



Intro to Linear Regression

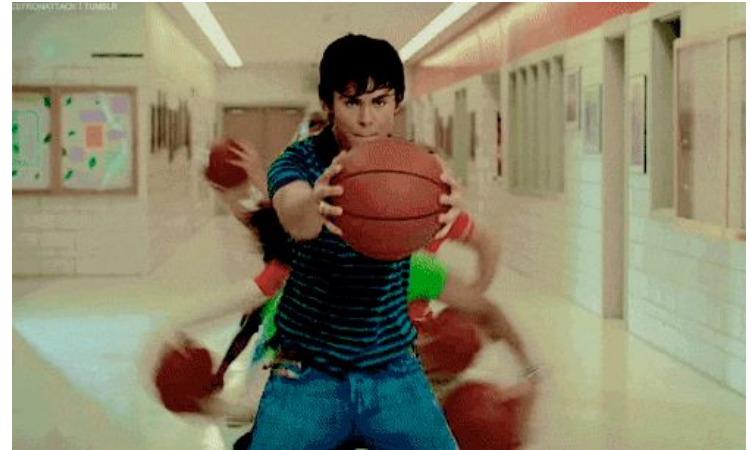
Session 4



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Recap





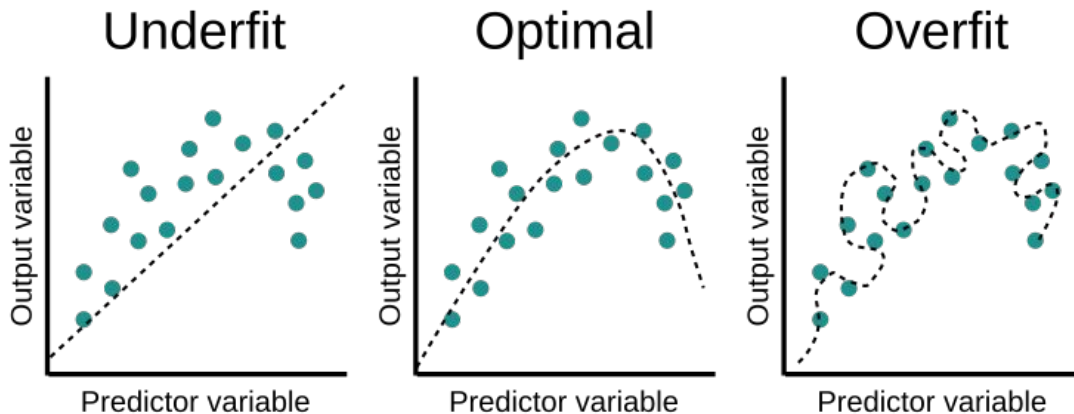
Supervised Machine Learning

- A Machine Learning *model* is a big function
- A **Supervised Learning** model uses labeled output data, hence the name “supervised”
- Supervised Learning **maps the relationship of:**
input → labeled output



Training

- ML Models "*train*": finding the relation between input \rightarrow output
- Train on A LOT of diverse data to avoid **overfitting/underfitting**

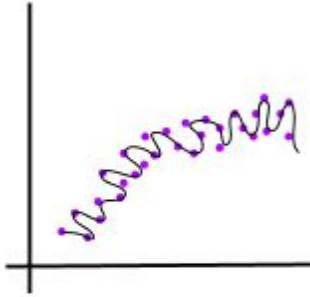




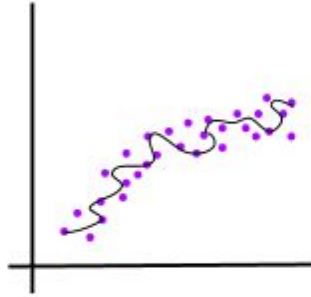
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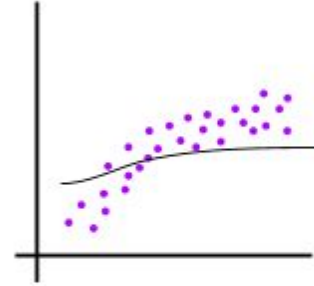
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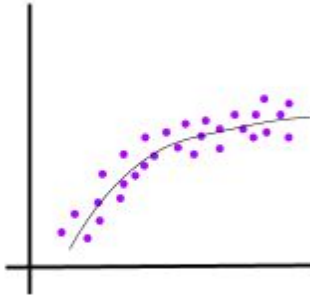
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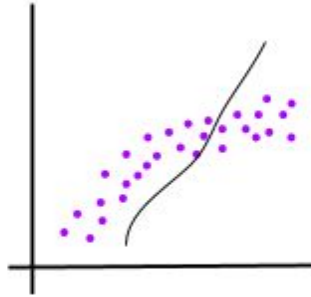
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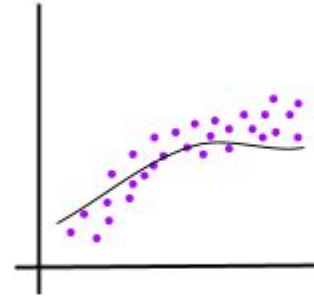
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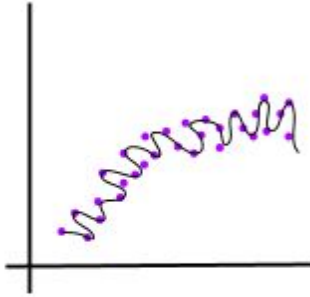
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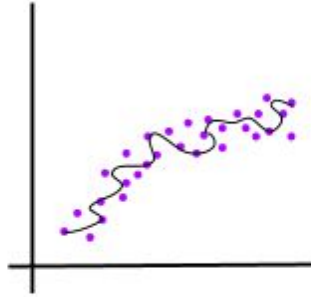
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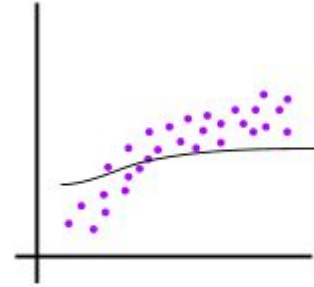
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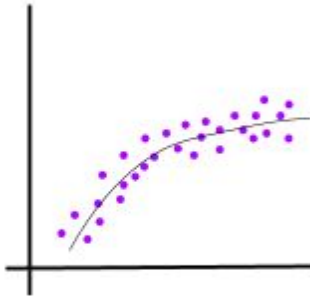
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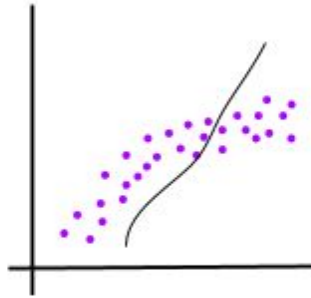
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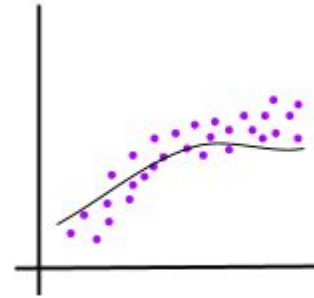
iii) Underfitting



iv) Optimal



v) Underfitting



vi) Optimal



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- How can we avoid overfitting?
- How can we avoid underfitting?
- What is the difference between the training dataset and the test dataset?



and some ~ questions ~ (answers)

- How can we avoid overfitting?
 - Use a diverse dataset + more data
- How can we avoid underfitting?
 - Use more data
- What is the difference between the training dataset and the test dataset?
 - We use the training dataset to find a relation between the input and output. We use the testing dataset to evaluate how accurate that relation is after the model has been trained



Questions?

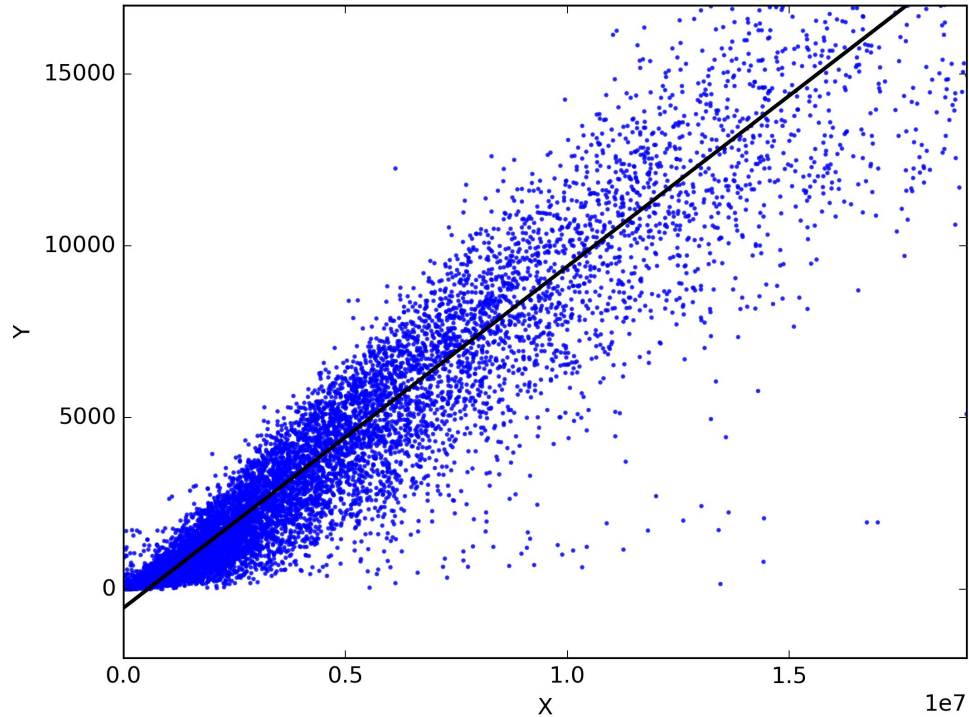


Linear Regression





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Regression refers to the relationship between two or more variables.

- Data from the real world **rarely** carries a relationship among its variables that can be **modeled perfectly** by a function such as a linear function, a quadratic, an exponential, etc.
- Let's look at an example!



What is linear regression?

Here is some data on the heights and weights of NFL players from 2014. Assume that a taller player usually weighs more than a shorter player.

NFL player	Position	Height (inches)	Weight (pounds)
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Table 2: Heights and weights of a simple random sample of NFL players from the 2014 season. Data from pro-football-reference.com.



What is linear regression?

Do you think we can use a linear function that relates **all** the heights (x) to weights (y)?

A. Yes

B. No

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You can tell by looking at the first two players that we can't have a function that contains all these points because Jahleel Addae and Tim Benford are both 71 inches tall but have different weights.

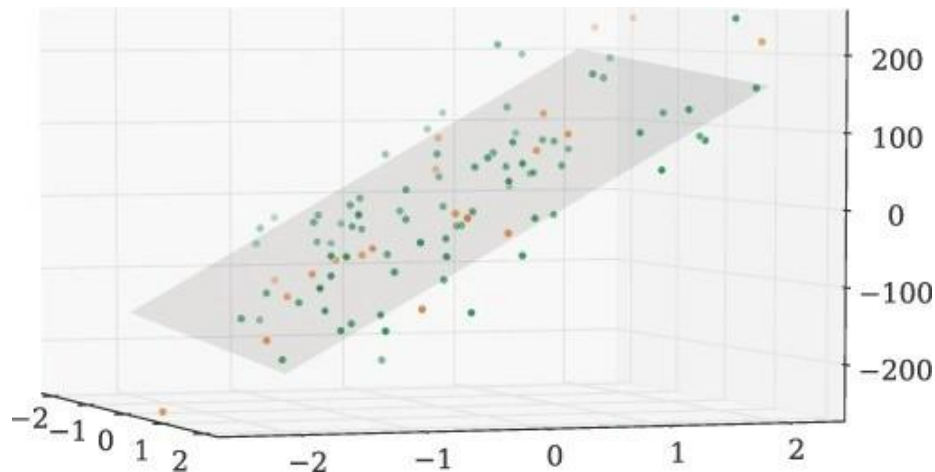
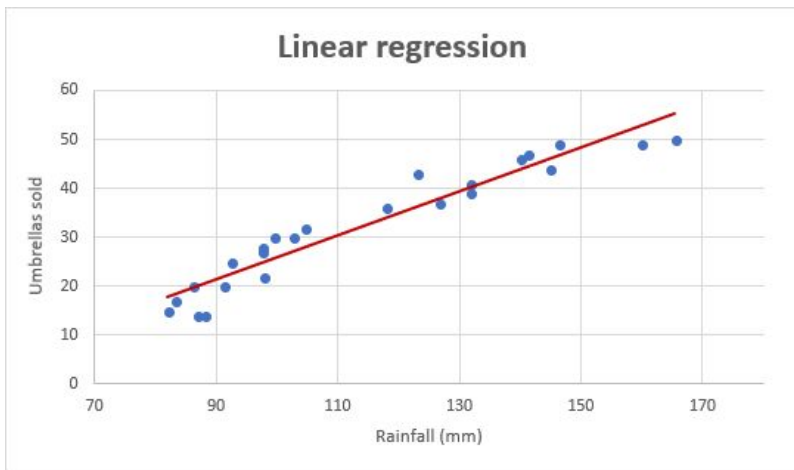
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- We want to find a way to take in all our data and create one function that best fits it.
- In case of **linear** regression, that function is a line or a plane!





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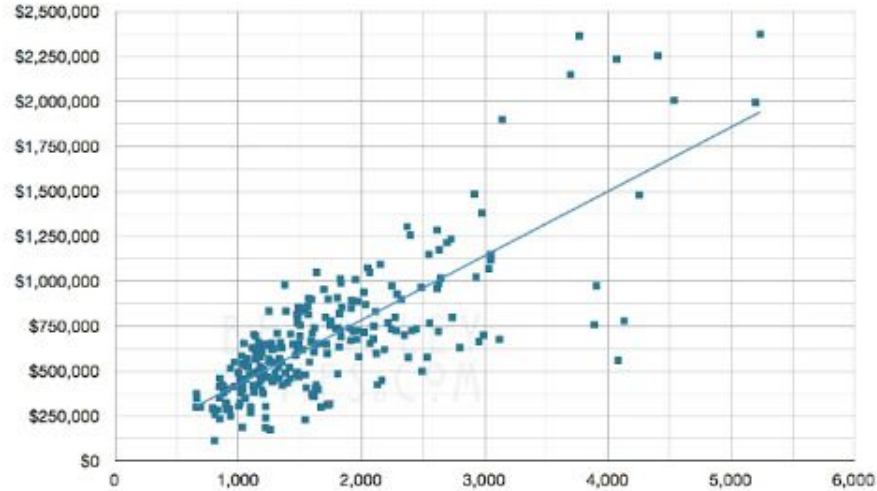
The Goal: Create a **line or plane** that models the universal relationship between several inputs and one output.

This is a big idea in DL: **universal approximation!**

- aka **Line of Best Fit!**



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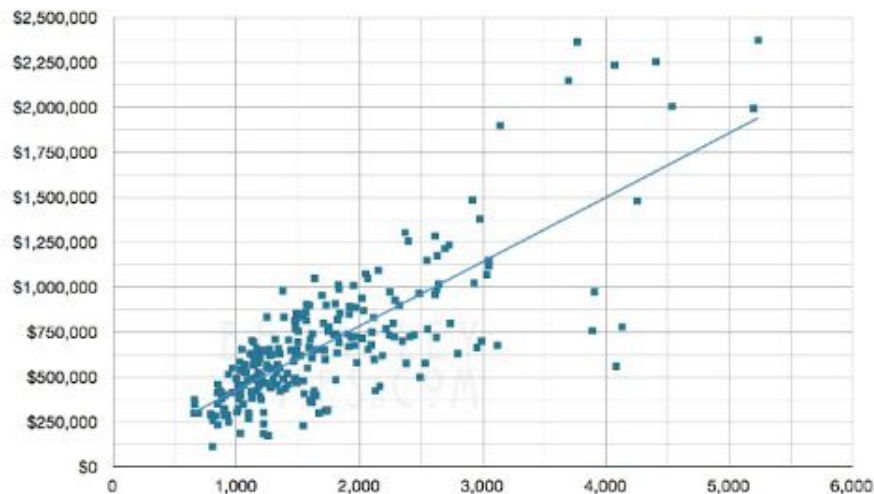
Classic example: Using a line to model the relationship between square footage and property price



Food for thought

1. Why use linear regression?
2. Why do we want diversity in our training data?

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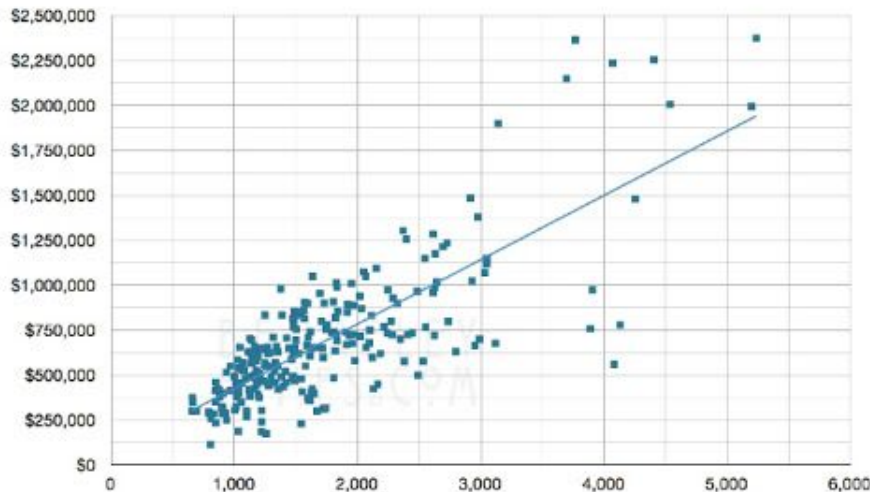
Linear Regression, formally

Let's write the training dataset like this:

$[(x_0, y_0),$ ← Start at 0, not 1
 $(x_1, y_1),$
...,
 $(x_i, y_i),$ ← When talking about any given point, we say it is the i -th **training example**
...,
 $(x_m, y_m)]$ ← m total training examples

What do x and y represent in this graph on the right?

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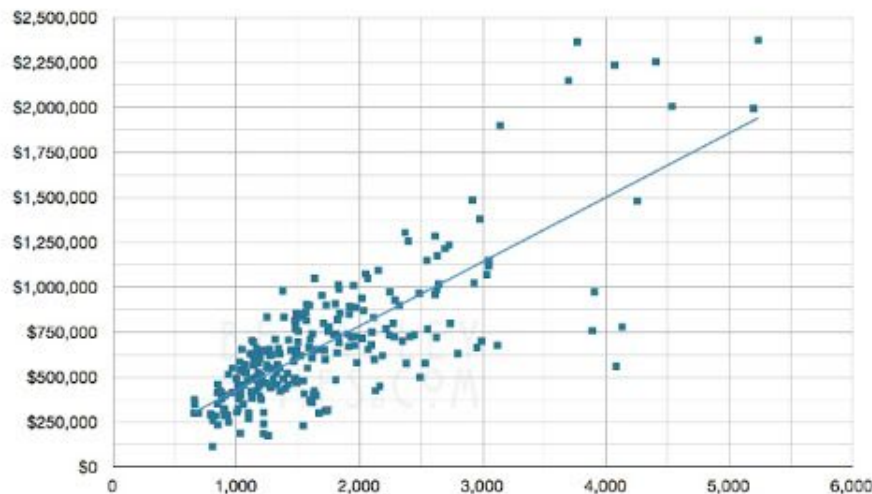
Answer:

- x = home square footage
- y = sales price (of the home)

We say that home square footage is an **input feature**.

What other features can we use?

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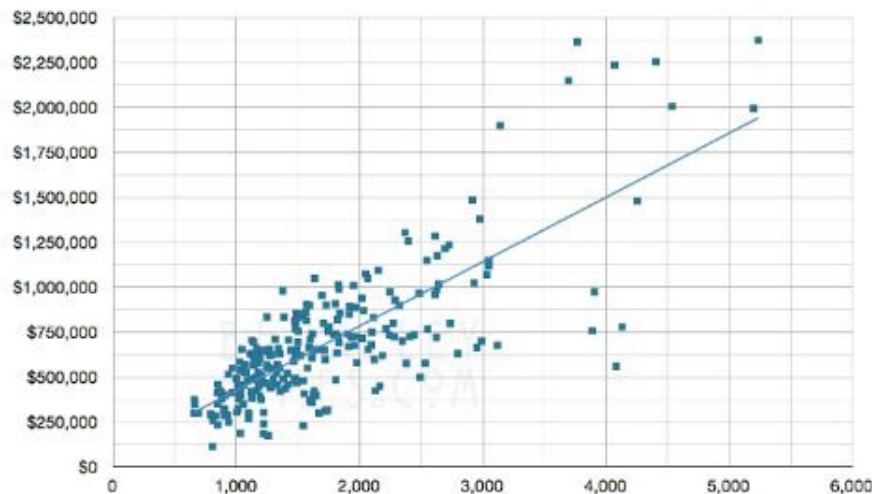
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Some possible features:

- Size of the home (ft²)
- Age of the home (yr)
- Distance to nearest shopping center (mi)

$\begin{pmatrix} 2000 \text{ ft}^2 \\ 20 \text{ yr} \\ 2 \text{ mi} \end{pmatrix}$ ← This is a vector!

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Quick Aside: Vectors

2000 ft²

- A scalar

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2000 \text{ ft}^2 \\ 20 \text{ yr} \\ 2 \text{ mi} \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3 features
- 3-dimensional

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$$\left[2000 \text{ ft}^2 \quad 20 \text{ yr} \quad 2 \text{ mi} \right]$$

- Can also be written like this!

More generally...

$$\left[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n \right]$$



Linear Regression, formally

Let's put together what we have so far...

1. For some input vector x_i , the corresponding output is the scalar y_i
2. *Example:* say we pick (x_2, y_2)

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2000 \\ 20 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y_2 = 1,500,000$$



Linear Regression, formally

- How many training examples (m)?
 - 3
- How many features (n)?
 - 4
 - Input vectors are “4-dimensional”

Say that some training dataset looks like this:

$$x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 & 56 & 700 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y_0 = 5$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 & 52 & 703 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y_1 = 7$$

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**This is *gross!*
YUCK!**

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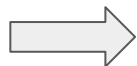
Can we write the training dataset more cleanly?

Yes! We can stack the input vectors to form a **matrix**.

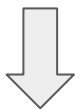


Linear Regression, formally

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$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} m = 3$$



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$n = 4$



Stacked vectors
= a matrix

The dimensions
(m, n)
stay the same!

But why do we
write it like this?



Linear Regression, formally

The Linear Regression problem can be written as $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{WX} + \mathbf{B}$.
We will learn more about how to calculate \mathbf{Y} in future lessons!

1. What are the dimensions of matrix \mathbf{X} ?
2. What are the dimensions of vector \mathbf{Y} ?



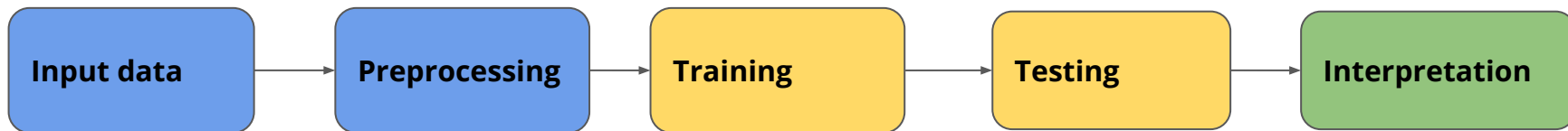
Our Goal

Linear Regression: $Y = WX + B$

- Find best possible **W** and **B**
- Such that our regression model outputs Y_{predict} very close to Y_{reality}



Quick recap: putting it all together



Training and testing data--the more diverse and more data we have, the better

Scaling data, removing outliers, etc.

Choosing the **function** and representing the data in that form--training data is used to develop model

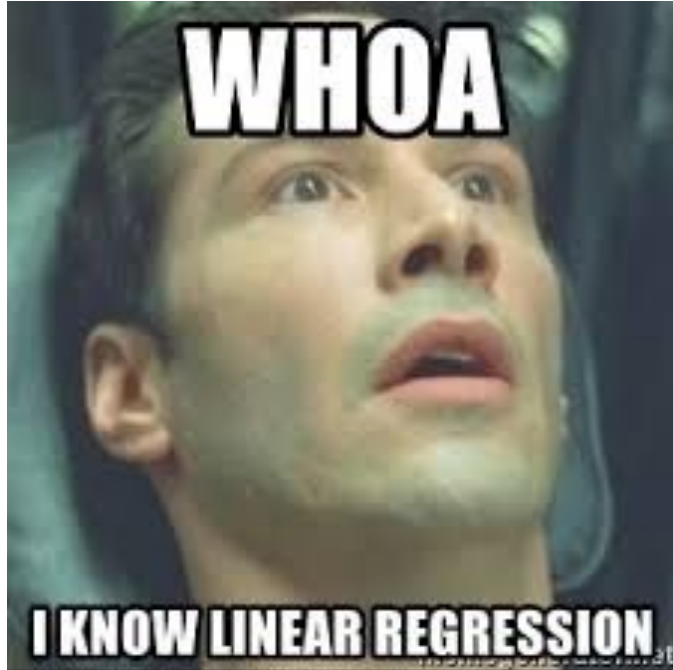
Evaluating the model using testing data

Choosing a new model, introducing more variables, etc.

Function/model: maps input data (training examples) to outputs (predictions)
Example: $y = mx + b$

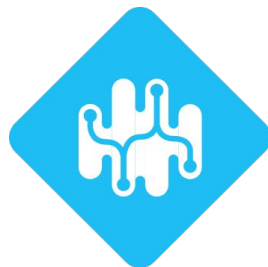


That's it for now, we'll look into the math behind linear regression soon!





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