

# Linear Models of Regression

K Sri Rama Murty

IIT Hyderabad

`ksrm@ee.iith.ac.in`

February 16, 2021

# Regression

- Predict target variable(s)  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  given D-dimensional input vector  $\mathbf{x}$
- E.g. Weight estimation, Share market prediction, 3D image from 2D
- Target can be estimated as a linear combination of inputs

$$\hat{t} = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \cdots w_D x_D = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [1 \ x_1 \ x_2 \ \cdots \ x_D]^T \quad \mathbf{w} = [w_0 \ w_1 \ w_2 \ \cdots \ w_D]^T$$

- Determine the model parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  to minimize error on labeled training data

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, t_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, t_2), \cdots (\mathbf{x}_N, t_N)\}$$

- Need to define a loss function for optimizing model parameters  $\mathbf{w}$

# Least Squares Criterion to Determine $\mathbf{w}$

- Estimated target of  $n^{th}$  example

$$\hat{t}_n = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n$$

- Error in estimation

$$e_n = t_n - y_n \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

- Overall error on training set

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N e_n^2$$

- Estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  to minimize  $J(\mathbf{w})$

$$\mathbf{w}_* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w})$$

- Formulating in matrix notation

$$\mathbf{y}_{N \times 1} = \mathbf{X}_{N \times D+1} \mathbf{w}_{D+1 \times 1}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x}_N]^T$$

- LSE can be expressed as

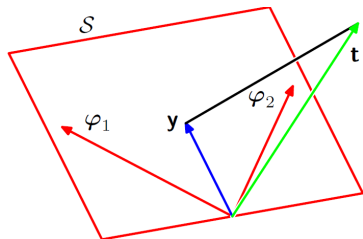
$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{y})^T]$$

- Equating derivative w.r.t  $\mathbf{w}$  to 0

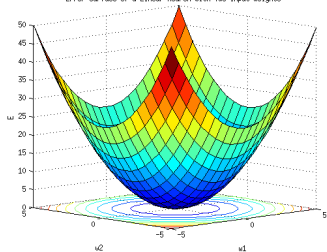
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} J(\mathbf{w}) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{t}}$$

# Geometric Interpretation of Least Squares

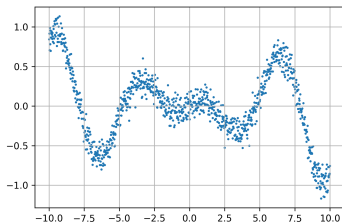
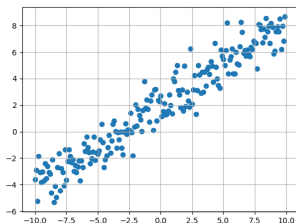


Error Surface of a Linear Neuron with Two Input Weights



- Given  $N$  examples, the target vector  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and columns of  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote a subspace spanned by columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  in  $N$ -dim space
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}$ , being a linear combination of columns of  $\mathbf{X}$
- For the LS optimality criterion
  - $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{t}$  on  $\mathcal{S}$
  - Error surface  $J(\mathbf{w})$  is convex
  - Sim. to Wiener filter:  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{R}_{xx}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{xt}$
  - Also referred to as pseudo inverse sol.

# Nonlinear Input-Output Relations

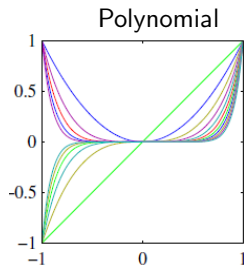


- Polynomial curve fitting can be used to model nonlinear i/o relation

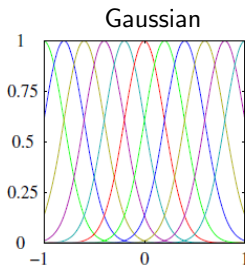
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{t} &= y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1x + w_2x^2 + \cdots + w_Mx^M \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{Model is linear in } \mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

- $\phi(.) : \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  - nonlinear transformation to higher dim. space

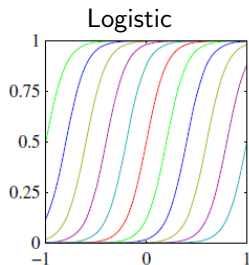
# Kernel Examples



$$\phi_j(x) = x^j$$



$$\phi_j(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{x-\mu_j}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



$$\phi_j(x) = \sigma\left(\frac{x-\mu_j}{s}\right)$$

- Explicit vs Implicit kernels
  - Explicit representation for  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is available or not
- Global vs Local kernels
  - Changes in one region of input space affect all other regions
  - Local kernels are preferable for functions with varying characteristics

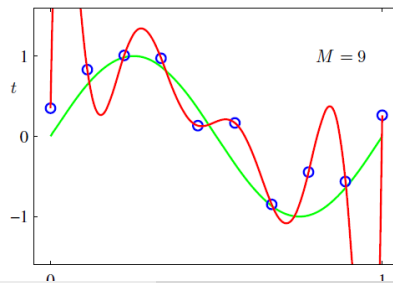
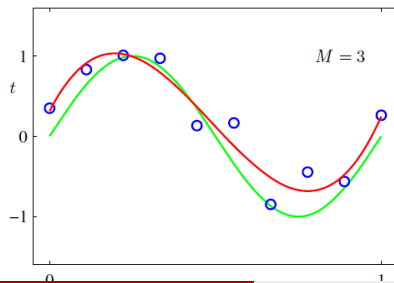
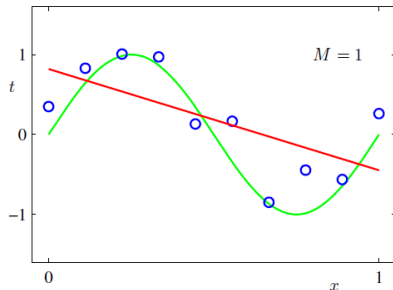
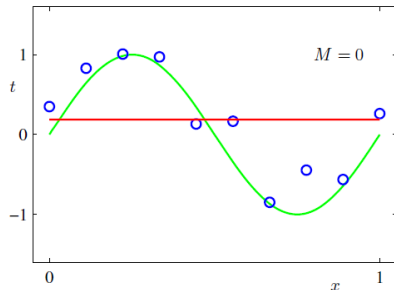
# Least Squares Regression in Kernel Space

- If  $t_n$  is nonlinearly related to  $\mathbf{x}_n$ , perform regression in kernel space.
- Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $M > D$  is a nonlinear kernel mapping
- $\mathbf{x}_n = [x_{n1} \ x_{n2}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$  can be mapped using 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomial kernel as  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n) = [1 \ x_{n1} \ x_{n2} \ x_{n1}^2 \ x_{n2}^2 \ x_{n1}x_{n2}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^6$
- The target  $t_n$  is regressed from the kernel representation  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$  as

$$\hat{t}_n = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \quad \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

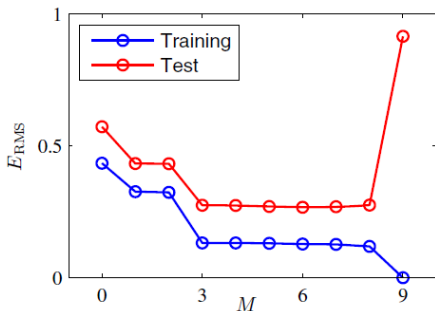
- The regression coefficients are given by  $\mathbf{w}_* = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$
- DNNs can be used to learn data-dependent nonlinear transf.  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$
- The last layer of DNNs typically performs linear regression on  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$

# Effect of Model Order $M$ : $t = \sin(\pi x) + \epsilon$





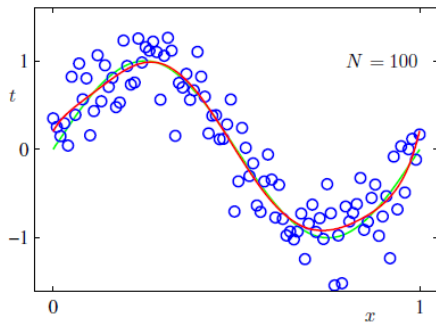
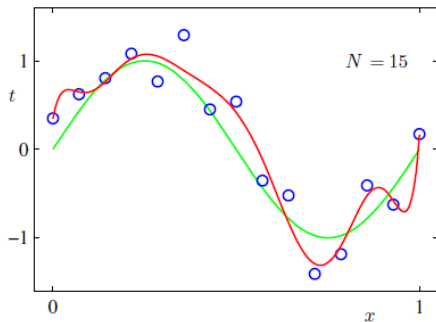
# Model Validation



	$M = 0$	$M = 1$	$M = 6$	$M = 9$
$w_0^*$	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
$w_1^*$		-1.27	7.99	232.37
$w_2^*$			-25.43	-5321.83
$w_3^*$			17.37	48568.31
$w_4^*$				-231639.30
$w_5^*$				640042.26
$w_6^*$				-1061800.52
$w_7^*$				1042400.18
$w_8^*$				-557682.99
$w_9^*$				125201.43

- Training & test error diverge for higher model orders
- Model 'overfits' to the noise in the training data
- Large amplitude weights with alternating polarity.
- $(\Phi^T \Phi)$  may be ill conditioned

## Amount of Training Data ( $M = 9$ )



- Overfitting is less severe with increased amount of data.
- Model order cannot be limited by the amount of data available!
- Model order should be based on complexity of task/pattern!
- A way forward: arrest the growth of the model weights

# Regularized Least Squares

- Add a penalty term to the error term to discourage weight growth

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \underbrace{E_D(\mathbf{w})}_{\text{Data Term}} + \underbrace{\lambda E_W(\mathbf{w})}_{\text{Regularization Term}}$$

- $\lambda$  controls relative importance of the terms (bias vs variance)
- Sum of squares error function with a quadratic regularizer

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

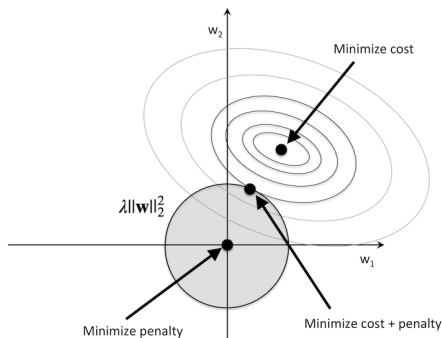
- Equating  $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0} \implies -\Phi^T (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}) + \lambda \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{w}_* = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

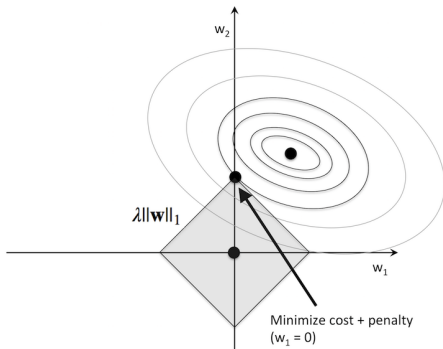
- Regularization term conditions the autocorrelation matrix!

# Modified Error Surface

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right)^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_p$$

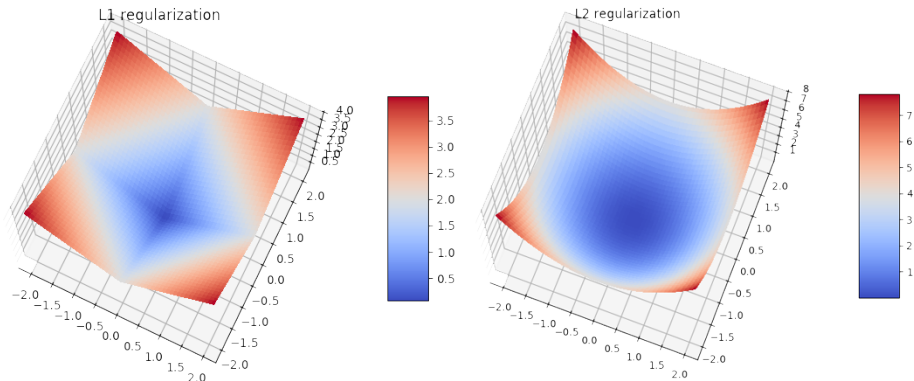


$L_2$  Regularizer



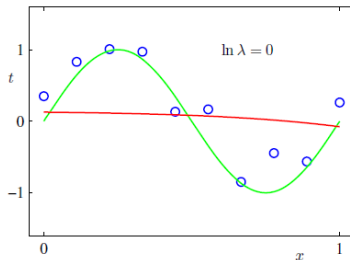
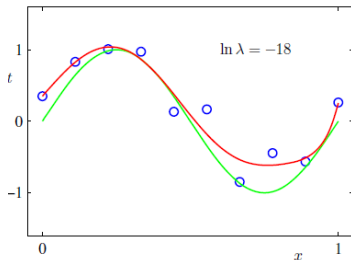
$L_1$  Regularizer

# $L_1$ vs $L_2$

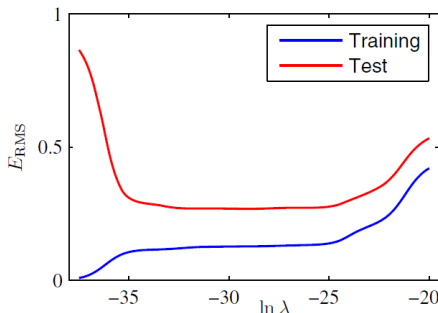


- $L_1$  regularization promotes sparser solutions
- $L_1$  regularization  $\implies$  Laplacian priors
- $L_2$  regularization  $\implies$  Gaussian priors

# Effect of Regularization ( $N = 10, M = 9$ )



	$\ln \lambda = -\infty$	$\ln \lambda = -18$	$\ln \lambda = 0$
$w_0^*$	0.35	0.35	0.13
$w_1^*$	232.37	4.74	-0.05
$w_2^*$	-5321.83	-0.77	-0.06
$w_3^*$	48568.31	-31.97	-0.05
$w_4^*$	-231639.30	-3.89	-0.03
$w_5^*$	640042.26	55.28	-0.02
$w_6^*$	-1061800.52	41.32	-0.01
$w_7^*$	1042400.18	-45.95	-0.00
$w_8^*$	-557682.99	-91.53	0.00
$w_9^*$	125201.43	72.68	0.01



# Sequential Learning

- LS approach involves considering entire training set in one go.
- For HD data the matrix  $(\Phi^T \Phi)$  may be poorly conditioned
- Iteratively update  $\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)}$  by adding a correction factor

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)} + \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)}$$

- Apply correction factor in the negative direction of gradient of  $J(\mathbf{w}^{(\tau)})$

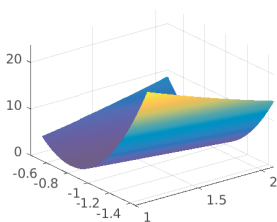
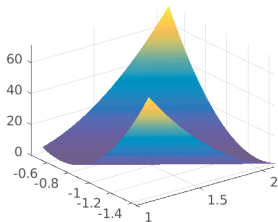
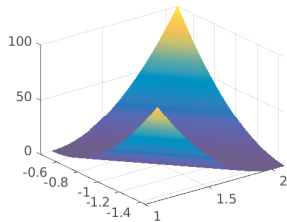
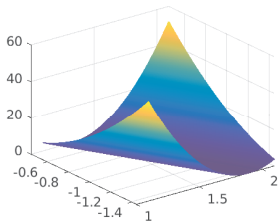
$$\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)} - \eta \nabla J(\mathbf{w}^{(\tau)})$$

- Choose a random batch of points  $\mathcal{B}$  to update  $\mathbf{w}$ .  $J(\mathbf{w}^{(\tau)}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} e_n^2$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)} + \eta \sum_{n \in \mathcal{B}} \left( t_n - \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)T} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

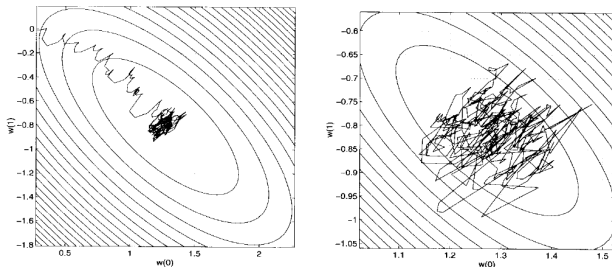
- $|\mathcal{B}| = N$ : Steepest descent       $|\mathcal{B}| = 1$ : LMS      Otherwise: SGD.

## SGD Error Dynamics: $w_1 = 1.6, w_2 = -0.5$





# Convergence of SGD

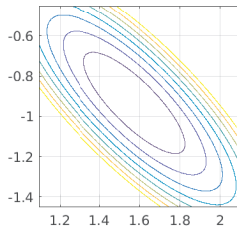
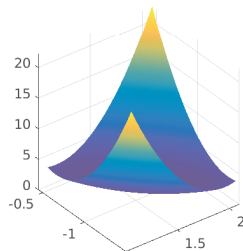
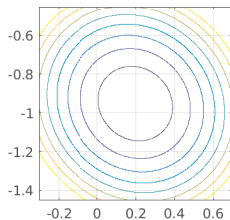
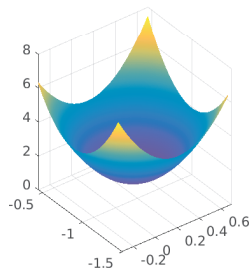


- SGD algorithm converges in mean:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}_k] \rightarrow (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \quad \eta \text{ is small enough}$$

- Expectation over multiple runs ( $k$ ) converges to true solution for convex error surfaces, provided  $\eta$  is sufficiently small

# Geometry of Error Surface vs Convergence Rate



- Gradient magnitude depends on direction!
- $\eta$  has to be fixed based on steepest direction.
- Convergence along flatter dimension is too slow!

# Newton's Method

- The filter coefficients of the adaptive filter are updated as

$$\mathbf{w}_{n+1} = \mathbf{w}_n + \Delta \mathbf{w}$$

- Expanding the objective function using Taylor series

$$J(\mathbf{w}_{n+1}) = J(\mathbf{w}_n + \Delta \mathbf{w}) = J(\mathbf{w}_n) + \Delta \mathbf{w}^T \nabla J(\mathbf{w}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{w}^T \nabla^2 J(\mathbf{w}_n) \Delta \mathbf{w}$$

- Estimate  $\Delta \mathbf{w}$  s.t  $J(\mathbf{w}_n + \Delta \mathbf{w})$  is minimized

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Delta \mathbf{w}} \left( J(\mathbf{w}_n) + \Delta \mathbf{w}^T \nabla J(\mathbf{w}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{w}^T \nabla^2 J(\mathbf{w}_n) \Delta \mathbf{w} \right) = 0$$

- Optimal update is given by  $\Delta \mathbf{w} = -\frac{\nabla J(\mathbf{w}_n)}{\nabla^2 J(\mathbf{w}_n)}$

$$\mathbf{w}_{n+1} = \mathbf{w}_n - \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}_n) \nabla J(\mathbf{w}_n) \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{w}_n) = \nabla^2 J(\mathbf{w}_n)$$

# Homework

- Apply Newtons method to steepest-descent algorithm to the optimal step size  $\eta$ , and check how many iterations are required for convergence.

$$\mathbf{w}^{new} = \mathbf{w}^{old} + \eta \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) \Big|_{\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}^{old}}$$

# Probabilistic Approach to Regression

- Predict target variable(s)  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  given the observation vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- Target variable is estimated as a deterministic function  $y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$  with some error  $e$ .

$$t = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) + e_n$$

- Assume that the error is Gaussian distributed:  $e \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^{-1})$
- Hence, the conditional distribution of target  $t$  is given by

$$p(t/\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t/y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1})$$

- Gaussian noise  $\implies$  Gaussian conditional density on targets
- We need to estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  (and  $\beta$ ) to maximize  $p(t/\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta)$

# Maximum Likelihood (ML)

- Training data:  $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, t_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, t_2) \cdots (\mathbf{x}_n, t_n) \cdots (\mathbf{x}_N, t_N)\}$
- Let the target be estimated as  $\hat{t}_n = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$
- Assuming Gaussian errors:  $p(t_n/\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t/\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$
- Assuming the data points are drawn independently and identically

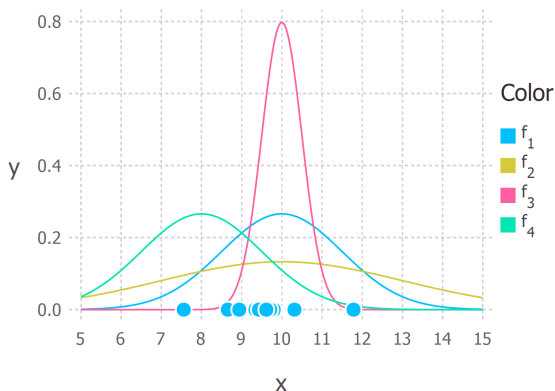
$$p(t_1, t_2, \cdots t_N/\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \cdots \mathbf{x}_N, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(t_n/\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \log \mathcal{N}(t/\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log \beta - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\beta$  can be estimated to maximize likelihood  $p(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta)$

# Understanding Likelihood

- Likelihood function is not probability for continuous RV.
- Likelihood can be greater than one.
- In ML, the parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  are adjusted to maximize the likelihood of the observed data  $\mathbf{t}$ .  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}) = p(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w})$



# ML $\iff$ Least Squares

- ML with Gaussian conditional density assumption is same as LS

$$\mathbf{w}_{ML} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \quad \frac{1}{\beta_{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right)^2$$

- ML approach assigns a probability density to the estimated target

$$p(t/\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{ML}, \beta_{ML}) = \mathcal{N}(t/y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{ML}), \beta_{ML}^{-1})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[t/\mathbf{x}] = \int t p(t/\mathbf{x}) dt = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{ML})$$

- ML with Laplacian conditional density assumption is same as LAD
- ML & LS rely on point estimates of model parameters  $\mathbf{w}$
- Point estimates cannot be exact with finite number of samples
- Instead, estimate the distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$



# Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimate

- Given a set of  $N$  datapoints, the posterior distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$  is

$$p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}) \propto p(\mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X})$$

- Let the prior distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$  be Gaussian:  $p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})$
- Let the conditional distribution of target be Gaussian

$$p(t_n/\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t_n/\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$$

- The posterior distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$  is given by

$$p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I}) \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_n/\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}) = -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \right)^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + \text{const}$$

- Estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  to maximize  $\log p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$

# MAP $\iff$ Regularized Least Squares

- MAP estimation is equivalent to RLS with  $\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$
- MAP estimate of  $\mathbf{w}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{w}_{MAP} = (\mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{\Phi} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{t}$$

- Gaussian priors  $\iff L_2$  regularizer
- Laplacian priors  $\iff L_1$  regularizer

## Evaluating Posterior Density $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$

- Let the prior distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$  be  $p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0)$
- Assuming linear model with Gaussian errors, the likelihood is given by

$$p(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_n/\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{\Phi w}, \beta^{-1} \mathbf{I})$$

- The posterior density after observing 'N' samples is given by

$$p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_0) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{t}/\mathbf{\Phi w}, \beta^{-1} \mathbf{I}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{\Sigma}_N)$$

- $\mathbf{m}_N$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_N$  can be evaluated by completing quadratic term of  $\exp()$

$$\mathbf{m}_N = \mathbf{\Sigma}_N \left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \beta \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{t} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}_N^{-1} = \mathbf{\Sigma}_0^{-1} + \beta \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{\Phi}$$

# Bayesian Sequential Estimates

- Let the posterior distribution of  $\mathbf{w}$  after observing  $n$  samples be

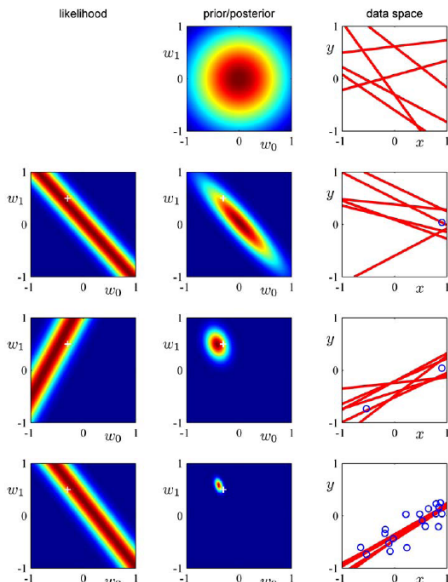
$$p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}_{1:n}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{m}_n, \mathbf{\Sigma}_n)$$

- In sequential update,  $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}_{1:n})$  is used as prior for  $(n+1)^{th}$  sample
- The posterior stats can be updated after observing  $(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}, t_{n+1})$  as

$$\mathbf{m}_{n+1} = \mathbf{\Sigma}_{n+1} (\mathbf{\Sigma}_n^{-1} \mathbf{m}_n + \beta \phi(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) t_{n+1})$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}_{n+1}^{-1} = \mathbf{\Sigma}_n^{-1} + \beta \phi(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_{n+1})$$

# Bayes Updates Illustration: $t = a_0 + a_1x + \epsilon$



- Actual targets are generated as

$$t = 0.5x - 0.3 + \epsilon$$

$$x \in \mathcal{U}[-1, 1] \quad \epsilon \in \mathcal{N}(0, 0.2^2)$$

- Assume:  $y(x, \mathbf{w}) = w_1x + w_0$
- Assume noise variance is known

$$\beta = \frac{1}{0.2^2} \quad \alpha = 2.0$$

- Seq. update posterior  $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$
- Draw random samples from  $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$  and plot  $y = w_1x + w_0$
- Lines converge as data increase

# Homework

- Derive the statistics of the posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$  by completing the quadratic term of  $\exp(\cdot)$
- Given a Gaussian marginal distribution for  $\mathbf{x}$  and a Gaussian conditional distribution for  $\mathbf{y}$  in the form

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}/\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1})$$

show that the marginal distribution of  $\mathbf{y}$  and conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$  are given by

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}/\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}/\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}) + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

$$\text{where } \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})^{-1}$$

# Predictive Distributions

- Given a training set of  $N$  points  $(\mathbf{x}_{1:N}, t_{1:N})$ , predict target distribution for a new input  $\mathbf{x}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} p(t_0/\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) &= \int p(t_0, \mathbf{w}/\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) d\mathbf{w} \\ &= \int p(t_0/\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_0, \beta) p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) d\mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

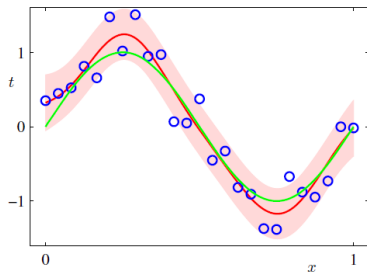
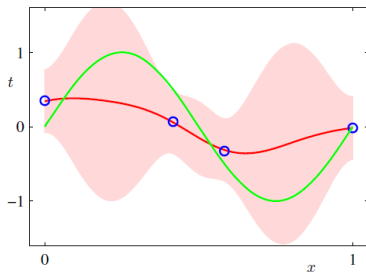
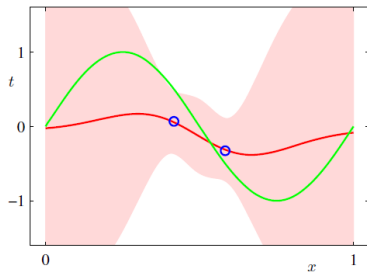
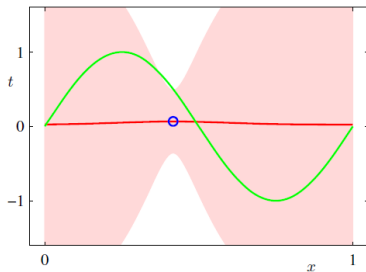
- The predictive distribution is Gaussian and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(t_0/\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) &= \mathcal{N}\left(t_0/\mathbf{m}_N^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_0), \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0)\right) \\ \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0) &= \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}_N \phi(\mathbf{x}_0) \end{aligned}$$

- Predictive distribution gets narrower with additional training points

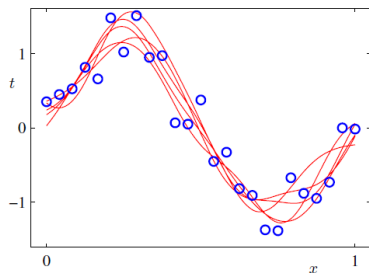
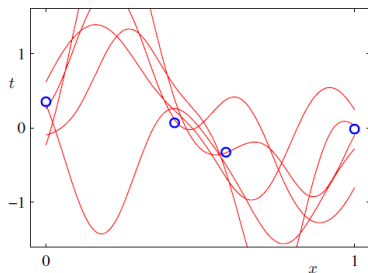
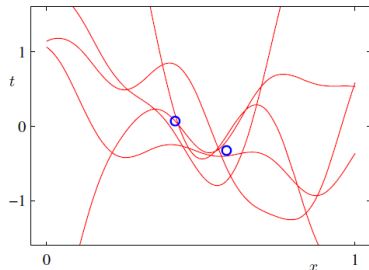
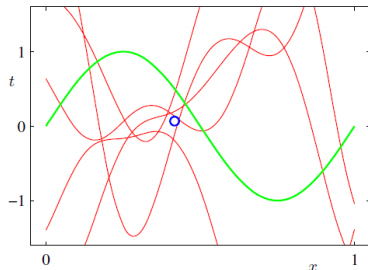
$$\sigma_{N+1}^2(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta}$$

# Predictive Distribution: $t = \sin(2\pi x) + \epsilon$





# Curves $y(x, \mathbf{w})$ Sampled from Posterior $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t})$



# Summary of Linear Models of Regression

- Linear in model parameters  $\mathbf{w}$ .
  - If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $t$  are linearly related  $\hat{t} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$
  - If relationship is not linear:  $\hat{t} = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x})$
  - LS criterion leads to pseudo-inverse solution:  $\mathbf{w}_* = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$
  - Regularize  $\mathbf{w}$  to avoid over-fitting:  $\mathbf{w}_* = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$
  - Gradient descent algorithms can be used for sequential learning
- Probabilistic interpretation to regression
  - Point estimate of target does not hold for one-to-many maps
  - ML estimation assigns a distribution to the target  $p(t_n/y(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1})$
  - Parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  depend on training set - point estimate not enough
  - MAP estimation assigns a distribution to  $\mathbf{w}$ :  $p(\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \alpha, \beta)$
  - Predict target distribution for a test-point  $x_0$ :  $p(t_0/x_0, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \alpha, \beta)$
  - Predictive uncertainty depends on  $x_0$  and is smallest in the neighborhood of train data points.

# Homework

- For Gaussian likelihood and Gaussian posterior, prove that the predictive distribution is Gaussian and is given by

$$p(t_0/\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{N}\left(t_0/\mathbf{m}_N^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_0), \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0)\right)$$

$$\sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi^T(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}_N \phi(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

- Prove that the predictive uncertainty decreases with increase in training data, i.e., predictive distribution gets narrower with additional training points

$$\sigma_{N+1}^2(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

# Thank You!