

Ridge regression solution:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underbrace{\|Y - X\beta\|_2^2}_{\text{RSS}} + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 = \underbrace{\|Y - X\beta\|^T (Y - X\beta)}_{Y^T Y - 2Y^T X\beta + \beta^T X^T X \beta} + \underbrace{\lambda \cdot \beta^T \beta}_{\lambda \cdot \beta^T G \beta} = f(\beta)$$

Let's use a more general penalty: $\lambda \cdot \beta^T G \beta$, where G is ~~some~~ an appropriate penalty matrix, e.g., $G = I$ in ridge reg.
If G is ~~of~~ symmetric pd, or X is of full rank, solution is unique.

$$\nabla_{\beta} f(\beta) = -2X^T Y + 2X^T X \beta + 2\lambda G \beta \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$(X^T X + \lambda G) \cdot \beta = X^T Y \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{\lambda} = (X^T X + \lambda G)^{-1} \cdot X^T Y.$$

Check 2nd order conditions - skipped here.

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$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(\beta) = \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 = Y^T Y - 2Y^T X\beta + \beta^T X^T X\beta.$$

Want: $\min_{\beta} f(\beta)$ subject to $\beta^T \beta \leq S$; $\Leftrightarrow \beta^T \beta - S \leq 0$

Construct a Lagrangian obj. fun: $f(\beta, \gamma) = \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \underbrace{\gamma \cdot (\|\beta\|_2^2 - S)}_{\text{Lagrange penalty}}$

Now, minimize $f(\beta, \gamma)$ wrt β, γ jointly.

$$\nabla_{\beta} f(\beta, \gamma) = -2X^T Y + 2X^T X\beta + 2\gamma \cdot I \cdot \beta = 0 \quad \text{eq (a)}$$

$$\nabla_{\gamma} f(\beta, \gamma) = \beta^T \beta - S = 0 \quad \text{eq (b)}$$

From eq. (a): $\hat{\beta}_{\gamma} = (X^T X + \gamma \cdot I)^{-1} \cdot X^T \cdot Y$

eq. (b): $\beta^T \beta = S$

For a general value of γ , $\beta^T \beta = S$ won't hold, but we can pick the value of γ (will depend on S) such that $\hat{\beta}_{\gamma}^T \hat{\beta}_{\gamma} = S$.

More general constrained optimization optimality conditions: KKT (KKT: Karush-Kuhn-Tucker).