

Pset 3

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1 Problem 1

1.1 Explicit form of w_\star

Given a dataset $\{x_i, y_i\}$ we can construct the optimal solution w_\star to Φ_H .

For convenience, we note that Φ_H can be rewritten as a minimization problem over a matrix X and vectory y constructed from the dataset as:

$$\mathbf{X}_i \equiv x_i \quad \mathbf{y}_i \equiv y_i \quad (1)$$

Then we have (using einstein convention for summing over repeated indices):

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \frac{1}{2n} \left(\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}w\|^2 + \lambda \|w\|^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \left((y_i - x_{ik}w_k)(y_i - x_{ij}w_j) + \lambda w_m w_m \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} (y_i y_i - y_i x_{ij} w_j - y_i x_{ik} w_k + x_{ij} x_{ik} w_k w_j + \lambda w_m w_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} (y_i y_i - 2y_i x_{ik} w_k + x_{ij} x_{ik} w_k w_j + \lambda w_m w_m) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Note that in the last line we have relabeled a dummy index to combine the cross terms from the previous line.

w_\star should satisfy $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial w_{\star i}} = 0$. We can evaluate this derivative explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial w_l} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_l} \frac{1}{2n} (y_i y_i - 2y_i x_{ik} w_k + x_{ij} x_{ik} w_k w_j + \lambda w_m w_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} (0 - 2y_i x_{ik} \partial_l w_k + x_{ik} x_{ij} \partial_l (w_k w_j) + \lambda \partial_l (w_m w_m)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} (-2y_i x_{ik} \delta_{kl} + x_{ik} x_{ij} (\delta_{lk} w_j + \delta_{lj} w_k) + \lambda 2\delta_{ml} w_l) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (-y_i x_{il} + (x_{il} x_{ij} + \lambda \delta_{jl}) w_j) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

(Again, in the last name we have relabeled dummy indices for convenience to combine terms.) Setting 3 equal to 0 we can solve:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{1}{n} (-y_i x_{il} + (x_{il} x_{ij} + \lambda \delta_{jl}) w_j) \\
y_i x_{il} &= (x_{il} x_{ij} + \lambda \delta_{jl}) w_j \\
(x_{il} x_{ij} + \lambda \delta_{jl})^{-1} y_i x_{il} &= w_j
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

In standard matrix notation the final line is:

$$w = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} \tag{5}$$