

Suppose  $\text{level}$  is  $K$  dimensional  
 Suppose  $g(x, \theta) = \theta_K x^K + \dots + \theta_1 x + \theta_0$  with  $\theta_K \in \mathbb{R}, \dots, \theta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  being unknown parameters to be estimated, therefore,

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{K+1}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta_K x_i^K - \dots - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0)^2 \right]. \quad (2)$$

Denote  $f_n(\theta_0, \dots, \theta_K) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta_K x_i^K - \dots - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0)^2$ , to find the minimizer of  $f_n$ , we differentiate it with respect to  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_K$  and let these partial derivatives be 0, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial f_n(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, K,$$

which read as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta_K x_i^K - \dots - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0) x_i^k = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, K. \quad (3)$$

Write

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^K \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^K \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^K \end{bmatrix}$$

**Assignment 1:** Verify that (3) can be rewritten as a vector equation as

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta.$$

where  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$  and  $\theta = [\theta_0, \dots, \theta_K]^T$ .

L.H.S. is obvious;

R.H.S. is because  $\mathbf{X}^T \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot 1 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i^K \end{bmatrix}$

$\in \mathbb{R}^{K+1}$

thus  $\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X} \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i^K \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{K+1}$

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Assignment 1 Solution:

$$(3) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta_K x_i^K - \dots - \theta_1 x_i - \theta_0) x_i^k = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, K$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i^k = \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) x_i^k, \quad k = 0, \dots, K$$

Now from (3) we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i^K = \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i^K \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i^K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\theta_K x_i^K + \theta_{K-1} x_i^{K-1} + \dots + \theta_1 x_i + \theta_0) \cdot x_i^K \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta \text{ and hence shown.}$$

here

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^K \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^K \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^K \end{bmatrix}$$

and then  $\mathbf{X}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^K & x_2^K & \dots & x_n^K \end{bmatrix}$

also  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_K \end{bmatrix}$

• We consider the linear regression:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X} \theta + \epsilon, \quad (6)$$

with the restriction: for some  $K > 0$ ,  $\|\theta\| \leq K$ .

• By Lagrangian duality, to estimate the parameter  $\theta$ , we solve the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{\theta} [\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta\|^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|^2], \quad (7)$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is some tuning parameter to be chosen.

• **Assignment 4:** For (7), we have

$$\hat{\theta} = (\lambda I_d + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}, \quad (8)$$

where  $I_d$  is the  $d \times d$  identity matrix.

Assignment 4: Solution:

$$\text{Suppose } J(\theta) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta\|^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|^2$$

$$\therefore J(\theta) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta) + \lambda \theta^T \theta = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \theta - \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta + \lambda \theta^T \theta = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2 \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + \theta^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta + \lambda \theta^T \theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{dJ(\theta)}{d\theta} = -2 \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + 2 \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta + 2 \lambda \theta = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda I_d) \theta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda I_d)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

shown.