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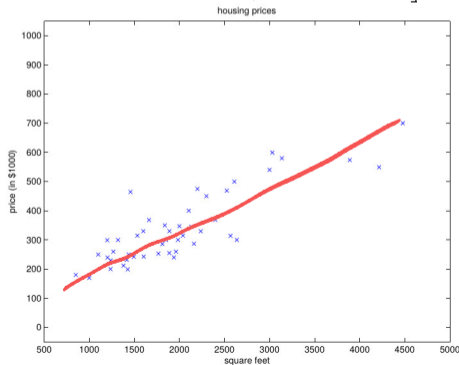
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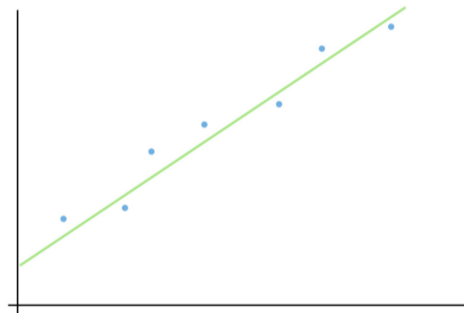
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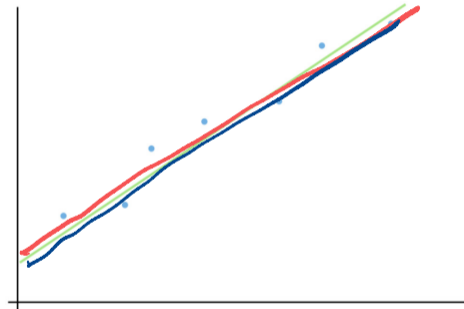
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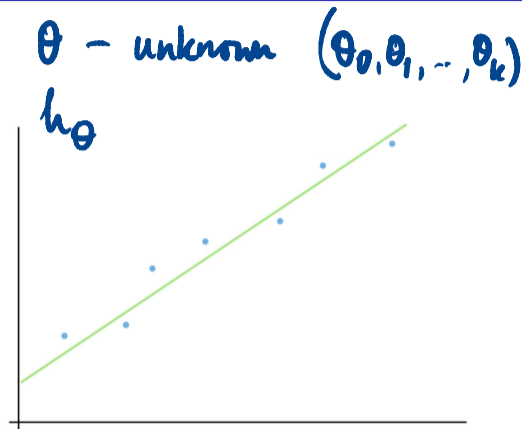
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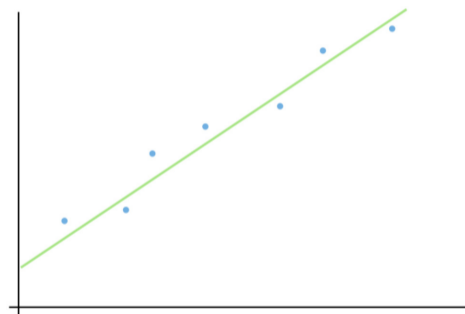
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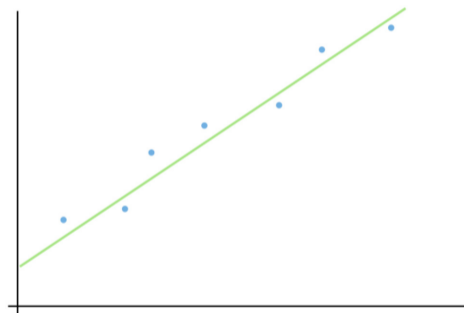
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Handwritten red diagram showing a vertical vector labeled  $y$  and a matrix labeled  $X\theta$  enclosed in large square brackets.

Handwritten red diagram showing the expansion of the dot product terms. It includes  $y^T$  and  $X\theta$  on the left, and a large bracketed expression on the right representing the sum of products of corresponding elements.

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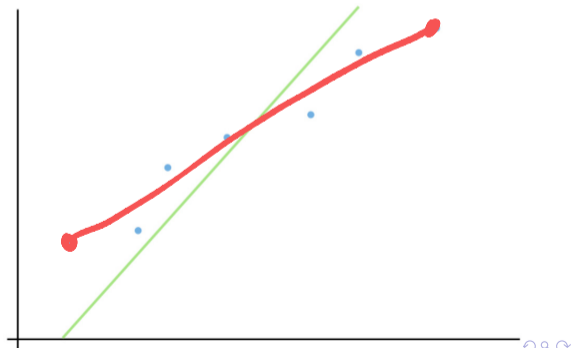


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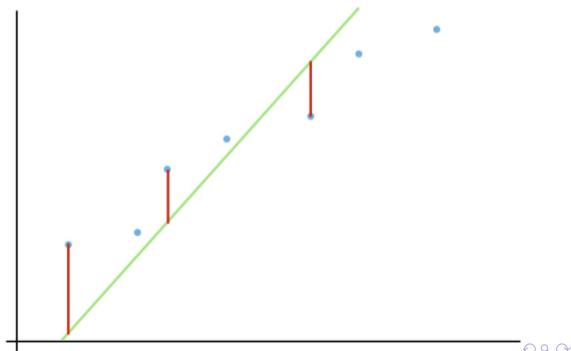
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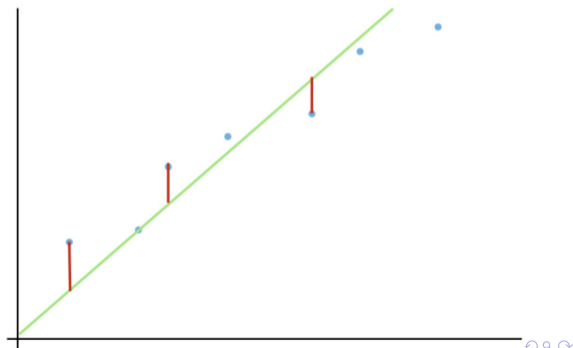
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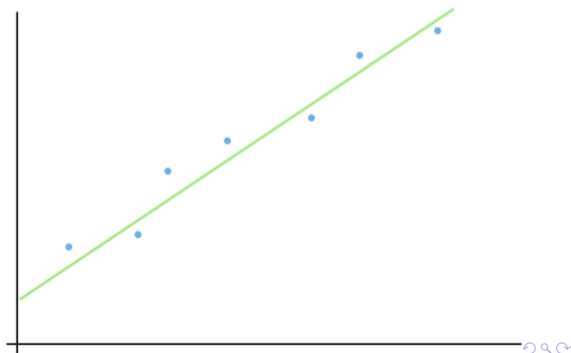
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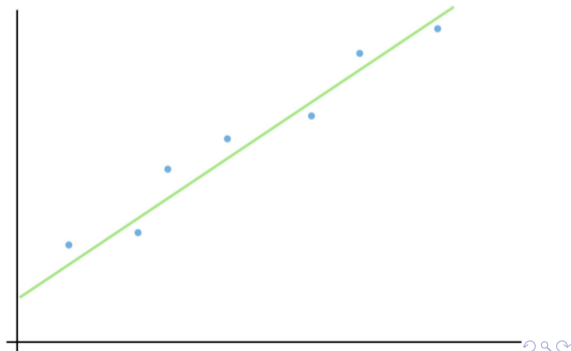
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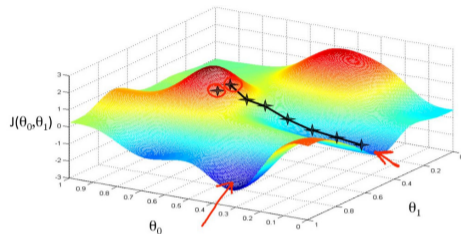


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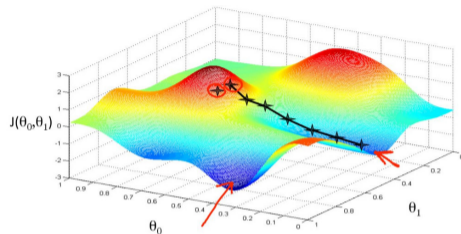
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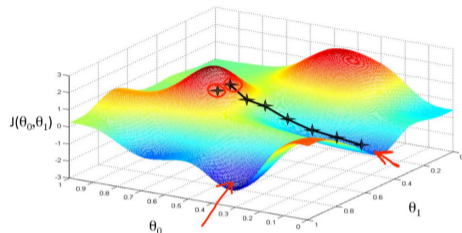
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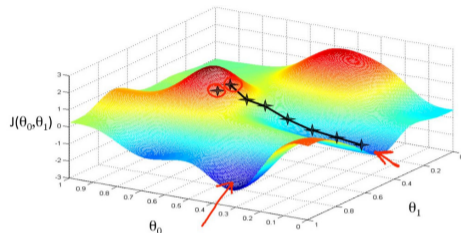
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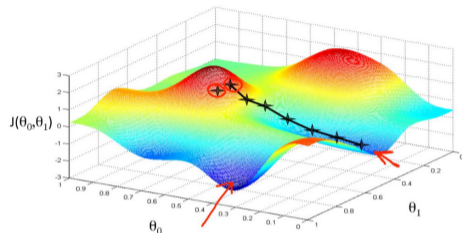
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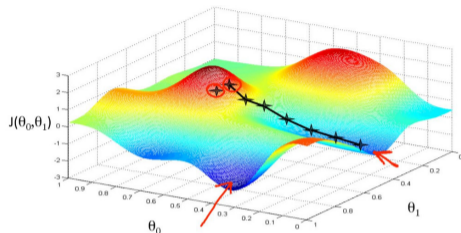
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$$\begin{aligned}\theta_i &= \theta_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} J(\theta) \\ &= \theta_i - \alpha \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n (h_\theta(x_j) - y_j) \cdot x_j^i\end{aligned}$$

- Repeat until convergence

## Stochastic gradient descent

- For each input  $x_j$ , compute  $h_\theta(x_j)$
- Adjust each parameter —  
 $\theta_i = \theta_i - \alpha \cdot (h_\theta(x_j) - y) \cdot x_j^i$



# Gradient descent

- For a single training sample  $(x, y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} J(\theta) = (h_\theta(x) - y) \cdot x_i$
- Over the entire training set,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} J(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n (h_\theta(x_j) - y_j) \cdot x_j^i$

## Batch gradient descent

- Compute  $h_\theta(x_j)$  for entire training set  $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$

- Adjust each parameter

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_i &= \theta_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} J(\theta) \\ &= \theta_i - \alpha \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n (h_\theta(x_j) - y_j) \cdot x_j^i\end{aligned}$$

- Repeat until convergence

## Stochastic gradient descent

- For each input  $x_j$ , compute  $h_\theta(x_j)$
- Adjust each parameter —  
 $\theta_i = \theta_i - \alpha \cdot (h_\theta(x_j) - y) \cdot x_j^i$

## Pros and cons

- Faster progress for large batch size
- May oscillate indefinitely

*Batch gradient descent*