

Start simple w/ Linear Regression

Let's continue using house price example but use an input or feature in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  - so sq ft and number of bedrooms -

so  $x$ 's  $\in \mathbb{R}^2$  and for notation

$$x_1^{(i)} = \text{sq ft of house } (i)$$

$$x_2^{(i)} = \# \text{ of bedrooms in house } (i)$$

Now, want to decide what should look like.

Here, we are doing linear regression (really affine) in  $x$ .

$$\text{i.e. } h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2$$

where  $\theta_i$  are the parameters in our model (sometimes called weights)

so regression here means choosing the "best" weights

$$\text{note } h_{\theta}(x): \begin{matrix} x \rightarrow y \\ \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$$

often will write  $h$ , not  $h_\theta$ , sometimes even  $h(x; \theta)$ .

Depends on if we want to emphasize parameter dependence.

Also, for linear regression sometimes introduce

$x_0 = 1$  (intercept form)

$d \ll \#$  of input variables, not counting intercept one

$$h(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d \theta_i x_i = \theta^T x = \theta \cdot x = (\theta, x)$$

So how do we choose the  $\theta_i$ ?

will do dumb but generalizable way, then linear algebra way.

The  $\theta_i$ 's depend on how we define a good fit.

Have some sense  $h(x)$  should be close to  $y$  for our training set — seems reasonable.

Thus, we write down a measure of goodness of fit.

Call it:

- Loss function

- Cost

- Energy

- Error

Etc.

Arbitrary choice:

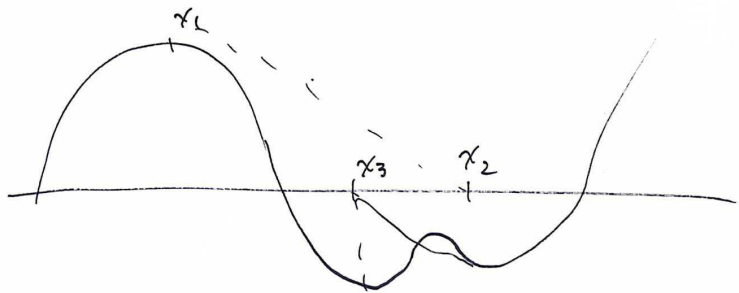
$$J(\Theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

And the goal is to find  $\Theta$  to make this as small as possible.

(This special choice of  $J$  called ordinary least squares)  
so want  $\Theta$  to minimize  $J$

or  $\Theta$  that satisfies  $\underset{\Theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\Theta) = \Theta$   
 $\downarrow$   
Argument that minimizes.

Want to describe an algorithm to find  $\Theta$ :  
start w/ initial guess for  $\Theta$  and use algorithm  
that changes  $\Theta$ . slowly hopefully making  $J$   
smaller at each step.



## Gradient Descent

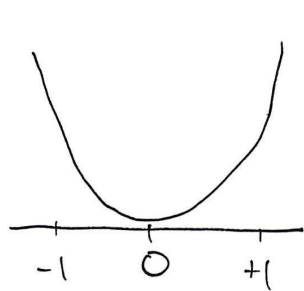
start w/  $\Theta$  guess and want formula for next  $\tilde{\Theta}$ .

$$\tilde{\Theta}_j = \Theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} J(\Theta)$$

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This is update for  $j^{\text{th}}$  component but would update  $\Theta_j$  simultaneously

Basically, --- is a gradient:  $\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta - \alpha \nabla J(\Theta)$

Interestingly,  $\alpha$  is called the learning rate.



$$x^2 \quad \nabla J(x) = 2x$$

$$- \alpha 2$$

$$1 - 1 \cdot 2$$

The gradient of  $J$  gives the direction in which  $J(\theta)$  is increasing the fastest, so  $-\nabla J(\theta)$  is steepest descent.

Thus, we need to figure out  $\nabla J(\theta)$ .

## Gradient Descent For Least Squares

$$\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta - \alpha \nabla J(\Theta)$$

Need to figure out  $\nabla J(\Theta)$

$$\text{Recall } J(\Theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d \Theta_i x_i = \Theta^T x$$

$$x_0 = 1$$

Start w/  $n=1$ , so no sum in  $T$

training set is  $(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} J(\Theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} \frac{1}{2} (h_{\Theta}(x) - y)^2$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (h_{\Theta}(x) - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} (h_{\Theta}(x) - y)$$

$$= (h_{\Theta}(x) - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_j} \left( \sum_{i=0}^d \Theta_i x_i - y \right)$$

$$= (h_{\Theta}(x) - y) x_j$$

If only have one training example,  
then the update is

$$\tilde{\Theta}_j = \Theta_j + \alpha (y^{(i)} - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}$$

Note: magnitude of update  $\propto$  error term  
proportional to  $(y^{(i)} - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)}))$

If your prediction nearly predicts value of  $y^{(i)}$ ,  
then little update.

What about more data? " $\sum$ " is linear or is  
the derivative

$$\tilde{\Theta}_j = \Theta_j + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) x_j^{(i)}, \forall j$$

$$\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) x^{(i)}$$

OR

Annotations:  $\tilde{\Theta}$  is labeled "OR" and "vectors".  $\Theta$  is labeled "vectors".  $y^{(i)}$  and  $x^{(i)}$  are labeled "scalars".

called batch gradient descent

- uses all training data in every step for update to the parameters  $\tilde{\Theta}$ .

$$h_{\Theta}(x) : \underset{\mathbb{R}^n}{x} \rightarrow \underset{\mathbb{R}}{y}$$

$J$  is in this case convex so should have a unique solution  $\hat{\Theta}$ ; gradient descent should converge.



Can modify gradient in various ways to get good optimization schemes.

As an alternative, we can use the single update rule but w/ more data.

for  $i=1, \dots, n$

$$\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta + \alpha (y^{(i)} - h_{\Theta}(x^{(i)})) x^{(i)}$$

Repeat until whole thing has converged.

So we just keep updating  $\tilde{\Theta}$  one data point at a time - called

Stochastic Gradient Descent

(incremental)

Update as data is introduced instead of using all the data.