

Consider 3 weight vectors with 3 dimensions:

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \langle 1.0, -2.0, 0.5 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \langle 0.1, -0.2, 0.05 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{w}_3 = \langle 100.0, -200.0, 50.0 \rangle$$

On a training dataset, they give the following errors:

$$L(\mathbf{w}_1) = 10.0$$

$$L(\mathbf{w}_2) = 100.0$$

$$L(\mathbf{w}_3) = 8.0$$

1. Calculate the L2 norm of each weight vector.

$$\|\mathbf{w}_1\| = ?$$

$$\|\mathbf{w}_2\| = ?$$

$$\|\mathbf{w}_3\| = ?$$

Assume you apply L2 regularization, where you minimize the combined function:

$$L(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda R(\mathbf{w}), \text{ where } R(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{w}\|.$$

(Note: more often, the *squared* L2 norm is used for L2 regularization, but here let's use the L2 norm without squaring it).

2. For each of the 3 weight vectors, and each of the following values of λ , calculate the value of the function, $L(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda R(\mathbf{w})$.

| | $\lambda=0.001$ | $\lambda=0.1$ | $\lambda=100.0$ |
|-------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| w_1 | ? | ? | ? |
| w_2 | ? | ? | ? |
| w_3 | ? | ? | ? |

3. Based on your answer to Question 2, for each value of λ , say which weight vector is optimal.

For each one, say whether you think it is overfitting, underfitting, or neither. (There is no single best answer here.)

$\lambda=.001$: ?

$\lambda=0.1$: ?

$\lambda=100$: ?

3. Assume you are using an SVM. Calculate the margin for each weight vector.

Margin with \mathbf{w}_1 : ?

Margin with \mathbf{w}_2 : ?

Margin with \mathbf{w}_3 : ?

5. Discuss how adjusting λ adjusts the tradeoff of bias and variance.