

## 7.9 EXERCISES – CONCEPTUAL

1. It was mentioned in the chapter that a cubic regression spline with one knot at  $\xi$  can be obtained using a basis of the form  $x, x^2, x^3, (x - \xi)^3_+$ , where  $(x - \xi)^3_+ = (x - \xi)^3$  if  $x > \xi$  and equals 0 otherwise. We will now show that a function of the form

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x - \xi)^3_+$$

is indeed a cubic regression spline, regardless of the values of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ .

(a) Find a cubic polynomial

$$f_1(x) = a_1 + b_1 x + c_1 x^2 + d_1 x^3$$

such that  $f(x) = f_1(x)$  for all  $x \leq \xi$ . Express  $a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1$  in terms of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ .

a.)  $f_1(x) = a_1 + b_1 x + c_1 x^2 + d_1 x^3$  ①

for  $x \leq \xi$ ,  
 $(x - \xi)^3_+ = 0$

So,  $f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$  ②

from ① & ②

$a_1 = \beta_0$  ,  $b_1 = \beta_1$  ,  $c_1 = \beta_2$  ,  $d_1 = \beta_3$

(b) Find a cubic polynomial

$$f_2(x) = a_2 + b_2 x + c_2 x^2 + d_2 x^3$$

such that  $f(x) = f_2(x)$  for all  $x > \xi$ . Express  $a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2$  in terms of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ . We have now established that  $f(x)$  is a piecewise polynomial.

$$\underline{b.)} \quad b(n) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 n + \beta_2 n^2 + \beta_3 n^3 + \beta_4 (n - \varepsilon)^3 \quad \{\text{for } n > \varepsilon\}$$

$$b(n) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 n + \beta_2 n^2 + \beta_3 n^3 + \beta_4 (n^3 - \varepsilon^3 - 3\varepsilon n^2 + 3\varepsilon^2 n)$$

$$b(n) = \beta_0 - \varepsilon^3 \beta_4 + (\beta_1 + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4)n + (\beta_2 - 3\varepsilon \beta_4)n^2 + (\beta_3 + \beta_4)n^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$b_2(n) = a_2 + b_2 n + c_2 n^2 + d_2 n^3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

comparing (1) & (2),

$$a_2 = \beta_0 - \varepsilon^3 \beta_4$$

$$b_2 = \beta_1 + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4$$

$$c_2 = \beta_2 - 3\varepsilon \beta_4$$

$$d_2 = \beta_3 + \beta_4$$

Now,  $b(n)$  is,

$$b(n) = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 n + \beta_2 n^2 + \beta_3 n^3, & n \leq \varepsilon \\ (\beta_0 - \varepsilon^3 \beta_4) + (\beta_1 + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4)n + (\beta_2 - 3\varepsilon \beta_4)n^2 + (\beta_3 + \beta_4)n^3, & n > \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

(c) Show that  $f_1(\xi) = f_2(\xi)$ . That is,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $\xi$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{c)} \quad b_1(x) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 \\
 b_1(\varepsilon) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \varepsilon + \beta_2 \varepsilon^2 + \beta_3 \varepsilon^3 \quad \text{--- (1)} \\
 b_2(x) &= (\beta_0 - \varepsilon^3 \beta_4) + (\beta_1 + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4)x + (\beta_2 - 3\varepsilon \beta_4)x^2 + (\beta_3 + \beta_4)x^3 \\
 b_2(\varepsilon) &= \beta_0 - \varepsilon^3 \beta_4 + \beta_1 \varepsilon + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4 + \varepsilon^2 \beta_2 - 3\varepsilon^3 \beta_4 + \beta_3 \varepsilon^3 + \beta_4 \varepsilon^3 \\
 b_2(\varepsilon) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \varepsilon + \beta_2 \varepsilon^2 + \beta_3 \varepsilon^3 \quad \text{--- (2)} \\
 \text{from (1) \& (2),} \\
 b_1(\varepsilon) &= b_2(\varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Show that  $f_1(\xi) = f_2(\xi)$ . That is,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $\xi$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{d)} \quad b_1'(x) &= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 x + 3\beta_3 x^2 \\
 b_1'(\varepsilon) &= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 \varepsilon + 3\beta_3 \varepsilon^2 \quad \text{--- (1)} \\
 b_2'(x) &= \beta_1 + 3\varepsilon^2 \beta_4 + 2(\beta_2 - 3\varepsilon \beta_4)x + 3(\beta_3 + \beta_4)x^2 \\
 b_2'(\varepsilon) &= \beta_1 + 3\beta_4 \varepsilon^2 + 2\beta_2 \varepsilon - 6\beta_4 \varepsilon^2 + 3\beta_3 \varepsilon^2 + 3\beta_4 \varepsilon^2 \\
 b_2'(\varepsilon) &= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 \varepsilon + 3\beta_3 \varepsilon^2 \quad \text{--- (2)} \\
 \text{from (1) \& (2),} \\
 b_1'(\varepsilon) &= b_2'(\varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

(e) Show that  $f_1(\xi) = f_2(\xi)$ . That is,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $\xi$

$$\underline{e.)} \quad f_1''(x) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3x \Rightarrow f_1''(E) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3E \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$f_2''(x) = 2(\beta_2 - 3E\beta_4) + 6(\beta_3 + \beta_4)x$$

$$f_2''(E) = 2\beta_2 - 6E\beta_4 + 6\beta_3E + 6E\beta_4$$

$$f_2''(E) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3E \quad \text{--- ②}$$

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$$f_1''(E) = f_2''(E)$$

2. Suppose that a curve  $\hat{g}$  is computed to smoothly fit a set of  $n$  points using the following formula

$$\hat{g} = \arg \min_g \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - g(x_i))^2 + \lambda \int [g^{(m)}(x)]^2 dx,$$

where  $g^{(m)}$  represents the  $m$ th derivative of  $g$  (and  $g^{(0)} = g$ ). Provide example sketches of  $\hat{g}$  in each of the following scenarios

2.

$$\hat{g} = \arg \min_g \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - g(x_i))^2}_{\text{This term forces the curve to be flexible}} + \lambda \underbrace{\int [g^{(m)}(x)]^2 dx}_{\text{This term forces the curve to be smooth.}} \right)$$

a.)  $\lambda = \infty, m = 0$

• first term has no effect. ( $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ )

$\min g^{(0)}(x)$  will be minimized to 0

hence,  $\hat{g} = 0$

b.)  $\lambda = \infty, m = 1$

•  $g'(x) \rightarrow 0$

integrating the above eq.

$g(x) = c$  (where  $c$  is constant)

c.)  $\lambda = \infty, m = 2$

•  $g^2(n) \rightarrow 0$

integrating  $\Rightarrow g'(n) = c$

integrating again  $\Rightarrow g(n) = cn + d$

d.)  $\lambda = \infty, m = 3$

•  $g^3(n) \rightarrow 0$

integrating  $g^2(n) = c$

" again,  $g'(n) = cn + d$

" " ,  $g(n) = cn^2 + dn + e$

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e.)  $\lambda = 0, m = 3$

Now, curve will only be determined by first term. Hence  $g(n)$  will be the one which minimize RSS

3. Suppose we fit a curve with basis functions  $b_1(X) = X$ ,  $b_2(X) = (X - 1)2I(X \geq 1)$ . (Note that  $I(X \geq 1)$  equals 1 for  $X \geq 1$  and 0 otherwise.) We fit the linear regression model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(X) + \beta_2 b_2(X) + \text{error}$$

and obtain coefficient estimates  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_2 = -2$ . Sketch the estimated curve between  $X = -2$  and  $X = 2$ . Note the intercepts, slopes, and other relevant information.

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In [17]: X = np.linspace(-2,2,200)

def b1(x):
    return x

def b2(x):
    return (x-1)**2 * (x >= 1)

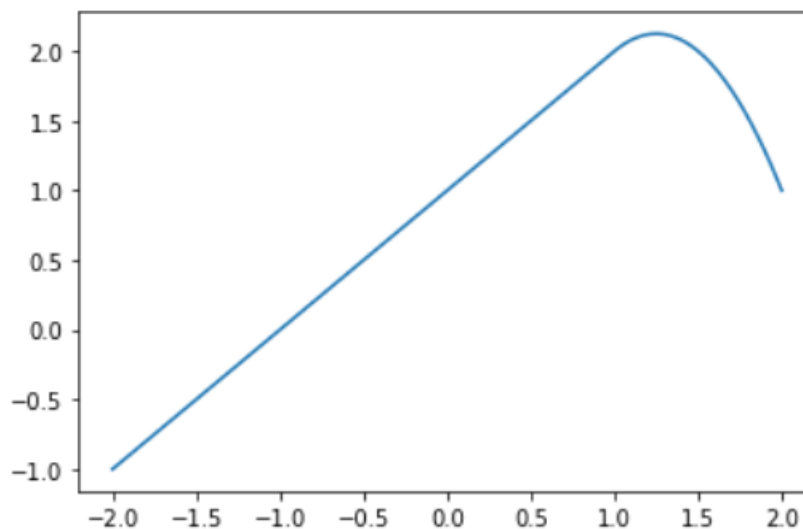
beta_0 = 1
beta_1 = 1
beta_2 = -2

y = beta_0 + beta_1*b1(X) + beta_2*b2(X)

plt.plot(X,y)

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4. Suppose we fit a curve with basis functions  $b_1(X) = I(0 \leq X \leq 2) - (X-1)I(1 \leq X \leq 2)$ ,  $b_2(X) = (X-3)I(3 \leq X \leq 4) + I(4 < X \leq 5)$ . We fit the linear regression model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(X) + \beta_2 b_2(X) + \text{error}$$

and obtain coefficient estimates  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_2 = 3$ . Sketch the estimated curve between  $X = -2$  and  $X = 2$ . Note the intercepts, slopes, and other relevant information.

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In [43]: X = np.linspace(-2,2,200)

def b1(x):
    return ((x >= 0) & (x <= 2)) - (x-1)*((x >= 1) & (x <= 2))

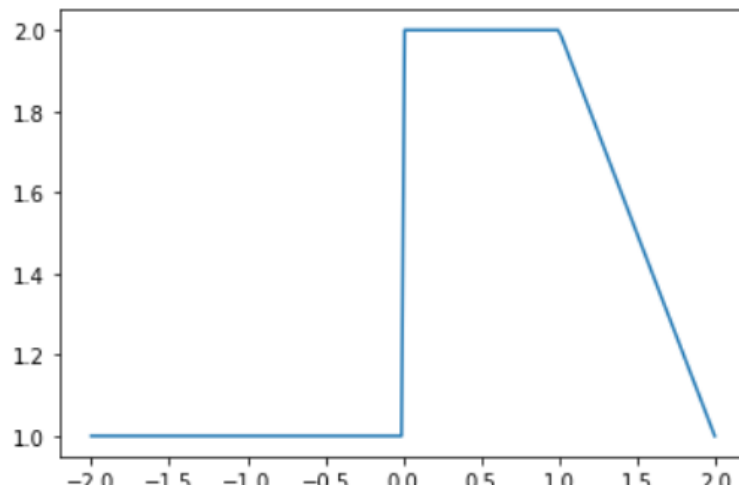
def b2(x):
    return (x-3)*((x >= 3) & (x <= 4)) + ((x > 4) & (x <= 5))

beta_0 = 1
beta_1 = 1
beta_2 = 3

y = beta_0 + beta_1*b1(X) + beta_2*b2(X)

plt.plot(X,y)
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Out[43]: [`<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1d86e870f60>`]



5. Consider two curves,  $\hat{g}_1$  and  $\hat{g}_2$ , defined by

(equations in the book)

where  $g(m)$  represents the  $m$ th derivative of  $g$ .

(a) As  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , will  $\hat{g}_1$  or  $\hat{g}_2$  have the smaller training RSS?

**When lamda will tend to infinity the first term will have no effect to the final curve, which will be totally effected by the second term. In first case,  $g_1$  will minimize the third degree derivative of the fitted line. Which will lead to a cubic plot. In second case, it will try to minimize the fourth order derivative to zero, hence the resulting curve will be a cubic curve.**

**Since, we know as degree increases, flexibility of the data increases, and line fits the training data better. Therefore,  $g_2$  will have a smaller RSS**

(b) As  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , will  $\hat{g}_1$  or  $\hat{g}_2$  have the smaller test RSS?

**This cannot be told. The test RSS depends on the true relationship between the predictors and response.**

(c) For  $\lambda = 0$ , will  $\hat{g}_1$  or  $\hat{g}_2$  have the smaller training and test RSS?

**When lambda is 0, both the functions are similar, and will have value of training and test RSS.**