Learning Simple Functions II

Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence

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Summary of Last Session 1/3

- Last session, we considered a simple case of **Linear Regression**:
- For 30 people, we know **how old they died**, and **how many cigarets** they were smoking per day
- Using this data, we wanted to **predict the life expectancy** of somebody given how many cigarets they were smoking

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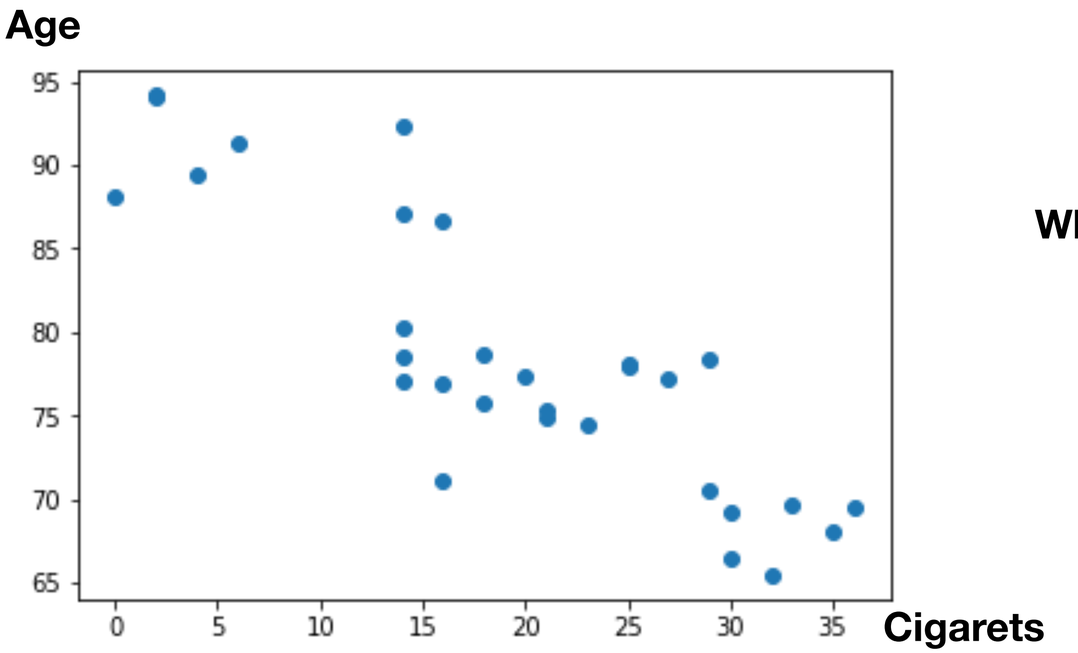

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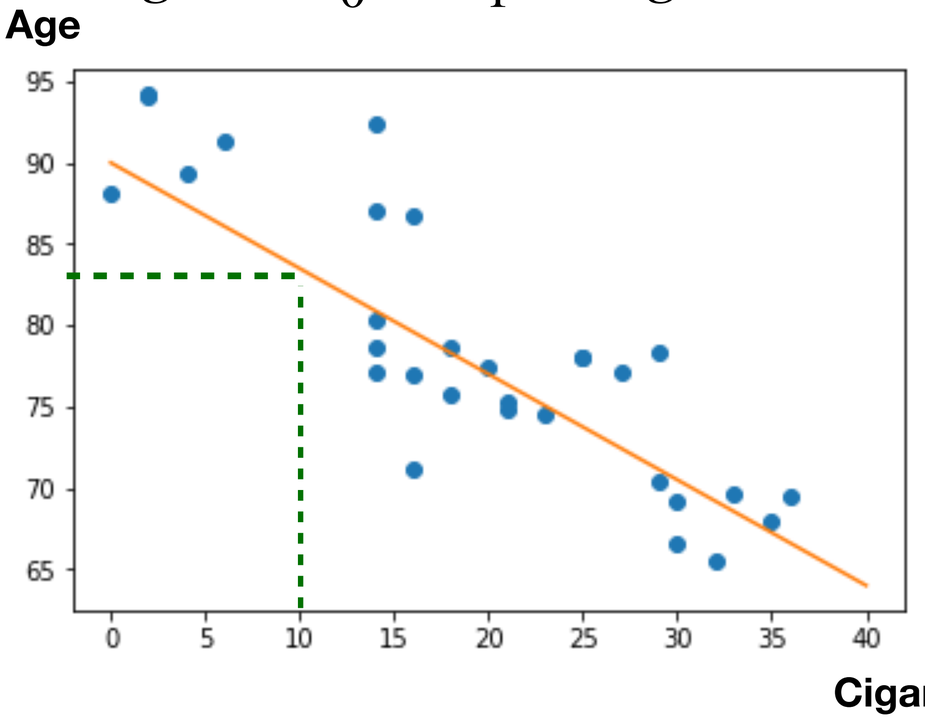
Summary of Last Session 2/3

- We suppose there was some **proportionality** between the number of cigarets smoked and the reduction in life expectancy
- We suppose a **linear relation** between age of death and number of cigarets smoked

$$age = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times cig \qquad \theta_0 \approx 90 \qquad \theta_1 \approx -0.7$$



- Now, we can make our prediction:
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  - 90-0.7x10 = 83 year old

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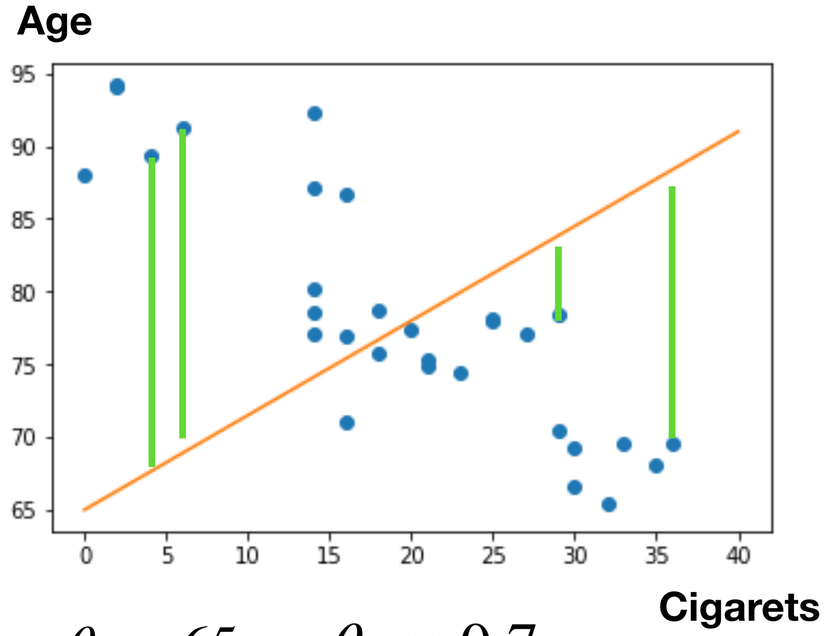

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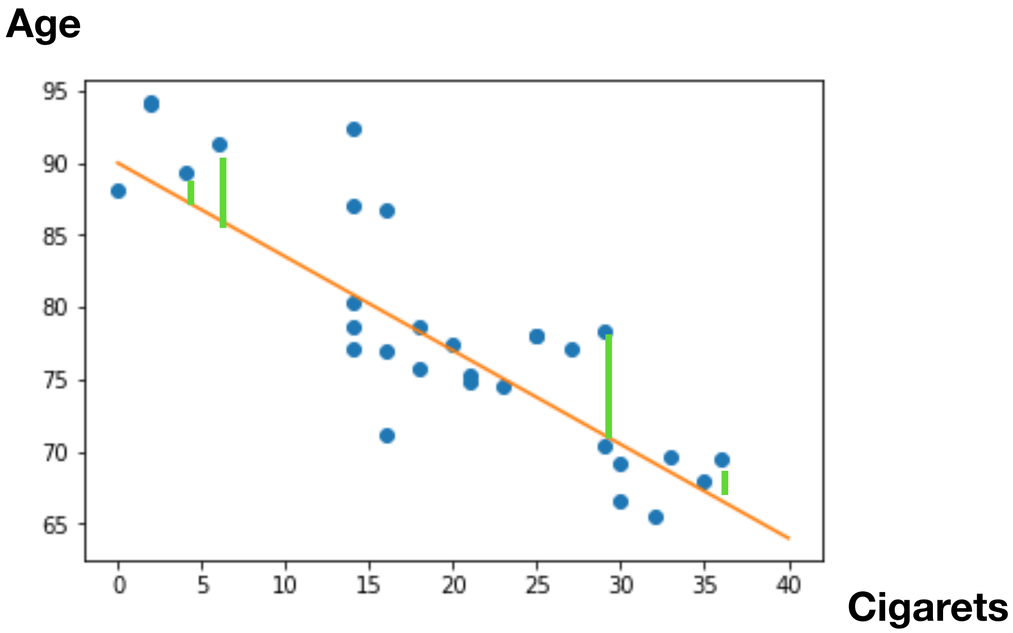

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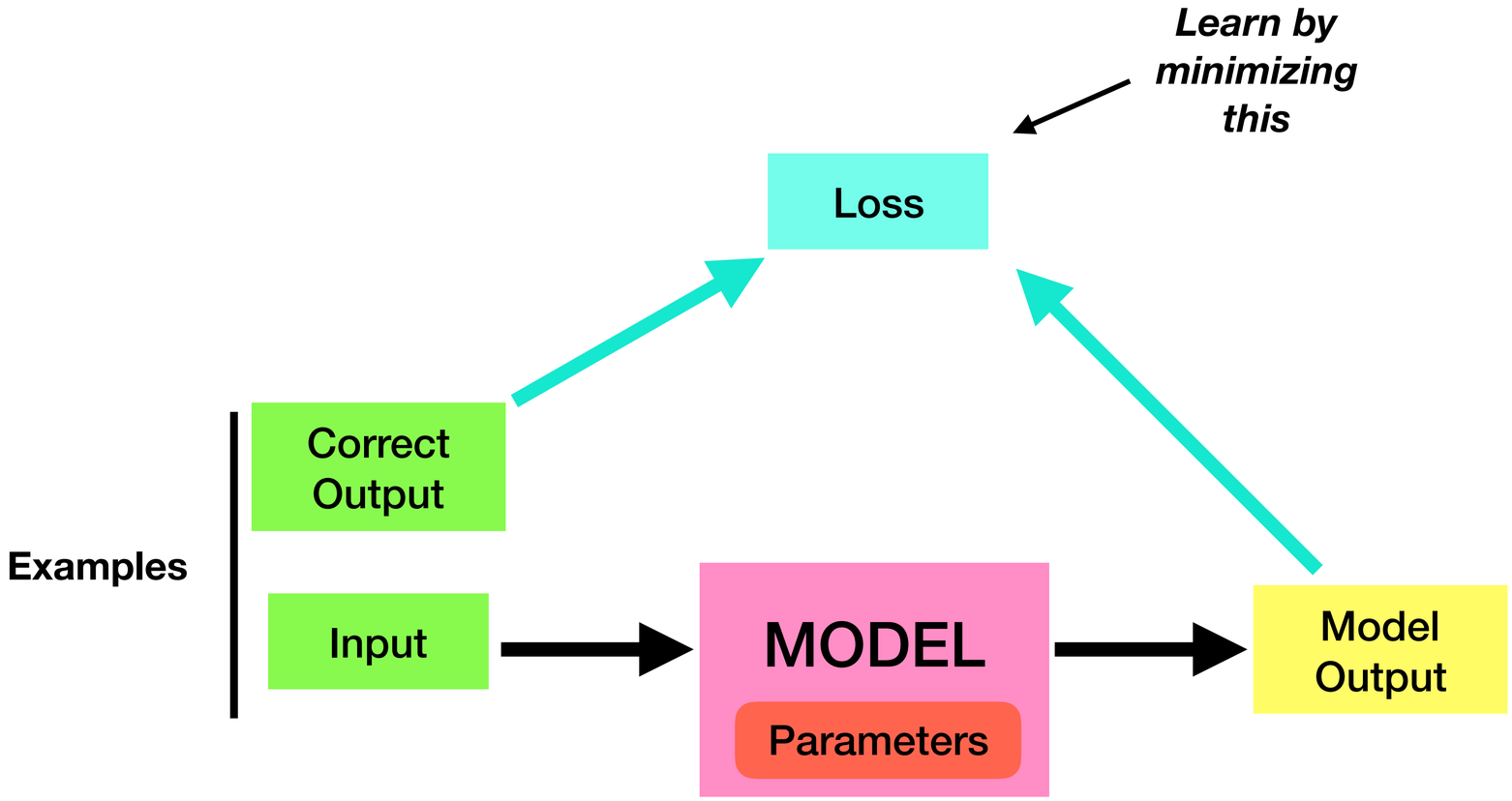

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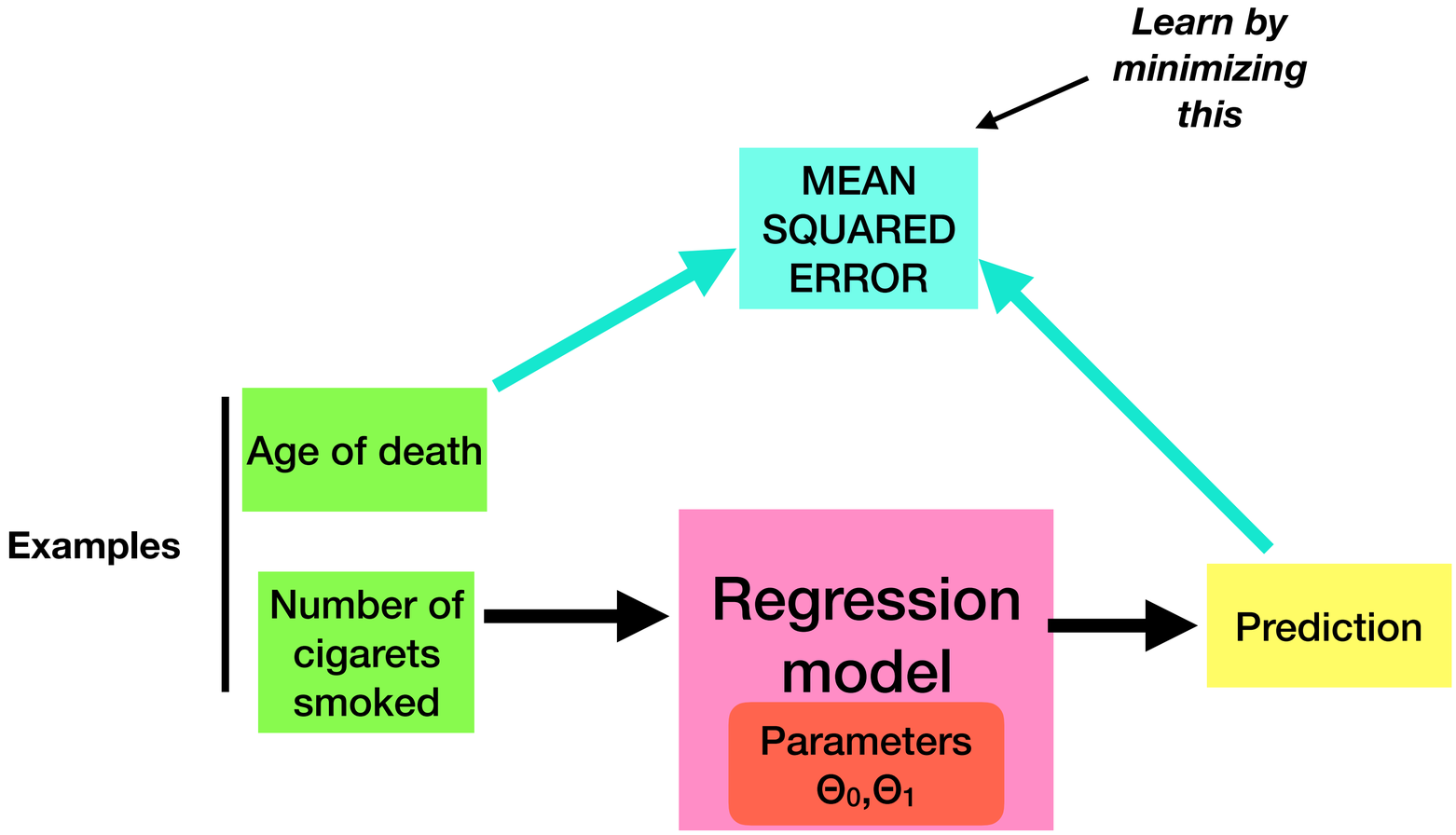

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Today

- We expand on this by considering:
  - More than one input feature
  - More complex functions
- We will have a look at the important concept of overfitting

Adding more information

- The number of cigarets smoked is **not the only** important **factor** for **predicting** the age of death
  - Physical shape
  - Biological Sex
  - Wealth
  - ….

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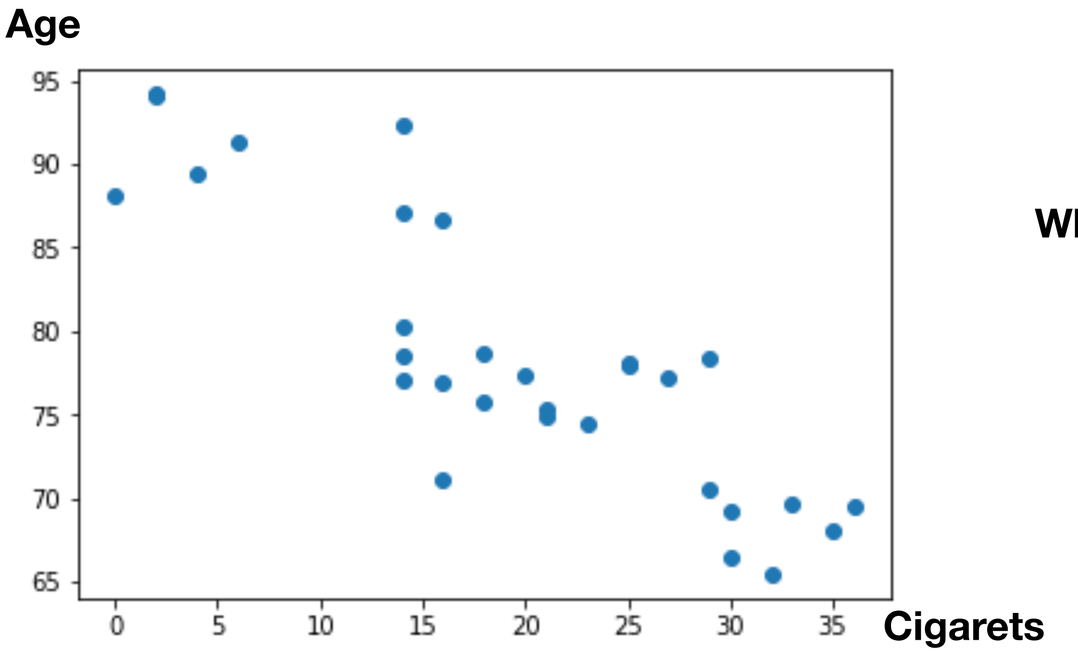

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Adding more information

- Let us suppose now that, for the same 30 persons, we **also** have their BMI index and know their sex
- Vocabulary Note: In Machine Learning, we often call a "*feature*" or "*feature function*" each of this piece of information about an example

	daily cigarets	bmi	is male	age of death
0	5.0	18.5	1.0	79.8
1	9.0	45.1	0.0	56.8
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$$bmi = \frac{weight}{height^2}$$

Is male: 1 if the person is a male, 0 if female

Note: most of the time, this is how we represent "categorical data" in Machine Learning: a feature equal to 1 if the example belongs to the category in question, and equal to zero otherwise

Visual representation of the examples

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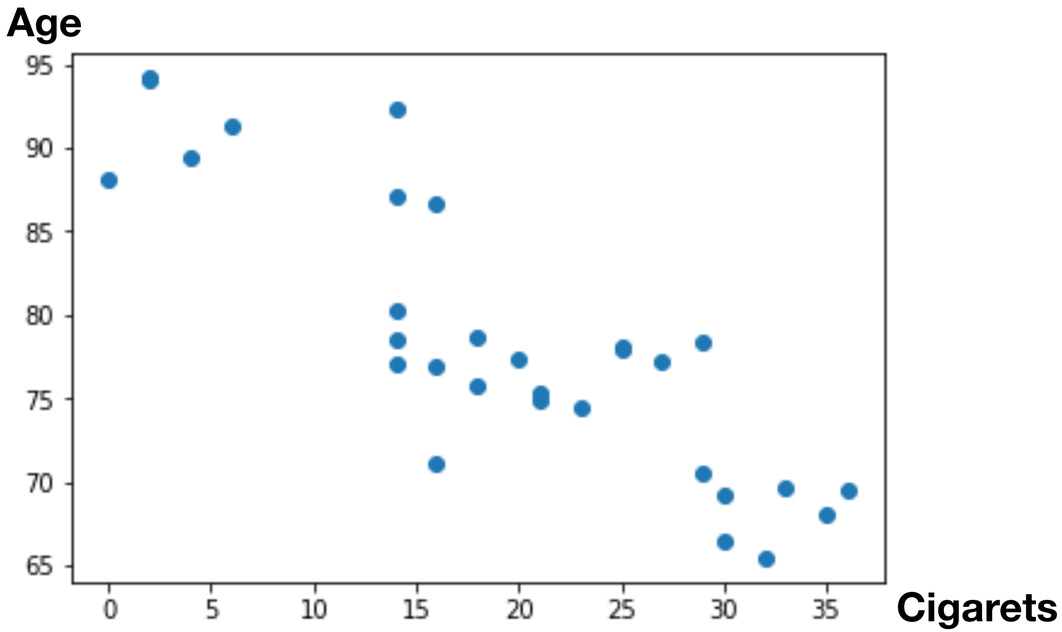

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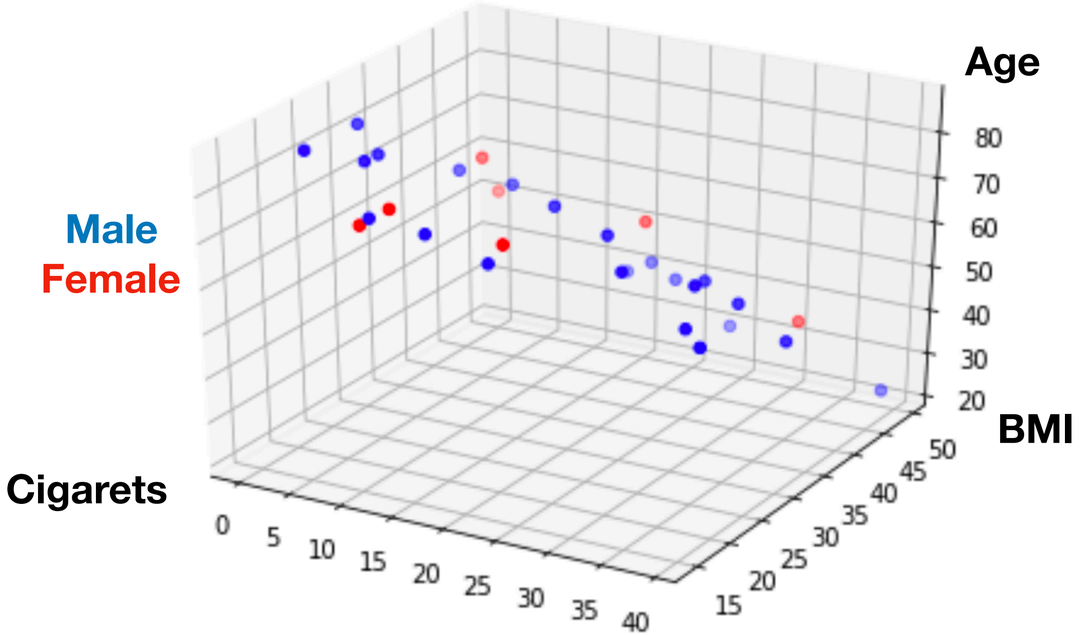

Linear Regression with more than one feature

- We can still suppose that the *age of death* is a **linear function** of *the features*

$$age = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times cig \quad \Rightarrow \quad age = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \times cig + \theta_2 \times bmi + \theta_3 \times ismale$$

- We now have 2 more parameters (because we have 2 more features)
- For a total of 4 parameters
- But finding the parameters will be done in exactly the same way as in the case with one feature

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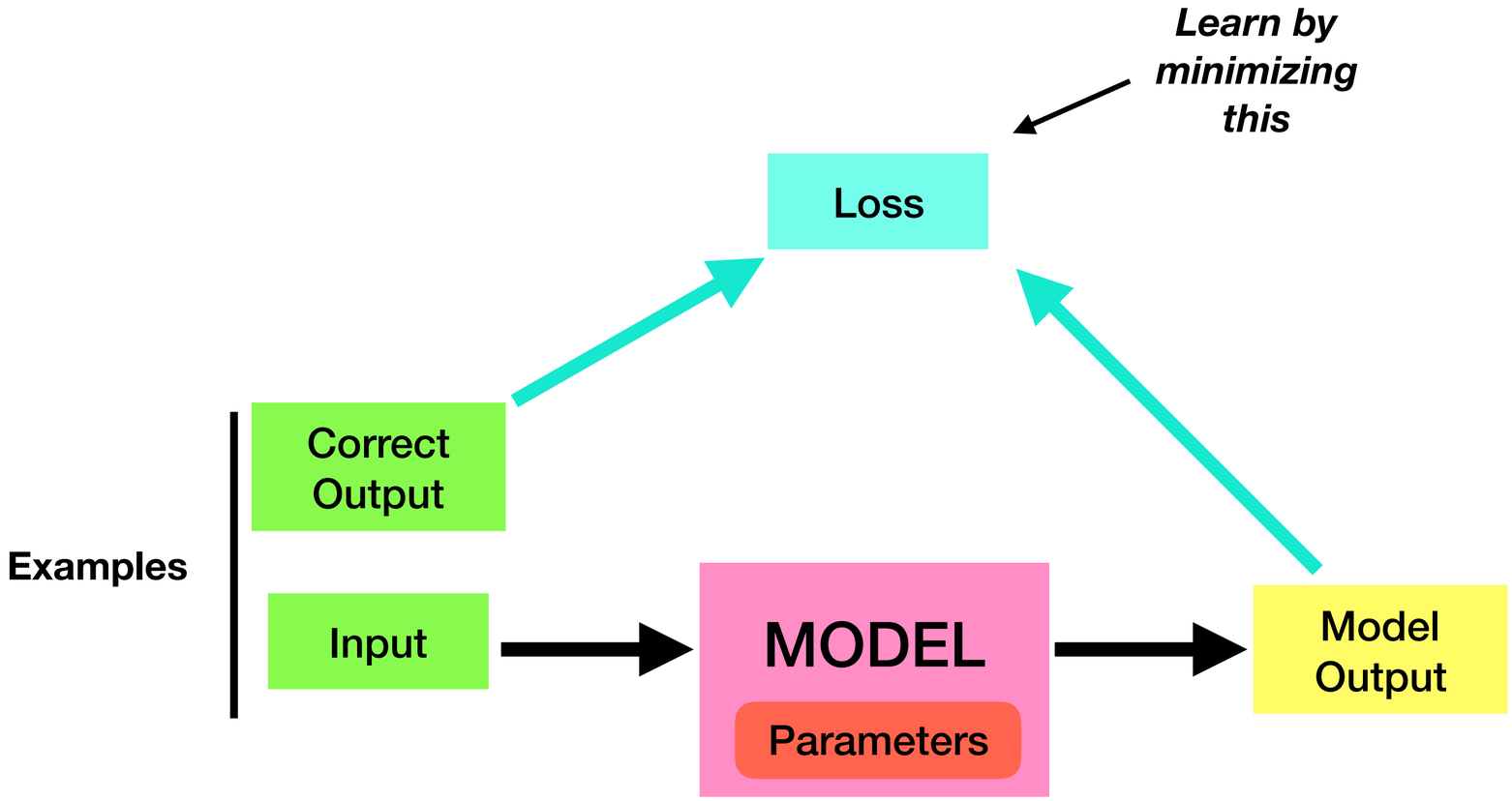

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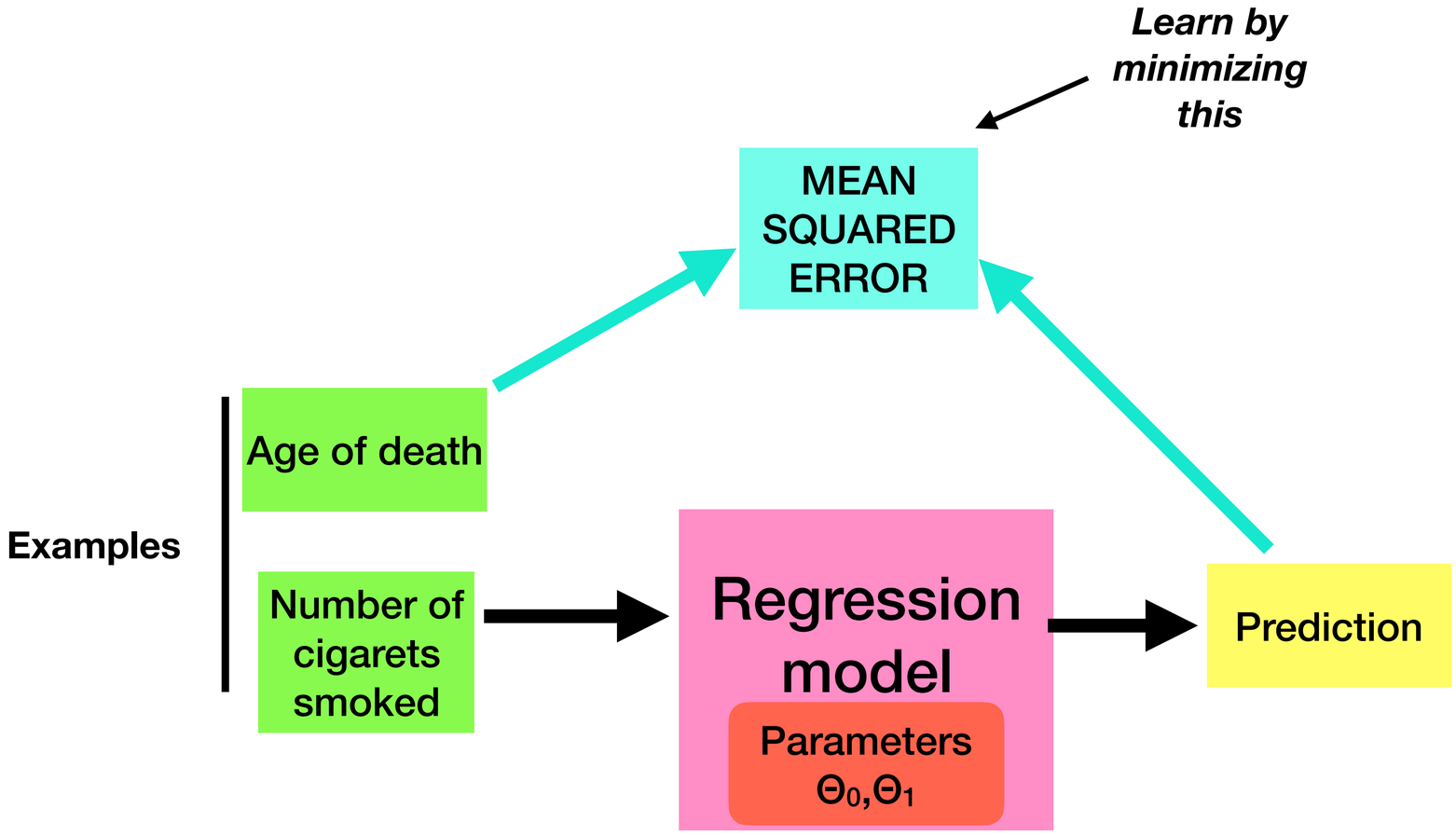

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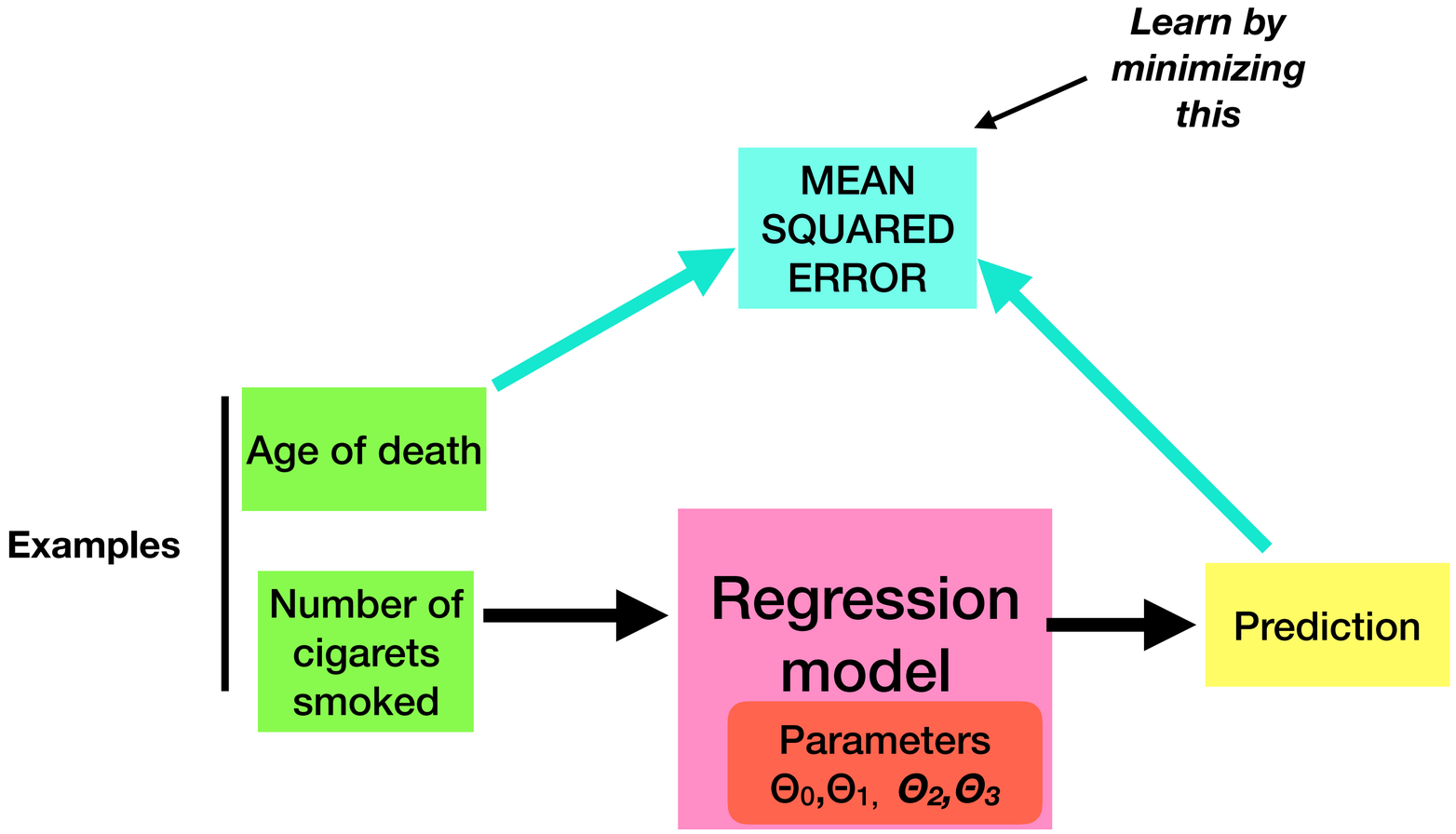

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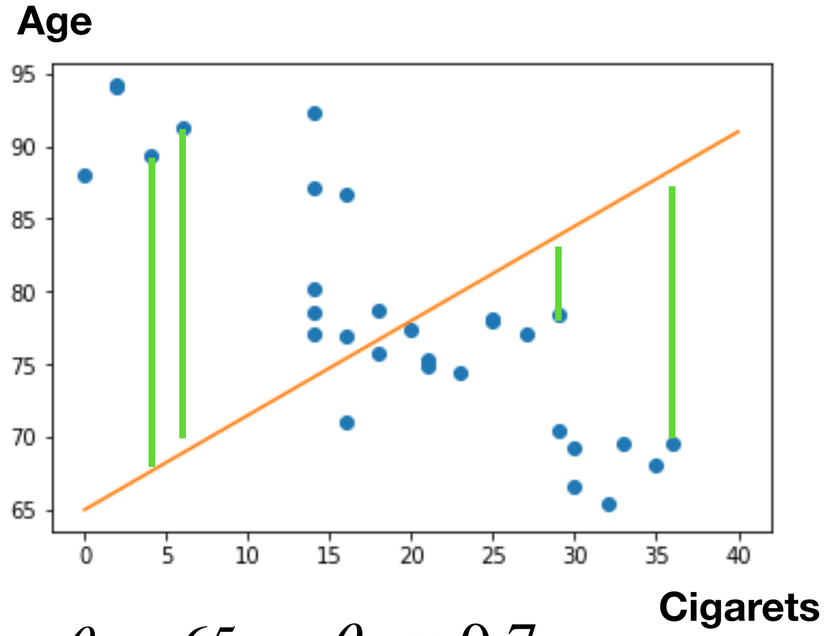

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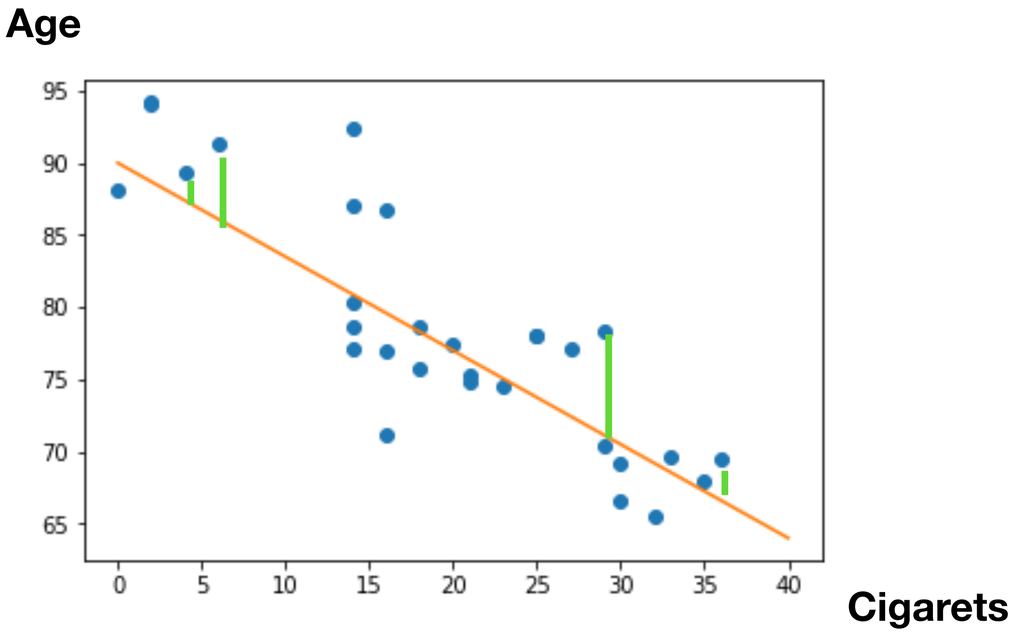

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Compute the model prediction for each of the examples.
Then, compute the loss.

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- To do it a bit differently than last time: let us note the error on example i as:

$$error_i = model(cig_i, bmi_i, ismale_i) - age_i$$

- Then our loss is equal to:

$$MeanSquaredError = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_i (error_i)^2$$

(The mean squared distance is actually also often called the mean squared error)

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} MeanSquaredDistance = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_i 2 \times error_i \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} error_i$$

Using linearity and the fact that

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]^2 = 2 \times f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} error_i = 1$$

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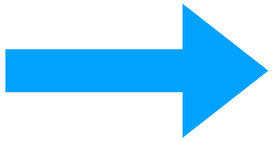

(we know have 4 parameters, so gradient is a 4-dimesnional vector)

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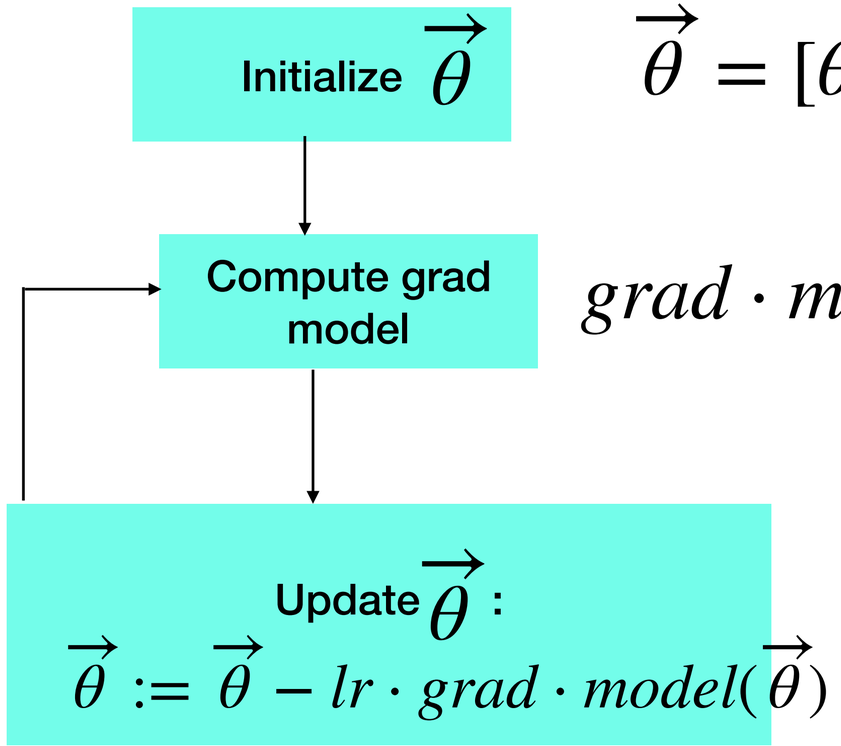
Gradient Descent

- Now that we know how to compute the gradient, we can find the optimal parameters with gradient descent:



$$\vec{\theta} = [\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3]$$

$$grad \cdot model(\vec{\theta}) = [\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_0}, \ldots \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_3}]$$

Feature Scaling

- We can see that our features have very different **ranges and means:**
  - “daily cigarets” is from 0 to 50
  - “bmi” is from 15 to 50
  - “is_male” is from 0 to 1
- Usually, features having different ranges makes learning/gradient descent more difficult

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The solution is to scale all the features to the same range

$$new = \frac{old - mean(old)}{max(old) - min(old)}$$

This way, all features have ranges between -1 and 1, and mean equal to zero

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- After the features have been scaled, we apply Gradient Descent as usual:

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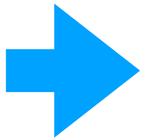

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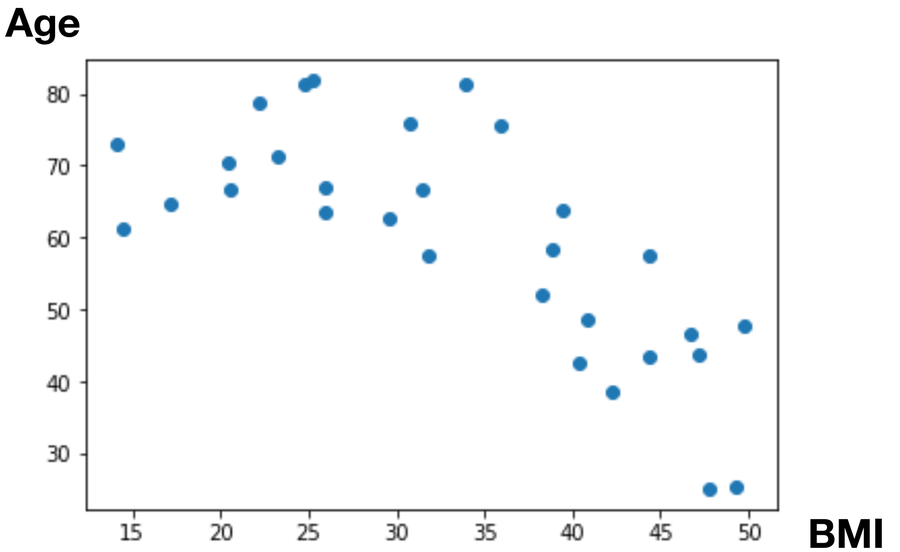
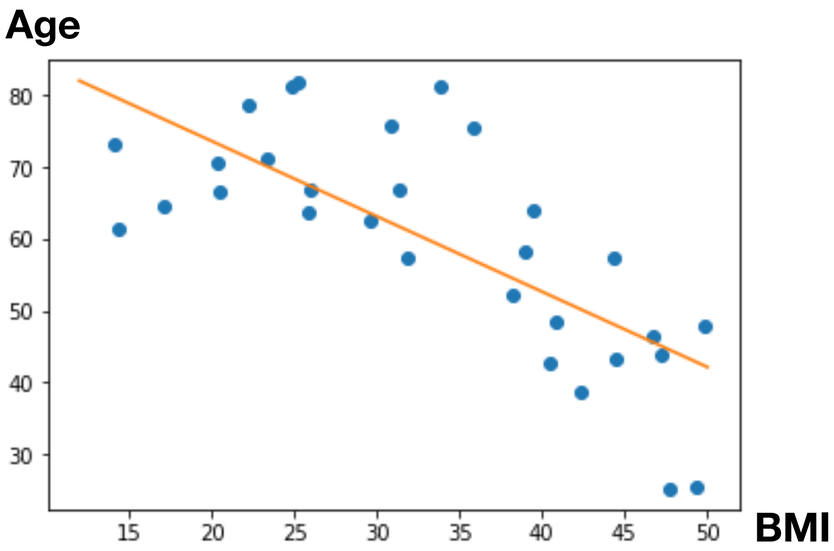
2	-0.268376	-0.535668	-0.566667	73.1
3	0.295726	0.450327	0.433333	25.5
4	0.141880	-0.359197	-0.566667	70.5
5	0.141880	0.139402	0.433333	52.1
6	-0.396581	-0.308777	0.433333	78.6
7	0.244444	-0.451634	-0.566667	64.6
8	0.167521	-0.277965	-0.566667	71.3
9	-0.165812	-0.051074	0.433333	66.8

Learning more complicated functions

- So far, we have only tried to learn linear functions of the data
- We might want to learn more complicated functions
- For example, having a high BMI reduce life expectancy
- But having a very low BMI also reduces life expectancy





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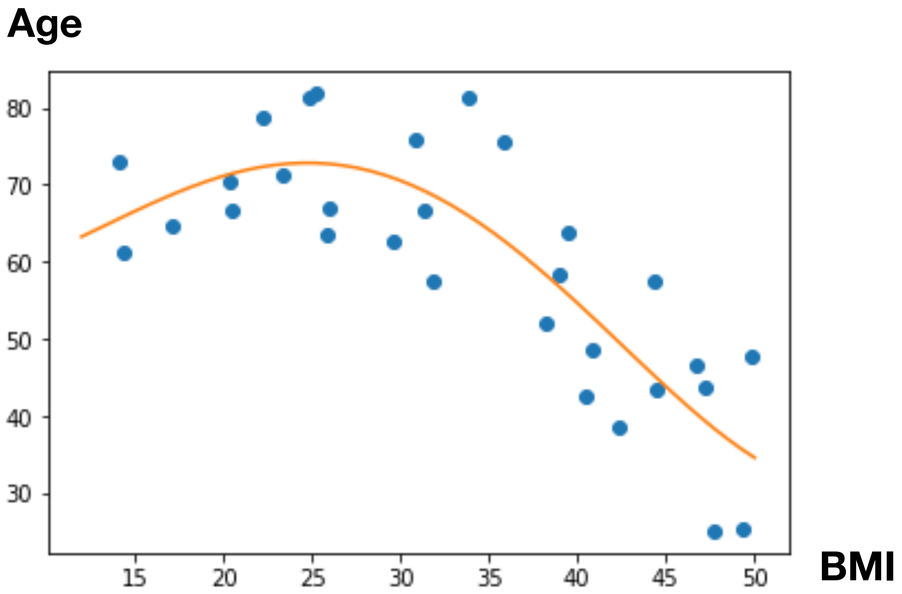

Learning more complex functions: “Expanding the feature space”

- One neat trick to learn more complex functions: Create additional features from existing features
- Then apply linear regression
- Example: From the feature bmi, we add bmi^2, bmi^3 and bmi^4:

	bmi	age of death
0	44.4	43.4
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4	20.4	416.16	8489.664	1.73E+05	70.5
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- This way, we can learn much more complex functions
- After finding the optimal parameters by gradient descent on the Mean Squared Error:

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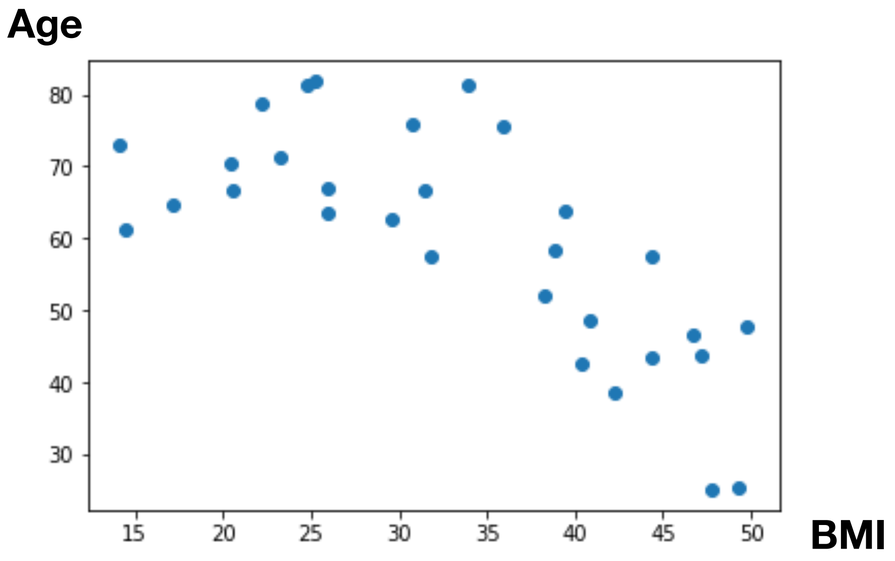

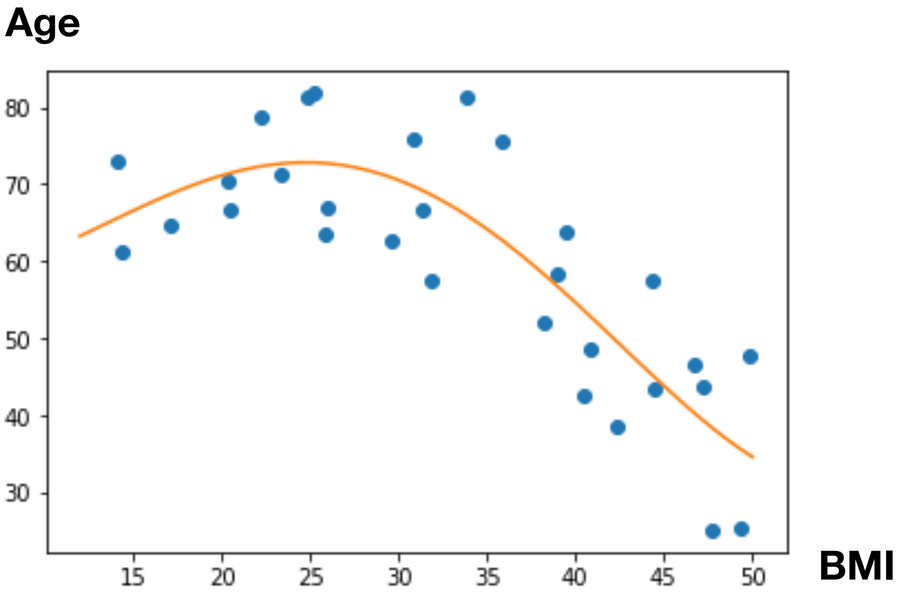

Learning Functions that are too complicated

- Now, we might think:

Cool. I am going to add as many variations of the features as I can. Then my loss (Mean Squared Error) will drop to zero!

	bmi	bmi^2	bmi^3	bmi^4	bmi^5	sin(bmi)	log(bmi)	…	age of death
0	44.4	1971.36	87528.384	3.886260E+06	1.725500E+08	0.405662	3.793239	…	43.4
1	47.7	2275.29	108531.333	5.176945E+06	2.469403E+08	-0.544766	3.864931	…	25.2
2	14.1	198.81	2803.221	3.952542E+04	5.573084E+05	0.999309	2.646175	…	73.1
3	49.3	2430.49	119823.157	5.907282E+06	2.912290E+08	-0.822324	3.897924	…	25.5
4	20.4	416.16	8489.664	1.731891E+05	3.533059E+06	0.999793	3.015535	…	70.5
5	38.2	1459.24	55742.968	2.129381E+06	8.134237E+07	0.480205	3.642836	…	52.1
6	22.2	492.84	10941.048	2.428913E+05	5.392186E+06	-0.207336	3.100092	…	78.6
7	17.1	292.41	5000.211	8.550361E+04	1.462112E+06	-0.984065	2.839078	…	64.6
8	…	…	…	…	…	….	…	…	…

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Learning Functions that are <u>too</u> complicated

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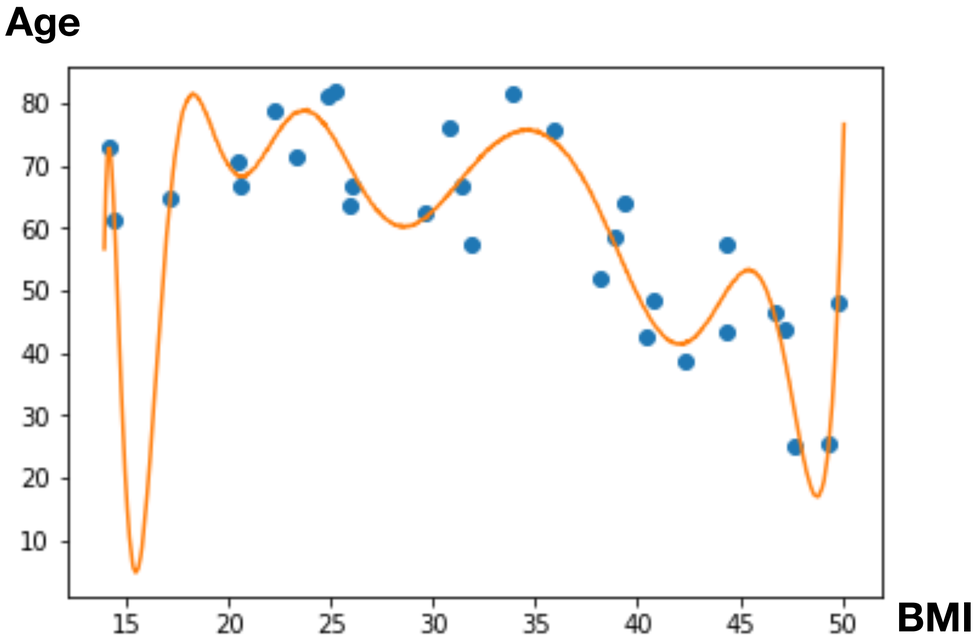

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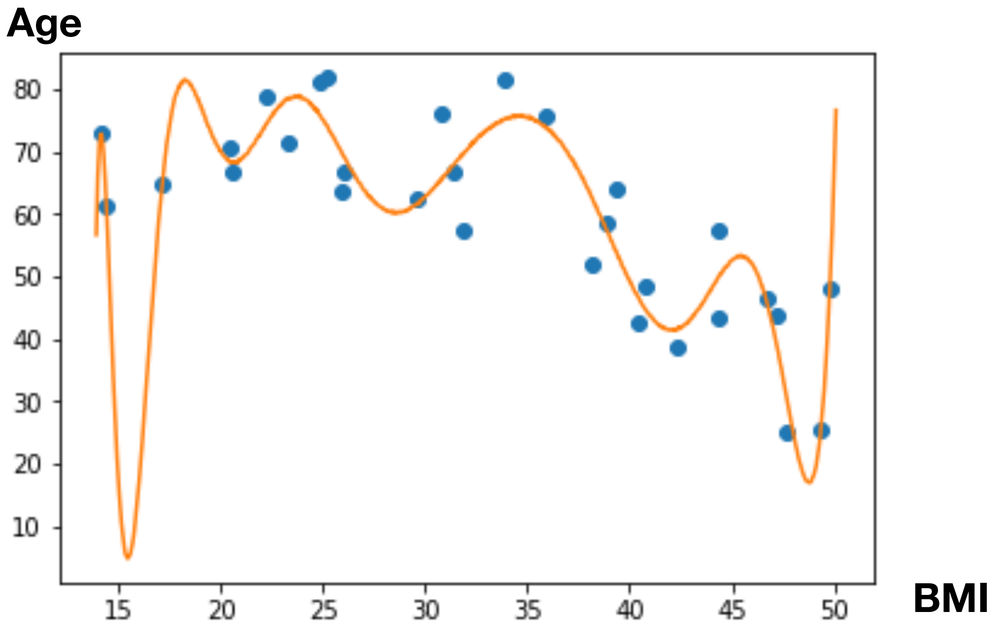
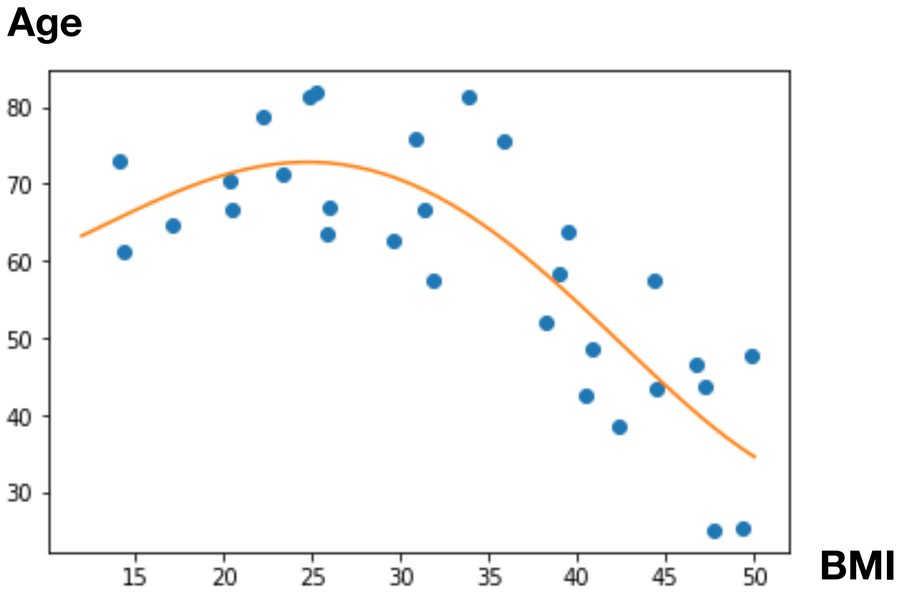


$$MeanSquaredError = 1.3$$

The model predict that somebody with BMI 48 will die at 18
But somebody with BMI 51 is predicted to die at 80

Overfitting

- It turns out that minimizing the loss does not always give the best model….
- This phenomenon is called overfitting



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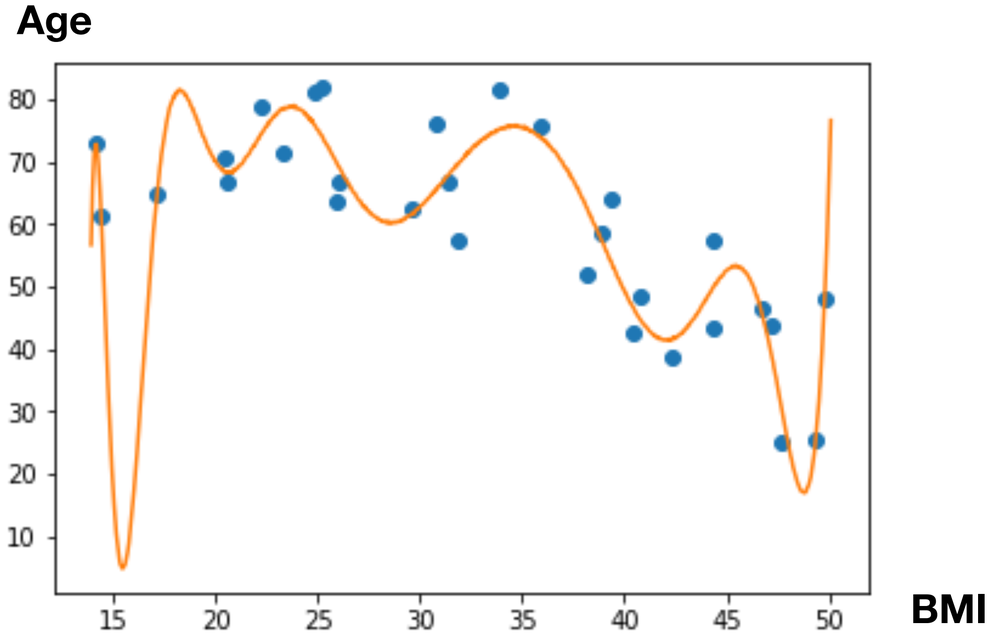

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Overfitting

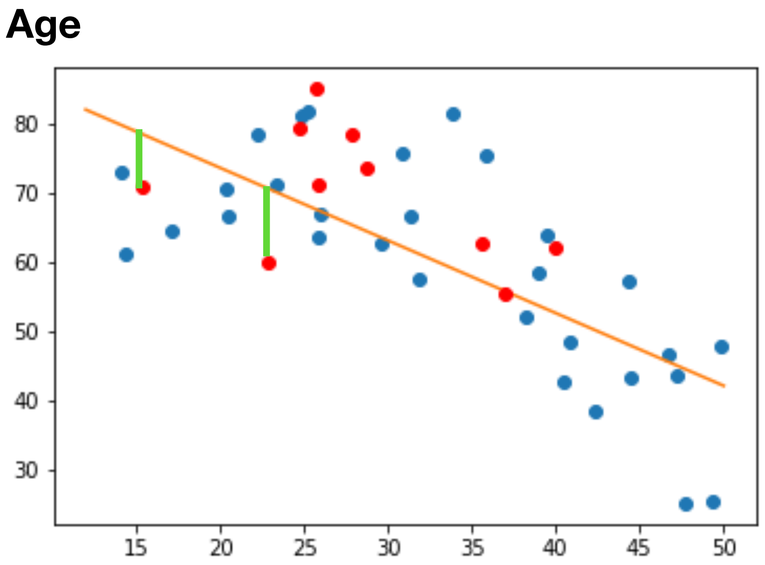
- **Overfitting** is to Machine Learning what **Rote Learning** is to Human Learning
- Instead of understanding the data, the model just memorized all of the examples
- If we ask it to predict the age of death of an example it has seen, it will give very good prediction
- But it will give very bad prediction as soon as we ask him to make a prediction for someone that was not in the example data.
- Very similar to a student that memorize without understanding the answer to a set of exercises in a class. He will do very well in the exam if the exam contains the exercises he studied, but very bad if the exercises are a bit different.

How to detect overfitting?

- Pretty much like we do with humans: We evaluate them with different exercises than the ones they were trained for.
- In practice, it means we separate our example data in 2:
  - Training Data
  - Test Data
- We use the training data to do the Learning (we train the model)
- We use the test data to evaluate the quality of the learning (we test the model)

How to detect overfitting?

- In blue: training examples
- In red: test examples



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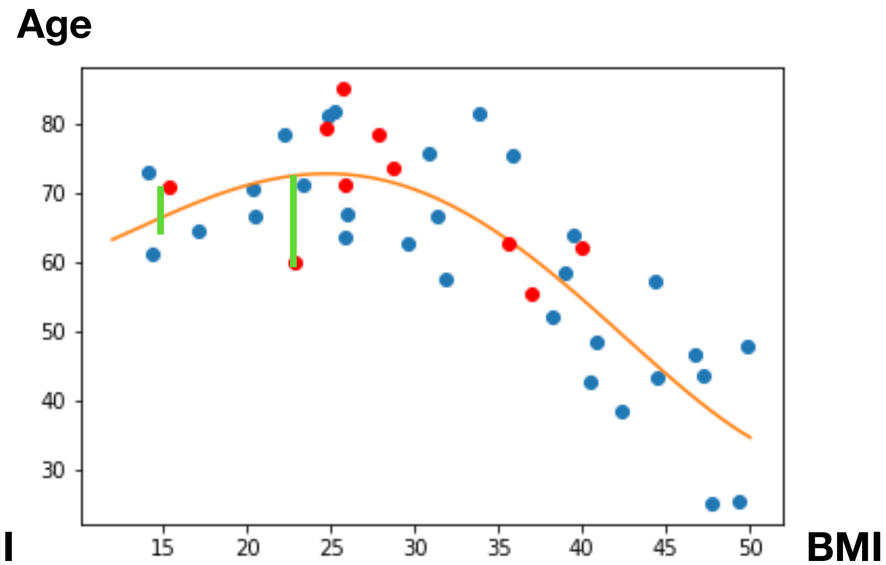

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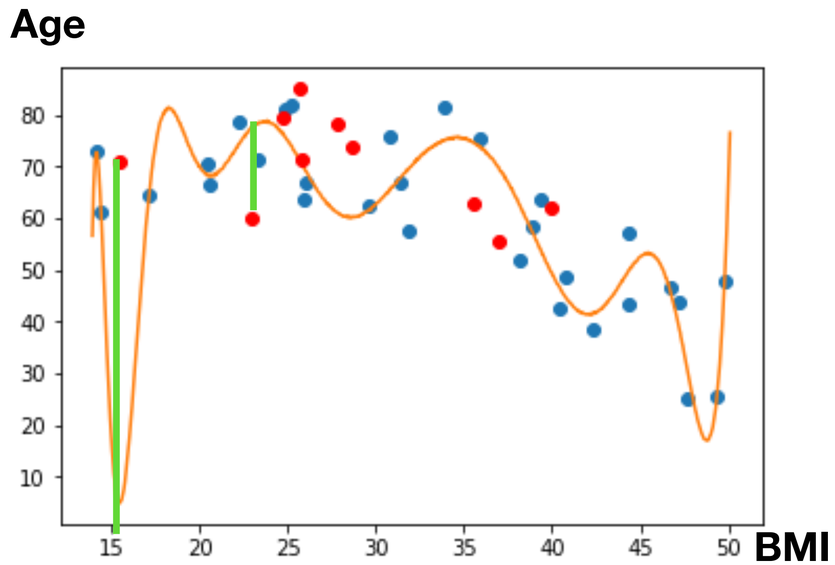


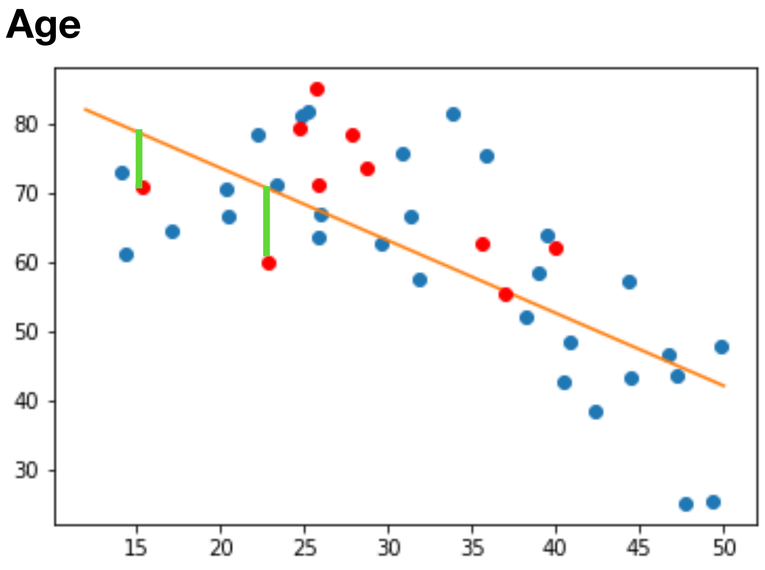
$MeanSquaredError = 1.3$

$TestMeanSquaredError = 24.5$

How to detect overfitting?

- If we see a model with very low training loss and high test loss: it is overfitting!

Linear Model



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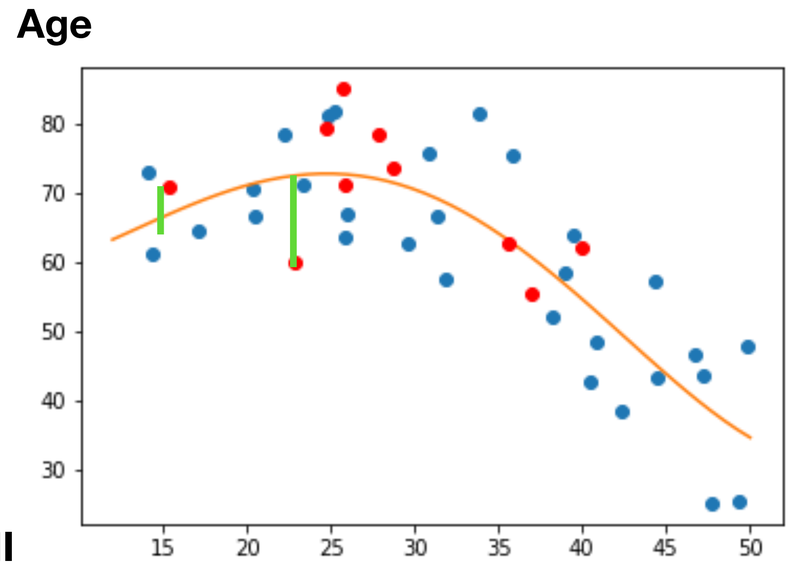
More Complex Model



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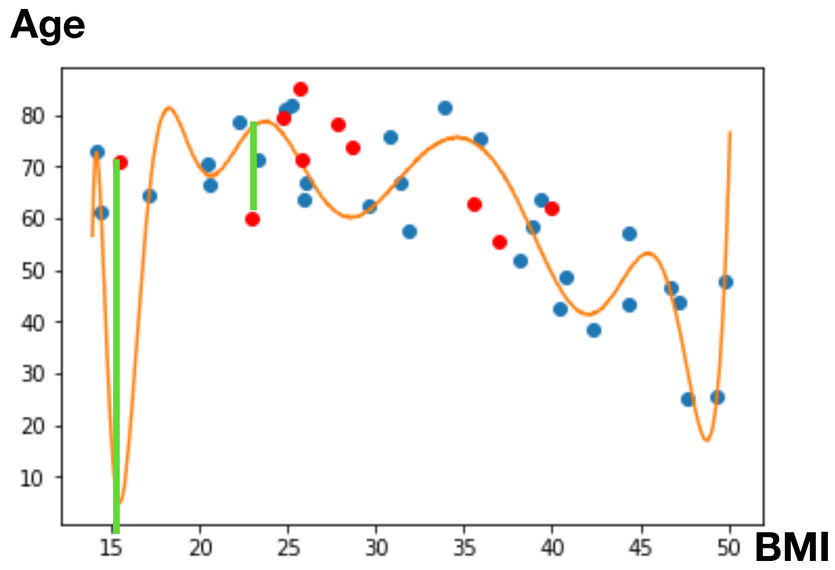
“Too Complex” Model



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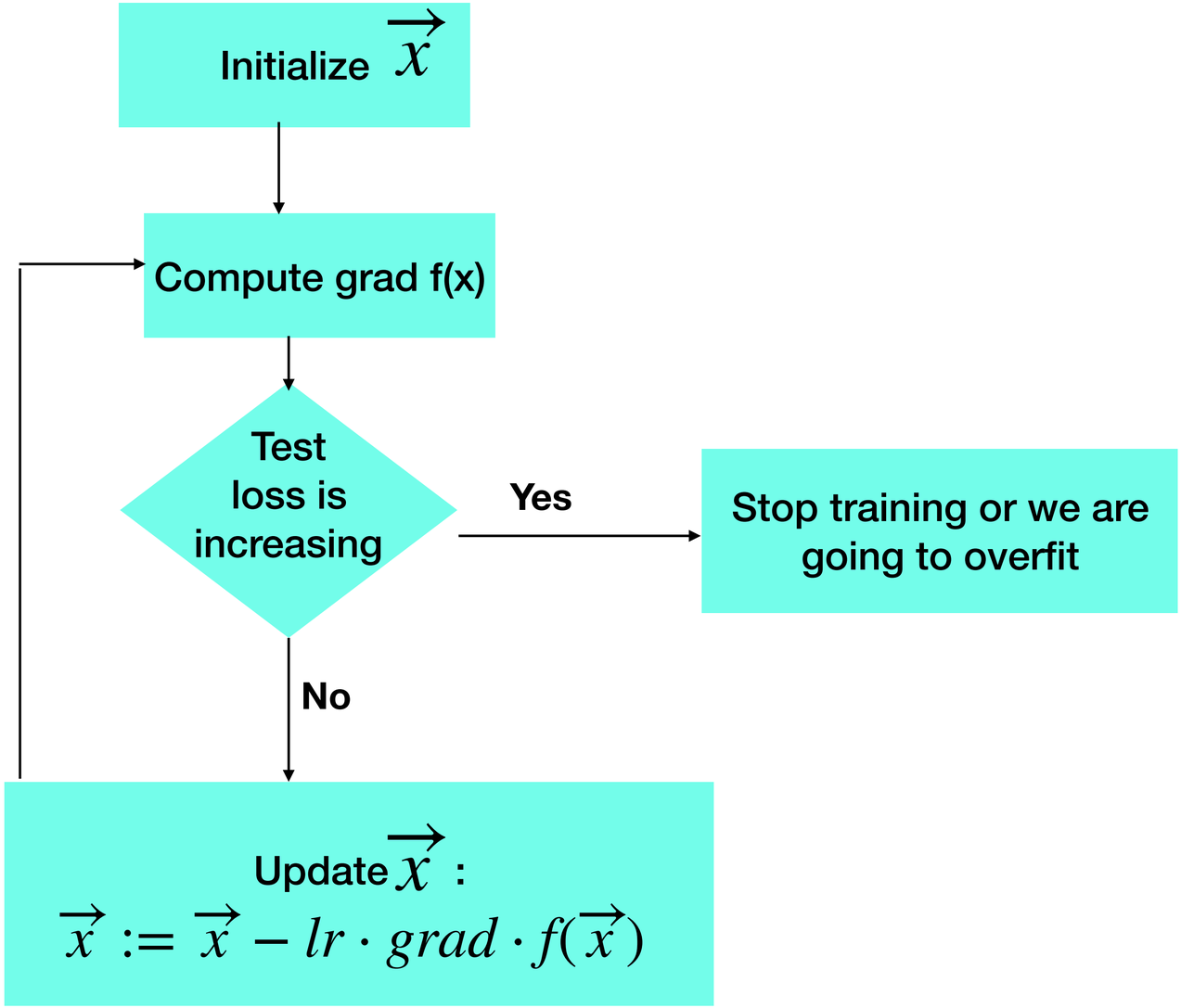
How to prevent overfitting?

- A very **simple** and very **efficient** method for preventing overfitting is called "***early stopping***"

- During the gradient descent, we check the test loss at each iteration. When the test loss starts to increase (or stay unchanged) for a few iteration, we stop the training

Gradient Descent with Early Stopping

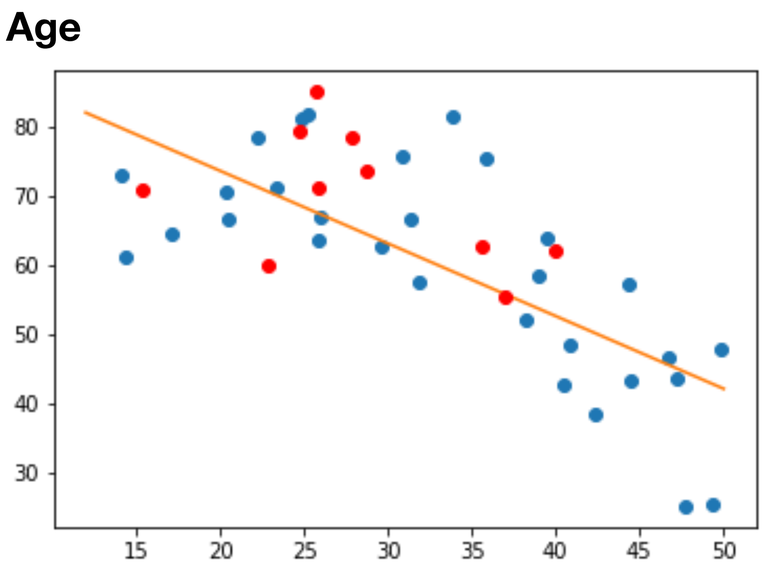


How to prevent overfitting?

- Another method is to reduce the ***capacity*** of the model
- Roughly speaking, the capacity of a model is its ability to adapt to a large number of examples
- The capacity of a model will increase with the number of parameters

How to prevent overfitting: Capacity

Increasing Capacity



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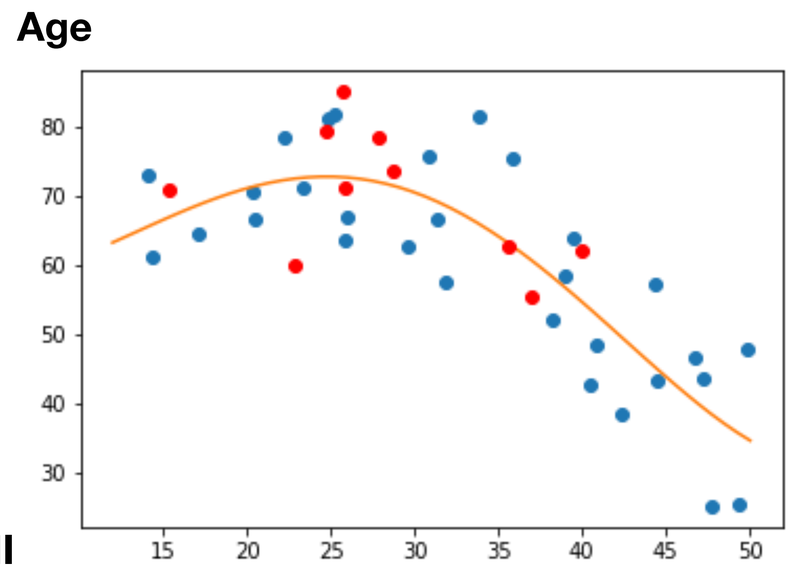

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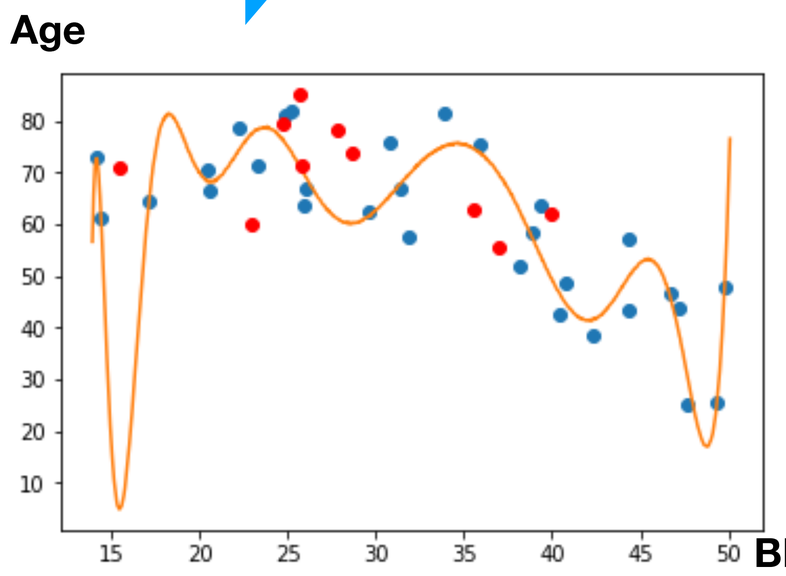

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How to prevent overfitting?

- Models with high capacity can learn more complicated relations
- But they overfit more easily
- A model with very high capacity has the ability to memorize all the training examples (the rote learning problem)
- If we reduce the capacity of a model, we can make it less prone to overfitting

How to prevent overfitting: Capacity

- The simplest way to reduce capacity is to remove some parameters in the model:

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How to prevent overfitting: Capacity

- Another way to reduce the capacity is “force” the model to use small values for the weights
  - By default, the parameters Θ_k can take any value: -100 000, 0.1, 1 000 000
  - If we forbid the model to use very high values for Θ_k, we reduce its capacity: it cannot adapt to data as well as before
- Most practical way to forbid high values: “L2 Regularization”

L2 Regularization

- We note $|\Theta|^2$ the sum of the square of all parameters Θ_k (this is called the "L2 Norm")

- Then we add this quantity to the loss we want to minimize:

$$Loss = MeanSquaredError = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_i (model(cig_i, bmi_i, ismale_i) - age_i)^2$$

$$Loss = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_i (model(cig_i, bmi_i, ismale_i) - age_i)^2 + \lambda \mid \overrightarrow{\theta} \mid^2$$

- Then we apply Gradient Descent to this new loss

Notebook

- Short URL: http://bit.ly/2Ys8mmM
- Long URL: https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1mQV3wndM1mw4vw96Ga9cxM5YhgOuuLOQ

Next

- Next time, we will consider Classification Problems:
  - Predicting if some symptoms are the sign of a disease or not…
  - Predicting if an image represents a cat or a dog
  - Predicting if a text is in French, German or Japanese