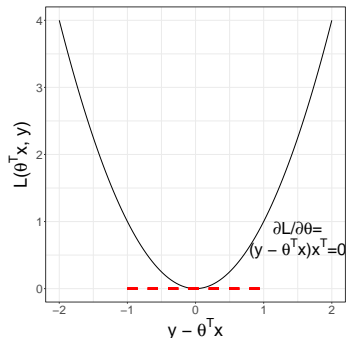


Introduction to Machine Learning

Supervised Regression: In a Nutshell



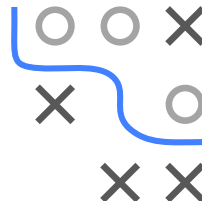
Learning goals

- Understand basic concept of regressors
- Understand difference between L1 and L2 Loss
- Know basic idea of OLS estimator

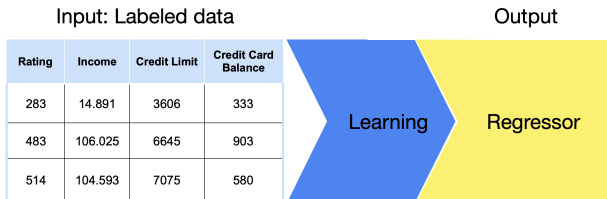
LINEAR REGRESSION TASKS

- Learn linear combination of features for predicting the target variable
- Find best parameters of the model by training w.r.t. a loss function

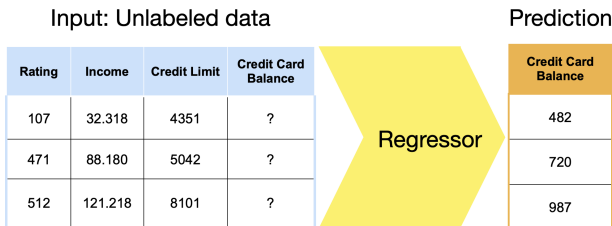
$$\text{CreditBalance} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \text{Rating} + \theta_2 \text{Income} + \theta_3 \text{CreditLimit}$$



Training

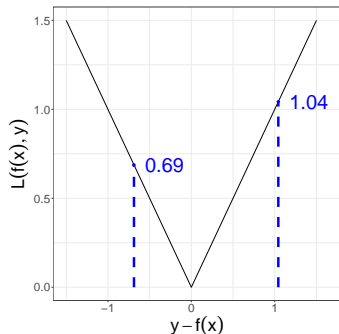


Prediction

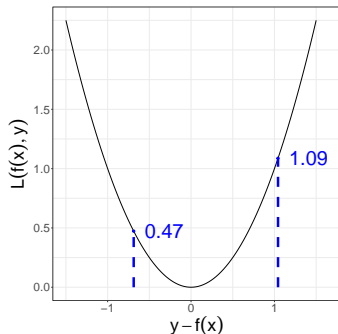


LINEAR MODELS: L1 VS L2 LOSS

Loss can be characterized as a function of residuals $r = y - f(\mathbf{x})$



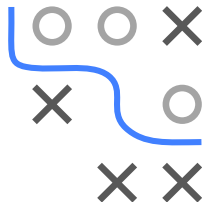
- **L1** penalizes the **absolute** value of residuals
- $L(r) = |r|$
- Robust to outliers



- **L2** penalizes the **quadratic** value of residuals
- $L(r) = r^2$
- Easier to optimize

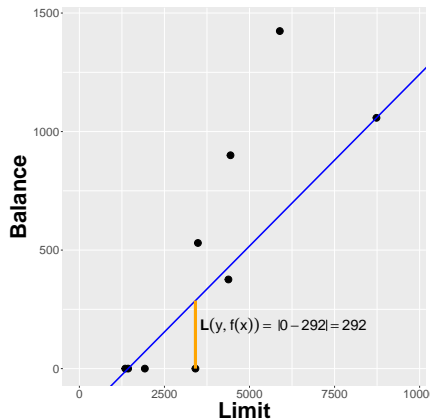
LINEAR MODELS: L1 VS L2 LOSS

- **L1** Loss is not differentiable in $r = 0$
- Optimal parameters are computed numerically
- **L2** is a smooth function hence it is differentiable everywhere
- Optimal parameters can be computed analytically or numerically

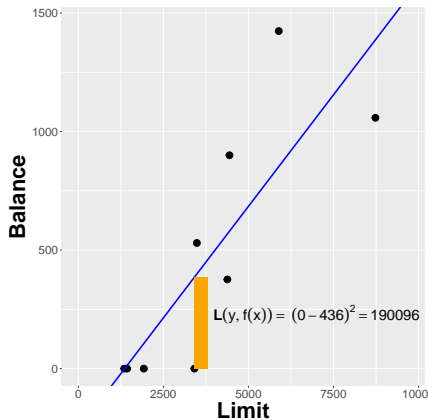


LINEAR MODELS: L1 VS L2 LOSS

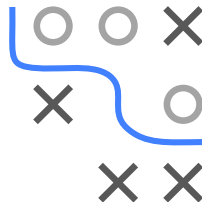
- The parameter values of the best model depend on the loss type



- $\hat{\theta}_{L_1} = 0.14 \rightarrow$ if the Credit Limit increases by 1\$ the Credit Balance increases by 14 Cents



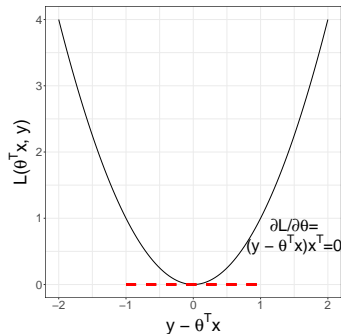
- $\hat{\theta}_{L_2} = 0.19 \rightarrow$ if the Credit Limit increases by 1\$ the Credit Balance increases by 19 Cents



OLS ESTIMATOR

Ordinary-Least-Squares (OLS) estimator:

- Analytical solution for linear models with L2 loss
- Best parameters can be computed via derivation of the empirical risk
- Solution: $\hat{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}$



OLS ESTIMATOR

Components of **OLS** estimator:

- **X**: Features + extra column for intercept
- **y**: Label vector

 X

Intercept	Rating	Income	Credit Limit
1	283	14.891	3606
1	483	106.025	6645
1	514	104.593	7075

 y

Credit Card Balance
333
903
580

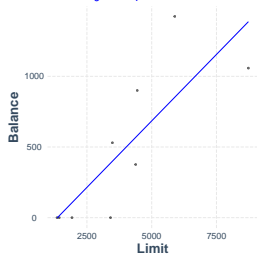


POLYNOMIAL REGRESSION

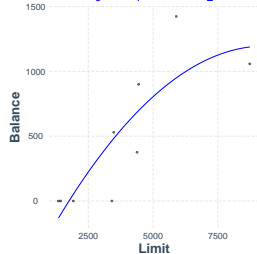
- Adding polynomial terms to the linear combination leads to more flexible regression functions
- Too high degrees can lead to overfitting



$$\text{Balance} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \text{Limit}$$



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