

Exercise 2

We start by calculating the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i^* - X_i \beta)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N -2X_i^T (y_i^* - X_i \beta) \\ &= -2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T y_i^* - \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i \right) \beta \right).\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

Because the two classes are balanced, the first sum can be rewritten in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T y_i^* &= \sum_{y_i^*=1} X_i^T - \sum_{y_i^*=-1} X_i^T \\ &= \frac{N}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

This will be the right-hand side of the desired equation. To derive the left-hand side, we will work backwards:

$$\begin{aligned}N\Sigma &= \sum_{y_i^*=1} (X_i - \mu_1)^T (X_i - \mu_1) + \sum_{y_i^*=-1} (X_i - \mu_{-1})^T (X_i - \mu_{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{y_i^*=1} (X_i^T X_i - X_i^T \mu_1 - \mu_1^T X_i + \mu_1^T \mu_1) + \sum_{y_i^*=-1} (X_i^T X_i - X_i^T \mu_{-1} - \mu_{-1}^T X_i + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i - \left(\sum_{y_i^*=1} X_i^T \right) \mu_1 - \mu_1^T \left(\sum_{y_i^*=1} X_i \right) + \frac{N}{2} \mu_1^T \mu_1 \\ &\quad - \left(\sum_{y_i^*=-1} X_i^T \right) \mu_{-1} - \mu_{-1}^T \left(\sum_{y_i^*=-1} X_i \right) + \frac{N}{2} \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i - \frac{N}{2} (\mu_1^T \mu_1 + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1}).\end{aligned}$$

We add the second term of the left-hand side, namely $\frac{1}{4}(\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T(\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Sigma + \frac{1}{4}(\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T(\mu_1 - \mu_{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i - \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1^T \mu_1 + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1}) + \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1^T \mu_1 - \mu_1^T \mu_{-1} - \mu_{-1}^T \mu_1 + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i - \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1^T \mu_1 + \mu_1^T \mu_{-1} + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_1 + \mu_{-1}^T \mu_{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i - \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1 + \mu_{-1})^T (\mu_1 + \mu_{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i. \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

For the last step, note that because the data are assumed to be centered, we find that $\mu_1 + \mu_{-1} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i = 0$, thus the last term vanishes. Putting everything together, we get the desired equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i^* - X_i \beta)^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\
& \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T y_i^* = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i^T X_i \right) \beta \\
& \stackrel{(2),(3)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{N}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T = N \left(\Sigma + \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1}) \right) \beta \\
& \Rightarrow \Sigma \beta + \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1}) \beta = \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_{-1})^T.
\end{aligned}$$