## Thinking about loss...

A way to measure your accuracy

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#### Make a guess!

Y = 3X - 1

How good is the guess?

Y = 3X - 1









## Houston, we have a problem!



# What if we **square**<sup>2</sup> them?





Total that  $(\Sigma)$  and take the square root  $\checkmark$ 

sqrt(1 + 1 + 4 + 9 + 16)

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= sqrt(31)
= 5.57
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Make another guess!  

$$Y = 2X - 2$$
  
 $X = \{ -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \}$   
My  $Y = \{ -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6 \}$   
Real  $Y = \{ -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7 \}$   
Diff<sup>2</sup> =  $\{ 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 \}$ 



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Get the same
difference, repeat the
same process.
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= sqrt(5) = 2.23



### Make another guess! Y = 2X - 1 $X = \{ -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \}$ My Y = $\{-3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7\}$ Real Y = {-3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7} $Diff^2 = \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$



### Your turn!