

Given the following regularized regression problem:

$$\hat{\beta}^{Ridge} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Show that the solution is

$$\hat{\beta}^{Ridge} = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T y \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{N1} & x_{N2} & \dots & x_{Np} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $X\beta \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and

$$X\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{1j} \\ \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{Nj} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y - X\beta = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{1j} \\ y_2 - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ y_N - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{Nj} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$(y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_{ij} \right)^2 = \|y - X\beta\|^2$$

Now we can write (1) as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}^{Ridge} &= \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 \\ &= (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) + \lambda \beta^T \beta \\ &= y^T y - 2\beta^T X^T y + \beta^T X^T X \beta + \lambda \beta^T \beta \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation $\hat{\beta}^{Ridge}$ with respect to $d\beta$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \hat{\beta}^{Ridge} = -2X^T y + 2X^T X \beta + 2\lambda \beta \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

To minimize this, set the result of (3) to 0.

$$-2X^T y + 2X^T X \beta + 2\lambda \beta = 0$$

$$-2(X^T y - X^T X \beta - \lambda \beta) = 0$$

$$(X^T y - X^T X \beta - \lambda \beta) = 0$$

$$X^T y = X^T X \beta + \lambda \beta$$

$$X^T y = (X^T X + \lambda I_p) \beta$$

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$$\beta = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T y$$

So, the closed-form ridge estimator through regularization least squares:

$$\hat{\beta}^{Ridge} = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T y$$

