

# COMP 632: Assignment 1

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## Question 1

A)

See source code.

B)

Let  $a$  be a vector equal to  $[1/\max_i |x_j|, \dots, 1/\max_i |x_n|]$ . And let  $A$  be a matrix such that  $A = aI$ . Substituting  $X$  by  $AX$  in the closed form regression algorithm we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(AX)^T AXw &= 2(AX)^T Y \\ 2AX^T AXw &= 2AX^T Y \\ X^T AXw &= X^T Y \\ Aw &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

As such, we can conclude that normalization is equivalent to multiplying the  $w$  vector by some scalar.

C)

See source code.

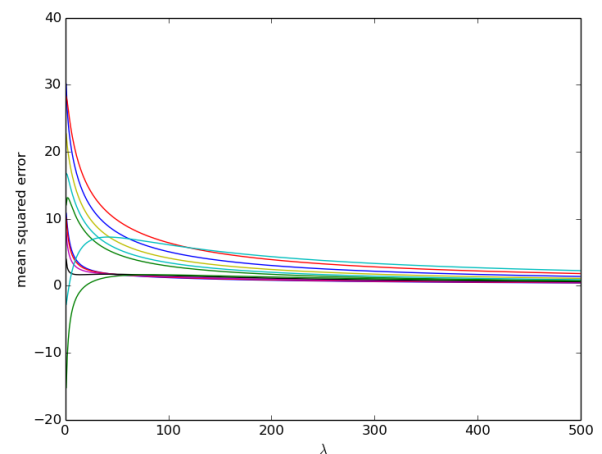
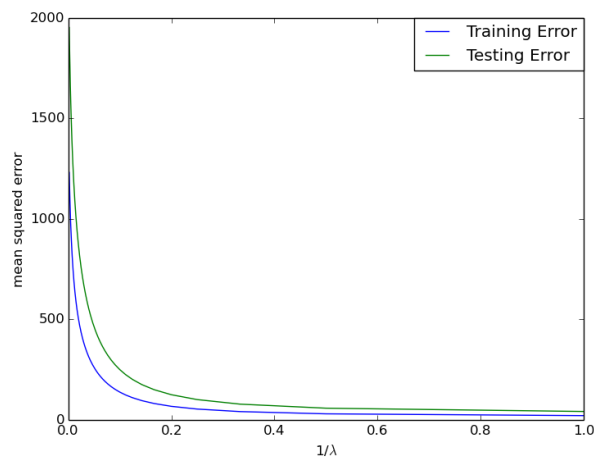
D)

E)

Fold	1	2	3	4	5	Avg	Std
Training Error	6.6514	19.2372	64.0957	3.5362	7.9715		
Testing Error	12.0617	65.2324	63.7457	242.0755	27.4566		
Best Hypothesis Class	3	2	5	5	3		

Fold	Weights
1	51.6240, -5.6394, -0.9195, 117.3091, -31.5193, -1.9346, -2.8364
2	61.5754, 119.5093, -43.5034, -0.3571, -5.0867
3	23.7598, -38.3909, -44.6193, 71.8402, 79.5440, -36.2471, -7.3942, 119.6915, -31.7799, 0.9384, -2.675
4	56.9424, -22.7079, -108.6892, 37.0749, 112.6876, -13.6251, -10.9835, 118.9107, -32.4987, -1.3683, -2.5827
5	35.4915, 0.8967, 2.4318, 111.0603, -29.3260, -1.0296, -2.9383

F)



## Question 2

When simplifying the maximum likelihood equation for a regression whose variables maintain a constant normal distribution we are able to obtain the sum-squared-error function. However, when the standard deviation varies from one variable to another this simplification is no longer achievable.

$$L(w) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\log L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i^2}} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\log L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( (2\pi)^{-1/2} \sigma_i^{-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\log L(w) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log \sigma_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \log L(w) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log \sigma_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \log L(w) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i} \left( \frac{y_i - h_w(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right) \quad (7)$$

Simplifying further while converting standard deviation to variance. Where  $\sigma^2 = \Omega$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \log L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{x_i y_i}{\Omega_i} - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{h_w(x_i) x_i}{\Omega_i} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} \log L(w) = X^T \Omega^{-1} Y - w X^T \Omega^{-1} X \quad (9)$$

Now setting the gradient to zero.

$$0 = X^T \Omega^{-1} Y - w X^T \Omega^{-1} X \quad (10)$$

$$w^* = (X^T \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T \Omega^{-1} Y \quad (11)$$

## Question 3

Given the following huberized loss function:

$$L_H(w, \delta) = \begin{cases} (y_i - w^T x_i)^2 / 2 & \text{if } |y_i - w^T x_i| \leq \delta \\ \delta |y_i - w^T x_i| - \delta^2 / 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

A)

Find the derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} L_H(w, \delta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left( (y_i - w^T x_i)^2 / 2 \right) & \text{if } |y_i - w^T x_i| \leq \delta \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left( \delta |y_i - w^T x_i| - \delta^2 / 2 \right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

The equation  $|y_i - w^T x_i|$  is equivalent to  $\sqrt{(y_i - w^T x_i)^2}$  as such the derivative becomes:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} L_H(w, \delta) = \begin{cases} -x_i(y_i - w^T x_i) & \text{if } |y_i - w^T x_i| \leq \delta \\ -x_i \delta \frac{y_i - w^T x_i}{|y_i - w^T x_i|} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The expression  $\frac{y_i - w^T x_i}{|y_i - w^T x_i|}$  is equivalent to the sign of  $y_i - w^T x_i$  as such the derivative can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} L_H(w, \delta) = \begin{cases} -x_i(y_i - w^T x_i) & \text{if } |y_i - w^T x_i| \leq \delta \\ -x_i \delta \text{sign}(y_i - w^T x_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Where  $\text{sign}(y_i - w^T x_i)$  is replaced by 1 or -1 depending on whether the result of the equation is positive or negative.

B)

The algorithm was implemented in python source code and is defined as function GradientDescent.

**Data:** a dataset containing features and targets, learning rate, lambda, delta

**Result:** a weight vector

initialize weights to 1 or a random numbers;

**while** max iterations not achieved **do**

    initialize gradient = 0;

**while** not at the last row of the data array **do**

        hypothesis = dot product (weights , row of features);

**if**  $|y_i - w^T x_i| \leq \text{delta}$  **then**

            loss = hypothesis - row of targets;

            J = dot product ( transpose of the row features, loss );

            gradient += J + lambda/2 \* dot product(transpose of weights, weights);

**else**

            loss = hypothesis - row of targets;

**if** loss is negative **then**

                | gradient += delta \* row of features

**else**

                | gradient -= delta \* row of features

**end**

**end**

        go to the next row;

**end**

**if** gradient \* learning rate is smaller than desired precision **then**

        | return weights;

**end**

    weights = weights + (learning rate) \* gradient

**end**

return weights;

**Algorithm 1:** Gradient descent using huber loss function

C)

**Question 4**

$$h_{w1,\dots,wk}(x) = \prod_{k=1}^K \phi_k(x) \quad (16)$$

Where:

$$\phi_k(x) = e^{w_k^T x} = e^{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{ik} x_i} \quad (17)$$

Replacing  $\phi_k(x)$ 

$$h_{w1,\dots,wk}(x) = \prod_{k=1}^K e^{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{ik} x_i} \quad (18)$$

$$\log h_{w1,\dots,wk}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^m w_{ik} x_i \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \log h_{w1,\dots,wk}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^m w_{ik} x_i \right) \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \log h_{w1,\dots,wk}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \quad (21)$$