

Chapter 1

Linear Regression

1.1 Fitting a robust regression model using RANSAC

Algorithm 1: RANdom SAmple Consensus (RANSAC) algorithm

```
1 begin
2   repeat
3     Select a random number of examples to be inliers and fit the model;
4     Test all other data points against the fitted model and add those points
       that fall within a user-given tolerance to the inliers;
5     Refit the model using all inliers;
6     Estimate the error of the fitted model versus the inliers;
7   until the performance meets a certain user-defined threshold or if a fixed
       number of iterations was reached;
8 end
```

Chapter 2

Clustering

The goal of clustering is to find a natural grouping in data so that items in the same cluster are more similar to each other than to those from different clusters.

2.1 Prototype-based clustering

Prototype-based clustering means that each cluster is represented by a prototype, which is usually either the **centroid** (average) of similar points with continuous features, or the **medoid** (the most representative or the point that minimizes the distance to all other points that belong to a particular cluster) in the case of categorical features.

2.1.1 k-means clustering

Algorithm 2: The k-means algorithm

```
1 begin
2   Randomly pick  $k$  centroids from the examples as initial cluster centers;
3   repeat
4     Assign each example to the nearest centroid,  $\mu^{(i)}, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ ;
5     Move the centroids to the center of the examples that were assigned to
      it;
6   until the cluster assignments do not change or a user-defined tolerance or
      maximum number of iterations is reached;
7 end
```

2.1.2 k-means++

Algorithm 3: The k-means++ algorithm

```

1 begin
2   Initialize an empty set,  $M$ , to store the  $k$  centroids being selected;
3   Randomly choose the first centroid from the input examples and  $M \leftarrow \mu^{(j)}$ ;
4   repeat
5     For each example,  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ , that is not in  $M$ , find the minimum squared
      distance,  $d(x^{(i)}, M)^2$ , to any of the centroids in  $M$ ;
6     To randomly select the next centroid,  $\mu^{(p)}$ , use a weighted probability
      distribution equal to
7   until  $k$  centroids are chosen;
8 end

```

Chapter 3

Others

3.1 Distance

3.1.1 Euclidean distance