

Linear Regression

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Suppose the inputs are :

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_1^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_1^{(m)} \\ x_2^{(1)} & x_2^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_2^{(m)} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & & \cdot & \cdot \\ x_n^{(1)} & x_n^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_n^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Y} = [y^{(1)} \quad y^{(2)} \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad y^{(m)}] \quad (1)$$

The goal is to find a function \mathbf{h} , such that \mathbf{h} approximates \mathbf{Y} given \mathbf{X} .

To approximate \mathbf{Y} as a linear function of \mathbf{X} ,

$$\mathbf{h}_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \theta_0 x_0^{(i)} + \theta_1 x_1^{(i)} + \dots + \theta_n x_n^{(i)} \quad (2)$$

or

$$\mathbf{h}_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j x_j^{(i)} \quad (3)$$

or, simply,

$$\mathbf{h}_\theta(\mathbf{X}) = [\theta_0 \quad \theta_1 \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \theta_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_0^{(1)} & x_0^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_0^{(m)} \\ x_1^{(1)} & x_1^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_1^{(m)} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & & \cdot & \cdot \\ x_n^{(1)} & x_n^{(2)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & x_n^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where $x_0 = 1$, $\theta_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i = 1, \dots, m$

θ_i 's are initialized with random values at first. Hence, $\mathbf{h}_\theta(\mathbf{X})$ most likely would not be close to \mathbf{Y} at all.

Cost function is defined as :

$$\mathbf{J}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{h}_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathbf{y}^{(i)})^2 \quad (5)$$

Repeatedly perform the following update :

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \sigma \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \mathbf{J}(\theta) \right) \quad (6)$$

where $j = 0, \dots, n$ and $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Usually σ will be between 0 and 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \mathbf{J}(\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\theta_j)} \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{h}_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{h}_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial (\theta_j)} (\mathbf{h}_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{h}_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial (\theta_j)} \left(\sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j x_j^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{h}_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

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