

MACHINE LEARNING 1: ASSIGNMENT 3

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Exercise 1

(a) In the following we want to minimize the objective function

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \|\theta - x_k\|^2$$

subject to the constraint $\theta^T b = 0$, where $x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta, b \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Therefore we will define the Lagrangian function and set its gradient to zero in order to solve for λ and θ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) &= J(\theta) + \lambda \theta^T b = \sum_{k=1}^n \|\theta - x_k\|^2 + \lambda \theta^T b \\ \nabla \mathcal{L} &= \begin{pmatrix} [\sum_{k=1}^n 2(\theta - x_k)] + \lambda b \\ \theta^T b \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

We will at first solve the first entry of our gradient for θ :

$$\begin{aligned}[\sum_{k=1}^n 2(\theta - x_k)] + \lambda b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2n\theta - 2[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k] + \lambda b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k] - \lambda b &= 2n\theta \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k] - \frac{\lambda}{2n}b &= \theta\end{aligned}$$

Let's plug this into the second entry to solve for λ :

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^T b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (\frac{1}{n}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k] - \frac{\lambda}{2n}b)^T b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (\frac{1}{n}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^T] - \frac{\lambda}{2n}b^T)b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^T]b - \frac{\lambda}{2n}b^T b &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^T]b &= \frac{\lambda}{2n}b^T b \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{b^T b}[\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^T]b &= \lambda\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can plug this λ into our formula describing θ , yielding the result:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - \frac{1}{2n} \lambda b \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - \frac{1}{2n} \left(\frac{2}{b^T b} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k^T \right] b \right) b \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{1}{n} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - \frac{\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k^T b \right]}{b^T b} b \right)\end{aligned}$$

Similar to the minimal solution for θ of the unconstrained objective, we again find the the empirical mean in our solution. But this time we subtract a scaled version of the vector b . This means, that the solution still has to lie close to the empirical mean. If we imagine a plot with contour lines of $J(\theta)$ there has to be a 'valley' which is the empirical mean and a line cutting the surface which specifies the points where our constraint holds. The second term of our solution will move θ from total minimum (the empirical mean) to the point where the line lies deepest in the plane and where the lines and J 's gradient both are perpendicular to the line. So we have the minimal solution that still fulfills the constraint.

- (b) Now we will repeat the same procedure for the objective above with a different constraint ($\|\theta - c\|^2 = 1, c \in \mathbb{R}^d$):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) &= J(\theta) + \lambda \|\theta - c\|^2 - \lambda \\ \nabla \mathcal{L} &= \begin{pmatrix} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n 2(\theta - x_k) \right] + \lambda 2(\theta - c) \\ \|\theta - c\|^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

Solve the first entry for θ :

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\sum_{k=i}^n 2(\theta - x_k) \right] + \lambda 2(\theta - c) &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2n\theta - 2 \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + 2\lambda\theta - 2\lambda c &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2n\theta + 2\lambda\theta &= 2 \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + 2\lambda c \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + \lambda c \right)\end{aligned}$$

Let's plug this into the second entry to solve for λ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\theta - c\|^2 - 1 = 0 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + \lambda c \right) - c \right\|^2 - 1 = 0 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + \frac{\lambda}{n + \lambda} c - \frac{n + \lambda}{n + \lambda} c \right\|^2 - 1 = 0 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - \frac{n}{n + \lambda} c \right\|^2 = 1 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc \right) \right\|^2 = 1 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc \right) \right)^T \left(\frac{1}{n + \lambda} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc \right) \right) = 1 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(n + \lambda)^2} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc \right)^T \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc \right) = 1 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|^2 = (\lambda + n)^2 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|^2 = \lambda^2 + 2n\lambda + n^2 \\
& \Leftrightarrow 0 = \lambda^2 + 2n\lambda + n^2 - \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|^2 \\
& \stackrel{pq\text{-formula}}{\Rightarrow} \frac{-2n}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{2n^2}{2} - (n^2 - \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|^2)} = \lambda_{1,2} \\
& \Leftrightarrow -n \pm \sqrt{\left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|^2} = \lambda_{1,2} \\
& \Rightarrow -n + \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\| = \lambda_1 \\
& \Rightarrow -n - \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\| = \lambda_2
\end{aligned}$$

We can now compute two solutions for θ using λ_1 and λ_2 :

λ_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_1 &= \frac{1}{n + \lambda_1} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + \lambda_1 c \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n + (-n + \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|)} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + (-n + \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|) c \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc + \left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\| c \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\left\| \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] \right\|} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right] + c
\end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_2 :$

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_2 &= \frac{1}{n + \lambda_2} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + \lambda_2 c \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n + (-n - \|\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right]\|)} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] + (-n - \|\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right]\|)c \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{\|\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right]\|} \left(\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k \right] - nc - \|\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right]\|c \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|\left[\sum_{k=i}^n x_k - c \right]\|} \left[\sum_{k=i}^n c - x_k \right] + c
\end{aligned}$$

This time we again see something similar to the mean, but θ is dependend on c . In both formulas we have a normalized vector (length = 1) and add up c , so that the constraint holds (if we subtract c again we will have a vector thatstill has length one). Since we know from the objective without constraint that the empirical mean is the minimum, it's clear that θ_1 is the minimizing parameter: it stays close to the (normalized mean) but every data point gets a little offset of $-c$ so that the latter addition of c doesn't take the result too far away from the empirical mean.

θ_2 is rather close to c since it centers all the points around c . Thus it won't yield as small results in our objective function as θ_1 , which is closer to the empirical mean.

Exercise 2

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

Exercise 3

- (a)
- (b)
- (c) (*bonus)