

IDEA: FIT A LINE.

$$y = mx + c$$

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At least two points.

Model fitting : find the model parameters (m, c)
that leads to smallest distance.

x	y	Model
x_1	y_1 ← ground truth.	$\hat{y}_1 = mx_1 + c$
x_i	y_i	$\hat{y}_i = mx_i + c$
x_n	y_n	$\hat{y}_n = mx_n + c$

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Training data.

Use the ground truth & model predictions to compute the error (model fit).

$$\epsilon_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

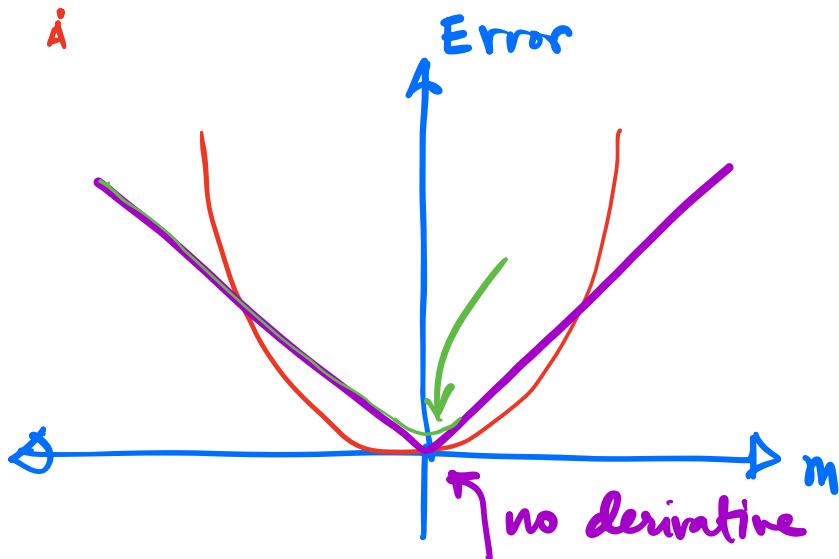
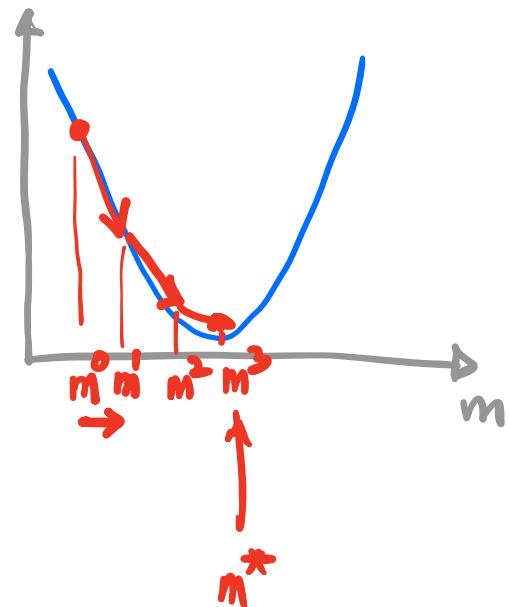
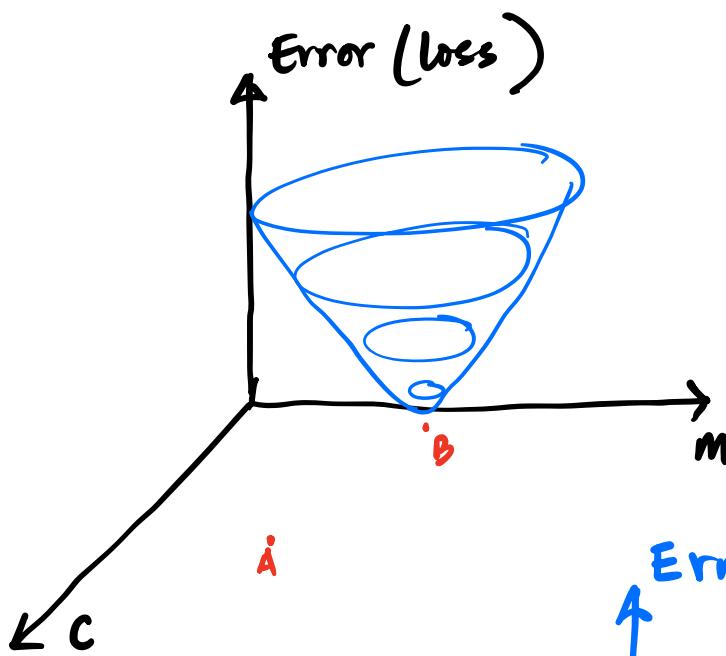
$$= y_i - mx_i - c$$

$$\text{Total error (MSE)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2$$

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Mean Squared Error

Contender:
Sum of absolute differences
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n |\epsilon_i|$

Loss : How to minimize loss?



$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - mx_i - c)^2 = \epsilon$$

We need to compute derivatives w.r.t. both m & c .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial m} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - mx_i - c)(-x_i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i(y_i - mx_i - c) \\ \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial c} &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - mx_i - c)\end{aligned}$$

To solve analytically set to 0 and solve for m & c .

Gradient of the error surface:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial m} \\ \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial c} \end{bmatrix}$$

Good news: For this problem, we are dealing with a quadratic surface.

So, we have a global minima (unique solution).