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Problem 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{1} \quad E[\hat{w}] &= (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot X^T \cdot E(y) \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot X^T \cdot E(Xw + \varepsilon) \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot (X^T \cdot X) E(w) + \\ &= I \cdot w = w.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Var}(\hat{w}) &= \text{Var}((X^T X)^{-1} X^T y) \\ &= \text{Var}((X^T X)^{-1} X^T (Xw + \varepsilon)) \\ &= \text{Var}(w + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon) \\ &= \text{Var}((X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon) \\ &= \text{Var}(X^{-1} (X^T)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon) \\ &= \text{Var}(X^{-1} \varepsilon) \\ &= X^{-1} \cdot \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cdot (X^{-1})^T \\ &= X^{-1} (X^{-1})^T \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= X^{-1} (X^T)^{-1} \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.

$$\textcircled{1}: J(\theta) = \|X\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_1 \\ = \|x_1\theta_1 + x_2\theta_2 + x_r\theta_r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |\theta_1| + \lambda |\theta_2| + \lambda \|\theta_r\|_1.$$

Since x_1 and x_2 are repeated features.

$$\rightarrow J(\theta) = \|x_1(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + x_r\theta_r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |\theta_1| + \lambda |\theta_2| + \lambda \|\theta_r\|_1.$$

Now, $\hat{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ r \end{pmatrix}$ is a minimizer of $J(\theta)$.

To prove a and b have the same sign, let's assume for the sake of contradiction that a and b do not have the same sign.

Thus, $\lambda |a| + \lambda |b|$

$$|a| + |b| > |a+b|$$

$$\rightarrow J(\hat{\theta}) = \|x_1(a+b) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |a| + \lambda |b| + \lambda \|r\|_1 \\ < \|x_1(a+b) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |a+b| + \lambda \|r\|_1$$

this contradicts the fact that $\hat{\theta} = (a, b, r^T)^T$ is a minimizer of $J(\theta)$. Hence, a and b must be equal sign or one of them is 0.

Next, since $(c, d, r^T)^T$ is also a minimizer of $J(\theta)$

$$\text{Thus, } \|x_1(a+b) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |a| + \lambda |b| + \lambda \|r\|_1 \\ = \|x_1(c+d) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |c+d| + \lambda \|r\|_1 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$① = \|x_1(c+d) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |c| + \lambda |d| + \lambda \|r\|_1.$$

According to previous proof, c and d must also have the same sign / one of them is zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } & \|x_1(a+b) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |a+b| + \lambda \|r\|_1 \\ &= \|x_1(c+d) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda |c+d| + \lambda \|r\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $a+b = c+d$.

②: Denote Objective function of Ridge Regression as $J(\theta)$.

$$\begin{aligned} J(\theta) &= \|X\theta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \\ &= \|x_1 \theta_1 + x_2 \theta_2 + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \theta_1^2 + \lambda \theta_2^2 + \lambda \|r\|_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ r \end{pmatrix} \text{ minimizes } J(\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow J(\hat{\theta}) &= \|x_1 a + x_2 b + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda a^2 + \lambda b^2 + \lambda \|r\|_1^2 \\ &= \|x_1(a+b) + x_r \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda (a^2 + b^2) + \lambda \|r\|_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Denote $a+b=S$.

$$J(\hat{\theta}) = \|x_1 \cdot S + x_2 \cdot r - y\|_2^2 + \lambda(S^2 - 2a(S-a) + r^2)$$

It is minimized when $a = \frac{S}{2}$,

Hence, for $\hat{\theta}$, $a=b$.