

Assignment 1 – Linear models for regression

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Exercise 1 (70%)

We consider a system where the input is time, t , and the output is described by the following function: $y(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$. The time t is limited to the following interval $t \in [0 : 1]$. We perform a measurement of the system's output at specific times t_k , where $k = 0, 1, \dots$ is a discrete index. The recorded signal, will be corrupted by the noise, n_k , is now expressed as:

$$y_k = \sin(2\pi t_k) + n_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, L \quad (1)$$

where n_k is the measurement noise, drawn from the Gaussian distribution with zero mean and variance σ^2 , i.e. $n_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

1. Plot y_k given the following time-interval $t_k = 0 : 0.01 : 1$. Assume that the noise is zero. Since the time interval (sampling time) is small $\Delta t = 0.01$ s, this will emulate a continuous signal $y(t)$.
2. In the same figure, plot y_k (when plotting do not connect the dots) when t_k is drawn from the uniform distribution in the range from 0 to 1, i.e. $t_k \sim \mathcal{UI}[0; 1]$. Choose the length of the vector t_k to be 100. Set the variance of the noise, σ^2 to 0.09. Comment on the figure by describing the impact of the measurement noise, and the fact that t_k is sampled from the uniform distribution and not regular grid.
3. Plot y_k for the noise variance of $\sigma^2 = 0.09$ and $\sigma^2 = 0.4$ on y_k . Comment on the results.

We are now going to assume that we do not know the analytical how t_k is related to y_k . The objective is to then learn it from the recorded training data-set, $\mathcal{D} = [t_k, y_k]$, where $k = 1, \dots, L$, and L is the length of the data-set.

The training data-set consists of the inputs $\mathbf{X} = [t_1, t_2, \dots, t_L]^T$ and the outputs $\mathbf{Y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_L]^T$, data, where T denotes the transpose. The data-set is denoted $\mathcal{D}^{L \times 2} = [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]$. Since we assume that we do not know the exact analytical expression for the function, $y(t_k)$, we will assume the following model (polynomial):

$$\hat{y}(t_k, \mathbf{W}) = w_0 + w_1 t_k + w_2 t_k^2 + \dots + w_M t_k^M = \sum_{j=0}^M w_j t_k^j \quad (2)$$

where M and $\mathbf{W} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_M]$ are the unknown polynomial order and the unknown weight vector (adjustable model parameters), respectively. First, we assume a certain value of M and determine the weight vector, and later we determine the optimum M .

1. Use the lecture slides and implement the gradient descent based iterative algorithm for determining the weights $\mathbf{W} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_M]$. Assume $L = 100$, $\sigma^2 = 0.2$, $M = 3$, $\eta = 0.3$. Use $L_{iter} = 3000$ iterations for the gradient descent.

2. Plot the mean square error between the learned model, $\hat{y}(t_k, \mathbf{W})$ and the training data $\mathbf{Y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_L]^T$ as a function of the number of iterations, L_{iter} . What can be concluded by observing the evolution of the mean square error? Comment on if we are able to learn the model between the input, t_k , and the output data, y_k .
3. Evaluate the learned model, $\hat{y}(t_k, \mathbf{W})$, by testing it for the unseen input data given by the following vector $t'_k = 0 : 0.01 : 1$. Plot $\hat{y}(t_k, \mathbf{W})$ together with $y_k = \sin(2\pi t'_k)$. Plot also the training data. Comment on the results!
4. Repeat task 3 by varying the length of L from 10 to 100 in steps of 10. Adjust η and the number of iterations to obtain the best fit. Assume $\sigma^2 = 0.3$ and $M = 3$. What is the impact of decreasing the training data set L ?

Instead of using the gradient descent to determine the weights \mathbf{W} , it is more convenient to use Moore-Penrose Pseudo-Inverse (MPPI). The weight vector \mathbf{W} can then be obtained in a single step without the need to adjust the step-size η .

1. Use the lecture slides and implement the MPPI method for determining the weights $\mathbf{W} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_M]$. Assume $L = 100$, $\sigma^2 = 0.3$, $M = 3$.
2. Evaluate the learned model, $\hat{y}(t_k, \mathbf{W})$, by testing it for $t' = 0 : 0.01 : 1$ and plotting it against $y_k = \sin(2\pi t'_k)$. Compare the results with the ones obtained using the gradient descent by plotting the results in the same figure.
3. Set the length of the data-set L to 100 $\sigma^2 = 0.9$. Employ 10-fold cross-validation for learning and testing the model. This implies that you use 90 points for training and 10 for testing. By shuffling the test-set through the data-set you will obtain 10 test-sets and therefore you will obtain 10 different values for the weight vector \mathbf{W} . (Please consult the slides on how to perform cross-validation).
4. Evaluate and plot the root mean square error on the training and test-sets for each of the folds. The root mean square error is defined as:

$$E_{RMS} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{L_{train/test}} \sum_{k=0}^{L_{train/test}} [y_{k,train/test} - \hat{y}(x_{k,train/test}, \mathbf{W})]^2 \right)} \quad (3)$$

where $L_{train/test}$ is the length of the training and the test-set, respectively. $x_{k,train/test}$ and $y_{k,train/test}$ are the input/output values belonging to the training and test-set, respectively.

5. Plot the training error and test root mean square error as a function of the polynomial order M ranging from 1 to 11. How do we find the right polynomial model order?

Exercise 2 (30%)

The goal of the following exercise is to implement Rosenblatt perceptron and use it for learning logical gates functions.

1. Implement AND, OR and XOR table.
2. Generate a training and test-set by performing uniform sampling from AND table. Set the length of the training and test-set to 2000, respectively. HINT: to perform uniform sampling first generate a vector $\mathbf{X} = \text{randi}(4, 1, L)$, where L is the length of the vector.

3. Use the slides (book) and implement a Rosenblatt perceptron. Plot the mean square error computed on the training and the test-set. Use $\eta = 10^{-6}$. Comment on the results!
4. Repeat item 2–3 for OR and XOR gate. Can you learn OR and XOR gate? Comment on the results