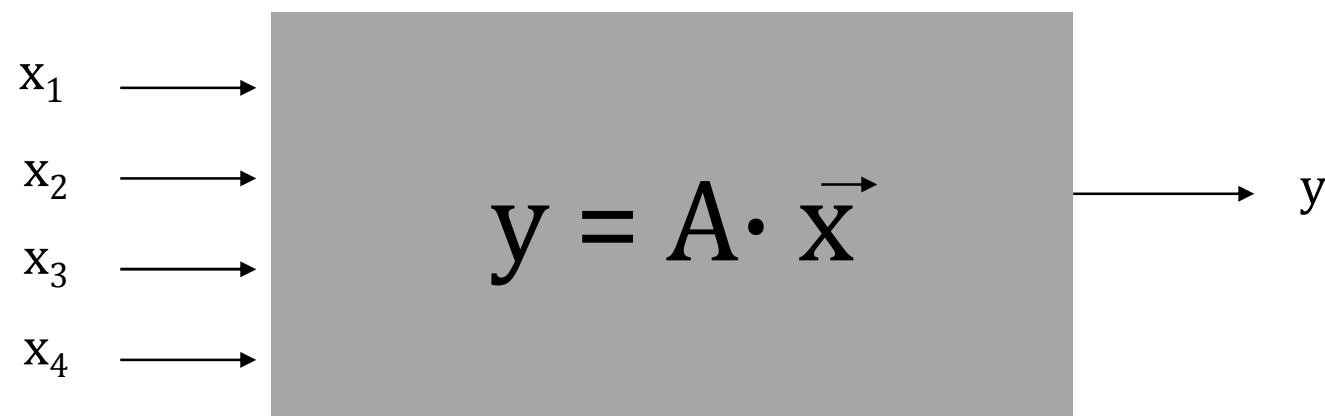


$x$  : system logons

$\theta$  : system internal parameters

$y$  : system output

# Linear model



$$y = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n + a_0$$

# LINEAR MODEL

# Fitting a line ( $N = 1$ )

- ❑ Initially, we consider only one  $x$ . Thus, from this data set

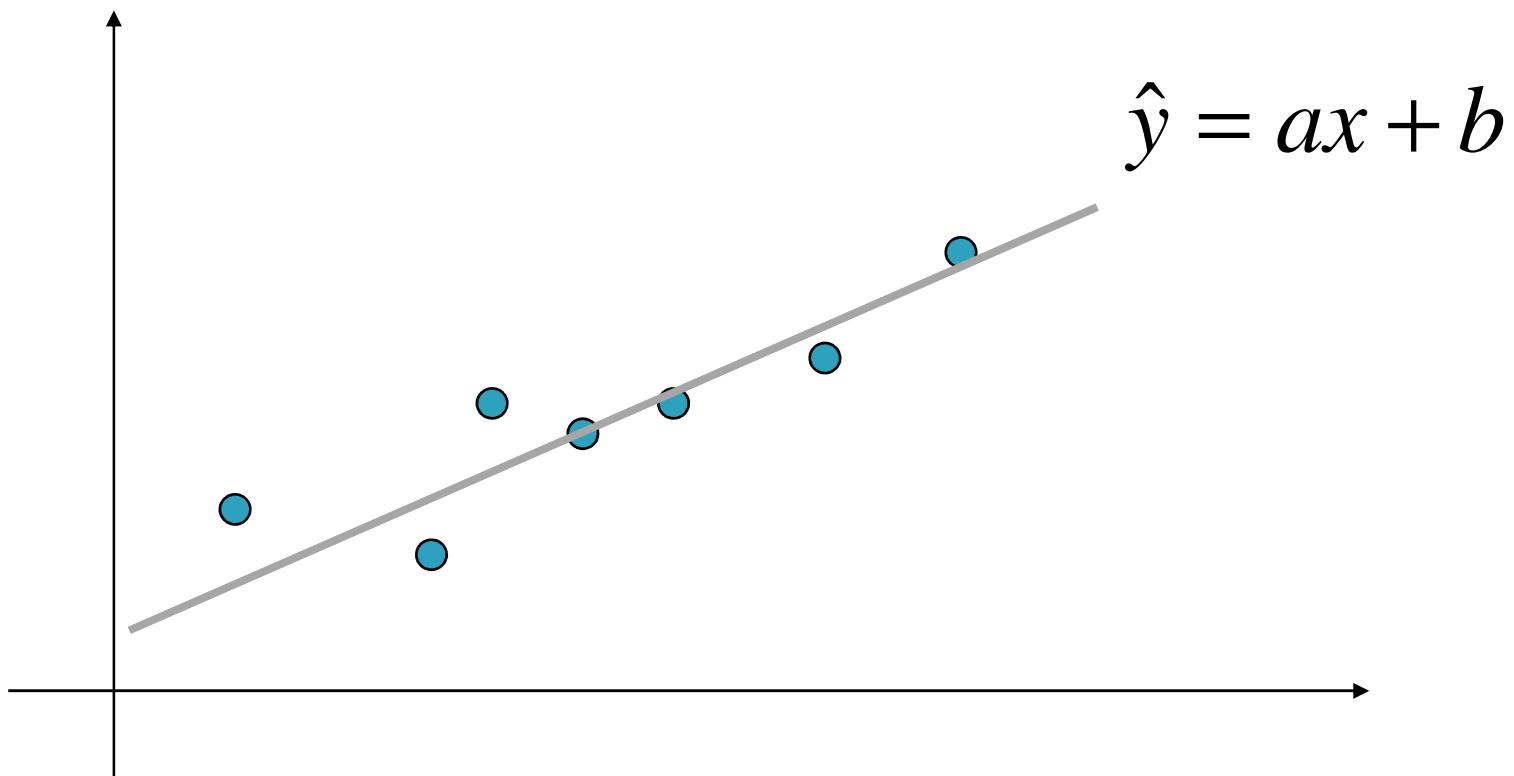
$$\{(x_i, y_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

- ❑ we look for the function

$$\hat{y} = ax + b$$

- ❑ that most closely approximates this data
- ❑ In other words, what values do  $a$  and  $b$  take?

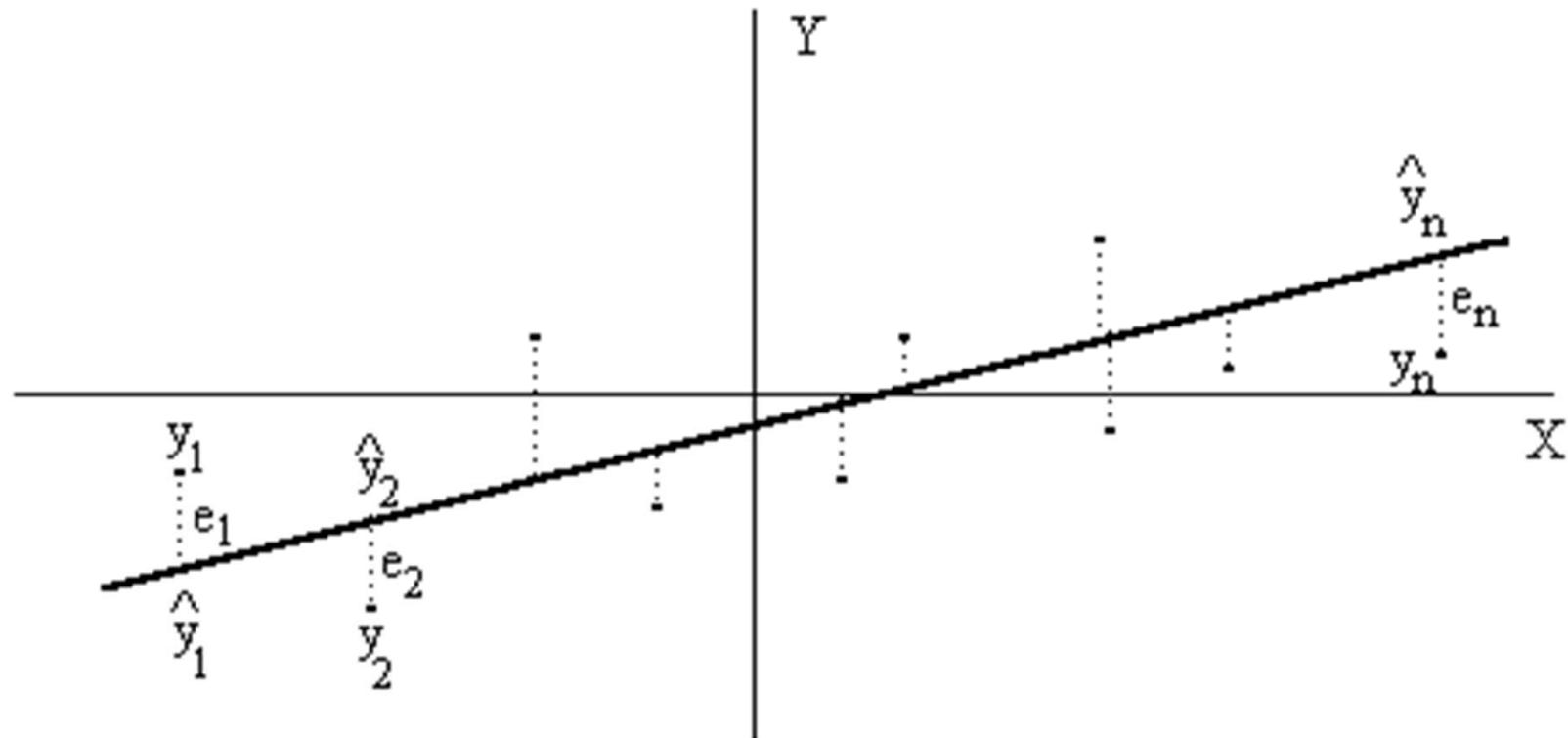
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1. To define the error in each point

$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}(x_i) = y_i - (a_i x + b)$$



# Fitting a line ( $N = 1$ )

## 2. To define a criterion of the error

$$E(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$$

- Other criterion could be the absolute values sum of errors, for example
- The use of square errors sum is the possibility to calculate easily the error derivative

# Fitting a line ( $N = 1$ )

3. To take derivative with respect to each parameter and equating to zero

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial E(a,b)}{\partial a} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial E(a,b)}{\partial b} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (ax_i + b))(-x_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial b} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (ax_i + b))(-1)$$

Equating to zero

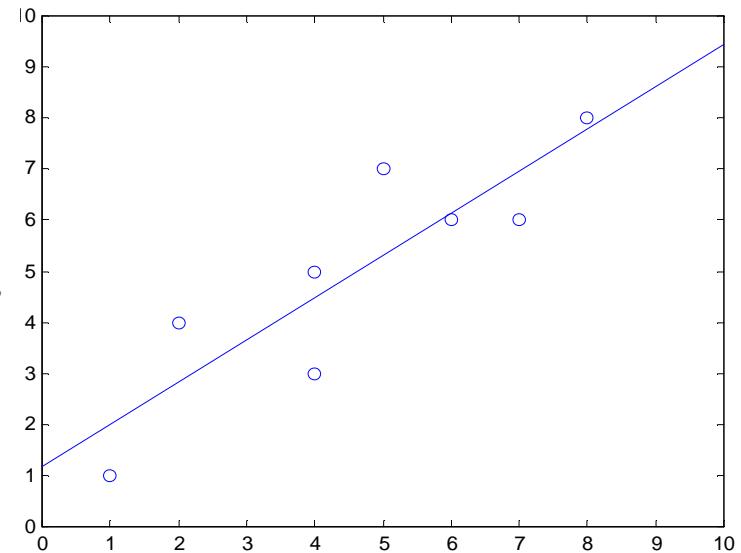
$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i & n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

# Fitting a line ( $N = 1$ )

```

x=[ 1  2  4  4  5  6  7  8 ];
y=[ 1  4  3  5  7  6  6  8 ];
Sxx=sum(x.*x); Sx=sum(x);
Sxy=sum(x.*y); Sy=sum(y);
n=length(x);
A=[Sxx Sx; Sx n]; b=[Sxy Sy]';
sol=A\b;
plot (x,y,'o'); hold on;
axis([0 10 0 10]);
xr=[0 10];
yr=[sol(2) sol(1)*10+sol(2)];
plot (xr,yr); hold off;
E=sum((y-(sol(1)*x+sol(2))).^2);
» Sol =
    0.8276
    1.1724
» E = 8.6897

```



# Linear model ( $M > 1$ )

□ Given

$$\{(\vec{x}_i, y_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

were  $\vec{x}_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{im})$

□ In this case:

$$\hat{y} = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_m x_m + a_0$$

# Linear model ( $N > 1$ )

1. To define the error in each point:

$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}(\vec{x}_i) = y_i - (a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + \dots + a_m x_{im} + a_0)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}}_r = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}}_b - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1m} & 1 \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & \vdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 1 \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{nm} & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_A \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_0 \end{pmatrix}}_x$$

# Linear model ( $N > 1$ )

2. The error criterion will be:

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i^2 = (e_1 \quad e_2 \quad \cdots \quad e_m) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{pmatrix} = r^t \cdot r$$

$$E = r^t \cdot r = (b - Ax)^t (b - Ax) = b^t b - b^t (Ax) - (Ax)^t b + (Ax)^t (Ax) = b^t b - b^t Ax - x^t A^t b + x^t A^t Ax$$

Since  $b^t Ax$  has dimensions  $1 \times 1$ , it is satisfied that

$$b^t Ax = (b^t Ax)^t = x^t A^t b$$

Therefore  $E = b^t b - 2x^t A^t b + x^t A^t Ax$

# Linear model ( $N > 1$ )

- Given a column vector  $z$  and a matrix  $M$ , we have to remember that:

$$\frac{\partial z^t M}{\partial z} = M$$

$$\frac{\partial Mz}{\partial z} = M^t$$

$$\frac{\partial z^t Mz}{\partial z} = (M + M^t) \cdot z$$

# Linear model ( $N > 1$ )

3. To take derivative of error with respect to parameters vector  $x$ :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial [b^t b - 2b^t A x + x^t A^t A x]}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial [b^t b]}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial [2b^t A x]}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial [x^t A^t A x]}{\partial x}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial [b^t b]}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial [2x^t A^t b]}{\partial x} = 2A^t b \\ \frac{\partial [x^t A^t A x]}{\partial x} = (A^t A + (A^t A)^t) x = 2A^t A x \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = 0 - 2A^t b + 2A^t A x$$

# Linear model ( $N > 1$ )

3. ... and aquating to zero:

$$-2A^t b + 2A^t A x = 0$$

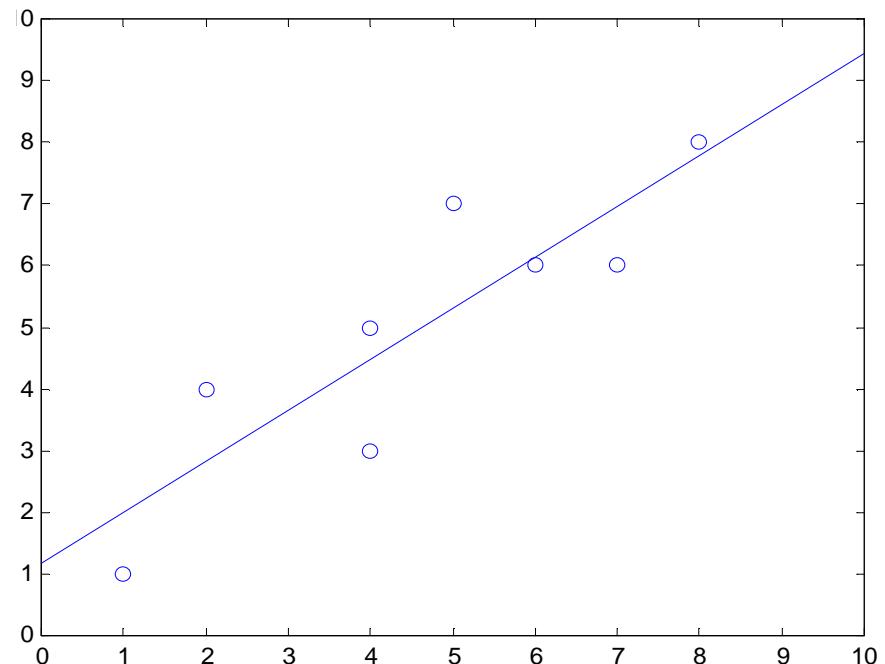
$$A^t b = A^t A x$$

$$x = \underbrace{(A^t \cdot A)^{-1}}_{\text{Pseudoinversa de } A} \cdot A^t \cdot b$$

Pseudoinversa de  $A$

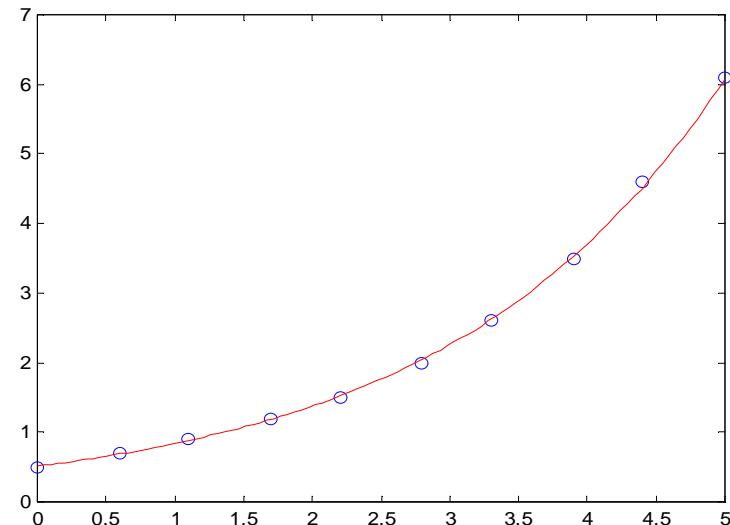
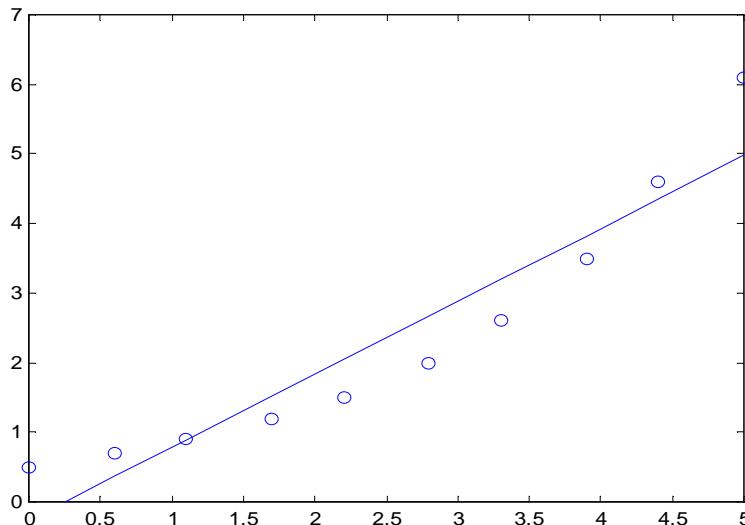
# Fitting a line ( $N = 1$ )

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x=[ 1  2  4  4  5  6  7  8 ]' ;  
y=[ 1  4  3  5  7  6  6  8 ]' ;  
A = [x ones(size(x))];  
sol = inv(A'*A)*(A'*y) ;  
r = y-A*sol;  
E = r'*r;  
» Sol =  
    0.8276  
    1.1724  
» E = 8.6897
```



# REDUCING TO A LINEAR MODEL

# Exponential model



- When the linear model is insufficient, it is possible to reduce some models to linear model using a variables change

# Exponential model

- Given a curve

$$y = Ae^{Bx}$$

- Taking the logarithms

$$\ln(y) = Bx + \ln(A)$$

- And doing the variables change

$$\hat{y} = \ln(y) \quad C = \ln(A)$$

$$\hat{y} = Bx + C$$

# Exponential model

```
x=[0 0.6 1.1 1.7 2.2 2.8 3.3 3.9 4.4 5]';  
y=[0.5 0.7 0.9 1.2 1.5 2 2.6 3.5 4.6 6.1]';  
% cambio de variable en los datos  
yp=log(y);  
% solucion del problema lineal  
A = [x ones(size(x))];  
sol = inv(A'*A)*(A'*yp);  
B=sol(1); C=sol(2);  
% calculamos los parámetros de la exponencial  
A=exp(C);  
plot (x,y, 'o');  
axis([0 5 0 7]); hold on;  
plot (x,A*exp(B*x), 'r'); hold off;
```

# Other models

- Similarly, it is possible to use the below models:

Function	Model	Vars. change
$y = C \cdot x^A$	$\ln(y) = A \cdot \ln(x) + \ln(C)$	$\hat{y} = \ln(y)$ $\hat{x} = \ln(x)$ $C = e^B$
$y = C \cdot x \cdot e^{Ax}$	$\ln\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = A \cdot x + \ln(C)$	$\hat{y} = \ln\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ $C = e^B$

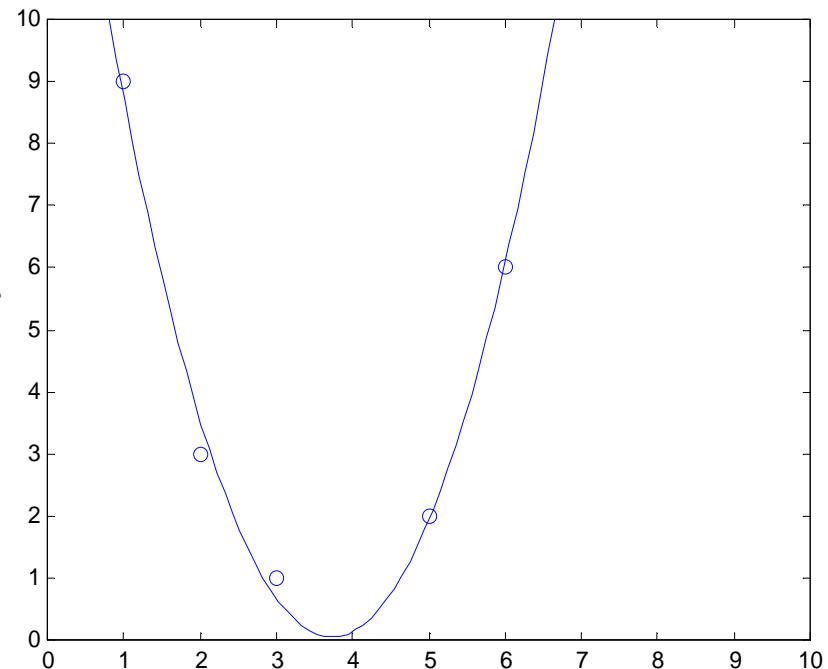
# Polynomial model (N = 1)

- We have to transform our data set in the following way:

$$\bar{x}_i = (x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3, \dots, x_i^m)$$

# Polynomial model (N = 1)

```
x=[1 2 3 5 6]';  
y=[9 3 1 2 6]';  
x2=x.*x;  
A = [x2 x ones(size(x))];  
polisol = inv(A'*A)*(A'*Y);  
plot (x,y, 'o');  
axis([0 10 0 10]); hold on;  
xp=linspace(0,10);  
plot (xp,polyval(polisol,xp));  
hold off;
```



# NUMERICAL OPTIMIZATION

# Introduction

- Suppose the error surface has a known expression

$$E = x^4 - 3 \cdot x^2 + x + y^2 + x \cdot y$$

- The analytical solution for possible minimum are determined by:

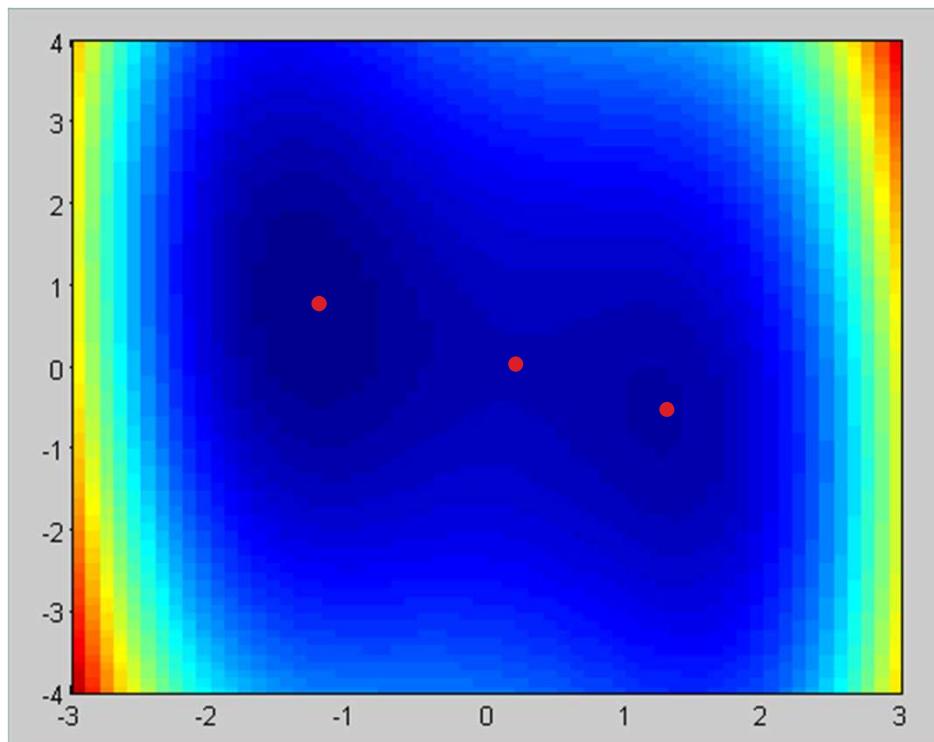
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = 4 \cdot x^3 - 6 \cdot x + 1 + y = 0 \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} = 2 \cdot y + x = 0$$

- Example:

```
fzero(inline('4*x.^3 - 6*x + 1 - x/2'), -1) = -1.3457
fzero(inline('4*x.^3 - 6*x + 1 - x/2'), 0) = 0.1562
fzero(inline('4*x.^3 - 6*x + 1 - x/2'), 2) = 1.1895
```

# Iterative solution

```
[x,y]=meshgrid(-3:0.1:3,-4:0.1:4);  
z = (x.^4 - 3*x.^2 + x + y.*y + x.*y);  
pcolor(x,y,z), shading flat, colorbar
```



Possible minimum:

$[-1.3457, 0.6728]$

$[0.1562, -0.0781]$

$[1.1895, -0.5947]$

# The most obvious algorithm: Gradient descent

- It is a optimization algorithm of first order
- It is used to find the local maximum or minimum in a function
- Gradient descent is based on the observation that if the multivariable function  $F(x)$  is defined and differentiable in a neighborhood of a point , then  $F(x)$  decreases fastest if one goes from a in the direction of the negative gradient of  $F$  at a

# The most obvious algorithm: Gradient descent

- Let  $-\nabla F(a)$  be the negative gradient of function  $F(x)$  at a point. It follows that, if:

$$b = a - \gamma \nabla F(a)$$

- For  $\gamma$  small enough, then  $F(a) \geq F(b)$
- With this observation in mind, one starts with a guess  $x_0$  for a local minimum of  $F$ , and considers the sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  such that

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \gamma \nabla F(n), n \geq 0$$

# The most obvious algorithm: Gradient descent

- The negative gradient is always in downward direction
- The algorithm:
  1. Choose a initial point,  $x_0$
  2. The direction is equal to negative gradient
  3. Step length:

$$p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

4. Modify  $x$ :  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \gamma_k p_k$
5. Return to step 2

# Gradient descent

```
[x,y]=meshgrid(-3:0.1:3,-4:0.1:4);
z = (x.^4 - 3*x.^2 + x + y.*y + x.*y);
while(1),
    close all
    pcolor(x,y,z),shading flat;hold on;
    sol = ginput(1)';
    for i=1:100,
        x=sol(1,i);
        y=sol(2,i);
        dx = 4 * x.^3 - 6*x + 1 + y;
        dy = 2 * y + x;
        sol(:,i+1) = sol(:,i) - 0.1 * [dx;dy];
        plot([sol(1,i) sol(1,i+1)],[sol(2,i) sol(2,i+1)],'r',LineWidth',3)
        pause
    end
end
```

# Gradient descent. Linear model

```
clear all
x = [1 2 4 4 5 6 7 8]';
y = [1 4 3 5 7 6 6 8]';
A = [x ones(size(x))];

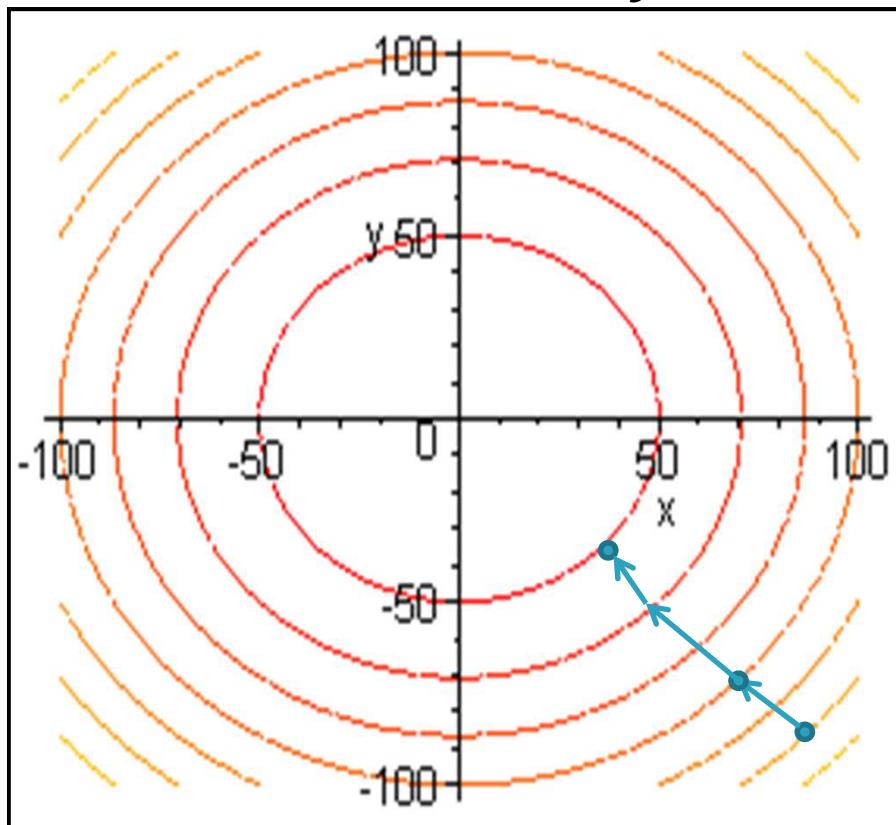
weights = [0.8 1];
P = weights;

m = -1:0.05:2;
b = -1:0.05:3;
[bgrid,mgrid] = meshgrid(b,m);
for i=1:length(m),
    for j=1:length(b),
        weights = [m(i) b(j)]';
        estim = A * weights;
        error(j,i) = log(sumsqr(y - estim));
    end
end
```

```
while(1),
    close all
    pcolor(m,b,error),shading interp,colorbar,hold on
    xlabel('b','FontSize',12)
    ylabel('m','FontSize',12)
    weights=ginput(1)';
    P=weights;
    for i=1:1000,
        estim = A * weights;
        aux = repmat(estim-y,1,size(A,2));
        gradiente = sum(aux.* A);
        weights = weights - 0.001 * gradiente';
        P = [P weights];
    end;
    comet(P(1,:),P(2,:));
    pause
end;
```

# Well-conditioned problem

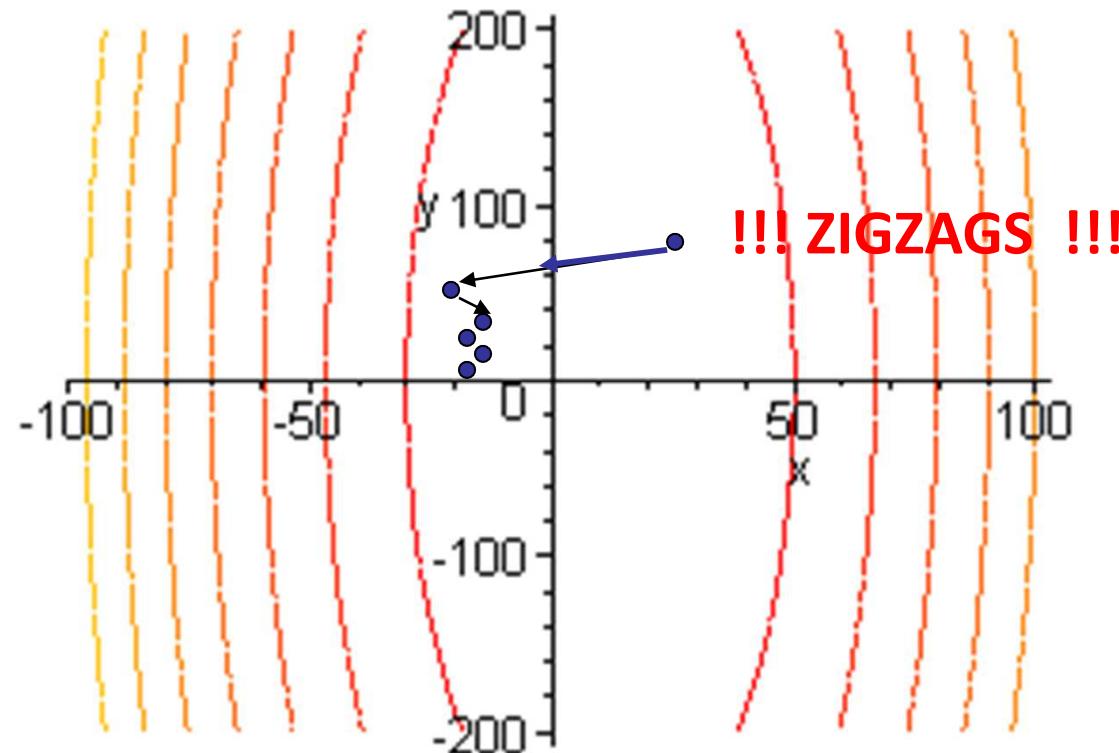
$$E = x^2 + y^2$$



- ❑  $E$  is defined in the plane and its graph has a bowl shape
- ❑ Red curves are contour lines, that is, the regions in which the value of  $E$  is constant
- ❑ The blue arrow that originates at a point shows the direction of negative gradient at that point.
- ❑ The (negative) gradient at a point is orthogonal to the contour line passing through that point.
- ❑ The gradient descent takes us to the point where the value of the function  $E$  is minimal.

# Ill-conditioned problem

$$50(x - 10)^2 + y^2$$



# Limitations

- For some examples, gradient descent is relatively slow close to the minimum
- Its asymptotic rate of convergence is inferior to many other methods
- For poorly conditioned convex problems, gradient descent increasingly 'zigzags' as the gradients point nearly orthogonally to the shortest direction to a minimum point

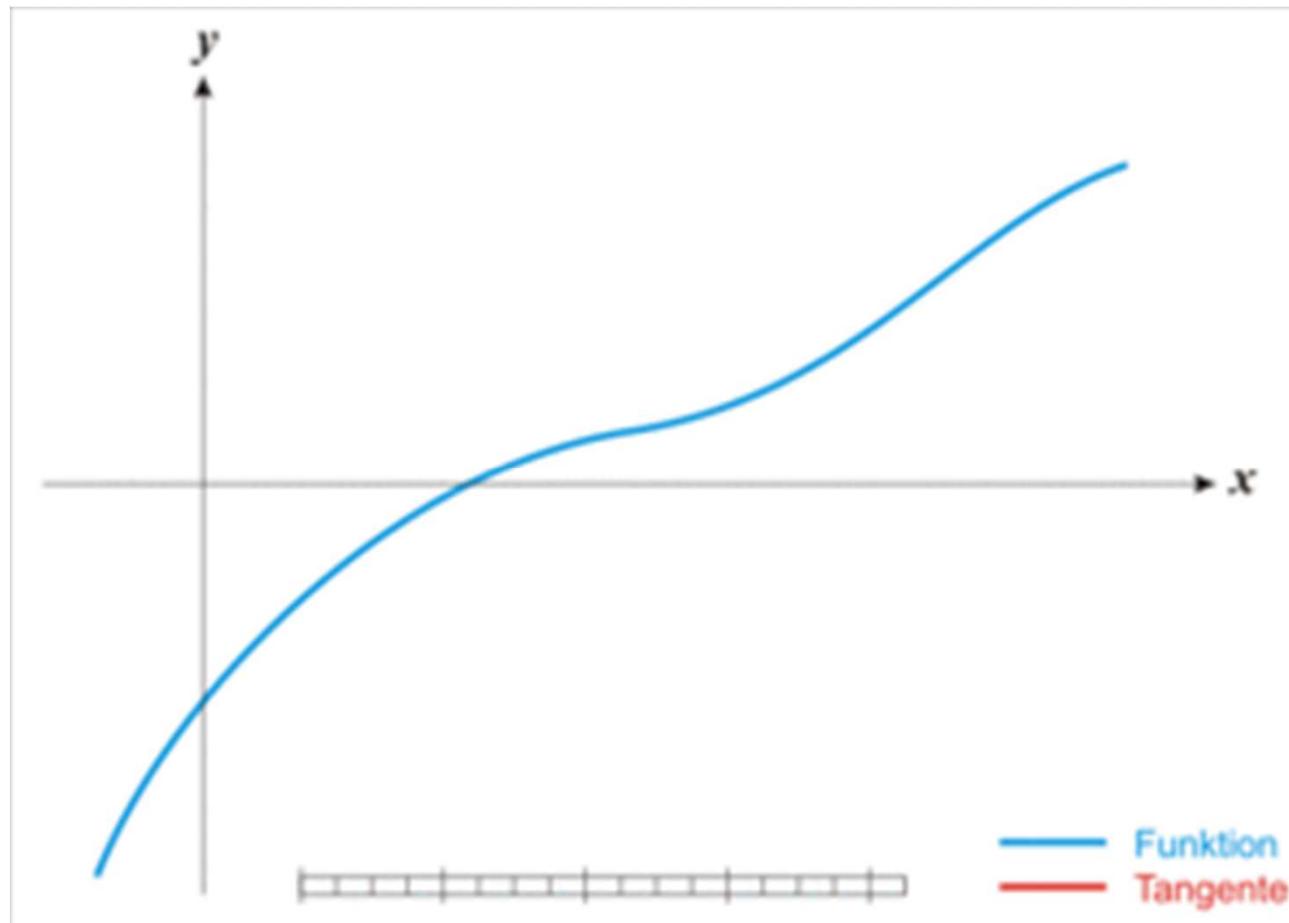
# Newton method

- It is a method for finding successively better approximations to the roots (or zeroes) of a real-valued function
- Newton method can be used to find a minimum or maximum of a function
- Newton method is an extremely powerful technique—in general the convergence is quadratic: as the method converges on the root, the difference between the root and the approximation is squared at each step

# Newton method

1. A large error in the initial estimate can contribute to non-convergence of the algorithm. So, we have to select a  $x_0$  value close to zero
2. The tangent line at  $x_0$  point is calculated
3. Computes the x-intercept of this tangent line. This x-intercept will typically be a better approximation to the function root than the original guess
4. Return to step 2

# Newton method



# Newton method

```
[x,y]=meshgrid(-3:0.1:3,-4:0.1:4);
z = (x.^4 - 3*x.^2 + x + y.*y + x.*y);

while(1),
    close all
    pcolor(x,y,z), shading flat;hold on;
    sol = ginput(1)';
    for i=1:100,
        x=sol(1,i);
        y=sol(2,i);
        dx = 4 * x.^3 - 6*x + 1 + y;
        dy = 2 * y + x;
        dxx = 12 * x.^2 - 6;           dxy = 1;
        dyx = 1;                      dyy = 2;
        H = [dxx dxy;dyx dy];
        sol(:,i+1) = sol(:,i) - 0.1 * inv(H) * ([dx;dy]);
        plot([sol(1,i) sol(1,i+1)],[sol(2,i) sol(2,i+1)],'r')
        pause
    end
end
```