

Practical Session 3

Linear Regression

1 Weight regularization

Problem 1: Derive the closed form solution for ridge regression error function

$$E_{\text{ridge}}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

Additionally, discuss the scenario when the number of training samples N is smaller than the number of basis functions M . What computational issues arise in this case? How does regularization address them?

Problem 2: See Jupyter notebook `practical_03_notebook.ipynb`.

Problem 3: Using singular value decomposition of the design matrix $\Phi = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T$ show that predicted target $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ for the training set when using $\mathbf{w}_{\text{ridge}}^*$ can be written as

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} := \Phi \mathbf{w}_{\text{ridge}}^* = \sum_{j=1}^M \left(\frac{\sigma_j^2}{\sigma_j^2 + \lambda} \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^T \right) \mathbf{y}$$

where \mathbf{u}_j are the columns of \mathbf{U} , d_j the elements of diagonal matrix \mathbf{S} and λ the strength of the L_2 regularization. What is the interpretation of this formula?

2 Multi-output linear regression

Problem 4: In class, we only considered functions of the form $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. What about the general case of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$? For linear regression with multiple outputs, write down the loglikelihood formulation and derive the MLE of the parameters.
