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1 CS109A Introduction to Data Science:

1.1 Homework 4 AC 209: Regularization

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Question 1 [12 pts]

Ridge and LASSO regularizations are powerful tools that not only increase generalization, but also expand the range of problems that we can solve. We will study this statement in this question.

- **5.1** Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ be a matrix of observations, where each row corresponds an observation and each column corresponds to a predictor. Now consider the case p > n: explain why there is no unique solution to the OLS estimator.
- 5.2 Now consider the Ridge formulation. Show that finding the ridge estimator is equivalent to solving an OLS problem after adding p dummy observations with their X value equal to λ at the j-th component and zero everywhere else, and their Y value set to zero. In a nutshell, show that the ridge estimator can be found by getting the least squares estimator for the augmented problem:

$$X^* = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ \sqrt{\lambda}I \end{bmatrix}$$