

## Solution Description:

→ Ordinary is the analytical method that can be used to find the optimal weight vector  $w$  for linear regression.

This method is based on the assumption that the response of a linear function:

$$y(x) = w^T x + \epsilon$$

where the residual error between model predictions and the true response

$$\epsilon_i = y_i - w^T x_i$$

is normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  & variance  $\sigma^2$

The density function  $P(y|x, \mu, \sigma^2)$  is also normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .  $\mu$  is a linear function of  $x$ :  $\mu = w^T x_i$ .

It is reasonable to assume that the noise component,  $\sigma^2$ , is the same for the entire dataset.

Assuming each training example is independent & identically distributed (iid) the likelihood function for the dataset is.

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{(y_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \right]$$



The optimal  $w$  can be determined by applying MLE to RSS, that is by setting  $\frac{\partial \text{RSS}}{\partial w} = 0$  & solving for  $w$ .

In matrix notation :

$$w_{\text{OLS}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

This is also known as the normal equation.

=> The complete startup code with following tasks is in file :

"Pujitha-kalku-Project-1-linear Regression.ipynb"

=> Apply the normal equation to find :

$$w_{\text{OLS}} = [w_0, w_1]^T$$

=> Print the predicted price of a 5000 square foot house. Remember to "normalize" the square footage first.

=> Plot the regression line  $\hat{y}_{\text{OLS}}$  over the training examples. The line is defined by  $w_{\text{OLS}}$