

Homework 1

Data Analysis and Machine Learning FYS-STK3155/FYS4155

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Exercise 1

The first exercise here is of a mere technical art. We want you have installed

- git as a version control software and to establish a user account on a provider like GitHub. Other providers like GitLab etc are equally fine. You can also use the University of Oslo [GitHub facilities](#).
- Install various Python packages

We will make extensive use of Python as programming language and its myriad of available libraries. You will find IPython/Jupyter notebooks invaluable in your work. You can run **R** codes in the Jupyter/IPython notebooks, with the immediate benefit of visualizing your data. You can also use compiled languages like C++, Rust, Fortran etc if you prefer. The focus in these lectures will be on Python, but we will provide many code examples for those of you who prefer R or compiled languages. You can integrate C++ codes and R in for example a Jupyter notebook.

If you have Python installed (we recommend Python3) and you feel pretty familiar with installing different packages, we recommend that you install the following Python packages via **pip** as

1. `pip install numpy scipy matplotlib ipython scikit-learn sympy pandas pillow`

For **Tensorflow**, we recommend following the instructions in the text of [Aurelien Geron, Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow](#), O'Reilly

We will come back to **tensorflow** later.

For Python3, replace **pip** with **pip3**.

For OSX users we recommend, after having installed Xcode, to install **brew**. Brew allows for a seamless installation of additional software via for example

1. `brew install python3`

For Linux users, with its variety of distributions like for example the widely popular Ubuntu distribution, you can use **pip** as well and simply install Python as

1. `sudo apt-get install python3` (or `python` for python2.7)

If you don't want to perform these operations separately and venture into the hassle of exploring how to set up dependencies and paths, we recommend two widely used distributions which set up all relevant dependencies for Python, namely

- [Anaconda](#),

which is an open source distribution of the Python and R programming languages for large-scale data processing, predictive analytics, and scientific computing, that aims to simplify package management and deployment. Package versions are managed by the package management system **conda**.

- [Enthought canopy](#)

is a Python distribution for scientific and analytic computing distribution and analysis environment, available for free and under a commercial license.

We recommend using **Anaconda**.

Exercise 2

We will generate our own dataset for function $y(x)$ where $x \in [0, 2]$ and defined by random numbers computed with the uniform distribution. The function y is a quadratic polynomial in x with added stochastic noise according to the normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(\iota, \infty)$. The following simple Python instructions define our x and y values (with 100 data points). `x = np.random.rand(100,1) y = 5*x*x+0.1*np.random.randn(100,1)`

1. Write your own code (following the examples under the [regression slides](#) for computing the parametrization of the data set fitting a second-order polynomial.
2. Use thereafter **scikit-learn** (see again the examples in the regression slides) and compare with your own code.
3. Using scikit-learn, compute also the mean square error, a risk metric corresponding to the expected value of the squared (quadratic) error or loss defined as

$$MSE(\hat{y}, \tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y_i - \tilde{y}_i)^2,$$

and the R^2 score function. If \tilde{y}_i is the predicted value of the i -th sample and y_i is the corresponding true value, then the score R^2 is defined as

$$R^2(\hat{y}, \tilde{y}) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y_i - \tilde{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y_i - \bar{y})^2},$$

where we have defined the mean value of \hat{y} as

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y_i.$$

Discuss the meaning of these results. Try also to vary the coefficient in front of the added stochastic noise term and discuss the quality of the fits.

Exercise 3, variance of the parameters β in linear regression

Show that the variance of the parameters β in the linear regression method (chapter 3, equation (3.8) of [Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome H. Friedman, The Elements of Statistical Learning, Springer](#)) is given as

$$\mathrm{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \left(\hat{X}^T \hat{X} \right)^{-1} \sigma^2,$$

with

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N - p - 1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \tilde{y}_i)^2,$$

where we have assumed that we fit a function of degree $p - 1$ (for example a polynomial in x).