

# Lecture 11 (MLE)

## 1 Analytical Solution

$(X^T X)^{-1}$  is pseudo-inverse since  $(X^T X)^{-1} \cdot X = I$ .

## 2 Normalisation (Standardisation) of Data

Change  $x_i$  to  $x'_i$  to have 0 mean and unit variance.

## 3 Probabilistic Interpretation (MLE - Maximum Likelihood Estimate)

1. Predict the distribution  $(x_i, y_i)$  came from
2. Idea is to add noise to prediction  $y_i = \theta^T x_i + N(0, \sigma^2)$
3. Compute  $\prod_{i=1}^m P(y_i|x_i; \theta)$  which is called the likelihood estimate
4. To find the optimal  $\theta$ ,  $argmax$  is taken for the estimate

$$P(y_i|x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_i - \theta^T x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\theta}{argmax} \left( \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^m P(y_i|x_i; \theta)\right) \right) = \underset{\theta}{argmax} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) + \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - \theta^T x_i)^2 \right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\theta}{argmax} LL(\theta) = \underset{\theta}{argmin} (y_i - \theta^T x_i)^2$$

In general, the algorithm computes  $\underset{\theta}{argmax} \log(\prod_{i=1}^m P(y_i|x_i; \theta))$  and  $\log(\prod_{i=1}^m P(y_i|x_i; \theta)) = LL(\theta)$  (log likelihood)