

# CS171 PS1

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Consider the following 1-dimensional regression dataset

$x$	$y$
0	1
2	-3
2	-2
3	-3
-1	-1
1	-1

Fit a third-degree polynomial to this data using least squares regression. You may use Matlab to do the calculations (matrix inversions, for instance), but show all of your steps. Write the resulting  $f(x)$  as a third degree polynomial in  $x$ .

Let  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^3 & x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^3 & x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ x_3^3 & x_3^2 & x_3 & 1 \\ x_4^3 & x_4^2 & x_4 & 1 \\ x_5^3 & x_5^2 & x_5 & 1 \\ x_6^3 & x_6^2 & x_6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 27 & 9 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow Y = Xw$$

Use  $w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 8 & 27 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 27 & 9 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & 8 & 27 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7419 \\ -0.2339 \\ -1.5161 \\ 0.3962 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{solved by Matlab})$$

Use Matlab to plot the resulting function and data on the same plot (the data as points, the function as a smooth curve), on the range of  $x \in [-1, 4]$ .

Now perform the same two steps again (calculate the third-degree polynomial fit and plot the resulting function with the data) for ridge regression with  $\lambda = 5$ .

