

CPSC 340 – Tutorial 4

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Agenda

- Optimization: Minimum and Minimizer
- Matrix/Vector/Norm Notation (Assign-related)
- Minimizing Quadratic Functions as Linear Systems (Assign-related)

Optimization

Optimization, can simply be the art of making decisions that would give the best results.

- In optimization, you can either be minimizing a function

$$\min_x (x - a)^2 + b$$

- to get a minimum value
- Or maximizing the function to get a maximum value

$$\max_x (x - a)^2 + b$$

- For every function, there is a minimum and its minimizer or a maximum and its maximizer

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Minimize the function with respect to x and return the **minimum** value and the **minimizer**

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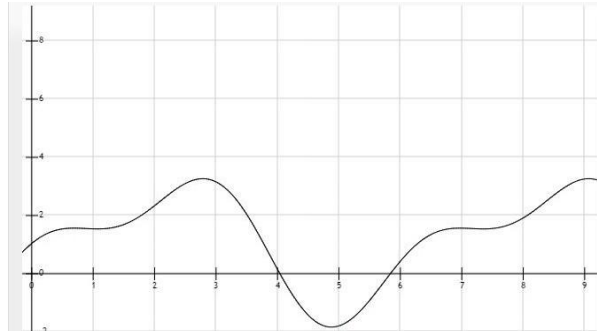
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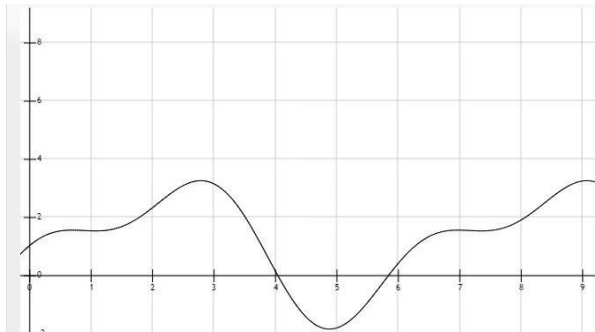
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What would the minimum and the minimizer be?

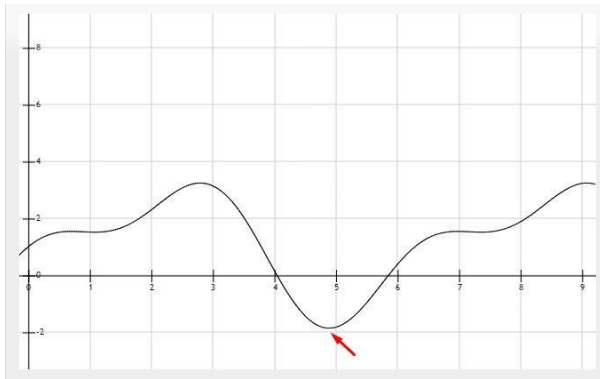
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What the code looks like

```
1 def function(x):
2     out = (np.sin(x-0.5) + np.cos(x)**2) * 2
3     return out
4
5
6 x = np.array([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8])
7
8 print('function f(x)', function(x))
```

```
function f(x) [ 1.04114892  1.54270424  2.34134635  3.15711457  0.15293351 -1.79413176
 0.43277331  1.56697719  1.91834047]
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1 'minimum', min(function(x))
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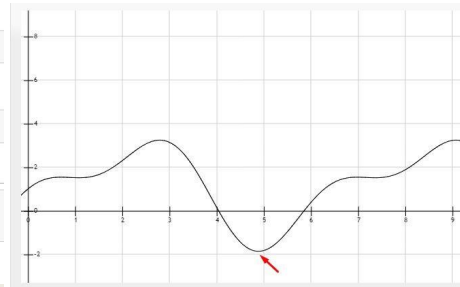
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('minimum', -1.7941317644066466)
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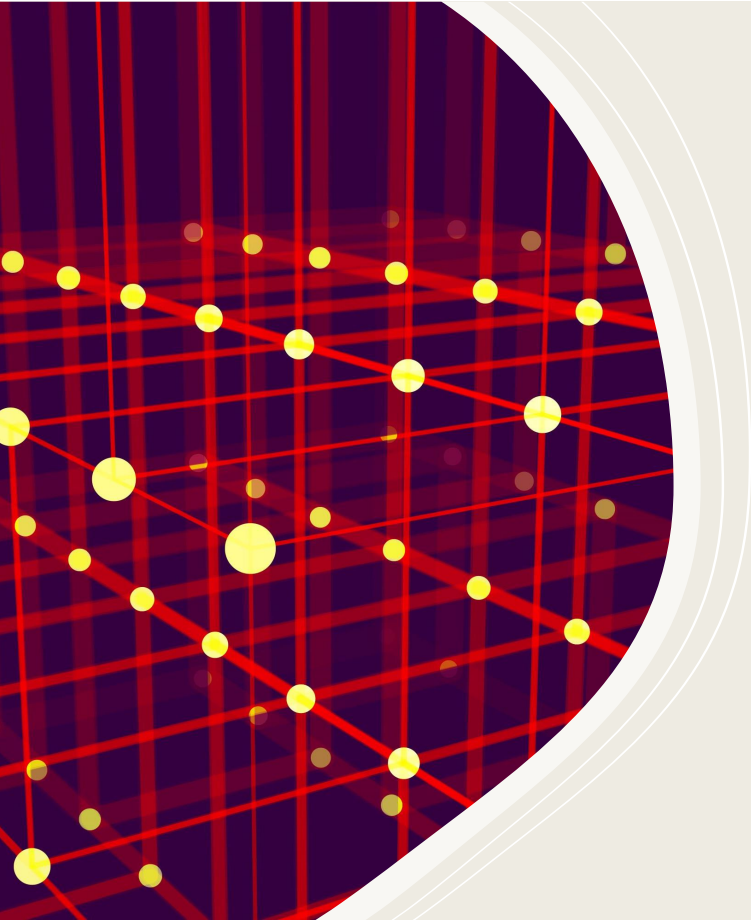
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1 'minimizer', x[np.argmin(function(x))]
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('minimizer', 5)
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1 x = 5
2 function(x)
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-1.7941317644066466
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Assignment Questions

Matrix/Vector/Norm Notation

Express the following functions in terms of vectors, matrices, and norms (there should be no summations or maximums),

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2$$

Recall, that **all vectors are column-vectors**,

w_j is the scalar parameter j .

y_i is the label of example i .

x_i is the column-vector of features for example i .

x_j^i is feature j in example i .

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_d \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^i \\ x_2^i \\ \vdots \\ x_d^i \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix/Vector/Norm Notation

Let's first focus on the regularization term,

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2$$

Recall the definition of inner product and L2-norm of vectors,

$$\|v\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^d v_j^2 \quad u^T v = \sum_{j=1}^d u_j v_j$$

Hence, we can write the regularizer in various forms using,

$$\|w\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2 = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j w_j = w^T w$$

Matrix/Vector/Norm Notation

Let's next focus on the least squares term,

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2$$

Let's define the residual vector r with elements

$$r_i = w^T x_i - y_i$$

We can write the least squares term as squared L2-norm of residual,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 = r^T r = \|r\|^2$$

Matrix/Vector/Norm Notation

Let's next focus on the least squares term,

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|r\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2, \quad r_i = w^T x_i - y_i$$

X denotes the matrix containing the x_i (transposed) in the rows:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} (x_1)^T \text{---} \\ \text{---} (x_2)^T \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} (x_n)^T \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

Using $w^T x_i = (x_i)^T w$ and the definitions of r , y , and X :

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w^T x_1 - y_1 \\ w^T x_2 - y_2 \\ \vdots \\ w^T x_n - y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1)^T w \\ (x_2)^T w \\ \vdots \\ (x_n)^T w \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}}_y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} (x_1)^T \text{---} \\ \text{---} (x_2)^T \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} (x_n)^T \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_X w - y = Xw - y$$

Therefore
$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|Xw - y\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2,$$

Minimizing Quadratic Function as a Linear System

A quadratic function is a function of the form

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2}w^T A w + b^T w + y,$$

for a square matrix A , vector b , and scalar y .

Write the minimizer of the following function as a system of linear equations, using vector/matrix notation.

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2$$

' minimize convex functions, it is sufficient to find w s.t

$$f(w) = 0.$$

Minimizing Quadratic Function as a Linear System

Convert to vector/matrix form:

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} (Xw - y)^T (Xw - y) + \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w$$
$$\rightarrow f(w) = \frac{1}{2} w^T X^T X w - w^T X^T y + \frac{1}{2} y^T y + \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w$$

Minimizing Quadratic Function as a Linear System

Convert to vector/matrix form:

$$\begin{aligned} f(w) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} (Xw - y)^T (Xw - y) + \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w \\ \rightarrow f(w) &= \frac{1}{2} w^T X^T X w - w^T X^T y + \frac{1}{2} y^T y + \frac{\lambda}{2} w^T w \end{aligned}$$

Find w such that $f'(w) = 0$:

$$f'(w) = X^T X w - X^T y + \lambda w = 0 \rightarrow (X^T X + \lambda I) w = X^T y$$

Note $f'(w)$ is a column vector with dimension $d \times 1$.