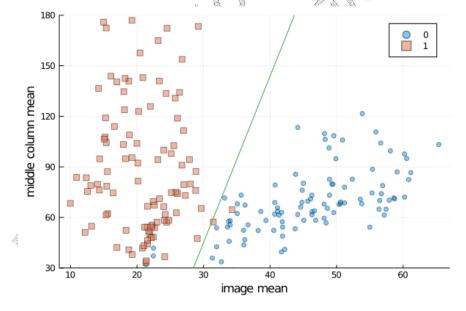
Pr. 9. (sol/hsjt3)

Part 1 Code for a data_to_features function (it is fine to use a loop too):

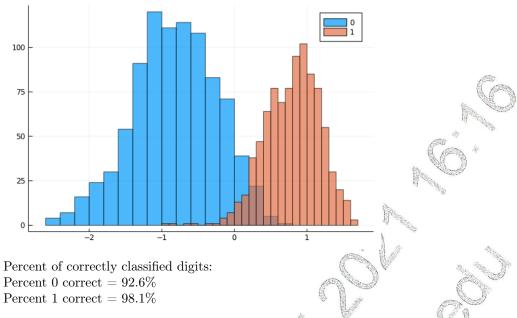
Part 2 LS estimates:
$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.057 \\ 0.006 \\ 1.456 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coefficient x_1 is negative because the 0 digits tend to have a larger mean value than the 1 digits. Consider using x to classify an image as sign(a'x). The larger mean of the 0 images leads to a larger magnitude negative value for the first sum in the inner product compared to the 1 digit images, making it more likely that the sign of the inner product with a 0 digit image is negative, which improves the tendency to correctly classify a 0 digit.

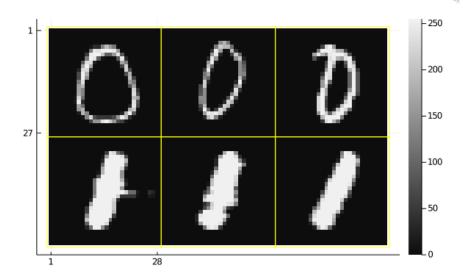
Scatter plot with separating line (decision boundary):



Part 3 Histogram of inner products $\{a_i'x\}$:



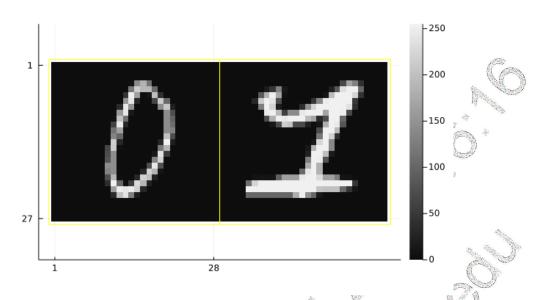
Part 4 Show some of the misclassified images:



Comment on why these were misclassified:

These zero digit images are very "faint" (lower norm than typical) wheras the 1 digit images have higher mean values than usual.

Part 5 Show the "worst classified" "0" and "1" images when using Tikhonov Regularization with a regularization parameter $\beta = 10$:



How do you think the classifier will perform as $\beta \rightarrow \infty$?

As the regularization parameter tends to infinity, the minimizer of the cost function approaches $\hat{x} \to \mathbf{0}_3$. The classifier will find an \hat{x} whose norm is approximately 0, instead of one that minimizes $\|Ax - y\|_2$, which will cause the classifier to perform poorly.

In this case our A here is $M \times 3$ where M is quite large and A has linearly independent columns. Tikhonov regularization is especially helpful when A is wide or has (nearly) linearly dependent columns.