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# Homework 2: Linear Regression

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## Problem 2.1

To minimize the MSE of $\theta$, we computer our estimator $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg\min_{\theta} \|\mathsf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_{\mathbf{2}}^{\mathbf{2}}$$

Expanding that out, we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathsf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_{\mathbf{2}}^{\mathbf{2}} &= (\mathsf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathsf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta) \\
&= \mathsf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y} - \mathsf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta - \theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y} + \theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta \\
&= \mathsf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y} - \mathbf{2}\theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y} + \theta^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta
\end{aligned}$$

From there, we take the derivative w.r.t. $\theta$:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} = 2\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}\theta - \mathbf{2}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y}$$

After setting this derivative to zero and solving for $\theta$, we find that our solution is:

$$\hat{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X})^{-\mathbf{1}}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{y}$$

## Problem 2.2

Since know that $\epsilon$ is distributed normally, we can use the general multivariate normal distribution formula to derive our expression for the MLE of $\theta^*$:

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathsf{y}, \mathbf{X}|\theta, \mathbf{\Sigma}^*) = \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{2}\pi^{\frac{\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{2}}}|\mathbf{\Sigma}^*|^{\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{2}}}}\mathbf{e}^{-\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{2}}(\mathsf{y}-\mathbf{X}\theta)^{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{*-\mathbf{1}}(\mathsf{y}-\mathbf{X}\theta)}$$

To find the MLE, we first take the natural log, then we take the derivative and set it to zero. After that, we solve for $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\hat{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{*-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{*-1}\mathsf{y}$$

This is very similar to the solution of Problem 2.1 above, with the exception that it's now being weighted by the inverse covariance matrix $\Sigma^{*-1}$

## Problem 2.3

The distribution of the MLE of $\theta^*$ is:

$$\hat{\theta} \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta^*, (X^T\Sigma^{*-1}X)^{-1})$$

## Problem 2.4

With x being a new sample and $\hat{\theta}$ being the MLE of $\theta^*$, we can say that based on what we derived above, the MLE of $\hat{y}$ is exactly $x^T\hat{\theta}$

## Problem 2.5

Borrowing from 2.3 and knowing that $\hat{y} = x^T\hat{\theta}$, we say that:

$$\hat{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(x^T\theta^*, x^T(X^T\Sigma^{*-1}X)^{-1}x)$$

## Problem 2.6

We'll take a similiar approach as in Problem 2.2, so first we take the natural log, take the derivative w.r.t. $\Sigma^*$, set it to zero, and then solve for $\Sigma^*$. Doing so, we get:

$$\Sigma^* = (\mathsf{y} - \mathsf{X}\theta)(\mathsf{y} - \mathsf{X}\theta)^{\mathsf{T}}$$

## Problem 2.7

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$$ln(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}}) = ln((2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}}|\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$